



## **Finally, the truth about welfare – how many Blacks vs. how many whites.**

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Most Black people believe that more whites are on welfare, and most white people that more Blacks are on welfare.

So who's right? Well, here are the facts according to a newly released 2016 report by the US Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, CATO Institute.

- \* **Number of Americans receiving welfare assistance: 110,489,000**
- \* **Number of Americans receiving food stamps: 41,700,000**
- \* **Number of Americans on unemployment insurance: 10,200,000**
- \* **Percentage of the US population on welfare: 35.4 percent**
- \* **Total government spending on welfare annually: \$131.9 billion**

### **So how many Blacks vs. whites?**

Well, believe it or not, the numbers are actually about the same. There are just about as many whites on welfare as there are Blacks.

- \* **Percent of welfare recipients who are white: 38.8 percent**
- \* **Percent of welfare recipients who are Black: 39.8 percent**

(Note: Many people confuse these statistics. This does not mean that 38.8 percent of all white Americans, and 39.8 percent of all Black Americans are on welfare. It means that 39.8 percent of all the actual welfare recipients are Black, and 38.8 percent of all the welfare recipients are white.)

And contrary to popular belief, a lot less immigrants are on welfare.

- \* **Percent of welfare recipients who are Hispanic: 15.7 percent**

**\* Percent of welfare recipients who are Asian: 2.4 percent**

**\* Percent of welfare recipients who are Other: 3.3 percent**

(Note: Again, this does not mean that 15.7 percent of all Hispanic Americans and 2.4 percent of all Asian Americans are on welfare. It is referring to the percentage of welfare recipients).

Those numbers might shock you but the numbers don't lie, and these are federal government statistics!

**So what exactly is welfare anyways?**

According to StatisticBrains.com: "Welfare is the organized public or private social services for the assistance of disadvantaged groups. Aid could include general welfare payments, health care through Medicaid, food stamps, special payments for pregnant women and young mothers, and federal and state housing benefits. The Welfare system in the United States began in the 1930s, during the Great Depression."