

CHILD POPULATION ESTIMATES BY RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

DEFINITION: Estimate of resident population under age 18 by race and Hispanic origin.

SIGNIFICANCE

In terms of race and ethnicity, the demographic profile of Louisiana's children diverges from that of the nation as a whole in several ways. As the nation has become increasingly diverse, the percentage of children in the U.S. who identify as non-Hispanic white declined from 61% in 2000 to 56% in 2008. During the same time, the percentage of Louisiana children who identify as non-Hispanic white experienced only a slight decline from 55% to 54%. In 2008, 38% of Louisiana children identified as non-Hispanic black or African-American, compared to just 14% of children nationwide. By contrast, Asian and Hispanic children made up a much smaller proportion of the child population in Louisiana, compared to the nation as a whole. While just 1% of Louisiana children identified as Asian, the same was true of 4% of children nationwide. Twenty-percent (20%) of the nation's children identified as Hispanic in 2008, while the same was true for just 4% of Louisiana children. Approximately 1% of children in both Louisiana and the nation identified as American-Indian in 2008. Approximately 2% of all Louisiana children identified as being of two or more race groups, slightly fewer than the national average of 3%.¹

In 2007, there were 15 Louisiana parishes in which more than half of the child population identified as black or African American. White children comprise the majority of the child population in 45 parishes. While the percentage of the child population that identifies as Hispanic remained relatively small at the state level (4%), approximately one out of every ten children in Vernon and Jefferson parishes identified as Hispanic or Latino. Approximately 4% of children in Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes identified as Asian. With 8.4% of its child population identifying as American-Indian, Sabine had the largest concentration of American Indian children of any parish in the state in 2007.

DATA SOURCE

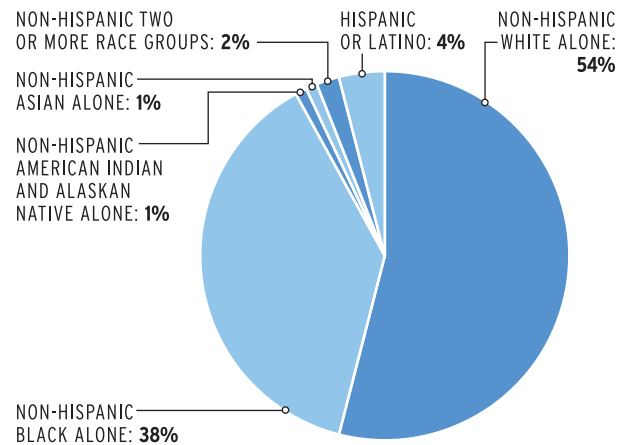
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RATE CALCULATION

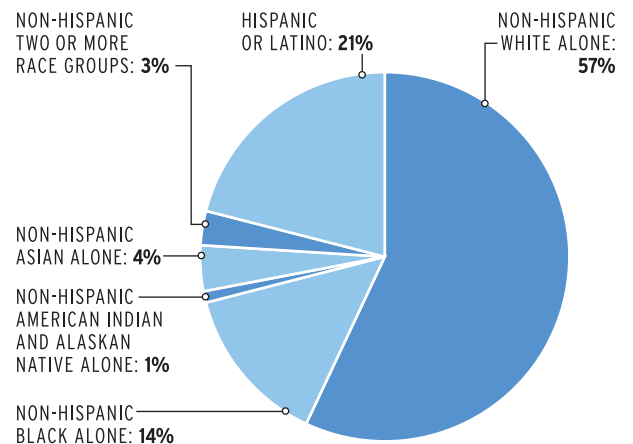
$100 * (\text{number of non-Hispanic, American Indian children ages 0-17} \div \text{total number of children ages 0-17})$

$100 * (\text{number of non-Hispanic, Asian American children}$

CHILD POPULATION BY RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN IN LOUISIANA 2008



CHILD POPULATION BY RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN IN THE UNITED STATES 2008



$\text{ages 0-17} \div \text{total number of children ages 0-17})$

$100 * (\text{number of non-Hispanic, black children ages 0-17} \div \text{total number of children ages 0-17})$

$100 * (\text{number of Hispanic children ages 0-17} \div \text{total number of children ages 0-17})$

$100 * (\text{number of non-Hispanic, white children ages 0-17} \div \text{total number of children ages 0-17})$

¹The Annie E. Casey Foundation, "Child population by race (Percent) – 2008," KIDS COUNT Data Center, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, retrieved from www.kidscount.org/datacenter on 7/30/2009.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

