

Multiracial and Multiethnic Growth in California

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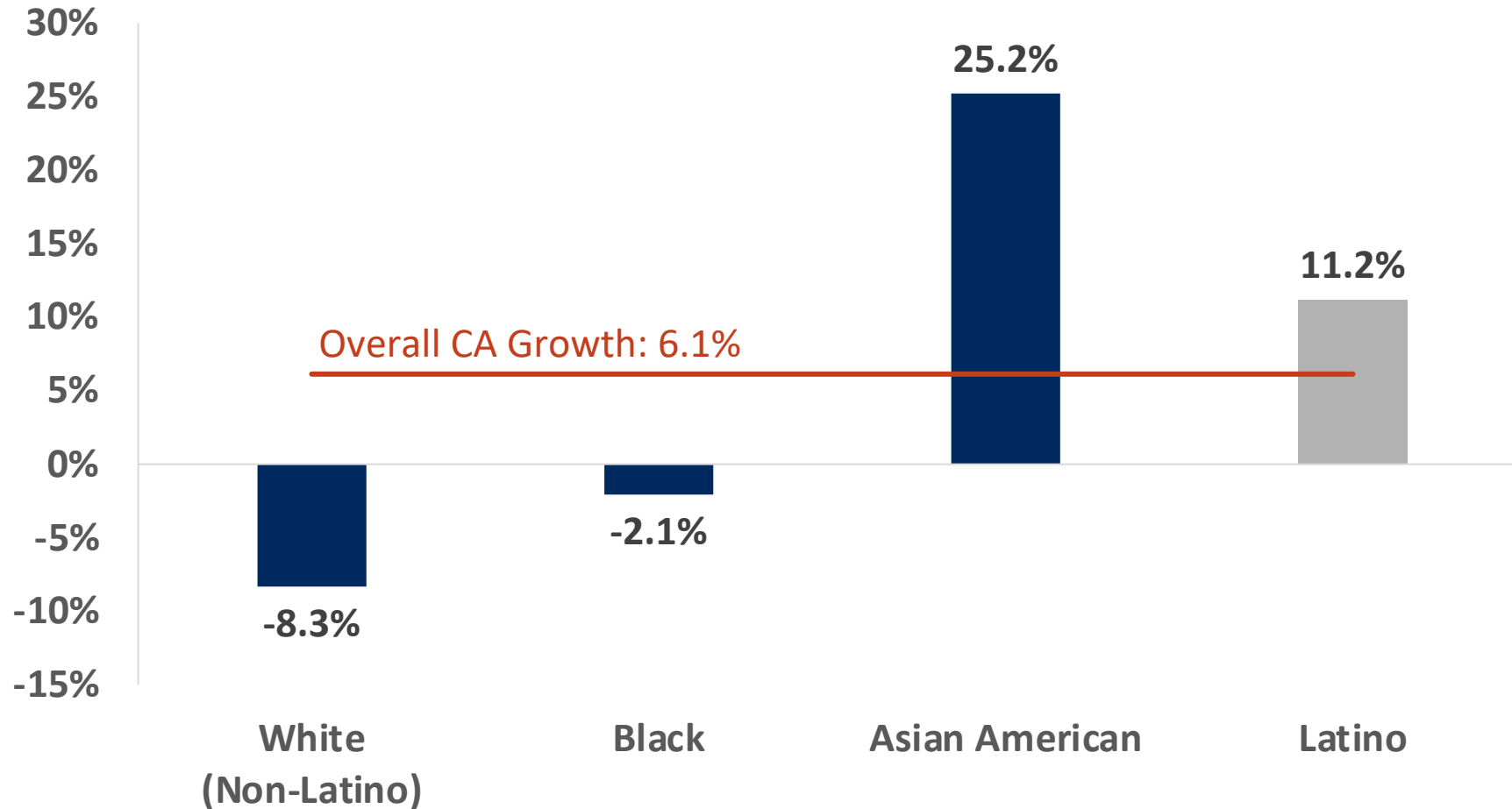


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Latinos and Asian Americans Fueled CA's Population Growth

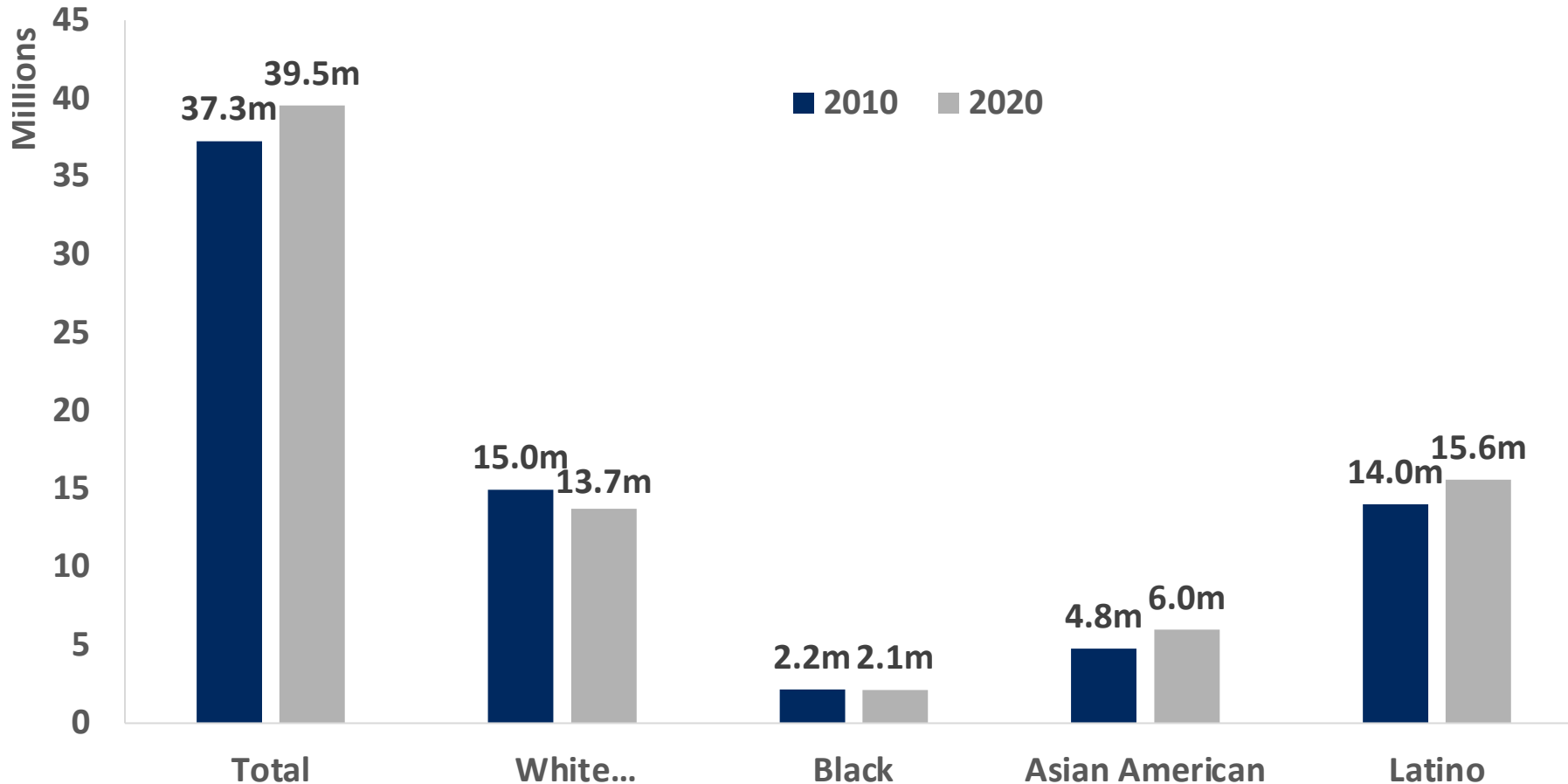
California: Population Growth by Race/Ethnicity
Percent Change from 2010 to 2020



- California experienced a 2.3 million or 6.1% increase in total population from 2010 to 2020.
- Over the past decade, Asian Americans and Latinos experienced the most dramatic growth in population.
- Asian Americans grew 19.1 percentage points faster than the state overall, while the Latino population grew 5.1 percentage points faster.
- White Non-Latino growth was 14.4 percentage points below overall growth, while Black growth was 8.2 percentage points lower.

