

Executive Summary

Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000 and 2008

The April 1, 2008 population estimates for Washington counties by race and Hispanic origin were released by OFM in September 2008. A summary of the changes in the distribution of race and persons of 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 www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/race/2008estimates.asp.

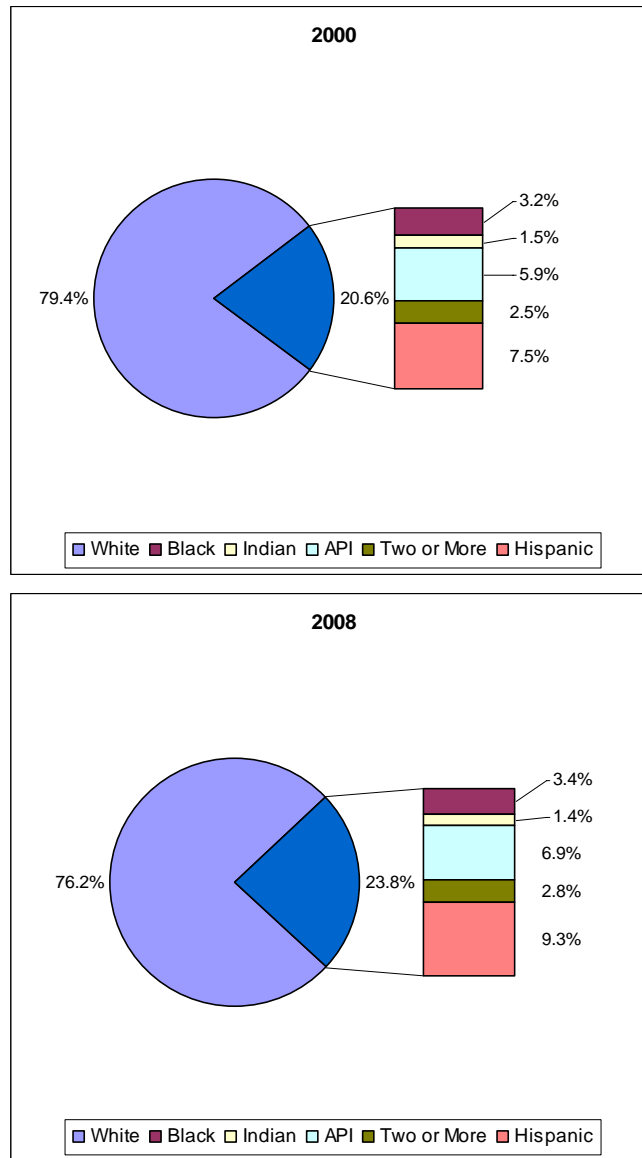
1. Between 2000 and 2008, Washington State's population grew by 11.8 percent.
2. The Hispanic population grew by 39.1 percent from approximately 441,500 persons in 2000 to almost 614,000 persons in 2008. As the fastest growing minority group, their share of the state population increased from 7.5 percent in 2000 to 9.3 percent in 2008.
3. The Asian and Pacific Islander population increased by 30.2 percent since 2000. With an increase of 105,000 persons since the beginning of the decade, the Asian and Pacific Islander population represents the second fastest growing minority group in the state.
4. The Two or More Races (Multiracial) population grew by 24.1 percent since 2000, an increase of approximately 35,800 persons.
5. The Black population increased by nearly 33,200 persons over the same time period, reaching a total population of approximately 222,500 persons in 2008—a 17.5 percent increase.
6. The American Indian and Alaska Native population grew by 10.4 percent since 2000, reaching a total of nearly 95,400 persons in 2008.

Table 1. Population of Non Hispanics by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000 and 2008

	Col. 1 = Col. 2 + Col. 8	Col. 2 = Col. 3 thru 7	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6	Col. 7	Col. 8
	----- Non Hispanic -----							
	Total Population Hispanic & Non Hispanic	Non Hispanic Population	White	Black	Indian	API	Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
2000	5,894,121	5,452,612	4,679,830	189,277	86,359	348,821	148,325	441,509
2008	6,587,600	5,973,671	5,017,711	222,453	95,371	453,994	184,142	613,929
Each Race as a Percent of Total Population								
2000	100.0		79.4	3.2	1.5	5.9	2.5	7.5
2008	100.0		76.2	3.4	1.4	6.9	2.8	9.3
Population Change								
2000-08	693,479	521,059	337,881	33,176	9,012	105,173	35,817	172,420
Percent Population Change								
2000-08	11.8	9.6	7.2	17.5	10.4	30.2	24.1	39.1
Percent Population Change in each Race as a Share of Total Population Change								
2000-08	100.0		48.7	4.8	1.3	15.2	5.2	24.9

The minority population, defined as Hispanic and non-White races, grew 3.2 percent between 2000 and 2008, from 20.6 percent of the state's total population to 23.8 percent.

