

**ITEM 12 – Information**  
December 15, 2004

Briefing on Travel Characteristics for  
Minority and Disadvantaged Populations Based on the 2000 Census

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Receive briefing on the geographic locations of minority, low-income, and disabled populations in the Washington region, the commuting modes typically used by these individuals, and their accessibility to transit stations based on 2000 Census data.

**Issues:** None

**Background:** In the spring of 2004, the Board was briefed on the Access for All Advisory Committee's report which stressed the importance of bus service for low-income and minority groups. The Board asked the committee to further explore the issue of "bus dependency". 2000 Census data were used to examine the commuter travel characteristics, especially bus usage, for low-income and minority populations. The findings from this analysis have been presented to the Access for All Advisory Committee and the Technical Committee.

## Findings on Travel Characteristics for Minority and Disadvantaged Populations from the 2000 Census

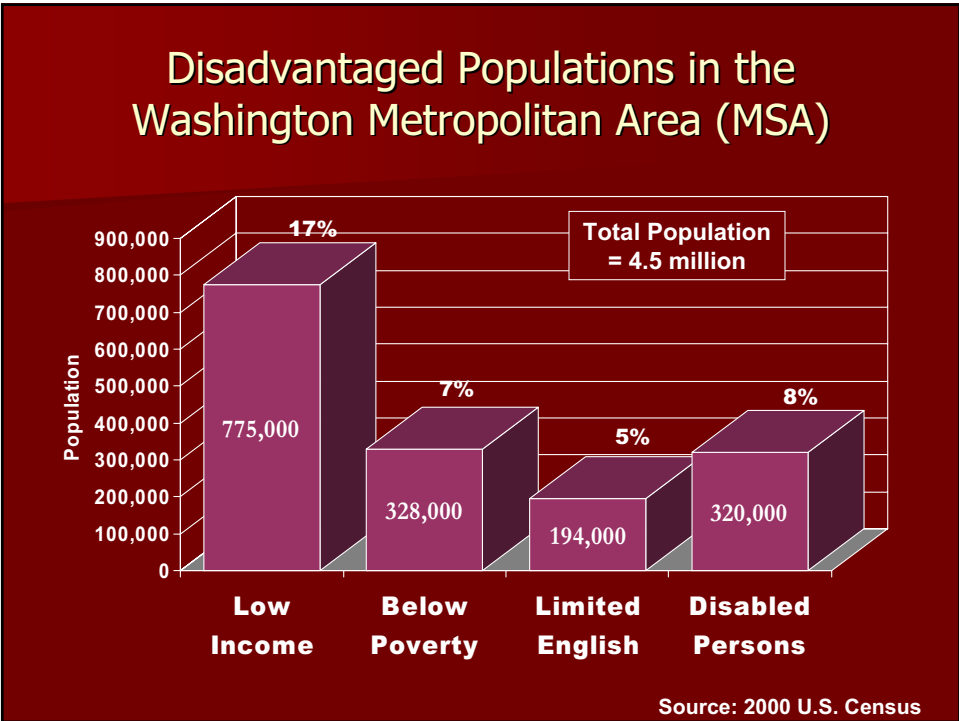
