

## Total Population

**Total Population** – The 2010 Census reported an overall population for Shawnee County of 177,934, increasing by 8,063 (4.7%) since 2000. Of this count, 127,473 reside within the corporate limits of the City of Topeka. The population of the Topeka corporate limits grew 4.2% from 2000-2010, which is double the growth rate from 1990-2000. Shawnee County as a whole grew 4.7% from 2000-2010. Since the 1980 Census when Topeka experienced a -5.1% decline in population from 1970-80, the City of Topeka has doubled its growth rates with each subsequent decennial Census taken in 1990, 2000, and 2010 (Table 1).

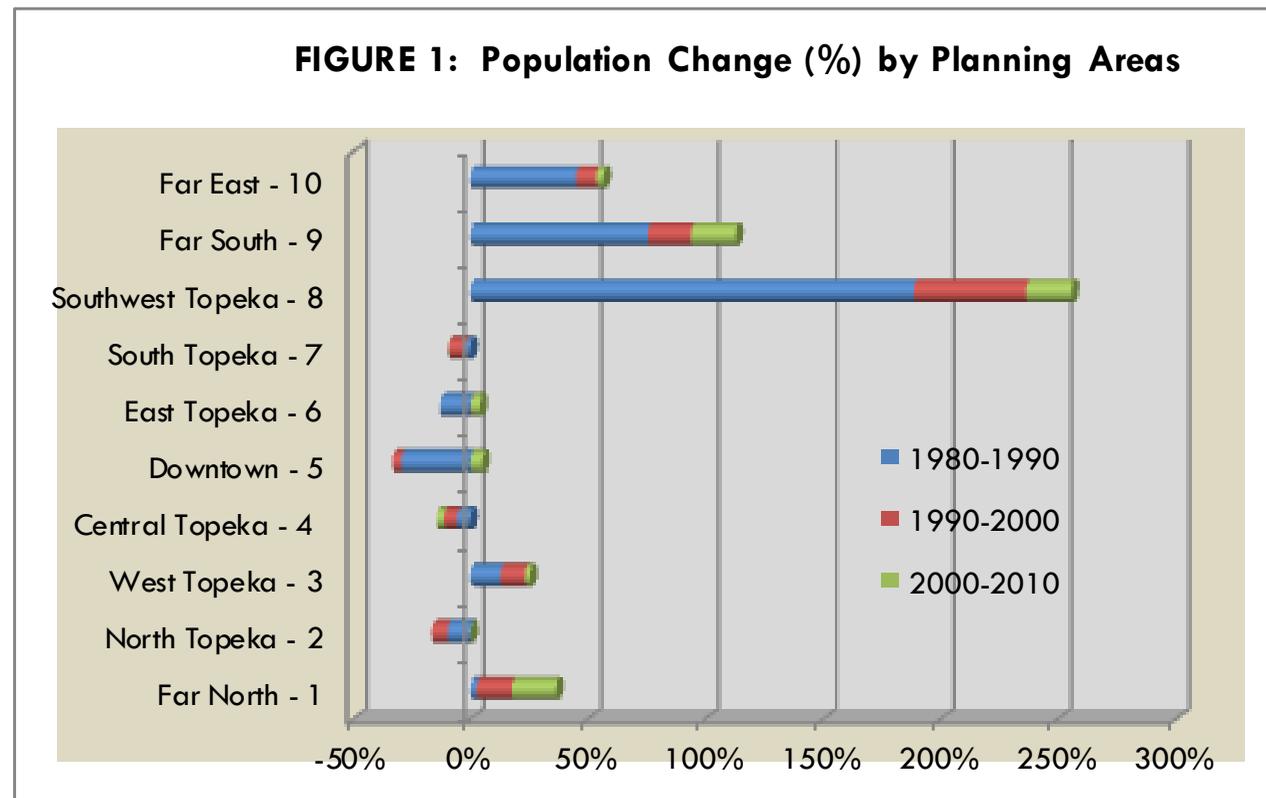
TABLE 1: Total Population	Population				Percent Change			Actual Change		
	1980	1990	2000	2010	80-90	90-00	00-10	80-90	90-00	00-10
Shawnee County	154,916	160,976	169,871	177,934	3.9%	5.5%	4.7%	6,060	8,895	8,063
Topeka	118,690	119,886	122,377	127,473	1.0%	2.1%	4.2%	1,196	2,491	5,096
<b>Planning Areas</b>										-
Far North - 1	8,432	8,646	9,959	11,809	2.5%	15.2%	18.6%	214	1,313	1,850
North Topeka - 2	8,124	7,345	6,829	6,834	-9.6%	-7.0%	0.1%	-779	-516	5
West Topeka - 3	21,644	24,349	26,974	27,531	12.5%	10.8%	2.1%	2,705	2,625	557
Central Topeka - 4	30,304	28,593	27,052	26,162	-5.6%	-5.4%	-3.3%	-1,711	-1,541	-890
Downtown - 5	4,296	3,033	2,921	3,066	-29.4%	-3.7%	5.0%	-1,263	-112	145
East Topeka - 6	20,274	17,699	17,724	18,406	-12.7%	0.1%	3.8%	-2,575	25	682
South Topeka - 7	35,013	34,407	31,866	31,792	-1.7%	-7.4%	-0.2%	-606	-2,541	-74
Southwest Topeka - 8	3,633	10,486	15,471	18,478	188.6%	47.5%	19.4%	6,853	4,985	3,007
Far South - 9	3,245	5,696	6,725	8,020	75.5%	18.1%	19.3%	2,451	1,029	1,295
Far East - 10	4,278	6,206	6,729	6,934	45.1%	8.4%	3.0%	1,928	523	205
<b>TOTAL of Planning Areas</b>	<b>139,243</b>	<b>146,460</b>	<b>152,250</b>	<b>159,032</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>6,782</b>

