Georgia’s Changing Demographics

State Workforce Strategy Webinar

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Agenda

• Georgia’s Population in a National and Historical Context
• How Georgia’s Population is Changing
• Where Georgia’s Population is Changing

• What are the opportunities and consequences of these trends for the State of Georgia’s workforce?
2020 Census: 1 Million New Georgians since 2010

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 and 2010 Redistricting files
State’s Rate of Growth (10.6%) Exceeds Nation (7.4%)

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 and 2010 Redistricting files
Population Increase Slows Down

Georgia Population (Millions)

10.7 Million
Georgia’s Projected Population through 2050

- 2030: 11.7 million
- 2040: 12.6 million

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Population Projections
Georgia’s Population over Age 60 Projected to Grow

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Population Projections
Georgia’s Changing Racial Composition, 2010-2020

Source: US Census Bureau
Under Age 18 Population More Diverse than Total Population

Source: US Census Bureau Population Estimates
Three Components of Population Change

1. Births
2. Deaths
3. Migration
22,000 More Deaths in 2020 than in 2019

Source: Georgia Department of Public Health
Rising Death Totals prior to Covid-19

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The slope indicates an increase of 836 deaths per year before 2010

The slope indicates an increase of 1,860 deaths per year between 2011 and 2019

Source: Georgia Department of Public Health
Number of Births are Falling in Georgia

Source: Georgia Department of Public Health
Slower Natural Increase

Note: Year ends July 1, 2021
Source: US Census Bureau Population Estimates
International Migration Stable Component of Growth

Note: Year ends July 1, 2021
Source: US Census Bureau Population Estimates
Domestic Migration Propels Georgia Growth

Note: Year ends July 1, 2021
Source: US Census Bureau Population Estimates
Migration Drives Uneven Regional Population Growth

Source: Georgia Department of Driver Services
### Numeric Increase

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### Largest Numeric Decrease

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Source: US Census Bureau
68 counties lost population between 2010 and 2020

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 and 2010 Redistricting files
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43 counties have fewer people in 2020 than in 2000

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 and 2010 Redistricting files
Georgia’s Demographics, In Summary

• Georgia is among largest and fastest growing states
  • The growth is slowing
  • The growth is geographically uneven

• Younger Population continues to diversify

• Aging Population
  • 25% of projected population will be over age 60 in 2030
  • 30% of projected population will be over age 60 in 2040

• Migration is critical to Georgia population growth
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