

OUR CHANGING REGION

An Analysis of 2020 Census Data

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2020 Decennial Census

- Constitutionally mandated for legislative redistricting
- A population ‘snapshot’ every 10 years
- Resource to inform policymakers
- COG assessment of the *initial* 2020 Census focuses on:
 - Amount
 - Location
 - Composition
- **2020 Census collected during COVID-19 Pandemic**

2020 Census Findings

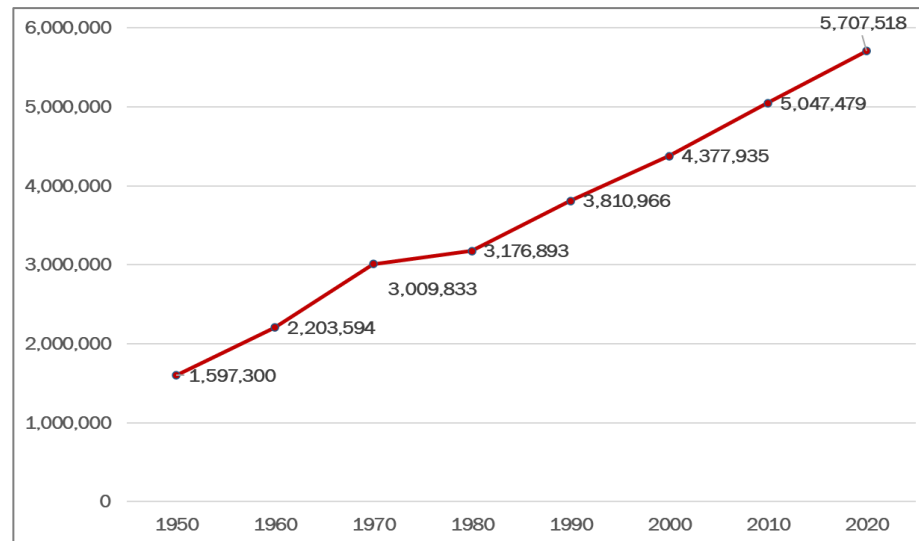
- COG region grew by more than 660,000 people or 13% between 2010 and 2020,
- Loudoun County saw the greatest increase (~109,000 people), followed by Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and the District of Columbia.
- The region is predominantly people of color; white population comprised less than half of the region's total in 2020.
- District of Columbia, Maryland, and Prince William County are among the most diverse jurisdictions in the nation.

2020 Census Findings

- The region's outer suburbs have the highest proportion of people under age 18.
- After falling dramatically since 1970, average household size (people per dwelling) is increasing slightly.

Region's Growth

Total Population for COG Region
1950 to 2020



- 2020 COG Region population: 5,707,518 people
 - +660,039 (+13%) since 2010
 - 3rd greatest increase since '50s
 - Lowest rate of growth since the '80s



Population & Growth

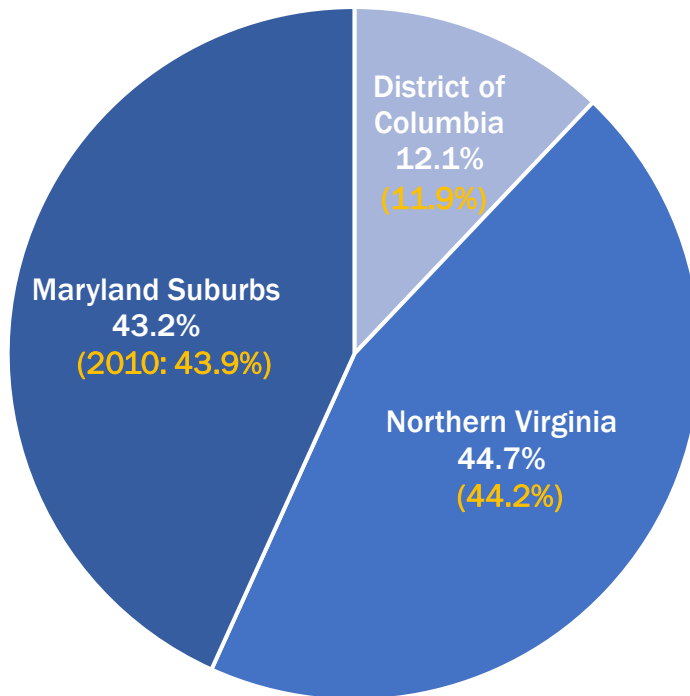
COG Member Jurisdictions	2020 Population	2010 Population	Absolute Growth	% Growth
District of Columbia	689,545	601,723	87,822	15%
Charles County	166,617	146,551	20,066	14%
Frederick County	271,717	233,385	38,332	16%
City of Frederick ¹	78,171	65,239	12,932	20%
Montgomery County	1,062,061	971,777	90,284	9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	69,657	59,933	9,724	16%
City of Rockville ¹	67,117	61,209	5,908	10%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,629	16,715	914	5%
Prince George's County	967,201	863,420	103,781	12%
City of Bowie ¹	58,329	54,727	3,602	7%
City of College Park ¹	34,740	30,413	4,327	14%
City of Greenbelt ¹	24,921	23,068	1,853	8%
City of Hyattsville	21,187	17,557	3,630	21%
City of Laurel ¹	30,060	25,115	4,945	20%
Town of Bladensburg ¹	9,657	9,148	509	6%
Maryland Suburbs	2,467,596	2,215,133	252,463	11%
Arlington County	238,643	207,627	31,016	15%
Fairfax County	1,150,309	1,081,726	68,583	6%
Loudoun County	420,959	312,311	108,648	35%
Prince William County	482,204	402,002	80,202	20%
City of Alexandria	159,467	139,966	19,501	14%
City of Fairfax	24,146	22,565	1,581	7%
City of Falls Church	14,658	12,332	2,326	19%
City of Manassas	42,772	37,821	4,951	13%
City of Manassas Park	17,219	14,273	2,946	21%
Northern Virginia	2,550,377	2,230,623	319,754	14%
TOTAL: COG Region	5,707,518	5,047,479	660,039	13%

