

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** April 20, 2011

**SUBJECT:** 2010 Census Data Preview

**PRESENTER:** Anthony W. Starr, AICP, Planning Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. PowerPoint Presentation

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The U.S. Census Bureau completed and released the 2010 Census local-level data to all states including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. While there are still a number of data products that will be released in the coming year, the available data for Henderson County allows us to begin reviewing certain trends such as population and housing. Staff will present the Board with a preview of the data that the Bureau released for Henderson County (See Attachment 1).

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

No action is required by the Board. This summary is provided for informational purposes only.

**Suggested Motion:** *No motion suggested.*

## 2010 Census Data Preview



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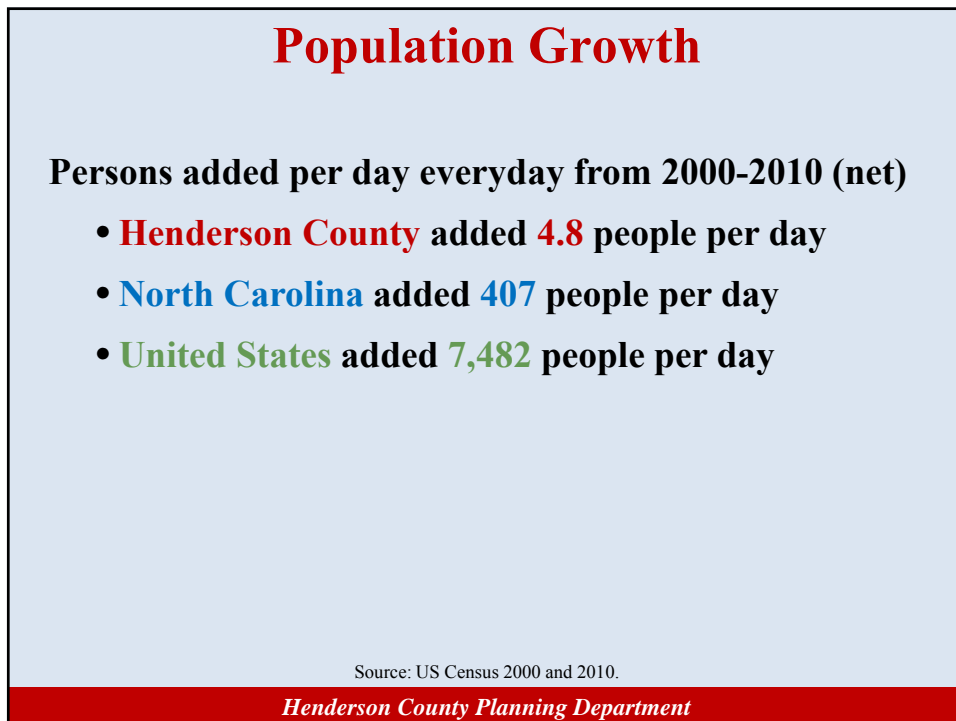
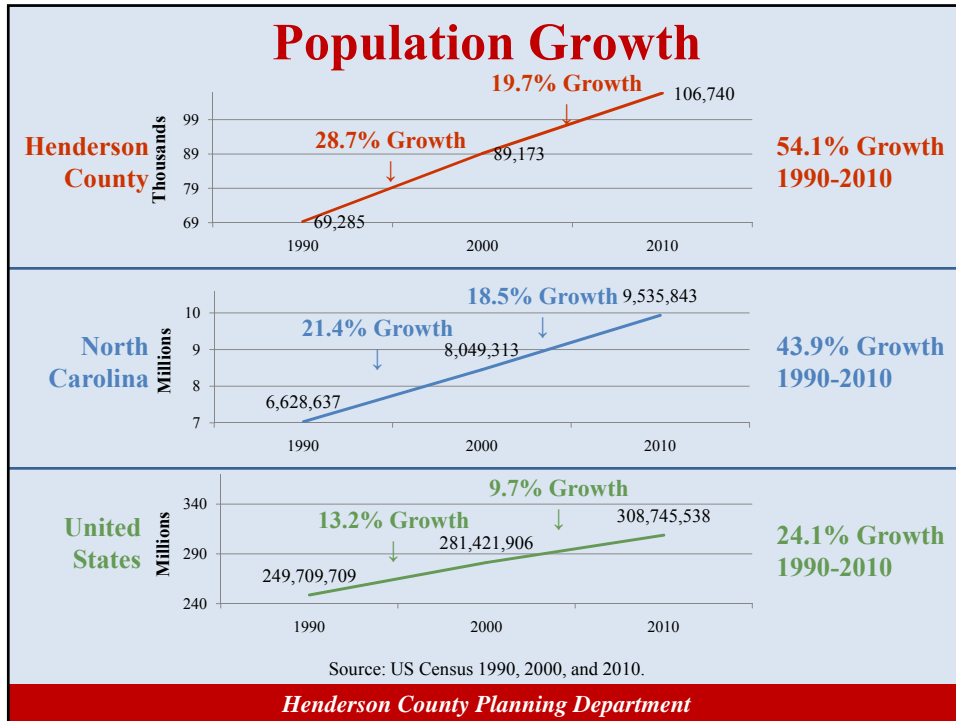
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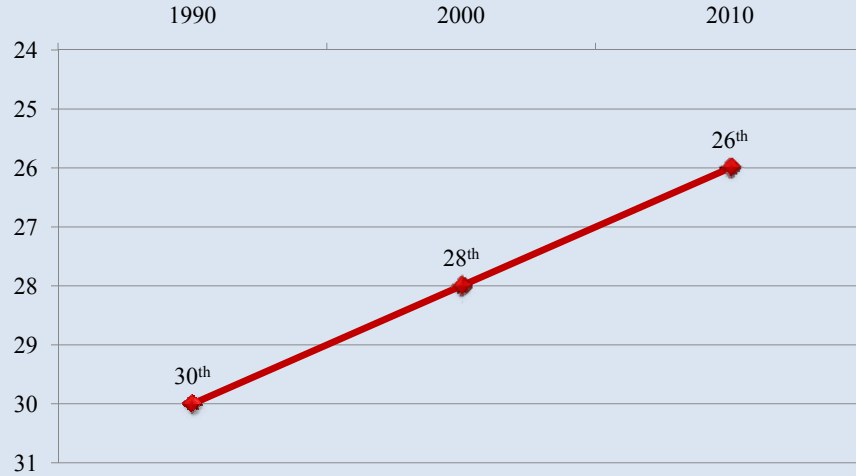
## Why Census Data Matters...

