

2013 Population Growth for Maryland Similar to 2012

The U.S. Census Bureau released population estimates for the states for July 1, 2013 on December 30, 2013. These estimates were released without the components of change, i.e., births, deaths, net domestic migration and foreign immigration. These population components will be released on January 23rd. Until the components of change are released, it is difficult to do any analysis on what is driving population change in Maryland or any other state, but the following are some summary points that can be made from the data:

- Maryland grew by 43,946 people between 2012 and 2013, slightly below the 44,627 gain in the previous year, although the percentage change for each year is about the same (.75% vs. .76%). (See [Chart 1](#) and [Chart 2](#).)
- In each of the last two years, MD's percent change was ranked 24th and was slightly above the overall U.S. percent change.
- Since the 2010 Census, Maryland has grown by just over 155,000 people, ranked 11th overall in the nation, with its percent gain of 2.69% ranked 21st and which was above the U.S. increase of 2.39 percent. (See [Table 1](#).)
- Maryland continued to grow faster than all Northeastern states except for Delaware (and the District) and all Midwestern states except for the Dakotas. (See [Map 1](#).)
- Nationally, the boom in oil shale extraction via the horizontal hydraulic fracturing process (or "fracking") continued to drive economic and population growth in North Dakota, which once again had the highest percentage increase in 2013 (3.14%). Since 2010, North Dakota has expanded by 7.55 percent, also tops in the U.S.
- The District of Columbia also continued to have the second largest percentage increase in 2013 (2.06%), and its increase since 2010 (7.43%) is also ranked second nationally.
- Texas (387,397), California (332,643) and Florida (232,111) had the three largest numeric increases in 2013, as they also did in each of the two previous years. Maryland's total change of just under 44,000 was ranked 14th. Its total change of just under 155,200 since 2010 is ranked 11th.
- The States with the largest population totals in 2013 are California, Texas, New York and Florida. However, in 2013 New York's population (19,651,127) was less than 100,000 above Florida's (19,552,860). Given that Florida's population increase since 2010 has averaged 150,000 more per year than New York's, it is nearly inevitable that Florida will have the nation's third highest population total when the July 1, 2014 population estimates are released in December 2014.