

Race and Ethnicity in Utah: 2016

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. Each release includes revisions and updates to the entire time series from April 1, 2010 to the current year. The data discussed in this fact sheet are 2016 vintage estimates.

The Census Bureau has been collecting data on race and ethnicity in the Census form since the first census in 1790. Over time, the classifications considered in race and ethnicity have evolved to try to reflect changes in the population. The classification used in current surveys from the Census Bureau use guidelines defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1997, and are based on self-identification. The guidelines are based on the understanding that race and ethnicity are social and cultural characteristics, as well as ancestry.

Race is considered a person's self-identification with one or more social groups. The OMB standards list five major groups for race: White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. People may identify with a single or multiple races - meaning any combination of the OMB list. Although there are many different ethnic groups in the United States, the main use of ethnicity by the Census Bureau is to indicate whether people identify as Hispanic or Latino or not. Hispanic or Latino people may identify as any race. In this fact sheet, the term minority considers both race and ethnicity. The minority population includes anyone who did not identify as non-Hispanic White alone.

Minority Share

- Utah's minority share (Hispanic or non-White populations) increased from 19 percent in 2010 to 21 percent in 2016. There was no change in this percentage between 2015 and 2016.
- In 2016, the largest minority group in Utah was Hispanic or Latino with 14 percent (420,440) of the total population (3,051,217). Non-Hispanic Asians were the second largest group with 2 percent (73,240).
- 89 percent of Utah's Hispanic population identified as White. The second largest racial group for the Hispanic population is American Indian or Alaska Native (4.1 percent).

Table 1: Utah Population by Race and Ethnicity, 2010-2016

	Census 2010	July 1 Population Estimates						Share of Total Population	
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Census 2010	2016
Total Population	2,763,885	2,816,124	2,855,782	2,902,663	2,941,836	2,990,632	3,051,217	100.0%	100.0%
Not Hispanic Total	2,405,545	2,446,305	2,477,889	2,514,962	2,545,795	2,583,134	2,630,777	87.0%	86.2%
NH White	2,226,363	2,260,029	2,285,383	2,315,395	2,339,469	2,368,257	2,404,802	80.6%	78.8%
Minority	537,522	556,095	570,399	587,268	602,367	622,375	646,415	19.4%	21.2%
Hispanic	358,340	369,819	377,893	387,701	396,041	407,498	420,440	13.0%	13.8%
NH Black	26,328	27,241	28,274	29,326	30,120	31,088	32,435	1.0%	1.1%
NH AIAN*	27,228	27,386	27,454	27,853	28,323	28,922	30,220	1.0%	1.0%
NH Asian	54,794	57,880	60,323	62,993	65,774	69,320	73,240	2.0%	2.4%
NH Islander*	24,183	24,717	25,373	26,208	26,808	27,896	29,070	0.9%	1.0%
NH Multiple*	46,649	49,052	51,082	53,187	55,301	57,651	61,010	1.7%	2.0%

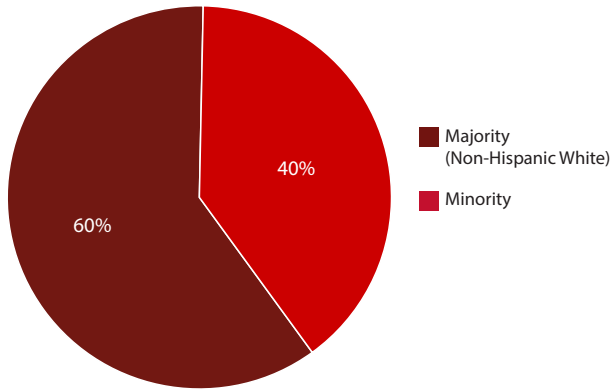
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Note: NH means Non-Hispanic or Latino, *AIAN: American Indian or Alaska Native. Islander: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Multiple: Two or More Races.

