DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA: A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

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FIRST ROUND OF 2020 CENSUS RESULTS RELEASED

- In August 2021, the PL-94-171 file, better known as the redistricting file, was released by the Census Bureau
- The file contains the first sub-state level results from the Decennial Census of 2020
- These are the data that are mandatory in the redrawing of all federal, state, and local election districts.
- Unfortunately, the file consists of only five variables: total population, population aged 18 and older, race, ethnicity, and number of households

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE FIRST ROUND OF RESULTS

- Despite Census Bureau claims of a near complete census, most demographers believe between 2 and 4 million people were missed/not counted
- Most of the missed/not counted population were immigrant, poor, rural, and/or had limited internet access
- Additionally, another 6 to 8 million were likely misallocatedcounted, but attributed to an incorrect location
- The vast majority of the misallocated were college students.



TAKEAWAYS FROM THESE LIMITED DATA

- Trends in the changes of the race and ethnic composition of areas
- Changes in the number of people under the age of 18 in a given area
- The impact of current fertility, mortality, and migration trends on the total population of an area



OVERALL TRENDS FROM 2010 TO 2020

- The total U.S. population grew by 7.4 % from 2010 to 2020
- This is the slowest decade of population growth since the 1930s and the second slowest since 1790.
- The median age increased from 37.2 in 2010 to 38.4 in 2020.
- Three states saw total population decreases over the last decade. (Illinois, West Virginia, and Mississippi)



RACE AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION

- A great deal of attention has been given to the significant decline in the number and proportion of people who listed their race as "White Only"
- The fastest growing single race category was Asian
- The number of people who listed their race as "2 or more races" more than doubled in the US since 2010
- Overlooked by many is the Census Bureau's change to the wording and structure of the race and ethnic question in the 2020 Census.
- The new wording changed how people answered



TRENDS IN THE UNDER AGE 18 POPULATION

- In the US and most states, the number of people under the age of 18 declined.
- The primary reason of the decline was the consistent drop in the number of births from 2010 to 2020.
- The second leading factor is the slowing in the number of immigrants coming to the United States.
- South Carolina managed to show a very small increase.

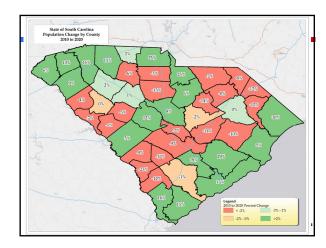


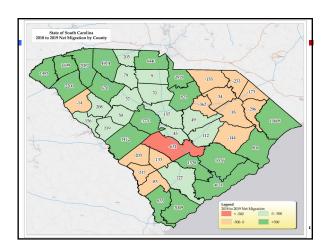
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TOTAL POPULATION TRENDS

- South Carolina experienced an increase of 10.7% in total population from 2010 to 2020; down from 15.3% from 2000 to 2010
- The main factors causing this are the slowing rate of net inmigration and the shrinking level of natural increase
- 24 of the 46 counties in South Carolina experienced a decline in their population over the last decade
- 14 counties experienced net outmigration for the decade

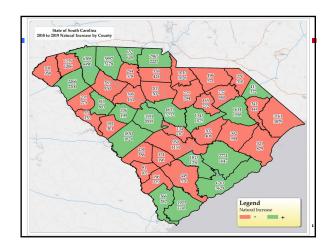


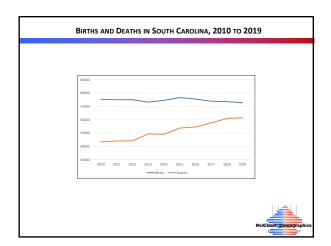




IMPACT OF "NATURAL DECREASE"

- Natural Decrease occurs when the number of deaths in an area exceeds the number of births
- 28 Counties in South Carolina are currently at Natural Decrease levels
- An additional two or three counties will reach Natural Decrease over the next decade as deaths exceed births
- In order for these counties to increase population over the next 10 years, their in-migration must be at a high enough level to account for Natural Decrease





MIGRATION TRENDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

- Most migration is short distance
- Migration rates are highest for people ages 18 to 45 and lowest for people ages 50 to 64
- Most householders over the age of 65 don't move south when they retire
- The largest migration flows in the state are from urban counties to neighboring suburban counties



Internal Revenue Service Data: In-Migration To South Carolina, 2018-19					
Households	Persons	Household Size	Mean Household Income		
80,443	154,022	1.91	\$76,688		
79,461	151,845	1.91	\$76,969		
982	2,177	2.22	\$53,965		
66,683	128,659	1.93	\$50,846		
1,717,249	3,622,619	2.11	\$70,482		
15,647	30,088	1.92	\$67,924		
7,688	14,908	1.94	\$67,871		
6,980	12,846	1.84	\$59,953		
5,236	9,525	1.82	\$77,420		
3,982	7,741	1.94	\$99,922		
3,416	6,510	1.91	\$82,803		
3,010	5,776	1.92	\$83,954		
2,811	5,719	2.03	\$73,894		
2,748	5,167	1.88	\$95,291		
2,640	4,942	1.87	\$78,698 McKibben Der		
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Out-Migration From South Carolina, 2018-19					
Out-Migration	Households	Persons	Household Size	Mean Household Incom	
SC Total Migration-US and Foreign	60,858	112,089	1.84	\$59,152	
SC Total Migration-US	60,005	110,289	1.84	\$59,248	
SC Total Migration-Foreign	853	1,800	2.11	\$52,445	
SC Total Migration-Same State	66,683	128,659	1.93	\$50,846	
SC Non-migrants	1,717,249	3,622,619	2.11	\$70,482	
North Carolina	13,014	23,606	1.81	\$57,883	
Georgia	7,171	13,595	1.90	\$51,961	
Florida	6,424	11,862	1.85	\$66,642	
Virginia	3,260	6,117	1.88	\$59,239	
Texas	3,004	5,982	1.99	\$65,294	
New York	2,374	3,790	1.60	\$42,294	
California	2,081	3,584	1.72	\$57,476	
Tennessee	2,067	3,963	1.92	\$64,367	
Pennsylvania	1.683	2,978	1.77	\$53,852	

DOMINATE DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS OF THE NEXT DECADE

- Aging of the population
- Smaller household sizes
- Slower population growth
- Increased race/ethnic diversity in the population



THE FUTURE CAN BE PREDICTED BY ONE SET OF NUMBERS

- In 2020, in the United States
 - The median age of Hispanics was 29
 - The median age of Blacks was 34
 - The median age of Asians was 33
 - The median age of Whites was 44

