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Introduction

Washington State's Hispanic/Latino/a population (referred to hereafter as Hispanic) more than doubled from 1990 to 2000 (increasing from 206,018 to 439,841 persons), growing much faster than any of the state's other racial groups. This growth was so rapid that the percent of the state's population who were Hispanic jumped from 4.4 percent in 1990 to 7.5 percent in 2000. Estimates to 2004 indicate that over 77,000 Hispanics have been added to the state's population in just four years and that they now comprise around 8.4 percent of the population.

This *Washington Counts in the 21st Century* will examine several issues related to this increasingly important sector of the state's population at both the state and county level: its location and growth, age, immigration, poverty, and education. (County information is provided in Tables 1 to 3 on pages 10 through 21.)

Growth and Location

Several factors account for the rapid growth of the Hispanic population. The one that probably comes to mind first is immigration. Both Washington and the nation have experienced a substantial rise in the number of immigrants over the last 20 years. Indeed, 2000 data show that 38.5 percent of Washington State's Hispanics were foreign-born. Some have immigrated recently; others have been here for many years. At the state level, 21.0 percent of Washington's Hispanics were immigrants who arrived between 1990 and 2000.

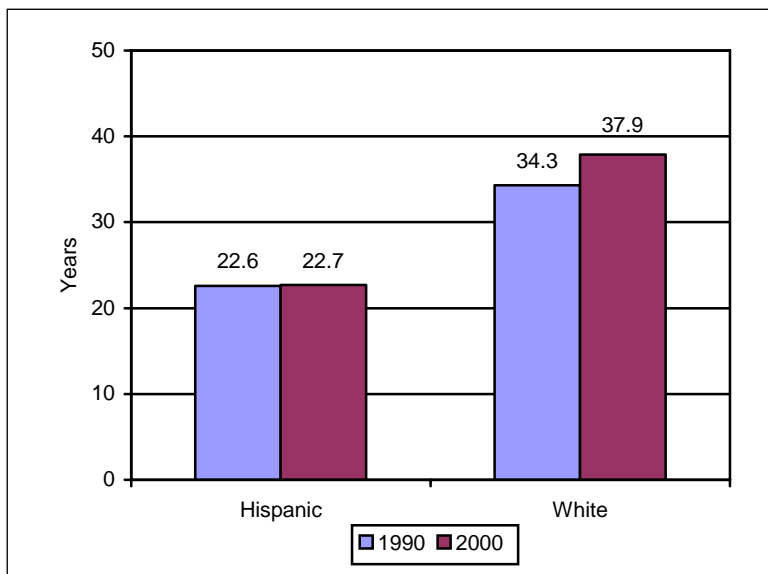


Figure 1. Median Age, Hispanic, White: 1990 and 2000

However, age structures and birth rates are also important factors influencing the growth of any population. Populations with younger age structures have proportionately more persons in the child bearing years. In 2000, the Hispanic population had a median age of 22.7,

more than 15 years younger on average than the White, non-Hispanic population (referred to hereafter as White) with a median age of 37.9 (Figure 1). Thus a larger proportion of Hispanics are at an age when persons are likely to marry and have children.

Immigration tends to reinforce this age gap. Both historically and today, immigrants are overwhelmingly young adults. In 1990, the median age of Washington’s Hispanics was 22.6. For Whites it was 34.3 (Figure 1). The infusion of young adult immigrants kept the Hispanic population young between 1990 and 2000, while the White population aged by more than three years.

The birth rate for the Hispanic population is also somewhat higher than that of the White population, but not as much as some might expect. Data at the national level indicate that Hispanic women have on average 2.7 children while White women have 1.8 children.¹ These three factors—a somewhat higher fertility rate, coupled with a young age structure, reinforced by immigration—mean that the state’s Hispanic population will continue to grow rapidly in the next decade.

Some Washington counties have been much more strongly affected by this rapid growth than have others. The greatest impact has been in the Central Basin counties of Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, and Yakima. In these counties the percent of the population that was Hispanic in 2000 ranged between 21 and 47 percent (Figure 2). This was an increase of between 10 and 15 percentage points in just a decade (Table 1, pages 10 through 13) and the percent of these counties’ populations that were Hispanic has continued to shift upward during this decade. In 2004, in Adams and Franklin counties, Hispanics represented an estimated

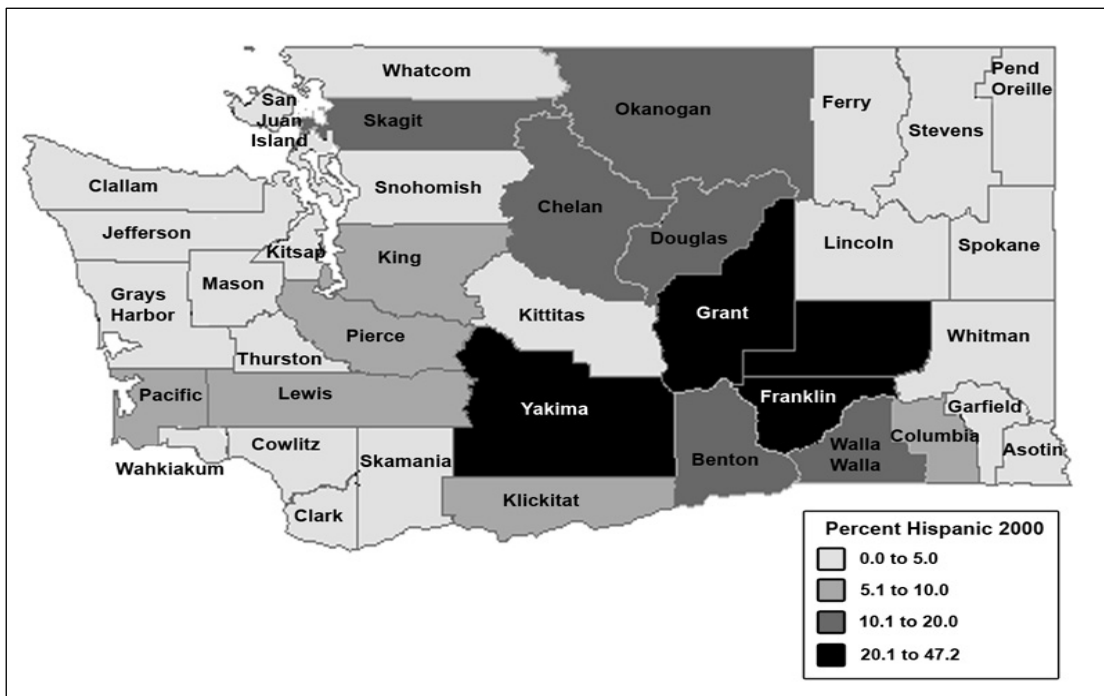


Figure 2. Percent of Population that was Hispanic in 2000

¹Source: National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 15, no. 12, http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr51/nvsr51_12.pdf

51.2 and 55.8 percent of the population, respectively. While growth has not been as dramatic in Okanogan, Skagit, and Walla Walla counties, they too have experienced a notable increase in the percent of Hispanics in the counties' total populations.

The shift towards Hispanics as a significant part of the overall population has not been as striking in Western Washington. However, several counties already had a large number of Hispanics in 1990 and experienced substantial growth in those numbers during the last decade and through 2004. For example, in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties the Hispanic population increased between 98 to 189 percent in the last decade and between an estimated 15 to 26 percent in the first four years of this decade.

Age

As noted above, at the state level the Hispanic population is, on average, much younger than the White population and immigration reinforces this difference. Table 1 shows that this trend holds across all Washington counties for which data are available.

The median age of the Hispanic population in all Washington counties was in the late teens or early 20s in the 1990s, and this median age remained almost unchanged and, in some cases, declined by 2000. On the other hand, there was more variation in the median age of the White population in the 1990s, but it generally ranged between the mid-30s and early 40s. With the exception of Whitman County (where the median age is kept young by a large student population), median ages increased between 2.2 and at least 6 years for the White population.

Thus there is an increasing divergence between the median ages of the White and Hispanic populations. For example, in 2000, in Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, and Grays Harbor counties, the median age of the Hispanic population was under 21. But in each of these counties the White population was over 40, having aged at least 4 years in the last decade.

One result of these trends is, at younger age groups, Hispanics make up a greater proportion of the population. In 2000, for the state as a whole, while 7.5 percent of the total population was Hispanic, 14.7 percent of the under 5 population was Hispanic. Some other examples at the county level include Chelan, where Hispanics were 19.4 percent of the total population, but 37.7 percent of the under 5 population; Douglas, 19.9 compared to 36.6 percent; and Skagit, 11.3 compared to 23.9 percent.

It is important to note that the percentage of Hispanics does **not** decrease steadily from the under 5 to the 65 and older age group, as shown in Figure 3. Instead, at the state level and in most counties, Hispanics make up a slightly greater proportion of the 18- to 24-year-old population than the 5- to 17-year-old population.

This pattern is more noticeable in counties such as Adams which has received a large number of immigrants. In that county, 67.7 percent of the 18- to 24-year-old

population was Hispanic, the highest for any age group, but not surprising given that most immigrants are young adults.

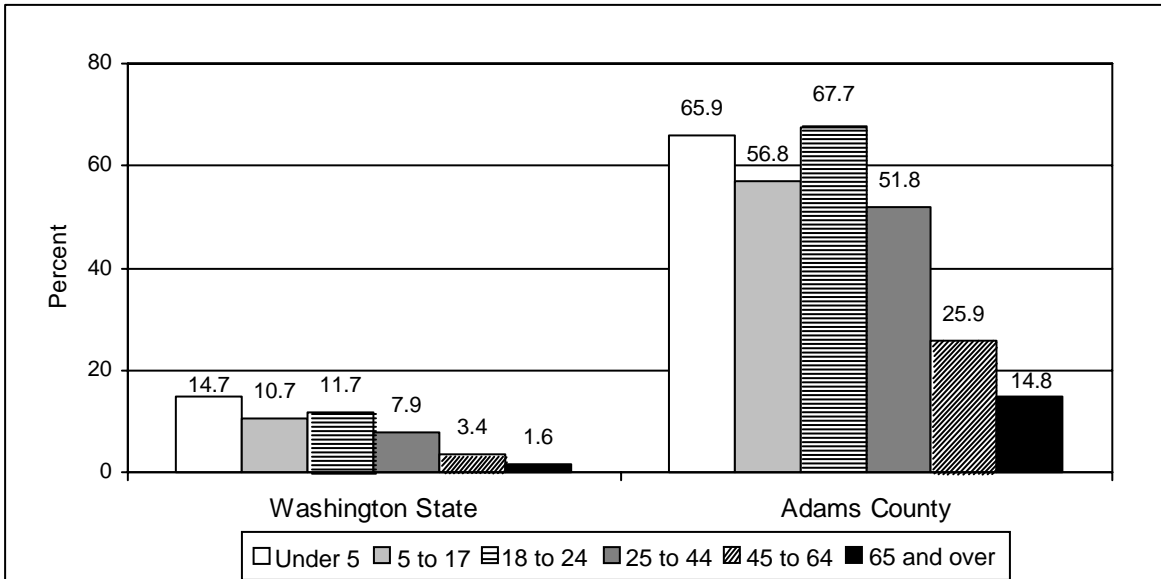


Figure 3. Percent Hispanic by Age Group in 2000

Immigration

A young age structure coupled with immigration helps fuel the increasing prevalence of Hispanics as part of the state’s population. Table 2 (pages 14 through 17) shows that the number of Hispanics who were foreign-born increased from 40,454 in 1990 to 169,206 in 2000, an increase of more than 300 percent. For Washington Hispanics, 38.5 percent were foreign-born in 2000 compared to 19.6 percent in 1990 (Figure 4).

