

Data Resources of the . . .

Demographic Research Unit

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Demographic Research Unit

- ▶ Established in 1951;
- ▶ Single source of official demographic data for California state planning and budgeting;
- ▶ Advises the Governor, Legislature, and state and local government agencies on demographic issues;
- ▶ Official California liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau.

What we do...



- ▶ Produce population and housing unit estimates at the state, county, and city levels;
- ▶ Prepare population projections by age, race/ethnicity, and gender;
- ▶ Prepare K-12 enrollment and higher education projections;
- ▶ Consult with data users on data from the U.S. Census Bureau;
- ▶ Disseminate Census Data;
- ▶ Coordinate with the SDC network, which is composed of five regional and 37 affiliate centers.

The DRU website has three areas of focus:

1. State Data Center

- ▶ Established in 1979;
- ▶ Official California liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau;
- ▶ Knowledgeable in Census Bureau products and data files including the Decennial Censuses and the American Community Survey (ACS);
- ▶ Generates data extracts for frequently requested variables;
- ▶ Provides consultation and custom data extracts;
- ▶ Conducts workshops;
- ▶ Responds to media and data user inquiries.

The DRU website has three areas of focus (continued):

2. Estimates

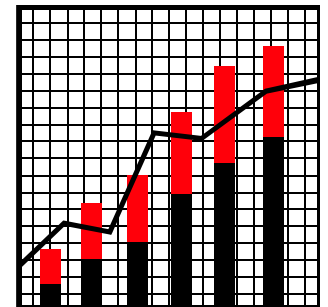
- ▶ Publish population and housing estimates for cities, counties, and California as of January 1;
- ▶ Publish mid-year population estimates for counties and California as of July 1;
- ▶ January 1 estimates are used in determining the annual appropriations limit for all California jurisdictions.



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3. Projections

- ▶ Forecast both population and public school enrollment figures;
- ▶ Population projections are made for the state and the counties up to 50 years into the future and contain age, gender, and race/ethnic components;
- ▶ School enrollment forecasts have a 10-year timeline at the county level for kindergarten through high school graduates;
- ▶ Post-secondary education enrollment is available on a state-wide basis.



The DRU Webpage:

- Navigating to the webpage:
 - Dof.ca.gov;
 - Statewide Responsibilities tab;
 - Research link;
 - Demographic Research Unit link;
 - <http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/>

DRU webpage contents

- Demographic Research Unit Overview;
- State Data Center;
- Reports and Research Papers;
- Data Files by Age, Race, and Gender;
- Meetings and Workshops;
- Price and Population Factors; and
- Designated Census Tracts for the New Employment Credit.



The Best Resources . . .

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Thank you!