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Major Function

Produce annual population estimates and biennial population projections

Other Services

- Disseminate demographic and socioeconomic information from the Census Bureau and other reliable sources.
- Provide training and technical expertise.
- Custom data analyses.

Partnerships

- U.S. Census Bureau
- TDC Affiliates

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Population Growth

States with Most Population Growth, 2020 to 2024

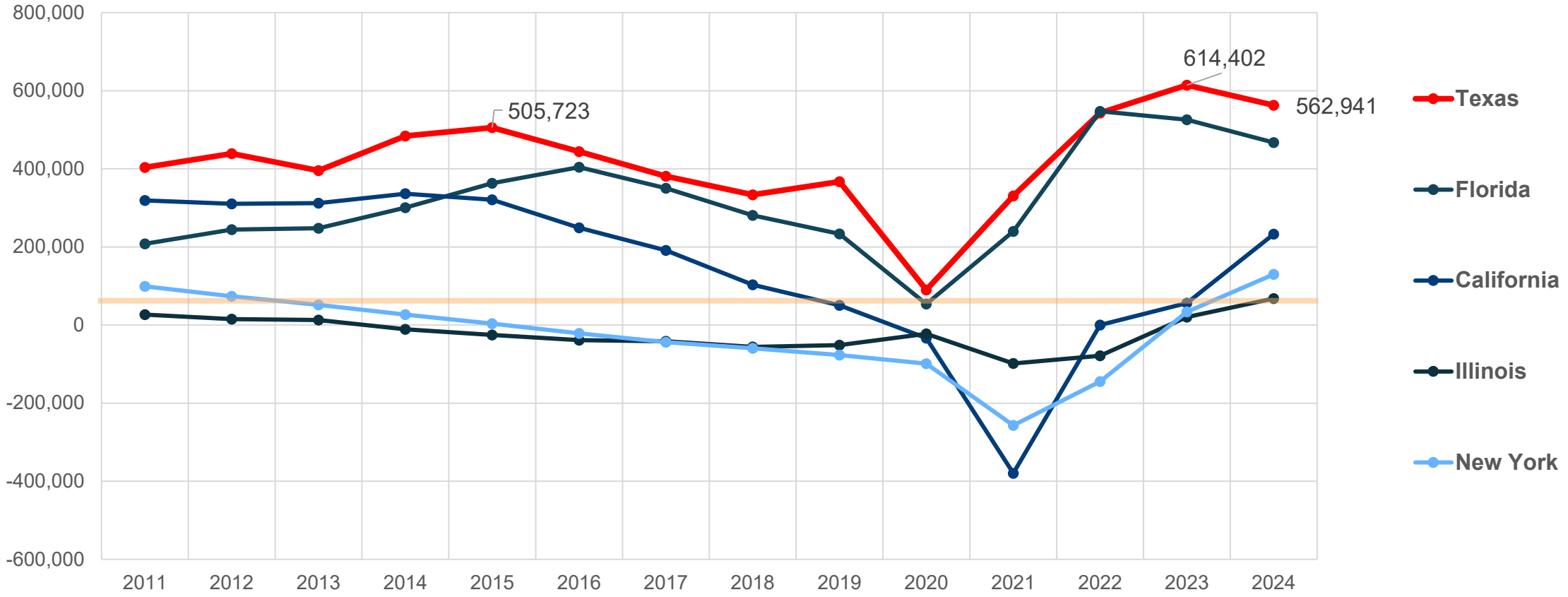
Geographic Area	Population Estimate (as of July 1) 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Change 23-24	Rank Change 23-24	Pct. Change 23-24	Rank Pct. Change 23-24
United States	331,577,720	332,099,760	334,017,321	336,806,231	340,110,988	3,304,757		1.0%	
Texas	29,239,570	29,570,351	30,113,488	30,727,890	**31,290,831**	562,941	**1**	1.8%	**2**
Florida	21,592,035	21,831,949	22,379,312	22,904,868	23,372,215	467,347	2	2.0%	1
California	39,521,958	39,142,565	39,142,414	39,198,693	39,431,263	232,570	3	0.6%	33
North Carolina	10,449,652	10,564,320	10,710,793	10,881,189	11,046,024	164,835	4	1.5%	7
New York	20,105,171	19,848,276	19,703,747	19,737,367	19,867,248	129,881	5	0.7%	28
New Jersey	9,272,794	9,270,541	9,295,227	9,379,642	9,500,851	121,209	6	1.3%	10
Georgia	10,732,888	10,792,060	10,931,805	11,064,432	11,180,878	116,446	7	1.1%	13
Arizona	7,187,135	7,274,078	7,377,566	7,473,027	7,582,384	109,357	8	1.5%	9
Washington	7,727,209	7,743,760	7,794,123	7,857,320	7,958,180	100,860	9	1.3%	11
South Carolina	5,132,249	5,194,274	5,287,935	5,387,830	5,478,831	91,001	10	1.7%	4

New Texans per day 2020-2021 → **906** 2021-2022 → **1,488** 2022-2023 → **1,683** 2023-2024 → **1,542**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 Population Estimates.

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Estimated Annual Population Change for Large States, 2011-2024

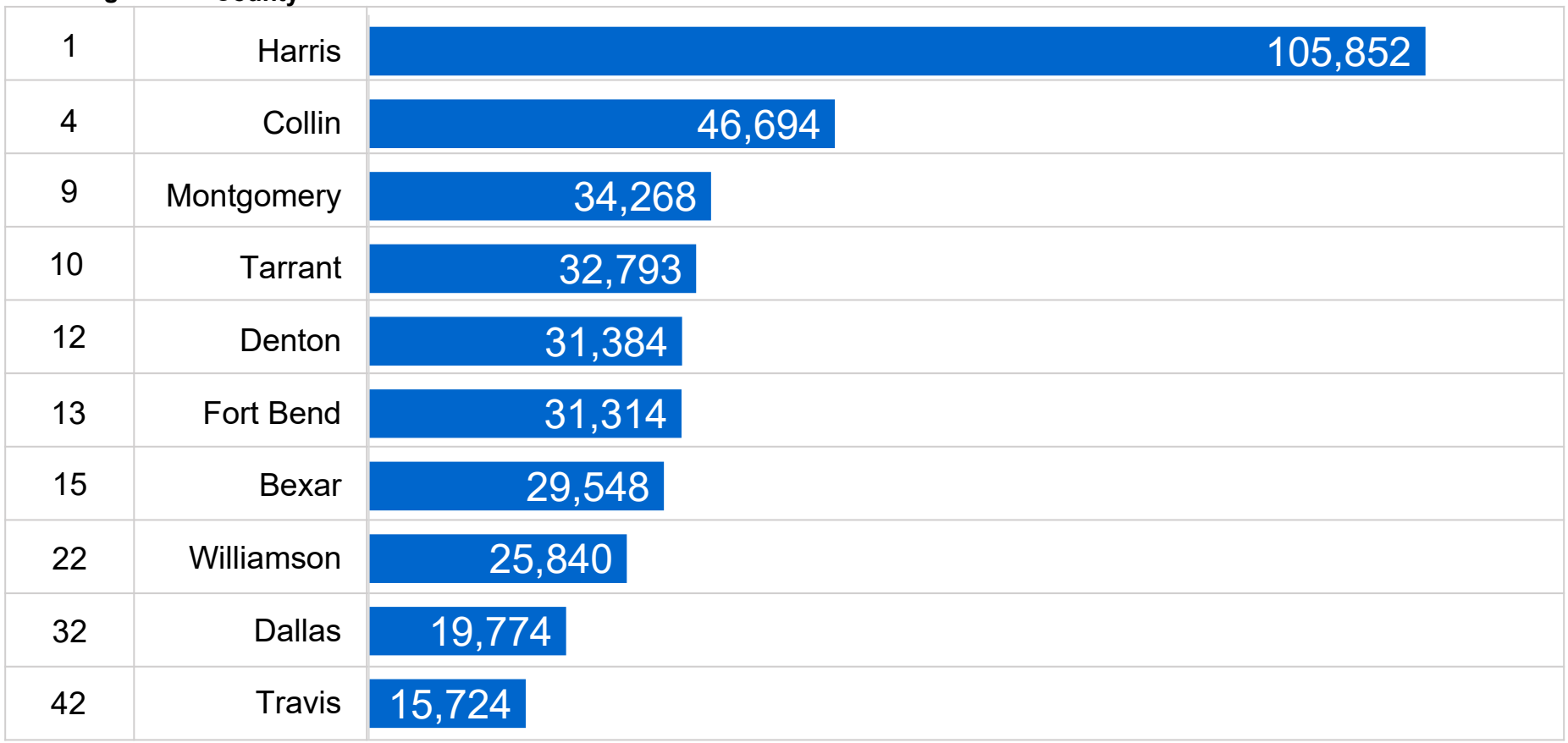


Source: US Census Bureau, 2019 and 2024 Population Estimates

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Texas Counties With the Largest Numeric Growth From 2023 to 2024 and their National Ranking

National Ranking	County	Population Growth
1	Harris	105,852
4	Collin	46,694
9	Montgomery	34,268
10	Tarrant	32,793
12	Denton	31,384
13	Fort Bend	31,314
15	Bexar	29,548
22	Williamson	25,840
32	Dallas	19,774
42	Travis	15,724



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 Population Estimates

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Top Counties for Numeric Growth in Texas, 2023-2024

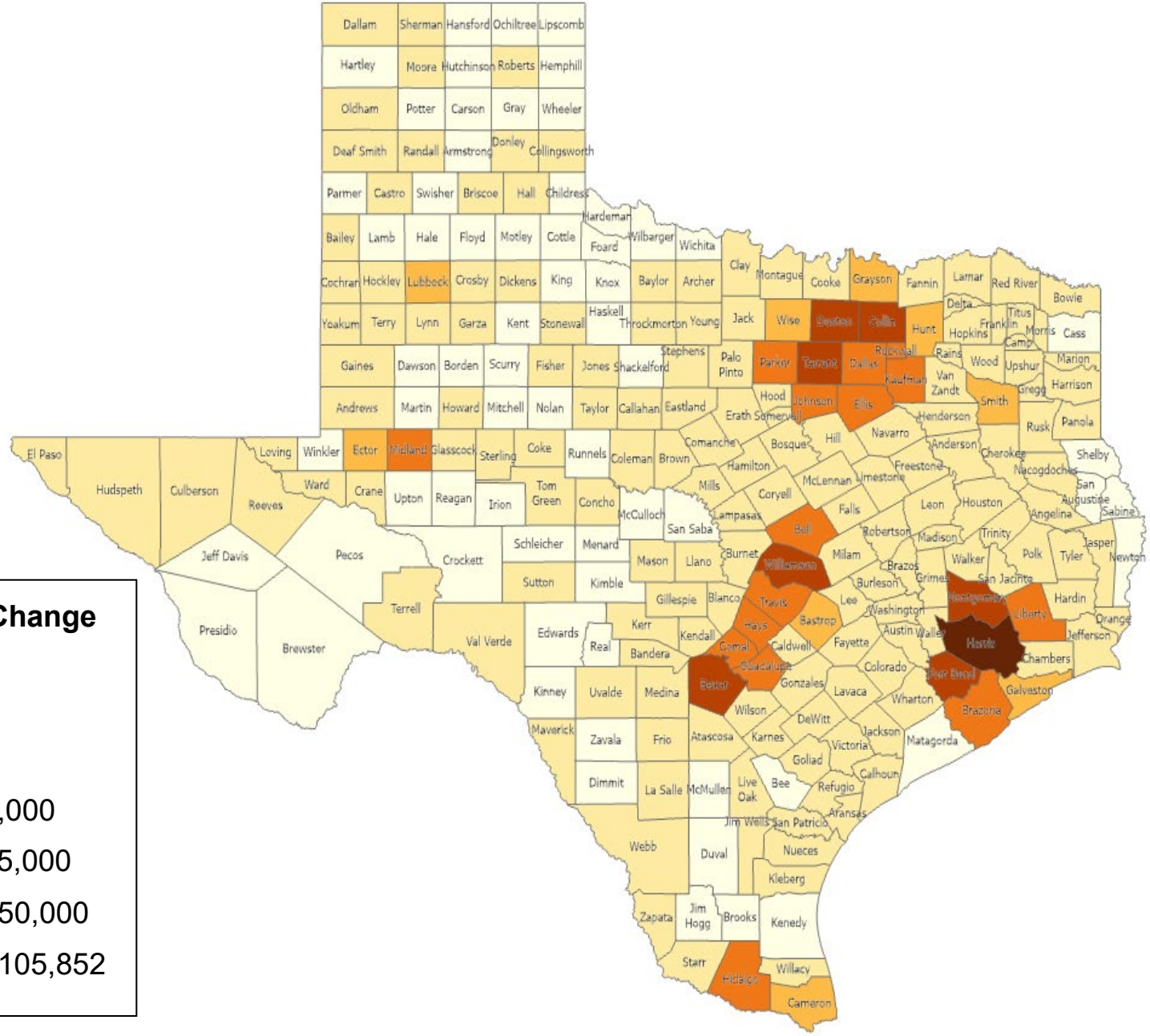
County	US Rank	2024 Population Estimate	Population Change 2023-2024	Change from Natural Increase	Change from International Migration	Change from Domestic Migration
Harris	1	5,009,302	105,852	35,833	101,126	-31,165
Collin	4	1,254,658	46,694	7,142	20,237	19,426
Montgomery	9	749,613	34,268	3,956	6,480	23,919
Tarrant	10	2,230,708	32,793	13,170	22,666	-3,163
Denton	12	1,045,120	31,384	6,579	9,456	15,331
Fort Bend	13	958,434	31,314	5,174	15,769	10,467
Bexar	15	2,127,737	29,548	11,145	15,324	2,970
Williamson	22	727,480	25,840	4,202	6,663	14,980
Dallas	32	2,656,028	19,774	19,625	47,564	-47,168
Travis	42	1,363,767	15,724	9,730	19,522	-13,504
Hidalgo	56	914,820	12,377	9,208	4,679	-1,562
Brazoria	60	413,224	11,802	2,021	2,427	7,382

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 and 2023 Population Estimates

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Estimated Numeric Change, Texas Counties, 2023-2024

65 (26.5%) of Texas counties lost population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2023 and 2024 Population Estimates

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Texas Counties With the Fastest Growth Rate From 2023 to 2024 and Their Ranks in the U.S.

