

CENSUS 2000 DIVERSITY

Race is a self-identification and the categories used are socio-political, not scientific or anthropological. Five racial classifications are used:

1. White,
2. Black or African American,
3. American Indian and Alaska Native,
4. Asian (Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Other Asian) and
5. Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders

Population By Race, Number and Percent, Shoreline and King County U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Table DP-1.

Race	Number	% Shoreline	% King County
Total Population	53, 025	100	3.0
White	40,824	77.0	75.7
Black or African American	1,467	2.8	5.4
American Indian & AK Native	485	.9	.9
Asian	7,016	13.2	10.8
Asian Indian	415	.8	.9
Chinese	1,768	3.3	2.6
Filipino	1,465	2.8	1.9
Japanese	463	.9	1.2
Korean	1,390	2.6	1.2
Vietnamese	794	1.5	1.6
Other Asian	721	1.4	1.4
Nat. Hawaiian & Other Pac. Is.	168	.3	.5

Hispanics or Latinos may be of any race and number 2,054 or 3.9 percent of the population compared to 5.5 percent of the county's population. Over half report Mexico as their place of origin, or nationality group.

Shoreline's population mirrors the county's racial composition except for a higher proportion of Asians and a lower proportion of African Americans and Hispanics. The proportion of the population that is white changed from 79.5 percent in 1990 to 77 percent in 2000.

Two new racial categories were added to the 2000 Census.

- "Some Other Race", refers to all responses not included in one of the five classifications above: 1.5 percent of all census respondents chose this identification.

- Two or more races refers to a person who chose to identify themselves as some combination of the above five categories plus “some other race”; 4.3 percent of all census respondents chose this identification.

Foreign born residents increased from 12.3 percent of the population in 1990 to 16.9% in 2000 and are another indicator of the increasing diversity of Shoreline’s population. One in five residents speaks a language other than English and 8.7% speak English less than “very well”, more than double the number from the 1990 census. People who speak Asian and Pacific Island languages are the most likely to report speaking English less than “very well”.

For a description of poverty by race, see the section on Poverty and Economic Security.