

# Race and Hispanic Population in the Great Plains

*Hispanic Movement.* There has been a shifting pattern of movement among Hispanics within the Great Plains. Some of the change can be attributed to restructuring of agricultural employment. Metropolitan resettlement is another factor. Regardless of the cause, significant concentrations of Hispanics are appearing in the central and northern parts of the region.

## *Highlights*

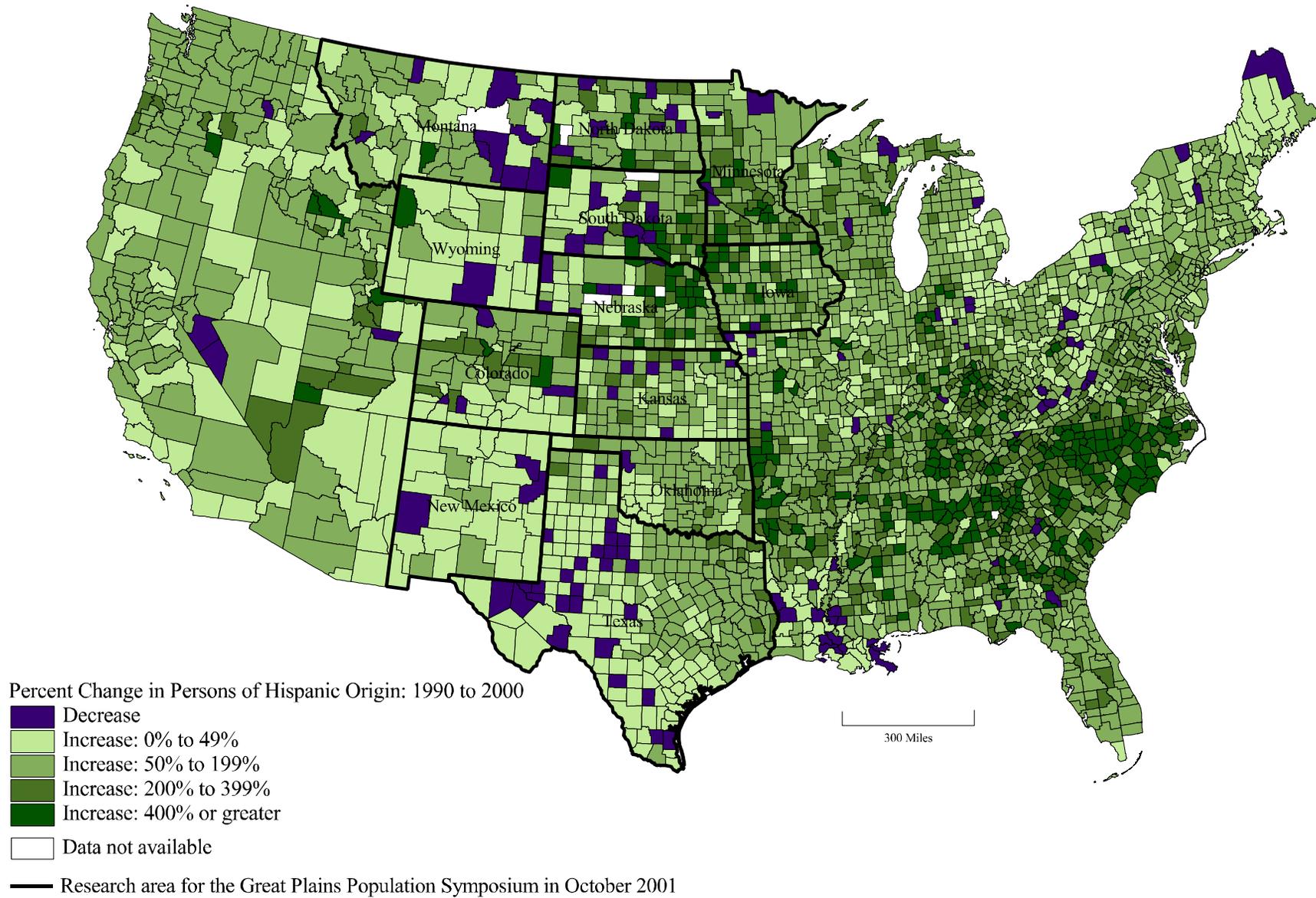
Figure 19. A significant increase in the Hispanic population occurred in the central and northern states of the Great Plains. Hispanics now represent approximately 20% of the Great Plains population, nearly doubling since 1980.

Tables 17-18. More than 82% of Hispanics live in metropolitan counties within the Great Plains. The large proportion of Hispanics in the region is due mainly to the fact that Texas represents 46% of the Great Plains population and 75% of the region's Hispanic population.

*Note:* Census 2000 race data are not directly comparable to previous Census years. This is due to the fact that the Census 2000 racial categories include those persons reporting multiple races. This report uses persons reporting one race only for purposes of comparison. For further information on Census reporting procedures on race, visit the following URL: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-1.pdf>.

