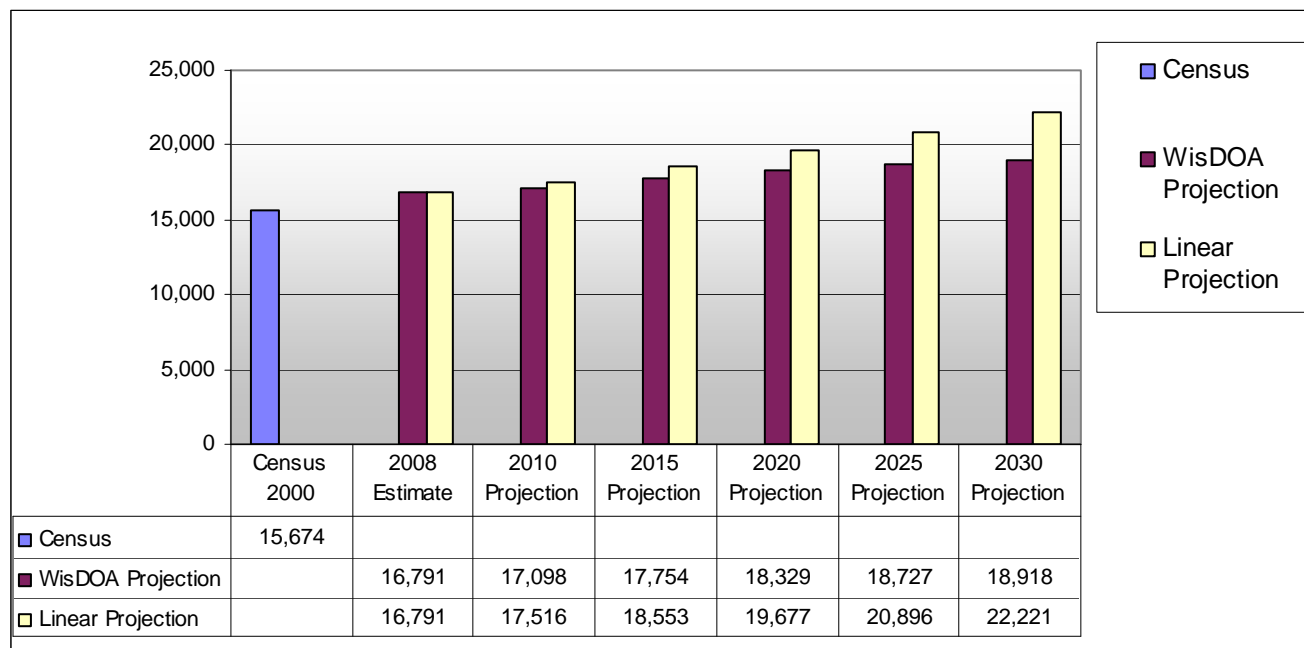


Comparative Population Forecasts

Figure 2-4 comparatively displays the two population forecasts that were completed for Burnett County.

Figure 2-4
Comparative Population Projection, Burnett County, 2000-2030



Note: The Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC linear projection, utilizes a 2005 county population of 16,791.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration, Demographic Services Center, Final Population Projections for Wisconsin Municipalities: 2000-2030, May 2008. Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC linear projections 2008-2030.

Figure 2-4 indicates that Burnett County's population is likely to continue growing to the year 2030, but may fall within a range of possibilities. If population continues at the same rate that has occurred since 1970, then the population might grow by as much as 41% from 2000 to 2030. In contrast, the WDOA projections are substantially lower, indicating population growth of approximately 20.7% by 2030. Regardless of which projection holds true, the county is likely to experience a continued moderate level of growth. No major trends or indicators suggest that the population will experience a dramatic increase or decrease over the planning period. It is anticipated that the older age groups will grow faster than other segments of the population.