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White Population in the United States, in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), and in the District of Columbia in 1950, 1990 and 2010

(Note: This is the third in a series of monthly briefs focusing on population trends by race and ethnicity, comparing 1950 to 2010 or 1990 to 2010 in the case of the PMSA).

Introduction

This report provides an overview of the geographic distribution of White population at the national level, in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), and in the District of Columbia, for years 1950 and 2010.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines “White” as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

The white racial category includes people who marked the “White” checkbox in the U.S. Census Bureau’s surveys (see questionnaire image).

It also includes respondents who reported entries such as Caucasian or white; European entries, such as Irish, German, and Polish; Middle Eastern entries, such as Arab, Lebanese, and Palestinian; and North African entries, such as Algerian, Moroccan, and Egyptian.

Figure 1: Question on Race from the 2010 Census

What is this person’s race? Mark one or more boxes.

White

Black, African Am., or Negro

American Indian or Alaska Native – Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.

Asian Indian

Chinese

Filipino

Other Asian – Print race: for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.

Japanese

Korean

Vietnamese

Native Hawaiian

Guamanian or Chamorro

Samoan

Other Pacific Islander – Print race: for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.

Some other race – Print race.

White Population in the United States in 1950

According to the 1950 Census, 150,697,361 people resided in the United States on April 1, 1950, of which 134,942,028 people or 89.5 percent identified as White. In 1950, thirty-four states had proportions of White population higher than the national average of 89.5 percent and the remaining thirteen states and the District of Columbia had proportions of White population lower than the national average (Map 1, Table 1). Vermont had the highest White population share (99.9 percent) of its total population, followed by New Hampshire at 99.8 percent, and Maine 99.7 percent, while Mississippi had the lowest proportion of White population at 54.6 percent (Table 1).

Table 1: White Population for the United States and States: 1950

State	Total	White Population		
		Number	Percent of State Total	% of Total White
U.S. Total	150,697,361	134,942,028	89.5	100.0
Alabama	3,061,743	2,079,591	67.9	1.5
Arizona	749,587	654,511	87.3	0.5
Arkansas	1,909,511	1,481,507	77.6	1.1
California	10,586,223	9,915,173	93.7	7.3
Colorado	1,325,089	1,296,653	97.9	1.0
Connecticut	2,007,280	1,952,329	97.3	1.4
Delaware	318,085	273,878	86.1	0.2
District of Columbia	802,178	517,865	64.6	0.4
Florida	2,771,305	2,166,051	78.2	1.6
Georgia	3,444,578	2,380,577	69.1	1.8
Idaho	588,637	581,395	98.8	0.4
Illinois	8,712,176	8,046,058	92.4	6.0
Indiana	3,934,224	3,758,512	95.5	2.8
Iowa	2,621,073	2,599,546	99.2	1.9
Kansas	1,905,299	1,828,961	96.0	1.4
Kentucky	2,944,806	2,742,090	93.1	2.0
Louisiana	2,683,516	1,796,683	67.0	1.3
Maine	913,774	910,846	99.7	0.7
Maryland	2,343,001	1,954,975	83.4	1.4
Massachusetts	4,690,514	4,611,503	98.3	3.4
Michigan	6,371,766	5,917,825	92.9	4.4
Minnesota	2,982,483	2,953,697	99.0	2.2
Mississippi	2,178,914	1,188,632	54.6	0.9
Missouri	3,954,653	3,655,593	92.4	2.7
Montana	591,024	572,038	96.8	0.4
Nebraska	1,325,510	1,301,328	98.2	1.0
Nevada	160,083	149,908	93.6	0.1
New Hampshire	533,242	532,275	99.8	0.4
New Jersey	4,835,329	4,511,585	93.3	3.3
New Mexico	681,187	630,211	92.5	0.5
New York	14,830,192	13,872,095	93.5	10.3
North Carolina	4,061,929	2,983,121	73.4	2.2
North Dakota	619,636	608,448	98.2	0.5
Ohio	7,946,627	7,428,222	93.5	5.5
Oklahoma	2,233,351	2,032,526	91.0	1.5
Oregon	1,521,341	1,497,128	98.4	1.1
Pennsylvania	10,498,012	9,853,848	93.9	7.3
Rhode Island	791,896	777,015	98.1	0.6
South Carolina	2,117,027	1,293,405	61.1	1.0
South Dakota	652,740	628,504	96.3	0.5
Tennessee	3,291,718	2,760,257	83.9	2.0
Texas	7,711,194	6,726,534	87.2	5.0
Utah	688,862	676,909	98.3	0.5
Vermont	377,747	377,188	99.9	0.3
Virginia	3,318,680	2,581,555	77.8	1.9
Washington	2,378,963	2,316,496	97.4	1.7
West Virginia	2,005,552	1,890,282	94.3	1.4
Wisconsin	3,434,575	3,392,690	98.8	2.5
Wyoming	290,529	284,009	97.8	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1950 Census

