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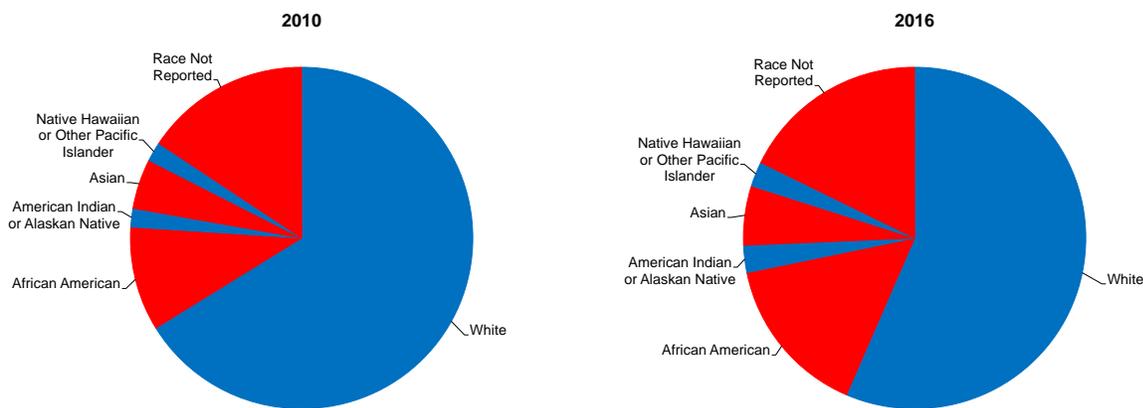
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UI Race Demographics
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Unemployment Insurance Claimant Demographics Change Over Time; African American Share of Total Claimants on the Rise



- Each month we report details on the characteristics of Nevada's Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants. The data, which comes from voluntary responses made by those receiving UI benefits, provides insight into Nevada's claimant population. Among other things, this information allows us to examine the racial makeup of the Silver State's UI claimants, analyze changes over time, and assess our claimant pool under different economic conditions.
- In 2010, Nevada averaged nearly 50,000 claimants per month, two-thirds of which came from Nevadans identifying as white. African Americans represented the next largest share at 10 percent. Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander made up just eight percent of the total, with the remaining share of claimants choosing not to report their race.
- For 2016, there was an average of 23,500 claimants per month. The share of claimants that identified themselves as white declined from 2010 to 2016 by ten percent, falling from 66 percent of claimants to 56 percent.
- African American claimant shares have risen by five percent since 2010, representing 15 percent of Nevada's UI claimants in 2016, whereas they account for eight percent of the State's working age population.
- The remaining races have seen little change in their relative claimant shares over the six years.