

**Executive Summary**  
**Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000 and 2010**

A summary of the changes in the distribution of persons by race and Hispanic origin between 2000 and 2010 is presented here. The population in Washington and its counties is more racially and ethnically diverse in 2010 compared to the prior census.

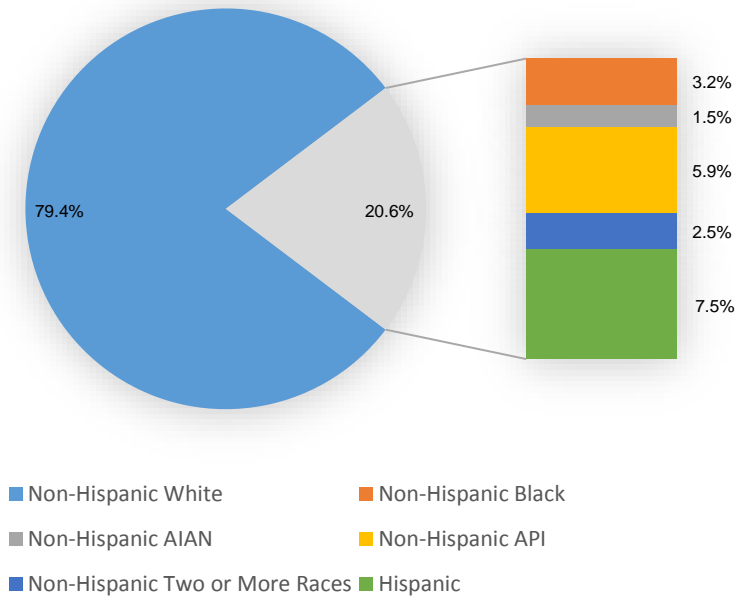
1. Between 2000 and 2010, Washington's population grew by 14.1 percent, from 5,894,120 to 6,724,540 persons.
2. The Hispanic population increased by 314,280 persons over the decade, an increase of 71.2 percent. This is the largest increase of any minority group. Hispanics represent 11.2 percent of the state total population in 2010 up from 7.5 percent in 2000.
3. The Two or More Races, or multiracial, population grew by 91,940 persons since 2000, yielding the second largest percentage increase at approximately 62.0 percent.
4. The Asian and Pacific Islander population (API) increased by 48.8 percent between 2000 and 2010. With an increase of about 170,250 persons, the API population represents 7.7 percent of the state total population in 2010.
5. The Black or African American (Black) population increased by 42,200 persons, reaching 231,470 persons in 2010, a 22.3 percent increase.
6. The American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population grew by 3.2 percent over the decade, reaching 89,150 persons in 2010.
7. The Non-Hispanic, White population increased by 208,960 persons, the second largest numeric increase of any race group. However, the proportionally larger increase of ethnic and racial minorities resulted in an overall decline in the percent of Non-Hispanic, White residents in Washington. 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 and Hispanic Origin: 2000 and 2010**

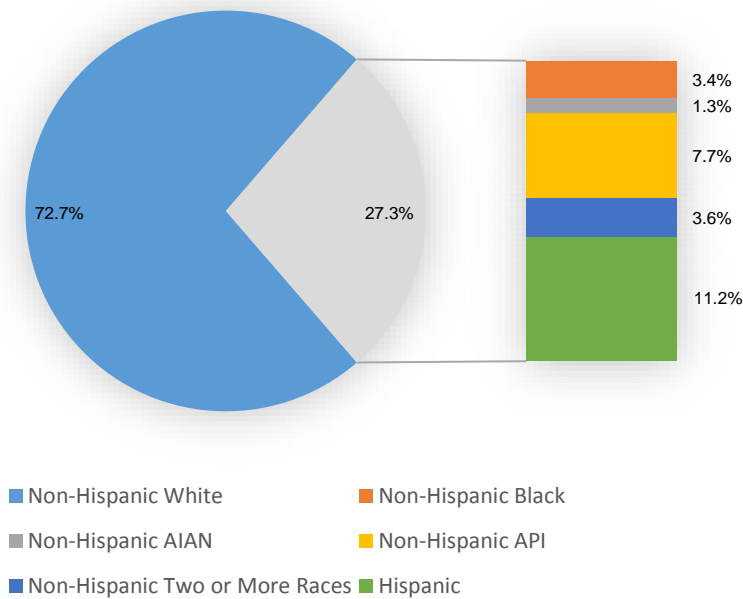
	Col. 1 = Col. 2 + 8	Col. 2= Col. 3 thru 7	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6	Col. 7	Col. 8
	-----Excludes Hispanic-----							
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Non- Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>API</b>	<b>Two or More Races</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
<b>Total Population</b>								
2000	5,894,121	5,452,612	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
<b>Numeric Change</b>								
2000-10	830,419	516,138	208,958	42,195	2,790	170,252	91,943	314,281
<b>Percent Change</b>								
2000-10	100.0	62.2	25.2	5.1	0.3	20.5	11.1	37.8
<b>Share of State Total</b>								
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
<b>Share of State Total Change</b>								
2000-10	14.1	9.5	4.5	22.3	3.2	48.8	62.0	71.2

