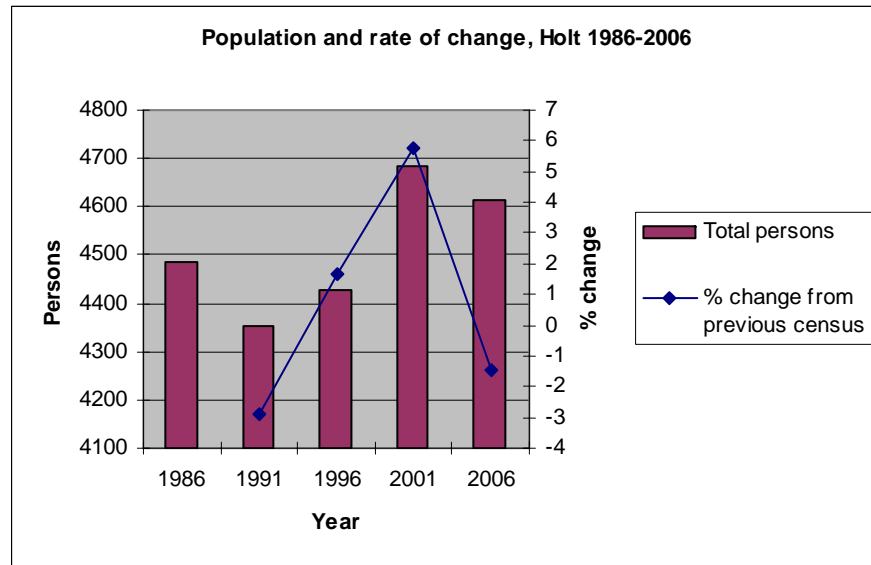
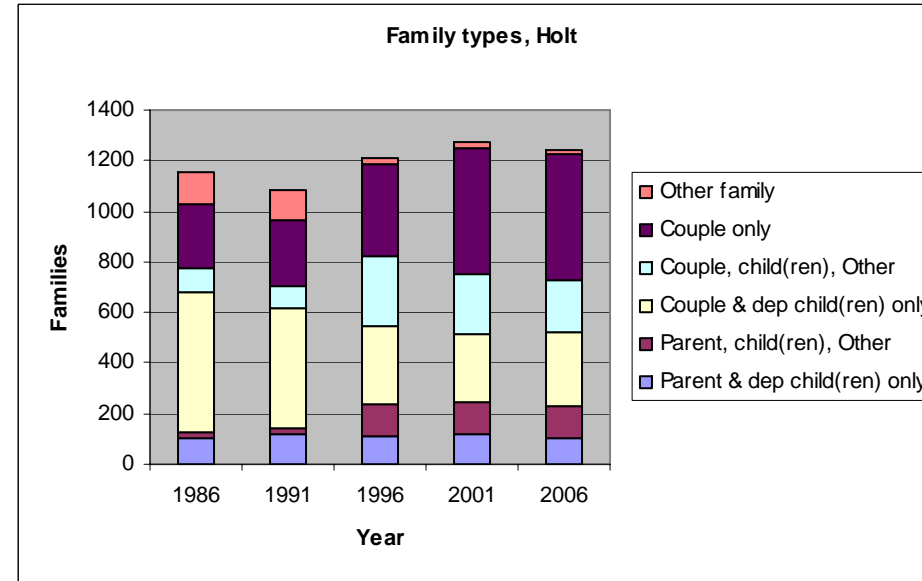


