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# Major population trends in Delaware

(taken from *Delaware Facing Forward: A Look at Delaware's Demographic Future*)

1. Population is growing moderately
  - a. Increase by about one-third by 2030
  - b. School-age population will increase at slower rate than general population

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1. Population is aging. Retirees, as a category, will:
  - a. Increase at a much faster rate than wage earners or youth
  - b. **Increase** as a proportion of the total population, youth and wage earners will **decrease** as a percent of the total population

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1. Population is becoming more ethnically and racially diverse
  - a. By 2030, people of color will comprise 28% of the population
  - b. Hispanic population is projected to increase roughly 100%, increasing from 2.7 to 4.2 percent of the total population
  - c. African-American population is projected to increase 57%, increasing from 19.2 to 23.8 percent of the total population

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1. Population is shifting to new locations within the state
  - a. Sussex County projected to increase 61% by 2030
  - b. Wilmington is projected to see a decline in population (4.3%) except for the retiree sector, with the largest decline in the wage-earning sector