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## List of states and territories of the United States by population

The states and territories included in the United States Census Bureau's statistics include the fifty states, the District of Columbia and five permanently inhabited unincorporated island territories, including Puerto Rico. [1]



# Population by state, including Puerto Rico (2015) 580k-2.7M 2.8M-5.27M 5.28M-8.25M 8.26M-11.5M 11.6M-19.4M 19.5M-26.4M

26.5M-38.4M

38.5M+

## Methodology

The <u>United States Census</u> counts total persons residing in the United States including <u>citizens</u>, non-citizen <u>permanent</u> residents, and non-citizen long-term visitors.<sup>[2]</sup> Civilian and military federal employees serving abroad and their dependents are counted in their home state.<sup>[3]</sup>

### **Electoral apportionment**

Based on data from the decennial census, each state is allocated a proportion of the 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives, although each state is guaranteed a minimum of one seat, regardless of population. This apportionment is based on the proportion of each state's population to that of the fifty states together (without regard to the populations of the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the United States Virgin Islands). The Electoral College is the body that, every four years, elects the President and Vice President of the United States. Each state's representation in the Electoral College is equal to that state's total number of members in both houses of the United States Congress. The Twenty-third Amendment to the United States Constitution effectively grants the District of Columbia, which is separate from any state, three votes. More precisely, the district gets as many votes in the Electoral College as it would have if it were a state, with the caveat that the district can have no more votes than the least populous



Map of population change in U.S. states from April 5, 2010 to July 1, 2017

state (which is currently Wyoming). Currently, this caveat is a moot point since the District of Columbia would only be entitled to one member of the House of Representatives if it were a state, and is more populous than only two of the seven states with a single member in the House since 2013. Since the Constitution guarantees every state at least one U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators, it effectively guarantees every state (and, since the ratification of the 23rd Amendment, the District of Columbia) at least three electoral votes. Thus, the total representation in the Electoral College is 538 members (equal to 100 senators plus 435 representatives, plus 3 members for the District of Columbia).  $^{[4]}$ 

