

# **BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**A Statistical Summary  
1998**

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## OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION ON BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS

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# Introduction

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Since last year, when the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies published *Black Elected Officials: A Statistical Summary, 1993-1997*, the number of black elected officials (BEOs) in the United States increased by 212, from 8,658 to 8,868—a 2.4 percent increase over the previous year (Table 1). In 1970, the first year in which the Joint Center collected data on these officials, there were 1,469 BEOs. The 1998 total represents a historic high.

The largest categorical increase in BEOs was at the municipal level, where there was an increase of 162 positions, a 3.9 percent rise. The other category where increases occurred was in education, with 55 more positions (a 2.8 percent rise). In all other categories, the changes in the numbers were insignificant. Since the increase in the total number of BEOs was 212, and municipal and education offices increased by 217, all other categories of office had a *net decline* of five black elected officials between 1997 and 1998.

The growth in BEOs between 1997 and 1998 masks significant regional and state-by-state differences (Table 2). More than half of the increase came from five of the 11 states of the Old Confederacy<sup>1</sup>, which contributed 123 new BEOs, and there were substantial increases in Illinois<sup>2</sup> (81) and Missouri (21), so that these seven states gained 225 new BEOs during the period. This means that the remaining states collectively had a net decline of 13 BEOs.

Altogether, there were 18 states (including the District of Columbia) that experienced increases. In 15 other states there was no change, and in 19 the numbers declined. The most substantial declines occurred in California (down by 15 BEOs or 5.9 percent), Maryland (down 12 BEOs or 6.2 percent), and Ohio (down 11 BEOs or 4.8 percent). Since 1993, the number of black elected officials in California has declined by 33 (from 273) or 12.1 percent. This contrasts with the national trend: during the same five-year period, the number of BEOs nationwide grew by 853 or 10.6 percent.

The 10 states with the largest number of black elected officials in 1998 were: Mississippi (849), Alabama (733), Louisiana (666), Illinois (626), Georgia (597), South Carolina (554), North Carolina (513), Arkansas (482), Texas (474), Michigan (348) and Virginia (333). Between 1997 and 1998, Illinois moved from the fifth to the fourth ranking on the list of states with the most BEOs, and Michigan moved ahead of Virginia to the ninth spot (Michigan and Virginia were tied last year). Of the top 10 states in 1998, all reached historically high numbers with the exception of Arkansas, whose number declined by two; Virginia's count was unchanged but still at a historic high.

An important distinction should be made between the actual number of BEOs and the proportion which they make up among all statewide elected officials (Table 3). Among the top 10 states identified above, the statewide proportion of BEOs varies greatly, from 17.9 percent in Mississippi and 16.7 percent in Alabama—the top two states in both actual numbers of BEOs as well as proportionally—to only 1.5 percent in Illinois and 1.7 percent in Texas.

Between 1997 and 1998, the states that experienced the largest percentage growth in the number of black elected officials were Illinois (14.5 percent), Missouri (11.2 percent), Texas (5.8 percent), and Mississippi (5.7 percent). In 1998, as in 1997, five states had no BEOs: Hawaii, Montana, North and South Dakota, and Wyoming.

## Female BEOs.

Since 1970, one of the most dramatic changes has been the large increases in the number of female BEOs (Table 4). Of the 212 additional BEOs added to the total between 1997 and 1998, 115 (or 54 percent) were women and 97 were men. The total number of female BEOs in the United States has grown from 160 in 1970 to 2,924 in 1998, which reflects a change from 10.9 percent of all BEOs to 33.0 percent—an all-time high.

There are some significant gender differences across office. In four categories of office, the proportion of female BEOs roughly approximates the overall average of 33.0 percent: federal (35.0 percent), state level (31.3 percent), municipal (32.9 percent), and judicial/law enforcement (30.4 percent). The proportion of black women holding county-level office (19.2 percent) is substantially lower than the average. The category of office where gender parity is most nearly achieved is education officials, 40.8 percent of whom were women in 1998. Between 1997 and 1998, the proportion of black women increased in all categories of office save federal, where the proportion remained unchanged.

There are major statewide differences as well (Table 5). Among the top 10 states in number of BEOs, female representation ranged from a high of 42.7 percent of all BEOs in Illinois to a low of 19.4 percent in Louisiana; both of these percentages are higher than they were the previous year. Of the 25 top states (including the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands), the District of Columbia had the highest female percentage—and in fact is the only place (among the top 25) where female BEOs outnumbered their male counterparts (51 percent). Between 1997 and 1998, all of the top 10 states experienced an increase in the number of female BEOs, except South Carolina and Virginia, where their number was unchanged.

## **Black Mayors.**

Between 1997 and 1998, the number of black mayors nationwide increased from 387 to 445, a 15 percent rise. The number of black mayors of cities with at least 50,000 persons declined by one<sup>3</sup>; hence the increase in black mayors has occurred only in small cities (Table 6).

The only significant change since February 1998 with respect to black big-city mayors was the election of Anthony Williams as mayor of Washington, D.C. (replacing Marion Barry) and the retirement of Oakland mayor Elihu Harris, who was replaced by former California Governor Jerry Brown. Among the big cities governed by black mayors, 42.0 percent have black majority populations.

## **Congressional Black Caucus.**

The number of black federal officeholders remained unchanged at 40 between 1997 and 1998 (Table 7). At the present time (September 1999), there are 39 black federal officeholders due to the defeat of Illinois Senator Carol Moseley-Braun in November 1998. An additional change is represented by Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (OH-11), who replaced retiring Rep. Louis Stokes, who had served 30 years. Recently, Rep. William L. Clay (D-MO), who began his service in Congress at the same time as Rep. Stokes and is serving in his 16th term in the U.S. House, announced that he will be retiring at the end of his current term. Following Rep. Clay's retirement, Reps. John Conyers (MI) and Charles Rangel (NY) will be the only CBC members remaining who were serving at the time the CBC was started in 1971.

The 1990s has represented a remarkable period of turnover in the membership of the CBC. Of the 39 African Americans presently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, 31 have been elected since 1990. There are 14 women in the CBC today, accounting for 36 percent of the total; in 1990 the Caucus included only a single woman. There is still only one black Republican in the U.S. House, Rep. J.C. Watts<sup>4</sup> (OK). Since last year's publication, Rep. Watts has become the Republican conference chairman in the U.S. House, which is the number four position in the Republican leadership.

## The States.

There are two major categories of BEOs for the states—statewide elected officials and state legislators. The statewide elected offices generally fall into two categories, justices on state courts of last resort<sup>5</sup> and state administrative offices. Between 1997 and 1998, the number of statewide elected BEOs declined by 1 to 25 (Table 8). Two people were added to that list: a new black judge on the Colorado court of appeals, and the first black attorney general of any state of the Old Confederacy, Thurbert Baker in Georgia. Two names were also removed from the list: a supreme court justice from South Carolina was removed because his position was changed from an elected to an appointed one, and a supreme court justice in Pennsylvania left office. About two out of three blacks (64 percent) elected to statewide office are appeals court justices (state supreme courts or state appeals courts). The number of BEOs in statewide administrative positions increased by one between 1997 and 1998.

The number<sup>6</sup> of black state legislators remained unchanged at 567 (Table 9). The number of black state senators is 142, and the number of black state representatives is 425. Between 1997 and 1998, New Jersey was the state with the greatest gains in the number of black state legislators, with one new black state representative and one new black state senator. The state with the most black members in its legislature is Mississippi (45), followed by Georgia (44), Maryland (36), Alabama (35), and South Carolina (33).

Black women state legislators continued to fare well. While the total number of black state representatives and senators remained unchanged, the number of black women in state houses increased by four (from 129 to 133) and the total in state senates stayed the same—thus there were four fewer black men. In 1998, black women represented 31.3 percent of all black state representatives and 32.4 percent of all black state senators.

Of the states with a significant number of black state legislators, Tennessee (53.8 percent), Georgia (45.5 percent), Illinois and Texas (42.9 percent), and Florida (40 percent) have the highest representation of black women representatives. Georgia (36.4 percent) is the state with the largest number of black women state senators (four).

