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District of Columbia Black Population Demographic Characteristics

Facts presented on the Black population in commemoration of Black History Month 2012

Introduction

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2010 there were 305,125 Blacks in the District of Columbia making up 50.7 % of the total population of 601,723. Nationally, Blacks comprised 38.9 million or 12.6% of the total population with over one million Blacks in 18 states.

Black Alone Population 2010 in Selected States and Cities

- By state, New York is the home of the largest number of Blacks with three million in 2010, while Mississippi had the largest percentage with 37 %.
- According to the 2010 Census, when the Black population is ranked by percentage by city, Detroit comes out ahead with 82.7% of its population being Black.

Table 1. Black Alone Population 2010 in Selected States and Cities

2010 Black Alone Population by State (states with over 1 million Blacks)			2010 Black Alone Population by City (cities with over 100,000 Blacks, ranked by percent)		
State	Black Population	Percent Black	City	Black Population	Percent Black
New York	3,073,800	16%	Detroit, MI	590,226	82.7%
Florida	2,999,862	16%	Jackson, MS	137,716	79.4%
Texas	2,979,598	12%	Birmingham, AL	155,791	73.4%
Georgia	2,950,435	30%	Baltimore, MD	395,781	63.7%
California	2,299,072	6%	Memphis, TN	409,687	63.3%
North Carolina	2,048,628	22%	New Orleans, LA	206,871	60.2%
Illinois	1,866,414	14%	Montgomery, AL	116,524	56.6%
Maryland	1,700,298	30%	Baton Rouge, LA	125,155	54.5%
Virginia	1,551,399	20%	Atlanta, GA	226,894	54.0%
Louisiana	1,452,396	32%	Cleveland, OH	211,672	53.3%
Ohio	1,407,681	12%	Washington, DC	305,125	50.7%
Michigan	1,400,362	14%	Richmond, VA	103,342	50.6%
Pennsylvania	1,377,689	11%	St. Louis, MO	157,160	49.2%
South Carolina	1,290,684	28%	Cincinnati, OH	133,039	44.8%
Alabama	1,251,311	27%	Philadelphia, PA	661,839	43.4%
New Jersey	1,204,826	14%	Charlotte, NC	256,241	35.0%
Mississippi	1,098,385	37%	Chicago, IL	887,608	32.9%
Tennessee	1,057,315	17%	Jacksonville, FL	252,421	30.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Black Population Growth in the District of Columbia, 1800 to 2010

- The highest population count for the Black population in the District of Columbia was in 1970 when the Black population was 537,712 or 71.1% of the total (Table 2).
- After 1970, the Black population continued to decline both in number and percent – down to 305,125 or 50.7% in the 2010 Census.

Black Population by Ward 2010: District of Columbia

- Upper Northwest (Ward 4), Northeast (Wards 5 & 7) and Southeast (Ward 8) are the areas where the Black population predominantly resides (Map 1).
- The Black population by Ward range from 3,860 or 5.0% in Ward 3 to 67,471 or 94.9% in Ward 7 (Table 3).

