Iowa Population Trends in Race and Ethnicity

- Hispanics and Latinos make up the largest minority population in Iowa at 6.2%, estimated in 2018.
- The largest percentage change in the minority population from 2010 to 2018 is Non-Hispanic Asians, estimated to have increased 58.3% while non-Hispanic blacks and African Americans have increased by 32.9%. Hispanics and Latinos show an estimated 28.3% increase, while the non-Hispanic white population shows a -0.4% decline from 2010 to 2018.
- The most diverse age category is the under 5 population, with a minority population of 21.0%.
- Median age is significantly lower in minority populations; however, the median age has increased across all races since 2010.

Increase in the Percentage of Minority Population by County — 2010-2018

Change in the Percentage of Hispanics or Latinos (of Any Race) by County — 2010-2018

Change in Percentage

Note: Race and ethnicity demographics in U.S. Census Bureau data are self-reported and are considered separate and distinct identities. Residents choose the race or races with which they most closely identify, and are asked separately to indicate whether they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

Iowa Race and Ethnicity — 2010 and 2018

- Non-Hispanic Other Race - 66,873
  - Includes: American Indian and Alaska Native - 9,533
  - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander - 3,518
  - Two or More Races - 53,822
  - 2.1% of Iowa population (+0.5%)
  - 32.4% increase in actual population

- Non-Hispanic Asian - 84,180
  - 2.7% of Iowa population (+0.9%)
  - 58.3% increase in actual population

- Non-Hispanic Black or African American - 119,189
  - 3.8% of Iowa population (+0.9%)
  - 35.9% increase in actual population

- Hispanic or Latino (of any race) - 194,432
  - 6.2% of Iowa population (+1.2%)
  - 28.3% increase in actual population

- Non-Hispanic White - 2,691,471
  - 85.3% of Iowa Population (-3.5%)
  - -0.44% decline in actual population

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 Population Estimate, 2010 Decennial Census
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