Map 1. White Population as a Percent of State Population: 1950

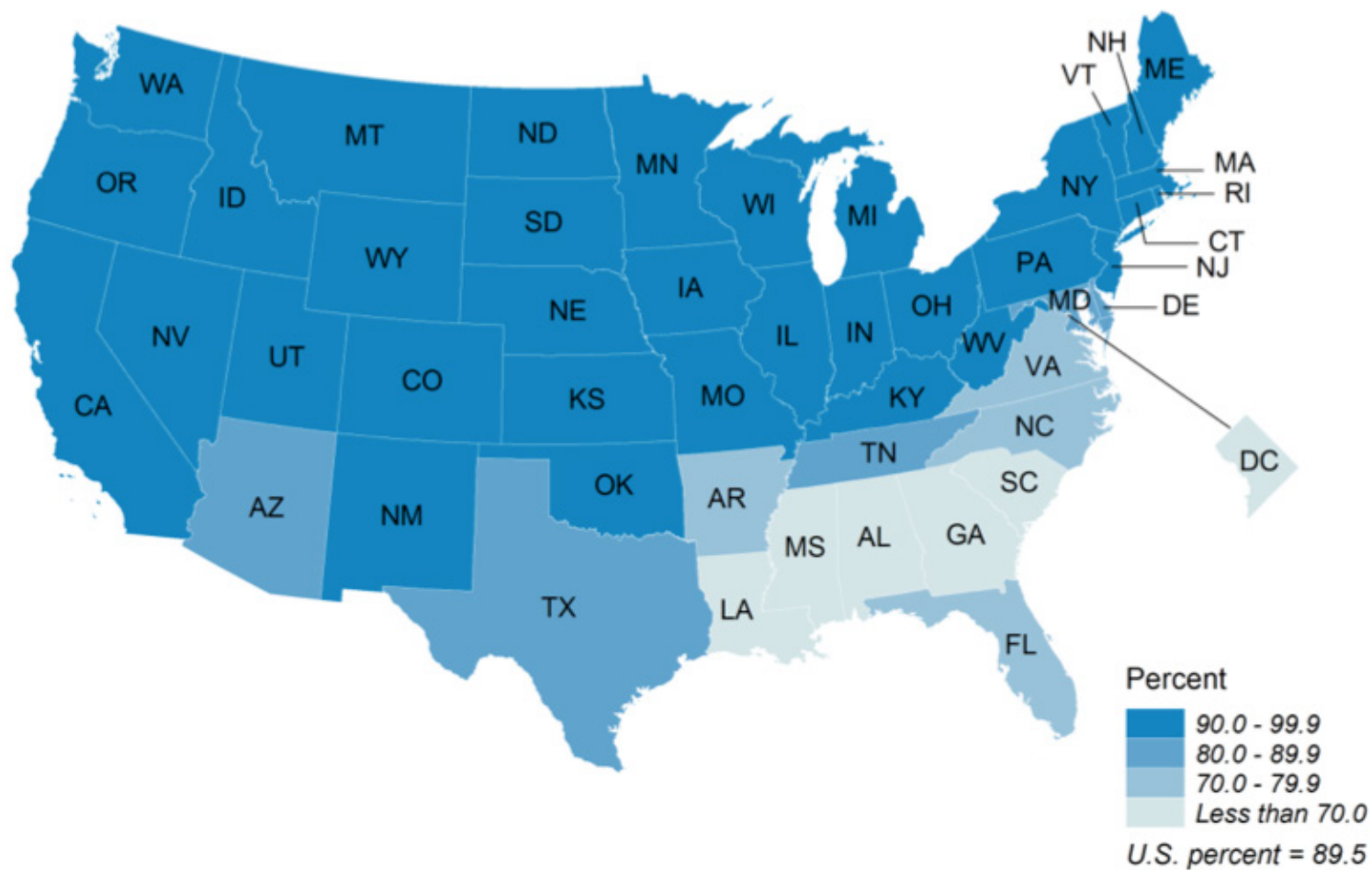


