Profile America Forum on the Black Population
The Black Population: 2010

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Topics Presented

• Race concepts
• Definition of “Black”
• Population size and growth
• Geographic distribution
6. What is this person’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.
- Asian Indian
- Japanese
- Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.
- Chinese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.
- Filipino
- Some other race — Print race.
Race Concepts

• Race *alone* population – people who reported a single race group (e.g., Black alone)

• Race *in combination* population – people who reported more than one race group (e.g., Black *and* White; Black *and* Asian)

• Race *alone or in combination* population – all people who reported a particular race group, either alone, or in combination with one or more other race groups
Definition of “Black” Used in the 2010 Census

• According to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, “Black or African American” refers to a person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa

• Includes people who marked the “Black” checkbox

• Also includes respondents who reported
  - African American
  - Sub-Saharan African (e.g., Kenyan, Nigerian)
  - Afro-Caribbean (e.g., Haitian, Jamaican)
POPULATION SIZE AND GROWTH
## Black Population: 2000 and 2010

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<th>2000</th>
<th>2010</th>
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<tr>
<td>Black alone or in combination</td>
<td>36,419,434</td>
<td>42,020,743</td>
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<td>Black alone</td>
<td>34,658,190</td>
<td>38,929,319</td>
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<td>Black in combination</td>
<td>1,761,244</td>
<td>3,091,424</td>
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Sources: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
Black Population as a Percentage of the Total Population: 2000 and 2010

- **Black alone or in combination**: 13.6% (2010) vs. 12.9% (2000)
- **Black alone**: 12.6% (2010) vs. 12.3% (2000)
- **Black in combination**: 1.0% (2010) vs. 0.6% (2000)

Sources: Census 2000 and 2010 Census

- **Total population (27.3 million):** 9.7%
- **Black alone or in combination (5.6 million):** 15.4%
- **Black alone (4.3 million):** 12.3%
- **Black in combination (1.3 million):** 75.5%

Sources: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
Percentage Distribution of the Growth of the Black in Combination Population: 2000 to 2010

- Black; White: 78.9%
- Black; White; American Indian and Alaska Native: 8.9%
- Black; American Indian and Alaska Native: 6.5%
- All other combinations including Black: 5.7%

Total growth = 1.3 million

Sources: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLACK POPULATION
REGIONS AND STATES
Percent Distribution of the Black Population by Region: 2010

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<td>Midwest</td>
<td>18.1</td>
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<td>South</td>
<td>55.0</td>
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<td>West</td>
<td>9.8</td>
<td>8.8</td>
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Source: 2010 Census
Top Five States with the Highest Proportion Black Alone or in Combination: 2010

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<td>Mississippi</td>
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<td>Louisiana</td>
<td>32.8</td>
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<td>Georgia</td>
<td>31.5</td>
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<td>Maryland</td>
<td>30.9</td>
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*For this presentation, the District of Columbia is treated as a state equivalent.

Source: 2010 Census
Percentage Distribution of the Black Population by State: 2010

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

Source: 2010 Census
COUNTIES AND PLACES
Black Alone or in Combination as a Percent of Total Population by County: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
Percentage Change in Black Alone or in Combination by County: 2000 to 2010

Sources: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
Black in Combination Population Distribution by County: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
Top Five Places with the Highest Proportion Black Alone or in Combination: 2010*

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<td>Detroit, MI</td>
<td>84.3</td>
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<td>Jackson, MS</td>
<td>80.1</td>
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<td>Miami Gardens, FL</td>
<td>77.9</td>
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<td>Birmingham, AL</td>
<td>74.0</td>
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<td>Baltimore, MD</td>
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* Places of 100,000 or more total population.

Source: 2010 Census
Top Five Places with the Highest Proportion Black in Combination: 2010*

Lansing, MI 3.8 3.8 3.6 3.3 4.1
Tacoma, WA Killeen, TX Syracuse, NY Providence, RI

* Places of 100,000 or more total population.
Source: 2010 Census
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
Proportion of Non-Hispanic Black Alone Population Living Inside the Largest Principal City of the 20 Largest Metro Areas: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
Percentage-Point Difference of Groups Living Inside the Largest Principal City of the 20 Largest Metro Areas: 2000 to 2010

Source: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
Percentage Point Change in the Black Population by Tract: 2000 to 2010

Source: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
Washington- Arlington- Alexandria, DC- VA- MD- WV Metro Area

Percentage Point Change in the Black Population by Tract: 2000 to 2010

Percentage point change
- 3.0 or more
- 2.0 to 2.9
- 1.0 to 1.9
- 0.0 to 0.9
- -1.0 to -0.1
- Less than -1.0
- Less than -10.0
- Not applicable

Selected metro area
- Largest metro area
- County or equivalent
- State
- Water

National change: 0.29
Metro area change: -0.69

Source: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
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INTRODUCTION

This report provides a portrait of the Black population in the United States and discusses its distribution at the national level and at lower levels of geography. It is part of a series that analyzes population and housing data collected from the 2010 Census. The data for this report are based on the 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, which was the first 2010 Census data product released with data on race and Hispanic origin and was provided in small areas for use in drawing boundaries for legislative districts.1

UNDERSTANDING RACE DATA FROM THE 2010 CENSUS

The 2010 Census used established Federal standards to collect and present data on race.

For the 2010 Census, the question on race was asked of individuals living in the United States (see Figure 1). An individual's response to the race question was based upon self-identification. The U.S. Census Bureau collects information on race following the guidance of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) 1997 Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity.2 These federal standards mandate that race and Hispanic origin (ethnictiy) are separate and distinct concepts and that when collecting those data via self-identification, two different questions must be used.3

1 The terms “Black” and “African American” are used interchangeably in this report.
2 The OMB 1997 Guidelines for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity are available online at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/federal.htm#standards.
3 The OMB requires Federal agencies to use a single group of Hispanic origin categories and separate “Hispanic origin” from “race.” Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, Hispanic or Spanish may be used in accordance with Federal definitions for Federal programs and Federal data collection. People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race. Hispanic or Latino origin can include Central American, other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.