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State population forecast

2020 to 2050

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Comparison to estimate

Revisions to the previous forecast

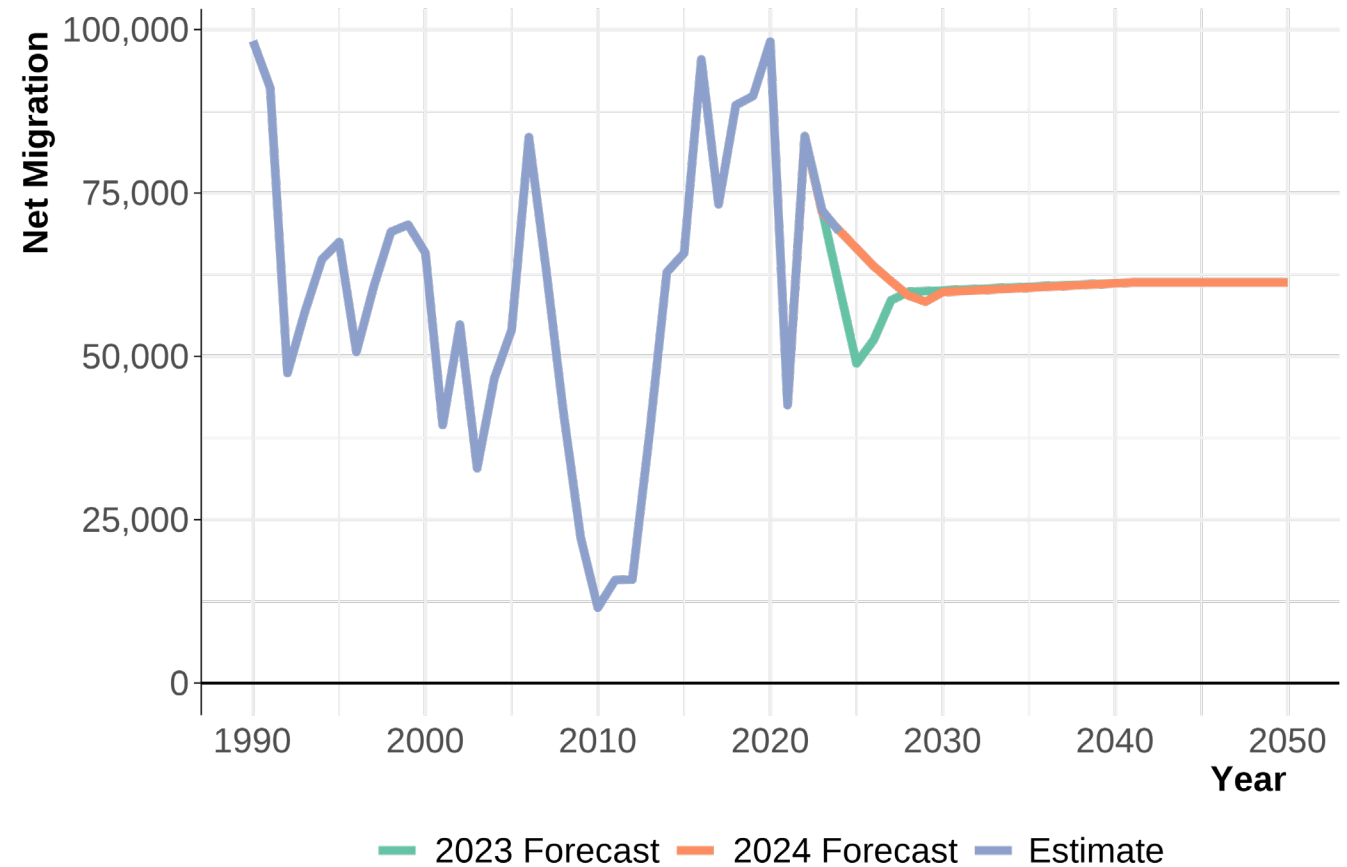


- **Total Population in 2024** was 4,000 higher than forecast.
- **Net migration in 2024** was 8,700 people higher than forecast.
- **Natural change in 2024** was 4,700 lower than forecast.
 - **Births** were 3,300 lower than forecast .
 - **Deaths** were 1,400 higher than forecast.

