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State population forecast

2020 to 2050

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Comparison to estimate

Comparison to 2025 actuals

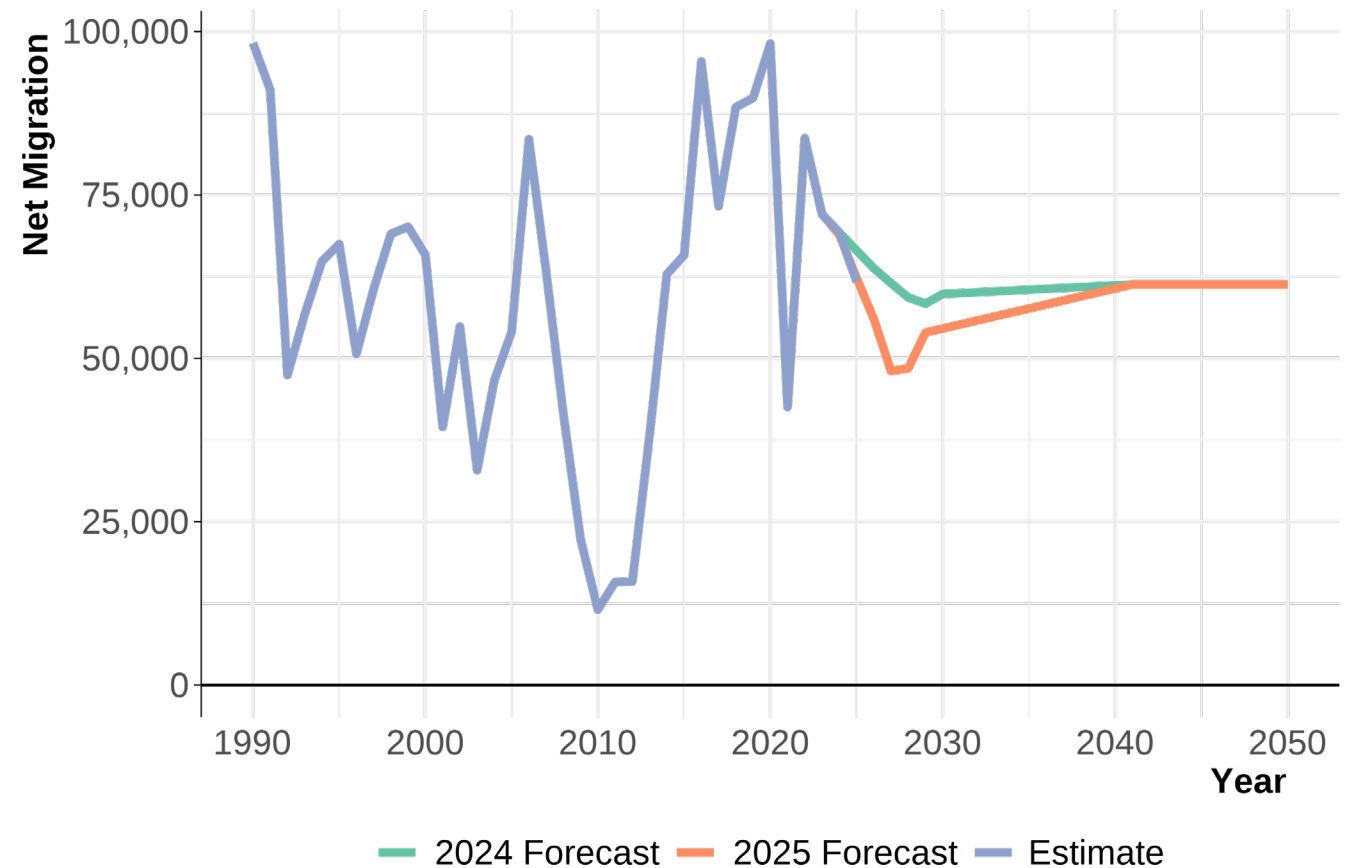


- **Net migration in 2025** was 4,200 people lower than forecast.
- **Natural change in 2025** 3,300 higher than forecast.
 - **Births** were 600 higher than forecast .
 - **Deaths** were 2,700 lower than forecast.
- **Total Population in 2025** was 900 lower than forecast.

