

Census: South Tahoe population declines; Sac region grows

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The Sacramento region grew by 353,000, or 20 percent, from 2000 to 2010 and now has 2.15 million residents, according to census figures released Tuesday.

Most of the region's growth came from its Asian and Hispanic communities, which both saw population increases of roughly 55 percent. Whites no longer make up the majority of Sacramento County's population and barely make up the majority of the region's population.

The Placer County town of Lincoln grew faster than any other city in the state, adding 30,000 people for a growth rate of nearly 300 percent. Placer County was the second-fastest growing county in California during the last decade; its 40 percent growth rate barely lagged behind Riverside County.

The federal government divvies funds to areas based on their population, and a few cities are likely to be disappointed by the new figures. Both Citrus Heights and South Lake Tahoe lost residents (23,609 to 21,403) from 2000 to 2010 – a fact that could cost them millions of dollars over the next decade.

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