

**UMass Donahue Institute Summary of
The U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 State-Level Population Estimates**

On December 30, 2013, the U.S. Census Bureau released population estimates for the nation, states, and Puerto Rico for July 1, 2013. According to the new release, the Massachusetts population increased by 47,512 from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013 to a new total of 6,692,824 persons, maintaining its rank as the 14th most populous state in the U.S. This 0.7% annual increase puts Massachusetts' growth at over twice that of the Northeast average of 0.3%, and ranks it as the fastest growing state in the Northeast region for the third consecutive year since 2010. At the national level, Massachusetts ranked 24th for percentage growth, rising in rank from 28th in the 2011 to 2012 period and 33rd in the 2010 to 2011 period. In terms of numerical growth, Massachusetts ranks 12th this year, up from 13th in the previous year and 20th in the 2010 to 2011 year, its growth continuing to accelerate relative to other states in the nation. Cumulatively, since the last Census in April of 2010, the Massachusetts population has increased by 145,195 persons, or 2.2%.

Table 1 below shows numerical growth and rankings for the United States, U.S. regions, and the Northeast states including Massachusetts for the period April 1, 2010 through July 1, 2013. Table 2 shows this information in terms of percentage change. To see data for all U.S. states and Puerto Rico, link to the Census Bureau website at: <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.html>

Geographic Area	April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1)				National Ranking by Population Size		Single Year Population Change 2012-2013		Cumulative Population Change 4/1/2000-7/1/2013	
	Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	2013	April 1, 2010 Base	2013	2012-2013 Change	National Rank 2012-2013 Growth	2010-2013 Change	National Rank 2010-2013 Growth
United States	308,745,538	308,747,716	309,326,295	311,582,564	313,873,685	316,128,839	-	-	2,255,154	-	7,381,123	-
Northeast	55,317,240	55,317,261	55,376,322	55,598,499	55,771,792	55,943,073	-	-	171,281	-	625,812	-
Midwest	66,927,001	66,927,549	66,976,321	67,146,663	67,321,425	67,547,890	-	-	226,465	-	620,341	-
South	114,555,744	114,557,273	114,857,899	116,032,322	117,253,992	118,383,453	-	-	1,129,461	-	3,826,180	-
West	71,945,553	71,945,633	72,115,753	72,805,080	73,526,476	74,254,423	-	-	727,947	-	2,308,790	-
Connecticut	3,574,097	3,574,097	3,579,210	3,588,948	3,591,765	3,596,080	29	29	4,315	45	21,983	43
Maine	1,328,361	1,328,361	1,327,366	1,327,844	1,328,501	1,328,302	41	41	-199	50	-59	49
Massachusetts	6,547,629	6,547,629	6,563,263	6,606,285	6,645,303	6,692,824	14	14	47,521	12	145,195	14
New Hampshire	1,316,470	1,316,469	1,316,614	1,318,075	1,321,617	1,323,459	42	42	1,842	46	6,990	46
New Jersey	8,791,894	8,791,909	8,802,707	8,836,639	8,867,749	8,899,339	11	11	31,590	20	107,430	17
New York	19,378,102	19,378,105	19,398,228	19,502,728	19,576,125	19,651,127	3	3	75,002	9	273,022	6
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	12,702,379	12,710,472	12,741,310	12,764,475	12,773,801	6	6	9,326	39	71,422	23
Rhode Island	1,052,567	1,052,567	1,052,669	1,050,350	1,050,304	1,051,511	43	43	1,207	48	-1,056	50
Vermont	625,741	625,745	625,793	626,320	625,953	626,630	49	49	677	49	885	48

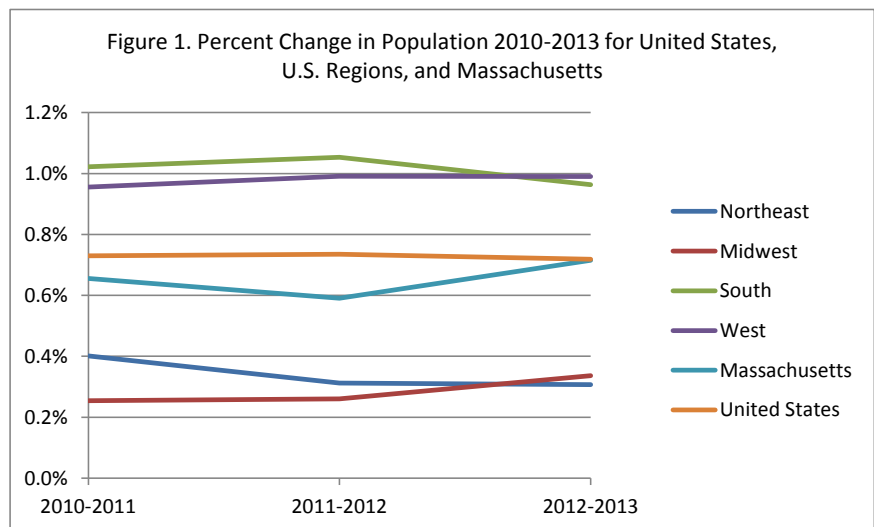
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Geographic Area	April 1-July 1, 2010 % change	July 1 to July 1 % change			Cumulative % Change April 1, 2010 - July 1, 2013	National rank of % change	
		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		2012-2013 single year change	4/1/2010-2013 cumulative
United States	0.2%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	2.4%	-	-
Northeast	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	1.1%	-	-
Midwest	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.9%	-	-
South	0.3%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	3.3%	-	-
West	0.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	3.2%	-	-
Connecticut	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.6%	43	41
Maine	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	49	49
Massachusetts	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	2.2%	24	26
New Hampshire	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	41	43
New Jersey	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	1.2%	32	36
New York	0.1%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	1.4%	31	32
Pennsylvania	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	48	42
Rhode Island	0.0%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	44	50
Vermont	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	46	46

