

WASHINGTON BY THE NUMBERS

An Overview of Soft and Hard Data
for Short- and Long-Range Planning



What kinds of data are available?

- Primary sources: **Hard Data**
 - US Census; CT DoL; Town records
- Extrapolated sources: **Soft Data**
 - ACS; UCONN State Data Center
- Anecdotal sources: **Is It Data?**
 - Survey Monkey; Focus groups; Word on the street



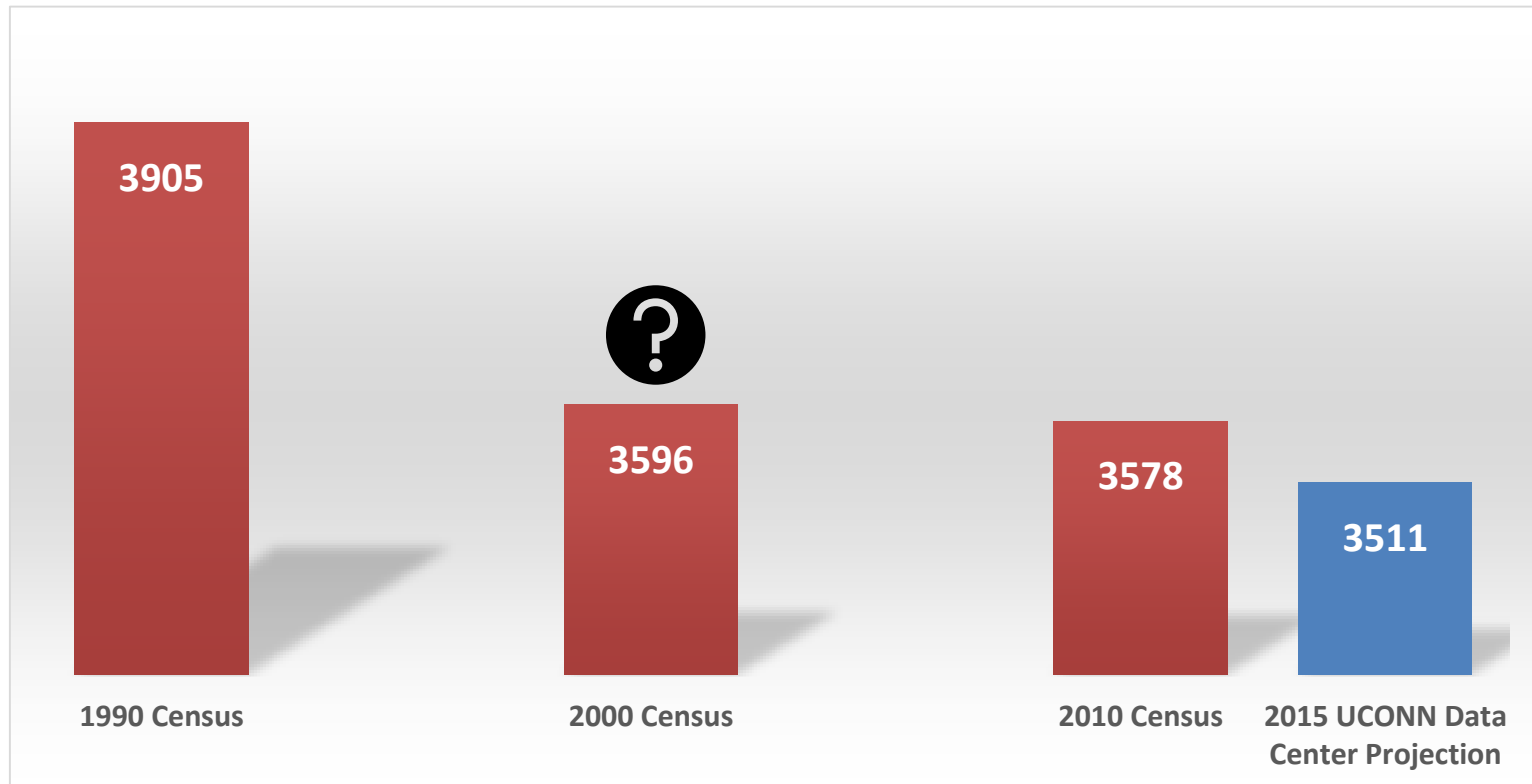
PART ONE: DEMOGRAPHICS

The Basics—Washington is...