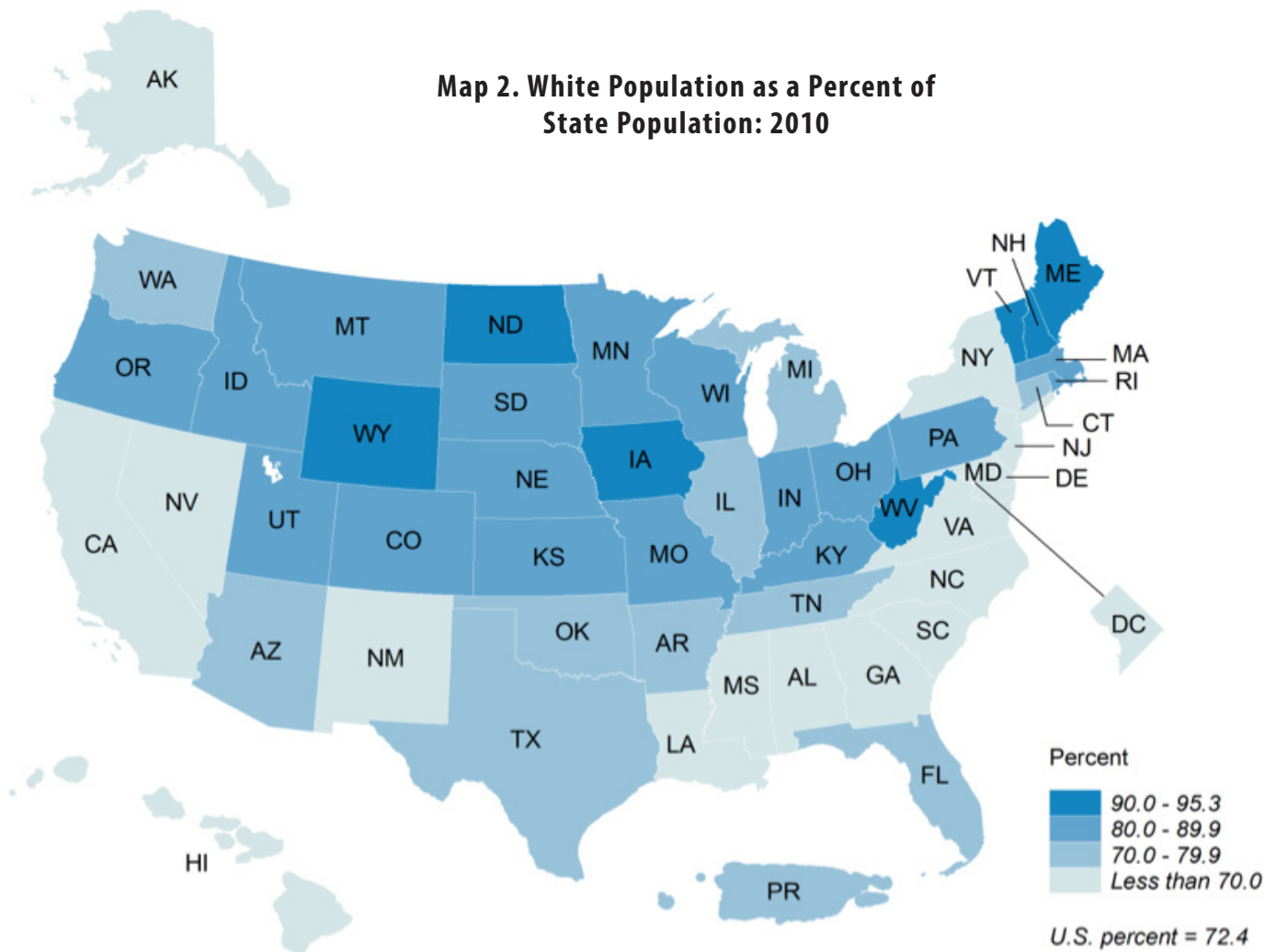
Table 2. White Alone Population for the United States and States: 2010