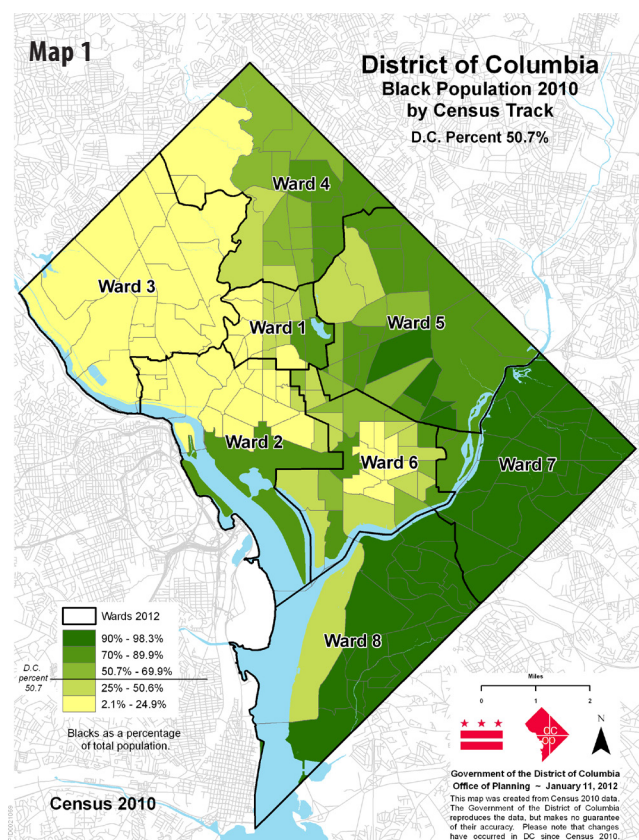


Table 2. Black Alone Population: District of Columbia 1800-2010

Year	Total District Population	Black Population	
		Number	Percent
2010	601,723	305,125	50.7%
2000	572,059	343,312	60.0%
1990	606,900	399,604	65.8%
1980	638,333	448,906	70.3%
1970	756,510	537,712	71.1%
1960	763,956	411,737	53.9%
1950	802,178	280,803	35.0%
1900	278,718	86,702	31.1%
1850	51,687	13,746	26.6%
1800	8,144	2,472	30.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Censuses 1800 to 2010

Table 3. 2010 Black Population by Ward

Ward	Total Population	Black Population (number)	Black Population (percent)
Ward 1	76,197	24,794	32.5%
Ward 2	79,915	10,079	12.6%
Ward 3	77,152	3,860	5.0%
Ward 4	75,773	44,459	58.7%
Ward 5	74,308	56,489	76.0%
Ward 6	76,598	31,842	41.6%
Ward 7	71,068	67,471	94.9%
Ward 8	70,712	66,131	93.5%
Total	601,723	305,125	50.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

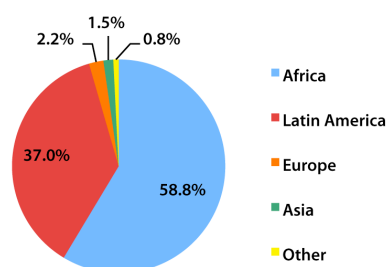
2010 Black Population by Age Group: District of Columbia

- Blacks make up a larger share of the population both at the youngest and oldest age groups. The percentage of the Black population under 18 years old (21.9%) is significantly higher than the percentage of the population under 18 years old citywide (16.8%). Similarly, the percentage of the Black population 65 years and over (14.0%) is significantly higher than the percentage of the population 65 years and over citywide (11.4%)(Table 4).
- For the working-age population (18-64 years), Blacks are significantly lower both in number and percent.

Foreign Born Black Population 2010

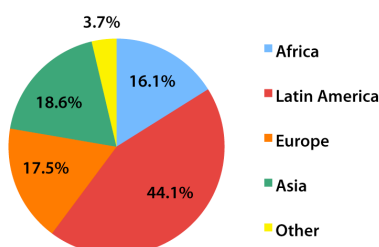
- More than half the District's foreign born Black population originated from Africa (Figures 1 and 2).

Figure 1. DC Foreign-born Black Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010 1-Yr data

Figure 2. DC Total Foreign-born Population (All Races)

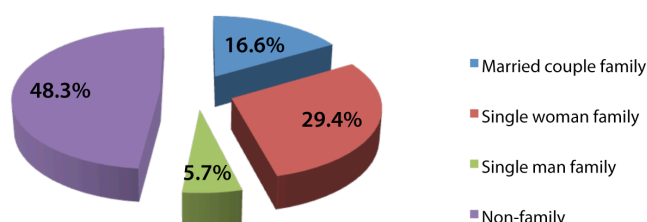


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010 1-Yr data

Black Household Type 2010: District of Columbia

- There is almost an even split between Black family households and Black non-family households in the District. Family households comprising of married couple, single woman and single man families total 51.7 percent, while non-family households comprise the other 48.3% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. 2010 Black Household Type: District of Columbia



