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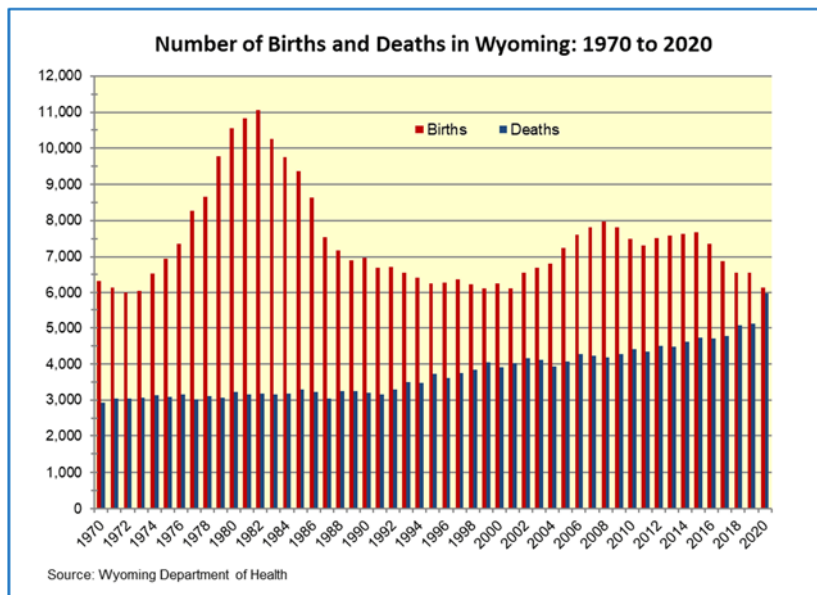
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WYOMING’S POPULATION GROWS SLOWLY FROM 2020 TO 2021

CHEYENNE -- Wyoming’s total resident population grew slightly to 578,803 in July 2021, according to estimates just released by the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual increase from July 2020 was 1,536 persons, or 0.3 percent. There are two factors that contribute to population change: natural increase and net migration. The natural increase is the number of births less the number of deaths. Wyoming had 6,213 births less 6,042 deaths for a natural increase of 171 in July 2021. Estimated net migration is in-migration less outmigration. Wyoming’s net migration was about 1,368. This positive net migration means that 1,368 more residents moved into Wyoming than moved out of the State between July 2020 and July 2021.

Nationally, the population grew at the slowest rate in the nation’s history, 0.1 percent or 392,665 persons from July 2020 to July 2021. Half of the top ten states with the largest annual percent population growth were in the West. Western states took the top four spots, led by Idaho, with the nation’s highest annual percent growth, 2.9 percent, followed by Utah (1.7%), Montana (1.7%), and Arizona (1.4%), while Nevada ranked 9th (1.0%). Wyoming’s annual growth ranked 22nd highest in the nation.