State	Total	White alone		
		Number	Percent	% of total White alone
U.S. Total	308,745,538	223,553,265	72.4	100.0
Alabama	4,779,736	3,275,394	68.5	1.5
Alaska	710,231	473,576	66.7	0.2
Arizona	6,392,017	4,667,121	73.0	2.1
Arkansas	2,915,918	2,245,229	77.0	1.0
California	37,253,956	21,453,934	57.6	9.6
Colorado	5,029,196	4,089,202	81.3	1.8
Connecticut	3,574,097	2,772,410	77.6	1.2
Delaware	897,934	618,617	68.9	0.3
District of Columbia	601,723	231,471	38.5	0.1
Florida	18,801,310	14,109,162	75.0	6.3
Georgia	9,687,653	5,787,440	59.7	2.6
Hawaii	1,360,301	336,599	24.7	0.2
Idaho	1,567,582	1,396,487	89.1	0.6
Illinois	12,830,632	9,177,877	71.5	4.1
Indiana	6,483,802	5,467,906	84.3	2.4
Iowa	3,046,355	2,781,561	91.3	1.2
Kansas	2,853,118	2,391,044	83.8	1.1
Kentucky	4,339,367	3,809,537	87.8	1.7
Louisiana	4,533,372	2,836,192	62.6	1.3
Maine	1,328,361	1,264,971	95.2	0.6
Maryland	5,773,552	3,359,284	58.2	1.5
Massachusetts	6,547,629	5,265,236	80.4	2.4
Michigan	9,883,640	7,803,120	78.9	3.5
Minnesota	5,303,925	4,524,062	85.3	2.0
Mississippi	2,967,297	1,754,684	59.1	0.8
Missouri	5,988,927	4,958,770	82.8	2.2
Montana	989,415	884,961	89.4	0.4
Nebraska	1,826,341	1,572,838	86.1	0.7
Nevada	2,700,551	1,786,688	66.2	0.8
New Hampshire	1,316,470	1,236,050	93.9	0.6
New Jersey	8,791,894	6,029,248	68.6	2.7
New Mexico	2,059,179	1,407,876	68.4	0.6
New York	19,378,102	12,740,974	65.7	5.7
North Carolina	9,535,483	6,528,950	68.5	2.9
North Dakota	672,591	605,449	90.0	0.3
Ohio	11,536,504	9,539,437	82.7	4.3
Oklahoma	3,751,351	2,706,845	72.2	1.2
Oregon	3,831,074	3,204,614	83.6	1.4
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	10,406,288	81.9	4.7
Rhode Island	1,052,567	856,869	81.4	0.4
South Carolina	4,625,364	3,060,000	66.2	1.4
South Dakota	814,180	699,392	85.9	0.3
Tennessee	6,346,105	4,921,948	77.6	2.2
Texas	25,145,561	17,701,552	70.4	7.9
Utah	2,763,885	2,379,560	86.1	1.1
Vermont	625,741	596,292	95.3	0.3
Virginia	8,001,024	5,486,852	68.6	2.5
Washington	6,724,540	5,196,362	77.3	2.3
West Virginia	1,852,994	1,739,988	93.9	0.8
Wisconsin	5,686,986	4,902,067	86.2	2.2
Wyoming	563,626	511,279	90.7	0.2
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	2,825,100	75.8	1.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

White Population in the United States in 2010

The 2010 Census showed that the United States population on April 1, 2010 was 308,745,538. Of the total population, 223,553,265 people or 72.4 percent identified as White alone. In 2010, thirty-two states had proportions of White population higher than the national average of 72.4 percent and the remaining nineteen states and the District of Columbia had proportions of White population lower than the national average. Vermont had the highest White population share (95.3 percent), followed by Maine at 95.2 percent and New Hampshire at 93.9 percent, while Hawaii had the lowest proportion of White population at 24.7 percent (Table 2, Map 2).



White Population in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) in 1990 (Data not available for 1950)

The Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) includes 22 jurisdictions, with the District of Columbia at the hub of the region, joined by Montgomery, Prince George’s, Charles, and Frederick counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Fauquier, Clarke, and Warren counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg in Virginia; and Jefferson County in West Virginia. According to the 1990 Census, the Washington PMSA had a total population of 4,122,914. Of the total, 2,754,867 people (66.8 percent) identified as White. In 1990, twenty jurisdictions had proportions of White population higher than the Metropolitan Area average of 66.8 percent. Prince George’s County in Maryland (43.1 percent) and the District of Columbia (29.6 percent) had proportions of White population lower than the Metropolitan Area average (66.8 percent). Warren County in Virginia had the highest White population share (94.3 percent), followed by Frederick County in Maryland at 93.1 percent and Jefferson County in West Virginia at 91.7 percent (Table 3, Map 3).

