

# Population Pictures

# Profiles and Pyramids

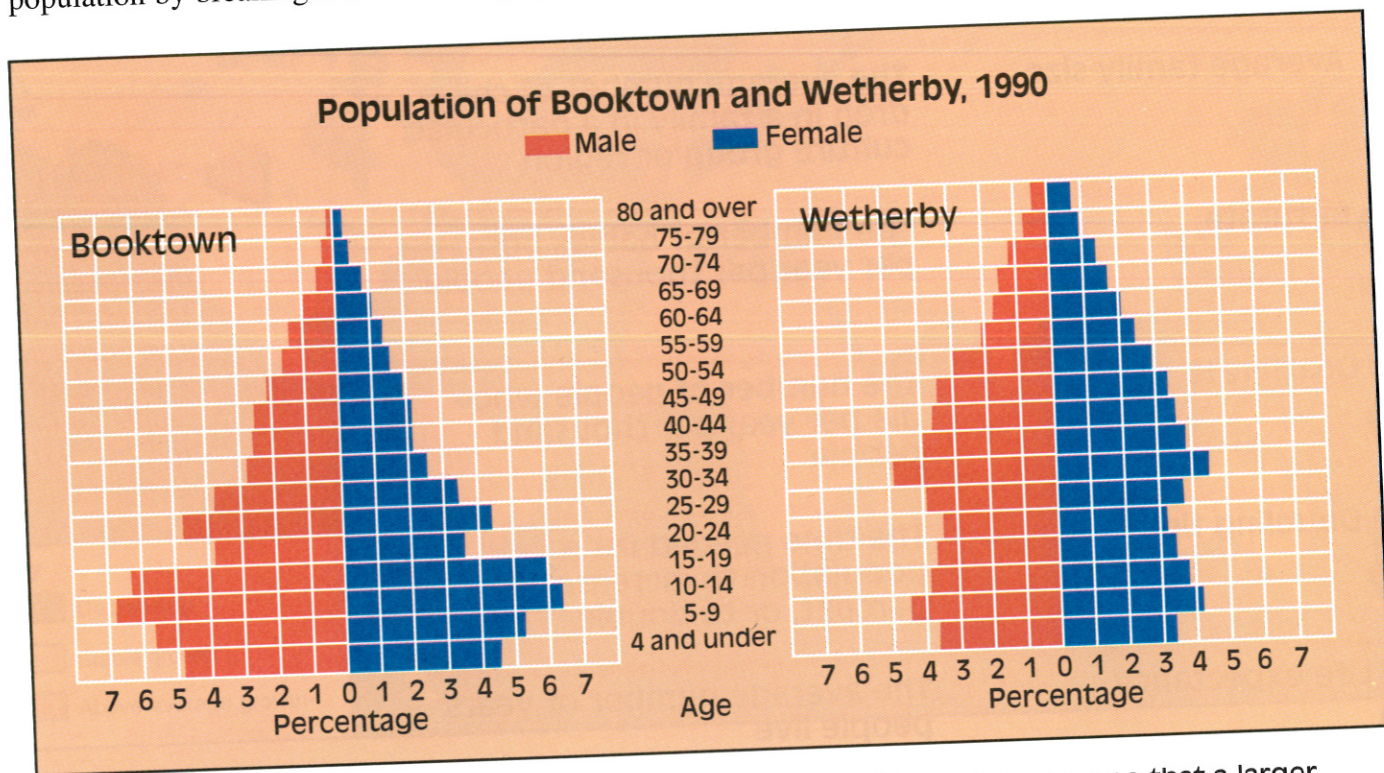
Geographers use graphs to compare populations in different areas. Two of the most common graphs are the *population profile* and the *population pyramid*.

## Population Profile

A *population profile* is a bar graph that shows the different age groups of a population that shares something in common, such as language, dog ownership, or a school.

## Population Pyramid

A *population pyramid* is a bar graph that depicts a total population by breaking it down into age groupings and gender.



By comparing the population pyramids for Booktown and Wetherby, you can see that a larger percentage of Booktown's population is aged 10-19 than Wetherby's. That is because the Boys Academy of Reading, an all-male middle and high school, brings hundreds of school-age boys into Booktown each year, skewing the population in that age group.