- **White – 93.5%**
 - State of CT – 77% USA – 63%
- **Wealthy – \$82K** Median Household Income
 - State of CT – \$68K USA – \$51K
- **Wise – 97.3%** with High School Diplomas
 - State of CT – 89% USA – 86%
 - **57.1%** with 4-year Degree or Higher
 - State of CT – 38% USA – 32%

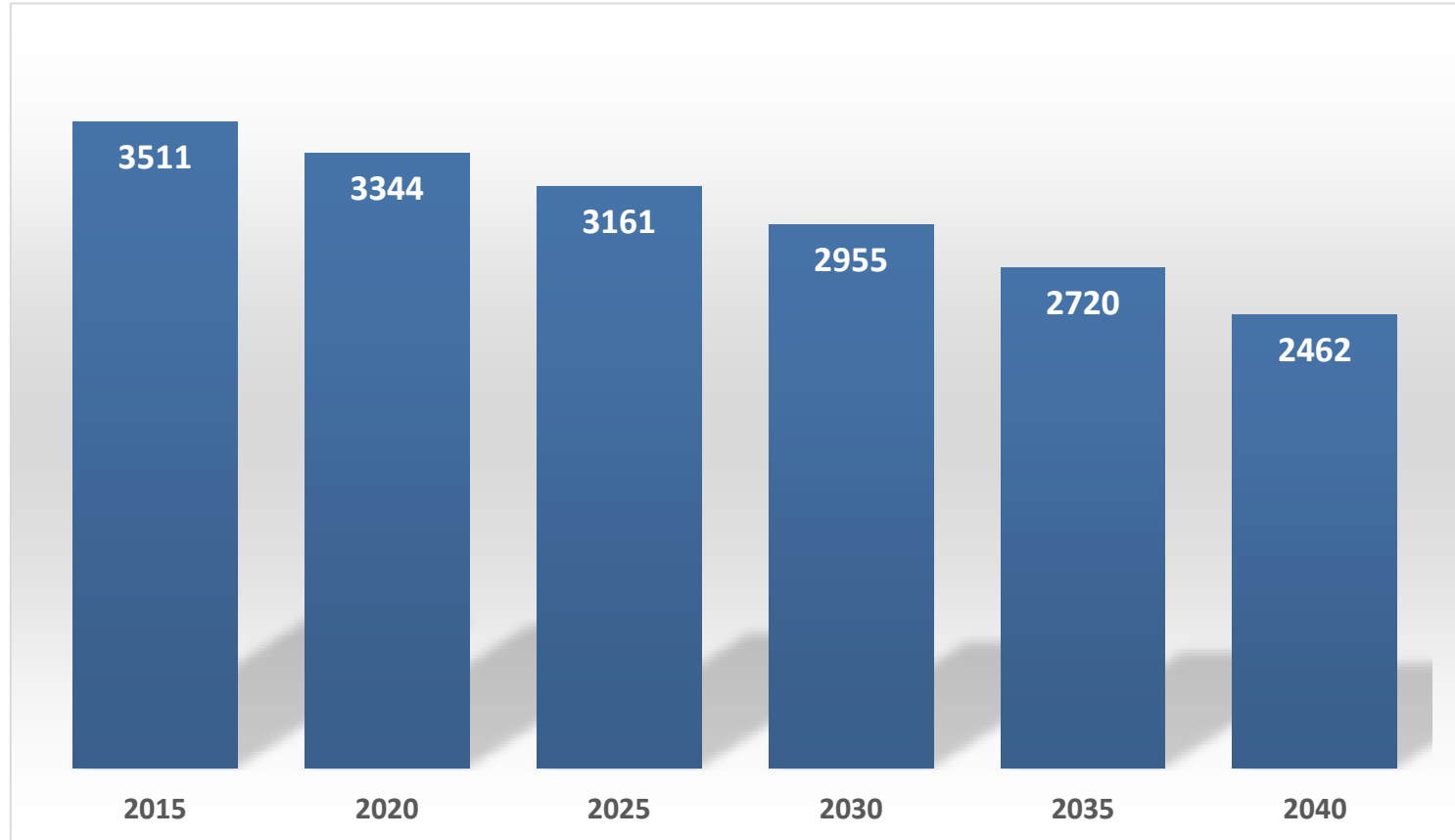


Demographics: How Many People Live Here?



