Analysis of U.S. and State Population Change, 2022-2023

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Population changes over time are a major contributor to demand for numerous types of construction, funding for public construction, and supply of potential construction workers. In addition, changes in the rate of population growth (or loss) can indicate where construction activity may accelerate (or shrink).

2022-2022 changes

The Census Bureau posted estimates and <u>analysis</u> on December 19, 2023 of the population of the United States, regions, states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico as of July 1, 2023, along with the change since July 1, 2022; July 1, 2021; July 1, 2020; and since the decennial census on April 1, 2020. In the latest 12 months, U.S. population (50 states and D.C.) increased by 1,643,484 or 0.49%. A Census Bureau analyst called that a return to "pre-pandemic norms" following the 2022 growth rate of 0.37% and a historically low 0.16% growth rate from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. That 2021 increase was—by far—the slowest growth since annual estimates were introduced in 1900.

"U.S. migration returning to pre-pandemic levels and a drop in deaths are driving the nation's growth," said Kristie Wilder, a demographer in the Population Division at the Census Bureau. "Although births declined [by 26,000 or 0.7%], this was tempered by the [-307,000 or -8.9%] decrease in deaths. Ultimately, fewer deaths paired with rebounding immigration [140,000 or 14.0% more than in 2022] resulted in the nation experiencing its largest population gain since 2018."

Differences in growth rates among states narrowed from 2022, when a record 19 states lost population. In 2023, 11 of those states added residents and the other eight had smaller losses. In addition, growth accelerated in 16 states and the District of Columbia. In contrast, the growth rate slowed among 15 states (and remained virtually steady at two), all of which had logged above-average growth rates in 2022. Growth rates in 2023 ranged from 1.7% to -0.5%, compared to a range of 1.9% to -0.9% in 2022.

The steepest percentage increase occurred in South Carolina, which grew by 1.7% (90,600 residents and matching the 2022 growth rate), followed by Florida (1.6%, 365,205 more residents), which had the highest growth rate in 2022 (1.9%, with 414,813 more residents). Texas added the most residents in 2023 and was third in percentage growth (473,453, 1.6%, compared to 468,562 and 1.6% in 2022). New York had the largest numerical and percentage declines in both years (-101,984, -0.5% in 2023; -182,316 and -0.9% in 2022).

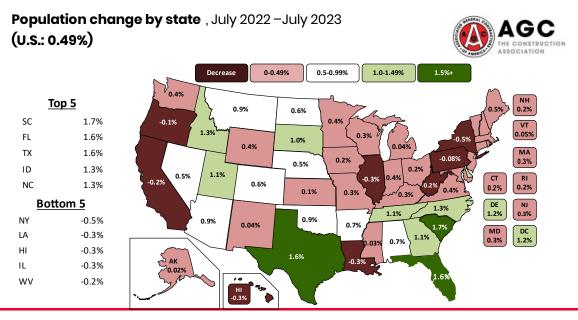
In 19 states, deaths exceeded births. Nevertheless, immigration and net migration from other states outweighed "natural decreases" in 16 of these states (the exceptions were Oregon, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.)

Florida received the most immigrants (178,432), followed by California (150,982) and Texas (128,534). Florida also gained the most residents from other states (194,438), followed by Texas (186,767) and North Carolina (97,264). California had the largest outmigration (-338,371), followed by New York (-216,778) and Illinois (-83,839).

Growth accelerated (or declines decelerated) the most in D.C. (0.9 percentage points, from 0.3% in 2022 to 1.2% in 2023), followed by Illinois (0.6 points, from -0.8% to -0.3%). Growth slowed the most, by -0.6 points, in Montana (from 1.5% to 0.9%) and New Hampshire (from 0.8% to 0.2%).

Conclusion

Population growth accelerated in both numerical and percentage terms for the second year in a row following the drastic slowdown in 2020. The growth rate and immigration returned to numbers in he immediate prepandemic period. But the birth rate resumed its long-term decline and the overall growth rate of just under 0.5% remained lower than the 2010-2020 average and far below the average for any decade since the 1930s.