- Guides local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build roads, county facilities & schools;
- Used to determine the need for additional social services, including who receives community development block & other grant programs;
- Affects representation in Congress by determining how many seats each State has in the U.S. House of Representatives. North Carolina fell short 15,000 people in gaining an additional seat in the House.
- Impacts sales tax allocation.
  - *If we just miss counting 10% of our population, then the people of Henderson County lose over \$12.5 million in sales tax revenue over ten years. That is money lost to other counties that Henderson County could use to build schools, parks, put more deputies on patrol, etc.*

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## Henderson County's Rank in Population Compared to All Other NC Counties



Source: US Census 1990, 2000, and 2010.

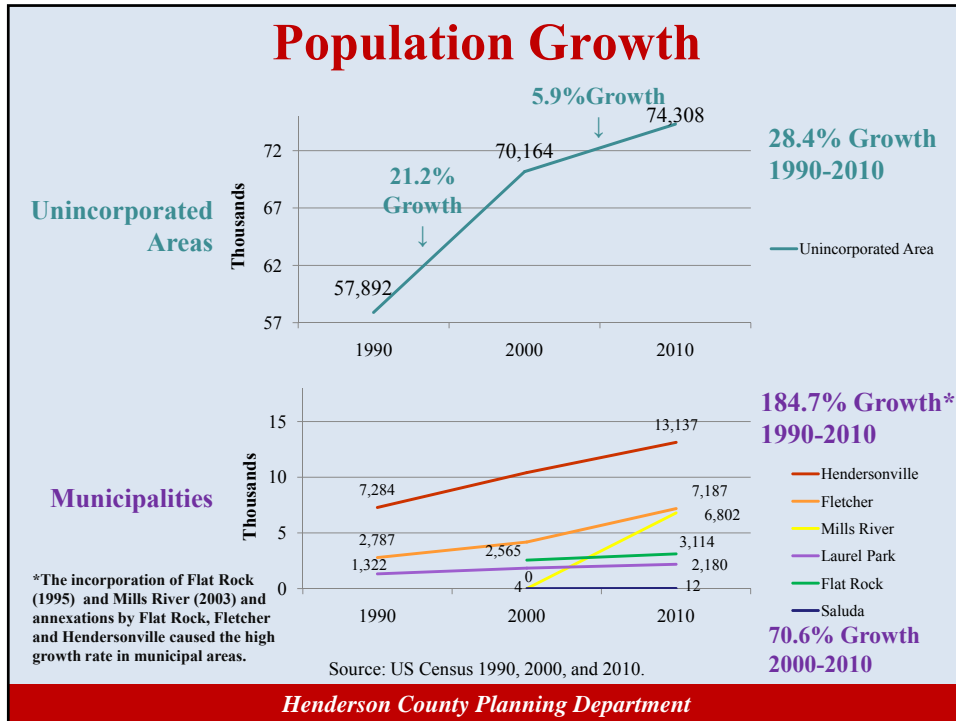
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## NC Counties Ranked by Population

Rank	County	1990 Population	County	2000 Population	County	2010 Population
1	Mecklenburg	511,433	Mecklenburg	695,454	Mecklenburg	919,623
2	Wake	423,380	Wake	627,846	Wake	900,993
3	Guilford	347,420	Guilford	421,048	Guilford	488,406
4	Cumberland	274,566	Forsyth ↑(1)	306,067	Forsyth	350,670
5	Forsyth	265,878	Cumberland ↓(1)	302,963	Cumberland	319,431
6	Durham	181,835	Durham	223,314	Durham	267,587
7	Gaston	175,093	Buncombe ↑(1)	206,330	Buncombe	238,318
8	Buncombe	174,821	Gaston ↓(1)	190,365	Gaston	206,086
9	Onslow	149,838	New Hanover ↑(2)	160,307	New Hanover	202,667
10	Davidson	126,677	Onslow ↓(1)	150,355	Union ↑(8)	201,292
11	New Hanover	120,284	Davidson ↓(1)	147,246	Cabarrus ↑(3)	178,011
12	Catawba	118,412	Catawba	141,685	Onslow ↓(2)	177,772
13	Rowan	110,605	Pitt ↑(2)	133,798	Johnston ↑(8)	168,878
14	Alamance	108,213	Cabarrus ↑(5)	131,063	Pitt ↓(1)	168,148
15	Pitt	107,924	Alamance ↓(1)	130,800	Davidson ↓(4)	162,878
16	Randolph	106,546	Randolph	130,454	Iredell ↑(4)	159,437
17	Robeson	105,179	Rowan ↓(4)	130,340	Catawba ↓(5)	154,358
18	Wayne	104,666	Union ↑(6)	123,677	Alamance ↓(3)	151,131
19	Cabarrus	98,935	Robeson ↓(2)	123,339	Randolph ↓(3)	141,752
20	Orange	93,851	Iredell ↑(1)	122,660	Rowan ↓(3)	138,428
21	Iredell	92,931	Johnston ↑(5)	121,965	Robeson ↓(2)	134,168
22	Rockingham	86,064	Orange ↓(2)	118,227	Orange	133,801
23	Cleveland	84,714	Wayne ↓(5)	113,329	Wayne	122,623
24	Union	84,211	Cleveland ↓(1)	96,287	Harnett ↑(3)	114,678
25	Craven	81,613	Rockingham ↓(3)	91,928	Brunswick ↑(10)	107,431
26	Johnston	81,306	Craven ↓(1)	91,436	Henderson ↑(2)	106,740
27	Nash	76,677	Harnett ↑(4)	91,025		
28	Burke	75,744	Henderson ↑(2)	89,173		
29	Caldwell	70,709				
30	Henderson	69,285				

Note: Green and blue shading indicate movement in rank with the amount of movement represented by ↑(#) or ↓(#). Henderson County is shown in red.

