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The following is a brief descriptive analysis of recent population estimates provided by the Census Bureau. We examine population change by race and Hispanic Origin from 2000 to 2007.²

Figure 1 shows the population by race for the years from 2000 through 2007. Clearly the county's population has been declining. It has decreased from an estimated 960,000 in 2000 to 867,000 in 2007, which is a decrease of almost 10 percent (9.68%).

Figure 2 shows the estimated net change from 2000 to 2007 by race and Figure 3 shows percentage changes. White population declined by almost 93,000 or 10.6 percent in those seven years. Thus, almost 97 percent (96.62%) of the county's entire population loss was among the White population. Blacks also decline in numbers in that period – by almost 8,000 or 2.1 percent of its 2000 estimated population. Asians, however, increased in estimated number – by 4,315 or 16.7 percent.

Figures 4, 5, and 6 show population changes in estimated numbers and percentage change for persons of Hispanic origin and excludes them from the racial categories. Hispanics also gained in number (5,349) and percent (11.23%). Figure 6 shows estimates for the two growing populations of the county – Asians and Hispanics.

Increases in the Asian population are due to migration to the county, while growth in the Hispanic population is due to both migration and higher birth rates than the non-Hispanic population.

¹ Based on data from the Census Bureau at <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>.

² One-race-only estimates are used; persons reporting more than one race are also shown. Hispanic origin is determined separately from race by the Census Bureau; Hispanics can be of any race.

