

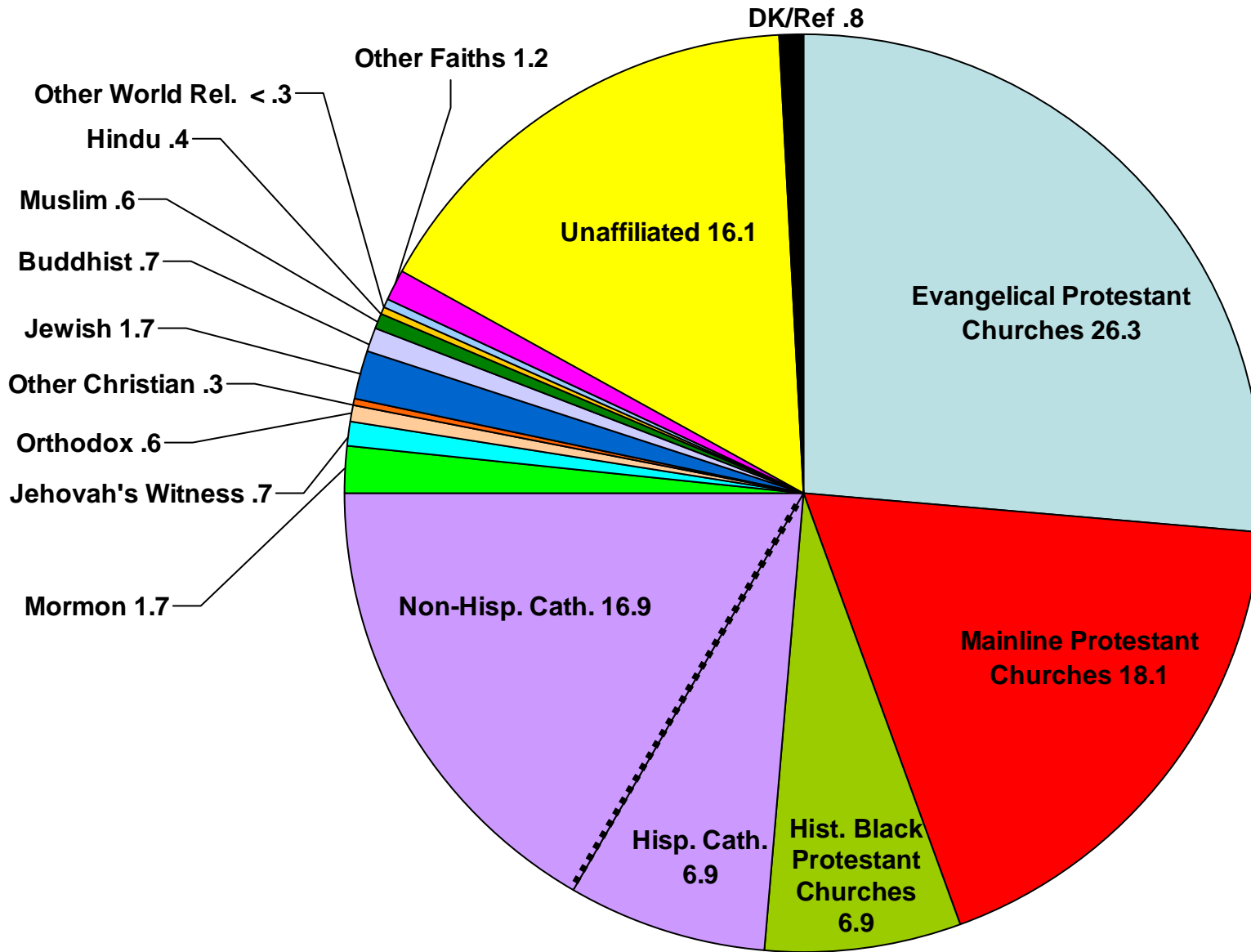
# The Changing American Religious Landscape

