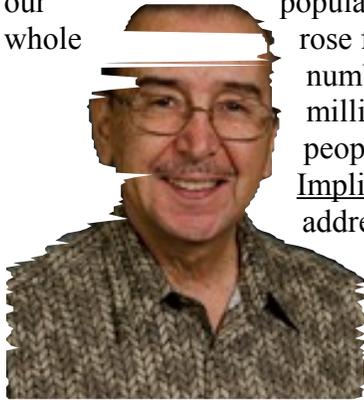


# Older Generation Population Trends in Texas

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What the Data Shows. Texas is one of the fastest-growing states in the nation with a large percent of our whole population growing older. From 1980 to 2005, the population of Texas as a whole rose from 14.2 million to 22.9, or about 60.7 percent. Over the same period, the number of Texas aged 65 and over grew at a faster rate, 65.7 percent, from 1.4 million to 2.3 million. At the same time, population trends show that more people are moving from rural areas to urban/suburban areas.



Implications. These changes will require business and community leaders to address the needs of maintaining and building our infrastructure, coping with the cost of health and providing the educational system we need to compete in a global economy.

## Older Ethnic Population Growth Trends

What the Data Shows. In 2006, 48.3 percent of Texans were White; 35.7 percent were Hispanic; 11.4 percent were Black; and 4.6 percent fell into the “other” category, which includes persons of American Indian, Asian and Hawaiian descent, among others. This is in contrast to the U.S. as a whole, which was 66.4 percent White, 14.8 percent Hispanic, 12.3 percent Black and 6.6 percent ‘other’.

Hispanics are the fastest-growing population group in Texas. The Hispanic population in Texas has grown by 10.9 percent since 2000, when Hispanics accounted for 32 percent of the Texas population. Texas became a ‘majority-minority’ state in 2004 meaning various ethnic minority populations now outnumber Whites.

For reference to the above quotations and additional information please read:

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