

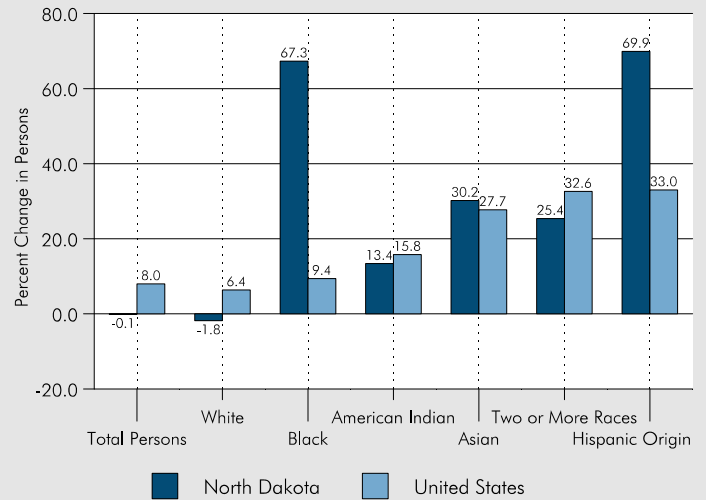
Population by Race and Hispanic Origin in North Dakota: Census 2000 and July 1, 2008 Estimate

According to the July 1, 2008 population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau, North Dakota's racial minority population (i.e., persons who are nonwhite or report multiple races) totaled 55,209 (8.6 percent of the state's total population). While the racial minority population in North Dakota grew 21.4 percent (9,727 people) from 2000 to 2008, the white population (which comprises the vast majority of all persons in the state) decreased 1.8 percent (10,446 people) (Table 1).

The American Indian population, North Dakota's largest racial minority, grew by 4,226 people from 2000 to 2008, an increase of 13.4 percent. During the same period of time, the black population grew by 2,799 persons (67.3 percent), the Asian population grew by 1,183 (30.2 percent), and persons of multiple races grew by 1,519 (25.4 percent) (Figure 1).

The Hispanic population (an ethnic category reported separately from race) currently represents 2.1 percent of North Dakota's total population and grew by 5,441 people (69.9 percent) from 2000 to 2008. Nationally, the Hispanic population grew 33.0 percent from 2000 to 2008 (Figure 2).

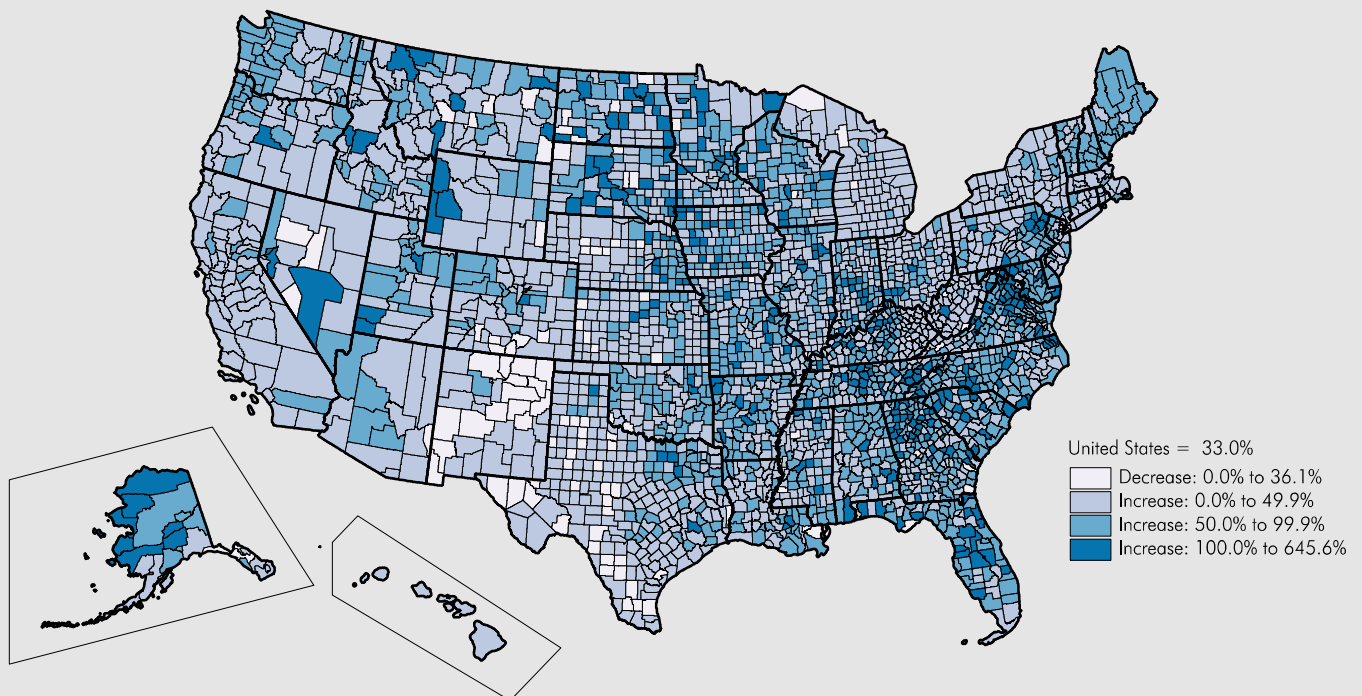
Figure 1. Percent Change in Population by Race & Hispanic Origin
North Dakota and the United States: Census 2000 to July 1, 2008 Estimate



Notes: American Indian includes Alaska Natives. Asian includes Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. Hispanic Origin represents persons of any race.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch, Table CC-EST2006-01ldata-38 - County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008, <http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/asrh/>

Figure 2. Percent Change in the Hispanic Population of the United States by County: Census 2000 to July 1, 2008

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Table CC-EST2008-01ldata-38 - County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008, www.census.gov/popest/counties/asrh/





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North Dakota's Population Becoming More Racially, Ethnically Diverse

Although racial minorities in North Dakota continue to represent a relatively small proportion of the state's total population (fewer than one in 10), the racial minority population has grown by one-fifth over the past eight years.

This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, presents the July 1, 2008 population estimates by race and ethnicity as released from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

These estimates reveal a continuing increase in population diversity throughout North Dakota. The state's racial minority population (i.e., people who are nonwhite or report multiple races) totaled 55,209 in 2008, which is 8.6 percent of the state's total population of 641,481. While the white population (which comprises the vast majority of all people in the state) declined 1.8 percent (10,446 people) from 2000 to 2008, the racial minority population in North Dakota grew by 21.4 percent (9,727 people).

The American Indian population, North Dakota's largest racial minority, grew by 4,226 people from 2000 to 2008, an increase of 13.4 percent. During the same period, the black population grew by 2,799 persons (67.3 percent), Asian population by 1,183 (30.2 percent), and people of multiple races by 1,519 (25.4 percent).

The Hispanic population (an ethnic category reported separately from race) represents 2.1 percent of North Dakota's total population and grew by 5,441 people (69.9 percent) from 2000 to 2008. The majority of the Hispanic population in North Dakota are white (86.6 percent).

Nationally, the Hispanic population grew 33.0 percent from 2000 to 2008.

"The growth in North Dakota's racial minority and Hispanic populations is helping to mitigate some of the population losses in rural areas, especially in the western portion of our state," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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