

BLACK *History* Month 2021

The National Black History Month in February celebrates the contributions that African Americans have made to American History. American historian and author, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, established Black History Week and its first celebration which occurred on February 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two key figures in the history of African Americans. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded to a month. Since then, U.S. presidents have proclaimed February as National Black History Month.

Did You Know?

1,830,059

The African American population of Maryland constituted 30.3% of the state's total population as of July 1, 2019.

Source: Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2019 1-year estimate

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The number of counties in Maryland with a population of 20,000 or more African American residents in 2019 — counties: *Prince George's (561,709), Baltimore City (371,243), Baltimore County (248,401), Montgomery (200,076), Anne Arundel (101,926), Charles (82,621), Howard (64,061), Harford (36,306), Frederick (27,065), Wicomico (26,744)*

8,104

The increase from 2018 to 2019 in the number of African Americans in Baltimore County, the biggest jump in this population during this period.

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The median age of the African American population, up from 35 in 2010.

More Stats

See a detailed profile of the African American population in Maryland:

- **Families:** 62% of households are family households
- **Education:** 31% of African Americans have a bachelor's degree or higher in 2019. Up from 25% in 2010
- **Jobs:** African American workforce: 717,379 jobs or 28% of Maryland's workforce (*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, 2019*)
- **Income and Poverty:** \$68,377 median household income in 2019, up from \$54,549 in 2010. 12.9% poverty rate in 2019, down from 15.5% in 2010
 - 41.1% are employed in Management, business, science, and arts occupations.
 - 16.9%, Management, business, and financial occupations
 - 10.2%, Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations
 - 7.1%, Computer, engineering, and science occupations
 - 6.9%, Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations

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Foreign Born/Immigrants in Maryland

12.3%

Of the Black or African American population are foreign born. Up from 10.1% in 2010.

225,890

Foreign born Black or African Americans. This represents 24.3% of all foreign born/immigrants in Maryland.

132,483

Black immigrants are naturalized U.S. citizens. 93,407 of black immigrants are not U.S. citizens.

80%

Of Black immigrants speak English only or "very well."

Top 10 Birth Places for Black Immigrants in Maryland

1. Nigeria: 39,163
2. Ethiopia: 27,704
3. Jamaica: 25,379
4. Cameroon: 23,497
5. Ghana: 17,518
6. Haiti: 9,945
7. Trinidad and Tobago: 8,878
8. Sierra Leone: 8,613
9. Kenya: 7,114
10. Liberia: 6,873

Source: Census Bureau; American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates; Public Use Microdata Sample 2019

