

Table 13. State Population—Rank, Percent Change, and Population Density: 1980 to 2008

[As of April 1, except 2008, as of July 1. Insofar as possible, population shown for all years is that of present area of state. Minus sign (–) indicates decrease. See Appendix III]

State	Rank				Percent change			Population per square mile of land area ¹		
	1980	1990	2000	2008	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2008	1990	2000	2008
United States.	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	9.8	13.1	8.0	70.3	79.6	86.0
Alabama	22	22	23	23	3.8	10.1	4.8	79.6	87.6	91.9
Alaska	50	49	48	47	36.9	14.0	9.5	1.0	1.1	1.2
Arizona	29	24	20	14	34.8	40.0	26.7	32.3	45.2	57.2
Arkansas	33	33	33	32	2.8	13.7	6.8	45.1	51.3	54.8
California	1	1	1	1	26.0	13.6	8.5	191.1	217.2	235.7
Colorado	28	26	24	22	14.0	30.6	14.8	31.8	41.5	47.6
Connecticut	25	27	29	29	5.8	3.6	2.8	678.5	702.9	722.7
Delaware	47	46	45	45	12.1	17.6	11.4	341.0	401.1	446.9
District of Columbia	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	–4.9	–5.7	3.5	9,884.4	9,316.4	9,639.0
Florida	7	4	4	4	32.7	23.5	14.7	239.9	296.4	339.9
Georgia	13	11	10	9	18.6	26.4	18.3	111.9	141.4	167.3
Hawaii	39	41	42	42	14.9	9.3	6.3	172.6	188.6	200.6
Idaho	41	42	39	39	6.7	28.5	17.8	12.2	15.6	18.4
Illinois	5	6	5	5	(Z)	8.6	3.9	205.6	223.4	232.1
Indiana	12	14	14	16	1.0	9.7	4.9	154.6	169.5	177.8
Iowa	27	30	30	30	–4.7	5.4	2.6	49.7	52.4	53.7
Kansas	32	32	32	33	4.8	8.5	4.2	30.3	32.9	34.2
Kentucky	23	23	25	26	0.7	9.6	5.6	92.8	101.7	107.5
Louisiana	19	21	22	25	0.4	5.9	–1.3	96.9	102.6	101.3
Maine	38	38	40	40	9.2	3.8	3.3	39.8	41.3	42.7
Maryland	18	19	19	19	13.4	10.8	6.4	489.1	541.9	576.4
Massachusetts	11	13	13	15	4.9	5.5	2.3	767.4	809.8	828.8
Michigan	8	8	8	8	0.4	6.9	0.7	163.6	175.0	176.1
Minnesota	21	20	21	21	7.4	12.4	6.1	55.0	61.8	65.6
Mississippi	31	31	31	31	2.2	10.5	3.3	54.9	60.6	62.6
Missouri	15	15	17	18	4.1	9.3	5.6	74.3	81.2	85.8
Montana	44	44	44	44	1.6	12.9	7.2	5.5	6.2	6.6
Nebraska	35	36	38	38	0.5	8.4	4.2	20.5	22.3	23.2
Nevada	43	39	35	35	50.1	66.3	30.1	10.9	18.2	23.7
New Hampshire	42	40	41	41	20.5	11.4	6.5	123.7	137.8	146.7
New Jersey	9	9	9	11	5.2	8.6	3.2	1,044.5	1,134.4	1,170.6
New Mexico	37	37	36	36	16.3	20.1	9.1	12.5	15.0	16.4
New York	2	2	3	3	2.5	5.5	2.7	381.0	401.9	412.8
North Carolina	10	10	11	10	12.8	21.4	14.6	136.2	165.2	189.3
North Dakota	46	47	47	48	–2.1	0.5	–0.1	9.3	9.3	9.3
Ohio	6	7	7	7	0.5	4.7	1.2	264.9	277.3	280.5
Oklahoma	26	28	27	28	4.0	9.7	5.6	45.8	50.3	53.0
Oregon	30	29	28	27	7.9	20.4	10.8	29.6	35.6	39.5
Pennsylvania	4	5	6	6	0.2	3.4	1.4	265.1	274.0	277.8
Rhode Island	40	43	43	43	5.9	4.5	0.2	960.3	1,003.2	1,005.6
South Carolina	24	25	26	24	11.7	15.1	11.7	115.8	133.2	148.8
South Dakota	45	45	46	46	0.8	8.5	6.5	9.2	9.9	10.6
Tennessee	17	17	16	17	6.2	16.7	9.2	118.3	138.0	150.8
Texas	3	3	2	2	19.4	22.8	16.7	64.9	79.6	92.9
Utah	36	35	34	34	17.9	29.6	22.5	21.0	27.2	33.3
Vermont	48	48	49	49	10.0	8.2	2.0	60.8	65.8	67.2
Virginia	14	12	12	12	15.8	14.4	9.7	156.3	178.8	196.2
Washington	20	18	15	13	17.8	21.1	11.1	73.1	88.6	98.4
West Virginia	34	34	37	37	–8.0	0.8	0.3	74.5	75.1	75.4
Wisconsin	16	16	18	20	4.0	9.6	4.9	90.1	98.8	103.6
Wyoming	49	50	50	50	–3.4	8.9	7.9	4.7	5.1	5.5

X Not applicable. Z Less than 0.05 percent. ¹ Persons per square mile were calculated on the basis of land area data from the 2000 census.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, P25-1106; "ST-99-3 State Population Estimates: Annual Time Series, July 1, 1990 to July 1, 1999" (published 29 December 1999); <<http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/state/st-99-3.txt>>; "Table CO-EST2001-12-00—Time Series of Intercensal State Population Estimates: April 1, 1990 to April 1, 2000" (released April 11, 2002); <<http://www.census.gov/popest/archives/2000s/vintage2001/CO-EST2001-12/CO-EST2001-12-00.html>>; and "Table 2: Cumulative Estimates of Resident Population Change for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico and Region and State Rankings: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008 (NST-EST2008-02)" (released December 22, 2008); <<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/NST-pop-chg.html>>.