Towards 2050 in the U.S

Just the Facts, Ma’am: Demographics, Democracy, and the Public Budget

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POPULATION CHANGE IN THE U.S

Racial and Ethnic Composition of the United States, 1970-2050

2000 Percent People of Color by County

Less than 40% People of Color
"Tipping Point" Counties: 40% to 50% People of Color
Greater than 50% People of Color

Sources: 2000 Census, Census TIGER/Line, NHGIS, and ESRI.

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2020 Percent People of Color by County

Less than 40% People of Color
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Sources: Woods & Poole Economics projections data (adjusted using the 2010 Census), Census TIGER/Line, NHGIS, and ESRI.

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MILLENNIAL DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Millennial demographic projections**
  - They are more ethnically and racially diverse than older adults.
  - People of color make up about 40 percent of all Millennials.
  - By 2020—the first presidential election where all Millennials will have reached voting age—44 percent of voting-age Millennials will be people of color.
Based on Census projections, the map below displays the projections of baby boomer–induced senior growth over the period of 2010 to 2030. States with the largest growth will be replaced by the growth among communities of color.

OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE

- Labor force projections
  - By 2050, people of color will make a significant portion of the workforce:
    - Latinos 24.3 percent
    - Black 13.8 percent
    - Asian 8.30 percent
    - All other groups 4.90 percent
  - Between 2000 and 2050 new immigrants and their children will account for 83 percent of the growth in the working-age population.

Figure 2: June 2012, Bureau of Labor Statistics