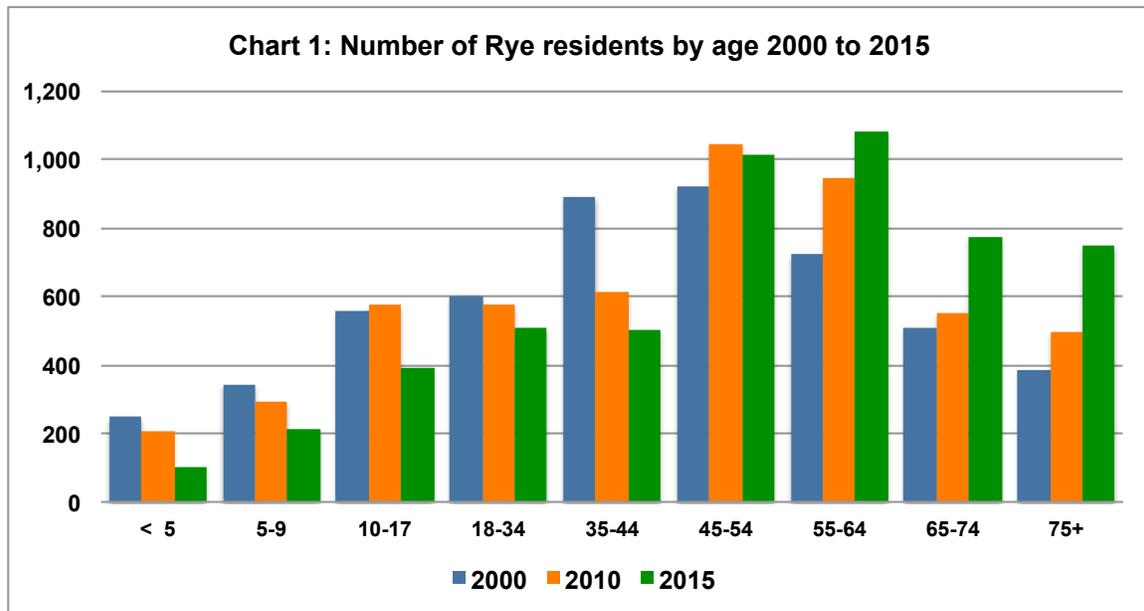


## Town of Rye, NH Demographic Trends

- Rye has about 5,300 residents, but only one-third are younger than age 45
- The number of children under 18 in Rye has been declining for over 15 years
- Only one in four adult women in Rye are within the child-bearing ages 20 to 45



Source: US Census Bureau population data

- Over 80% of Rye homes are owned, 2/3 of which house only one or two persons
- Most Rye homeowners (60%) are age 55 or older, one-third are age 65 or older
- Rye renters are few in number (20%), but are younger: only 30% are age 55+

Over the past 15 years (2000 to 2015) Rye residents have only increased 3.1% compared to a 7.6% increase for the state. Over the past five years Rye's increase has been only 0.8%. Such low growth will mean continued aging into the future.

From 2000 to 2015 number of Rye children fell 38%, and number of adults 18-44 declined 32%. During that same period those ages 45-64 rose 27% while residents ages 65 or older rose 70%. This rapid aging will have major fiscal consequences.

**Implications: In the near future it may well make financial sense to have children in Rye attend school in a nearby town rather than try to operate a K thru grade 8 school for what is forecasted to be a continually declining number of children.**