

## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION OF THE SOUTHEAST REGION

Over the past decade, the number of people living in the Southeast region increased at an annual rate of 0.3 percent. With little growth in the native-born population over the decade, strong annual growth in the region's immigrant population (2.2 percent) led Southeast's total population to increase. The region also became more diverse over the past decade, with growing Black, Asian, and Hispanic populations. Most notably, the Black population in the region nearly doubled over the course of the decade. The region's population also became older as baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) neared retirement age. As a result, all cohorts of residents age 45 and older grew during the decade, while nearly all the cohorts of those ages 44 and younger declined. The exception was 16-24-year-olds, who are children of baby boomers and are commonly referred to as the echo-boom generation.

**Source:** US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

**Note:** Further data for racial/ethnic and gender characteristics for the residential population, as well as the working-age, civilian labor force, unemployed, and employed populations, are available in the on-line Data Appendix.

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
<b>Resident Population</b>	1,281,613	1,319,715	38,102	0.3
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	618,463	635,944	17,481	0.3
Female	663,150	683,771	20,621	0.3
<b>Nativity</b>				
Native Born	1,135,918	1,142,325	6,407	0.1
Immigrant	145,695	177,390	31,695	2.2
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White, non-Hispanic	1,124,396	1,096,965	-27,431	-0.3
Black, non-Hispanic	43,735	82,958	39,223	7.4
Asian, non-Hispanic	31,600	49,362	17,762	5.1
Hispanic	35,313	55,012	19,699	5.0
Other race, non-Hispanic	46,569	35,418	-11,151	-3.0
<b>Age</b>				
Less than age 16	288,105	270,156	-17,949	-0.7
Age 16-24	126,986	142,701	15,715	1.3
Age 25-34	175,000	152,131	-22,869	-1.5
Age 35-44	220,097	194,252	-25,845	-1.4
Age 45-54	185,918	213,801	27,883	1.6
Age 55-64	118,214	166,844	48,630	3.9
Age 65+	167,293	179,830	12,537	0.8