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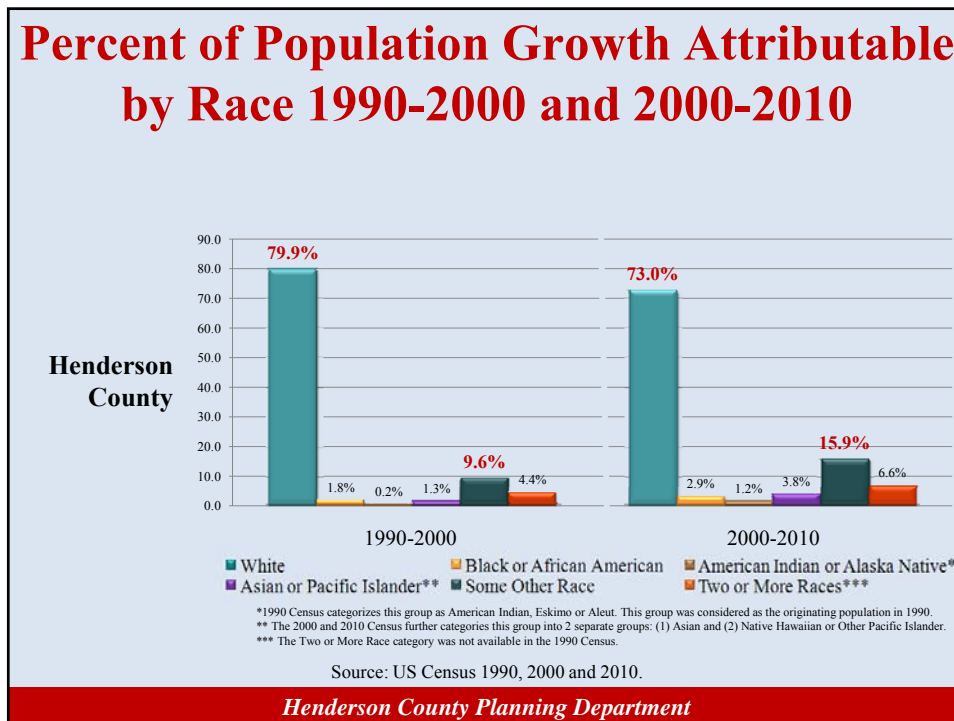
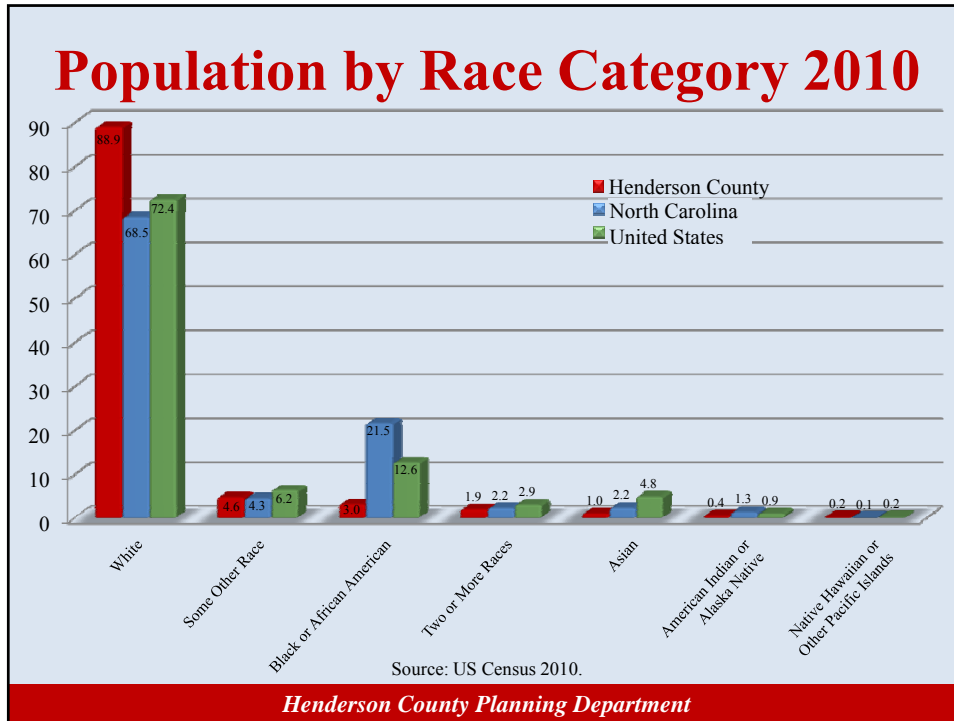