Map 3. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) White Population as a Percent of County Population: 1990

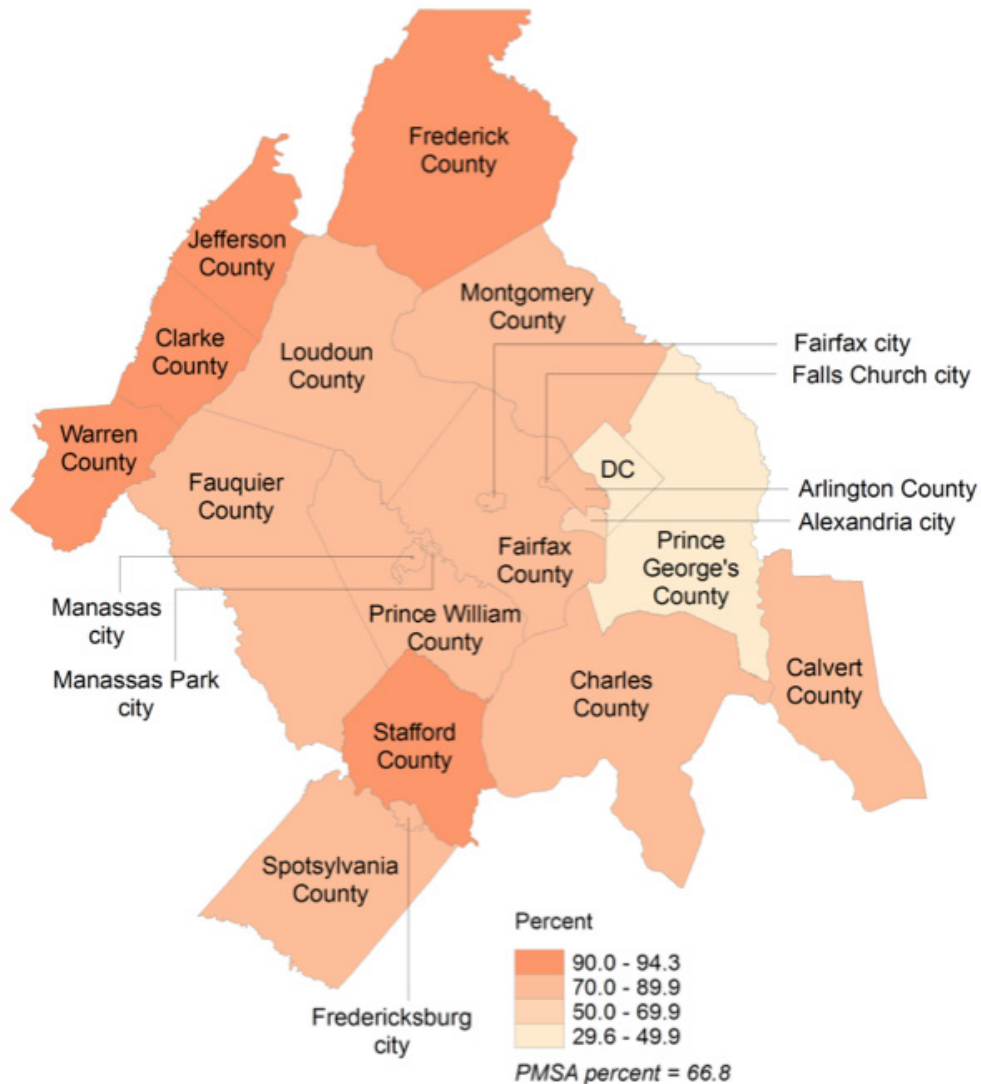


Table 3. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) White Population by County: 1990

Geography	Total Population	White		
		Number	Percent	% of total White
Total Washington Metro Area	4,122,914	2,754,867	66.8	100.0
District of Columbia	606,900	179,667	29.6	6.5
Calvert County, Maryland	51,372	43,825	85.3	1.6
Charles County, Maryland	101,154	80,234	79.3	2.9
Frederick County, Maryland	150,208	139,909	93.1	5.1
Montgomery County, Maryland	757,027	580,635	76.7	21.1
Prince George's County, Maryland	729,268	314,616	43.1	11.4
Arlington County, Virginia	170,936	130,873	76.6	4.8
Clarke County, Virginia	12,101	10,984	90.8	0.4
Fairfax County, Virginia	818,584	665,399	81.3	24.2
Fauquier County, Virginia	48,741	42,657	87.5	1.5
Loudoun County, Virginia	86,129	77,095	89.5	2.8
Prince William County, Virginia	215,686	179,709	83.3	6.5
Spotsylvania County, Virginia	57,403	50,220	87.5	1.8
Stafford County, Virginia	61,236	55,546	90.7	2.0
Warren County, Virginia	26,142	24,646	94.3	0.9
Alexandria city, Virginia	111,183	76,789	69.1	2.8
Fairfax city, Virginia	19,622	16,830	85.8	0.6
Falls Church city, Virginia	9,578	8,533	89.1	0.3
Fredericksburg city, Virginia	19,027	14,468	76.0	0.5
Manassas city, Virginia	27,957	23,332	83.5	0.8
Manassas Park city, Virginia	6,734	5,941	88.2	0.2
Jefferson County, West Virginia	35,926	32,959	91.7	1.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census

