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Table 1 provides counts from the Arizona July 1st, 2010 population estimates and population projections for each decade from 2020 – 2050 separately for all Arizonans and for Arizonans ages 65 and older by race/ethnicity. Beginning with the projected population for all Arizona residents, Arizona’s overall population is expected to increase 81 percent from the 6,401,568 residents estimated in 2010 to a projected 11,562,584 in 2050. Compared to the population as a whole, the population of older adults is expected to increase at a much faster pace. By 2050, Arizona’s older adult population is projected to be 2,422,186, a 174 percent increase from the 883,014 measured in 2010.

Table 1. Projection of Arizona’s Total Population and Population age 65 and Older by Race/Ethnicity, 2010 – 2050

Arizona Population	2010		2020		2030		2040		2050	
Race/Ethnicity	Population Estimate	%	Population Projection	%	Population Projection	%	Population Projection	%	Population Projection	%
White non-Hispanic	3,824,322	60%	4,148,309	55%	4,525,074	51%	4,827,968	47%	5,070,854	44%
Hispanic or Latino	1,839,016	29%	2,421,104	32%	3,197,808	36%	4,037,115	40%	4,911,772	42%
Black or African American	259,432	4%	312,413	4%	378,459	4%	443,674	4%	507,959	4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	297,038	5%	345,293	5%	393,011	4%	434,629	4%	472,728	4%
Asian or Pacific Islander	181,760	3%	258,044	3%	358,293	4%	475,022	5%	599,271	5%
Total	6,401,568		7,485,163		8,852,645		10,218,407		11,562,584	
Percent Change from 2010			17%		38%		60%		81%	
Arizona Population 65 and older	2010		2020		2030		2040		2050	
Race/Ethnicity	Population Estimate	%	Population Projection	%	Population Projection	%	Population Projection	%	Population Projection	%
White non-Hispanic	736,572	83%	1,028,631	79%	1,331,559	73%	1,433,756	67%	1,460,620	60%
Hispanic or Latino	94,706	11%	176,710	14%	317,485	18%	490,430	23%	666,309	28%
Black or African American	17,349	2%	29,815	2%	50,243	3%	66,464	3%	79,718	3%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	20,047	2%	34,006	3%	55,140	3%	69,576	3%	81,764	3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	14,339	2%	31,579	2%	59,084	3%	95,565	4%	133,775	6%
Total	883,014		1,300,742		1,813,511		2,155,790		2,422,186	
Percent Change from 2010			47%		105%		144%		174%	
Proportion of population age 65+	14%		17%		20%		21%		21%	

In addition to a disproportionate increase in the growth of Arizonans age 65 and older, the racial/ethnic distribution of Arizona’s older adult population is projected to undergo substantial change. Arizona’s older resident population was fairly homogenous in terms of race/ethnicity in 2010, with about 83 percent of Arizona’s older adult residents being White non-Hispanic. About 11 percent of Arizona residents age 65 and older in 2010 were Hispanic or Latino, with Blacks or African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, and Asians or Pacific Islanders each accounting for about 2 percent of the total population of Arizona’s older adults.