Minority Population Growth

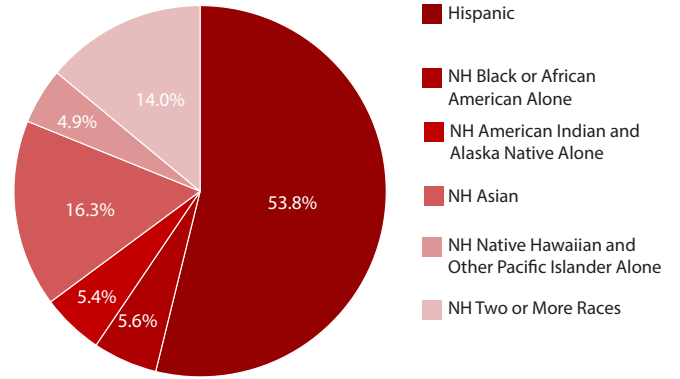
- 60 percent of population growth between 2015 and 2016 came from the non-Hispanic white population (36,545 people). 40 percent was from the minority population (24,040 people).
- 54 percent of minority growth came from the Hispanic community (12,942 people), 16 percent from non-Hispanic Asians (3,920), and 14 percent from non-Hispanic Two or More races (3,359).

Figure 1: Minority Share of Utah Population Growth, 2015-2016



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Figure 2: Shares of Utah Minority Growth by Race and Ethnicity, 2015-2016



NH - Non-Hispanic or Latino
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Rate of Growth

- Non-Hispanic Two or More Races and non-Hispanic Asians saw the fastest population increases from 2015, with increases of 5.8 percent and 5.7 percent respectively.

Table 2: Annual and Cumulative Utah Population Change by Race and Ethnicity, 2010-2016

	Total Population		Percent Population Change from Previous Year (July to July)						Change from Census 2010 to 2016	
	Census 2010	July 1, 2016	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Absolute	Percent
Total Population	2,763,885	3,051,217	1.5%	1.4%	1.6%	1.3%	1.7%	2.0%	287,332	10.4%
NH White	2,226,363	2,404,802	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.2%	1.5%	178,439	8.0%
Minority	537,522	646,415	2.8%	2.6%	3.0%	2.6%	3.3%	3.9%	108,893	20.3%
Hispanic	358,340	420,440	2.5%	2.2%	2.6%	2.2%	2.9%	3.2%	62,100	17.3%
NH Black	26,328	32,435	3.0%	3.8%	3.7%	2.7%	3.2%	4.3%	6,107	23.2%
NH AIAN*	27,228	30,220	0.6%	0.2%	1.5%	1.7%	2.1%	4.5%	2,992	11.0%
NH Asian	54,794	73,240	4.6%	4.2%	4.4%	4.4%	5.4%	5.7%	18,446	33.7%
NH Islander*	24,183	29,070	1.5%	2.7%	3.3%	2.3%	4.1%	4.2%	4,887	20.2%
NH Multiple*	46,649	61,010	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	5.8%	14,361	30.8%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

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Age of Minority Populations

- The total population under age 18 was 921,773. Of the under 18 population, 684,226 were non-Hispanic White and 160,474 were Hispanic. Statewide, there were 321,164 people over the age of 65. Of this population, 291,314 were non-Hispanic White and 17,474 were Hispanic.
- Utah's minority populations are younger than the non-Hispanic White population. 35 percent of the minority population was under age 18, compared to 29 percent of non-Hispanic Whites.

- The minority grouping with the largest share of population under 18 is people of two or more races (non-Hispanic), with a share of 52 percent. Hispanics were second, with a share of 38 percent. Two groups had 33 percent of their population under 18 – non-Hispanic Blacks and non-Hispanic Pacific Islanders.
- Twelve percent of non-Hispanic White Utahns were over 65 years old, the highest share of all groups. The Asian population was the second highest at 8 percent. People of two or more races had the lowest share over 65 at 2 percent.

Table 3: Age of Minority Populations, 2016

	Total	Under Age 18	Percent Under Age 18	18 Years and Over	65 Years and Over	Percent Age 65 and over
Total Population	3,051,217	921,773	30.2%	2,129,444	321,164	10.5%
NH White	2,404,802	684,226	28.5%	1,720,576	291,314	12.1%
Minority	646,415	222,764	34.5%	408,868	29,850	4.6%
Hispanic	420,440	160,474	38.2%	259,966	17,474	4.2%
NH Black	32,435	10,784	33.2%	21,651	1,518	4.7%
NH AIAN*	30,220	8,863	29.3%	21,357	1,996	6.6%
NH Asian	73,240	15,993	21.8%	57,247	5,925	8.1%
NH Islander*	29,070	9,625	33.1%	19,445	1,471	5.1%
NH Multiple*	61,010	31,808	52.1%	29,202	1,466	2.4%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

