

Demographic Estimating Conference
Executive Summary
December 13, 2021

The Demographic Estimating Conference met on December 13, 2021, to adopt a new population forecast. The new estimates reflect the most recent demographic and economic-related data and trends, including the 2020 Census count of population and households, revised intercensal population estimates from 2011 through 2019 based on the 2020 Census count, and the official state April 1, 2021 estimate of population.

The 2020 Census population count of 21,538,187 was slightly lower than the previously adopted estimate of 21,596,068 (-57,881, -0.27%). Based on this difference and other demographic and economic data, a revised historical series was estimated for 2011 through 2019 (shown in green in the table below). Starting from the lower 2020 population level, population growth over the past year (April 1, 2020 to April 1, 2021) was estimated at 360,758 (1.67%). This was an incremental increase relative to the last conference, with the change reflecting the stronger than expected net migration. Natural increase, the other component of population growth, was more negative than expected due to increased deaths.

Compared to the last conference, the short-term population projections (shown in blue in the table below) were increased, maintaining the strengthened net-migration projections throughout. In addition, natural increase is expected to remain negative throughout most of the forecast horizon as deaths continue to outpace births. Overall, the forecast keeps the pattern that the Conference has long been expecting, with growth slowing modestly each year. Average household size was adjusted to incorporate the 2020 Census data, then held relatively constant in the near-term, reflecting the economic impact from the pandemic on household dynamics and structure; all else being equal, larger household sizes lead to a lower number of households.

April 1	Population	Change from the Prior Period		Change from the Prior Forecast
		Percent	Numeric	
2010	18,801,332			
2011	18,949,860	0.79%	148,528	44,790
2012	19,134,956	0.98%	185,096	60,522
2013	19,337,590	1.06%	202,634	78,047
2014	19,585,096	1.28%	247,506	77,727
2015	19,879,230	1.50%	294,134	64,047
2016	20,201,450	1.62%	322,220	52,796
2017	20,524,865	1.60%	323,415	40,723
2018	20,854,945	1.61%	330,080	14,377
2019	21,189,849	1.61%	334,904	-18,740
2020	21,538,187	1.64%	348,338	-57,881
2021	21,898,945	1.67%	360,758	-26,840
2022	22,247,451	1.59%	348,506	2,022
2023	22,564,419	1.42%	316,968	9,415
2024	22,870,046	1.35%	305,627	17,927
2025	23,164,008	1.29%	293,962	25,455
2026	23,448,282	1.23%	284,274	31,830
2027	23,720,981	1.16%	272,699	37,515
2028	23,982,341	1.10%	261,360	43,765
2029	24,232,373	1.04%	250,032	48,354
2030	24,471,129	0.99%	238,756	52,002
2031	24,699,012	0.93%	227,883	54,952

Between April 1, 2021 and April 1, 2026, population growth is expected to average 309,867 net new residents per year (849 per day), representing a compound growth rate of 1.41% over this five-year time horizon. These increases are analogous to adding a city about the size of Orlando every year.