## Population by Race Category 2010

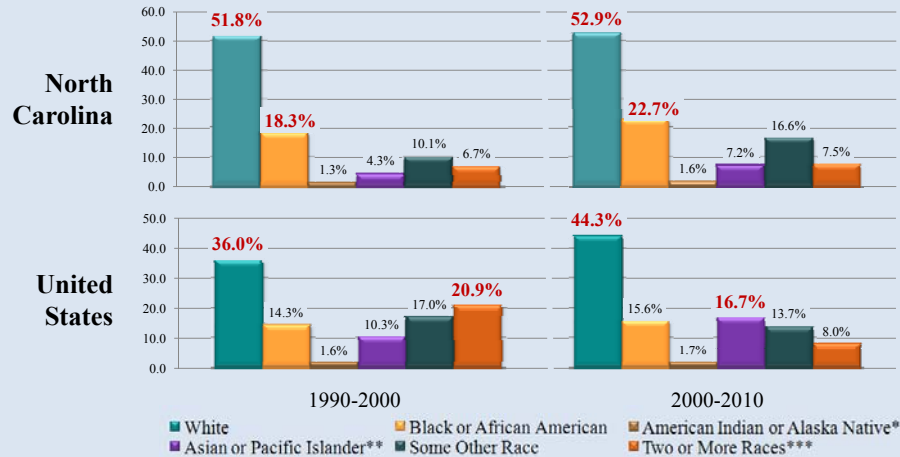
2010 Census defines 7 race categories:

1. White
2. Black and African American
3. American Indian or Alaska Native
4. Asian
5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander)
6. Some Other Race (Respondents unable to identify with the categories 1-5 above)
7. Two or More Races (Respondents that identified with more than 1 of the categories 1-5 above)

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## Percent of Population Growth Attributable by Race 1990-2000 and 2000-2010



\*1990 Census categorizes this group as American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut. This group was considered as the originating population in 1990.  
 \*\* The 2000 and 2010 Census further categorizes this group into 2 separate groups: (1) Asian and (2) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.  
 \*\*\* The Two or More Race category was not available in the 1990 Census.