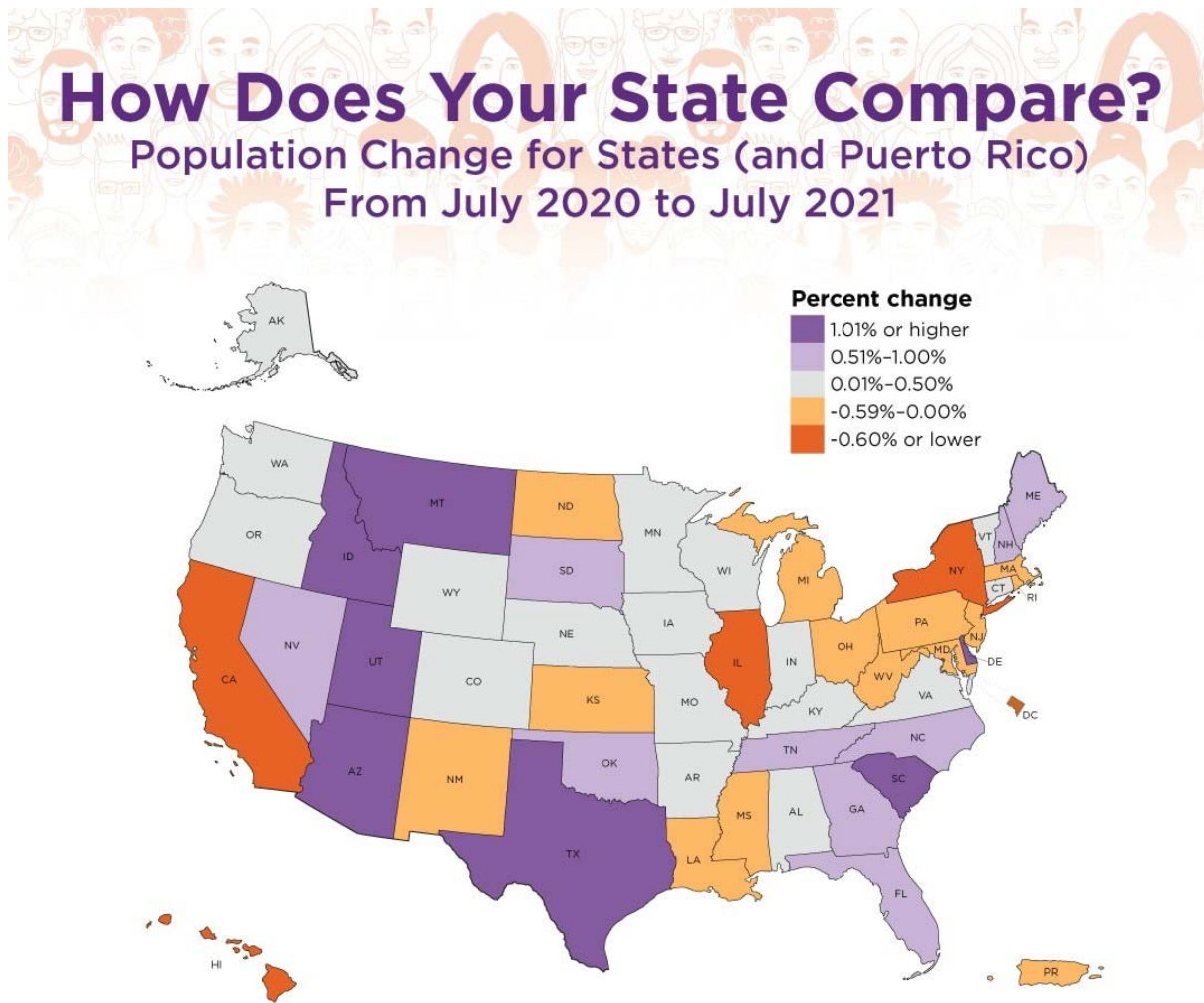
Sixteen states and the District of Columbia lost population over the year. The District of Columbia’s population decreased 2.9 percent followed by New York (-1.6%), Illinois (-0.9%), Hawaii (-0.7%), and California (-0.7%).


Overall, for the U.S., the slow population growth has been due to decreasing net international migration, lower birth rates, and increased mortality due to the COVID-19 pandemic. U.S. birth rates have been declining for years and mortality rates have risen due to an aging population. It was the first time since 1937 that the U.S. population grew by less than one million people and it was the lowest numeric growth since 1900.

“Wyoming’s natural population increase has slowed tremendously over the last couple of years,” according to Amy Bittner, Principal Economist with the State of Wyoming Economic Analysis Division. “Wyoming is experiencing some of the same issues as the U.S. when it comes to natural population

growth, declining birth rates and an increased aging population,” Bittner also stated. Since Wyoming’s natural increase in population (births minus deaths) was flat over the year, the majority of the State’s population increase was from people moving into the state (positive net migration). “COVID-19 may have prompted more people to move to Wyoming than leave the state,” according to Bittner.

In Wyoming, annual employment from July 2020 to July 2021 increased 3.1%. July 2020 was one of the worst economically impacted months from COVID-19. Total employment in July 2020 was among the lowest since 2005 and there were 20,200 less jobs in July 2020 than in July 2019 (before the pandemic). Employment rebounding from July 2020 to July 2021 shows Wyoming is slowly recovering from some of the economic impacts of the pandemic. “Employment opportunities drive migration into an area, which is typically true for Wyoming,” said Bittner.




