

STATE POPULATION RANKINGS SUMMARY

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VERMONT'S POPULATION PROJECTIONS: 1995 TO 2025

OVERVIEW

\* Vermont had a population of 585 thousand people in 1995. Among the 50 states and District of Columbia, the state ranked as the 49th most populous. By 2000, it is projected to be the 49th most populous with 617 thousand people. By 2025, it is projected to be the 50th most populous with 678 thousand people.

\* Over the three decades, Vermont's total population is expected to increase 94 thousand people. Among the 50 states and District of Columbia, the state's net gain ranks as the 49th largest. Its rate of population change, at 16 percent, ranks as the 36th largest. From 1995 to 2000, the state would have a net increase of 32 thousand people, which would rank as the 44th largest net gain in the nation.

\* 0.2 percent of the nation's population resided in Vermont in 1995 (ranked 49th largest among the 50 states and District of Columbia), compared with 0.2 percent in 2000 (ranked 49th) and 0.2 percent in 2025 (ranked 50th).

\* Vermont is expected to gain 7 thousand people through international migration between 1995 and 2025, placing it 49th largest among the net international migration gains among the 50 states and District of Columbia.

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\* Vermont is projected to rank 29th largest among the 50 states and District of Columbia in the number of persons

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gained through net internal migration between 1995 and 2025, gaining 26 thousand persons.

\* During the 1995 to 2025 period, Vermont could have 221 thousand births and 180 thousand deaths. Among the 50 states and District of Columbia, the state could rank 51st largest in births and 49th largest in deaths. It could rank 49th largest in terms of its natural increase (birth minus deaths).

#### AGE GROUPS

\* The number and proportion of Vermont's population that is aged 18 and over is expected to increase from 438 thousand or 74.9 percent in 1995 to 465 thousand or 75.4 percent in 2000. This population is expected to increase to 533 thousand or 78.6 percent in 2025.

\* All states and the District of Columbia are projected to show a decline in the proportion of youth (under 20 years old) in their populations. The percentage of Vermont's population classified as youth is projected to decrease from 27.7 percent in 1995 to 23.9 percent in 2025. Its rank among the 50 states and District of Columbia is expected to be the 36th largest proportion of youth in 1995 and the 42nd largest proportion of youth in 2025.

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\* As the Baby Boom generation (those born between 1946 and 1964) reaches retirement age, the growth of the elderly population (65 and over) is expected to accelerate rapidly. The size of the elderly population is projected to increase in all states and the District of Columbia over the 30 year period. The

proportion of Vermont's population classified as elderly is expected to increase from 12 percent in 1995 to 20.3 percent in 2025. Among the 50 states and District of Columbia, the state is projected to have the 35th highest proportion of elderly in 1995 and the 23rd highest proportion of elderly in 2025.

\* Vermont's dependency ratio, the number of youth (under age 20) and elderly (ages 65 and over) there would be for every 100 people of working ages (20 to 64 years of age), could rise from 65.9 in 1995 to 79.3 in 2025. The 1995 and 2025 ratios rank the state as the 45th largest and 38th largest, respectively, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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#### RACE AND ETHNIC GROUPS

\* By 2025, non-Hispanic Whites would comprise 95.6 percent of Vermont's population, down from 97.9 percent in 1995. Non-Hispanic African Americans would comprise 0.6 percent of the state population in 2025, up from 0.4 percent in 1995. Non-Hispanic American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleut would comprise 0.3 percent of the 1995 state population and 0.4 percent of the 2025 state population. Non-Hispanic Asians and Pacific Islanders would increase from 0.7 percent of the 1995 state population to

1.6 percent of the 2025 state population. Persons of Hispanic origin, who may be of any race, is projected to increase from 0.7 percent of the 1995 state population to 1.8 percent of the 2025 state population.

\* Between 1995 and 2025, the number of non-Hispanic Whites residing in Vermont is projected to increase by 76 thousand, compared to a gain of 2 thousand for non-Hispanic African Americans, a gain of 1 thousand for non-Hispanic American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleut, a gain of 6 thousand for the non-Hispanic Asians and Pacific Islanders, and a gain of 8 thousand for persons of Hispanic origin.

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\* The numeric change in Vermont's non-Hispanic White population from 1995 to 2025 ranks as the 33rd largest gain among the 50 states and District of Columbia. In the same period, the non-Hispanic African American population change ranks as the 49th largest gain, while the non-Hispanic American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut population change ranks as the 45th largest gain. The non-Hispanic Asian and Pacific Islander population change ranks as the 49th largest gain, while the Hispanic population change ranks as the 51st largest gain.

\* During the 30 year period, Vermont's non-Hispanic White population grew by a rate of 13.3 percent. The non-Hispanic African American population grew by 77.7 percent,

the non-Hispanic American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut population grew by 54.6 percent, the non-Hispanic Asian and Pacific Islander population grew by 145.9 percent, and the Hispanic population grew by 194.1 percent. Among the 50 states and District of Columbia, the rate of growth for non-Hispanic Whites ranks 22nd largest. The non-Hispanic African American growth rate ranks 6th largest, while the non-Hispanic American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut growth rate ranks 18th largest. The non-Hispanic Asian and Pacific Islander growth rate ranks 14th largest, while the Hispanic growth rate ranks 2nd largest.