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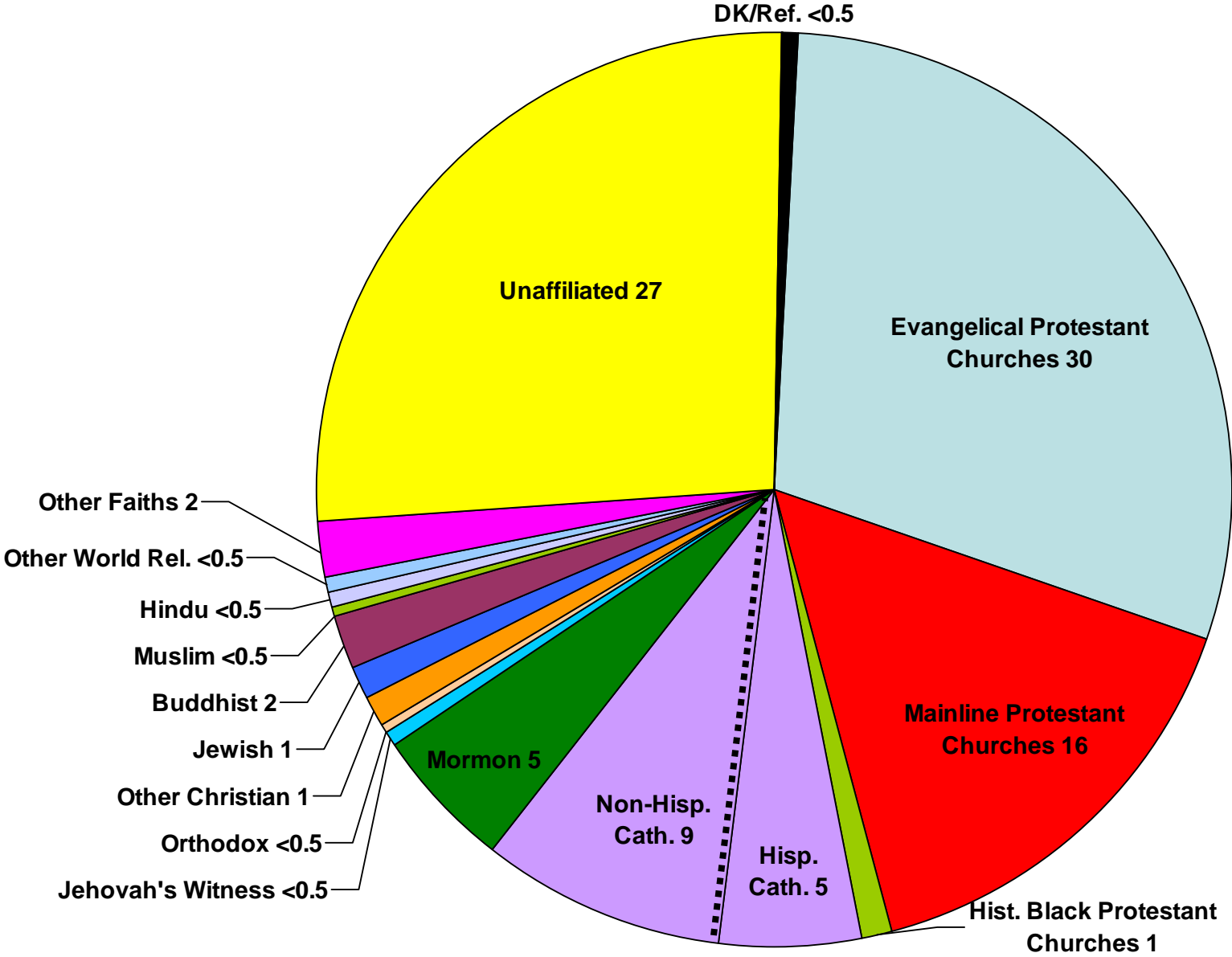
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# I. Religious Make-up of the U.S.



