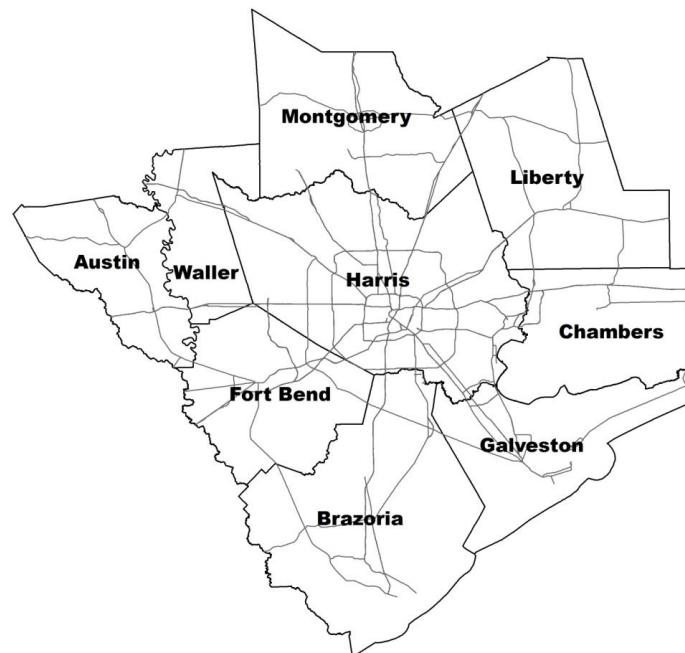# Metro Houston Population Forecast

Projections to 2050

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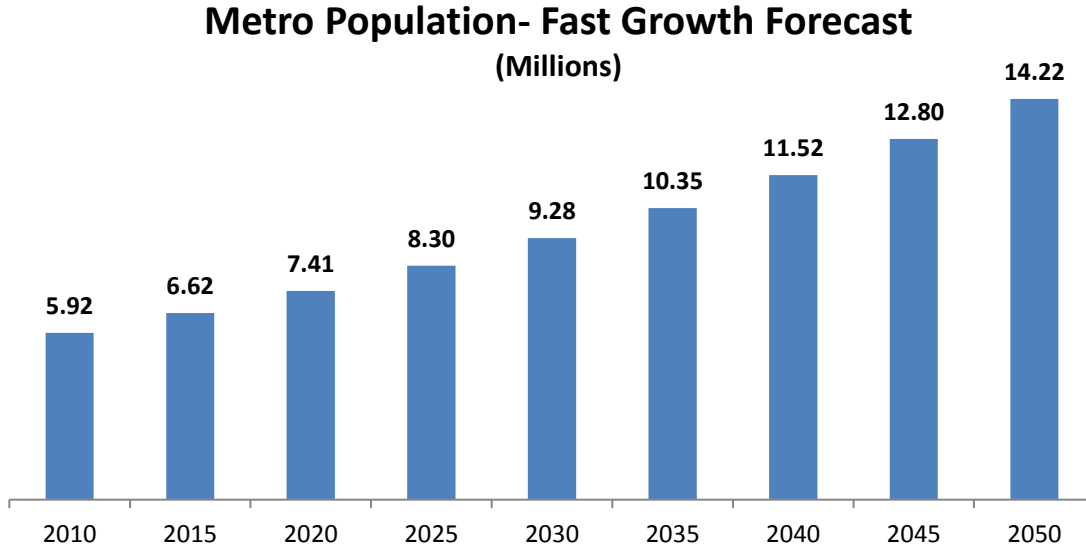www.houston.org
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Population Forecast - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX MSA

Fast Growth Scenario

In the fast growth scenario, the Houston metro area will add 8.3 million residents between 2010 and 2050.

Metro Population- Fast Growth Forecast

(Millions)

Year	Population
2010	5.92
2015	6.62
2020	7.41
2025	8.30
2030	9.28
2035	10.35
2040	11.52
2045	12.80
2050	14.22

Source: Texas Demographic Center

- Under the fast growth scenario, the Houston region will add an average of two million residents per decade over the next 40 years.

- Population growth will come from the natural increase (births minus deaths) and from "net inmigration" (people moving into the region minus people moving out).

- Texas Demographic Center's fast growth scenario assumes net inmigration from now through 2050 to be equal to that experienced from 2000 to 2010. The scenario is typically used for short-range projections. For more information, please refer to the Texas Demographic Center's Population Projections Methodology.

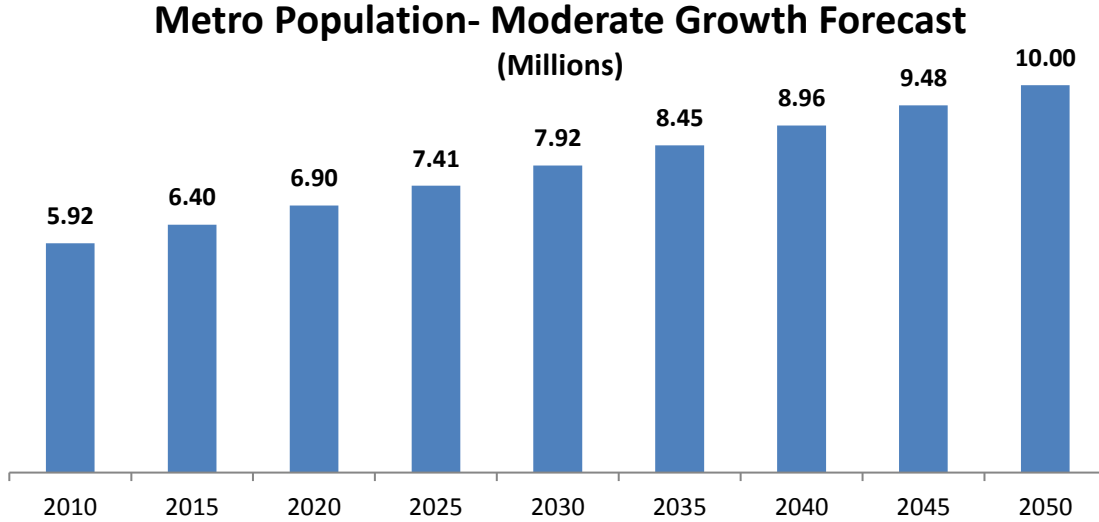| Population Forecast – Fast Growth Scenario							
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area							
'11	6,052,475	'21	7,582,781	'31	9,485,485	'41	11,766,718
'12	6,189,435	'22	7,756,598	'32	9,696,114	'42	12,018,250
'13	6,329,416	'23	7,934,369	'33	9,910,026	'43	12,275,095
'14	6,473,316	'24	8,114,707	'34	10,127,544	'44	12,536,190
'15	6,622,047	'25	8,300,084	'35	10,349,257	'45	12,802,736
'16	6,772,852	'26	8,489,337	'36	10,574,525	'46	13,075,688
'17	6,928,233	'27	8,681,084	'37	10,803,986	'47	13,352,676
'18	7,086,277	'28	8,876,250	'38	11,037,606	'48	13,636,575
'19	7,248,129	'29	9,075,952	'39	11,276,039	'49	13,926,051
'20	7,413,214	'30	9,278,789	'40	11,519,566	'50	14,221,267

