

Executive Summary
Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010 and 2016

A summary of the changes in the distribution of 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 2016, Washington's population grew by 6.8 percent, from 6,724,540 to 7,183,700 persons.
2. The Hispanic population grew by 19.6 percent from 755,790 persons in 2010 to 903,909 persons in 2016, an increase of 148,119 persons. This the largest numerical increase among all minority groups.
3. The Asian population increased 20.1 percent since 2010, an increase of 96,221 persons since the beginning of the decade. The Asian population represents the third fastest growing minority group in the state.
4. The Two or More Races, or multiracial, population grew by 24.0 percent since 2010, an increase of 57,549 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 2016.
5. The Black or African American (Black) population increased by 28,917 persons since the beginning of the decade, reaching a total population of 260,389 persons in 2016, a 12.5 percent increase.
6. The Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI) population increased by 22.2 percent, or 8,743 people since 2010, to 48,064 persons in 2016.
7. The American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population grew by 3.1 percent since 2010, reaching a total of 91,942 persons in 2016.
8. The Non-Hispanic White population grew by 116,819 persons, or 2.4 percent over the time period.

Table 1. Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010 and 2016

	Col. 1 = Col. 2 + 9	Col. 2= Col. 3 thru 8	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6	Col. 7	Col. 8	Col. 9
	-----Excludes Hispanic-----								
	Total	Non- Hispanic	White	Black	AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Two or More Races	Hispanic
Total Population									
2010	6,724,540	5,968,750	4,888,788	231,472	89,149	479,752	39,321	240,268	755,790
2016	7,183,700	6,279,792	5,005,607	260,389	91,942	575,973	48,064	297,817	903,909
Numeric Change									
2010-16	459,160	311,042	116,819	28,917	2,793	96,221	8,743	57,549	148,119
Percent Change									
2010-16	6.8	5.2	2.4	12.5	3.1	20.1	22.2	24.0	19.6
Share of State Total									
2010	100.0	88.8	72.7	3.4	1.3	7.1	0.6	3.6	11.2
2016	100.0	87.4	69.7	3.6	1.3	8.0	0.7	4.1	12.6
Share of State Total Change									
2010-16	100.0	67.7	25.4	6.3	0.6	21.0	1.9	12.5	32.3

The minority population, defined as the Non-Hispanic, Non-White population plus the Hispanic population, grew 3.0 percentage points between 2010 and 2016, from 27.3 percent of the state's total population to 30.3 percent.

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

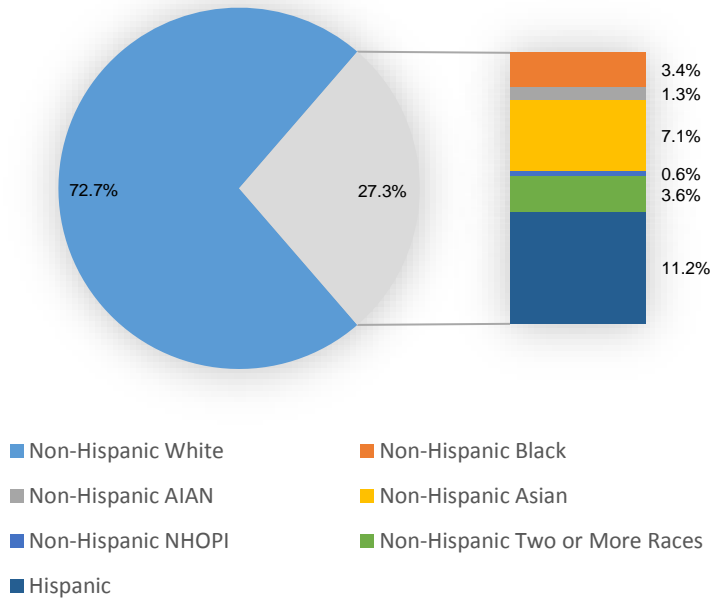
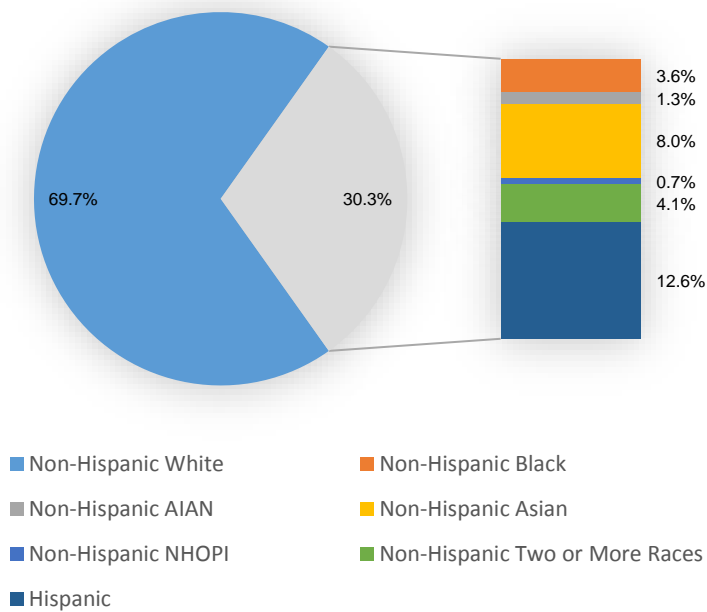


