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2025-2055 POPULATION PROJECTIONS (DRAFT)

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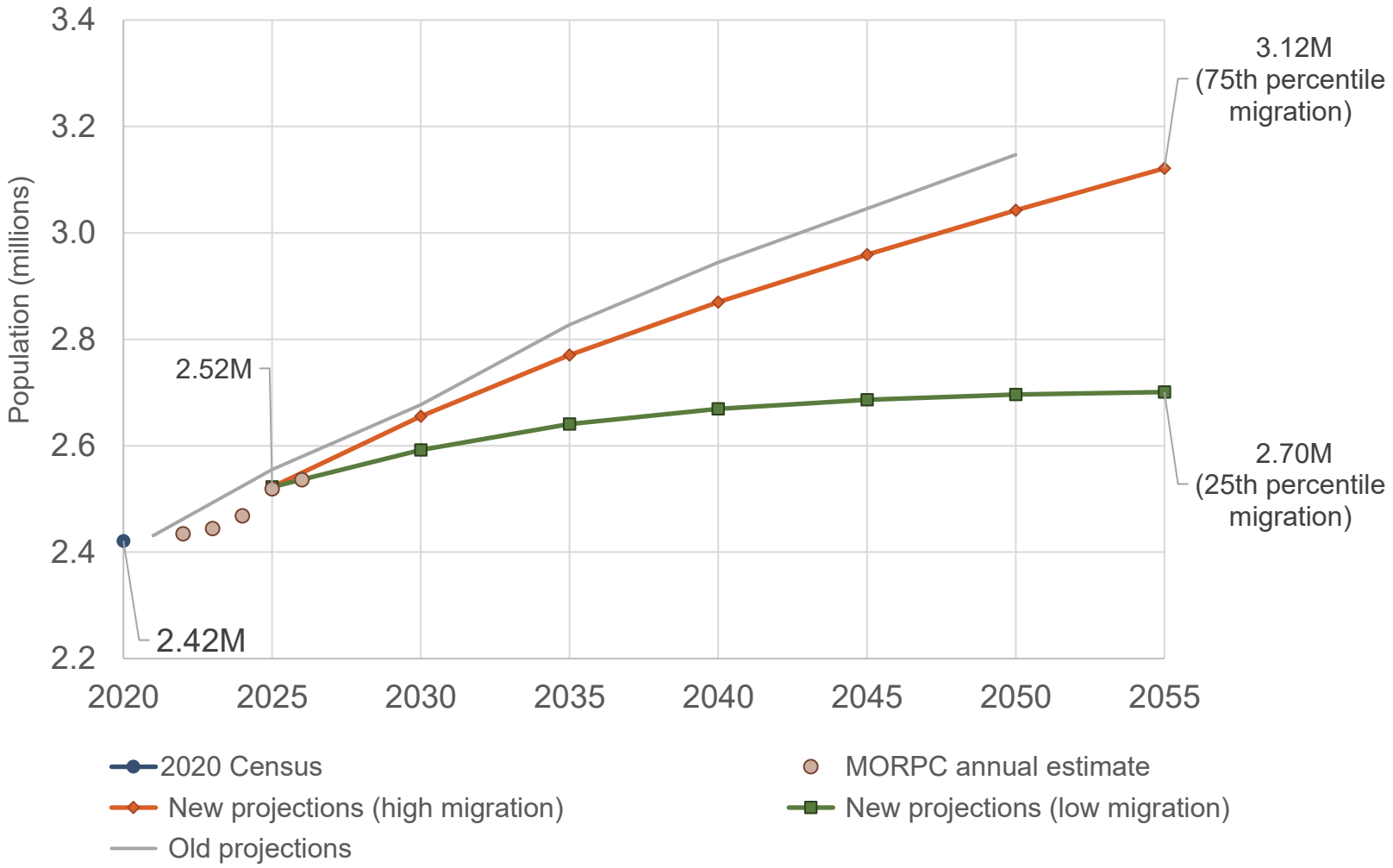
NEW COUNTY POPULATION PROJECTIONS

- 15-County Central Ohio region
- 5-year intervals, 2025 to 2055
- Updated every 4 years for MTP and general planning
- New projections look ahead 5 more years than prior projections
- Current method accounts for births, deaths, and migration

