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Why state minorities may become majority

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Minority growth has outpaced that for whites in a large number of Oklahoma's counties since 2000. And, in [Adair County](#), the minorities are the majority!

Across the state, counties registered significant growth in the number of people considered minorities, new census data show.

The numbers reflect the difference between 2000 population estimates and 2006 population estimates.

The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) considers a minority anyone who tells them they belong to a race other than white alone and non-Hispanic.

Data released today, which illustrates the racial makeup of America's counties on July 1, 2006, is part of the Census Bureau's annual population estimates program.

The Findings

- The numbers reflect the state's 37 percent Hispanic growth since 2000.
- Hispanics now make up 7 percent of the state's population.
- Hispanic growth exceeded 50 percent in many Oklahoma counties.

By the Numbers

- 37%** Growth in the state's Hispanic population from 2000-2006
- 78%** Greatest percentage of Hispanic growth: Rogers County
- 42%** Percentage of Hispanic growth in Oklahoma County
- 82,331** Number of Hispanics in Oklahoma County
- 52%** Percent of Hispanic growth in Tulsa County
- 51,533** Number of Hispanics in Tulsa County
- 77** Number of Oklahoma counties
- 7%** Hispanic percentage of Oklahoma's population
- 303** Number nationwide of "majority-minority" counties
- 1** Number of "majority-minority" counties in Oklahoma (Adair County)
- 1 in 10** Proportion of majority-minority counties nationwide