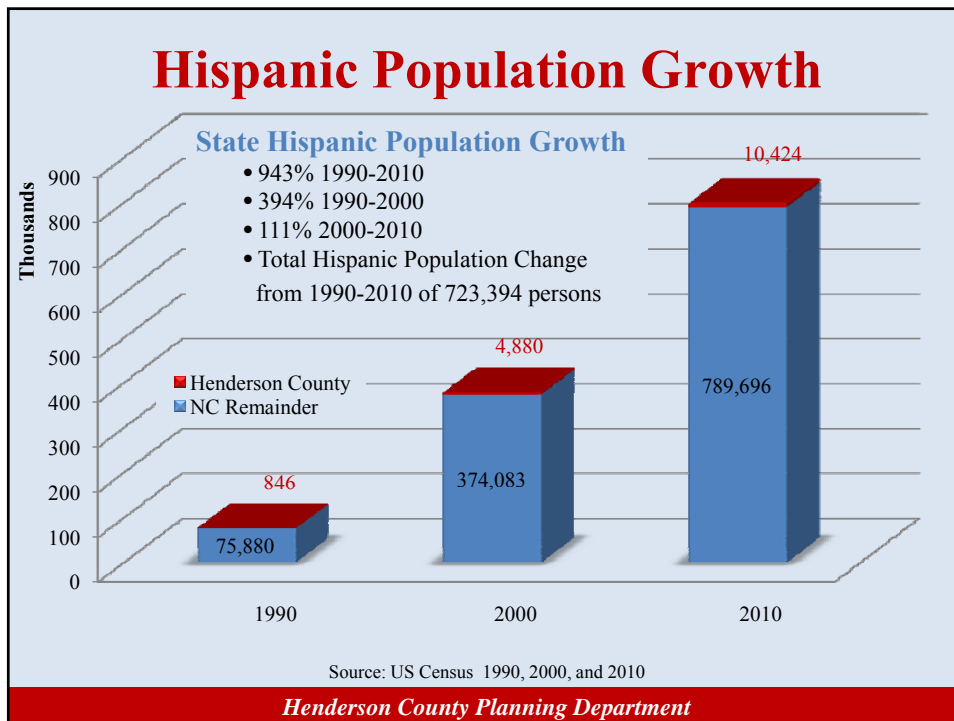
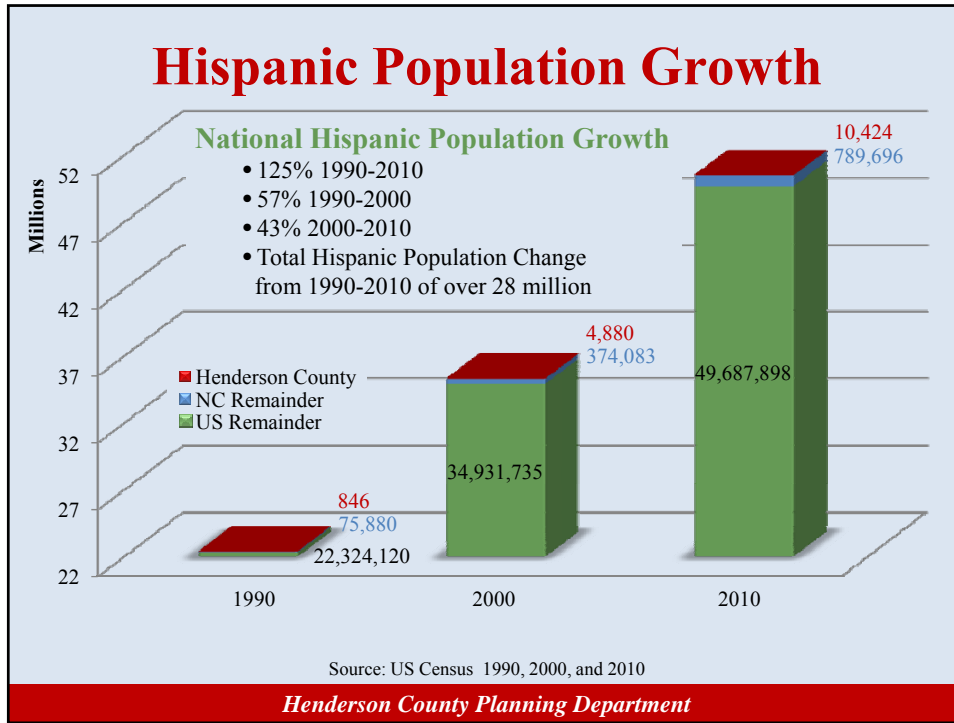
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