

DC's BLACK POPULATION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2016

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Each year, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month.

Note: The reference to the black population is to single-race blacks ("black alone"). Data source is from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2014 1-year Estimate and the 2012 Survey of Business Owners (SBO).



The District's 2014 Black Population Estimate: 321,346

The District of Columbia had the highest percentage of blacks (48.8 percent) among all states, followed by Mississippi (37.8 percent).

Black women were 50.7% of all women in the District

Black men were 46.6% of all men in the District

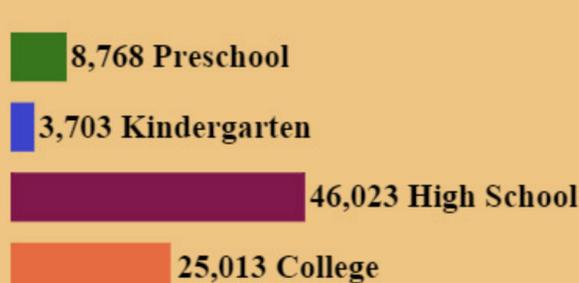
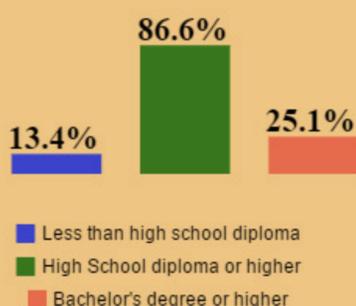


The median age for all blacks in the District of Columbia was 37.0 in 2014, with black males' median age at 34.9 and black females at 38.6.

The District's Black Educational Attainment

Percentage of blacks 25 years and older by education levels

Number of blacks 3 years and older by school enrollment



Survey of Businesses

Black-owned Businesses
22,097 or 34.8%

Black Veteran-owned Businesses

Black Female-owned Businesses
12,434 or 19.6%

Total: 5,070 (8%)
Male 3,625
Female 1,442
Equally 3

Other Socio-economic Characteristics for Blacks

Median income for black households in 2014
\$40,739

Poverty rate of the black population in the District for 2014
25.9%

Number of black married-couple families in 2014
20,308



59.3%
Black labor force participation rate in 2014



5.0%
Blacks without health insurance in 2014



45.9%
Households with black householders in 2014