The US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, has released state population figures for Census 2020. The population increased in all the New England states between 2010 and 2020. Rhode Island gained 44,812 residents over the 2010’s. The number of Rhode Island residents grew from 1,052,567 in 2010 to 1,097,379 in 2020. The State’s growth rate of 4.3 percent was the twentieth slowest in the country. Only three states lost population over the decade, West Virginia (-3.2%), Mississippi (-0.2%) and Illinois (-0.1%).

Massachusetts was the fastest growing New England state, climbing 7.4 percent to 7.0 million residents. New Hampshire grew by 4.6 percent to 1.4 million residents, Vermont grew by 2.8 percent to 643.1 thousand residents, Maine increased by 2.6 percent to 1.4 million residents and Connecticut grew by 0.9 percent to 3.6 million residents. The nation grew by 7.4 percent to 331.4 million between 2010 and 2020.

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 & 2020 Census