Migration: Forecast Comparison

Updated assumptions

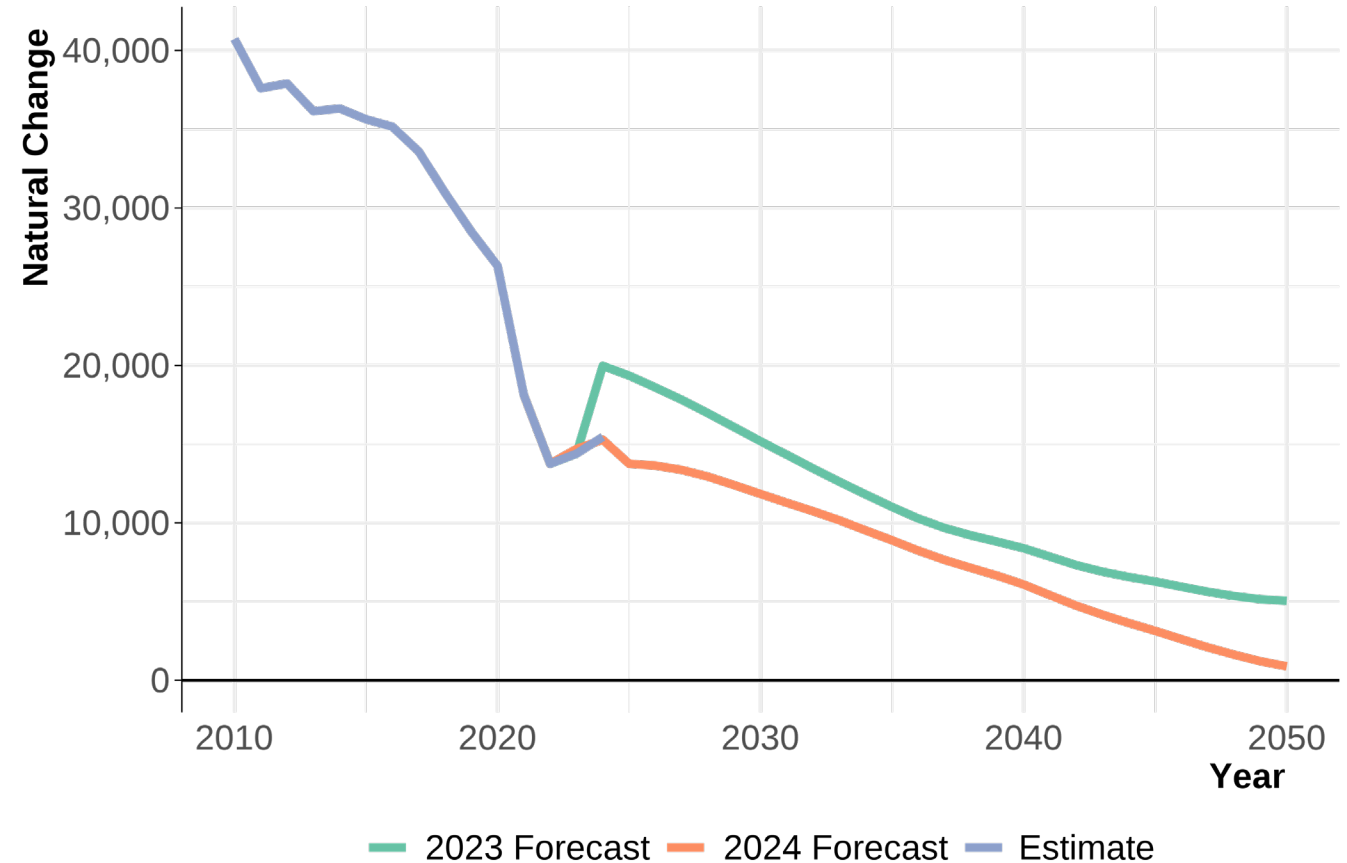
- **Net migration** has been increased by 31,800 from 2025-27 related to:
 - New near-term economic forecasts.
 - Two additional short-term migration models.



