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**POPULATION TRENDS**

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# Population Trends

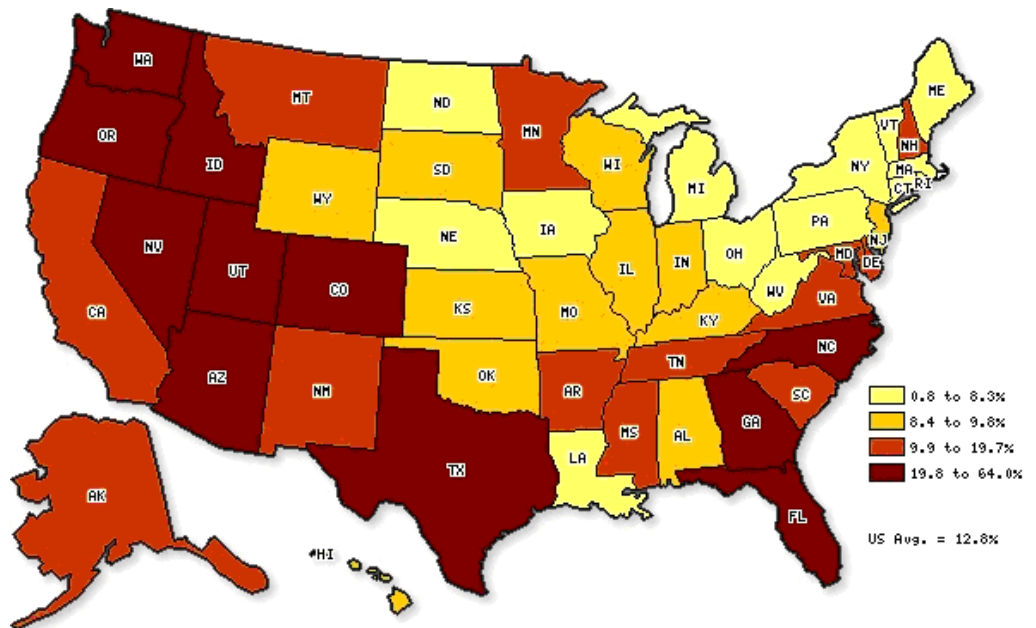


## What is this indicator?

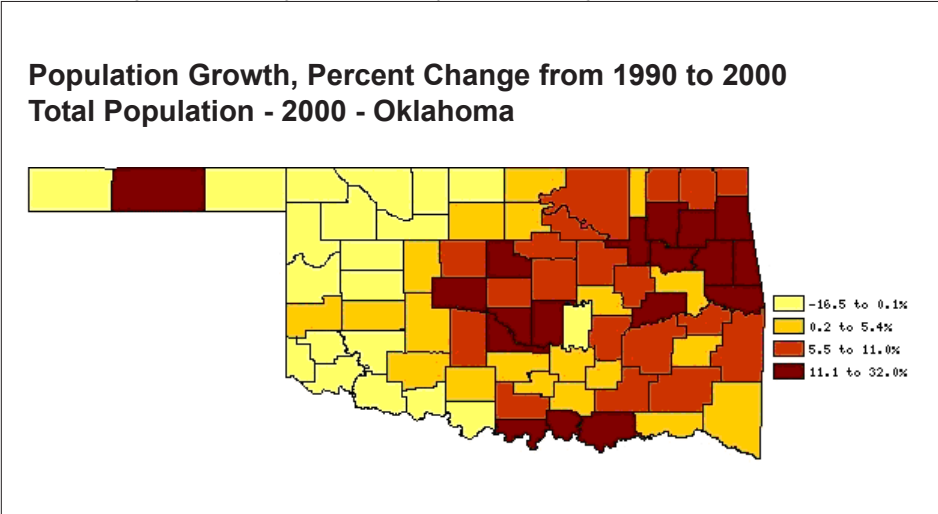
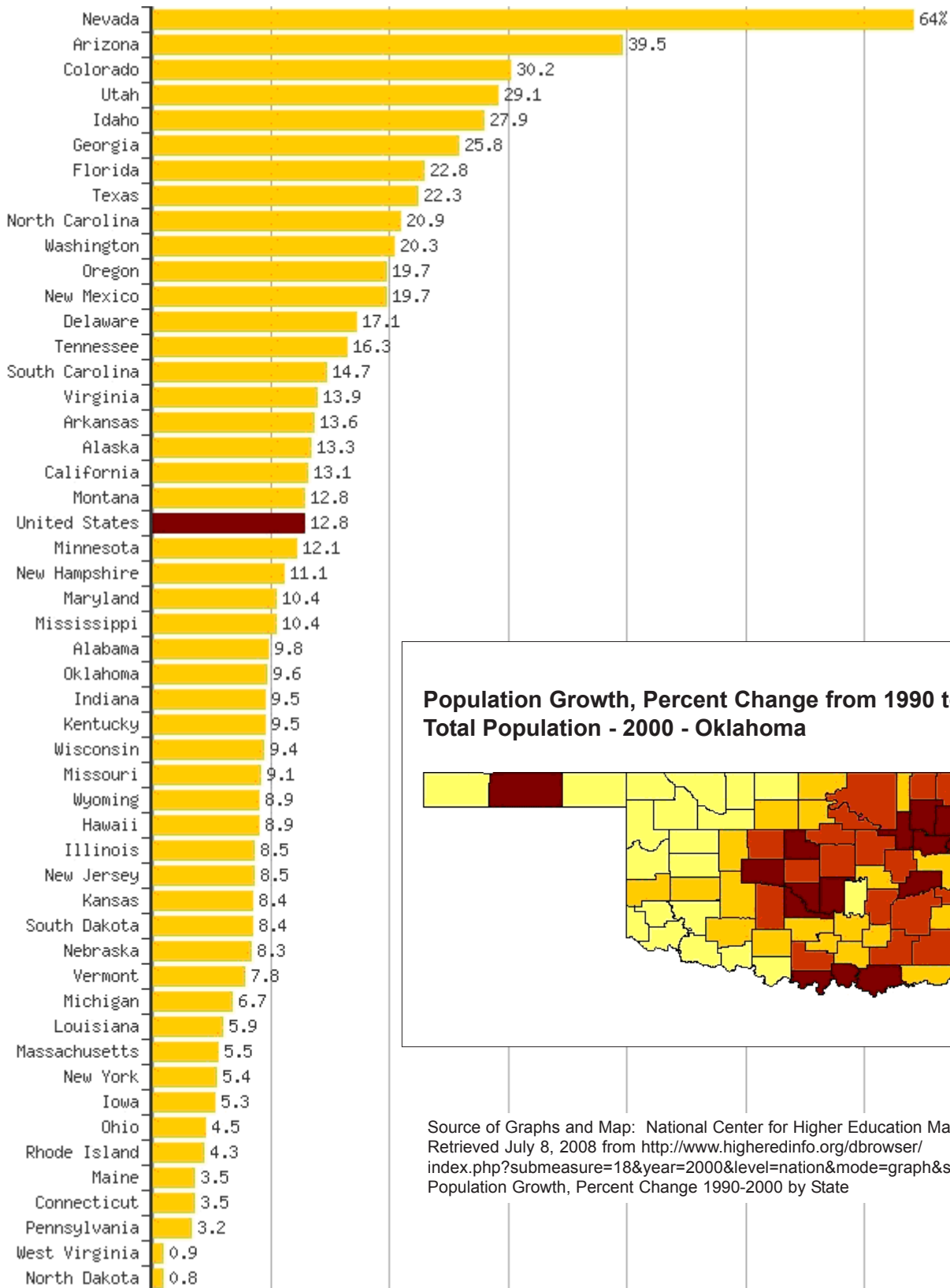
Population changes from 1990 to 2000 reveal the number and location of people in Oklahoma and the United States. The change indicates which counties and states are losing or gaining population.

## What are key findings?

The United States average growth has been 12.8% from 1990 to 2000. Oklahoma's growth has been ranked 25th at 9.6%. This growth is less than 1% per year. Nevada has had the greatest growth at 64% and North Dakota the least at 0.8% from 1990 to 2000.