Source: Texas Demographic Center

Population Forecast - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX MSA

Moderate Growth Scenario

In the moderate growth scenario, the Houston metro area will add 4.1 million residents between 2010 and 2050.

Metro Population- Moderate Growth Forecast
(Millions)

Year	Value
2010	5.92
2015	6.40
2020	6.90
2025	7.41
2030	7.92
2035	8.45
2040	8.96
2045	9.48
2050	10.00

Source: Texas Demographic Center

- Under the moderate growth scenario, the Houston region will add approximately one million residents per decade over the next 40 years.

- Population growth will come from the natural increase (births minus deaths) and from "net inmigration" (people moving into the region minus people moving out).

- Texas Demographic Center's moderate growth scenario assumes net inmigration from now through 2050 to be half that experienced from 2000 to 2010. The scenario is typically used for long-range projections. For more information, please refer to the Texas Demographic Center's Population Projections Methodology.

Population Forecast – Moderate Growth Scenario							
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area							
'11	6,014,800	'21	6,998,657	'31	8,029,558	'41	9,067,664
'12	6,110,642	'22	7,099,980	'32	8,133,139	'42	9,170,833
'13	6,207,387	'23	7,201,505	'33	8,237,297	'43	9,274,033
'14	6,305,667	'24	7,304,294	'34	8,341,512	'44	9,377,670
'15	6,403,706	'25	7,406,893	'35	8,445,329	'45	9,481,106
'16	6,502,181	'26	7,510,325	'36	8,549,276	'46	9,584,474
'17	6,601,184	'27	7,613,119	'37	8,653,298	'47	9,688,846
'18	6,699,693	'28	7,717,341	'38	8,756,498	'48	9,793,167
'19	6,798,095	'29	7,820,513	'39	8,860,395	'49	9,898,477
'20	6,897,952	'30	7,924,671	'40	8,964,115	'50	10,004,950

Source: Texas Demographic Center

Fast Growth Scenario

Over the next four decades, Houston's racial and ethnic composition will shift dramatically.
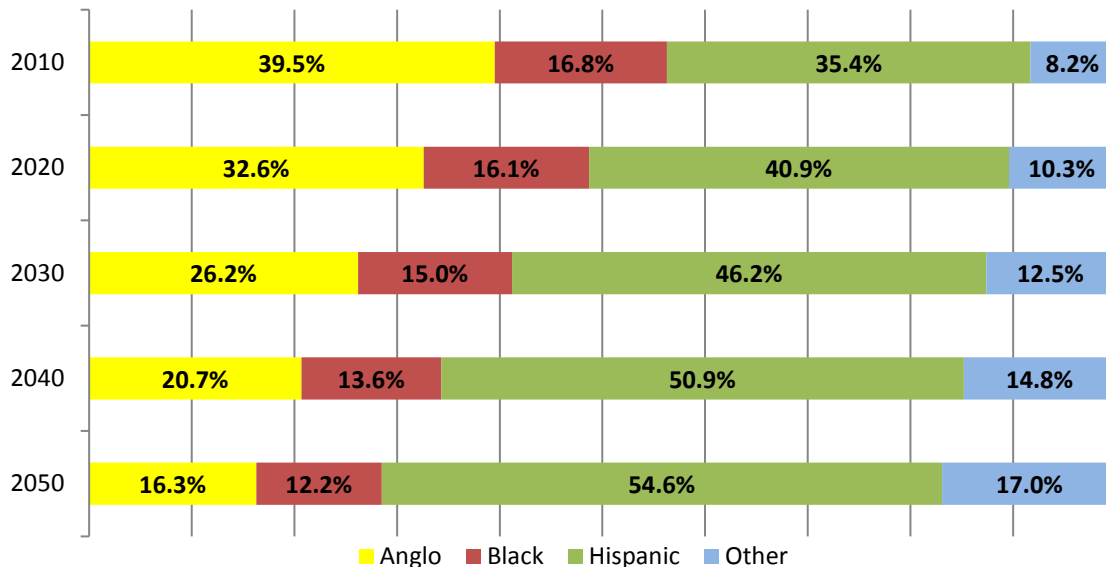
Note: Other includes Asian, Native American and residents of more than one race.
Source: Texas Demographic Center

- In the Texas Demographic Center's *Fast Growth Scenario*, the Anglo and Hispanic populations are equally balanced during the early years of the forecast.

- Over time, however, Anglos will comprise a slightly smaller number of Houston area residents and a smaller share of the overall population.

- Houston's black population will continue to grow but not enough to maintain its current share of the metro population.

- By 2038, Hispanics could outnumber all other ethnic groups combined.