Natural Change: Forecast Comparison

Updated assumptions

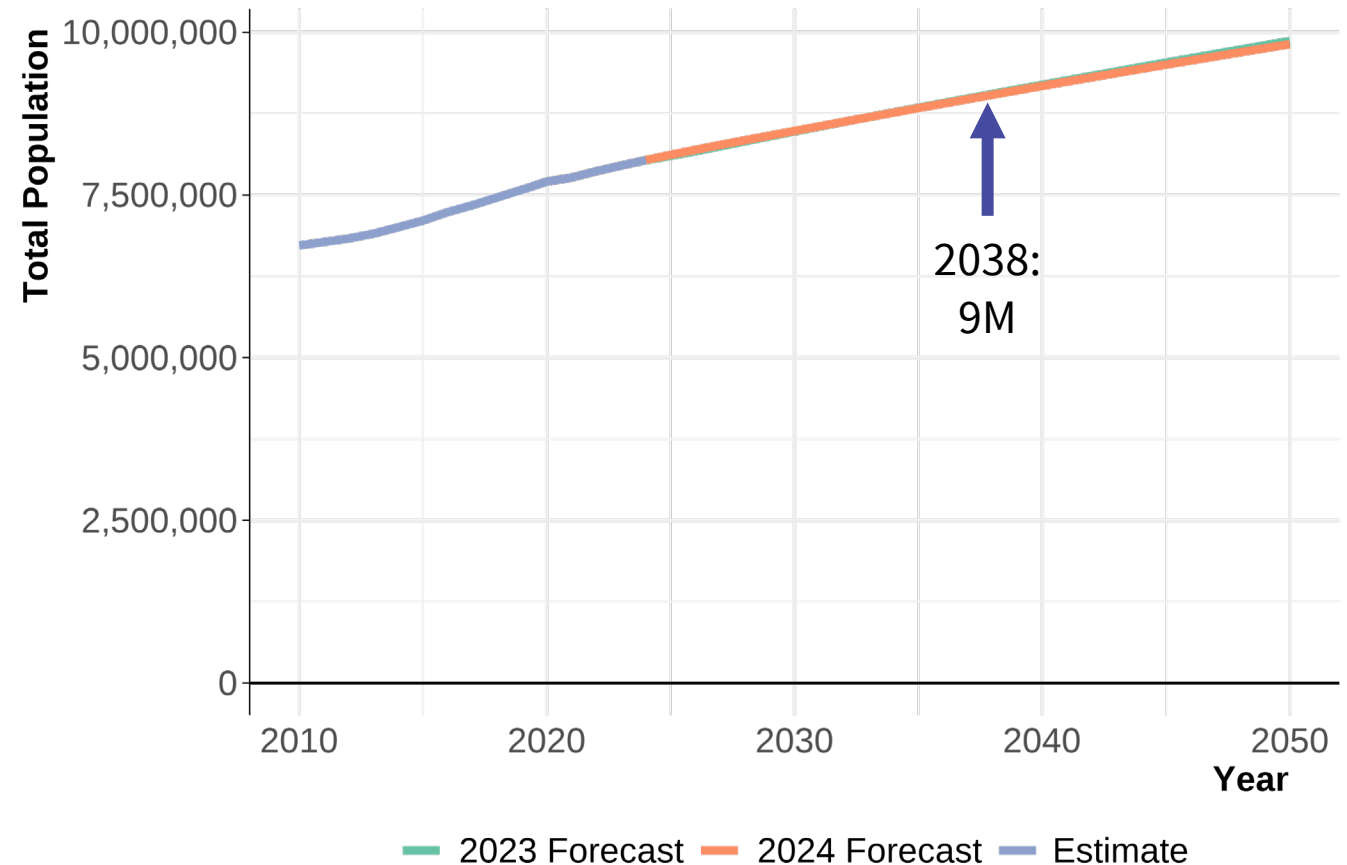
- **Total fertility rate target** for 2050 was lowered by .05 to 1.67.
- **Life expectancy target** for 2050 was lowered by .54 for females and .49 for males.



