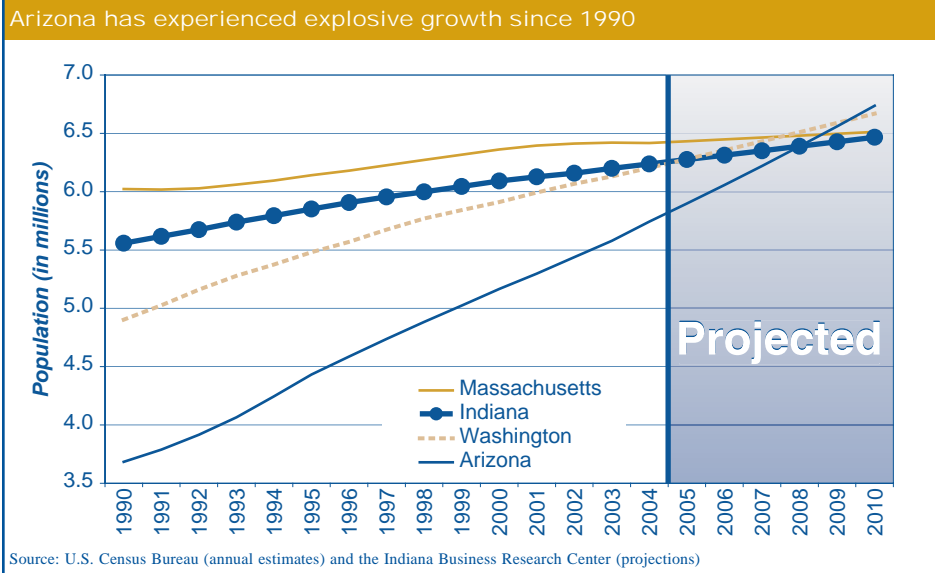


Figure 2: Past and Projected Population Growth for Selected States



growth. According to these projections, Indiana’s rank will fall to 16th by the summer of 2010, and Massachusetts will fall to 15th; however, Indiana’s population will be within 47,000 of Massachusetts’. On the other hand, Washington surges past both Indiana and Massachusetts to overtake 14th place, while Arizona’s explosive growth will lead it to surpass all three of these states, plus Tennessee and Missouri, to become lucky number 13 (see **Figure 2**). Another fast-growing state is Nevada, which will bypass Arkansas, Kansas and Utah to advance from 35th to 32nd. Other predictions for 2010: Florida will edge out New York for third place, North Carolina will claim 10th place from New Jersey, Connecticut takes the 28th spot from Oklahoma, New Hampshire gets past Maine to take 40th place and Vermont displaces North Dakota at number 48.<sup>2</sup>

Using the same projection technique for the United States, we predict the national population will reach about 312 million by summer 2010.

This figure is a little higher than the Census Bureau’s projection of 309 million, which was generated by using a more complicated projection technique called the cohort component method. The Census Bureau is slated to release new state-level population projections sometime in 2005, which will also be produced via the cohort component technique. The IBRC produced population projections for Indiana and all 92 counties through 2040 using that same methodology. They were released in July 2003 and are available on STATS Indiana at [www.stats.indiana.edu/pop\\_proj/](http://www.stats.indiana.edu/pop_proj/).

**Notes**

1. The state-level projections are not controlled to the national projection. The difference between the sum of the states and the national projection is 427,217 or 0.1 percent.
2. An excel file containing IBRC-calculated population projections through 2010 for the nation, states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico is available at [www.stats.indiana.edu/projections\\_topic\\_page.html](http://www.stats.indiana.edu/projections_topic_page.html).

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Table 1: Projections, 2010

States	Rank	Population
<b>United States</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>311,832,713</b>
California	1	38,955,784
Texas	2	25,024,273
Florida	3	19,609,496
New York	4	19,586,035
Illinois	5	13,140,560
Pennsylvania	6	12,585,276
Ohio	7	11,610,152
Michigan	8	10,363,672
Georgia	9	9,823,311
North Carolina	10	9,291,881
New Jersey	11	9,117,027
Virginia	12	8,032,551
Arizona	13	6,736,311
Washington	14	6,668,830
Massachusetts	15	6,512,878
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6,466,220</b>
Tennessee	17	6,213,311
Missouri	18	5,985,202
Maryland	19	5,949,444
Wisconsin	20	5,720,898
Minnesota	21	5,368,598
Colorado	22	5,059,874
Alabama	23	4,649,753
Louisiana	24	4,582,694
South Carolina	25	4,475,826
Kentucky	26	4,296,772
Oregon	27	3,854,054
Connecticut	28	3,646,780
Oklahoma	29	3,629,099
Iowa	30	2,994,537
Mississippi	31	2,987,327
Nevada	32	2,908,504
Arkansas	33	2,868,498
Kansas	34	2,802,783
Utah	35	2,627,740
New Mexico	36	2,028,904
West Virginia	37	1,825,288
Nebraska	38	1,799,255
Idaho	39	1,546,569
New Hampshire	40	1,395,081
Maine	41	1,379,417
Hawaii	42	1,338,988
Rhode Island	43	1,127,953
Montana	44	962,846
Delaware	45	901,173
South Dakota	46	794,114
Alaska	47	697,896
Vermont	48	639,579
North Dakota	49	623,463
District of Columbia	50	528,372
Wyoming	51	525,087

Source: Indiana Business Research Center