**Planning Areas** – As demonstrated by the 2000 Census those areas lying around the perimeter of the City of Topeka grew faster than areas interior to Topeka (Southwest Topeka, Far South, West Topeka, and Far North). These fringe and exurban areas achieved significant growth rates over the past twenty years, while those planning areas central to Topeka have witnessed significant population declines. However, the 2010 Census may be demonstrating a differing trend. Southwest Topeka, Far East, and West Topeka have all experienced slower population growth: Southwest Topeka dropped from a 47.5% growth rate between 1990-2000 to 19.4% between 2000-2010; Far East has dropped from a growth rate of 8.4% between 1990-2000 to a rate of 3.0% between 2000-2010; and West Topeka dropped from a growth rate of 10.8% between 1990-2000 to a rate of 2.1% between 2000-2010. The Far North and Far South planning areas have still both continued to experience higher population growth rates in the 2010 Census at 18.6% and 19.3%, respectively. This appears consistent with continued decrease in the City of Topeka's share of Shawnee County's population (See Figure 1 on Pg. 6) since these areas are mostly outside city limits. A new trend demonstrated by the 2010 Census appears to be a higher growth rate in

both Downtown and East Topeka from 2000-2010. Downtown grew by 5.0% and East Topeka grew by 3.8% from 2000-2010. These planning areas had both experienced population losses as demonstrated by each of the 1980, 1990, and 2000 Censuses. Central Topeka continues to experience population losses from 2000-2010, although at a slower rate than previously.

Historically, Southwest Topeka has experienced the greatest overall growth in population over the past 20 years, increasing by 400% since 1980. However, Southwest Topeka has experienced a slower rate of population growth from 2000-2010 than previously, but still has grown faster than the other planning areas. This recent slower rate of growth in Southwest Topeka is what one might expect for those who are familiar with development trends in 2000-2010 and the slowing of the economy at the end of the decade.

Population changes from 1980 to 2010 for these planning areas are demonstrated in Figure 1 below.



