Maine’s estimated population for July 1, 2001 was 1,286,670.

The population of Maine increased by about 33,500 residents over the past 5 years, a 2½% increase (nationally there was a 6% increase in population). York county experienced an 8½% increase of nearly 15,000 people, the largest increase of any county (both numerically and proportionally). Three Maine counties experienced a decrease in population - Aroostook (a 4% decrease), Piscataquis (a 4% decrease), and Washington (a 2½% decrease).

The overall trend towards an older Maine population continued into the 2000s. The 5 - 14 year old age group was the only age group younger than 35 years old to experience an increase in numbers (a 2% increase); however, all age groups 35 years old or older increased in numbers.

Nationally, the trend towards an older population also continued into the 2000s; however, nationally there were increased numbers in both younger and older age groups. In fact, there were increases in all age groups except the 65 - 74 year old age group.

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