

Census Population Totals

About Population Data

Every 10 years the U.S. Census Bureau counts the number of people in the United States. Population totals for cities, counties, and states provided by the Census are actual "counts" of people in a defined area. Population totals for every year other than a census year, such as 1995, are "estimates" of an area's population.

In Table 1, 1990 and 2000 figures are from the census. Areas that are "incorporated" are officially recognized cities or towns. An "unincorporated" area is outside of an officially established city/ town limits (the county).

Table 1. Population Totals for Adams County, 1990 1995 and 2000

By City and Area	1990 TOTAL	1995* TOTAL	2000 TOTAL	1990-2000 % CHANGE
HATTON	71	111	98	↑ 38%
LIND	472	470	582	↑ 23%
OTHELLO	4,638	5,240	5,847	↑ 26%
RITZVILLE	1,725	1,745	1,736	↑ 1%
WASHTUCNA	231	270	260	↑ 13%
INCORPORATED	7,137	7,836	8,523	↑ 19%
UNINCORPORATED	6,466	7,364	7,905	↑ 22%
Adams County	13,603	15,200	16,428	↑ 21%

The population of Adams County *increased* by 21% or approximately 2,825 persons between 1990-2000. In 2000, 52% of the county's total population lived in an incorporated area.

Data Source:

U.S. Census Bureau – www.census.gov

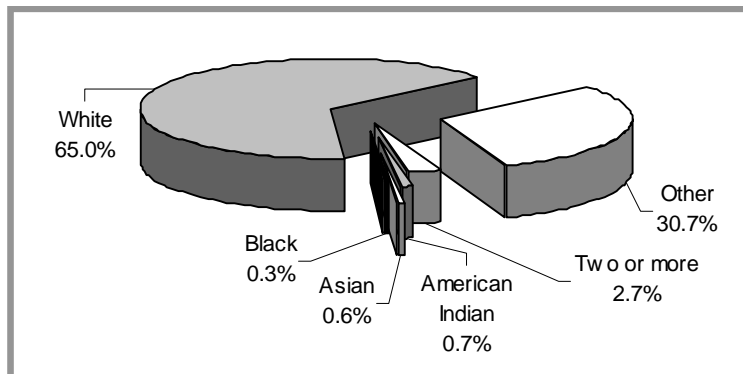
* Washington State Office of Financial Management - www.ofm.wa.gov

About Race and Ethnicity Data

The 2000 Census defines "race" as one or more of the following categories: 1) American Indian/Alaskan Native, 2) Asian, 3) Black, 4) Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, and 5) White. Individuals may also choose "Other" if none of the five categories describe their race. Hispanic or Latino is considered an ethnicity rather than a race. Russian and German are examples of other ethnic rather than racial categories.

Between the 1990 and 2000 Census, the Hispanic population of Adams County grew by 73% or by 3,265 persons. In 1990, 4,467 people described themselves as Hispanic versus 7,732 in 2000. Approximately 47% of the county's *total population* was Hispanic in 2000 compared to 33% in 1990. Graph 1 shows the racial breakdown of the county's population. Nearly 1 in 3 people used "other" to describe their race.

Graph 1.
Population of Adams County by Race, Census 2000



Total Population = American Indian + Asian + Black + Hawaiian + White + Other + Two or more

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