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New Mexico Population At-a-Glance
2009 Population Estimates* - Western States

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New Mexico and the Western States 2009 Population Estimates At-a-Glance

On December 23, 2009, the United States Census Bureau released its latest population estimates by state. The estimates show the population as of July 1, 2009. For New Mexico and other western states, Research & Polling, Inc. examined changes from 2000 to 2009, as well as compared the growth from 1990 to 2000 to the estimated growth from 2000 to 2009.

A number of observations can be made.

- ❖ For the 2000 to 2010 time period, New Mexico is on track for just over half the growth rate it had from 1990 to 2000.
- ❖ If the population trends from 2000 to 2009 hold, New Mexico could have its third slowest decadal growth rate since statehood.
- ❖ New Mexico is one of three western states where the growth rate so far this decade is roughly half the growth rate during the previous decade.
- ❖ New Mexico is the 5th slowest growing state in the West.
- ❖ All western states, except Wyoming, are on pace to grow at a slower rate this decade compared to the previous one.
- ❖ Five states, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and Utah, grew faster than the region as a whole.

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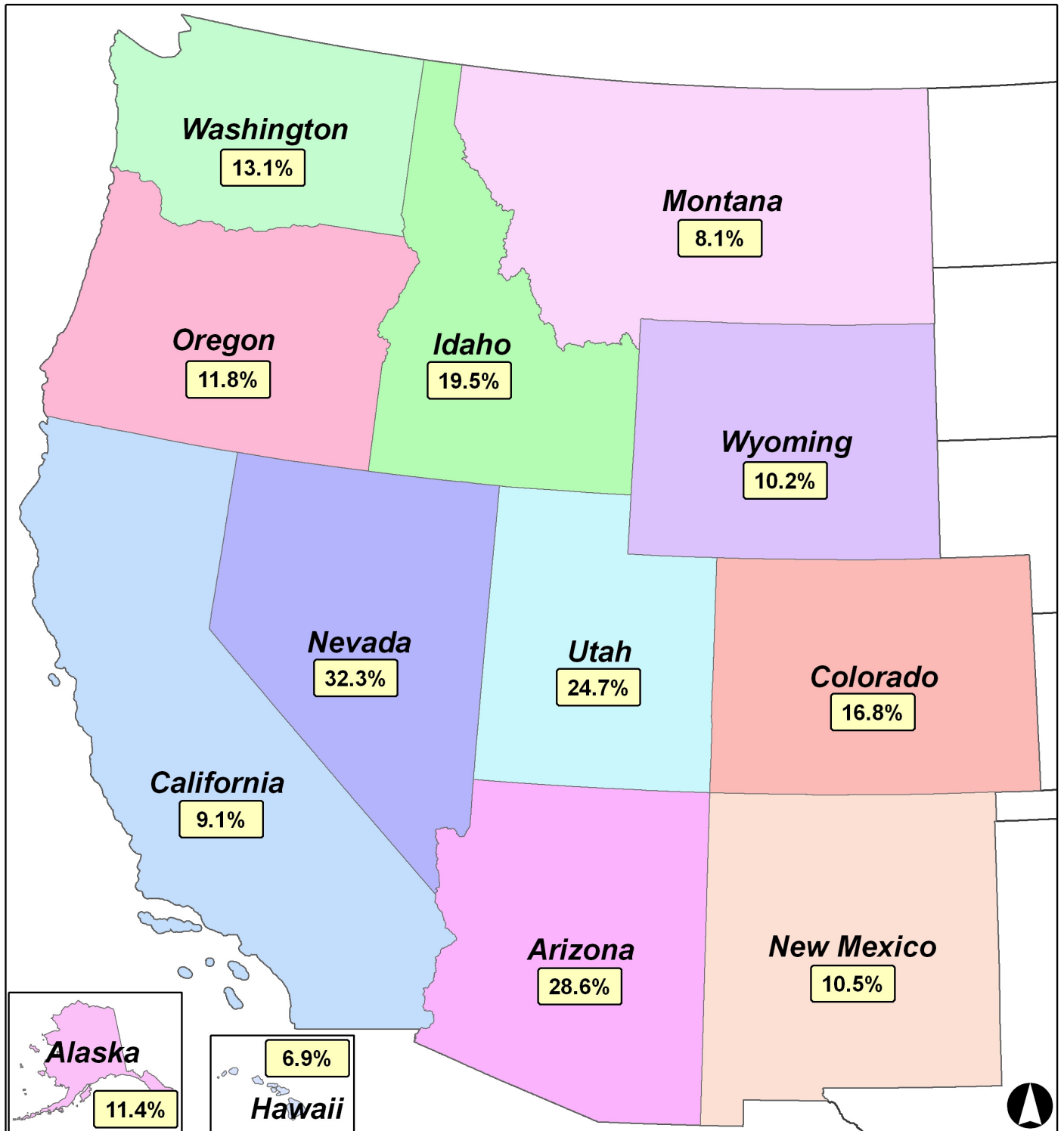
New Mexico and the Western States
Population Change: 1990 to 2000 and 2000 to 2009

State	1990 Population	2000 Population	2009 Population Estimate	% Population Change 1990 - 2000	% Population Change 2000 - 2009
Alaska	550,043	626,932	698,473	14.0%	11.4%
Arizona	3,665,339	5,130,632	6,595,778	40.0%	28.6%
California	29,811,427	33,871,648	36,961,664	13.6%	9.1%
Colorado	3,294,473	4,301,261	5,024,748	30.6%	16.8%
Hawaii	1,108,229	1,211,537	1,295,178	9.3%	6.9%
Idaho	1,006,734	1,293,953	1,545,801	28.5%	19.5%
Montana	799,065	902,195	974,989	12.9%	8.1%
Nevada	1,201,675	1,998,257	2,643,085	66.3%	32.3%
New Mexico	1,515,069	1,819,046	2,009,671	20.1%	10.5%
Oregon	2,842,337	3,421,399	3,825,657	20.4%	11.8%
Utah	1,722,850	2,233,169	2,784,572	29.6%	24.7%
Washington	4,866,669	5,894,121	6,664,195	21.1%	13.1%
Wyoming	453,589	493,782	544,270	8.9%	10.2%
Western States	52,837,499	63,197,932	71,568,081	19.6%	13.2%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census. Estimates as of July 1, 2009, released on December 23, 2009.

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Percent Population Change: 2000 to 2009

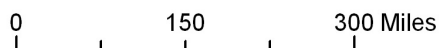


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