White Population in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) in 2010

According to the 2010 Census, the total population of the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) was 5,582,170 on April 1, 2010, of which 3,058,820 people (54.8 percent) identified as White alone. In 2010, nineteen jurisdictions had proportions of White population higher than the Metropolitan Area average of 54.8 percent and three jurisdictions had proportions of White population lower than the Metropolitan Area average. Warren County in Virginia had the highest White population share (90.9 percent) of its total population, followed by Clarke County in Virginia at 90.2 percent, and Jefferson County in West Virginia at 87.6 percent. Prince George’s County in Maryland had the lowest proportion of White population at 19.2 percent (Table 4, Map 4)

Map 4. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) White Population as a Percent of County Population: 2010

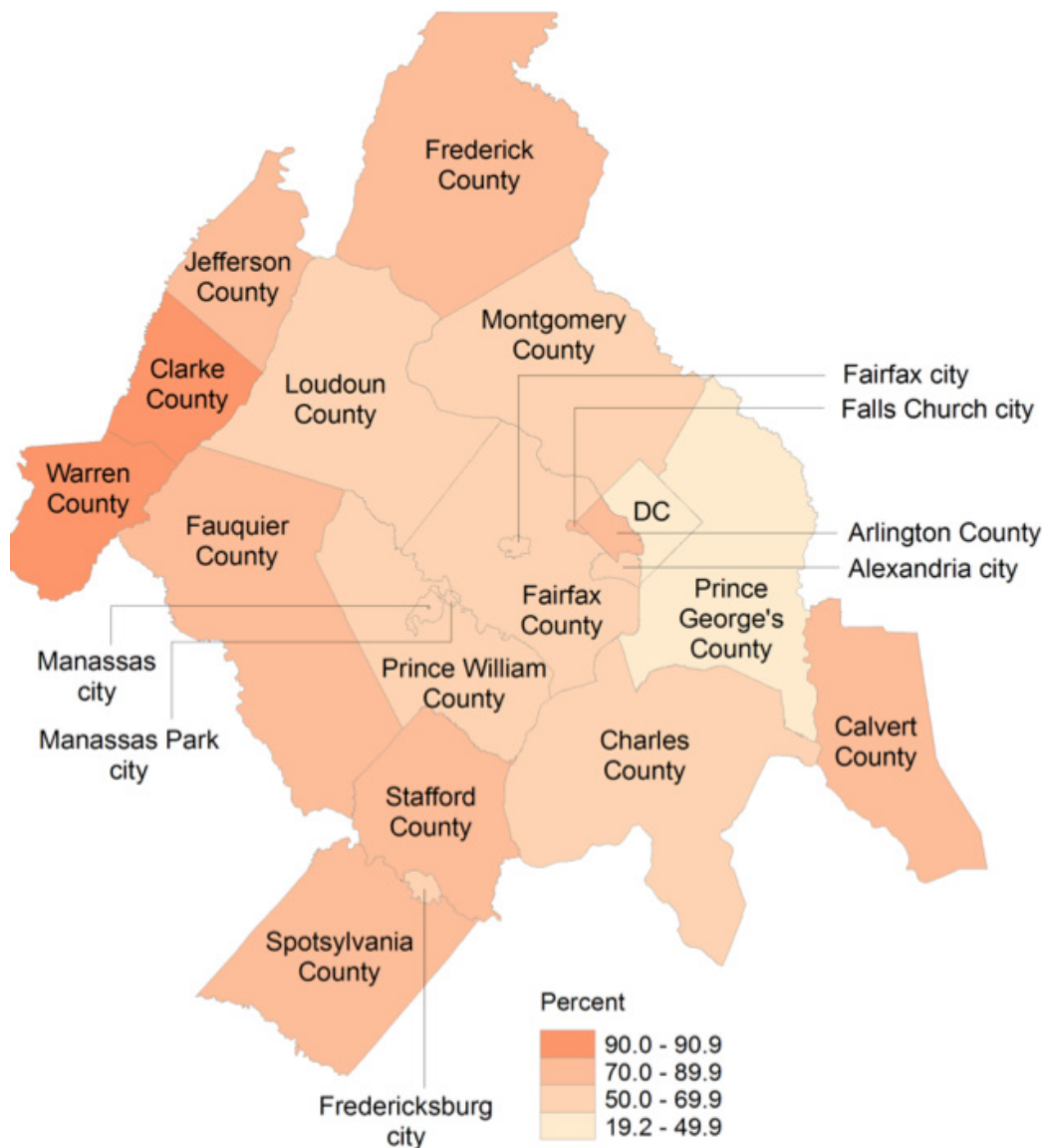


Table 4. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) White alone Population by County: 2010

