A Look at the U.S. Population in 2060

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2012 National Projections

• First series based on the 2010 Census
• Projections of the U.S. population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin
• Covers the period from 2012 to 2060
Making Population Projections

Starting Population + Births and Immigrants \(\rightarrow\) Deaths and Emigrants \(\rightarrow\) Future Population

Aging
Main Findings

The U.S. population is projected to:

• Grow more slowly
• Continue aging
• Become more diverse
The population is projected to increase from 314 million in 2012 to 420 million in 2060, reaching 400 million in 2051.
Population by Age and Sex: 2012, 2035, and 2060

2012

2035

2060

Population (in millions)

Age (years)

Males

Females

Baby Boomers
Population by Age and Sex: 2012 and 2060

2012 Population = 314 Million
2060 Population = 420 Million
Percent Change in Population by Age Group Between 2012 and 2060

The percentage change in population by age group is largest for the groups aged 65 years and older.
Population Under 18 Years and 65 Years and Over: 1990 to 2060

The population 65 years and over is projected to become larger than the population under 18 years in 2056.
Distribution of Population by Age: 2012 and 2060
(Percent of total population)

- Under 18 years: 24% (2012), 21% (2060)
- 18 to 64 years: 63% (2012), 57% (2060)
- 65 years and over: 14% (2012), 22% (2060)
Dependency Ratios for the United States: 1990 to 2060

Total dependency = \((\text{Population under age 18} + \text{Population aged 65 years and over}) / \text{Population aged 18 to 64 years}) \times 100.

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### Median Age by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2012 and 2060

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Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2012 and 2060
(Percent of total population)

White alone 69 2060
Black alone 13 2012
AIAN alone 15 2012
Asian alone 8.2 2012
NHPI alone 0.2 2012
Two or More Races 6.4 2012
Non-Hispanic White Alone 63 2060
Hispanic (of any race) 31 2060

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Projections of the Percent Minority: 2012 to 2060

The minority population is projected to become the numerical majority in 2043.
Births, Deaths, and Net International Migration: 2012 and 2060
(Numbers in thousands)
Net international migration is projected to overtake natural increase as the driver of population growth in 2032.
For More Information on the Census Bureau’s Population Projections:

http://www.census.gov/population/projections/