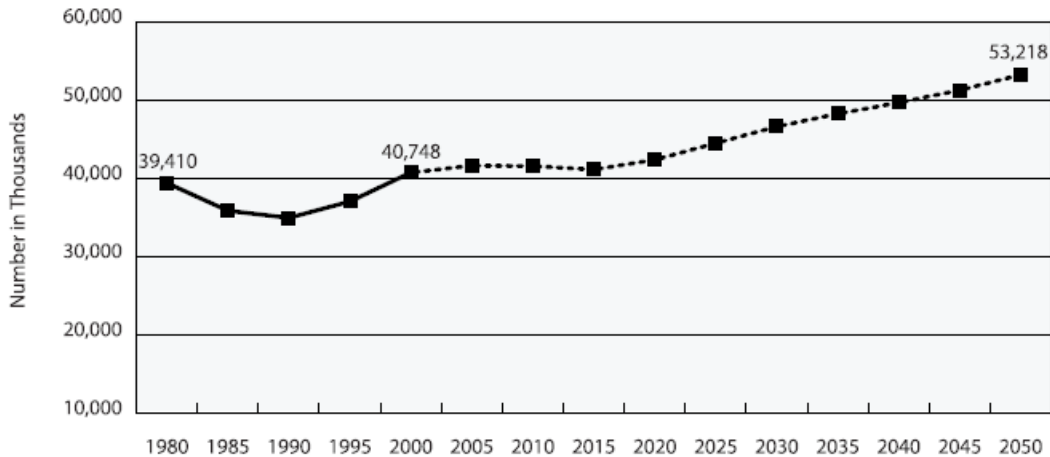


# An Alarming Trend

## *United States Population, ages 10-19, 1980-2050*



The number of adolescents in the U.S. began to increase in the 1990s and is expected to keep increasing through 2050. From 1990 to 2000, the adolescent population ages 10-19 increased by 16.6%, from 34.9 million to 40.7 million. Although the projected figures indicate substantial growth for the adolescent population, they represent a much smaller percentage increase than that projected for the overall population (2.2% between 2000 and 2010, versus an expected 6.6% increase for the total U.S. population) (U.S. Census Bureau, 1992; U.S. Census Bureau, 2000; U.S. Census Bureau, 2003a; U.S. Census Bureau, 2003b; U.S. Census Bureau, 2003c).

## *Southern Baptist Baptisms Students, ages 12-17*

