



## **NEW POPULATION PROJECTIONS: CALIFORNIA TO SURPASS 50 MILLION IN 2049**

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**SACRAMENTO**— California's population will cross the 50 million mark in 2049 and grow to nearly 52.7 million by 2060, according to new population projections released today by the Department of Finance.

This population gain – nearly 15.4 million between 2010 and 2060 – would exceed the current populations of either Illinois or Pennsylvania, and would represent enough new residents to currently rank as the fifth largest state in the Union. The 2060 population will be 39 percent higher than the state's most recent 2012 population estimate.

### **STATE HIGHLIGHTS**

By 2060, California will have 13 counties of one million or more, with eight of those with 2 million or more residents. Six of the counties with at least one million will be inland counties. The four new counties reaching one million will be Fresno, Kern, San Joaquin, and Ventura.

Other State highlights of the latest projection series include:

- The latest projection series indicates that the Hispanic population will be even with the number of non-Hispanic Whites by mid-2013. Early in 2014, the Hispanic population will become the plurality in California for the first time since California became a state.
- By 2060, both the Black and the White populations will have increased in size, but decreased in proportion to the total population. Hispanics will comprise nearly half (48 percent) of all Californians. Asians will also grow significantly in population, but only marginally relative to the total population (just over 13 percent). Asians are currently just under 13 percent. The non-Hispanic White population will decline to 30 percent from the current 39 percent and the Black population from 6 percent to 4 percent.
- For the population as a whole, the median age will increase from 35.2 to 41.9 years old. Whites have the highest median age in 2010 (44.5) while Asians have the highest in 2060 (47.0). Hispanics' median age (27.2 in 2010 and 39.0 in 2060) is consistently lower than all other race groups other than Multi-Race.
- In 2030, there will be 9.6 million Hispanics in the prime working ages of 25 to 64; Whites will have 7.2 million and Asians 3.1 million. By 2060, Hispanics will be the largest group in the working ages by a considerable margin: 12.1 million Hispanics to 7.4 million Whites and 3.2 million Asians.

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- An important conclusion shown from this projection series is how the age of each of the race groups will change over time. There were nearly 10 million baby-boomers in 1990, the majority being White. The White baby-boomer population is now aging into retirement and all will likely retire in the next two decades. As this happens, a lower percentage of the working-age population will be White and a larger percentage will be Hispanic and Asian. These younger and more diverse cohorts will help maintain the potential for the growth of the labor force and the economy in California. This projection series shows that by 2030, more of the White population will be 65 and older (4.1 million) than will be less than 25 years of age (3.8 million). In comparison, the Asian population will have somewhat fewer 65 years or older (1.4 million) than there will be under 25 years of age (1.6 million). The major contrast is with the Hispanic population: there will be 7.2 million Hispanics under 25 years of age compared to 2.2 million who will be 65 and older.
- By the end of the projection period in 2060, there will be more Hispanics over age 65 (5.1 million) than Whites over 65 years (4.1 million). Asians in this age group will number 2.1 million.
- The percentage of women in the state will continue to slightly outnumber the percentage of men as a result of longer female life expectancies.
- California will remain one of the younger states in the Union for the next twenty years. Due to California's diversity and because of its role as the primary gateway state for immigration, California will not age as rapidly in the coming twenty years as many other states. The White population is older and is not replenished by high levels of immigrants or birth rates. The Asian population structure is older than the Hispanic population and has low fertility rates. However, due to higher rates of immigration from Asia than from European or other countries with a predominately White population, it is anticipated that the Asian population will grow in numbers and slightly in proportion to the total population. This will moderate the aging of the Asian population, producing a less dramatic effect of the baby boom during the projection's horizon.

### **County and Regional Highlights**

California's population will go through aging phases and renewal during the course of the projection period. This process will be variable according to race and ethnicity and geography. The patterns are related to the baby-boom and to various waves of domestic and international migration. Some of the more rural counties will see an older population gradually replaced, but growth will tend to be more limited. In other areas closer to metropolitan areas, populations are likely to become more diverse, with younger populations moving in and contributing to more rapid growth. Sutter County for example, just north of Sacramento County, will have strong growth, with the White population doubling, but Asian and Hispanic populations growing even faster.

