

# Census 2020: Older Rhode Islanders

## *What You Need To Know - Rhode Island Edition*

*Special Legislative Commission to Study and Provide Recommendations Pertaining to Services  
and Coordination of State Programs Relating to Older Adult Rhode Islanders*

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# 2020 Census: Background

- 2020 census what was different
- RI Invested state funds in outreach efforts...Rhode Island Complete Count Committee

**Every household had the option of responding:**

- **ONLINE (NEW)**
- **by phone**



- **by mail**



# 2020 Census Timeline

## The Long and Winding Road

### 2020 Census Begins

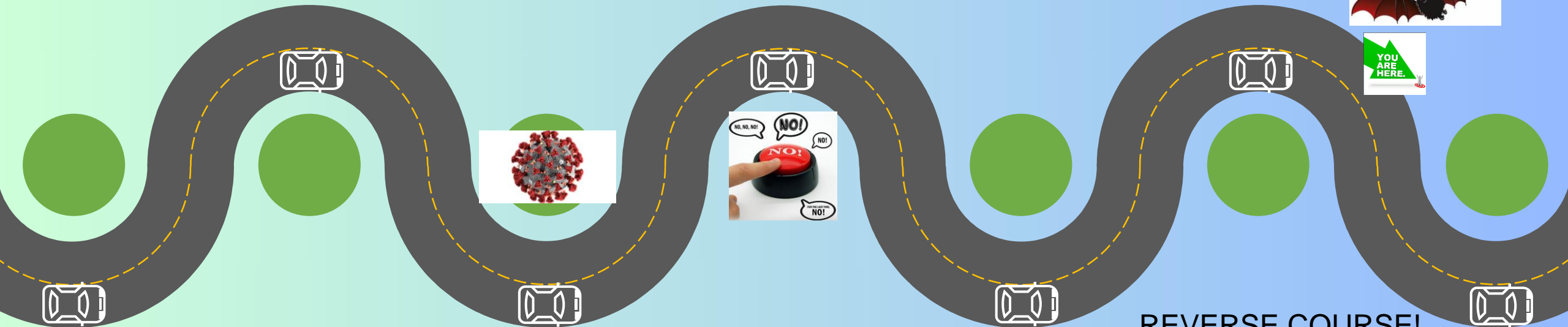
- Late March 2020

### July 31, 2020

- Original 2020 Census End Date

### October 31, 2020

- New 2020 Census End Date (Announced in May)
- And also end date required by Court Order
- And also Halloween



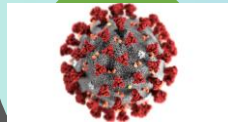
Rhode Island Census  
Complete Count Committee  
Established

- Governor's Executive Order, December 2018



### COVID-19

- Postpones 2020 Census Field Operations



### August 2020

- Census Field Work Begins

REVERSE COURSE!  
September 30, 2020  
End Date



Announced in August

I Count.  
You Count.  
We All Count.  
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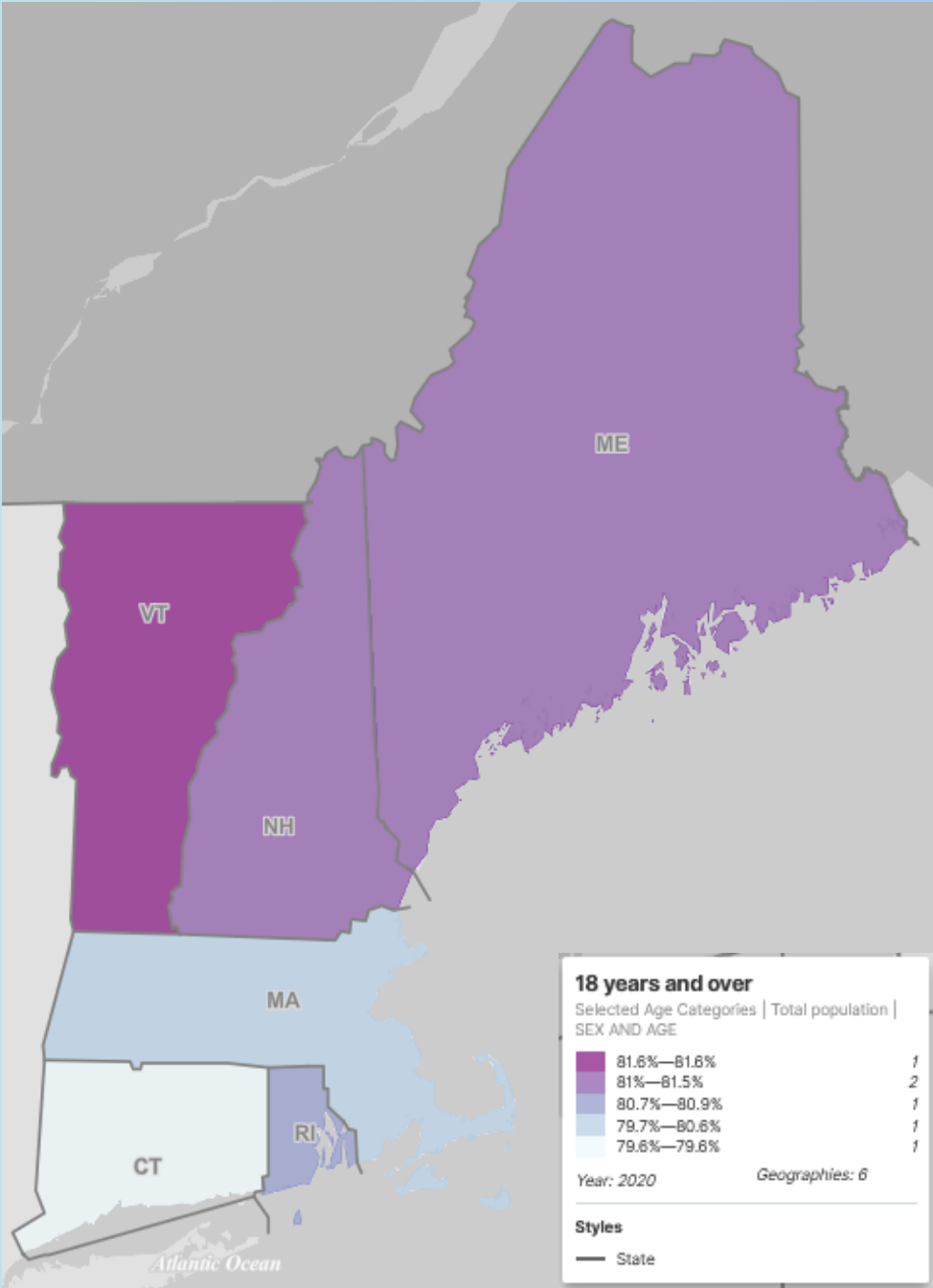
# Median Age 2020 Census

