

## Washington, D.C. Population Demographics

This report will provide key insights into Washington, D.C.'s 2022 population and a demographic breakdown of the city's population using data from the American Community Survey (ACS), 2022 population estimates. In 2022, DC had a total of 670,587 people living in the city. That's about a 2% decrease (689,545) in the total population since 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic, DC-residents, like many residents living in high-cost metropolitan areas across the country, migrated to different cities and counties outside of the city for lower costs of living. They also moved away due to many businesses and companies moving from working in-person or in the office, to working from home.

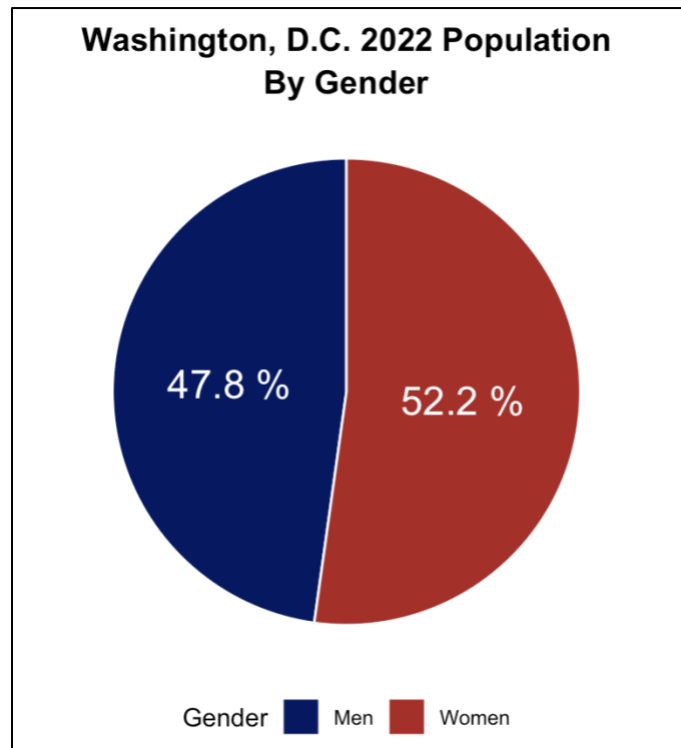
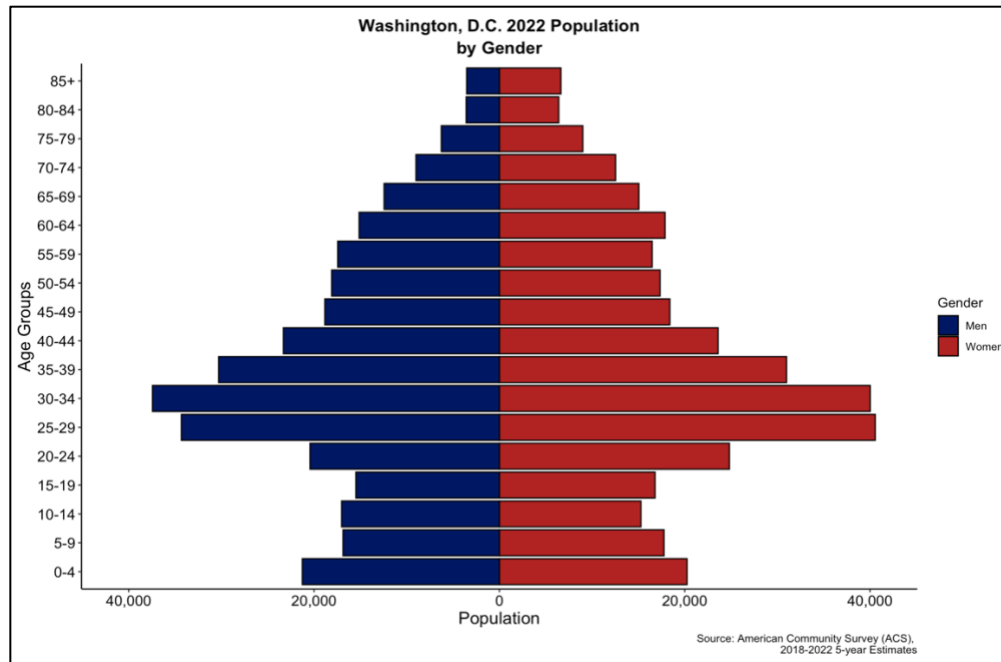


