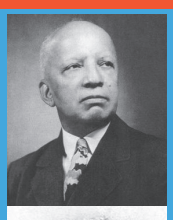
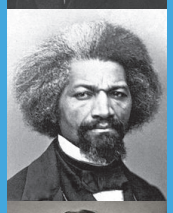
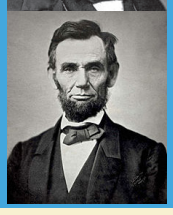
DC's Black Population

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and







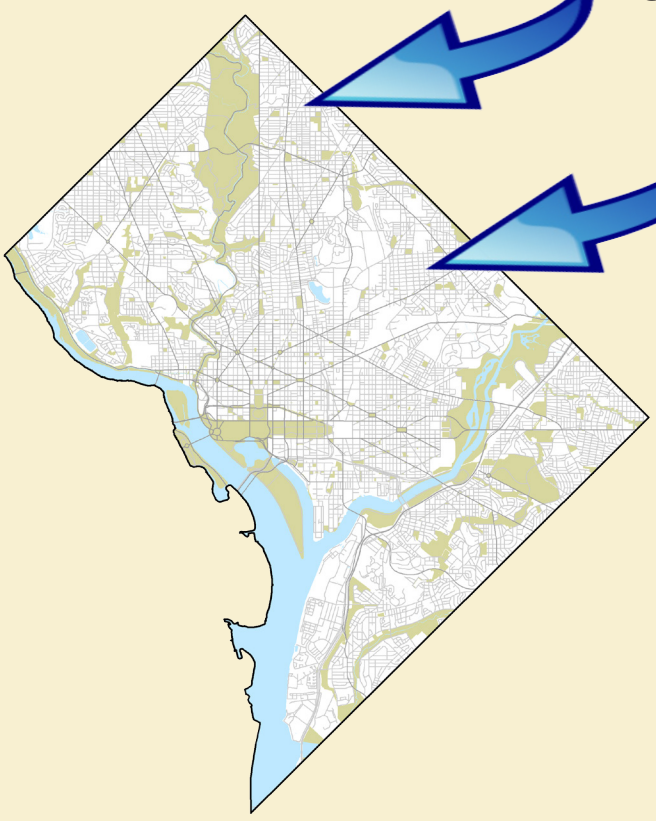
Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Each year, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month.

Source: The source of data is the U.S. Census Bureau from Census 2010, Population Estimates 2011 and the American Community Survey (ACS) 2011.

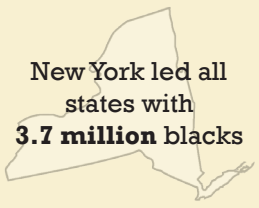
Black Population, July 1, 2011

(alone or in combination)

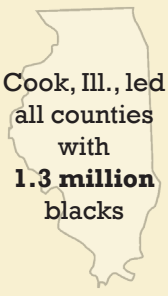
DC Black Population **322,478**



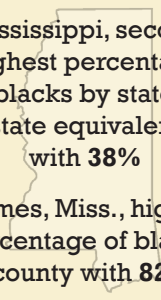
DC, Highest percent of Black Population by state or state equivalent with **52.2%**



New York led all states with **3.7 million** blacks



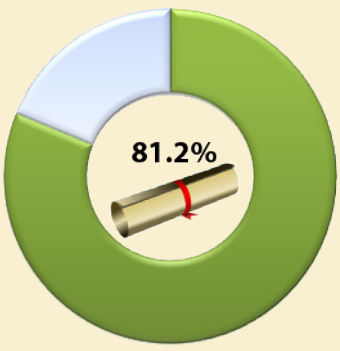
Cook, Ill., led all counties with **1.3 million** blacks



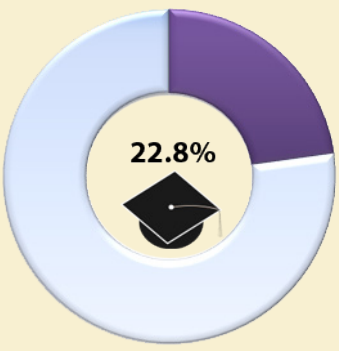
Mississippi, second highest percentage of blacks by state or state equivalent with **38%**

Holmes, Miss., highest percentage of blacks by county with **82.9%**

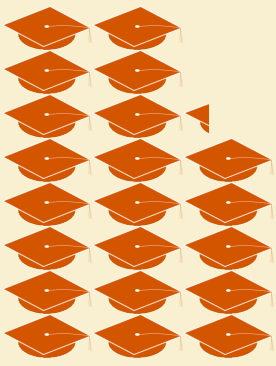
DC Black Alone Population



Percentage of blacks 25 years and over with a high school diploma or higher in 2011.



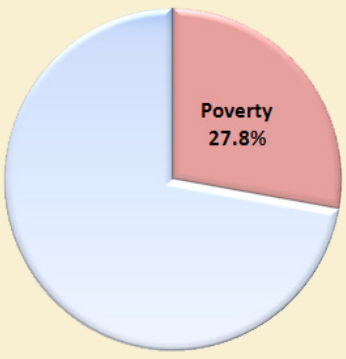
Percentage of blacks 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2011.



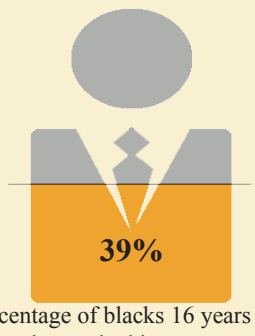
21,148
Blacks 25 years and over had graduate degrees in 2011.

25,217
Blacks enrolled in college in 2011, a 63.4% increase since 2005.

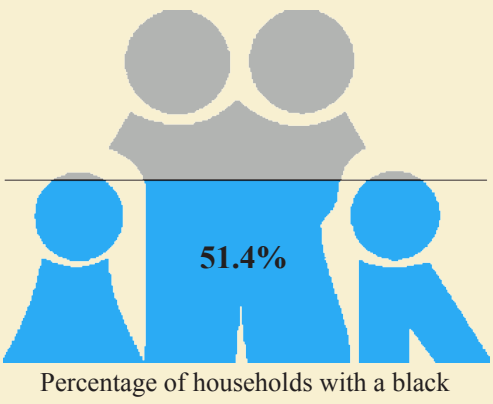
$39,302
Annual median income of black households in 2011, an increase of 5% from 2010.



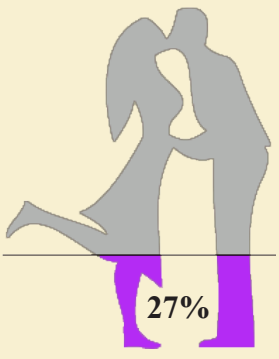
Poverty rate in 2011 for blacks in DC.



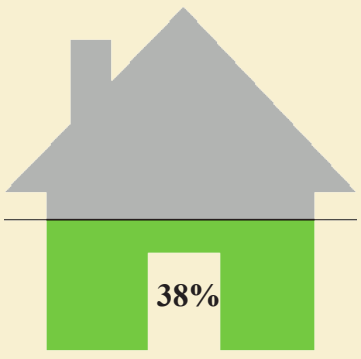
Percentage of blacks 16 years and over who worked in management, business, science and arts occupations, 2011.



Percentage of households with a black householder that contained a family in 2011.



Percentage of families with black householders that were married couples in 2011.



District-wide, the percentage of households with a householder who was black who lived in owner-occupied homes in 2011.

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