## State rankings

Rank			Census population		Change, 2010–2019		Total <u>U.S.</u> House of	Estimated population per	Census population per House seat		Percent of the total
Current	2010	State	Estimate, July 1, 2019 <sup>[5]</sup>	April 1, 2010 <sup>[6]</sup>	Percent [note 3]	Absolute	Representatives Seats	electoral vote, 2019 <sup>[note 1]</sup>	Estimated, 2019	2010	U.S. population, 2019 <sup>[note 2]</sup>
1	1	California	39,512,223	37,254,523	6.1%	+2,257,700	53	718,404	745,514	702,885	11.91%
2	2	Texas	28,995,881	25,145,561	15.3%	+3,850,320	36	763,050	805,441	698,503	8.74%
3	4	X Florida	21,477,737	18,801,310	14.2%	+2,676,427	27	740,611	795,472	696,468	6.47%
4	3	New York	19,453,561	19,378,102	0.4%	+75,459	27	670,812	720,502	717,707	5.86%
5	6	Pennsylvania	12,801,989	12,702,379	0.8%	+99,610	18	640,099	711,222	705,715	3.86%
6	5	# Illinois	12,671,821	12,830,632	-1.2%	-158,811	18	633,591	703,990	712,864	3.82%
7	7	<b>Ohio</b>	11,689,100	11,536,504	1.3%	+152,596	16	649,394	730,569	721,032	3.52%
8	9	Georgia	10,617,423	9,687,653	9.6%	+929,770	14	663,589	758,387	691,975	3.20%
9	10	North Carolina	10,488,084	9,535,483	10.0%	+952,601	13	699,206	806,776	733,498	3.16%
10	8	Michigan	9,986,857	9,883,640	1.0%	+103,217	14	624,179	713,347	705,974	3.01%
11	11	New Jersey	8,882,190	8,791,894	1.0%	+90,296	12	634,442	740,183	732,658	2.68%
12	12	Virginia	8,535,519	8,001,024	6.7%	+534,495	11	656,578	775,956	727,366	2.57%
13	13	Washington	7,614,893	6,724,540	13.2%	+890,353	10	634,574	751,489	672,454	2.29%
14	16	Arizona	7,278,717	6,392,017	13.9%	+886,700	9	661,702	808,746	710,224	2.19%
15	14	Massachusetts	6,949,503	6,547,629	5.3%	+344,874	9	626,591	765,834	727,514	2.09%
16	17	Tennessee	6,833,174	6,346,105	7.6%	+483,069	9	620,834	758,797	705,123	2.06%
17	15	Indiana	6,732,219	6,483,802	3.8%	+248,417	9	612,020	748,024	720,422	2.03%
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18	18	Missouri  Mendand	6,137,428	5,988,927	2.5%	+148,501	8	613,743	767,179	748,615	1.85%
19	19	Maryland	6,045,680	5,773,552	4.7%	+272,128	8	604,568	755,710	721,694	1.82%
20	20	Wisconsin	5,822,434	5,686,986	2.4%	+135,448	8	582,243	727,804	710,873	1.75%
21	22	Colorado	5,758,736	5,029,196	14.5%	+729,540	7	639,860	822,677	720,704	1.74%
22	21	Minnesota	5,639,632	5,303,925	6.3%	+335,707	8	563,963	704,954	662,991	1.70%
23	24	South Carolina	5,148,714	4,625,364	11.3%	+523,350	7	572,079	735,531	660,766	1.55%
24	23	X Alabama	4,903,185	4,779,736	2.6%	+123,449	7	544,798	700,455	682,819	1.48%
25	25	Louisiana	4,648,794	4,533,372	2.5%	+115,422	6	581,099	774,799	755,562	1.40%
26	26	Kentucky	4,467,673	4,339,367	3.0%	+128,306	6	558,459	744,612	723,228	1.35%
27	27	<u>Oregon</u>	4,217,737	3,831,074	10.1%	+386,663	5	602,534	843,547	766,215	1.27%
28	28	Oklahoma Oklahoma	3,956,971	3,751,351	5.5%	+205,620	5	565,282	791,394	750,270	1.19%
29	30	Connecticut	3,565,287	3,574,097	-0.2%	-8,810	5	509,327	713,057	714,824	1.07%
30	35	<u> Utah</u>	3,205,958	2,763,885	16.0%	+442,073	4	534,326	801,490	690,972	0.97%
31	29	Puerto Rico	3,193,694	3,725,789	-14.3%	-532,095	1 (non-voting)	_	3,193,694	3,725,789	0.96%
32	31	lowa	3,155,070	3,046,355	3.6%	+108,715	4	525,845	788,768	761,717	0.95%
33	36	Nevada Nevada	3,080,156	2,700,551	14.1%	+379,605	4	513,359	770,039	675,173	0.93%
34	33	◆ Arkansas	3,017,825	2,915,918	3.5%	+101,886	4	502,967	754,451	728,990	0.91%
35	32	Mississippi	2,976,149	2,967,297	0.3%	+8,852	4	496,024	744,037	742,026	0.90%
36	34	Kansas	2,913,314	2,853,118	2.1%	+60,196	4	485,552	728,329	713,280	0.88%
37	37	New Mexico	2,096,829	2,059,179	1.8%	+37,650	3	419,366	698,943	686,393	0.63%
38	39	Nebraska	1,934,408	1,826,341	5.9%	+108,067	3	386,882	644,803	608,780	0.58%
39	38	West Virginia	1,792,147	1,852,994	-3.3%	-60,847	3	358,435	597,391	617,670	0.54%
40	40	[ Idaho	1,787,065	1,567,582	14.0%	+219,483	2	446,516	893,033	783,826	0.54%
41	41	Hawaii	1,415,872	1,360,301	4.1%	+55,571	2	353,968	707,936	680,151	0.43%
42	43	New Hampshire	1,359,711	1,316,470	3.3%	+43,241	2	339,928	679,856	658,233	0.41%
43	42	Maine	1,344,212	1,328,361	1.2%	+15,851	2	336,053	672,106	664,181	0.41%
44	45	Montana	1,068,778	989,415	8.0%	+79,363	1	356,259	1,068,778	989,417	0.32%
	_	Rhode Island									
45	44		1,059,361	1,052,567	0.6%	+6,794	2	264,840	529,681	526,466	0.32%
46	46	Delaware	973,764	897,934	8.4%	+75,830	1	324,588	973,764	897,934	0.29%
47	47	South Dakota	884,659	814,180	8.7%	+70,479	1	294,886	884,659	814,180	0.27%
48	49	North Dakota	762,062	672,591	13.3%	+89,471	1	254,021	762,062	672,591	0.23%
49	48	<u>Alaska</u>	731,545	710,231	3.0%	+21,314	1	243,848	731,545	710,231	0.22%
50	51	implication District of Columbia	705,749	601,723	17.3%	+104,026	1 (non-voting)	235,250	_	_	0.21%

