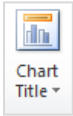


# Line charts in Excel

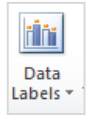
## Anatomy of a redesign



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



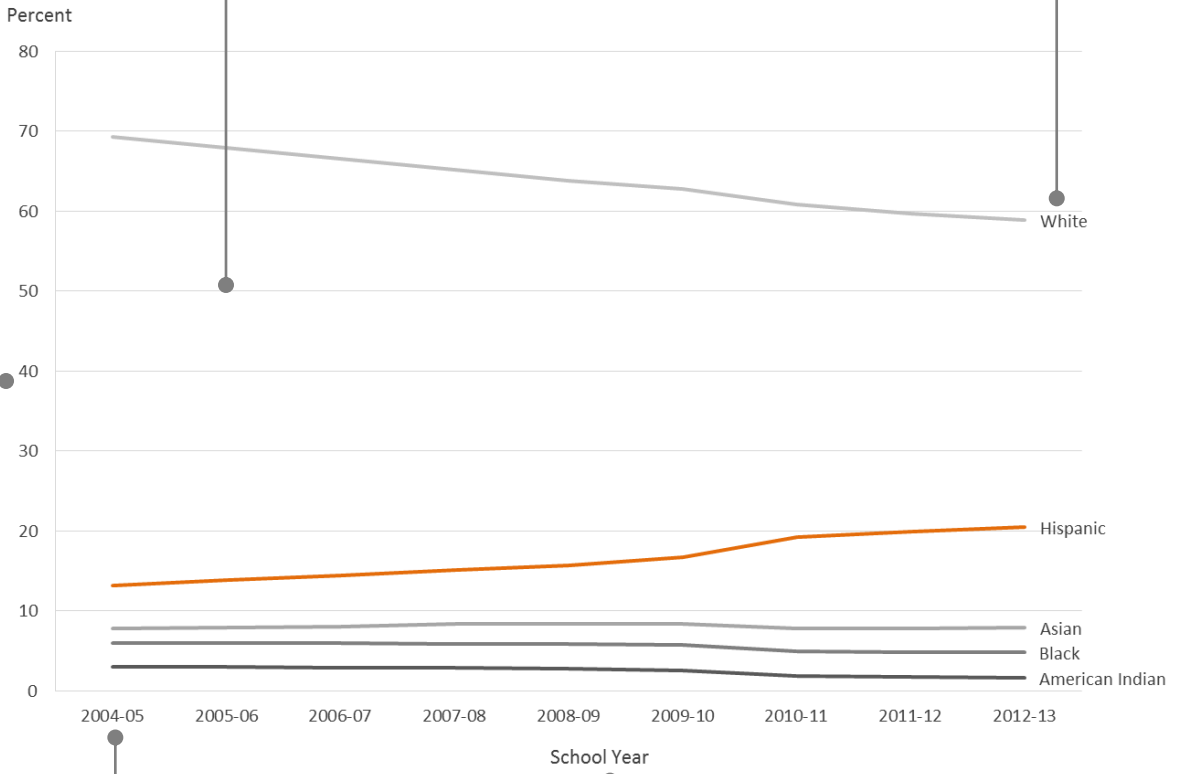
- Change line color to a light grey (or eliminate).



- 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**.



- 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.