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County Minority Populations

- San Juan County has the highest minority share of its population, at 56.5 percent. This is due to a large population identifying as American Indian and Alaska Native. The northwestern portion of the Navajo Nation reservation is located within the San Juan County boundary.
- The four other counties comprising the top five highest shares of minority population are: Salt Lake County (28.2 percent), Weber County (23.5 percent), Uintah County (18.3 percent), and Grand County (17.5 percent).
- Garfield, Salt Lake, and Daggett Counties had the greatest increases in the minority share of their populations since the 2010 Census. Garfield County increased 3.2 percentage points, as its minority share grew from 8.3 percent to 11.5 percent. Salt Lake County increased 2.4 percentage points, increasing from 25.8 percent minority to 28.2 percent minority. Daggett County increased 2.3 percentage points, going from 5.4 percent minority to 7.7 percent minority.
- The largest minority population resides in Salt Lake County. The 315,856 people identifying as non-White or Hispanic in Salt Lake County account for nearly half (49 percent) of the minority population of the state (646,415). Utah County has the second largest minority population (101,639).
- While Davis County has the third largest county population (342,281), they have the fourth highest minority population (54,066). Weber County has the fourth highest county population (247,560) and the third highest minority population (58,227).

Table 4: Population by Race and Ethnicity by County, 2016

Geographic Area	Total Population	Race Alone (Not Hispanic or Latino)					Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)	Hispanic or Latino (any race)	Total Minority
		White	Black/African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander			
State	3,051,217	2,404,802	32,435	30,220	73,240	29,070	61,010	420,440	646,415
Percent of Pop.		79%	1.1%	1.0%	2.4%	1.0%	2.0%	13.8%	21.2%
Beaver	6,463	5,459	18	55	70	21	97	743	1,004
Box Elder	53,139	46,398	183	345	446	91	793	4,883	6,741
Cache	122,753	103,135	755	585	3,084	445	1,886	12,863	19,618
Carbon	20,399	16,921	131	185	132	37	316	2,677	3,478
Daggett	1,095	1,011	4	14	5	1	17	43	84
Davis	342,281	288,215	4,154	1,417	6,423	2,489	7,287	32,296	54,066
Duchesne	20,337	17,363	59	670	93	69	442	1,641	2,974
Emery	10,216	9,293	32	75	44	7	99	666	923
Garfield	4,986	4,412	16	105	65	19	63	306	574
Grand	9,579	7,899	49	364	127	6	156	978	1,680
Iron	49,937	42,973	280	957	418	176	820	4,313	6,964
Juab	11,010	10,176	37	87	30	21	129	530	834
Kane	7,334	6,721	34	113	40	11	87	328	613
Millard	12,694	10,583	28	129	145	21	142	1,646	2,111
Morgan	11,437	10,893	25	33	91	12	103	280	544
Piute	1,466	1,310	5	5	6	3	24	113	156
Rich	2,319	2,139	5	11	3	3	23	135	180
Salt Lake	1,121,354	805,498	17,949	7,399	45,659	17,892	24,236	202,721	315,856
San Juan	16,895	7,346	49	8,129	104	10	332	925	9,549
Sanpete	29,409	25,242	248	263	250	156	410	2,840	4,167
Sevier	21,267	19,577	87	204	78	38	237	1,046	1,690
Summit	40,307	34,148	255	95	653	45	542	4,569	6,159
Tooele	64,833	54,165	488	516	478	299	1,086	7,801	10,668
Uintah	36,373	29,724	137	2,484	160	114	712	3,042	6,649
Utah	592,299	490,660	3,270	2,767	9,586	5,084	12,928	68,004	101,639
Wasatch	30,528	25,502	128	111	261	61	357	4,108	5,026
Washington	160,245	136,228	810	1,717	1,296	1,237	2,765	16,192	24,017
Wayne	2,702	2,478	4	14	19	6	34	147	224
Weber	247,560	189,333	3,195	1,371	3,474	696	4,887	44,604	58,227

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

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. The Gardner Policy Institute will continue to release additional demographic products to assist with data-driven decision making. For more information, visit <http://gardner.utah.edu/demographics/>.