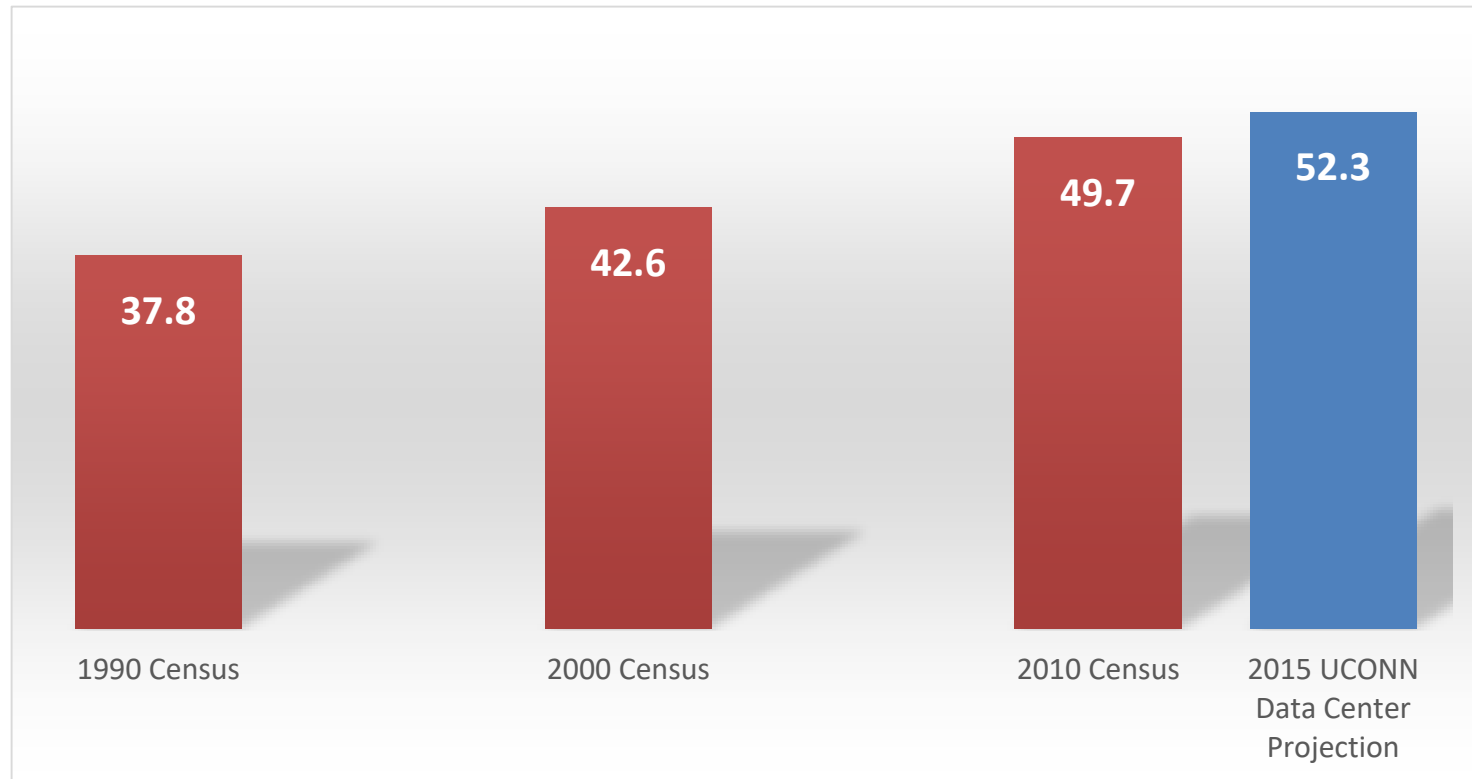
Washington CT Population Data

Washington CT: Population Projections



