

Considering all the alternatives, it was determined that the ~~Straight Line Extrapolation~~ **WiDOA** forecast may present the most reasonable basis for the household and land use projections discussed in the Land Use element of this *Plan*.

It is worth noting that making future population projections for a small jurisdiction is difficult—particularly one that is located on the edge of a fast-growing metropolitan area.

Figure 1.2: Population Projections

	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Wisconsin Dept. of Administration ¹	1,131	4,059	4,911	5,869	6,889	7,934	8,967	9,968
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission ²	1,131	4,059	-	5,898	-	8,205	-	10,555
Straight Line Extrapolation ⁴	1,131	4,059	-	6,192	7,259	8,326	9,393	10,460

¹2009 Wisconsin Department of Administration, *Official Municipal Population Projections, 2000-2030*

²2009 Dane County Regional Trends (*Population Forecasts for Urban Service Area*), Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

³based on a straight-line trend of 1990-2010 population growth (221.5 annually)

B. Demographic Trends

Figure 1.3 compares selected demographic data for Cottage Grove with surrounding communities, Dane County, and the State. Population statistics show the Village’s median age was 31.4 in 2000, which is younger than surrounding communities, the County, and the State. The proportion of the Village population that is age 65 and older (6.0 percent) is smaller than that of the County (9.3 percent) and State (13.3 percent). The Village had a larger percentage of under 18 residents (school age) in 2000 than compared to the County and the State, and particularly when compared to the City of Monona, with which the Village shares a school district. These trends suggest that the Village is attracting a younger workforce and younger families with children.

Figure 1.3: Demographic Characteristics (2000)

	Village of Cottage Grove	Town of Cottage Grove	Town of Blooming Grove	Town of Sun Prairie	City of Monona	Dane County	State of Wisconsin
Median Age	31.4	38.1	39.8	36.9	41.3	33.2	36.0
% under 18	32.1	28.8	23.0	27.5	20.5	22.6	25.5
% over 65	6.0	6.3	9.2	7.6	17.6	9.3	13.1
% White	95.7	97.9	93.4	97.4	93.7	89.0	88.9

Source: U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 2000