- By 2046, the Hispanic population of Houston could exceed the total population of Houston today.

- Texas Demographic Center's fast growth scenario assumes net inmigration from now through 2050 to be equal to that experienced from 2000 to 2010. The scenario is typically used for short-range projections. For more information, please refer to the Texas Demographic Center's Population Projections Methodology.

Race and Ethnicity - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area

Fast Growth Scenario

	Ethnic Group Forecast – Fast Growth Scenario Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Year	Total	Anglo	Black	Hispanic	Other
2010	5,920,416	2,340,268	996,221	2,096,532	487,395
2011	6,052,475	2,350,227	1,015,568	2,176,436	510,244
2012	6,189,435	2,359,965	1,035,534	2,259,543	534,393
2013	6,329,416	2,369,624	1,055,597	2,344,893	559,302
2014	6,473,316	2,378,560	1,075,378	2,433,841	585,537
2015	6,622,047	2,387,237	1,095,818	2,525,868	613,124
2016	6,772,852	2,395,230	1,116,006	2,620,627	640,989
2017	6,928,233	2,402,601	1,136,265	2,718,686	670,681
2018	7,086,277	2,409,005	1,156,670	2,819,619	700,983
2019	7,248,129	2,414,802	1,177,348	2,923,506	732,473
2020	7,413,214	2,419,709	1,197,041	3,031,284	765,180
2021	7,582,781	2,424,142	1,217,268	3,142,204	799,167
2022	7,756,598	2,427,776	1,237,906	3,256,654	834,262
2023	7,934,369	2,430,711	1,258,149	3,374,825	870,684
2024	8,114,707	2,433,075	1,277,963	3,495,490	908,179
2025	8,300,084	2,434,970	1,297,804	3,620,270	947,040
2026	8,489,337	2,436,055	1,318,190	3,748,317	986,775
2027	8,681,084	2,436,429	1,337,245	3,879,235	1,028,175
2028	8,876,250	2,435,952	1,356,047	4,013,362	1,070,889
2029	9,075,952	2,434,896	1,375,272	4,150,709	1,115,075
2030	9,278,789	2,433,323	1,394,338	4,290,993	1,160,135
2031	9,485,485	2,431,275	1,412,885	4,434,225	1,207,100
2032	9,696,114	2,428,593	1,431,515	4,580,571	1,255,435
2033	9,910,026	2,425,330	1,449,544	4,729,922	1,305,230
2034	10,127,544	2,421,666	1,467,462	4,881,937	1,356,479
2035	10,349,257	2,417,451	1,484,905	5,037,147	1,409,754
2036	10,574,525	2,412,859	1,502,478	5,195,155	1,464,033
2037	10,803,986	2,407,710	1,519,761	5,356,336	1,520,179
2038	11,037,606	2,402,160	1,536,474	5,520,638	1,578,334
2039	11,276,039	2,396,207	1,553,674	5,688,120	1,638,038
2040	11,519,566	2,389,867	1,570,983	5,859,031	1,699,685
2041	11,766,718	2,383,220	1,587,539	6,033,067	1,762,892
2042	12,018,250	2,376,166	1,603,903	6,210,421	1,827,760
2043	12,275,095	2,368,790	1,620,598	6,391,228	1,894,479
2044	12,536,190	2,361,096	1,636,554	6,575,737	1,962,803
2045	12,802,736	2,353,179	1,652,354	6,763,702	2,033,501
2046	13,075,688	2,345,182	1,668,776	6,955,404	2,106,326
2047	13,352,676	2,337,237	1,684,147	7,150,896	2,180,396
2048	13,636,575	2,329,199	1,699,931	7,350,435	2,257,010
2049	13,926,051	2,321,241	1,715,521	7,553,851	2,335,438
2050	14,221,267	2,313,205	1,730,592	7,761,276	2,416,194

Source: Texas Demographic Center

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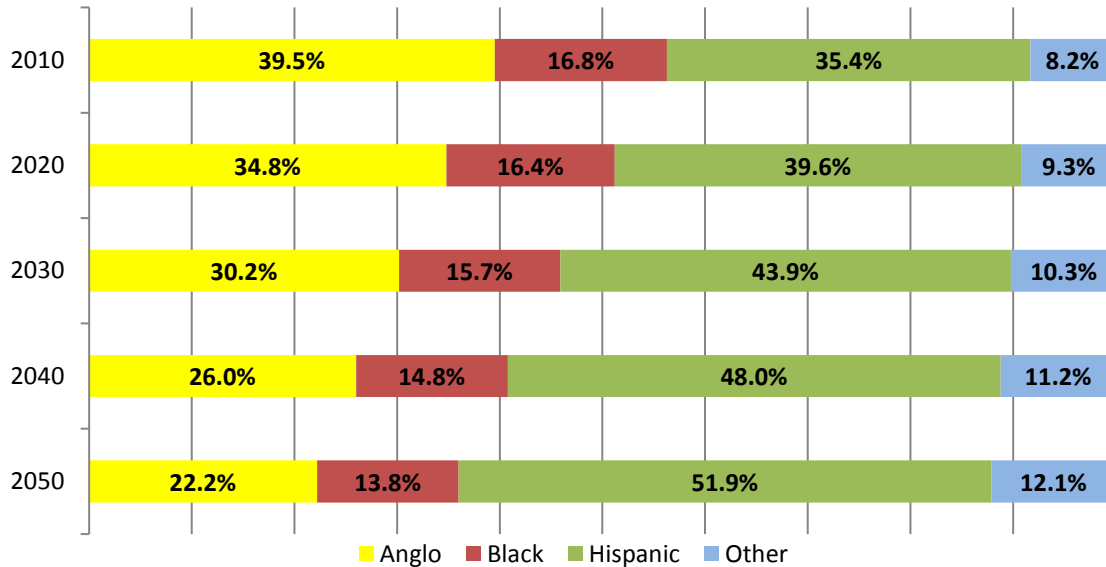
Fast Growth Scenario