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Table 4. 2010 Population by Age Group: District of Columbia

Age	District-wide		District Blacks	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total population	601,723	100.0	305,125	100.0
Under 5 years	32,613	5.4	18,463	6.1
5 to 9 years	26,147	4.3	16,957	5.6
10 to 14 years	25,041	4.2	18,369	6.0
15 to 19 years	39,919	6.6	24,348	8.0
20 to 24 years	64,110	10.7	23,806	7.8
25 to 29 years	69,649	11.6	20,991	6.9
30 to 34 years	55,096	9.2	18,773	6.2
35 to 39 years	42,925	7.1	17,821	5.8
40 to 44 years	37,734	6.3	18,913	6.2
45 to 49 years	38,539	6.4	22,780	7.5
50 to 54 years	37,164	6.2	23,353	7.7
55 to 59 years	34,274	5.7	20,873	6.8
60 to 64 years	29,703	4.9	16,896	5.5
65 to 69 years	21,488	3.6	12,151	4.0
70 to 74 years	15,481	2.6	9,775	3.2
75 to 79 years	11,820	2.0	7,898	2.6
80 to 84 years	9,705	1.6	6,502	2.1
85 to 89 years	6,496	1.1	4,086	1.3
90 years and over	3,819	0.6	2,370	0.8
Under 18 years	100,815	16.8	66,902	21.9
18 to 64 years	432,099	71.8	195,441	64.1
18 to 24 years	87,015	14.5	35,041	11.5
65 years and over	68,809	11.4	42,782	14.0
Median age (years)	33.8	(X)	38.1	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