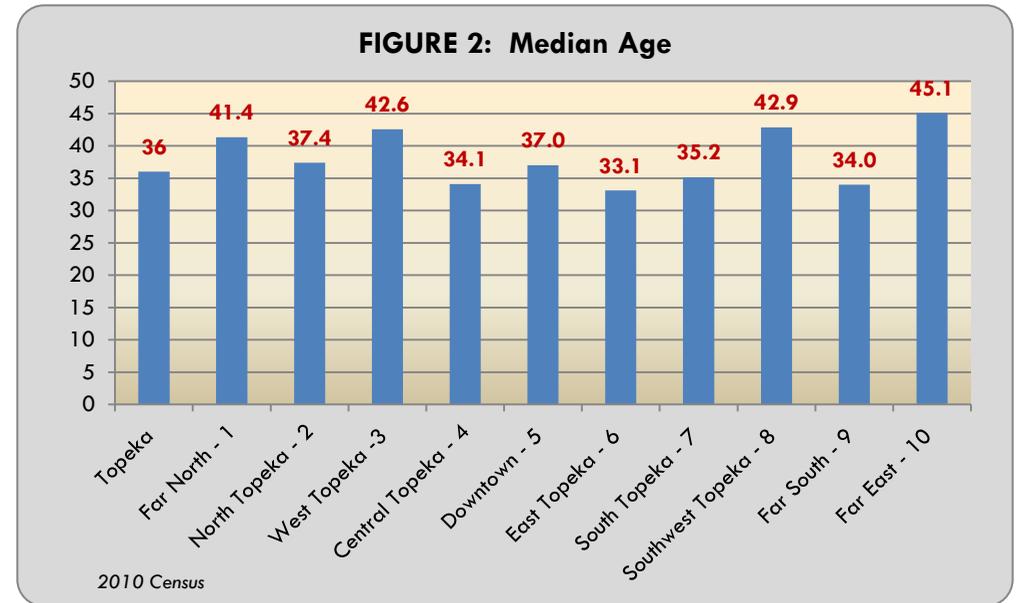
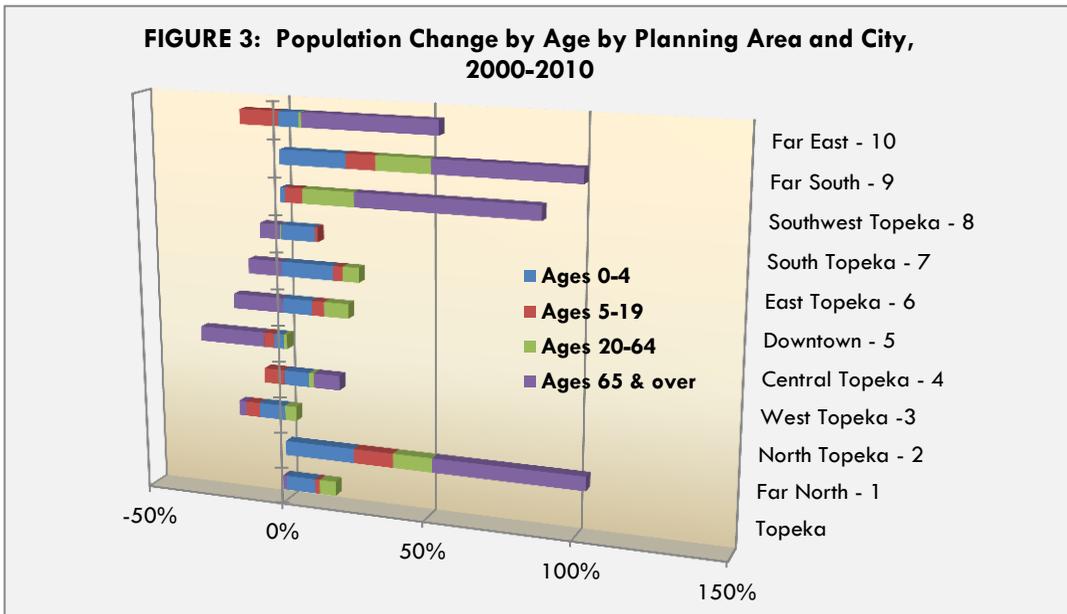
## Age Distribution

