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2023 Census Data Highlights Continued Population Growth in Washington, DC

Data Shows Significant Gains in Population and Migration into DC, While Migration to Other States Slows

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Today, the U.S. Census Bureau released new population data that estimates the District's population was 678,972 as of July 1, 2023. The District is showing strong signs of growth with two consecutive years of population increase, reversing population declines during COVID-19.

"In Washington, DC, we know that when opportunities are available, the people will follow. That's why we have been focused on maintaining DC's global reputation as a great place to work, live, and start a business or a family," said Mayor Bowser. "Today's census data reaffirms our commitments to DC's Comeback Plan and to investing in communities and businesses that allow everyone to come here and thrive."

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that the District's population grew by 8,023 people from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023, up from a gain of 1,912 people between 2021 and 2022. This growth is attributed to the District having 2,607 more births than deaths in the year.

Additionally, this is the first year since 2019 that the District has a positive net migration, with 5,460 more people moving into the District than moving out. International migration has surpassed pre-pandemic levels, with a net gain of 6,969 people moving into the District – almost 150% more than in 2019. Domestic migration trends are also shifting, with a significant decline in people moving out of the District to other states.

Moving forward, the District will continue to drive growth and opportunity by supporting local businesses and housing developments, modernizing DC's infrastructure, and reimagining public spaces.

For more information on this data release, visit the <u>U.S. Census Bureau's website</u>. Additional demographic data about the District is available on DC Office of Planning's Demographic Data hub at <u>opdatahub.dc.gov</u>.

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