


Documents A.3 - Black Population in California and Select Cities

(source:<https://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-06.pdf>)

State	Region	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	Change in the Black Percentage of the Total Population Between 1900 and 2010
 California	West	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%	1.4%	1.8%	4.4%	5.6%	7.0%	7.7%	7.4%	6.7%	6.2%	+5.5%

City	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	Change in the Black Percentage of the Total Population Between 1900 and 1990
Phoenix, Arizona	2.7%	2.9%	3.7%	4.9%	6.5%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	5.2%	+2.5%
Los Angeles, California	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%	3.1%	4.2%	8.7%	13.5%	17.9%	17.0%	14.0%	+11.9%
San Diego, California	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%	1.8%	2.0%	4.5%	6.0%	7.6%	8.9%	9.4%	+7.6%
San Francisco, California	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	5.6%	10.0%	13.4%	12.7%	10.9%	+10.4%
San Jose, California	1.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	1.0%	2.5%	4.6%	4.7%	+3.7%

1. The first Great Migration led to a small Black population increase in California. What effect did the second Great Migration (1940-1970) have on California's Black population?

2. What California cities were most impacted by the Second Great Migration?

The Great Migration: The Second Wave (1940-1970)

African American Population Growth in the Twenty Cities with the Most African Americans in 1970

Metropolitan Area	1940 African American Population	1970 African American Population	Difference
New York	661,100	2,347,100	1,686,000
Chicago	346,800	1,328,600	981,800
Philadelphia	346,800	836,200	489,400
Los Angeles	76,200	765,800	689,600
Detroit	168,600	753,800	585,200
Washington DC	251,600	695,100	443,500
Baltimore	187,100	485,500	298,400
St. Louis	152,700	376,000	223,300
Cleveland	88,600	331,700	243,100
San Francisco/Oakland	21,600	331,700	310,100
Pittsburgh	123,300	172,900	49,600
Cincinnati	69,700	152,800	83,100
Kansas City	68,400	149,800	81,400
Indianapolis	56,300	134,200	77,900
Boston	37,700	127,600	89,900
Columbus	41,500	108,700	67,200
Buffalo	24,600	108,000	83,400
Milwaukee	7,600	104,700	97,100
Dayton	36,600	91,100	54,500
San Diego	7,400	61,900	54,500

3. While New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia had larger African American populations by 1970, how could one argue that Los Angeles experienced the greatest increase in black population in the United States?

Chart sources: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Migration_\(African_American\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Migration_(African_American))