Geography	Total	White alone		
	Number	Number	Percent	% of total White alone
Total Washington Metro Area	5,582,170	3,058,820	54.8	100.0
District of Columbia	601,723	231,471	38.5	7.6
Calvert County, Maryland	88,737	72,231	81.4	2.4
Charles County, Maryland	146,551	73,677	50.3	2.4
Frederick County, Maryland	233,385	190,306	81.5	6.2
Montgomery County, Maryland	971,777	558,358	57.5	18.3
Prince George's County, Maryland	863,420	166,059	19.2	5.4
Arlington County, Virginia	207,627	148,970	71.7	4.9
Clarke County, Virginia	14,034	12,662	90.2	0.4
Fairfax County, Virginia	1,081,726	677,990	62.7	22.2
Fauquier County, Virginia	65,203	55,607	85.3	1.8
Loudoun County, Virginia	312,311	214,471	68.7	7.0
Prince William County, Virginia	402,002	232,401	57.8	7.6
Spotsylvania County, Virginia	122,397	92,452	75.5	3.0
Stafford County, Virginia	128,961	93,483	72.5	3.1
Warren County, Virginia	37,575	34,144	90.9	1.1
Alexandria City, Virginia	139,966	85,186	60.9	2.8
Fairfax City, Virginia	22,565	15,706	69.6	0.5
Falls Church City, Virginia	12,332	9,853	79.9	0.3
Fredericksburg City, Virginia	24,286	15,596	64.2	0.5
Manassas City, Virginia	37,821	23,336	61.7	0.8
Manassas Park City, Virginia	14,273	7,985	55.9	0.3
Jefferson County, West Virginia	53,498	46,876	87.6	1.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

White Population in the District of Columbia in 1950

The 1950 Census counted 802,178 residents in the District of Columbia, of which 517,865 people, or nearly two thirds (64.6 percent), were identified as White. In 1950, four Wards (Wards 3, 4, 8, and 5) had proportions of White population higher than the District average and the remaining four Wards (Wards 2, 7, 1, and 6) had proportions of White population lower than the District average. Ward 3 had the highest White population share (97.4 percent) of its total population, followed by Ward 4 at 97 percent, and Ward 8 at 75.6 percent, while Ward 6 had the lowest proportion of White population at 41.8 percent (Table 5, Map 5).

Map 5. District of Columbia White Population as a Percent of Census Tract Population: 1950

