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INTRODUCTION

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POPULATION CHANGE IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2007-2024

Summit County was home to 538,000 people in 2024. The county's population has remained consistent over the past 15 years, dipping slightly during the COVID-19 years. Estimated population in 2024 posted it's first year-to-year growth since 2012-2013.

Births, Deaths, and Natural Increase

There are three main drivers of Summit County's current and projected population decline. First, trends in annual births and deaths are changing. Before 2018, births per year slightly outpaced deaths. However, births have been slowly declining at least since 2007, while deaths have been slowly increasing during those same years. However, as Figure 2 shows, Summit County's annual deaths surpassed annual births in 2019 for the first time. That was one year before the COVID-19 pandemic began. Births continued a years-long trend of slow declines, while deaths due to COVID-19 rose sharply in the three years of the pandemic's height. Those two dynamics drove the rate of natural increase sharply negative from 2019-2023. Only in 2024 did the rate of natural increase resume the previous gentle decline that started in 2009.

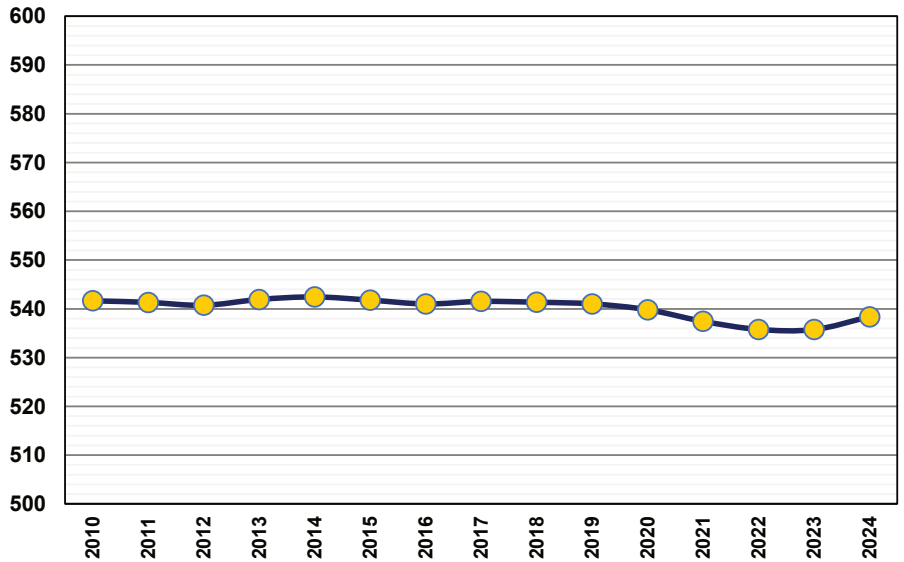


FIGURE 1: POPULATION CHANGE IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2000-2024.
SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS), 5-YEAR AVERAGES.

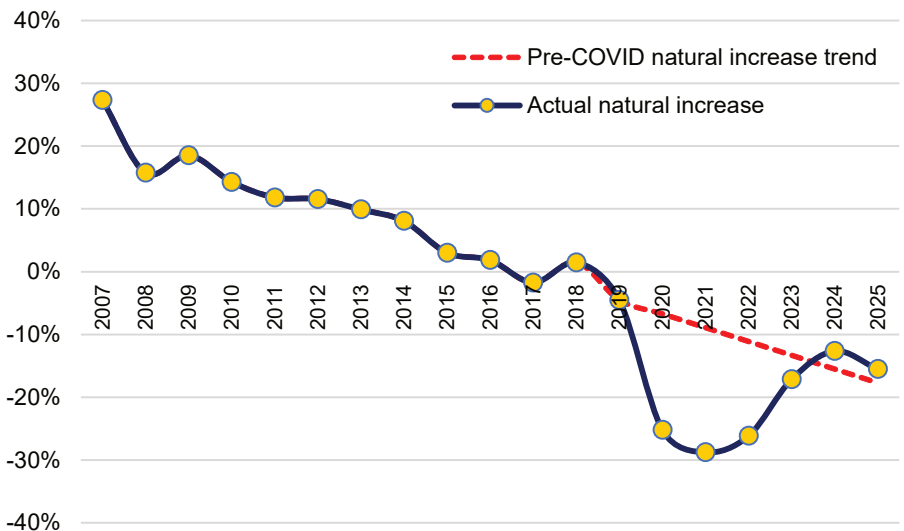


FIGURE 2: BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND NATURAL INCREASE, 2007-2025 (2025 PROJECTED): SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS), 5-YEAR AVERAGES.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND NET MIGRATION