Migration: Forecast Comparison

Updated assumptions

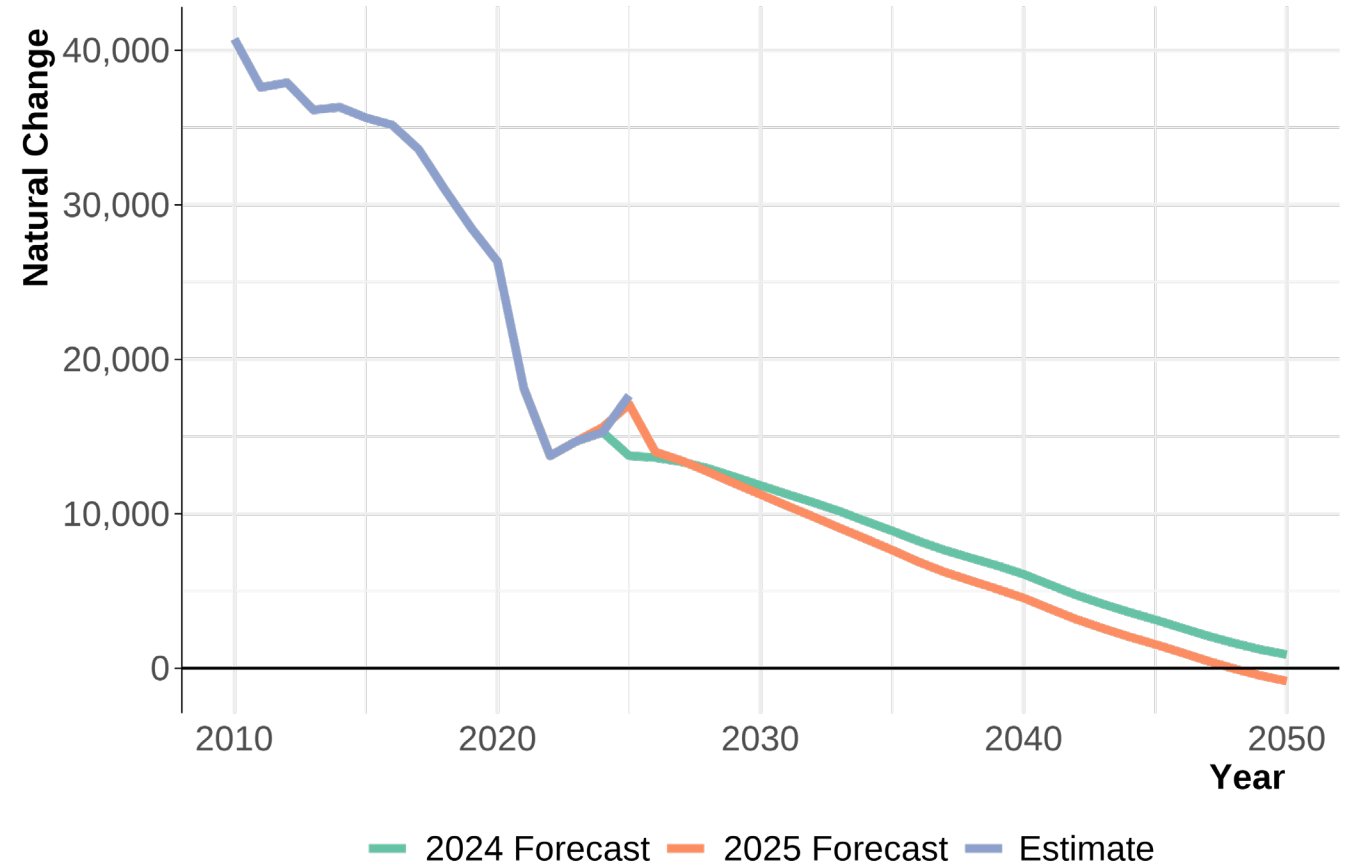
- **Net migration** has been decreased by 25,400 from 2025-27 related to:
 - Lower actual net migration in 2025.
 - New near-term national and state economic forecasts.



