Population Projections and Trends: Components of Change

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Slowing Population Growth

The graph illustrates the component of change in population growth from 1990 to 2060, categorized into Vintage 2021 and Vintage 2020, and shows estimates and projections. The chart indicates a decline in the component of change, particularly in Vintage 2021, with a notable decrease after 2020.
Aging Population

Labor Force and Working Age Population
Monthly, January 2000 through November 2020

Thousands


- Emp, 16 - 24
- Emp, 25 - 54
- Emp, Age 55 +
- Unemp, 16 - 24
- Unemp, 25 - 54
- Unemp, Age 55 +
- Not in Labor Force, 16 - 24
- Not in Labor Force, 25 - 54
- Not in Labor Force, Age 55 +

Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.
Source: CA Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division.
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Doctoral/professional degree</th>
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<th>Some college/Associate degree</th>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>12.6%</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>22.2%</td>
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Occupations of CA immigrants Age 16+ in Workforce: 2006, 2010, 2019

- Agriculture, Natural Resources, Construction, Production, and Logistics
- Sales and Office Administration
- Preparation, Maintenance, Repair, Cleaning, Personal Care and Related
- Healthcare and Allied
- Community, Media, Social Services, Police, and Military
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Management, Financial, Legal, and Professional Services

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2006 | 34.4% | 16.7% | 18.4% | 3.8% | 7.5% | 9.4% | 9.9% |
2010 | 17.4% | 21.2% | 4.3% | 12.3% | 12.2% | 16.4% | 16.4% |
2019 | 13.9% | 13.3% | 5.3% | 15.5% | 16.4% | 3.8% | 18.8% |
Population Growth

• Has slowed throughout the 2010s

• Will continue to be below historical norms
  • Fertility declines
  • Mortality increases
  • Immigration?

• COVID-19 effects
  • Negative growth for the first-time year-over-year
  • Excess deaths and immigration processing halt
Pandemic

• Many data sources disrupted by pandemic
  • March CPS (ASEC)
  • ACS follow-up interviews
  • DMV operations
    • DLAC and MVR
  • K-12 enrollment? And no Average Daily Attendance
  • Effect of stimulus on LF participation
  • Early/forced retirements
• Demographic Research Page: [DRU Disclosure Avoidance Page](#)
• Census Page: [Census Bureau link](#)
Thank You!

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