DIVERSITY EXPLOSION

HOW NEW RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS ARE REMAKING AMERICA

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FIGURE 1-1
U.S. White and Minority Populations, 1970–2050

Source: U.S. censuses and Census Bureau projections, various years.
21st Century Racial Population Trends

- Rapid Growth of “New Minorities”
- Diminished Growth and Rapid Aging of Whites
- Black advances and Migration Reversals
- Shift to “no racial majority” nation
Demographic Dynamics

• Diversity by Generation – “From the Bottom Up”

• Diversity Dispersal – “From the Melting Pot Out”
FIGURE 2-4
Cultural Generation Gap: Population Composition, by Age and Race, 2010

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Source: 2010 U.S. census.
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MAP 3-1
Melting Pot, New Sun Belt, and Heartland America

- **Melting Pot**
- **New Sun Belt**
- **Heartland**

Metropolitan areas noted on map have major concentrations of immigrants.
MAP 4-1
Hispanic Concentration Areas and New Hispanic Destinations

This map displays 222 metropolitan areas classed as:

- **Hispanic concentration/modest growth** (33 areas)
  Hispanics at least 16 percent of 2010 population and less than 43 percent 2000–10 growth

- **Hispanic concentration/fast growth** (44 areas)
  Hispanics at least 16 percent of population and at least 43 percent 2000–10 growth

- **New Hispanic destinations** (145 areas)
  Hispanics at least 16 percent of 2010 population and at least 86 percent 2000–10 growth

Source: 2010 U.S. census.
America’s Racial Kaleidoscope: Counties where minorities are overrepresented, 2010*

Source: 2010 U.S. census.

*Counts where group contains at least the national 2010 share for Hispanics (16.3 percent), blacks (12.2 percent), or Asians (4.7 percent). “Other minorities” pertains to counties where the sum of American Indians and Alaska Natives, persons identifying with two or more races, and persons of some other race constitute at least a 4 percent share of the population. “Two or more minority groups” pertains to counties where two or more of the groups—Hispanics, blacks, Asians, or other minorities—are overrepresented.
FIGURE 6-8
Metropolitan Chicago and Atlanta Black Populations, 1970–2010

Millions

Trends toward Integration

- Melting Pot Cities and Suburbs
- Reduced Neighborhood Segregation
- Multiracial Marriage and Identity
- Extending the Political Battleground
FIGURE 8-4
Percent of Residents Residing in Suburbs, 100 Largest Metropolitan Areas, 1990–2010

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FIGURE 8-1
Contributions to City and Suburb Population Change, 100 Largest Metropolitan Areas, 2000–10

Millions

FIGURE 9-1
Black-White Segregation: Average Levels for Metropolitan Areas, 1930–2010

Segregation level


*Segregation levels represent the percent of blacks who would have to change neighborhoods to be completely integrated with whites. Values range from 0 (complete integration) to 100 (complete segregation).
FIGURE 9-6
Neighborhood Racial Makeup of the Average White, Black, Asian, and Hispanic Resident across the United States, 2010

Percent racial groups in neighborhood

Source: 2010 U.S. census.
Further Information

- www.brookings.edu/experts/freyw
- www.frey-demographer.org
- www.brookings.edu/research/books/2014/diversityexplosion