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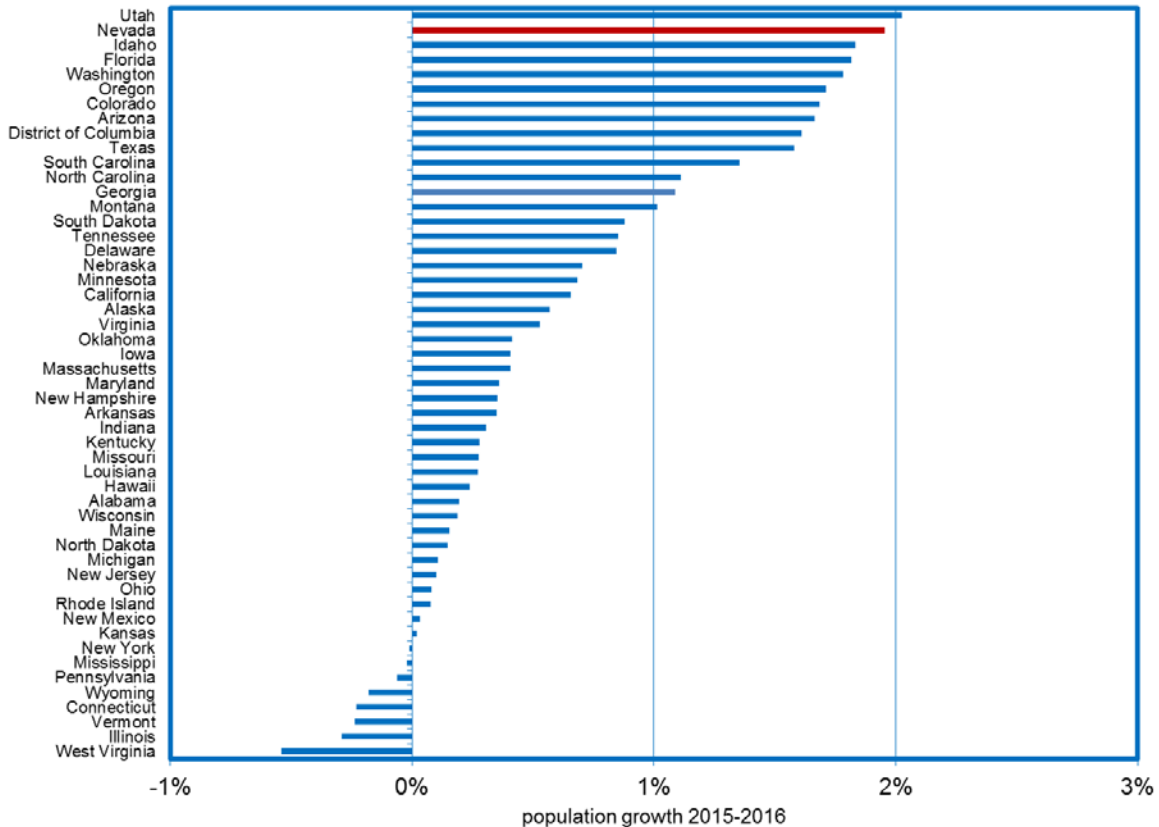
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Population Growth  
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## Nevada has Second-Fastest Population Growth in the U.S.



- The Census Bureau produces population estimates each year, allowing the public to gauge the growth and demographic composition of the nation, states and communities. 2016 state estimates have recently been released.
- Estimates show Nevada's population at 2.94 million in 2016, up from 2.88 million in 2015, an increase of 56,300. This translates into a 1.95% increase, second-strongest in the nation.
- This marks the strongest gain in the Silver State since 2008. Prior to the recession, as the State's economy was booming, population growth regularly exceeded three percent.
- The first fastest-growing State is Utah at 2.03%. Eight states show a decline in population.
- Population growth often correlates with the overall health of the economy. Prior to the recession, Nevada's population growth consistently ranked at the top, as our economy boomed. 2016's ranking is most likely due, at least in part, to the Silver State's improving economy and labor market.