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Committee Members,

Attached, please find district-level demographic data for the Acadiana-region legislative districts and a map of Census tracts relevant to redistricting in the Acadiana region.

Thank you,

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Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs  
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Members of the House and Senate Governmental Affairs Committees,

Based on data from the 2020 Census, the legislature will soon redraw district maps for Louisiana's congressional districts, the Louisiana House and Senate, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Public Services Commission, and, potentially, the Louisiana Supreme Court.



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Equal access to political representation is a cornerstone of our democracy. That is why the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment requires states to balance their populations across electoral districts. It is also why Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits states from drawing district lines with the intent or the effect of diluting the voting strength of people of color. Accordingly, the legislature has a duty to ensure that any maps it adopts comply with the principle of “one person, one vote,” as required by the Equal Protection Clause<sup>1</sup> and Section 2’s “nationwide ban on racial discrimination in voting.”<sup>2</sup>

The redistricting process will lay the foundation of our state’s democracy for the next decade. We urge you to carry out your duties with fair and equal representation for all people in Louisiana as your highest priority.

It is imperative that Black voters have an equal opportunity to elect their candidates of choice. To ensure this, the legislature must take care that Black voters’ communities of common interest are respected and maintained by the new district maps. Maps that unnecessarily divide minority voters or artificially concentrate them into a single district may dilute their voting strength, depriving them of a fair opportunity to elect candidates who align with their policy preferences. Therefore, before adopting new maps, the legislature must carefully consider how the population and racial demographics of each district have changed since 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533, 565–68 (1964); *id.* at 558 (quoting *Gray v. Sanders*, 372 U.S. 368, 381 (1963)) (“The conception of political equality from the Declaration of Independence, to Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, to the Fifteenth, Seventeenth, and Nineteenth Amendments can mean only one thing—one person, one vote.”); *see* U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1 (“No State shall . . . deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”).

<sup>2</sup> *Shelby Cty., Ala. v. Holder*, 570 U.S. 529, 557 (2013); 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a) (“No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied . . . in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color . . .”).

Based on 2020 Census data, we know that many of our current districts must change, especially those that have lost significant population. At the same time, the law requires that you ensure a fair opportunity for the state's growing Black population to elect their candidates of choice. Fair maps must adequately reflect and balance these realities.

To that end, the ACLU of Louisiana has conducted a comprehensive analysis of the 2020 Census data, including (1) Louisiana's overall population changes from 2010 to 2020, (2) summaries of population and demographic shifts in each road show region, and (3) population and demographic changes broken down by parish and legislative district. This information is crucial to understand whether electoral districts provide fair and equal access to representation, with due consideration for maintaining communities of interest,<sup>3</sup> or whether they improperly dilute the voting strength of minority voters. A summary of the Acadiana region is attached.



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Throughout this process, your obligations under the Constitution and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act must guide your decisions. To ensure non-dilution of minority voting strength in Louisiana, we urge you to consider the information contained in the appended regional summary. Please use this information to draw maps that fairly represent the people of Louisiana.