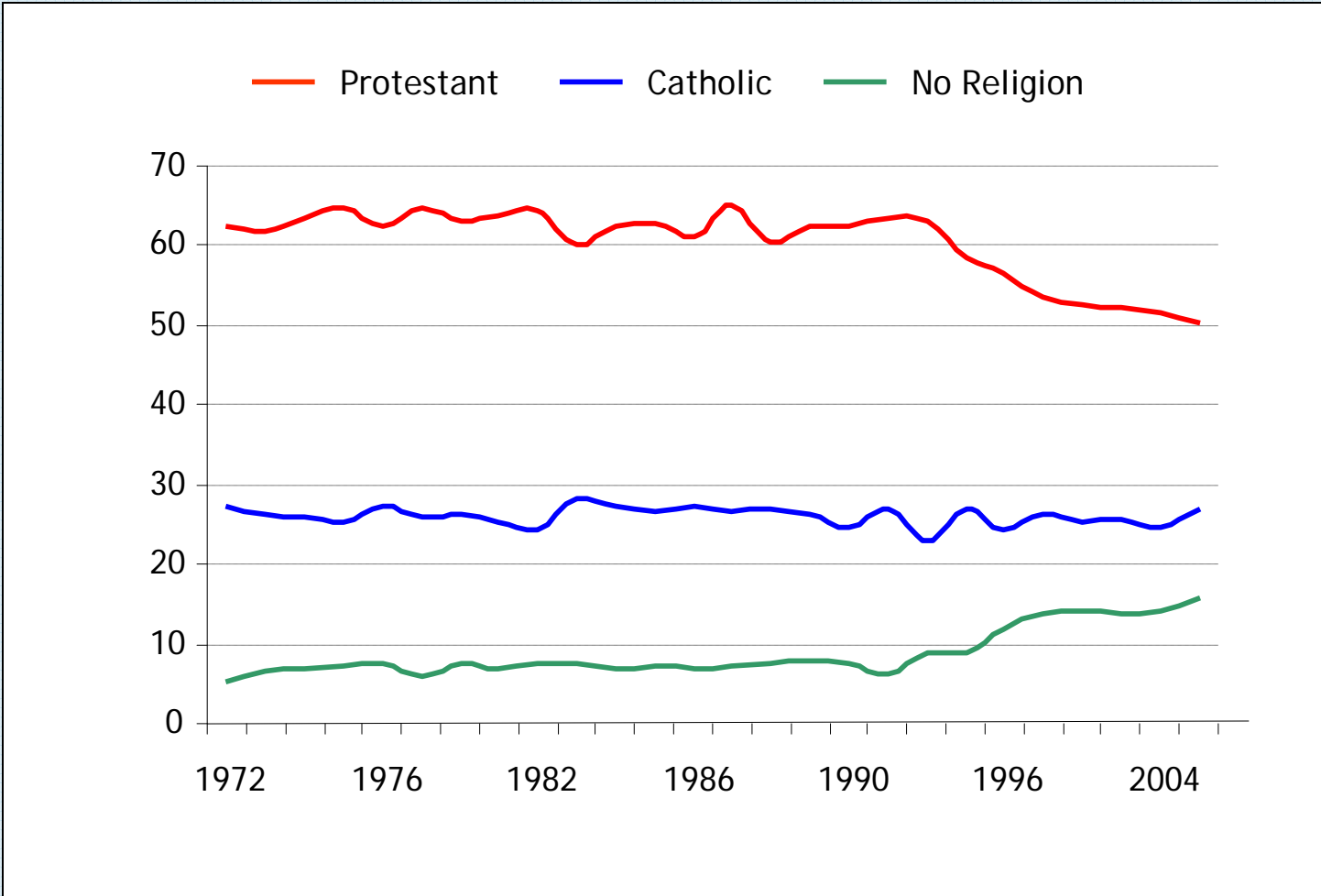
Source: *U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, Religious Affiliation: Diverse and Dynamic*, p. 10; Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, 2007

# Religious Make-up of Oregon



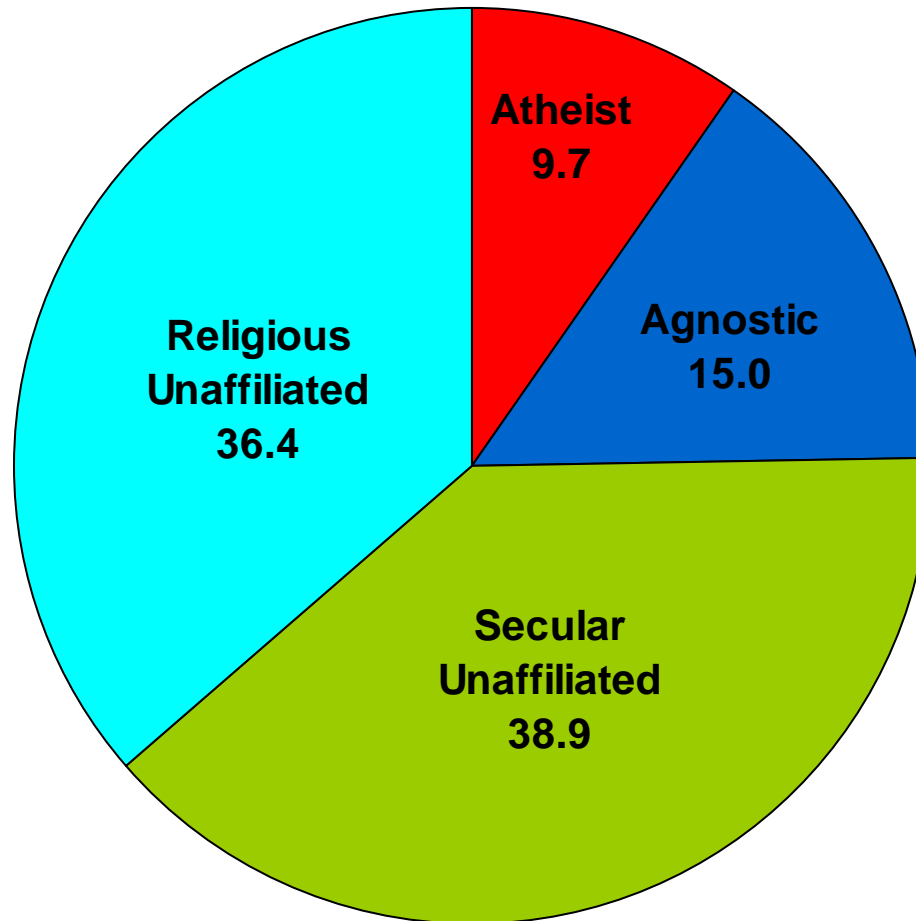
Source: Landscape Survey, Religious Affiliation.