Figure 3 presents the change in Vital Events (births and deaths) along with Net Migration from the Census Bureau. In recent years, net migration into Summit County was positive, driven primarily by international

migration, with migration out of Summit County for other parts of the state and nation being negative. The year between 2024 and 2025 was the first year since at least 2020 where domestic migration was positive, meaning we had more people from other

parts of the state and nation moving in than out. Over the past five years, however, we lost approximately 2,000 existing Summit County residents to other domestic locations and gained nearly 6,600 net new residents from overseas. Figure 5 shows the locations around the nation that either received Summit County residents who moved away or had residents that moved here.

Summit County	Annual Change, July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025						
	Total Population Change	Vital Events			Net Migration		
		Natural Change	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
	1,431	(889)	5,279	6,168	2,295	1,323	972

Summit County	Cumulative Change, April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025						
	Total Population Change	Vital Events			Net Migration		
		Natural Change	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
	(2,053)	(6,541)	28,084	34,625	4,593	6,599	(2,006)

FIGURE 3: BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND NET MIGRATION, SUMMIT CO. 2020-2025; SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS), 5-YEAR AVERAGES.

HOUSEHOLD DYNAMICS

Since 2010, U.S. living arrangements have shifted notably as the growth of non-family households has outpaced that of traditional family configurations. Between 2010 and 2020, non-family households grew by 12%, compared to just a 7% increase for family households. This disproportionate growth—driven primarily by an increase in single-person households and unmarried cohabitation—shifted the national makeup from a 66% family and 34% non-family split in 2010 to a 64% and 36% split by 2022.

households between 2010 and 2023, the local demographic landscape has noticeably shifted. As a result, family households fell from 63.3% to 60.5% of the total share, while non-family setups climbed from 36.7% to 39.5%. With more residents opting for these smaller configurations, the county's average household size has steadily dropped from 2.39 to 2.29 people.

Consequently, as smaller, non-family living arrangements became more prevalent, the average U.S. household size dropped from 2.58 people in 2010 to 2.51 by 2022.

The household composition in Summit County, Ohio, has also changed over the past decade. Driven by a 10.9% surge in non-family living arrangements and a concurrent 1.5% decline in family

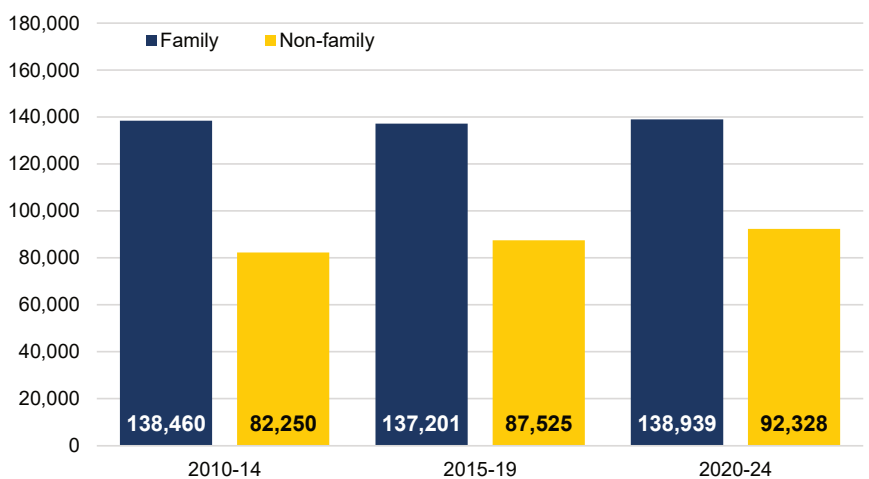


FIGURE 4: CHANGES IN FAMILY AND NON-FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS, 2010-2024; SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS), 5-YEAR AVERAGES. (B11001)

Net Gain (or loss) of Households, Summit County to Other Counties in the U.S., 2022-2023