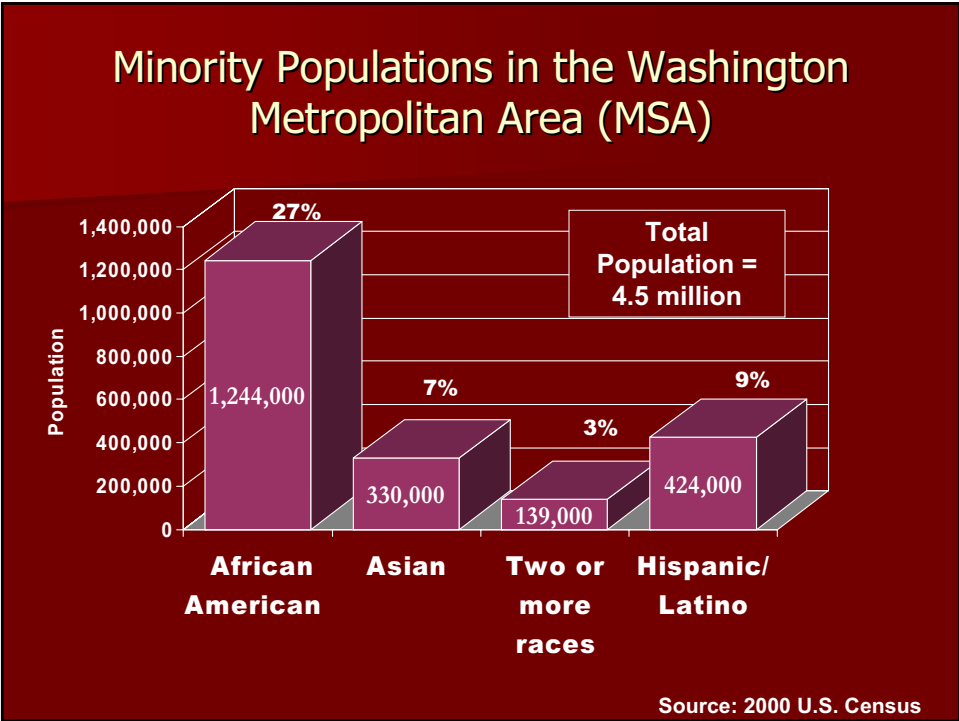
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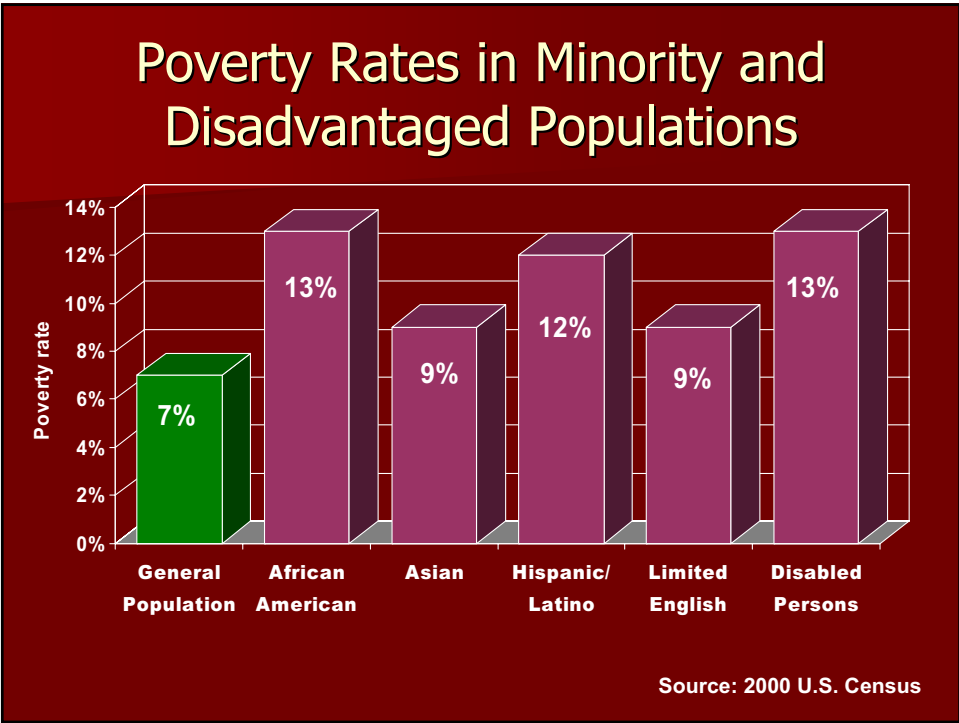
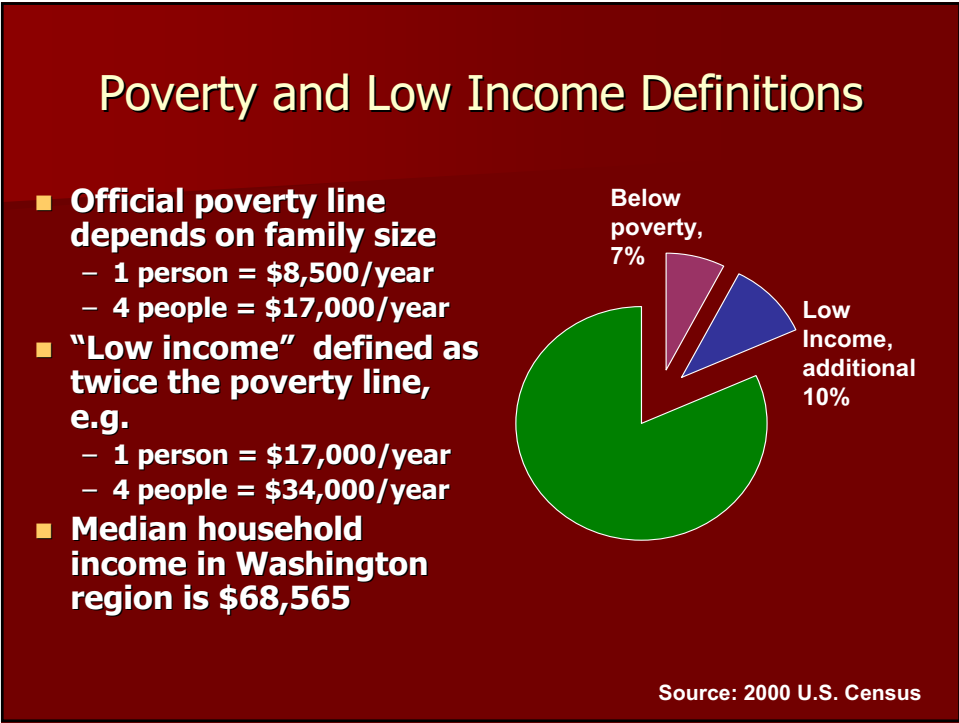
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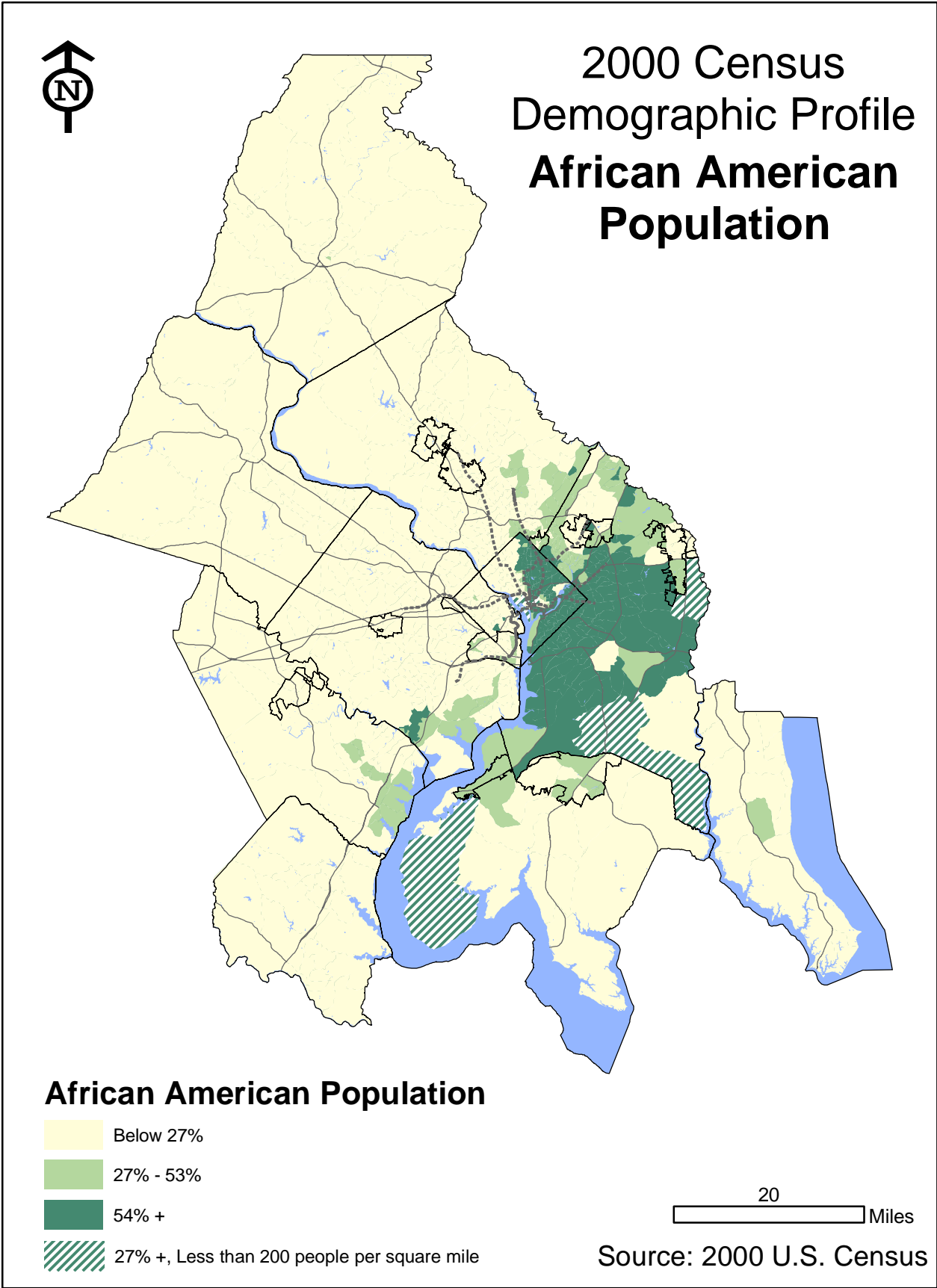
- **How many minority, disabled, and low-income individuals live in the Washington Metropolitan Region?**