## Regional Distribution of BEOs.

There continue to be significant regional differences in the distribution of black elected officials. The South<sup>7</sup> was the region with the largest number of BEOs (6,119); this number represents 69.3 percent of all BEOs nationwide. Further, 54.2 percent of the increased number (212) of BEOs between 1997 and 1998 were elected in the South. Despite this increase, the proportion of BEOs from the South declined from 1997 to 1998 from 69.7 percent of all BEOs to 69.3 percent.

In the Northeast and Midwest, the BEO totals increased between 1997 and 1998, in the Northeast from 807 to 817, and in the Midwest from 1,462 to 1,570. The proportion of BEOs nationwide who are from the Northeast declined from 9.4 percent to 9.3 percent. The proportion from the Midwest increased from 17.0 percent to 17.8 percent.

Finally, as was true in last year's report, the western states witnessed a decline in the number of BEOs over this period, from 346 to 324 (a 6.4 percent decline). Because of the increases in the other regions, the proportion of BEOs from the western states declined fairly sharply, from 4.0 percent of all BEOs to 3.7 percent (a 7.5 percent decline).

## A Look Ahead: 2000.

Future increases in the number of BEOs in the United States will be affected by the results of the 2000 Census and the redistricting process that follows. The preponderance of BEOs are elected from black-majority or majority-minority

districts, so the changes in the number of these districts are likely to have a significant effect on the number of BEOs. Following the 1990 redistricting, when many new majority-minority districts were created, the number of black state legislators increased from 415 to 567—or 36 percent. Black membership in the U.S. House increased from 24 to 39, or 62 percent. Therefore, future increases in the number of BEOs will be very dependent on decisions and events over the 2000-2002 time period.

## The 2000 Census.

Two factors will have particularly significant effects on the growth of BEOs: the 2000 Census and the political environment surrounding the new redistricting. The 2000 Census is especially important for the post-2000 redistricting because of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1993 *Shaw v. Reno* decision<sup>8</sup>, which narrowed the latitude that supporters of majority-minority districts have in designing such districts. Geographic compactness is a much more important factor in designing districts than was true during the post-1990 redistricting. The conduct of the 2000 Census, especially the use of sampling to correct for the undercount of minority persons, will either facilitate the creation of majority-minority districts (under the Supreme Court's new tougher standards) by increasing the count of minority persons—or will make the creation of majority-minority districts more difficult. The reason why population count is so crucial is that the 1982 revisions to the Voting Rights Act, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Thornburgh v. Gingles* (1986), mandates the creation of majority-minority districts if the minority population is large and compact enough to constitute a majority. Associate U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who represents the swing vote on the current court, has demanded a fairly strict standard as to what constitutes compactness. Hence, the larger the black or Hispanic population count in the 2000 Census, the easier it will be to achieve sufficiency and compactness.

The conduct of the 2000 Census has become an especially partisan political issue over the past two years. Much of this controversy centers on the proposed use of sampling by the U.S. Bureau of the Census to correct for historic undercounts of African Americans and Hispanics in the decennial census. The Democrats generally favor sampling and the Republicans<sup>9</sup> generally oppose sampling. In the 1990 census, the Census Bureau estimated that blacks were undercounted by 4.6 percent and Hispanics by 5.0 percent<sup>10</sup>. The 1990 sampling also found a significant class dimension to the undercount: among blacks, 2.3 percent of those who owned their own homes were missed in the headcount, compared with 6.5 percent of those who did not own their own homes. The 1990 Census study also found that non-Hispanic whites who owned their own homes were *overcounted* by 0.7 percent, while non-Hispanic whites who did not own their own homes were undercounted by 3.1 percent.

At the present time, it is still not clear whether sampling will be employed in the 2000 Census—or whether sampling adjusted numbers could be used for purposes of redistricting. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that adjusted numbers cannot be used to determine the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House between the states. However, the court has *not* spoken on the issue of redistricting *within* states.

## The Post-2000 Political Environment.

Redistricting remains an essentially political process, thus the number and contours of majority-minority districts following the 2000 Census will depend in significant part on the political winds of the period 2000-2002. The President (and the Justice Department), the Supreme Court, the state legislatures and their leaders, the governors, and the state-level redistricting committees will all have roles to play in the post-2000 reapportionment.

Redistricting and related voting rights issues will likely be most contentious in the southern states. The political environment in the southern state legislatures will probably be quite different in the 2000-2002 period than it was in the 1990-1992 period. The southern state legislatures during the last redistricting were overwhelmingly Democratic

in their membership. This is no longer the case. At the present time, Republicans control both houses of the Florida legislature, and they control at least one house in South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia; Virginia has state legislative elections this fall (1999), and if recent trends continue, the Republicans are likely to control both houses in Virginia as well<sup>11</sup>. If the trends continue in the Republicans' favor, much of the post-2000 reapportionment may take place in Republican-dominated legislative committees and bodies.

Just as significant as the Republicans' gains in the state legislatures is the fact that Republicans now dominate the ranks of governors. They constitute 31 of 50 governors nationwide and 7 of 11 in the South. In the 1990-1992 period all but two southern governors were Democrats. Between now and the next redistricting, two southern states will have elections for new governors: Mississippi (1999) and North Carolina (2000).

It is not entirely clear that the increased Republican presence and power in the southern states would have much impact on the creation of majority-minority districts. If majority-minority districts were to contribute to the Republicans' control of the U.S. House or in the state legislatures, southern Republicans might be quite willing to maintain or even increase the number of majority-minority districts (assuming constitutional sanction).

Finally, at the time of the 1990 round of redistricting, Democrats not only had solid majorities in every southern state legislative body, but southern black state legislators and leaders held several institutional positions important to the redistricting process. In Virginia, Douglas Wilder was governor, while in North Carolina Dan Blue was speaker of the state house of representatives. Several of the current members of the Congressional Black Caucus were chairs or members of redistricting committees: Sanford Bishop, Eddie Bernice Johnson (Chair), Cynthia McKinney, and Carrie Meek. Sen. Eugene Walker was chairman of the redistricting committee in Georgia, and Sen. Alice Harden was vice-chair in Mississippi.

It is uncertain at this time whether black leaders will be as well positioned following the 2000 Census as they were following the 1990 Census. Further, with partisan control in several southern state legislatures shifting to the Republicans, many southern black legislators may be serving in the minority party the next time new district lines are drawn; last time—none were so situated.

## **Explanatory Notes.**

This publication contains both trend information as well as data for the latest roster year, 1998. The data files contain information on black elected officials sworn into office prior to February 1, 1998. The Joint Center conducts its annual census of black elected officials by identifying newly elected blacks and verifying the information contained in its BEO database. The roster database is organized by state (including the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands). It contains information on category and term of office, gender, party label (for partisan offices), title, and preferred mailing address. The term "elected officials" refers mainly to those elected by popular vote to governmental office. Mayors elected by city councils are also included. Elective offices include all those authorized by the constitution, by state law, or by special state or municipal provision. In some instances, persons appointed to fill vacancies on elected bodies are included. Not included are those elected to the leadership of political parties at any level—national, state, or local.

The Joint Center's roster research aims to identify every BEO in the United States, including the Virgin Islands. Data are collected through telephone interviews with the BEOs themselves, with governmental bodies on which they serve, with organizations or caucuses of BEOs, and with state and local boards of election. A national newspaper clipping service is employed as well.

The total and black voting-age population detailed in the tables for the states is from the U.S. Census publication, *Projections of the Voting-Age Population for States: November 1998* (P25-1132); for congressional districts, it is from the *1990 U.S. Census, Population and Housing Profile, Congressional Districts of the 103rd Congress*, CPH-L-117;

for cities, the data is from the 1990 Census.