MEDIAN AGE	United States	Connecticut	Maine	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Vermont
	38.8	41.1	45.1	39.9	43.6	40.5	43.5



# Voting Age 2020 Census

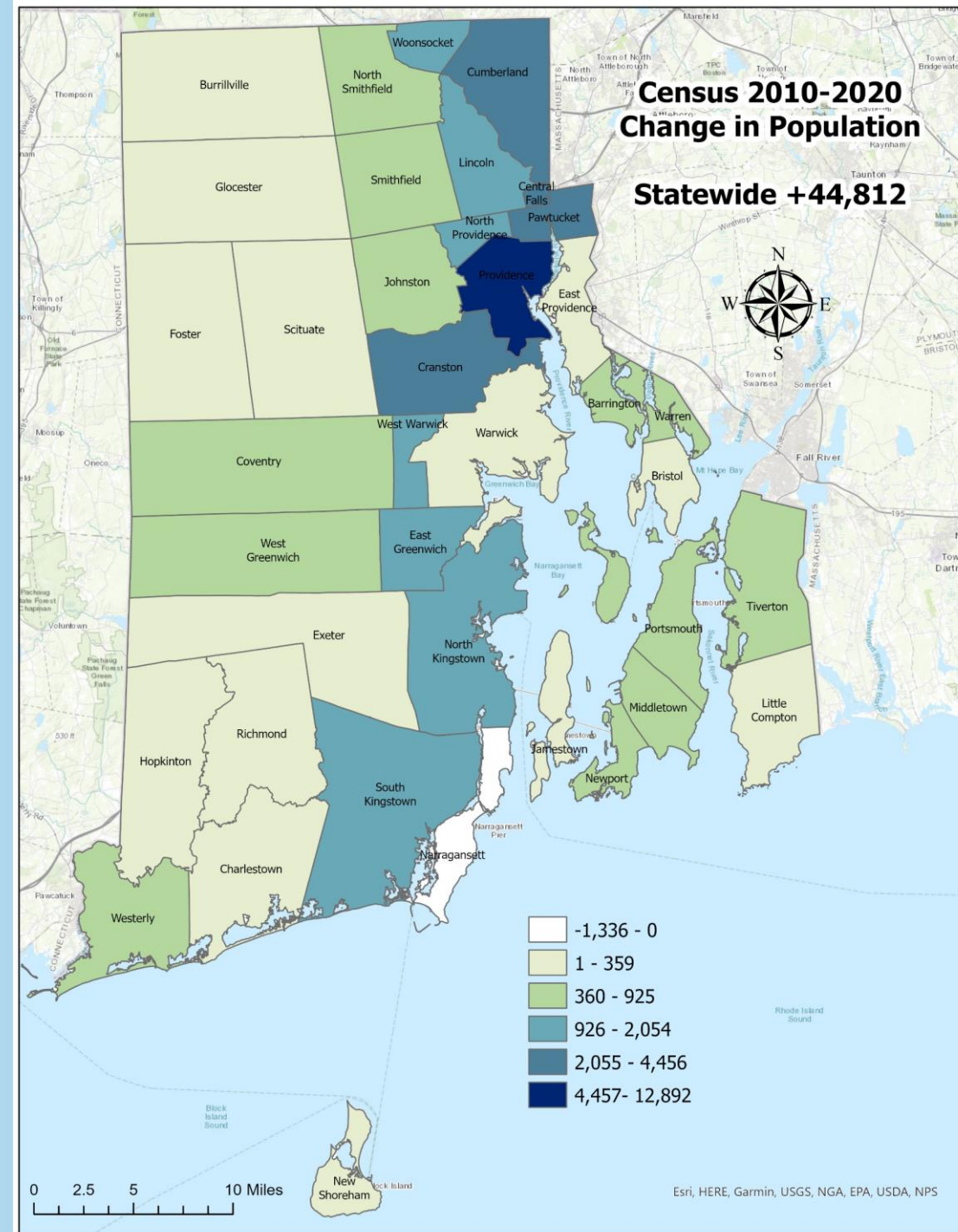
Geography	SEX AND AGE—Total population—Selected Age Categories—18 years and over—Percent
Connecticut	79.6%
Maine	81.5%
Massachusetts	80.6%
New Hampshire	81.4%
Rhode Island	80.9%
Vermont	81.6%