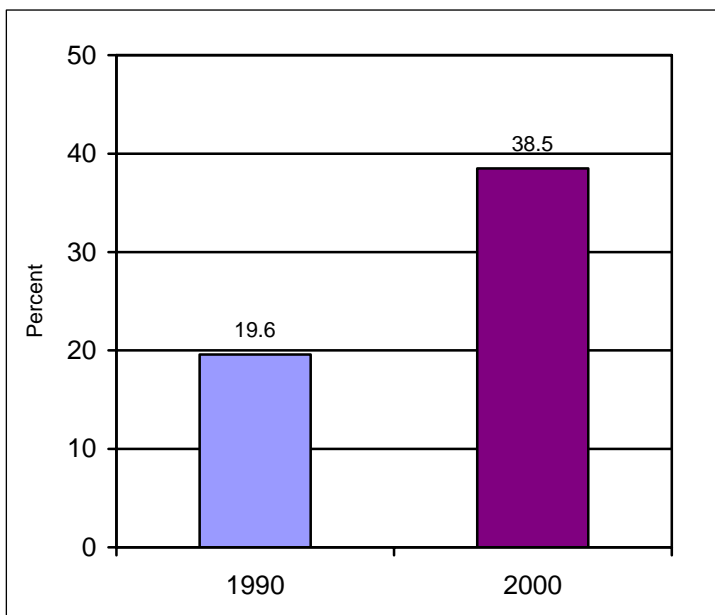


Figure 4. Percent of Hispanics who were Foreign-born

One might expect that increases in the foreign-born population occurred mostly in counties in Washington’s Central Basin that rely heavily on agricultural labor. In some cases, these counties did follow the state pattern with an increasing percent of the Hispanic population being foreign-born. In Adams County, 35.2 percent of the Hispanic population was foreign-born in 1990, increasing to 46.4 percent in 2000. In Grant County, the increase was from 37.0 to

47.4 percent. But in several other Central Basin counties, the percent foreign-born either remained almost unchanged, or even decreased, including Chelan, Douglas, and Franklin counties.

The counties along the I-5 corridor with large Hispanic populations were most responsible for setting the state pattern. In Clark, King, Pierce, Skagit, and Snohomish counties, the percent of the Hispanic population that was foreign-born increased between 10 and 20 percentage points in a decade (Table 2).

Washington’s Hispanic population was also much more likely to come from Mexico. In 2000, 33.7 percent of the Hispanic population came from Mexico, up from 22.8 percent in 1990. Counties that saw at least a 10 percentage point increase in the percent of the Hispanic population from Mexico included Adams, Clark, Cowlitz, Grant, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis Pierce, Skagit, and Snohomish.

Poverty

Hispanics are much more likely to live in poverty than is the total population. Figure 5 shows that in 2000, a quarter of all Hispanics lived in poverty compared to just 10 percent of the total population. Children, non-Hispanic and Hispanic, are more likely to live in poverty than adults, but poverty was much more intense for Hispanic children at 30.0 percent compared to 13.7 percent of the total population in 2000.

The poverty rate declined both for the total and the Hispanic populations, but the declines were greater for the Hispanic population. This is especially significant given the rise in immigration. However, the **number** of persons living in poverty grew, because the decline in the poverty rate was not great enough to offset a growing population. Table 2 shows that, for the total population, the number in poverty grew by 18.2 percent between 1990 and 2000. The number of Hispanics living in poverty increased by 92.7 percent.

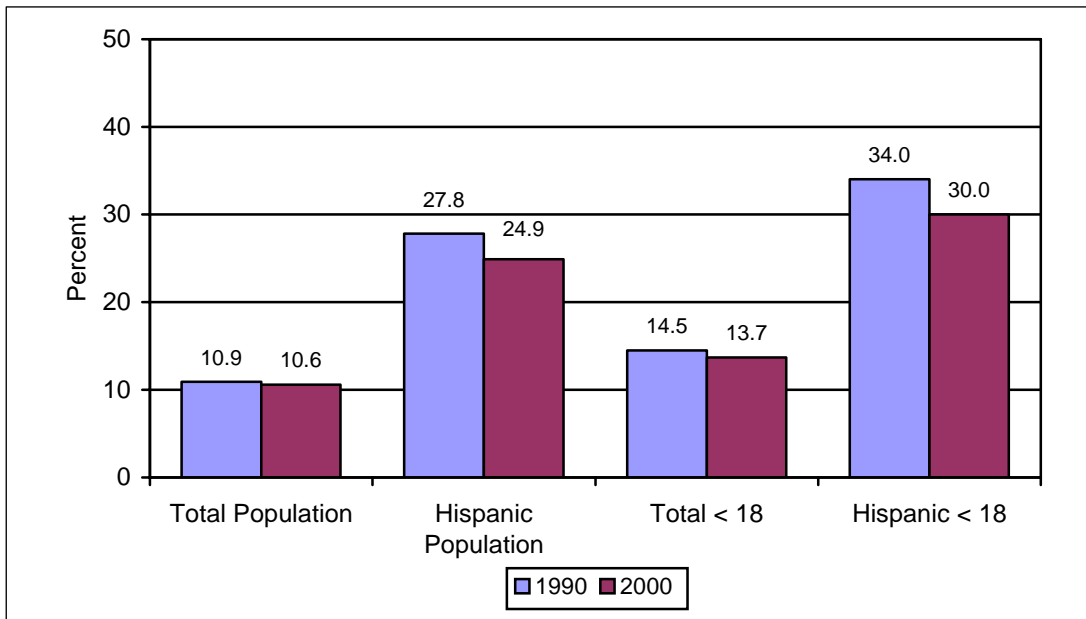


Figure 5. Percent in Poverty: 1990 and 2000

As Table 2 shows, a few counties had exceptionally high rates of Hispanic poverty in 2000. These included Clallam (33.0 percent), Cowlitz (36.0 percent), Grays Harbor (44.8 percent), and Okanogan (43.8 percent). Because poverty is more intense among children, more than half of the Hispanic children in the latter two counties lived in poverty in 2000.

On the other hand, a few Western Washington counties with large Hispanic populations had much lower rates of poverty in 2000, including Kitsap (12.0 percent), Snohomish (13.8 percent), and Thurston (16.8 percent).

Education

Education is an important factor helping to ameliorate poverty by giving individuals access to better employment with decent wages, health care and other benefits. It is also an area where state and local programs can provide substantial intervention for any population. Figure 6 shows educational attainment for persons 25 and over. In 2000, 47.0 percent of the Hispanic population had less than a high school diploma compared to just 12.9 percent of the total population. Even more troubling, the percent of Hispanics without a high school diploma **increased** between 1990 and 2000, from 43.3 to 47.0 percent. Only 11.1 percent of the Hispanic population had a college degree or more in 2000, almost the same as in 1990, while 27.7 percent of the total population had a college degree or more, up from 22.9 percent in 1990.

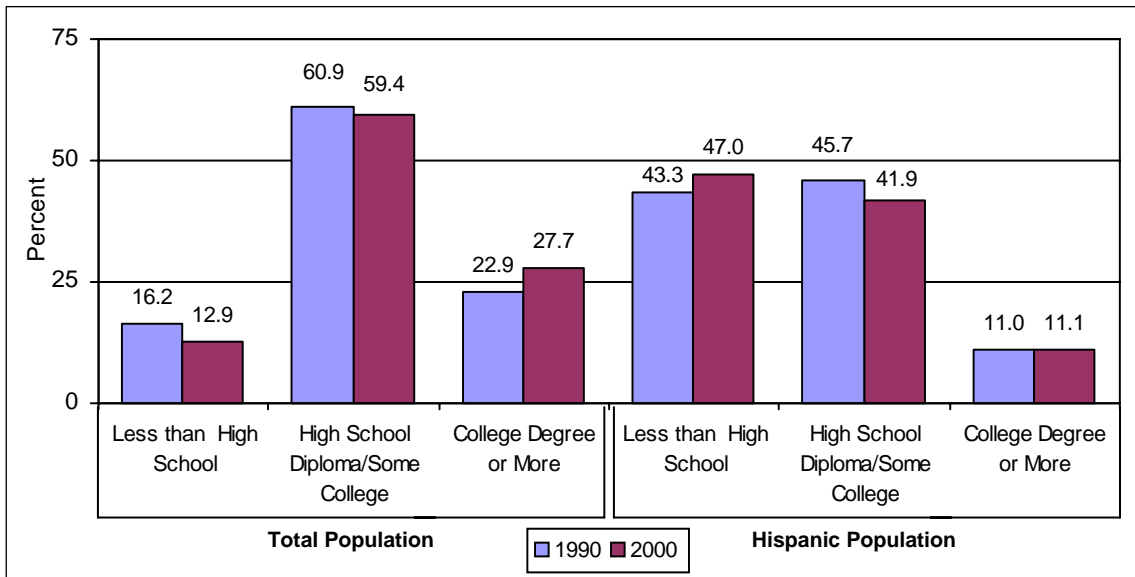


Figure 6. Educational Attainment, Persons 25 and Over: 1990 and 2000

Part of the reason for this low level of educational attainment is due to immigration. Historically and today, immigrants filled positions at the bottom of the occupational ladder. Thus many immigrant Hispanics are farm or service workers in low-skilled occupations that require only low levels of education.

From Figure 6, it would appear that counties and school districts made no progress in expanding educational opportunities to the Hispanic population during the last decade, but this is not the case. Figure 7 shows the percent change between 1990

and 2000 in the number of persons in each category, which provides a somewhat different picture of educational change.

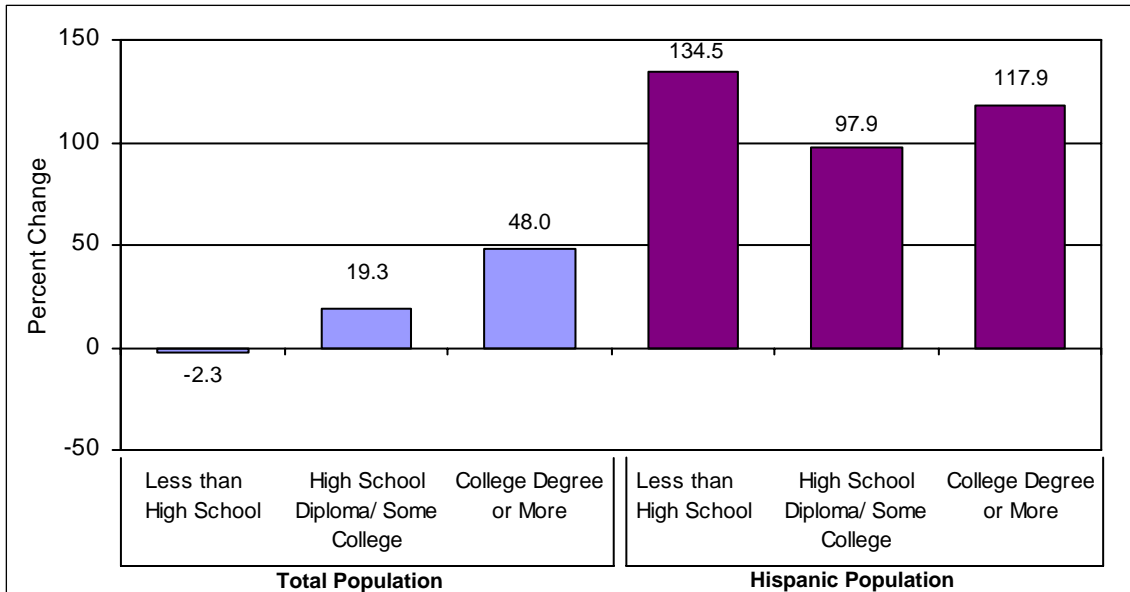


Figure 7. Percent Change by Educational Level, Persons 25 and Over: 1990 – 2000

The number of Washington Hispanics with less than a high school diploma from 1990 to 2000 did increase the most rapidly, by 134.5 percent, but the number with a high school diploma or some college doubled and those with a college degree or higher grew by 117.9 percent. Thus, educational institutions in Washington actually made a great deal of progress in providing the Hispanic population with an education at or beyond high school during the last decade. However, it was difficult for these institutions to keep up with the rapid increase in a Hispanic immigrant population arriving with low levels of education. Many of these immigrants are adults who are particularly difficult to enroll in educational programs because of work and family commitments.

