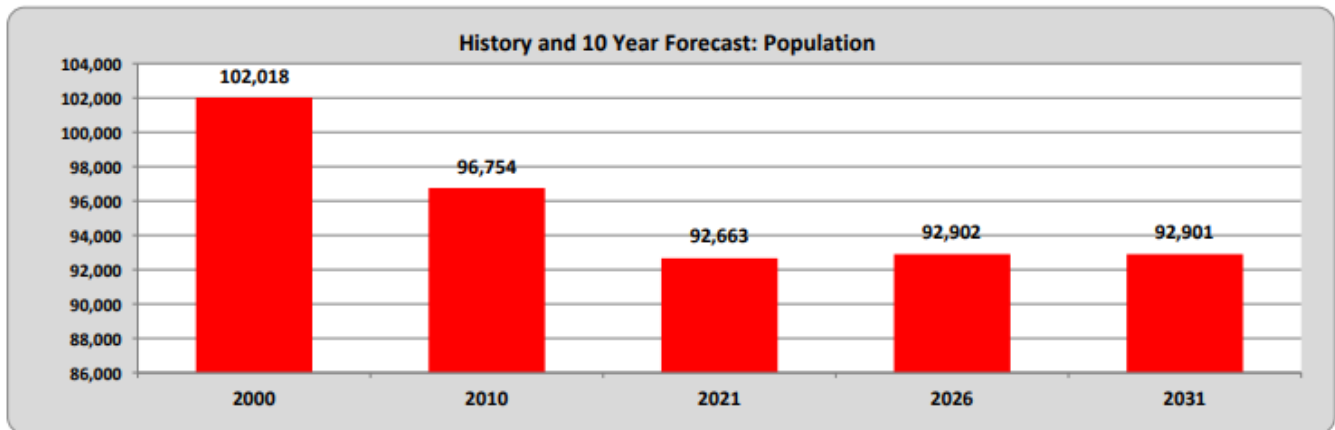


## GENERAL POPULATION

**Figure 1**  
Population History with 5- and 10-Year Projected Change



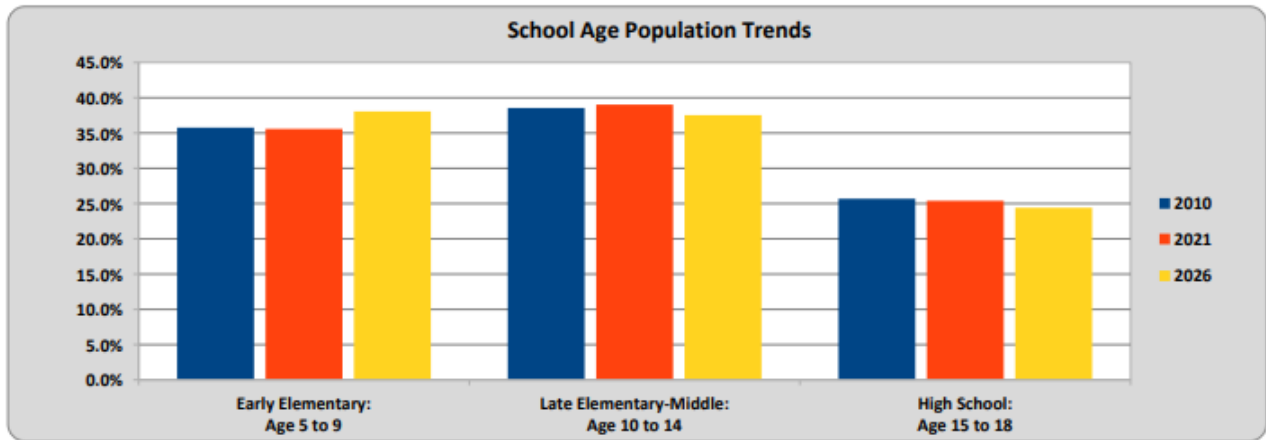
Population Trends	2000	2010	2021	2026	2031
Study Area Population	102,018	96,754	92,663	92,902	92,901
Population Change		-5,264	-4,091	239	-1
Percent Change		-5.16%	-4.23%	0.26%	0.00%
State Population	31,257,512	32,080,481	32,566,468	32,846,839	33,122,805
Population Change		822,969	485,987	280,371	275,966
Percent Change		2.63%	1.51%	0.86%	0.84%

Source: US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies Inc., Experian, DecisionInsite/MissionInsite

### Observations:

1. The population of the Bradford deanery declined between 2000 and 2021 by 9,355 residents.
2. Between 2021 and 2026, the population is projected to increase by 239 residents.
3. The population is forecasted by 2031 to remain the same.