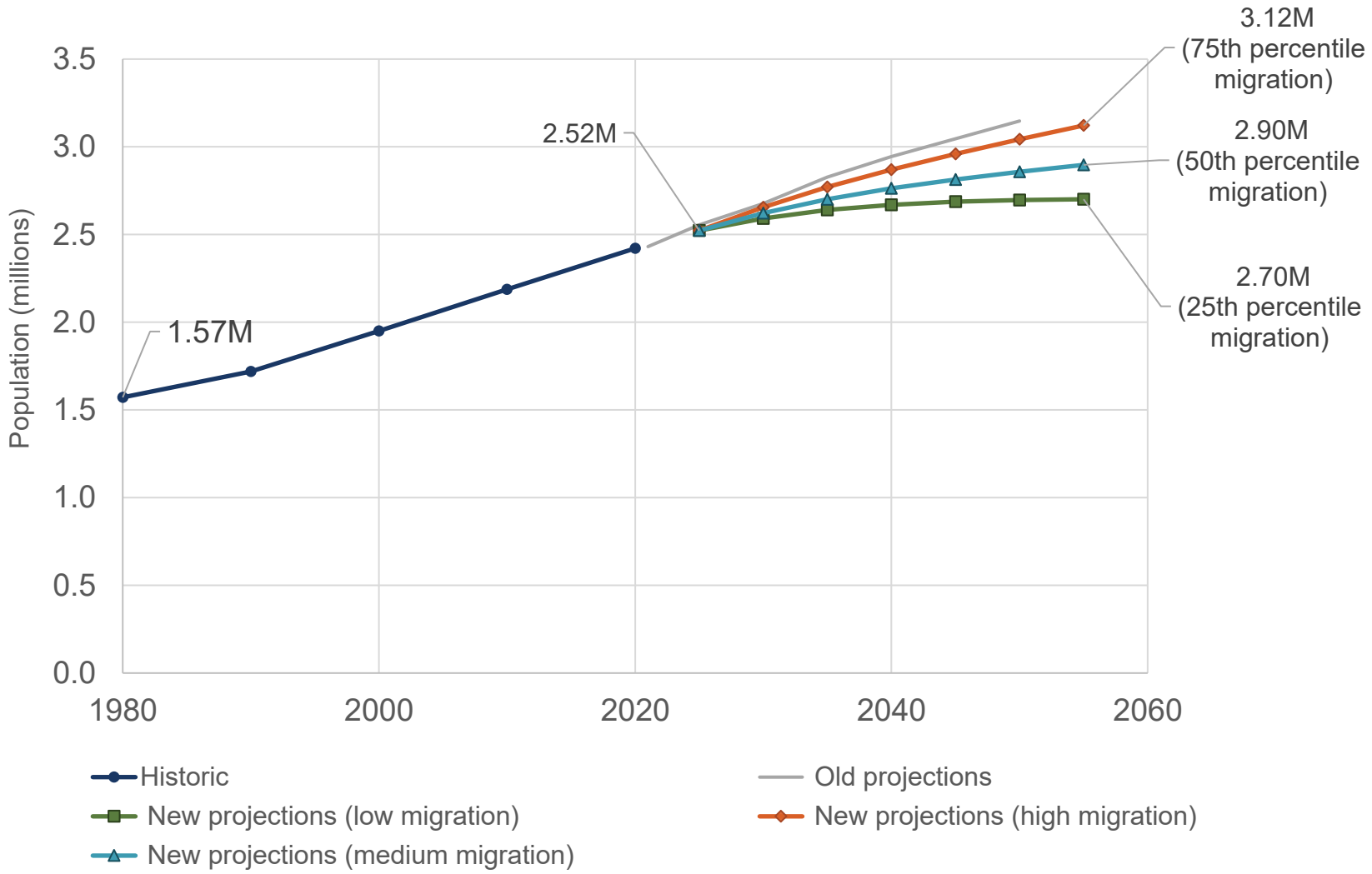
MIGRATION IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT, SO WE BASE SCENARIOS ON THE RECENT PAST

- Migration varies widely from year to year; no discernable trends
- Factors influencing migration are complex and unpredictable
- 25th, 50th, 75th percentile migration scenarios