Source: US Census Bureau



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Population Growth, Percent Change 1990-2000 by State

In Oklahoma, the population changes have been from rural Oklahoma to the metropolitan statistical areas around Oklahoma and Tulsa counties with eastern Oklahoma having the greatest population growth. Border areas near Arkansas (Fayetteville and Bentonville) and Texas (Denison and Sherman) reveal population growth due to workforce development in adjacent states. The greatest population increase has been in Rogers County (27.5%) and the greatest population loss has been in Rogers Mills County (-16.5%).

	Percent change 1990- 2000 (%)	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	<b>Adair County</b>	14.1	18435	18796	19091	19355	19616	19725	19932	20124	20404	20544
<b>Alfalfa County</b>	-4.3	6377	6332	6266	6220	6176	6134	6124	6055	6025	5887	6105
<b>Atoka County</b>	8.8	12760	12797	13045	13078	13097	13253	13215	13367	13302	13379	13879
<b>Beaver County</b>	-2.1	5983	5970	5870	5854	5882	5908	5922	5931	6045	6016	5857
<b>Beckham County</b>	5.4	18786	18865	18823	18780	19068	19304	19366	19337	19949	19799	19799
<b>Blaine County</b>	5.0	11409	11433	11152	11003	10951	10908	10702	10630	10420	10284	11976
<b>Bryan County</b>	13.8	32109	32171	32463	33084	33214	33649	33808	34280	34717	34941	36534
<b>Caddo County</b>	2.4	29432	29125	29783	29899	30150	30571	30696	30856	30881	30664	30150
<b>Canadian County</b>	17.4	74669	75902	77115	78736	79997	81350	83157	84362	85424	86498	87697
<b>Carter County</b>	6.4	42877	42711	43090	43494	43651	43969	44084	44311	44358	44533	45621
<b>Cherokee County</b>	24.6	34119	34796	35512	35819	36262	37080	37693	38451	39019	39506	42521
<b>Choctaw County</b>	0.2	15311	15273	15373	15361	15455	15222	15223	15176	15103	15025	15342
<b>Cimarron County</b>	-4.2	3286	3205	3180	3150	3118	3031	3038	3067	2990	2922	3148
<b>Cleveland County</b>	19.1	174653	177434	180633	184469	188237	191036	193698	198030	200977	203449	208016
<b>Coal County</b>	5.0	5743	5676	5749	5863	5940	6035	6103	6113	6030	6126	6031
<b>Comanche County</b>	3.2	111395	111115	120250	118023	113272	110526	109848	108700	108143	106621	114996
<b>Cotton County</b>	-0.5	6644	6462	6549	6597	6667	6796	6837	6718	6641	6609	6614
<b>Craig County</b>	6.4	14057	14024	14091	14071	14175	14202	14361	14448	14465	14468	14950
<b>Creek County</b>	10.7	60835	61661	62276	62874	63657	64527	65208	66216	67117	68169	67367
<b>Custer County</b>	-2.4	26791	26447	26551	26409	26402	26159	25796	25552	25572	25577	26142
<b>Delaware County</b>	32.0	28099	28464	29289	30082	31106	32216	33122	33788	34305	34977	37077
<b>Dewey County</b>	-14.4	5540	5482	5440	5299	5227	5131	5068	4983	4923	4859	4743
<b>Ellis County</b>	-8.9	4471	4407	4350	4328	4231	4223	4210	4206	4245	4194	4075
<b>Garfield County</b>	2.1	56649	56302	56447	56405	56667	57149	56864	56799	56939	56954	57813
<b>Garvin County</b>	2.4	26573	26570	26545	26527	26648	26755	26724	26807	26808	26720	27210
<b>Grady County</b>	9.2	41681	41781	41983	42532	43015	43861	44859	45428	45765	46084	45516
<b>Grant County</b>	-9.4	5679	5579	5497	5572	5564	5464	5483	5427	5339	5237	5144
<b>Greer County</b>	-7.3	6536	6438	6389	6417	6475	6690	6625	6439	6357	6387	6061
<b>Harmon County</b>	-13.0	3775	3719	3645	3634	3575	3604	3569	3522	3476	3336	3283
<b>Harper County</b>	-12.1	4051	3970	3870	3873	3875	3814	3746	3613	3593	3580	3562
<b>Haskell County</b>	7.7	10951	10864	10961	10908	10980	11201	11254	11362	11359	11421	11792
<b>Hughes County</b>	9.1	12975	12893	12812	12731	12781	12949	13670	14051	14102	14064	14154
<b>Jackson County</b>	-0.6	28624	28417	28664	28813	28960	29741	29851	28374	28536	28392	28439
<b>Jefferson County</b>	-2.6	7001	6967	6945	6923	6941	6812	6716	6658	6578	6518	6818
<b>Johnston County</b>	4.9	10025	9960	10105	9983	10125	10136	10156	10345	10302	10310	10513
<b>Kay County</b>	0.2	47975	48059	48567	48287	47682	47535	47137	46745	46572	46448	48080
<b>Kingfisher County</b>	5.8	13166	13036	13000	13048	13202	13355	13451	13473	13480	13496	13926
<b>Kiowa County</b>	-9.9	11345	11189	11079	11176	11062	11032	10832	10842	10671	10498	10227