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# Tables



**Table 1: Black Elected Officials in the U.S. by Category of Office, 1970 - 1998: Number and Percent Change From Preceding Year**

| Year  | Total BEOs |          | Federal |          | State  |          | Substate Regional |          | County |          | Municipal |          | Judicial and Law Enforcement |          | Education |          |
|-------|------------|----------|---------|----------|--------|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
|       | Number     | % Change | Number  | % Change | Number | % Change | Number            | % Change | Number | % Change | Number    | % Change | Number                       | % Change | Number    | % Change |
| 1970  | 1,469      | -        | 10      | -        | 169    | -        | -                 | -        | 92     | -        | 623       | -        | 213                          | -        | 362       | -        |
| 1971  | 1,860      | 26.6     | 14      | 40.0     | 202    | 19.5     | -                 | -        | 120    | 30.4     | 785       | 26.0     | 274                          | 28.6     | 465       | 28.5     |
| 1972  | 2,264      | 21.7     | 14      | 0.0      | 210    | 4.0      | -                 | -        | 176    | 46.7     | 932       | 18.7     | 263                          | -4.0     | 669       | 43.9     |
| 1973  | 2,621      | 15.8     | 16      | 14.3     | 240    | 14.3     | -                 | -        | 211    | 19.9     | 1,053     | 13.0     | 334                          | 27.0     | 767       | 14.6     |
| 1974  | 2,991      | 14.1     | 17      | 6.3      | 239    | -0.4     | -                 | -        | 242    | 14.7     | 1,360     | 29.2     | 340                          | 1.8      | 793       | 3.4      |
| 1975  | 3,503      | 17.1     | 18      | 5.9      | 281    | 17.6     | -                 | -        | 305    | 26.0     | 1,573     | 15.7     | 387                          | 13.8     | 939       | 18.4     |
| 1976  | 3,979      | 13.6     | 18      | 0.0      | 281    | 0.0      | 30                | -        | 355    | 16.4     | 1,889     | 20.1     | 412                          | 6.5      | 994       | 5.9      |
| 1977  | 4,311      | 8.3      | 17      | -5.6     | 299    | 6.4      | 33                | 10.0     | 381    | 7.3      | 2,083     | 10.3     | 447                          | 8.5      | 1,051     | 5.7      |
| 1978  | 4,503      | 4.5      | 17      | 0.0      | 299    | 0.0      | 26                | -21.2    | 410    | 7.6      | 2,159     | 3.6      | 454                          | 1.6      | 1,138     | 8.3      |
| 1979  | 4,607      | 2.3      | 17      | 0.0      | 313    | 4.7      | 25                | -3.8     | 398    | -2.9     | 2,224     | 3.0      | 486                          | 7.0      | 1,144     | 0.5      |
| 1980  | 4,912      | 6.6      | 17      | 0.0      | 323    | 3.2      | 25                | 0.0      | 451    | 13.3     | 2,356     | 5.9      | 526                          | 8.2      | 1,214     | 6.1      |
| 1981  | 5,038      | 2.6      | 18      | 5.9      | 341    | 5.6      | 30                | 20.0     | 449    | -0.4     | 2,384     | 1.2      | 549                          | 4.4      | 1,267     | 4.4      |
| 1982  | 5,160      | 2.4      | 18      | 0.0      | 336    | -1.5     | 35                | 16.7     | 465    | 3.6      | 2,477     | 3.9      | 563                          | 2.6      | 1,266     | -0.1     |
| 1983  | 5,606      | 8.6      | 21      | 16.7     | 379    | 12.8     | 29                | -17.1    | 496    | 6.7      | 2,697     | 8.9      | 607                          | 7.8      | 1,377     | 8.8      |
| 1984  | 5,700      | 1.7      | 21      | 0.0      | 389    | 2.6      | 30                | 3.4      | 518    | 4.4      | 2,735     | 1.4      | 636                          | 4.8      | 1,371     | -0.4     |
| 1985  | 6,056      | 6.2      | 20      | -4.8     | 396    | 1.8      | 32                | 6.7      | 611    | 18.0     | 2,898     | 6.0      | 661                          | 3.9      | 1,438     | 4.9      |
| 1986  | 6,424      | 6.1      | 20      | 0.0      | 400    | 1.0      | 31                | -3.1     | 681    | 11.5     | 3,112     | 7.4      | 676                          | 2.3      | 1,504     | 4.6      |
| 1987  | 6,681      | 4.0      | 23      | 15.0     | 417    | 4.3      | 23                | -25.8    | 724    | 6.3      | 3,219     | 3.4      | 728                          | 7.7      | 1,547     | 2.9      |
| 1988  | 6,829      | 2.2      | 23      | 0.0      | 413    | -1.0     | 22                | -4.3     | 742    | 2.5      | 3,341     | 3.8      | 738                          | 1.4      | 1,550     | 0.2      |
| 1989  | 7,226      | 5.8      | 24      | 4.3      | 424    | 2.7      | 18                | -18.2    | 793    | 6.9      | 3,595     | 7.6      | 760                          | 3.0      | 1,612     | 4.0      |
| 1990  | 7,370      | 2.0      | 24      | 0.0      | 423    | -0.2     | 18                | 0.0      | 810    | 2.1      | 3,671     | 2.1      | 769                          | 1.2      | 1,655     | 2.7      |
| 1991  | 7,480      | 1.5      | 26      | 8.3      | 458    | 8.3      | 15                | -16.7    | 810    | 0.0      | 3,683     | 0.3      | 847                          | 10.1     | 1,638     | -1.0     |
| 1992* | 7,552      | 1.0      | 26      | 0.0      | 484    | 5.7      | 15                | 0.0      | 857    | 5.8      | 3,697     | 0.4      | 847                          | 0.0      | 1,623     | -0.9     |
| 1993* | 8,015      | 6.1      | 39      | 0.5      | 533    | 10.1     | 13                | -13.3    | 913    | 6.5      | 3,903     | 5.6      | 922                          | 8.9      | 1,689     | 4.1      |
| 1994* | 8,162      | 1.8      | 39      | 0.0      | 539    | 1.1      | 10                | -23.1    | 925    | 1.3      | 3,960     | 1.5      | 979                          | 6.2      | 1,707     | 1.1      |
| 1995* | 8,419      | 3.1      | 41      | 5.1      | 576    | 6.9      | 7                 | -30.0    | 912    | -1.4     | 4,042     | 2.1      | 986                          | 0.7      | 1,853     | 8.6      |
| 1996* | 8,579      | 1.9      | 41      | 0.0      | 578    | 0.3      | 7                 | 0.0      | 924    | 1.3      | 4,099     | 1.4      | 993                          | 0.7      | 1,935     | 4.4      |
| 1997* | 8,656      | 0.9      | 40      | -2.4     | 586    | 1.4      | 18                | 157.1    | 937    | 1.4      | 4,115     | 0.4      | 996                          | 0.3      | 1,962     | 1.4      |
| 1998* | 8,868      | 2.4      | 40      | 0        | 587    | 0.2      | 17                | -5.6     | 930    | -0.7     | 4,277     | 3.9      | 998                          | 0.2      | 2,017     | 2.8      |

\*Includes District of Columbia Statehood offices.

