

## Executive Summary

### Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010 and 2015

The April 1, 2015 population estimates for Washington counties by age, race, and Hispanic origin were released by the Office of Financial Management (OFM) in June 2016. A summary of the changes in the distribution persons by race and Hispanic origin since the beginning of the decade is presented here. More detailed tables, including breakdowns by age and gender, can be obtained from OFM's website at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/asr>.

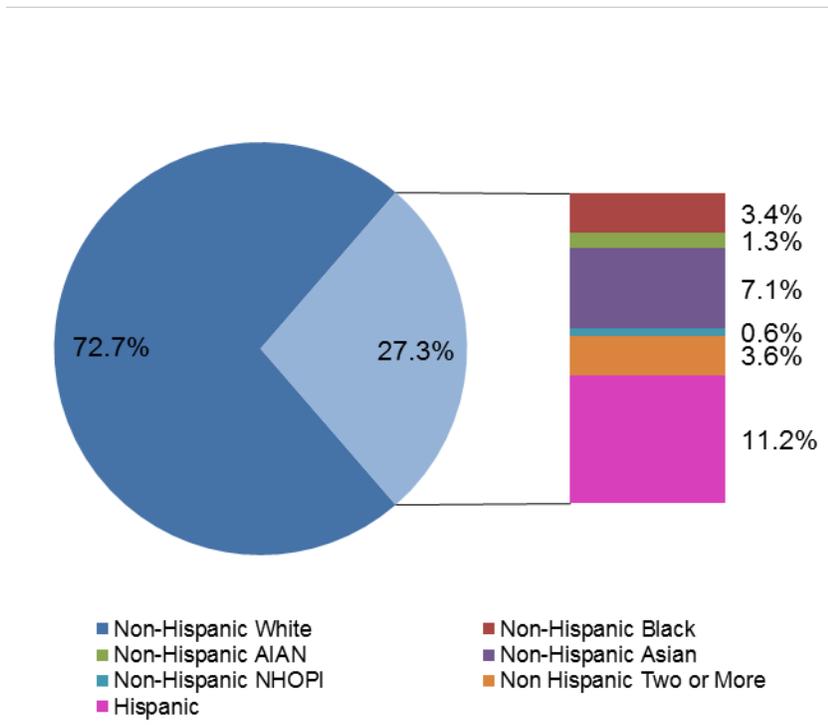
1. Between 2010 and 2015, Washington State's population grew by 5 percent.
2. The Hispanic population grew by 16.4 percent from 755,790 persons in 2010 to 879,410 persons in 2015. Growing by 123,620 since 2010, Hispanics had the largest numerical increase in population among minority groups.
3. The Asian population increased 14.4 percent since 2010. With an increase of about 69,270 persons since the beginning of the decade, the Asian population represents the fourth fastest growing minority group in the state.
4. The Two or More Races (Multiracial) population grew by 20 percent since 2010, an increase of approximately 48,070 persons. As the fastest growing minority group, their share of the state population increased from 3.6 percent in 2010 to 4.1 percent in 2015.
5. The Black or African American population increased by almost 22,880 persons over the same time period, reaching a total population of 254,350 persons in 2015, a 9.9 percent increase.
6. The Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population increased by 16.6 percent or about 6,520 people since 2010 to about 45,840 persons in 2015.
7. The American Indian and Alaska Native population grew by 2.2 percent since 2010, reaching a total of roughly 91,100 persons in 2015.