Year	Total	Anglo	Black	Hispanic	Other
Ethnic Group Forecast – Fast Growth Scenario					
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area					
2010	5,920,416	39.5%	16.8%	35.4%	8.2%
2011	6,052,475	38.8%	16.8%	36.0%	8.4%
2012	6,189,435	38.1%	16.7%	36.5%	8.6%
2013	6,329,416	37.4%	16.7%	37.0%	8.8%
2014	6,473,316	36.7%	16.6%	37.6%	9.0%
2015	6,622,047	36.0%	16.5%	38.1%	9.3%
2016	6,772,852	35.4%	16.5%	38.7%	9.5%
2017	6,928,233	34.7%	16.4%	39.2%	9.7%
2018	7,086,277	34.0%	16.3%	39.8%	9.9%
2019	7,248,129	33.3%	16.2%	40.3%	10.1%
2020	7,413,214	32.6%	16.1%	40.9%	10.3%
2021	7,582,781	32.0%	16.1%	41.4%	10.5%
2022	7,756,598	31.3%	16.0%	42.0%	10.8%
2023	7,934,369	30.6%	15.9%	42.5%	11.0%
2024	8,114,707	30.0%	15.7%	43.1%	11.2%
2025	8,300,084	29.3%	15.6%	43.6%	11.4%
2026	8,489,337	28.7%	15.5%	44.2%	11.6%
2027	8,681,084	28.1%	15.4%	44.7%	11.8%
2028	8,876,250	27.4%	15.3%	45.2%	12.1%
2029	9,075,952	26.8%	15.2%	45.7%	12.3%
2030	9,278,789	26.2%	15.0%	46.2%	12.5%
2031	9,485,485	25.6%	14.9%	46.7%	12.7%
2032	9,696,114	25.0%	14.8%	47.2%	12.9%
2033	9,910,026	24.5%	14.6%	47.7%	13.2%
2034	10,127,544	23.9%	14.5%	48.2%	13.4%
2035	10,349,257	23.4%	14.3%	48.7%	13.6%
2036	10,574,525	22.8%	14.2%	49.1%	13.8%
2037	10,803,986	22.3%	14.1%	49.6%	14.1%
2038	11,037,606	21.8%	13.9%	50.0%	14.3%
2039	11,276,039	21.3%	13.8%	50.4%	14.5%
2040	11,519,566	20.7%	13.6%	50.9%	14.8%
2041	11,766,718	20.3%	13.5%	51.3%	15.0%
2042	12,018,250	19.8%	13.3%	51.7%	15.2%
2043	12,275,095	19.3%	13.2%	52.1%	15.4%
2044	12,536,190	18.8%	13.1%	52.5%	15.7%
2045	12,802,736	18.4%	12.9%	52.8%	15.9%
2046	13,075,688	17.9%	12.8%	53.2%	16.1%
2047	13,352,676	17.5%	12.6%	53.6%	16.3%
2048	13,636,575	17.1%	12.5%	53.9%	16.6%
2049	13,926,051	16.7%	12.3%	54.2%	16.8%
2050	14,221,267	16.3%	12.2%	54.6%	17.0%

Source: Texas Demographic Center

Moderate Growth Scenario

Over the next four decades, Houston's racial and ethnic composition will shift dramatically.

Year	Anglo	Black	Hispanic	Other
2010	39.5%	16.8%	35.4%	8.2%
2020	34.8%	16.4%	39.6%	9.3%
2030	30.2%	15.7%	43.9%	10.3%
2040	26.0%	14.8%	48.0%	11.2%
2050	22.2%	13.8%	51.9%	12.1%

Note: Other includes Asian, Native American, and residents of more than one race.
Source: Texas Demographic Center

- In the Texas Demographic Center's *Moderate Growth Scenario*, the Anglo and Hispanic populations are equally balanced during the early years of the forecast.

- In the *Moderate Growth Scenario*, Houston's Anglo population reaches a peak of 2.405 million in 2024 and then begins to decline into 2050. Anglo's share of overall population declines for the entire forecast period.

- Houston's black population will continue to grow, but its share of population will decline. However, the decline in this group's share of the metro population is less dramatic than forecasted in the *Fast Growth Scenario.*

- By 2045, Hispanics will outnumber all other ethnic groups combined.

- Texas Demographic Center's moderate growth scenario assumes net inmigration from now through 2050 to be half that experienced from 2000 to 2010. The scenario is typically used for long-range projections. For more information, please refer to the Texas Demographic Center's Population Projections Methodology.