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			2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	21	22	23	21	22	23	Avg Chg	% point	Rank
US	308,745,538	331,449,520	331,526,933	332,048,977	333,271,411	334,914,895	(X)	522,044	1,222,434	1,643,484	0.16%	0.37%	0.49%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	0.71%	0.12	(X) US
AL	4,779,736	5,024,356	5,031,864	5,050,380	5,073,903	5,108,468	24	18,516	23,523	34,565	0.37%	0.47%	0.68%	17	14	11	21	20	16	0.50%	0.22	19 AL
AK	710,231	733,378	732,964	734,923	733,276	733,406	48	1,959	-1,647	130	0.27%	-0.22%	0.02%	30		43	25	41	43	0.32%	0.24	16 AK
ΑZ	6,392,017	7,151,507	7,186,683	7,272,487	7,365,684	7,431,344	14	85,804	93,197	65,660	1.19%	1.28%	0.89%	4	5	7	6	8	12	1.13%	-0.39	46 AZ
AR	2,915,918	3,011,555	3,014,348	3,028,443	3,046,404	3,067,732	33	14,095	17,961	21,328	0.47%	0.59%	0.70%	22	17	19	19	17	15	0.32%	0.11	30 AR
CA	37,253,956	39,538,245	39,503,200	39,145,060	39,040,616	38,965,193	1	-358,140	-104,444	-75,423	-0.91%	-0.27%	-0.19%	51	49	50	50	42	46	0.60%	0.07	34 CA
CO	5,029,196	5,773,733	5,785,219	5,811,596	5,841,039	5,877,610	21	26,377	29,443	36,571	0.46%	0.51%	0.63%	12	12	9	20	19	18	1.39%	0.12	29 CO
CT	3,574,097	3,605,942	3,577,586	3,603,691	3,608,706	3,617,176	29	26,105	5,015	8,470	0.73%	0.14%	0.23%	13	25	30	13	27	33	0.09%	0.10	31 CT
DE	897,934	989,957	991,862	1,004,881	1,019,459	1,031,890	45	13,019	14,578	12,431	1.31%	1.45%	1.22%	23	19	26	4	7	6	0.98%	-0.23	43 DE
DC	601,723	689,546	670,839	669,037	670,949	678,972	49	-1,802	1,912	8,023	-0.27%	0.29%	1.20%	39	29	31	41	22	7	1.37%	0.91	1 DC
FL	18,801,310	21,538,226	21,591,299	21,830,708	22,245,521	22,610,726	3	239,409	414,813	365,205	1.11%	1.90%	1.64%	2	2	2	8	1	2	1.37%	-0.26	44 FL
GA	9,687,653	10,711,937	10,732,390	10,790,385	10,913,150	11,029,227	8	57,995	122,765	116,077	0.54%	1.14%	1.06%	6	4	4	18	12	10	1.01%	-0.07	39 GA
HI	1,360,301	1,455,273	1,451,181	1,446,745	1,439,399	1,435,138	40	-4,436	-7,346	-4,261	-0.31%	-0.51%	-0.30%	41	40	45	45	47	49	0.68%	0.21	20 HI
ID	1,567,582	1,839,092	1,849,339	1,904,537	1,938,996	1,964,726	38	55,198	34,459	25,730	2.98%	1.81%	1.33%	8	10	17	1	2	4	1.61%	-0.48	49 ID
IL	12,830,632	12,812,545	12,790,357	12,690,341	12,582,515	12,549,689	6	-100,016	-107,826	-32,826	-0.78%	-0.85%	-0.26%	49	50	49	49	50	48	-0.01%	0.59	2 IL
IN	6,483,802	6,785,668	6,789,098	6,813,798	6,832,274	6,862,199	17	24,700	18,476	29,925	0.36%	0.27%	0.44%	14	16	14	22	23	22	0.46%	0.17	28 IN
IA	3,046,355	3,190,372	3,190,904	3,197,944	3,199,693	3,207,004	31	7,040	1,749	7,311	0.22%	0.05%	0.23%	28		32	28	31	34	0.46%	0.17	23 IA
KS	2,853,118	2,937,847	2,938,124	2,937,946	2,936,716	2,940,546	34	-178	-1,230	3,830	-0.01%	-0.04%	0.13%	35	33	36	35	33	38	0.29%	0.17	24 KS