**Planning Areas** – Consistent with the overall population of these subareas, Southwest Topeka and the Far South experienced gains across all age group categories from 2000 to 2010. Southwest Topeka saw an increase of 16 (1.57%) children aged 0-4; an increase of 227 (6.19%) children aged 5-19; an increase of 1,584 (17.82%) persons aged 20-64; and an increase of 1,180 (62.24%) persons aged 65 & over. Far South saw an increase of 128 (22.86%) of children aged 0-4, an increase of 173 (10.09%) children aged 5-19, an increase of 730 (18.65%) persons aged 20-64, and an increase of 264 (49.35%) persons aged 65 and over.

Far North (24.37%), East Topeka (17.96%), and Far South (22.86%) experienced the greatest gains in the preschool aged population, while Central Topeka (-3.28%) and North Topeka (-9.34%) experienced the greatest losses within this age group. Central Topeka has continued to lose population among 0-4 aged children since 1990. Far North and Far South areas have experienced the greatest gains in the school aged population with rates of 13.89% and 10.09%, respectively. This population increase is consistent with the increase among the overall population within the Far North and Far South that is detailed in Table 2. Far East, West Topeka, North Topeka, and Central Topeka all experienced population losses in the school aged

group, with the Far East area

losing at the greatest rate (13.66% or 220 total change). Southwest Topeka, Far North, Far East, and Far South all experienced the greatest population growth among the senior (65 and over) citizen age group. Southwest Topeka saw an increase in 1,180 (62.24%) seniors, Far North saw an increase in 575 (51.57%) seniors, Far East saw an increase in 362 (46.53%) seniors, and Far South saw an increase in 264 (49.35%) seniors. Central Topeka, Downtown, East Topeka, and South Topeka experienced the greatest loss among this age group. Central Topeka experienced the greatest loss at a rate of -23.05% (827 total).



**Figure 2** above indicates a median Topeka age of 36 years old. All of the Planning Areas had older median ages than the Topeka average, except Central Topeka (34.1), East Topeka (33.1), and Far South (34). The Far East Planning Area has the oldest median age (45.1). East Topeka has the youngest median age (33.1).

**Figure 3** to the left indicates the change in population from 2000 to 2010 by individual cohorts for planning area and the City as a whole. Table 2 below provides all data by age group from 1990 -2010.

	0-4					5-19				
<b>TABLE 2: Population by Age Group</b>	1990	2000	2010	% Change (00-10)	Actual Change (00-10)	1990	2000	2010	% Change (00-10)	Actual Change (00-10)
Topeka	8,864	8,615	9,505	10.33%	890	23,603	24,460	24,875	1.70%	415
<b>Planning Areas</b>										
Far North - 1	518	599	745	24.37%	146	2250	2,239	2,550	13.89%	311
North Topeka - 2	573	482	437	-9.34%	-45	1750	1,622	1,543	-4.87%	-79
West Topeka -3	1,475	1,528	1,664	8.90%	136	4248	4,604	4,275	-7.15%	-329
Central Topeka - 4	2,082	2,011	1,945	-3.28%	-66	5409	5,404	5,202	-3.74%	-202
Downtown - 5	173	173	191	10.40%	18	463	523	545	4.21%	22
East Topeka - 6	1,514	1,492	1,760	17.96%	268	4096	4,079	4,215	3.33%	136
South Topeka - 7	2,629	2,219	2,484	11.94%	265	6747	6,313	6,373	0.95%	60
Southwest Topeka - 8	811	1,019	1,035	1.57%	16	2475	3,666	3,893	6.19%	227
Far South - 9	568	560	688	22.86%	128	1430	1,715	1,888	10.09%	173
Far East - 10	355	364	389	6.87%	25	1605	1,610	1,390	-13.66%	-220
<b>Planning Area TOTAL</b>	<b>10,698</b>	<b>10,447</b>	<b>11,338</b>	<b>8.53%</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>30,473</b>	<b>31,775</b>	<b>31,874</b>	<b>0.31%</b>	<b>99</b>