**Figure 3**  
**School-aged Children Trends: by levels**



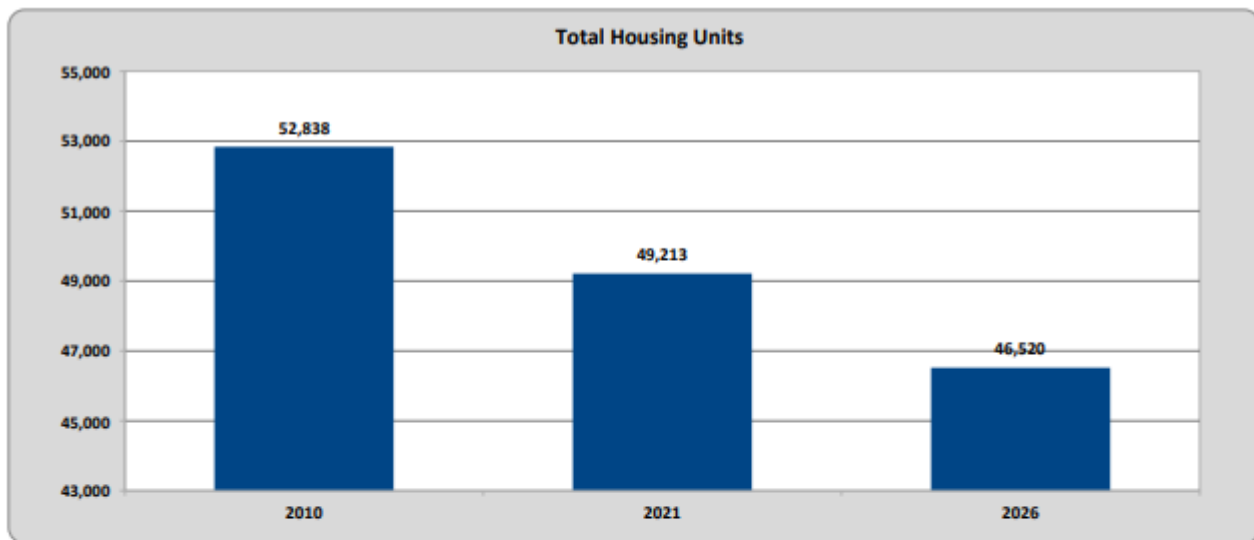
	Study Area							NY, PA			Comp Index CY
	2010		2021		2026		5 Yr Chg	2010	2021	2026	
<b>School Age Population Trends</b>											
Early Elem: 5 to 9	5,508	35.76%	4,377	35.58%	4,429	38.06%	2.48%	36.65%	38.13%	39.03%	93
Late Elem-Mid: 10 to 14	5,937	38.55%	4,801	39.03%	4,368	37.54%	-1.49%	38.28%	38.26%	37.83%	102
High School: 15 to 17	3,956	25.69%	3,124	25.39%	2,840	24.40%	-0.99%	25.07%	23.62%	23.13%	108
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>15,401</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>12,302</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>11,637</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

Source: US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies Inc., Experian, DecisionInsite/MissionInsite

**Observations:**

1. This is a five-year projection. The school-aged population is projected to increase in the early elementary grades but decrease in the others.
2. Major changes to the school-aged population are forecasted between 2026 and 2031 when the 0 to 4 age group grows significantly and affects the other grade levels as children age.