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Source: Vintage 2021 Population Estimates

Other Wyoming population data, including the 2020 Census are available on the Economic Analysis Division’s website, <http://eadiv.state.wy.us>

Table 1. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, and States: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021

Geographic Area	April 1, 2020 Estimates Base	Population Estimate (as of July 1)	
		2020	2021
United States	331,449,281	331,501,080	331,893,745
Northeast	57,609,148	57,525,633	57,159,838
Midwest	68,985,454	68,935,174	68,841,444
South	126,266,107	126,409,007	127,225,329
West	78,588,572	78,631,266	78,667,134
Alabama	5,024,279	5,024,803	5,039,877
Alaska	733,391	732,441	732,673
Arizona	7,151,502	7,177,986	7,276,316
Arkansas	3,011,524	3,012,232	3,025,891
California	39,538,223	39,499,738	39,237,836
Colorado	5,773,714	5,784,308	5,812,069
Connecticut	3,605,944	3,600,260	3,605,597
Delaware	989,948	991,886	1,003,384
District of Columbia	689,545	690,093	670,050
Florida	21,538,187	21,569,932	21,781,128
Georgia	10,711,908	10,725,800	10,799,566
Hawaii	1,455,271	1,451,911	1,441,553
Idaho	1,839,106	1,847,772	1,900,923
Illinois	12,812,508	12,785,245	12,671,469
Indiana	6,785,528	6,785,644	6,805,985
Iowa	3,190,369	3,188,669	3,193,079
Kansas	2,937,880	2,935,880	2,934,582
Kentucky	4,505,836	4,503,958	4,509,394
Louisiana	4,657,757	4,651,203	4,624,047
Maine	1,362,359	1,362,280	1,372,247
Maryland	6,177,224	6,172,679	6,165,129
Massachusetts	7,029,917	7,022,220	6,984,723
Michigan	10,077,331	10,067,664	10,050,811
Minnesota	5,706,494	5,707,165	5,707,390
Mississippi	2,961,279	2,956,870	2,949,965
Missouri	6,154,913	6,154,481	6,168,187
Montana	1,084,225	1,086,193	1,104,271
Nebraska	1,961,504	1,961,455	1,963,692
Nevada	3,104,614	3,114,071	3,143,991
New Hampshire	1,377,529	1,377,848	1,388,992
New Jersey	9,288,994	9,279,743	9,267,130
New Mexico	2,117,522	2,117,566	2,115,877
New York	20,201,249	20,154,933	19,835,913
North Carolina	10,439,388	10,457,177	10,551,162
North Dakota	779,094	778,962	774,948
Ohio	11,799,448	11,790,587	11,780,017
Oklahoma	3,959,353	3,962,031	3,986,639
Oregon	4,237,256	4,241,544	4,246,155
Pennsylvania	13,002,700	12,989,625	12,964,056
Rhode Island	1,097,379	1,096,229	1,095,610
South Carolina	5,118,425	5,130,729	5,190,705
South Dakota	886,667	887,099	895,376
Tennessee	6,910,840	6,920,119	6,975,218
Texas	29,145,505	29,217,653	29,527,941
Utah	3,271,616	3,281,684	3,337,975
Vermont	643,077	642,495	645,570
Virginia	8,631,393	8,632,044	8,642,274
Washington	7,705,281	7,718,785	7,738,692
West Virginia	1,793,716	1,789,798	1,782,959
Wisconsin	5,893,718	5,892,323	5,895,908
Wyoming	576,851	577,267	578,803

Note: The estimates are developed from a base that incorporates the 2020 Census, Vintage 2020 estimates, and 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates. For population estimates methodology statements, see <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology.html>. See Geographic Terms and Definitions at <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/guidance-geographies/terms-and-definitions.html> for a list of the states that are included in each region. The estimates feature geographic boundaries from the Vintage 2020 estimates series; the geographic boundaries for these 2021 population estimates are as of January 1, 2020.

