

# *African-Americans*

## ***Labor Force***

- In 2009:
  - Number of African-Americans in the labor force: 17,632,000<sup>1</sup>
  - % of labor force: 11.4%<sup>1</sup>
  - % of African-Americans who participated in the labor force: 62.4%<sup>1</sup>
  - Number of African-Americans employed in management, professional, and related occupations: 4,388,000 (8.4% of all people employed in management, professional, and related occupations)<sup>2</sup>
- In 1998:
  - Number of African-Americans in the labor force: 15,982,000<sup>3</sup>
  - Percentage of labor force: 11.6%<sup>3</sup>
- Projections for 2018:
  - Number of African-Americans in the labor force: 20,244,000<sup>3</sup>
  - % of labor force: 12.1%<sup>3</sup>
  - Percent increase of African-Americans in the labor force between 1998 and 2018: 26.7%<sup>3</sup>
- In 2006, African-American women held 2.6% of *Fortune* 100 board seats, and African-American men held 7.1%.<sup>4</sup>

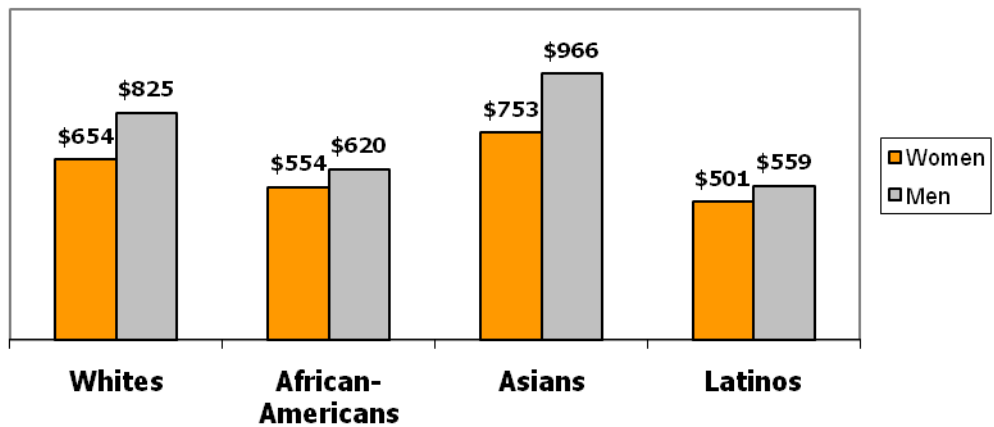
## ***Educational Achievement***

- Number of African-Americans getting bachelor's degrees in 2006-07: 146,653 (9.6% of those getting bachelor's).<sup>5</sup>
- Number of African-Americans getting master's degrees in 2006-07: 62,574 (10.3% of those getting master's).<sup>5</sup>
- Number of African-Americans getting doctoral degrees in 2005-07: 3,727 (6.1% of those getting PhD's).<sup>5</sup>

## ***Incomes***

- Among full-time wage and salary workers in 2008, African-American women's median weekly earnings were \$554, compared to \$620 for African-American men.<sup>6</sup>

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## Buying Power

- African-Americans' buying power has increased from \$318.1 billion in 1990 to \$910.4 billion in 2009 and is projected to climb to \$1.1 trillion in 2014. The percentage change in African-Americans' buying power between 1990 and 2014 is 257.3%, higher than the 189.1% growth rate for whites, but lower than other race/ethnic groups. African-Americans' share of the consumer market was 8.5% in 2009.<sup>7</sup>

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