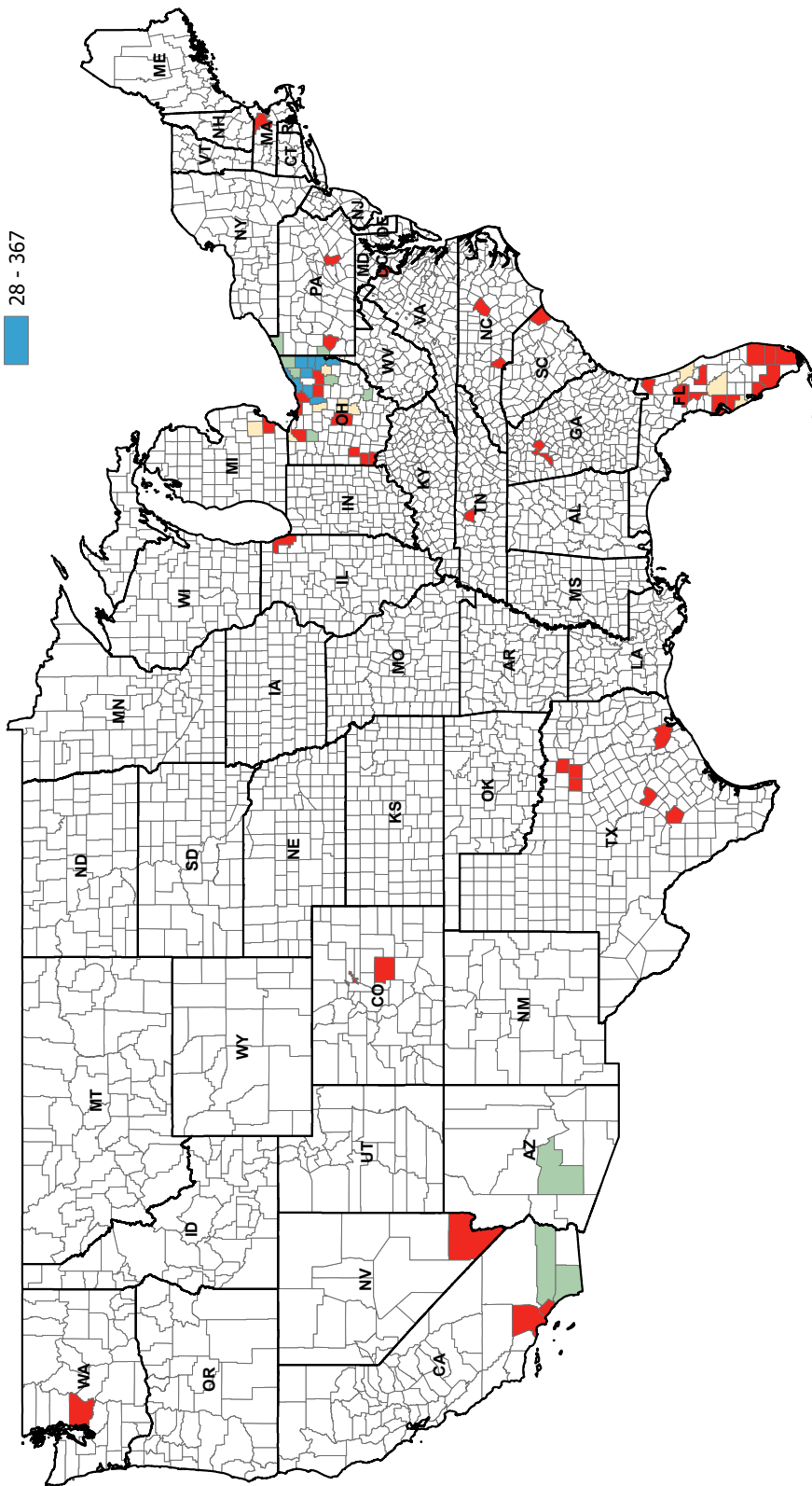
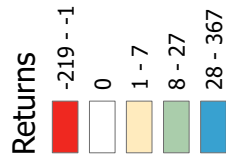


FIGURE 5: ESTIMATED NET MIGRATION TO / FROM SUMMIT COUNTY, 2022-2023;
SOURCE: US CENSUS COUNTY MIGRATION FLOW MAPPER

Marital Status -- Nearly half of people age 15 and older say they are married, while another third have never been married. About 13% of those age 15 and older say they are divorced or separated, while a final 6% say they were a widow or widower (Figure 6).