Table 2. Estimates of Resident Population Change for the United States, Regions, and States, and Rankings

Geographic Area	April 1, 2020 Population Estimates Base	Population Estimate (as of July 1)		Change, July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021		National Ranking of Regions and States	
		2020	2021	Number	Percent	Change, July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021	
						Number	Percent
United States	331,449,281	331,501,080	331,893,745	392,665	0.1	(X)	(X)
Northeast	57,609,148	57,525,633	57,159,838	-365,795	-0.6	4	4
Midwest	68,985,454	68,935,174	68,841,444	-93,730	-0.1	3	3
South	126,266,107	126,409,007	127,225,329	816,322	0.6	1	1
West	78,588,572	78,631,266	78,667,134	35,868	-	2	2
Alabama	5,024,279	5,024,803	5,039,877	15,074	0.3	16	20
Alaska	733,391	732,441	732,673	232	-	32	32
Arizona	7,151,502	7,177,986	7,276,316	98,330	1.4	3	4
Arkansas	3,011,524	3,012,232	3,025,891	13,659	0.5	18	19
California	39,538,223	39,499,738	39,237,836	-261,902	-0.7	50	47
Colorado	5,773,714	5,784,308	5,812,069	27,761	0.5	11	17
Connecticut	3,605,944	3,600,260	3,605,597	5,337	0.1	25	25
Delaware	989,948	991,886	1,003,384	11,498	1.2	19	6
District of Columbia	689,545	690,093	670,050	-20,043	-2.9	45	51
Florida	21,538,187	21,569,932	21,781,128	211,196	1.0	2	8
Georgia	10,711,908	10,725,800	10,799,566	73,766	0.7	5	15
Hawaii	1,455,271	1,451,911	1,441,553	-10,358	-0.7	41	48
Idaho	1,839,106	1,847,772	1,900,923	53,151	2.9	9	1
Illinois	12,812,508	12,785,245	12,671,469	-113,776	-0.9	49	49
Indiana	6,785,528	6,785,644	6,805,985	20,341	0.3	13	21
Iowa	3,190,369	3,188,669	3,193,079	4,410	0.1	27	26
Kansas	2,937,880	2,935,880	2,934,582	-1,298	-	35	34
Kentucky	4,505,836	4,503,958	4,509,394	5,436	0.1	24	27
Louisiana	4,657,757	4,651,203	4,624,047	-27,156	-0.6	47	46
Maine	1,362,359	1,362,280	1,372,247	9,967	0.7	22	14
Maryland	6,177,224	6,172,679	6,165,129	-7,550	-0.1	40	38
Massachusetts	7,029,917	7,022,220	6,984,723	-37,497	-0.5	48	45
Michigan	10,077,331	10,067,664	10,050,811	-16,853	-0.2	44	40
Minnesota	5,706,494	5,707,165	5,707,390	225	-	33	33
Mississippi	2,961,279	2,956,870	2,949,965	-6,905	-0.2	39	42
Missouri	6,154,913	6,154,481	6,168,187	13,706	0.2	17	24
Montana	1,084,225	1,086,193	1,104,271	18,078	1.7	15	3
Nebraska	1,961,504	1,961,455	1,963,692	2,237	0.1	30	29
Nevada	3,104,614	3,114,071	3,143,991	29,920	1.0	10	9
New Hampshire	1,377,529	1,377,848	1,388,992	11,144	0.8	20	12
New Jersey	9,288,994	9,279,743	9,267,130	-12,613	-0.1	43	39
New Mexico	2,117,522	2,117,566	2,115,877	-1,689	-0.1	36	36
New York	20,201,249	20,154,933	19,835,913	-319,020	-1.6	51	50
North Carolina	10,439,388	10,457,177	10,551,162	93,985	0.9	4	11
North Dakota	779,094	778,962	774,948	-4,014	-0.5	37	44
Ohio	11,799,448	11,790,587	11,780,017	-10,570	-0.1	42	37
Oklahoma	3,959,353	3,962,031	3,986,639	24,608	0.6	12	16
Oregon	4,237,256	4,241,544	4,246,155	4,611	0.1	26	30
Pennsylvania	13,002,700	12,989,625	12,964,056	-25,569	-0.2	46	41
Rhode Island	1,097,379	1,096,229	1,095,610	-619	-0.1	34	35
South Carolina	5,118,425	5,130,729	5,190,705	59,976	1.2	6	5
South Dakota	886,667	887,099	895,376	8,277	0.9	23	10
Tennessee	6,910,840	6,920,119	6,975,218	55,099	0.8	8	13
Texas	29,145,505	29,217,653	29,527,941	310,288	1.1	1	7
Utah	3,271,616	3,281,684	3,337,975	56,291	1.7	7	2
Vermont	643,077	642,495	645,570	3,075	0.5	29	18
Virginia	8,631,393	8,632,044	8,642,274	10,230	0.1	21	28
Washington	7,705,281	7,718,785	7,738,692	19,907	0.3	14	23
West Virginia	1,793,716	1,789,798	1,782,959	-6,839	-0.4	38	43
Wisconsin	5,893,718	5,892,323	5,895,908	3,585	0.1	28	31
Wyoming	576,851	577,267	578,803	1,536	0.3	31	22