**Figure 7  
Housing**



	2010	2021	2026
Housing Units	52,838	49,213	46,520
Family Households Change		-3,625	-2,693
Percent Change		-6.86%	-5.47%

	2010		Study Area 2021		2026	5 Yr Chg	NY,PA 2021	Comp Index CY
<b>Housing by Occupancy</b>								
Occupied	39,708	75.15%	37,955	77.12%	35,896	77.16%	90.55%	85
Vacant	13,130	24.85%	11,258	22.88%	10,624	22.84%	9.45%	242
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>52,838</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>49,213</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>46,520</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>Housing by Type of Occupancy</b>								
Owner Occupied	29,707	74.82%	28,464	74.99%	26,961	75.11%	59.88%	125
Renter Occupied	10,000	25.18%	9,491	25.01%	8,935	24.89%	40.12%	62
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>39,707</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>37,955</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>35,896</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

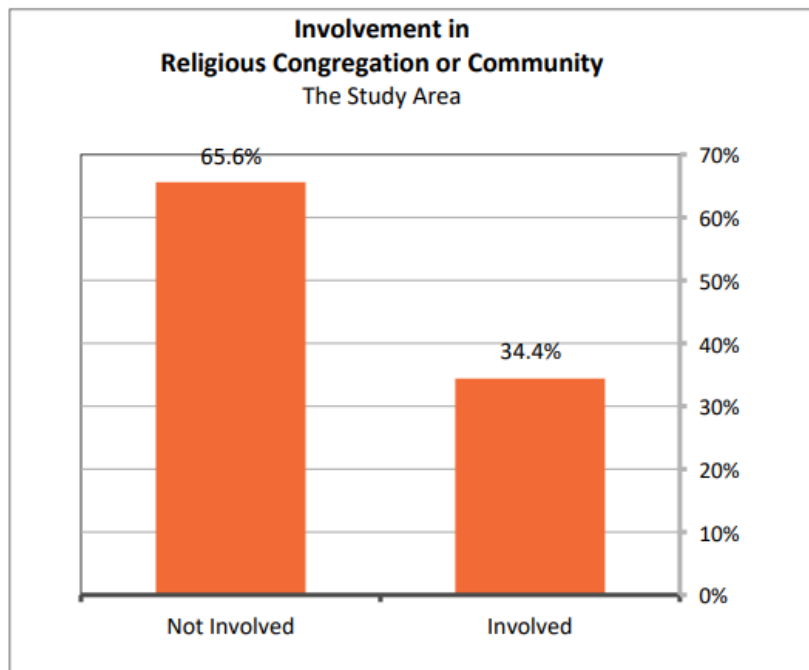
Source: US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies Inc., Experian, DecisionInsite/MissionInsite

**Observations:**

1. The number of housing units in the deanery is projected to continue its decline.
2. Vacancy rates are slowly decreasing in the area but are projected to remain above 22%.

## II. DEANERY RELIGIOUS DATA

**Figure 16**  
**Involvement in Religious Congregation or Community**



Source: US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies Inc., Experian, DecisionInsite/MissionInsite

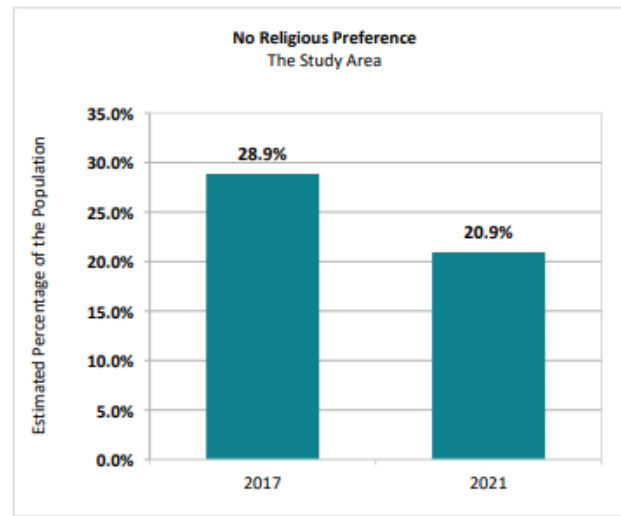
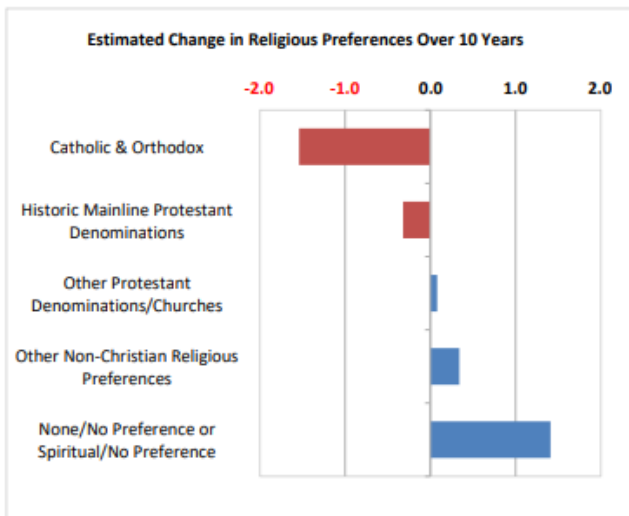
### **Observations:**

