

U.S. population expected to keep growing in 2012

The U.S. Census Bureau projects the Jan. 1, 2012, population in the United States will be 312,780,968.

This would represent an increase of 2,250,129, or 0.7 percent, from New Year's Day 2011, and an increase of 4,035,430, or 1.3 percent, since Census Day (April 1, 2010).

In January, one birth is expected to occur every eight seconds in the United States and one death every 12 seconds.

Meanwhile, net international migration is expected to add one person to the U.S. population every 46 seconds in January. The combination of births, deaths and net international migration results in an increase in the total U.S. population of one person every 17 seconds.