Natural Change: Forecast Comparison

Updated assumptions

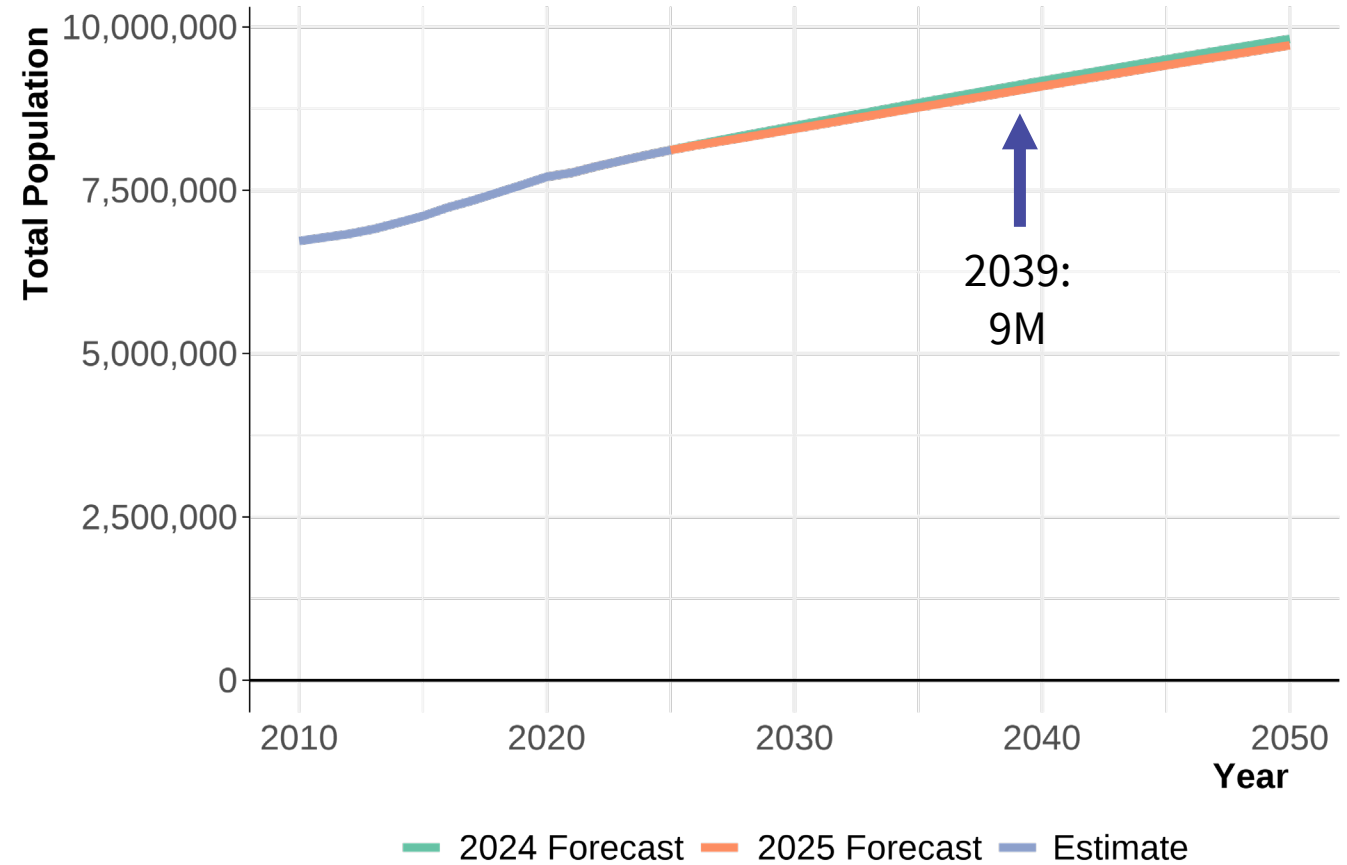
- **Total fertility rate and life expectancy targets** in 2050 remain the same.
- **Differences are due to updated estimates** and compositional changes from net migration.