**Table 2: Number of Black Elected Officials in the United States, by State and Office, January 1998**

|                      | Total         | Net Change | FEDERAL  |                 | STATE     |                |            |                 | SUBSTATE REGIONAL |                          | COUNTY          |                       |                        |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                      |               |            | Senators | Representatives | Governors | Administrators | Senators   | Representatives | Members, Regional | Other Regional Officials | Members, County | Members, Other County | Other County Officials |
| State                |               |            |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Alabama              | 733           | 7          |          | 1               |           |                | 8          | 27              |                   |                          | 89              | 1                     | 18                     |
| Alaska               | 1             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Arizona              | 16            | -1         |          |                 |           |                | 1          | 3               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Arkansas             | 482           | -2         |          |                 |           |                | 3          | 10              |                   |                          |                 |                       | 2                      |
| California           | 240           | -15        |          | 4               |           |                | 2          | 4               | 2                 |                          | 3               |                       | 1                      |
| Colorado             | 19            | -1         |          |                 |           | 1              | 1          | 2               |                   |                          | 1               |                       |                        |
| Connecticut          | 68            | 5          |          |                 |           |                | 3          | 11              |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Delaware             | 24            | -1         |          |                 |           |                | 1          | 3               |                   |                          | 2               |                       |                        |
| District of Columbia | 148           | 1          |          | 1               |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Florida              | 212           | -4         |          | 3               |           |                | 5          | 15              |                   |                          | 23              | 1                     |                        |
| Georgia              | 597           | 18         |          | 3               |           | 1              | 11         | 33              |                   |                          | 93              |                       | 5                      |
| Hawaii               | 0             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Idaho                | 1             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Illinois             | 626           | 81         | 1        | 3               |           |                | 8          | 14              |                   |                          | 38              | 2                     | 2                      |
| Indiana              | 82            | 2          |          | 1               |           |                | 6          | 7               |                   |                          | 9               |                       |                        |
| Iowa                 | 12            | 1          |          |                 |           |                |            | 1               |                   |                          | 4               |                       |                        |
| Kansas               | 20            | -1         |          |                 |           |                | 2          | 5               |                   |                          | 2               |                       |                        |
| Kentucky             | 62            | 4          |          |                 |           |                | 1          | 4               |                   |                          | 2               |                       |                        |
| Louisiana            | 666           | 21         |          | 1               |           |                | 9          | 22              | 1                 |                          | 136             |                       |                        |
| Maine                | 1             | -2         |          |                 |           |                | 1          |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Maryland             | 183           | -12        |          | 2               |           |                | 9          | 27              |                   |                          | 5               |                       |                        |
| Massachusetts        | 31            | -2         |          |                 |           |                | 1          | 6               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Michigan             | 348           | 15         |          | 2               |           |                | 5          | 12              |                   |                          | 23              |                       | 1                      |
| Minnesota            | 17            | 3          |          |                 |           |                |            | 1               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Mississippi          | 849           | 46         |          | 1               |           |                | 10         | 35              |                   |                          | 95              | 63                    | 10                     |
| Missouri             | 209           | 21         |          | 1               |           |                | 3          | 13              |                   |                          | 3               |                       |                        |
| Montana              | 0             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Nebraska             | 3             | -1         |          |                 |           |                | 1          |                 |                   |                          | 1               |                       |                        |
| Nevada               | 13            | -3         |          |                 |           |                | 3          | 2               |                   |                          | 1               |                       |                        |
| New Hampshire        | 2             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            | 2               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| New Jersey           | 232           | 10         |          | 1               |           |                | 4          | 11              |                   |                          | 11              |                       | 1                      |
| New Mexico           | 5             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            | 2               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| New York             | 311           | 0          |          | 4               |           | 1              | 6          | 21              |                   |                          | 17              |                       |                        |
| North Carolina       | 513           | 7          |          | 2               |           | 1              | 7          | 17              |                   |                          | 61              | 3                     | 1                      |
| North Dakota         | 0             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Ohio                 | 220           | -11        |          | 1               |           | 1              | 4          | 14              |                   |                          | 1               |                       |                        |
| Oklahoma             | 104           | 2          |          | 1               |           |                | 2          | 3               |                   |                          | 2               |                       |                        |
| Oregon               | 7             | 0          |          |                 |           | 1              | 1          | 2               |                   |                          | 1               |                       |                        |
| Pennsylvania         | 161           | -1         |          | 1               |           |                | 3          | 15              |                   |                          | 1               |                       |                        |
| Rhode Island         | 10            | 0          |          |                 |           |                | 1          | 8               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| South Carolina       | 554           | 12         |          | 1               |           |                | 7          | 26              |                   |                          | 66              | 2                     | 5                      |
| South Dakota         | 0             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Tennessee            | 167           | -7         |          | 1               |           |                | 3          | 13              |                   |                          | 48              |                       |                        |
| Texas                | 474           | 26         |          | 2               |           |                | 2          | 14              |                   |                          | 14              |                       | 1                      |
| Utah                 | 1             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Vermont              | 1             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            | 1               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Virgin Islands       | 38            | -1         |          | 1               | 1         | 1              | 12         |                 | 14                |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Virginia             | 333           | 0          |          | 1               |           |                | 5          | 10              |                   |                          | 47              |                       | 3                      |
| Washington           | 21            | -2         |          |                 |           |                | 1          | 1               |                   |                          | 2               |                       |                        |
| West Virginia        | 18            | -1         |          |                 |           |                |            | 2               |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| Wisconsin            | 33            | -2         |          |                 |           |                | 2          | 6               |                   |                          | 7               |                       |                        |
| Wyoming              | 0             | 0          |          |                 |           |                |            |                 |                   |                          |                 |                       |                        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>8,868*</b> | <b>212</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>39</b>       | <b>1</b>  | <b>7</b>       | <b>154</b> | <b>425</b>      | <b>3</b>          | <b>14</b>                | <b>808</b>      | <b>72</b>             | <b>50</b>              |

\*Total includes one statehood senator and one statehood representative from the District of Columbia. Data compiled by Alfred Baltimore, Jr., roster clerk, and tabulated by Richard Hart, database coordinator.

Table 2 (cont'd)