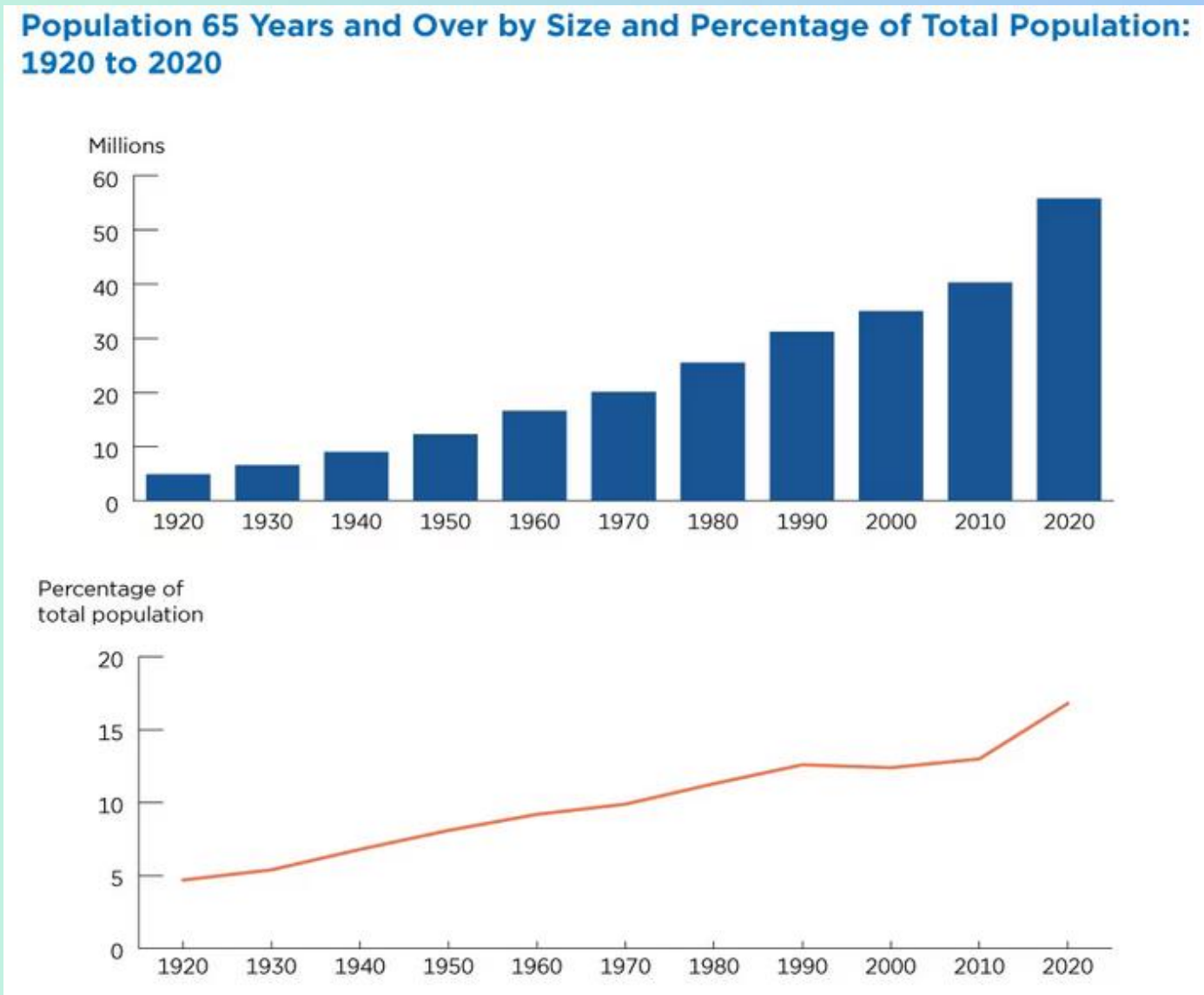


# Population Growth since 2010

- 75% of population growth occurred in the **northeastern urban core cities** area
- **Top 5 in terms of absolute change in population were: Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Cranston, and Cumberland**