Source: 2020 Census PL 94-171 Redistricting Data
 (1) Population of Maryland cities is included in appropriate county totals.

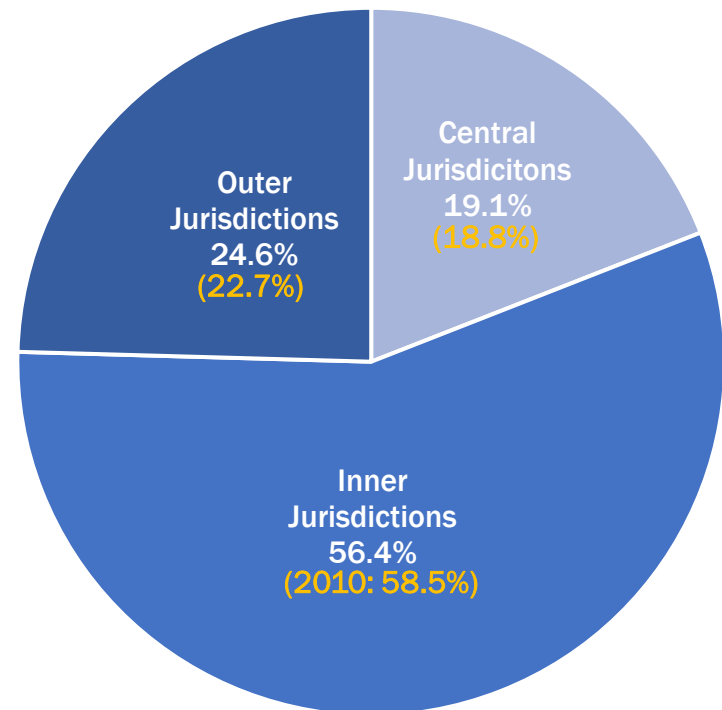


Population Distribution

