

## SUMMARY

This report contains Vermont census counts of population for 2010, and population estimates for 2011 and 2012. Population totals for counties and towns are presented (Figures 1 and 4, Tables 2 and 3). A listing of towns ranked in order of decreasing 2011 population is provided (Table 4). In addition, the age-sex distributions for the state and counties are given (Tables 5, 6). Historical population data for Vermont counties are provided in Table 1.

The population of Vermont was estimated to be 626,011 on July 1, 2012 (Table 1), marginally higher than the Census 2010 count of 625,741. This is an increase of 270 people from the 2010 census, but a decline of 420 people from the 2011 estimate. Net migration in Vermont from 2010 to 2012 indicates an overall out-migration of 1,344 people (Table 2) since the 2010 Census. Net migration is calculated as the difference between population change and natural increase (births minus deaths). The highest growth rates occurred in Lamoille, Franklin, and Chittenden Counties (Figure 3, Table 2). Essex and Rutland counties show the largest rate of decline in population since 2010.

Of the 255 towns and cities in Vermont, eight had total 2012 populations that exceeded 10,000 (Figure 4, Tables 3 and 4). These eight places accounted for 24.3 percent of the state's population. Eighty-six towns had resident populations less than 1,000 people, and three unorganized places in Essex County had no permanent residents (Avery's Gore, Lewis and Warner's Grant). Due to limitations in the data available for many towns, estimates may vary substantially from year to year. Observing the population trend for several years gives sense of the true population picture.

The fastest growing segment of the Vermont population is the 65-74 year old age group (Figure 2, Table 6). There has been a decline since the 2010 Census in the under 18 population, as well as in the 35-49 age group.

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