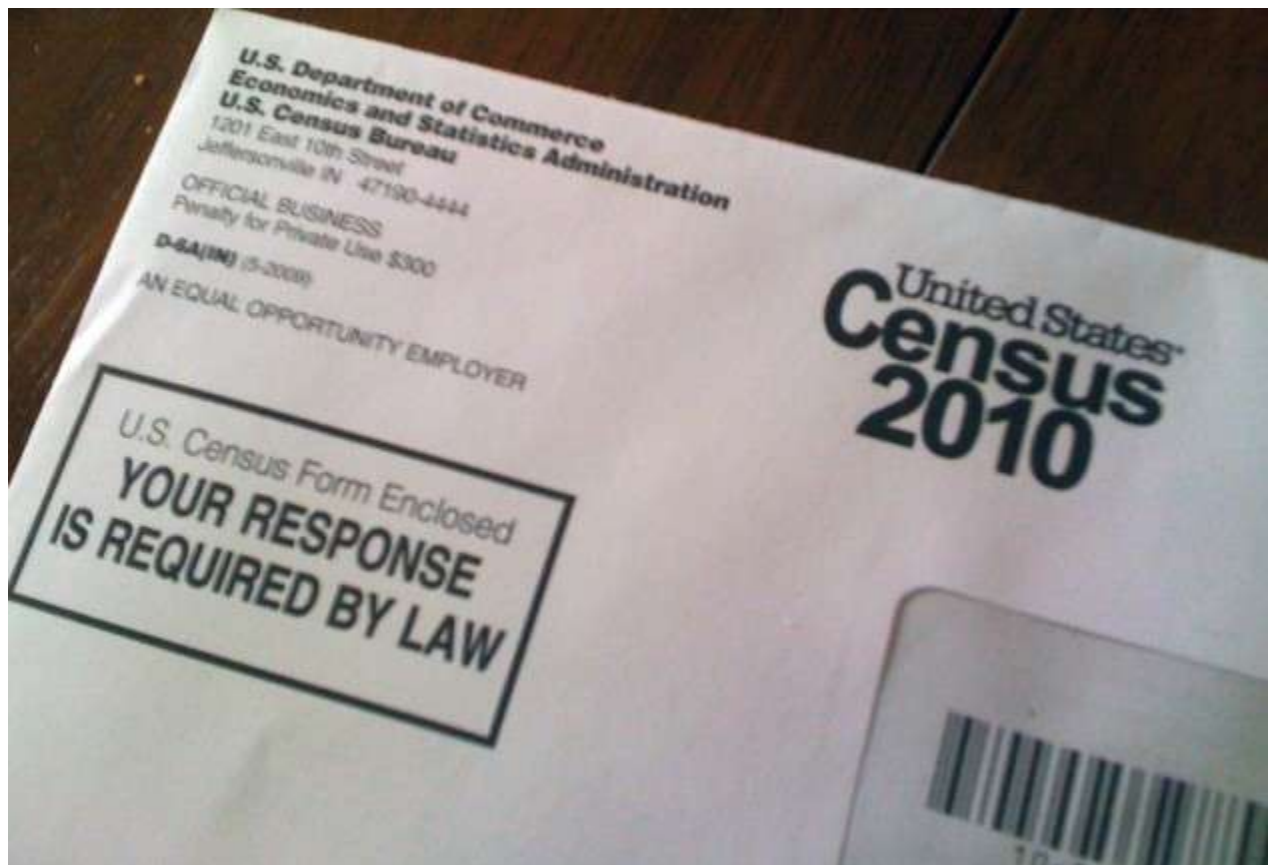


Census Numbers Show A Changed State



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The newly released Massachusetts census data revealed two things about how the commonwealth has changed over the past 10 years.

One, the population has decreased significantly in the eastern and western portions of the state. Two, the state's minority population has increased relatively dramatically.

The nation's big metro areas are more diverse than ever before, but some say that diversity doesn't necessarily equal integration. The two certainly have not gone hand-in-hand in Boston.

Meanwhile, the population of Massachusetts may be increasing on the whole, but it's decreasing on the margins. Cape Cod's youth demographic has been particularly hard hit.

Guests:

- **Sarah Shemkus**, business reporter for the Cape Cod Times
- **John Logan**, professor of sociology at Brown University; director, the US 2010 Census Project