Figure 8 provides information on enrollment trends for 16- to 19-year-olds, a population that should be easier to reach, and a better measure of current school performance.

Hispanics fall behind the total population on this measure of educational performance as well. However, the difference is not as stark as when looking at measures for the population 25 and over. In 2000, 76.5 percent of Hispanic 16- to 19-year-olds either had a high school diploma or were currently enrolled in school compared to 91.3 percent of the total population. More importantly, even with a rapidly increasing Hispanic population, the percent of Hispanic youth in this category increased by four percentage points during the decade, from 72.5 percent to 76.5 percent. However, the gap between the Hispanic and total population remained almost unchanged since the percent of all 16- to 19-year-olds in this category also increased, by about 3 percentage points.

While this is progress, much more needs to be done if Hispanic youths are to begin to approach the educational opportunities open to the total population in the near future. At the beginning of the 21st century, a high school diploma is absolutely essential to have a chance for the additional training that will lead to a steady, well-

paying job with benefits. The need for much more progress is emphasized by looking at the percent change in the number of 16- to 19-year-olds by enrollment status.

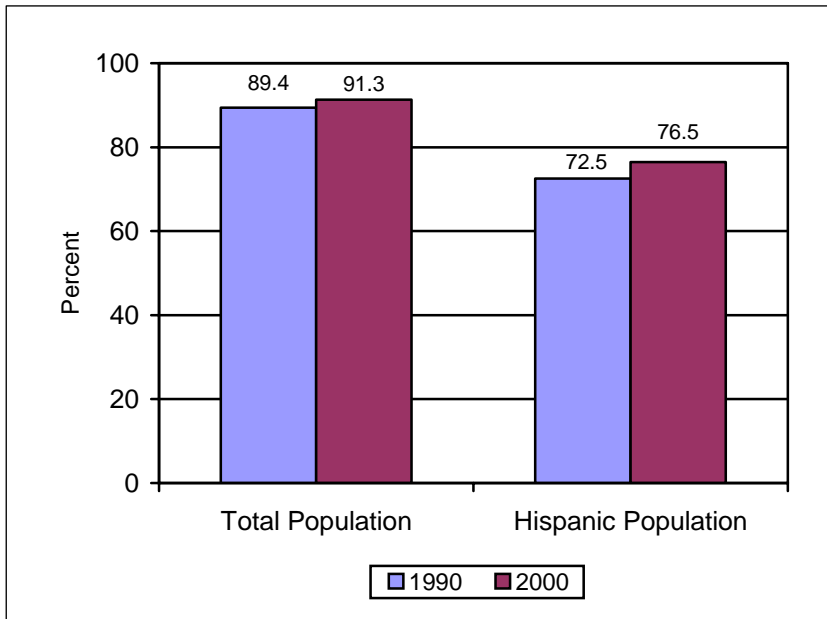


Figure 8. Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds with a High School Diploma or Enrolled in School: 1990 and 2000

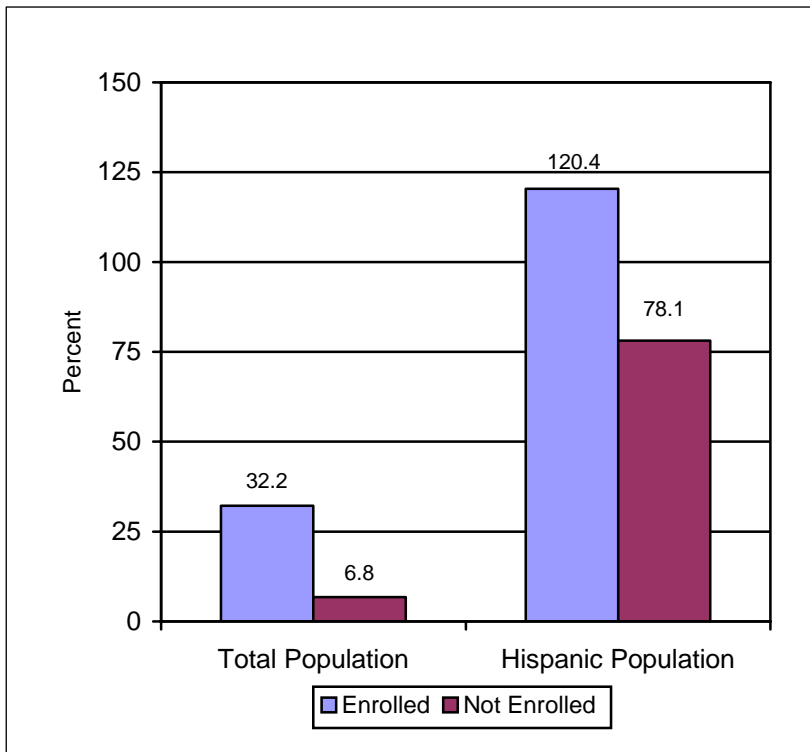


Figure 9. Percent Change in 16- to 19-year-olds by Enrollment Status: 1990 – 2000

The number of 16- to 19-year-old Hispanics who were enrolled in school or had a high school diploma (shown as enrolled on Figure 9) increased by 120.4 percent. But those not enrolled (and who did not have a high school diploma) increased by 78.1 percent. As these youths who have dropped out from high school enter the workforce and form families, it becomes ever harder for them to attain this most basic credential to a better job.

Conclusion

Growth of Washington's Hispanic population was much greater than the overall population, both during the decade of the 1990s and from 2000 to 2004. This rapid growth is due to immigration, a younger age structure, and a slightly higher birth rate, and is likely to continue for at least another 10 years. Poverty rates for the Hispanic population dropped between 1990 and 2000, a notable development given the large amount of immigration to the state during that decade. However, Hispanic poverty rates are still more than twice as high as rates for the total population. Part of this is due to the likelihood of immigrants working at low-skilled, seasonal occupations. In addition, Hispanic educational attainment is well below that of the total population, especially at the college level. While the state made some progress in improving the educational status of Hispanics, much more needs to be done to reach working adults and to keep youth in school.

Improving educational opportunities is important both at the individual and community level. Education beyond high school is crucial to improve chances for a better job. Persons working at the bottom of the occupational ladder are more likely to face periods of unemployment, lack of health care benefits, and have difficulty providing for basic food, housing, clothing, and other needs for themselves and their families. All of these factors can prove costly for social service provision at the state and local level. This heightens the importance of adequate educational programs for all of the state's population.

Table 1. Population Change and Age

POPULATION CHANGE	WA	Adams	Asotin	Benton	Chelan	Clallam	Clark	Columbia	Cowlitz	Douglas	Ferry
Hispanic Population											
1990	206,018	4,349	275	8,609	4,589	991	5,675	479	1,635	2,807	108
2000	439,841	7,754	374	18,027	12,894	2,189	16,091	269	4,213	6,490	126
2004	517,645	8,551	433	22,815	14,438	2,662	20,703	395	4,944	7,427	207
Change 90-00											
Number	233,823	3,405	99	9,418	8,305	1,198	10,416	-210	2,578	3,683	18
Percent	113.5	78.3	36.0	109.4	181.0	120.9	183.5	-43.8	157.7	131.2	16.7
Change 00-04											
Number	77,804	797	59	4,788	1,544	473	4,612	126	731	937	81
Percent	17.7	10.3	15.9	26.6	12.0	21.6	28.7	47.0	17.4	14.4	64.0
Percent Hispanic											
1990	4.2	32.0	1.6	7.6	8.8	1.8	2.4	11.9	2.0	10.7	1.7
2000	7.5	47.2	1.8	12.7	19.4	3.4	4.7	6.6	4.5	19.9	1.7
2004	8.4	51.2	2.1	14.7	21.1	4.0	5.4	9.6	5.2	21.7	2.8
Total Population											
1990	4,866,692	13,603	17,605	112,560	52,250	56,464	238,053	4,024	82,119	26,205	6,295
2000	5,894,121	16,428	20,551	142,475	66,616	64,525	345,238	4,064	92,948	32,603	7,260
2004	6,167,800	16,700	20,700	155,100	68,400	65,900	383,300	4,100	95,300	34,200	7,300
Change 90-00											
Number	1,027,429	2,825	2,946	29,915	14,366	8,061	107,185	40	10,829	6,398	965
Percent	21.1	20.8	16.7	26.6	27.5	14.3	45.0	1.0	13.2	24.4	15.3
Change 00-04											
Number	273,679	272	149	12,625	1,784	1,375	38,062	36	2,352	1,597	40
Percent	4.6	1.7	0.7	8.9	2.7	2.1	11.0	0.9	2.5	4.9	0.6
MEDIAN AGE											
Hispanic											
1990	22.6	20.4	na	20.3	21.4	23.7	22.2	28.7	20.6	21.1	na
2000	22.7	21.4	20.4	20.6	20.3	22.9	22.6	22.5	20.5	20	18.9
Change in Median age	0.1	1	na	0.3	-1.1	-0.8	0.4	-6.2	-0.1	-1.1	na
White Not Hispanic											
1990	34.3	37	na	33.5	37.1	39.8	33.5	40.8	34.9	35.6	na
2000	37.9	41.3	39.5	37.3	41.4	46	35.7	44.2	38.4	40.4	43.3
Change in Median age	3.6	4.3	na	3.8	4.3	6.2	2.2	3.4	3.5	4.8	na
AGE DISTRIBUTION											
Hispanic											
Number											
Under 5	57,957	1,023	83	2,629	1,791	284	2,274	22	656	901	23
5 to 17	119,453	2,308	100	5,416	3,985	569	4,435	89	1,245	2,048	73
18 to 24	65,453	1,087	54	2,371	1,812	349	2,200	28	645	842	28
25 to 44	142,901	2,237	98	5,271	4,077	644	5,316	70	1,238	2,047	45
45 to 64	45,204	825	44	1,720	1,010	271	1,699	34	373	505	26
65 and over	10,541	252	22	399	156	86	324	15	74	90	10
Percent											
Under 5	14.7	65.9	5.9	24.4	37.7	8.6	8.5	10.1	10.6	36.6	5.8
5 to 17	10.7	56.8	2.6	17.2	28.7	5.2	6.2	11.8	6.7	28.7	4.7
18 to 24	11.7	67.7	3.2	19.4	32.9	7.6	7.6	9.9	8.3	31.6	5.1
25 to 44	7.9	51.8	1.8	13.0	22.5	4.4	5.0	7.6	4.8	23.0	2.6
45 to 64	3.4	25.9	0.9	5.3	6.7	1.6	2.2	3.0	1.7	6.9	1.2
65 and over	1.6	14.8	0.7	2.7	1.7	0.6	1.0	2.0	0.6	2.2	1.1
Total Population											
Number											
Under 5	394,306	1,552	1,406	10,779	4,750	3,313	26,886	217	6,203	2,464	394
5 to 17	1,119,537	4,061	3,835	31,580	13,886	10,857	72,099	756	18,702	7,138	1,557
18 to 24	559,361	1,606	1,665	12,205	5,512	4,580	29,124	284	7,735	2,667	551
25 to 44	1,816,217	4,318	5,364	40,629	18,093	14,704	106,411	927	25,555	8,888	1,699
45 to 64	1,342,552	3,184	4,926	32,627	15,133	17,344	77,910	1,127	22,385	7,308	2,144
65 and over	662,148	1,707	3,355	14,655	9,242	13,727	32,808	753	12,368	4,138	915
Total	5,894,121	16,428	20,551	142,475	66,616	64,525	345,238	4,064	92,948	32,603	7,260

