Demographic Trends Impacting Recreation, Parks and Tourism

What Do You Know?

- Population growth is due to what two factors?
- True or False: Texas now has the largest population of any state in the union.
- True or False: The growth in the U.S. population is largely due to the growth in Hispanics and Asians.
- True or False: Texas is growing faster than the U.S. as a whole.

What Do You Know?

- What regions of the U.S. are growing fastest?
- True or False: Over half of all population growth in the U.S. is due to immigration.
- True or False: Anglos will cease being a majority of the U.S. population in the next 50 years.
- True or False: Americans are getting older.

Major Population Trends in Texas’ population

- Continued population growth
- Aging of the population
- Growth in the size of minority population
- Changing composition of households

Continued Population growth

Population Growth in the United States: 1900-2010
Percent Population Growth by Decade in the U.S. (1990-2010)

Ten Fastest Growing U.S. States (1990-2000)

Most Populated U.S. States (1990-2000)

Percent Change in Population from Previous Time Period: Texas and U.S. (1900-2000)

Percent of U.S. Population Change Due to Immigration and Natural Increase
Origin of Immigrants into the U.S. (1900-2009)

Recap: Continued Population Growth
- The size of Texas’ population has increased faster than other U.S. states.
- Growth in the U.S. is largely a result of natural increase but in Texas it is due to migration.
- Growth in the last few decades, however, has been fueled by increased immigration.
- Immigration to the U.S. is characterized by increasing diversity.

Aging of the Population

Projected Changes in the Median Age of U.S. Population (1990-2050)

Projected Changes in the Age Distribution of the U.S. (1990-2030)
Recap: Aging of the Population

- Texas’ population is getting older.
- The fastest growing segment of the population will be adults 75 years of age and older.
- Aging is variable among ethnic/racial groups, with minority households having younger householders than do Anglos.
Percent Change in Number of Ethnic/Racial Groups in U.S. and Texas (2000-2010)

Percentage of Population for Selected States that is Non-White and Non-Hispanic (2005)

Proportion of Ethnic/Racial Groups in U.S. and Texas (2010)

Projected Racial/Ethnic Composition of Texas

Recap: Growth in the Size of Minority Population

- Hispanics comprise the largest minority group in Texas.
- The number of Hispanics and “other” minorities are growing faster than Anglos and African-Americans.
- Hispanics are expected to comprise a numerical majority by the year 2040.
The Changing Composition of Households

Change in Household Size for Texas (1970-1990)

Composition of Texas Households (2000)

Changes in Types of Households in Texas (1990-2030)

Recap: The Changing Composition of Households

- Texas’ households have become smaller. Single person households (living alone) are growing faster than other households.
- Diversity characterizes the composition of Texas’ households.
- Married couples with children comprise less than one-third of Texas’ households.