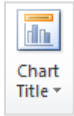
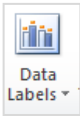


# Column charts in Excel

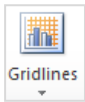
## Anatomy of a redesign



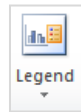
- Add a title above the chart.
- Use regular (not bold) text.
- Add an explanatory sentence.
- Decrease font intensity to increase readability.



- Add labels to important data points.
- Match text color to legend or explanatory sentence in title.



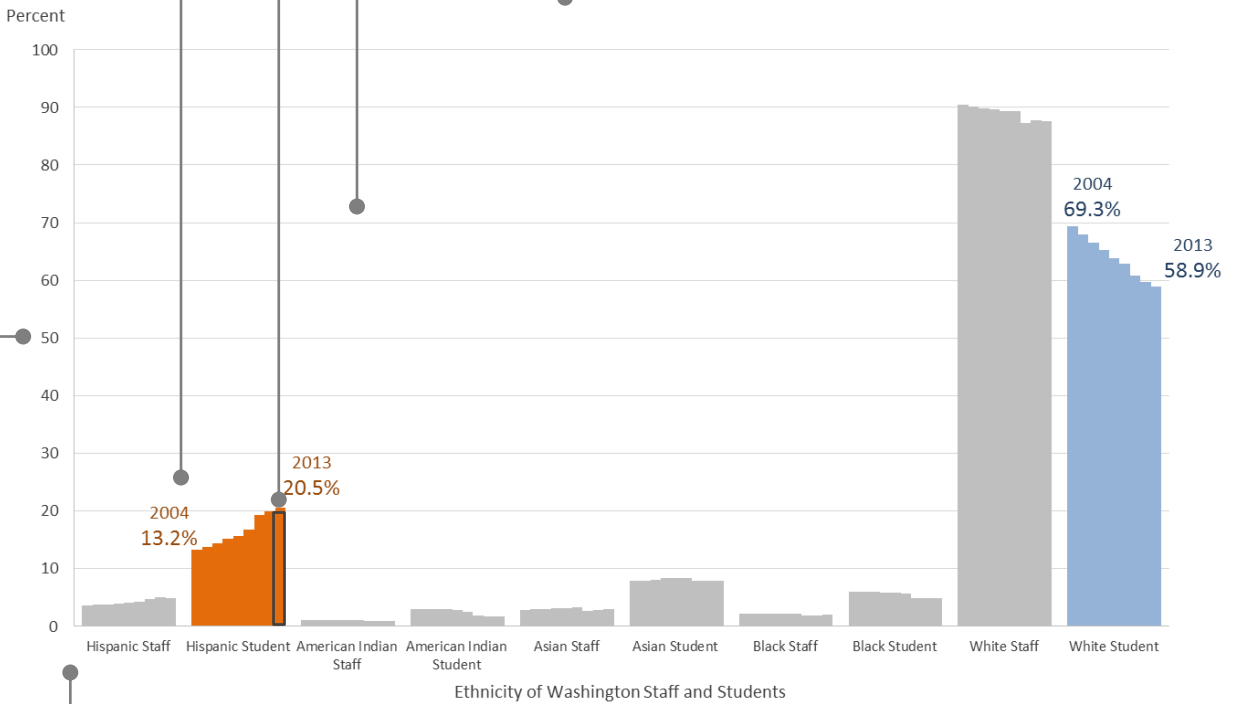
- Change line color to a light grey (or eliminate).



- Add above or below the chart.
- May not be necessary if key points are contained within the title.

### Washington staff and students by percent ethnicity, 2004 - 2013

The percent of **Hispanic students** has steadily increased over the last ten years, while the percent of **White students** has declined.



- Simplify text and numbers.
- Decrease intensity of line color.
- Eliminate tick marks (unless absolutely necessary).
- Click directly on axes to change font size and color.



- Use horizontal labels.
- Decrease intensity of font color.
- Reposition, as needed, to increase readability.