

Fast Facts: African Americans

POPULATIONⁱ

U.S. Population (July 1, 2006)	299,398,484
African Americans in U.S. Population:	40,240,898
Percentage of U.S. Population:	13.4%

INCOMEⁱⁱ

Median U.S. Household Income:	\$46,326
Median Household Income for African Americans:	\$30,858

POVERTYⁱⁱⁱ

U.S. Poverty Rate:	12.6%
Poverty Rate Among African Americans:	24.9%
U.S. Child Poverty Rate:	17.6%
Child Poverty Rate Among African Americans:	34.5%

LABOR FORCE^{iv}

Percentage of the labor force who are African American:	11.4%
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UNION MEMBERSHIP^v

Percentage of union members who are African American:	14.1%
Union pay advantage for African Americans:	36.0%

UNINSURED^{vi}

Percentage of U.S. population without health insurance:	15.3%
Percentage of African Americans without health insurance:	19.0%
Percentage of U.S. children without health insurance:	10.9%
Percentage of African American children without health insurance:	11.8%

HOME OWNERSHIP^{vii}

Percentage of U.S. population who are homeowners:	68.8%
Percentage of African Americans who are homeowners:	47.9%

EDUCATION^{viii}

Percentage of the U.S. population 25 and older who are high school graduates:	85.5%
Percentage of African Americans 25 and older who are high school graduates:	80.7%
Percentage of the U.S. population 25 and older who are college graduates:	28.0%
Percentage of African Americans 25 and older who are college graduates:	18.5%

RETIREMENT^{ix}

Percentage of U.S. population 65 and over and receiving Social Security who rely on Social Security for half or more of their income:	74%*
Percentage of African Americans 65 and over and receiving Social Security who rely on Social Security for half or more of their income:	74%*
Percentage of U.S. population 65 and over with income who receive a pension:	31.5%*
Percentage of African Americans 65 and over with income who receive a pension:	26.2%

* among nonmarried people

ⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, Table 3: Annual Estimates of the Population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic or Latino Origin for the United States: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006 (NC-EST2006-03), <http://www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/NC-EST2006/NC-EST2006-03.xls>

ⁱⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2005*, Table 1. Income and Earnings Summary Measures by Selected Characteristics: 2004 and 2005, <http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/p60-231.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, POV01, Age and Sex of All People, Family Members, and Unrelated Individuals Iterated by Income to Poverty Ratio and Race, <http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/pov/toc.htm>

^{iv} Bureau of Labor Statistics, Table 4. *Employment status of the Hispanic or Latino population by age and sex*, <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat4.pdf>; Table 5. *Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by sex, age, and race*, <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat5.pdf>

^v Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Union Members in 2006*, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/union2.pdf>

^{vi} U.S. Census Bureau, Table HI01. *Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Selected Characteristics: 2005*, http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/health/h01_000.htm

^{vii} U.S. Census Bureau, *Housing Vacancies and Homeownership (CPS/HVS), Annual Statistics: 2006*,

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/hvs/annual06/ann06t20.html>; also

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/hvs/annual06/ann06t15.html> The home ownership rate for women is actually the rate for female headed family households with no husband present. The ownership rate for women living in one person households was 59.8 percent.

^{viii} U.S. Census Bureau, *Educational Attainment in the United States: 2006*, Table 1a. Percent of High School and College Graduates of the Population 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 2006,

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/education/cps2006.html>

^{ix} Social Security Administration, *Income of the Population 55 and Older, 2004*,

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/income_pop55/2004/sect06b.pdf; U.S. Census Bureau, PINC-08. Source of Income in 2005 – People 15 Years Old and Over, By Income of Specified Type in 2005, Age, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex,

http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/perinc/new08_000.htm; Social Security Administration, *Social Security Is Important to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders*, <http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/asian-alt.pdf> ;