1. 65.6% of the deanery's residents are not involved with any religious congregation or community.
2. There is exciting potential for evangelization activity.

**Figure 17**  
**Religious Preferences**

Summary Religious Preferences: Christian and Other									
Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index		
	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	
Catholic & Orthodox	36.1%	34.5%	-1.5	24.0%	25.9%	1.9	150	133	
<b>Historic Mainline Protestant Denominations</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>78</b>	
Other Protestant Denominations/Churches	6.3%	6.4%	0.1	11.8%	11.3%	-0.5	53	57	
<b>Total: Christian Religious Preferences</b>	<b>67.7%</b>	<b>65.9%</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>66.1%</b>	<b>69.1%</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>95</b>	
Other Non-Christian Religious Preferences	12.0%	12.4%	0.3	9.5%	9.6%	0.1	127	129	
<b>None/No Preference or Spiritual/No Preference</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>101</b>	

Hint: This report summarizes the religious preference report by gathering many different religious traditions into general categories. This focuses on where growth and/or decline is happening.



Hint: The graph on the left visualizes the growth or decline of the major categories of the study area's different religious traditions. The graph on the right shows the significance of the population that indicated their preference was "none" or "no preference."

Note: **Historic Mainline Protestant** includes Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian/Reformed.

Source: US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies Inc., Experian, DecisionInsite/MissionInsite

**Observations:**

- 34.5% of the deanery residents are self-identifying Catholics. This means that there are 32,000 Catholics in the Bradford deanery.
- The parishes in the deanery have registered 3,794 households. The average household size in the State of Pennsylvania is 2.49 persons. This means that parish memberships equal 9,500 people. There are 22,500 Catholics in the deanery who are not registered in a parish.

### III. PARISH DATA

#### BRADFORD DEANERY PARISH STATISTICS

Note for tables in this section: The change 14-15 to 20-21 calculation for each parish includes any indented parishes under that parish identified as SMC.

**Figure 18**  
**Registered Catholic households**

Parish	City	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	Change 14-15 to 20-21	
									Number	Percent
Holy Redeemer	Warren	593	593	593	635	735	735	599	-110	-16%
<i>St. Anthony of Padua - SMC</i>	<i>Sheffield</i>	116	111	0	0	0	0	0		
St. Bernard of Clairvaux <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	919	900	910	899	871	839	755	-164	-18%
St. Bibiana	Galeton	120	150	140	185	175	150	150	-65	-30%
<i>St. Augustine - SMC</i>	<i>Austin</i>	50	41	41						
<i>Sacred Heart - SMC</i>	<i>Genessee</i>	45	40	40						
St. Callistus	Kane	594	585	570	554	542	521	501	-93	-16%
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Smethport	225	202	178	218	277	197	189	-95	-33%
<i>St. Joseph - SMC</i>	<i>Mount Jewett</i>	59	59	55						
St. Eulalia <sup>2</sup>	Coudersport	219	218	215	209	209	209	199	-20	-9%
St. Francis of Assisi <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	220	220	217	306	303	273	239	-115	-32%
<i>Our Mother of Perpetual Help - SMC</i>	<i>Lewis Run</i>	134	134	134						
St. Gabriel the Archangel <sup>2</sup>	Port Allegany	128	125	99	91	91	79	69	-59	-46%
St. Joseph	Warren	951	952	1,048	1,066	1,033	1,093	1,104	39	4%
<i>St. Luke - SMC</i>	<i>Youngsville</i>	114	114	105						
St. Raphael	Eldred	193	200	192	192	188	152	139	-96	-50%
<i>St. Theresa - SMC</i>	<i>Shinglehouse</i>	42	43	40						
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,722</b>	<b>4,687</b>	<b>4,577</b>	<b>4,355</b>	<b>4,424</b>	<b>4,248</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>-778</b>	<b>-16%</b>

Number in italics indicates estimate based on trend as data was not provided.

