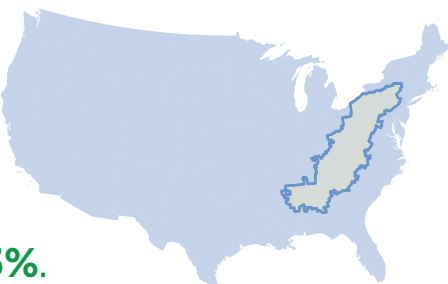


APPALACHIA'S POPULATION

Use *The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from the 2012–2016 American Community Survey*—also known as the Chartbook—to discover more about Appalachia's population. Authored by the Population Reference Bureau with the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Chartbook features data on income, employment, education, and other indicators at the regional, subregional, state, and county levels, and examines data change over recent years to show trends. The Chartbook's population analysis compares data from 2016 and 2010 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

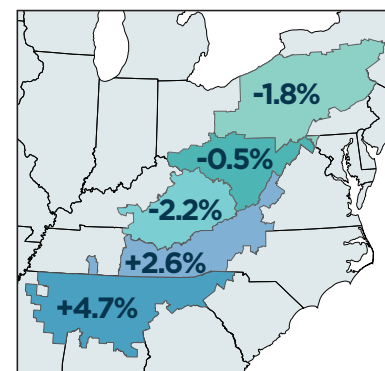
POPULATION CHANGE

25.6 million people live in Appalachia's 420 counties. Since 2010, **Appalachia's** population has **grown 1%**; the **nation's** has **grown 4.5%**.



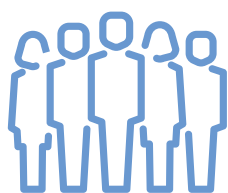
POPULATION CHANGE BY SUBREGION

While much of Appalachia has lost population since 2010, **Southern Appalachia's** population has grown 4.7%.



MINORITY POPULATION

Minorities make up a small but growing share of Appalachia's population.



APPALACHIA
18.2%

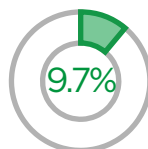
Up from 16.4% in 2010

U.S.
38.7%

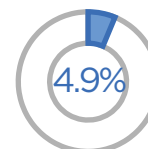
Up from 36.2% in 2010

MINORITY POPULATION BY GROUP

Among Appalachia's minority populations, African Americans are the largest group, while Hispanics/Latinos are the fastest-growing.



African Americans
Up from 9.2% in 2010



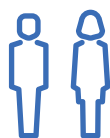
Hispanics/Latinos
Up from 4.2% in 2010



Other
Up from 3.0% in 2010

MEDIAN AGE

Appalachia's **median age** is **higher** than the nation's.



APPALACHIA
40.9
YEARS



U.S.
38.0
YEARS