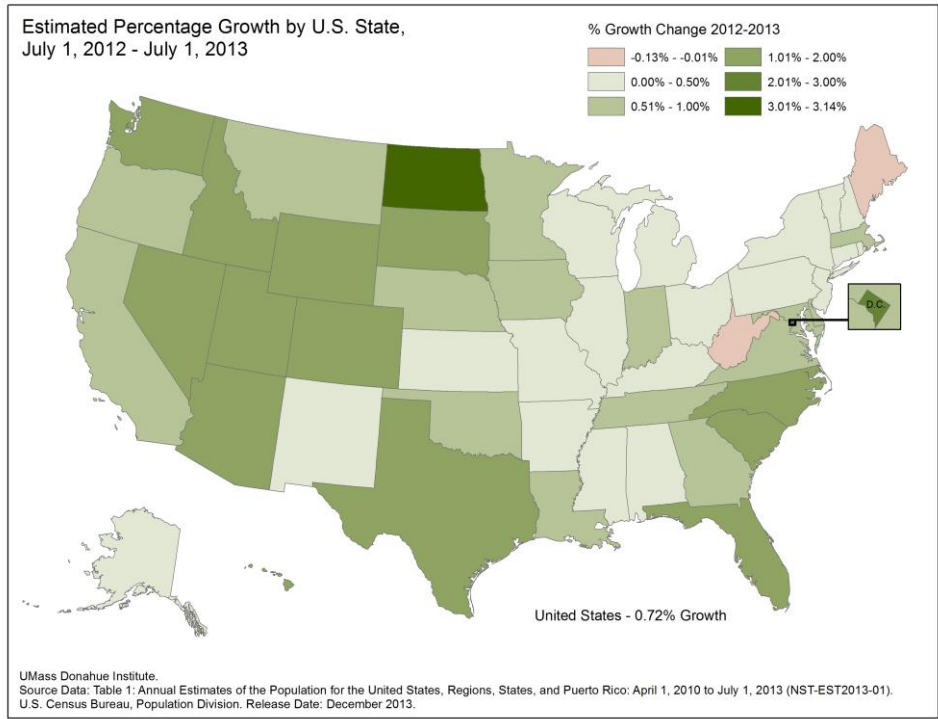
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Regional Comparisons:

Massachusetts' cumulative population increase of 2.2% is now approaching the national average of 2.4% while its single year percentage change has now caught up to the U.S. average of 0.7% (Figure 1). Though still below the cumulative percentage growth experienced in the Southern and Western regions of the U.S. since the last Census, which average 3.3% and 3.2% respectively, Massachusetts outpaces both the Midwestern and Northeastern regions, which have grown by just 0.9% and 1.1%, respectively, since the 2010 Census.



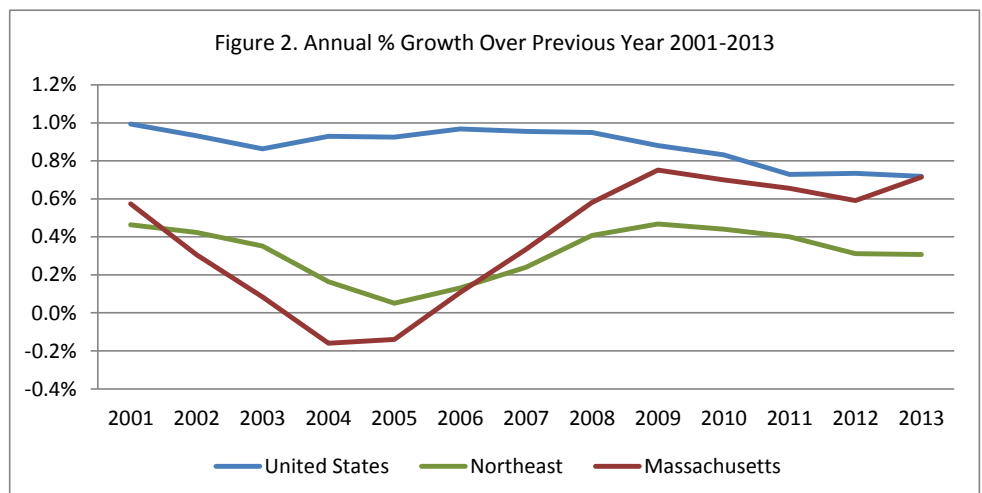
The map below clearly demonstrates that Massachusetts stands apart from the rest of the Northeastern and Midwestern states in terms of percentage growth from 2012 to 2013, and even surpasses some states in the South and West.



Long Term Trend:

In the last decade, from the July 1, 2000 estimate to the July 1, 2010 estimate, the average growth for Massachusetts was about 0.3% per year, with an average population increase of just 19,245 per year. From 2001 to 2004, Massachusetts’ growth rates, along with the Northeast rates, were actually declining, and only turned around after 2005, due in part to a reversal of domestic out-migration. Starting in 2007, the Massachusetts growth percentage overtook the Northeast growth percentage, at 0.5% for Massachusetts compared to 0.3% for the Northeast for that year, and by an increasing percentage thereafter. Since the 2010 Census, Massachusetts has averaged a 44,675 person increase per year.

The population change in Massachusetts in the latest 2012 to 2013 period represents an acceleration in the growth trend experienced by Massachusetts toward the end of the last decade, and, most significantly, closes the growth gap between Massachusetts and the U.S. average. Figure 2 shows the percentage growth for Massachusetts as compared to the U.S. and Northeast region averages from 2001 through 2013.



Additional Information and estimates data can be found on the U.S. Census Bureau's website at <http://www.census.gov/popest/data/index.html>.

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