SMC = Secondary Mission Churches

<sup>1</sup> Partner Parishes

<sup>2</sup> Partner Parishes

Source: Diocese of Erie

#### Observations:

1. The number of households in the deanery parishes has decreased each year over the past seven years. Membership at the parishes in the deanery has declined 16% from fiscal year 2014-15.
2. The only parish in the deanery to increase membership is St. Joseph in Warren.

**Figure19**  
**Infant Baptisms (ages 0-1)**

Parish	City	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	Change 14-15 to 20-21	
									Number	Percent
Holy Redeemer	Warren	0	0	4	6	7	1	5	4	400%
<i>St. Anthony of Padua - SMC</i>	<i>Sheffield</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
St. Bernard of Clairvaux <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	14	17	12	10	7	11	10	-4	-29%
St. Bibiana	Galeton	1	0	1	2	1	4	0	-1	-100%
<i>St. Augustine - SMC</i>	<i>Austin</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Sacred Heart - SMC</i>	<i>Genessee</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
St. Callistus	Kane	14	18	6	8	9	6	3	-11	-79%
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Smethport	6	2	3	6	3	5	0	-7	-100%
<i>St. Joseph - SMC</i>	<i>Mount Jewett</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
St. Eulalia <sup>2</sup>	Coudersport	15	10	7	5	5	6	7	-8	-53%
St. Francis of Assisi <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	100%
<i>Our Mother of Perpetual Help - SMC</i>	<i>Lewis Run</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
St. Gabriel the Archangel <sup>2</sup>	Port Allegany	5	2	3	1	1	0	0	-5	-100%
St. Joseph	Warren	9	13	10	11	7	5	4	-5	-56%
<i>St. Luke - SMC</i>	<i>Youngsville</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
St. Raphael	Eldred	1	0	1	0	2	1	4	6	600%
<i>St. Theresa - SMC</i>	<i>Shinglehouse</i>	1	0	1	0	2	1	4		
<b>Total</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-43%</b>

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Source: Diocese of Erie

**Observations:**

1. Church planners look to the ratio of baptisms to funerals as an indicator of organic growth in a parish. The preferred ratio is at least 2 baptisms for 1 funeral. Parishes with such a ratio or higher will grow usually without any other influences. The deanery averages 51 infant baptisms and 204 funerals per year. The deanery ratio is 4 funerals for 1 baptism.
2. The baptism to funeral ratio last year in the deanery with 39 infant baptisms and 214 funerals is 5.5 funerals for 1 baptism.
3. Several parishes in the deanery account for most of the infant baptisms.

**Figure 20**  
**Youth First Communions**

Parish	City	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	Change 14-15 to 20-21	
									Number	Percent
Holy Redeemer	Warren	8	8	10	10	0	0	1	-9	-90%
<i>St. Anthony of Padua - SMC</i>	<i>Sheffield</i>	2	0	0						
St. Bernard of Clairvaux <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	22	22	22	10	6	13	16	-6	-27%
St. Bibiana	Galeton	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	-2	-100%
<i>St. Augustine - SMC</i>	<i>Austin</i>	0	0	0						
<i>Sacred Heart - SMC</i>	<i>Genessee</i>	1	0	0						
St. Callistus	Kane	10	10	13	6	6	0	5	-5	-50%
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Smethport	6	6	3	3	6	6	6	0	0%
<i>St. Joseph - SMC</i>	<i>Mount Jewett</i>	0	0	0						
St. Eulalia <sup>2</sup>	Coudersport	14	10	7	7	10	7	2	-12	-86%
St. Francis of Assisi <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-100%
<i>Our Mother of Perpetual Help - SMC</i>	<i>Lewis Run</i>	1	1	1						
St. Gabriel the Archangel <sup>2</sup>	Port Allegany	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	-4	-100%
St. Joseph	Warren	22	14	24	8	13	0	9	-13	-59%
<i>St. Luke - SMC</i>	<i>Youngsville</i>	0	1	0						
St. Raphael	Eldred	4	0	0	1	3	2	2	-2	-50%
<i>St. Theresa - SMC</i>	<i>Shinglehouse</i>	0	4	1						
<b>Total</b>		<b>95</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-57%</b>

