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MONTANA GROWING SLOWER THAN OTHER ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES
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MISSOULA--

The Rocky Mountain region continues to be one of the fastest-growing areas in the country, according to a University of Montana researcher. Montana's population, however, grew at a much slower rate than the region's overall.

Mary L. Lenihan, research analyst at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, reported in a recent issue of the Montana Business Quarterly that between the 1980 Census and July 1, 1983, the population of the Rocky Mountain region grew an estimated 8.4 percent.

Nevada posted the largest increase, 11.3 percent, while Montana's estimated population increase was the smallest in the region at 3.8 percent. Montana's increase was still slightly above that for the United States as a whole, which was 3.3 percent.

Montana's population estimate as of July 1, 1983, is 817,000, which Lenihan said shows a continuing, steady increase in the state's population. The 1980 Census count showed 787,000 persons in Montana.

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