

District's Population Continues to Grow

The growth in the District's population continues to follow its' strong economic growth since 2000.

According to population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau, the District gained 2,833 people (0.5%) between July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2007 (Table 1). Figures showed the District's population at 588,292 for 2007, up from a revised estimate of 585,459 persons in 2006. Since April 1, 2000, the District's population has increased by 16,283 or 2.8 percent.

The Census Bureau develops population estimates with a component of population change method in which administrative records are used to estimate the household and group quarters population. For the household population, the components of population change are births, deaths, net domestic migration, net international migration, and net overseas military movement.

There were an estimated 8,157 births to District residents between July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2007, which was 97 more births than the previous year and the largest number since 2000. Births to District residents have shown increases since July 1, 2003 when they were at 7,479. At the same time, the number of deaths has been decreasing since 2000

when it was at 5,900 and now down to 5,500 for 2007.

The natural increase (births minus deaths) of 2,657 persons between 2006 and 2007 was not the only positive change for the District's population. International migration (people moving into and out of the District from and to other countries) continues to be positive as well. Net international migration was estimated at 3,358 for 2007. However, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, internal or domestic migration (people moving into or out of the District from or to other states) continues to be negative. Net domestic migration showed a negative 3,141 for 2007, an increase over the 2006 figure of negative 2,678, but significantly lower (69%) than the July 2003 figure of negative 10,239. Net migration for the District, which consists of net international migration and net domestic migration, was positive at 217 for 2007. Overall, the sum of natural increase (2,657), plus net migration (217), contributed to the District's increased population estimates from 585,459 in 2006 to 588,292 in 2007.

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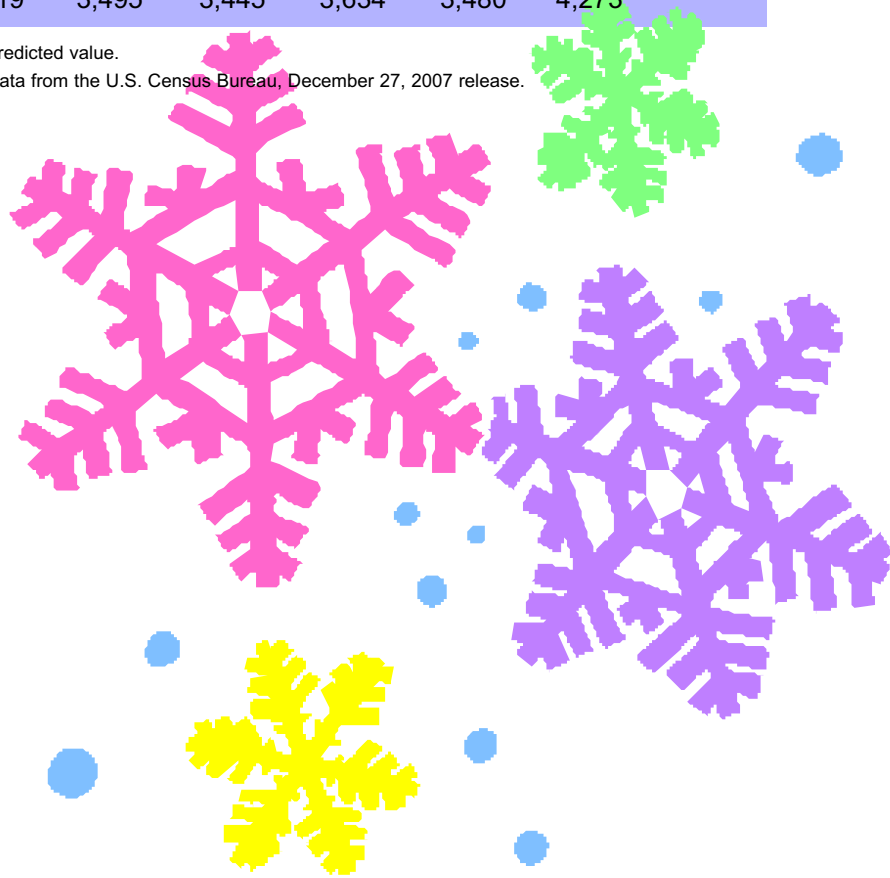
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Table 1: District of Columbia Population Estimates and Components of Population, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Population Estimate	588,292	585,459	582,049	579,621	577,467	579,190	577,648	572,059
Net Population Change	2,833	3,410	2,428	2,154	-1,723	1,542	5,849	
% Population Change	0.48%	0.59%	0.42%	0.37%	-0.30%	0.27%	1.02%	
Births	8,157	8,060	7,913	7,784	7,479	7,624	7,615	7,666
Birth Rates (per 1,000 population)	13.9	13.8	13.6	13.5	12.9	13.2	13.2	13.4
Deaths	5,500	5,483	5,468	5,522	5,678	5,913	5,919	5,945
Death Rates (per 1,000 population)	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.8	10.2	10.3	10.4
Natural Increase (Births - Deaths)	2,657	2,577	2,445	2,262	1,801	1,711	1,696	1,721
Net Internal (Domestic) Migration	-3,141	-2,678	-6,766	-7,007	-10,239	-7,537	-4,273	
Net International Migration	3,358	3,492	3,254	3,454	3,081	3,888	4,153	
Net Migration	217	814	-3,512	-3,553	-7,158	-3,649	-120	
*Residual	-41	19	3,495	3,445	3,634	3,480	4,273	

Note: *Residual is the difference between the observed value minus the predicted value.

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