





## Race and Ethnicity Data Over Time

### 2000 Census: Number of People per Race

Subject	Number	Percent
Total Population	281,421,906	100.0%
One Race	274,595,678	97.6%
White	211,460,626	75.1%
Black or African American	34,658,190	12.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,475,956	0.9%
Asian	10,242,998	3.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	398,835	0.1%
Some Other Race	15,359,073	5.5%
Two or More Races	6,826,228	2.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin and by Race for the United States: 2000 and 2010* <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2011/dec/c2010br-02.pdf>

### 2000 Census: Number of People per Ethnicity

Subject	Number	Percent
Total Population	281,421,906	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	35,305,818	12.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	246,116,088	87.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin and by Race for the United States: 2000 and 2010* <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2011/dec/c2010br-02.pdf>

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2010 Census: Number of People per Race

Subject	Number	Percent
Total Population	308,745,538	100.0%
One Race	299,736,465	
White	223,553,265	
Black or African American	38,929,319	
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,932,248	
Asian	14,674,252	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	540,013	
Some Other Race	19,107,368	
Two or More Races	9,009,073	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin and by Race for the United States: 2000 and 2010* <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2011/dec/c2010br-02.pdf>

2010 Census: Number of People per Ethnicity

Subject	Number	Percent
Total Population	308,745,538	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	50,477,594	
Not Hispanic or Latino	258,267,944	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin and by Race for the United States: 2000 and 2010* <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2011/dec/c2010br-02.pdf>

4. Which races increased in percentage of population from 2000 to 2010? Which races decreased in percentage of population from 2000 to 2010?



5. Predict the racial makeup of the country in 2020, 2030, and 2040 by percentage of the population, based on the changes you noticed from 2000 to 2010.

	2020	2030	2040
Total Population			
One Race			
White			
Black or African American			
American Indian and Alaska Native			
Asian			
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander			
Some Other Race			
Two or More Races			

## Home Extension

Take your student worksheet home and share it with an adult in your home. Ask them which boxes they would have checked had they participated in the censuses in 1970, 1990, and 2010. Share your predictions of the population in 2020, 2030, and 2040.



## Activity Item: Race and Ethnicity Questions on the Census

### 1970

**Note:** Ethnicity was not a question on the 1970 Census.

**4. COLOR OR RACE**

*Fill one circle.*

*If "Indian (American)," also give tribe.*

*If "Other," also give race.*

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<input type="radio"/> White	<input type="radio"/> Japanese	<input type="radio"/> Hawaiian
<input type="radio"/> Negro or Black	<input type="radio"/> Chinese	<input type="radio"/> Korean
<input type="radio"/> Indian (Amer.)	<input type="radio"/> Filipino	<input type="radio"/> Other— <i>Print race</i>

*Print tribe* →

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 1970 Census](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/questionnaires/1970_1.html)

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### 1990

**4. Race**

Fill ONE circle for the race that the person considers himself/herself to be.

If **Indian (Amer.)**, print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe. →

If **Other Asian or Pacific Islander (API)**, print one group, for example: Hmong, Fijian, Laotian, Thai, Tongan, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on. →

If **Other race**, print race. →

White  
 Black or Negro  
 Indian (Amer.) (Print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe.) →

Eskimo  
 Aleut

**Asian or Pacific Islander (API)**

<input type="radio"/> Chinese	<input type="radio"/> Japanese
<input type="radio"/> Filipino	<input type="radio"/> Asian Indian
<input type="radio"/> Hawaiian	<input type="radio"/> Samoan
<input type="radio"/> Korean	<input type="radio"/> Guamanian
<input type="radio"/> Vietnamese	<input type="radio"/> Other API →

Other race (Print race) →



**7. Is this person of Spanish/Hispanic origin?**  
 Fill ONE circle for each person.

No (not Spanish/Hispanic)  
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican-Am., Chicano  
 Yes, Puerto Rican   
 Yes, Cuban  
 Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic  
 (Print one group, for example: Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.) ↴

**If Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic, print one group.** \_\_\_\_\_ ↴

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census

[https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/questionnaires/1990\\_1.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/questionnaires/1990_1.html)

**2010**

**8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin  
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano  
 Yes, Puerto Rican  
 Yes, Cuban  
 Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — *Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.* ↴

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**9. What is Person 1's race? Mark  one or more boxes.**

White  
 Black, African Am., or Negro  
 American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.* ↴

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Asian Indian     Japanese     Native Hawaiian  
 Chinese         Korean         Guamanian or Chamorro  
 Filipino         Vietnamese     Samoan  
 Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.* ↴     Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.* ↴

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Some other race — *Print race.* ↴

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

[https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/questionnaires/2010\\_overview.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/questionnaires/2010_overview.html)