California is Majority Latino and Asian

Share of California Population by Race/Ethnicity
2010 to 2020

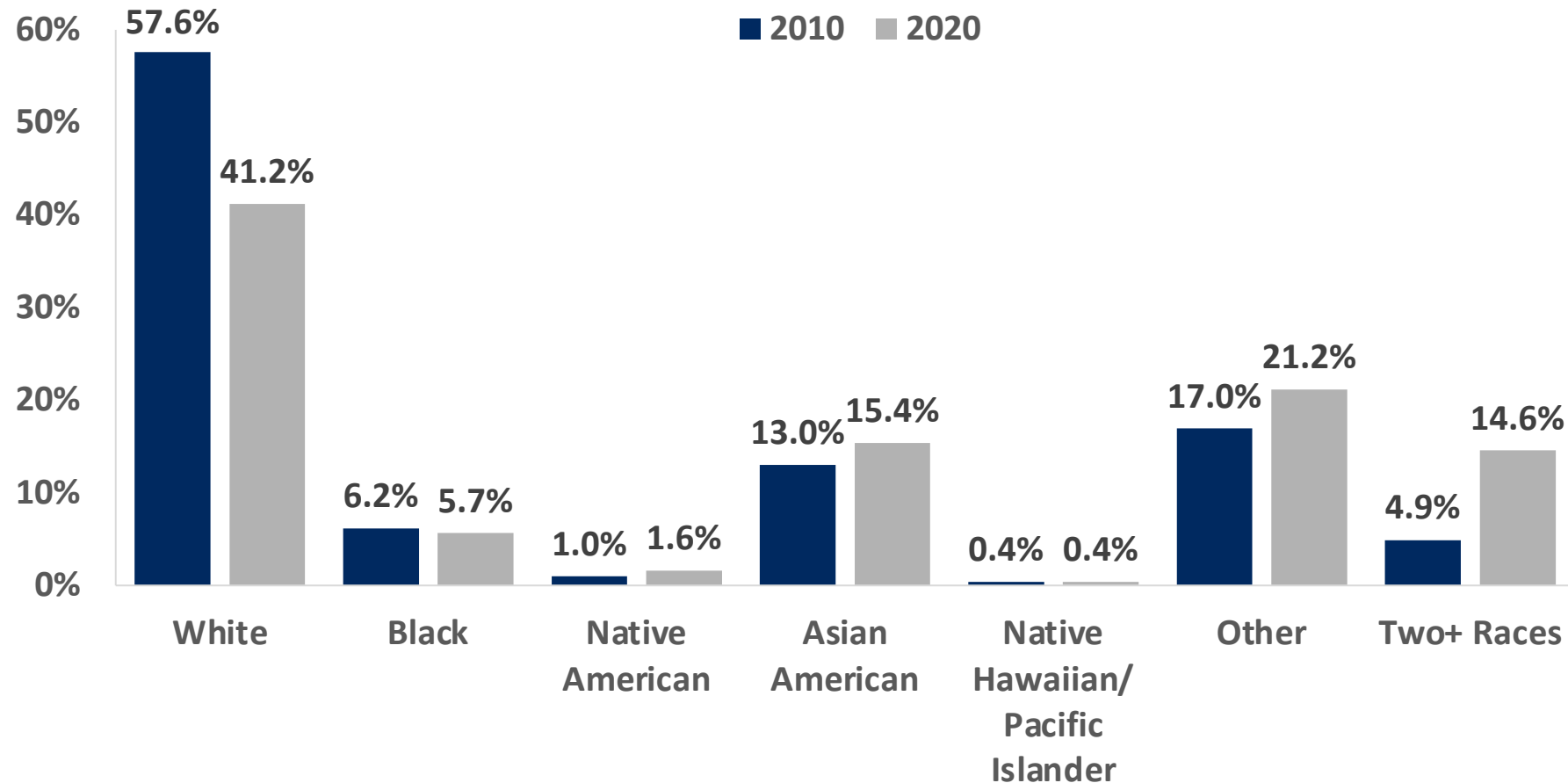


- The share of White and Black Californians fell from 2010 to 2020.
- Mirroring national trends, White Californians' share of the population fell 5.4 percentage points between 2010 and 2020.
- Over the past decade, Asian Americans and Latinos experienced the most population growth. Together, they comprise 54.5% of the population.

