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Mayor Bloomberg Announces More People Moving In To New York City Than Moving Out For First Time In More Than 60 Years

City's Population Has Grown to an All-Time Record of 8,336,697 According to Latest U.S. Census Data

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced that more people are moving to New York City than are moving out for the first time since before 1950, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates released today. The estimates show New York City's population has hit an all-time record high of 8,336,697. The city's population increased by 161,564 since 2010 – about two percent in two years. This increase is among the largest two-year increases in recent decades. The increase is fueled by a continuing increase in people moving to the city and a decline in the number of people leaving the city, as well as the continued growth in the surplus of births over deaths due to life expectancy in the city reaching new record highs. Each of the five boroughs registered gains in population. The largest percentage change occurred in Brooklyn, where the population grew by 2.4 percent or 60,900 people; followed by Manhattan (2.1 percent or 33,200 people); Queens (1.9 percent or 42,000 people); the Bronx (1.7 percent or 23,400 people); and Staten Island (0.4 percent or 2,000 people). New York City's increase since April 2010 represented 84 percent of the total population increase in New York State, which slightly increased the city's share of the state's population, from 42.2 percent to 42.6 percent. The city's population has grown by more than 300,000 since Mayor Bloomberg took office. Earlier this week, the MTA announced that subway annual ridership for 2012 was 1.654 billion, the highest in 62 years. Average weekend ridership on the subway grew by three percent, matching the all-time historic high for weekend ridership set in 1946.

"For the first time since before 1950, more people are coming to New York City than leaving," said Mayor Bloomberg. "We have many indicators of quality of life in the city – record low crime, record high tourism, record high life expectancy, record high graduation rates, record job growth and more – but there's no better indication of the strength of our city than a record high population and a net population influx. People are voting with their feet."

Change in Population, Census Bureau Estimates				
April 2010 to July 2012				
	Census <u>2010</u>	Census Estimates <u>2012</u>	Change: 2010-2012	
			<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
New York State	19,378,102	19,570,261	192,159	1.0
New York City	8,175,133	8,336,697	161,564	2.0
Bronx	1,385,108	1,408,473	23,365	1.7
Brooklyn	2,504,700	2,565,635	60,935	2.4
Manhattan	1,585,873	1,619,090	33,217	2.1
Queens	2,230,722	2,272,771	42,049	1.9
Staten Island	468,730	470,728	1,998	0.4
<i>NYC as % of NYS</i>	42.2	42.6	84.1	

Source: 2010 Census; Census Bureau Current Estimates Program

The all-time high population and net influx of residents for the first time in more than 60 years is one of a number of recent measures that show quality of life in New York City is better than ever:

Record Lows

Murders: 419 in 2012
 Shootings: 1,353 in 2012
 Incarceration rates: 474 inmates per 100,000 residents in New York City in 2011

Teen pregnancy: 72.6 pregnancies per 1,000 girls in 2010
Emergency response times: Six minutes and 30 seconds in 2012
Fire fatalities: 58 in 2012

Record Highs

Private-sector jobs: 3.2 million
Life expectancy: Average of 80.9 years
Tourists: 52 million in 2012
High school graduation rate: 65 percent
Percentage of New Yorkers who live within a 10-minute walk of a park: 76 percent

The Census Bureau's methodology for data gathered prior to 1950 does not allow for calculation of the influx of people to New York City. More information and analysis on the Census Estimates is available at www.nyc.gov.

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