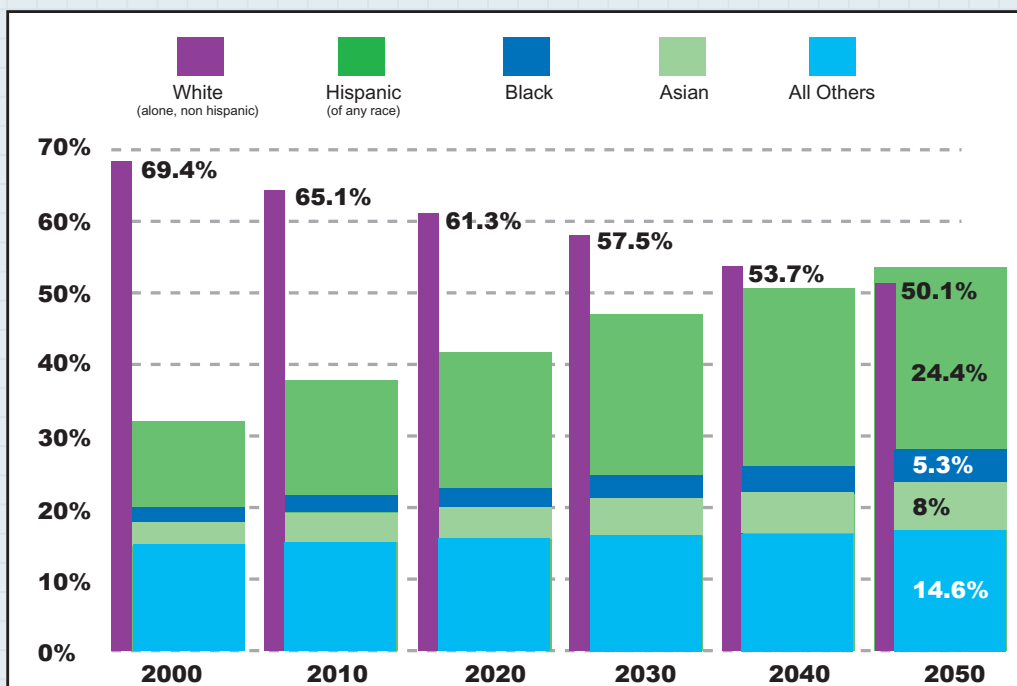


The Changing U.S. Portrait

- Minorities will make up almost half the U.S. population within 50 years, yet the nation's overall growth will slow as the baby boomer bubble bursts by 2050.
- The total population is expected to climb from 282.1 million to 419.9 million by 2050.
- That factors in a slower pace of growth after 2030, as the nation's baby boomers reach the end of their lives. The projected growth rate is the slowest since the Great Depression.
- The number of non-Hispanic whites could decline in the 2040s and show an overall growth of 7 percent over the half-century.
- The Hispanic and Asian share of the total population would double from about 13 percent to 25 percent and 4 percent to 8 percent, respectively.
- The black population is expected to grow by 71 percent, which would increase its share of the population from about 13 percent to 15 percent.



In 50 years, minorities will be nearly half of population.

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