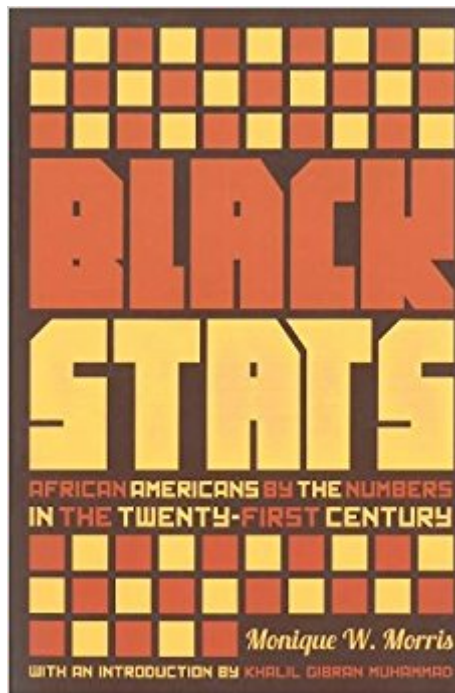




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# Black Stats: African Americans By The Numbers In The Twenty-first Century



## Synopsis

Black Stats is a comprehensive guide filled with contemporary facts and figures on African Americans; is an essential reference for anyone attempting to fathom the complex state of our nation. With fascinating and often surprising information on everything from incarceration rates, lending practices, and the arts to marriage, voting habits, and green jobs, the contextualized material in this book will better attune readers to telling trends while challenging commonly held, yet often misguided, perceptions. A compilation that at once highlights measures of incredible progress and enumerates the disparate impacts of social policies and practices, this book is a critical tool for advocates, educators, and policy makers. Black Stats offers indispensable information that is sure to enlighten discussions and provoke debates about the quality of Black life in the United States today; and help chart the path to a better future. There are less than a quarter-million Black public school teachers in the U.S. — representing just 7 percent of all teachers in public schools. Approximately half of the Black population in the United States lives in neighborhoods that have no White residents. In the five years before the Great Recession, the number of Black-owned businesses in the United States increased by 61 percent. A 2010 study found that 41 percent of Black youth feel that rap music videos should be more political. There are no Black owners or presidents of an NFL franchise team. 78 percent of Black Americans live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant, compared with 56 percent of White Americans.

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W. E. B. DuBois famously stated that “the problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color-line,” and this slim volume tracks twenty-first-century data along that line. This statistical snapshot of black Americans examines how bias is affected (and, surprisingly, not affected) by demographics and numbers. Chapters include “Education,” “Entertainment and Sports,” “Health,” “Justice,” and “Politics, Voting, and Civic Engagement.” Each set of statistics is framed by a question (for example, “What is the percentage of Black teachers, and where do they teach?” and “How many black people are employed in the science, technology, and engineering sectors?”). Two appendixes look specifically at black females and black males, and there are extensive notes for each chapter. This thought-provoking, browsable book is recommended for libraries of all types. --Rebecca Vnuk

"Black Stats is an important resource for anyone seeking a better understanding of the status of Black America." Benjamin Todd Jealous, former President and CEO, NAACP "Thank you, Monique Morris, for this gift of knowledge. Black Stats is a brilliant and needed work. We can no longer claim that we didn't know the depth of our crises or the wealth of our resources and resilience available to counter them. Now that we have the data, we must use it strategically to move our people the nation and this troubled world forward." Susan L. Taylor, Founder & CEO, National CARES Mentoring Movement, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, Essence Magazine "Black Stats is a great tool offering descriptive statistics on the condition of our nation's promise of freedom, justice, equality and economic opportunity for all." Marc H. Morial, President and CEO, National Urban League

Got this book for many reasons, but one of the main reasons is that it is chock full of information that spans so many different areas. I appreciate the time and effort that went into compiling all of the information presented regarding African-Americans. This is a must have for your viewing and to keep at arms length as a reference.

Black Stats is a magnificently written book full of facts, figures, and information. This book will provide the reader with hard data to dispel commonly held myths. Often times we argue points without the proper information that we need so others can see how disparities play out in various systems. Morris provides us with authentic and current research that is fascinating. After reading this book, I feel I have “a call to action” to do something to change

the tide of the communities presented in the book. I look forward to learning more about the author and reading future books by her

This book provides excellent information. It's a very desirable reference tool and saves time. Instead of looking up various information on multiple internet sites, it's here under one cover -- right at one's fingertips. Clarice Thomas

This book was purchased for use in a class I was taking called "Intro to African American Experience." A lot of statistics about the Black experience. Many of which were not expected and interesting.

A great desideratum regarding the people who make up numbers and what we collectively choose to assign value. I highly recommend this book as a refresher for why measuring what matters counts, and counting what matters.

This is an excellent read! If you want the statistics regarding African Americans growth in the economy from finances, education, and marriage then this is a must have! Dr. Monique W. Morris is a fabulous author.

A wealth of information compacted in 219 pages for the black community on the topics of Health, Education and the value of Civic Involvement. According to the "The Negro Yearbook and Annual Encyclopedia of the Negro" The total worth of African Americans in 1911 was \$700 million dollars. Black Stats provides pertinent data for the correlation of cultural trends and economic growth for the Black Community in the twenty-first century. It paints a vivid picture of the term "Where do we go from here?" Do yourself and those that you care about a favor and simply purchase this book!

So needed. This mythbuster should be required reading!

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