

GROWING UP

Year	Population	Change
1850	926	
1860	1,200	+29.6%
1870	2,938	+119.8%
1880	4,248	+44.6%
1890	2,476	-41.7%
1900	3,638	+46.9%
1910	4,997	+37.4%
1920	4,548	-9.0%
1930	4,948	+8.8%
1940	5,641	+14.0%
1950	6,652	+17.9%
1960	11,205	+68.4%
1970	17,004	+51.8%
1980	44,469	+161.5%
1990	101,115	+127.4%
1999*	129,231	+27.8%

* Local estimate as of
Dec. 1, 1999

Background:

The 1960 - 1850 population and percent change figures come from a printed source distributed by the county.

The more recent population data come from the Census Web site at www.census.com

The percent change values for 1960 - 1999 were calculated by an editor.

Would you publish this?

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For this exercise:

- (1) read the background box below
- (2) put yourself in the editor's chair and do the change calculations for 1960 - 1999
- (3) do the double-check
- (4) What trends or patterns do you see? what questions would you like to ask what sources?
- (5) ready to publish or would you like additional data?

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Census and Hernando County

What would you do differently to analyze and illustrate these data? **Note:** Treat these data as if you were responsible for final editing.