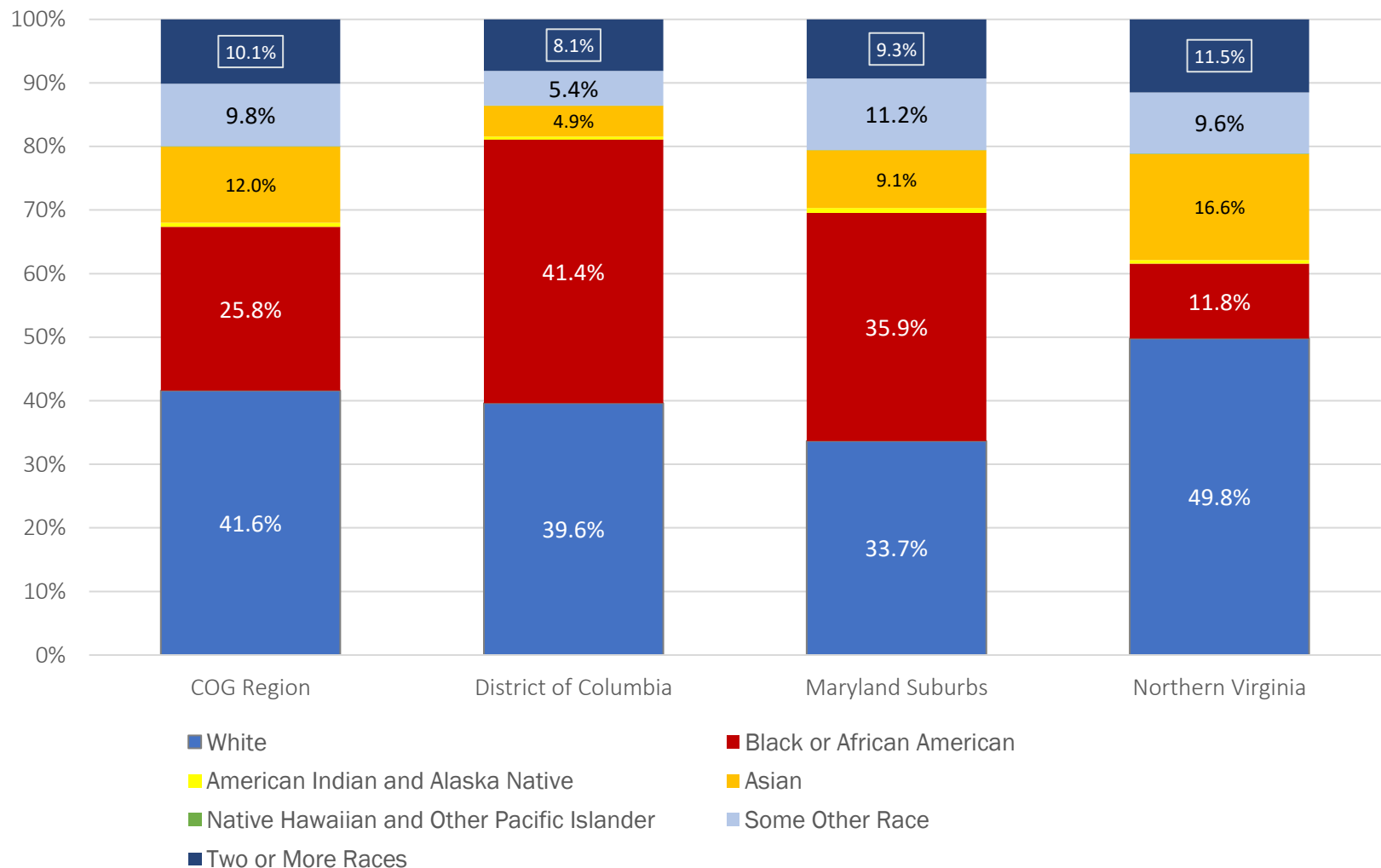
Share of Population by State Subregion



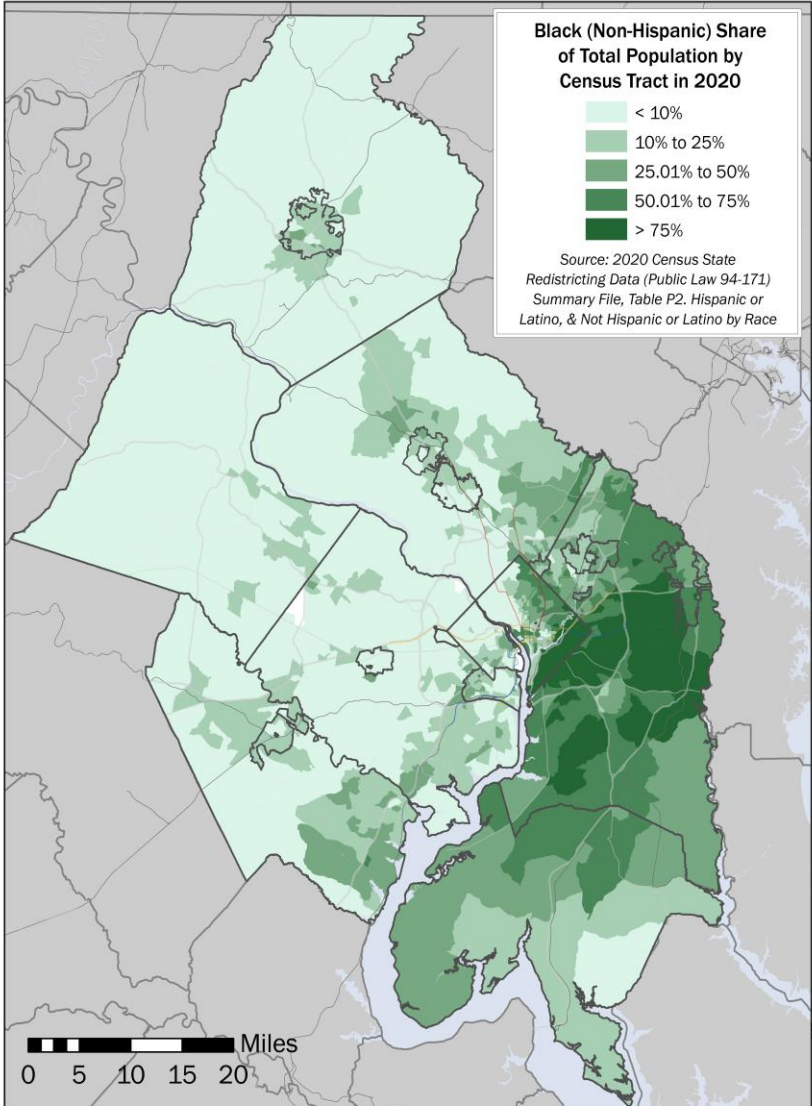
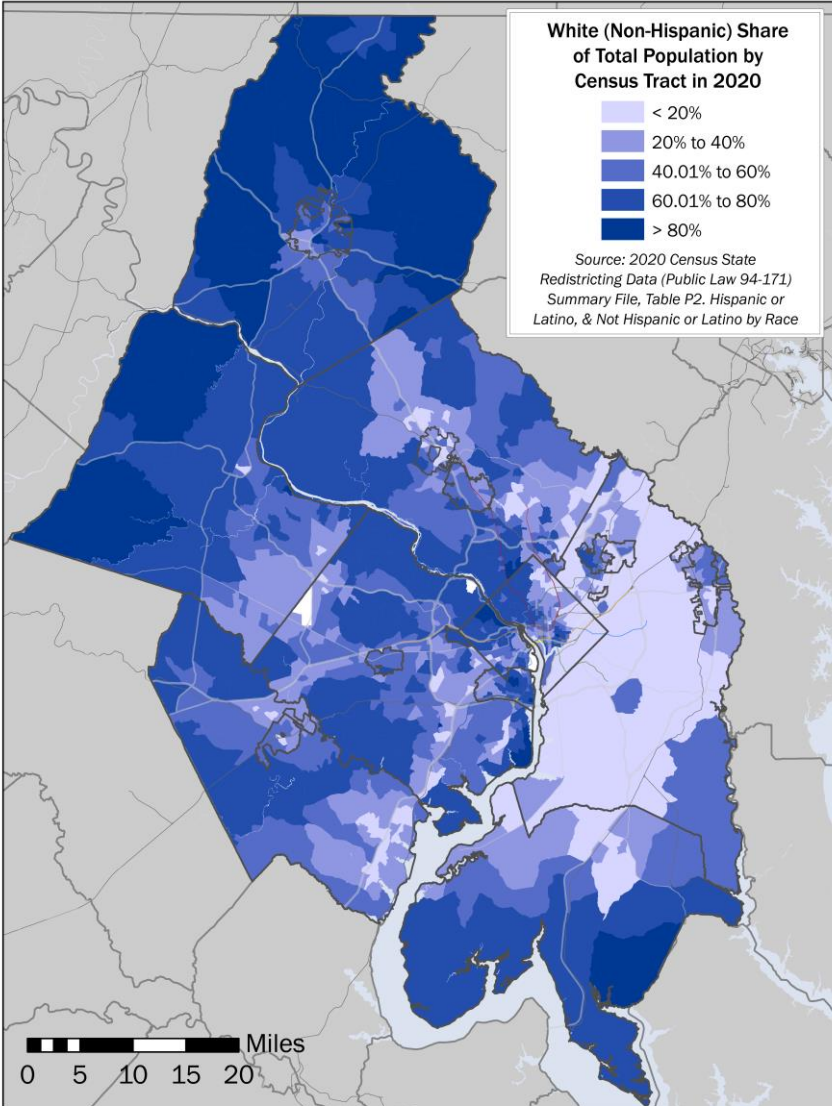
Share of Population by Geographic Subregion



