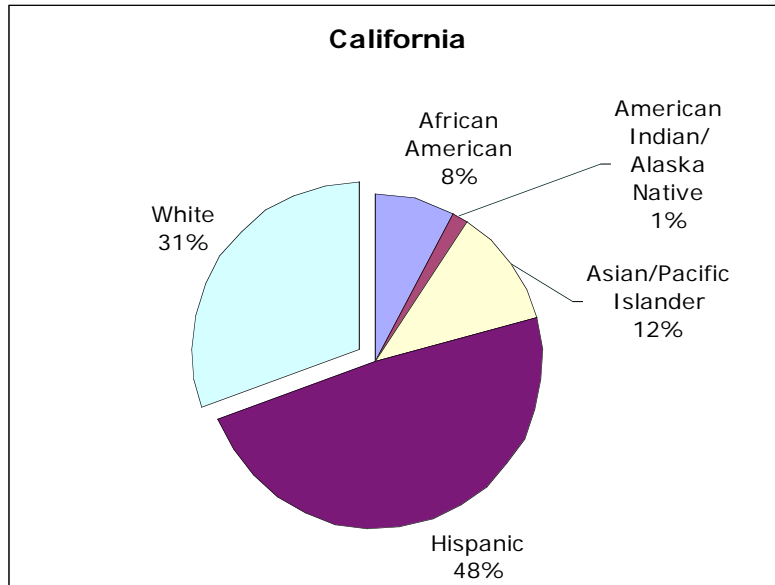




Racial and Ethnic Distribution of Students

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In 2005-06, more than 49 million students were enrolled in the nation's public schools. California ranked number 1 in the nation with about 6.4 million enrolled in public schools or 13 percent of the total student enrollment. Texas, New York, Florida, and Illinois were ranked in the next top 5, respectively.



The racial or ethnic distribution of California's public school students indicates that nearly half (48 percent) identified themselves as Hispanic, 12 percent Asian, 8 percent African American and less than one percent American Indian. Less than one-third (31 percent) identified themselves as White or Caucasian.

In other words, one in every three students is White or Caucasian and two belong to one of the other racial or ethnic groups.

The racial or ethnic distribution of students at the national level indicates that more than half (57 percent) identified themselves as White or Caucasian; 20 percent Hispanic, and 17 percent African American. Asians accounted for 5 percent and American Indian less than 1 percent.

It is interesting to note that nearly one-third of the nation's Asian and Hispanic students (32 percent and 31 percent, respectively) were enrolled in California's public schools. By contrast, less than one-tenth (7 percent) of the nation's White or Caucasian students were enrolled in California's public schools.