Race and Ethnicity - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area

Moderate Growth Scenario

Ethnic Group Forecast – Moderate Growth Scenario Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Year	Total	Anglo	Black	Hispanic	Other
2010	5,920,416	2,340,268	996,221	2,096,532	487,395
2011	6,014,800	2,347,970	1,009,856	2,155,084	501,890
2012	6,110,642	2,355,676	1,023,690	2,214,703	516,573
2013	6,207,387	2,363,076	1,037,217	2,275,495	531,599
2014	6,305,667	2,370,448	1,051,044	2,337,245	546,930
2015	6,403,706	2,376,833	1,064,345	2,400,068	562,460
2016	6,502,181	2,382,802	1,077,742	2,463,631	578,006
2017	6,601,184	2,388,007	1,090,894	2,528,423	593,860
2018	6,699,693	2,392,293	1,103,521	2,594,050	609,829
2019	6,798,095	2,395,824	1,115,918	2,660,536	625,817
2020	6,897,952	2,398,812	1,128,481	2,728,581	642,078
2021	6,998,657	2,401,340	1,140,608	2,798,218	658,491
2022	7,099,980	2,403,217	1,152,757	2,868,855	675,151
2023	7,201,505	2,404,286	1,164,955	2,940,438	691,826
2024	7,304,294	2,405,010	1,176,829	3,013,556	708,899
2025	7,406,893	2,404,972	1,187,671	3,088,069	726,181
2026	7,510,325	2,404,240	1,199,289	3,163,440	743,356
2027	7,613,119	2,402,553	1,209,918	3,239,795	760,853
2028	7,717,341	2,400,211	1,220,695	3,317,539	778,896
2029	7,820,513	2,397,000	1,230,839	3,396,138	796,536
2030	7,924,671	2,393,734	1,240,712	3,475,301	814,924
2031	8,029,558	2,389,771	1,250,553	3,556,031	833,203
2032	8,133,139	2,385,061	1,259,592	3,636,822	851,664
2033	8,237,297	2,379,468	1,268,836	3,718,534	870,459
2034	8,341,512	2,373,602	1,277,298	3,801,114	889,498
2035	8,445,329	2,367,047	1,285,780	3,883,755	908,747
2036	8,549,276	2,360,283	1,293,833	3,967,135	928,025
2037	8,653,298	2,352,723	1,301,549	4,051,272	947,754
2038	8,756,498	2,344,597	1,308,658	4,135,774	967,469
2039	8,860,395	2,336,180	1,316,210	4,220,698	987,307
2040	8,964,115	2,327,199	1,322,818	4,306,580	1,007,518
2041	9,067,664	2,317,957	1,329,551	4,392,577	1,027,579
2042	9,170,833	2,308,249	1,335,906	4,478,927	1,047,751
2043	9,274,033	2,298,231	1,342,026	4,565,710	1,068,066
2044	9,377,670	2,287,907	1,348,066	4,653,263	1,088,434
2045	9,481,106	2,277,380	1,353,997	4,741,035	1,108,694
2046	9,584,474	2,266,716	1,359,494	4,829,537	1,128,727
2047	9,688,846	2,256,153	1,364,740	4,918,688	1,149,265
2048	9,793,167	2,245,609	1,369,475	5,008,556	1,169,527
2049	9,898,477	2,235,198	1,374,718	5,099,163	1,189,398
2050	10,004,950	2,224,839	1,379,573	5,190,745	1,209,793

Source: Texas Demographic Center

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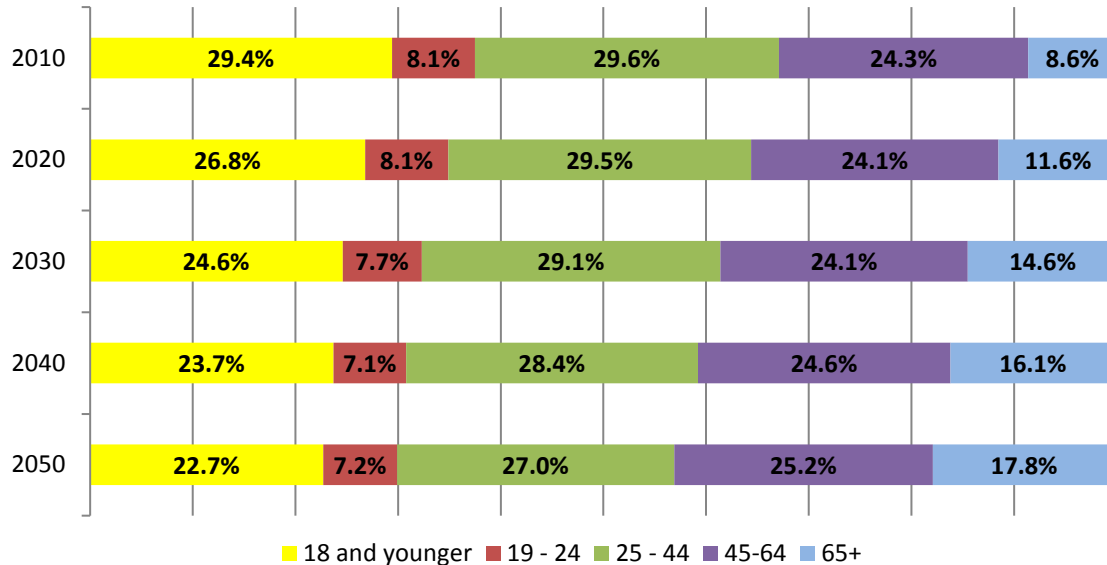
Moderate Growth Scenario

Ethnic Group Forecast – Moderate Growth Scenario Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Year	Total	Anglo	Black	Hispanic	Other
2010	5,920,416	39.5%	16.8%	35.4%	8.2%
2011	6,014,800	39.0%	16.8%	35.8%	8.3%
2012	6,110,642	38.6%	16.8%	36.2%	8.5%
2013	6,207,387	38.1%	16.7%	36.7%	8.6%
2014	6,305,667	37.6%	16.7%	37.1%	8.7%
2015	6,403,706	37.1%	16.6%	37.5%	8.8%
2016	6,502,181	36.6%	16.6%	37.9%	8.9%
2017	6,601,184	36.2%	16.5%	38.3%	9.0%
2018	6,699,693	35.7%	16.5%	38.7%	9.1%
2019	6,798,095	35.2%	16.4%	39.1%	9.2%
2020	6,897,952	34.8%	16.4%	39.6%	9.3%
2021	6,998,657	34.3%	16.3%	40.0%	9.4%
2022	7,099,980	33.8%	16.2%	40.4%	9.5%
2023	7,201,505	33.4%	16.2%	40.8%	9.6%
2024	7,304,294	32.9%	16.1%	41.3%	9.7%
2025	7,406,893	32.5%	16.0%	41.7%	9.8%
2026	7,510,325	32.0%	16.0%	42.1%	9.9%
2027	7,613,119	31.6%	15.9%	42.6%	10.0%
2028	7,717,341	31.1%	15.8%	43.0%	10.1%
2029	7,820,513	30.7%	15.7%	43.4%	10.2%
2030	7,924,671	30.2%	15.7%	43.9%	10.3%
2031	8,029,558	29.8%	15.6%	44.3%	10.4%
2032	8,133,139	29.3%	15.5%	44.7%	10.5%
2033	8,237,297	28.9%	15.4%	45.1%	10.6%
2034	8,341,512	28.5%	15.3%	45.6%	10.7%
2035	8,445,329	28.0%	15.2%	46.0%	10.8%
2036	8,549,276	27.6%	15.1%	46.4%	10.9%
2037	8,653,298	27.2%	15.0%	46.8%	11.0%
2038	8,756,498	26.8%	14.9%	47.2%	11.0%
2039	8,860,395	26.4%	14.9%	47.6%	11.1%
2040	8,964,115	26.0%	14.8%	48.0%	11.2%
2041	9,067,664	25.6%	14.7%	48.4%	11.3%
2042	9,170,833	25.2%	14.6%	48.8%	11.4%
2043	9,274,033	24.8%	14.5%	49.2%	11.5%
2044	9,377,670	24.4%	14.4%	49.6%	11.6%
2045	9,481,106	24.0%	14.3%	50.0%	11.7%
2046	9,584,474	23.6%	14.2%	50.4%	11.8%
2047	9,688,846	23.3%	14.1%	50.8%	11.9%
2048	9,793,167	22.9%	14.0%	51.1%	11.9%
2049	9,898,477	22.6%	13.9%	51.5%	12.0%
2050	10,004,950	22.2%	13.8%	51.9%	12.1%