|                      | MUNICIPAL  |                    |                    |                       |                           | JUDICIAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT |                      |                          |                          |                              | EDUCATION      |                     |                       |                           |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|                      | Mayors     | Members, Municipal | Members, Municipal | Members, Neighborhood | Other Municipal Officials | Judges, State Courts of      | Judges, Other Courts | Magistrates, Justices of | Other Judicial Officials | Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, and | Members, State | Members, University | Members, Local School | Other Education Officials |
| State                |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Alabama              | 38         | 404                |                    |                       |                           | 1                            | 18                   | 17                       | 8                        | 7                            | 2              |                     | 94                    |                           |
| Alaska               | 1          |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Arizona              |            | 2                  |                    |                       |                           |                              | 3                    | 2                        |                          |                              |                | 1                   | 4                     |                           |
| Arkansas             | 28         | 217                |                    |                       | 25                        |                              | 7                    | 54                       |                          |                              |                | 2                   | 134                   |                           |
| California           | 10         | 39                 | 9                  |                       | 5                         | 1                            | 73                   |                          | 1                        | 1                            |                | 17                  | 68                    |                           |
| Colorado             | 1          | 3                  |                    |                       |                           | 2                            | 7                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 1                     |                           |
| Connecticut          |            | 31                 | 9                  |                       | 3                         |                              | 4                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 7                     |                           |
| Delaware             | 2          | 12                 |                    |                       |                           |                              | 1                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 3                     |                           |
| District of Columbia | 1          | 8                  |                    | 131                   |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 5                     |                           |
| Florida              | 14         | 104                |                    |                       |                           | 1                            | 31                   |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 15                    |                           |
| Georgia              | 28         | 265                | 2                  | 8                     | 1                         | 2                            | 31                   | 2                        | 3                        | 2                            |                | 1                   | 106                   |                           |
| Hawaii               |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Idaho                |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              | 1                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Illinois             | 21         | 166                | 55                 |                       | 30                        | 1                            | 57                   |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 228                   |                           |
| Indiana              |            | 30                 |                    | 10                    | 2                         | 1                            | 9                    |                          | 1                        |                              |                |                     | 6                     |                           |
| Iowa                 | 1          | 3                  |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          | 1                            |                |                     | 2                     |                           |
| Kansas               |            | 4                  |                    |                       |                           |                              | 4                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 3                     |                           |
| Kentucky             | 2          | 42                 |                    |                       |                           |                              | 3                    | 2                        |                          |                              |                |                     | 6                     |                           |
| Louisiana            | 29         | 215                |                    |                       | 3                         | 1                            | 45                   | 48                       | 4                        | 17                           | 2              |                     | 133                   |                           |
| Maine                |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Maryland             | 11         | 85                 |                    |                       | 1                         |                              | 28                   |                          | 3                        | 1                            |                |                     | 11                    |                           |
| Massachusetts        |            | 13                 | 4                  |                       | 2                         |                              |                      | 1                        | 1                        | 1                            |                |                     | 2                     |                           |
| Michigan             | 18         | 79                 | 6                  |                       | 15                        | 1                            | 51                   | 3                        | 1                        |                              | 7              | 12                  | 112                   |                           |
| Minnesota            | 2          | 2                  |                    |                       |                           | 1                            | 6                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 5                     |                           |
| Mississippi          | 50         | 355                |                    | 1                     |                           | 1                            | 49                   | 29                       | 10                       | 7                            |                |                     | 127                   | 6                         |
| Missouri             | 24         | 124                |                    |                       | 3                         |                              | 12                   |                          | 2                        |                              |                | 4                   | 20                    |                           |
| Montana              |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Nebraska             |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 1                     |                           |
| Nevada               |            | 3                  |                    |                       |                           |                              | 2                    |                          |                          |                              |                | 1                   | 1                     |                           |
| New Hampshire        |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| New Jersey           | 16         | 99                 |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 89                    |                           |
| New Mexico           |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              | 2                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 1                     |                           |
| New York             | 5          | 41                 | 7                  |                       | 4                         |                              | 76                   |                          | 1                        |                              |                |                     | 128                   |                           |
| North Carolina       | 32         | 264                |                    |                       |                           | 1                            | 23                   |                          | 2                        | 3                            |                |                     | 96                    |                           |
| North Dakota         |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Ohio                 | 12         | 105                | 4                  |                       | 5                         |                              | 25                   |                          | 2                        |                              |                |                     | 46                    |                           |
| Oklahoma             | 17         | 51                 |                    |                       | 10                        |                              | 1                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 17                    |                           |
| Oregon               |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              | 2                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Pennsylvania         | 5          | 46                 |                    |                       | 1                         |                              | 45                   | 14                       | 1                        | 1                            |                |                     | 28                    |                           |
| Rhode Island         |            | 1                  |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| South Carolina       | 31         | 234                | 4                  |                       |                           |                              | 5                    |                          | 2                        | 4                            |                | 1                   | 166                   |                           |
| South Dakota         |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Tennessee            | 2          | 54                 |                    |                       |                           |                              | 16                   | 6                        | 4                        |                              |                |                     | 20                    |                           |
| Texas                | 37         | 260                | 1                  |                       |                           | 1                            | 9                    | 35                       |                          |                              | 2              | 8                   | 88                    |                           |
| Utah                 |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              | 1                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Vermont              |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Virgin Islands       |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              | 9              |                     |                       |                           |
| Virginia             | 6          | 79                 |                    |                       | 3                         |                              | 1                    |                          | 10                       | 5                            |                |                     | 163                   |                           |
| Washington           |            | 7                  |                    |                       |                           | 1                            | 8                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 1                     |                           |
| West Virginia        | 1          | 12                 |                    |                       |                           |                              | 2                    | 1                        |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| Wisconsin            |            | 9                  |                    |                       |                           |                              | 4                    |                          |                          |                              |                |                     | 5                     |                           |
| Wyoming              |            |                    |                    |                       |                           |                              |                      |                          |                          |                              |                |                     |                       |                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>445</b> | <b>3468</b>        | <b>101</b>         | <b>150</b>            | <b>113</b>                | <b>16</b>                    | <b>662</b>           | <b>214</b>               | <b>56</b>                | <b>50</b>                    | <b>22</b>      | <b>47</b>           | <b>1942</b>           | <b>6</b>                  |

**Table 3: Black Elected Officials by State: 1998 Totals and Net Change Since 1998**

| State                | Blacks as Percent<br>of 1998 Voting Age<br>Population | Elected Officials   |                 |                              |                         |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                      |   | All Races<br>Number | Black<br>Number | Black<br>Percent<br>of Total | Net Change<br>1997-1998 |
| Alabama              | 23.9  | 4,385               | 733             | 16.7                         | 7                       |
| Alaska               | 3.7   | 1,929               | 1               | 0.1                          | 0                       |
| Arizona              | 3.4   | 3,289               | 16              | 0.5                          | -1                      |
| Arkansas             | 14.3  | 8,408               | 482             | 5.7                          | -2                      |
| California           | 7.1   | 18,925              | 240             | 1.3                          | -15                     |
| Colorado             | 4.1   | 8,605               | 19              | 0.2                          | -1                      |
| Connecticut          | 8.4   | 9,147               | 68              | 0.7                          | 5                       |
| Delaware             | 18.0  | 1,171               | 24              | 2.0                          | -1                      |
| District of Columbia | 57.5  | 348                 | 148             | 42.5                         | 1                       |
| Florida              | 13.4  | 5,588               | 212             | 3.8                          | -4                      |
| Georgia              | 26.5  | 6,529               | 597             | 9.1                          | 18                      |
| Hawaii               | 3.1   | 183                 | 0               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| Idaho                | 0.6   | 4,775               | 1               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| Illinois             | 13.9  | 42,336              | 626             | 1.5                          | 81                      |
| Indiana              | 7.6   | 11,624              | 82              | 0.7                          | 2                       |
| Iowa                 | 1.8   | 16,479              | 12              | 0.1                          | 1                       |
| Kansas               | 5.5   | 18,895              | 20              | 0.1                          | -1                      |
| Kentucky             | 6.8   | 7,060               | 62              | 0.9                          | 4                       |
| Louisiana            | 29.6  | 5,051               | 666             | 13.2                         | 21                      |
| Maine                | 0.5   | 6,556               | 1               | 0.0                          | -2                      |
| Maryland             | 26.6  | 2,123               | 183             | 8.6                          | -12                     |
| Massachusetts        | 5.5   | 22,173              | 31              | 0.1                          | -2                      |
| Michigan             | 13.2  | 18,704              | 348             | 1.9                          | 15                      |
| Minnesota            | 2.5   | 18,870              | 17              | 0.1                          | 3                       |
| Mississippi          | 33.3  | 4,754               | 849             | 17.9                         | 46                      |
| Missouri             | 10.1  | 17,281              | 209             | 1.2                          | 21                      |
| Montana              | 0.3   | 5,106               | 0               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| Nebraska             | 3.7   | 13,899              | 3               | 0.0                          | -1                      |
| Nevada               | 7.0   | 1,218               | 13              | 1.1                          | -3                      |
| New Hampshire        | 0.8   | 7,347               | 2               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| New Jersey           | 13.6  | 9,042               | 232             | 2.6                          | 10                      |
| New Mexico           | 2.6   | 2,201               | 5               | 0.2                          | 0                       |
| New York             | 16.8  | 25,932              | 311             | 1.2                          | 0                       |
| North Carolina       | 20.5  | 5,820               | 513             | 8.8                          | 7                       |
| North Dakota         | 0.6   | 15,482              | 0               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| Ohio                 | 10.5  | 19,366              | 220             | 1.1                          | -11                     |
| Oklahoma             | 7.0   | 8,989               | 104             | 1.2                          | 2                       |
| Oregon               | 1.7   | 7,833               | 7               | 0.1                          | 0                       |
| Pennsylvania         | 8.8   | 30,476              | 161             | 0.5                          | -1                      |
| Rhode Island         | 4.4   | 1,138               | 10              | 0.9                          | 0                       |
| South Carolina       | 27.8  | 3,943               | 554             | 14.1                         | 12                      |
| South Dakota         | 0.7   | 9,684               | 0               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| Tennessee            | 15.0  | 6,950               | 167             | 2.4                          | -7                      |
| Texas                | 11.8  | 27,628              | 474             | 1.7                          | 26                      |
| Utah                 | 0.9   | 2,711               | 1               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| Vermont              | 0.7   | 8,534               | 1               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| Virgin Islands       | 61.4  | 41                  | 38              | 92.7                         | -1                      |
| Virginia             | 19.0  | 3,104               | 333             | 10.7                         | 0                       |
| Washington           | 3.4   | 7,724               | 21              | 0.3                          | -2                      |
| West Virginia        | 3.1   | 2,772               | 18              | 0.6                          | -1                      |
| Wisconsin            | 4.8   | 17,829              | 33              | 0.2                          | -2                      |
| Wyoming              | 0.8   | 2,742               | 0               | 0.0                          | 0                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>11.8</b>   | <b>512,699</b>      | <b>8,868*</b>   | <b>1.7</b>                   | <b>212</b>              |

\* Total includes one statehood senator and one statehood representative from the District of Columbia.

