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NEW CENSUS FIGURES SHOW RISING POPULATIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES

Population estimates released yesterday by the United States Census Bureau indicate that, as the Commonwealth prepares for the upcoming 2020 Census, nearly all Massachusetts communities have continued to grow. The data, which represent the change in population from 2017-2018, show that 82% of Massachusetts cities and towns saw an increase in residents.

The cities of Boston, Cambridge, and Framingham had the largest population gain over the one year period, while the towns of Sudbury, Sharon, and Stoneham had the largest increase by percentage.

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin, the designated census liaison for Massachusetts, noted that the fastest population growth in the state has generally been concentrated in smaller and mid-sized towns in Middlesex, Bristol, and Worcester Counties.

“While we continue to see encouraging numbers throughout most of the state, particularly in communities closer to Boston, there are still several communities in the Berkshires and on the Cape showing population decreases,” Galvin said. “We will need to make sure that every person is counted in the 2020 Census so that we are not shortchanged in federal resources or congressional representation.”

The largest increase in total population since the last census in 2010 was found in the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, and Lowell. By percentage, the largest increase in residents since the last census took place in the towns of Boxborough, Hopkinton, Burlington, Lunenburg, and Littleton.

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