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Other county and regional highlights for 2010 to 2060 include:

- Southern California will lead the State's growth over the next 50 years (2010 to 2060), growing by 8.3 million to 31 million in population. For this report, in the interest of geographic simplicity, Southern California includes San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Kern, San Bernardino, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial counties.
- Riverside County will have the largest growth (approximately 2 million) of any county in the state. Riverside will become the second most populated county in the state at 4.2 million, trailing only Los Angeles at 11.6 million. The Inland Empire, including Riverside and San Bernardino counties, will grow by 3.4 million.
- Other Southern California counties with large growth include Los Angeles (growing 1.7 million); San Diego, growing 1 million (reaching 4.2 million in 2060); and Kern growing by 1.2 million and reaching 2.1 million.
- The San Joaquin Valley will add 3 million new Californians, growing from 3.1 million to 6.2 million. Valley gains will be led by San Joaquin County (growing by 852,000), and Fresno County (growing by 683,000). For the purpose of this report, the San Joaquin Valley includes San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties. Please note, for this report Kern County was included in the Southern California region and not the San Joaquin Valley region.
- The San Francisco Bay Area will grow significantly, adding 1.8 million new residents, led by Contra Costa County, which will gain about 533,000, and Santa Clara County, with 412,000. Santa Clara will continue to be the most populated county in the Bay Area with a population of 2.2 million. San Francisco is expected to continue to grow, but at a slower pace and will achieve a population of just over 926,000 by 2060.
- The Sacramento area will add 1.5 million, reaching 3.8 million, with Sacramento County growing by 771,000, approaching a population of 2.2 million. Sacramento area counties include: Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, Placer, Yuba and Sutter. Yuba will more than double to reach 169,000, and Sutter will surpass 250,000, increasing by 160,000. Placer will continue as one of the fastest growing counties in California growing by 229,000. El Dorado will add 117,000 and Yolo County will gain 104,000.
- Further north in the Sacramento Valley, Butte, Shasta, and Tehama counties will all reach new population milestones. Butte will grow to 342,000, from their current 220,000. Shasta will surpass 265,000 and Tehama 109,000. Other northern California counties will tend to have an increasingly aging population and tend to grow at a slower pace than the rest of the state.

- The Monterey Bay counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito will generally follow the trends of central coastal counties. Monterey will however remain somewhat younger than its neighbors (approximately 2 years younger in median age) and San Benito will experience a more rapid rate of growth (57.1 percent) than other area counties.

These population projections are used by state and local government agencies to anticipate and plan for future population needs and to measure incidence rates and program effectiveness. Agencies may also use projections as an input factor in models of future water, transportation and resource demand. The Department of Finance uses a baseline cohort-component method to project population by age, gender, and race/ethnicity. A cohort-component method traces people born in a given year through their lives. As each year passes, cohorts change due to the mortality and migration assumptions. Applying the fertility assumptions to the women of childbearing age forms new cohorts.

The U.S. Census Bureau provided the 2000 and 2010 Census Modified Race files. The California Department of Public Health provided the vital statistics (births and deaths) used to develop these projections. In response to a 2012 survey, planning experts of several counties and councils of government contributed assessments of future migration and population for their jurisdictions.