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	(%)	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>Latimer County</b>	3.3	10355	10632	10476	10267	10258	10341	10262	10269	10276	10204	10692
<b>Le Flore County</b>	10.9	43396	43533	43584	44386	44808	45622	45912	46428	46662	46770	48109
<b>Lincoln County</b>	10.1	29128	29374	29326	29758	30021	30507	30893	31069	31318	31811	32080
<b>Logan County</b>	17.0	29003	29155	29420	29942	29827	29901	29637	29918	30087	30437	33924
<b>Love County</b>	13.5	7783	7897	8024	8034	8247	8358	8579	8569	8550	8581	8831
<b>Major County</b>	-5.7	8003	7882	7798	7656	7739	7728	7696	7773	7804	7659	7545
<b>Marshall County</b>	21.7	10831	10975	11210	11445	11497	11780	11877	12057	12251	12377	13184
<b>Mayes County</b>	14.7	33441	33877	34302	34822	35277	35918	36480	37067	37635	38270	38369
<b>McClain County</b>	21.4	22859	23075	23422	24011	24595	25177	25429	25797	26206	26706	27740
<b>McCurtain County</b>	3.0	33397	33269	33593	33705	33809	34360	34617	34578	34779	34795	34402
<b>McIntosh County</b>	16.0	16770	16904	17127	17560	18046	18463	18504	18787	19006	19269	19456
<b>Murray County</b>	5.4	11973	12022	12112	11981	11969	12179	12440	12383	12329	12477	12623
<b>Muskogee County</b>	1.9	68171	68509	68916	69133	69568	69623	69755	69797	70091	70091	69451
<b>Noble County</b>	3.4	11035	11088	11096	11211	11196	11261	11201	11290	11362	11334	11411
<b>Nowata County</b>	6.3	9945	9879	9843	9838	9754	9868	9841	9887	9980	10079	10569
<b>Okfuskee County</b>	2.1	11567	11304	11255	11222	11159	11249	11288	11350	11392	11242	11814
<b>Oklahoma County</b>	10.1	599916	603982	610581	616886	622251	623411	627298	630850	632865	636539	660448
<b>Okmulgee County</b>	8.9	36455	36483	36810	37265	37336	37532	37759	38512	38666	38788	39685
<b>Osage County</b>	6.9	41571	41694	42114	42622	42436	42363	42343	42456	42896	42970	44437
<b>Ottawa County</b>	8.6	30563	30437	30299	30288	30536	30704	30519	30688	30891	30881	33194
<b>Pawnee County</b>	6.8	15557	15524	15615	15707	15779	15860	16031	16207	16392	16548	16612
<b>Payne County</b>	11.0	61450	61539	62440	63210	63341	63823	63981	64970	65274	65418	68190
<b>Pittsburg County</b>	7.3	40963	41516	42246	42744	42991	43218	43136	42976	43022	43472	43953
<b>Pontotoc County</b>	3.1	34102	34020	33917	33955	34196	34577	34944	34630	34631	34686	35143
<b>Pottawatomie County</b>	11.5	58773	58776	59227	60037	60088	60754	61473	61238	62291	62654	65521
<b>Pushmataha County</b>	6.3	10974	10986	10998	11146	11267	11390	11629	11526	11474	11542	11667
<b>Roger Mills County</b>	-16.5	4116	4095	3982	3939	3833	3789	3728	3573	3581	3593	3436
<b>Rogers County</b>	27.5	55388	56567	57808	59624	60674	61973	63577	65620	68013	70567	70641
<b>Seminole County</b>	-1.6	25300	24946	24725	24858	24979	24958	24884	24982	24756	24546	24894
<b>Sequoyah County</b>	15.2	33843	34040	34555	34874	35090	35884	36537	36972	37546	37886	38972
<b>Stephens County</b>	2.4	42184	42747	43023	42992	43152	42817	43162	43323	43527	43076	43182
<b>Texas County</b>	22.4	16427	16228	16163	16014	16263	16611	17396	18029	18540	18329	20107
<b>Tillman County</b>	-10.0	10324	10232	10065	10031	9763	9686	9610	9620	9524	9419	9287
<b>Tulsa County</b>	11.6	504963	512416	518646	522048	523501	524297	529694	536338	543417	548296	563299
<b>Wagoner County</b>	19.7	48015	48652	49322	50543	51365	52134	53252	54128	55223	56115	57491
<b>Washington County</b>	1.4	48297	48641	48297	47562	47469	47453	47401	47470	47523	47674	48996
<b>Washita County</b>	0.5	11449	11485	11503	11437	11533	11669	11659	11626	11842	11692	11508
<b>Woods County</b>	0.1	9083	8949	8967	8690	8615	8520	8430	8305	8300	8171	9089
<b>Woodward County</b>	-2.4	18948	18849	18917	18709	18788	18736	18632	18615	18624	18588	18486

