

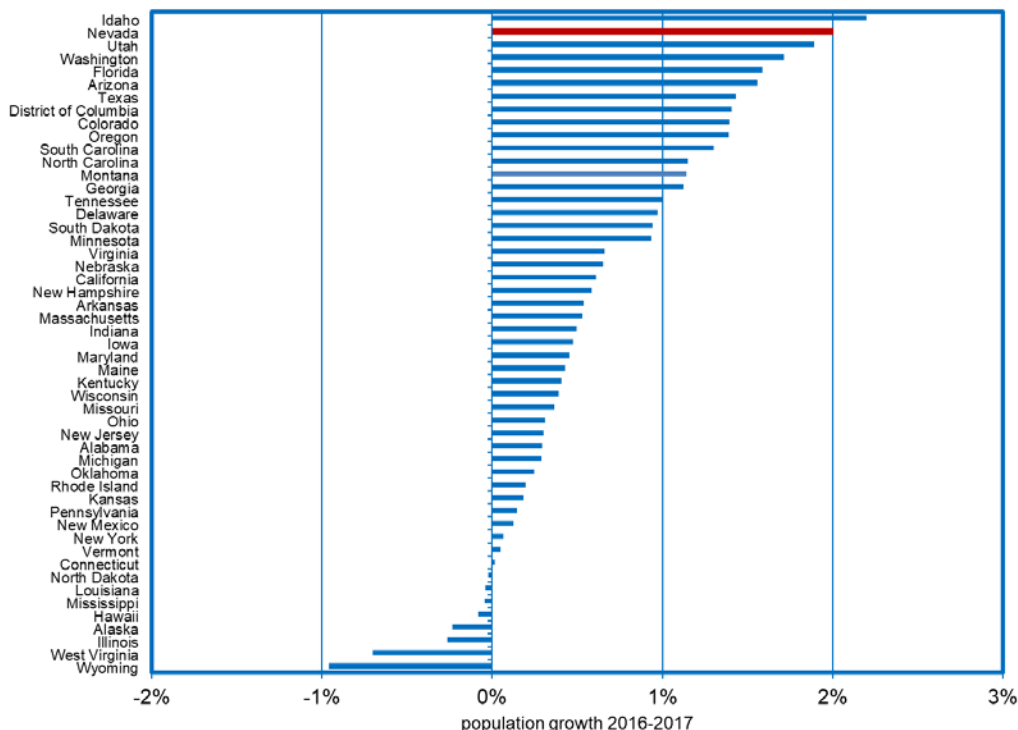
# Research Notes



2017 Population Growth  
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## Nevada has Second-Fastest Population Growth in the U.S.



- The Census Bureau produces population estimates each year, allowing the public to gauge the growth and demographic composition of the nation, states and communities. 2017 state estimates have recently been released.
- Estimates show Nevada's population at three million in 2017, up from 2.94 million in 2016, an increase of 60,000. This translates into a two percent gain, second-strongest in the nation.
- This marks the strongest gain in the Silver State since 2008. Prior to the recession, as the State's economy was booming, population growth regularly exceeded three percent.
- The fastest-growing state in 2017 is Idaho at 2.2%. Eight states show a decline in population.
- Population growth often correlates with the overall health of the economy. Prior to the recession, Nevada's population growth consistently ranked at the top, as our economy boomed. 2017's ranking is most likely due, at least in part, to the Silver State's improving economy and labor market.
- The Silver State's population growth reflects a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 12,400 Nevadans. It also reflects a net migration of 46,200 people moving into the State, about 80% of whom were domestic in-migrants from elsewhere in the U.S.