

Population by OMB Race Categories and Hispanic Origin 2000 and 2010

The population in Washington and its counties is more racially and ethnically diverse in 2010 compared to the prior census. Data from the Census Bureau's newly released Modified Race Summary File shows that the proportion of racial minorities and people of Hispanic origin increased from 20.6 percent of the state population in 2000 to 27.3 percent by April 1, 2010. Over the same period, the state's total population grew from 5,894,121 people to 6,724,540, an increase of 14.1 percent.

A brief summary of the growth in the minority population over the 2000 to 2010 decade is presented below:

1. The Hispanic population increased more than any other minority group. It represents 11.2 percent of the state total population – an increase of 71.2 percent from approximately 441,500 persons in 2000 to almost 755,790 persons in 2010.
2. The Non-Hispanic Two or More Races (Multiracial) population grew by 91,900 persons since 2000, yielding the second largest increase at approximately 62.0 percent.
3. The Non-Hispanic Asian and Pacific Islander population (API) increased by 48.8 percent since 2000. With an increase of about 170,250 persons, the API population represents 7.7 percent of the state total population.
4. The Non-Hispanic Black population increased by just under 42,200 persons over the same period, reaching a total of approximately 231,500 persons in 2010, a 22.3 percent increase.
5. The Non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population grew by 3.2 percent since 2000, reaching a total of nearly 89,150 persons in 2010.
6. The Non-Hispanic White population shows the second largest numeric growth of nearly 209,000 persons. However, the proportionally larger increase of ethnic and racial minorities has resulted in an overall decline in the percent of Non-Hispanic White residents in Washington state. In 2010, 72.7 percent of all state residents were Non-Hispanic White compared to 79.4 percent in 2000.

Table 1. Population by Race (Non-Hispanic) and Hispanic Origin: 2000 and 2010

	Total Population	Non-Hispanic Population	Excludes Hispanic Origin					Hispanic Origin
			White	Black	AIAN	Asian and Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	
Total Population								
2000	5,894,121	5,452,612	4,679,830	189,277	86,359	348,821	148,325	441,509
2010	6,724,540	5,968,750	4,888,788	231,472	89,149	519,073	240,268	755,790
Percent of State Total Population								
2000	100.0	92.5	79.4	3.2	1.5	5.9	2.5	7.5
2010	100.0	88.8	72.7	3.4	1.3	7.7	3.6	11.2
Numeric Population Change								
2000 to 2010	830,419	516,138	208,958	42,195	2,790	170,252	91,943	314,281
Percent Change in Population Within Each Race/Ethnic Category								
2000 to 2010	14.1	9.5	4.5	22.3	3.2	48.8	62.0	71.2
Percent Change in Population as Share of State Total Population Change								
2000 to 2010	100.0	62.2	25.2	5.1	0.3	20.5	11.1	37.8

Figure 1. Percentage of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000

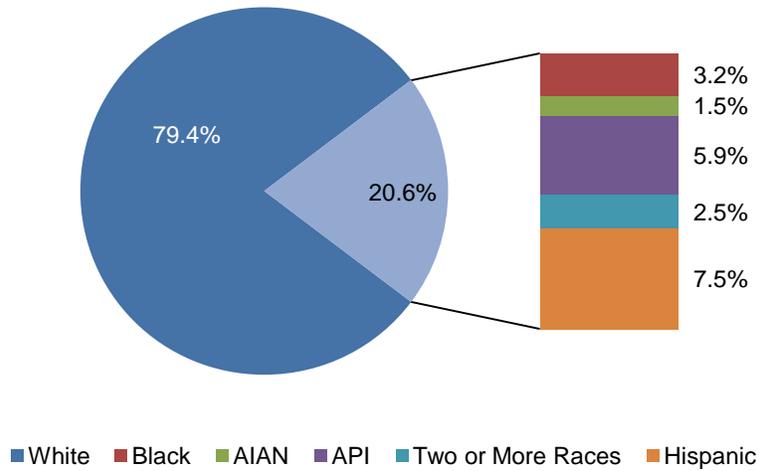
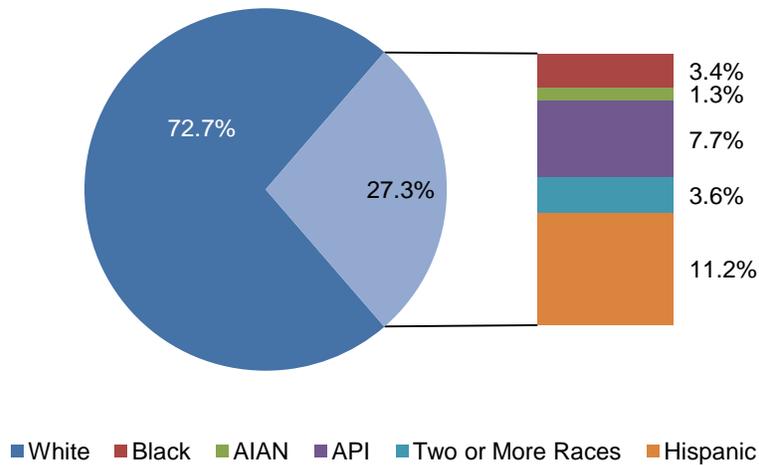


Figure 2. Percentage of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010



Washington’s minority residents r tlo ctkn live in metropolitan counties. Table 2 shows the top five counties ranked by the share of the state total population for each minority group. King County is home to the largest shares of the Hispanic and Non-White minority populations by a wide margin. Pierce County has the second largest shares of the Black and the Two or More Races populations. Snohomish County is ranked second for the API population with Yakima County ranked second for the Hispanic and AIAN populations.