Figure 1

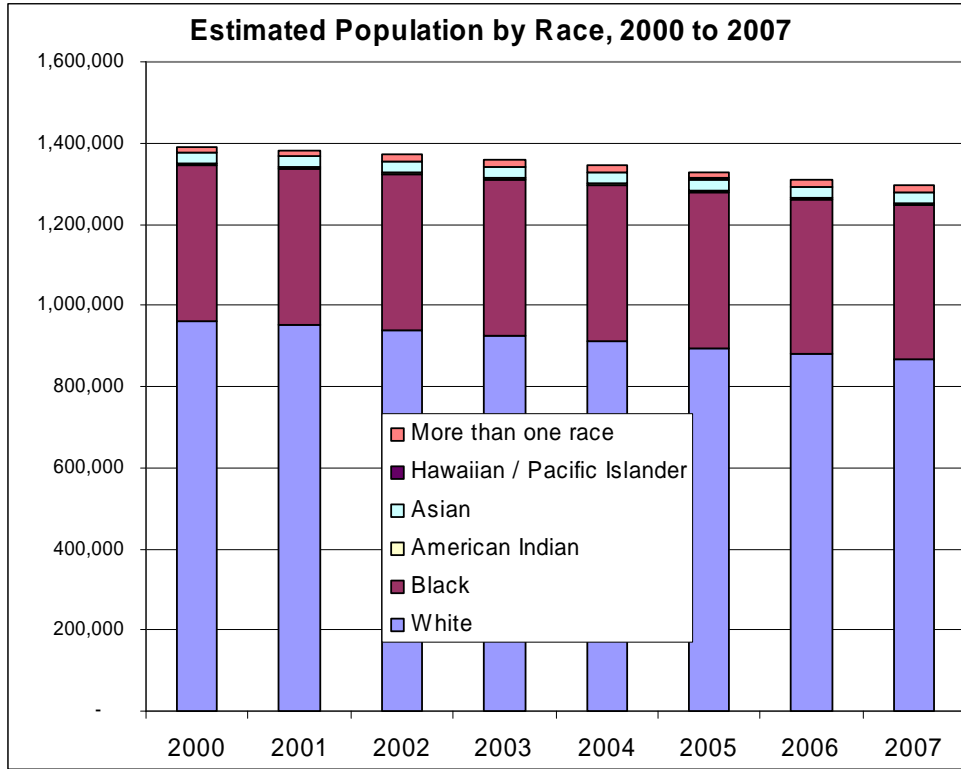


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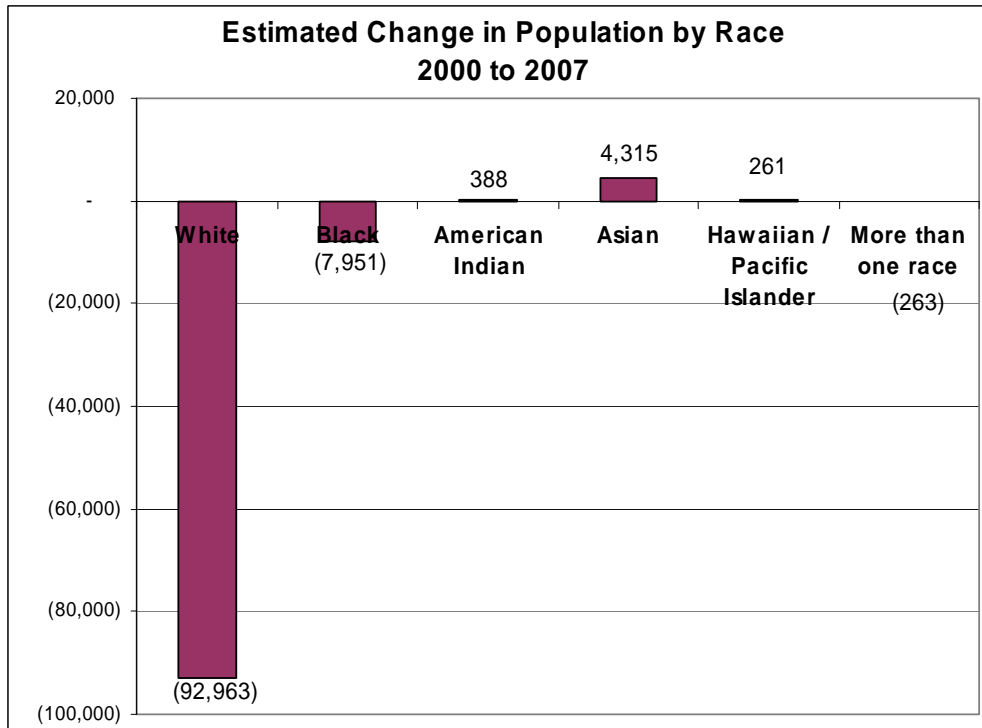


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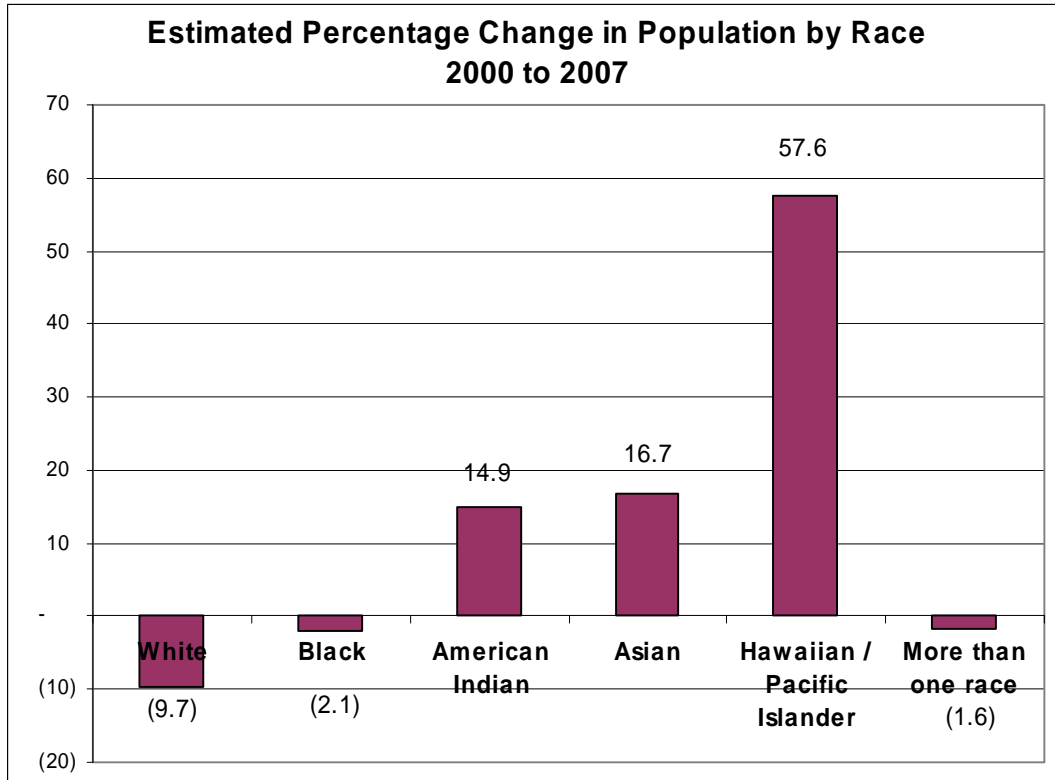