# Changes in U.S. Religious Affiliation 1972-2006



Source: General Social Survey (1972-2006)

# Make-up of the Unaffiliated



## II. Childhood vs. Current Affiliation

	<u>Childhood Religion</u>	<u>Current Religion</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Protestant	53.9%	51.3%	-2.6%
Catholic	31.4	23.9	-7.5
Mormon	1.8	1.7	-0.1
Jehovah's Witness	0.6	0.7	0.1
Orthodox	0.6	0.6	0
Other Christian	<0.3	0.3	N/A
Jewish	1.9	1.7	-0.2
Muslim	0.3	0.4	0.1
Buddhist	0.4	0.7	0.3
Hindu	0.4	0.4	0
Other world religions	<0.3	<0.3	N/A
Other faiths	0.3	1.2	0.9
Unaffiliated	7.3	16.1	8.8

Source: *Landscape Survey, Religious Affiliation*, p. 24.



# Percentage of Adults Entering and Leaving Each Group

	Childhood Religion	Leaving Group	Entering Group	Current Religion
Protestant	53.9%	-11.0%	+8.4%	=51.3%
Catholic	31.4	-10.1	+2.6	=23.9
Mormon	1.8	-0.5	+0.4	=1.7
Jehovah's Witness	0.6	-0.4	+0.5	=0.7
Orthodox	0.6	-<0.3	+<0.3	=0.6
Other Christian	<0.3	-<0.3	+0.3	=0.3
Jewish	1.9	-0.5	+0.3	=1.7
Muslim	0.3	-<0.3	+<0.3	=0.4
Buddhist	0.4	-<0.3	+0.5	=0.7
Hindu	0.4	-<0.3	+<0.3	=0.4
Other world religions	<0.3	-<0.3	+<0.3	=<0.3
Other faiths	0.3	-<0.3	+1.1	=1.2
Unaffiliated	7.3	-3.9	+12.7	=16.1

### III.

# Religious Affiliation of Foreign and Native Born

	Total Population	Native Born	Foreign Born*
<b>Christian</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>74%</b>
Protestant	51	55	24
<i>Evangelical churches</i>	26	28	15
<i>Mainline churches</i>	18	20	7
<i>Historically black churches</i>	7	8	2
Catholic	24	21	46
Mormon	1.7	1.8	0.9
Jehovah's Witness	0.7	0.7	1.0
Orthodox	0.6	0.4	1.8
<b>Other Religions</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
Jewish	1.7	1.8	1.5
Muslim	0.6	0.3	1.7
Buddhist	0.7	0.6	1.6
Hindu	0.4	<0.3	3.0
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

Source: *Landscape Survey, Religious Affiliation*, p. 47; \*Includes respondents who were born in U.S. territories (Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, etc.) and Puerto Rico.