Race is a Construct: More Americans Identify as Multi-Ethnic/Multi-Racial

California: Population by Race

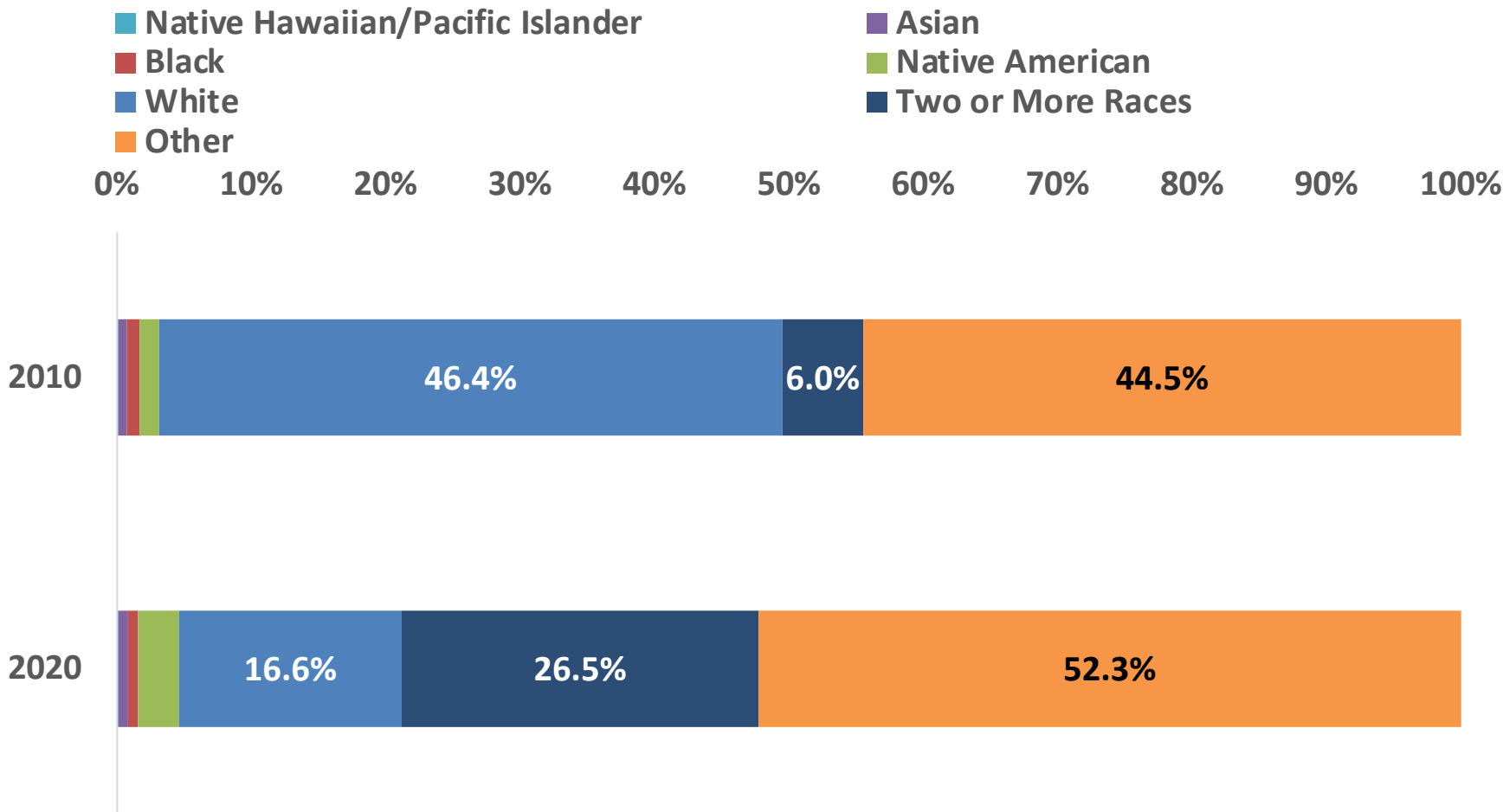
2010 vs. 2020



- More Americans are identifying as “Two or more races” or “Other.”
- In 2020, 10.2% of Americans identified as Two or More Races, up from 2.9% in 2010. 15.1% identified as some other race, up from 7.0% in 2010.
- This is especially true of Californians. The share of Californians identifying as Two or More races tripled.
- The share of Californians identifying as some other race grew by a fourth.

Race is a Construct: Latinos Are Not a Monolith

California: Latino Population by Race
2010 vs. 2020



- Latinos are increasingly identifying as “Two or more races” or “Other,” and were less likely in 2020 to identify themselves as “White.”
- In 2020, over half of California Latinos identified as “Other race,” and over a quarter identified as “two or more races.”
- The share of California Latinos identifying as Native American doubled from 2010 to 2020.

A Geographic Analysis of California's Population Growth

Fastest-Growing Counties are Neighboring Major Population Centers

California: 10 Fastest-Growing Counties
Total Population, 2010 to 2020

County	2010 Population	2020 Population	Raw Change	Percent Change
Trinity County	13,786	16,112	2,326	16.9%
San Benito County	55,269	64,209	8,940	16.2%
Placer County	348,432	404,739	56,307	16.2%
San Joaquin County	685,306	779,233	93,927	13.7%
Yuba County	72,155	81,575	9,420	13.1%
Sacramento County	1,418,788	1,585,055	166,267	11.7%
Alameda County	1,510,271	1,682,353	172,082	11.4%
Contra Costa County	1,049,025	1,165,927	116,902	11.1%
Riverside County	2,189,641	2,418,185	228,544	10.4%
Merced County	255,793	281,202	25,409	9.9%

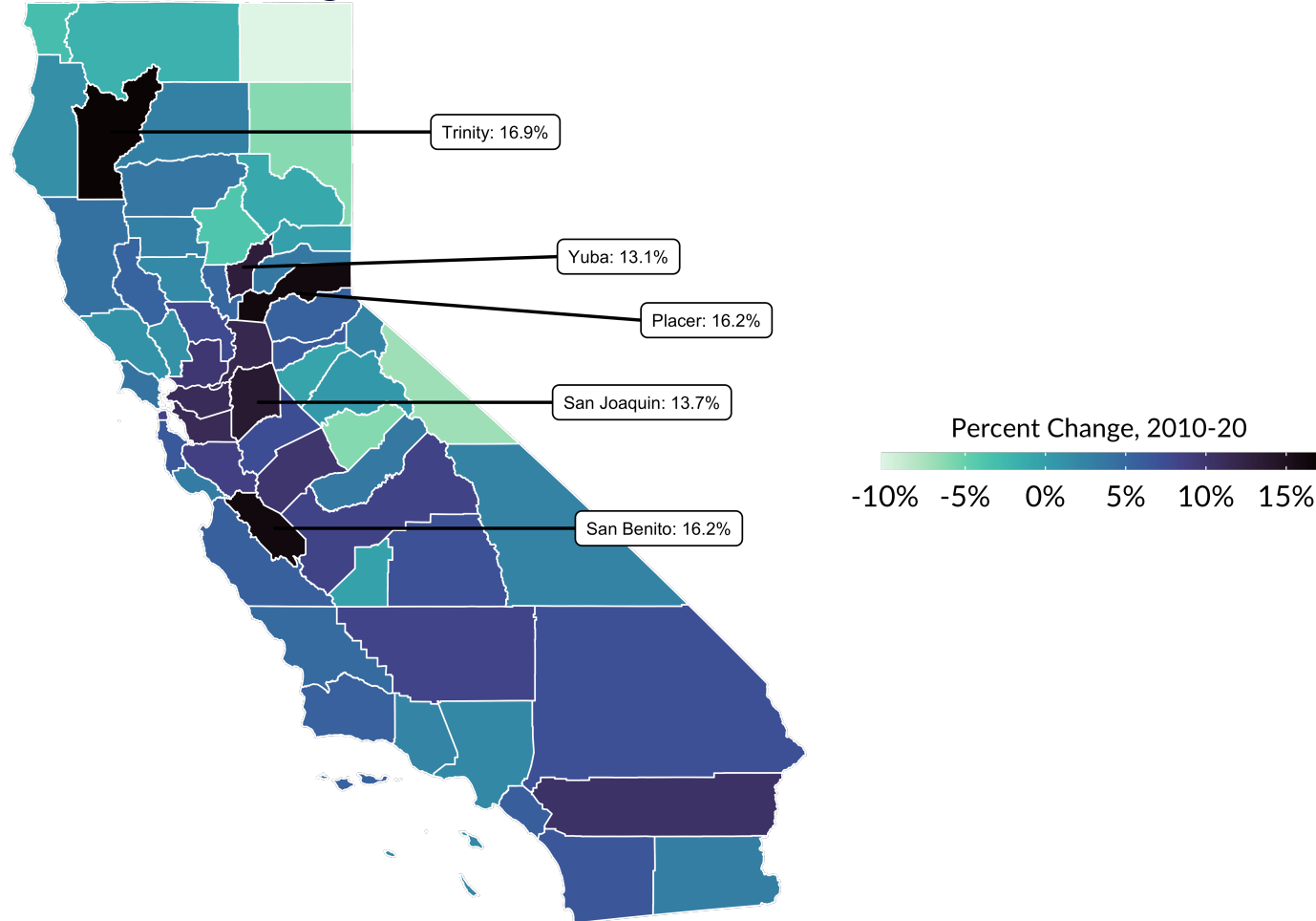
Counties Experiencing Population Decrease Are Largely Rural

California: 10 Slowest-Growing Counties
Total Population, 2010 to 2020

County	2010 Population	2020 Population	Raw Change	Percent Change
Modoc County	9,686	8,700	-986	-10.2%
Mono County	14,202	13,195	-1,007	-7.1%
Lassen County	34,895	32,730	-2,165	-6.2%
Mariposa County	18,251	17,131	-1,120	-6.1%
Butte County	220,000	211,632	-8,368	-3.8%
Del Norte County	28,610	27,743	-867	-3.0%
Siskiyou County	44,900	44,076	-824	-1.8%
Plumas County	20,007	19,790	-217	-1.1%
Calaveras County	45,578	45,292	-286	-0.6%
Kings County	152,982	152,486	-496	-0.3%