	20-64					65 & Over				
<b>TABLE 2: Population by Age Group</b>	1990	2000	2010	% Change (00-10)	Actual change (00-10)	1990	2000	2010	% Change (00-10)	Actual Change (00-10)
Topeka	69,735	70,884	74,907	5.68%	4,023	17,681	18,418	18,186	-1.26%	-232
<b>Planning Areas</b>										
Far North - 1	5,238	6,006	6,824	13.62%	818	640	1,115	1,690	51.57%	575
North Topeka - 2	4,023	3,831	3,983	3.97%	152	999	894	871	-2.57%	-23
West Topeka -3	14,615	15,512	15,782	1.74%	270	4011	5,330	5,810	9.01%	480
Central Topeka - 4	16,573	16,049	16,254	1.28%	205	4529	3,588	2,761	-23.05%	-827
Downtown - 5	1,774	1,901	2,063	8.52%	162	623	324	267	-17.59%	-57
East Topeka - 6	9,581	9,794	10,352	5.70%	558	2508	2,359	2,079	-11.87%	-280
South Topeka - 7	20,459	18,536	18,486	-0.27%	-50	4572	4,798	4,449	-7.27%	-349
Southwest Topeka - 8	6,205	8,890	10,474	17.82%	1,584	995	1,896	3,076	62.24%	1,180
Far South - 9	3,303	3,915	4,645	18.65%	730	395	535	799	49.35%	264
Far East - 10	3,819	3,977	4,015	0.96%	38	427	778	1,140	46.53%	362
<b>Planning Area TOTAL</b>	<b>85,590</b>	<b>88,411</b>	<b>92,878</b>	<b>5.05%</b>	<b>4,467</b>	<b>19,699</b>	<b>21,617</b>	<b>22,942</b>	<b>6.13%</b>	<b>1,325</b>

## Race/Ethnicity Population by Planning Area

<b>TABLE 4: Population by Race and Ethnicity</b>	<b>Far North</b>	<b>North Topeka</b>	<b>West Topeka</b>	<b>Central Topeka</b>	<b>Downtown</b>	<b>East Topeka</b>	<b>South Topeka</b>	<b>Southwest Topeka</b>	<b>Far South</b>	<b>Far East</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Planning Areas</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>6,834</b>	<b>27,531</b>	<b>26,162</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>18,406</b>	<b>31,792</b>	<b>18,478</b>	<b>8,020</b>	<b>6,934</b>	<b>159,032</b>
<b>Total Population: One Race</b>	11,532	6,537	26,453	24,865	2,860	17,228	29,964	18,039	7,715	6,803	151,996
White	11,161	5,814	23,450	20,356	1,830	11,732	22,167	16,453	6,980	6,413	126,356
Black	126	339	1,800	2,763	627	2,992	5,227	625	451	184	15,134
Amer Indian or Alaskan Native	85	196	251	355	69	374	410	130	79	62	2,011
Asian	67	30	477	205	13	65	434	601	90	37	2,019
Indian	4	9	146	18	4	1	142	244	21	7	596
Chinese	23	5	98	97	3	8	63	169	20	7	493
Filipino	16	6	112	32	1	14	116	43	17	6	363
Japanese	3	1	24	13	3	11	10	13	3	4	85
Korean	7	0	38	20	0	5	33	44	9	5	161
Vietnamese	10	0	11	0	0	11	24	8	10	2	76
Other Asian	4	9	48	25	2	15	46	80	10	6	245
Native hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3	0	30	15	1	11	30	12	5	5	112
Native Hawaiian	1	0	11	7	0	1	15	6	1	0	42
Guamanian or Chamorro	0	0	4	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	12
Samoan	0	0	5	1	1	4	9	2	0	0	22
Other Pacific Islander	2	0	10	7	0	1	5	3	3	5	36
Some other race	<b>90</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>6,364</b>
<b>Total Population: Two or more races</b>	277	297	1,078	1,297	206	1,178	1,828	439	305	131	7,036
White & Amer Indian or Alaska Native	95	121	236	302	26	231	333	100	63	42	1,549
White & Asian	33	8	100	95	16	35	111	102	44	19	563
White & Black	75	80	443	480	44	455	795	102	126	32	2,632
White & Some other race	32	53	107	122	48	216	179	64	20	15	856