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51	50	Vermont	623,989	625,741	-0.3%	-1,752	1	207,996	623,989	625,741	0.19%	
52	52	Wyoming	578,759	563,626	2.7%	+15,133	1	192,920	578,759	563,626	0.17%	
53	53	Guam	165,718	159,358 <sup>[7]</sup>	4.0%	+6,360	1 (non-voting)		_	_	0.05%	
54	54	U.S. Virgin Islands	104,914	106,405 <sup>[8]</sup>	-1.4%	-1,491	1 (non-voting)		_	_	0.03%	
55	55	American Samoa	55,641	55,519 <sup>[9]</sup>	0.22%	+122	1 (non-voting)		_	_	0.02%	
56	56	Northern Mariana Islands	55,194	53,883 <sup>[10]</sup>	2.4%	+1,311	1 (non-voting)		_	_	0.02%	
_	_	Contiguous United States	325,386,357	306,675,006	6.2%	+19,011,351	432	616,262	753,209	708,285	98.06%	
_	_	The fifty states	327,533,795	308,143,836	6.3%	+19,389,959	435	612,213	752,951	708,405	98.71%	
_	_	Fifty states + D.C.	328,239,523	308,745,538	6.3%	+19,493,985	435 (+ 1 <u>non-</u> <u>voting</u> )	610,111	_	_	98.92%	
_	_	Total U.S. (including D.C. and territories)	331,814,684	312,846,492	6.1%	+18,968,192	435 (+ 6 <u>non-</u> voting)		_	_	100.00%	

<sup>1.</sup> Each state has a number of votes in the <u>Electoral College</u> equal to two more than its number of representatives in the U.S. House, while DC is granted 3 electoral votes. The Electoral College is used to elect the President and Vice President of the United States.

## **Summary of population by region**

Legend
Division totals – 9 divisions for 50 states and District of Columbia
Region totals – 4 regions (2 or 3 divisions each)
Individual territories
Total U.S. territories
50 states + District of Columbia
Divisions & regions as defined by U.S. Census Bureau
Last col. shows larger region which contains entity in col. 1

<sup>2.</sup> Because of rounding of the individual percentages, the entries in this column may not sum to 100%.

<sup>3.</sup> This figure for each state compares to a national increase of 5.97%.

Population of states, territories, divisions and regions

State/federal district/territory/ division/region	Rank	2019 population	Rank	2010 population	Rank	2000 population	Rank	2000- 2010 change	Geographic sort
Massachusetts     ■     Massachusetts     Naturation     Massachusetts     Naturation     Massachusetts     Massachusetts     Naturation     Massachusetts     Massac	15	6,892,503	14	6,547,629	13	6,349,097	43	3.1%	NEng
<u> Connecticut</u>	29	3,565,287	29	3,574,097	29	3,405,565	35	4.9%	NEng
New Hampshire	41	1,359,711	42	1,316,470	41	1,235,786	32	6.5%	NEng
Maine	42	1,344,212	41	1,328,361	40	1,274,923	39	4.2%	NEng
Rhode Island	44	1,059,361	43	1,052,567	43	1,048,319	49	0.4%	NEng
Vermont	49	623,989	49	625,741	49	608,827	44	2.8%	NEng
New England	9	14,845,063	9	14,444,865	9	13,922,517	7	3.8%	NEast
New York	4	19,453,561	3	19,378,102	3	18,976,457	46	2.1%	MAtl
Pennsylvania Pennsylvania	5	12,801,989	6	12,702,379	6	12,281,054	41	3.4%	MAtl
New Jersey	11	8,882,190	11	8,791,894	9	8,414,350	37	4.5%	MAtl
Mid-Atlantic	4	41,137,740	4	40,872,375	4	39,671,861	8	3.0%	NEast
Northeast	4	55,982,803	4	55,317,240	4	53,594,378	4	3.2%	USA
X Florida	3	21,477,737	4	18,801,310	4	15,982,378	8	17.6%	SAtl
Georgia Georgia	8	10,617,423	9	9,687,653	10	8,186,453	7	18.3%	SAtl
North Carolina	9	10,488,084	10	9,535,483	11	8,049,313	6	18.5%	SAtl
Virginia	12	8,535,519	12	8,001,024	12	7,078,515	16	13.0%	SAtI
Maryland	19	6,045,680	19	5,773,552	19	5,296,486	23	9.0%	SAtl
South Carolina	23	5,148,714	24	4,625,364	26	4,012,012	10	15.3%	SAtl
West Virginia	38	1,792,147	37	1,852,994	37	1,808,344	45	2.5%	SAtl
Delaware	45	973,764	45	897,934	45	783,600	11	14.6%	SAtl
■ District of Columbia		705,749		601,723		572,059		5.2%	SAtl
South Atlantic	1	65,784,817	1	59,777,037	1	51,769,160	3	15.5%	South
₹ Tennessee	16	6,829,174	17	6,346,105	16	5,689,283	19	11.5%	ESC
X Alabama	24	4,903,185	23	4,779,736	23	4,447,100	27	7.5%	ESC
<ul><li>Kentucky</li></ul>	26	4,467,673	26	4,339,367	25	4,041,769	28	7.4%	ESC
Mississippi	34	2,976,149	31	2,967,297	31	2,844,658	38	4.3%	ESC
East South Central	8	19,176,181	8	18,432,505	8	17,022,810	5	8.3%	South
<u>■</u> Texas	2	28,995,881	2	25,145,561	2	20,851,820	5	20.6%	WSC
Louisiana	25	4,648,794	25	4,533,372	22	4,468,976	48	1.4%	wsc
M Oklahoma	28	3,956,971	28	3,751,351	27	3,450,654	24	8.7%	wsc
◆ Arkansas	33	3,017,804	32	2,915,918	33	2,673,400	22	9.1%	wsc
	5		5		5		22	15.6%	South
West South Central	_	40,619,450		36,346,202		31,444,850		14.3%	USA
South	6	125,580,448	5	114,555,744	1	100,236,820	42	3.3%	ENC
Illinois     Ohio	7	12,671,821		12,830,632	5	12,419,293			
<u>Ohio</u>		11,689,100	7	11,536,504	7	11,353,140	47	1.6%	ENC
Michigan  Indiana	10	9,986,857	8	9,883,640	8	9,938,444	50	-0.6%	ENC
Indiana	17	6,732,219	15	6,483,802	14	6,080,485	31	6.6%	ENC
Wisconsin	20	5,822,434	20	5,686,986	18	5,363,675	34	6.0%	ENC
East North Central	3	46,902,431	3	46,421,564	2	45,155,037	9	2.8%	MWest
Missouri	18	6,137,428	18	5,988,927	17	5,595,211	29	7.0%	WNC
Minnesota	22	5,639,632	21	5,303,925	21	4,919,479	26	7.8%	WNC
lowa	31	3,155,070	30	3,046,355	30	2,926,324	40	4.1%	WNC
Kansas	35	2,913,314	33	2,853,118	32	2,688,418	33	6.1%	WNC
<u>Nebraska</u>	37	1,934,408	38	1,826,341	38	1,711,263	30	6.7%	WNC
South Dakota	46	884,659	46	814,180	46	754,844	25	7.9%	WNC
North Dakota	47	762,062	48	672,591	47	642,200	36	4.7%	WNC
West North Central	7	21,426,573	7	20,505,437	6	19,237,739	6	6.6%	MWest
Midwest	3	68,329,004	3	66,927,001	2	64,392,776	3	3.9%	USA
Mrizona Arizona	14	7,278,717	16	6,392,017	20	5,130,632	2	24.6%	Mtn
Colorado	21	5,758,736	22	5,029,196	24	4,301,261	9	16.9%	Mtn
<u>Utah</u>	30	3,205,958	34	2,763,885	34	2,233,169	3	23.8%	Mtn
Nevada	32	3,080,156	35	2,700,551	35	1,998,257	1	35.1%	Mtn