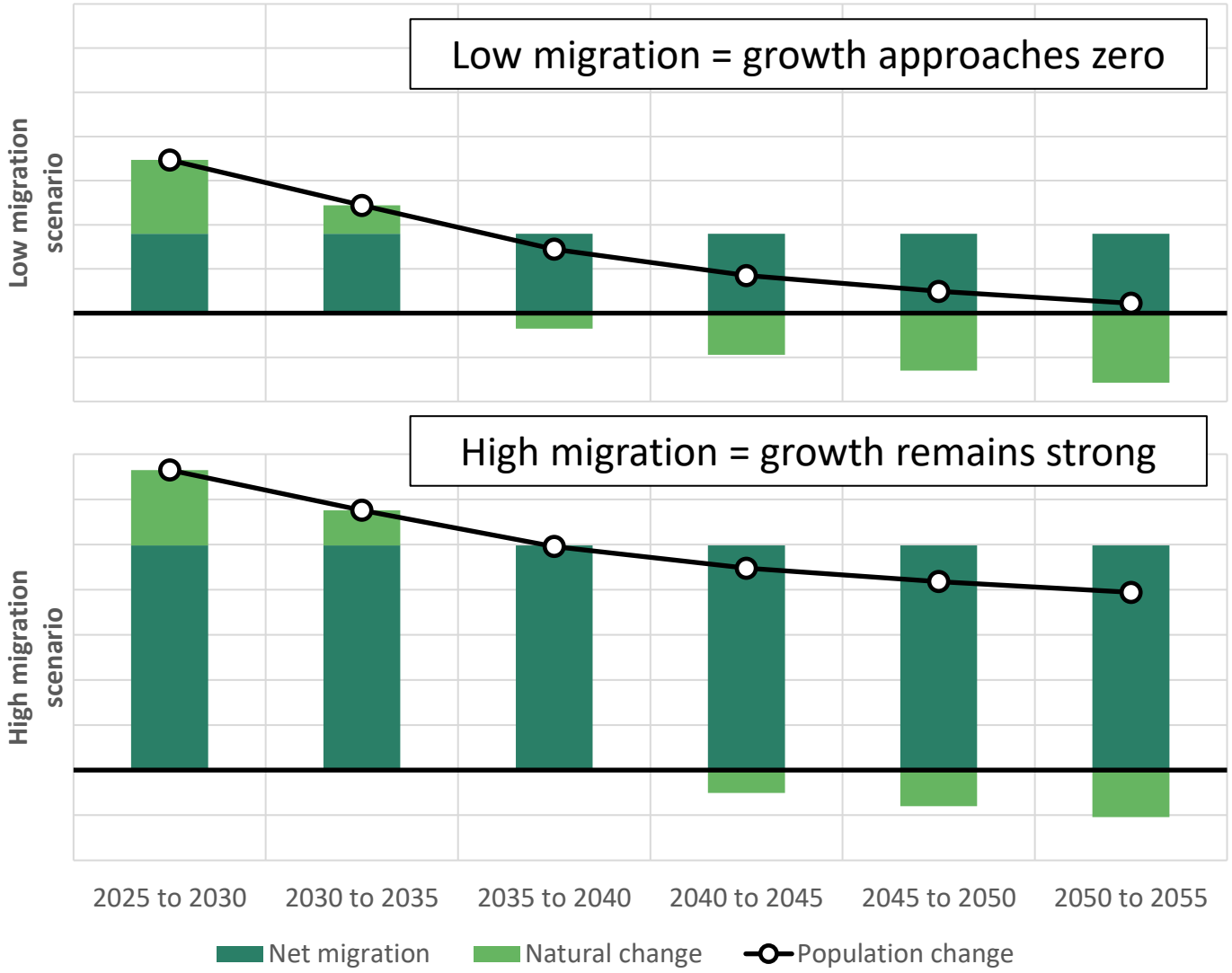
15-COUNTY POPULATION COULD REACH 2.9M BY 2055, IF MIGRATION LEVELS HOLD

- Middle scenario assumes consistently achieving median level from the past 15 years
- Gain of 360K residents between 2026 and 2055
- Future population landing near the median is a "best guess"



POPULATION CHANGE WILL BE INCREASINGLY DEPENDENT ON MIGRATION

- Birth rates are trending down and death rates are trending up
- If current trends hold, deaths will exceed births starting around 2040
- Continued population growth after 2040 will depend on migration filling the gap
- Since 2020 international migration has accounted for 96% of total net migration