Population Growth Fastest in Northern and Central CA

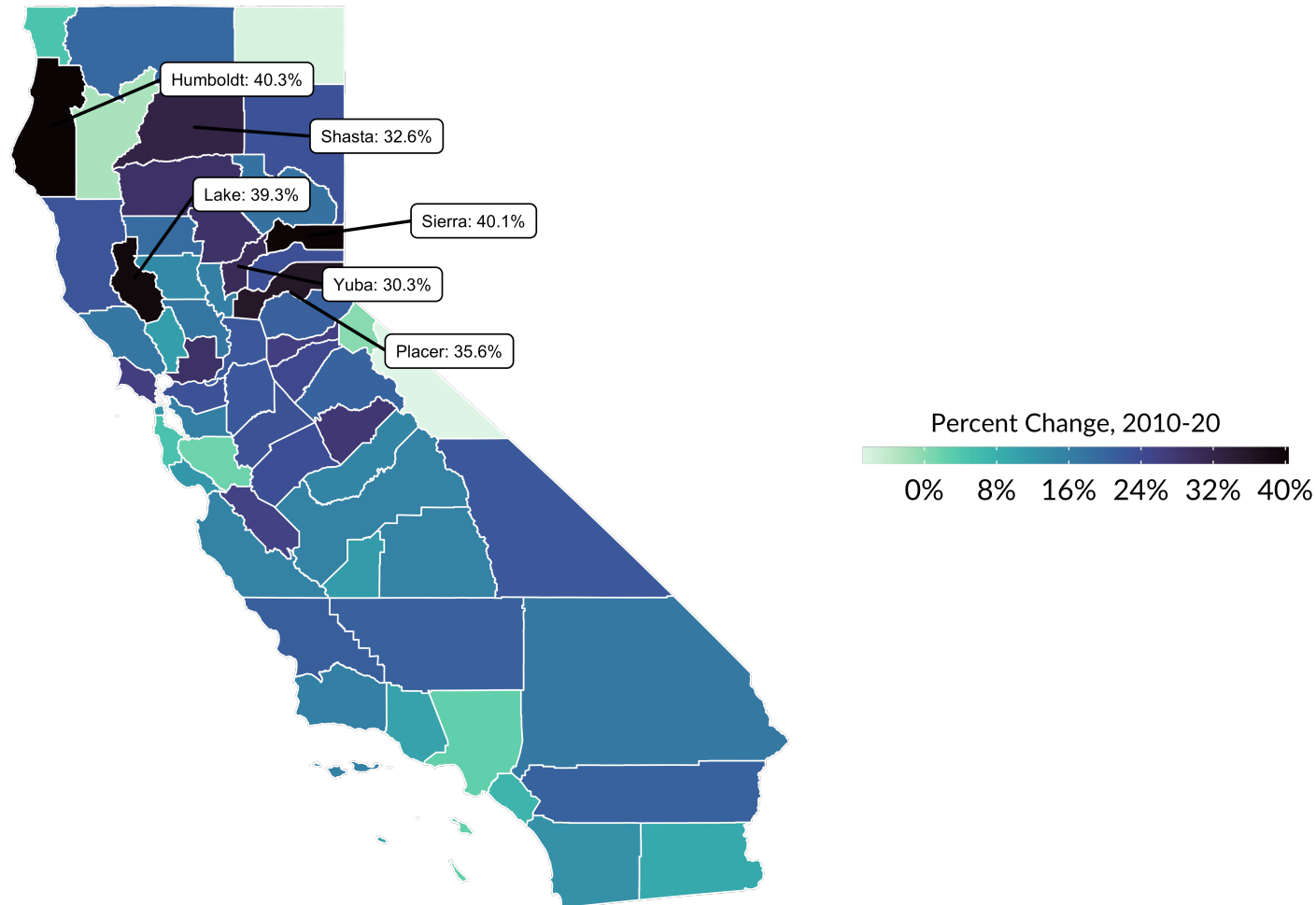
California: Population Growth by County Population Percent Change, 2010 to 2020



- Between 2010 and 2020, the population grew fastest in rural, northern, and inland counties of California.
- Growth in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: 2.0%**
 - **San Diego: 6.6%**
 - **Orange: 5.9%**
 - **Riverside: 10.4%**
 - **San Bernardino: 7.2%**
- Growth in Bay Area Counties:
 - **Alameda: 11.4%**
 - **Contra Costa: 11.1%**
 - **Marin: 3.9%**
 - **Santa Clara: 8.7%**
 - **San Francisco: 8.5%**
 - **San Mateo: 6.4%**

Latino Growth Strongest in Rural and Northern California

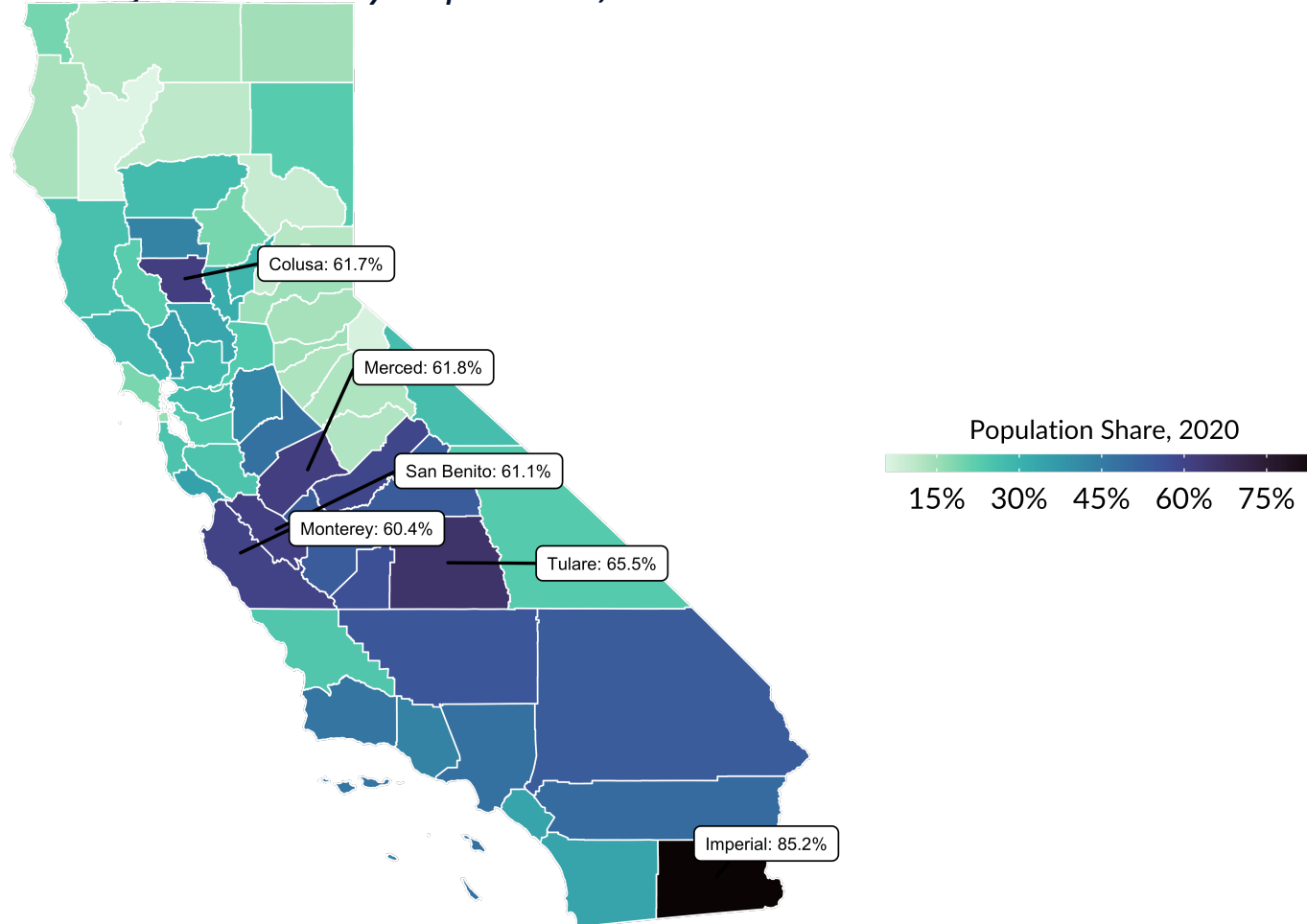
California: Latino Population Growth by County *Latino Population Percent Change, 2010 to 2020*