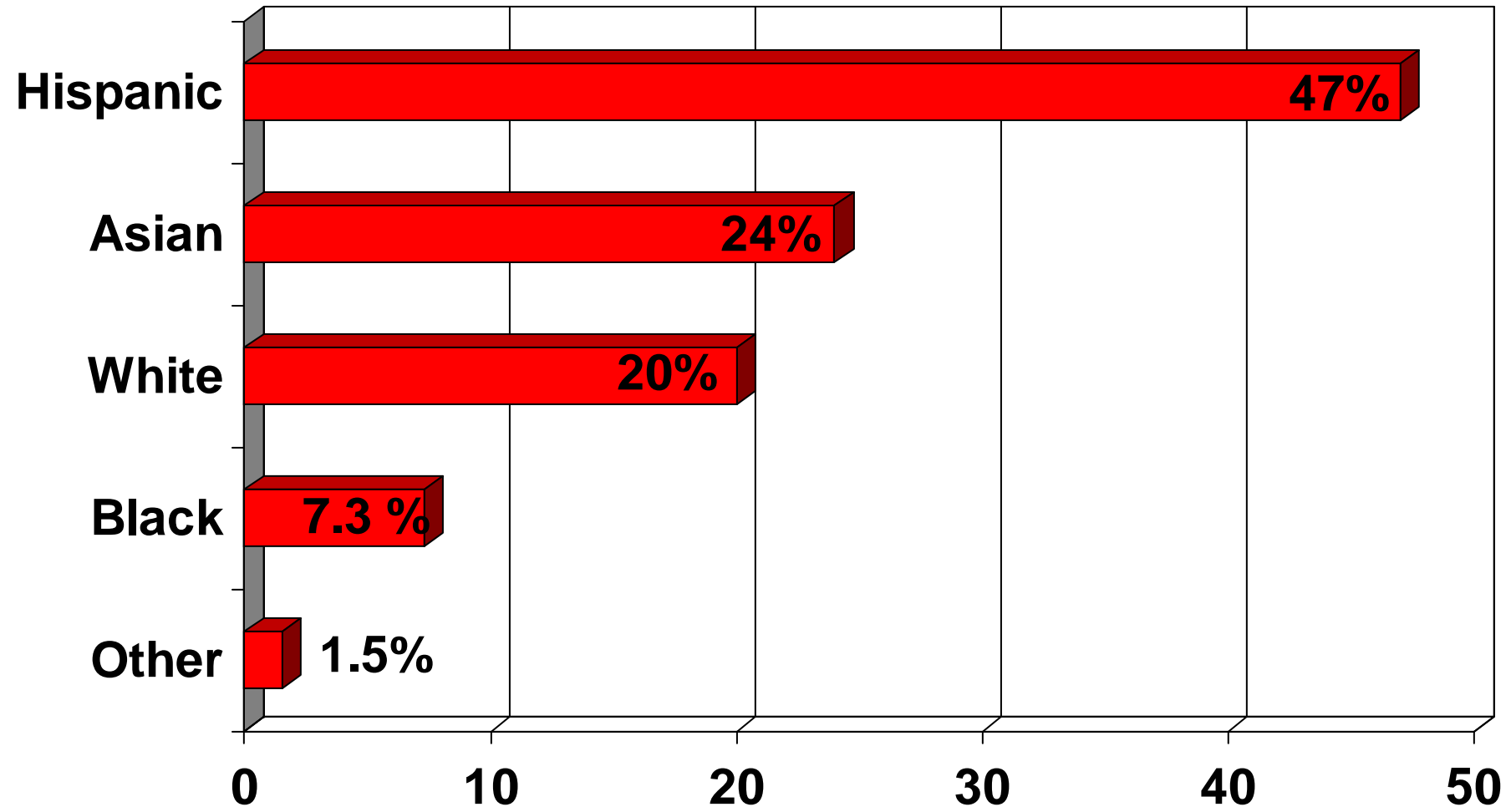


# Nativity Distribution of Major Religious Traditions

	<u>Native Born</u>	<u>Foreign Born</u>
Total Population	<b>88%</b>	<b>12%</b>
Protestant	94	6
<i>Evangelical churches</i>	94	7
<i>Mainline churches</i>	95	5
<i>Historically black churches</i>	95	4
Catholic	76	23
Mormon	93	6
Jehovah's Witness	83	17
Orthodox	62	38
Jewish	89	10
Muslim	35	65
Buddhist	74	26
Hindu	14	86
Unaffiliated	88	12

Source: *Landscape Survey, Religious Affiliation*, p. 52.

# Foreign Born Population by Race and Ethnicity



Source: *Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 2006*, Pew Hispanic Center, 2008

# Racial and Ethnic Distribution of Religious Traditions

	Non-Latino				
	White	Black	Asian	Other/ Mixed Race	Latino
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Christian</b>					
Protestant	74	16	1	3	5
<i>Evangelical churches</i>	81	6	2	4	7
<i>Mainline churches</i>	91	2	1	3	3
<i>Historically black churches</i>	2	92	0	1	4
Catholic	65	2	2	2	29
Mormon	86	3	1	3	7
Jehovah's Witness	48	22	0	5	24
Orthodox	87	6	2	3	1
<b>Other Religions</b>					
Jewish	95	1	0	2	3
Muslim	37	24	20	15	4
Buddhist	53	4	32	5	6
Hindu	5	1	88	4	2
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

Source: *Landscape Survey, Religious Affiliation*, p. 44.

## IV.

# Fertility Rates and Religiosity

	<u>U.S.</u>
<u><i>Attendance at religious services</i></u>	
More than once a week	2.34
Once a week	2.17
1-3 times a month	2.12
Less than once a month	1.86
Never	1.70
<u><i>Importance of religion in daily life</i></u>	
Very important	2.20
Somewhat important	1.92
Not	1.41

Source: "Religion, Religiousness and Fertility in the US and in Europe," by Tomas Frejka and Charles F. Westoff; *European Journal of Population*, 2008.  
Based on the National Survey of Family Growth, 2002.