**Table 1. Population of Non Hispanics by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010 and 2015**

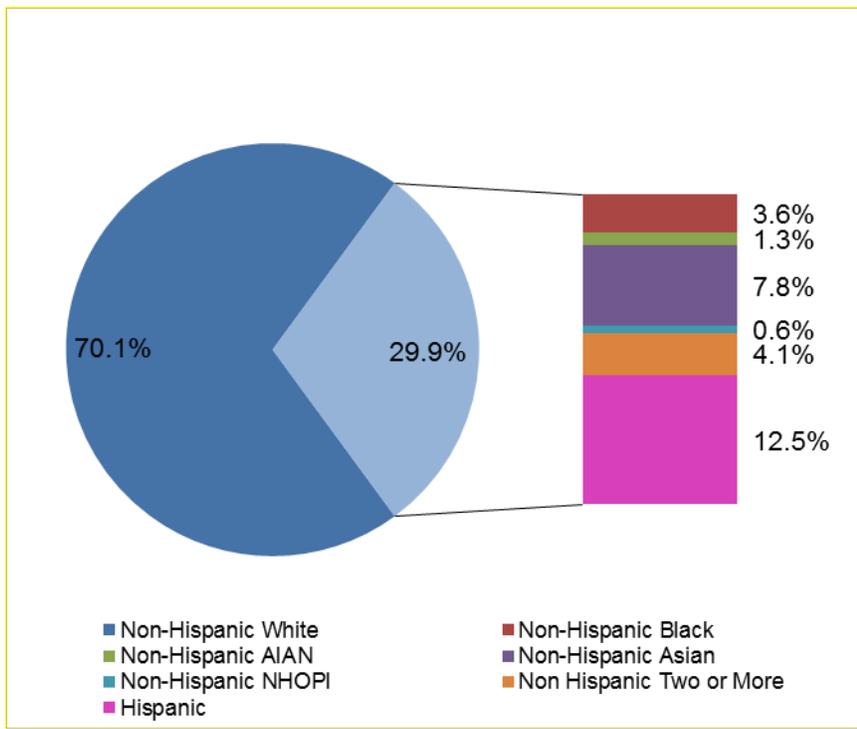
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	Total Population Hispanic & Non Hispanic	Non Hispanic Population	----- Non Hispanic -----						Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
			White	Black	AIAN	Asian	NHOPI			
<b>Total Population</b>										
2010	6,724,540	5,968,750	4,888,788	231,472	89,149	479,752	39,321	240,268	755,790	
2015	7,061,410	6,182,000	4,953,357	254,350	91,098	549,020	45,842	288,333	879,410	
<b>Percent of State Total Population</b>										
2010	100		72.7	3.4	1.3	7.1	0.6	3.6	11.2	
2015	100		70.1	3.6	1.3	7.8	0.6	4.1	12.5	
<b>Numeric Population Change</b>										
2010-15	336,870	213,250	64,569	22,878	1,949	69,268	6,521	48,065	123,620	
<b>Percent Change in Population as Share of State Total Population Change</b>										
2010-15	100		19.2	6.8	0.6	20.6	1.9	14.3	36.7	
<b>Racial/Ethnic Rate of Change Since 2010</b>										
2010-15	5.0	3.6	1.3	9.9	2.2	14.4	16.6	20.0	16.4	

The minority population, defined as Hispanic and non-White races, grew 2.6 percentage points between 2010 and 2015, from 27.3 percent of the state's total population to 29.9 percent.

**Figure 1: Percentage of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010**



**Figure 2: Percentage of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2015**



In general, large metropolitan counties tend to have larger shares of minority populations. King County leads all counties with its share of minorities. In 2015, 49.4 percent of Washington's Black or African American population resides in King County and 21.8 percent in Pierce County. Similarly the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and those with Two or More Races are also concentrated in King and Pierce counties. With respect to the Asian population, 58.6 percent reside in King County in 2014, with 13.3 percent in Snohomish County, and 9.6 percent in Pierce County. The largest proportion of the American Indian or Alaska Native population are found in King at 16.7 percent, followed by Yakima at 11.2 percent and Pierce at 10.4 percent. King, Yakima, and Pierce counties continue to lead the state with their shares of Hispanics.

**Table 2. Counties Ranked by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010 and 2015**

2010

2015

**Black or African American**

----- Includes Hispanics -----									----- Includes Hispanics -----									
County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin		County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
	Total	White	Black								Total	White	Black					
King	28.7	25.2	49.2	16.5	58.3	35.2	31.5	22.8		King	29.1	25.2	49.4	16.7	58.6	35.5	31.7	22.9
Pierce	11.8	11.1	22.3	10.5	9.9	25.5	18.1	9.6		Pierce	11.8	11.0	21.8	10.4	9.6	25.2	17.8	9.7
Snohomish	10.6	10.6	7.6	9.1	13.1	7.9	10.6	8.5		Snohomish	10.7	10.7	7.8	9.1	13.3	8.0	10.8	8.6
Clark	6.3	6.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	6.5	5.5	4.3		Clark	6.4	6.9	3.6	3.6	3.7	6.8	5.6	4.4
Spokane	7.0	7.7	3.3	6.4	2.1	4.6	5.9	2.8		Spokane	6.9	7.7	3.3	6.3	2.0	4.8	5.9	2.9