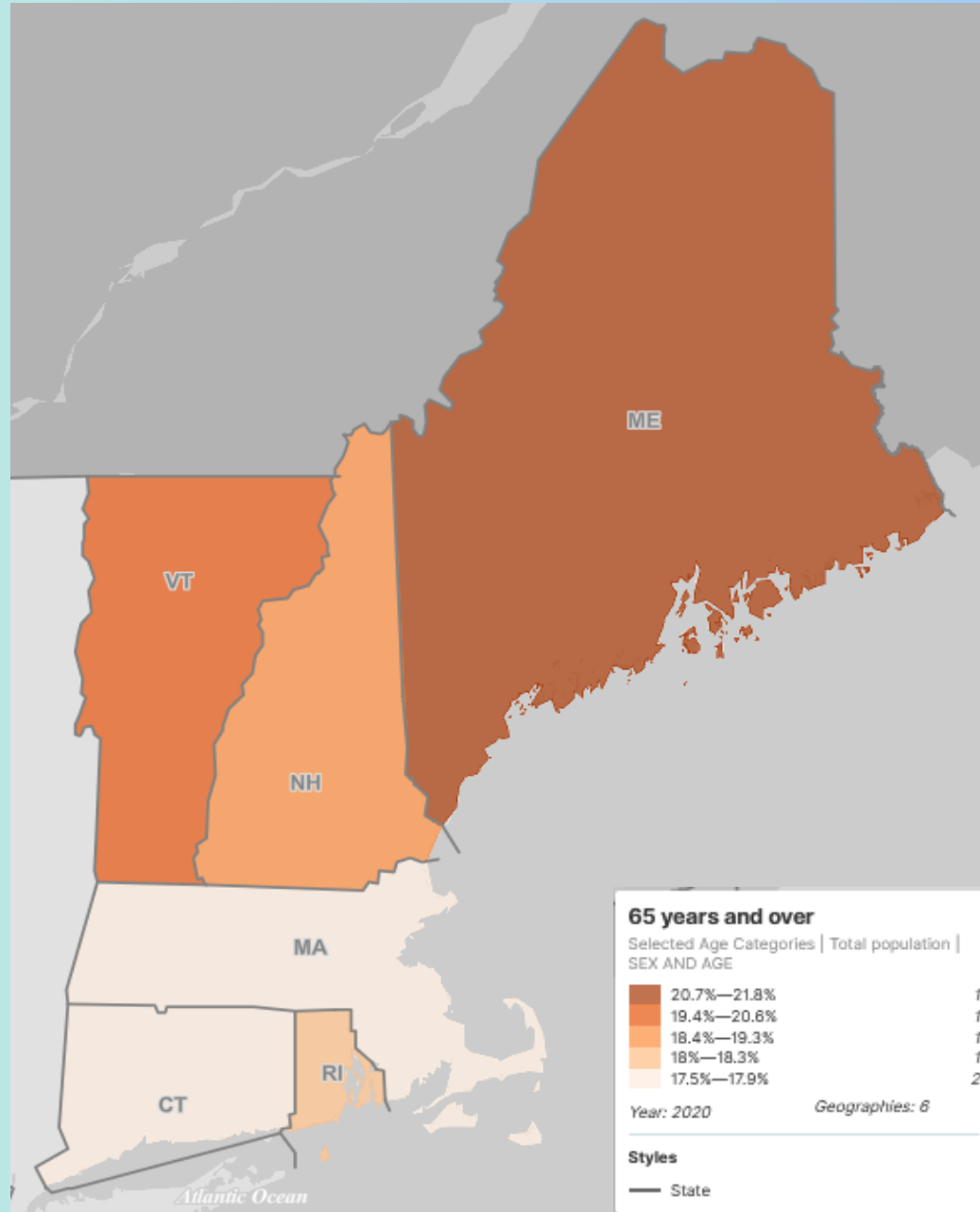


The U.S. population age 65 and over grew nearly five times faster than the total population from 1920 to 2020, and reached 16.8% of the population according to the 2020 Census.