National Ranking	County	Growth Rate
2	Kaufman	6.0%
6	Liberty	5.4%
7	Montgomery	4.8%
9	Caldwell	4.6%
12	Hunt	4.4%
14	Wise	4.1%
15	Rockwall	4.1%
17	Ellis	4.0%
20	Comal	3.9%
21	Collin	3.9%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 Population Estimates

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Top Counties for Percent Growth in Texas, 2023-2024*

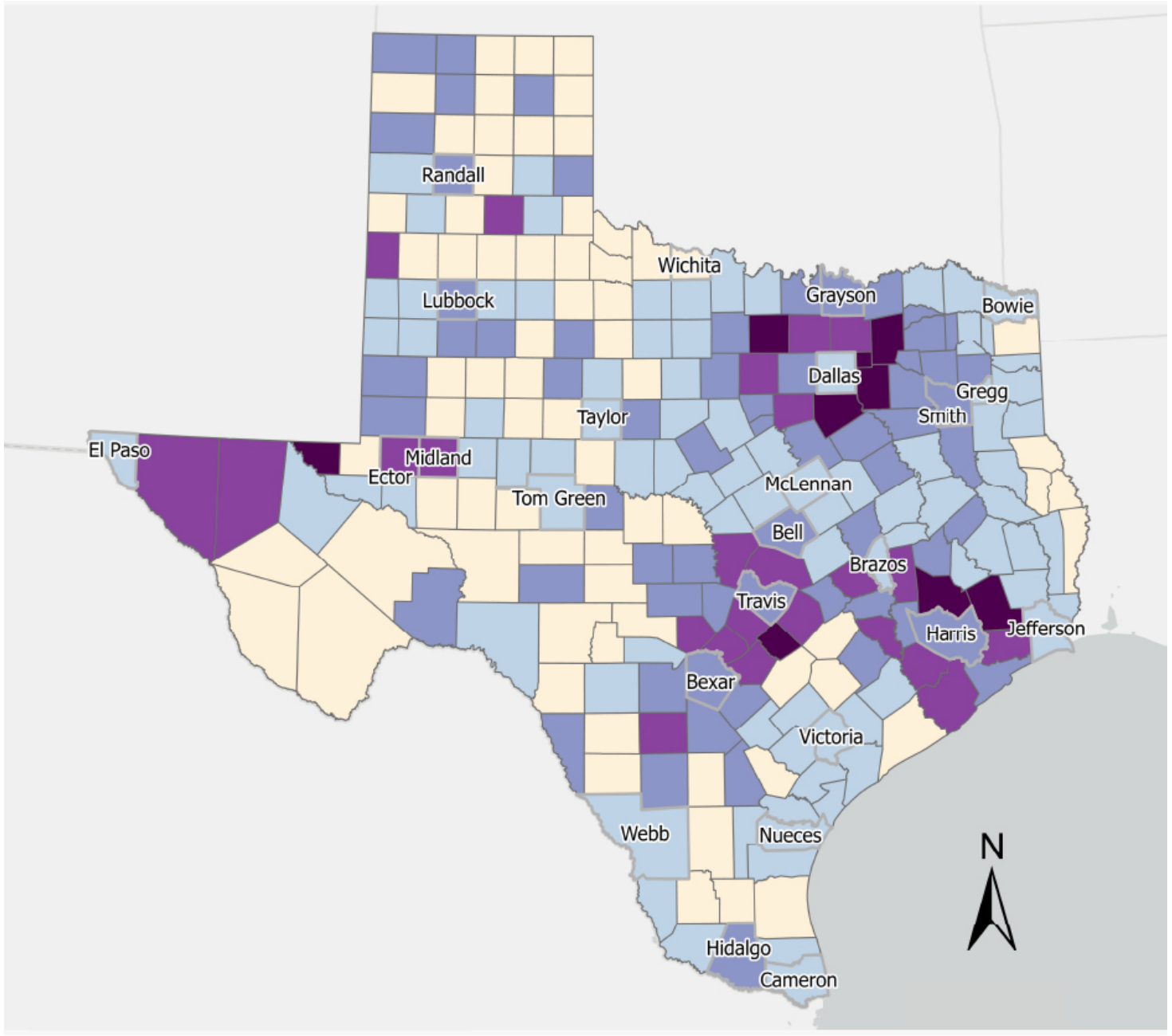
County	US Rank	2024 Population Estimate	Population Change 2023-2024	Percent Population Change 2023-2024	Percent of Population Change from Natural Increase	Percent of Population Change from International Migration	Percent of Population Change from Domestic Migration
Kaufman	**2**	**197,829**	**11,114**	**6.0%**	13%	5%	82%
Liberty	**6**	**115,042**	**5,870**	**5.4%**	9%	5%	86%
Montgomery	**7**	**749,613**	**34,268**	**4.8%**	12%	19%	70%
Caldwell	**9**	**52,430**	**2,323**	**4.6%**	8%	9%	83%
Hunt	**12**	**118,729**	**4,975**	**4.4%**	7%	7%	86%
Wise	**14**	**81,275**	**3,224**	**4.1%**	2%	3%	95%
Rockwall	**15**	**137,044**	**5,408**	**4.1%**	9%	7%	84%
Ellis	**17**	**232,387**	**9,063**	**4.1%**	13%	6%	81%
Comal	**20**	**201,628**	**7,531**	**3.9%**	3%	3%	94%
Collin	**21**	**1,254,658**	**46,694**	**3.9%**	15%	43%	42%
Williamson	**30**	**727,480**	**25,840**	**3.7%**	16%	26%	58%

*Among counties with populations of 50,000 or more in 2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 and 2023 Population Estimates

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Estimated Percent Population Change, Texas Counties, 2023-2024



Percent Change, 2023-2024

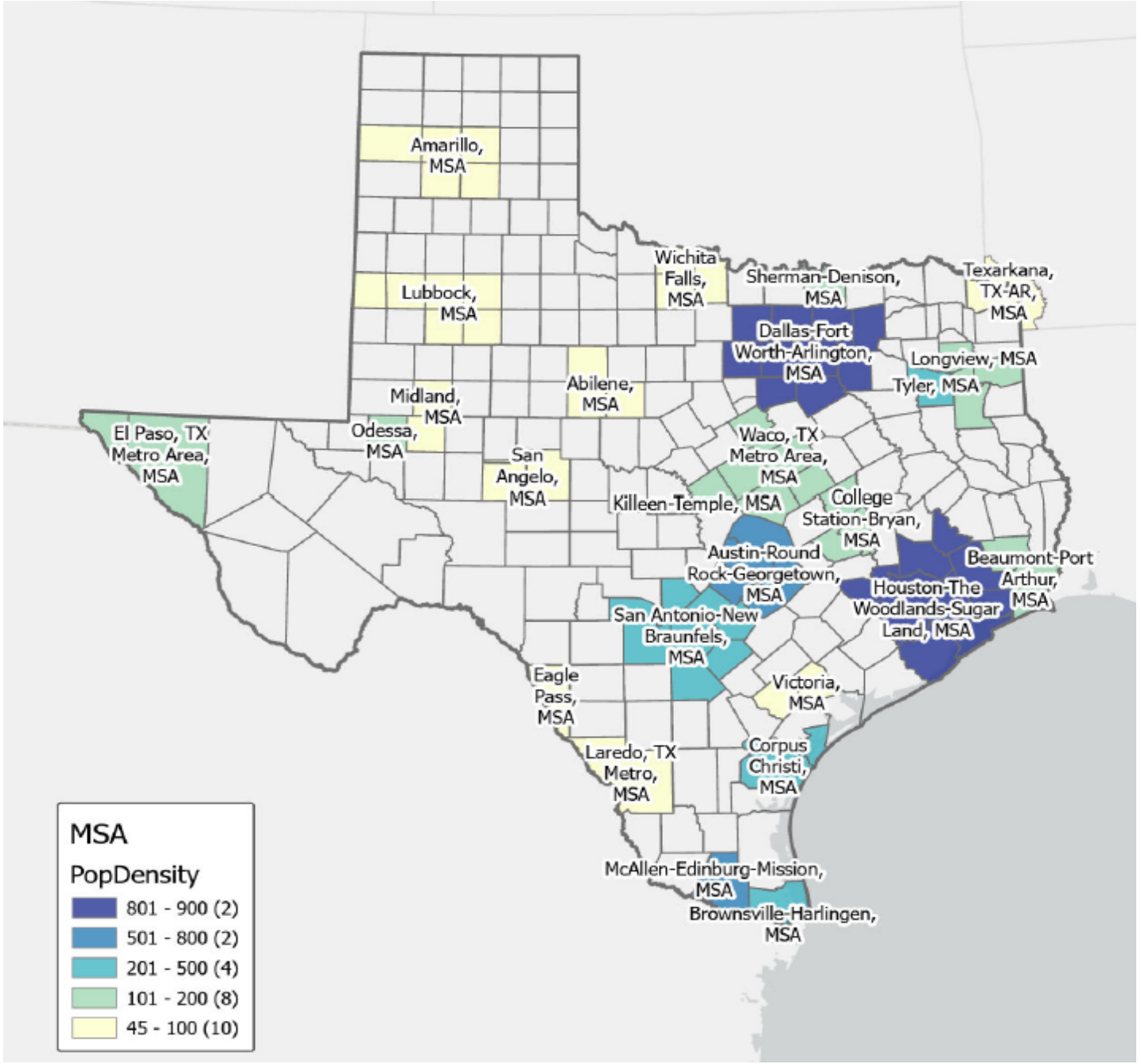
- -6.0% - 0.0% (70)
- 0.1% - 1.0% (88)
- 1.1% - 2.5% (63)
- 2.6% - 4.0% (24)
- 4.1% - 6.0% (9)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2023 and 2024 Population Estimates

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Population Density in Texas, Metropolitan Statistical Area 2023

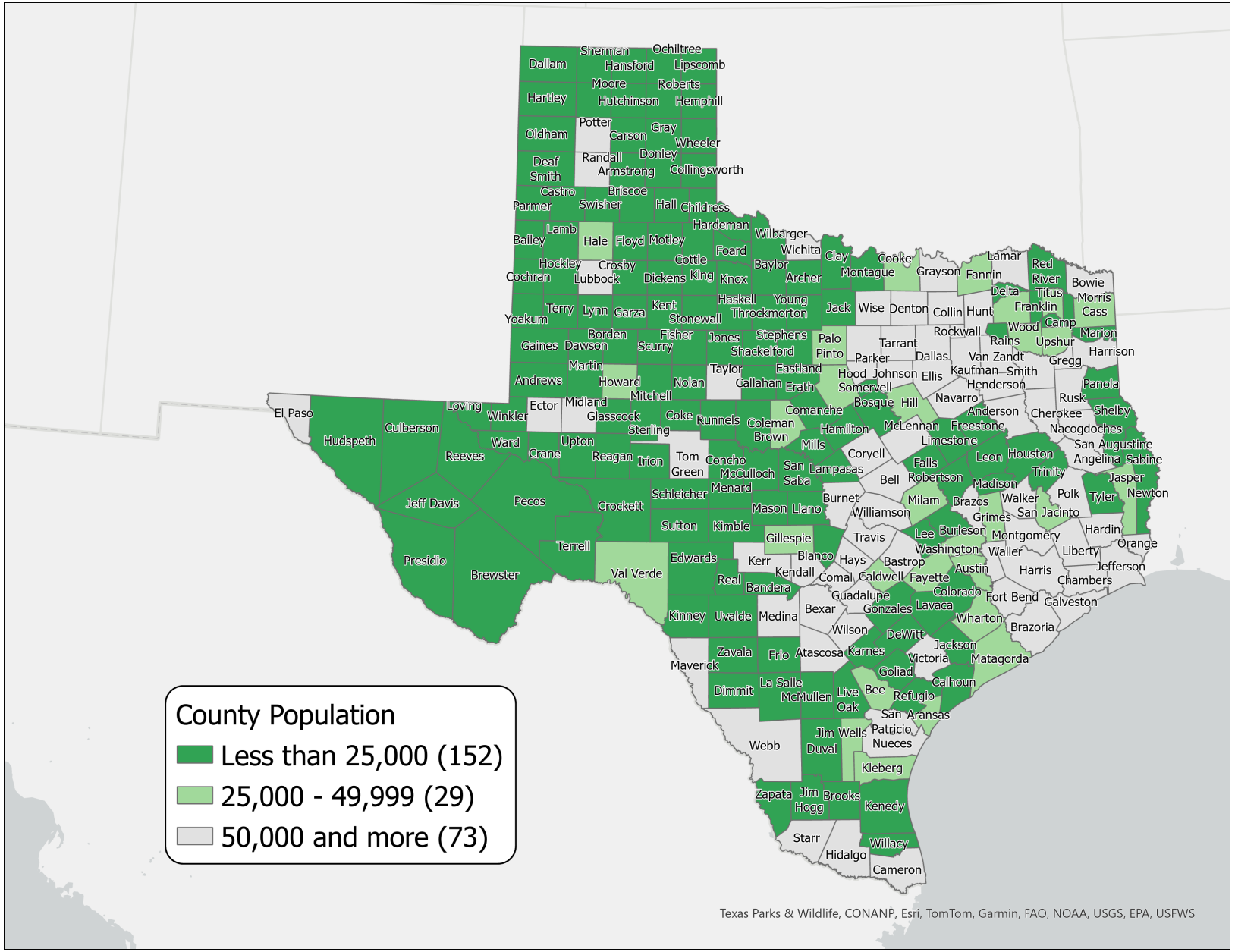
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Estimates, 2019-2023 and 2023 Vintage TIGER/Line files.

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Texas Rural Counties by Population, 2023



181 Rural Counties

- **Total pop.= 2.4 million (8.1% of Texas pop.)**
- **88 of these counties lost population between 2020-2023**

SOURCE: US Census Bureau, Population Estimates, 2022 Vintage

Texas Places with the Largest Numeric Growth from 2022-2023 and Ranks in the U.S.

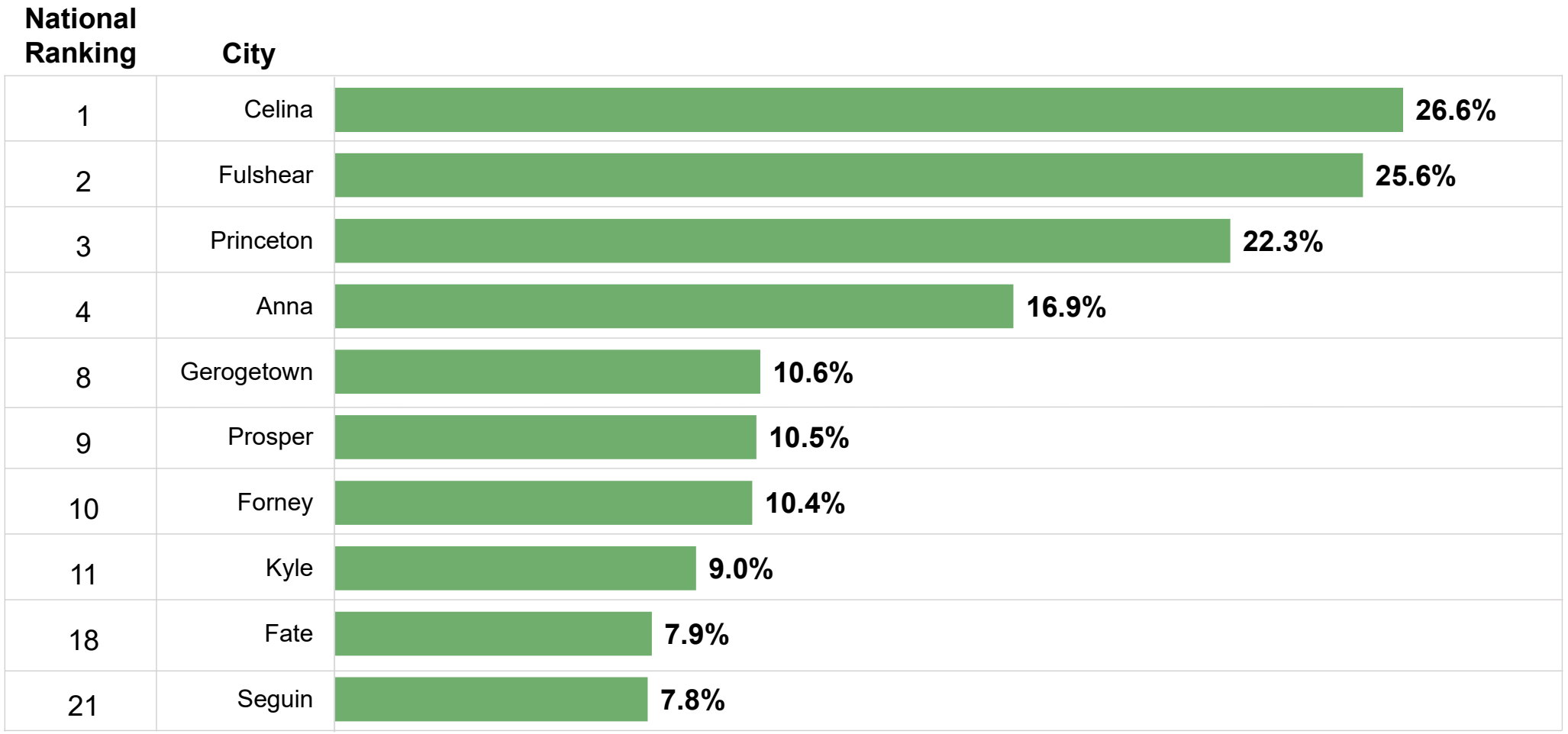
National Ranking	City	
1	San Antonio	21,970
2	Fort Worth	21,365
7	Houston	11,669
8	Georgetown	9,250
9	Celina	9,110
11	Fulshear	8,678
13	Denton	7,914
16	Conroe	6,689
18	New Braunfels	6,229
23	McKinney	5,906

Note: Ranked among cities with resident population of 20,000 and over.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2023 Population Estimates

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Texas Places with the Fastest Growth Rate from 2022-2023 and Ranks in the U.S.



