

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Idaho Population Growth Strongest Since 2008

Idaho's population grew by 1.8 percent between mid-2015 and mid-2016, the third strongest increase of all states and 1.1 percentage point ahead of the national growth rate.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the state's population was 1,683,140 as of July 1, 2016, an estimated increase of more than 30,300. This was the strongest increase since 2008 when the population grew 1.9 percent with an increase of 29,200.

Idaho's population growth can be attributed to a high birth rate and domestic migration, which accounted for 90 percent of the state's population growth. Idaho ranked fifth in the country for in-migration as nearly 19,000 people moved from other states and countries between mid-2015 and mid-2016. The state's birth rate was 13.7 births per thousand women, the seventh highest in the country.

Utah's population exceeded 3 million as it became the nation's fastest growing state with a 2 percent increase in population, followed by Nevada, Idaho, Florida, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, District of Columbia and Texas. Eight states – Mississippi, Wyoming, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, West Virginia and Illinois – lost population.

From 1990 through 2010 Idaho posted annual population growth rates of more than 1 percent, exceeding 2 percent a year during the mid-2000s expansion and 3 percent in 1993 and 1994. In 2012 growth slid to just 0.7 percent, matching the national rate. In 2013 Idaho's rate rose to 1 percent while the national rate remained at 0.7 percent. Idaho continued to be above the national rate at 1.8 percent compared with 0.7 percent nationally.

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#### Population by State 2015-2016

	2015	2016	% Chg	Rank
United States	320,896,618	323,127,513	0.7	

Alabama	4,853,875	4,863,300	0.2	34
Alaska	737,709	741,894	0.6	21
Arizona	6,817,565	6,931,071	1.7	8
Arkansas	2,977,853	2,988,248	0.3	28
California	38,993,940	39,250,017	0.7	20
Colorado	5,448,819	5,540,545	1.7	7
Connecticut	3,584,730	3,576,452	-0.2	48
Delaware	944,076	952,065	0.8	17
District of Columbia	670,377	681,170	1.6	9
Florida	20,244,914	20,612,439	1.8	4
Georgia	10,199,398	10,310,371	1.1	13
Hawaii	1,425,157	1,428,557	0.2	33
Idaho	1,652,828	1,683,140	1.8	3
Illinois	12,839,047	12,801,539	-0.3	50
Indiana	6,612,768	6,633,053	0.3	29
Iowa	3,121,997	3,134,693	0.4	24
Kansas	2,906,721	2,907,289	-	43
Kentucky	4,424,611	4,436,974	0.3	30
Louisiana	4,668,960	4,681,666	0.3	32
Maine	1,329,453	1,331,479	0.2	36
Maryland	5,994,983	6,016,447	0.4	26
Massachusetts	6,784,240	6,811,779	0.4	25
Michigan	9,917,715	9,928,300	0.1	38
Minnesota	5,482,435	5,519,952	0.7	19
Mississippi	2,989,390	2,988,726	-	45
Missouri	6,076,204	6,093,000	0.3	31
Montana	1,032,073	1,042,520	1.0	14
Nebraska	1,893,765	1,907,116	0.7	18
Nevada	2,883,758	2,940,058	2.0	2
New Hampshire	1,330,111	1,334,795	0.4	27
New Jersey	8,935,421	8,944,469	0.1	39
New Mexico	2,080,328	2,081,015	-	42
New York	19,747,183	19,745,289	-	44
North Carolina	10,035,186	10,146,788	1.1	12
North Dakota	756,835	757,952	0.1	37
Ohio	11,605,090	11,614,373	0.1	40
Oklahoma	3,907,414	3,923,561	0.4	23
Oregon	4,024,634	4,093,465	1.7	6
Pennsylvania	12,791,904	12,784,227	-0.1	46
Rhode Island	1,055,607	1,056,426	0.1	41
South Carolina	4,894,834	4,961,119	1.4	11
South Dakota	857,919	865,454	0.9	15
Tennessee	6,595,056	6,651,194	0.9	16
Texas	27,429,639	27,862,596	1.6	10
Utah	2,990,632	3,051,217	2.0	1

Vermont	626,088	624,594	-0.2	49
Virginia	8,367,587	8,411,808	0.5	22
Washington	7,160,290	7,288,000	1.8	5
West Virginia	1,841,053	1,831,102	-0.5	51
Wisconsin	5,767,891	5,778,708	0.2	35
Wyoming	586,555	585,501	-0.2	47

Dash (-) represents zero or rounds to zero

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