Marital Status - Number	2000	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24	Change	Trend
Never married	111,672	142,474	147,379	150,808	35%	
Married	231,752	218,545	216,080	213,777	-8%	
Separated	5,793	6,998	7,109	5,880	2%	
Widowed	31,700	29,949	28,892	28,053	-12%	
Divorced	48,031	52,605	55,374	53,882	12%	
Total population 15+	428,948	450,571	454,834	452,400	47%	

Marital Status - Percent	2000	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24	Change	Trend
Never married	26%	32%	32%	33%	28%	
Married	54%	49%	48%	47%	-13%	
Separated	1%	2%	2%	1%	-4%	
Widowed	7%	7%	6%	6%	-16%	
Divorced	11%	12%	12%	12%	6%	
Total population 15+	100%	100%	100%	100%	34%	

FIGURE 6: MARITAL STATUS IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2000-2024:
SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B12001), 2000 CENSUS

Long-term trends in marital status mirror those seen nationally, with the percent of people who were never married rising by over 35% since 2000, while those who are now married shrank by 8%. Divorced and/or separated individuals grew by a combined 14%, while those who lost a spouse declined by 12% since 2000.

The percent of the population who is married dropped for the third straight 5-year period, and now stands at just 47% of the 15-and-older population. Those who have never married rose from 26% of the total in 2000 to 33% since 2020.

Household Type* -- Heads of households accounted for 44% of all people living in households between 2020 and 2024. Opposite-sex spouses and opposite-sex unmarried partners accounted for 18% and 3% of households, respectively. There were just over 1,900 same-sex spouses and unmarried partners (1,190 and 741, respectively). Children accounted for 27% of all people living in households. Among children, biological children were the largest group (93%), with adopted and step children making up the rest. The remaining 6% were other types of family members and non-relatives.

Household Type, 2020-24	Number	Percent
Total:	537,864	100%
In households:	529,085	98%
Householder:	231,267	44%
<i>Male</i>	110,263	48%
<i>Female</i>	121,004	52%
Opposite-sex spouse	97,558	18%
Same-sex spouse	1,190	0%
Opposite-sex unmarried partner	16,671	3%
Same-sex unmarried partner	741	0%
Child:	141,632	27%
<i>Biological child</i>	132,253	93%
<i>Adopted child</i>	3,138	2%
<i>Stepchild</i>	6,241	4%
Grandchild	9,710	2%
Brother or sister	5,897	1%
Parent	4,073	1%
Parent-in-law	1,646	0%
Son-in-law or daughter-in-law	1,218	0%
Other relatives	4,526	1%
Foster child	722	0%
Other nonrelatives	12,234	2%
In group quarters	8,779	2%

FIGURE 7: POPULATION IN HOUSEHOLDS IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2020-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / ACS (B09019), 2000 CENSUS

* Direct comparisons of same-sex households between the 2020-2024 American Community Survey (ACS) and prior years are not recommended. In 2019, the Census Bureau overhauled its methodology by introducing explicit relationship check boxes (e.g., "same-sex husband/wife"). Prior to 2019, same-sex couples were identified by cross-referencing sex and marital status responses, artificially inflating same-sex household counts.

AGE, SEX, RACE, AND ETHNICITY

Age groups -- As noted earlier, Summit County's population county's population has remained fairly consistent over the past decade and a half, shrinking by about 1%. That small overall change masks some significant internal

changes by age group. The 18-64 age groups hit its high water mark between 2010-2014, representing the major portion of the Baby Boom generation. The age 65 and over population rose as well, from nearly 77,000 in 2000 to 83,000 from 2010-2014. The Under 18 population declined sharply, from nearly 150,000 to just under 120,000 during those same years. The Under 18 group continued to shrink over the next decade, and currently averaged just over 111,000 over the past 5 years. As the Baby Boomers age, the number of those age 65 and over continued to increase, averaging nearly 105,000 from 2020-2024; an increase of nearly 28,000 since the year 2000.