- Between 2010 and 2020, Latinos grew fastest in more rural and northern counties of California.
- On average, the Latino population in California grew by 11.7% between 2010 and 2020.
- The Latino population grew faster than the state average in 45 of 58 counties.
- Latino Growth in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: 2.5%**
 - **San Diego: 12.9%**
 - **Orange: 7.3%**
 - **Riverside: 20.8%**
 - **San Bernardino: 17.0%**

Latinos Are A Majority in 11, Largely Inland Counties

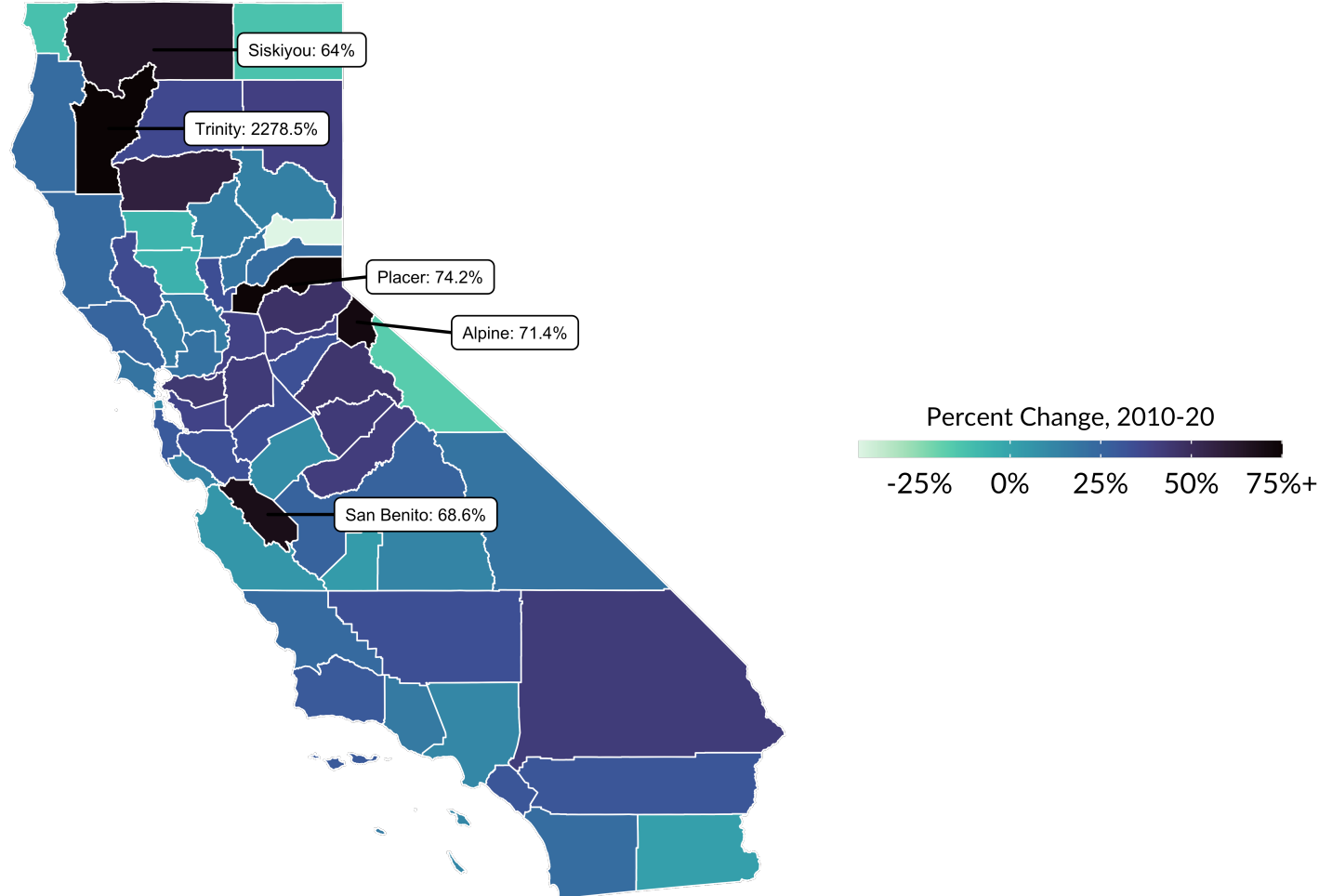
California: Latino Population by County
Latino Share of Total County Population, 2020



- In California, Latinos make up a majority of Inland and Central Valley counties, many of which are agriculturally oriented.
- Latinos are the majority in 11 of 58 counties, most of which are inland and in Central California.
- Latino Share in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: 48.0%**
 - **San Diego: 33.9%**
 - **Orange: 34.1%**
 - **Riverside: 49.7%**
 - **San Bernardino: 53.7%**

Asian Growth Strongest in Northern and Inland California

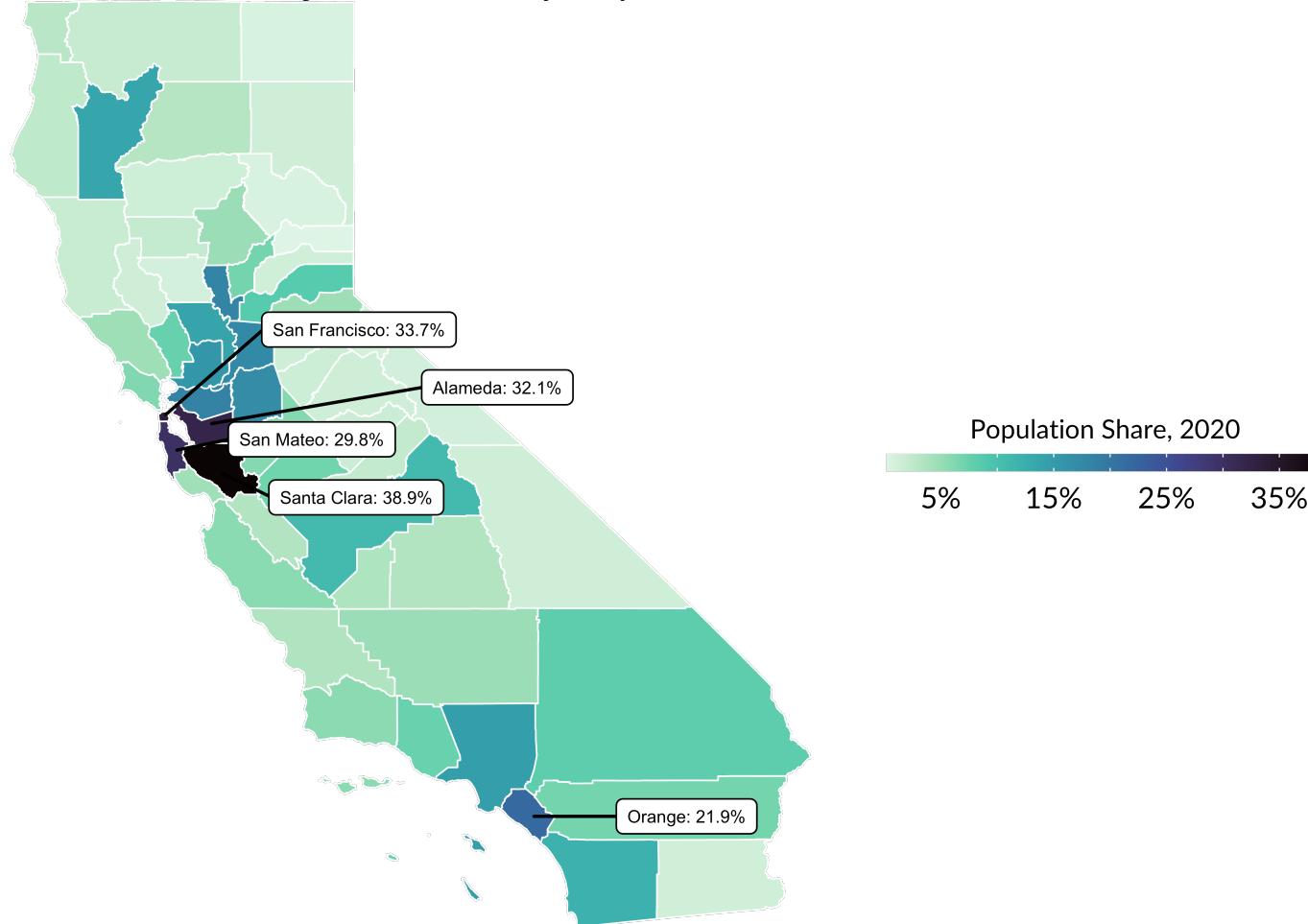
California: Asian American Population Growth by County
Asian American Population Percent Change, 2010 to 2020



