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**Statement from Department of City Planning Population Director Joseph Salvo on the Latest Census Bureau Estimates**

[The results of the latest Census Bureau estimates](#) putting the population of New York City at 8,244,910 as of July, 2011 confirm our contention that the city is growing, notably in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, portions of which were the subject of our challenge to the 2010 Census. This is an increase of nearly 70,000 people over the 15 month period since the Census enumerated the city's population in April, 2010 at 8,175,133. The estimates also showed strong growth in Manhattan with positive net migration (more people coming than going). Increases were more modest in the Bronx and Staten Island, the two boroughs with the highest reported levels of growth last decade and places where we think the Census Bureau did a good job enumerating people.

The lion's share of New York State's growth – over 80 percent – occurred in New York City, and four of our boroughs outstripped the rate of the state's annual growth. As a result, New York City has increased its relative proportion of the state's population.

We are pleased that the Census Bureau has begun to recognize this growth, but we continue to believe the real population is over 8.3 million based on our demographers' scientific work and the historic track record of undercount among hard-to-enumerate populations in big cities. The latest Census Bureau estimates only increase our resolve to work to ensure that procedures are in place to obtain a more accurate count of the city's population in the next decennial Census.

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**Department of City Planning**

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