Respectfully,

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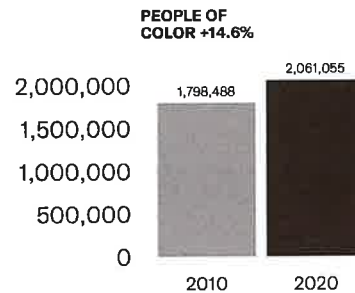
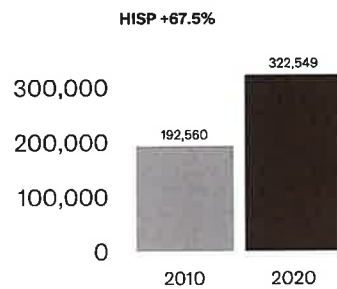
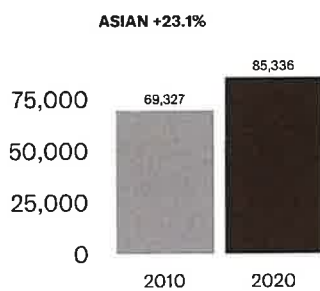
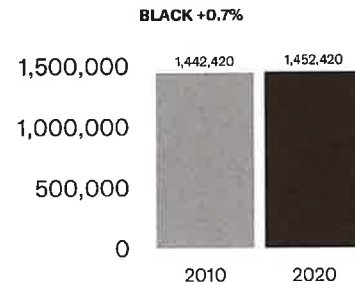
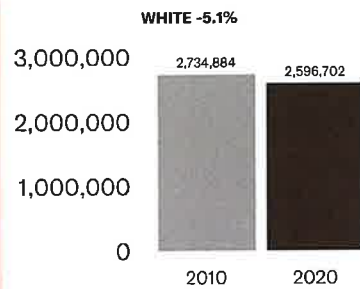
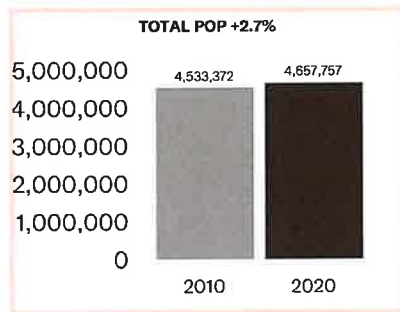
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<sup>3</sup> Joint Rule 21(H), HCR 90, 2021 R.S. ("All redistricting plans shall respect the established boundaries of parishes, municipalities, and other political subdivisions and natural geography of this state to the extent practicable. *However, this criterion is subordinate to and shall not be used to undermine the maintenance of communities of interest within the same district to the extent practicable.*" (emphasis added)).

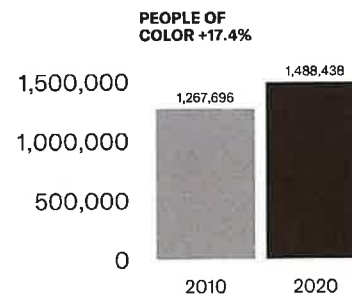
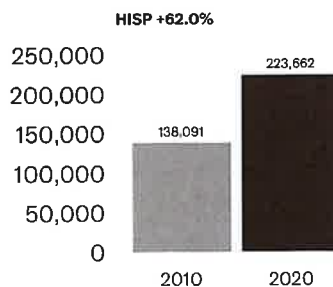
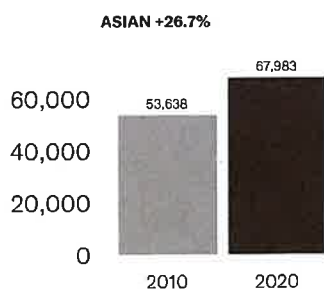
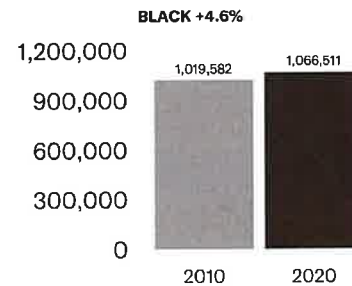
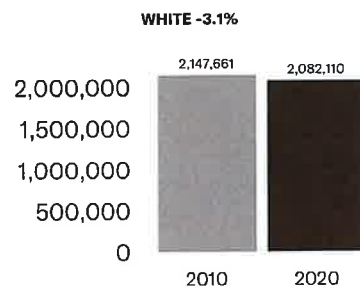
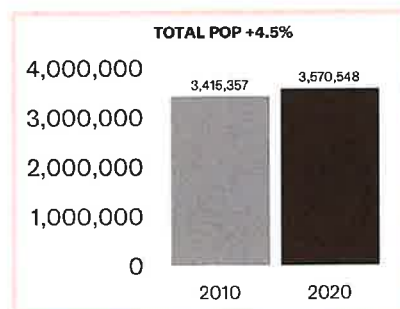
# Louisiana: Statewide Demographics

## OVERALL POPULATION

The overall population of the state of **Louisiana** grew by about **3%** between 2010 and 2020. The number of Black people in Louisiana increased by almost **1%**, the population of Asian people increased by **23%**, and the population of Hispanics increased by **68%**.