Note: Ranked among cities with resident population of 20,000 and over.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, 2023 Vintage

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MSA TOTAL

TDC Population Estimates, 2023

MSA (July 2023)	2020 April Census Count	2023 July TDC Estimates	2023 Population as Share of TX	2020-2023 Growth as Share of TX
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	**7,637,387**	**8,108,518**	**27%**	**34%**
Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands	**7,149,642**	**7,488,332**	**25%**	**25%**
San Antonio-New Braunfels	**2,558,143**	**2,698,652**	**9%**	**10%**
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	**2,283,371**	**2,494,648**	**8%**	**15%**
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	870,781	903,213	3%	2%
El Paso	868,859	873,709	3%	0%
Killeen-Temple	475,367	495,341	2%	1%
Corpus Christi	445,763	447,500	1%	0%
Brownsville-Harlingen	421,017	426,062	1%	0%
Beaumont-Port Arthur	397,565	396,624	1%	0%
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Eagle Pass	57,887	57,775	0%	0%
All MSAs	**26,249,929**	**27,558,902**	**90.3%**	**95.5%**
Texas	**29,145,505**	**30,516,398**		

69%

84%

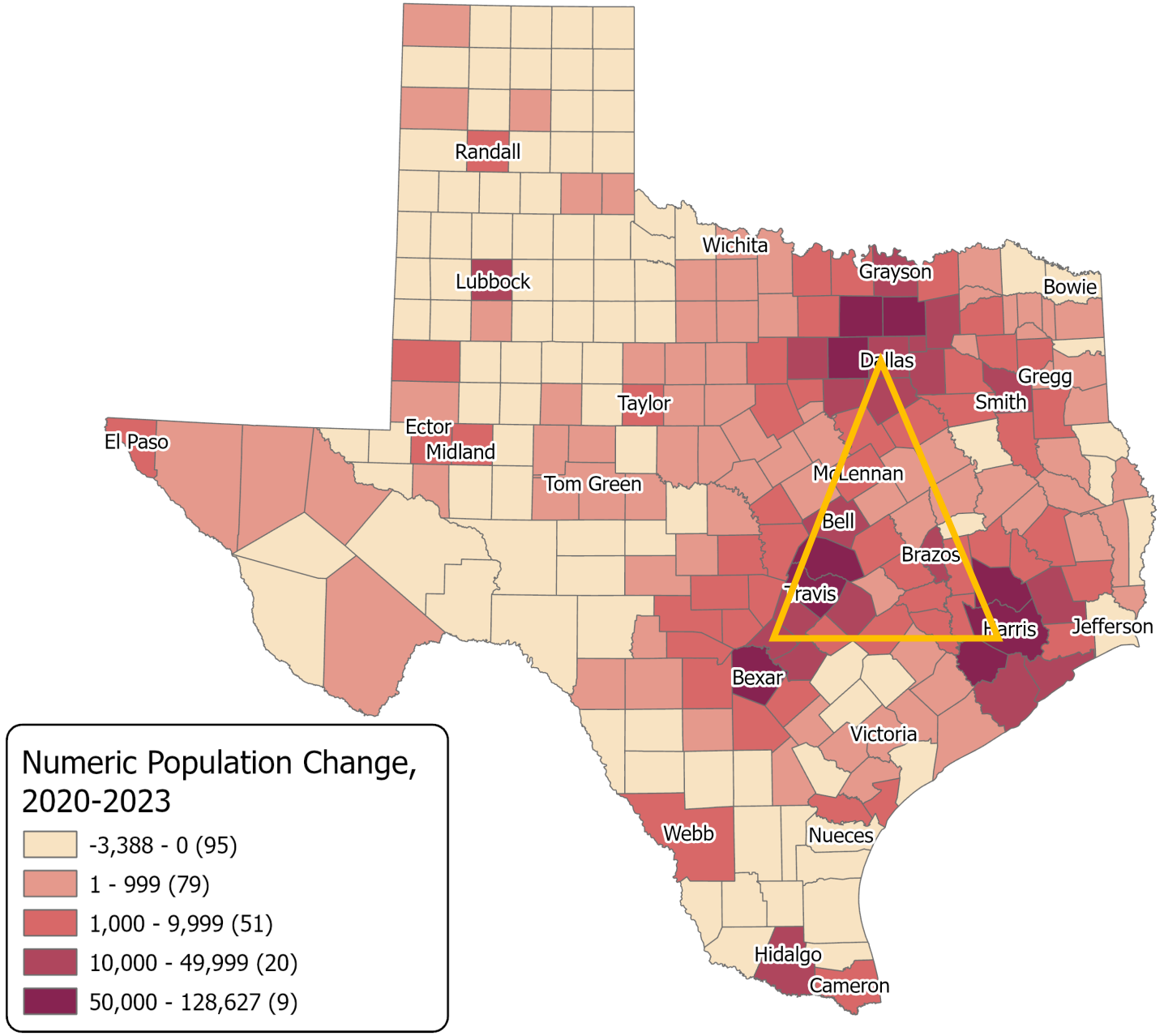
New MSA

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Vintage 2023 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census.

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Estimated Numeric Population Change

- Over one-third of counties have experienced population decline.
- Most population growth is observed in large metropolitan areas.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Vintage 2023 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census.

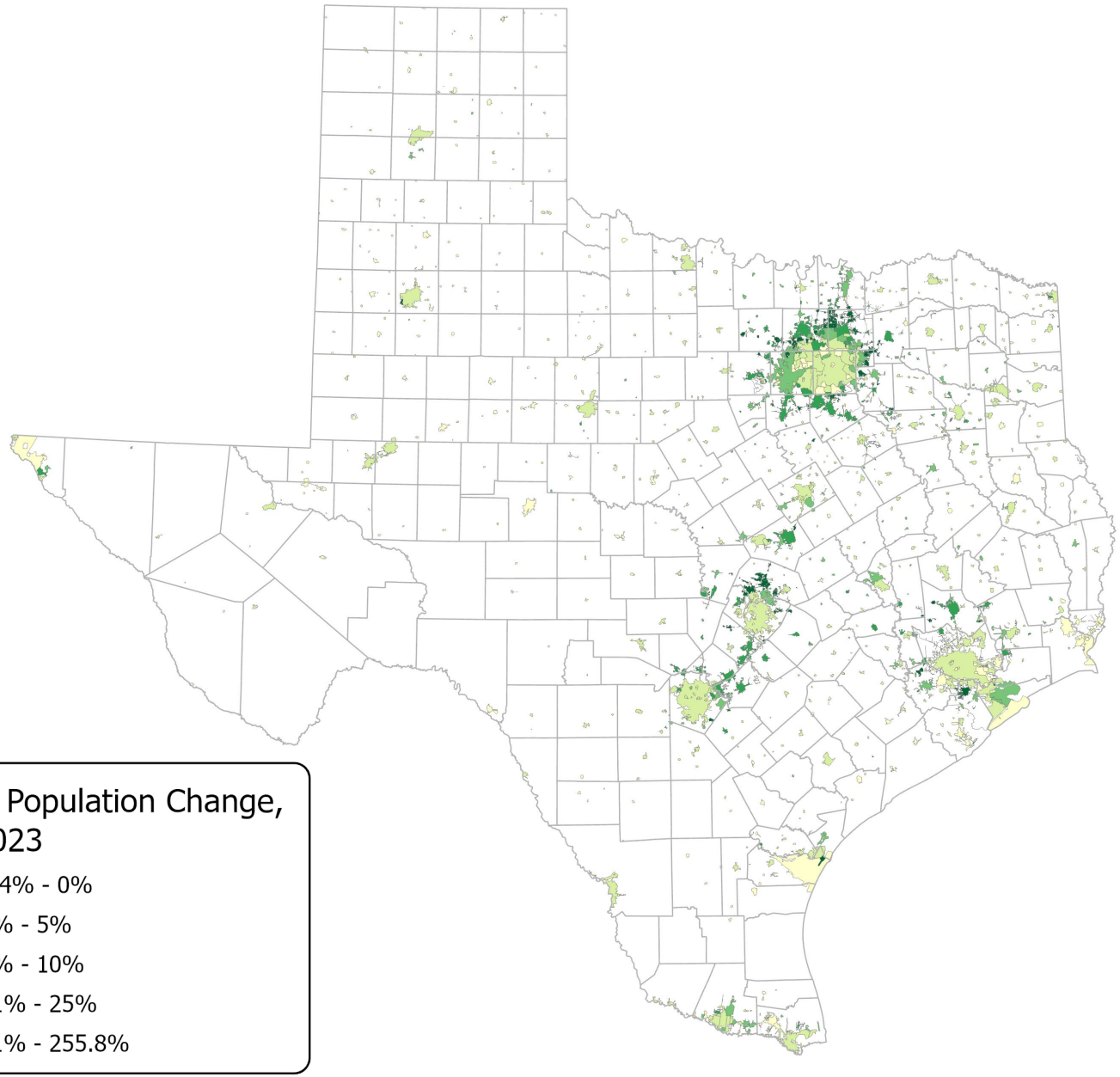
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Estimated Percent Population Change, 2020-2023

- Estimated Population for 1,228 incorporated places in Texas;

- 2023 Population # of Cities

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1,000 – 9,999	552
10, 000 – 19,999	97
20,000 – 99, 999	107
100,000 +	42



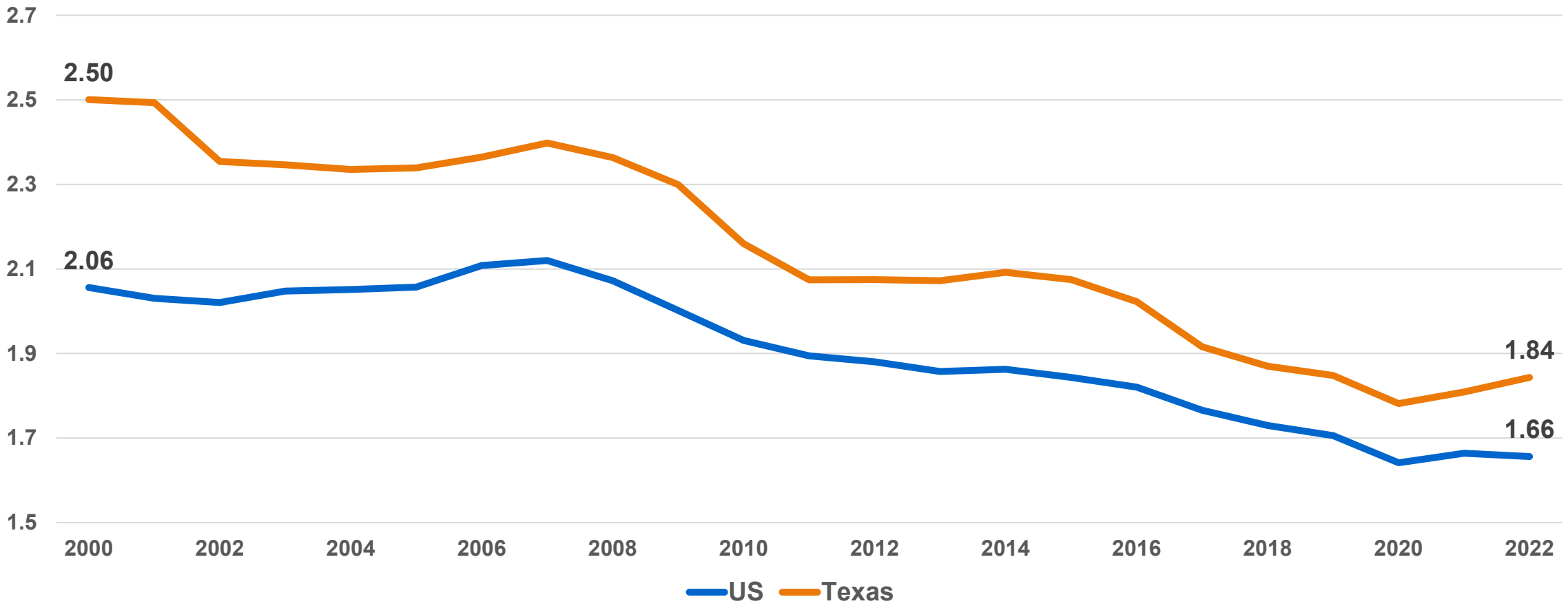
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The Drivers of Population Growth

Total Fertility Rate Trends of the U.S. and Texas, 2000-2022



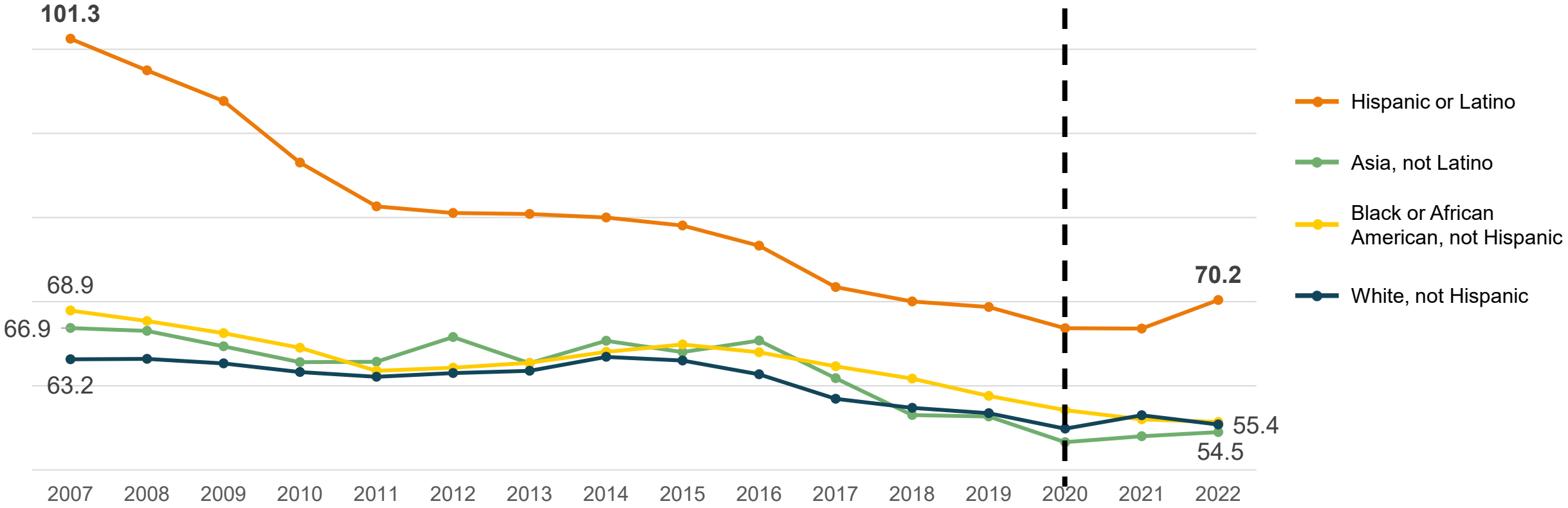
Source: National Vital Statistics Reports, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Note: The total fertility rate is a demographic indicator that estimates the average number of children a woman will have during her childbearing years..

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Texas Birth Rates, 2007-2022

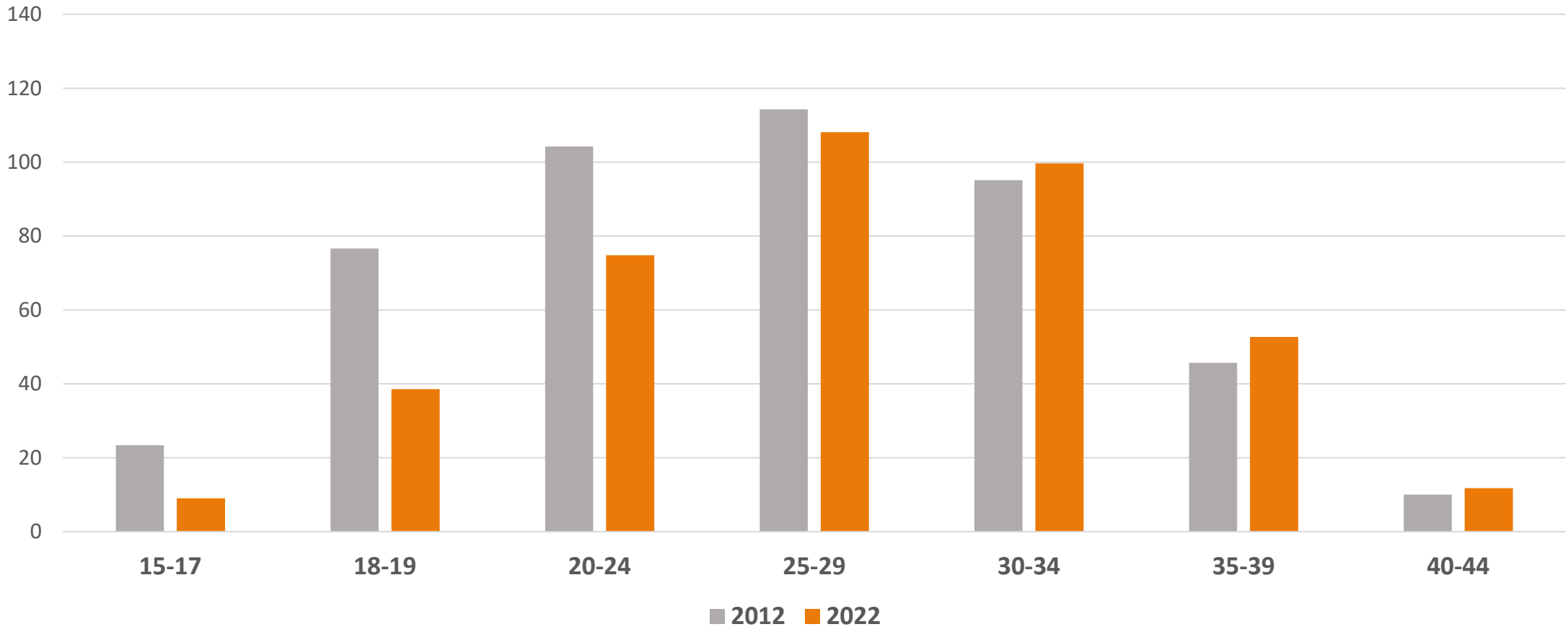
Births per 1,000 women aged 15-44



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Natality on CDC WONDER Online Database, 2007-2022.

