

Factors Influencing Planning for Parks

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

The population of Sachse is currently 18,750. Sachse added nearly 8,000 new residents between 2000 and 2009; therefore, the City has undoubtedly experienced a high rate of growth since the 2000 Census. With the President George Bush Turnpike completion in 2012, the City's growth is expected to increase over the next few years as build-out approaches. This increased spectrum of development makes the provision of park and recreational services an even more important issue to be addressed in the short and long terms.

| *Race/Ethnicity | Number | Percent |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| White/Caucasian | 16,369 | 87.3% |
| African American | 862 | 4.6% |
| American Indian or Aleut | 112 | 0.6% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 413 | 2.2% |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 994 | 5.3% |
| Total | 18,750 | 100.0% |
| Hispanic Origin ⁽²⁾ | 801 | 8.2% |

* Source: U.S. Census 2000
⁽¹⁾ Includes "Two or More Races"
⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Spanish Origin may be of any race and may be included in any category. It is therefore not included in the total, but is separately included.

RACE & AGE COMPOSITION

Table 1 illustrates the race and ethnic composition within Sachse according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The table illustrates the diversity of the local population. The *White/Caucasian* group comprises the largest percentage, with the *Other* category representing the second largest.

Table 2 illustrates the age composition of the City's population, information which can also provide insight into the types of park and recreation facilities and services the City may need to provide.

As reflected in Table 2, the largest age group is the *School Age Children & Young Adults* (0-19 years old). This age group generally represents the largest number of people that use a community's park facilities, because of league sports and other organized play activities. Sachse also has a high percentage of people in the *Prime Labor Force* (35-54 years old); many in this age group play organized adult sports. The *Older Labor Force* and the *Elderly* groups combined also comprise a significant

| Age Groups | Number | Percent |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| School Age Children & Young Adults (0-19 years old) | 6,563 | 35.0% |
| College/New Family (20-34 years old) | 4,143 | 22.1% |
| Prime Labor Force (35-54 years old) | 6,244 | 33.3% |
| Older Labor Force (55-64 years old) | 1,069 | 5.7% |
| Elderly (65 + years old) | 731 | 3.9% |
| Total | 18,750 | 100% |

Source: U.S. Census 2000
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percentage of the City's population at 9.6 percent; these groups tend to utilize hike and bike trails and passive open space areas. Clearly, groups of all of ages have recreational needs.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The household income for Sachse according to the 2000 U.S. Census is shown in *Table 3*, was based on the 2009 population. Approximately 6.5 percent of the households in Sachse were in the range of \$24,999 or less. However, the highest percentage of households in Sachse was within the \$100,000 to \$149,000 income category. The lowest percentages were in the range of \$34,999 and below. The lowest percentage is \$250,000 or more with 1.2 percent.

TABLE 3
Income Distribution
City of Sachse, Texas

| *Income Level | Number | *Percentage |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Less than \$14,999 | 694 | 3.7% |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 525 | 2.8% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 1,087 | 5.8% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 2,288 | 12.2% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 4,088 | 21.8% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 4,050 | 21.6% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 4,106 | 21.9% |
| \$150,000 to \$249,999 | 1,687 | 9.0% |
| \$250,000 or more | 225 | 1.2% |
| Total | 18,750 | 100.0% |

*Source: Claritas – City of Sachse Website
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