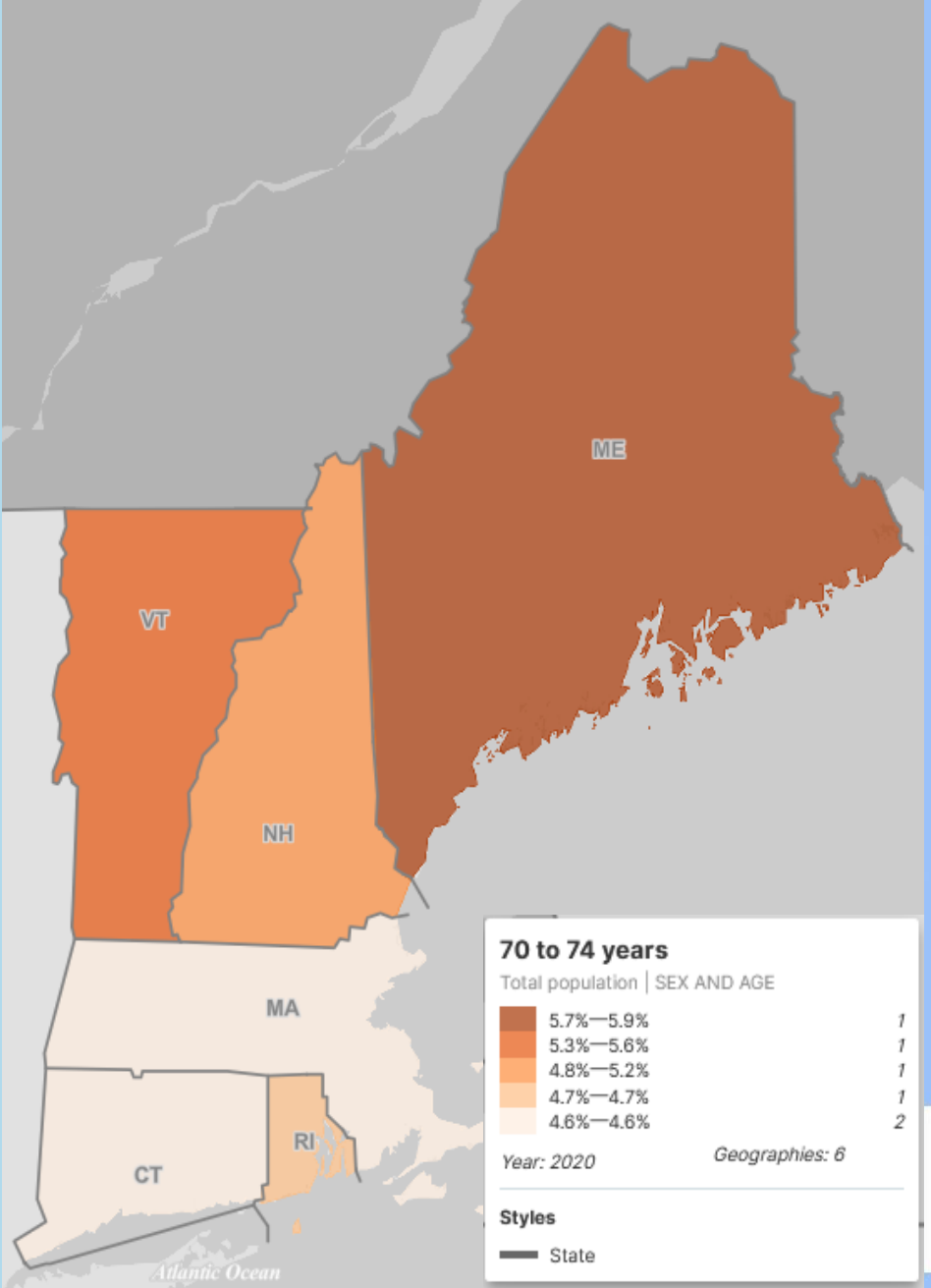
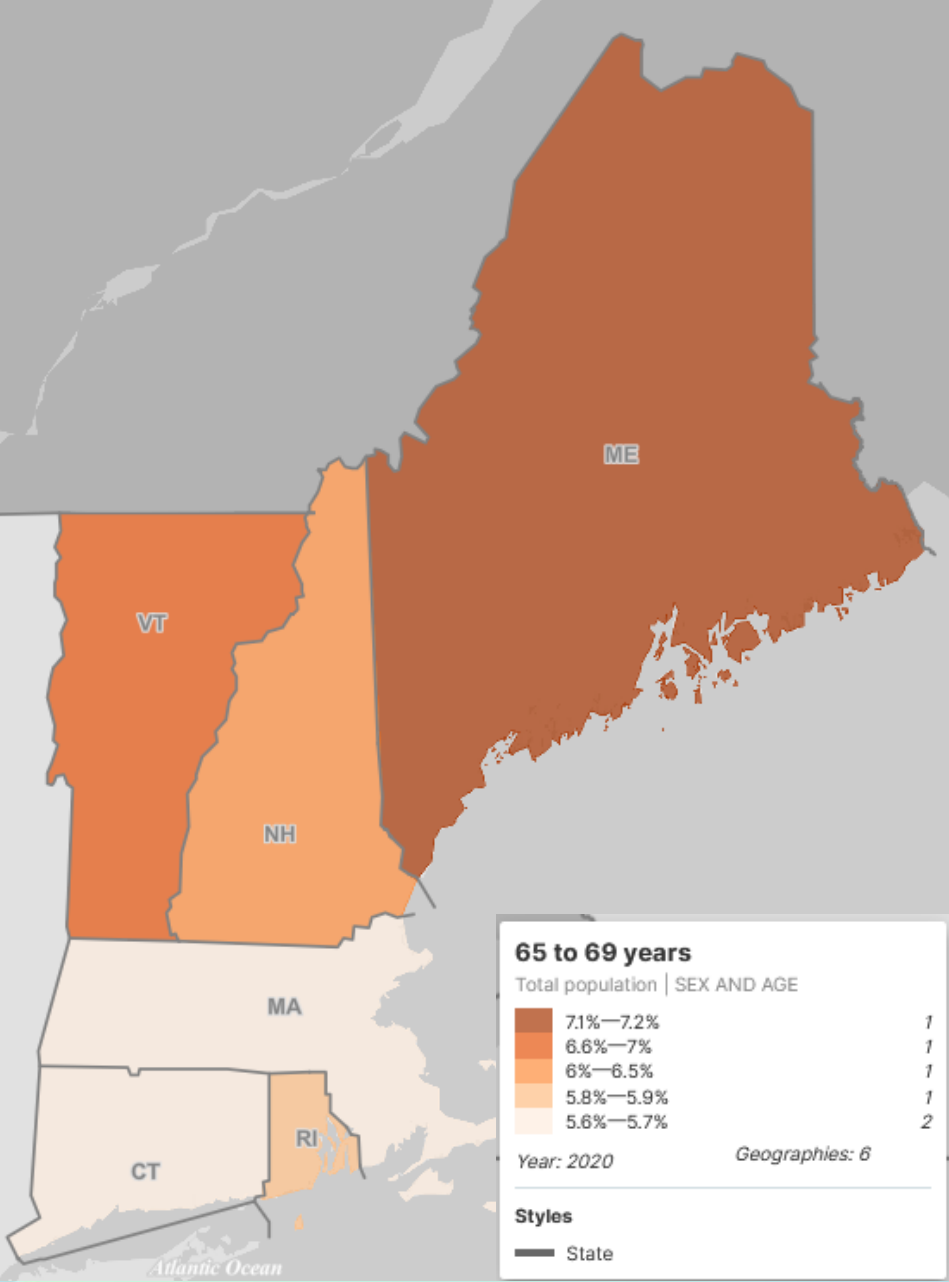
# 2020 Census Percent 65 and Over – New England States

Geography	SEX AND AGE—Total population—Selected Age Categories—65 years and over—Percent
Connecticut	17.9%
Maine	21.8%
Massachusetts	17.5%
New Hampshire	19.3%
Rhode Island	18.3%
Vermont	20.6%





# Fast Growth in the 65-to-74 Age Group Reflects Aging of Baby Boomers



# 85 and Over

Geography	SEX AND AGE—Total population—85 years and over—Percent
Connecticut	2.4%
Maine	2.4%
Massachusetts	2.2%
New Hampshire	2.1%
Rhode Island	2.4%
Vermont	2.2%