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Texas Birth Rates by Age Group of Mothers, 2012, 2022



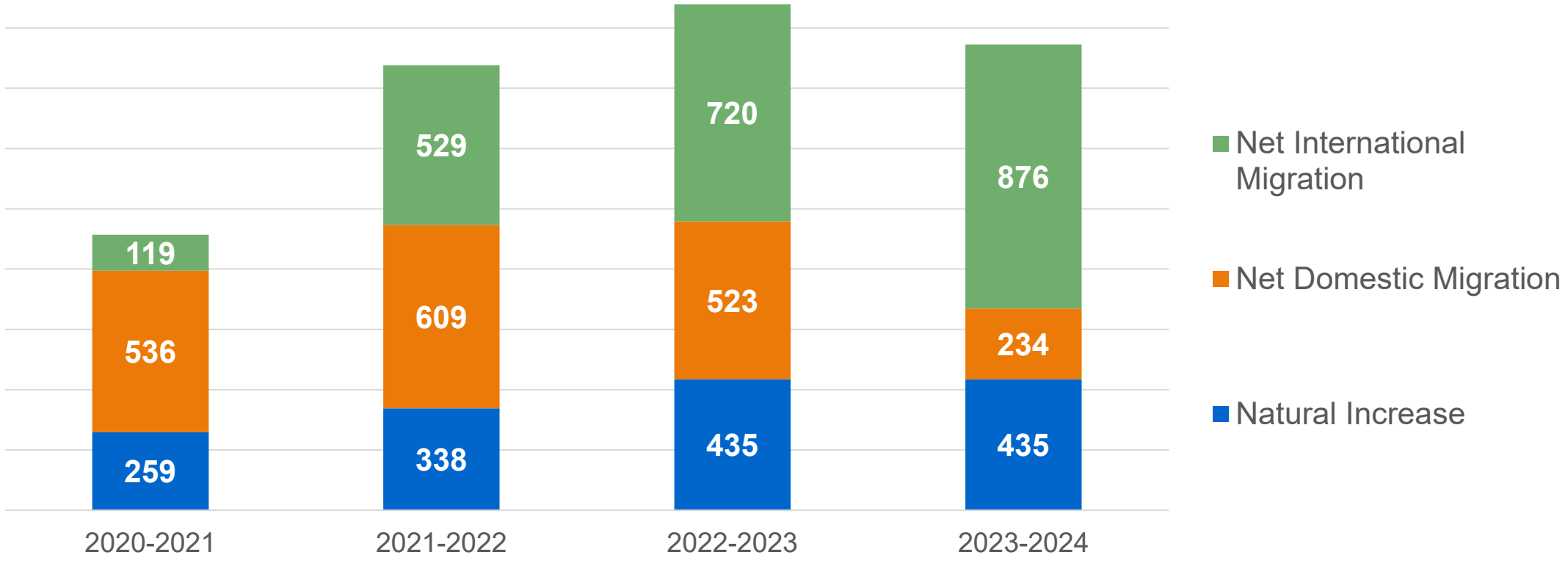
Note: Birth rate is expressed as births per 1,000 women ages 15–44 during the calendar year.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics.

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Texas Daily Population Growth and Components of Change 2020-2024

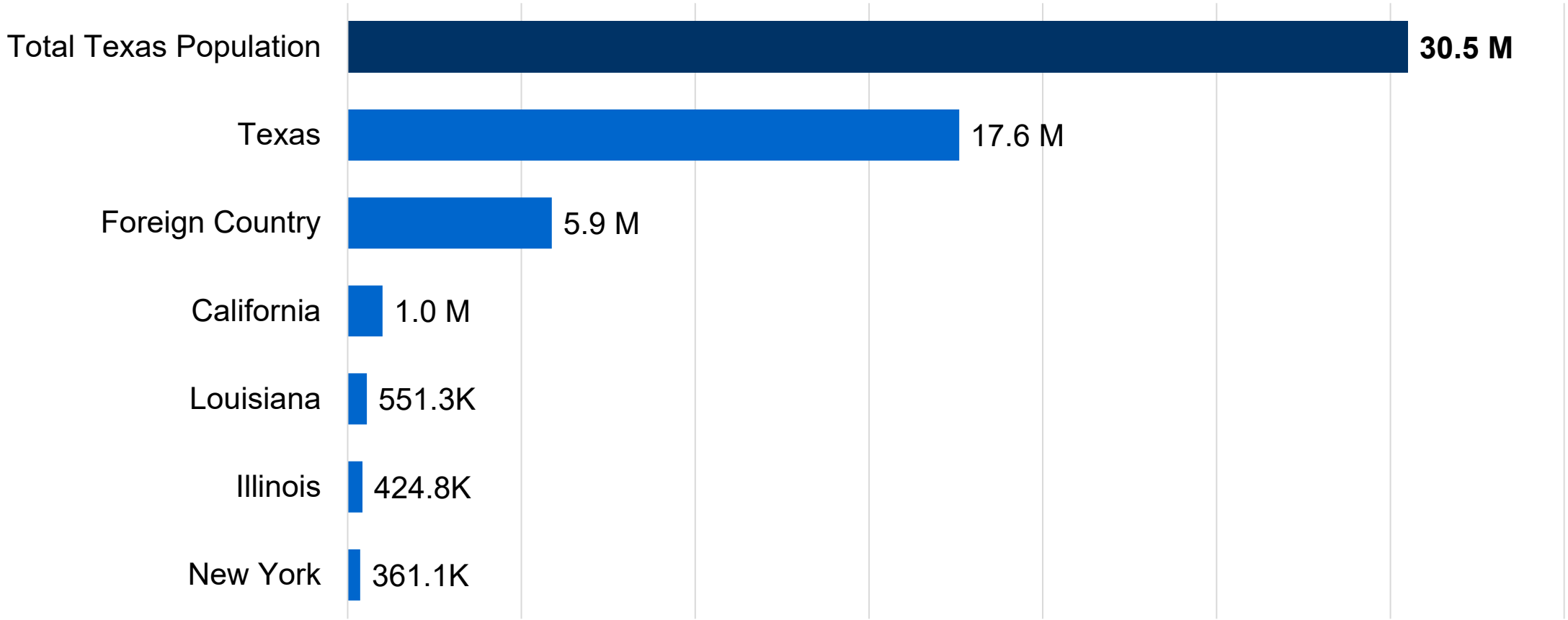
2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Daily Average Population Change
906	1,488	1,683	1,542	



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 Population Estimates

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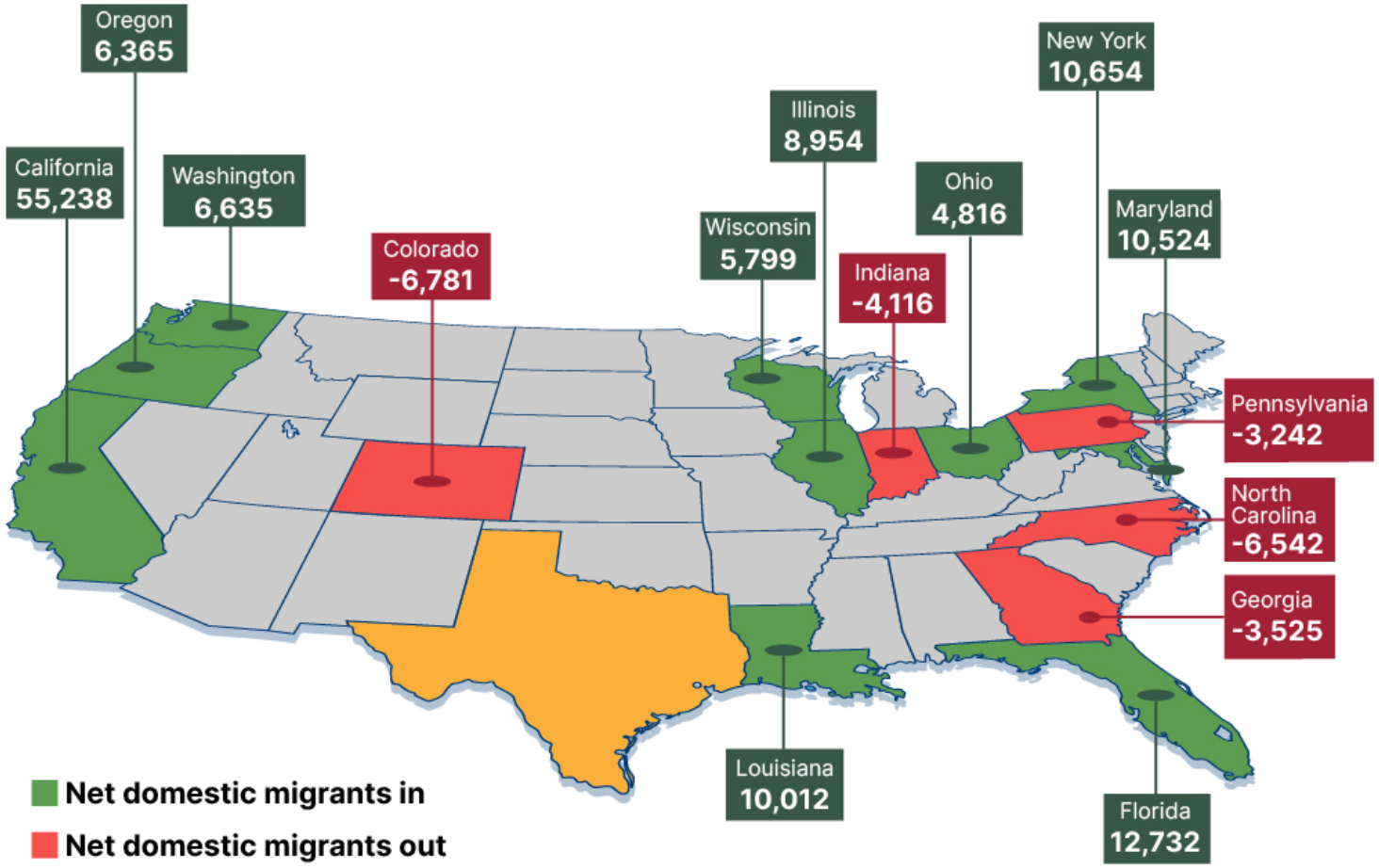
Place of Birth of Texas Residents, 2023



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State of Residence by Place of Birth Flows, 2023

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Texas State-to-State Net Domestic Migration, 2023



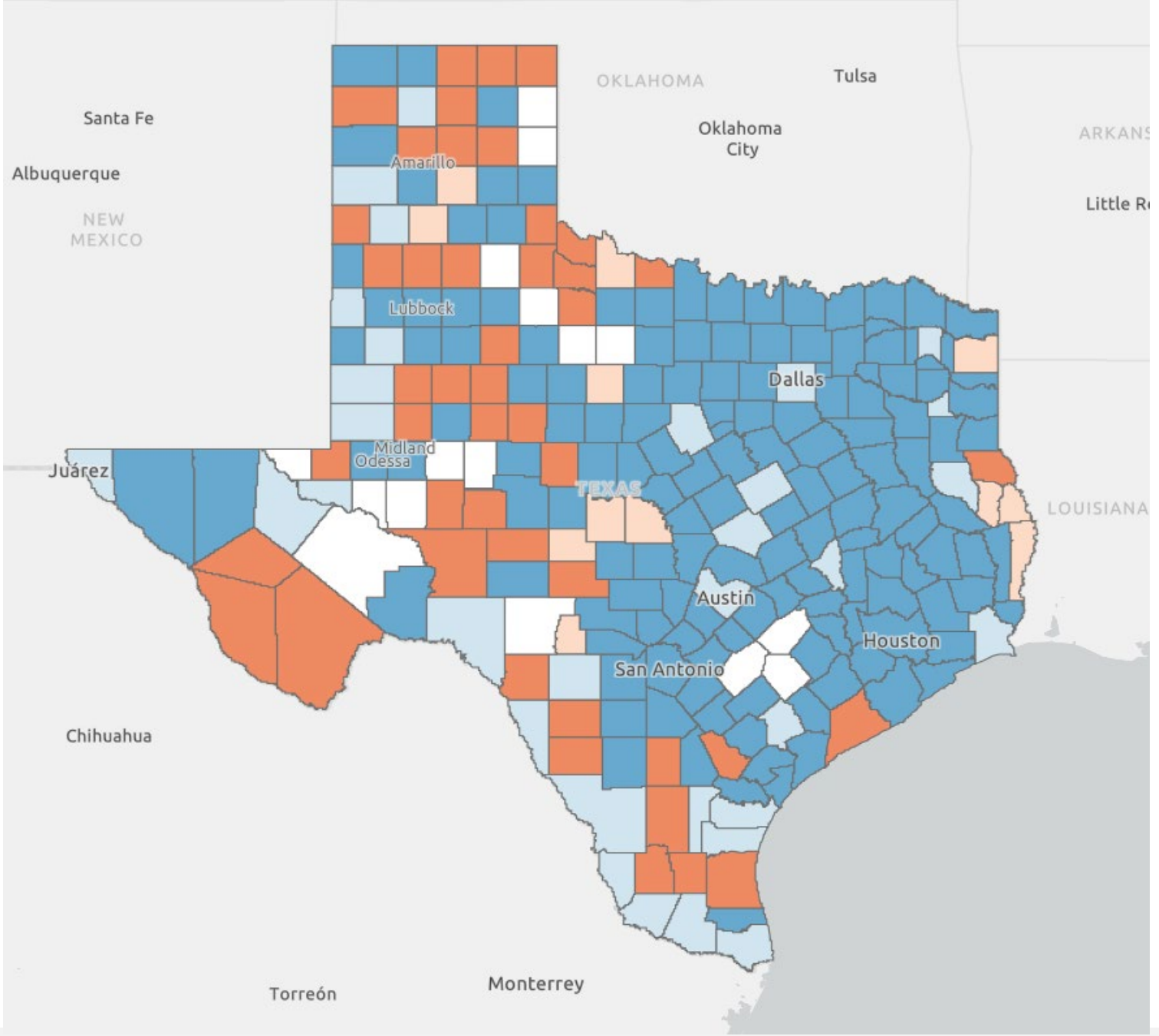
Note: Data displayed are estimates based on a sample survey and are subject to error.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 State-to-State Migration Flows Statistics

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Estimated Drivers of Population Change, Texas Counties, 2023-2024

- Population decline driven by out-migration
- Population decline driven by natural decrease
- Population change less than 10
- Population increase driven by natural increase
- Population increase driven by in-migration



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Vintage 2022 and 2023 Population Estimates.