**Table 4: Black Elected Officials, by Year and Gender, 1970–1998**

| Year | Total | Male  | Female |                  |
|------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|
|      |       |       | Number | Percent of Total |
| 1970 | 1,469 | 1,309 | 160    | 10.9             |
| 1971 | 1,860 | 1,635 | 225    | 12.1             |
| 1972 | 2,264 | 2,111 | 153    | 6.8              |
| 1973 | 2,621 | 2,276 | 345    | 13.2             |
| 1974 | 2,991 | 2,575 | 416    | 13.9             |
| 1975 | 3,503 | 2,973 | 530    | 15.1             |
| 1976 | 3,979 | 3,295 | 684    | 17.2             |
| 1977 | 4,311 | 3,529 | 782    | 18.1             |
| 1978 | 4,503 | 3,660 | 843    | 18.7             |
| 1979 | 4,607 | 3,725 | 882    | 19.1             |
| 1980 | 4,912 | 3,936 | 976    | 19.9             |
| 1981 | 5,038 | 4,017 | 1,021  | 20.3             |
| 1982 | 5,160 | 4,079 | 1,081  | 20.9             |
| 1983 | 5,606 | 4,383 | 1,223  | 21.8             |
| 1984 | 5,700 | 4,441 | 1,259  | 22.1             |
| 1985 | 6,056 | 4,697 | 1,359  | 22.4             |
| 1986 | 6,424 | 4,942 | 1,482  | 23.1             |
| 1987 | 6,681 | 5,117 | 1,564  | 23.4             |
| 1988 | 6,829 | 5,204 | 1,625  | 23.8             |
| 1989 | 7,226 | 5,412 | 1,814  | 25.1             |
| 1990 | 7,370 | 5,420 | 1,950  | 26.5             |
| 1991 | 7,480 | 5,427 | 2,053  | 27.4             |
| 1992 | 7,552 | 5,431 | 2,121  | 28.1             |
| 1993 | 8,015 | 5,683 | 2,332  | 29.1             |
| 1994 | 8,162 | 5,694 | 2,468  | 30.2             |
| 1995 | 8,419 | 5,782 | 2,637  | 31.3             |
| 1996 | 8,579 | 5,830 | 2,749  | 32.0             |
| 1997 | 8,656 | 5,847 | 2,809  | 32.5             |
| 1998 | 8,868 | 5,944 | 2,924  | 33.0             |

**Table 5: Black Elected Officials by State and Gender, 1998**

| State                | Total        | Female       |                  |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
|                      |              | Number       | Percent of Total |
| Alabama              | 733          | 203          | 27.7             |
| Alaska               | 1            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Arizona              | 16           | 6            | 37.5             |
| Arkansas             | 482          | 174          | 36.1             |
| California           | 240          | 93           | 38.8             |
| Colorado             | 19           | 5            | 26.3             |
| Connecticut          | 68           | 29           | 42.6             |
| Delaware             | 24           | 6            | 25.0             |
| District of Columbia | 148          | 75           | 50.7             |
| Florida              | 212          | 68           | 32.1             |
| Georgia              | 597          | 174          | 29.1             |
| Hawaii               | 0            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Idaho                | 1            | 1            | 100.0            |
| Illinois             | 626          | 267          | 42.7             |
| Indiana              | 82           | 30           | 36.6             |
| Iowa                 | 12           | 1            | 8.3              |
| Kansas               | 20           | 8            | 40.0             |
| Kentucky             | 62           | 21           | 33.9             |
| Louisiana            | 666          | 129          | 19.4             |
| Maine                | 1            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Maryland             | 183          | 72           | 39.3             |
| Massachusetts        | 31           | 12           | 38.7             |
| Michigan             | 348          | 143          | 41.1             |
| Minnesota            | 17           | 6            | 35.3             |
| Mississippi          | 849          | 239          | 28.2             |
| Missouri             | 209          | 73           | 34.9             |
| Montana              | 0            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Nebraska             | 3            | 2            | 66.7             |
| Nevada               | 13           | 3            | 23.1             |
| New Hampshire        | 2            | 1            | 50.0             |
| New Jersey           | 232          | 87           | 37.5             |
| New Mexico           | 5            | 3            | 60.0             |
| New York             | 311          | 131          | 42.1             |
| North Carolina       | 513          | 144          | 28.1             |
| North Dakota         | 0            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Ohio                 | 220          | 99           | 45.0             |
| Oklahoma             | 104          | 41           | 39.4             |
| Oregon               | 7            | 3            | 42.9             |
| Pennsylvania         | 161          | 61           | 37.9             |
| Rhode Island         | 10           | 5            | 50.0             |
| South Carolina       | 554          | 189          | 34.1             |
| South Dakota         | 0            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Tennessee            | 167          | 34           | 20.4             |
| Texas                | 474          | 147          | 31.0             |
| Utah                 | 1            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Vermont              | 1            | 0            | 0.0              |
| Virgin Islands       | 38           | 14           | 36.8             |
| Virginia             | 333          | 108          | 32.4             |
| Washington           | 21           | 5            | 23.8             |
| West Virginia        | 18           | 4            | 22.2             |
| Wisconsin            | 33           | 8            | 24.2             |
| Wyoming              | 0            | 0            | 0.0              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>8,868</b> | <b>2,924</b> | <b>33.0</b>      |

**Table 6: Black Mayors of Cities With 50,000-plus Population, 1999**

| City              | Population* |               | Mayor               |                    |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                   | Total       | Percent Black | Name                | Expiration of Term |
| Houston, TX       | 1,630,553   | 28.1          | Lee Brown           | 12 / 01            |
| Detroit, MI       | 1,027,974   | 75.7          | Dennis Archer       | 12 / 01            |
| Dallas, TX        | 1,006,877   | 29.5          | Ron Kirk            | 06 / 99            |
| Baltimore, MD     | 736,014     | 59.2          | Kurt Schmoke        | 12 / 99            |
| San Francisco, CA | 723,959     | 10.9          | Willie Brown        | 12 / 99            |
| Memphis, TN       | 610,337     | 54.8          | Willie Herenton     | 10 / 99            |
| Washington, DC    | 606,900     | 65.8          | Anthony Williams    | 12 / 02            |
| Cleveland, OH     | 505,616     | 46.6          | Michael R. White    | 12 / 01            |
| New Orleans, LA   | 496,938     | 61.9          | Marc Morial         | 12 / 02            |
| Denver, CO        | 467,610     | 12.8          | Wellington Webb     | 06 / 99            |
| Kansas City, MO   | 435,146     | 29.6          | Emanuel Cleaver     | 04 / 99            |
| St. Louis, MO     | 396,685     | 47.5          | Clarence Harman     | 06 / 99            |
| Atlanta, GA       | 394,017     | 67.1          | Bill Campbell       | 12 / 01            |
| Minneapolis, MN   | 368,383     | 13.0          | Sharon S. Belton    | 12 / 01            |
| Newark, NJ        | 275,221     | 58.5          | Sharpe James        | 06 / 02            |
| Birmingham, AL    | 265,968     | 63.3          | Richard Arrington   | 12 / 99            |
| Arlington, TX     | 261,717     | 8.4           | Elzie Odom          | 05 / 99            |
| Rochester, NY     | 231,636     | 31.5          | William A. Johnson  | 12 / 01            |
| Jackson, MS       | 196,637     | 55.7          | Harvey Johnson      | 06 / 01            |
| Des Moines, IA    | 193,187     | 7.1           | Preston A. Daniels  | 12 / 01            |
| Portsmouth, VA    | 160,728     | 47.3          | James Holley        | 06 / 00            |
| Chesapeake, VA    | 151,982     | 27.4          | William E. Ward     | 06 / 00            |
| Paterson, NJ      | 140,891     | 36.0          | Martin D. Barnes    | 12 / 00            |
| Flint, MI         | 140,761     | 47.9          | Woodrow Stanley     | 12 / 99            |
| Rockford, IL      | 139,426     | 15.0          | Charles E. Box      | 04 / 01            |
| Savannah, GA      | 137,560     | 51.3          | Floyd Adams         | 12 / 99            |
| Pasadena, CA      | 131,591     | 19.0          | Chris Holden        | 07 / 99            |
| Inglewood, CA     | 109,602     | 51.9          | Roosevelt Dorn      | 12 / 02            |
| Compton, CA       | 90,454      | 54.8          | Omar Bradley        | 06 / 01            |
| Trenton, NJ       | 88,675      | 49.3          | Douglas H. Palmer   | 06 / 02            |
| East Orange, NJ   | 73,552      | 89.9          | Robert Bowser       | 12 / 01            |
| Evanston Twsp, IL | 73,233      | 22.9          | Betty Payne         | 04 / 00            |
| Evanston, IL      | 73,233      | 22.9          | Lorraine Morton     | 04 / 00            |
| Wilmington, DE    | 71,529      | 52.4          | James H. Sills, Jr. | 12 / 00            |
| Pontiac, MI       | 71,166      | 42.2          | Walter Moore        | 12 / 01            |
| Saginaw, MI       | 69,512      | 40.3          | Gary Loster         | 12 / 01            |
| Mt. Vernon, NY    | 67,153      | 55.3          | Ernest Davis        | 12 / 99            |
| Irvington, NJ     | 59,774      | 69.9          | Sara B. Bost        | 06 / 02            |
| Monroe, LA        | 54,909      | 55.6          | Abe Pierce          | 12 / 00            |
| Victorville, CA   | 50,103      | 9.6           | James Busby, Jr.    | 12 / 00            |