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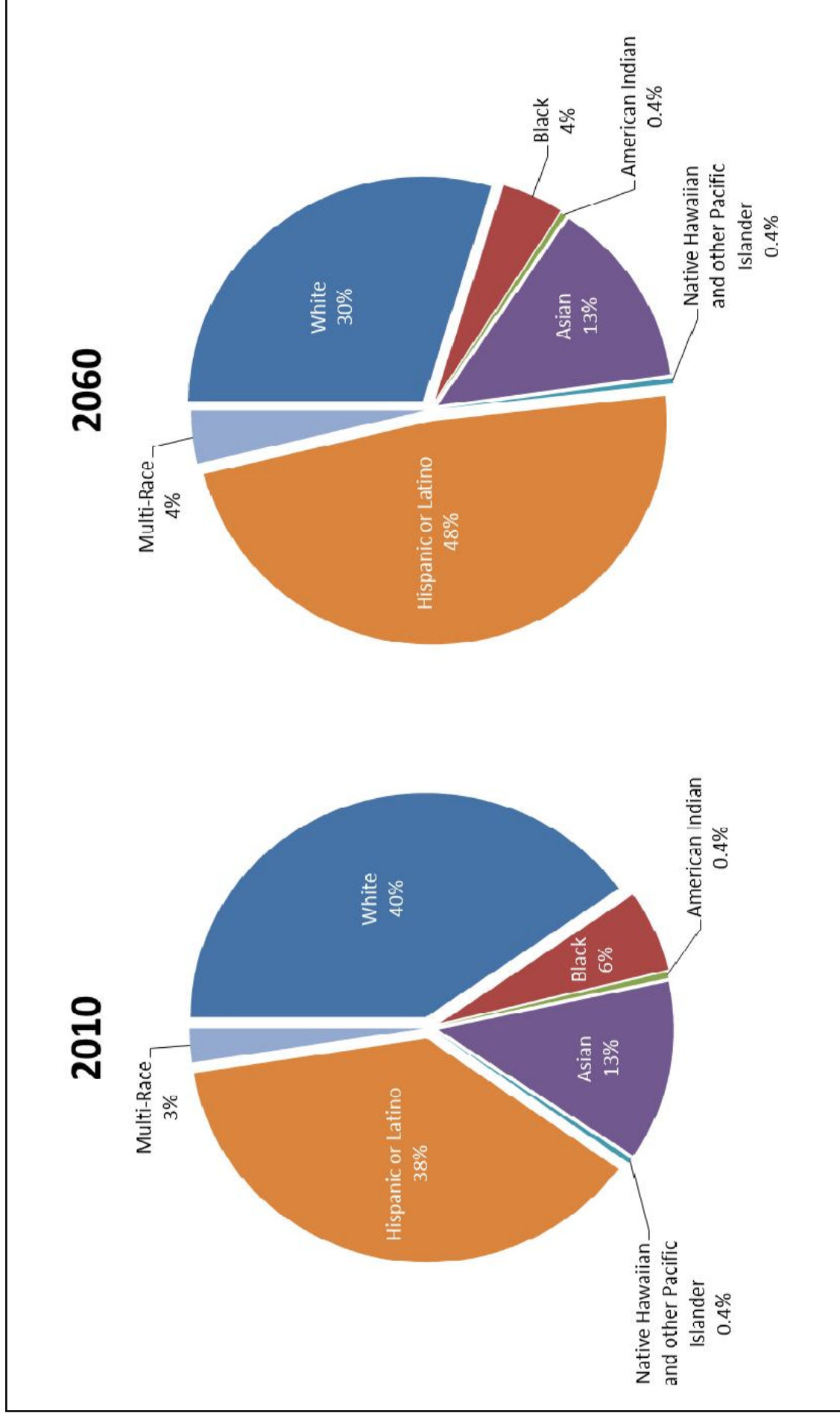
NOTE TO EDS: Additional projection data are available from the Department's website: [www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/projections/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/projections/)

Total Population Projections for California and Counties: July 1, 2015 to 2060 in 5-year Increments