Age category	Population by age group				Change	
	2000	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24	2000-24	2010-24
Under 18	149,564	119,945	114,245	111,294	-26%	-7%
Age 18-64	316,590	338,454	332,487	321,963	2%	-5%
Age 65+	76,745	83,065	94,602	104,607	36%	26%
Total	542,899	541,464	541,334	537,864	-1%	-1%

FIGURE 8: POPULATION BY AGE IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2000-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (DP05), 2000 CENSUS

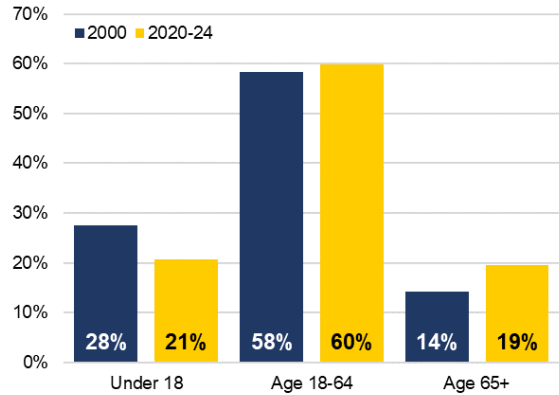


FIGURE 8A: CHANGE IN POPULATION BY AGE IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2000-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (DP05), 2000 CENSUS

Sex -- The number of both males and females declined since 2000. Though small, the number of females declined at a much faster rate than males, which produced a steady increase in the ratio of males per 100 females, which now stands at 94.8.

Sex	Population by sex				Change
	2000	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24	
Male	262,066	262,038	262,595	261,786	-0.1%
Female	280,833	279,426	278,739	276,078	-1.2%
Males per 100 Females	93.3	93.8	94.2	94.8	1.1%
Total	542,899	541,464	541,334	537,864	-0.7%

FIGURE 9: POPULATION BY SEX IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2000-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (DP05), 2000 CENSUS

Single vs. Multiple Race* -- More than 90% of Summit County residents say they identify with one race as of 2020-2024. For reasons detailed in the note below, comparisons between 2020-2024 and previous years are no longer valid.

Race	2020-2024	
	Number	Percent
One race	502,791	93%
Two or more	35,073	7%
Total	537,864	100%

FIGURE 10: SINGLE VS. MULTIPLE RACE, 2020-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B02001)

*Direct comparisons of "One Race" and "Two or More Races" between the 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 ACS periods are not recommended. While the core federal categories remained the same, the Census Bureau introduced new write-in response areas and expanded coding algorithms in 2020. This methodological shift reclassified many respondents with diverse or Hispanic/Latino origins, resulting in a statistical decrease in "One Race" populations and a corresponding, artificial increase in the "Two or More Races" category.

Detailed Race -- Summit County residents identifying as White Alone, Black Alone, and Asians Alone are the top three one-race groups as of 2020-2024.

However, the fastest Hispanic or Latino growth rates were among Central Americans as a group, which grew by 230% during that time period. Cubans and Dominicans also grew significantly (212% and 160%, respectively). The top 10 Hispanic / Latino ethnic groups are listed below:

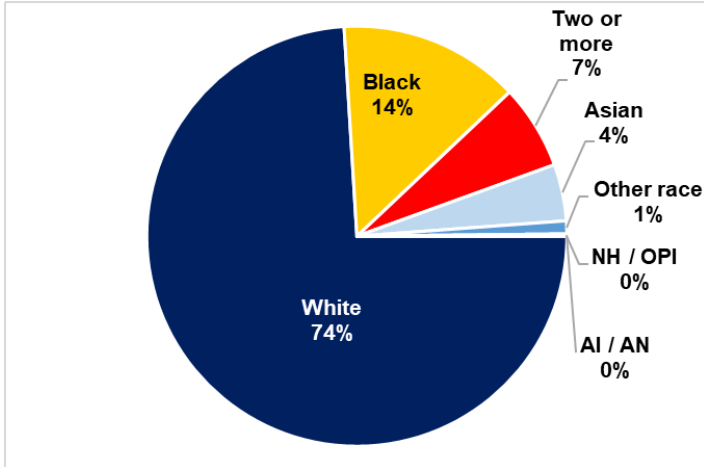


FIGURE 11: DETAILED RACE IN SUMMIT COUNTY, 2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B02001)

Note: The "Two or more" category is the only one that refers to more than one race. All other categories in this figure represent that racial group alone.

