Catawissa, Pennsylvania, a quaint town by the Susquehanna River, has seen significant demographic shifts since 1880. Initially, the town experienced rapid population growth, increasing from 1,427 in 1880 to 2,023 by 1900, with increases of 26.8% and 11.8% for each respective decade. However, such growth will not be repeated. After 20 years of fluctuations, the population reached its peak in 1920, 2025 people. Since then it has plateaued, with changes within 3% over the next three decades. The tipping point came in 1950 when the town's population began to decline. Over the next three decades, Catawissa witnessed a fast drop. Attempts to rebound in the following decade were unsuccessful While the rate of decline slowed between 1990 and 2010, it continued steadily. By 2017, the population had dwindled to just 1,492, posing a serious challenge for the town's future stability.