Source: **Population Change**
 1990—STF3: P037, P010
 2000—SF3: P1, PCT19, PCT63H
<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/race/2004estimates.asp>

Age
 1990—Table 61, General Population Characteristics, Washington
 2000—SF1: P12, P12H, 13H, 13I, Washington

Table 1. Population Change and Age, continued

POPULATION CHANGE	Franklin	Garfield	Grant	Grays Harbor	Island	Jefferson	King	Kitsap	Kittitas	Klickitat	Lewis
Hispanic Population											
1990	11,287	0	9,282	1,274	1,855	223	42,160	5,950	733	1,040	1,131
2000	23,154	22	22,543	3,244	2,961	455	95,250	9,718	1,668	1,532	3,557
2004	31,798	57	25,673	3,877	3,285	684	109,819	10,767	2,109	1,634	4,482
Change 90-00											
Number	11,867	22	13,261	1,970	1,106	232	53,090	3,768	935	492	2,426
Percent	105.1	na	142.9	154.6	59.6	104.0	125.9	63.3	127.6	47.3	214.5
Change 00-04											
Number	8,644	35	3,130	633	324	229	14,569	1,049	441	102	925
Percent	37.3	157.4	13.9	19.5	10.9	50.3	15.3	10.8	26.5	6.6	26.0
Percent Hispanic											
1990	30.1	0.0	17.0	2.0	3.1	1.1	2.8	3.1	2.7	6.3	1.9
2000	46.9	0.9	30.2	4.8	4.1	1.8	5.5	4.2	5.0	8.0	5.2
2004	55.8	2.4	32.8	5.6	4.4	2.5	6.1	4.5	5.9	8.5	6.3
Total Population											
1990	37,473	2,248	54,758	64,175	60,195	20,146	1,507,319	189,731	26,725	16,616	59,358
2000	49,347	2,397	74,698	67,194	71,558	25,953	1,737,034	231,969	33,362	19,161	68,600
2004	57,000	2,400	78,300	69,200	74,800	27,000	1,788,300	239,500	35,800	19,300	70,700
Change 90-00											
Number	11,874	149	19,940	3,019	11,363	5,807	229,715	42,238	6,637	2,545	9,242
Percent	31.7	6.6	36.4	4.7	18.9	28.8	15.2	22.3	24.8	15.3	15.6
Change 00-04											
Number	7,653	3	3,602	2,006	3,242	1,047	51,266	7,531	2,438	139	2,100
Percent	15.5	0.1	4.8	3.0	4.5	4.0	3.0	3.2	7.3	0.7	3.1
MEDIAN AGE											
Hispanic											
1990	19.7	na	21.1	21.7	23.1	na	26.4	21.8	22.5	22.9	18.8
2000	20.5	20.5	21.2	20.5	22.7	26.2	25.7	22.5	21.7	20.9	20.6
Change in Median age	0.8	na	0.1	-1.2	-0.4	na	-0.7	0.7	-0.8	-2	1.8
White Not Hispanic											
1990	35	na	35.1	36.2	33.5	na	34.7	32.9	31.1	36.1	35.4
2000	39.3	44	38.6	40.9	39.3	48.2	38.2	37.7	34.1	41.9	40.1
Change in Median age	4.3	na	3.5	4.7	5.8	na	3.5	4.8	3	5.8	4.7
AGE DISTRIBUTION											
Hispanic											
Number											
Under 5	3,238	7	3,151	558	376	64	10,609	1,252	224	170	583
5 to 17	7,035	15	6,602	924	699	151	20,581	2,483	369	485	1,055
18 to 24	3,378	7	3,217	484	506	43	14,599	1,633	451	202	555
25 to 44	6,870	14	6,861	971	899	149	36,370	2,876	454	468	1,130
45 to 64	2,099	4	2,095	255	276	102	10,733	1,150	145	140	292
65 and over	412	0	550	66	87	26	2,350	215	25	31	69
Percent											
Under 5	65.6	6.4	48.3	13.3	7.9	6.0	10.1	8.1	13.1	13.8	13.3
5 to 17	57.9	2.9	37.9	7.1	5.2	3.7	7.2	5.3	7.2	12.3	7.6
18 to 24	63.1	5.4	44.0	9.1	8.3	3.3	9.1	7.6	6.3	16.3	9.9
25 to 44	49.5	2.7	34.1	5.6	4.5	2.7	6.0	4.2	5.5	9.5	6.5
45 to 64	23.8	0.6	14.3	1.5	1.6	1.2	2.7	2.1	2.0	2.7	1.7
65 and over	9.8	0.0	6.4	0.6	0.9	0.5	1.3	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.6
Total Population											
Number											
Under 5	4,933	110	6,524	4,185	4,781	1,059	105,321	15,536	1,706	1,229	4,397
5 to 17	12,143	512	17,410	13,066	13,462	4,079	285,325	46,528	5,158	3,959	13,808
18 to 24	5,355	129	7,311	5,323	6,112	1,290	160,687	21,351	7,215	1,241	5,617
25 to 44	13,886	525	20,149	17,486	20,032	5,605	603,266	68,755	8,212	4,921	17,309
45 to 64	8,830	620	14,686	16,813	16,960	8,439	400,663	55,246	7,200	5,167	16,802
65 and over	4,200	501	8,618	10,321	10,211	5,481	181,772	24,553	3,871	2,644	10,667
Total	49,347	2,397	74,698	67,194	71,558	25,953	1,737,034	231,969	33,362	19,161	68,600

Table 1. Population Change and Age, continued

POPULATION CHANGE	Lincoln	Mason	Okanogan	Pacific	Pend Oreille	Pierce	San Juan	Skagit	Skamania
Hispanic Population									
1990	82	928	2,806	441	103	19,445	98	4,162	129
2000	168	2,358	5,754	1,102	238	38,577	378	11,586	331
2004	218	2,743	6,242	1,201	283	46,844	407	14,079	436
Change 90-00									
Number	86	1,430	2,948	661	135	19,132	280	7,424	202
Percent	104.9	154.1	105.1	149.9	131.1	98.4	285.7	178.4	156.6
Change 00-04									
Number	50	385	488	99	45	8,267	29	2,493	105
Percent	29.5	16.3	8.5	9.0	18.9	21.4	7.7	21.5	31.7
Percent Hispanic									
1990	0.9	2.4	8.4	2.3	1.2	3.3	1.0	5.2	1.6
2000	1.6	4.8	14.5	5.3	2.0	5.5	2.7	11.3	3.4
2004	2.1	5.4	15.8	5.7	2.4	6.3	2.7	12.9	4.3
Total Population									
1990	8,864	38,341	33,350	18,882	8,915	586,203	10,035	79,555	8,289
2000	10,184	49,405	39,564	20,984	11,732	700,820	14,077	102,979	9,872
2004	10,200	50,800	39,600	21,000	11,900	744,000	15,100	108,800	10,100
Change 90-00									
Number	1,320	11,064	6,214	2,102	2,817	114,617	4,042	23,424	1,583
Percent	14.9	28.9	18.6	11.1	31.6	19.6	40.3	29.4	19.1
Change 00-04									
Number	16	1,395	36	16	168	43,180	1,023	5,821	228
Percent	0.2	2.8	0.1	0.1	1.4	6.2	7.3	5.7	2.3
MEDIAN AGE									
Hispanic									
1990	na	23.6	22.7	21.7	na	23.3	na	21.1	na
2000	18.9	22.8	21	19.2	18.4	22.5	25	21	19.6
Change in Median age	na	-0.8	-1.7	-2.5	na	-0.8	na	-0.1	na
White Not Hispanic									
1990	na	38	38	42	na	32.7	na	36.9	na
2000	43.5	42.5	43.8	48	42.9	36.6	48.2	40.6	39.7
Change in Median age	na	4.5	5.8	6	na	3.9	na	3.7	na
AGE DISTRIBUTION									
Hispanic									
Number									
Under 5	18	322	738	174	34	5,286	29	1,605	53
5 to 17	74	571	1,761	322	84	10,099	99	3,319	132
18 to 24	21	422	786	145	20	6,066	41	1,823	41
25 to 44	48	756	1,812	291	52	12,555	106	3,480	116
45 to 64	23	231	512	87	39	3,763	55	1,053	51
65 and over	7	59	79	33	12	852	8	256	5
Percent									
Under 5	3.1	12.1	29.6	18.1	5.3	10.6	5.5	23.9	8.4
5 to 17	3.7	6.4	20.8	9.1	3.4	7.2	4.6	16.3	6.6
18 to 24	4.0	11.1	27.1	11.6	3.1	8.8	6.4	20.6	6.2
25 to 44	2.0	5.8	18.0	6.6	1.9	5.7	3.5	12.5	4.1
45 to 64	0.8	1.8	5.1	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.1	4.3	1.9
65 and over	0.4	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.3	1.7	0.5
Total Population									
Number									
Under 5	584	2,663	2,493	963	637	49,861	525	6,718	632
5 to 17	1,990	8,956	8,453	3,537	2,447	140,708	2,170	20,364	1,992
18 to 24	528	3,796	2,897	1,251	649	68,590	640	8,843	660
25 to 44	2,362	13,080	10,082	4,439	2,789	219,554	3,052	27,747	2,824
45 to 64	2,788	12,761	10,082	6,059	3,460	150,487	5,020	24,273	2,678
65 and over	1,932	8,149	5,557	4,735	1,750	71,620	2,670	15,034	1,086
Total	10,184	49,405	39,564	20,984	11,732	700,820	14,077	102,979	9,872