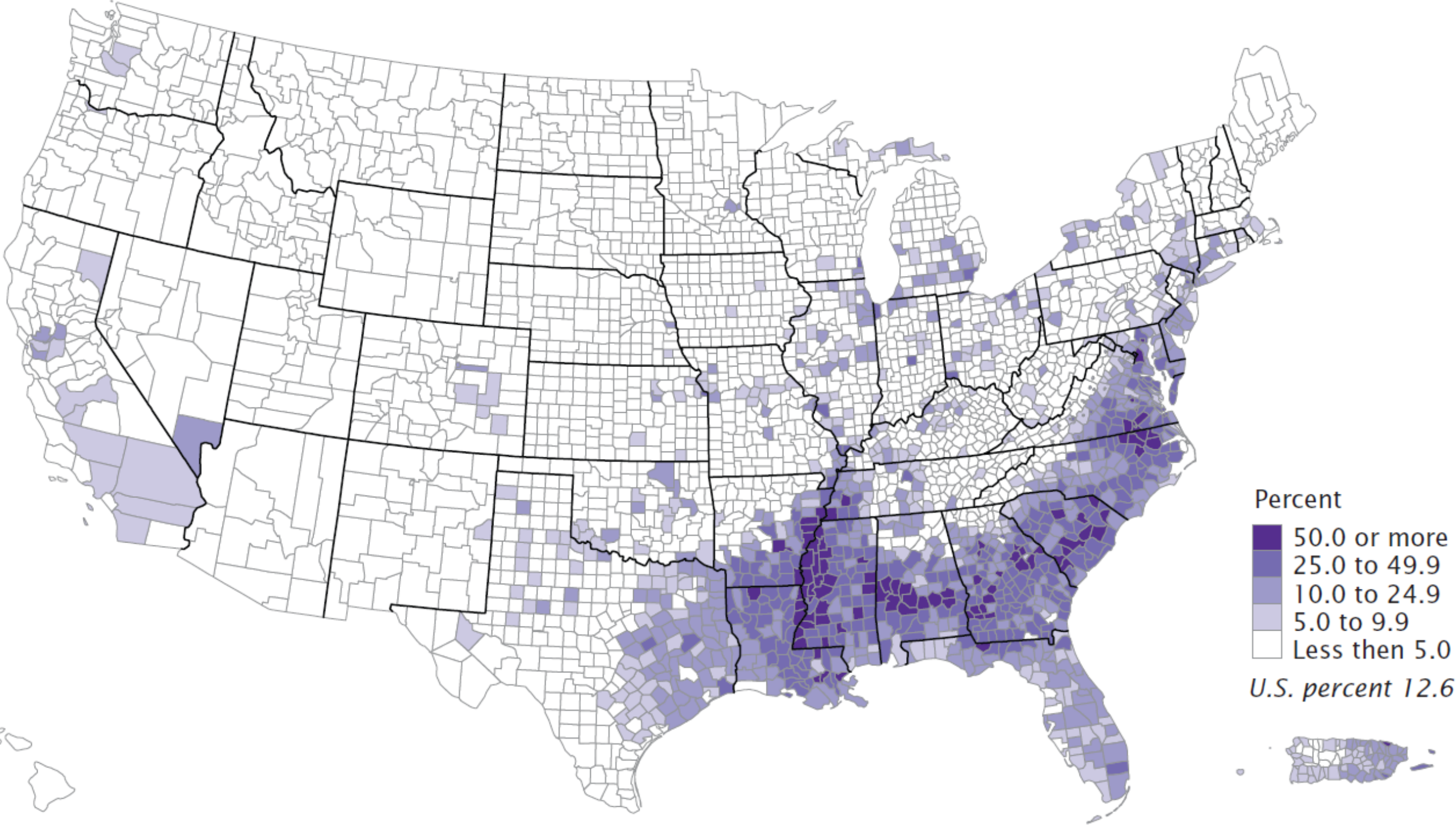
Table 5. Selected Household Indicators

Category	DC Blacks	DC All Races
Owner-occupied housing units	38.8%	42.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	61.2%	58.0%
Average household size	2.26	2.11
Average family size	3.14	3.01
Selected monthly owner costs as a percent of household income		
Less than 30%	54.5%	64.3%
30% or more	45.5%	35.7%
Median Value of owner-occupied unit	\$322,100	\$426,900

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010 1-Yr data

Black or African American Population as a Percent of County Population: 2010

Black or African American Alone

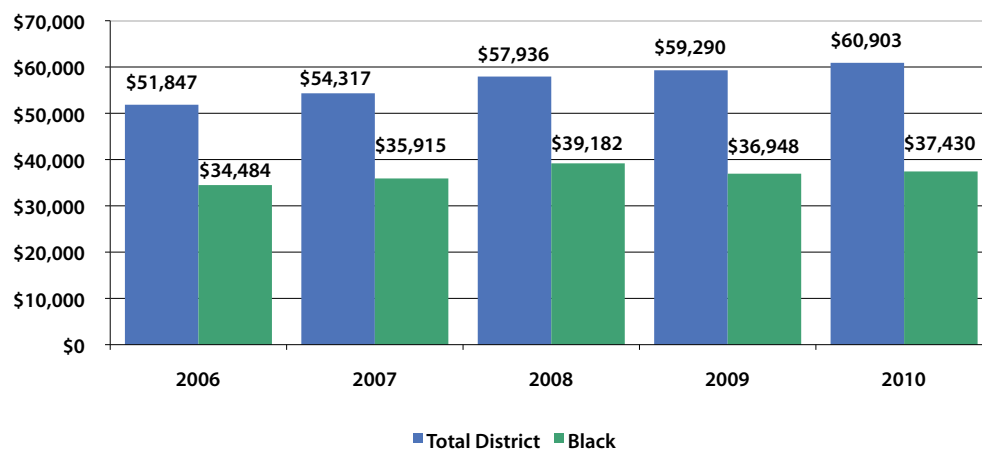


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Black Median Household Income: District of Columbia

- The median household income for Blacks lags behind the citywide income. In the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS), Black median household income was 61.5 % (\$37,430) of the median household income for the city (\$60,903) (Figure 4 and Map 3).