## VOTING AGE POPULATION



**Note:** White, Black and Asian categories include people who identified as non-Hispanic and one race only. "People of color" include those who identified as anything except non-Hispanic white alone.

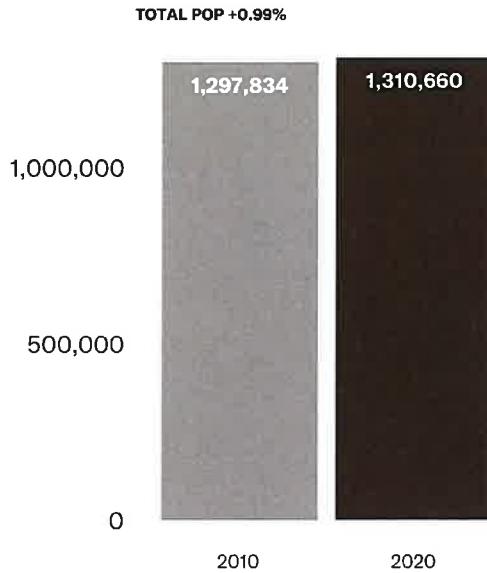
**Sources:** 2010 Census and 2020 Census

# Louisiana: Greater Acadiana Area

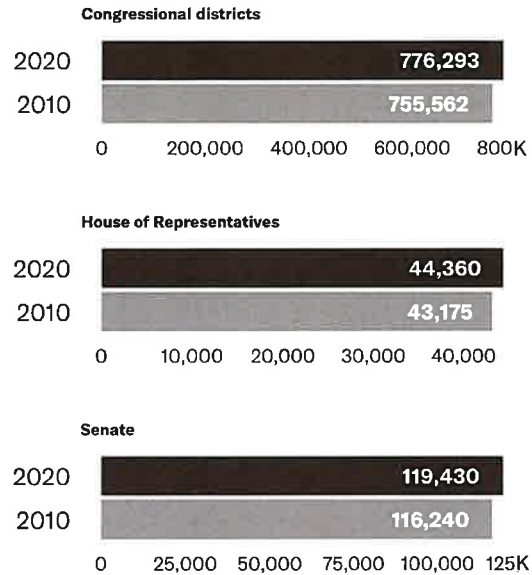
## OVERALL POPULATION

The overall population of **the Acadiana area** (made up by Cameron, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Evangeline, Acadia, Vermilion, Lafayette, St. Landry, Avoyelles, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Mary, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Iberville parishes) grew by about **1%** between 2010 and 2020.