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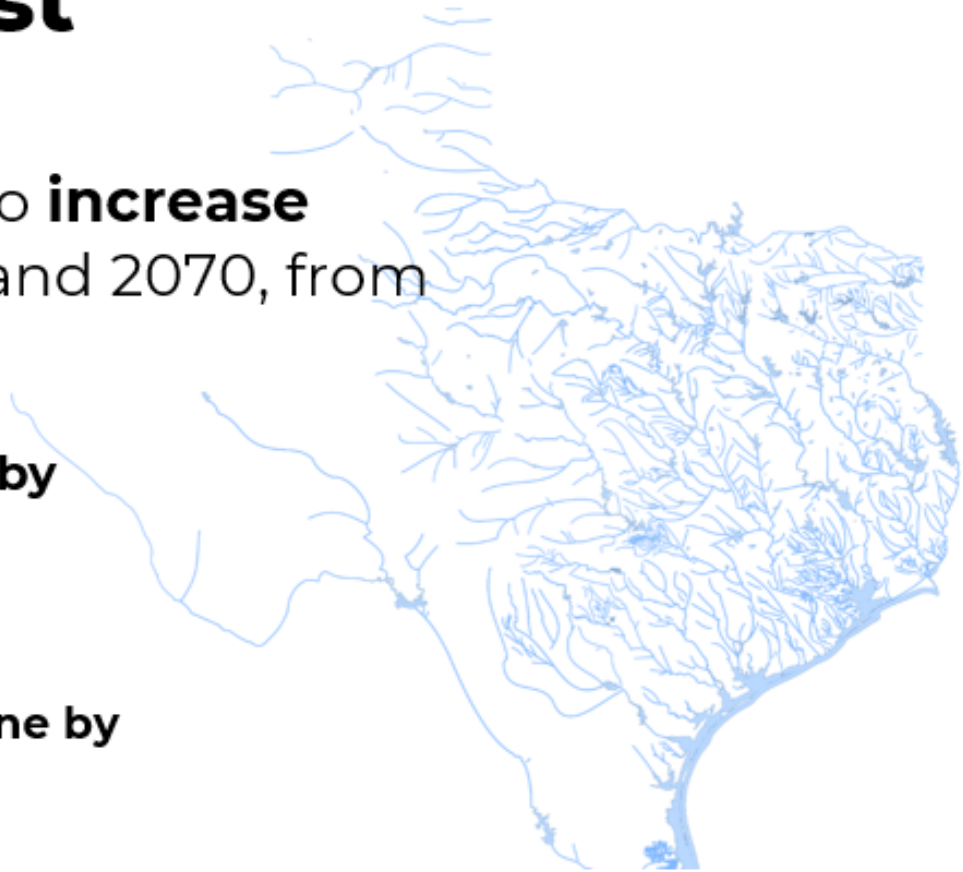
Demographic Change and Demand for Services

Texas Water Forecast

Texas' population is expected to **increase more than 70%** between 2020 and 2070, from **29.5 million to 51 million**

Water demands are projected to **increase by approximately 17%**

Existing water supplies are expected to **decline by approximately 18%**



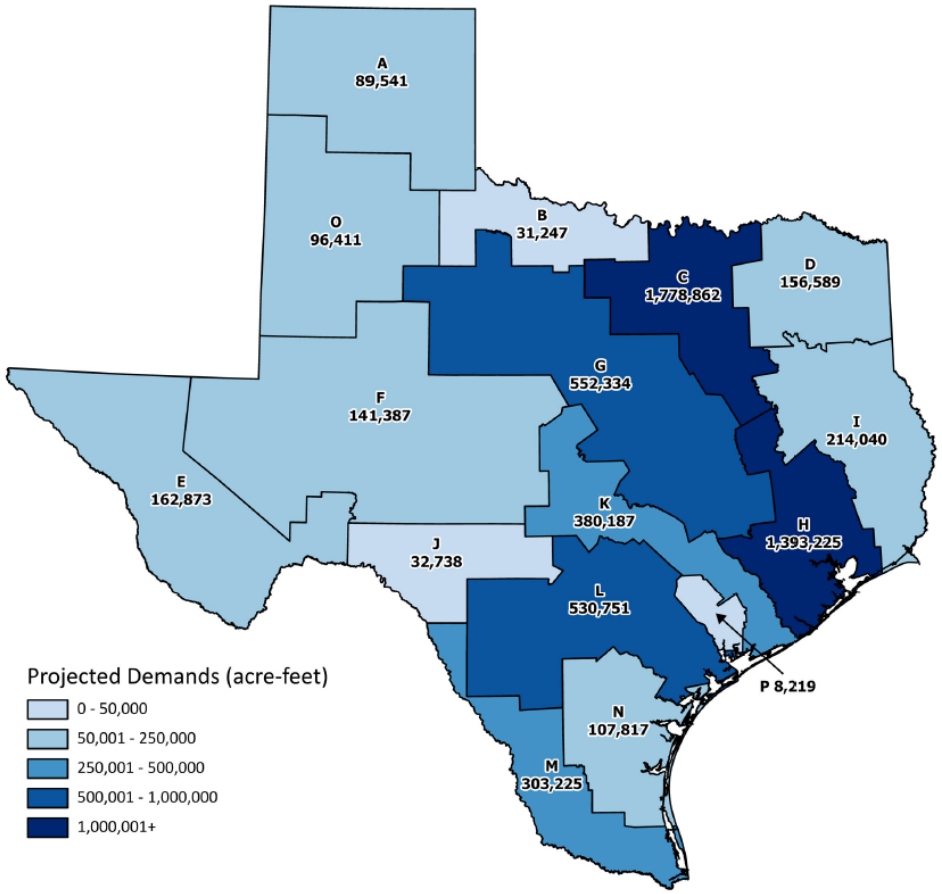
Compiled from data found in the 2022 State Water Plan

Source: 2022 State Water Plan, Texas Water Development Board

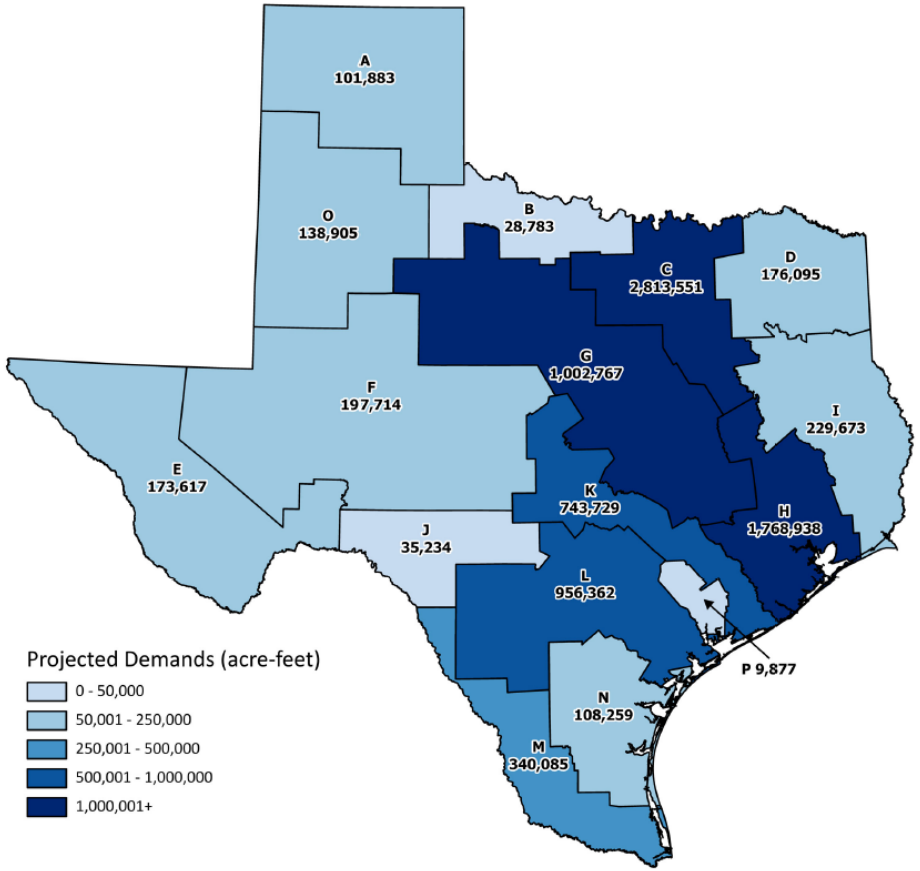
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Projected Municipal Water Demands

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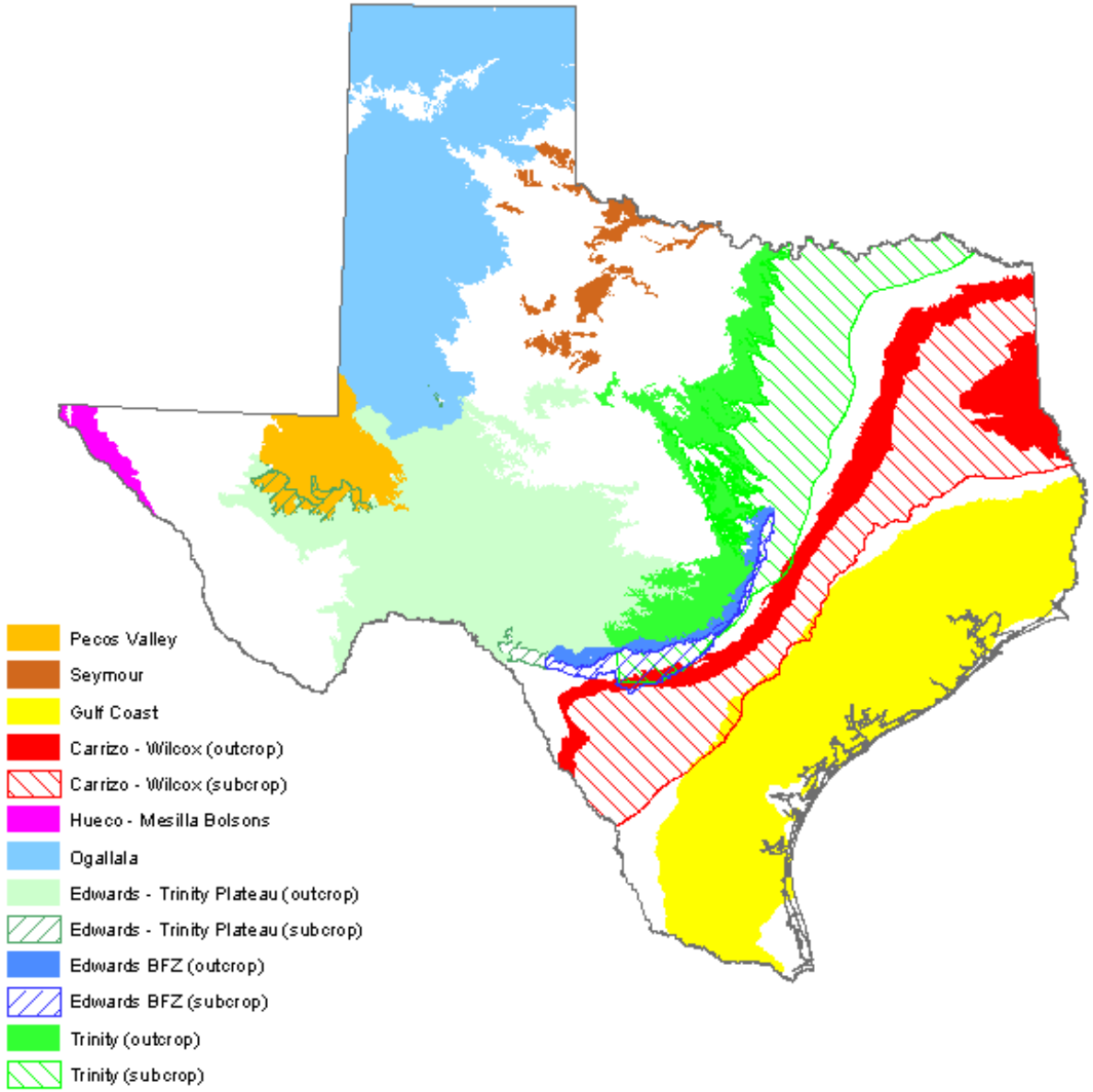


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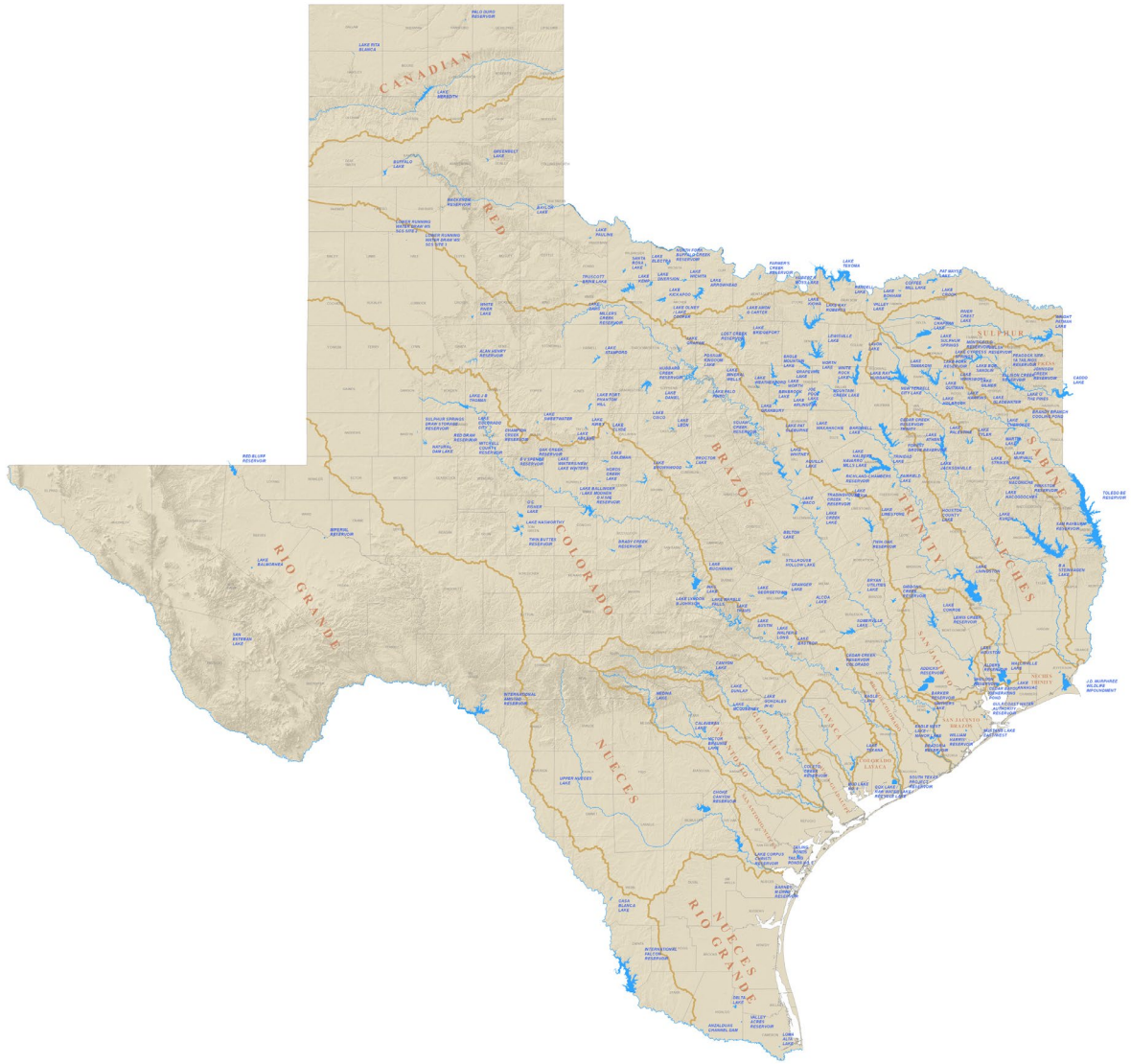


