

Texas' population grew 2.1 percent over past year

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Texas gained more residents than any other state between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2011, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau population estimates for the states and Puerto Rico.

Texas added 529,000 residents to give it the No. 1 spot. The state's population grew 2.1 percent. Following the Lone Star State is California with 438,000 residents; Florida with 256,000 residents; Georgia with 128,000 residents; and North Carolina with 121,000 residents. Combined, these five states accounted for slightly more than half of the nation's total population growth.

"These are the first set of Census Bureau population estimates to be published since the official 2010 Census state population counts were released a year ago," says Census Bureau Director [Robert Groves](#). "Our nation is constantly changing and these estimates provide us with our first measure of how much each state has grown or declined in total population since Census Day 2010."

The United States as a whole saw its population increase by 2.8 million people over the 15-month period. Currently, there are 311.6 million people living in America. However, the national growth rate of 0.92 percent between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2011 was the lowest since the mid-1940s.

"The nation's overall growth rate is now at its lowest point since before the baby boom," Groves says.

California is still the most populous state with a population of 37.7 million. Texas has 25.7 million. New York has 19.5 million. Florida has 19.1 million and Illinois has 12.9 million.

The Census Bureau develops state population estimates by measuring population change since the most recent census.

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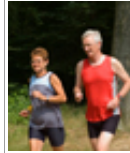
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