The minority population, defined as the Non-Hispanic, Non-White population plus the Hispanic population, grew 6.7 percentage points between 2000 and 2010, from 20.6 percent of the state's total population to 27.3 percent.

**Figure 1: Percent of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000**



**Figure 2: Percent of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010**



Washington's minority residents primarily live in metropolitan counties. Table 2 shows the top five counties ranked by the share of each minority group's total population. 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 Two or More Races populations. Snohomish County ranks second for the API population while Yakima County ranks second for the Hispanic and AIAN populations.

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

**Table 2. Share of Minority Group Population Ranked by County: 2000 and 2010**

	Rank	2000		2010	
		County	Share	County	Share
<b>Race (includes Hispanic)</b>					
Black	1	King	49.5	King	49.2
	2	Pierce	25.3	Pierce	22.3
	3	Snohomish	5.3	Snohomish	7.6
	4	Spokane	3.4	Clark	3.5
	5	Clark	3.0	Spokane	3.3
AIAN	1	King	17.1	King	16.5
	2	Yakima	11.0	Yakima	11.3
	3	Pierce	10.6	Pierce	10.5
	4	Snohomish	8.8	Snohomish	9.1
	5	Spokane	6.1	Spokane	6.4
API	1	King	56.6	King	56.4
	2	Pierce	12.0	Snohomish	12.7
	3	Snohomish	10.6	Pierce	11.2
	4	Clark	3.6	Clark	3.9
	5	Kitsap	3.5	Thurston	2.9
Two or More Races	1	King	32.8	King	31.5
	2	Pierce	18.3	Pierce	18.1
	3	Snohomish	9.7	Snohomish	10.6
	4	Spokane	5.8	Spokane	5.9
	5	Kitsap	5.7	Clark	5.5
<b>Hispanic Origin</b>					
Hispanic	1	King	21.6	King	22.8
	2	Yakima	18.1	Yakima	14.5
	3	Pierce	8.7	Pierce	9.6
	4	Snohomish	6.5	Snohomish	8.5
	5	Franklin	5.2	Franklin	5.3

In 2010, nine counties have minority populations greater than the state average, compared to 11 in 2000. In 2010, three counties are majority-minority, up from one county 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 among the highest percent Hispanic.

**Table 3. County Rank by Percent Minority: 2000**

	Col. 1 = Col. 2 + 3	Col. 2	Col. 3 = Col. 4 + 5	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6
		---Non- Minority---	-----Minority-----			
	<b>Percent Total</b>	<b>Non- Hispanic, White Race</b>	<b>Percent Minority</b>	<b>Non- Hispanic, Non- White Races</b>	<b>Hispanic Origin</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Washington	100.0	79.4	20.6	13.1	7.5	--
Franklin	100.0	47.9	52.1	5.4	46.7	1
Adams	100.0	51.3	48.7	1.6	47.1	2
Yakima	100.0	56.9	43.1	7.2	35.9	3
Grant	100.0	66.0	34.0	3.9	30.1	4
Okanogan	100.0	72.0	28.0	13.6	14.4	5
King	100.0	73.9	26.1	20.6	5.5	6
Ferry	100.0	76.2	23.8	21.0	2.8	7
Pierce	100.0	76.5	23.5	18.0	5.5	8
Douglas	100.0	77.5	22.5	2.8	19.7	9
Chelan	100.0	77.8	22.2	2.9	19.3	10
Walla Walla	100.0	79.3	20.7	5.1	15.7	11

**Table 4. County Rank by Percent Minority: 2010**

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		---Non- Minority---	-----Minority-----			
	<b>Percent Total</b>	<b>Non- Hispanic, White Race</b>	<b>Percent Minority</b>	<b>Non- Hispanic, Non- White Races</b>	<b>Hispanic Origin</b>	<b>Rank</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