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Table 3. Estimates of the Components of Resident Population Change: July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021

Geographic Area	Total Population Change ¹	Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International ²	Domestic
United States	392,665	148,043	3,581,986	3,433,943	244,622	244,622	(X)
Northeast	-365,795	-31,052	570,592	601,644	-333,592	56,046	-389,638
Midwest	-93,730	-13,618	748,166	761,784	-85,268	37,835	-123,103
South	816,322	49,631	1,416,400	1,366,769	770,076	112,394	657,682
West	35,868	143,082	846,828	703,746	-106,594	38,347	-144,941
Alabama	15,074	-8,548	56,320	64,868	23,380	1,244	22,136
Alaska	232	3,639	9,280	5,641	-3,353	526	-3,879
Arizona	98,330	832	76,497	75,665	97,504	4,478	93,026
Arkansas	13,659	-3,236	35,021	38,257	16,840	824	16,016
California	-261,902	91,996	424,333	332,337	-352,960	14,339	-367,299
Colorado	27,761	12,687	60,675	47,988	14,731	1,677	13,054
Connecticut	5,337	-4,975	32,671	37,646	9,717	4,583	5,134
Delaware	11,498	-1,344	10,311	11,655	12,826	619	12,207
District of Columbia	-20,043	2,171	8,723	6,552	-21,902	1,128	-23,030
Florida	211,196	-45,248	210,305	255,553	259,480	38,590	220,890
Georgia	73,766	15,993	121,269	105,276	57,629	6,997	50,632
Hawaii	-10,358	1,256	15,904	14,648	-11,526	1,077	-12,603
Idaho	53,151	4,398	21,316	16,918	49,289	413	48,876
Illinois	-113,776	2,778	133,097	130,319	-116,694	5,766	-122,460
Indiana	20,341	692	77,598	76,906	19,036	4,756	14,280
Iowa	4,410	233	35,771	35,538	3,911	3,078	833
Kansas	-1,298	2,263	33,670	31,407	-3,886	1,355	-5,241
Kentucky	5,436	-6,128	50,725	56,853	11,204	1,182	10,022
Louisiana	-27,156	607	55,942	55,335	-27,620	2,692	-30,312
Maine	9,967	-6,344	11,291	17,635	16,340	867	15,473
Maryland	-7,550	5,252	66,906	61,654	-13,033	6,838	-19,871
Massachusetts	-37,497	-4,234	66,197	70,431	-33,512	12,675	-46,187
Michigan	-16,853	-14,353	102,983	117,336	-3,726	4,167	-7,893
Minnesota	225	9,487	63,065	53,578	-9,411	4,042	-13,453
Mississippi	-6,905	-3,237	34,957	38,194	-3,805	441	-4,246
Missouri	13,706	-4,515	68,818	73,333	17,803	2,942	14,861
Montana	18,078	-1,520	10,502	12,022	19,791	551	19,240
Nebraska	2,237	4,311	23,524	19,213	-2,269	1,044	-3,313
Nevada	29,920	2,075	33,883	31,808	27,516	2,189	25,327
New Hampshire	11,144	-3,744	11,414	15,158	14,851	1,243	13,608
New Jersey	-12,613	4,697	95,254	90,557	-17,752	10,014	-27,766
New Mexico	-1,689	-1,086	21,996	23,082	-719	1,467	-2,186
New York	-319,020	18,503	210,640	192,137	-333,878	18,307	-352,185
North Carolina	93,985	-1,698	114,011	115,709	95,429	6,756	88,673
North Dakota	-4,014	2,210	9,798	7,588	-6,166	294	-6,460
Ohio	-10,570	-15,811	128,595	144,406	3,956	7,084	-3,128
Oklahoma	24,608	-1,870	47,125	48,995	26,210	1,523	24,687
Oregon	4,611	-4,715	39,877	44,592	9,181	1,101	8,080
Pennsylvania	-25,569	-30,878	128,351	159,229	4,273	7,467	-3,194
Rhode Island	-619	-2,250	9,717	11,967	1,505	615	890
South Carolina	59,976	-7,807	54,713	62,520	67,971	3,138	64,833
South Dakota	8,277	1,668	10,843	9,175	6,603	1,039	5,564
Tennessee	55,099	-7,591	77,353	84,944	63,141	1,751	61,390
Texas	310,288	113,845	362,450	248,605	197,492	27,185	170,307
Utah	56,291	22,992	45,159	22,167	33,380	1,180	32,200
Vermont	3,075	-1,827	5,057	6,884	4,864	275	4,589
Virginia	10,230	8,340	93,037	84,697	1,935	10,930	-8,995
Washington	19,907	10,357	81,193	70,836	9,204	9,233	-29
West Virginia	-6,839	-9,870	17,232	27,102	2,899	556	2,343
Wisconsin	3,585	-2,581	60,404	62,985	5,575	2,268	3,307
Wyoming	1,536	171	6,213	6,042	1,368	116	1,252

