

Demographic Changes

The overall composition of a community changes as a result of demographic changes in:

- new housing units (where new residents move in),
- sales of existing units (where new households moving in may be different than those moving out), and
- stable units (where existing residents may age, have children, move out, divorce, separate, marry, adopt, or die).



How might Colchester's mix of services change with an older population?

Changing Age Composition

The following chart illustrates historic and anticipated trends in Colchester's age composition. Note that Colchester's age composition is anticipated to change from one where children (aged 0-19) were the dominant age group (pre-1990) to one where mature adults (aged 55+) will be the dominant age group (2020 and later). These are the same people (the "baby boomers") as they flow through different age groups.

Colchester Age Composition – History And Projections (1970 – 2040)