	Estimates		Projections								
	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	2055	2060
California	37,309,382	38,801,063	40,643,643	42,451,760	44,279,354	46,083,482	47,690,186	49,108,689	50,365,074	51,552,253	52,693,583
Alameda County	1,513,236	1,577,938	1,608,204	1,634,983	1,657,567	1,668,918	1,678,565	1,684,953	1,684,761	1,680,989	1,675,011
Alpine County	1,163	1,158	1,172	1,167	1,167	1,174	1,172	1,161	1,146	1,138	1,147
Amador County	37,853	36,949	39,352	40,958	42,036	43,150	44,200	44,812	44,829	44,878	45,116
Butte County	219,990	224,955	241,521	259,926	284,082	305,039	317,718	327,653	333,319	337,843	341,850
Calaveras County	45,462	45,172	48,312	50,787	53,001	55,188	57,225	58,701	60,052	61,500	63,025
Colusa County	21,478	22,417	24,886	27,061	29,023	31,219	33,273	35,082	36,757	38,453	40,179
Contra Costa County	1,052,211	1,093,171	1,147,399	1,197,866	1,254,205	1,324,740	1,392,509	1,443,636	1,489,068	1,535,831	1,585,244
Del Norte County	28,544	28,678	29,635	30,358	30,861	31,328	31,877	32,154	32,180	32,163	32,159
El Dorado County	180,921	184,195	203,095	220,384	234,485	248,623	263,579	275,654	283,125	290,251	297,972
Fresno County	932,377	988,970	1,071,728	1,151,711	1,241,773	1,326,594	1,397,138	1,455,331	1,509,715	1,563,519	1,615,401
Glenn County	28,143	28,871	30,780	32,304	33,552	34,747	36,027	37,055	38,020	39,015	40,040
Humboldt County	134,663	135,681	139,132	143,107	145,684	147,118	147,873	148,214	147,997	147,647	147,377
Imperial County	175,389	192,707	222,920	242,916	259,339	277,418	294,585	311,360	326,776	341,145	355,022
Inyo County	18,528	18,710	19,350	19,877	20,428	21,285	22,009	22,623	23,053	23,482	23,921
Kern County	841,146	911,750	1,057,440	1,202,871	1,341,278	1,484,677	1,618,681	1,747,402	1,858,455	1,960,748	2,055,622
Kings County	152,656	157,314	176,647	192,147	205,627	219,714	235,129	248,762	260,500	271,658	282,305
Lake County	64,599	65,392	71,228	78,832	84,394	91,482	97,884	103,012	105,715	107,924	110,055
Lassen County	35,136	34,132	35,934	37,714	38,828	40,086	40,909	41,384	41,563	41,739	41,961
Los Angeles County	9,824,906	10,081,144	10,441,441	10,718,809	10,950,335	11,120,284	11,243,022	11,342,948	11,434,565	11,508,037	11,562,720
Madera County	151,328	161,556	185,056	208,914	229,277	254,408	278,011	299,681	323,469	348,491	373,929
Marin County	252,731	255,006	251,361	251,899	253,026	255,475	259,549	262,527	264,810	267,841	272,275
Mariposa County	18,193	18,115	20,463	22,008	22,186	22,459	22,787	22,938	23,003	23,123	23,308
Mendocino County	87,924	89,401	91,498	93,306	94,812	96,666	98,112	99,067	99,863	100,904	102,106
Merced County	255,937	273,156	301,376	333,223	366,352	401,569	436,188	468,030	496,787	525,228	553,114
Modoc County	9,648	9,526	9,965	10,254	10,347	10,510	10,773	10,964	10,792	10,549	10,321
Mono County	14,240	14,643	15,037	15,635	16,261	16,962	17,614	18,259	19,009	19,853	20,755
Monterey County	416,259	431,493	436,107	456,236	475,957	495,051	513,045	529,005	542,899	556,153	569,459
Napa County	136,811	140,855	145,660	151,537	158,649	165,347	172,927	179,807	185,238	190,647	196,243
Nevada County	98,639	98,596	104,343	109,325	114,022	119,921	127,457	135,098	140,595	145,661	150,550
Orange County	3,017,327	3,141,834	3,198,279	3,251,694	3,286,100	3,311,811	3,321,037	3,321,269	3,324,920	3,327,600	3,331,595