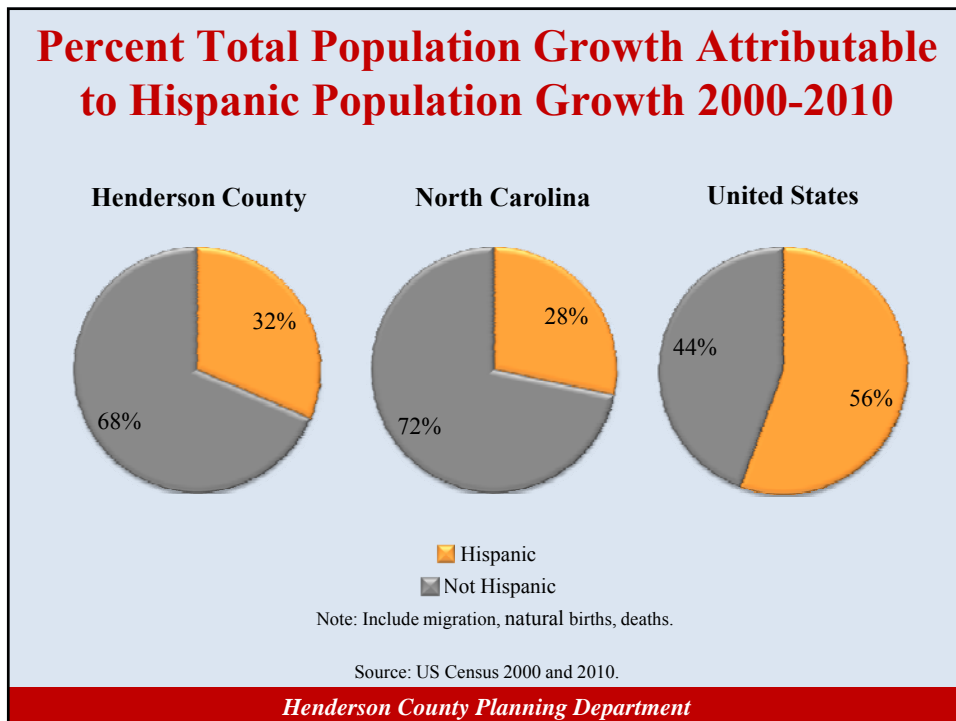
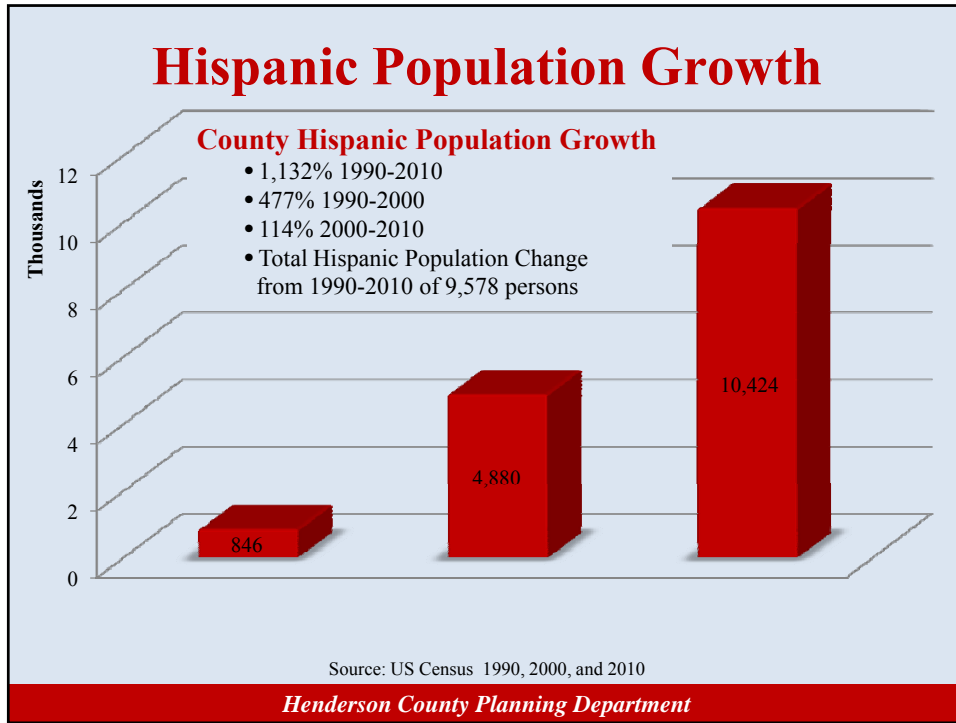
## The Census: Race and Ethnicity

