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NEW CENSUS FIGURES SHOW MASSACHUSETTS IS FASTEST GROWING STATE IN THE NORTHEAST

New data released today by the United States Census Bureau indicates that Massachusetts is the fastest growing state in the Northeast, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Massachusetts 2020 Census Liaison William F. Galvin, announced today. According to the population estimates gathered through the American Community Survey, Massachusetts is growing twice as fast as it did in the previous decade.

The data suggests that the driving factor behind Massachusetts' population growth is international immigration. While Massachusetts continues to lose population through residents moving to other states, that loss is offset by twice that number of people moving to Massachusetts from other countries.

"These numbers show how important it is that we ensure every person in Massachusetts is counted in the 2020 Census, whether or not they are United States citizens," Galvin said. "More and more people living in Massachusetts are recent immigrants, and they have the right to be counted along with everyone else."

Since the last census, the population in Massachusetts has increased by an estimated 5.4%, reaching almost 7 million residents. With much of this growth coming from new immigrants, concerns remain that an undercount in the 2020 Census could lead to the loss of congressional representation, electoral votes, and federal resources. Massachusetts lost a congressional seat and electoral vote after the 2010 Census.

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"The population numbers make it clear that Massachusetts should retain all of our congressional representation, as long as we have a fair and accurate count," Galvin said. "I will continue to pursue all legal options to prevent the current administration from inserting questions about citizenship status into the 2020 Census, in their effort to shortchange states like ours by dissuading our immigrant population from being counted."

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