Placer County	350,275	371,536	391,682	415,027	442,505	469,016	501,293	526,924	547,072	564,094	579,729
Plumas County	19,911	19,843	20,731	20,741	20,526	20,401	20,128	19,757	19,578	19,496	19,471
Riverside County	2,191,886	2,351,449	2,593,211	2,824,044	3,046,064	3,263,942	3,462,256	3,637,301	3,828,798	4,025,090	4,216,816
Sacramento County	1,420,434	1,477,479	1,543,522	1,617,175	1,708,114	1,817,718	1,913,756	1,995,141	2,063,132	2,128,179	2,191,508
San Benito County	55,350	57,512	60,278	64,658	69,215	73,398	77,120	79,543	81,864	84,269	86,939
San Bernardino County	2,038,523	2,139,161	2,273,017	2,428,754	2,626,945	2,811,986	2,988,648	3,142,009	3,248,440	3,342,579	3,433,047
San Diego County	3,102,745	3,225,139	3,333,995	3,432,537	3,530,896	3,640,255	3,749,240	3,861,495	3,969,663	4,065,702	4,152,763
San Francisco County	806,254	835,109	852,788	867,354	877,847	886,167	891,607	898,921	907,443	916,579	926,555
San Joaquin County	686,588	725,884	810,845	905,852	1,004,147	1,110,972	1,213,708	1,299,382	1,379,333	1,459,187	1,538,313
San Luis Obispo County	269,713	273,793	287,744	299,996	311,349	322,734	328,677	333,135	338,808	345,578	353,190
San Mateo County	719,729	747,637	747,563	766,521	803,288	833,209	850,112	875,181	895,603	911,842	928,706
Santa Barbara County	424,050	435,639	449,505	461,567	473,356	483,905	492,610	499,987	506,466	512,807	519,034
Santa Clara County	1,786,429	1,874,604	1,889,898	1,936,386	1,986,545	2,038,645	2,083,710	2,121,519	2,152,199	2,176,556	2,198,503
Santa Cruz County	263,260	270,555	275,704	283,724	290,121	295,743	298,929	301,310	303,641	306,417	309,474
Shasta County	177,472	181,792	199,814	210,320	220,019	232,908	242,016	254,411	259,167	262,329	265,246
Sierra County	3,230	3,052	3,034	3,049	3,125	3,326	3,453	3,544	3,634	3,743	3,876
Siskiyou County	44,893	44,649	46,369	47,606	48,883	50,896	51,854	52,011	52,130	52,361	52,646
Solano County	413,117	424,494	447,217	467,130	493,422	526,213	551,491	572,623	592,850	613,717	634,852
Sonoma County	484,084	495,457	507,250	519,734	534,439	551,621	572,664	589,743	598,795	607,075	616,340
Stanislaus County	515,205	540,853	589,156	634,710	674,859	714,694	759,027	815,171	861,984	907,775	953,580
Sutter County	94,669	98,833	108,939	119,413	133,010	151,452	172,475	191,445	212,161	233,552	254,783
Tehama County	63,487	64,733	69,340	72,898	77,437	83,688	89,087	93,342	98,449	103,839	109,201
Trinity County	13,713	13,524	14,352	15,071	15,532	16,262	17,030	17,582	18,172	18,789	19,381
Tulare County	443,066	473,785	526,718	575,294	630,303	682,022	722,838	755,809	784,334	811,412	836,850
Tuolumne County	55,144	54,222	55,938	56,872	57,982	59,863	60,593	60,992	61,678	62,686	63,947
Ventura County	825,077	851,859	867,535	887,411	912,548	940,102	960,528	978,085	995,578	1,014,586	1,034,651
Yolo County	201,311	209,198	223,657	237,322	250,414	266,653	281,259	291,526	297,147	301,569	305,711
Yuba County	72,329	75,787	84,520	92,785	101,812	112,727	123,203	132,256	143,973	156,438	168,685

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# California Race and Ethnicity Distribution



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census and California Department of Finance, Population Projections for California, 2010 Baseline Series.