## Hispanic Origin Population by Planning Area

<b>TABLE 4: Population by Race and Ethnicity</b>	<b>Far North</b>	<b>North Topeka</b>	<b>West Topeka</b>	<b>Central Topeka</b>	<b>Downtown</b>	<b>East Topeka</b>	<b>South Topeka</b>	<b>Southwest Topeka</b>	<b>Far South</b>	<b>Far East</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Planning Areas</b>
<b>Total Population: Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>18,645</b>
Mexican	414	533	1,534	2,746	692	4,944	3,756	741	358	360	16,078
Puerto Rican	24	51	87	179	19	194	225	52	37	23	891
Cuban	3	2	9	18	3	14	31	13	4	2	99
Other Hispanic or Latino	61	37	205	288	26	341	338	136	81	64	1,577
<b>Total Population: Non-Hispanic/Latino</b>	<b>11,307</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>25,696</b>	<b>22,931</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>12,913</b>	<b>27,442</b>	<b>17,536</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>140,387</b>
<b>Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin and Race</b>											
<b>Total Population: Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>18,645</b>
White alone	334	307	1,038	1,542	315	2,729	1,940	574	302	315	9,396
Black alone	15	14	76	138	15	201	187	21	6	5	678
American Ind. or Alaskan Native alone	8	48	54	68	8	100	90	19	21	1	417
Asian alone	4	0	4	0	1	5	11	5	0	2	32
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	7
Some other race alone	77	157	421	1,141	319	2,031	1,645	201	109	98	6,199
Two or more races	64	97	239	342	82	426	474	122	42	28	1,916
<b>Total Population: Not Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>11,307</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>25,696</b>	<b>22,931</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>12,913</b>	<b>27,442</b>	<b>17,536</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>140,387</b>
White alone	10,827	5,507	22,412	18,814	1,515	9,003	20,227	15,879	6,678	6,098	116,960
Black alone	111	325	1,724	2,625	612	2,791	5,040	604	445	179	14,456
American Ind. or Alaskan Native alone	77	148	197	287	61	274	320	111	58	61	1,594
Asian alone	63	30	473	205	12	60	423	596	90	35	1,987
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	3	0	27	15	1	10	27	12	5	5	105
Some other race alone	13	1	24	30	1	23	51	17	1	4	165
Two or more races	213	200	839	955	124	752	1,354	317	263	103	5,120

## Racial and Ethnic Distribution

### *Planning Areas –*

Table 5 and Figures 4 and 5 on the following page demonstrate the following trends:

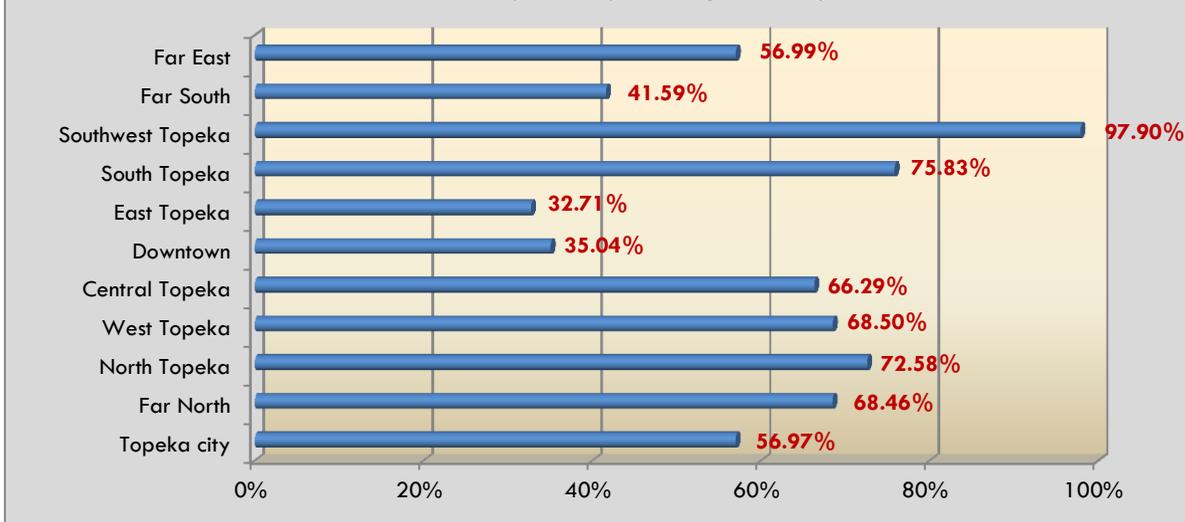
- Whites experienced a decrease in North Topeka (-3.07%), West Topeka (-2.68%), Central Topeka (-4.94%), and South Topeka (-7.92%). Whites experienced an increase in the Far North (16.41%), Southwest Topeka (17.37%), and Far South (18.73%). These increases appear consistent with overall population growth in those three sub-areas. Downtown also gained in the White population by 10.11%.
- The Far North experienced the greatest overall increase in Blacks, increasing by 103.23% from 2000. West Topeka increased by 31.10%, Southwest Topeka by 12.41%, and Far South by 13.89% in the Black population.
- Asians/Pacific Islanders experienced the greatest overall population increase in Topeka by 35.07% and also increased within each planning area, except Downtown.
- Downtown experienced a decrease across all racial categories except for Whites and Some Other Race.
- People of Hispanic/Latino origin continued to experience population gains in Topeka and across its planning areas between 2000 and 2010. The Hispanic/Latino population increased overall across Topeka, which continues the pattern established since the 1980 Census. Topeka gained in the Hispanic/Latino population by 56.97% between 2000 and 2010. Southwest Topeka (97.90%), South Topeka (75.83%), North Topeka (72.58%), and Far North (68.46%) saw the greatest increases in the Hispanic population.
- The planning areas on the fringe (Far North, Southwest, and Far South) all experienced some increase in minority populations (Blacks, Asians, some other race). This, as well as, the gains the Hispanic population has experienced in those fringe areas, may appear to indicate a greater dispersion of minorities throughout Topeka and its fringe. Central Topeka by -15.97%, Downtown by -17.72%, and East Topeka by -8.56% all experienced population loss in the Black population.

