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“Report shows Iowa is becoming more diverse, especially in young people”

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Although Iowa's minority population is still low compared to the rest of the U.S., a report by an ISU economist suggests that the state is becoming more diverse.

According to the report, Iowa's minority population increased by more than 32 percent between 2000 and 2007.

"We've been seeing this trend for a couple of years now and the pace of change is accelerating," said Liesl Eathington, assistant scientist at the department of economics and director of the Regional Capacity Analysis Program.

Eathington said the purpose of the program is to provide up-to-date information to communities to help local decision-makers guide public policies. Every year, the U.S. Census Bureau releases details about populations, which the program compiles into reports for communities.

One of the most important findings of the program's latest report was that Iowa's minority population is generally very young. According to their findings, more than 41 percent of Iowa minorities are under the age of 20.

"In counties, a big concern is the loss of young people," Eathington said. "We're still continuing to lose a lot of the non-minority population in these counties, and when you continue to bring in minorities the obvious result is an increase in minority population."

According to the report, 76 of 99 Iowa counties experienced a population decline between 2000 and 2007 but all of those counties saw an increase in their minority population. Three Iowa counties more than doubled their population growth between those years. In 2007, Buena Vista County was the most diverse county in Iowa, with minorities making up 26 percent of the population.

Eathington said Iowa's diversity level is still relatively low compared to the rest of the nation. In 2007, non-Hispanic white persons made up 90 percent of Iowa's population while they made up 66 percent of the total U.S. population, according to the program's report.

She said she expects the acceleration in diversity to continue in the state of Iowa, just as it is around the U.S.

"This is the trend that is happening in all of the surrounding states. Unless there's a radical change, I don't see this trend changing much," Eathington said.

Francesca Galarraga, assistant director of the equal opportunity and diversity office, said their

office is responsible for reporting all affirmative action and discrimination issues at Iowa State. This is her first year at Iowa State, and she said she is satisfied with the university's approach to diversity.

"I am finding this university to be very open to new ideas when it comes to how we recruit and retain women and people of color," Galarraga said.

Andrea Blaha, senior in landscape architecture, said she hasn't noticed much change in the level of diversity at the university since she started five years ago.

According to the office of the registrar, white students made up 87.4 percent of the ISU student population in 2007, a slight decrease from 88 percent in 2000.

"It seems like there's a lot of white people," Blaha said. "Nothing much has changed at all. I think there could be a lot more diversity."

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Many larger cities are changing the wording of their laws and ordinances. They're removing the words "minority" and "minorities" and replacing it with the racist phrase "people of color." That way, when European Americans become the minority, they won't be eligible for the benefits and services that are now reserved for non-Whites. Those "people of color" do not admit "white" as a color.

"There is a perception that the United States is dominated by European or Anglo-Saxon cultures," [Texas state demographer Karl Eschbach] said, but "with every passing year, that becomes less and less so."

So whenever you hear or read the word diversity, remember it means the fewest White people possible.

This presents a conundrum for the "useful idiots" who stupidly believe that "diversity is our greatest strength." Because if diversity a good thing, and if diversity means the fewest White people possible, as is made clear by the CNN story, then where will the money come from to support the minority-majority places? If you get rid of the European Americans, then you get rid of the money.