Total Population: Forecast Comparison

Updated assumptions

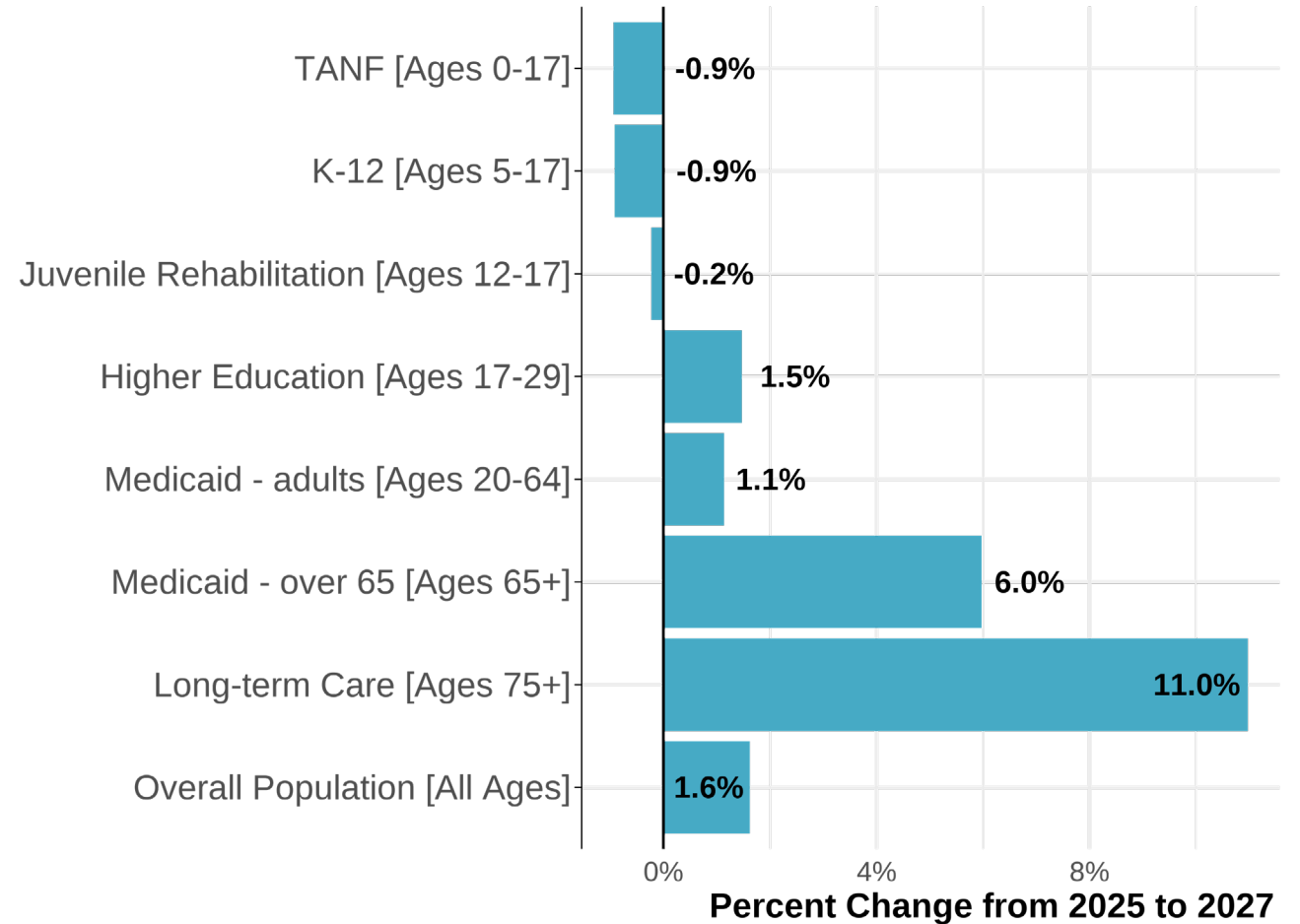
- **Due largely to short-term changes** the forecast for 2050 is lower by 1% (98,350 people).
- **Lower near-term migration** interacts with fertility and mortality to drive slower growth than the previous forecast.



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.