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New Mexico	36	2,096,829	36	2,059,179	36	1,819,046	15	13.2%	Mtn
<u> </u>	39	1,787,065	39	1,567,582	39	1,293,953	4	21.1%	Mtn
Montana	43	1,068,778	44	989,415	44	902,195	21	9.7%	Mtn
Wyoming	50	578,759	50	563,626	50	493,782	12	14.1%	Mtn
Mountain	6	24,854,998	6	22,065,451	7	18,172,295	1	21.4%	West
<u> California</u>	1	39,512,223	1	37,253,956	1	33,871,648	20	10.0%	Pac
Washington	13	7,614,893	13	6,724,540	15	5,894,121	13	14.1%	Pac
<u>Oregon</u>	27	4,217,737	27	3,831,074	28	3,421,399	18	12.0%	Pac
Hawaii	40	1,415,872	40	1,360,301	42	1,211,537	17	12.3%	Pac
Alaska	48	731,545	47	710,231	48	626,932	14	13.3%	Pac
Pacific	2	53,492,270	2	49,880,102	3	45,025,637	4	10.8%	West
West	2	78,347,268	2	71,945,553	3	63,197,932	2	13.8%	USA
50 states and District of Columbia		328,239,523		308,745,538		281,421,906		9.7%	NAmer
Puerto Rico	1	3,193,694	1	3,725,789	1	3,808,610	3	-2.2%	Terr.
Guam	2	[note 1]	2	159,358	2	154,805	1	2.9%	Terr.
W.S. Virgin Islands	3	[note 1]	3	106,405	3	108,612	2	-2.0%	Terr.
American Samoa	4	[note 1]	4	55,519	5	57,291	4	-3.1%	Terr.
Northern Mariana Islands	5	[note 1]	5	53,883	4	69,221	5	-22.2%	Terr.
Total Territories		[note 1]		4,100,954		4,198,539		-2.3%	USA

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#### See also

- Demographics of the United States
- List of U.S. states and territories by area
- List of U.S. states by African-American population
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