

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION OF METRO SOUTH/WEST

Over the past decade, the number of people living in Metro South/West increased at an annual growth rate of 0.2 percent. The growth in the Metro South/West immigrant population was strong enough to offset losses in the native-born population. The region also became more diverse over the past decade, with strong growth among minority groups, most notably Hispanic residents. The region's population also became considerably older as baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) neared retirement age. In particular, the 55-64-year-old age cohort grew at a robust annual rate of 4.2 percent over the course of the decade. The second fastest growing age cohort in Metro South/West 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 Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) data files, 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 American Community Survey Public Use Micro Sample (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	1,019,337	1,038,784	19,447	0.2
Gender				
Male	486,222	504,845	18,623	0.4
Female	533,115	533,939	824	0.0
Nativity				
Native Born	877,860	859,444	-18,416	-0.2
Immigrant	141,477	179,340	37,863	2.7
Race/Ethnicity				
White, non-Hispanic	909,509	868,184	-41,325	-0.5
Black, non-Hispanic	16,142	22,322	6,180	3.7
Asian, non-Hispanic	47,857	75,701	27,844	5.2
Hispanic	27,933	48,259	20,326	6.3
Other race, non-Hispanic	17,896	24,318	6,422	3.5
Age				
Less than age 16	228,864	223,690	-5,174	-0.3
Age 16-24	79,507	93,097	13,590	1.8
Age 25-34	144,532	114,194	-30,338	-2.6
Age 35-44	188,687	159,119	-29,568	-1.9
Age 45-54	156,691	177,004	20,313	1.4
Age 55-64	92,041	133,213	41,172	4.2
Age 65+	129,015	138,467	9,452	0.8