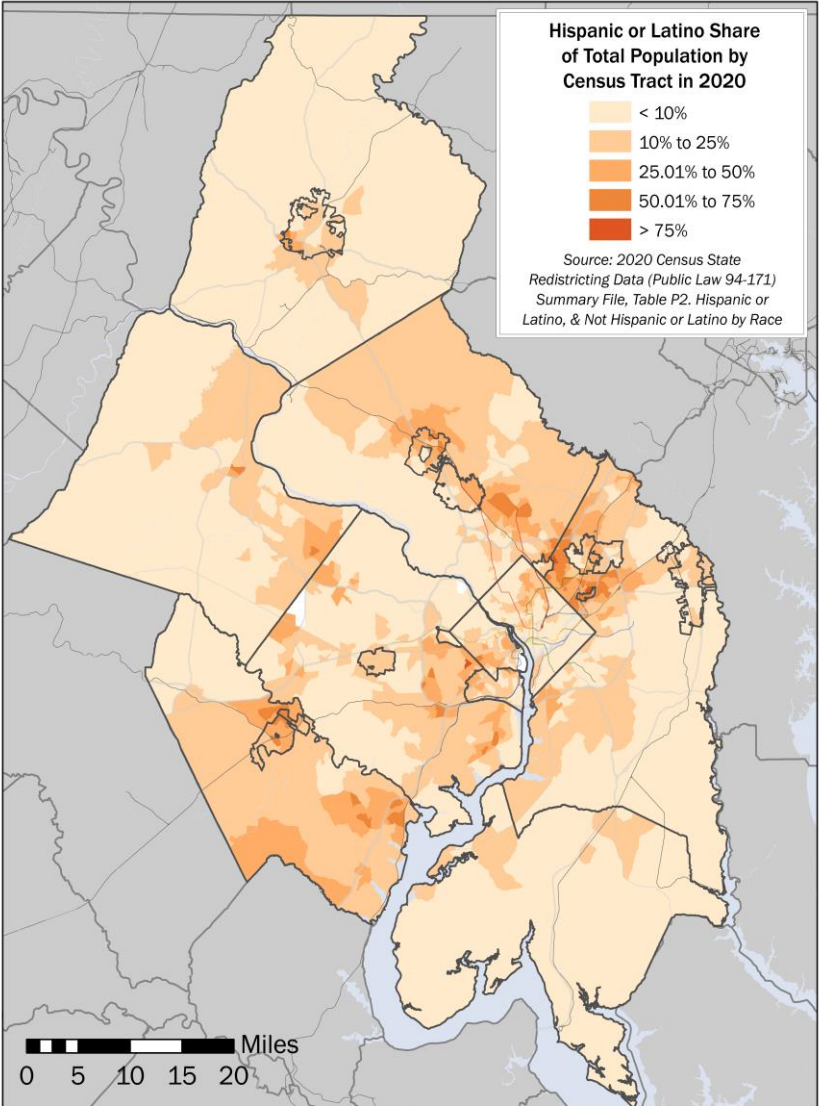
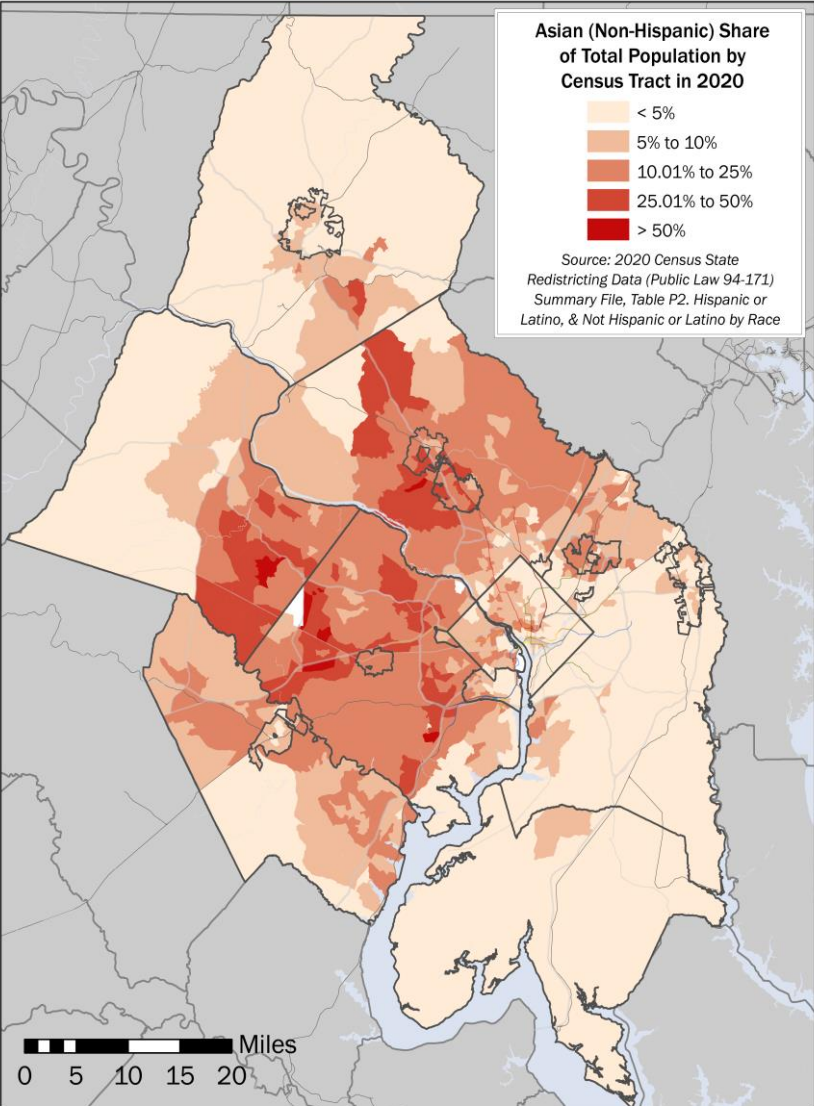
Racial Composition of 2020 Population