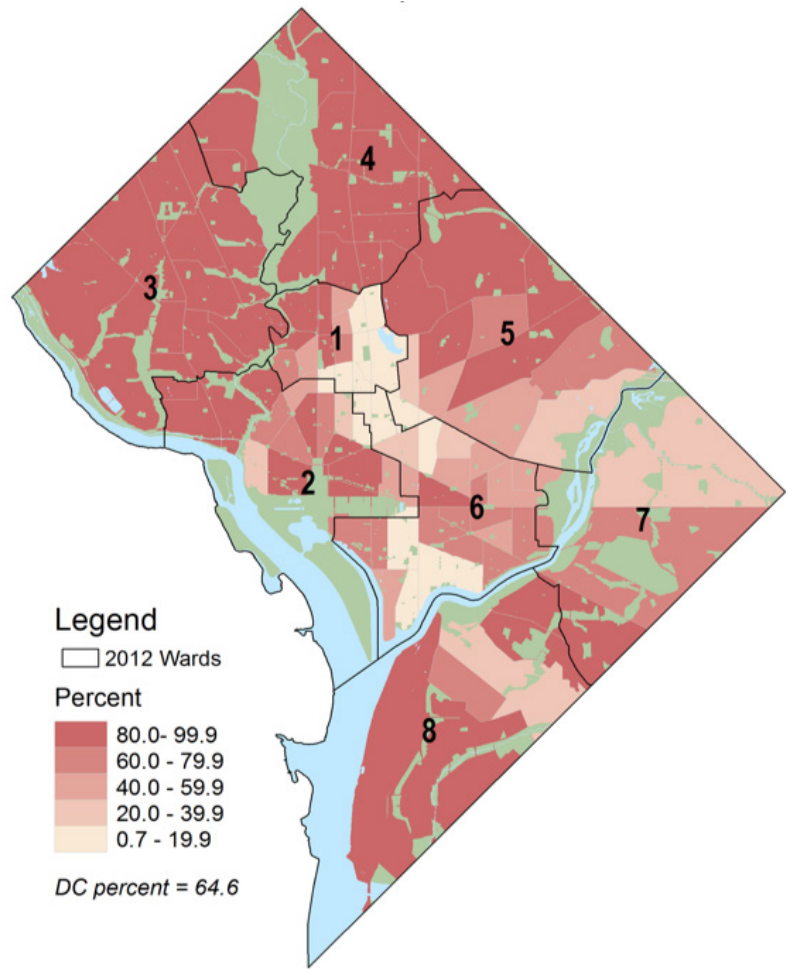


Table 5. District of Columbia White Population by Ward: 1950

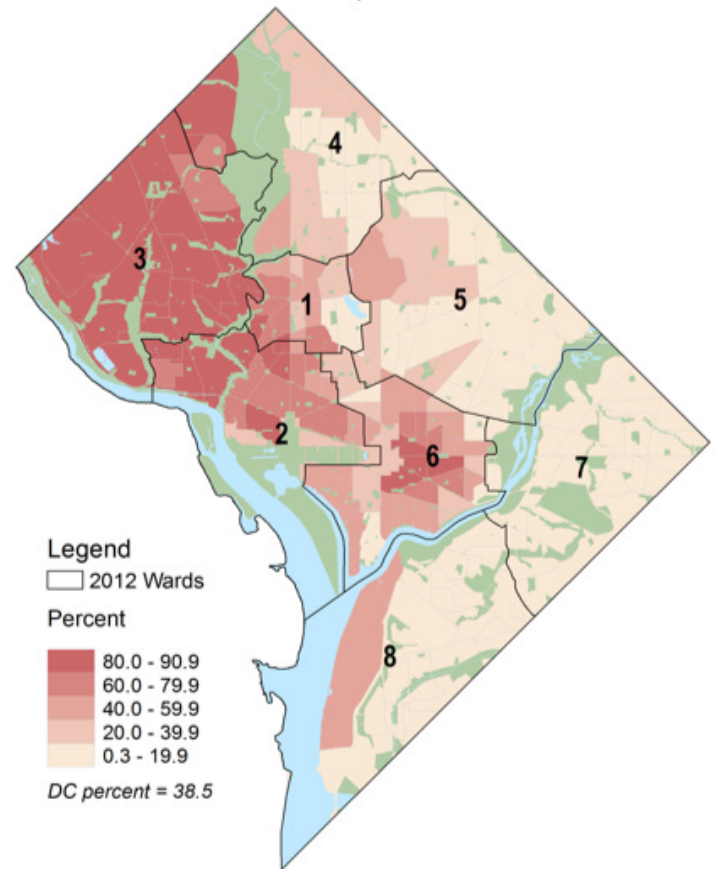
Ward*	Total	White		
		Number	Percent	% of total White
District total	802,178	517,865	64.6	100.0
Ward 1	96,910	50,227	51.8	9.7
Ward 2	127,298	76,289	59.9	14.7
Ward 3	65,607	63,877	97.4	12.3
Ward 4	86,930	84,336	97.0	16.3
Ward 5	107,365	72,262	67.3	14.0
Ward 6	144,200	60,236	41.8	11.6
Ward 7	106,529	59,714	56.1	11.5
Ward 8	67,339	50,924	75.6	9.8

*1950 data by 2012 Ward Boundaries
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1950 Census

White Population in the District of Columbia in 2010

In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau counted 601,723 residents in the District of Columbia, of which 231,471 (38.5 percent) were identified as White alone. In 2010, four Wards (Wards 3, 2, 6, and 1) had proportions of White population higher than the District average and the remaining four Wards (Wards 4, 5, 8, and 7) had proportions of White population lower than the District average. Ward 3 had the highest White population share (83.5 percent) of its total population, followed by Ward 2 at 71.7 percent, and Ward 6 at 49.7 percent. Ward 8 had the lowest proportion of White population at 1.8 percent (Table 6, Map 6).

Map 6. District of Columbia White Population as a Percent of Census Tract Population: 2010



District of Columbia White Population by Ward: 2010				
Ward*	Total	White alone		
		Number	Percent	% of total White alone
District total	601,723	231,471	38.5	100.0
Ward 1	76,197	36,864	48.4	15.9
Ward 2	79,915	57,317	71.7	24.8
Ward 3	77,152	64,447	83.5	27.8
Ward 4	75,773	18,601	24.5	8.0
Ward 5	74,308	12,259	16.5	5.3
Ward 6	76,598	38,047	49.7	16.4
Ward 7	71,068	1,291	1.8	0.6
Ward 8	70,712	2,645	3.7	1.1

*2010 data by 2012 Ward boundaries
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

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