

indicate that Fauquier County's diversity has increased since the 2010 Census and is now estimated to have a Diversity Index of 37.0. This increase in diversity is consistent with the trends of most states and localities.

Furthermore, projections for 2017, also provided by ESRI, indicate a continued trend of increased racial and ethnic diversity. The projections show Fauquier County's 2017 Diversity Index to be 41.8, which represents an over 18% increase in diversity from the 2010 Census figure of 35.4. Additional projections for 2020, 2030, and 2040, provided by the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, show a consistent trend of increased diversity for Fauquier County and the State of Virginia as a whole.

*Diversity is a demographic term that is commonly used to refer to the racial and ethnic makeup of an area's population.*

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# Diversity



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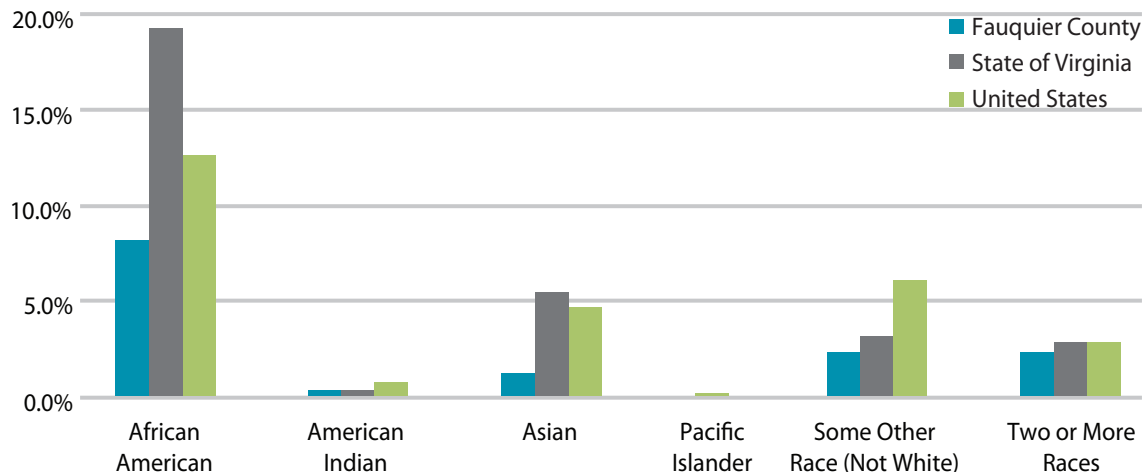
## Race

The 2010 Census reported the racial makeup of Fauquier County's total population of 65,203 to be predominantly white, accounting for 85%, or 55,607 persons. This figure is slightly lower than the 88% reported previously for Fauquier County in the 2000 Census and significantly higher than the approximately 69% reported for the State of Virginia as a whole in the 2010 Census.

The approximately 15%, or 9,596 persons, remaining of the County's population is made up of African American (8.2%), American Indian (0.4%), Asian (1.3%), and Pacific Islander (0.1%) according to the 2010 Census. In addition, 2.4% reported having some other race and 2.4% reported having more than one race.

The breakdown of the County's 2010 Census racial minority profile and its comparison to Virginia and the United States as a whole is represented in the following graph.

**Racial Composition (2010)**



## Ethnicity

In the 2010 Census, 6.4% of County residents, or 4,178 persons, reported being of Hispanic origin. This figure represents a significant increase from the 2.0% reported in 2000 and the 1.2% reported in 1990. While the County has seen a dramatic increase, the 6.4% Hispanic figure remains lower than the State of Virginia (7.9% Hispanic) and the United States (16.3% Hispanic) population figures.

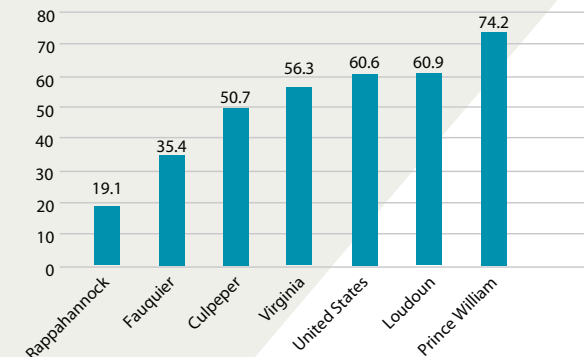
## Diversity by Age

Further analysis of the 2010 Census population data by age shows that younger residents are more racially and ethnically diverse than older residents. Of the County's population aged 19 and under, slightly less than 82% are white compared to 85% of the population as a whole. Differences in the population reporting Hispanic origin also occur when broken down by age. 9.7% of the population aged 19 and under are of Hispanic origin, compared to 6.4% of the county as a whole.

## Diversity Index

The Diversity Index, calculated by the probability that two people from the same area will be from different racial or ethnic groups, is the figure most often used in measuring and comparing an area's diversity. As calculated from the race and ethnicity figures reported in the 2010 Census, Fauquier County has a Diversity Index of 35.4. In other words, two people selected at random have a 35.4% chance of having differing racial and ethnic backgrounds. This figure is significantly less than the 60.6 and 56.3 Diversity Indices for the United States and the State of Virginia respectively, which indicates that Fauquier County is less diverse racially and ethnically than these populations. These comparisons, as well as comparisons to neighboring counties, are shown in the following graph.

**Diversity Index (2010)**



## Race and Ethnicity Estimates and Projections

2012 population estimates provided by ESRI, a global spatial analysis and research firm,