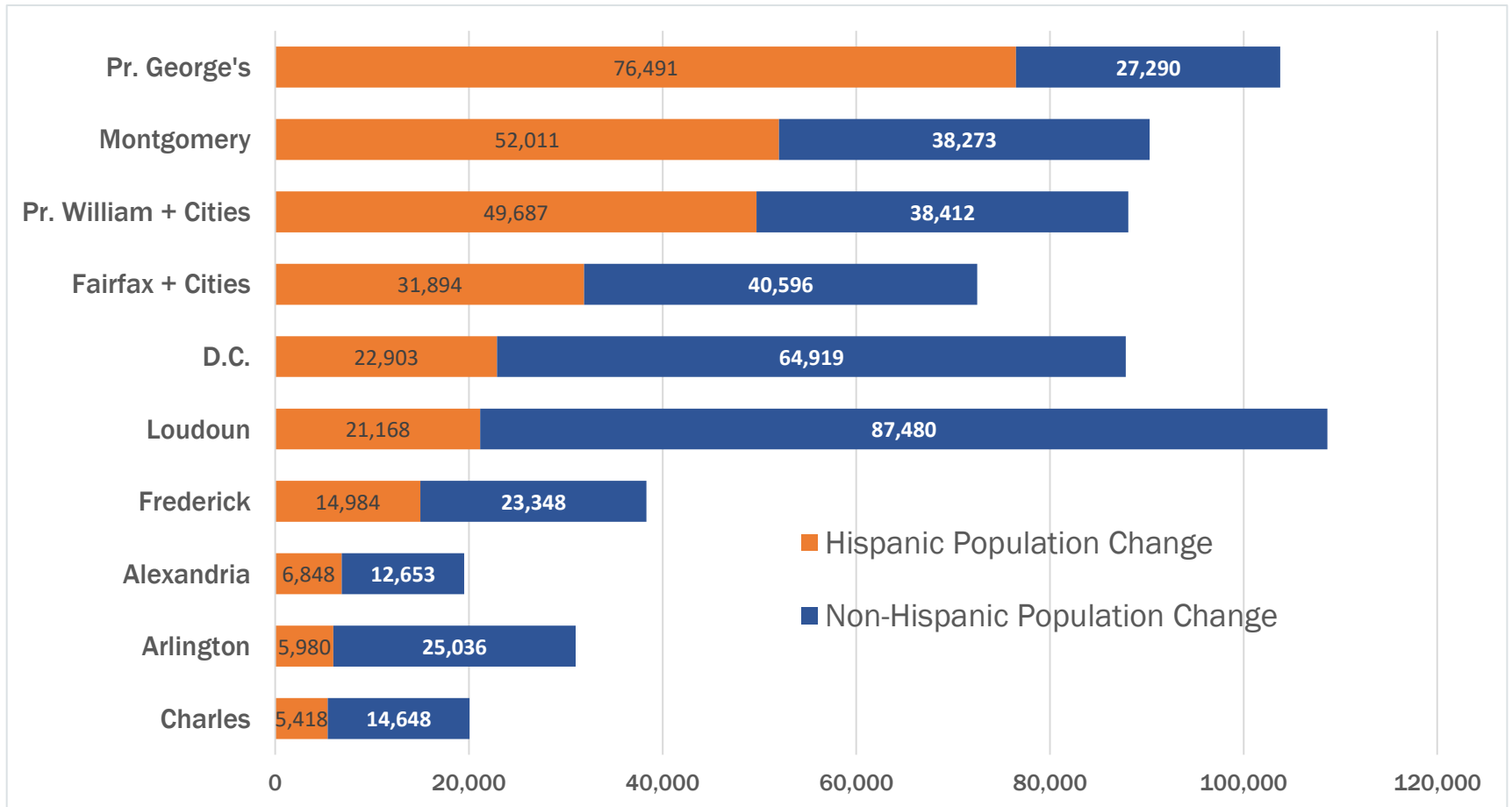
Regional Distribution: White & Black Populations



