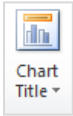# Line charts in Excel
Anatomy of a redesign

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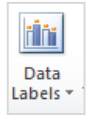- Add a title above the chart.
- Use regular (not bold) text.
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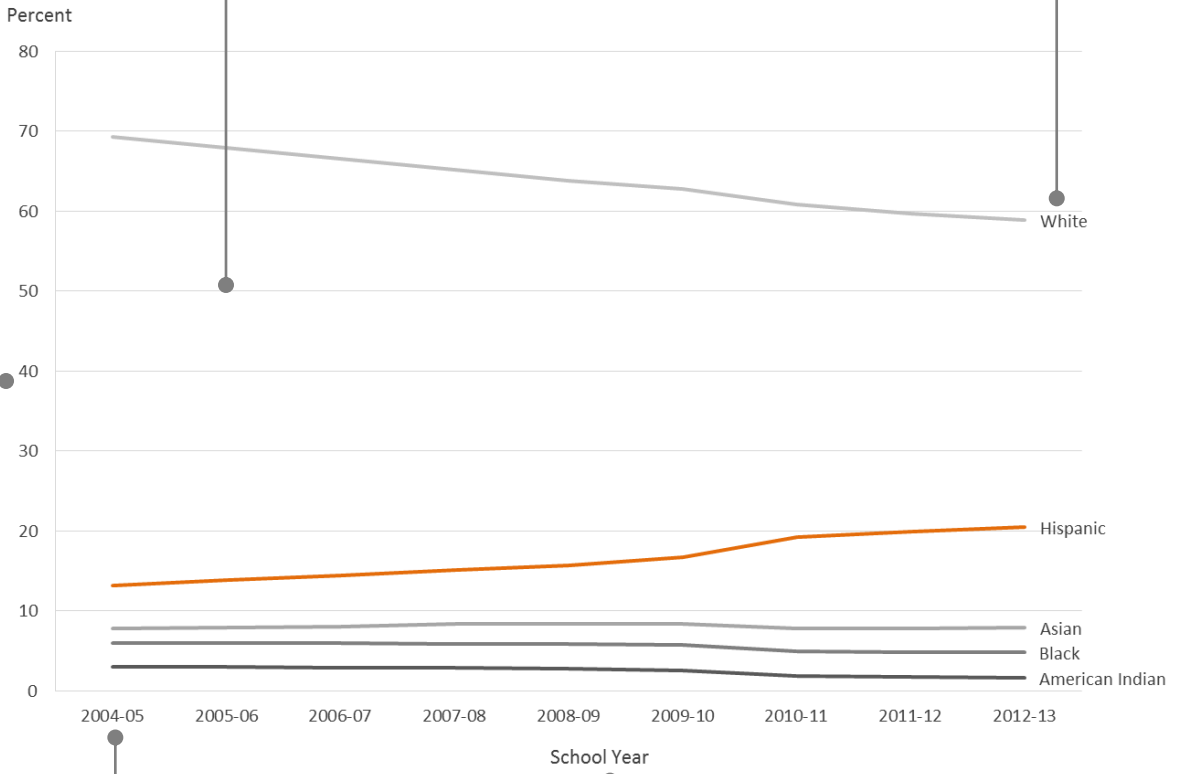- Decrease font intensity to increase readability.

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

Data Labels
- Add labels to line instead of a legend.
- Match text color to explanatory sentence in title.

Percent of Washington student enrollment by ethnicity, 2004 - 13
The population of Hispanic students has steadily increased from 13.2 to 20.5 percent.

Percent

80

70

60 — White

50

40

30

20 — Hispanic

10

Asian
Black
American Indian

0

2004-05　2005-06　2006-07　2007-08　2008-09　2009-10　2010-11　2011-12　2012-13

School Year

Axes
- 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.

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