- As with the Latino population, the Asian American population grew fastest in rural and Northern counties between 2010 and 2020.
- Notably, the Asian population in Trinity County grew almost 2300% between 2010 and 2020.
- Asian American Growth in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: 11.2%**
 - **San Diego: 22.1%**
 - **Orange: 31.3%**
 - **Riverside: 30.9%**
 - **San Bernardino: 42.1%**

Asian American Presence Strongest in the Bay Area & SoCal

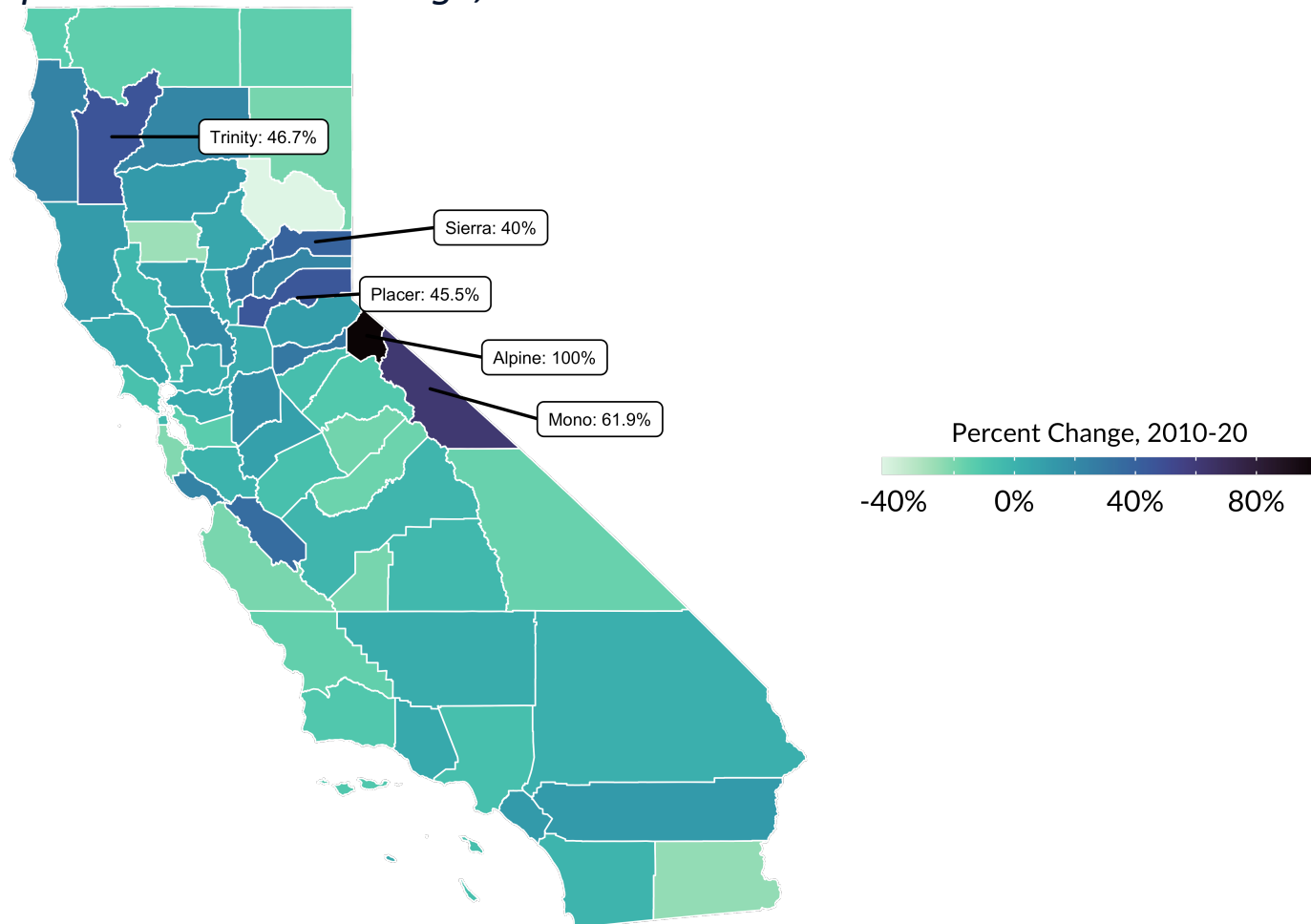
California: Asian American Population by County
Asian American Share of Total County Population, 2020



- In the Bay Area's Santa Clara, San Francisco, and Alameda counties, Asian Americans make up roughly a third of the population.
- In Alameda and Santa Clara counties, Asian Americans are the largest ethnic group. They are the second largest group in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Trinity Counties.
- Asian American share in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: 14.7%**
 - **San Diego: 12.1%**
 - **Orange: 21.9%**
 - **Riverside: 6.8%**
 - **San Bernardino: 8.1%**

Black Growth Strongest in Counties Bordering Nevada

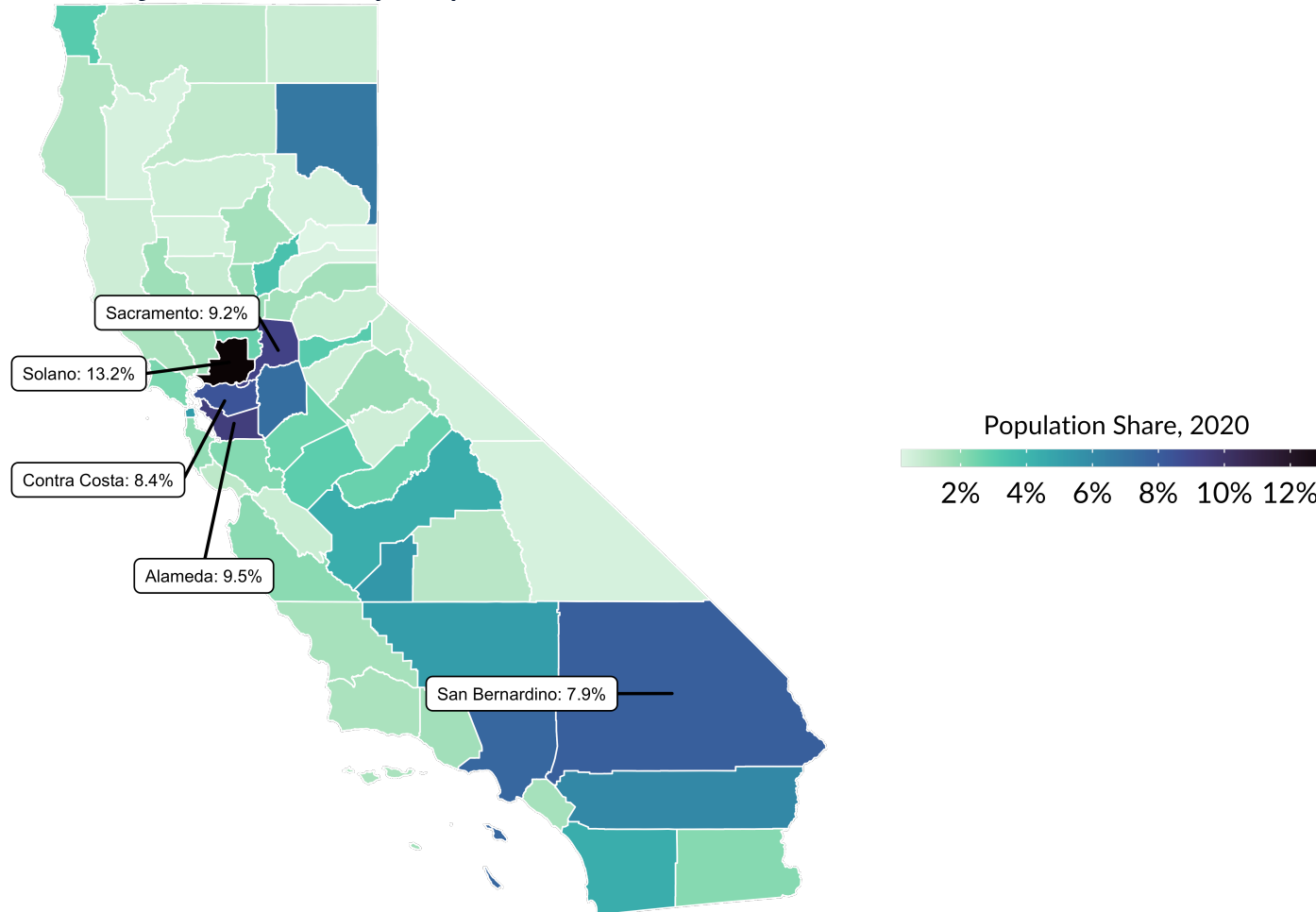
California: Black Population Growth by County
Black Population Percent Change, 2010 to 2020



