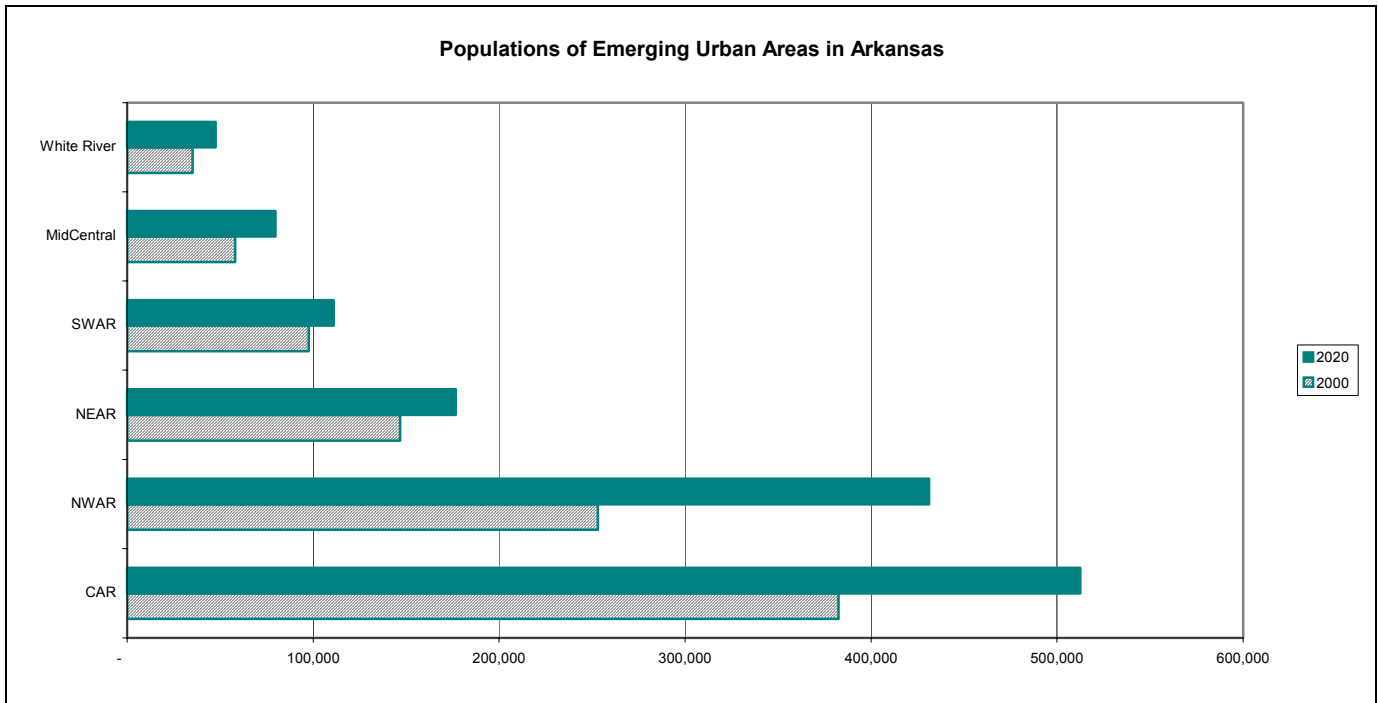


**Figure 8**



Among the emerging urban areas, the population tends to be the youngest in Northeast and Northwest Arkansas, and the oldest in the White River region. In 2000, the median age of these residents ranged from 32.2 in Northeast Arkansas to 41.2 in the White River area. By 2020 the median age in the same areas is projected to increase in all the areas, with a low of 34.4 in Northeast Arkansas and 47.0 in White River.

**Table 10**  
**Growth Rate and Percent Change, Emerging Urban Areas**

<b>Growth Rate and Percent Change</b>				
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Annualized Growth Rate</b>
CAR	382,495	512,449	34.0%	1.47%
NWAR	253,059	431,178	70.4%	2.70%
NEAR	146,747	176,765	20.5%	0.93%
SWAR	97,666	111,087	13.7%	0.65%
MidNorth	57,997	79,668	37.4%	1.60%
White River	35,218	47,557	35.0%	1.51%