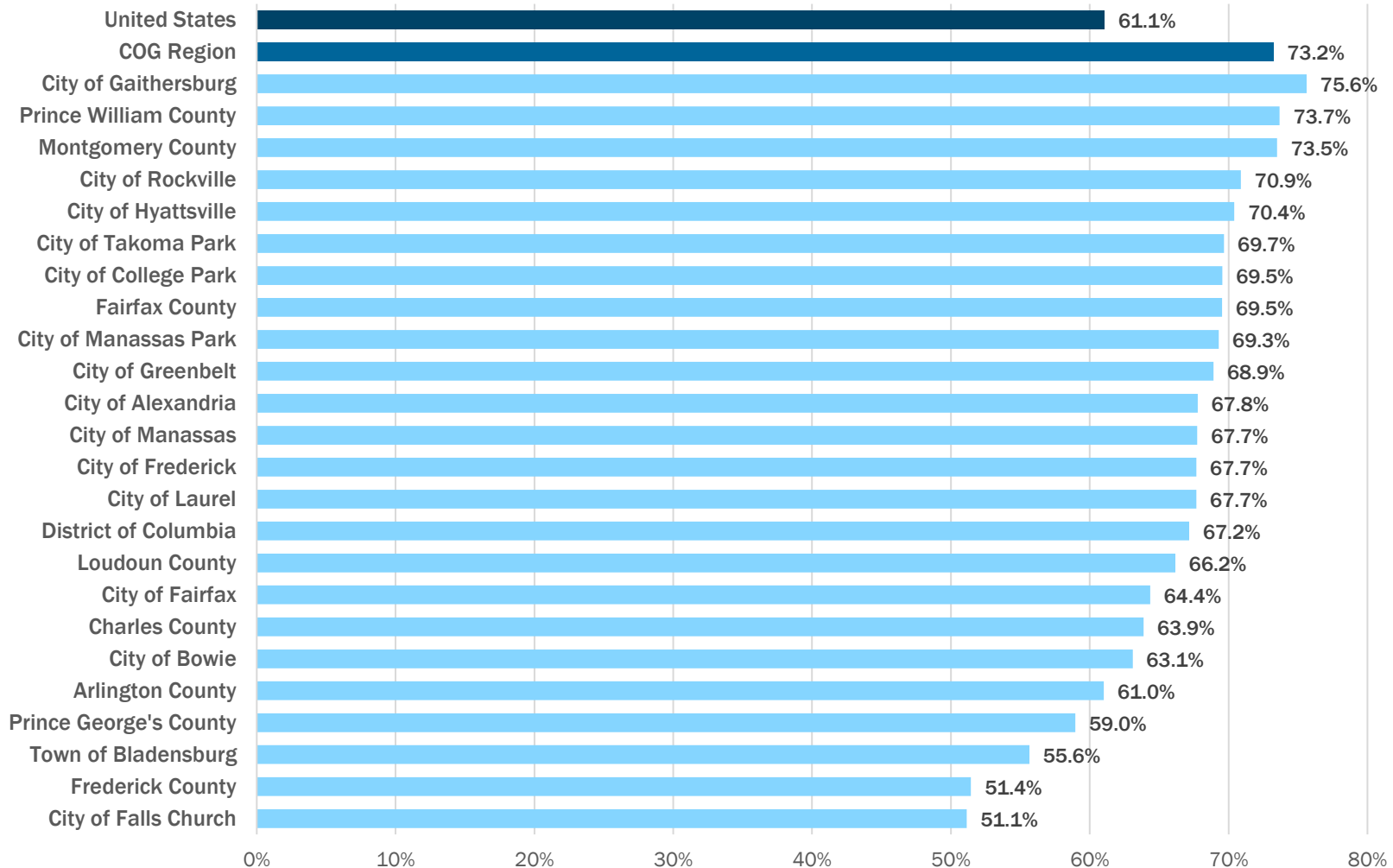
Regional Distribution: Asian & Hispanic Populations



