

# Race and Ethnicity in Utah: 2015

The Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau produces population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin for the nation, states, and counties. The July 1, 2015 estimates were released in June 2016. This fact sheet summarizes changes in Utah's resident population in terms of race and ethnicity according to the most current data.

## Minority Share

- The share of Utah's population who are minorities (those other than non-Hispanic White) reached 21 percent in 2015, an increase from 19.4 percent in the 2010 Census. Nationally, 38.4 percent of the population are minorities.
- In 2015, the largest minority group in Utah was Hispanic or Latino with 13.7 percent (411,143) of the total population (2,995,919). Non-Hispanic Asians were the second largest group, at 2.4 percent (70,971).

Table 1: Utah Population by Race and Ethnicity, 2010-2015

	Census 2010	July 1 Population Estimates					Total Pop. Share	
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Census 2010	2015
Total Population	2,763,885	2,816,440	2,856,343	2,903,685	2,944,498	2,995,919	100.0%	100.0%
NH White	2,226,363	2,259,595	2,284,192	2,313,437	2,336,883	2,367,093	80.6%	79.0%
Minority	537,522	556,845	572,151	590,248	607,615	628,826	19.4%	21.0%
Hispanic	358,340	370,281	378,876	389,693	399,273	411,143	13.0%	13.7%
NH Black	26,328	27,446	28,638	29,723	30,563	31,430	1.0%	1.0%
NH AIAN*	27,228	27,397	27,482	27,925	28,461	29,206	1.0%	1.0%
NH Asian	54,794	58,045	60,767	63,671	67,068	70,971	2.0%	2.4%
NH Islander*	24,183	24,662	25,327	26,120	26,800	27,809	0.9%	0.9%
NH Multiple*	46,649	49,014	51,061	53,116	55,450	58,267	1.7%	1.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

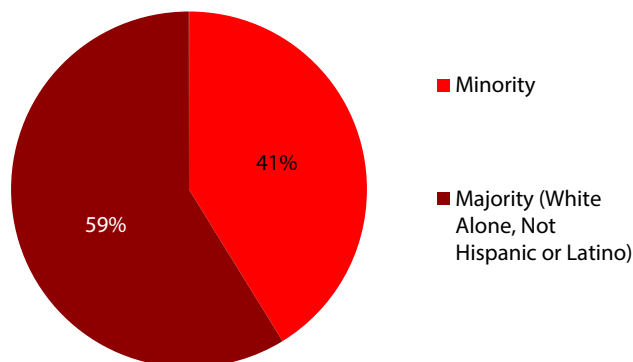
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## Minority Population Growth

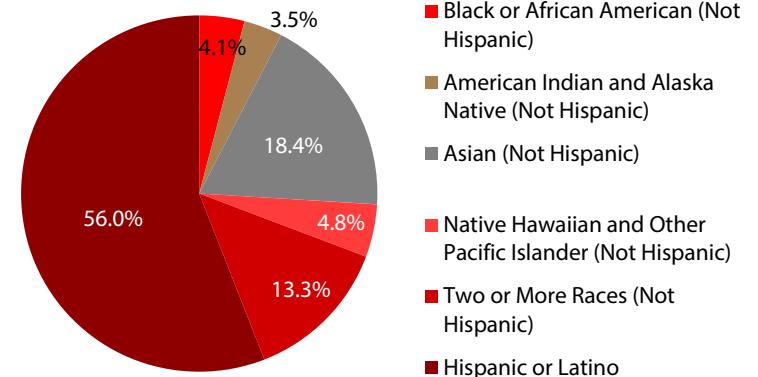
- From 2014 to 2015, Utah grew by 51,421 people. Most of this growth (58.8 percent) was among non-Hispanic Whites. The remaining 41.2 percent (21,211) were minorities.
- The largest minority increases from 2014 to 2015 came in the Hispanic population, which grew by 11,870 people. The next largest increases were in the non-Hispanic Asian population, which grew by 3,903 people, and in the two or more races (non-Hispanic) population, which grew by 2,817 people.

