APPALACHIA’S POPULATION

Use *The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from the 2012–2016 American Community Survey*—also known as the Chartbook—to discover more about Appalachia’s population. Authored by the Population Reference Bureau with the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Chartbook features data on income, employment, education, and other indicators at the regional, subregional, state, and county levels, and examines data change over recent years to show trends. The Chartbook’s population analysis compares data from 2016 and 2010 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

**25.6 million** people live in Appalachia’s 420 counties. Since 2010, **Appalachia’s population has grown 1%**; the nation’s has grown **4.5%**.

**Minorities** make up a small but growing share of Appalachia’s population.

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<th>Minority Population by Group</th>
<th>Appalachian</th>
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<td>African Americans</td>
<td>18.2%</td>
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<td>Hispanics/Latinos</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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**Up from 16.4% in 2010**

**Up from 36.2% in 2010**

**Up from 9.2% in 2010**

**Up from 4.2% in 2010**

**Up from 3.0% in 2010**

Appalachia’s **median age** is **higher** than the nation’s.

**APPALACHIA**

**40.9 YEARS**

**U.S.**

**38.0 YEARS**

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