Table 1. Population Change and Age, continued

POPULATION CHANGE	Snohomish	Spokane	Stevens	Thurston	Wahkiakum	Walla Walla	Whatcom	Whitman	Yakima
Hispanic Population									
1990	9,464	5,851	520	4,277	72	4,764	3,246	651	44,527
2000	27,340	11,465	661	9,067	35	8,719	8,316	1,263	79,952
2004	34,459	13,181	807	10,788	101	10,119	10,322	1,163	87,495
Change 90-00									
Number	17,876	5,614	141	4,790	-37	3,955	5,070	612	35,425
Percent	188.9	95.9	27.1	112.0	-51.4	83.0	156.2	94.0	79.6
Change 00-04									
Number	7,119	1,716	146	1,721	66	1,400	2,006	-100	7,543
Percent	26.0	15.0	22.1	19.0	188.7	16.1	24.1	-7.9	9.4
Percent Hispanic									
1990	2.0	1.6	1.7	2.7	2.2	9.8	2.5	1.7	23.6
2000	4.5	2.7	1.6	4.4	0.9	15.8	5.0	3.1	35.9
2004	5.3	3.1	2.0	4.9	2.7	17.8	5.8	2.8	38.5
Total Population									
1990	465,642	361,364	30,948	161,238	3,327	48,439	127,780	38,775	188,823
2000	606,024	417,939	40,066	207,355	3,824	55,180	166,814	40,740	222,581
2004	644,800	432,000	40,700	218,500	3,800	56,700	177,300	41,700	227,500
Change 90-00									
Number	140,382	56,575	9,118	46,117	497	6,741	39,034	1,965	33,758
Percent	30.1	15.7	29.5	28.6	14.9	13.9	30.5	5.1	17.9
Change 00-04									
Number	38,776	14,061	634	11,145	-24	1,520	10,486	960	4,919
Percent	6.4	3.4	1.6	5.4	-0.6	2.8	6.3	2.4	2.2
MEDIAN AGE									
Hispanic									
1990	24.5	22.9	18.8	23.6	na	22.2	22.7	21.6	20.3
2000	23.6	22.8	20.3	23.7	19.5	22.4	22.2	21.8	20.8
Change in Median age	-0.9	-0.1	1.5	0.1	na	0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.5
White Not Hispanic									
1990	32.7	33.7	35.3	34.6	na	35.6	33.6	24.3	36.8
2000	36.3	36.7	40.5	38.4	45.4	39.2	36.2	25.2	40.7
Change in Median age	3.6	3	5.2	3.8	na	3.6	2.6	0.9	3.9
AGE DISTRIBUTION									
Hispanic									
Number									
Under 5	3,800	1,399	87	1,130	4	1,087	1,165	101	11,007
5 to 17	7,015	3,051	249	2,499	39	2,433	2,302	212	24,525
18 to 24	4,368	1,872	75	1,292	13	1,305	1,409	487	10,776
25 to 44	9,841	3,490	182	3,005	27	2,799	2,656	327	23,253
45 to 64	2,980	1,371	109	1,175	14	821	959	78	8,085
65 and over	586	378	37	291	1	209	196	14	2,259
Percent									
Under 5	8.7	5.1	3.6	8.8	2.0	31.3	11.4	5.1	56.6
5 to 17	5.7	3.8	2.7	6.3	5.6	24.1	7.7	3.9	47.8
18 to 24	8.5	4.2	2.9	6.7	6.4	17.7	5.9	3.7	49.3
25 to 44	4.9	2.9	1.8	4.9	3.2	19.2	5.8	3.3	38.0
45 to 64	2.2	1.5	1.0	2.3	1.2	7.2	2.5	1.2	18.5
65 and over	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.1	2.6	1.0	0.4	9.1
Total Population									
Number									
Under 5	43,461	27,478	2,425	12,827	202	3,469	10,210	1,973	19,440
5 to 17	122,678	80,022	9,072	39,700	694	10,093	30,037	5,392	51,311
18 to 24	51,524	44,114	2,575	19,280	202	7,374	23,704	13,294	21,880
25 to 44	199,747	120,699	9,969	60,828	848	14,607	45,847	9,797	61,212
45 to 64	133,210	93,677	10,865	51,091	1,172	11,463	37,616	6,519	43,817
65 and over	55,404	51,949	5,160	23,629	706	8,174	19,400	3,765	24,921
Total	606,024	417,939	40,066	207,355	3,824	55,180	166,814	40,740	222,581

Table 2. Immigration and Poverty

IMMIGRATION	WA	Adams	Asotin	Benton	Chelan	Clallam	Clark	Columbia	Cowlitz	Douglas	Ferry
Total Hispanic 1990	206,018	4,349	275	8,609	4,589	991	5,675	479	1,635	2,807	108
Total Hispanic 2000	439,841	7,754	374	18,027	12,894	2,189	16,091	269	4,213	6,490	126
Hispanic Foreign-born											
1990	40,454	1,532	na	3,081	2,577	na	811	na	382	1,856	na
2000	169,206	3,595	46	6,836	7,249	635	5,585	80	1,306	3,703	
Percent Change 1990-2000	318.3	134.7	na	121.9	181.3	na	588.7	na	241.9	99.5	na
% of Hispanic Population 1990	19.6	35.2	na	35.8	56.2	na	14.3	na	23.4	66.1	na
% of Hispanic Population 2000	38.5	46.4	12.3	37.9	56.2	29.0	34.7	29.7	31.0	57.1	0.0
Decade of Arrival											
1990-2000	92,922	1,865	9	3,068	3,936	416	3,281	30	839	1,831	
1980-1989	48,015	950	10	2,428	2,306	132	1,393	5	260	1,331	
Prior to 1980	28,269	780	27	1,340	1,007	87	911	45	207	541	0
<i>% of all Hispanics arriving</i>											
1990-2000	21.1	24.1	2.4	17.0	30.5	19.0	20.4	11.2	19.9	28.2	0.0
1980-1989	10.9	12.3	2.7	13.5	17.9	6.0	8.7	1.9	6.2	20.5	0.0
Prior to 1980	6.4	10.1	7.2	7.4	7.8	4.0	5.7	16.7	4.9	8.3	0.0
Hispanic Foreign-born from Mexico											
1990	46,876	1,485	16	2,835	2,194	192	518	298	257	1,796	0
2000	148,115	3,538	24	6,362	7,017	556	4,974	75	1,113	3,514	22
<i>As a percent of all Hispanics</i>											
1990	22.8	34.1	5.8	32.9	47.8	19.4	9.1	62.2	15.7	64.0	0.0
2000	33.7	45.6	6.4	35.3	54.4	25.4	30.9	27.9	26.4	54.1	17.5
POVERTY*											
Total Population											
1990 All											
Number Below Poverty	517,933	2,360	3,331	12,402	7,844	6,852	21,910	757	10,747	3,170	1,484
Percent Below Poverty	10.9	17.5	19.4	11.1	15.3	12.5	9.3	19.4	13.3	12.2	23.7
2000 All											
Number Below Poverty	612,370	2,951	3,132	14,517	8,147	7,825	31,027	507	12,765	4,640	1,368
Percent Below Poverty	10.6	18.2	15.4	10.3	12.4	12.5	9.1	12.6	14.0	14.4	19.0
Change All—Number	94,437	591	-199	2,115	303	973	9,117	-250	2,018	1,470	-116
Percent	18.2	25.0	-6.0	17.1	3.9	14.2	41.6	-33.0	18.8	46.4	-7.8
1990 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	179,272	1,064	1,508	4,911	2,810	2,337	8,413	234	4,128	1,223	596
Percent Below Poverty	14.5	22.8	32.1	14.9	20.4	17.4	12.8	24.1	19.0	16.7	30.5
2000 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	202,891	1,343	1,192	6,168	2,993	2,430	11,807	153	4,833	2,026	461
Percent Below Poverty	13.7	24.3	23.2	14.8	16.4	17.6	12.1	15.9	19.9	21.6	24.1
Change Children											
Number	23,619	279	-316	1,257	183	93	3,394	-81	705	803	-135
Percent	13.2	26.2	-21.0	25.6	6.5	4.0	40.3	-34.6	17.1	65.7	-22.7
Hispanic Population											
1990 All											
Number Below Poverty	55,503	1,145	191	2,556	1,886	285	1,029	190	466	1,118	69
Percent Below Poverty	27.8	26.3	69.5	30.0	41.8	33.4	18.6	41.8	29.2	40.4	63.9
2000 All											
Hispanic Total Below Poverty	106,943	2,170	54	4,848	3,615	642	3,160	55	1,476	2,041	46
Hispanic Total % Below Poverty	24.9	28.1	15.7	27.3	28.6	33.0	20.0	20.4	36.0	31.9	36.5
Change All											
Number	51,440	1,025	-137	2,292	1,729	357	2,131	-135	1,010	923	-23
Percent	92.7	89.5	-71.7	89.7	91.7	125.3	207.1	-71.1	216.7	82.6	-33.3
1990 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	27,381	541	139	1,362	944	140	603	51	307	556	36
Percent Below Poverty	34.0	27.2	89.1	37.1	48.7	39.5	25.6	38.1	37.9	51.1	90.0
2000 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	51,733	1,110	23	2,741	1,776	309	1,505	36	822	1,085	14
Percent Below Poverty	30.3	33.4	15.2	34.3	31.4	39.5	23.4	28.6	44.7	37.6	33.3
Change Children—Number	24,352	569	-116	1,379	832	169	902	-15	515	529	-22
Percent	88.9	105.2	-83.5	101.2	88.1	120.7	149.6	-29.4	167.8	95.1	-61.1

*The percent of persons below the poverty level is calculated using the household population. The numbers at the top of the table for the Hispanic population are for the total population (including group quarters).

Source: 1990—STF3: P118, P120, Tables 33, 72, 139, and 153 in Social Economic Characteristics for Washington
 2000—SF3: PCT6; SF4: PCT45, PCT49, PCT175H

