

Post-Census Population Change

Houston is growing faster than the state and the nation.

2009 POPULATION ESTIMATES AND CHANGE FROM 2000					
	Total Population 7/1/2009	Change 4/1/2000-7/1/2009			
		Net Domestic Migration	Net International Migration	Total Change ¹	Percent Change
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	5,867,489	242,573	289,648	1,128,075	23.8
Harris County	4,070,989	-69,736	252,098	657,311	19.3
Nine suburban counties	1,796,500	312,309	37,550	470,764	35.5
¹ Change consists of resident births, resident deaths, net domestic migration, net international migration and a residual quantity (an artifact of the estimating procedure).					
Note: The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area, defined in 2003, includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller counties.					
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Mar 2010					

- Since the 2000 census, net international migration has added more than 289,000 residents to the Houston MSA, while net domestic migration between MSA counties and U.S. counties outside the MSA has been a bit more than 242,000. During '01-'05, international migration accounted for roughly 82 percent of net migration, but the heavy domestic influx of evacuees from southern Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in '05 cut that share to just 27 percent in '06. In '07, international migration rebounded to 59 percent of migration, but in '08—perhaps as a consequence of deteriorating economic conditions—the share fell back to just 44 percent. In '09, the share began to grow again and accounted for 54 percent of net migration.
- Houston has grown disproportionately rapidly. From the 2000 census to mid-'09, Texas' population grew 16.6 percent and the nation's grew 8.2 percent.
- Houston is a destination for international migration. Harris County alone accounts for 27.0 percent of Texas' international migration since the 2000 census, and the entire Houston MSA accounts for 31.0 percent.