(X) Not applicable.

Table 4. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Resident Population Change: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021

Geographic Area	Total Population Change ¹	Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International ²	Domestic
United States	444,464	187,595	4,474,986	4,287,391	256,869	256,869	(X)
Northeast	-449,310	-34,114	715,659	749,773	-413,021	59,360	-472,381
Midwest	-144,010	-15,914	939,107	955,021	-132,534	39,513	-172,047
South	959,222	57,549	1,761,946	1,704,397	904,530	118,947	785,583
West	78,562	180,074	1,058,274	878,200	-102,106	39,049	-141,155
Alabama	15,598	-11,286	69,730	81,016	26,717	1,242	25,475
Alaska	-718	4,662	11,687	7,025	-5,365	547	-5,912
Arizona	124,814	528	94,533	94,005	124,295	4,645	119,650
Arkansas	14,367	-4,131	43,575	47,706	18,458	854	17,604
California	-300,387	115,215	529,290	414,075	-415,522	13,861	-429,383
Colorado	38,355	16,094	75,917	59,823	21,750	1,716	20,034
Connecticut	-347	-6,113	40,961	47,074	5,222	4,996	226
Delaware	13,436	-1,585	12,719	14,304	15,039	652	14,387
District of Columbia	-19,495	2,929	10,868	7,939	-22,143	1,179	-23,322
Florida	242,941	-58,203	260,946	319,149	305,218	41,260	263,958
Georgia	87,658	19,792	150,732	130,940	67,437	7,458	59,979
Hawaii	-13,718	1,485	19,906	18,421	-15,059	1,115	-16,174
Idaho	61,817	5,461	26,829	21,368	56,851	412	56,439
Illinois	-141,039	4,364	167,169	162,805	-145,656	5,856	-151,512
Indiana	20,457	247	96,817	96,570	19,609	4,994	14,615
Iowa	2,710	461	45,004	44,543	2,025	3,186	-1,161
Kansas	-3,298	2,734	42,122	39,388	-6,356	1,396	-7,752
Kentucky	3,558	-8,229	63,181	71,410	11,496	1,216	10,280
Louisiana	-33,710	484	69,279	68,795	-34,074	2,780	-36,854
Maine	9,888	-7,894	14,248	22,142	17,912	909	17,003
Maryland	-12,095	6,968	83,750	76,782	-19,312	7,354	-26,666
Massachusetts	-45,194	-4,673	83,111	87,784	-40,686	13,653	-54,339
Michigan	-26,520	-17,262	129,524	146,786	-10,254	4,462	-14,716
Minnesota	896	12,512	79,493	66,981	-11,734	4,213	-15,947
Mississippi	-11,314	-4,753	43,234	47,987	-6,685	447	-7,132
Missouri	13,274	-5,631	86,276	91,907	18,604	3,071	15,533
Montana	20,046	-1,787	13,285	15,072	22,062	579	21,483
Nebraska	2,188	5,369	29,623	24,254	-3,378	1,069	-4,447
Nevada	39,377	2,374	42,076	39,702	36,605	2,325	34,280
New Hampshire	11,463	-4,490	14,327	18,817	15,977	1,302	14,675
New Jersey	-21,864	6,861	119,434	112,573	-29,149	10,805	-39,954
New Mexico	-1,645	-1,347	27,543	28,890	-364	1,557	-1,921
New York	-365,336	25,796	264,380	238,584	-387,397	18,860	-406,257