Source: Texas Demographic Center

Age Cohorts - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area

Fast Growth Scenario

Over the next four decades, Houston's population will age significantly.

Year	18 and younger	19 - 24	25 - 44	45-64	65+
2010	29.4%	8.1%	29.6%	24.3%	8.6%
2020	26.8%	8.1%	29.5%	24.1%	11.6%
2030	24.6%	7.7%	29.1%	24.1%	14.6%
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- The number of residents ages 25-64, what most consider their prime working years, grows by approximately 4.2 million. This cohort's share of the population declines slightly over time.

- The number of residents over the age of 65 triples, from approximately 730,300 today to approximately 2.5 million in 2050.

Age Cohorts - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area

Fast Growth Scenario

Age Cohort Forecast – Fast Growth Scenario Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Year	0-18	19 - 24	25 - 44	45-64	65+
2010	1,743,240	479,336	1,754,634	1,436,218	506,988
2011	1,764,231	485,803	1,798,085	1,477,024	527,332
2012	1,784,783	496,615	1,841,666	1,507,604	558,767
2013	1,808,081	508,974	1,883,081	1,537,868	591,412
2014	1,833,338	522,564	1,922,777	1,571,466	623,171
2015	1,860,156	534,359	1,959,661	1,610,101	657,770
2016	1,886,894	546,413	1,995,734	1,651,383	692,428
2017	1,913,076	556,508	2,039,129	1,689,177	730,343
2018	1,939,209	565,642	2,087,619	1,722,595	771,212
2019	1,962,353	580,654	2,137,425	1,754,298	813,399
2020	1,985,063	597,852	2,185,337	1,785,990	858,972
2021	2,010,279	614,991	2,234,860	1,816,961	905,690
2022	2,035,728	632,373	2,286,690	1,848,016	953,791
2023	2,061,659	648,896	2,339,758	1,879,401	1,004,655
2024	2,088,622	664,328	2,393,792	1,913,730	1,054,235
2025	2,117,341	675,367	2,445,177	1,955,415	1,106,784
2026	2,146,095	685,981	2,497,024	2,002,538	1,157,699
2027	2,176,082	697,352	2,547,388	2,054,082	1,206,180
2028	2,209,025	706,069	2,597,615	2,108,293	1,255,248
2029	2,244,210	713,523	2,651,144	2,163,312	1,303,763
2030	2,283,968	717,653	2,704,319	2,220,696	1,352,153
2031	2,326,168	721,117	2,758,166	2,282,639	1,397,395
2032	2,369,282	723,942	2,815,974	2,344,665	1,442,251
2033	2,413,035	727,729	2,876,989	2,404,797	1,487,476
2034	2,457,187	734,051	2,939,179	2,462,826	1,534,301
2035	2,502,161	742,391	2,999,928	2,517,735	1,587,042
2036	2,547,631	755,094	3,056,636	2,572,324	1,642,840
2037	2,593,726	770,894	3,109,335	2,632,602	1,697,429
2038	2,640,375	787,749	3,159,926	2,698,894	1,750,662
2039	2,687,718	805,110	3,212,027	2,767,979	1,803,205
2040	2,735,470	822,925	3,266,845	2,836,039	1,858,287
2041	2,783,419	841,212	3,323,722	2,905,204	1,913,161
2042	2,831,678	860,092	3,381,645	2,976,684	1,968,151
2043	2,880,407	879,500	3,439,754	3,050,346	2,025,088
2044	2,929,290	899,446	3,497,814	3,125,812	2,083,828
2045	2,978,573	919,855	3,553,504	3,199,985	2,150,819
2046	3,028,435	940,641	3,608,008	3,276,187	2,222,417
2047	3,078,578	961,578	3,663,821	3,352,209	2,296,490
2048	3,129,594	982,556	3,721,795	3,428,658	2,373,972
2049	3,181,470	1,003,395	3,781,325	3,508,177	2,451,684
2050	3,234,216	1,024,032	3,842,723	3,588,904	2,531,392