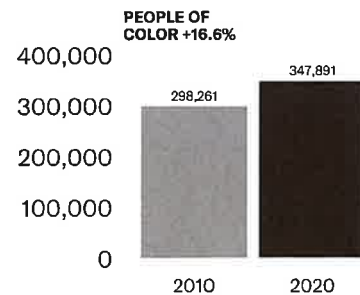
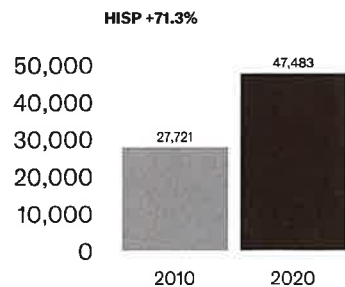
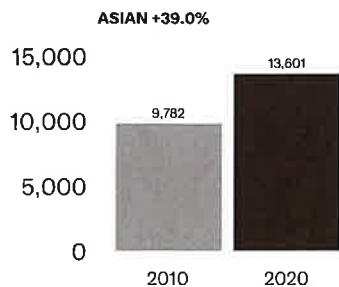
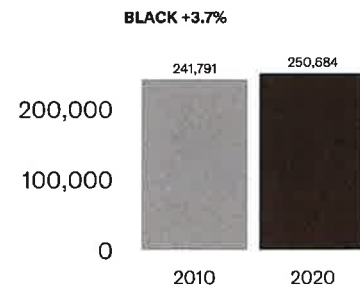
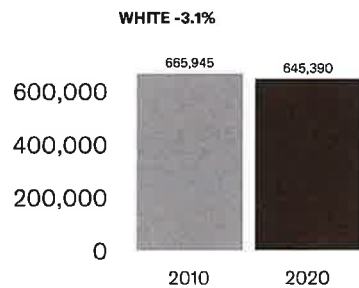
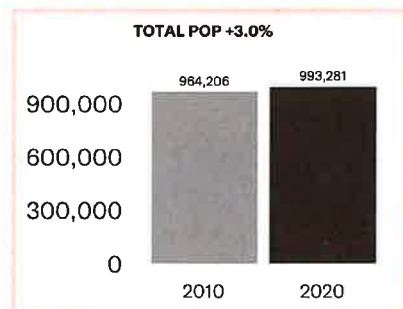
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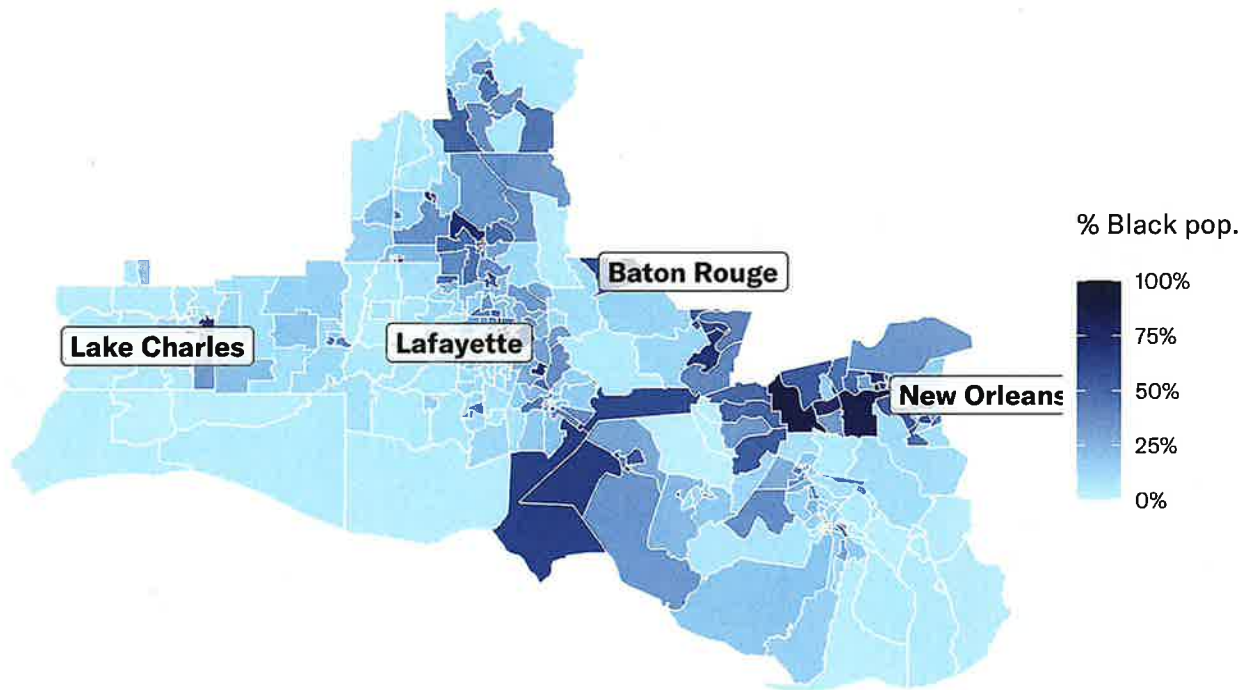
### Ideal size of districts



## VOTING AGE POPULATION



**FIGURE 1: Black population by Census tract in Acadiana area**



**Note:** Darker blue tracts indicate areas with higher proportions people who identify as non-Hispanic and Black or any part Black.

