

# U.S. Census 2020 Results: Takeaways – Video Transcript

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau releases its final count of the U.S. population.

The new census numbers determine a state's congressional representation in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next decade, along with the amount of money each state will receive from the federal government.

The 2020 Census was released in April 2021. Here are a few takeaways.

Six states had population increases that will allow them to gain at least one new seat in the House of Representatives – all are in the South or West. North Carolina, Florida, Colorado, Montana, and Oregon will each gain one seat and Texas will gain two seats. Two of these states – Florida and Texas – have no individual income tax.

On the other side, seven states had population decreases that will cause them to lose one seat each – New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and California.

Overall, the U.S. population grew to 331 million, a 7.4% increase from the last Census in 2010. This is the second slowest rate of population growth the census has ever recorded, just behind the 7.3% growth rate in the 1930s.

Many demographers are forecasting slower U.S. population growth in the decades to come. Slow population growth can lead to lower economic growth due to less people in the workforce and fewer consumers to drive the purchase of goods and services.

The next Census will be in 2030.

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