Figure 4. Median Household Income 2006-2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2010 1-yr data

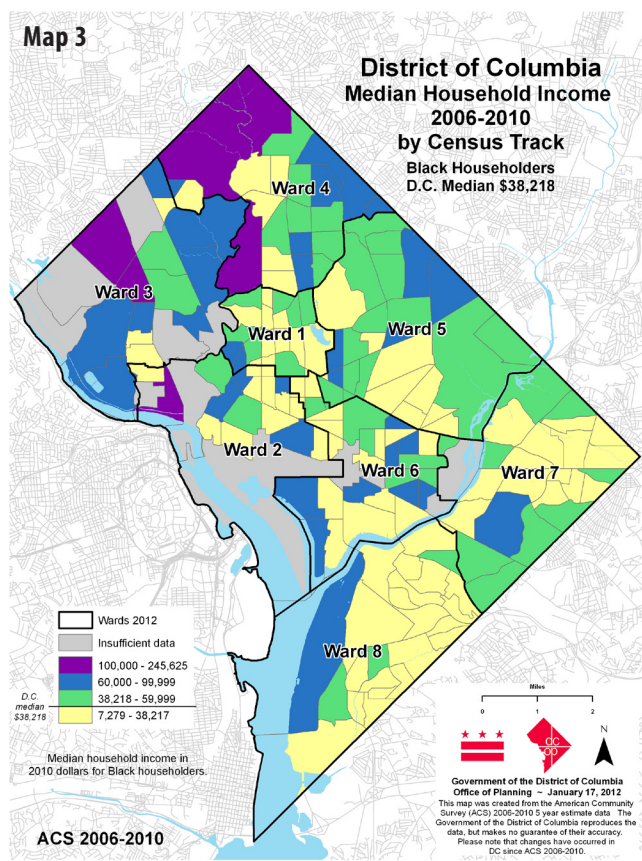


Table 6. Selected Income Indicators 2010

Category	DC Blacks	DC Total (All Races)
Median household income	\$37,430	\$60,903
Per capita income	\$23,005	\$41,240
In the past 12 months percent of households:		
With earnings	69.5%	79.7%
With social security income	27.2%	19.9%
With public assistance income	8.4%	4.7%
With Food Stamps/SNAP benefits	21.6%	11.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010 1-Yr data

Blacks by Occupation 2010: District of Columbia

- Like the total District, most Blacks are employed in management, business, science and arts occupations (Table 7).
- While more Black women are in services, sales and office occupations, more Black men are in production, transportation and construction occupations.

Blacks by Industry 2010: District of Columbia

- Unlike the total District, the majority of Blacks work in educational services, health care and social assistance followed by public administration (Table 8).

Table 7. Blacks by Occupation 2010: District of Columbia Residents

Occupation	All DC	Total Black	Black Male	Black Female
Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over (number)	299,127	113,193	49,038	64,155
Management, business, science and arts occupations	59.2%	37.0%	30.3%	42.1%
Sales and office occupations	17.3%	24.9%	20.0%	28.7%
Service occupations	15.6%	23.0%	21.8%	24.0%
Production, transportation and material moving occupations	4.9%	10.5%	18.4%	4.4%
Natural resources, construction and maintenance occupations	3.1%	4.6%	9.5%	0.8%
Some Other Race	22,923	41.9	2,643	13.0
Two or More Races	4,666	8.5	804	20.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010 1-Yr data

Table 8. Blacks by Industry 2010: District of Columbia Residents

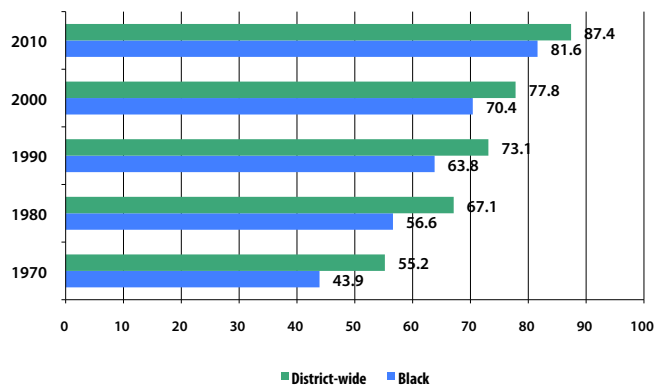
Industry	All DC	Total Black
Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	299,127	113,193
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0.1%	0.0%
Construction	3.0%	3.5%
Manufacturing	1.0%	1.4%
Wholesale trade	0.9%	1.3%
Retail trade	5.3%	9.5%
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	3.7%	7.9%
Information	3.9%	3.2%
Finance, insurance and real estate	5.2%	5.4%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services	22.2%	13.3%
Educational services, health care and social assistance	18.7%	23.8%
Art, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	8.7%	8.6%
Other services, except public	9.0%	6.7%
Public Administration	18.2%	15.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010 1-Yr data

