HUG: Chapter 7 – Ethnicity & Race in Los Angeles – Read, annotate & Answer Qs

Los Angeles, California Population 2019

3,990,456

[Los Angeles](http://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/los-angeles-population/) had an official population at the 2010 census of 3,792,621. The current population is estimated to be 3.99 million. Los Angeles, officially the City of Los Angeles but commonly known as L.A., is [California](http://worldpopulationreview.com/states/california-population/)'s most populous city and the second-most populous city in the country after [New](http://worldpopulationreview.com/states/new-york-population/)[York](http://worldpopulationreview.com/world-cities/york-population/) City. An [official population estimate](http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/estimates/e-1/documents/E-1_2013_Press_Release.pdf) in 2013 of Los Angeles showed the city had a population of 3,862,839, which means it grew by nearly 37,000 people during 2012.

Los Angeles sits in one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the [United States](http://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/united-states-population/). The City of Angels is a **global** city, and the Los Angeles Combined Statistical Area (CSA) is the third largest in the world, after Greater [Tokyo](http://worldpopulationreview.com/world-cities/tokyo-population/) and New York. It's also the [66th most populous city proper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_proper_by_population) in the world, and the metropolitan area is the 18th largest.

**Los Angeles Demographics:** Los Angeles is an incredibly diverse city, home to people from over 140 countries who speak 224 languages that have been identified. Ethnic communities like Koreatown, Chinatown, Thai Town, Little Ethiopia, and Little Tokyo show what a multilingual and cultural city Los Angeles is today.

Mexicans comprise the largest ethnic group of Latinos in Los Angeles with 31.9% of the population, followed by Salvadorans (6%) and Guatemalans (3.6%). While the Latino population is spread throughout the city and its metropolitan area, it's most heavily concentrated in East Los Angeles, which has a very long established Central American and Mexican American community.

The largest Asian ethnic groups include Filipinos (3.2%) and Koreans (2.9%), which are mostly concentrated in Koreatown and Historic Filipinotown, respectively. Chinese people, who account for 1.8% of the city's population, live primarily outside of the city limits, although they have a significant presence in Chinatown. Both Thaitown and Chinatown are home to many Thais and Cambodians in Los Angeles, while Japanese people makeup 0.9% of the city's population and live primarily in Little Toyko in downtown Los Angeles and the Sawtelle area of West Los Angeles.

Los Angeles and its greater area are also home to a relatively substantial Middle Eastern population, most notably Iranians and Armenians, who live mostly in Tehrangeles and Little Armenia, respectively.

The African American population of Los Angeles is most dense in South Los Angeles, particularly the Watts and Crenshaw neighborhoods. Given the substantial immigration from Central America and Mexico, Latinos and Hispanics have now outnumbered black people in the city, although the black population in L.A. was higher than the Hispanic population in 1970. Many neighborhoods that were once predominantly African American, such as Compton, are now becoming Hispanic communities.

**Hispanic Growth:** The United States as a whole has seen a great deal of Hispanic population growth over the last thirty years. The Hispanic population of the U.S. has grown from 14.6 million in 1980 to 52 million in 2011, and Hispanics remain concentrated most heavily in Florida and the Southwest. Today, 9% of all Hispanics in the country live in Los Angeles County, and it's here that the population has grown the most since 1980.

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| **Los Angeles Demographics**  According to the most recent ACS, the racial composition of Los Angeles was:  White: 52.19%  Other race: 22.85%  Asian: 11.65%  Black or African American: 8.91%  Two or more races: 3.51%  Native American: 0.71% | **Los Angeles Population Diversity**  Based on the 2010 census data, Los Angeles had a density of 7,544.6 people per square mile (2,910/square kilometer). While it's the second-most populous urban area, Los Angeles is the single most densely populated area in the United States. The Los Angeles Times created an interactive map showing L.A.'s 272 neighborhoods, which showed the most densely populated areas as:  Koreatown (42,611/square mile)  Westlake (38,214/square mile)  East Hollywood (31,095/square mile)  Pico-Union (25,352/square mile)  Maywood (23,638/square mile)  Harvard Heights (23,473/square mile)  Hollywood (22,193/square mile)  Walnut Park (22,028/square mile)  Palms (21,870/square mile)  Adams-Normandie (21,848/square mile) |

**Directions**: Refer to the article and answer the following questions by filling out the table below.

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| Los Angeles grew by how many people from 2010-2013? |  |
| Which are the only two **cities** in the world who are more ethnically diverse than Los Angeles? |  |
| How many languages are known to be spoken here in Los Angeles? |  |
| After Caucasian, the second largest **race** in Los Angeles is what? |  |
| What is the largest **ethnic group** of the second largest race here in Los Angeles?  (Refer to your answer above) |  |
| What is the second largest Asian **ethnic group** here in Los Angeles? |  |
| What two **neighborhoods** are known to Middle Eastern ethnic groups? |  |
| When was the last time the African American population in Los Angeles was higher than the Hispanic population? |  |
| Roughly what percentage of the population in Los Angeles is Hispanic?  (Hint: look at the chart above; it might not be obvious) |  |
| Which two **races** make up less than 1% of the population?  (Hint: look at the chart above) |  |