

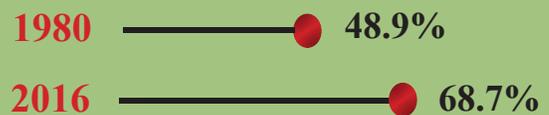
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH: 2018

Some Changes in the District's African-American Population Since 1980

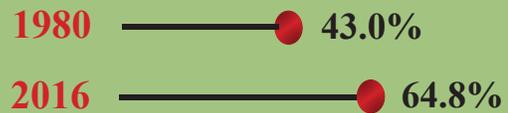
To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide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

Percentage of people voting in the District of Columbia

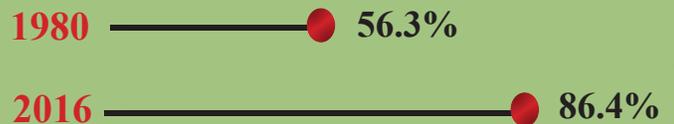
All voters



African-American voters



Percentage of African-Americans with a high school diploma or higher



Percentage of African-Americans with a bachelor's degree or higher



The Shaw Memorial

The Robert Gould Shaw and Massachusetts 54th Regiment Memorial, located across Beacon Street from the State House, serves as a reminder of the heavy cost paid by individuals and families during the Civil War. In particular, it serves as a memorial to the group of men who were among the first African Americans to fight in that war.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Decennial Census and 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates

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