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Census 2010: Population Explosion in Oakland Township

The state may be losing population, but Oakland Township's population has grown from 13,071 in 2000 to 16,779 in 2010.

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The population of Oakland Township has jumped 28.4 percent in the past 10 years, according to data released Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In fact, Oakland Township experienced the largest-percentage population increase in the entire county, from 13,071 in 2000 to 16,779 in 2010. Oxford Township and **Rochester** also experienced large increases in population, whereas **Berkley**, **Ferndale**, **Royal Oak**, **West Bloomfield** and **Farmington** all lost residents between 2000 and 2010.

In addition to the increase in population, Oakland Township also is becoming more ethnically diverse. In 2000, 94 percent of Oakland Township's population was white, 2.6 percent was Asian, 2 percent was Black or African American and 1.2 percent considered themselves to be culturally Hispanic or Latino.

In 2010, 90 percent of the population was white, 5.4 percent was Asian, 2.4 percent was Black or African American and 2.1 percent considered themselves to be culturally Hispanic or Latino.

The township population itself is also aging. In 2000, 69.5 percent of the population was over the age of 18; in 2010, that percentage jumped to 73.

This loosely follows a trend seen in Oakland County, where the white population has decreased by 6 percent, the Asian population for the county has increased 37 percent, and the Black or African American population increased by 36 percent since between 2000 and 2010.

Though the state's population decreased by 0.5 percent, Oakland County's population increased by .7 percent, and several Oakland County communities saw an increase in their population. For more regional census information, [click here](#).

By the numbers:

Oakland Charter Township, Michigan Census Data	2010	2000
Total:	16,779	13,071
Population of one race	16,553	12,305
White alone	15,158	12,946
Black or African American alone	402	262
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	37	12
Asian alone	901	342
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1	0
Some other race alone	54	25

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Hispanic or Latino (cultural designation, may be any race)	344	155
Age 18 or older (eligible to vote)	12,121	9,079

2000	Oakland County 2000	Oakland County 2010	Oakland County 2010
Total:	1,194,156	1,202,362	+0.7 percent
Population of one race:	1,171,945	1,176,032	+0.3 percent
White alone	988,194	928,912	-6 percent
Black or African American alone	120,720	164,078	+36 percent
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	3,270	3,376	+6 percent
Asian alone	49,402	67,828	+37 percent
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	295	254	-14 percent
Some other race alone	10,064	11,584	+15 percent
Population of two or more races:	22,211	26,330	+19 percent
Hispanic or Latino (cultural designation, may be any race)	28,999	41,920	+45 percent

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