# Religion, Fertility and Social Characteristics

	Attend at least monthly	Attend less than monthly
<b><i>Education</i></b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	1.9	1.4
Less than a bachelor's degree	2.4	2.1
<b><i>Income</i></b>		
\$50,000 or more	2.3	1.8
Less than \$50,000	2.4	2.1

Source: General Social Survey, 2000-2008

Note: These numbers reflect the average number of children ever born to women between ages 40-49.



# Fertility Rates by Religious Tradition

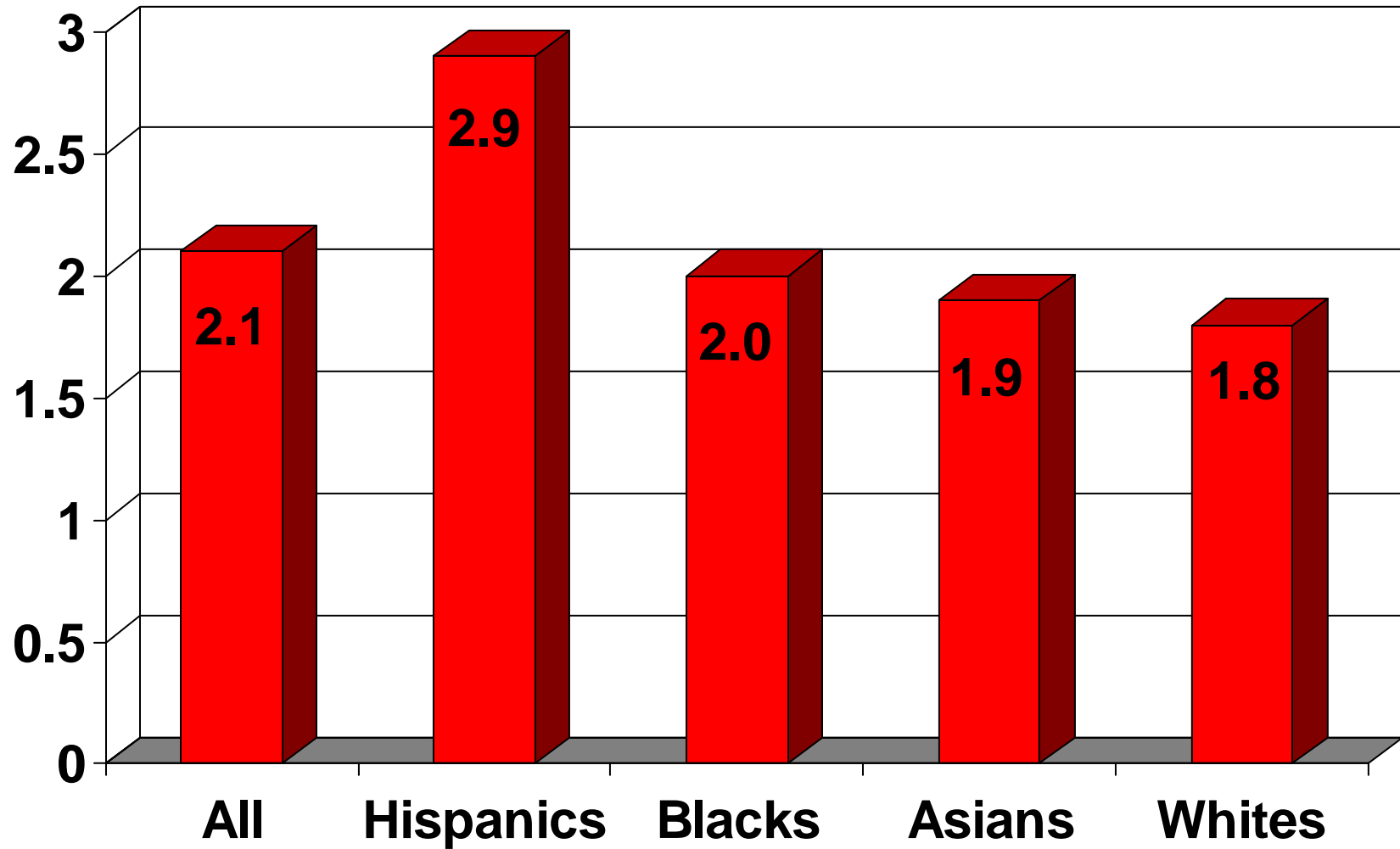
<u><i>By religious tradition...</i></u>	<u><b>U.S.</b></u>
<b>Hispanic Catholic</b>	2.85
<b>Black Protestant</b>	2.40
<b>Evangelical Protestant</b>	2.16
<b>Non-Hispanic Catholic</b>	2.09
<b>Mainline Protestant</b>	1.86
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	1.70