Source: 2022 State Water Plan, Texas Water Development Board

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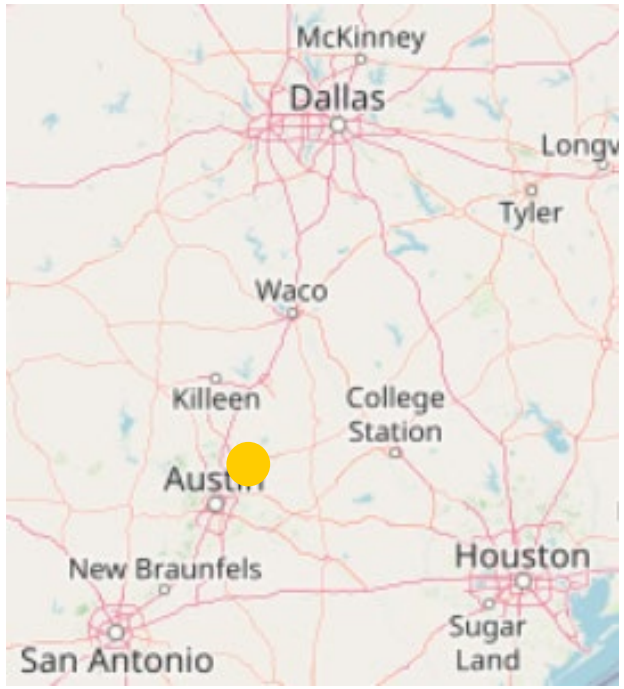
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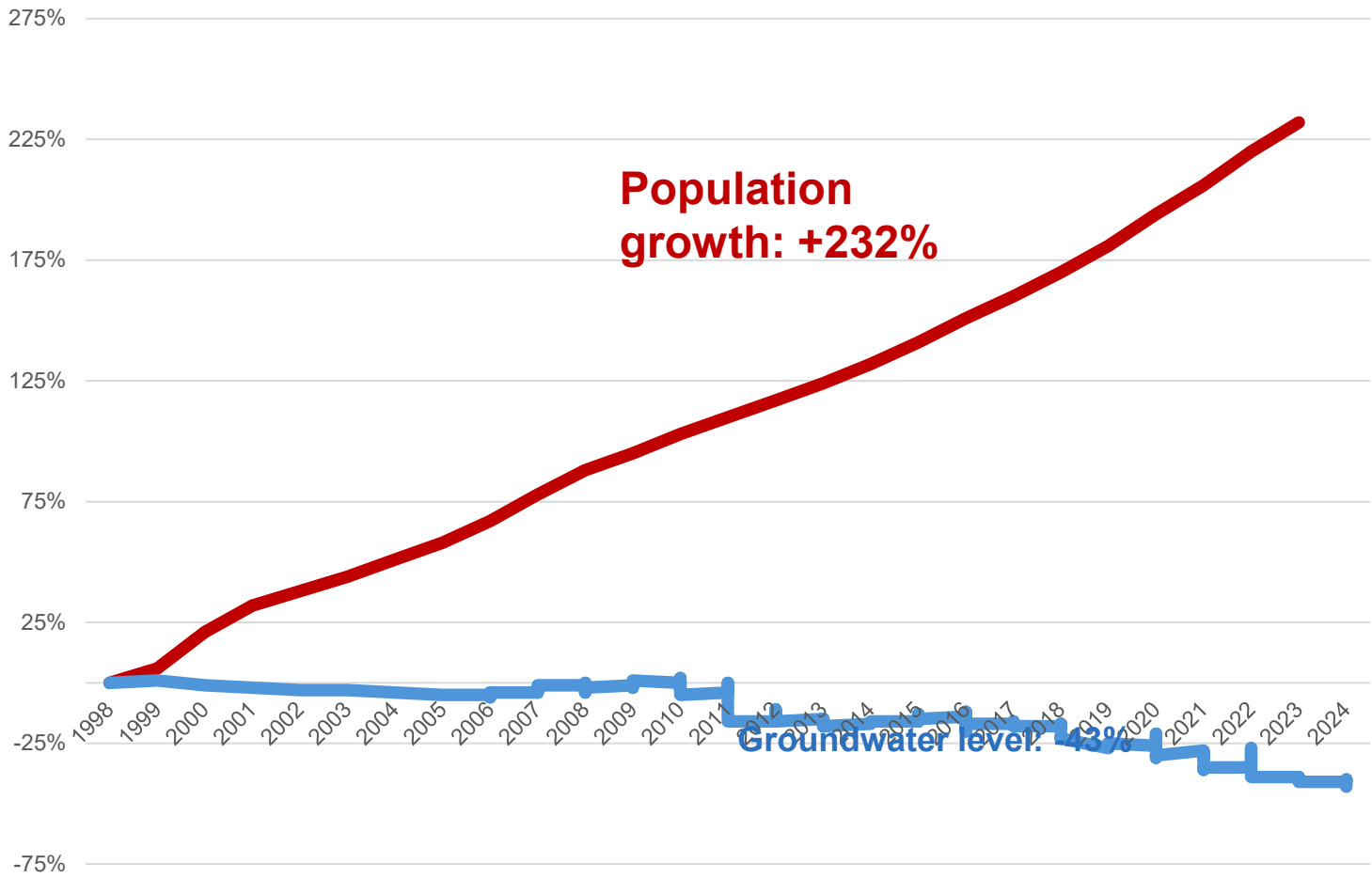
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Williamson County & Trinity Aquifer

Well 5829603 in Taylor



Williamson County Population Growth vs Aquifer Decline

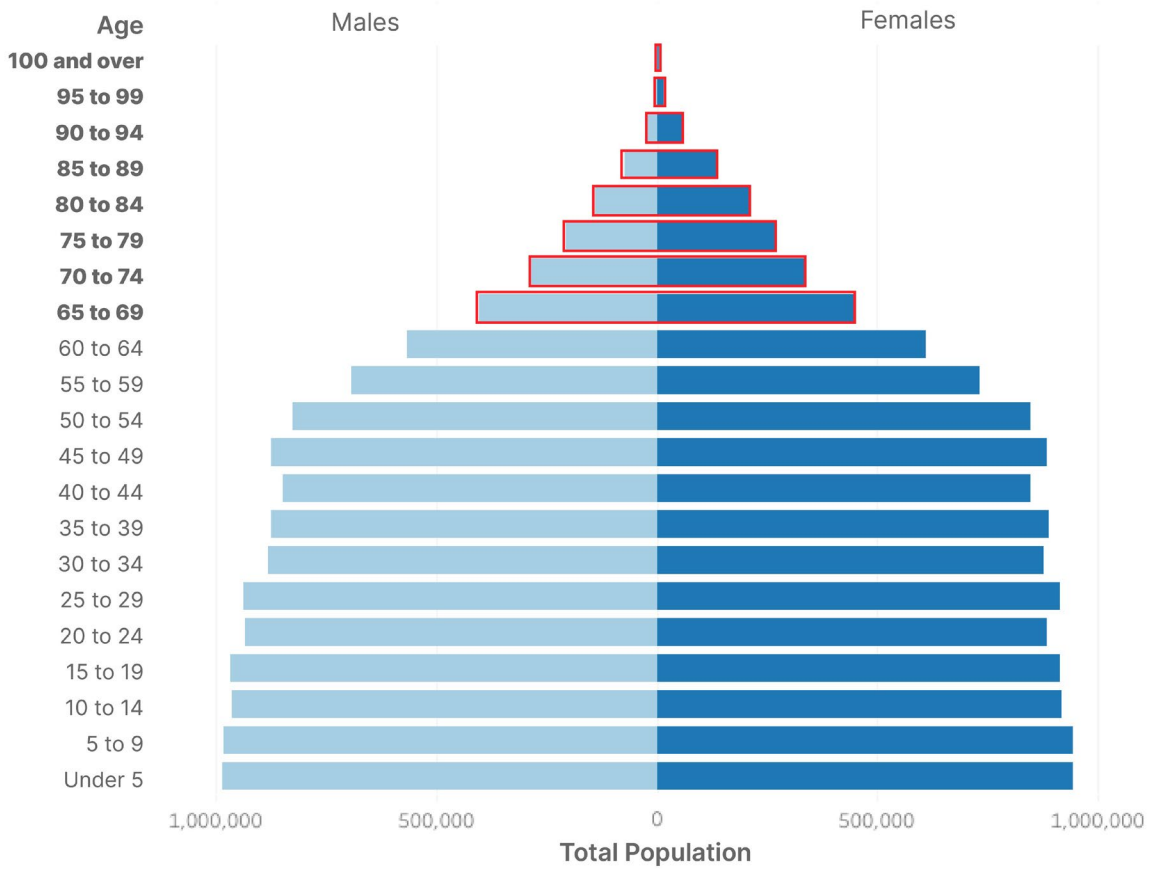


Source: Analysis from the Climate Resilient Water Systems branch of the Environmental Defense Fund

Texas Population Pyramid

2010

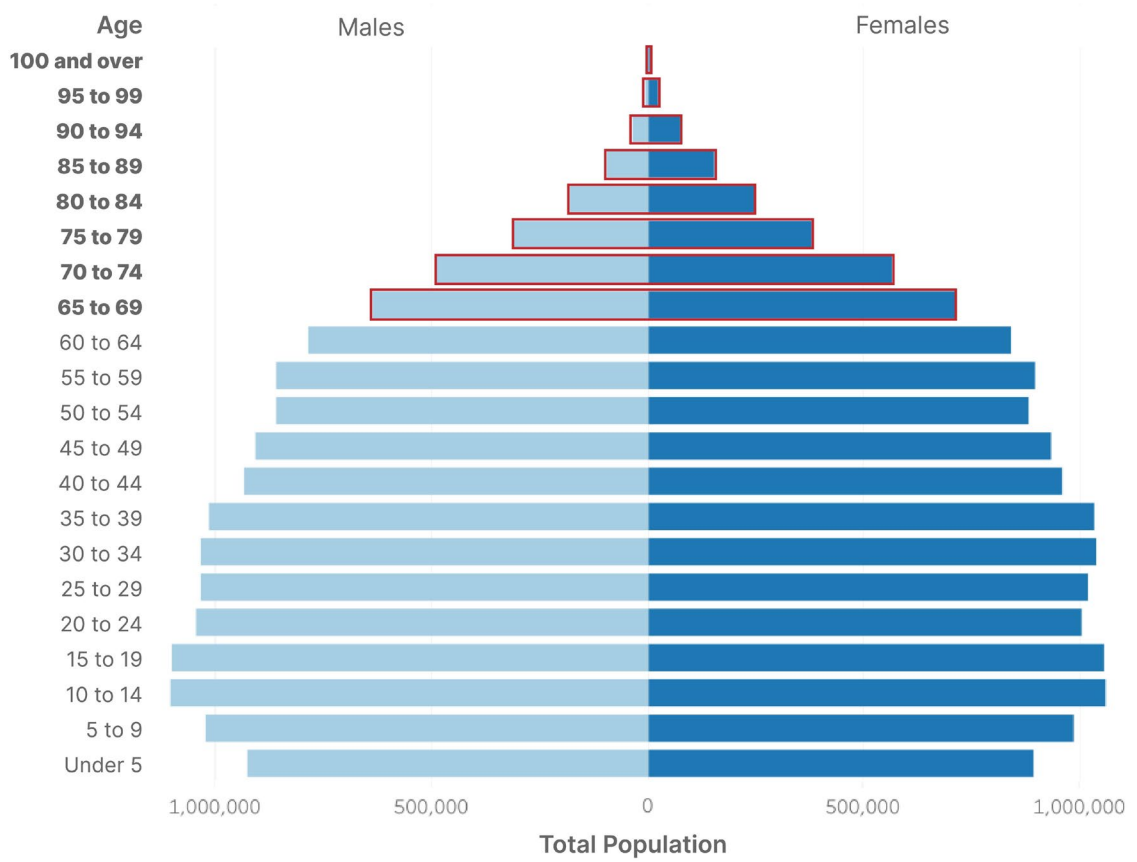
% Population 65+: **10.3%** Population 65+: **2.6M**



Population: 25,145,561 | Median Age: 33.6 | % under 18 years: 27.3

2020

% Population 65+: **13.5%** ↑ Population 65+: **3.9M** ↑

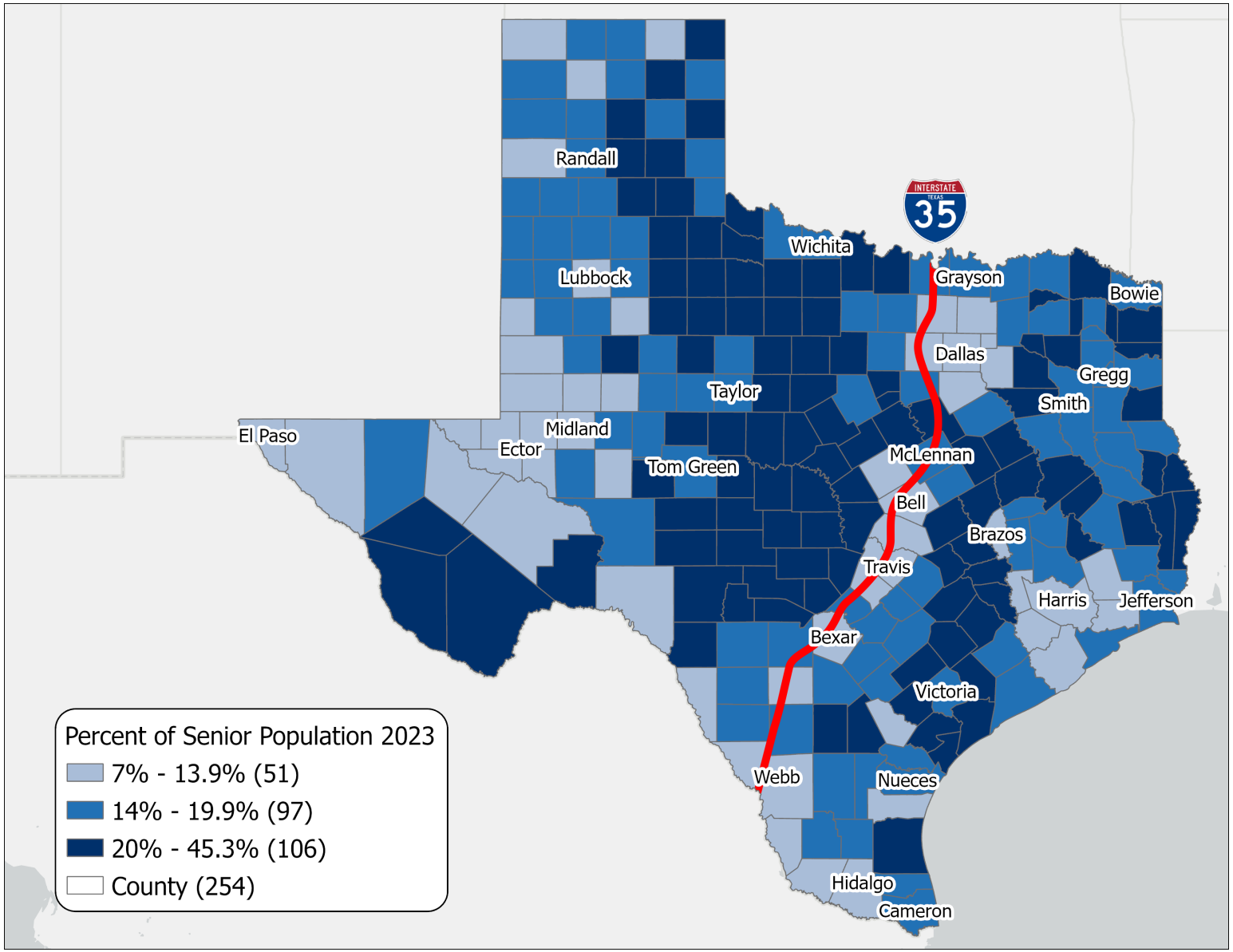


Population: 29,145,505 | Median Age: 35.6 | % under 18 years: 25.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1), 2010 Census Summary File 1 (SF1), 2020 Census Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (DHC)

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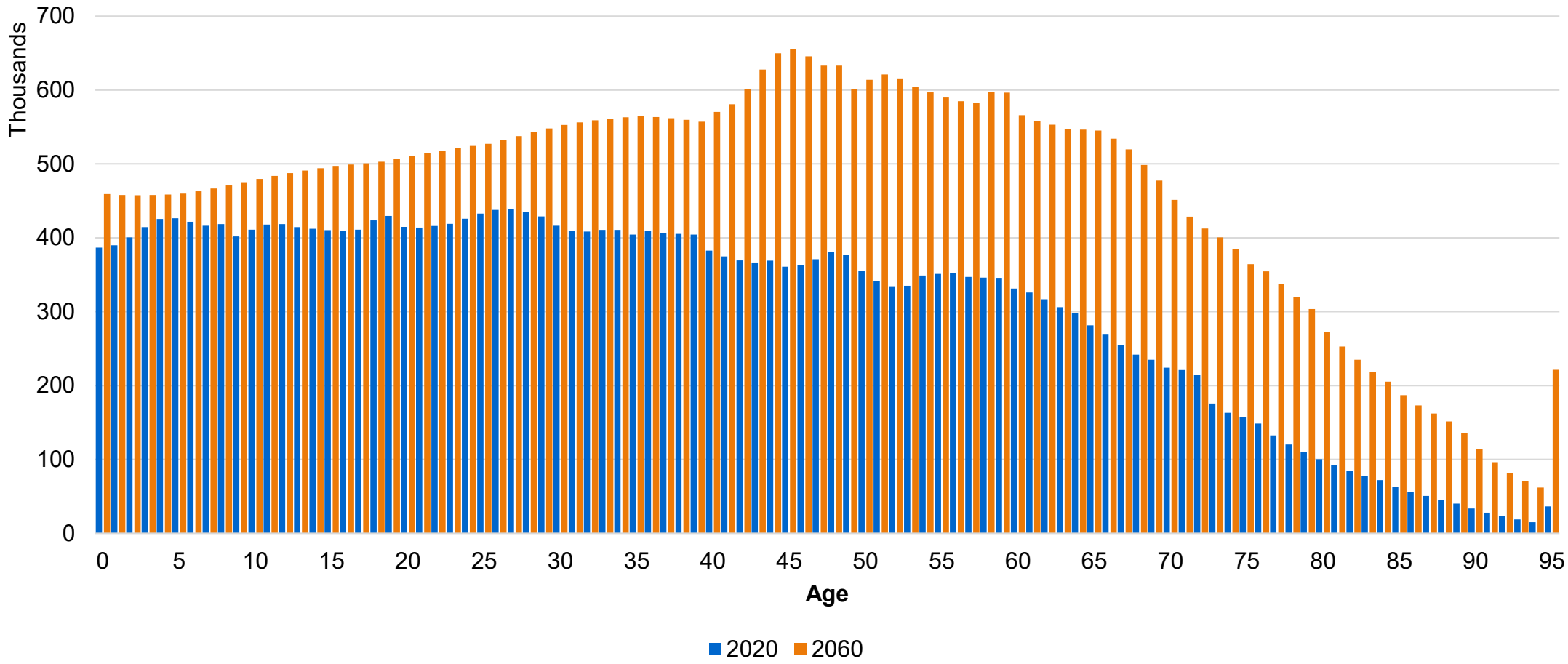
Percent of Senior Population 65+ in Texas, 2023



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Vintage 2023 Population Estimates.