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Source: Diocese of Erie

**Observations:**

1. The number of youth First Communions in the deanery are decreasing in a seven-year trend or increasing in a comparison of the last two years.
2. Most of the youth First Communions are celebrated at several parishes.



**Figure 21**  
**Youth Confirmations (ages 0-17)**

Parish	City	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	Change 14-15 to 20-21	
									Number	Percent
Holy Redeemer	Warren	16	6	9	9	0	9	17	1	6%
<i>St. Anthony of Padua - SMC</i>	<i>Sheffield</i>	0	1	1						
St. Bernard of Clairvaux <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	14	14	14	11	13	6	18	4	
St. Bibiana	Galeton	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	-5	-83%
<i>St. Augustine - SMC</i>	<i>Austin</i>	4	4	0						
<i>Sacred Heart - SMC</i>	<i>Genessee</i>	0	3	3						
St. Callistus	Kane	12	7	13	6	9	9	8	-4	-33%
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Smethport	0	0	5	4	3	3	10	10	
<i>St. Joseph - SMC</i>	<i>Mount Jewett</i>	0	0	0						
St. Eulalia <sup>2</sup>	Coudersport	6	7	7	9	12	3	7	1	17%
St. Francis of Assisi <sup>1</sup>	Bradford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-100%
<i>Our Mother of Perpetual Help - SMC</i>	<i>Lewis Run</i>	0	0	0						
St. Gabriel the Archangel <sup>2</sup>	Port Allegany	5	7	5	1	1	0	1	-4	-80%
St. Joseph	Warren	16	12	15	15	8	24	7	-9	-56%
<i>St. Luke - SMC</i>	<i>Youngsville</i>	0	0	1						
St. Raphael	Eldred	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	
<i>St. Theresa - SMC</i>	<i>Shinglehouse</i>	0	1	3						
<b>Total</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-9%</b>