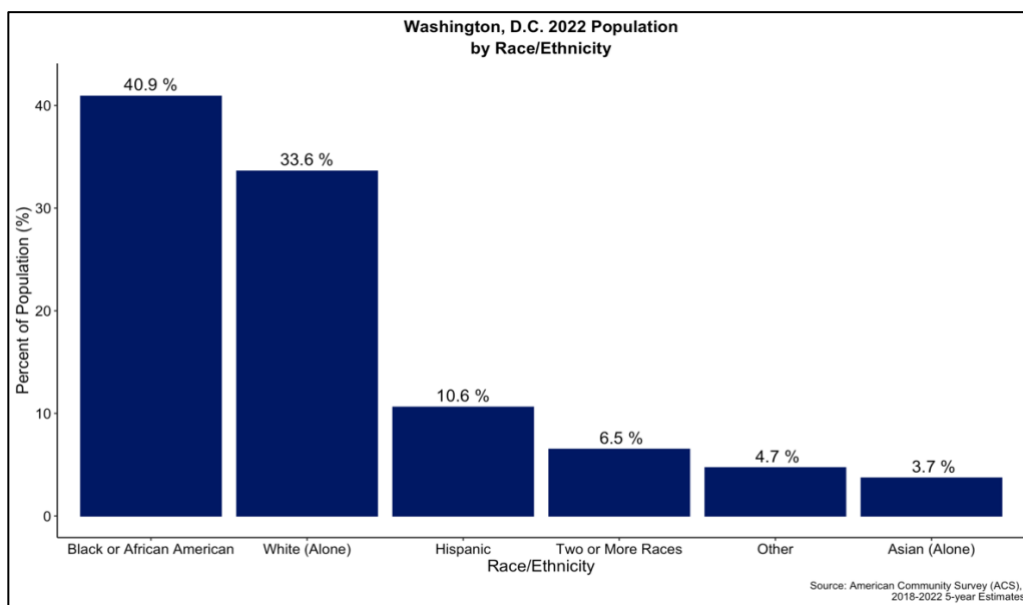
Figure 1

Figure 1 shows that out of the 670,587 DC residents, 47.8% were men and 52.2% were women. Figure 2 displays DC's 2022 population in a population pyramid. A population pyramid is a chart or graph that represents a population by age groups and gender. At first glance, DC's population pyramid shows that the male and female population is split somewhat evenly across each age group. The population pyramid also shows that older age groups at the top of graph and the younger age groups at the bottom of the graph are much smaller than the age groups that are closer to the center. When population pyramids have this particular shape, it usually indicates that the population is decreasing. But this is not a permanent trend, as DC continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and as more workers return to the office, there is the possibility that DC's population will increase over the next few years.

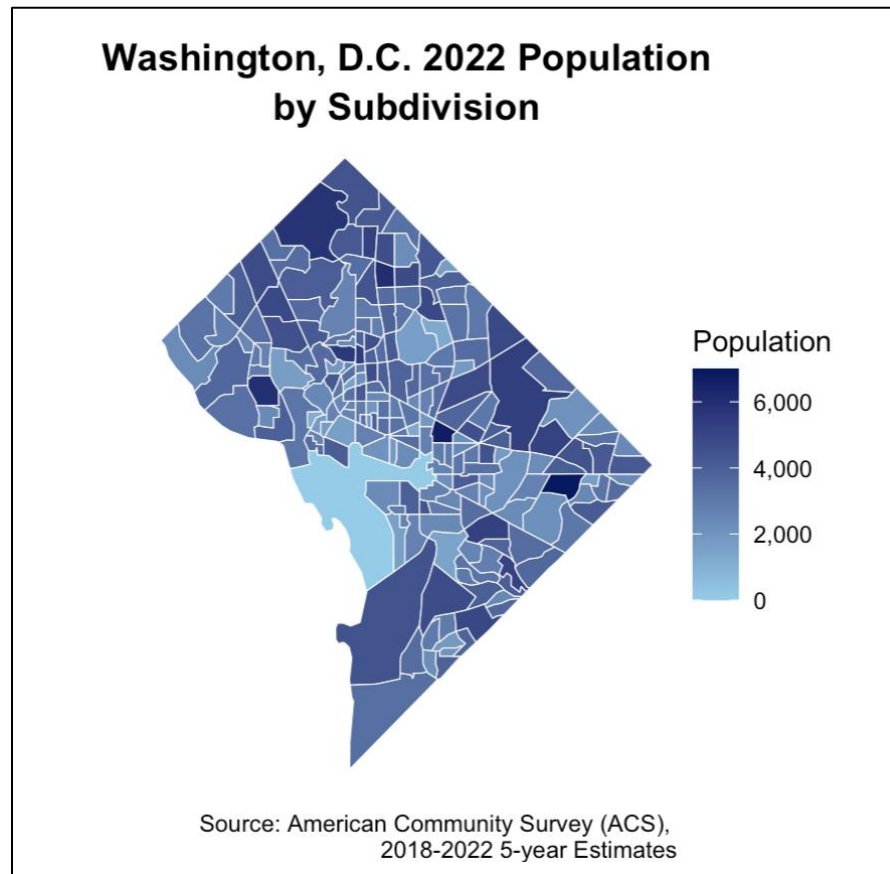


**Figure 2**

Washington, D.C. is a very diverse city, and it is one of the few cities in the country that has a predominantly black population, with Black or African American residents making up 40.9% of the city’s population. Followed by White (alone) residents making up 33.6% of the population, Hispanics making up 10.6% of the population and residents that are Two or More Races representing 6.5% of DC’s population. Residents that identify as Asian (Alone), 4.7%, or Other, 3.7%, had some of the smallest populations in DC in 2022. DC is a transient city, which means people are constantly moving in and out of the city. DC is also experiencing gentrification, which can disproportionately cause black and brown residents to be displaced and move away from the city. These two factors open the door for the racial and ethnic make-up of the city to fluctuate or shift within the next few years.



**Figure 3**



**Figure 4**

Figure 4 shows how the 2022 DC population is spread throughout the city. The map uses Census tracts or subdivisions to show which areas are more densely populated. DC is about 68 square miles with a population of over 670,000 people, which means there's about 10-11,000 people per square mile. Even though the city seems to be very crowded, population density varies in different parts of the city, with some areas that have a low concentration of people towards the center. And some that have a high concentration of people towards the city limits. Overall, DC is a very unique city and is constantly evolving, it will be interesting to see how key demographic factors continue to change over time.