

# 2000 U.S. Census Data - Report 3

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Vicariate: Bucks

FS#: 2050

Parish: **St. Ephrem**

## 1. Detailed Age Breakdown for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries

Church Trends	Generational/ Age Cohorts	Birth Year	Age	Population Count		
				Total	Male	Female
<b>13,448</b> 55.7% Post-Vatican II	Millennial 6,268 26.0%	2000	< 1	268	132	136
		1999	1	278	148	130
		1998	2	272	138	134
		1997	3	283	135	148
		1996	4	287	160	127
		1995	5	305	152	153
		1994	6	283	142	141
		1993	7	323	162	161
		1992	8	340	182	158
		1991	9	334	175	159
		1990	10	363	193	170
		1989	11	338	181	157
		1988	12	378	204	174
		1987	13	364	198	166
		1986	14	415	201	214
		1985	15	378	187	191
		1984	16	369	205	164
		1983	17	364	186	178
1982	18	326	172	154		
7,696 31.9% Vatican II	Gen. X 5,108 21.2%	1981	19	253	137	116
		1980	20	272	149	123
		1979	21	234	119	115
		1976-78	22-24	879	428	451
		1971-75	25-29	1,731	896	835
		1966-70	30-34	1,739	851	888
8,451 35.0% Boomer	Boomer	1961-65	35-39	2,072	1,006	1,066
		1956-60	40-44	2,168	1,055	1,113
		1951-55	45-49	2,160	1,053	1,107
		1946-50	50-54	2,051	986	1,065
3,001 12.4% Pre-Vatican II	Post War 3,112 12.9%	1941-45	55-59	1,317	671	646
		1939-40	60-61	341	182	159
		1936-38	62-64	432	225	207
		1934-35	65-66	241	122	119
		1931-33	67-69	321	142	179
		1926-30	70-74	460	204	256
		1,206	75-79	505	199	306
1,206 5.0% G.I.	G.I.	1921-25	75-79	505	199	306
		1916-20	80-84	339	118	221
		Bef. 1916	85+	362	77	285
<b>24,145</b> 100%	<b>24,145</b> 100%	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>24,145</b>	<b>11,873</b>	<b>12,272</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 1; (August 2001).

**Notes:**

- (a) Data are calculated by assigning each census block to a geography and aggregating all data for that geography.
- (b) Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.
- (c) Age reported as of April 1, 2000; Birth Year calculated by approximation.

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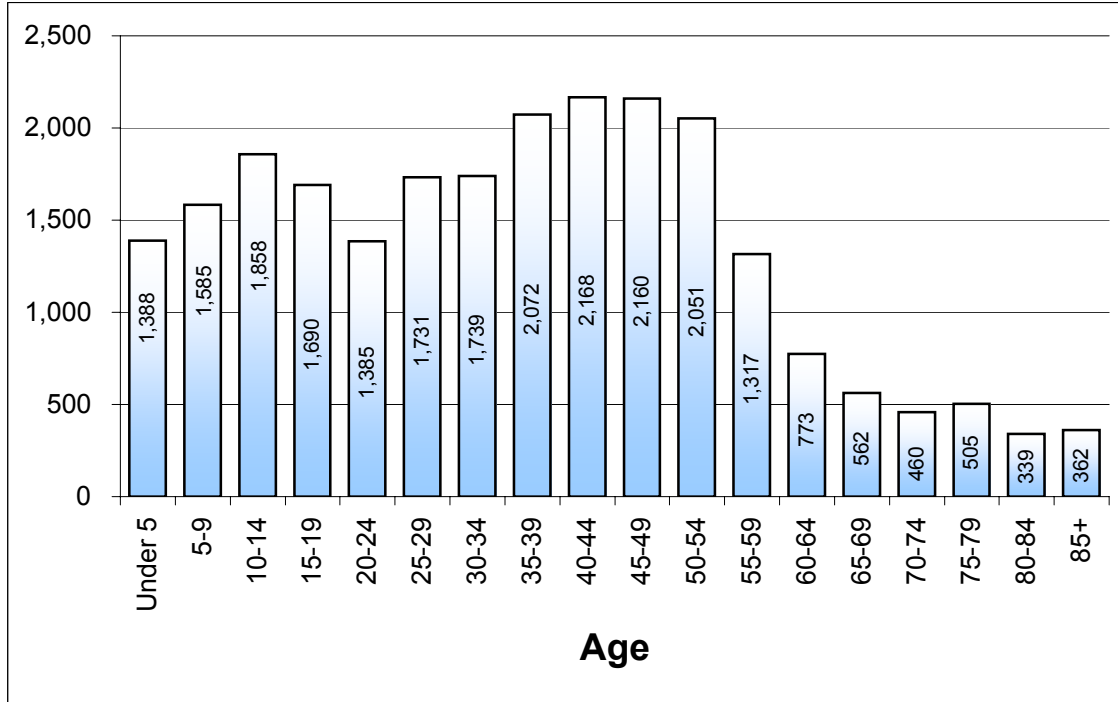
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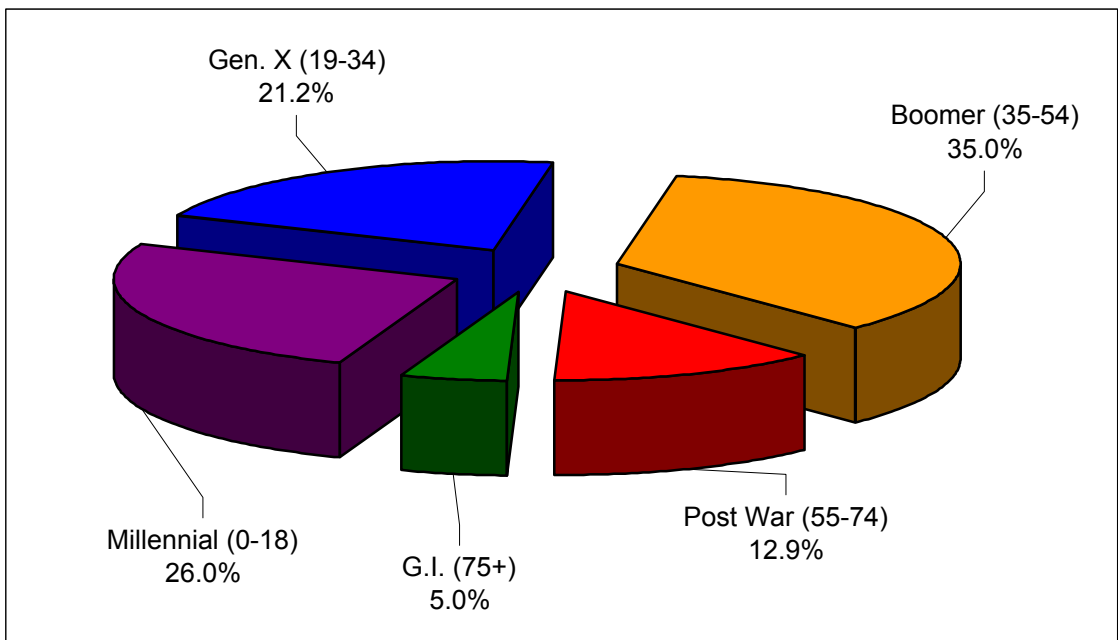
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## 2. Five-Year Age Categories for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries



