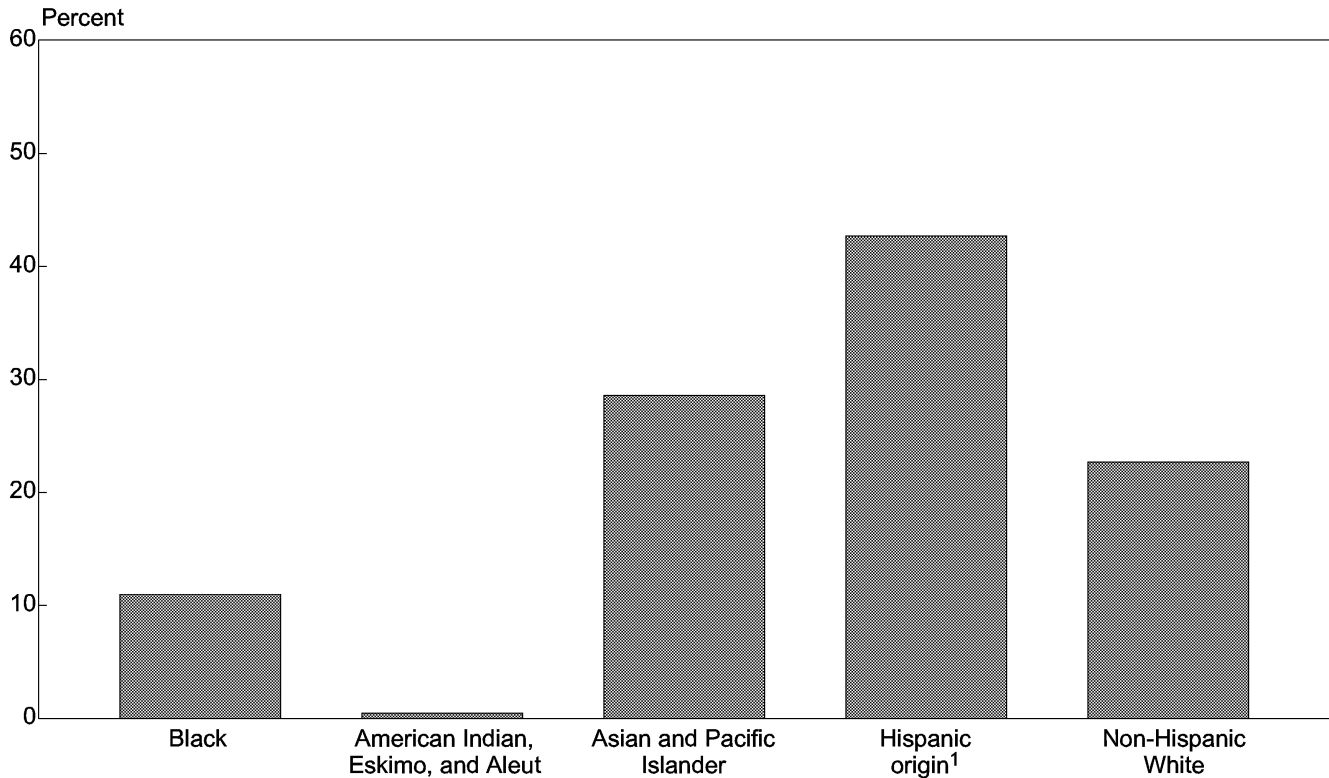


Figure 16.
**Percent Distribution of Net Immigration
 by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1995 to 2050**
 (Middle series beyond 1990)



¹Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The information on the total and Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.

alternative assumptions will deviate from the middle series. In the near future, net immigration affects the growth of the population more than births or deaths. That is because the alternative net immigration levels are reached sooner than are those for life expectancy or fertility. However, since net immigration is assumed to remain constant throughout the projected period, while at the same time the population continues to increase, the net immigration component of population growth would decrease proportionally in importance.

Making a Choice Among 10 Series

Although the middle series is presented in great detail, there are nine other alternative projections series. For most purposes, the middle series should suffice. However, those interested in a specific population group may need to pay more attention to alternative series, detailed in tables 3 and 4. Two major alternative series, highest and lowest, show the extreme limits of the future total population based on these component assumptions. The seven other principal alternatives show the effects of independently varying each of the component assumptions (fertility, life expectancy,

and net immigration), while leaving the other components at the middle level. These are detailed with their descriptive names in table P. Using these series, the effects on future population size or the age/sex/race/Hispanic-origin composition of a change in just fertility, just life expectancy, or just net immigration can be determined.

Table P. Principal Fertility, Mortality, and Net Immigration Assumptions in Each Projection Series

Principal series name	Fertility	Life expectancy	Net immigration
Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle
Lowest	Low	Low	Low
Highest	High	High	High
Low fertility	Low	Middle	Middle
High fertility	High	Middle	Middle
Low life expectancy	Middle	Low	Middle
High life expectancy	Middle	High	Middle
Low net immigration	Middle	Middle	Low
High net immigration	Middle	Middle	High
Zero net immigration	Middle	Middle	Zero