Black Educational Attainment 2010 - High School Diploma or More: District of Columbia

- The percentage of the Black population 25 years and over with a high school diploma has increased steadily with the rest of the city (Figure 5).
- In 2010, 81.6% of Blacks had a high school diploma or more compared to 87.4 % citywide.

Figure 5. Percent of Black Population 25 Years and Over with a High School Diploma or More by Race



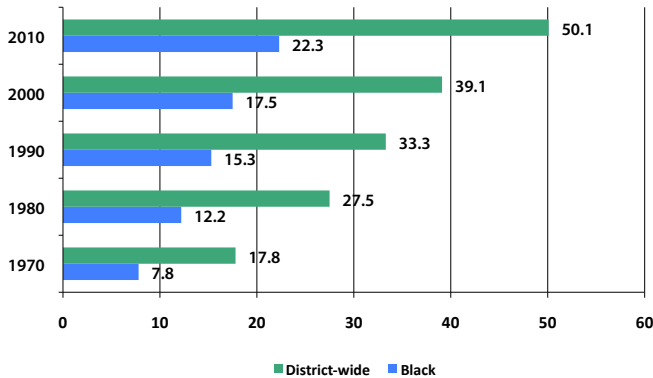
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010 1-Yr data



Black Educational Attainment 2010 - Bachelor's Degree or More: District of Columbia

- The percentage of Blacks with a bachelor's degree or more is significantly lower than the District-wide percentage.
- In 2010, only 22.3% of Blacks 25 years and over had a bachelor's degree or more compared to 50.1% District-wide (Figure 6).

Figure 6. Percent of the Population 25 Years and Over with a Bachelor's Degree or More



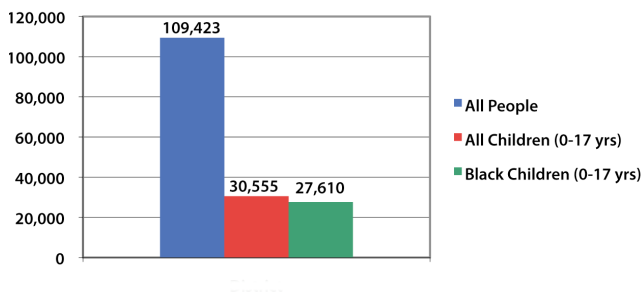
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010 1-Yr data



Black Children in Poverty 2010: District of Columbia

- In 2010, of the 30,555 children 0-17 years in poverty in the District, 27,610 or 90% were Black children (Figure 7).

Figure 7. People in Poverty 2010: District of Columbia

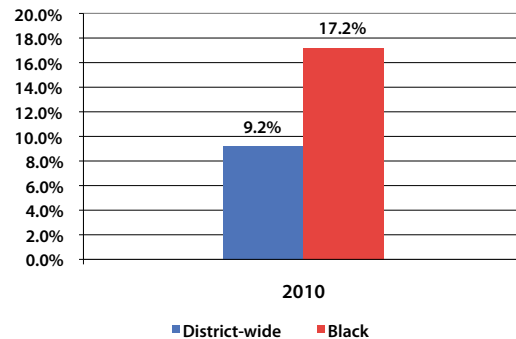


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2010 1-yr data

Black Unemployment 2010: District of Columbia

- The unemployment rate for Blacks (17.2%) was almost twice as high as the District-wide number (9.2%) in 2010 (Figure 8).

Figure 8. Unemployment Rate 2010: District of Columbia



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

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