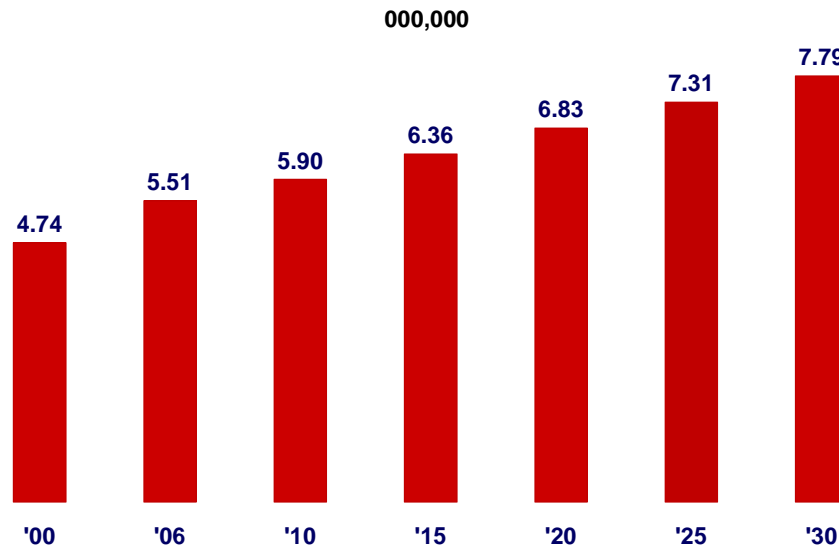


Demographics

Houston is among the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan areas.

Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA Population 2000-2030



Source: Woods & Poole, 2008 MSA Profile

- If the City of Houston were a state, it would rank 36th in population, its 2,208,180 residents in mid-'07 placing it behind Nevada (2,600,167 in '08) and ahead of New Mexico (1,984,356 in '08).
- With 5,728,143 inhabitants in mid-'08, the 10-county Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is the nation's sixth most populous metro area. Were it a state, it would rank 19th, behind Missouri (5,911,605) and ahead of Maryland (5,633,597) and Wisconsin (5,627,967). Its population exceeds that of Montana, North and South Dakota, Alaska, Delaware, Vermont, Wyoming and the District of Columbia combined.
- U.S. Census Bureau estimates of country populations in '08 show that the Houston MSA has more people than Denmark, Finland, Norway, Singapore, New Zealand or Ireland. Of 227 nations for which the Bureau prepares estimates, 108 — fewer than half — have more residents than the Houston MSA.
- The Houston MSA posted the seventh-largest population gain among the nation's metropolitan areas between the '90 and '00 censuses, adding more than 950,000 people — more than the *total* population of Delaware.
- Among the 254 U.S. counties with more than 250,000 residents, the Houston MSA's Montgomery and Fort Bend counties ranked seventh and 10th in percent change in population from '00 to '08, up 50.1 percent and 46.4 percent respectively.
- From '05 to '40, says Woods & Poole Economics, the Houston MSA should rank fourth among the nation's metropolitan areas in population growth, adding 3.44 million people — more than live in Iowa or Mississippi today. Houston's 8.76 million residents in '40 will rank it as the nation's fifth most populous MSA — larger than the Miami, Atlanta or Washington MSAs.