Source: Texas Demographic Center

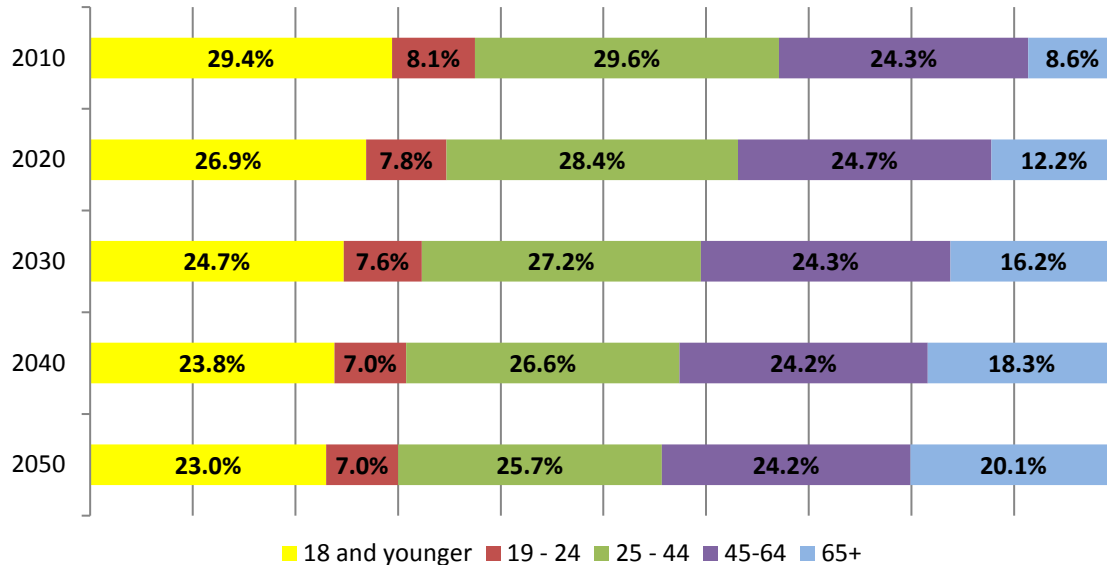# Age Cohorts - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area

Fast Growth Scenario

Age Cohort Forecast – Fast Growth Scenario Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Year	0-18	19 - 24	25 - 44	45-64	65+
2010	29.4%	8.1%	29.6%	24.3%	8.6%
2011	29.1%	8.0%	29.7%	24.4%	8.7%
2012	28.8%	8.0%	29.8%	24.4%	9.0%
2013	28.6%	8.0%	29.8%	24.3%	9.3%
2014	28.3%	8.1%	29.7%	24.3%	9.6%
2015	28.1%	8.1%	29.6%	24.3%	9.9%
2016	27.9%	8.1%	29.5%	24.4%	10.2%
2017	27.6%	8.0%	29.4%	24.4%	10.5%
2018	27.4%	8.0%	29.5%	24.3%	10.9%
2019	27.1%	8.0%	29.5%	24.2%	11.2%
2020	26.8%	8.1%	29.5%	24.1%	11.6%
2021	26.5%	8.1%	29.5%	24.0%	11.9%
2022	26.2%	8.2%	29.5%	23.8%	12.3%
2023	26.0%	8.2%	29.5%	23.7%	12.7%
2024	25.7%	8.2%	29.5%	23.6%	13.0%
2025	25.5%	8.1%	29.5%	23.6%	13.3%
2026	25.3%	8.1%	29.4%	23.6%	13.6%
2027	25.1%	8.0%	29.3%	23.7%	13.9%
2028	24.9%	8.0%	29.3%	23.8%	14.1%
2029	24.7%	7.9%	29.2%	23.8%	14.4%
2030	24.6%	7.7%	29.1%	23.9%	14.6%
2031	24.5%	7.6%	29.1%	24.1%	14.7%
2032	24.4%	7.5%	29.0%	24.2%	14.9%
2033	24.3%	7.3%	29.0%	24.3%	15.0%
2034	24.3%	7.2%	29.0%	24.3%	15.1%
2035	24.2%	7.2%	29.0%	24.3%	15.3%
2036	24.1%	7.1%	28.9%	24.3%	15.5%
2037	24.0%	7.1%	28.8%	24.4%	15.7%
2038	23.9%	7.1%	28.6%	24.5%	15.9%
2039	23.8%	7.1%	28.5%	24.5%	16.0%
2040	23.7%	7.1%	28.4%	24.6%	16.1%
2041	23.7%	7.1%	28.2%	24.7%	16.3%
2042	23.6%	7.2%	28.1%	24.8%	16.4%
2043	23.5%	7.2%	28.0%	24.8%	16.5%
2044	23.4%	7.2%	27.9%	24.9%	16.6%
2045	23.3%	7.2%	27.8%	25.0%	16.8%
2046	23.2%	7.2%	27.6%	25.1%	17.0%
2047	23.1%	7.2%	27.4%	25.1%	17.2%
2048	23.0%	7.2%	27.3%	25.1%	17.4%
2049	22.8%	7.2%	27.2%	25.2%	17.6%
2050	22.7%	7.2%	27.0%	25.2%	17.8%

Source: Texas Demographic Center

Age Cohorts - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area

Moderate Growth Scenario

Over the next four decades, Houston's population will age significantly.

Year	18 and younger	19 - 24	25 - 44	45-64	65+
2010	29.4%	8.1%	29.6%	24.3%	8.6%
2020	26.9%	7.8%	28.4%	24.7%	12.2%
2030	24.7%	7.6%	27.2%	24.3%	16.2%
2040	23.8%	7.0%	26.6%	24.2%	18.3%
2050	23.0%	7.0%	25.7%	24.2%	20.1%

Source: Texas Demographic Center

- In the Texas Demographic Center's *Moderate Growth Scenario*, the share of Houston's population 18 and younger declines over the next 40 years.

- The share of Houston's population ages 19-24, the age when most residents enter the workforce, continues to grow, but this cohort's share of total population declines slightly over time.

- The number of residents ages 25-64, what most consider their prime working years, grows by approximately 1.8 million. This cohort's share of the population declines slightly over time.

- The number of residents over the age of 65 triples, from approximately 723,000 today to approximately 2.0 million in 2050.

- By 2050, there will be almost as many residents over the age of 65 as there will be under the age of 18.

