The age-sex structure is an outgrowth of many influences, among which are natural increases and a heavy immigration of white persons largely from the Southeastern states. New land, which encouraged pioneer settlement, is now limited. It will become increasingly difficult for the land resources to support the expanding population unless additional non-agricultural employment is provided in or near Plant City or many of the youths leave the community to live in other areas. How well the youths will be prepared for non-farm occupations will depend largely upon the type of training provided in the local schools.

OFF-THE-FARM EMPLOYMENT

Many of the farm people in the Plant City area already engage in off-the-farm work in order to supplement farm incomes. In addition, there are a number of people living in the rural area who do not farm, but obtain all of their income from non-farm sources. Data showing the pattern of employment in gainful occupations for the Plant City area are not available. Employment information that is available for Hillsborough County is believed to indicate the employment situation in the Plant City area.

TABLE 6.—PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION BY SEX IN THE PLANT CITY AREA AND FLORIDA IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS, 1940.

Item	Male			Female		
	Rural Precincts 47 to 54 Inclusive *	Plant City	Florida	Rural Precincts 47 to 54 Inclusive *	Plant City	Florida
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Under 5 years	11.2	8.4	8.1	11.6	9.2	7.9
5-14	22.6	19.1	17.4	24.4	17.7	16.8
15-24	20.0	17.5	17.4	19.8	19.9	18.4
25-44	24.7	30.2	31.2	25.7	29.5	32.1
45-64	16.4	18.6	18.8	14.6	18.3	18.1
65 and over	5.1	6.2	7.1	3.9	5.4	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Population	8,421	3,595	943,123	7,755	3,896	954,291

* Precincts are now designated as 63 to 72, inclusive, plus 75 and 76. Source: U. S. Census Reports.