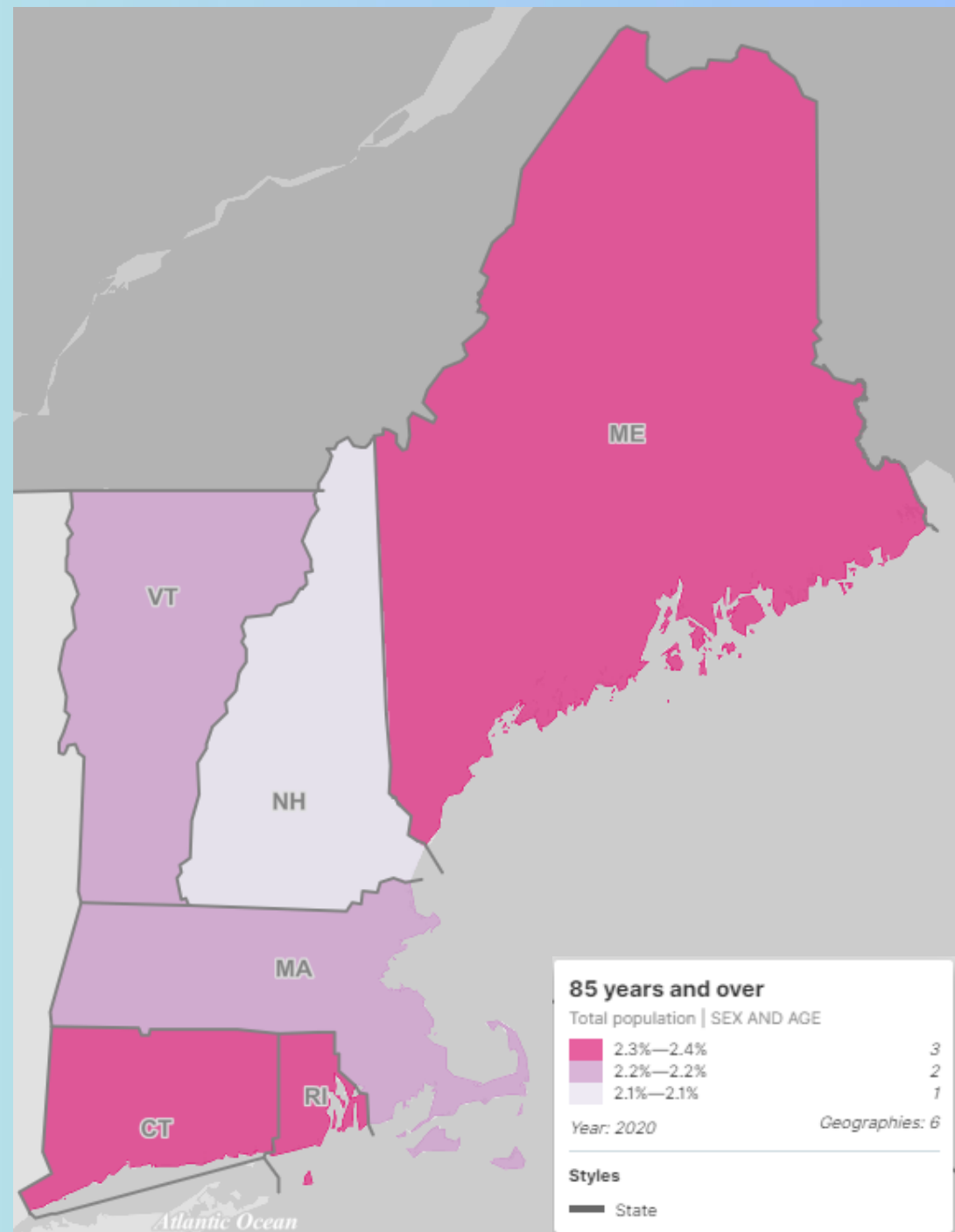


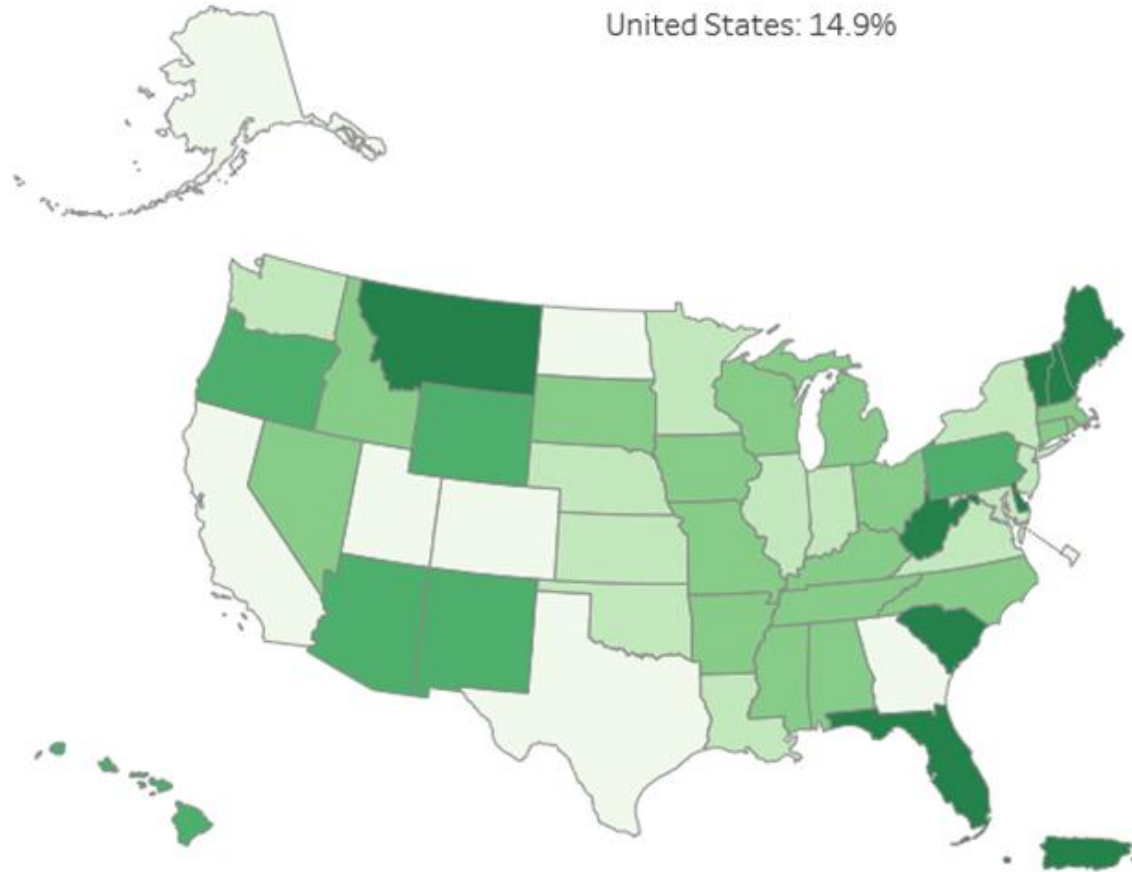
Table 2.

**Population 65 Years and Over and Population 85 Years and Over for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: 2010 and 2020**

Area	2010					2020					Percent change, 2010 to 2020		
	Total popu- lation	65 years and over		85 years and over		Total popu- lation	65 years and over		85 years and over				
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total population	65 years and over	85 years and over
UNITED STATES.....	308,745,538	40,267,984	13.0	5,493,433	1.8	331,449,281	55,792,501	16.8	6,336,435	1.9	7.4	38.6	15.3
Region													
Northeast .....	55,317,240	7,804,833	14.1	1,199,702	2.2	57,609,148	10,197,421	17.7	1,305,784	2.3	4.1	30.7	8.8