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Source: Diocese of Erie

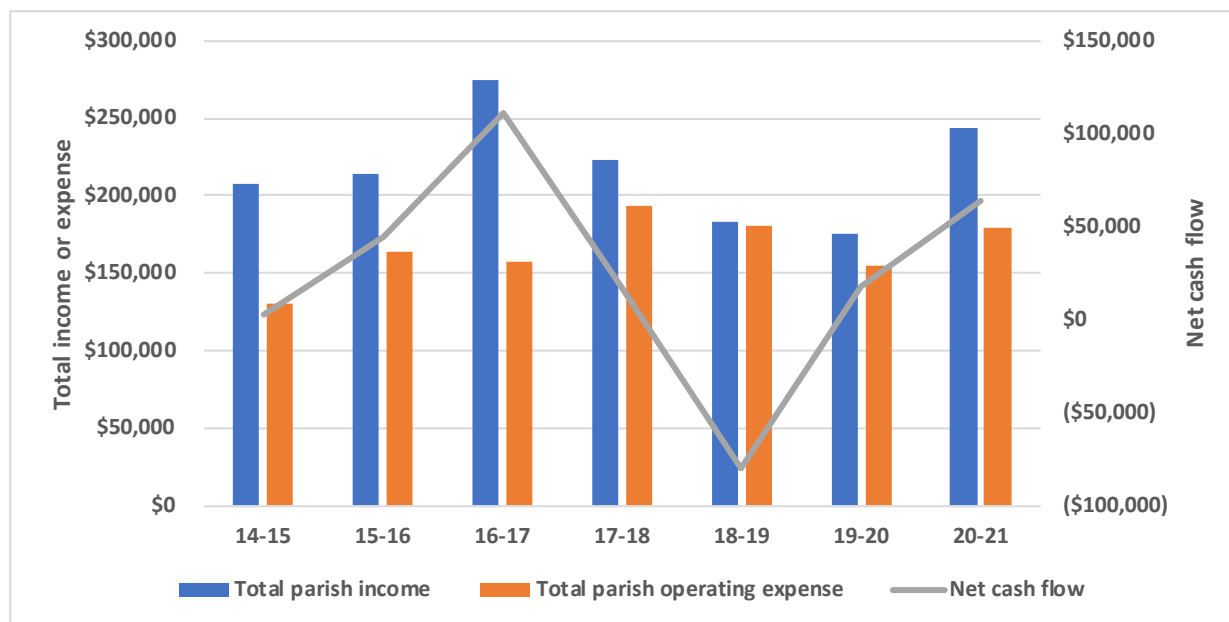
**Observations:**

1. Youth confirmations in the deanery have been increasing since 2018-19 and are close to the level of seven years ago.
2. With the numbers of infant baptisms and youth first Communion almost half the number of youth confirmations, the number of youth Confirmations in the future is likely to decrease in the next decade.

**Figure 33e**  
**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Smethport**

	Actual						
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Total parish income	\$207,700	\$214,456	\$274,819	\$222,944	\$183,414	\$174,713	\$243,650
Total parish operating expense	130,468	163,795	157,251	193,329	181,113	154,397	179,833
Balance	77,232	50,661	117,568	29,615	2,301	20,316	63,817
Total capital expenditures	6,315	0	6,420	12,050	81,851	21,317	0
Net loan proceeds (principal)	(68,238)	(6,563)	0	0	0	18,525	0
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>\$2,679</b>	<b>\$44,098</b>	<b>\$111,148</b>	<b>\$17,565</b>	<b>(\$79,550)</b>	<b>\$17,524</b>	<b>\$63,817</b>

Source: Diocese of Erie



## IV. TOP TEN DATA POINTS

The top ten data points can be looked upon as the summary of the Report. These data points can help to form a picture of the reality and potential future for the area. In addition, this knowledge can focus attention on the action which may need to be taken to bring about greater vitality in the deanery parishes.

### 1. **Population Stability**

Since 2010 the population has declined by 9,355 residents. There is a slight population increase projected by 2026, but the next five years are forecasted to remain the same. The good news is that the decline appears to have ended but there will not be a significant population increase.

### 2. **More Children**

The birthrate is forecasted to double the number of children between the ages of 0 to 4 between 2026 and 2031. This will positively impact religious education programs and schools for the next decade-and-one-half.

### 3. **More Seniors**

In the coming years, one of every four residents will be aged 65 or over. Parishes will need to expand or introduce new ministerial efforts for the senior population in the area.

### 4. **Income and Poverty**

Household incomes are increasing but not as much or by as great a percentage as on the State level. The income gap will continue. The poverty level is close to 10% of the population, affecting about 8,500 residents.

### 5. **Housing**

The number of housing units is projected to decline further. At the same time, the percentage of vacancies in the area is projected to remain over 22%, even with fewer housing units.

### 6. **Religious Non-Involvement**

65.6% of all residents are not involved in any religious congregation or community. There is enormous potential for evangelization activity.

### 7. **Percentage and Number of Catholics**

34.5% of all residents self-identify as Catholic. 9,500 residents are registered in the deanery parishes. There are 22,500 additional Catholics who are not registered in any parish.

### 8. **Parish Membership Decline**

The number of registered Catholics at most of the parishes is in decline. There will not be an influx of new people into the area. Parishes have more funerals than baptisms. Some parishes are becoming even smaller and will be unable to sustain the further loss of membership and financial contributions.

### 9. **Vitality and Evangelization Activity**

Mass attendance is currently at 17% in the deanery, which is an indicator of parish vitality. Some parishes have been effective with their efforts at attracting adult confirmation candidates. The same cannot be said for efforts to invite catechumens and candidates for reception. The chief way parishes will have to grow in the future will be through evangelization activity.

## 10. Finances and Facilities

The deanery parishes have done well with balancing budgets, eliminating debt, and improving facilities. Parishes need to be pro-active about planned giving and endowment funds. There are churches with small seating capacities and adjacent facilities which, given the economic outlook for the area, will become more expensive to operate and maintain.