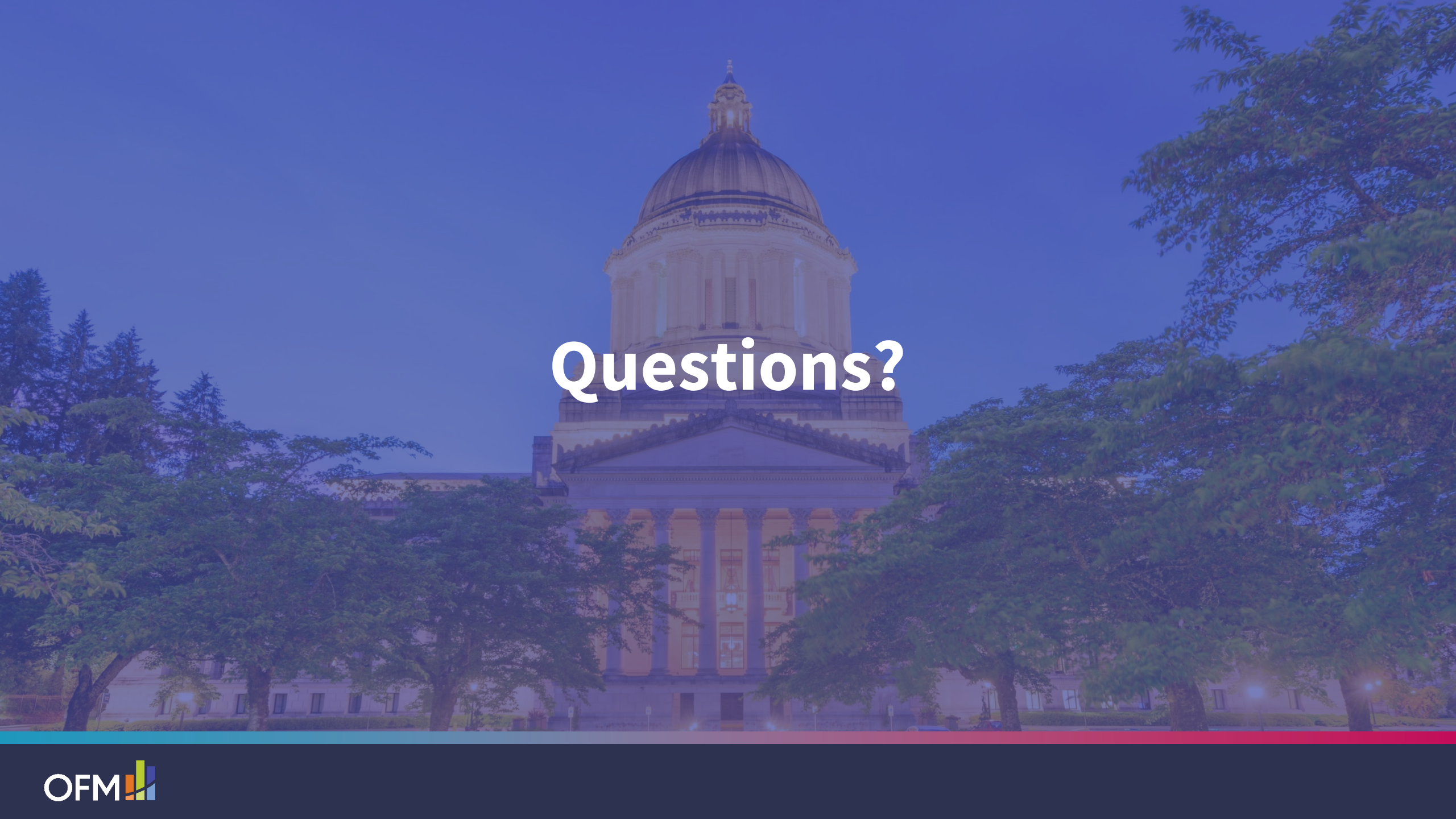


Forecast summary

Adjustments in short-term lead to long-term slowing.



- **Net migration** will still be the dominant driver of population change from 2020 to 2050.
- **Natural change** reaches about zero just before 2050 as birth rates fall and the population ages.
- **Washington is aging** increasingly rapidly.
 - **2.3 million people will be over age 65 by 2050** which is over one million more people than 2020.
 - **The 85+ population will grow almost 4x** by 2050 from 140,000 to 523,000.

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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