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Census facts for other parts of the Northwest

OREGON

Statewide population grew to 3.4 million residents, an increase of more than 20 percent equaling more than a half-million new residents.

Two-thirds of all new residents came from other states and countries.

The blistering statewide growth rate far surpassed the national growth rate of 9.6 percent.

The Portland metro area grew by more than 23 percent, totaling 1.4 million.

Statewide, the minority population grew to 522,000 people, a 99 percent increase from a decade ago.

Source: The Portland Oregonian.

ALASKA

The state's population topped 627,000 residents.

5.4 percent of residents reported their heritage included two or more races. That is the second-highest statewide percentage reported by the census so far. Only Hawaii, with 21.4 percent, has reported a higher percentage of residents of mixed race so far.

Some 98,000 Alaskans listed themselves as Native.

Source: Anchorage Daily News.

IDAHO

State was the fifth fastest-growing in the nation, growing 28 percent and becoming increasingly urban.

The Boise area grew 45 percent, while the population around Coeur d'Alene jumped by 55 percent. Growth in the rest of the state was flat, with 2 counties losing population.

Hispanic population doubled and now makes up 7.5 percent of the population.

Source: The Associated Press.

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