REGION WILL GROW AT A STRONG BUT MANAGEABLE PACE THROUGH 2055

- Projected growth will be somewhat slower than recent past
- Population decline expected in some counties
- Greater opportunity to improve affordability and quality of life
- Continued growth depends on attracting migrants

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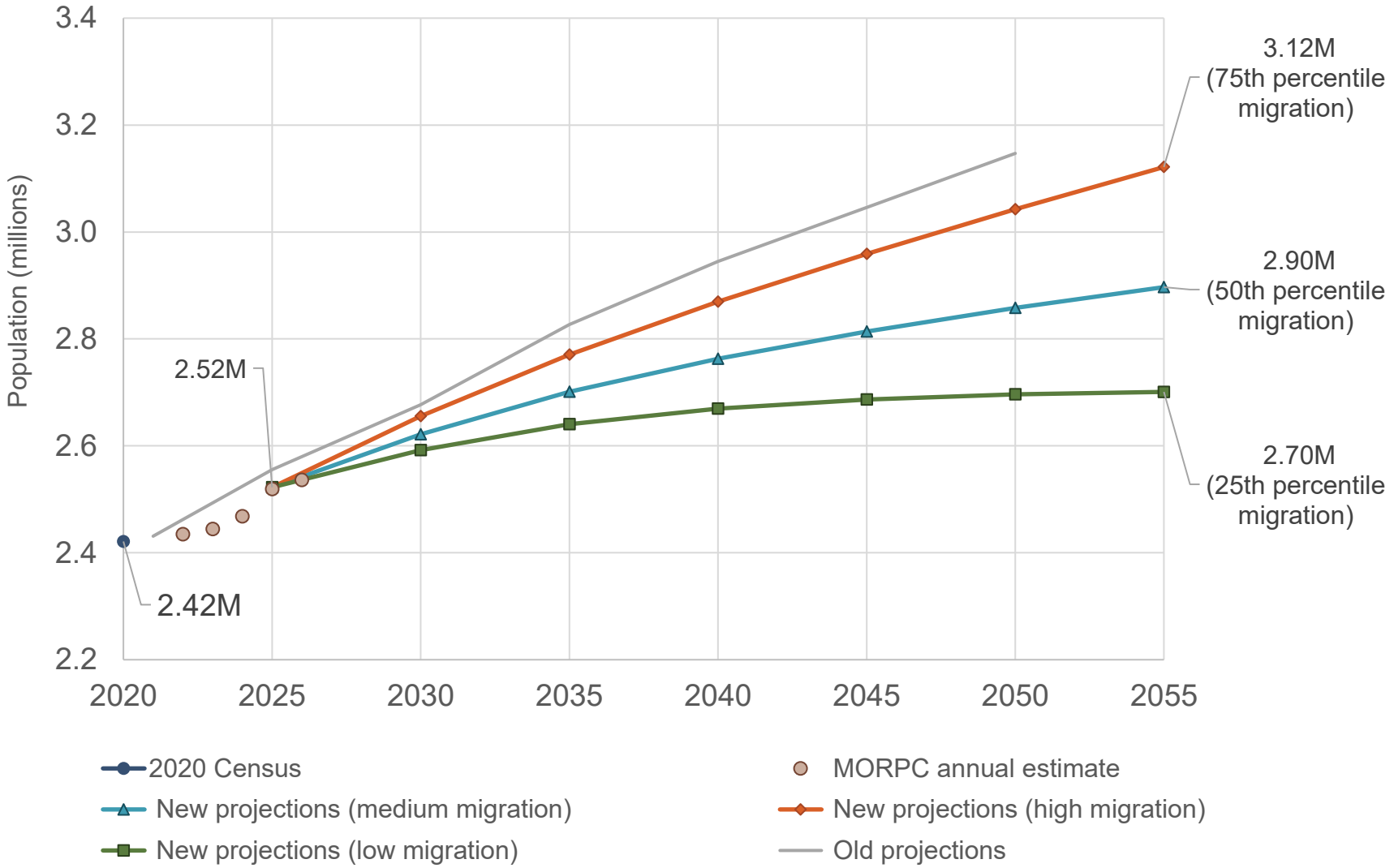
THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?



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