North Carolina	111,774	-2,541	142,020	144,561	114,080	7,196	106,884
North Dakota	-4,146	2,732	12,436	9,704	-6,828	291	-7,119
Ohio	-19,431	-20,347	160,886	181,233	-97	7,518	-7,615
Oklahoma	27,286	-2,184	58,736	60,920	29,192	1,603	27,589
Oregon	8,899	-5,624	50,302	55,926	14,491	1,165	13,326
Pennsylvania	-38,644	-38,543	160,565	199,108	-590	7,906	-8,496
Rhode Island	-1,769	-2,802	12,201	15,003	938	647	291
South Carolina	72,280	-9,602	68,052	77,654	82,142	3,330	78,812
South Dakota	8,709	2,053	13,724	11,671	6,650	1,084	5,566
Tennessee	64,378	-10,409	96,408	106,817	75,259	1,787	73,472
Texas	382,436	142,085	450,827	308,742	239,792	28,503	211,289
Utah	66,359	28,908	56,780	27,872	37,304	1,220	36,084
Vermont	2,493	-2,256	6,432	8,688	4,752	282	4,470
Virginia	10,881	10,696	116,274	105,578	210	11,504	-11,294
Washington	33,411	13,791	102,270	88,479	19,195	9,787	9,408
West Virginia	-10,757	-12,482	21,615	34,097	1,704	582	1,122
Wisconsin	2,190	-3,146	76,033	79,179	4,881	2,373	2,508
Wyoming	1,952	314	7,856	7,542	1,651	120	1,531

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Total population change includes a residual. This residual represents the change in population that cannot be attributed to any specific demographic component. See Population Estimates Terms and Definitions at <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/about/glossary.html>.

² Net international migration for the United States includes the international migration of both native and foreign-born populations. Specifically, it includes: (a) the net international migration of the foreign born, (b) the net migration of natives to and from the United States, (c) the net migration between the United States and Puerto Rico, and (d) the net movement of the Armed Forces population between the United States and overseas.

Note: The estimates are developed from a base that incorporates the 2020 Census, Vintage 2020 estimates, and 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates. For population estimates methodology statements, see <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology.html>. See Geographic Terms and Definitions at <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/guidance-geographies/terms-and-definitions.html> for a list of the states that are included in each region. The estimates feature geographic boundaries from the Vintage 2020 estimates series; the geographic boundaries for these 2021 population estimates are as of January 1, 2020.

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