Figure 1: Minority Share of Utah Population Growth: 2014-2015



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Figure 2: Shares of Utah Minority Growth by Race and Ethnicity: 2014-2015



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

## Rate of Growth

- From the 2010 Census to 2015, all minority populations grew at a faster rate than the non-Hispanic White population. Non-Hispanic Asians were the fastest growing group, with 29.5 percent growth. People of two or more races (Non-Hispanic) were second, with 24.9 percent growth. In contrast, non-Hispanic Whites grew 6.3 percent.

Table 2: Annual and Cumulative Utah Population Change by Race and Ethnicity, 2010-2015

	Total Population		Percent Population Change from Previous Year (July - July)					Change from Census 2010 to 2015	
	Census 2010	July 1, 2015	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Absolute	Percent
Total Population	2,763,885	2,995,919	1.5%	1.4%	1.7%	1.4%	1.7%	232,034	8.4%
NH White	2,226,363	2,367,093	1.1%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.3%	140,730	6.3%
Minority	537,522	628,826	2.9%	2.7%	3.2%	2.9%	3.5%	91,304	17.0%
Hispanic	358,340	411,143	2.7%	2.3%	2.9%	2.5%	3.0%	52,803	14.7%
NH Black	26,328	31,430	3.4%	4.3%	3.8%	2.8%	2.8%	5,102	19.4%
NH AIAN*	27,228	29,206	0.6%	0.3%	1.6%	1.9%	2.6%	1,978	7.3%
NH Asian	54,794	70,971	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	5.3%	5.8%	16,177	29.5%
NH Islander*	24,183	27,809	1.4%	2.7%	3.1%	2.6%	3.8%	3,626	15.0%
NH Multiple*	46,649	58,267	4.0%	4.2%	4.0%	4.4%	5.1%	11,618	24.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

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## County Minority Populations

- San Juan County, which contains Utah's portion of the Navajo Nation reservation, has the highest minority share of its population (54.2 percent). The next highest shares are in Salt Lake County (27.8 percent), Weber County (23.3 percent), and Uintah County (18.3 percent).
- The largest minority population resides in Salt Lake County. The 307,841 minorities in Salt Lake County account for nearly half (49 percent) of the 628,826 minorities in the state.

Table 3: Top 5 Minority Population and Minority Population Shares by County, 2015

Rank	County	Minority Pop.	Rank	County	Minority Share of Total Pop.
1	Salt Lake County	307,841	1	San Juan County	54.2%
2	Utah County	97,824	2	Salt Lake County	27.8%
3	Weber County	56,649	3	Weber County	23.3%
4	Davis County	52,808	4	Uintah County	18.3%
5	Washington County	23,343	5	Grand County	17.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

## Age of Minority Populations

- Utah minorities are younger than non-Hispanic Whites. The median age for non-Hispanic Whites is 32.4. The youngest minority group is people of two or more races (non-Hispanic), with a median age of 16.8. Hispanics are second, with a median age of 24.4. Next are non-Hispanic Blacks and non-Hispanic Pacific Islanders, each with a median age of 26.2.
- The minority share of the population varies by age group. While the minority share of the 18-and-over population is 19 percent, the minority share of the under 18 population is 25.6 percent. Minorities make up only 9.1 percent of the 65-and-over age group.

Table 4: Age of Minority Populations, 2015

	Total Pop.	Under Age 18	18 Years and Over	Percent Under Age 18	Median Age (Yrs)
Total Population	2,995,919	912,496	2,083,423	30.5%	30.7
NH White	2,367,093	679,143	1,687,950	28.7%	32.4
Minority	628,826	233,353	395,473	37.1%	n/a
Hispanic	411,143	157,849	253,294	38.4%	24.4
NH Black	31,430	10,586	20,844	33.7%	26.2
NH AIAN*	29,206	8,586	20,620	29.4%	28.7
NH Asian	70,971	16,077	54,894	22.7%	31.8
NH Islander*	27,809	9,439	18,370	33.9%	26.2
NH Multiple*	58,267	30,816	27,451	52.9%	16.8

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**Note:**

The Utah Legislature recently funded the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute to provide demographic decision support to the State of Utah. The work program includes serving as the lead entity in Utah for the Census Bureau State Data Center program. This fact sheet is provided to help Utahns make more informed decisions. In the coming year, the Gardner Policy Institute will release additional demographic products to assist with data-driven decision making. For more information, visit <http://gardner.utah.edu/utah-demographics>.