## Change in Race/Ethnicity and Hispanic Origin from between 2000 and 2010 Citywide and by Planning Area

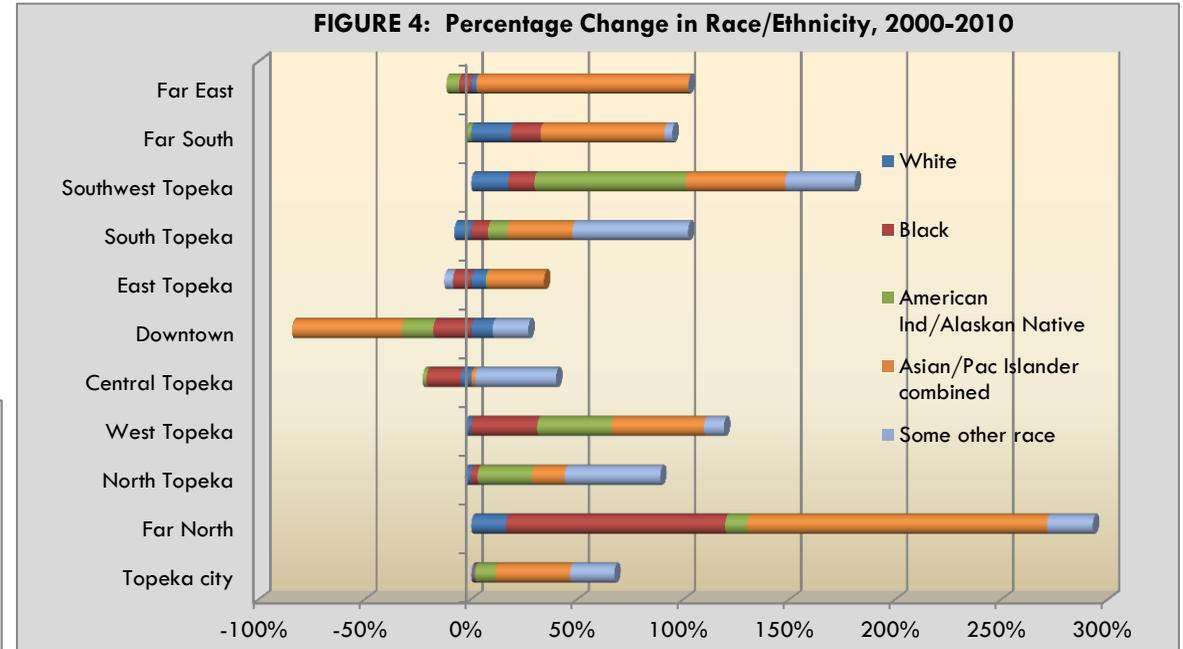
**TABLE 5: Percentage Change in Race/Ethnicity Populations by Planning Area, 2000-2010**

Planning Areas	White	Black	American Ind/Alaskan Native	Asian/Pac Islander combined	Some other race	Two or More races*	Hispanic Origin*
Topeka city	1.12%	0.63%	9.67%	35.07%	20.87%	N/A	56.97%
Far North	16.41%	103.23%	10.39%	141.38%	21.62%	N/A	68.46%
North Topeka	-3.07%	3.04%	25.64%	15.38%	44.95%	N/A	72.58%
West Topeka	-2.68%	31.10%	34.95%	43.63%	9.34%	N/A	68.50%
Central Topeka	-4.94%	-15.97%	-1.93%	1.85%	38.09%	N/A	66.29%
Downtown	10.11%	-17.72%	-14.81%	-51.72%	16.79%	N/A	35.04%
East Topeka	6.80%	-8.56%	0.81%	26.67%	-4.11%	N/A	32.71%
South Topeka	-7.92%	7.88%	9.04%	30.70%	54.46%	N/A	75.83%
Southwest Topeka	17.37%	12.41%	71.05%	47.00%	32.93%	N/A	97.90%
Far South	18.73%	13.89%	-2.47%	58.33%	3.77%	N/A	41.59%
Far East	2.38%	-5.64%	-6.06%	100.00%	0.00%	N/A	56.99%

**FIGURE 5: Percentage Change in Hispanic Origin, 2000-2010**



**FIGURE 4: Percentage Change in Race/Ethnicity, 2000-2010**



**NOTE:** Figure 4 and Table 5 show percentage change in Race/Ethnicity by Planning Area, but may be slightly skewed because of the addition of the "two or more races" option in the 2010 Census. In 2010, respondents had the option of selecting "two or more races" instead of selecting their predominate race. So, negative numbers should be considered with caution since they could be slightly exaggerated from those people who elected to choose the "two or more races" selection in 2010 when that wasn't an option in 2000 and would have only selected their predominate race instead. The other racial categories in 2010 are "Alone".