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The Top 10 Fastest Growing States



Utah is the nation's fastest-growing state according to the latest census data. Its population climbed 2.5 percent in the last reported year.

The only two states to lose population were **Michigan** and **Rhode Island**. Michigan's population declined 0.5 percent (46,000), while Rhode Island's fell 0.2 percent (2,000).

California remained the most populous state, with about 36.8 million people on July 1, 2008. Rounding out the top five states were Texas (24.3 million), New York (19.5 million), Florida (18.3 million) and Illinois (12.9 million).

1. **Utah**
Population gain: 67,499
2008: 2,736,424
2007: 2,668,925
% growth: 2.5
2. **Arizona**
Population gain: 146,759
2008: 6,500,180

2007: 6,353,421

% growth: 2.3

3. **North Carolina**

Population gain: 180,820

2008: 9,222,414

2007: 9,041,594

% growth: 2.0

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5. **Texas**

Population gain: 483,542

2008: 24,326,974

2007: 23,843,432

% growth: 2.0

6. **Colorado**

Population gain: 96,686

2008: 4,939,456

2007: 4,842,770

% growth: 2.0

7. **Idaho**

Population gain: 27,671

2008: 1,523,816

2007: 1,496,145

% growth: 1.8

8. **Nevada**

Population gain: 45,823

2008: 2,600,167

2007: 2,554,344

% growth: 1.8

9. **Wyoming**

Population gain: 9,416

2008: 532,668

2007: 523,252

% growth: 1.8

10. **Georgia**

Population gain: 162,447

2008: 9,685,744

2007: 9,523,297

% growth: 1.7

11. **South Carolina**

Population gain: 74,886

2008: 4,479,800

2007: 4,404,914

% growth: 1.7

Other highlights:

- On the whole, the Northeastern states have gained population at an increasing rate since 2005, a turnaround from their declining growth rates from 2000 to 2005.
- Six of the 10 fastest-growing states from 2007 to 2008 were Rocky Mountain states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Three others lined the South Atlantic coast: Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.
- The West was the fastest-growing region (1.4 percent) between 2007 and 2008, but the South added the highest number of people over the period (1.4 million).
- The estimated July 1, 2008, population for Puerto Rico was 4 million, up by 0.3 percent (13,000) from one year earlier.

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