Connecticut’s Population is Expected to Grow, Connecticut State Data Center Reports

July 31, 2017 – The state of Connecticut is expected to add about 60,700 residents from 2015 to 2040, according to the 2015 to 2040 population projections for the state of Connecticut, released today by the Connecticut State Data Center.

The new projections show that the state’s resident population is expected to grow from 3,593,301 in 2015 to 3,654,015 in 2040, a 1.7% growth rate over the 25-year period. The projections provide an annual projection for the resident population, that is individuals that live within Connecticut at least 6 months and 1 day or more, with natural increase and migration accounting for this growth rate.

The projected growth in Connecticut follows a similar trend as is projected for most of the Northeast. From 2010 to 2030, Connecticut is projected to gain 1.7%, Maine is projected to lose 0.5%, Massachusetts is projected to gain 10.4%, New Hampshire is projected to gain 6.6%, New York is projected to gain 2.2%, Rhode Island is projected to gain 1.7%, and Vermont is projected to gain 7.1% based on population projections produced by each of the respective states.

The fertility rate for Connecticut in 2015 was 52.5 per 1,000 women of childbearing age according to U.S. Health and Human Services data, which represents the 5th lowest fertility rate in the country. This low fertility rate is similar to other New England states with Maine ranked 7th, Rhode Island ranked 4th, Massachusetts ranked 3rd, New Hampshire ranked 2nd, and Vermont ranked 1st for low fertility rates.
As the baby boomer generation ages, a generational shift is projected to occur in Connecticut as the Millennials (individuals born 1981-2000) remain a nearly stable population in Connecticut while the population born after 2000 is projected to continue to rise from 637,464 in 2015 to a projected 1,817,658 by 2040.

The “land of steady habits” summarizes the overall recent trends of birth, mortality, and migration rates and this trend is held constant in the projections. Migration both domestic and international also contribute to changes in Connecticut’s projected population. With recent years seeing Connecticut’s population change nearing a net zero, when compared to birth, mortality, and international migration, it is important to look at the entire picture of data to see that Connecticut continues to experience growth. With a projected 1.7% growth rate projected from 2015 to 2040, this rate can be influenced by a number of factors ranging from changes in domestic and international policy related to migration, to changes in fertility rates and as a result these projections are based on constant rates informed by past trends.

For more details on the data release and how to view and access data, visit the Connecticut State Data Center 2015 to 2040 Population Projections site.

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