KY	4,339,367	4,505,893	4,508,155	4,507,600	4,511,563	4,526,154	26	-555	3,963	14,591	-0.01%	0.09%	0.32%	36		25	36	30	29	0.38%	0.24	18 KY
LA	4,533,372	4,657,749	4,652,022	4,627,047	4,588,023	4,573,749	25	-24,975	-39,024	-14,274	-0.54%	-0.84%	-0.31%	46	47	48	48	49	50	0.27%	0.53	3 LA
ME	1,328,361	1,362,341	1,364,517	1,378,787	1,389,338	1,395,722	42	14,270	10,551	6,384	1.05%	0.77%	0.46%	21	23	33	10	15		0.25%	-0.31	45 ME
MD	5,773,552	6,177,213	6,173,689	6,175,045	6,163,981	6,180,253	19	1,356	-11,064	16,272	0.02%	-0.18%	0.26%	32		24	34	40	32	0.68%	0.44	7 MD
MA	6,547,629	7,029,949	6,997,713	6,991,951	6,982,740	7,001,399	16	-5,762	-9,211	18,659	-0.08%	-0.13%	0.27%	42	42	22	39	38	31	0.71%	0.40	10 MA
MI	9,883,640	10,077,325	10,070,627	10,038,117	10,033,281	10,037,261	10	-32,510	-4,836	3,980	-0.32%	-0.05%	0.04%	47	38	35	46	35	41	0.19%	0.09	32 MI
MN	5,303,925	5,706,504	5,710,578	5,717,968	5,714,300	5,737,915	22	7,390	-3,668	23,615	0.13%	-0.06%	0.41%	27	37	18	31	36	25	0.73%	0.48	6 MN
MS	2,967,297	2,961,288	2,958,409	2,949,582	2,938,928	2,939,690	35	-8,827	-10,654	762	-0.30%	-0.36%	0.03%	44	43	41	44	45	42	-0.02%	0.39	12 MS
МО	5,988,927	6,154,920	6,154,426	6,170,393	6,177,168	6,196,156	18	15,967	6,775	18,988	0.26%	0.11%	0.31%	20	24	21	26	29		0.27%	0.20	22 MO
MT	989,415	1,084,197	1,087,211	1,106,366	1,122,878	1,132,812	43	19,155	16,512	9,934	1.76%	1.49%	0.88%	16	18	28	2	6	13	0.92%	-0.61	50 MT
NE	1,826,341	1,961,489	1,963,273	1,964,253	1,968,060	1,978,379	37	980	3,807	10,319	0.05%	0.19%	0.52%	33		27	33	25	20	0.72%	0.33	13 NE
NV	2,700,551	3,104,624	3,115,840	3,146,632	3,177,421	3,194,176	32	30,792	30,789	16,755	0.99%	0.98%	0.53%	10		23	11	13		1.40%	-0.45	47 NV
NH	1,316,470	1,377,518	1,378,702	1,387,494	1,399,003	1,402,054	41	8,792	11,509	3,051	0.64%	0.83%	0.22%	25		37	16	14	36	0.45%	-0.61	51 NH
NJ	8,791,894	9,289,031	9,272,392	9,269,175	9,260,817	9,290,841	11	-3,217	-8,358	30,024	-0.03%	-0.09%	0.32%	40		13	37	37	28	0.55%	0.41	8 NJ
NM	2,059,179	2,117,527	2,118,488	2,116,950	2,113,476	2,114,371	36	-1,538	-3,474	895		-0.16%	0.04%	37		40	38	39		0.28%	0.21	21 NM
NY	19,378,102	20,201,230	20,104,710	19,854,526	19,673,200	19,571,216	4	-250,184	-181,326	-101,984	-1.24%	-0.91%	-0.52%	50	51	51	51	51	51	0.42%	0.39	11 NY
NC	9,535,483	10,439,414	10,453,812	10,567,100	10,695,965	10,835,491	9	113,288	128,865	139,526	1.08%	1.22%	1.30%	3	3	3	9	11	5	0.91%	0.08	33 NC
ND	672,591	779,091	779,563	777,982	778,912	783,926	47	-1,581	930	5,014	-0.20%	0.12%	0.64%	38		34	40	28	17	1.48%	0.52	4 ND
ОН	11,536,504	11,799,374	11,798,292	11,765,227	11,759,697	11,785,935	7	-33,065	-5,530	26,238	-0.28%	-0.05%	0.22%	48		16	42	34	35	0.23%	0.27	14 OH
