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HISPANIC POPULATION MORE THAN  
15 PERCENT

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ANNOUNCER:

THE NATION'S HISPANIC POPULATION REACHED FORTY-FIVE AND A HALF MILLION LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES RELEASED TODAY BY THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU. THIS PUTS IT AT FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION. HISPANICS REMAIN THE LARGEST MINORITY GROUP, WITH BLACKS SECOND. THE BLACK POPULATION NEARED FORTY-ONE MILLION, WITH ASIANS THIRD AT MORE THAN FIFTEEN MILLION. OVERALL, THE MINORITY POPULATION - THAT IS, OTHER THAN NON-HISPANIC SINGLE-RACE WHITES - NOW EXCEEDS ONE HUNDRED TWO MILLION. MORE THAN ONE IN EVERY THREE AMERICANS IS A MINORITY. IN FOUR STATES - HAWAII, NEW MEXICO, CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS - AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - MINORITIES MAKE UP A MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT W-W-W-DOT-CENSUS-DOT-GOV.

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