- The Black Californian population grew fastest between 2010 and 2020 in counties bordering the State of Nevada.
- Trinity County—a center of Asian American and Latino Growth—also experienced significant Black Growth.
- Black Californian Growth in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: -6.7%**
 - **San Diego: -1.1%**
 - **Orange: 12.1%**
 - **Riverside: 12.2%**
 - **San Bernardino: 1.5%**

Black Californians Clustered in Historically Black Counties

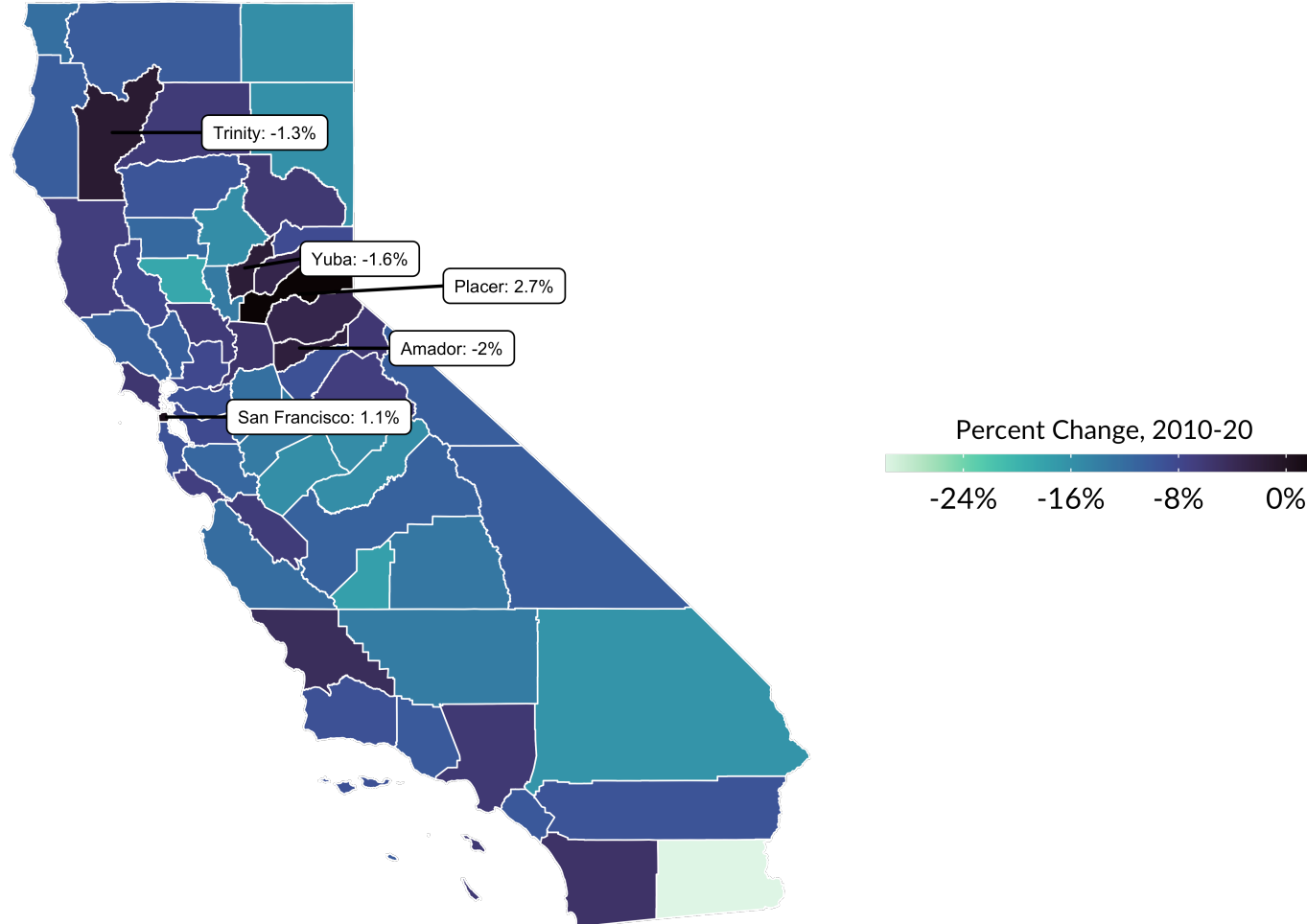
California: Black Population by County *Black Share of Total County Population, 2020*



- California's Black population centers are largely in the historically Black East Bay and counties surrounding Sacramento.
- Black Californians are the third-largest ethnic group in Lassen, Kings, Kern, and Imperial counties.
- Black Californian share in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: 7.6%**
 - **San Diego: 4.4%**
 - **Orange: 1.5%**
 - **Riverside: 6.1%**
 - **San Bernardino: 7.9%**

