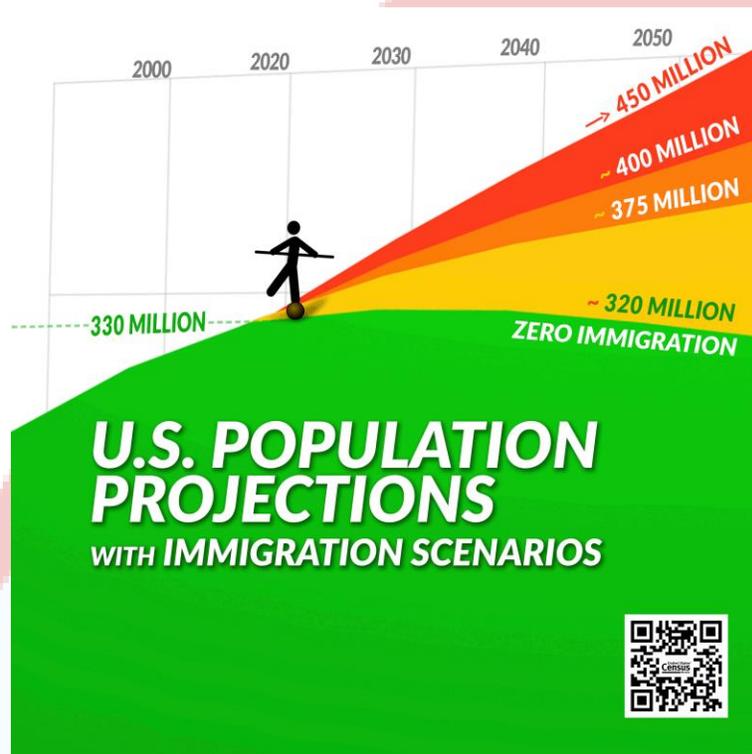


Traffic

"The most obvious reason traffic congestion has increased everywhere is population growth." - Anthony Downs, [Brookings](#)¹

- In 2022, Congestion cost the country over \$80 billion dollars, and the typical American 51 hours of lost time and \$869 dollars in lost hours.²
- Immigration is the source of all long-term population growth in America³ and, therefore, a commuting policy that impacts our [sleep habits](#), [productivity](#), and [quality of life](#).⁴



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