

BLACK HISTORY

MONTH 2020

SNAPSHOT OF DC'S BLACK RESIDENTS

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.

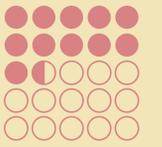


Images and sources clockwise: Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Leader: Smithsonian, 1963; Dr. Maya Angelou, Poet, official Instagram page, posted 2019; Duke Ellington, Composer, Bettman/Getty Images, 1942; Mae Carol Jamison, first black female Astronaut, Bettman/Getty Images, 1987.

319,777

Black Residents, or:

46%

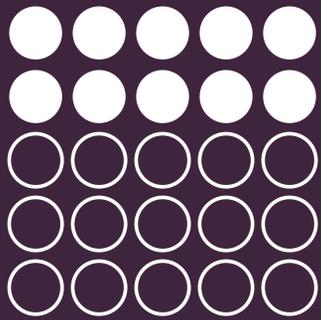


of DC's Population

\$45,193

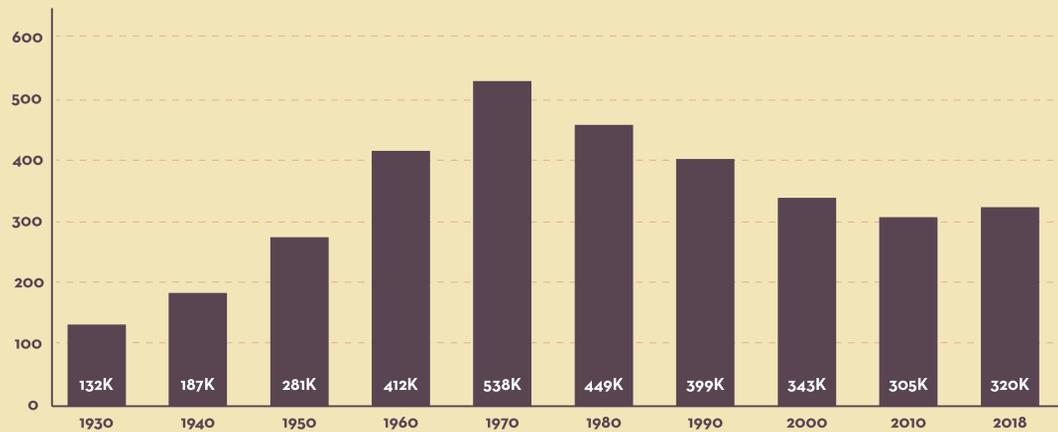
Median Household Income

40%



Work in management, business, science and art occupations

DC's Black Population (1930-2018)



45%

Family Households

51%

Householders Living Alone



55%

Women

11K

Veterans



Median Age

36



Bachelors Degree or higher

29%



Home Owners

36%



Renters

64%



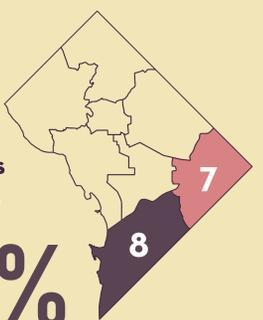
Public Transportation Users

37%



Most black residents live in Wards 7 & 8

47%



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2018 and Decennial Censuses
 Note: References to the black population in this publication are to single-race black people ("black alone") unless otherwise noted.