Nation Continues to Age as It Becomes More Diverse

Vintage 2021 Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin Now Available

JUNE 30, 2022 – The last two decades have seen the country grow continuously older. Since 2000, the national median age – the point at which one-half the population is older and one-half younger – has increased by 3.4 years, with the largest single-year gain of 0.3 years coming in 2021, bringing it to 38.8 years, according to newly released 2021 Population Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Median age for most states also increased from 2020 to 2021, indicating their populations are getting older overall.

"The states with the lowest median ages saw the largest increases between 2020 to 2021. While Utah remained the youngest state in the nation, the state’s median age increased by 0.3 years from 31.5 to 31.8. Similarly, the District of Columbia had the second-lowest median age but saw the largest increase of 0.5 years from 34.4 to 34.9," said Kristie Wilder, a demographer in the Census Bureau’s Population Division.

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An Aging Nation
Change in Median Age by County: July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021

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The 2022 Back to Data Basics Webinar Series

If you are looking to improve your data skills, Back to Data Basics is a great opportunity to learn from our experts about how to access and utilize a variety of Census Bureau data products, tools, and resources.

Upcoming

Webinar: Introduction to American Community Survey Group Quarters Data

Wed Jul 20 2022 14:00 AM - 15:00 AM | US/Eastern Time: 2-3 p.m. (EDT)

This webinar will explain the different Group Quarter (GQ) classifications and provide an overview of the American Community Survey (ACS) GQ Data Collection Operation. It will also offer an understanding of how GQ populations are excluded from ACS data on poverty and households and the availability of data for different geographies. A brief demonstration of how to access GQ data using data.census.gov will also be provided. Click here for more.

School Pulse Panel

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun collecting data from schools for the new School Pulse Panel (SPP) as part of efforts to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and staff in U.S. public schools. The SPP is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics and collects data on instructional modes offered, enrollment counts, learning loss mitigation strategies, safety and health strategies, use of technology and more. To learn more, visit the School Pulse Panel page.

Business Trends and Outlook Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau will launch a new survey to measure business conditions on an ongoing basis. The Business Trends and Outlook Survey (BTOS) is the successor to the Small Business Pulse Survey (SBPS), a high-frequency survey that measured the effect of changing business conditions during the coronavirus pandemic and other major events like hurricanes on our nation’s small businesses.

BTOS experimental data products will be representative of all single location employer businesses in the U.S. economy, excluding farms. These data will provide insight into the state of the economy by providing continuous, timely data for key economic measures every two weeks. Data collection is scheduled to begin mid-July. Data will be released biweekly and available by sector, state and the 25 most populous metropolitan statistical areas.

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2022 Product and Event Calendar

The U.S. Census Bureau has posted anticipated release dates for each regular and recurring statistical product scheduled for release in 2022.

These products are listed in the Census Bureau’s online product calendar, which is updated as needed.