Kids in the US, 2015-2060: Growth & diversity

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Presentation outline

5.2 million more kids under 10 by 2060—great diversity
Scenarios for population change: Assumptions matter
Varying growth rates
Diversity up everywhere
Big metros especially diverse, helping them retain population
Under 10 from now to 2060: White kids down 4.6M, but other groups fuel increase of 5.2M

Source: U.S. Census 2014 National Population Projections. All categories except Hispanic include non-Hispanic only; Hispanics can be of any race.
** Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
* American Indian or Alaska Native
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Average birth rate

Low birth rate

High birth rate
Northeast, Great Lakes, Delta losing under-20s; Nevada, Georgia lead the nation in growth

Projected pct. change in under-20 population, 2010-30
Diversification everywhere in the 20+ population

Projected pct. change by race in under-20 population, 2010-30

Source: Urban Institute projections, average birth-death-migration scenario
As diversity magnets, big commuting zones will mostly retain under-10 populations
Key takeaways

Under-10 population is growing and diversifying
Some states have declining young population; others growing fast

Diversification broadly underway

- Not just Hispanics, but also Asian, multiracial, steady population of African Americans
- Still many white non-Hispanics