

Change in 25-34 Year Old Population

Comparing 1990, 2000 & 2010

Data from the 2010 U.S. Census indicates that Connecticut remains close to the bottom in the crucial cohort of skilled, educated young labor pool. Connecticut's 28% drop in that demographic grouping between 1990-2010 – to 420,377 in 2010 from 583,882 in 1990 – ranks third after the 29.5% decrease experienced by both Maine and New Hampshire over the 20-year period.

States with Greatest Percentage Decrease in 25-34 Year Olds from 1990 to 2010		
Rank	States	% Change
1	Maine	-29.5%
2	New Hampshire	-29.5%
3	Connecticut	-28.0%
4	Vermont	-26.9%
5	Rhode Island	-26.9%
6	Michigan	-26.1%
7	Massachusetts	-23.3%
8	Ohio	-21.5%
9	Pennsylvania	-21.0%
10	New Jersey	-18.4%

The state's rate of decline slowed between 2000 and 2010. Connecticut's 6.9% reduction in 25-34-year-olds – to 420,377 in 2010 from 451,640 in 2000 – ranked 7th worst nationally.

States with Greatest Percentage Decrease in 25-34 Year Olds from 2000 to 2010		
Rank	State	% Change
1	Michigan	-14.5%
2	New Hampshire	-9.7%
3	Rhode Island	-9.5%
4	Massachusetts	-8.8%
5	Maine	-8.2%
6	Ohio	-7.2%
7	Connecticut	-6.9%
8	New Jersey	-6.7%
9	Vermont	-6.6%
10	West Virginia	-3.7%

While loss of 25-34-year-old population is in part a national phenomenon tied to the birth rate, ranking near the top in loss of that population is considered to be the result of several factors, including access to employment, housing costs and other quality-of-life considerations.

Population Change in U.S. Among 25-34 Year Old Cohort from 1990, 2000 and 2010 Censuses

State	1990 Population 25-34 Year Olds	2000 Population 25-34 Year Olds	2010 Population 25-34 Year Olds	% Change 1990-2010	Rank 1990-2010	% Change 2000-2010	Rank 2000-2010
United States	43,175,932	39,891,724	41,063,948	-7.6%		2.9%	
New England	2,364,182	1,910,999	1,751,198	-19.2%		-8.4%	
Alabama	648,480	603,015	608,922	-6.1%	28	1.0%	16
Alaska	112,965	89,473	103,125	-8.7%	21	15.3%	42
Arizona	634,899	742,665	856,693	34.9%	47	15.4%	43
Arkansas	359,045	352,845	375,892	4.7%	39	6.5%	31
California	5,686,371	5,229,062	5,317,877	-6.5%	26	1.7%	19
Colorado	611,849	664,027	726,278	18.7%	46	9.4%	34
Connecticut	583,882	451,640	420,377	-28.0%	3	-6.9%	7
Delaware	119,115	108,840	111,417	-6.5%	27	2.4%	22
Florida	2,116,244	2,084,100	2,289,545	8.2%	40	9.9%	36
Georgia	1,174,896	1,299,256	1,335,560	13.7%	43	2.8%	24

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Hawaii	200,696	171,159	185,333	-7.7%	24	8.3%	33
Idaho	152,800	169,433	208,965	36.8%	48	23.3%	47
Illinois	1,993,185	1,811,674	1,775,957	-10.9%	16	-2.0%	13
Indiana	915,109	831,125	827,345	-9.6%	19	-0.5%	14
Iowa	428,619	363,060	382,583	-10.7%	17	5.4%	28
Kansas	413,173	348,853	377,720	-8.6%	22	8.3%	32
Kentucky	610,119	568,108	566,216	-7.2%	25	-0.3%	15
Louisiana	703,922	601,162	628,433	-10.7%	18	4.5%	25
Maine	205,235	157,617	144,624	-29.5%	1	-8.2%	5
Maryland	900,098	748,521	762,042	-15.3%	12	1.8%	20
Massachusetts	1,101,361	926,788	845,141	-23.3%	7	-8.8%	4
Michigan	1,574,553	1,362,171	1,164,149	-26.1%	6	-14.5%	1
Minnesota	779,743	673,138	715,586	-8.2%	23	6.3%	30
Mississippi	400,020	381,798	387,253	-3.2%	32	1.4%	18
Missouri	852,042	738,733	775,467	-9.0%	20	5.0%	26
Montana	123,070	103,279	122,864	-0.2%	34	19.0%	46
Nebraska	257,208	223,273	245,176	-4.7%	29	9.8%	35
Nevada	222,027	306,611	387,286	74.4%	50	26.3%	48
New Hampshire	204,823	160,061	144,472	-29.5%	2	-9.7%	2
New Jersey	1,360,651	1,189,040	1,109,801	-18.4%	10	-6.7%	8
New Mexico	256,749	234,091	267,245	4.1%	37	14.2%	40
New York	3,138,188	2,757,324	2,659,337	-15.3%	13	-3.6%	11
North Carolina	1,143,875	1,213,415	1,246,593	9.0%	41	2.7%	23
North Dakota	104,015	76,887	90,485	-13.0%	14	17.7%	45
Ohio	1,795,188	1,519,894	1,409,959	-21.5%	8	-7.2%	6
Oklahoma	509,319	451,647	506,755	-0.5%	33	12.2%	39
Oregon	451,544	470,695	524,144	16.1%	44	11.4%	38
Pennsylvania	1,912,456	1,560,486	1,511,119	-21.0%	9	-3.2%	12
Rhode Island	173,624	140,326	126,962	-26.9%	5	-9.5%	3
South Carolina	591,348	560,831	592,056	0.1%	35	5.6%	29
South Dakota	109,413	91,013	105,429	-3.6%	31	15.8%	44
Tennessee	812,321	815,901	823,997	1.4%	36	1.0%	17
Texas	3,086,171	3,162,083	3,613,473	17.1%	45	14.3%	41
Utah	274,898	327,064	445,687	62.1%	49	36.3%	50
Vermont	95,257	74,567	69,622	-26.9%	4	-6.6%	9
Virginia	1,140,688	1,036,965	1,090,419	-4.4%	30	5.2%	27
Washington	855,188	841,130	933,781	9.2%	42	11.0%	37
West Virginia	261,703	229,094	220,698	-15.7%	11	-3.7%	10
Wisconsin	822,215	706,168	721,694	-12.2%	15	2.2%	21