OK	3,751,351	3,959,346	3,965,234	3,991,634	4,019,271	4,053,824	28	26,400	27,637	34,553	0.67%	0.69%	0.86%	11	13	12	14	16	14	0.54%	0.17	26 OK
OR	3,831,074	4,237,291	4,245,044	4,256,465	4,239,379	4,233,358	27	11,421	-17,086	-6,021	0.27%	-0.40%	-0.14%	24		46	24	46	45	1.01%	0.26	15 OR
PA	12,702,379	13,002,689	12,995,477	13,013,614	12,972,091	12,961,683	5	18,137	-41,523	-10,408	0.14%	-0.32%	-0.08%	18		47	30	44	44	0.23%	0.24	17 PA
RI	1,052,567	1,097,371	1,096,444	1,097,092	1,093,842	1,095,962	44	648	-3,250	2,120	0.06%	-0.30%	0.19%	34		39	32	43	_	0.42%	0.49	5 RI
SC	4,625,364	5,118,429	5,132,151	5,193,848	5,282,955	5,373,555	23	61,697	89,107	90,600	1.20%	1.72%	1.71%	5	6	5	5	3	1	1.02%	-0.001	37 SC
SD	814,180	886,677	887,852	896,299	909,869	919,318	46	8,447	13,570	9,449	0.95%	1.51%	1.04%	26	20	29	12	5	11	0.86%	-0.48	48 SD
TN	6,346,105	6,910,786		6,963,709			15	37,618	85,267	77,513			1.10%	9	7	0	47	40	_	0.86%	-0.12	40 TN
ΤХ	25,145,561	29,145,428		29,561,286			2	326,925	468,562	473,453				1	1	1	17 7	4		1.49%	-0.01	38 TX
UT	2,763,885	3,271,614	3,283,982	3,339,284	3,381,236	3,417,734	30	55,302	41,952	36,498			1.08%	7		10			9	1.70%	-0.18	41 UT
VT	625,741	643,085	642,936	647,093	647,110	647,464	50	4,157	17	354			0.05%	29	_		15	32		0.27%	0.05	36 VT
VA	8,001,024	8,631,384	8,637,193	8,657,348	8,679,099	8,715,698	12	20,155	21,751	36,599				15			27			0.76%	0.17	25 VA
WA	6,724,540	7,705,247	7,724,566	7,741,433	7,784,477	7,812,880	13		43,044	28,403		0.56%	0.36%	19			29			1.37%	-0.19	42 WA
WV	1,852,994	1,793,755	1,791,562	1,785,249	1,774,035	1,770,071	39	-6,313	-11,214	-3,964	-0.35%		-0.22%	43	_		47			-0.32%	0.40	9 WV
WI	5,686,986	5,893,725	5,896,700	5,879,978	5,890,543	5,910,955	20	-16,722	10,565	20,412					22						0.17	27 WI
WY	563,626	576,837	577,664	579,548	581,629	584,057	51	1,884	2,081	2,428					28						0.06	35 WY
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Shading = decrease or 2022-2023 % change is smaller or more negative than 2021-2022 % change

Census Bureau note: The estimates are developed from a base that incorporates the 2020 Census, Vintage 2020 estimates, and (for the U.S. only) 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates. For population estimates methodology statements, see https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology.html. See Geographic Terms and Definitions at https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/guidance-geographics/terms-and-definitions.html for a list of the states that are included in each region. All geographic boundaries for the 2023 population estimates series are as of January 1, 2023.

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