Hispanic / Latino	Top 10
Mexican	6,296
Puerto Rican	2,889
Honduran	746
Spanish	592
Guatemalan	497
Cuban	421
Ecuadorian	411
Salvadoran	405
Spaniard	404
Colombian	267
Top 10 total	12,928
Hispanic / Latino total	14,635

FIGURE 12: DETAILED HISPANIC OR LATINO GROUPS, 2020-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B03001)

Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity -- There were just under 15,000 Summit County residents identifying as Hispanic or Latino between 2020 and 2024. While still a small percentage of the overall population (2.7%), the number of Hispanic or Latino residents has grown 53% since the 2010-2014 period, when there were less than 9,600 people identifying as Hispanic or Latino.

Detailed Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity -- Of the 15,000 people who self-identified as Hispanic or Latino, the largest single group identified as Mexican; about 6,300 people or about 43% of the total. Those identifying as Puerto Rican were the next largest single group (2,900 or 20%), followed by Honduran and Guatemalan (746 and 497, or 5% and 3%, respectively).

The largest single Hispanic or Latino group, Mexicans, grew by about 42% since the 2010-2014 period.

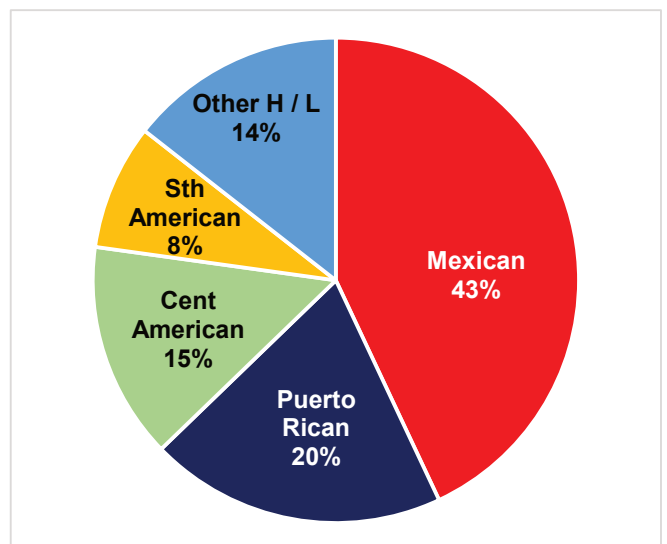


FIGURE 13: HISPANIC OR LATINO GROUPS, 2020-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B03001)

Asian Ethnicity -- Of the 23,000 people who self-identified as Asian between 2020 and 2024, the largest geographic area of origin was South Asia; about 6,000 people or about 47% of all those identifying as Asian. Southeast and East Asians were the next most populous groups, with 26% and 20% of the total, respectively.

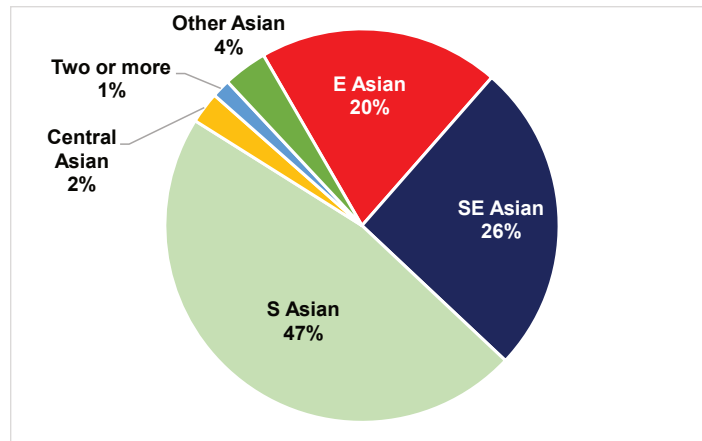


FIGURE 14: DETAILED ASIAN ALONE GROUPS, 2020-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B02015)

Detailed Asian Ethnicity -- Those identifying as Chinese were the next largest group (2,600 or 11%), followed by Filipinos (2,200 or 10%) and Vietnamese (1,500 or 6%). Another 437 and 87 self-identified as Korean and Japanese, respectively. Just over half of those self-identifying as Asian chose from a variety of smaller groups that were collectively classified by the American Community Survey as Other Asian. The top 10 Asian ethnic groups are listed at right:

Asian Alone population	Top 10
Nepalese	4,779
Asian Indian	4,688
Chinese	3,062
Burmese	2,043
Filipino	1,537
Vietnamese	1,294
Bhutanese	1,077
Korean	887
Other Asian	846
Uzbek	435
Top 10 total	20,648
Asian total	23,412

Ancestry – In addition to race and ethnicity, the American Community Survey asks respondents about their ancestry. The data for the top 50 ancestries are summarized in Figure 15, below. It is important to note that Figure 15 includes those who reported at least one ancestry. Those who report more than one ancestry can appear more than once.

The top three reported ancestries (German, Irish, and English) account for 44% of all reported ancestries.

Over 20,000 identified their ancestry as "American," making it the 6th largest group. According to the ACS*, "...This could be because their ancestors have been in United States for so long or they have such mixed backgrounds that they do not identify with any particular group. Some foreign born or children of the foreign born may report American to show that they are part of American society."

* U.S. Census Bureau, "About Ancestry," Census.gov, <https://www.census.gov/topics/population/ancestry/about.html> (accessed April 24, 2026).

FIGURE 15: TOP 50 ANCESTRIES REPORTED, 2020-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B04006)

Rank	Ancestry	Number	Rank	Ancestry	Number
1	German	109,196	26	Eastern European	2,147
2	Irish	71,812	27	Austrian	1,821
3	English	57,355	28	British	1,748
4	Italian	47,900	29	Romanian	1,731
5	Polish	23,738	30	Norwegian	1,386
6	American	20,493	31	French Canadian	1,265
7	Hungarian	13,259	32	Czechoslovakian	1,240
8	Scottish	10,880	33	Slavic	1,067
9	French	7,999	34	Lithuanian	1,016
10	Slovak	7,282	35	Nigerian	1,001
11	African	7,239	36	Penn. German	995
12	European	7,150	37	Jamaican	806
13	Welsh	5,043	38	Danish	801
14	Swedish	4,356	39	Scandinavian	801
15	Scotch-Irish	4,186	40	Canadian	724
16	Russian	4,106	41	Other Arab	722
17	Dutch	3,468	42	Finnish	716
18	Greek	3,440	43	Macedonian	655
19	Czech	3,351	44	Ghanaian	647
20	Slovene	3,285	45	Portuguese	593
21	Serbian	3,200	46	Iranian	540
22	Croatian	2,936	47	Arab	471
23	Swiss	2,495	48	Yugoslavian	456
24	Ukrainian	2,494	49	Israeli	353
25	Lebanese	2,305	50	Armenian	344

NATIVITY, CITIZENSHIP, AND LANGUAGE SPOKEN

Nativity & Citizenship -- In 2024, just over 32,000 Summit County residents said they were born in a foreign country, or just under 6% of the total population. The foreign-born population has been growing since 2000, when there were just under 18,000 foreign-born residents (Figure 8). About 56% of foreign-born residents were naturalized U.S. citizens as of 2020-2024.

More than half of foreign-born residents were born in Asia (57%). Europe and Latin America are the next most common regions of birth (17% and 14%, respectively).

Year of Arrival --From 2015-2019, 33% of all foreign-born residents arrived after 2010; by 2020-2024, that figure had risen to 45%. The vast majority of foreign-born residents who entered the country before 1990 have been naturalized and are full citizens (86%).

Nativity	2000	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24	Change	Trend
Native-born	525,170	517,118	513,034	505,620	-4%	
Foreign-born (FB)	17,729	24,346	28,300	32,244	82%	
Naturalized	9,514	13,175	14,306	18,152	91%	
Not a citizen	8,215	11,171	13,994	14,092	72%	
Total	542,899	541,334	537,864	570,108	5%	
% foreign-born	3.3%	4.5%	5.3%	5.7%	73%	
Naturalized as % of FB	53.7%	54.1%	50.6%	56.3%	5%	

FIGURE 17: CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF SUMMIT COUNTY RESIDENTS, 2000-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B05002), 2000 CENSUS