Age Cohorts - Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area

Moderate Growth Scenario

Age Cohort Forecast – Moderate Growth Scenario Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Year	0-18	19 - 24	25 - 44	45-64	65+
2010	1,743,240	479,336	1,754,634	1,436,218	506,988
2011	1,753,654	481,474	1,780,470	1,472,538	526,664
2012	1,762,927	487,884	1,805,008	1,497,632	557,191
2013	1,774,445	495,439	1,826,367	1,521,995	589,141
2014	1,787,373	503,965	1,844,905	1,549,137	620,287
2015	1,800,949	510,267	1,859,391	1,579,819	653,280
2016	1,813,883	516,454	1,872,402	1,612,568	686,874
2017	1,825,675	520,367	1,891,740	1,640,254	723,148
2018	1,836,873	522,821	1,915,100	1,662,754	762,145
2019	1,844,580	530,855	1,938,409	1,682,494	801,757
2020	1,852,200	540,442	1,958,680	1,701,680	844,950
2021	1,861,783	549,596	1,979,953	1,718,710	888,615
2022	1,870,570	559,256	2,002,005	1,734,934	933,215
2023	1,879,187	568,257	2,024,010	1,750,126	979,925
2024	1,888,539	576,628	2,046,396	1,767,253	1,025,478
2025	1,898,297	581,026	2,065,051	1,789,651	1,072,868
2026	1,907,409	586,253	2,084,087	1,814,703	1,117,873
2027	1,916,963	592,821	2,101,428	1,841,962	1,159,945
2028	1,928,659	597,008	2,118,983	1,870,313	1,202,378
2029	1,940,688	600,395	2,139,673	1,897,182	1,242,575
2030	1,956,356	601,121	2,159,422	1,925,282	1,282,490
2031	1,973,084	601,549	2,179,873	1,956,497	1,318,555
2032	1,989,888	600,656	2,204,270	1,985,547	1,352,778
2033	2,007,122	600,054	2,231,720	2,011,665	1,386,736
2034	2,024,499	600,872	2,260,236	2,034,306	1,421,599
2035	2,042,201	601,824	2,287,404	2,052,931	1,460,969
2036	2,060,053	605,661	2,311,234	2,070,478	1,501,850
2037	2,078,240	610,738	2,331,191	2,093,154	1,539,975
2038	2,096,373	615,903	2,348,726	2,120,126	1,575,370
2039	2,114,542	621,220	2,368,018	2,147,762	1,608,853
2040	2,132,652	626,780	2,388,719	2,172,378	1,643,586
2041	2,150,548	632,678	2,410,300	2,197,435	1,676,703
2042	2,168,081	639,044	2,431,460	2,223,447	1,708,801
2043	2,185,359	645,855	2,451,416	2,249,627	1,741,776
2044	2,202,291	653,210	2,470,916	2,276,346	1,774,907
2045	2,218,836	660,903	2,486,963	2,300,237	1,814,167
2046	2,234,900	668,930	2,501,806	2,324,903	1,853,935
2047	2,250,767	677,130	2,518,437	2,348,274	1,894,238
2048	2,266,316	685,392	2,534,752	2,371,555	1,935,152
2049	2,281,905	693,548	2,550,981	2,397,905	1,974,138
2050	2,297,568	701,610	2,567,868	2,424,133	2,013,771

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Moderate Growth Scenario

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2022	26.3%	7.9%	28.2%	24.4%	13.1%
2023	26.1%	7.9%	28.1%	24.3%	13.6%
2024	25.9%	7.9%	28.0%	24.2%	14.0%
2025	25.6%	7.8%	27.9%	24.2%	14.5%
2026	25.4%	7.8%	27.7%	24.2%	14.9%
2027	25.2%	7.8%	27.6%	24.2%	15.2%
2028	25.0%	7.7%	27.5%	24.2%	15.6%
2029	24.8%	7.7%	27.4%	24.3%	15.9%
2030	24.7%	7.6%	27.2%	24.3%	16.2%
2031	24.6%	7.5%	27.1%	24.4%	16.4%
2032	24.5%	7.4%	27.1%	24.4%	16.6%
2033	24.4%	7.3%	27.1%	24.4%	16.8%
2034	24.3%	7.2%	27.1%	24.4%	17.0%
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2043	23.6%	7.0%	26.4%	24.3%	18.8%
2044	23.5%	7.0%	26.3%	24.3%	18.9%
2045	23.4%	7.0%	26.2%	24.3%	19.1%
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About the Data

The **Texas Demographic Center** serves as the focal point for the distribution of census data in Texas and disseminates population estimates and projections for all 254 counties in the state. The Texas Governor's Office, Texas Legislative Budget Board, Comptroller's Office, Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of State Health Services rely on the center's *Texas Population Estimates and Projections Program* to plan for and deliver services to the residents of Texas. The Partnership has extracted data from the program for the nine counties that comprise the Houston metro area and includes that data in this report.

To prepare its projections, the state data center examines patterns of births, deaths, and net migration (the difference between residents moving in and residents moving out) in each of the state's 254 counties. It then forecasts populations by age, sex, race and ethnicity for four groups: Non-Hispanic White Alone, Non-Hispanic Black or African American Alone, Hispanic of all Races, and Other Non-Hispanic. The first three groups are more commonly referred to as Anglo, Black and Hispanic. The Other Non-Hispanic group includes Asians and Persons of More Than One Race. The center does not forecast growth in the Asian population because of the small size of those populations in most Texas counties (though that's not the case for Houston). The center does not forecast growth in populations of More Than One Race because there is a lack historical data on fertility, mortality and migration in this group.

The center uses three migration scenarios in its forecasts. The Zero Migration Scenario assumes that inmigration and outmigration are equal thus growth only results from the natural increase, *i.e.,* the difference between births and deaths. The One-Half Migration Scenario assumes net migration occurs at half the rate at which it occurred from 2000 to 2010. The center refers to this as the "0.5 Scenario." In this document it's referred to as the "Moderate Growth Scenario." The 2000-2010 Migration Scenario assumes that trends in age, sex, race/ethnicity and migration of the past decade are repeated in coming years. In this document this is referred to as the "Fast Growth Scenario." The state data center suggests that the moderate growth scenario is most appropriate for long-range planning while the fast growth scenario is appropriate for the next five to ten years.