Total Population: Forecast Comparison

Updated assumptions

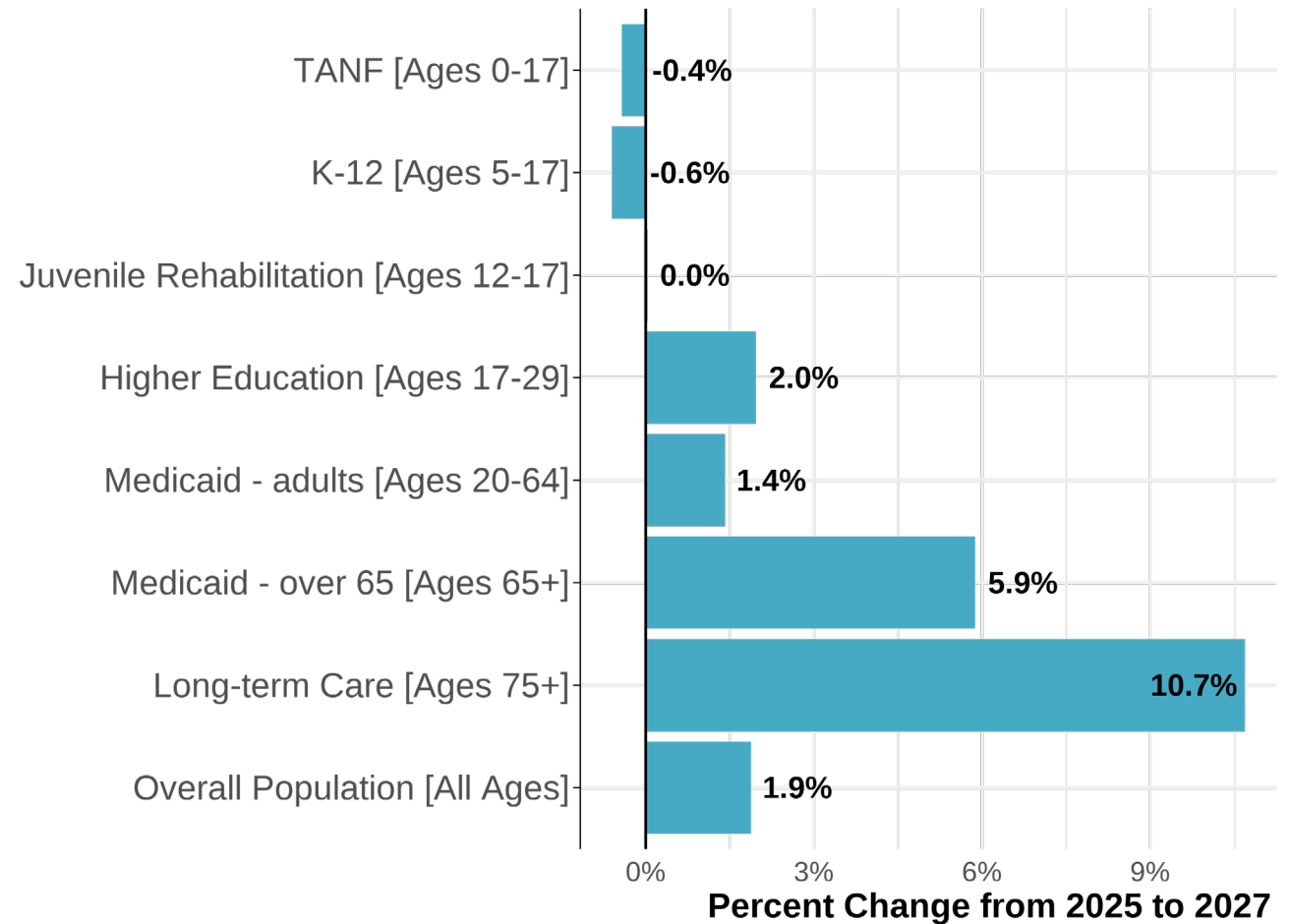
- **Despite short-term changes** the forecast for 2050 is lower by only 0.5% (49,600 people).
- **Lower fertility and higher mortality** drive slower growth in the last decade than the previous forecast.



Policy relevant populations: 2025–27

Biennium highlights

- **Falling births** starting in 2017 are leading to fewer people in younger age groups.
- **Aging of the population** is evident as the older and oldest age groups grow far faster than the general population.