Even though King and Pierce counties are associated with large minority populations, their respective shares of all five minority racial groups declined since 2000. At the same time, Snohomish County gained shares across all minority groups. Yakima County’s share of Washington’s Hispanic population declined between 2000 and 2010 from 18.1 percent to 14.5 percent.

Table 2. Counties Ranked by Share of the State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 and 2010 (Race Categories Include the Hispanic Population)

2000								2010							
Black								Black							
County	% of State Total	White	Black	AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin	County	% of State Total	White	Black	AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
King	29.5	26.9	49.5	17.1	56.6	32.8	21.6	King	28.7	25.2	49.2	16.5	56.4	31.5	22.8
Pierce	11.9	11.2	25.3	10.6	12.0	18.3	8.7	Pierce	11.8	11.1	22.3	10.5	11.2	18.1	9.6
Snohomish	10.3	10.5	5.3	8.8	10.6	9.7	6.5	Snohomish	10.6	10.6	7.6	9.1	12.7	10.6	8.5
Spokane	7.1	7.6	3.4	6.1	2.4	5.8	2.6	Clark	6.3	6.8	3.5	3.5	3.9	5.5	4.3
Clark	5.9	6.2	3.0	3.1	3.6	5.0	3.7	Spokane	7.0	7.7	3.3	6.4	2.3	5.9	2.8
American Indian & Alaska Native (AIAN)								American Indian & Alaska Native (AIAN)							
County	% of State Total	White	Black	AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin	County	% of State Total	White	Black	AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
King	29.5	26.9	49.5	17.1	56.6	32.8	21.6	King	28.7	25.2	49.2	16.5	56.4	31.5	22.8
Yakima	3.8	4.0	1.3	11.0	0.8	2.2	18.1	Yakima	3.6	3.9	1.3	11.3	0.7	2.3	14.5
Pierce	11.9	11.2	25.3	10.6	12.0	18.3	8.7	Pierce	11.8	11.1	22.3	10.5	11.2	18.1	9.6
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Asian & Pacific Islander (API)								Asian & Pacific Islander (API)							
County	% of State Total	White	Black	AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin	County	% of State Total	White	Black	Indian	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
King	29.5	26.9	49.5	17.1	56.6	32.8	21.6	King	28.7	25.2	49.2	16.5	56.4	31.5	22.8
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Kitsap	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.5	5.7	2.2	Thurston	3.8	3.9	2.8	3.2	2.9	4.4	2.4
Two or More Races								Two or More Races							
County	% of State Total	White	Black	AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin	County	% of State Total	White	Black	AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
King	29.5	26.9	49.5	17.1	56.6	32.8	21.6	King	28.7	25.2	49.2	16.5	56.4	31.5	22.8
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Hispanic Origin								Hispanic Origin							
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Snohomish	10.3	10.5	5.3	8.8	10.6	9.7	6.5	Snohomish	10.6	10.6	7.6	9.1	12.7	10.6	8.5
Franklin	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	5.2	Franklin	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	5.3

In 2000, the minority population as a whole represented 20.6 percent of the state population. Ten years later, the minority population stands at 27.3 percent. In 2010 nine counties have minority populations greater than the state average, compared to 11 in 2000. Counties with the largest shares of minority population, such as Adams (61.1 percent), Franklin (56.6 percent), Yakima (52.1 percent), and Grant (42.5 percent), are also consistently among the highest percent Hispanic.

Table 3. Counties Ranked by Percent Minority: 2000

	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	
	Col. 2 + Col. 3		Col. 4 + Col. 5			
		Non-Minority	Minority			
County	Total Population	Non-Hispanic White Race	Total	Non-Hispanic Non-White Races	Hispanic Origin	Rank
State	100.00	79.40	20.60	13.11	7.49	--
Franklin	100.00	47.94	52.06	5.39	46.67	1
Adams	100.00	51.33	48.67	1.61	47.07	2
Yakima	100.00	56.88	43.12	7.22	35.90	3
Grant	100.00	66.01	33.99	3.91	30.09	4
Okanogan	100.00	72.01	27.99	13.61	14.38	5
King	100.00	73.94	26.06	20.57	5.48	6
Ferry	100.00	76.16	23.84	21.02	2.82	7
Pierce	100.00	76.54	23.46	17.95	5.51	8
Douglas	100.00	77.52	22.48	2.75	19.73	9
Chelan	100.00	77.83	22.17	2.91	19.26	10
Walla Walla	100.00	79.26	20.74	5.06	15.68	11

Table 4. Counties Ranked by Percent Minority: 2010

		Non-Minority	Minority			
County	Total Population	Non-Hispanic White Race	Total	Non-Hispanic Non-White Races	Hispanic Origin	Rank
State	100.00	72.70	27.30	16.06	11.24	--
Adams	100.00	38.90	61.10	1.84	59.26	1
Franklin	100.00	43.41	56.59	5.41	51.18	2
Yakima	100.00	47.86	52.14	7.13	45.01	3
Grant	100.00	57.46	42.54	4.21	38.33	4
King	100.00	65.00	35.00	26.07	8.93	5
Douglas	100.00	68.00	32.00	3.34	28.66	6
Okanogan	100.00	68.46	31.54	13.97	17.58	7
Pierce	100.00	70.48	29.52	20.36	9.16	8
Chelan	100.00	70.83	29.17	3.35	25.83	9