

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Idaho Ranks Fourth in Fastest Growing States in 2010 Census 2010 Census Results Released Dec. 21**

Idaho ranks fourth nationally in percentage of population growth - 21 percent - from April 2000 to April 2010 according to initial 2010 Census data released today. Idaho's population increased 273,629 from the 2000 Census to a new total of 1,567,582, ranking 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall population.

Idaho's neighbor to the south, Nevada, added the most people as a percentage of its 2000 Census count at 35.1 percent with a population of 2.7 million. California ranked most populated at 37,253,956, a growth of 10 percent.

Texas added almost 4.3 million people in the 10 years since the last census, the highest nominal growth.

Michigan and Puerto Rico were the only state and territory to lose population. Michigan dropped .06 percent; Puerto Rico decreased 2.2 percent since the 2000 Census.

The U.S. population grew 9.7 percent since the 2000 Census, topping out at 308,745,538.

The nation's population continued to shift from the Northeast and the Midwest, which grew 3.2 percent and 3.9 percent, respectively, to the South at 14.3 percent growth and the West at 13.8 percent. The 2010 Census marks the first time the West has been more populous than the Midwest - 71,945,553 compared to 65,927,001.

A key component, and a requirement by law, of the decennial Census is apportionment changes in the U.S. House of Representatives based on population shifts. Each member of the House represents an average of 710,800 people. Twelve seats in 18 states shifted based on the new census data. States gaining seats included Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Washington. States whose population decreased to such an extent as to lose seats include Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The populations of the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are excluded from the apportionment population, as they do not have voting seats in Congress.

Density - the number of people per square mile - is also measured in the decennial census. Idaho ranked 46<sup>th</sup> at 19 people per square mile. Wyoming was the lowest at 5.8 while the District of Columbia had the highest density at 9,856.5 people per square mile.

The first U.S. Census was in 1790. The 2010 Census marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> census - and the largest -- in U.S. history. The 2010 Census costs came in at \$1.87 billion under budget, representing nearly one-quarter of the entire 2010 Census budget.

The U.S. Census Bureau Census data for counties, cities, metro areas, school districts down to the block level will be released early in 2011 along with detailed demographic information. All of this information and more is available on Idaho Labor's labor market information website at <http://lmi.idaho.gov>.

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## Population 2000-2010: Quick Facts

Region/State	April 1, 2000	April 1, 2010	Perce nt Chang e	Numeric Change	Rank by Perce nt Chan ge	Rank by Populat ion Change	Densi ty	Rank by Densit y
<b>United States</b>	281,421,906	308,745,538	9.7	27,323,632			87.4	
<b>Northeast</b>	53,594,378	55,317,240	3.2	1,722,862				
<b>Midwest</b>	64,392,776	66,927,001	3.9	2,534,225				
<b>South</b>	100,236,820	114,555,744	14.3	14,318,924				
<b>West</b>	63,197,932	71,945,553	13.8	8,747,621				
Alabama	4,447,100	4,779,736	7.5	332,636	27	23	94.4	29
Alaska	626,932	710,231	13.3	83,299	14	48	1.2	52
Arizona	5,130,632	6,392,017	24.6	1,261,385	2	16	56.3	35
Arkansas	2,673,400	2,915,918	9.1	242,518	22	33	56.0	36
California	33,871,648	37,253,956	10.0	3,382,308	20	1	239.1	13
Colorado	4,301,261	5,029,196	16.9	727,935	9	22	48.5	39
Connecticut	3,405,565	3,574,097	4.9	168,532	36	30	738.1	6
Delaware	783,600	897,934	14.6	114,334	11	46	460.8	8
District of Columbia	572,059	601,723	5.2	29,664	35	51	9,856. 5	1
Florida	15,982,378	18,801,310	17.6	2,818,932	8	4	350.6	10
Georgia	8,186,453	9,687,653	18.3	1,501,200	7	9	168.4	20
Hawaii	1,211,537	1,360,301	12.3	148,764	17	41	211.8	15
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>1,293,953</b>	<b>1,567,582</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>273,629</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>46</b>
Illinois	12,419,293	12,830,632	3.3	411,339	43	5	231.1	14
Indiana	6,080,485	6,483,802	6.6	403,317	31	15	181.0	18
Iowa	2,926,324	3,046,355	4.1	120,031	41	31	54.5	38
Kansas	2,688,418	2,853,118	6.1	164,700	33	34	34.9	42
Kentucky	4,041,769	4,339,367	7.4	297,598	28	26	109.9	24
Louisiana	4,468,976	4,533,372	1.4	64,396	49	25	104.9	26
Maine	1,274,923	1,328,361	4.2	53,438	40	42	43.1	40
Maryland	5,296,486	5,773,552	9.0	477,066	23	19	594.8	7
Massachusetts	6,349,097	6,547,629	3.1	198,532	44	14	839.4	5
Michigan	9,938,444	9,883,640	-0.6	-54,804	51	8	174.8	19
Minnesota	4,919,479	5,303,925	7.8	384,446	26	21	66.6	33
Mississippi	2,844,658	2,967,297	4.3	122,639	39	32	63.2	34
Missouri	5,595,211	5,988,927	7.0	393,716	29	18	87.1	30

Montana	902,195	989,415	9.7	87,220	21	45	6.8	50
Nebraska	1,711,263	1,826,341	6.7	115,078	30	39	23.8	45
Nevada	1,998,257	2,700,551	35.1	702,294	1	36	24.6	44
New Hampshire	1,235,786	1,316,470	6.5	80,684	32	43	147.0	23
New Jersey	8,414,350	8,791,894	4.5	377,544	38	11	1,195.5	2
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New Mexico	1,819,046	2,059,179	13.2	240,133	15	37	17.0	47
New York	18,976,457	19,378,102	2.1	401,645	47	3	411.2	9
North Carolina	8,049,313	9,535,483	18.5	1,486,170	6	10	196.1	17
North Dakota	642,200	672,591	4.7	30,391	37	49	9.7	49
Ohio	11,353,140	11,536,504	1.6	183,364	48	7	282.3	12
Oklahoma	3,450,654	3,751,351	8.7	300,697	24	28	54.7	37
Oregon	3,421,399	3,831,074	12.0	409,675	18	27	39.9	41
Pennsylvania	12,281,054	12,702,379	3.4	421,325	42	6	283.9	11
Puerto Rico	3,808,610	3,725,789	-2.2	-82,821	52	29	1,088.2	3
Rhode Island	1,048,319	1,052,567	0.4	4,248	50	44	1,018.1	4
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,625,364	15.3	613,352	10	24	153.9	22
South Dakota	754,844	814,180	7.9	59,336	25	47	10.7	48
Tennessee	5,689,283	6,346,105	11.5	656,822	19	17	153.9	21
Texas	20,851,820	25,145,561	20.6	4,293,741	5	2	96.3	28
Utah	2,233,169	2,763,885	23.8	530,716	3	35	33.6	43
Vermont	608,827	625,741	2.8	16,914	45	50	67.9	32
Virginia	7,078,515	8,001,024	13.0	922,509	16	12	202.6	16
Washington	5,894,121	6,724,540	14.1	830,419	12	13	101.2	27
West Virginia	1,808,344	1,852,994	2.5	44,650	46	38	77.1	31
Wisconsin	5,363,675	5,686,986	6.0	323,311	34	20	105.0	25
Wyoming	493,782	563,626	14.1	69,844	13	52	5.8	51

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