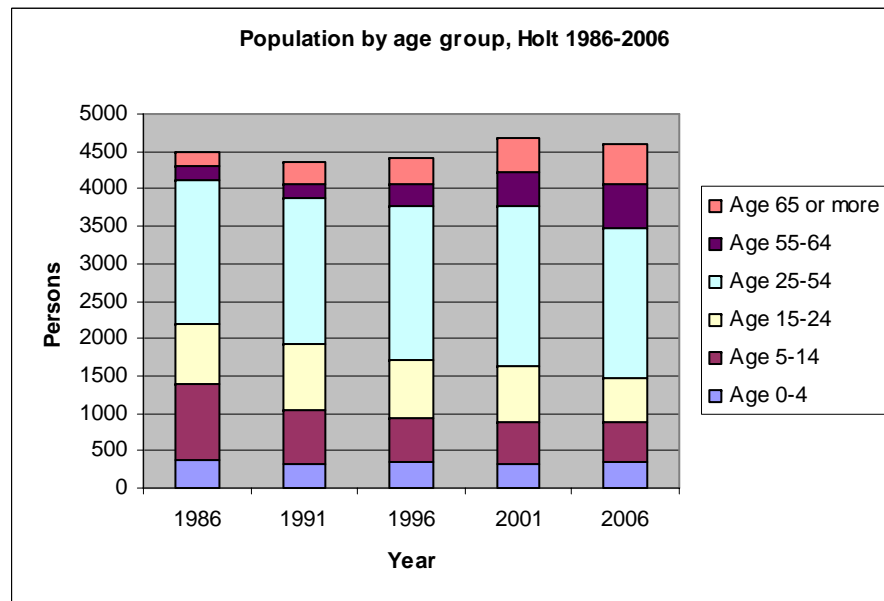
# Population Characteristics – Suburb of Holt



The population of Holt has fluctuated considerably at each of the last 5 census years, with a significant decrease between 1986 and 1991, and a large increase from 1996 to 2001 followed by more recent decline.

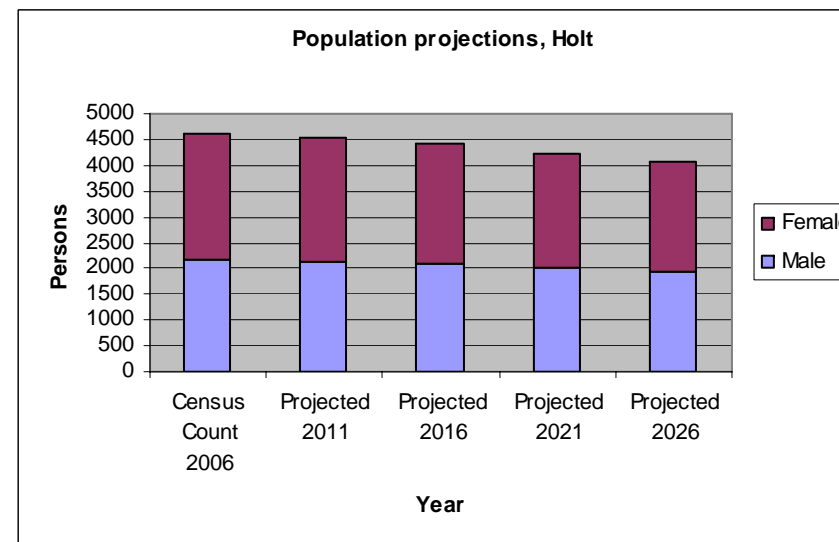


Data on family types reflect many changes over time as well as definitional changes. The proportion of 'Couple families with dependent children only' has more than halved from 48.2% in 1986 to 23.5% in 2006. The proportion of single parent families with dependent children only has remained relatively stable. At the same time, families with older children have increased markedly. 'Couple only families have increased from 21.9% to 40% of total families over this timeframe.



While the population in the 25-54 year age group appears to have been relatively stable since 1986, the graph shows a steady decline in the proportion of the population aged under 25, dropping from nearly half the population in 1986 (48.7%) to less than a third in 2006 (31.9%).

At the same time, the proportion of the population aged over 55 years has increased. From 7.9% in 1986 to nearly a quarter of the population (24.8%) in 2006.



The population of Holt has not moved consistently from Census to Census, since at least 1986. The population rose in the period 1991-1996 and fell slightly to 2006. The latter period was marked by people leaving the area across virtually all age ranges.

Should the recent trend continue, a slow decline in population seems likely for the next 20 years.