Figure 2: Percent of State Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2016



Large metropolitan counties tend to have larger shares of minority populations. King County has the largest share of each minority group's total population. In 2016, 49.5 percent of Washington's Black or African American population resided in King County and 21.7 percent in Pierce County. Similarly the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and the Two or More Races populations are concentrated in King and Pierce counties. With respect to the Asian population, 58.7 percent reside in King County in 2016, 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 is found in King at 16.7 percent, followed by Yakima at 11.0 percent and Pierce at 10.5 percent. King, Yakima and Pierce counties also have the largest shares of the Hispanic population.

Table 2. Share of Minority Group Population Ranked by County: 2010 and 2016

	Rank	2010		2016	
		County	Share	County	Share
Race (includes Hispanic)					
Black	1	King	49.2	King	49.5
	2	Pierce	22.3	Pierce	21.7
	3	Snohomish	7.6	Snohomish	7.8
	4	Clark	3.5	Clark	3.6
	5	Spokane	3.3	Spokane	3.2
AIAN	1	King	16.5	King	16.7
	2	Yakima	11.3	Yakima	11.0
	3	Pierce	10.5	Pierce	10.5
	4	Snohomish	9.1	Snohomish	9.2
	5	Spokane	6.4	Spokane	6.4
Asian	1	King	58.3	King	58.7
	2	Snohomish	13.1	Snohomish	13.3
	3	Pierce	9.9	Pierce	9.6
	4	Clark	3.6	Clark	3.7
	5	Thurston	2.7	Thurston	2.7
NHOPI	1	King	35.2	King	35.4
	2	Pierce	25.5	Pierce	25.1
	3	Snohomish	7.9	Snohomish	8.0
	4	Clark	6.5	Clark	6.8
	5	Kitsap	5.6	Kitsap	5.2
Two or More Races	1	King	31.5	King	31.7
	2	Pierce	18.1	Pierce	17.8
	3	Snohomish	10.6	Snohomish	10.8
	4	Spokane	5.9	Spokane	5.9
	5	Clark	5.5	Clark	5.6
Hispanic Origin					
Hispanic	1	King	22.8	King	23.0
	2	Yakima	14.5	Yakima	13.7
	3	Pierce	9.6	Pierce	9.7
	4	Snohomish	8.5	Snohomish	8.7
	5	Franklin	5.3	Franklin	5.3

In 2016, nine counties have minority population shares above the state average. Three of these counties are majority-minority, the same number as in 2010. Aside from King and Pierce, the counties with the highest minority shares tend to have large Hispanic populations relative to their total population.

Table 3. County Rank by Percent Minority: 2010

	Col. 1 = Col. 2 + 3	Col. 2	Col. 3 = Col. 4 + 5	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6
		---Non- Minority---		-----Minority-----		
	Percent Total	Non- Hispanic, White Race	Percent Minority	Non- Hispanic, Non- White Races	Hispanic Origin	Rank
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. County Rank by Percent Minority: 2016

	Col. 1 = Col. 2 + 3	Col. 2	Col. 3 = Col. 4 + 5	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6
		---Non- Minority---		-----Minority-----		
	Percent Total	Non- Hispanic, White Race	Percent Minority	Non- Hispanic, Non- White Races	Hispanic Origin	Rank
Washington	100.0	69.7	30.3	17.7	12.6	--
Adams	100.0	31.8	68.2	2.2	66.0	1
Franklin	100.0	40.1	60.0	5.6	54.4	2
Yakima	100.0	43.2	56.8	7.3	49.5	3
Grant	100.0	53.9	46.1	4.4	41.7	4
King	100.0	61.6	38.5	28.6	9.9	5
Douglas	100.0	64.5	35.5	3.6	31.9	6
Okanogan	100.0	65.7	34.4	14.6	19.8	7
Chelan	100.0	67.2	32.8	3.8	29.0	8
Pierce	100.0	67.6	32.4	22.1	10.4	9