



Update from the 2010 Census Population Change in the District of Columbia

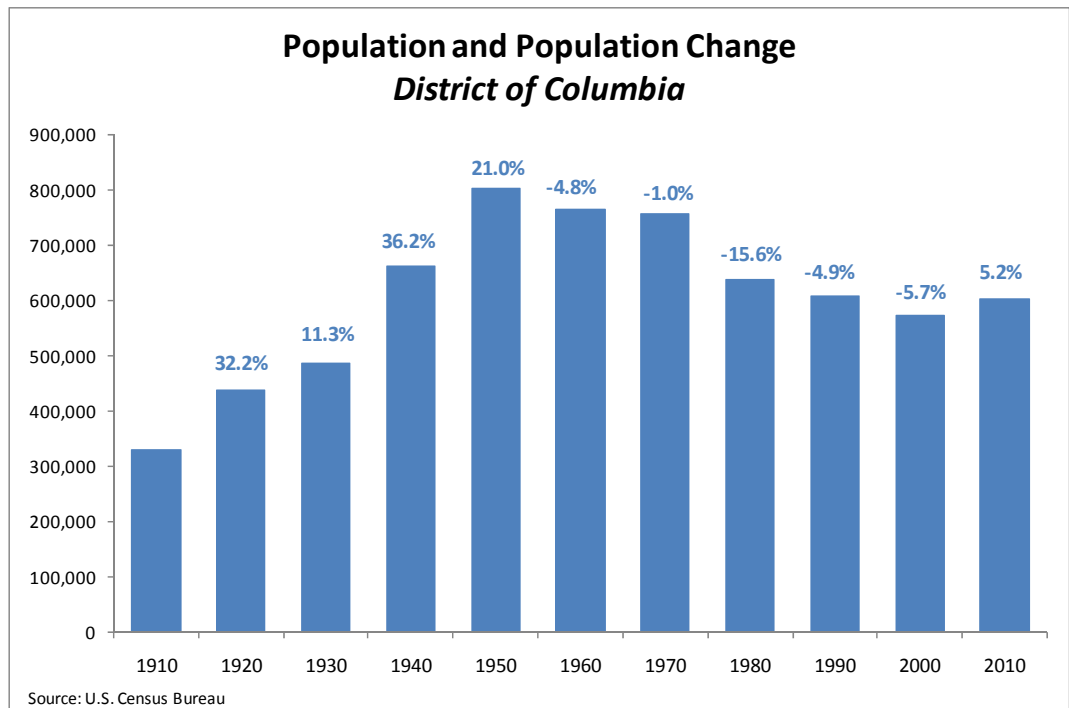
Between 2000 and 2010, the District of Columbia gained nearly 30,000 people. The 5.2 percent population growth in the last decade marks a turnaround for the City which has lost residents in every decade since 1950. The 2010 population in the District of Columbia is 601,723, which is still only about three-quarters of the City's population peak of 802,178 people in 1950.

For the first time in decades, the District of Columbia's black population declined while the City's white population grew. In 2000, about 60 percent of the population in the District of Columbia was black. In 2010, the share was just over 50 percent.

Over the decade, the City lost about 39,000 black residents (a decline of 11.5 percent)

while gaining over 50,000 white residents (an increase of 31.6 percent.) The Asian population grew by 38.4 percent and the Hispanic population grew by 21.8 percent.

The changing racial and ethnic composition of the District of Columbia is reflective of the changing housing types and sizes in the City. While the population grew by 5.2 percent between 2000 and 2010, the number of housing units increased by 8.0 percent from 274,845 housing units in 2000 to 296,719 housing units in 2010. Therefore, the new residents tend to be singles or have smaller household sizes than people who have lived in the District of Columbia longer.



The changing household composition can be seen in the trends in the population of children (under 18) in the City. While the overall population grew over the past decade, the number of people under age 18 dropped from 103,564 in 2000 to 88,774 in 2010, reflecting a drop of 12.3 percent.

The decline in the population of black children was more than twice the decline in the overall black population, which implies that a substantial share of the black population loss over the decade was families. The population of white children increased at about the same rate as the overall white population but the rate of growth of Hispanic children was sharply lower than the overall Hispanic population growth rate. The Asian population under age 18 in the City declined by 7.2 percent between 2000 and 2010 even while the overall Asian population grew.

Population Change by Race/Ethnicity

Total Population

District of Columbia

	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
Non-Hispanic	527,106	546,974	19,868	3.8
White	159,178	209,464	50,286	31.6
Black	340,088	301,053	-39,035	-11.5
Asian	15,039	20,818	5,779	38.4
Other	12,801	15,639	2,838	22.2
Hispanic	44,953	54,749	9,796	21.8
Total	572,059	601,723	29,664	5.2

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Under 18 Population

District of Columbia

	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
Non-Hispanic	103,564	88,774	-14,790	-14.3
White	13,695	17,531	3,836	28.0
Black	85,401	65,804	-19,597	-22.9
Asian	1,721	1,597	-124	-7.2
Other	2,747	3,842	1,095	39.9
Hispanic	11,428	12,041	613	5.4
Total	114,992	100,815	-14,177	-12.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census. 2000 Summary File 1 and 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files

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