Table 2. Immigration and Poverty, continued

IMMIGRATION	Franklin	Garfield	Grant	Grays Harbor	Island	Jefferson	King	Kitsap	Kittitas	Klickitat	Lewis
Total Hispanic 1990	11,287	0	9,282	1,274	1,855	223	42,160	5,950	733	1,040	1,131
Total Hispanic 2000	23,154	22	22,543	3,244	2,961	455	95,250	9,718	1,668	1,532	3,557
Hispanic Foreign-born											
1990	5,396	na	3,437	208	279	na	9,768	646	na	471	200
2000	10,941		10,682	1,337	381	53	39,265	1,318	743	852	1,596
Percent Change 1990-2000	102.8	na	210.8	542.8	36.6	na	302.0	104.0	na	80.9	698.0
% of Hispanic Population 1990	47.8	na	37.0	16.3	15.0	na	23.2	10.9	na	45.3	17.7
% of Hispanic Population 2000	47.3	0.0	47.4	41.2	12.9	11.6	41.2	13.6	44.5	55.6	44.9
Decade of Arrival											
1990-2000	6,153		6,473	847	55	30	24,095	487	520	445	1,048
1980-1989	2,933		2,890	319	168	6	9,659	414	177	313	351
Prior to 1980	1,855	0	1,319	171	158	17	5,511	417	46	94	197
<i>% of all Hispanics arriving</i>											
1990-2000	26.6	0.0	28.7	26.1	1.9	6.6	25.3	5.0	31.2	29.0	29.5
1980-1989	12.7	0.0	12.8	9.8	5.7	1.3	10.1	4.3	10.6	20.4	9.9
Prior to 1980	8.0	0.0	5.9	5.3	5.3	3.7	5.8	4.3	2.8	6.1	5.5
Hispanic Foreign-born from Mexico											
1990	4,846	0	3,142	180	99	11	3,922	216	182	375	154
2000	10,596	5	10,328	1,162	218	32	29,285	848	720	825	1,477
<i>As a percent of all Hispanics</i>											
1990	42.9	na	33.9	14.1	5.3	4.9	9.3	3.6	24.8	36.1	13.6
2000	45.8	22.7	45.8	35.8	7.4	7.0	30.7	8.7	43.2	53.9	41.5
POVERTY*											
Total Population											
1990 All											
Number Below Poverty	8491	231	10631	10306	4156	2684	117589	17119	4913	2786	8385
Percent Below Poverty	23.0	10.5	19.6	16.4	7.3	13.5	8.0	9.4	20.2	17.0	14.4
2000 All											
Number Below Poverty	9,280	334	12,809	10,668	4,895	2,899	142,546	19,601	6,122	3,236	9,460
Percent Below Poverty	19.2	14.2	17.4	16.1	7.0	11.3	8.4	8.8	19.6	17.0	14.0
Change All											
Number	789	103	2,178	362	739	215	24,957	2,482	1,209	450	1,075
Percent	9.3	44.6	20.5	3.5	17.8	8.0	21.2	14.5	24.6	16.2	12.8
1990 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	3,921	63	4,454	3,756	1,560	977	32,595	6,644	1,005	1,092	3,215
Percent Below Poverty	31.1	10.9	26.2	22.4	10.3	22.2	9.8	12.8	18.3	22.7	19.6
2000 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	4,384	108	5,370	3,760	1,677	860	37,954	6,973	1,100	1,174	3,376
Percent Below Poverty	26.2	17.6	22.8	22.4	9.3	17.3	9.9	11.5	16.3	23.1	19.1
Change Children											
Number	463	45	916	4	117	-117	5,359	329	95	82	161
Percent	11.8	71.4	20.6	0.1	7.5	-12.0	16.4	5.0	9.5	7.5	5.0
Hispanic Population											
1990 All											
Number Below Poverty	5,156	0	3498	396	233	57	6,134	799	238	397	305
Percent Below Poverty	46.0	na	38.0	31.9	14.8	25.6	14.9	14.4	36.6	38.4	27.3
2000 All											
Hispanic Total Below Poverty	6,975	9	6,203	1,429	243	99	16,823	1,095	500	434	1,142
Hispanic Total % Below Poverty	30.5	40.9	27.9	44.8	8.6	22.1	18.0	12.0	32.5	28.6	33.0
Change All											
Number	1,819	9	2,705	1,033	10	42	10,689	296	262	37	837
Percent	35.3	na	77.3	260.9	4.3	73.7	174.3	37.0	110.1	9.3	274.4
1990 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	2,719	0	1,847	265	110	29	2,212	400	32	185	202
Percent Below Poverty	52.7	na	46.9	41.7	16.5	33.7	16.5	17.1	21.1	40.4	35.3
2000 Children under 18											
Number Below Poverty	3,621	2	2,989	786	124	29	6,341	486	200	214	644
Percent Below Poverty	35.6	28.6	31.3	53.0	11.2	17.7	21.5	13.4	35.5	31.8	41.5
Change Children											
Number	902	2	1,142	521	14	0	4,129	86	168	29	442
Percent	33.2	na	61.8	196.6	12.7	0.0	186.7	21.5	525.0	15.7	218.8

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Table 2. Immigration and Poverty, continued

IMMIGRATION	Lincoln	Mason	Okanogan	Pacific	Pend Oreille	Pierce	San Juan	Skagit	Skamania	Snohomish
Total Hispanic 1990	82	928	2,806	441	103	19,445	98	4,162	129	9,464
Total Hispanic 2000	168	2,358	5,754	1,102	238	38,577	378	11,586	331	27,340
Hispanic Foreign-born										
1990	na	na	1,646	na	na	2,954	na	1,126	na	1,542
2000	7	869	3,170	431	27	9,911	95	5,325	127	9,132
Percent Change 1990-2000	na	na	92.6	na	na	235.5	na	372.9	na	492.2
% of Hispanic Population 1990	na	na	58.7	na	na	15.2	na	27.1	na	16.3
% of Hispanic Population 2000	4.2	36.9	55.1	39.1	11.3	25.7	25.1	46.0	38.4	33.4
Decade of Arrival										
1990-2000	3	584	1,770	247	9	5,748	35	3,409	87	5,118
1980-1989	3	203	960	160	14	2,610	21	1,287	27	2,589
Prior to 1980	1	82	440	24	4	1,553	39	629	13	1,425
<i>% of all Hispanics arriving</i>										
1990-2000	1.8	24.8	30.8	22.4	3.8	14.9	9.3	29.4	26.3	18.7
1980-1989	1.8	8.6	16.7	14.5	5.9	6.8	5.6	11.1	8.2	9.5
Prior to 1980	0.6	3.5	7.6	2.2	1.7	4.0	10.3	5.4	3.9	5.2
Hispanic Foreign-born from Mexico										
1990	0	115	1,580	151	3	1,078	0	973	45	592
2000	7	529	3,137	394	26	7,577	66	5,136	136	7,138
<i>As a percent of all Hispanics</i>										
1990	0.0	12.4	56.3	34.2	2.9	5.5	0.0	23.4	34.9	6.3
2000	4.2	22.4	54.5	35.8	10.9	19.6	17.5	44.3	41.1	26.1
POVERTY*										
Total Population										
1990 All										
Number Below Poverty	1,071	4,817	7,077	3,166	1,776	64,068	728	9,012	774	30,173
Percent Below Poverty	12.3	13.2	21.5	17.2	20.2	11.4	7.4	11.5	9.4	6.6
2000 All										
Number Below Poverty	1,260	5,716	8,311	2,973	2,095	71,316	1,286	11,244	1,281	41,024
Percent Below Poverty	12.6	12.2	21.3	14.4	18.1	10.5	9.2	11.1	13.1	6.9
Change All										
Number	189	899	1,234	-193	319	7,248	558	2,232	507	10,851
Percent	17.6	18.7	17.4	-6.1	18.0	11.3	76.6	24.8	65.5	36.0
1990 Children under 18										
Number Below Poverty	422	1,817	2,674	1,108	739	24,088	171	3,229	220	10,976
Percent Below Poverty	18.1	19.5	28.6	25.6	28.3	15.5	8.5	15.9	9.2	8.7
2000 Children under 18										
Number Below Poverty	448	2,058	3,078	888	851	25,470	334	3,821	492	13,164
Percent Below Poverty	17.9	18.2	29.0	20.5	28.5	13.6	12.6	14.5	19.0	8.1
Change Children										
Number	26	241	404	-220	112	1,382	163	592	272	2,188
Percent	6.2	13.3	15.1	-19.9	15.2	5.7	95.3	18.3	123.6	19.9
Hispanic Population										
1990 All										
Number Below Poverty	25	186	1,237	149	21	3,090	4	1,305	26	859
Percent Below Poverty	30.5	25.5	44.7	34.7	20.4	17.0	4.1	31.9	20.2	9.3
2000 All										
Hispanic Total Below Poverty	18	718	2,430	381	45	7,544	67	3,331	65	3,694
Hispanic Total % Below Poverty	11.3	34.3	43.8	35.3	18.9	20.5	17.7	29.2	19.6	13.8
Change All										
Number	-7	532	1,193	232	24	4,454	63	2,026	39	2,835
Percent	-28.0	286.0	96.4	155.7	114.3	144.1	1575.0	155.2	150.0	330.0
1990 Children under 18										
Number Below Poverty	16	107	642	91	14	1531	0	708	15	402
Percent Below Poverty	53.3	32.3	57.9	41.0	27.5	21.5	0.0	42.0	37.5	11.3
2000 Children under 18										
Number Below Poverty	10	338	1,225	241	25	3,617	54	1,497	35	1,696
Percent Below Poverty	11.8	41.4	51.3	51.0	23.6	24.1	31.0	31.4	22.7	17.5
Change Children										
Number	-6	231	583	150	11	2,086	54	789	20	1,294
Percent	-37.5	215.9	90.8	164.8	78.6	136.3	na	111.4	133.3	321.9

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Table 2. Immigration and Poverty, continued

IMMIGRATION	Spokane	Stevens	Thurston	Wahkiakum	Walla Walla	Whatcom	Whitman	Yakima
Total Hispanic 1990	5,851	520	4,277	72	4,764	3,246	651	44,527
Total Hispanic 2000	11,465	661	9,067	35	8,719	8,316	1,263	79,952
Hispanic Foreign-born								
1990	540	na	810	na	2,010	786	na	17,456
2000	1,680	54	1,685	na	3,806	2,342	308	33,991
Percent Change 1990-2000	211.1	na	108.0	na	89.4	198.0	na	94.7
% of Hispanic Population 1990	9.2	na	18.9	na	42.2	24.2	na	39.2
% of Hispanic Population 2000	14.7	8.2	18.6	na	43.7	28.2	24.4	42.5
Decade of Arrival								
1990-2000	603	36	741		1,735	1,198	192	15,974
1980-1989	557	7	427		1,560	693	63	10,768
Prior to 1980	520	11	517	0	511	451	53	7,249
<i>% of all Hispanics arriving</i>								
1990-2000	5.3	5.4	8.2	0.0	19.9	14.4	15.2	20.0
1980-1989	4.9	1.1	4.7	0.0	17.9	8.3	5.0	13.5
Prior to 1980	4.5	1.7	5.7	0.0	5.9	5.4	4.2	9.1
Hispanic Foreign-born from Mexico								
1990	227	15	447	16	1,871	669	29	16,347
2000	870	36	1,233	13	3,658	1,738	126	33,604
<i>As a percent of all Hispanics</i>								
1990	3.9	2.9	10.5	22.2	39.3	20.6	4.5	36.7
2000	7.6	5.4	13.6	37.1	42.0	20.9	10.0	42.0
POVERTY*								
Total Population								
1990 All								
Number Below Poverty	48,027	5,249	15,907	341	7,144	15,142	7,827	37,486
Percent Below Poverty	13.7	17.2	10.1	10.4	16.0	12.3	24.2	20.2
2000 All								
Number Below Poverty	49,859	6,316	17,992	301	7,567	23,003	9,027	43,070
Percent Below Poverty	12.3	15.9	8.8	8.1	15.1	14.2	25.6	19.7
Change All								
Number	1,832	1,067	2,085	-40	423	7,861	1,200	5,584
Percent	3.8	20.3	13.1	-11.7	5.9	51.9	15.3	14.9
1990 Children under 18								
Number Below Poverty	15,714	2,192	5,645	71	2,539	4,034	1,042	16,085
Percent Below Poverty	16.9	22.9	13.4	8.9	21.7	12.9	15.3	28.9
2000 Children under 18								
Number Below Poverty	15,672	2,349	5,269	100	2,523	5,767	1,211	19,254
Percent Below Poverty	15.0	20.7	10.3	11.6	19.3	14.6	16.7	27.7
Change Children								
Number	-42	157	-376	29	-16	1733	169	3169
Percent	-0.3	7.2	-6.7	40.8	-0.6	43.0	16.2	19.7
Hispanic Population								
1990 All								
Number Below Poverty	1,133	153	757	2	1,703	832	216	17,657
Percent Below Poverty	20.5	29.9	18.4	2.8	38.4	26.7	42.0	40.4
2000 All								
Hispanic Total Below Poverty	2,181	196	1,493	2	2,420	2,136	402	26,761
Hispanic Total % Below Poverty	20.8	29.9	16.8	6.7	30.4	26.3	37.2	33.8
Change All								
Number	1,048	43	736	0	717	1,304	186	9,104
Percent	92.5	28.1	97.2	0.0	42.1	156.7	86.1	51.6
1990 Children under 18								
Number Below Poverty	525	82	320	0	739	273	62	9,174
Percent Below Poverty	23.3	34.0	20.3	0.0	46.9	24.2	34.4	47.2
2000 Children under 18								
Number Below Poverty	1,084	106	645	0	1,158	910	58	14,177
Percent Below Poverty	26.1	34.4	20.2	0.0	35.7	29.0	22.8	40.5
Change Children								
Number	559	24	325	0	419	637	-4	5,003
Percent	106.5	29.3	101.6	na	56.7	233.3	-6.5	54.5

