

# SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS



## THE RESEARCH DIVISION

### MISSION

The primary mission of the Research division is aiding the other divisions of the Commission in making data-driven decisions. This mission is accomplished by providing dynamic statistical analyses that will address problems of socioeconomic deprivation among ethnic minorities. This mission ultimately requires research to reach state policymakers, community leaders, and citizens of South Carolina.

### VALUES

The Research and Policy Services division is devoted to gathering public data from federal and state agencies then tailoring the data to South Carolina's ethnic minority populations. The values of the division are accomplished through the following commitments:

- Diagnosing socioeconomic deprivation through research
- Disseminating research reports to relevant stakeholders
- Working closely with subject area experts in academic institutions, government agencies, and think tanks

### AREAS OF RESEARCH



DEMOGRAPHY



APPLIED STATISTICS



DATA VISUALIZATION

### POPULATION GROWTH

**+507%**

Between 1990 and 2016, Hispanics have seen the highest population growth of any ethnic minority group in South Carolina.

**+6%**

Since 2010, the Asian/Pacific Islanders have experienced the most significant increase in population among ethnic minorities in the state of South Carolina.

TOTAL POPULATION  
**4,893,444**

As of 2017, South Carolina's population consisted of nearly five million people.



### DID YOU KNOW?

**16.6%**

of South Carolina's population lives below poverty

### PERCENT BELOW POVERTY BY MINORITY GROUP

African American - 26.7%  
Native American - 22.2%  
Asian - 14.9%  
Hispanic - 28.6%

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