



District of Columbia

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Black History Month February 2013: DC Black Population

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 in this brief is to single-race blacks ("black alone") except in the first section on "Population." There the reference is to black alone or in combination with other races; in other words, a reference to respondents who said they were one race (black) or more than one race (black plus other races).

Source: The source of data is the U.S. Census Bureau from Census 2010, Population Estimates 2011 and the American Community Survey (ACS) 2011.

Population

322,478

The number of blacks, either alone or in combination with one or more other races, on July 1, 2011 residing in the District of Columbia, up 1.0 percent from the census on April 1, 2010. The largest black population in 2011 by state was New York with 3.7 million. By county, Cook, Ill., had the largest black population at 1.3 million. Fulton, Ga., had the largest numeric increase since 2010 (13,000).

52.2%

The District of Columbia had the highest percentage of blacks, followed by Mississippi (38.0 percent), among all states. Holmes, Miss., was the county with the highest percentage of blacks in the nation (82.9 percent).

Serving Our Nation

17,909

Number of black military veterans in the District in 2011.

Education

81.2%

The percentage of black District residents 25 and older with a high school diploma or higher in 2011.

22.8%

The percentage of black District residents 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2011.

21,148

Among blacks 25 and older, the number who had an advanced degree in 2011.

25,217

Number of blacks enrolled in college in 2011, a 63.4 percent increase since 2005.

Income and Poverty

\$39,302

The annual median income of black households in 2011, an increase of 5 percent from 2010.

27.8%

Poverty rate in 2011 for blacks in the District.

Families and Children

51.4%

Among households with a black householder, the percentage that contained a family in 2011. There were 65,138 black family households.

27%

Among families with black householders, the percentage that were married couples in 2011.

Homeownership

38%

District-wide, the percentage of households with a householder who was black who lived in owner-occupied homes in 2011.

Jobs

39%

The percentage of blacks 16 and older who worked in management, business, science and arts occupations.