Population comparisons of Tulsa (city) to Oklahoma City reveal a gain in Tulsa of 7.0% from 1990 to 2000 compared to 13.8% in Oklahoma City. The more recent US Census estimates indicate a loss in Tulsa of -2.6% while Oklahoma City has continued to increase at 6.2%. Tulsa County and Oklahoma County had a comparative growth of 11.9% and 10.1% from 1990 to 2000. Growth in Tulsa County has since slowed to 3.9% from 2000 to 2007 while Oklahoma County has continued to grow at 6.3%.

**Population Comparisons, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma City, and Oklahoma County, 1990 to 2007 Estimates**

Population	Tulsa	Tulsa County	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma County
<b>1990</b>	367,302	503,341	444,719	599,611
<b>2000</b>	393,049	563,299	506,132	660,448
<b>2006 Est.</b>	382,870	577,577	537,730	694,589
<b>2007 Est.</b>	<i>na</i>	585,068	<i>na</i>	701,807

Percent Change	Tulsa	Tulsa County	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma County
<b>1990 to 2000</b>	7.0%	11.9%	13.8%	10.1%
<b>2000 to 2006</b>	-2.6%	2.5%	6.2%	5.2%
<b>2006 to 2007</b>	<i>na</i>	3.9%	<i>na</i>	6.3%

**What are the implications?**

The United States and Oklahoma are facing a challenge of population mobility. Many people are moving to states that are coastal (Pacific, Atlantic, and Caribbean Oceans) and western to live and work. The population movement will have an impact on the tax base of states losing population and reduce the ability to maintain and conduct vital services (public schools, roads, and health care). States that are gaining population will struggle to keep up with the demand for housing, roads, and lifestyle supports.

Long term planning regarding the shift in population from rural to suburban locations in Oklahoma should be beneficial in the planning and distribution of scarce resources over the next twenty years. Additional attention to trends in the age and ethnicity of the population and location in the state will be essential in determining future workforce needs for counties.

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