Midwest .....	66,927,001	9,022,334	13.5	1,320,640	2.0	68,985,454	11,890,650	17.2	1,417,894	2.1	3.1	31.8	7.4
South .....	114,555,744	14,893,985	13.0	1,821,982	1.6	126,266,107	21,145,925	16.7	2,223,985	1.8	10.2	42.0	22.1
West .....	71,945,553	8,546,832	11.9	1,151,109	1.6	78,588,572	12,558,505	16.0	1,388,772	1.8	9.2	46.9	20.6
Pennsylvania .....	12,702,379	1,959,307	15.4	305,676	2.4	13,002,700	2,483,054	19.1	319,900	2.5	2.4	26.7	4.7
Rhode Island .....	1,052,567	151,881	14.4	26,750	2.5	1,097,379	200,461	18.3	26,783	2.4	4.3	32.0	0.1
South Carolina .....	4,625,364	631,874	13.7	70,717	1.5	5,118,425	971,951	19.0	90,380	1.8	10.7	53.8	27.8

## Percentage of Population Aged 65 to 84 Years

United States: 14.9%



### Percent population

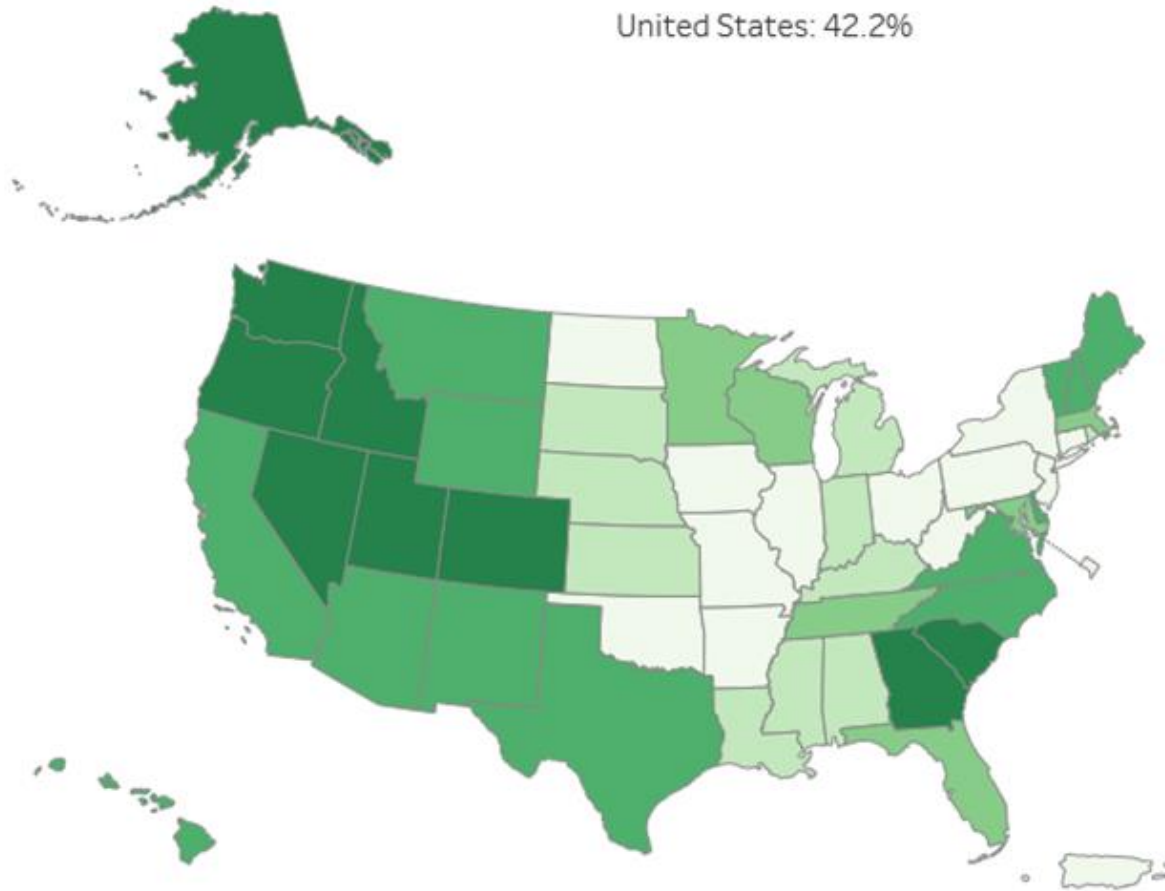
- 17.0 or more
- 16.0 to 16.9
- 15.0 to 15.9
- 14.0 to 14.9
- Less than 14.0