## 3. Generational Cohorts (Age) for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries



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Pastoral leaders need to help people of every age and generation understand and appreciate the different gifts that each of them brings to the life of the parish. Age affects the way people think and act in two ways:

First, there is a **“life cycle experience”** of doing similar things at similar ages. We start out as children, we go to school, start working, leave home and frequently get married, have children, get older, retire, and die.

Second, there is a **“generational cohort effect”** which causes a group of people who have grown up (turned 18) around the same time to think and behave in ways that are different than their parents or their children.

Because of their ages, people differ not only in life cycle experience (some are buying houses and having babies while others are retiring and selling their houses), but also in the characteristics of their generation (some are attracted by institutions and are interested in preserving order; some are more interested in the individual and developing their own support networks).

This report describes the age of *all* the people living within the geographical territory, not just the Catholic people. It also associates the age of the people with their generation.

## Characteristics of Generational Cohorts in the U.S. in 2000

**G. I. Generation (age 75+)** - Born 1901-1925. Age 18 between 1919-1943.

*Heros*

<p>Ž Civic Values and Building</p> <p>Ž Expanding Affluence</p>	<p>Ž Institutions Over Individuals</p> <p>Ž Conserving Values</p>
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This “building generation” survived the Depression and fought World War II. They then created many of the social and religious institutions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Post War Generation (age 55-74)** - Born 1926-1945. Age 18 between 1944-1963.

*Artisans*

<p>Ž Loyalty to Order and Establishment</p> <p>Ž Negotiators, Adaptive</p> <p>Ž Compromise</p>	<p>Ž Avoid Risk</p> <p>Ž Fine-tune change</p> <p>Ž Preserve Values</p>
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Sometimes called the “Silent Generation” because they conformed to the world that their elder GI’s built.

Those born before 1940 can also be seen as the **“pre Vatican II Council” generations**. The Catholic people were frequently city dwellers who experienced many forms of anti Catholicism which they combated by forming into “Catholic ghetto(s) comprised of Catholic neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, newspapers and social groups . . . Pre Vatican II Catholics grew up with Latin Masses, novenas, Benedictions, priests facing the altar (not the people) and Gregorian chant.”

**Boomer Generation (age 35-54)** - Born 1946-1965. Age 18 between 1964 -1983.

*Prophets*

<p>Ž Focused on Individual Development</p> <p>Ž Idealism</p> <p>Ž Start Change &amp; Break From Past</p>	<p>Ž Individuals Over Institutions</p> <p>Ž Liberal Values</p> <p>Ž Risk Takers</p>
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This generation grew up in the turbulent 1960's and 1970's and rebelled against most things established by the GI generation.

Those born between 1941 and 1960 are also known as the “**Vatican II generation.**” They grew up in the pre Vatican II Church but, in their childhood through early adult years, the changes called for in Vatican II were implemented in their parishes just as the social movements of the 1960's plunged society into turmoil. This generation is most likely to have mixed feeling about authority (vs. making up their own mind) and institutional commitment (vs. personal spirituality).

**Generation X (age 19-34)** - Born 1966-1981. Age 18 between 1984 -1999. *Nomads*

Z	Emphasis on Autonomy	Z	Reactive, Pragmatic and Creative
Z	Sustaining Values	Z	Self-forming Networks

This generation grew up during a period of high divorce rates, relatively low value placed on children, and serious social problems. This pragmatic group is pessimistic and interested in issues of identity. They are less likely to make long term commitments.

**Millennial Generation (age 18 and younger)** - Born 1982-present. Age 18 between 2000 - ? .

Identified by some authors as the next “GI” type generation. They may be expected to be a confident, achievement oriented group, more interested in building community and institutions than the generations immediately before them.

Those born since 1961 can also be recognized as “**post Vatican II Council**” generations. They have always had Mass in the language of the people. Their religious education was more likely to be conducted by lay persons, not priests or sisters. They have been encouraged to take responsibility for their own faith journeys. They are least likely to depend on Church authority and most likely to think of their faith in personal, not institutional, terms.

Note: The dividing lines between generations are rough approximations. The divisions in this report have been selected to accommodate the Census data available and approximate generational groups identified by various authors.

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