\* Population figures from the 1990 Census

**Table 7: Districts Represented by Black Members of Congress, 1999**

| State                | District | Principal City   | Black<br>Percent of<br>Voting-Age<br>Population | Member of Con-<br>gress        | Member's<br>Party | First<br>Year in<br>Office |
|----------------------|----------|------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Alabama              | 7        | Montgomery       | 68  | Earl F. Hilliard               | D                 | 93                         |
| California           | 9        | Oakland          | 32  | Barbara Lee                    | D                 | 98                         |
| California           | 32       | Los Angeles      | 40  | Julian C. Dixon                | D                 | 79                         |
| California           | 35       | Los Angeles      | 43  | Maxine Waters                  | D                 | 91                         |
| California           | 37       | Compton          | 34  | Juanita Millender-McDonald     | D                 | 96                         |
| District of Columbia | At-Large | Washington, D.C. | 62  | Eleanor Holmes Norton          | D                 | 91                         |
| Florida              | 3        | Jacksonville     | 42  | Corrine Brown                  | D                 | 93                         |
| Florida              | 17       | Miami            | 58  | Carrie Meek                    | D                 | 93                         |
| Florida              | 23       | Ft. Lauderdale   | 52  | Alcee Hastings                 | D                 | 93                         |
| Georgia              | 2        | Columbus         | 35  | Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.         | D                 | 93                         |
| Georgia              | 4        | Decatur          | 33  | Cynthia McKinney               | D                 | 93                         |
| Georgia              | 5        | Atlanta          | 57  | John Lewis                     | D                 | 87                         |
| Illinois             | 1        | Chicago          | 70  | Bobby Rush                     | D                 | 93                         |
| Illinois             | 2        | Chicago          | 68  | Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.          | D                 | 95                         |
| Illinois             | 7        | Chicago          | 66  | Danny K. Davis                 | D                 | 97                         |
| Indiana              | 10       | Indianapolis     | 30  | Julia Carson                   | D                 | 97                         |
| Lousiana             | 2        | New Orleans      | 61  | William J. Jefferson           | D                 | 91                         |
| Maryland             | 4        | Silver Spring    | 58  | Albert Wynn                    | D                 | 93                         |
| Maryland             | 7        | Baltimore        | 71  | Elijah Cummings                | D                 | 96                         |
| Michigan             | 14       | Detroit          | 69  | John Conyers, Jr.              | D                 | 65                         |
| Michigan             | 15       | Detroit          | 70  | Carolyn C. Kilpatrick          | D                 | 97                         |
| Mississippi          | 2        | Greenville       | 63  | Bennie G. Thompson             | D                 | 93                         |
| Missouri             | 1        | St. Louis        | 52  | William L. Clay, Sr.           | D                 | 69                         |
| New Jersey           | 10       | Newark           | 60  | Donald Payne                   | D                 | 89                         |
| New York             | 6        | Jamaica / Queens | 56  | Gregory W. Meeks               | D                 | 98                         |
| New York             | 10       | Brooklyn         | 61  | Edolphus Towns                 | D                 | 83                         |
| New York             | 11       | Brooklyn         | 74  | Major Owens                    | D                 | 83                         |
| New York             | 15       | Manhattan        | 47  | Charles B. Rangel              | D                 | 71                         |
| North Carolina       | 1        | Fayetteville     | 57  | Eva Clayton                    | D                 | 92                         |
| North Carolina       | 12       | Charlotte        | 57  | Melvin L. Watt                 | D                 | 93                         |
| Ohio                 | 11       | Cleveland        | 59  | Stephanie Tubbs Jones          | D                 | 99                         |
| Oklahoma             | 4        | Oklahoma City    | 7   | J.C. Watts, Jr.                | R                 | 95                         |
| Pennsylvania         | 2        | Philadelphia     | 62  | Chaka Fattah                   | D                 | 95                         |
| South Carolina       | 6        | Florence         | 62  | James E. Clyburn               | D                 | 93                         |
| Tennessee            | 9        | Memphis          | 59  | Harold E. Ford, Jr.            | D                 | 97                         |
| Texas                | 18       | Houston          | 45  | Sheila Jackson-Lee             | D                 | 95                         |
| Texas                | 30       | Dallas           | 45  | Eddie Bernice Johnson          | D                 | 93                         |
| Virgin Islands       | At-Large | St. Thomas       | 77  | Donna M. Christian-Christensen | D                 | 97                         |
| Virginia             | 3        | Richmond         | 50  | Robert C. Scott                | D                 | 93                         |

**Table 8: Black Officials Holding Elected Statewide Offices, 1998**

| <b>State</b>   | <b>Official</b>         | <b>Title</b>                           | <b>Expiration of Term</b> |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Alabama        | Ralph D. Cook           | Associate Justice, State Supreme Court | 12/31/99                  |
| California     | Janice Rogers-Brown     | Associate Justice, State Supreme Court | 12/31/10                  |
| Colorado       | Vikki Buckley           | Secretary of State                     | 12/31/98                  |
| Colorado       | Raymond Dean Jones      | Judge, State Court of Appeals          | 12/31/02                  |
| Colorado       | Gregory Kellam Scott    | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/06                  |
| Florida        | Leander J. Shaw, Jr.    | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/02                  |
| Georgia        | Thurbert E. Baker       | Attorney General                       | 12/31/98                  |
| Georgia        | Robert Benham           | Chief Justice, State Supreme Court     | 12/31/99                  |
| Georgia        | Leah Sears              | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/00                  |
| Illinois       | Carol Moseley-Braun     | U.S. Senator                           | 12/31/98                  |
| Illinois       | Charles E. Freeman      | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/00                  |
| Indiana        | Myra C. Selby           | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/98                  |
| Louisiana      | Bernette Joshua Johnson | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/00                  |
| Michigan       | Conrad Mallett, Jr.     | Associate Justice, State Supreme Court | 12/31/98                  |
| Minnesota      | Alan Page               | Associate Justice, State Supreme Court | 12/31/98                  |
| Mississippi    | Fred L. Banks, Jr.      | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/05                  |
| New York       | H. Carl McCall          | State Comptroller                      | 12/31/98                  |
| North Carolina | Ralph Campbell, Jr.     | State Auditor                          | 12/31/00                  |
| North Carolina | Henry E. Frye           | Associate Justice, State Supreme Court | 12/31/00                  |
| Ohio           | J. Kenneth Blackwell    | State Treasurer                        | 12/31/98                  |
| Oregon         | Jim Hill                | State Treasurer                        | 12/31/00                  |
| Texas          | Morris Overstreet       | Judge, Criminal Appeals Court          | 12/31/98                  |
| Virgin Islands | Roy Lester Schneider    | Governor                               | 12/31/98                  |
| Virgin Islands | Kenneth Mapp            | Lieutenant Governor                    | 12/31/98                  |
| Washington     | Charles Z. Smith        | Justice, State Supreme Court           | 12/31/02                  |