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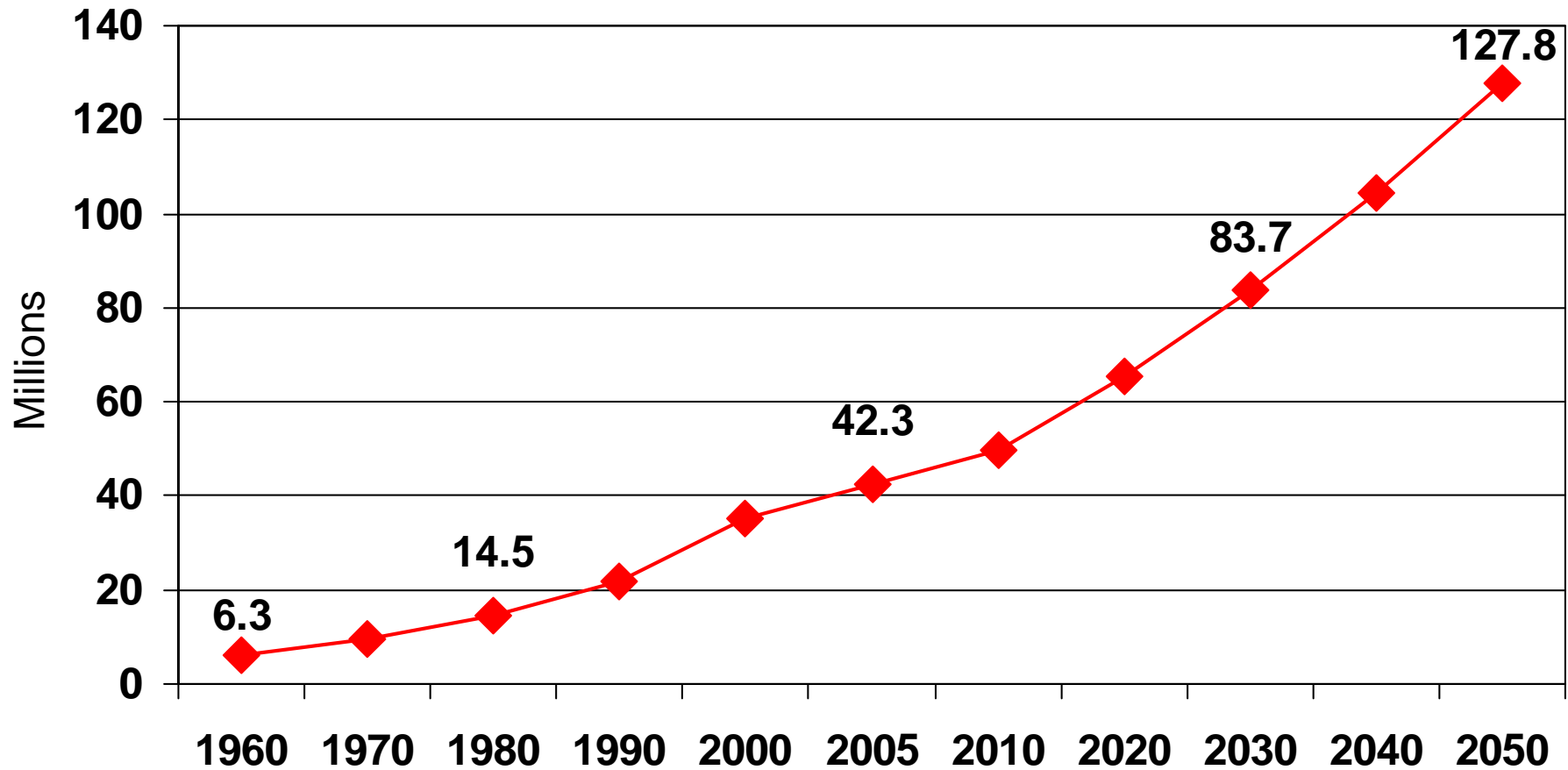
## Fertility Rates by Ethnicity