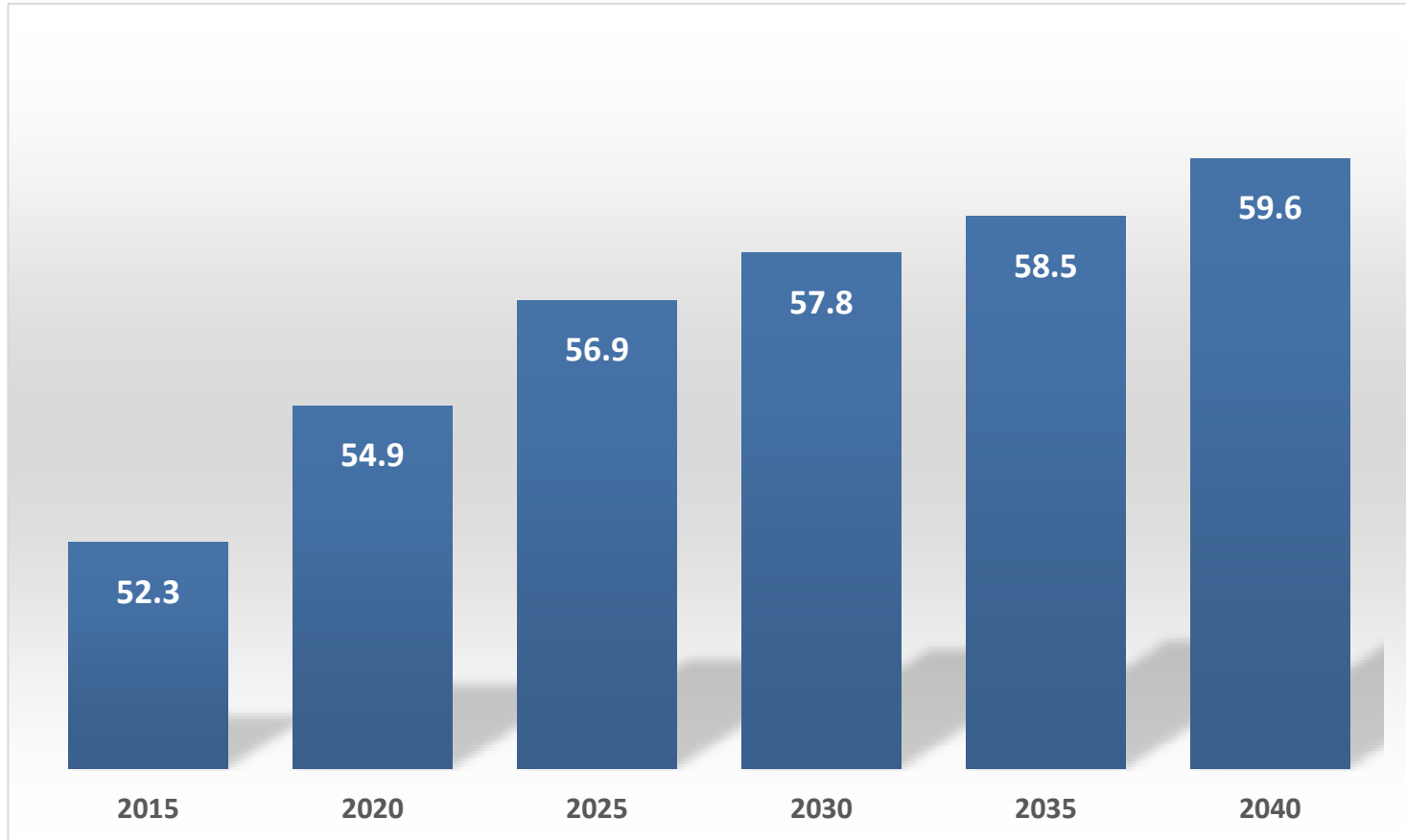
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Demographics: How Old Are Our People?



