

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION OF THE NORTHEAST REGION

Over the decade, the number of people living in the Northeast region increased at an annual rate of 0.3 percent. Despite declines in the native-born population over the decade, strong annual growth in the region's immigrant population (3.0 percent) drove up the overall population. The region also became more diverse over the past decade, with robust growth among Asian, Black, and Hispanic populations. And the Northeast's population became considerably older as baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) neared retirement age. As a result, all age cohorts at 45 or older grew over the course of the decade, while nearly all younger cohorts declined. The exception was 16-24-year-olds, who are the children of baby boomers and are commonly referred to as the echo-boom generation.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files and 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: Further data for racial/ethnic and gender characteristics for the residential population, as well as the working-age, civilian labor force, unemployed, and employed populations are available in the Data Appendix.

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Resident Population	989,793	1,015,435	25,642	0.3
Gender				
Male	478,081	489,454	11,373	0.3
Female	511,712	525,981	14,269	0.3
Nativity				
Native Born	852,839	836,870	-15,969	-0.2
Immigrant	136,954	178,565	41,611	3.0
Race/Ethnicity				
White, non-Hispanic	821,239	775,438	-45,801	-0.6
Black, non-Hispanic	17,103	28,332	11,229	5.8
Asian, non-Hispanic	39,026	56,967	17,941	4.3
Hispanic	93,955	138,980	45,025	4.4
Other race, non-Hispanic	18,470	15,718	-2,752	-1.8
Age				
Less than age 16	233,530	213,700	-19,830	-1.0
Age 16-24	98,005	113,394	15,389	1.6
Age 25-34	132,918	118,848	-14,070	-1.2
Age 35-44	177,925	144,879	-33,046	-2.3
Age 45-54	140,726	167,653	26,927	2.0
Age 55-64	87,978	125,318	37,340	4.0
Age 65+	118,711	131,643	12,932	1.2