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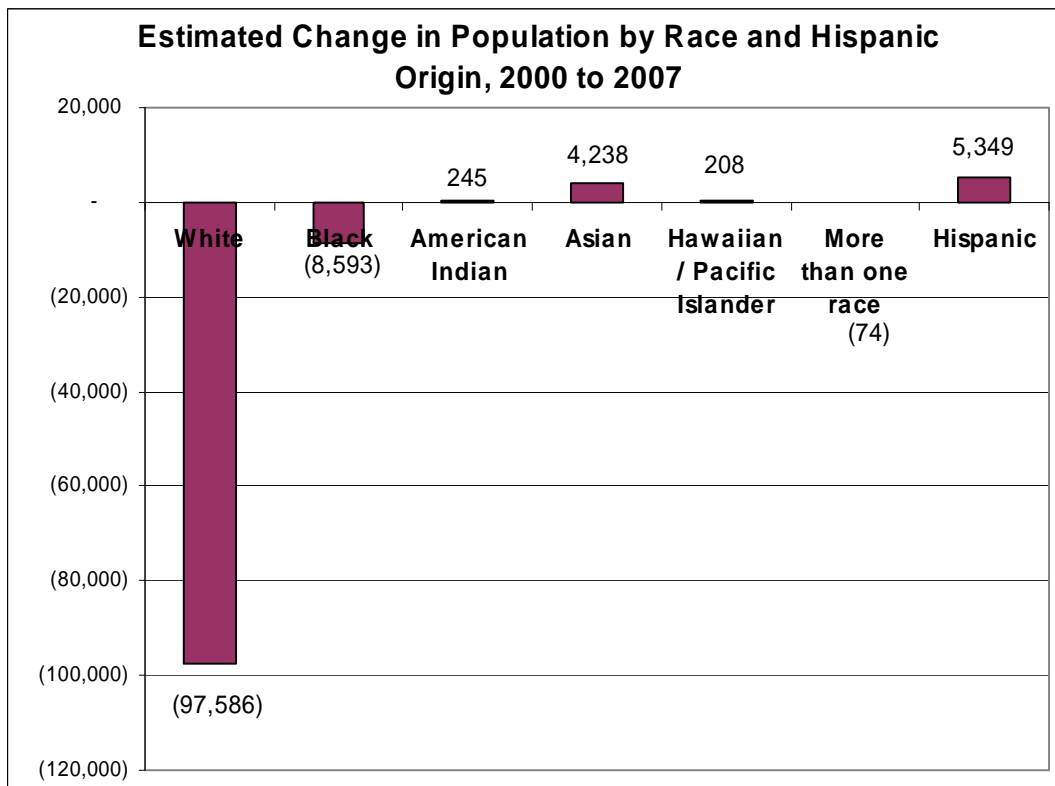


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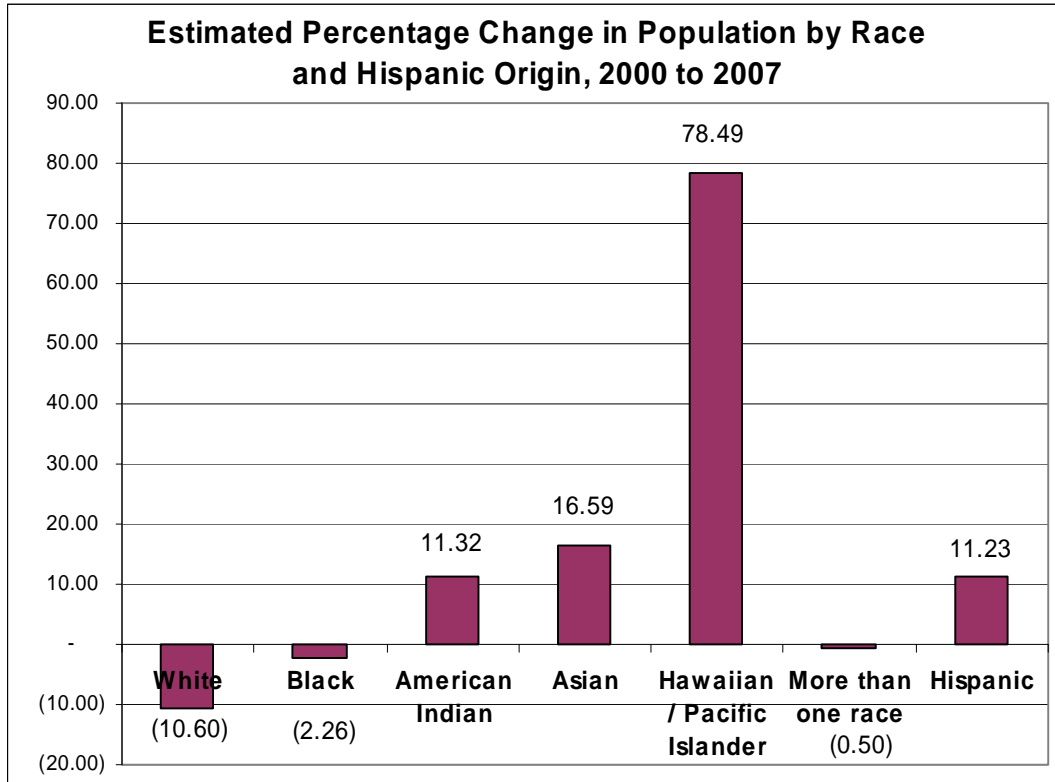


Figure 6