**TABLE 1: Change in voting-age population (2010 - 2020) by Senate District**  
 [Ordered by total number of person of color (non-white) voting-age population added]

Senate District	Senator	Change in person of color (non-white) voting-age pop.	Change in white voting-age pop.
SD18	Lambert	+8,833 (+52.2%)	-2,476 (-3.2%)
SD27	Vacant	+7,304 (+22.4%)	-4,882 (-8.0%)
SD23	Cortez	+5,882 (+29.3%)	-1,535 (-1.9%)
SD25	Abraham	+4,207 (+22.4%)	-4,307 (-5.4%)
SD22	Mills	+2,300 (+7.9%)	-7,868 (-11.6%)
SD30	Reese	+1,943 (+11.4%)	-5,598 (-7.9%)
SD19	Smith	+1,503 (+4.1%)	-7,988 (-15.3%)
SD24	Boudreaux	+1,484 (+2.8%)	-10,024 (-21.5%)
SD26	Hensgens	+919 (+4.3%)	-10,251 (-13.1%)
SD21	Allain	+617 (+1.9%)	-10,734 (-15.6%)
SD28	Cloud	+153 (+0.5%)	-9,445 (-14.3%)
SD17	Ward	-1,838 (-5.3%)	-8,226 (-13.7%)
SD2	Price	-2,427 (-4.8%)	-11,334 (-24.7%)



**TABLE 2: Change in voting-age population (2010 - 2020) by House District**  
 [Ordered by total number of person of color (non-white) voting-age population added]

House District	Representative	Change in person of color (non-white) voting-age pop.	Change in white voting-age pop.
HD36	Tarver	+4,073 (+51.8%)	-1,348 (-4.4%)
HD59	Bacala	+3,973 (+56.4%)	-1,137 (-4.2%)
HD43	Bishop	+3,012 (+51.8%)	-884 (-2.9%)
HD88	Edmonston	+2,969 (+49.2%)	-4,021 (-13.2%)
HD31	Goudeau	+2,815 (+51.1%)	-1,679 (-5.5%)
HD34	Carter, Wilford	+2,586 (+10.2%)	-3,774 (-28.7%)
HD55	Fontenot	+2,451 (+25.7%)	-2,945 (-10.3%)
HD33	Farnum	+1,874 (+48.3%)	-1,262 (-4.1%)
HD39	Emerson	+1,388 (+11.9%)	-5,881 (-20.4%)
HD35	Geymann	+1,257 (+21.4%)	-92 (-0.3%)
HD48	Beaullieu	+978 (+10.2%)	-4,455 (-14.0%)
HD56	Miller	+553 (+5.7%)	-2,843 (-10.9%)
HD49	Miguez	+501 (+6.1%)	-5,167 (-19.5%)
HD32	Carrier	+325 (+4.4%)	-4,738 (-16.3%)
HD28	Deshotel	+300 (+2.9%)	-2,559 (-11.4%)
HD37	Romero	+202 (+2.7%)	-1,299 (-4.6%)
HD40	Miller	+181 (+1.0%)	-4,610 (-28.4%)
HD45	Coussan	+181 (+1.9%)	-9,614 (-29.3%)
HD52	Zeringue	+22 (+0.2%)	-6,152 (-19.5%)
HD54	Orgeron	-9 (-0.2%)	-6,026 (-18.2%)
HD38	Butler	-105 (-1.1%)	-3,282 (-13.5%)
HD41	DeVillier	-145 (-1.9%)	-4,582 (-16.4%)
HD42	Stefanski	-173 (-2.4%)	-5,097 (-19.4%)
HD47	Bourriaque	-430 (-6.1%)	-6,974 (-21.6%)
HD53	Magee	-516 (-4.8%)	-6,670 (-23.9%)
HD50	St. Blanc III	-529 (-3.8%)	-3,179 (-15.2%)
HD51	Amedee	-549 (-4.1%)	-6,374 (-23.8%)
HD81	Schexnayder	-711 (-8.5%)	-5,580 (-17.4%)
HD46	Huval	-1,502 (-15.9%)	+4,365 (-15.6%)
HD18	LaCombe	-1,706 (-11.3%)	+1,225 (+6.2%)
HD60	Brown	-2,396 (-15.5%)	-3,233 (-14.3%)
HD96	Bryant	-2,397 (-11.8%)	-8,348 (-43.1%)
HD44	Pierre	-2,621 (-11.5%)	-5,995 (-39.0%)
HD58	Brass	-3,469 (-15.8%)	-5,647 (-37.6%)
HD29	Jordan	-4,021 (-14.6%)	-2,607 (-32.8%)

