



**UPDATED POPULATION**

The information for this section was obtained from the United States Census Bureau, South Carolina Budget and Control Board Office of Research and Statistics, and the Town of Awendaw. The Town of Awendaw in the 2000 Census was located in the same census tract that the Town was located in for the 1990 Census, census tract 50. This tract along with the Block Groups contained within the Tract are shown in figure 2.1. Because the Town of Awendaw was not incorporated at the time of the 1990 census, this Plan will compare the data that was collected for Block Groups 3 and 4 to the 2000 Census data for Block Group 3 and 4. This comparison will show the changes in the Awendaw area. This Plan will also report the statistics for the incorporated area of the Town of Awendaw, as reported in the 2000 Census.

**TRENDS**

Table 2.1 illustrates the population trends for the Awendaw area by comparing the data for Block Groups 3 and 4 from 1990 to 2000. The Awendaw area experienced an increase in population between the 1990 and 2000 of 28 percent. This increase can be accredited to residential development that is occurring in the Awendaw area. The incorporated area of the Town of Awendaw had a population of 1,195 in 2000.

The Town of Awendaw has utilized an aggressive annexation policy that has expanded the Town’s land area to 9.2 square miles in 2003.

**TABLE 2.1: COMPARISON OF POPULATION TRENDS (1990 - 2015)**

Year	Population			
	Town of Awendaw	Block Group 3	Block Group 4	Charleston County
<b>1990</b>	N/A	1,333	765	295,039
<b>2000</b>	1,195	1,665	1,021	309,969

*Source: 1990, 2000 US Census*

**HOUSEHOLDS/FAMILIES**

Between 1990 and 2000, there was an increase in the overall population and number of households in the Awendaw area. The size of the average household declined from approximately 3.70 persons per household in 1990 to 2.92 persons per household in 2000. The average size of a household in the Town of Awendaw in 2000 was 2.97.



<b>Table 2.2. Households by Type</b>					
	<i>1990 Awendaw Area</i>	<i>2000 Awendaw Area</i>	<i>Net Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>2000 Town of Awendaw</i>
<b>Total Households</b>	643	752	109	17.0%	400
<b>Married Couples</b>	379	501	122	32.2%	219
	59%	66%			55%
<b>w/children</b>	203	224	21	10.3%	103
	54%	45%			47%
<b>w/o children</b>	176	277	101	57.4%	116
	46%	55%			53%
<b>Males, no wife</b>	28	74	46	164.3%	N/A
	4%	10%			
<b>w/children</b>	14	11	-3	-21.4%	N/A
<b>w/o children</b>	14	63	49	350.0%	N/A
<b>Females, no husb.</b>	109	177	68	62.4%	79
	17%	24%			20%
<b>w/children</b>	73	78	5	6.8%	30
<b>w/o children</b>	36	99	63	175.0%	49

*Source: 1990, 2000 Census*  
*Note: The 2000 Census did not record the number of Male households.*

Table 2.2 compares the makeup of households from 1990 to 2000. In 2000 the majority of households (55 percent) in the Town of Awendaw consisted of married couples, with 47.0 percent of those married couples with children and 53.0 percent without children. In the Awendaw area 45 percent of the married couples had children in 2000 and 55 percent did not have children. In 1990 these number were almost opposite, with 54 percent of the married couples having children and 46 percent of the married couples not having children in 1990. The number of females with no husband experienced the highest increase between 1990 and 2000, with an increase of 62.4% percent.

## **DIVERSITY**

Between 1990 and 2000, there was an increase in the percentage of residents in the Awendaw area in all racial groups other than Asian and Pacific Islanders, which declined 20 percent. The group experiencing the greatest growth is the American Indian with an 83 percent growth rate. The percentage of White and Black residents also increased by 51 and 16 percent respectively.