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Projected Population by Age Texas, 2020 and 2060

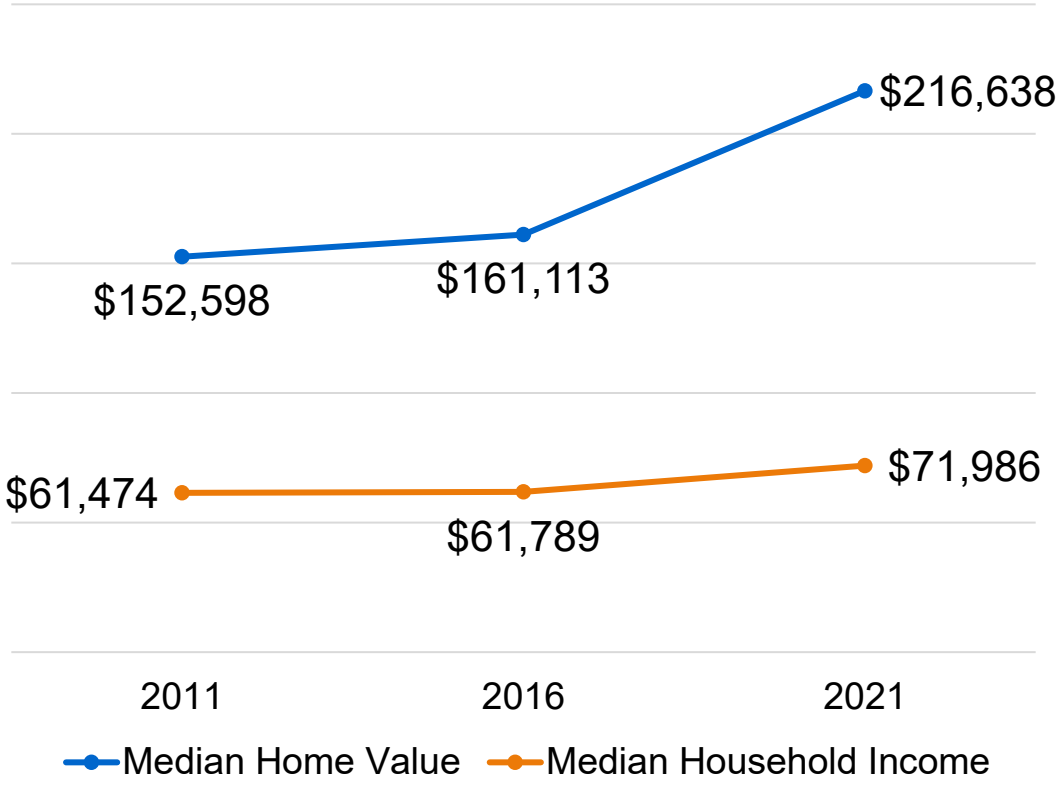


Source: Texas Demographic Center, Vintage 2022 Population Projections

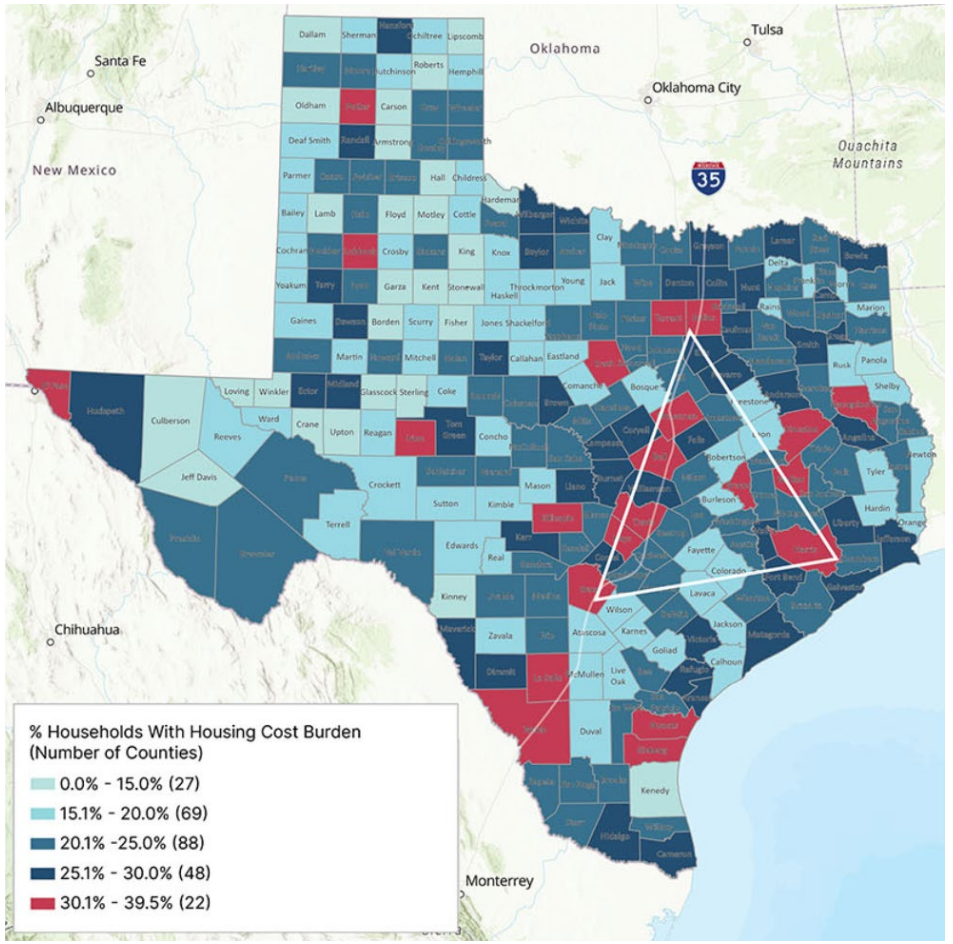
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Housing Cost Burden in Texas, 2017-2021

Median Home Value and Median Household Income in Texas, 2011-2021



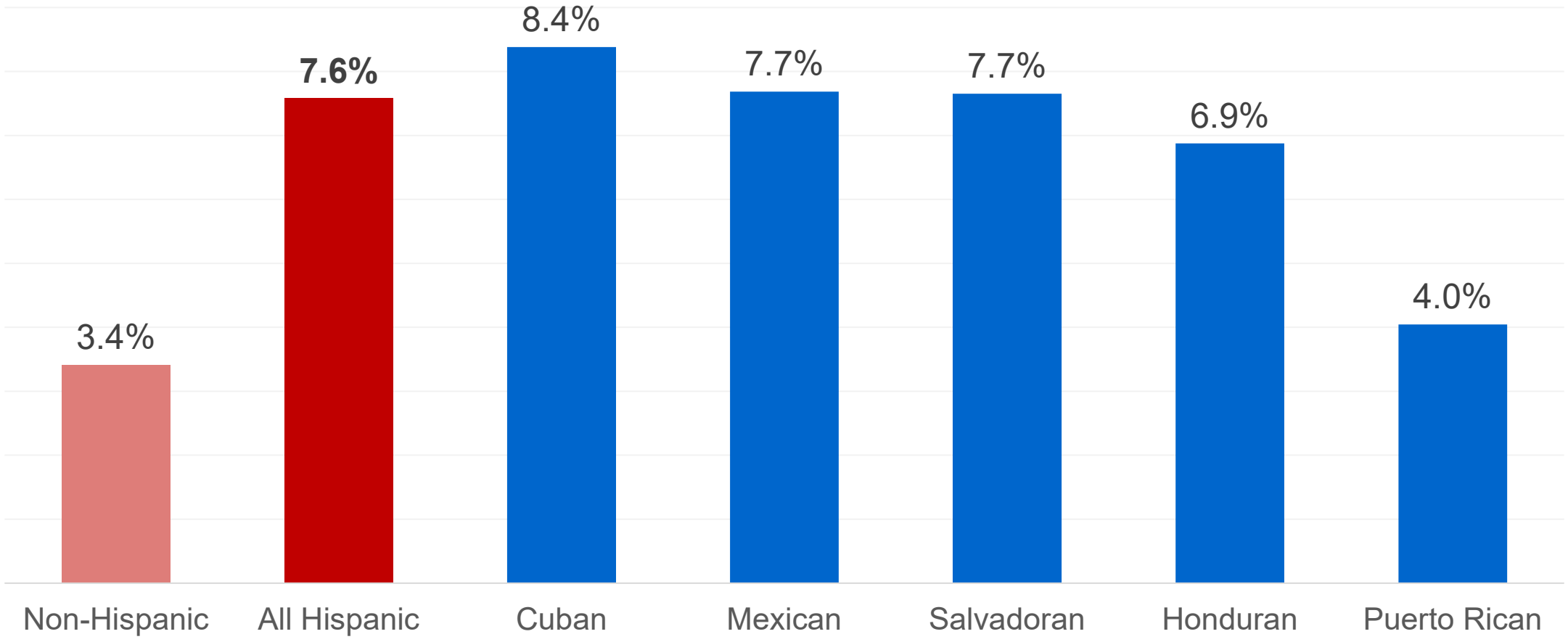
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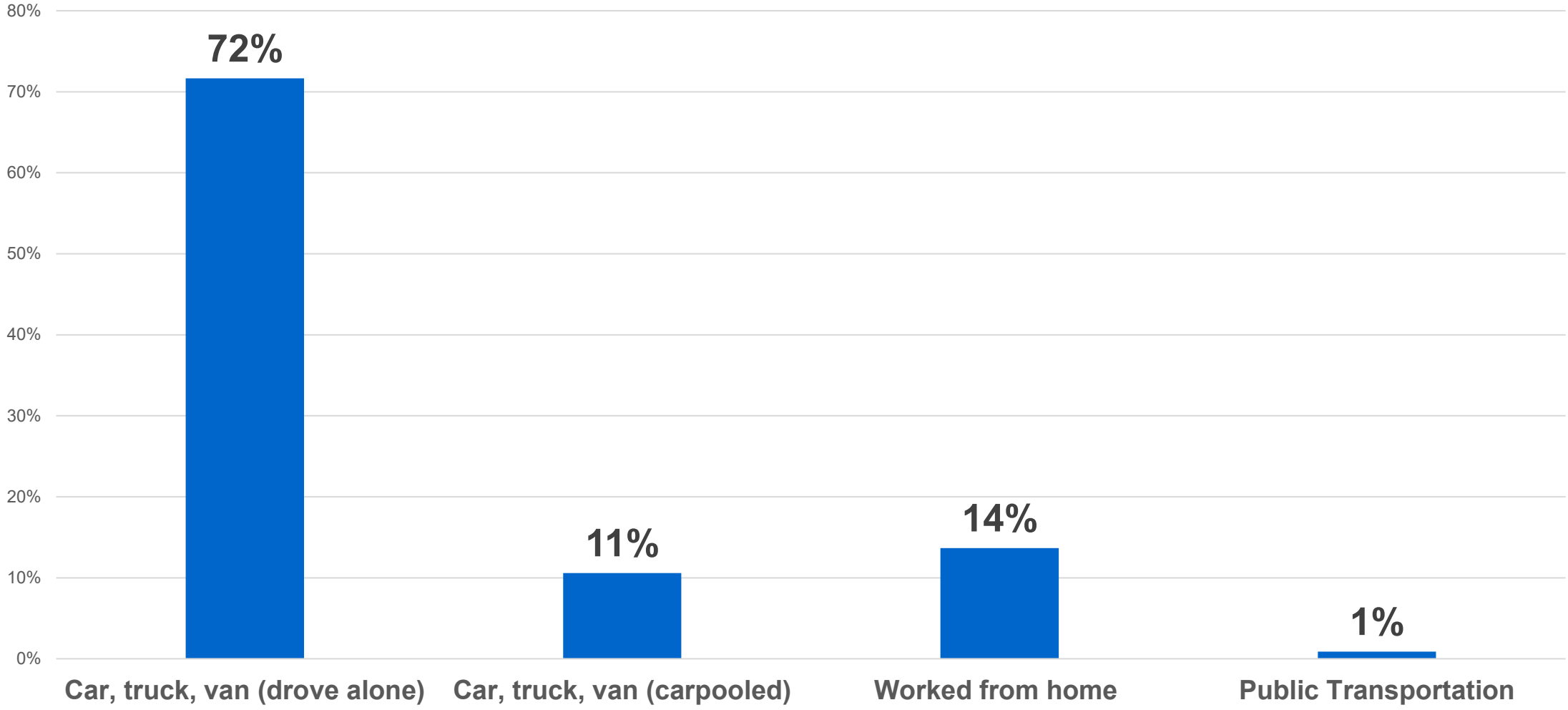
Percent of Multigenerational Households by Hispanic Origin, Texas



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Means of Transportation in Texas, 2023