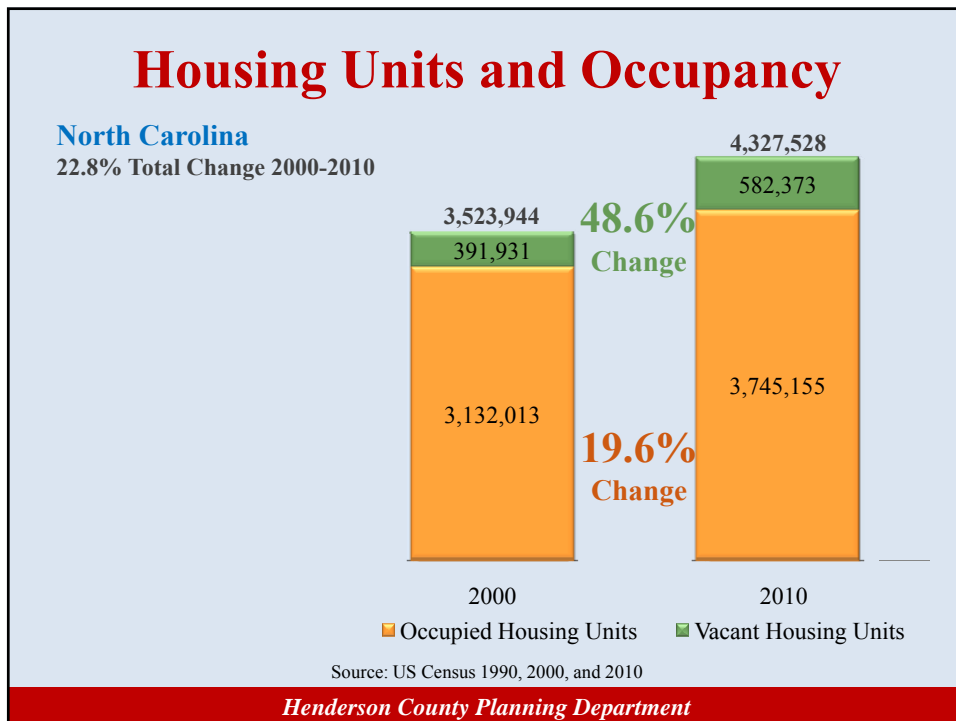
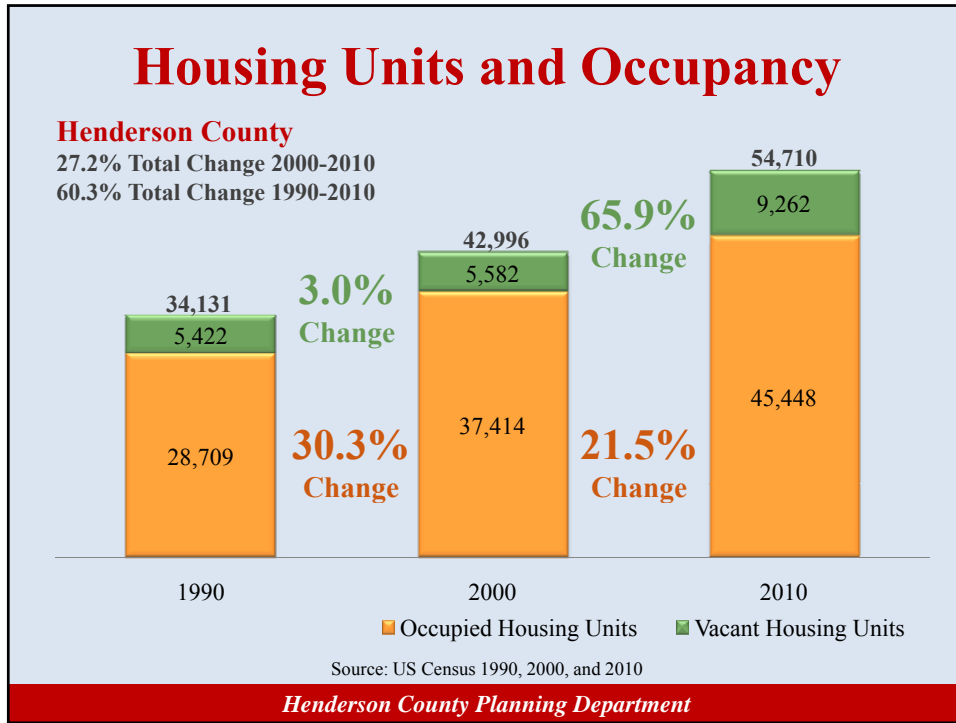
- Census asked respondents to identify race and ethnicity.
- Respondents reporting their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino does not directly depict their reported race category.
  - Example: A respondent reporting their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino might report his/her race as any of the following (among others): White, Two or More Races, or Some Other Race [Hispanic or Latino group including Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or Spanish]

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## 2010 Census Data Not Yet Released

- Census Bureau is still in the process of releasing data
- Certain data should be made available as soon as within the next few weeks or may take several months.
- Examples of data that have not been released include:
  - Detailed age distribution
  - Detailed housing unit data
  - Census Tract level data
- Staff will provide the Board with briefs as data becomes available.

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## Questions?



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