## 2: Population

EXISTING CONDITIONS

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**TABLE 2.3: COMPARISON OF RACIAL DIVERSITY (1990 AND 2000)**

Year	White		Black		Asian and Pacific Islander		American Indian		Other		Two or More races	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
<b>1990 Area</b>	651	31.0	1,441	68.6	5	0.2	1	0.1	0	0	N/A	N/A
<b>2000 Area</b>	982	36.5	1,668	62.1	4	0.1	6	0.2	9	0.3	17	.006
	+51%		+16%		-20%		+83%					
<b>2000 Town</b>	415	34.7	774	64.8	1	0.1	2	0.2	8	0.7	4	0.3

Source: 1990, 2000 US Census

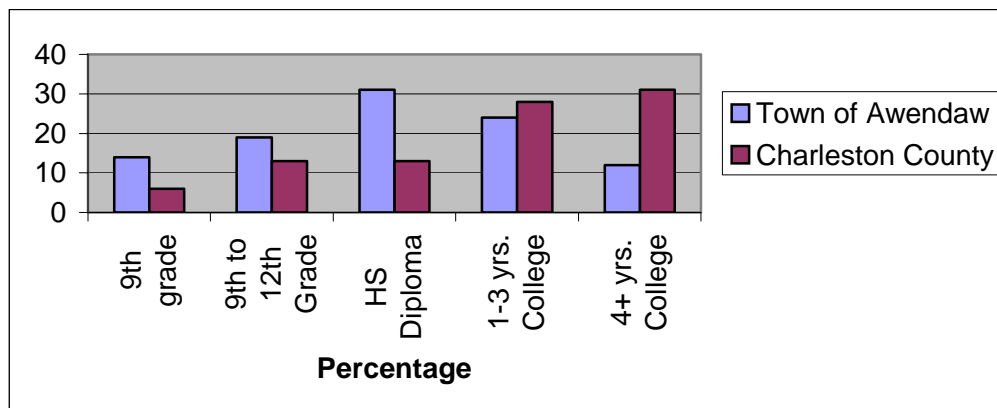
\* The 1990 US Census did not record the number of individuals that were two or more races.

\* The 2000 US Census separates the Asian and Pacific Islander category into Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.

## EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

Figure 2.1 compares the educational level for persons 25 years and older in the Town of Awendaw to that of Charleston County. The Town of Awendaw surpasses the County in the percentage of individuals that have attained a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade education or a High school Diploma. However, the percentage of individuals in the Town of Awendaw that have completed any college education was lower than that of Charleston County. The 1990 and 2000 US Census do not report the Educational Attainment at a Block Group level.

**FIGURE 2.1: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**



Source: 2000 US Census



**OVERVIEW**

The Town of Awendaw and the Awendaw area are both gaining a more diverse population, with increases in the numbers of almost all minorities in the area. This diversity also extends to a growing number of female-headed households with children. This diversity may affect the Town’s goals and objectives.

**Goals, Policies and Strategies**

**Goal:** Town of Awendaw will preserve the existing rural community character.

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Implementation Strategies</b>	<b>Suggested Schedule / Responsibility</b>
1. The Town will strive to maintain its rural character	A. Review existing zoning and amend if necessary to insure future development maintains the current density and scale of development.	1–2 Years  Planning Commission and Town Council
	B. Support initiatives to establish and/or enhance existing commercial services and employment opportunities that are compatible with the community’s rural character (telecommuting, home occupations).	Ongoing/  Planning Commission and Town Council

**Goal:** Town of Awendaw will provide residents opportunities for access to basic goods and services.

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Implementation Strategies</b>	<b>Suggested Schedule/ Responsibility</b>
1. The Town will strive to improve the quality of life for its residents by supporting establishment or enhancement of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elderly care services</li> <li>• Adequate and convenient health care services</li> <li>• Convenient, quality day care</li> <li>• Recreational programs</li> <li>• Public education</li> <li>• retention/mentoring programs</li> <li>• Assistance for persons in poverty</li> </ul>	A. Support ongoing efforts and establishment of community groups willing to provide these services.  B. Seek outside resources to encourage developing these needed services.  C. Continue to provide Town newsletter as a means of disseminating relevant information.	Ongoing/  Town Council appointed Task Forces and Town Staff