**American Indian or Alaska Native**

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County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin		County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
	Total	White	Black								Total	White	Black					
King	28.7	25.2	49.2	16.5	58.3	35.2	31.5	22.8		King	29.1	25.2	49.4	16.7	58.6	35.5	31.7	22.9
Yakima	3.6	3.9	1.3	11.3	0.7	1.0	2.3	14.5		Yakima	3.5	3.9	1.3	11.2	0.7	1.0	2.4	13.9
Pierce	11.8	11.1	22.3	10.5	9.9	25.5	18.1	9.6		Pierce	11.8	11.0	21.8	10.4	9.6	25.2	17.8	9.7
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**Asian**

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County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin		County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
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Thurston	3.8	3.9	2.8	3.2	2.7	4.8	4.4	2.4		Thurston	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.3	2.7	4.9	4.5	2.5

**Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander**

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County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin		County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
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Kitsap	3.7	3.8	2.7	3.6	2.6	5.6	4.8	2.1		Kitsap	3.7	3.8	2.7	3.5	2.4	5.2	4.7	2.0

**Two or More Races**

----- Includes Hispanics -----									----- Includes Hispanics -----									
County	% of State			AIAN	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin		County	% of State			AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin	
	Total	White	Black							Total	White	Black						
King	28.7	25.2	49.2	16.5	58.3	35.2	31.5	22.8		King	29.1	25.2	49.4	16.7	58.6	35.5	31.7	22.9
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Clark	6.3	6.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	6.5	5.5	4.3		Clark	6.4	6.9	3.6	3.6	3.7	6.8	5.6	4.4

**Hispanic**

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Franklin	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.6	5.3		Franklin	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.6	5.3

In 2010, the minority population as a whole represented 27.3 percent of the state population. Minorities have grown to 29.9 percent in 2015. In 2015, 9 counties have minority populations above the state average. Aside from King and Pierce, the counties with the highest percent minorities are also the counties with the highest percent Hispanic. Adams, Franklin, Yakima, Grant, Douglas, Chelan, Benton, and Okanogan counties consistently rank among the top 10 Hispanic counties in Washington, ranging from 65.2 percent Hispanic (Adams) to 19.7 percent Hispanic (Okanogan).

**Table 3. Counties Ranked by Percent Minority: 2010**

	Col. 1 =	Col 3=		Col 4.	Col. 5	Rank
	Col. 2 + Col. 5	Col. 2	Col. 4+ Col. 5			
	<b>Non Minority</b>	<b>Minority</b>				
<b>Percent Total Population</b>	<b>Non Hispanic White Race</b>	<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>Non Hispanic Non White Races</b>	<b>Hispanic Origin</b>		
Washington	100.0	72.7	27.3	16.1	11.2	--
Adams	100.0	38.9	61.1	1.8	59.3	1
Franklin	100.0	43.4	56.6	5.4	51.2	2
Yakima	100.0	47.9	52.1	7.1	45.0	3
Grant	100.0	57.5	42.5	4.2	38.3	4
King	100.0	65.0	35.0	26.1	8.9	5
Douglas	100.0	68.0	32.0	3.3	28.7	6
Okanogan	100.0	68.5	31.5	14.0	17.6	7
Pierce	100.0	70.5	29.5	20.4	9.2	8
Chelan	100.0	70.8	29.2	3.3	25.8	9
Walla Walla	100.0	74.3	25.7	6.0	19.7	10

**Table 4. Counties Ranked by Percent Minority: 2015**

	Col. 1 =	Col 3=		Col 4.	Col. 5	Rank
	Col. 2 + Col. 5	Col. 2	Col. 4+ Col. 5			
	<b>Non Minority</b>	<b>Minority</b>				
<b>Percent Total Population</b>	<b>Non Hispanic White Race</b>	<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>Non Hispanic Non White Races</b>	<b>Hispanic Origin</b>		
Washington	100.0	70.1	29.9	17.4	12.5	--
Adams	100.0	32.6	67.4	2.1	65.2	1
Franklin	100.0	40.6	59.4	5.5	53.9	2
Yakima	100.0	43.8	56.2	7.3	48.9	3
Grant	100.0	54.4	45.6	4.4	41.3	4
King	100.0	62.1	38.0	28.1	9.8	5
Douglas	100.0	65.1	34.9	3.6	31.4	6
Okanogan	100.0	66.0	34.1	14.4	19.7	7
Chelan	100.0	67.7	32.3	3.7	28.7	8
Pierce	100.0	68.0	32.0	21.8	10.2	9
Benton	100.0	71.8	28.2	7.3	20.9	10