

Snapshot of Diversity in Winston-Salem / Forsyth County

“In the past few years, all of North Carolina has seen rapid growth in the number of people moving in—not only from other states but also from other countries, especially Spanish-speaking countries.”

–Winston-Salem Journal, May 21, 2000

“Winston-Salem’s population is 8.6 percent Hispanic. You have a higher percentage of Hispanics than Charlotte or Raleigh. While in the state it is about 4.7 percent, Winston-Salem ranks near the top”

–UNC-CH Professor Jim Johnson quoted in the March 22, 2001, Winston-Salem Journal

The children and families in this area are increasingly diverse.

Forsyth County residents are:

- 68.5 percent White
- 25.6 percent African American
- 6.4 percent Hispanic
- >5 percent Asian, American Indian or Other
- 6.7 percent of the population is under 5 years old
- 23.9 percent is 18 years old or younger

College students, however, are predominantly White.

- Fall 2001 **Forsyth Tech** students
 - 70 percent White
 - 26 percent African American
 - 2 percent Hispanic
 - 1 percent Asian American
 - 0.5 percent American Indian
- Fall 2001 **Salem College** undergraduates
 - 77 percent White
 - 15 percent African American
 - 2 percent Asian-American
 - 2 percent Hispanic
 - 1 percent Native American
- Fall 2001 **Wake Forest University** undergraduates
 - 88 percent White
 - 8 percent African American
 - 2 percent Asian American
 - 1 percent Hispanic
- Fall 2001 **Winston-Salem State University** undergraduates
 - 86 percent African American
 - 13 percent White
 - 1 percent Asian-American

While the young children who receive early intervention services become increasingly diverse, the “talent pool” from which the future early childhood workforce and leaders of our communities are drawn is likely to remain predominantly white.