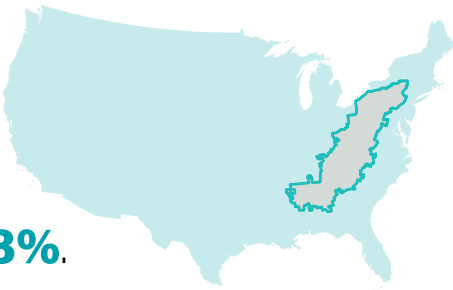


APPALACHIA'S POPULATION

Use *The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from the 2013–2017 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 2017 and 2010 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

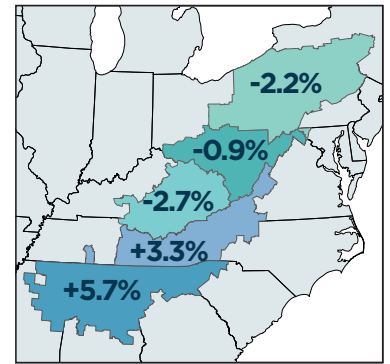
POPULATION CHANGE

25.6 million people live in Appalachia's 420 counties. Since 2010, **Appalachia's** population has **grown 1.4%**; the **nation's** has **grown 5.3%**.



POPULATION CHANGE BY SUBREGION

While much of Appalachia has lost population since 2010, both **Southern and South Central Appalachia** have seen **growth**.



MINORITY POPULATION

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

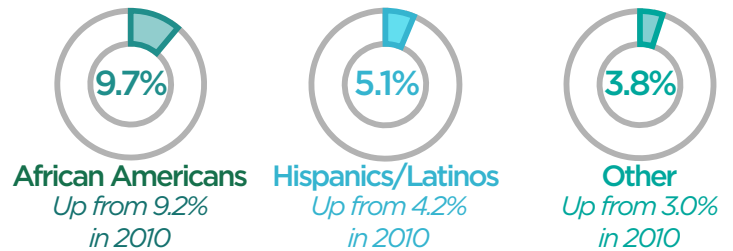


APPALACHIA
18.6%
Up from 16.4% in 2010

U.S.
39.3%
Up from 36.2% in 2010

MINORITY POPULATION BY GROUP

Among Appalachia's minority populations, **African Americans** are the **largest group**, while **Hispanics/Latinos** are the **fastest-growing**.



POPULATION GROWTH

Population growth in 44 Appalachian counties **exceeded the national average** between 2010 and 2017. This growth is likely due to:



Diversified economies



"Retirement Destination" designations



Proximity to major research universities

