

State's population tops 5 million people

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South Carolina's population is officially over five million and now the 10th fastest-growing in the country, according to the latest census numbers.

The U.S. Census Bureau released new data Wednesday that showed the Palmetto State is now home to 5,024,369 people — a growth of more than 64,000 from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017.

Migration from other states and countries accounts for the majority of

the population increase, according to the data. Growth by migration was more than five times the natural increase by birth.

Idaho was the nation's fastest-growing state over the last year. Its population increased 2.2% to 1.7 million from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2017.