**Figure 19. Percent Change in Persons of Hispanic Origin for the U.S. by County: 1990 to 2000**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Decennial Census



**Table 17. Race and Hispanic Origin Population in the Great Plains by Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Status: 1980 to 2000**

*Note: Metropolitan Status was determined using the 1993 Beale Codes provided by the United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. For purposes of this study, the Great Plains is defined as all counties in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. \* 2000 Census data reflect persons reporting one race only.*

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses*

Race and Hispanic Origin	All Counties		Metropolitan Counties		Non-Metropolitan Counties							
					Total		Urban population 20,000 or more		Urban population 2,500 to 19,999		Rural population less than 2,500	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Races												
1980	34,970,078	100.0	22,839,309	100.0	12,130,769	100.0	2,983,069	100.0	7,254,362	100.0	1,893,338	100.0
1990	38,736,776	100.0	26,698,025	100.0	12,038,751	100.0	3,044,336	100.0	7,226,040	100.0	1,768,375	100.0
2000	45,461,286	100.0	32,429,884	100.0	13,031,402	100.0	3,305,226	100.0	7,875,080	100.0	1,851,096	100.0
White												
1980	30,230,506	86.4	19,161,637	83.9	11,068,869	91.2	2,650,071	88.8	6,636,590	91.5	1,782,208	94.1
1990	32,345,582	83.5	21,605,135	80.9	10,740,447	89.2	2,623,524	86.2	6,467,522	89.5	1,649,401	93.3
2000*	35,732,808	78.6	24,535,329	75.7	11,197,479	85.9	2,725,544	82.5	6,798,462	86.3	1,673,473	90.4
Black												
1980	2,319,995	6.6	1,971,957	8.6	348,038	2.9	112,872	3.8	212,994	2.9	22,172	1.2
1990	2,775,072	0.1	2,420,658	0.1	354,414	0.1	121,556	0.1	212,179	0.1	20,679	0.1
2000*	3,336,278	0.1	2,948,234	0.1	388,044	0.1	126,428	0.1	238,445	0.1	23,171	0.1
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut												
1980	508,249	1.5	194,883	0.9	313,366	2.6	95,476	3.2	162,025	2.2	55,865	3.0
1990	705,711	1.8	285,369	1.1	420,342	3.5	123,461	4.1	230,650	3.2	66,231	3.7
2000*	873,917	1.9	369,473	1.1	504,444	3.9	152,132	4.6	270,546	3.4	81,766	4.4
Asian, Pacific Islander												
1980	242,707	0.7	208,349	0.9	34,358	0.3	15,290	0.5	16,258	0.2	2,810	0.1
1990	588,192	1.5	529,666	2.0	58,526	0.5	30,385	1.0	24,720	0.3	3,421	0.2
2000*	1,015,670	2.2	938,331	2.9	77,339	0.6	36,729	1.1	35,425	0.5	5,185	0.3
Hispanic Origin (any race)												
1980	4,051,602	11.6	3,147,959	13.8	903,643	7.4	261,170	8.8	575,344	7.9	67,129	3.5
1990	5,694,603	14.7	4,582,154	17.2	1,112,449	9.2	325,136	10.7	710,544	9.8	76,769	4.3
2000	8,926,928	19.6	7,351,934	22.7	1,574,994	12.1	470,593	14.2	994,813	12.6	109,588	5.9

**Table 18. Change in Population by Race and Hispanic Origin in the Great Plains by Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Status: 1980 to 2000**

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All Races												
1980 to 1990	3,766,698	10.8	3,858,716	16.9	-92,018	-0.8	61,267	2.1	-28,322	-0.4	-124,963	-6.6
1990 to 2000	6,724,510	17.4	5,731,859	21.5	992,651	8.2	260,890	8.6	649,040	9.0	82,721	4.7
1980 to 2000	10,491,208	30.0	9,590,575	42.0	900,633	7.4	322,157	10.8	620,718	8.6	-42,242	-2.2
White												
1980 to 1990	2,115,076	7.0	2,443,498	12.8	-328,422	-3.0	-26,547	-1.0	-169,068	-2.5	-132,807	-7.5
1990 to 2000*	3,387,226	10.5	2,930,194	13.6	457,032	4.3	102,020	3.9	330,940	5.1	24,072	1.5
1980 to 2000*	5,502,302	18.2	5,373,692	28.0	128,610	1.2	75,473	2.8	161,872	2.4	-108,735	-6.1
Black												
1980 to 1990	455,077	19.6	448,701	22.8	6,376	1.8	8,684	7.7	-815	-0.4	-1,493	-6.7
1990 to 2000*	561,206	20.2	527,576	21.8	33,630	9.5	4,872	4.0	26,266	12.4	2,492	12.1
1980 to 2000*	1,016,283	43.8	976,277	49.5	40,006	11.5	13,556	12.0	25,451	11.9	999	4.5
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut												
1980 to 1990	197,462	38.9	90,486	46.4	106,976	34.1	27,985	29.3	68,625	42.4	10,366	18.6
1990 to 2000*	168,206	23.8	84,104	29.5	84,102	20.0	28,671	23.2	39,896	17.3	15,535	23.5
1980 to 2000*	365,668	71.9	174,590	89.6	191,078	61.0	56,656	59.3	108,521	67.0	25,901	46.4
Asian, Pacific Islander												
1980 to 1990	345,485	142.3	321,317	154.2	24,168	70.3	15,095	98.7	8,462	52.0	611	21.7
1990 to 2000*	427,478	72.7	408,665	77.2	18,813	32.1	6,344	20.9	10,705	43.3	1,764	51.6
1980 to 2000*	772,963	318.5	729,982	350.4	42,981	125.1	21,439	140.2	19,167	117.9	2,375	84.5
Hispanic Origin (any race)												
1980 to 1990	1,643,001	40.6	1,434,195	45.6	208,806	23.1	63,966	24.5	135,200	23.5	9,640	14.4
1990 to 2000	3,232,325	56.8	2,769,780	60.5	462,545	41.6	145,457	44.7	284,269	40.0	32,819	42.8
1980 to 2000	4,875,326	120.3	4,203,975	133.6	671,351	74.3	209,423	80.2	419,469	72.9	42,459	63.3