Hispanic or Latino Population Change 2010 to 2020



2020 Diversity Index – COG Region



States with Highest Diversity Index

- Maryland and the District of Columbia are the 4th and 5th most diverse states in the nation based on the Census [“Diversity Index.”](#)

Table 1.
10 States With the Highest Diversity Index in 2020

State	Diversity index		Percentage-point difference
	2010	2020	
Hawaii	75.1	76.0	0.9
California	67.7	69.7	2.0
Nevada	62.5	68.8	6.3
→ Maryland	60.7	67.3	6.6
→ District of Columbia	61.9	67.2	5.3
Texas	63.8	67.0	3.2
New Jersey	59.4	65.8	6.4
New York	60.2	65.8	5.5
Georgia	58.8	64.1	5.3
Florida	59.1	64.1	5.1

Source: Census Bureau tabulation of 2020 PL94-171 data

Counties with Highest Diversity Index

- Prince William County is the 10th most diverse county in the nation based on the Census [“Diversity Index.”](#)

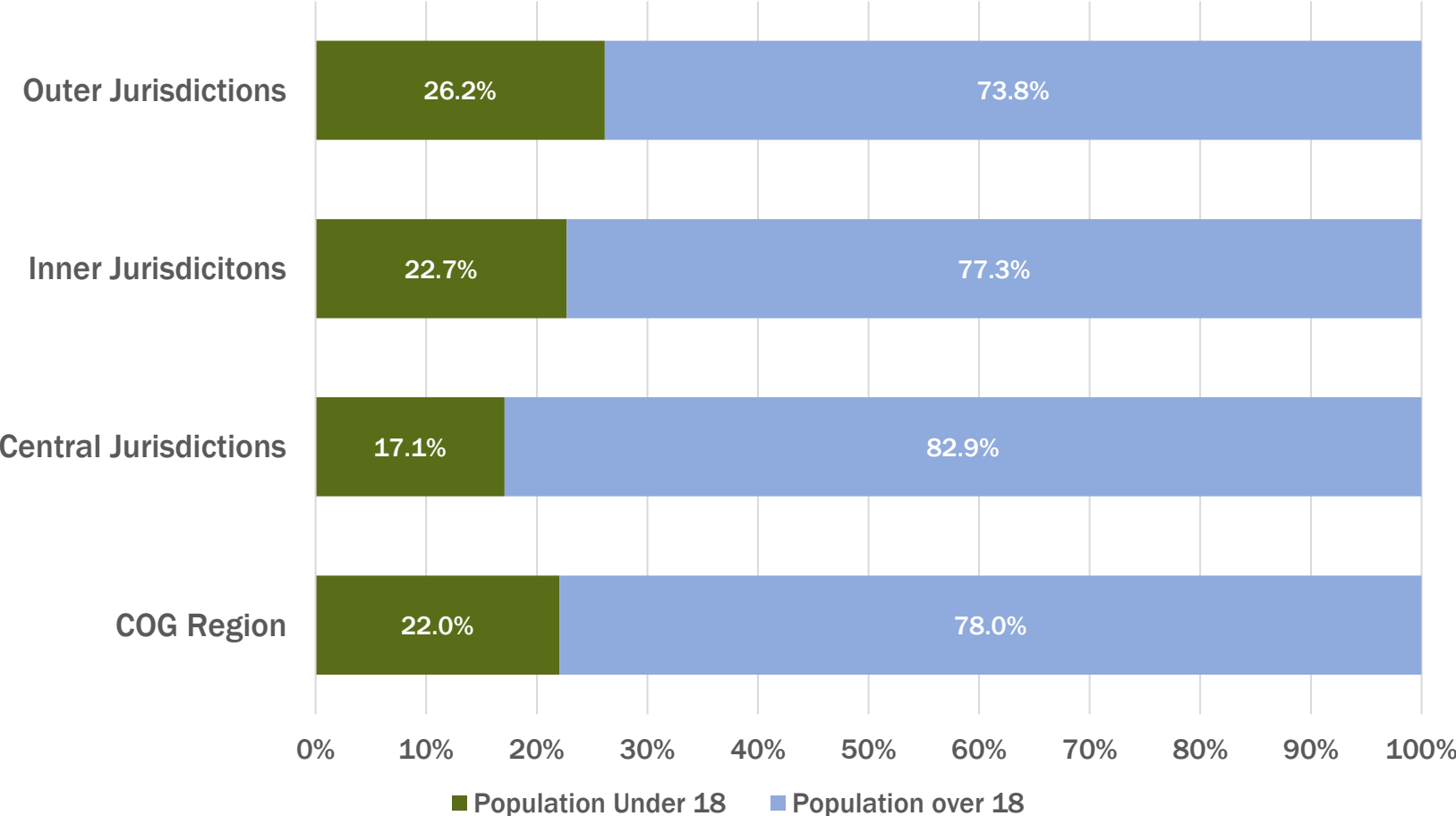
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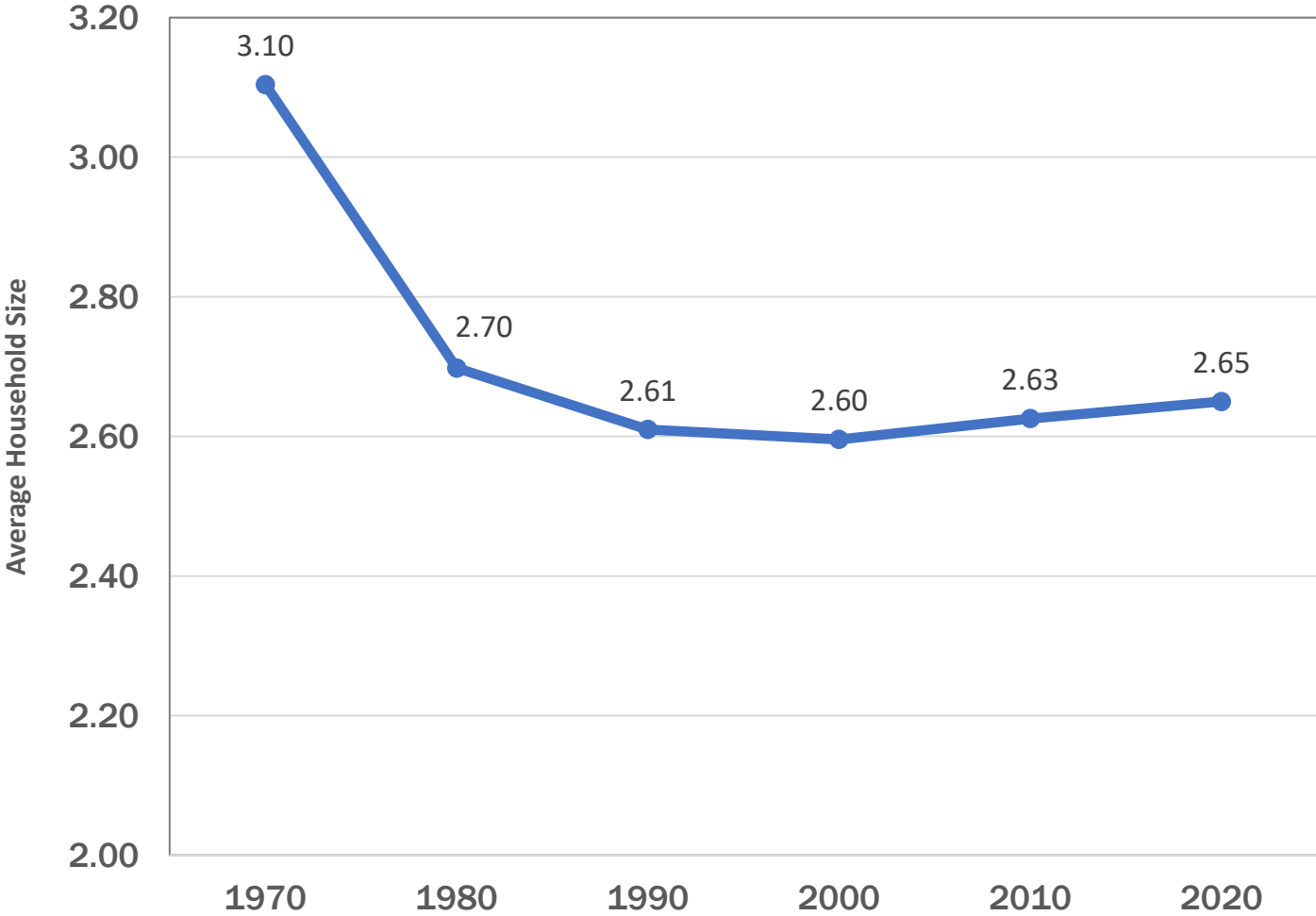
County	Diversity index		Percentage-point difference
	2010	2020	
Hawaii County, Hawaii	77.5	77.7	0.2
Maui County, Hawaii	76.3	77.1	0.8
Queens County, New York	76.4	76.9	0.6
Kauai County, Hawaii	75.6	76.6	0.9
Fort Bend County, Texas	74.0	76.3	2.3
Solano County, California	73.3	75.6	2.4
Alameda County, California	75.0	75.1	0.1
Gwinnett County, Georgia	70.2	75.1	4.8
Kings County, New York	72.1	74.8	2.7
→ Prince William County, Virginia . . .	67.7	73.7	6.0

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Age of Population



Average Household Size, 1970 to 2020



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