**Appendix Table A: Voting-age population in Senate Districts by race**

Senate District	POC-VAP 2010	POC-VAP 2020	Black-VAP 2010	Black-VAP 2020	Hisp-VAP 2010	Hisp-VAP 2020	Asian-VAP 2010	Asian-VAP 2020	White-VAP 2010	White-VAP 2020	Overall-VAP 2010	Overall-VAP 2020
<b>SD2</b>	50,603	48,176	46,939	42,316	2,305	3,592	501	421	45,975	34,641	96,578	82,817
<b>SD17</b>	34,691	32,853	31,923	27,858	1,551	2,448	265	337	60,135	51,909	94,826	84,762
<b>SD18</b>	16,934	25,767	11,499	14,627	3,588	6,678	803	1,328	77,209	74,733	94,143	100,500
<b>SD19</b>	36,867	38,370	28,797	26,974	6,348	7,998	640	786	52,238	44,250	89,105	82,620
<b>SD21</b>	31,656	32,273	24,227	21,714	3,597	5,287	1,377	1,104	68,865	58,131	100,521	90,404
<b>SD22</b>	29,047	31,347	23,858	23,390	2,393	3,771	1,559	1,786	67,537	59,669	96,584	91,016
<b>SD23</b>	20,054	25,936	12,537	12,513	3,834	6,445	2,185	3,471	82,320	80,785	102,374	106,721
<b>SD24</b>	52,271	53,755	48,407	47,646	2,052	3,201	389	518	46,554	36,530	98,825	90,285
<b>SD25</b>	18,787	22,994	14,459	14,545	1,939	3,598	950	1,695	79,038	74,731	97,825	97,725
<b>SD26</b>	21,137	22,056	15,736	14,487	3,104	3,956	1,188	1,207	78,258	68,007	99,395	90,063
<b>SD27</b>	32,612	39,916	27,838	30,487	2,216	4,547	850	1,306	60,699	55,817	93,311	95,733
<b>SD28</b>	28,425	28,578	24,649	20,270	1,591	4,528	384	685	66,236	56,791	94,661	85,369
<b>SD30</b>	16,999	18,942	10,053	9,461	3,383	4,178	998	980	71,196	65,598	88,195	84,540

