



## **Staff Observations on Race**

- Comparing 1990 and 2000 census data on race is difficult due to a significant change in Census Bureau categorization of race. Still, it is fairly clear from census data that Bloomington joined the region, state, and country in becoming more racially diverse between 1990 and 2000.
- 1990 census data shows 5.2% of Bloomington residents were of a race other than “white”. 2000 census data shows 12.4% of Bloomington residents were of a race other than “white alone”. A new category of “two or more races” was added in 2000, which is one of the reasons it is difficult to compare 1990 and 2000 census data on race.