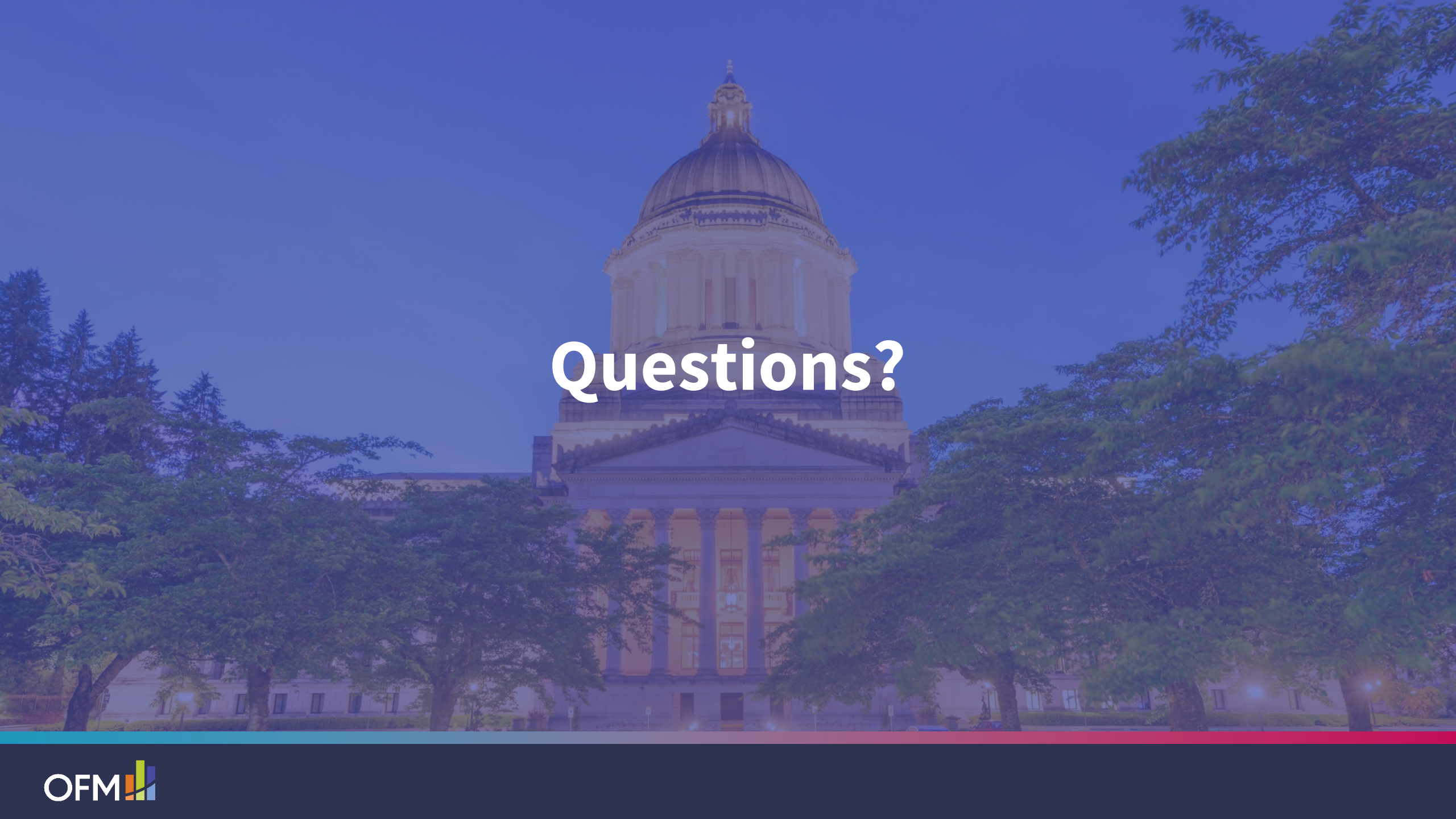


Forecast summary

Adjustments in short-term still yield long-term stability.



- **Net migration** will still be the dominant driver of population change from 2020 to 2050.
- **Natural change** is nearing zero by 2050 as birth rates fall and the population ages.
- **Washington is aging** increasingly rapidly.
 - **2.3 million** people will be over age 65 in 2050. Over 843,000 more than 2024.
 - **The 85+ population will grow 4x** by 2050 from 140,000 to 519,000.

A photograph of the Idaho State Capitol building at dusk, featuring a large dome and classical columns. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The word "Questions?" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the building. The foreground is filled with the silhouettes of trees.

Questions?

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