Figure 1: Percentage of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000 and 2008



In general, large metropolitan counties tend to have larger shares of minority populations. King County and Pierce County have the largest shares of non-Hispanic minority populations. In 2008, 48.2 percent of Washington's Black population resides in King County and 25.8 percent in Pierce County. With respect to the Asian and Pacific Islander population, 54.8 percent reside in King County in 2008, with 12.4 percent in Pierce County, and 11.1 percent in Snohomish County. The shares for both the Black and the Asian and Pacific Islander population are down slightly from 2000 for King County but trend upwards for both Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Yakima County contains the second largest share of the Hispanic population in both 2000 and 2008 at 18.1 and 16.3 percent, respectively. Yakima County's ranking as home to the second largest concentration of the American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2000 is overtaken by Pierce County in 2008.

Table 2. Counties Ranked by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000 and 2008

2000

2008

Black

----- Includes Hispanics -----

County	% of State					Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
	Total	White	Black	Indian	API		
King	29.5	26.9	49.5	17.1	56.6	32.8	21.6
Pierce	11.9	11.2	25.3	10.6	12.0	18.3	8.7
Snohomish	10.3	10.5	5.3	8.8	10.6	9.7	6.5
Spokane	7.1	7.6	3.4	6.1	2.4	5.8	2.6
Clark	5.9	6.2	3.0	3.1	3.6	5.0	3.7

----- Includes Hispanics -----

County	% of State					Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
	Total	White	Black	Indian	API		
King	28.6	25.7	48.2	16.4	54.8	32.2	20.8
Pierce	12.2	11.4	25.8	11.2	12.4	18.5	9.0
Snohomish	10.6	10.8	5.7	9.2	11.1	10.1	6.7
Clark	6.4	6.9	3.5	3.5	4.0	5.5	4.1
Spokane	7.0	7.5	3.4	6.4	2.5	5.9	2.5

American Indian

----- Includes Hispanics -----

County	% of State					Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin
	Total	White	Black	Indian	API		
King	29.5	26.9	49.5	17.1	56.6	32.8	21.6
Yakima	3.8	4.0	1.3	11.0	0.8	2.2	18.1
Pierce	11.9	11.2	25.3	10.6	12.0	18.3	8.7
Snohomish	10.3	10.5	5.3	8.8	10.6	9.7	6.5
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Snohomish	10.6	10.8	5.7	9.2	11.1	10.1	6.7
Spokane	7.0	7.5	3.4	6.4	2.5	5.9	2.5

Asian & Pacific Islander

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King	29.5	26.9	49.5	17.1	56.6	32.8	21.6
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Clark	5.9	6.2	3.0	3.1	3.6	5.0	3.7
Kitsap	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.5	5.7	2.2

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Two or More Races

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Hispanic

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Snohomish	10.3	10.5	5.3	8.8	10.6	9.7	6.5
Franklin	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	5.2

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Franklin	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	6.8
Snohomish	10.6	10.8	5.7	9.2	11.1	10.1	6.7

In 2000, the minority population as a whole represented 20.6 percent of the state population. Minorities have grown to 23.8 percent in 2008. Eleven counties have minority populations above the state average. Franklin (63.2 percent), Adams (55.8 percent), Yakima (49.3 percent) and Grant (40.3 percent) consistently have had the largest shares of the Hispanic population.

Table 3. Counties Ranked by Percent Minority: 2000 and 2008

2000

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

2008

	Col. 1 = Col. 2 + Col. 5	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5 = Col. 3 + Col. 4	
	Non Minority		Minority			
	Percent Total Population	Non Hispanic White Race	Non Hispanic Non White Races	Hispanic	Total	Rank
State		76.17	14.51	9.32	23.83	--
Franklin	100.00	36.76	3.94	59.30	63.24	1
Adams	100.00	44.23	1.68	54.10	55.77	2
Yakima	100.00	50.65	6.81	42.54	49.35	3
Grant	100.00	59.71	3.70	36.59	40.29	4
Okanogan	100.00	68.41	13.73	17.86	31.59	5
King	100.00	70.04	23.17	6.79	29.96	6
Chelan	100.00	72.08	2.85	25.07	27.92	7
Douglas	100.00	72.81	2.78	24.41	27.19	8
Pierce	100.00	73.59	19.59	6.82	26.41	9
Ferry	100.00	74.73	22.31	2.97	25.27	10
Walla Walla	100.00	74.92	5.38	19.70	25.08	11