

Table 1.

White Population: 2000 and 2010(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/pl94-171.pdf)

Race and Hispanic or Latino origin	2000		2010		Change, 2000 to 2010	
	Number	Percentage of total population	Number	Percentage of total population	Number	Percent
Total population	281,421,906	100.0	308,745,538	100.0	27,323,632	9.7
White alone or in combination	216,930,975	77.1	231,040,398	74.8	14,109,423	6.5
White alone	211,460,626	75.1	223,553,265	72.4	12,092,639	5.7
Hispanic or Latino	16,907,852	6.0	26,735,713	8.7	9,827,861	58.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	194,552,774	69.1	196,817,552	63.7	2,264,778	1.2
White in combination	5,470,349	1.9	7,487,133	2.4	2,016,784	36.9
White; Black or African American	784,764	0.3	1,834,212	0.6	1,049,448	133.7
White; Some Other Race	2,206,251	0.8	1,740,924	0.6	-465,327	-21.1
White; Asian	868,395	0.3	1,623,234	0.5	754,839	86.9
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	1,082,683	0.4	1,432,309	0.5	349,626	32.3
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	112,207	—	230,848	0.1	118,641	105.7
All other combinations including White	416,049	0.1	625,606	0.2	209,557	50.4
Not White alone or in combination	64,490,931	22.9	77,705,140	25.2	13,214,209	20.5

— Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Note: In Census 2000, an error in data processing resulted in an overstatement of the Two or More Races population by about 1 million people (about 15 percent) nationally, which almost entirely affected race combinations involving Some Other Race. Therefore, data users should assess observed changes in the Two or More Races population and race combinations involving Some Other Race between Census 2000 and the 2010 Census with caution. Changes in specific race combinations not involving Some Other Race, such as White **and** Black or African American or White **and** Asian, generally should be more comparable.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, *Census 2000 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File*, Tables PL1 and PL2; and *2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File*, Tables P1 and P2.

The maximum number of people who reported White is reflected in the *White alone-or-in-combination* population. One way to define the White population is to combine those respondents who reported White alone with those who reported White in combination with one or more other races. This creates the *White alone-or-in-combination* population. Another way to think about the *White alone-or-in-combination* population is the total number of people who reported White, whether or not they reported any other races.

Throughout the report, the discussion of the White population compares results for each of these groups and highlights the diversity

within the entire White population.¹¹

THE WHITE POPULATION: A SNAPSHOT

The 2010 Census showed that the U.S. population on April 1, 2010, was 308.7 million. Out of the total population, 223.6 million people, or 72 percent, identified as White

alone (see Table 1).^{12, 13} In addition, 7.5 million people, or 2 percent, reported White in combination with one or more other races.

Together, these two groups totaled 231.0 million people. Thus, 75 percent of all people in the United States identified as White, either alone, or in combination with one or more other races.

¹² Percentages shown in text generally are rounded to the nearest integer, while those shown in tables and figures are shown with decimals. All rounding is based on unrounded calculations. Thus, due to rounding, some percentages shown in tables and figures ending in "5" may round either up or down. For example, unrounded numbers of 14.49 and 14.51 would both be shown as 14.5 in a table, but would be cited in the text as 14 and 15, respectively.

¹³ For the purposes of this report, the terms "reported," "identified," and "classified" are used interchangeably to refer to the response provided by respondents as well as responses assigned during the editing and imputation process.

¹¹ As a matter of policy, the Census Bureau does not advocate the use of the *alone* population over the *alone-or-in-combination* population or vice versa. The use of the *alone* population in sections of this report does not imply that it is a preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The same is true for sections of this report that focus on the *alone-or-in-combination* population. Data on race from the 2010 Census can be presented and discussed in a variety of ways.