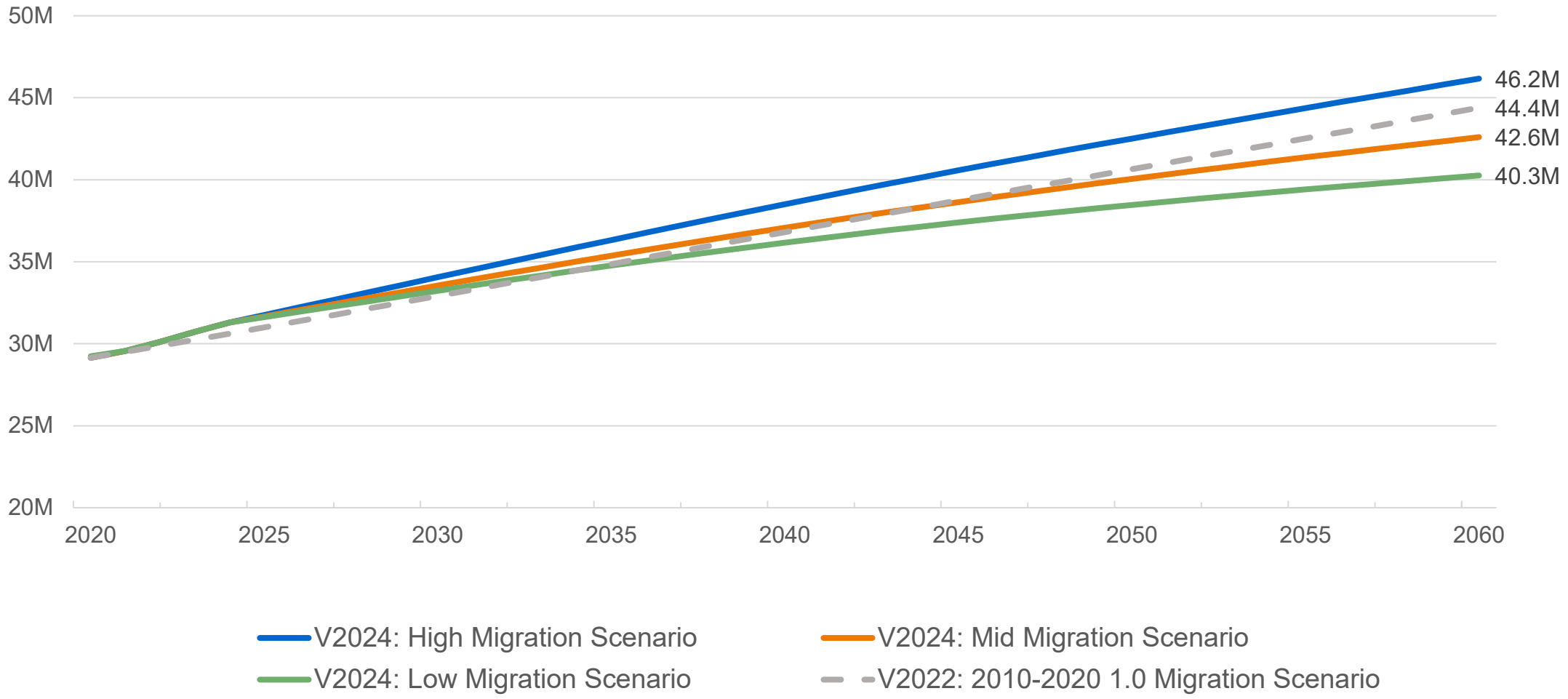
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A Look into the Future

Projected Population Growth in Texas with Various Migration Scenarios 2020-2060



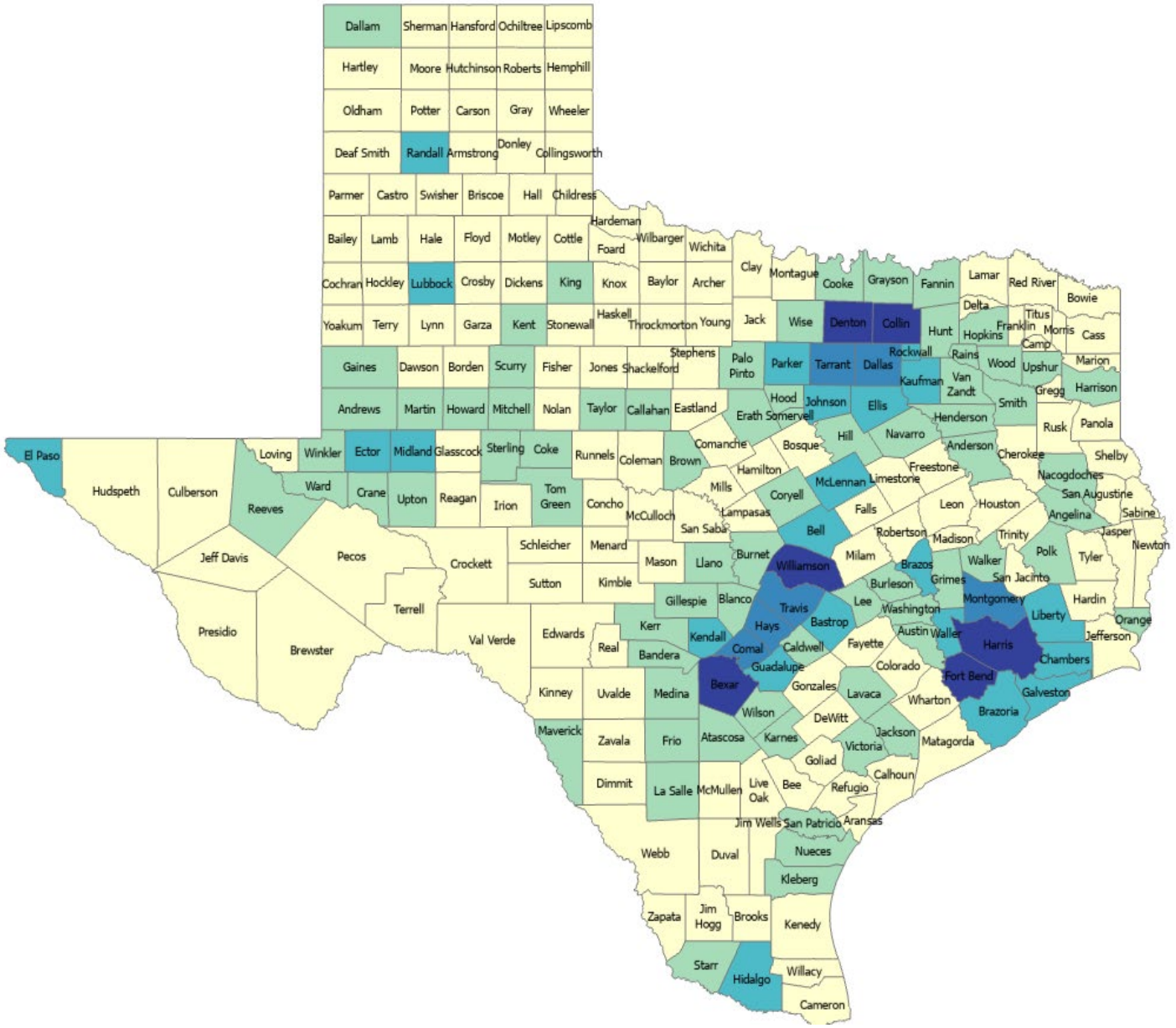
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Projected Population Change, Texas Counties, 2020-2060

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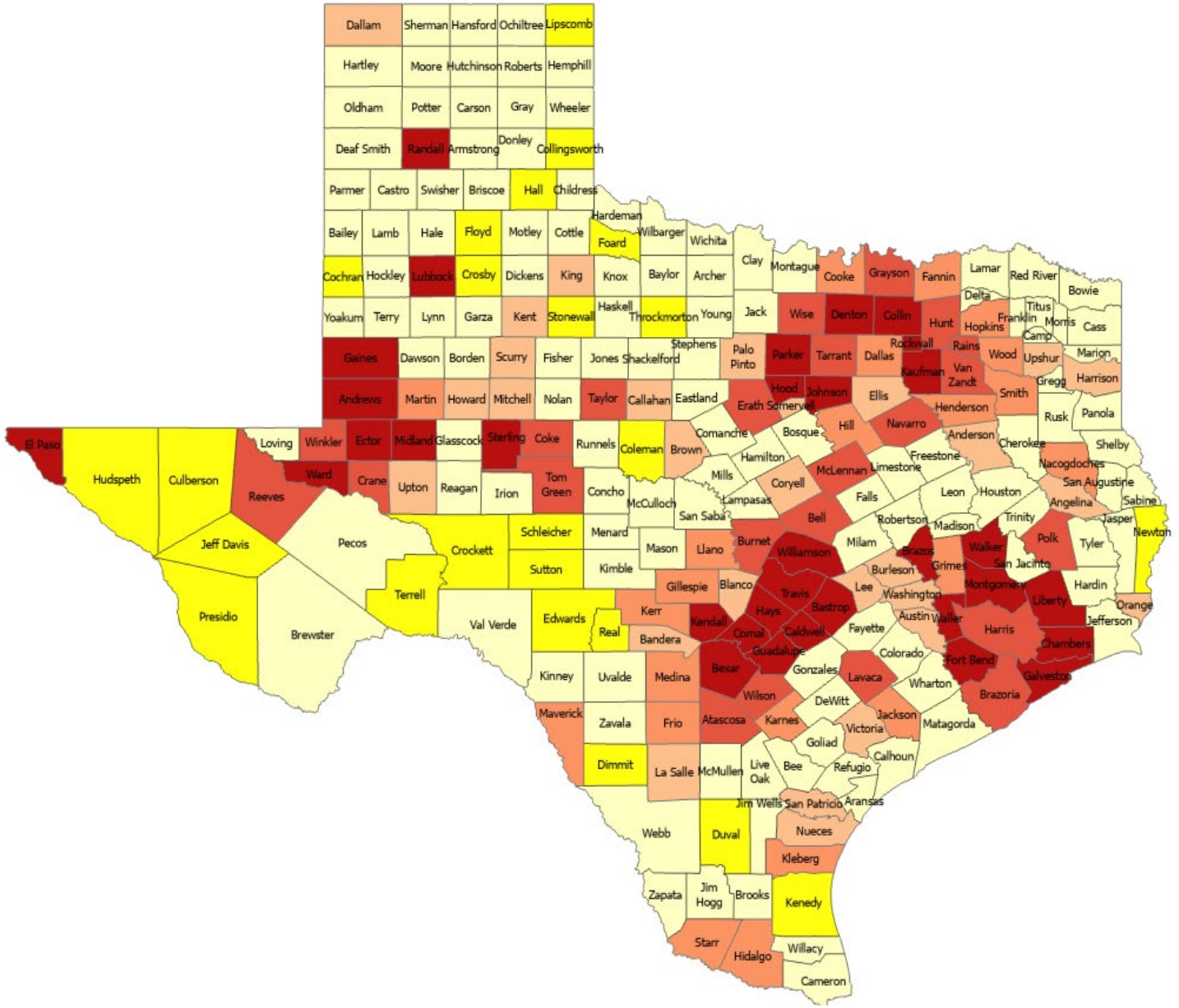
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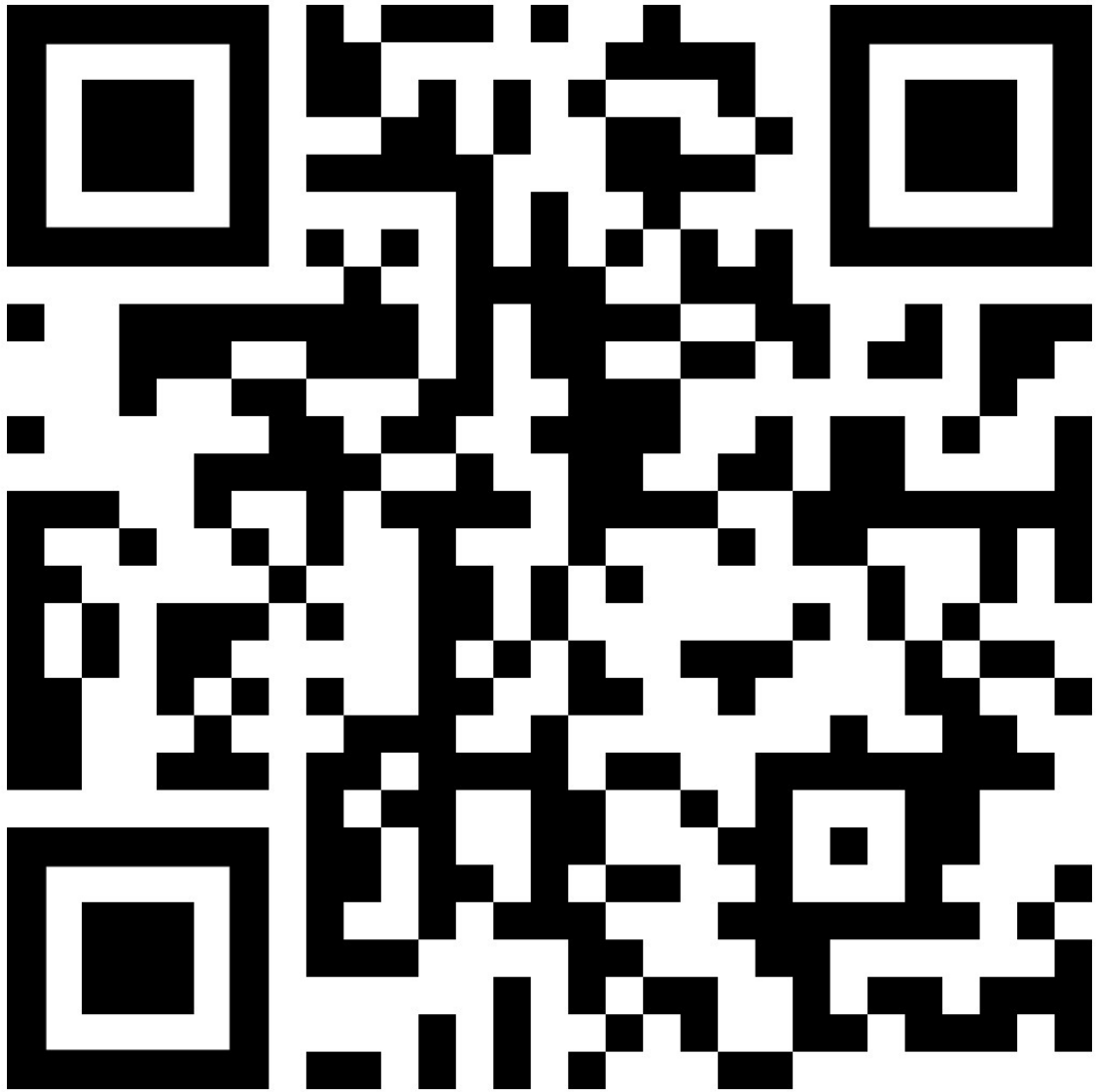
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Projected Percent Population Change, Texas Counties, 2020-2060



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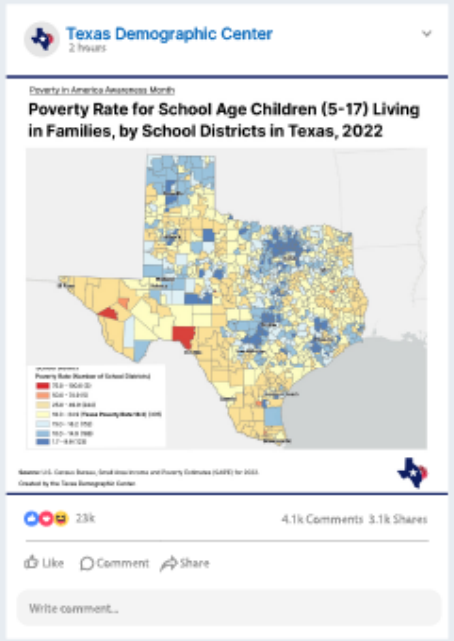
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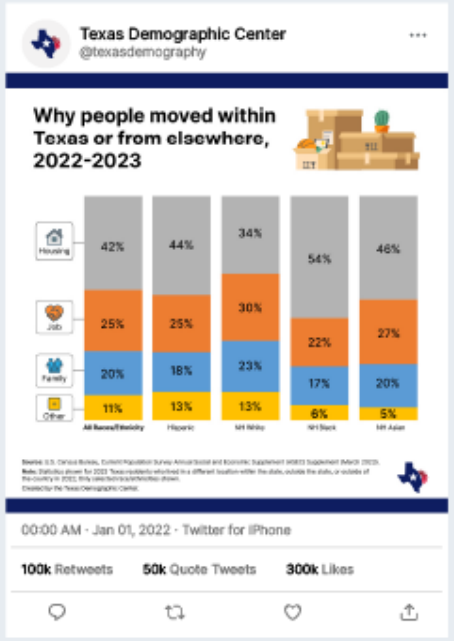
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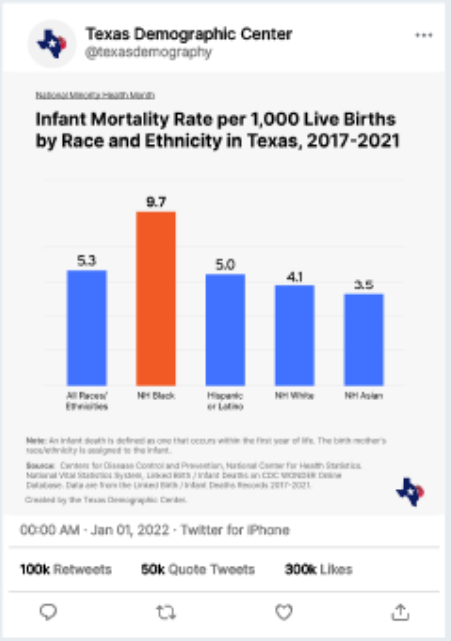














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