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Table 3. Educational Attainment and Enrollment

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		WA	Adams	Asotin	Benton	Chelan	Clallam	Clark	Columbia	Cowlitz	Douglas	Ferry
Hispanics Number												
1990	Less than High School	40,219	1,414	57	1,949	1,586	189	617	205	227	892	11
	High School diploma, some College	42,470	387	27	1,377	287	213	1,618	63	348	179	27
	BA degree or higher	10,248	40	24	305	77	80	350	11	59	8	0
2000	Less than High School	94,303	2,435	30	4,543	3,856	408	2,712	53	751	1,969	15
	High School diploma, some College	84,062	818	100	2,615	1,211	481	3,838	75	735	640	26
	BA degree or higher	22,335	99	17	532	196	50	738	5	143	96	15
%	Less than High School											
	1990	43.3	76.8	52.8	53.7	81.3	39.2	23.9	73.5	35.8	82.7	28.9
	2000	47.0	72.6	20.4	59.1	73.3	43.5	37.2	39.8	46.1	72.8	26.8
	High School diploma, some College											
	1990	45.7	21.0	25.0	37.9	14.7	44.2	62.6	22.6	54.9	16.6	71.1
	2000	41.9	24.4	68.0	34.0	23.0	51.2	52.7	56.4	45.1	23.7	46.4
	BA degree or higher											
	1990	11.0	2.2	22.2	8.4	3.9	16.6	13.5	3.9	9.3	0.7	0.0
	2000	11.1	3.0	11.6	6.9	3.7	5.3	10.1	3.8	8.8	3.5	26.8
% Change 1990-2000												
	Less than High School	134.5	72.2	-47.4	133.1	143.1	115.9	339.5	-74.1	230.8	120.7	36.4
	High School diploma, some College	97.9	111.4	270.4	89.9	322.0	125.8	137.2	19.0	111.2	257.5	-3.7
	BA degree or higher	117.9	147.5	-29.2	74.4	154.5	-37.5	110.9	-54.5	142.4	1100.0	na
Total Population Number												
1990	Less than High School	505,783	2,658	2,605	11,205	8,811	7,880	24,129	785	11,960	3,969	1,035
	High School diploma, some College	1,903,638	4,276	7,409	42,113	19,692	24,723	100,410	1,578	34,758	10,237	2,286
	BA degree or higher	716,969	971	1,411	16,193	5,716	6,261	25,144	419	5,936	2,281	454
2000	Less than High School	494,336	3,395	1,934	13,141	8,879	6,632	26,578	488	10,160	4,406	823
	High School diploma, some College	2,271,746	4,723	9,236	51,888	24,252	29,589	142,718	1,845	42,179	12,728	3,283
	BA degree or higher	1,061,425	1,124	2,449	23,188	9,294	9,490	47,997	494	8,016	3,301	642
%	Less than High School											
	1990	16.2	33.6	22.8	16.1	25.7	20.3	16.1	28.2	22.7	24.1	27.4
	2000	12.9	36.7	14.2	14.9	20.9	14.5	12.2	17.3	16.8	21.6	17.3
	High School graduate, some College											
	1990	60.9	54.1	64.8	60.6	57.5	63.6	67.1	56.7	66.0	62.1	60.6
	2000	59.4	51.1	67.8	58.8	57.2	64.7	65.7	65.3	69.9	62.3	69.1
	BA degree or higher											
	1990	22.9	12.3	12.4	23.3	16.7	16.1	16.8	15.1	11.3	13.8	12.0
	2000	27.7	12.2	18.0	26.3	21.9	20.8	22.1	17.5	13.3	16.2	13.5
% Change 1990-2000												
	Less than High School	-2.3	27.7	-25.8	17.3	0.8	-15.8	10.1	-37.8	-15.1	11.0	-20.5
	High School diploma, some College	19.3	10.5	24.7	23.2	23.2	19.7	42.1	16.9	21.4	24.3	43.6
	BA degree or higher	48.0	15.8	73.6	43.2	62.6	51.6	90.9	17.9	35.0	44.7	41.4
ENROLLMENT 16 – 19 YEAR-OLDS												
Hispanic Population												
Number												
1990	Enrolled	11,635	221	21	422	144	50	321	48	92	128	2
	Not Enrolled	4,414	126	0	264	103	22	56	7	33	161	21
	% Enrolled	72.5	63.7	100.0	61.5	58.3	69.4	85.1	87.3	73.6	44.3	8.7
2000	Enrolled	25,648	428	16	1,023	894	114	840	9	219	426	22
	Not Enrolled	7,862	180	5	217	288	52	338	0	97	109	11
	% Enrolled	76.5	70.4	76.2	82.5	75.6	68.7	71.3	100.0	69.3	79.6	66.7
% Change 90-00												
	Enrolled	120.4	93.7	-23.8	142.4	520.8	128.0	161.7	-81.3	138.0	232.8	1000.0
	Not Enrolled	78.1	42.9	na	-17.8	179.6	136.4	503.6	-100.0	193.9	-32.3	-47.6
Total Population												
1990	Enrolled	231,396	651	794	5,565	2,076	2,217	11,932	213	4,085	1,299	385
	Not Enrolled	27,335	157	139	772	367	386	1,608	20	605	257	91
	% Enrolled	89.4	80.6	85.1	87.8	85.0	85.2	88.1	91.4	87.1	83.5	80.9
2000	Enrolled	305,899	903	1,046	7,692	3,580	3,090	16,794	235	4,832	1,684	486
	Not Enrolled	29,183	207	109	838	511	370	2,101	16	550	199	101
	% Enrolled	91.3	81.4	90.6	90.2	87.5	89.3	88.9	93.6	89.8	89.4	82.8
% Change 90-00												
	Enrolled	32.2	38.7	31.7	38.2	72.4	39.4	40.7	10.3	18.3	29.6	26.2
	Not Enrolled	6.8	31.8	-21.6	8.5	39.2	-4.1	30.7	-20.0	-9.1	-22.6	11.0

Source: 1990—STF3: P057, P059, P061, P063; 2000—SF3: P37, P38, P148H, P149H

Table 3. Educational Attainment and Enrollment, continued

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Grays										
	Franklin	Garfield	Grant	Harbor	Island	Jefferson	King	Kitsap	Kittitas	Klickitat	Lewis
Hispanics Number											
1990 Less than High School	3,332	0	2,835	141	128	26	4,844	471	91	329	154
High School diploma, some College	842	0	969	299	671	58	12,906	1,845	162	99	204
BA degree or higher	94	0	83	31	59	36	4,687	246	59	0	41
2000 Less than High School	6,913	6	6,895	727	258	52	16,649	676	250	459	865
High School diploma, some College	2,182	3	2,327	472	952	203	23,634	3,063	286	177	586
BA degree or higher	271	3	236	90	184	13	10,295	614	78	27	63
% Less than High School											
1990	78.1	na	72.9	29.9	14.9	21.7	21.6	18.4	29.2	76.9	38.6
2000	73.8	50.0	72.9	56.4	18.5	19.4	32.9	15.5	40.7	69.2	57.1
High School graduate, some College											
1990	19.7	na	24.9	63.5	78.2	48.3	57.5	72.0	51.9	23.1	51.1
2000	23.3	25.0	24.6	36.6	68.3	75.7	46.7	70.4	46.6	26.7	38.7
BA degree or higher											
1990	2.2	na	2.1	6.6	6.9	30.0	20.9	9.6	18.9	0.0	10.3
2000	2.9	25.0	2.5	7.0	13.2	4.9	20.4	14.1	12.7	4.1	4.2
% Change 1990-2000											
Less than High School	107.5	na	143.2	415.6	101.6	100.0	243.7	43.5	174.7	39.5	461.7
High School diploma, some College	159.1	na	140.1	57.9	41.9	250.0	83.1	66.0	76.5	78.8	187.3
BA degree or higher	188.3	na	184.3	190.3	211.9	-63.9	119.7	149.6	32.2	na	53.7
Total Population Number											
1990 Less than High School	6,631	288	9,385	10,885	4,498	2,525	119,678	15,715	2,860	3,127	9,295
High School diploma, some College	11,377	1,077	19,680	26,349	26,195	8,878	563,921	78,094	8,985	6,288	24,041
BA degree or higher	2,787	217	3,927	4,588	7,686	3,181	334,374	23,212	3,389	1,153	4,459
2000 Less than High School	9,768	258	12,026	8,432	3,724	1,649	115,728	13,731	2,471	2,347	8,725
High School diploma, some College	13,377	1,115	25,337	30,510	30,652	12,353	598,064	97,306	11,773	8,364	30,355
BA degree or higher	3,634	282	5,946	5,646	12,736	5,549	474,948	37,667	5,059	2,095	5,777
% Less than High School											
1990	31.9	18.2	28.4	26.0	11.7	17.3	11.8	13.4	18.8	29.6	24.6
2000	36.5	15.6	27.8	18.9	7.9	8.4	9.7	9.2	12.8	18.3	19.5
High School diploma, some College											
1990	54.7	68.1	59.7	63.0	68.3	60.9	55.4	66.7	59.0	59.5	63.6
2000	50.0	67.4	58.5	68.4	65.1	63.2	50.3	65.4	61.0	65.3	67.7
BA degree or higher											
1990	13.4	13.7	11.9	11.0	20.0	21.8	32.8	19.8	22.2	10.9	11.8
2000	13.6	17.0	13.7	12.7	27.0	28.4	40.0	25.3	26.2	16.4	12.9
% Change 1990-2000											
Less than High School	47.3	-10.4	28.1	-22.5	-17.2	-34.7	-3.3	-12.6	-13.6	-24.9	-6.1
High School diploma, some College	17.6	3.5	28.7	15.8	17.0	39.1	6.1	24.6	31.0	33.0	26.3
BA degree or higher	30.4	30.0	51.4	23.1	65.7	74.4	42.0	62.3	49.3	81.7	29.6
ENROLLMENT 16 – 19 YEAR-OLDS											
Hispanic Population											
Number											
1990 Enrolled	504	0	407	56	97	5	2,434	391	73	153	71
Not Enrolled	463	0	309	7	7	7	342	17	4	59	33
% Enrolled	52.1	na	56.8	88.9	93.3	41.7	87.7	95.8	94.8	72.2	68.3
2000 Enrolled	1,321	0	1,283	135	200	11	4,955	653	128	100	154
Not Enrolled	666	0	614	30	27	21	1,354	92	60	21	85
% Enrolled	66.5	na	67.6	81.8	88.1	34.4	78.5	87.7	68.1	82.6	64.4
% Change 90-00											
Enrolled	162.1	na	215.2	141.1	106.2	120.0	103.6	67.0	75.3	-34.6	116.9
Not Enrolled	43.8	na	98.7	328.6	285.7	200.0	295.9	441.2	1400.0	-64.4	157.6
Total Population											
1990 Enrolled	1,901	68	2,718	2,796	2,495	708	64,025	9,364	2,294	803	2,997
Not Enrolled	601	16	535	553	302	115	5,951	969	146	143	500
% Enrolled	76.0	81.0	83.6	83.5	89.2	86.0	91.5	90.6	94.0	84.9	85.7
2000 Enrolled	2,868	145	4,397	3,542	3,280	1,030	79,327	12,479	2,631	947	3,728
Not Enrolled	824	8	835	401	234	88	5,858	996	121	91	482
% Enrolled	77.7	94.8	84.0	89.8	93.3	92.1	93.1	92.6	95.6	91.2	88.6
% Change 90-00 Enrolled	50.9	113.2	61.8	26.7	31.5	45.5	23.9	33.3	14.7	17.9	24.4
Not Enrolled	37.1	-50.0	56.1	-27.5	-22.5	-23.5	-1.6	2.8	-17.1	-36.4	-3.6