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2007

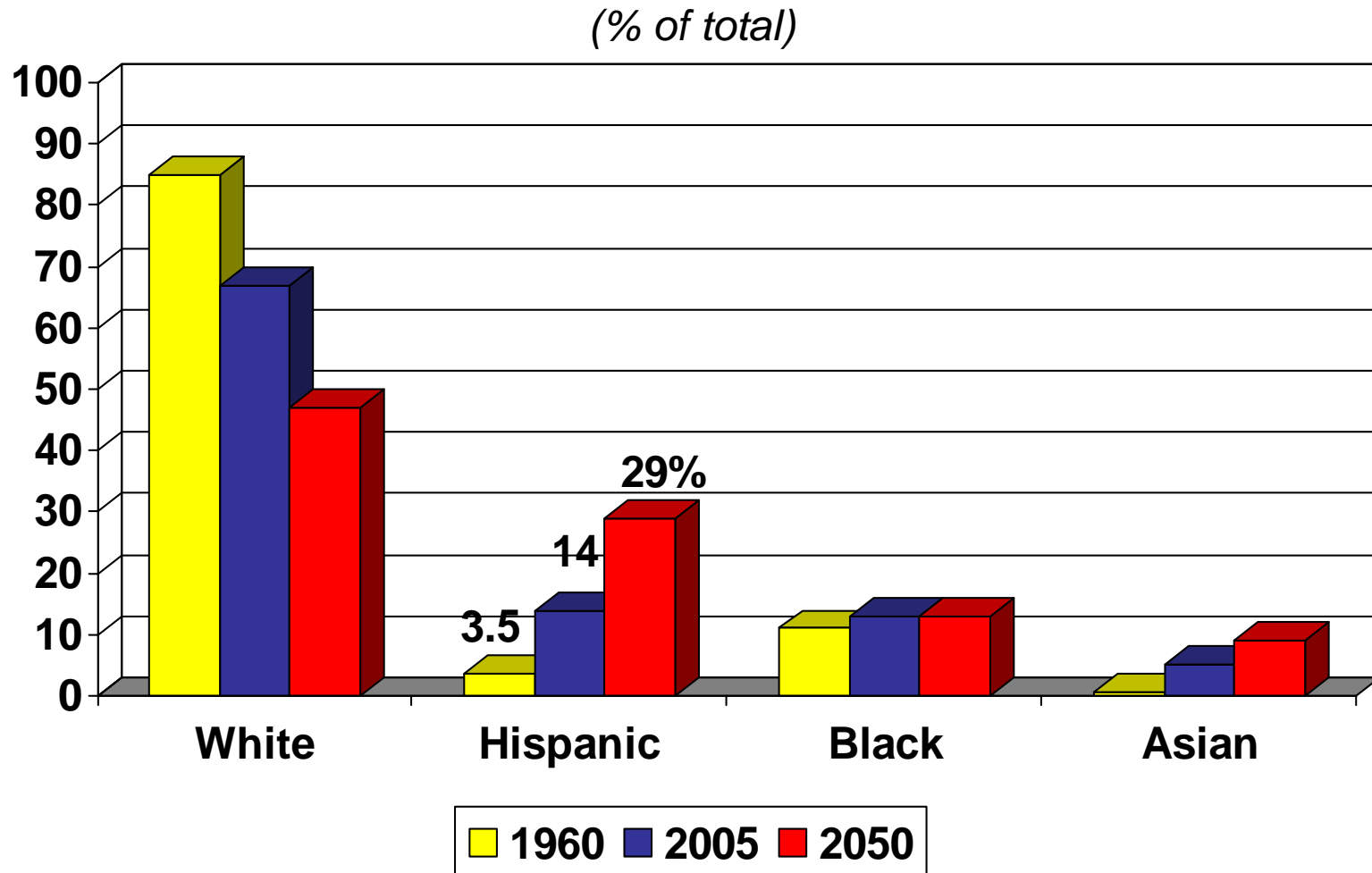
# Hispanic Population in the U.S.

(Actual and Projected)

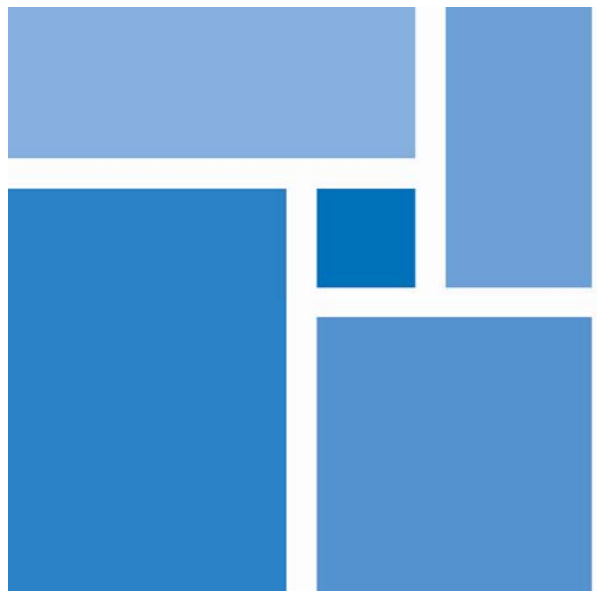


Source: *U.S. Population Projections: 2005-2050*, Pew Research Center, 2008

# Population by Race and Ethnicity, Actual and Projected: 1960, 2005 and 2050



Source: U.S. Population Projections: 2005-2050, Pew Research Center, 2008



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