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\* The number and proportion of Vermont's voting age population that is non-Hispanic White is projected to be 454 thousand or 97.6 percent in 2000. Comparable figures for the other race and ethnic groups are 2 thousand and 0.4 percent for non-Hispanic African Americans, 1 thousand and 0.3 percent for non-Hispanic American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleut, 4 thousand and 0.8 percent for non-Hispanic Asians and Pacific Islanders, and 4 thousand and 0.9 percent for persons of Hispanic origin.

Source: Figures are from Series A (the Preferred Series) as reported in Campbell, Paul R., 1996, "Population Projections for States, by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: 1995 to 2025," Report PPL-47, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Population Division. Most of these data are available in files found on the Population Projections section of the World Wide Web's Census Bureau Home Page (<http://www.census.gov>).

Interim Projections: Ranking of States by Projected Percent of Population Age 65 and Older: 2000, 2010, and 2030

2000			2010			2030		
State	Percent	Rank	State	Percent	Rank	State	Percent	Rank
United States	12.4	(x)	United States	13.0	(x)	United States	19.7	(x)
Florida	17.6	1	Florida	17.8	1	Florida	27.1	1
Pennsylvania	15.6	2	West Virginia	16.0	2	Wyoming	26.5	2
West Virginia	15.3	3	Maine	15.6	3	Maine	26.5	3
Iowa	14.9	4	Pennsylvania	15.5	4	New Mexico	26.5	4
North Dakota	14.7	5	North Dakota	15.3	5	Montana	25.8	5
Rhode Island	14.5	6	Montana	15.0	6	North Dakota	25.1	6
Maine	14.4	7	Iowa	14.9	7	West Virginia	24.8	7
South Dakota	14.3	8	South Dakota	14.6	8	Vermont	24.5	8
Arkansas	14.0	9	Connecticut	14.4	9	Delaware	23.5	9
Connecticut	13.8	10	Arkansas	14.3	10	South Dakota	23.1	10
Nebraska	13.6	11	Vermont	14.3	11	Pennsylvania	22.6	11
Massachusetts	13.5	12	Hawaii	14.3	12	Iowa	22.5	12
Missouri	13.5	13	Delaware	14.1	13	Hawaii	22.3	13
Montana	13.4	14	Alabama	14.1	14	Arizona	22.1	14
Ohio	13.3	15	Rhode Island	14.1	15	South Carolina	22.0	15
Hawaii	13.3	16	New Mexico	14.1	16	Connecticut	21.5	16
Kansas	13.3	17	Wyoming	14.0	17	Rhode Island	21.4	17
New Jersey	13.2	18	Arizona	13.9	18	Wisconsin	21.3	18
Oklahoma	13.2	19	Missouri	13.9	19	Alabama	21.3	19
Wisconsin	13.1	20	Oklahoma	13.8	20	Massachusetts	20.9	20
Alabama	13.0	21	Nebraska	13.8	21	Nebraska	20.7	21
Arizona	13.0	22	Ohio	13.7	22	Mississippi	20.5	22
Delaware	13.0	23	Massachusetts	13.7	23	Ohio	20.4	23
New York	12.9	24	New Jersey	13.7	24	Arkansas	20.3	24
Oregon	12.8	25	New York	13.6	25	Missouri	20.3	25
Vermont	12.7	26	South Carolina	13.6	26	Kansas	20.2	26
Kentucky	12.5	27	Wisconsin	13.5	27	New York	20.1	27
Indiana	12.4	28	Kansas	13.4	28	New Jersey	20.0	28
Tennessee	12.4	29	Tennessee	13.3	29	Kentucky	19.8	29
Michigan	12.3	30	Kentucky	13.1	30	New Hampshire	19.7	30
District of Columbia	12.2	31	Oregon	13.0	31	Louisiana	19.7	31
South Carolina	12.1	32	Michigan	12.8	32	Michigan	19.5	32
Minnesota	12.1	33	Mississippi	12.8	33	Oklahoma	19.4	33
Illinois	12.1	34	Indiana	12.7	34	Tennessee	19.2	34
Mississippi	12.1	35	Louisiana	12.6	35	Minnesota	18.9	35
North Carolina	12.0	36	New Hampshire	12.6	36	Virginia	18.8	36
New Hampshire	12.0	37	North Carolina	12.4	37	Nevada	18.6	37
Wyoming	11.7	38	Virginia	12.4	38	Idaho	18.3	38
New Mexico	11.7	39	Illinois	12.4	39	Oregon	18.3	39
Louisiana	11.6	40	Minnesota	12.4	40	Washington	18.1	40
Maryland	11.3	41	Nevada	12.3	41	Indiana	18.1	41
Idaho	11.3	42	Washington	12.2	42	Illinois	18.0	42
Washington	11.2	43	Maryland	12.2	43	California	17.8	43
Virginia	11.2	44	Idaho	12.0	44	North Carolina	17.8	44
Nevada	11.0	45	California	11.5	45	Maryland	17.6	45
California	10.6	46	District of Columbia	11.5	46	Colorado	16.5	46
Texas	9.9	47	Colorado	10.7	47	Georgia	15.9	47
Colorado	9.7	48	Texas	10.5	48	Texas	15.6	48
Georgia	9.6	49	Georgia	10.2	49	Alaska	14.7	49
Utah	8.5	50	Utah	9.0	50	District of Columbia	13.4	50
Alaska	5.7	51	Alaska	8.1	51	Utah	13.2	51

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 05/01 estimate 9/05  
 ARAP VT 10/00+  
 Top 5 +65  
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