Table 3. Educational Attainment and Enrollment, continued

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Lincoln	Mason	Okanogan	Pacific	Pend Oreille	Pierce	San Juan	Skagit	Skamania
Hispanics Number									
1990 Less than High School	15	159	965	82	21	1,766	0	875	21
High School diploma, some College	24	236	197	74	18	6,084	57	916	38
BA degree or higher	2	61	56	7	6	1,084	2	170	6
2000 Less than High School	13	538	1,756	271	36	4,798	16	2,903	84
High School diploma, some College	33	406	603	178	63	10,515	135	1,685	49
BA degree or higher	9	90	95	52	7	2,049	12	178	5
%									
Less than High School									
1990	36.6	34.9	79.2	50.3	46.7	19.8	0.0	44.6	32.3
2000	23.6	52.0	71.6	54.1	34.0	27.6	9.8	60.9	60.9
High School graduate, some College									
1990	58.5	51.8	16.2	45.4	40.0	68.1	96.6	46.7	58.5
2000	60.0	39.3	24.6	35.5	59.4	60.6	82.8	35.4	35.5
BA degree or higher									
1990	4.9	13.4	4.6	4.3	13.3	12.1	3.4	8.7	9.2
2000	16.4	8.7	3.9	10.4	6.6	11.8	7.4	3.7	3.6
% Change 1990-2000									
Less than High School	-13.3	238.4	82.0	230.5	71.4	171.7	na	231.8	300.0
High School diploma, some College	37.5	72.0	206.1	140.5	250.0	72.8	136.8	84.0	28.9
BA degree or higher	350.0	47.5	69.6	642.9	16.7	89.0	500.0	4.7	-16.7
Total Population Number									
1990 Less than High School	1,110	5,414	6,150	3,414	1,468	60,530	669	9,981	1,191
High School diploma, some College	4,047	17,021	12,700	8,317	3,650	237,351	4,396	34,048	3,456
BA degree or higher	985	3,532	2,577	1,496	696	63,156	2,547	8,559	616
2000 Less than High School	958	5,524	6,039	3,230	1,521	58,125	597	10,746	927
High School diploma, some College	4,822	23,131	15,669	9,743	5,494	293,379	5,797	42,309	4,529
BA degree or higher	1,337	5,281	4,118	2,325	980	91,161	4,297	13,904	1,101
%									
Less than High School									
1990	18.1	20.8	28.7	25.8	25.2	16.8	8.8	19.0	22.6
2000	13.5	16.3	23.4	21.1	19.0	13.1	5.6	16.0	14.1
High School graduate, some College									
1990	65.9	65.5	59.3	62.9	62.8	65.7	57.8	64.7	65.7
2000	67.8	68.2	60.7	63.7	68.7	66.3	54.2	63.2	69.1
BA degree or higher									
1990	16.0	13.6	12.0	11.3	12.0	17.5	33.5	16.3	11.7
2000	18.8	15.6	15.9	15.2	12.3	20.6	40.2	20.8	16.8
% Change 1990-2000									
Less than High School	-13.7	2.0	-1.8	-5.4	3.6	-4.0	-10.8	7.7	-22.2
High School diploma, some College	19.1	35.9	23.4	17.1	50.5	23.6	31.9	24.3	31.0
BA degree or higher	35.7	49.5	59.8	55.4	40.8	44.3	68.7	62.4	78.7
ENROLLMENT 16 – 19 YEAR-OLDS									
Hispanic Population									
Number									
1990 Enrolled	10	23	80	13	0	1,250	0	191	20
Not Enrolled	3	37	75	34	3	233	0	139	0
% Enrolled	76.9	38.3	51.6	27.7	0.0	84.3	na	57.9	100.0
2000 Enrolled	16	109	281	49	20	2,273	3	856	19
Not Enrolled	0	106	132	8	0	536	0	433	36
% Enrolled	100.0	50.7	68.0	86.0	100.0	80.9	100.0	66.4	34.5
% Change 90-00									
Enrolled	60.0	373.9	251.3	276.9	na	81.8	na	348.2	-5.0
Not Enrolled	-100.0	186.5	76.0	-76.5	-100.0	130.0	na	211.5	Na
Total Population									
1990 Enrolled	360	1,456	1,407	750	401	29,086	342	3,535	411
Not Enrolled	42	391	312	153	83	3,368	14	534	41
% Enrolled	89.6	78.8	81.8	83.1	82.9	89.6	96.1	86.9	90.9
2000 Enrolled	529	2,321	2,049	904	644	37,159	495	5,560	567
Not Enrolled	20	418	228	113	71	3,797	72	963	47
% Enrolled	96.4	84.7	90.0	88.9	90.1	90.7	87.3	85.2	92.3
% Change 90-00									
Enrolled	46.9	59.4	45.6	20.5	60.6	27.8	44.7	57.3	38.0
Not Enrolled	-52.4	6.9	-26.9	-26.1	-14.5	12.7	414.3	80.3	14.6

Table 3. Educational Attainment and Enrollment, continued

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Snohomish	Spokane	Stevens	Thurston	Wahkiakum	Walla Walla	Whatcom	Whitman	Yakima
Hispanics Number									
1990 Less than High School	887	588	61	444	16	1,349	623	18	12,831
High School diploma, some College	3,084	1,610	151	1,208	22	715	732	62	4,661
BA degree or higher	852	360	24	428	2	93	157	87	561
2000 Less than High School	4,040	1,262	89	1,010	12	2,194	1,540	43	23,176
High School diploma, some College	7,122	3,211	181	2,648	0	1,544	1,727	130	9,408
BA degree or higher	1,907	936	38	853	0	188	465	347	1,339
% Less than High School									
1990	18.4	23.0	25.8	21.3	40.0	62.5	41.2	10.8	71.1
2000	30.9	23.3	28.9	22.4	100.0	55.9	41.3	8.3	68.3
High School graduate, some College									
1990	63.9	62.9	64.0	58.1	55.0	33.1	48.4	37.1	25.8
2000	54.5	59.4	58.8	58.7	0.0	39.3	46.3	25.0	27.7
BA degree or higher									
1990	17.7	14.1	10.2	20.6	5.0	4.3	10.4	52.1	3.1
2000	14.6	17.3	12.3	18.9	0.0	4.8	12.5	66.7	3.9
% Change 1990-2000									
Less than High School	355.5	114.6	45.9	127.5	-25.0	62.6	147.2	138.9	80.6
High School diploma, some College	130.9	99.4	19.9	119.2	-100.0	115.9	135.9	109.7	101.8
BA degree or higher	123.8	160.0	58.3	99.3	-100.0	102.2	196.2	298.9	138.7
Total Population Number									
1990 Less than High School	42,413	35,592	3,695	13,956	510	6,359	13,325	1,659	38,423
High School diploma, some College	196,699	145,665	13,274	63,624	1,546	18,339	48,638	8,966	59,534
BA degree or higher	57,289	47,096	2,332	25,514	239	5,702	17,447	7,892	15,535
2000 Less than High School	42,079	29,089	3,784	14,241	429	6,483	12,852	1,444	40,973
High School diploma, some College	251,811	170,976	18,218	80,954	1,885	19,879	61,947	9,787	69,769
BA degree or higher	95,107	66,764	3,982	40,491	401	8,010	27,988	8,839	20,005
% Less than High School									
1990	14.3	15.6	19.1	13.5	22.2	20.9	16.8	9.0	33.9
2000	10.8	10.9	14.6	10.5	15.8	18.9	12.5	7.2	31.3
High School graduate, some College									
1990	66.4	63.8	68.8	61.7	67.4	60.3	61.2	48.4	52.5
2000	64.7	64.1	70.1	59.7	69.4	57.8	60.3	48.8	53.4
BA degree or higher									
1990	19.3	20.6	12.1	24.7	10.4	18.8	22.0	42.6	13.7
2000	24.4	25.0	15.3	29.8	14.8	23.3	27.2	44.0	15.3
% Change 1990-2000									
Less than High School	-0.8	-18.3	2.4	2.0	-15.9	1.9	-3.5	-13.0	6.6
High School diploma, some College	28.0	17.4	37.2	27.2	21.9	8.4	27.4	9.2	17.2
BA degree or higher	66.0	41.8	70.8	58.7	67.8	40.5	60.4	12.0	28.8
ENROLLMENT 16 – 19 YEAR-OLDS									
Hispanic Population									
Number									
1990 Enrolled	427	552	37	330	0	283	254	110	2,415
Not Enrolled	96	39	2	46	0	233	32	0	1,401
% Enrolled	81.6	93.4	94.9	87.8	na	54.8	88.8	100.0	63.3
2000 Enrolled	1,598	857	35	557	0	566	651	113	4,714
Not Enrolled	317	94	5	111	7	162	121	4	1,523
% Enrolled	83.4	90.1	87.5	83.4	0.0	77.7	84.3	96.6	75.6
% Change 90-00									
Enrolled	274.2	55.3	-5.4	68.8	na	100.0	156.3	2.7	95.2
Not Enrolled	230.2	141.0	150.0	141.3	na	-30.5	278.1	na	8.7
Total Population									
1990 Enrolled	20,591	19,613	1,606	8,311	155	2,951	7,187	4,486	9,362
Not Enrolled	2,356	1,688	124	755	25	344	456	79	2,337
% Enrolled	89.7	92.1	92.8	91.7	86.1	89.6	94.0	98.3	80.0
2000 Enrolled	30,547	25,003	2,415	11,759	185	3,731	10,567	4,366	12,382
Not Enrolled	2,849	1,625	206	688	17	313	700	47	2,069
% Enrolled	91.5	93.9	92.1	94.5	91.6	92.3	93.8	98.9	85.7
% Change 90-00									
Enrolled	48.4	27.5	50.4	41.5	19.4	26.4	47.0	-2.7	32.3
Not Enrolled	20.9	-3.7	66.1	-8.9	-32.0	-9.0	53.5	-40.5	-11.5



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