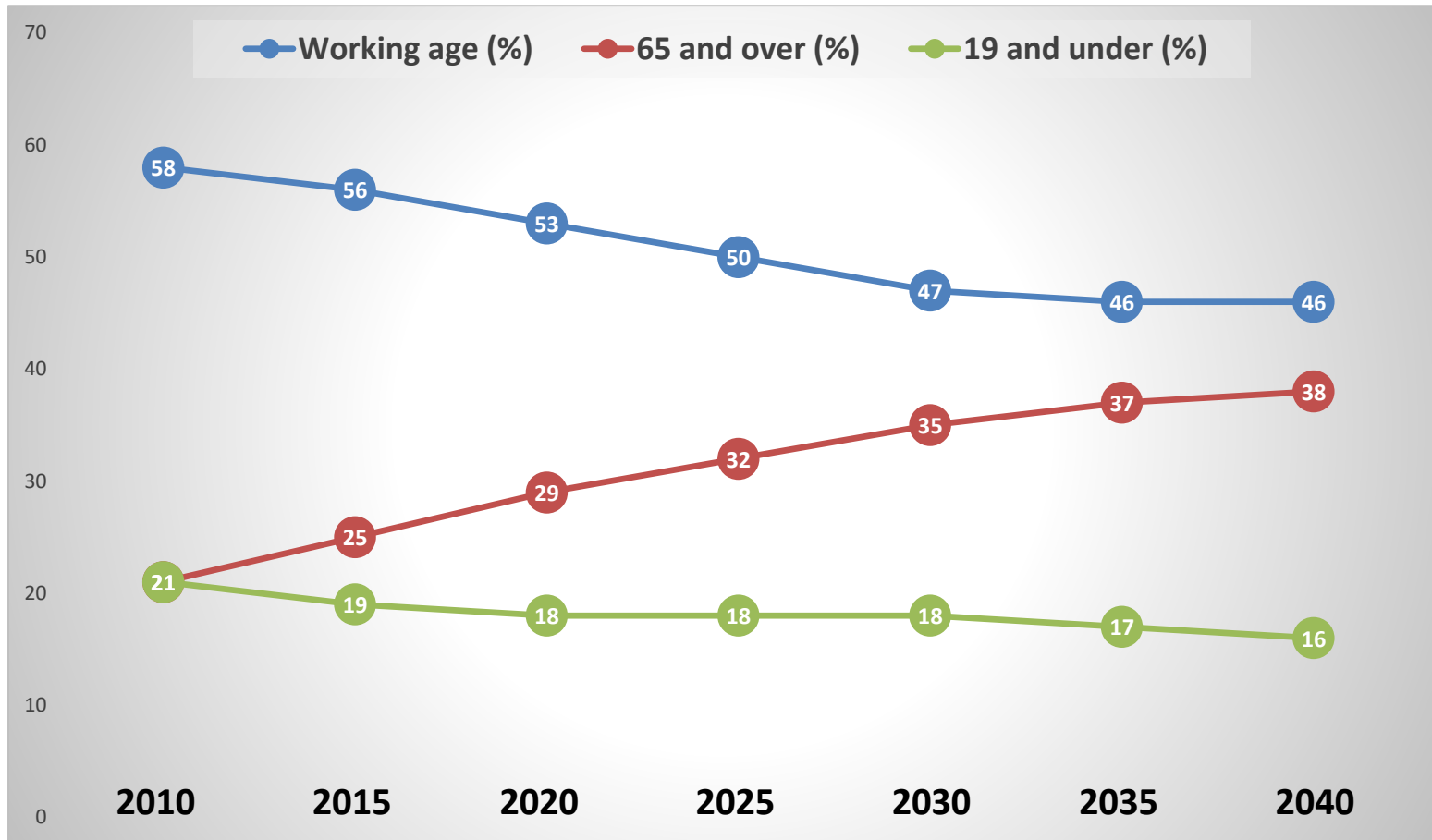
Washington CT Median Age

Washington CT: Median Age Projections



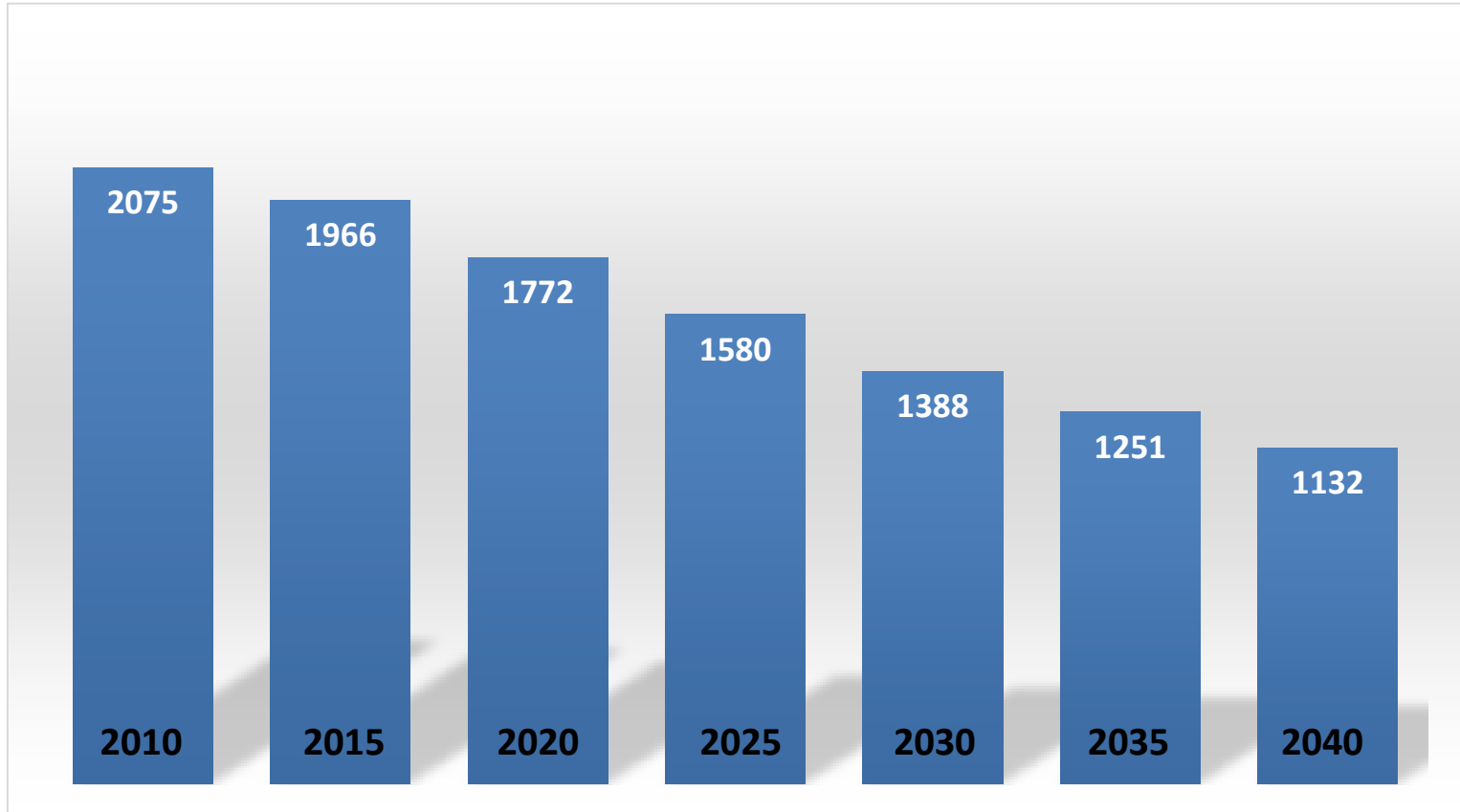
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Washington CT: Projected Percent Change in Cohort



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Washington CT: Projected Decline in Working Age Adults



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Washington CT Demographics: Hot Takes & Best Guesses

- Washington's current population is less than 3500 and headed below 2500 by the year 2040.
- Our current median age is about 55 and headed toward 60 by the year 2040.
- Washington's working-age population is projected to drop dramatically over the next generation. If this occurs, providing essential services will become the Town's greatest challenge.
- Demographics may not be destiny. These projections assume that current and past conditions will persist.