

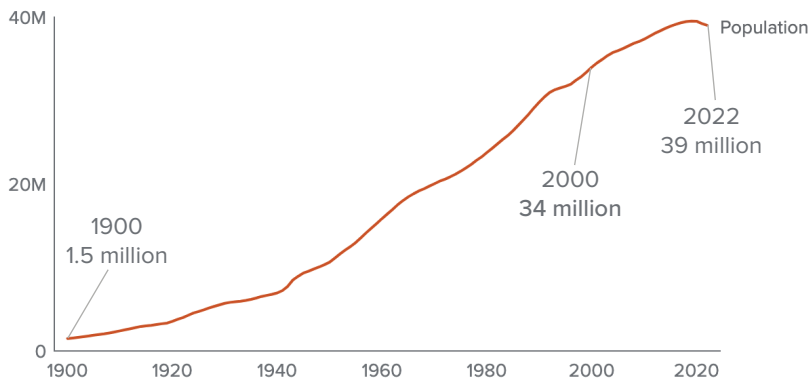


# What's Behind California's Recent Population Decline—and Why It Matters



Why is the country's most populous state losing people?

After a century of explosive growth, California is likely to become a slow-growing state



## 2022 Population Math

+424K	Births
+90K	Net immigration
-318K	Deaths
-407K	Net domestic migration
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-211K	Net change in population

### Policy implications



Housing



K-12 education



Health care

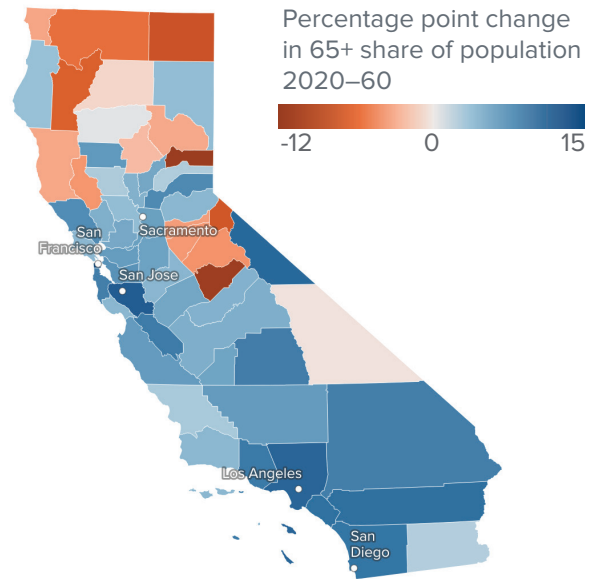
34%

of Californians say they are considering **moving out of the state** due to housing costs

2030

The year when adults 65+ are projected to outnumber children

Adults 65+ are projected to make up a larger share of most CA counties in 2060



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