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To the Burien City Council;

CITY OF BURIEN

Enclosed in this last packet was an orange sheet titled **AMERICAN Fact Finder** which displays the **2010 census data**. **I am writing to you about that sheet as the information on it appears to be incorrect by somewhere 11% and 13%**. This error may be due to how it was down loaded, interpreted or an error in the original question construct. However because it involves a significant amount of the population, it warrants further research.

In the tabling under Race, the first section of the table shows that 11.5% of the population reported themselves as another race. The only **Some other race** that might be considered is Australian Aboriginal and I doubt that percentage lives in Burien. However in the immediate section following, then only 0.3% of the population reports themselves as other race. This creates an **error factor of 11.2%**.

In the tabling under Race, 5.9% report to be **Two or More Races**. However in the next table below, 4.0% report to be Two or More Races. **This creates an error of 1.9%**.

In the table under Race, 513 people-1.5%- report to be **American Indian and Alaska Native**. In the table immediately below 291 people-0.9%-report to be American Indian and Alaska Native. **This creates an error of 0.6% and a loss of 222 people from an already small population.**

In the table under Race, 63.5% of the population reports to be **White**. However in the next table, 57% reports to be white. **This creates an error of 6.5%**.

Some of these percentage point spreads appear to be more than expected error factors in the process.

Another reason that there might appear to be these broad errors is the manner in which the table was constructed.

I am requesting that someone in the city, look in to what appears to be an incorrect reporting of the Demographics for the City of Burien. Funding and grant resources are driven from these facts and as a city, we need the correct stats on our city.

Sincerely,  
Chestine Edgar

cc US Census Bureau

cc: City Manager's Office  
CFTR: 03/14/11



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Race, Hispanic or Latino, Age, and Housing Occupancy: 2010

2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/pl94-171.pdf>

GEO: Burien city, Washington

Subject	Total		18 years and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>POPULATION</b>				
Total population	33,313	100.0	25,842	100.0
<b>RACE</b>				
One race				
White	31,353	94.1	24,808	96.0
Black or African American	21,158	63.5	17,632	68.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,960	5.9	1,411	5.5
Asian	513	1.5	357	1.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,304	9.9	2,501	9.7
Some Other Race	591	1.8	403	1.6
Two or More Races	3,827	11.5	2,504	9.7
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>				
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,960	5.9	1,034	4.0
Not Hispanic or Latino	6,902	20.7	4,409	17.1
One race	26,411	79.3	21,433	82.9
White	25,063	75.2	20,725	80.2
Black or African American	18,979	57.0	16,220	62.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,845	5.5	1,346	5.2
Asian	291	0.9	227	0.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,275	9.8	2,481	9.6
Some Other Race	585	1.8	400	1.5
Two or More Races	88	0.3	51	0.2
<b>HOUSING UNITS</b>				
Total housing units	14,322	100.0	708	2.7
<b>OCCUPANCY STATUS</b>				
Occupied housing units	13,253	92.5		
Vacant housing units	1,069	7.5		

(X) Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

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