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# A county-by-county look at ancestry

Despite increased diversity in the USA, most Americans still trace their roots to Europe. Nearly one in six people said in the 2000 Census that they are of German descent, the largest representation of any ancestry, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday. But the number of people claiming ancestry from Africa, Asia and Latin America has increased. More people are simply calling themselves "American" — 7.2%, up from 5% in 1990. The map shows the largest ancestry group in each of the nation's 3,141 counties and independent cities. (For full Census report, go to [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov))

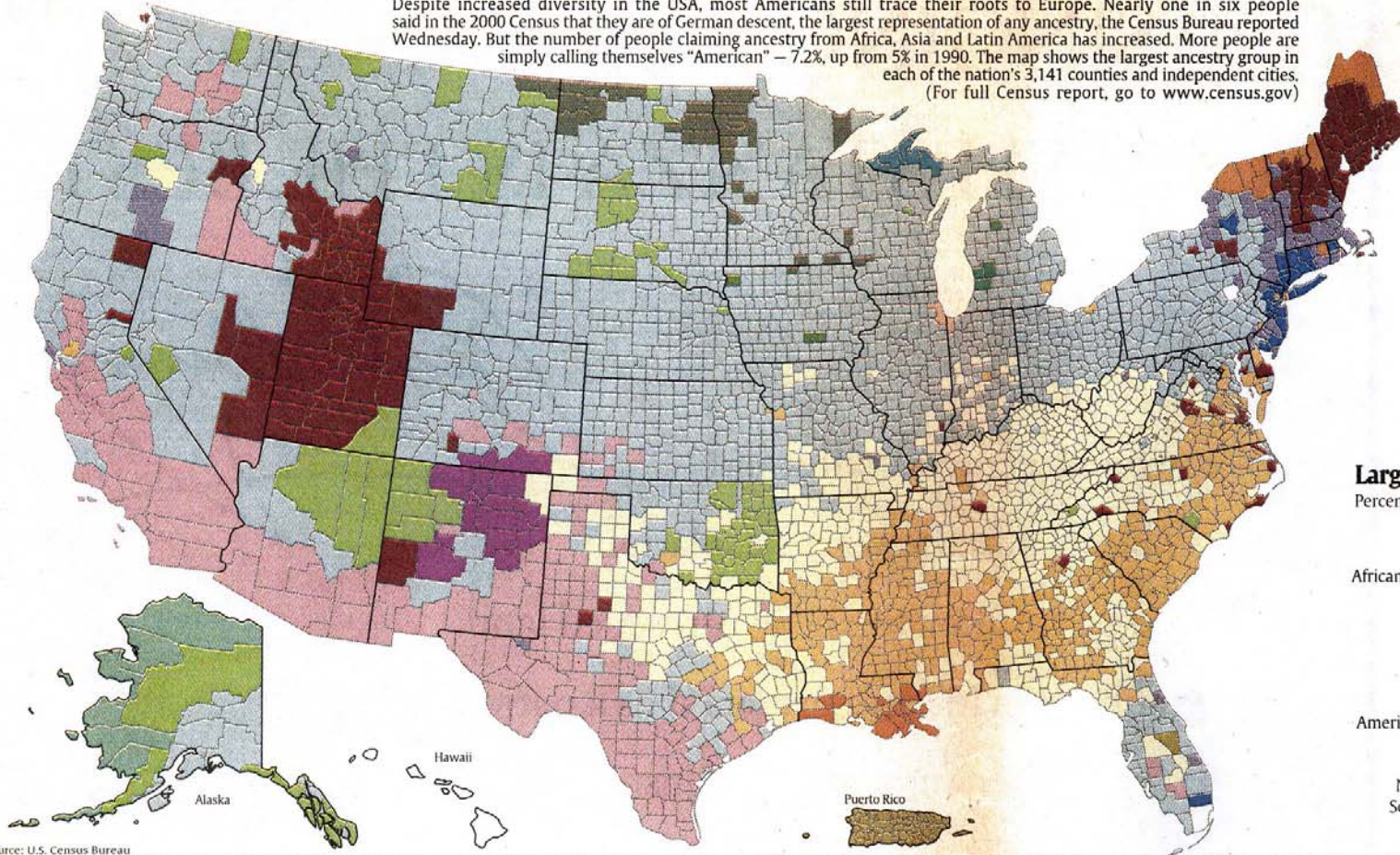
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- African American
- Aleut/Eskimo
- American
- American Indian
- Dutch
- English
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Hispanic/Spanish
- Irish
- Italian
- Mexican
- Norwegian
- Puerto Rican
- Other

**Largest ancestral groups**

Percentage of U.S. population:

German	15.2%
Irish	10.8%
African American	8.8%
English	8.7%
American	7.2%
Mexican	6.5%
Italian	5.6%
Polish	3.2%
French	3.0%
American Indian	2.8%
Scottish	1.7%
Dutch	1.6%
Norwegian	1.6%
Scotch-Irish	1.5%
Swedish	1.4%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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