Maine	19.4%
Florida	18.7%
Vermont	18.4%
West Virginia	18.3%
Montana	17.8%
Delaware	17.7%
New Hampshire	17.2%
South Carolina	17.2%
Arizona	16.8%
Hawaii	16.8%
Oregon	16.8%
Pennsylvania	16.6%
New Mexico	16.6%
Wyoming	16.0%
Michigan	15.9%
Ohio	15.8%
Wisconsin	15.8%
Rhode Island	15.8%
Alabama	15.8%
Arkansas	15.7%
Iowa	15.6%
Connecticut	15.5%
Missouri	15.5%
Mississippi	15.5%
North Carolina	15.4%
Tennessee	15.4%
South Dakota	15.4%
Kentucky	15.3%
Massachusetts	15.3%
Idaho	15.2%
Nevada	15.0%
Oklahoma	14.7%

## Percent Change: 2010–2020

Aged 65 to 84 Years

United States: 42.2%



Percent change: 2010–2020

- 55.0 or more
- 45.0 to 54.9
- 40.0 to 44.9
- 35.0 to 39.9
- Less than 35.0

Alaska	76.5%
Idaho	64.5%
Colorado	62.9%
Nevada	58.3%
Washington	57.9%
South Carolina	57.1%
Utah	56.7%
Oregon	56.2%
Georgia	56.0%
Arizona	54.7%
New Hampshire	54.6%
Delaware	54.3%
Texas	53.4%
Montana	52.6%
Vermont	50.9%
Wyoming	49.7%
Hawaii	48.3%
North Carolina	47.9%
New Mexico	46.4%
Virginia	45.7%
California	45.2%
Maine	45.0%
Minnesota	44.4%
Maryland	43.4%
Florida	42.7%
Massachusetts	41.8%
Wisconsin	41.7%
Tennessee	41.0%
South Dakota	39.9%
Louisiana	39.2%
Rhode Island	38.8%
Indiana	36.9%



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CHARACTERISTICS

Decennial Census 2020: DEC Demographic Profile



Rhode Island			
Label	Count	Percent	
SEX AND AGE			
Total population	1,097,379	100.0%	
Under 5 years	51,903	4.7%	
5 to 9 years	56,266	5.1%	
10 to 14 years	61,948	5.6%	
15 to 19 years	77,125	7.0%	
20 to 24 years	78,805	7.2%	
25 to 29 years	72,185	6.6%	
30 to 34 years	73,839	6.7%	
35 to 39 years	69,188	6.3%	
40 to 44 years	62,097	5.7%	
45 to 49 years	63,117	5.8%	
50 to 54 years	72,822	6.6%	
55 to 59 years	79,656	7.3%	
60 to 64 years	77,967	7.1%	
65 to 69 years	65,248	5.9%	
70 to 74 years	51,566	4.7%	
75 to 79 years	34,414	3.1%	
80 to 84 years	22,450	2.0%	
85 years and over	26,783	2.4%	



# State Census Data Center

[www.census.rh.gov](http://www.census.rh.gov) =  
<https://planning.rh.gov/census-2020>

Updates, reports, contacts



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2020 Census Archive

# Census 2020 Update

## Rhode Island 2020 Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data

- [2030 Census Recommendations Virtual Workshops](#) ↗
- [2020 Census Redistricting Data: Municipal Data Visualizations](#)
- [Rhode Island Housing Units 2010 & 2020](#)
- [Rhode Island Population by City and Town 2010-2020](#)
- [Race by City and Town 2010-2020](#)
- [Hispanic Population by City and Town 2010-2020](#)
- [Voting Age Population by City and Town 2010-2020](#)
- [Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data Summary Files \[census.gov\]](#) ↗  
Guidance and documentation to assist in accessing P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data

## Census Bureau 2020 Census Redistricting Data Interactive Visualizations

- [2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer](#) ↗
- [Race and Ethnicity in the United States: 2010 Census and 2020 Census](#) ↗
- [2020 Population and Housing State Data](#) ↗



Resources

# Questions? Data Requests?

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