White Population Decreased in 56 of 58 Counties

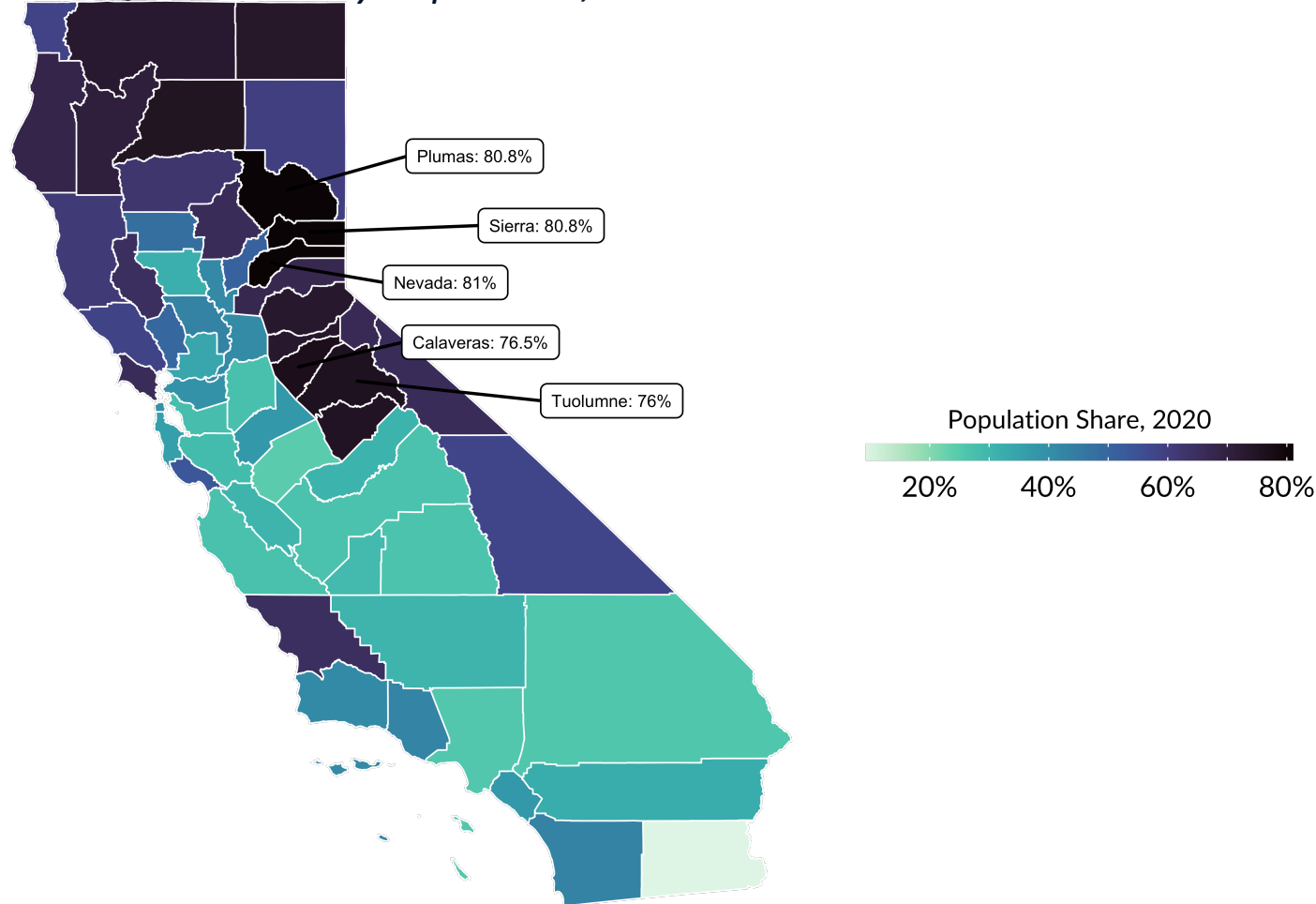
California: White Non-Latino Population Growth by County
White Non-Latino Population, Percent Change, 2010 to 2020



- Only two counties experienced positive White non-Latino growth: Placer and San Francisco counties.
- White Californian Growth in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: -6.0%**
 - **San Diego: -5.2%**
 - **Orange: -9.8%**
 - **Riverside: -9.3%**
 - **San Bernardino: -16.5%**

White Californians Are A Majority In Northern Counties

California: White Population by County
White Share of Total County Population, 2020



- White Californians are the majority in 28 counties, most of which are clustered in the far north and eastern edges of the state.
- Comparatively fewer White Californians live in the Central Valley and Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Imperial Counties.
- White Californian share in 5 Largest Counties:
 - **Los Angeles: 25.6%**
 - **San Diego: 43.1%**
 - **Orange: 37.6%**
 - **Riverside: 32.6%**
 - **San Bernardino: 26.0%**

Key Findings

California only continues to grow more multi-ethnic and multiracial. Latino and Asian American communities are driving the State's population growth, and these communities will only grow more important in the state's politics and economy.

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COUNTIES

where Latinos are already a majority. Many of these counties are Inland and in the Central Valley. Los Angeles County will soon be majority Latino.

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COUNTIES

where Asian Americans are already the first or second-largest ethnic/racial group.

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COUNTIES

where the White Californian population grew between 2010 and 2020. last two

14.6%

OF CALIFORNIANS
IDENTIFY AS "TWO OR
MORE RACES"

California is growing increasingly multi-racial and multi-ethnic, and these trends will only continue.



Appendix: Population Growth by Race/Ethnicity in California's Ten Largest Counties

California: Population Change in the 10 Largest Counties by Race/Ethnicity 2010 to 2020

County	2010 Population	2020 Population	Raw Change	Percent Change
Los Angeles County				
White	2,728,321	2,563,609	-164,712	-6.0%
Black	815,086	760,689	-54,397	-6.7%
Asian American	1,325,671	1,474,237	148,566	11.2%
Latino	4,687,889	4,804,763	116,874	2.5%
Total	9,818,605	10,014,009	195,404	2.0%
San Diego County				
White	1,500,047	1,422,205	-77,842	-5.2%
Black	146,600	145,014	-1,586	-1.1%
Asian American	328,058	400,589	72,531	22.1%
Latino	991,348	1,119,629	128,281	12.9%
Total	3,095,313	3,298,634	203,321	6.6%
Orange County				
White	1,328,499	1,198,655	-129,844	-9.8%
Black	44,000	49,304	5,304	12.1%
Asian American	532,477	699,124	166,647	31.3%
Latino	1,012,973	1,086,834	73,861	7.3%
Total	3,010,232	3,186,989	176,757	5.9%

Source: 2010 Decennial Census; 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File.

Note: Population figures for the White, Black, and Asian American populations are for Non-Latinos.

California: Population Change in the 10 Largest Counties by Race/Ethnicity 2010 to 2020

County	2010 Population	2020 Population	Raw Change	Percent Change
Riverside County				
White	869,068	788,235	-80,833	-9.3%
Black	130,823	146,762	15,939	12.2%
Asian American	125,921	164,889	38,968	30.9%
Latino	995,257	1,202,295	207,038	20.8%
Total	2,189,641	2,418,185	228,544	10.4%
San Bernardino County				
White	677,598	566,113	-111,485	-16.5%
Black	170,700	173,322	2,622	1.5%
Asian American	123,978	176,204	52,226	42.1%
Latino	1,001,145	1,170,913	169,768	17.0%
Total	2,035,210	2,181,654	146,444	7.2%
Santa Clara County				
White	626,909	555,708	-71,201	-11.4%
Black	42,331	42,148	-183	-0.4%
Asian American	565,466	753,399	187,933	33.2%
Latino	479,210	487,357	8,147	1.7%
Total	1,781,642	1,936,259	154,617	8.7%

California: Population Change in the 10 Largest Counties by Race/Ethnicity 2010 to 2020

County	2010 Population	2020 Population	Raw Change	Percent Change
Alameda County				
White	514,559	472,277	-42,282	-8.2%
Black	184,126	159,499	-24,627	-13.4%
Asian American	390,524	540,511	149,987	38.4%
Latino	339,889	393,749	53,860	15.8%
Total	1,510,271	1,682,353	172,082	11.4%
Sacramento County				
White	687,166	650,271	-36,895	-5.4%
Black	139,949	145,724	5,775	4.1%
Asian American	198,944	276,295	77,351	38.9%
Latino	306,196	374,434	68,238	22.3%
Total	1,418,788	1,585,055	166,267	11.7%
Contra Costa County				
White	500,923	455,421	-45,502	-9.1%
Black	93,604	97,994	4,390	4.7%
Asian American	148,881	214,520	65,639	44.1%
Latino	255,560	314,900	59,340	23.2%
Total	1,049,025	1,165,927	116,902	11.1%

California: Population Change in the 10 Largest Counties by Race/Ethnicity 2010 to 2020

County	2010 Population	2020 Population	Raw Change	Percent Change
Fresno County				
White	304,522	271,889	-32,633	-10.7%
Black	45,005	44,295	-710	-1.6%
Asian American	86,856	109,665	22,809	26.3%
Latino	468,070	540,743	72,673	15.5%
Total	930,450	1,008,654	78,204	8.4%