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## “November 2021 Black American Population Bulletin: An Updated Forecast”

In 2011, **BlackEconomics.org** analyzed and forecasted seven important Black American economic related variables out to 2050 in a monograph entitled [53](#): Population, employment, income, entrepreneurship, educational attainment, criminal justice, and health. This bulletin follows up that analysis in consideration of Black America’s future.

The “Do Nothing” forecast from 53 for population was:<sup>1</sup>

|  | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Black American Alone Population (Millions) | 38.9 | 43.4 | 48.3 | 53.9 | 60.1 |

On August 12, 2021, the US Department of Commerce’s Census Bureau reported that the Black American Alone population in the US had increased to 41.1 million.<sup>2</sup>

We produced forecasts out to 2050 by averaging two series. The first series was an extrapolation of the new 2020 population using the average growth rate in Decennial Census population estimates for 1990 to 2020 (1.1 percent). The second series used the first series, and then subtracted the Black American mortality rate, added the Black American birth rate, and added 100K per year as a judgmental estimate of Black immigration.<sup>3</sup>

|  | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Black American Alone Population (Millions) | 41.1 | 46.0 | 51.4 | 57.3 |

In 2050, the Black American Alone population will represent about 14.7 percent of an estimated 388.9 million US population.<sup>4</sup> Importantly, the recent deceleration in Black America’s population growth may not bode well for us economically or politically. Therefore, Black America’s leadership should decide whether this trend warrants sounding an alarm and developing and implementing a counter strategy. Otherwise, if the trend is acceptable, then we should certainly develop and implement a strategy for optimizing our future population.

<sup>1</sup> The “Do Nothing” forecast assumed that Black Americans would not adopt any policies or actions to modify our 2010 modus operandi through 2050.

<sup>2</sup> See the US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau release “2020 Census Illuminates the Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Country;” <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/08/improved-race-ethnicity-measures-reveal-united-states-population-much-more-multiracial.html> (Ret. 111021).

<sup>3</sup> The mortality (806.6 per 100K population) and birth (13.7 per 1000 population (average for 2016-19)) rates are from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, “Health of Black or African American non-Hispanic Population;” <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/black-health.htm> (Ret. 112021).

<sup>4</sup> See the Census Bureau 2050 forecast of the US population in “Demographic Turning Points for the United States: Population Projections for 2020 to 2060;” <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2020/demo/p25-1144.pdf> (Ret. 111021).