Sources: 2010 and 2020 Census





**Appendix Table B: Voting-age population in House Districts by race**

House District	POC-VAP 2010	POC-VAP 2020	Black-VAP 2010	Black-VAP 2020	Hisp-VAP 2010	Hisp-VAP 2020	Asian-VAP 2010	Asian-VAP 2020	White-VAP 2010	White-VAP 2020	Overall-VAP 2010	Overall-VAP 2020
HD18	15,073	13,367	14,121	10,945	545	1,394	80	167	19,790	21,015	34,863	34,382
HD28	10,311	10,611	9,103	7,768	423	1,257	110	321	22,526	19,967	32,837	30,578
HD29	27,553	23,532	26,574	22,130	588	700	98	101	7,937	5,330	35,490	28,862
HD31	5,509	8,324	3,108	3,715	1,225	2,133	739	1,291	30,573	28,894	36,082	37,218
HD32	7,355	7,680	5,680	3,914	468	2,039	177	195	28,985	24,247	36,340	31,927
HD33	3,878	5,752	2,403	2,345	775	1,791	181	409	30,933	29,671	34,811	35,423
HD34	25,350	27,936	23,227	24,676	876	1,436	334	378	13,146	9,372	38,496	37,308
HD35	5,873	7,130	4,366	4,019	714	1,423	195	285	30,928	30,836	36,801	37,966
HD36	7,870	11,943	5,111	6,015	1,064	2,534	1,035	1,753	30,879	29,531	38,749	41,474
HD37	7,522	7,724	6,201	5,624	616	824	96	129	28,451	27,152	35,973	34,876
HD38	9,617	9,512	8,801	7,719	380	889	93	131	24,373	21,091	33,990	30,603
HD39	11,617	13,005	9,741	9,852	1,066	1,886	272	252	28,824	22,943	40,441	35,948
HD40	18,573	18,754	17,429	17,112	476	708	134	114	16,236	11,626	34,809	30,380
HD41	7,639	7,494	6,165	5,411	938	1,147	118	176	27,858	23,276	35,497	30,770
HD42	7,121	6,948	6,170	5,579	554	654	80	85	26,265	21,168	33,386	28,116
HD43	5,819	8,831	3,456	4,254	1,175	2,356	651	955	30,943	30,059	36,762	38,890
HD44	22,755	20,134	20,817	17,889	1,017	1,171	324	282	15,389	9,394	38,144	29,528
HD45	9,472	9,653	5,527	4,930	2,442	2,590	897	1,001	32,857	23,243	42,329	32,896
HD46	9,455	7,953	8,174	6,080	627	895	222	211	28,045	23,680	37,500	31,633
HD47	7,045	6,615	5,132	4,325	802	924	666	594	32,349	25,375	39,394	31,990
HD48	9,631	10,609	7,042	6,269	1,064	2,011	995	1,242	31,776	27,321	41,407	37,930
HD49	8,204	8,705	6,133	5,836	1,026	1,552	537	514	26,552	21,385	34,756	30,090
HD50	13,971	13,442	11,711	10,071	1,045	1,649	257	167	20,896	17,717	34,867	31,159
HD51	13,289	12,740	8,005	6,753	2,062	2,664	760	557	26,748	20,374	40,037	33,114
HD52	9,820	9,842	5,783	4,706	1,788	2,291	449	480	31,585	25,433	41,405	35,275
HD53	10,762	10,246	6,412	5,542	1,464	1,688	356	382	27,891	21,221	38,653	31,467
HD54	5,255	5,246	1,208	893	1,836	1,988	272	295	33,036	27,010	38,291	32,256
HD55	9,524	11,975	7,969	9,322	776	1,414	269	254	28,464	25,519	37,988	37,494
HD56	9,731	10,284	7,197	6,536	1,794	2,198	311	360	26,139	23,296	35,870	33,580
HD58	22,007	18,538	20,619	16,883	988	1,032	112	83	15,002	9,355	37,009	27,893
HD59	7,044	11,017	4,564	6,127	1,580	2,826	541	889	27,065	25,928	34,109	36,945
HD60	15,466	13,070	14,221	10,895	757	1,452	202	102	22,564	19,331	38,030	32,401
HD81	8,387	7,676	6,979	5,289	817	1,198	119	175	31,982	26,402	40,369	34,078
HD88	6,031	9,000	3,806	4,932	1,681	2,800	165	239	30,468	26,447	36,489	35,447
HD96	20,391	17,994	18,348	15,740	947	964	572	531	19,389	11,041	39,780	29,035