Citizenship Status	2015-19	2020-24	% naturalized		Trend
			2015-19	2020-24	
Total:	28,300	32,244			
Entered 2010 or later:	9,287	14,543	10%	30%	
Naturalized U.S. citizen	962	4,407			
Not a U.S. citizen	8,325	10,136			
Entered 2000 to 2009:	8,061	7,316	52%	70%	
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,167	5,087			
Not a U.S. citizen	3,894	2,229			
Entered 1990 to 1999:	3,636	3,778	79%	78%	
Naturalized U.S. citizen	2,857	2,948			
Not a U.S. citizen	779	830			
Entered before 1990	7,316	6,607	86%	86%	
Naturalized U.S. citizen	6,320	5,710			
Not a U.S. citizen	996	897			

FIGURE 18: YEAR OF ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS, 2015-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B05007), 2000 CENSUS

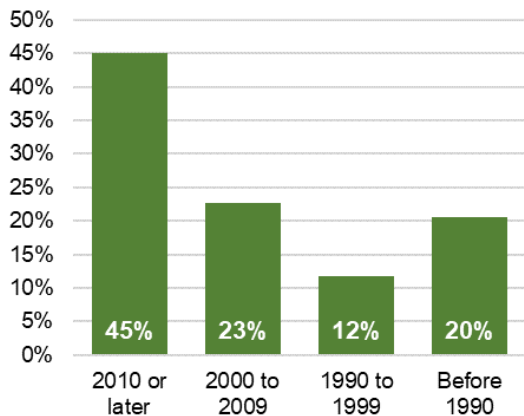


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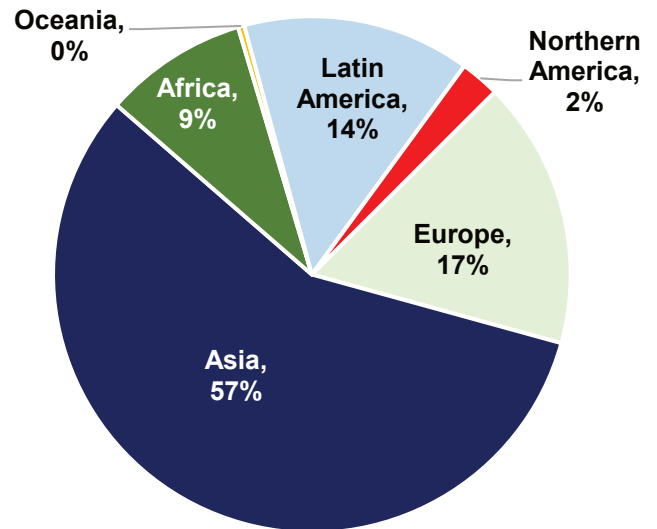


FIGURE 20: PLACE OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS, 2015-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B05007), 2000 CENSUS

Note: The "Northern America" category includes the nations of Canada, Bermuda, Greenland, and St. Pierre / Miquelon.

Language Spoken At Home

- An estimated 37,000 Summit County residents report through the ACS that they speak a language other than English in their homes as of 2020-2024; about 7% of the population over age 5 in Summit County. The majority of those who speak a language other than English in their homes speak one or more Indo-European languages (45%). Spanish is spoken in about one-fifth of these homes, with Asian and/or Pacific Island languages accounting for another quarter.

Language spoken at home	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24	Change	Trend
Speak only English	480,816	476,695	472,047	-2%	
Speak Spanish	6,268	7,052	7,241	16%	
Speak other Indo-European lang.	12,759	14,936	16,777	31%	
Speak Asian and Pacific Island lang.	6,905	8,345	9,028	31%	
Speak other languages	3,707	3,903	4,166	12%	
Total	510,455	510,931	509,259	0%	

Percent of total	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24	Change	Trend
Speak only English	94.2%	93.3%	92.7%	-2%	
Speak Spanish	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	16%	
Speak other Indo-European lang.	2.5%	2.9%	3.3%	32%	
Speak Asian and Pacific Island lang.	1.4%	1.6%	1.8%	31%	
Speak other languages	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	13%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0%	

FIGURE 21: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, 2015-2024: SOURCE: SCPH / AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B06007), 2000 CENSUS

FIGURE 22: SPEAKS ENGLISH-ONLY AT HOME, 2020-2024: SOURCE: SCPH /

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (B16007), 2000 CENSUS