YOUTH UNDER 18 BY RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

2007	AMERICAN INDIAN		ASIAN-AMERICAN		BLACK		HISPANIC		WHITE	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
LOUISIANA	6,943	0.6	16,872	1.6	420,738	39.0	38,633	3.6	596,374	55.2
Acadia	30	0.2	46	0.3	3,985	23.9	198	1.2	12,380	74.4
Allen	144	2.4	34	0.6	1,352	22.9	100	1.7	4,272	72.4
Ascension	83	0.3	257	0.9	7,405	25.8	1,334	4.7	19,605	68.3
Assumption	15	0.3	18	0.3	2,226	39.6	100	1.8	3,269	58.1
Avoyelles	187	1.7	21	0.2	3,903	36.5	140	1.3	6,440	60.2
Beauregard	65	0.7	53	0.6	1,384	15.6	320	3.6	7,043	79.4
Bienville	13	0.4	16	0.4	1,693	47.4	77	2.2	1,775	49.7
Bossier	119	0.4	522	1.8	8,011	27.1	1,817	6.1	19,113	64.6
Caddo	210	0.3	693	1.1	36,593	57.0	1,747	2.7	24,922	38.8
Calcasieu	137	0.3	463	1.0	14,466	30.6	1,120	2.4	31,105	65.8
Caldwell	10	0.4	3	0.1	423	18.0	36	1.5	1,881	79.9
Cameron	10	0.6	12	0.8	76	4.9	57	3.7	1,398	90.0
Catahoula	2	0.1	4	0.2	859	34.9	10	0.4	1,583	64.4
Claiborne	5	0.1	2	0.1	1,940	56.3	43	1.2	1,455	42.2
Concordia	7	0.1	18	0.4	2,378	49.9	52	1.1	2,307	48.4
De Soto	21	0.3	13	0.2	3,159	47.0	163	2.4	3,360	50.0
East Baton Rouge	178	0.2	2,672	2.5	61,160	56.9	3,177	3.0	40,283	37.5
East Carroll	2	0.1	5	0.2	1,749	77.8	24	1.1	467	20.8
East Feliciana	5	0.1	15	0.3	2,234	47.3	43	0.9	2,429	51.4
Evangeline	21	0.2	31	0.3	3,502	35.7	125	1.3	6,124	62.5
Franklin	12	0.2	9	0.2	2,115	41.5	43	0.8	2,914	57.2
Grant	43	0.8	15	0.3	704	13.7	82	1.6	4,280	83.5
Iberia	83	0.4	520	2.5	8,449	41.0	457	2.2	11,112	53.9
Iberville	14	0.2	24	0.3	4,410	56.8	89	1.1	3,230	41.6
Jackson	12	0.3	8	0.2	1,117	31.8	44	1.3	2,336	66.4
Jefferson	394	0.4	4,128	4.1	38,280	38.3	9,857	9.9	47,247	47.3
Jefferson Davis	52	0.6	27	0.3	1,877	22.3	112	1.3	6,339	75.4
Lafayette	145	0.3	759	1.4	17,506	33.2	1,453	2.8	32,941	62.4
Lafourche	683	3.0	198	0.9	4,511	19.9	677	3.0	16,590	73.2
La Salle	46	1.4	3	0.1	570	16.8	38	1.1	2,732	80.6
Lincoln	16	0.2	78	0.9	4,254	47.0	224	2.5	4,485	49.5
Livingston	96	0.3	187	0.6	2,260	7.1	681	2.1	28,499	89.8
Madison	1	0.0	1	0.0	2,514	73.3	36	1.0	879	25.6
Morehouse	10	0.1	17	0.2	3,913	54.7	82	1.1	3,133	43.8
Natchitoches	95	1.0	55	0.6	4,919	50.5	152	1.6	4,513	46.4
Orleans	53	0.1	1,513	3.4	34,527	78.3	1,873	4.2	6,119	13.9
Ouachita	91	0.2	349	0.9	18,008	45.5	708	1.8	20,439	51.6
Plaquemines	121	2.1	224	4.0	1,419	25.1	250	4.4	3,638	64.4
Pointe Coupee	12	0.2	23	0.4	2,444	45.2	86	1.6	2,847	52.6
Rapides	212	0.6	378	1.1	13,060	39.0	867	2.6	18,968	56.6
Red River	6	0.2	3	0.1	1,341	53.2	15	0.6	1,155	45.8
Richland	12	0.2	8	0.2	2,312	44.4	71	1.4	2,799	53.8
Sabine	491	8.4	11	0.2	1,329	22.8	182	3.1	3,822	65.5
St. Bernard	15	0.4	94	2.8	714	21.1	265	7.8	2,294	67.8
St. Charles	36	0.3	184	1.3	4,631	33.4	568	4.1	8,443	60.9
St. Helena	4	0.2	2	0.1	1,563	59.8	53	2.0	990	37.9
St. James	6	0.1	4	0.1	3,216	57.4	77	1.4	2,299	41.0
St. John the Baptist	23	0.2	121	0.9	7,968	58.0	627	4.6	5,000	36.4
St. Landry	25	0.1	97	0.4	12,424	50.1	316	1.3	11,920	48.1
St. Martin	45	0.3	190	1.4	5,102	37.2	164	1.2	8,225	59.9
St. Mary	273	2.0	210	1.5	5,278	38.9	508	3.7	7,284	53.7
St. Tammany	275	0.5	993	1.7	9,459	16.0	2,698	4.6	45,537	77.2
Tangipahoa	52	0.2	156	0.5	11,486	37.8	760	2.5	17,956	59.0
Tensas	1	0.1	1	0.1	883	64.7	53	3.9	427	31.3
Terrebonne	1,922	6.7	424	1.5	6,942	24.0	834	2.9	18,779	65.0
Union	7	0.1	16	0.3	1,848	33.4	294	5.3	3,362	60.8
Vermilion	48	0.3	431	3.0	2,936	20.5	369	2.6	10,509	73.5
Vernon	160	1.1	386	2.6	2,447	16.6	1,716	11.6	10,049	68.1
Washington	33	0.3	25	0.2	4,388	38.0	159	1.4	6,953	60.2
Webster	16	0.2	49	0.5	3,969	41.5	160	1.7	5,360	56.1
West Baton Rouge	11	0.2	18	0.3	2,390	41.4	119	2.1	3,240	56.1
West Carroll	2	0.1	10	0.4	521	20.1	72	2.8	1,989	76.7
West Feliciana	8	0.3	8	0.3	1,049	42.7	19	0.8	1,370	55.8
Winn	17	0.5	17	0.5	1,187	34.7	40	1.2	2,160	63.1