**Table 9: Black State Representatives and Senators, by State and Gender, 1998**

| State          | Blacks as a Percentage of Voting Age Population | State Representatives |            |                  |                               | State Senators   |            |                  |                               |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|                |   | Total, All Races      | Black      |                  |                               | Total, All Races | Black      |                  |                               |
|                |   |                       | Number     | Percent of Total | Female Percent of Black Total |                  | Number     | Percent of Total | Female Percent of Black Total |
| Alabama        | 23.9  | 105                   | 27         | 25.7             | 14.8                          | 35               | 8          | 22.9             | 25.0                          |
| Alaska         | 3.7   | 40                    | 0          | -                | -                             | 20               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Arizona        | 3.4   | 60                    | 3          | 5.0              | 33.3                          | 30               | 1          | 3.3              | 100.0                         |
| Arkansas       | 14.3  | 100                   | 10         | 10.0             | 60                            | 35               | 3          | 8.6              | 33.3                          |
| California     | 7.1   | 80                    | 4          | 5.0              | -                             | 40               | 2          | 5.0              | 100.0                         |
| Colorado       | 4.1   | 65                    | 2          | 3.1              | -                             | 35               | 1          | 2.9              | 100.0                         |
| Connecticut    | 8.4   | 151                   | 11         | 7.3              | 27.3                          | 36               | 3          | 8.3              | 33.3                          |
| Delaware       | 18.0  | 41                    | 3          | 7.3              | 0.0                           | 21               | 1          | 4.8              | 100.0                         |
| Florida        | 13.4  | 120                   | 15         | 12.5             | 40.0                          | 40               | 5          | 12.5             | 20.0                          |
| Georgia        | 26.5  | 180                   | 33         | 18.3             | 45.5                          | 56               | 11         | 19.6             | 36.4                          |
| Hawaii         | 3.1   | 51                    | 0          | -                | -                             | 25               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Idaho          | 0.6   | 70                    | 0          | -                | -                             | 35               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Illinois       | 13.9  | 118                   | 14         | 11.9             | 42.9                          | 59               | 8          | 13.6             | 25.0                          |
| Indiana        | 7.6   | 100                   | 7          | 7.0              | 28.6                          | 50               | 6          | 12.0             | 33.3                          |
| Iowa           | 1.8   | 100                   | 1          | 1.0              | -                             | 50               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Kansas         | 5.5   | 125                   | 5          | 4.0              | 40.0                          | 40               | 2          | 5.0              | 0.0                           |
| Kentucky       | 6.8   | 100                   | 4          | 4.0              | 25.0                          | 38               | 1          | 2.6              | 0.0                           |
| Louisiana      | 29.6  | 105                   | 22         | 21.0             | 31.8                          | 39               | 9          | 23.1             | 22.2                          |
| Maine          | 0.5   | 151                   | 0          | -                | -                             | 35               | 1          | 2.9              | 0.0                           |
| Maryland       | 26.6  | 141                   | 27         | 19.1             | 33.3                          | 47               | 9          | 19.1             | 33.3                          |
| Massachusetts  | 5.5   | 160                   | 6          | 3.8              | 50.0                          | 40               | 1          | 2.5              | 100.0                         |
| Michigan       | 13.2  | 110                   | 12         | 10.9             | 25.0                          | 38               | 5          | 13.2             | 20.0                          |
| Minnesota      | 2.5   | 134                   | 1          | 0.7              | -                             | 67               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Mississippi    | 33.3  | 122                   | 35         | 28.7             | 22.9                          | 52               | 10         | 19.2             | 20.0                          |
| Missouri       | 10.1  | 163                   | 13         | 8.0              | 30.8                          | 34               | 3          | 8.8              | 0.0                           |
| Montana        | 0.3   | 100                   | 0          | -                | -                             | 50               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Nebraska       | 3.7   | NA                    | 0          | -                | -                             | 49               | 1          | 2.0              | 0.0                           |
| Nevada         | 7.0   | 42                    | 2          | 4.8              | -                             | 21               | 3          | 14.3             | 33.3                          |
| New Hampshire  | 0.8   | 400                   | 2          | 0.5              | 50.0                          | 24               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| New Jersey     | 13.6  | 80                    | 11         | 13.8             | 18.2                          | 40               | 4          | 10.0             | 50.0                          |
| New Mexico     | 2.6   | 70                    | 2          | 2.9              | 50.0                          | 42               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| New York       | 16.8  | 150                   | 21         | 14.0             | 28.6                          | 61               | 6          | 9.8              | 33.3                          |
| North Carolina | 20.5  | 120                   | 17         | 14.2             | 17.6                          | 50               | 7          | 14.0             | 14.3                          |
| North Dakota   | 0.6   | 98                    | 0          | 0.0              | -                             | 49               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Ohio           | 10.5  | 99                    | 14         | 14.1             | 35.7                          | 33               | 4          | 12.1             | 50.0                          |
| Oklahoma       | 7.0   | 101                   | 3          | 3.0              | 0.0                           | 48               | 2          | 4.2              | 100.0                         |
| Oregon         | 1.7   | 60                    | 2          | 3.3              | 100.0                         | 30               | 1          | 3.3              | 100.0                         |
| Pennsylvania   | 8.8   | 203                   | 15         | 7.4              | 20.0                          | 50               | 3          | 6.0              | 33.3                          |
| Rhode Island   | 4.4   | 100                   | 8          | 8.0              | 62.5                          | 50               | 1          | 2.0              | 0.0                           |
| South Carolina | 27.8  | 124                   | 26         | 21.0             | 23.1                          | 46               | 7          | 15.2             | 28.6                          |
| South Dakota   | 0.7   | 70                    | 0          | 0.0              | -                             | 35               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Tennessee      | 15.0  | 99                    | 13         | 13.1             | 53.8                          | 33               | 3          | 9.1              | 33.3                          |
| Texas          | 11.8  | 150                   | 14         | 9.3              | 42.9                          | 31               | 2          | 6.5              | 0.0                           |
| Utah           | 0.9   | 75                    | 0          | 0.0              | -                             | 29               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Vermont        | 0.7   | 150                   | 1          | 0.7              | 0.0                           | 30               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Virginia       | 19.0  | 100                   | 10         | 10.0             | 30.0                          | 40               | 5          | 12.5             | 40.0                          |
| Washington     | 3.4   | 98                    | 1          | 1.0              | 100.0                         | 49               | 1          | 2.0              | 100.0                         |
| West Virginia  | 3.1   | 100                   | 2          | 2.0              | 0.0                           | 34               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| Wisconsin      | 4.8   | 99                    | 6          | 6.1              | 33.3                          | 33               | 2          | 6.1              | 50.0                          |
| Wyoming        | 0.8   | 60                    | 0          | 0.0              | -                             | 30               | 0          | 0.0              | -                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>11.8</b>                                     | <b>5,440</b>          | <b>425</b> | <b>7.8</b>       | <b>31.3</b>                   | <b>1,984</b>     | <b>142</b> | <b>7.2</b>       | <b>32.4</b>                   |