- **Where are these individuals located within the region?**
- **How do minority, disabled, and low-income individuals get to work?**
- **Where do these individuals live relative to transit stops?**
- **How accessible is employment by transit?**

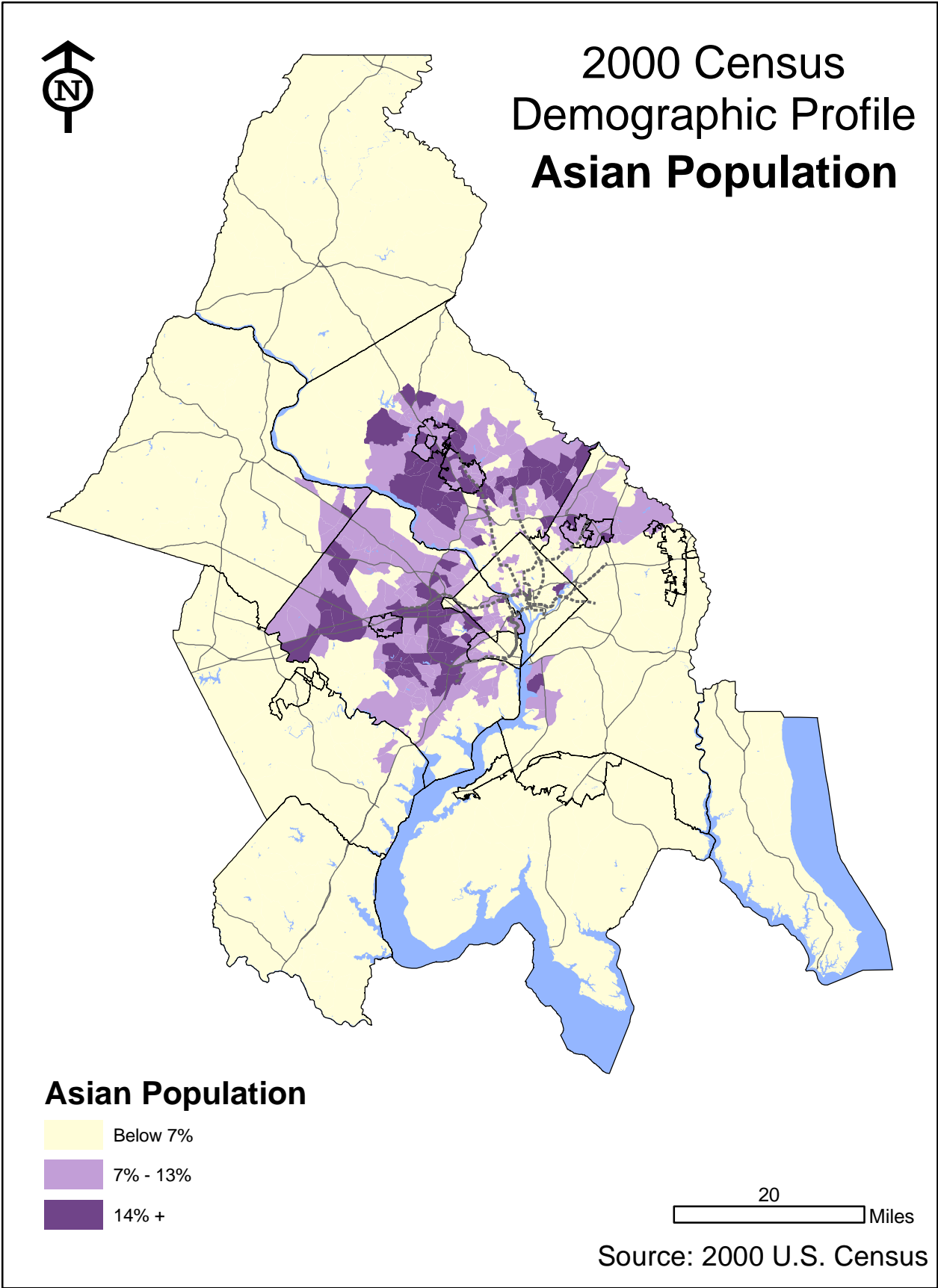
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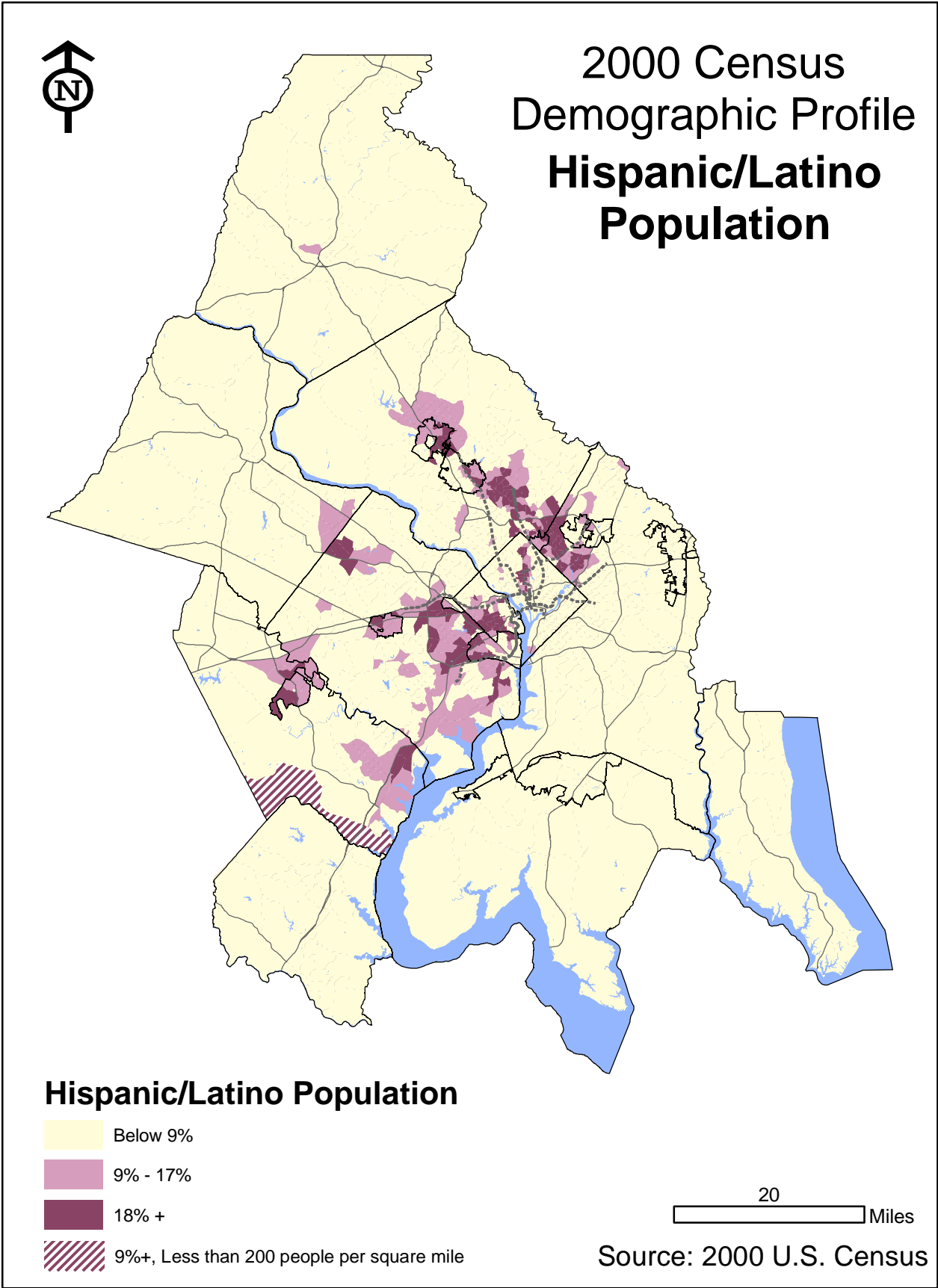




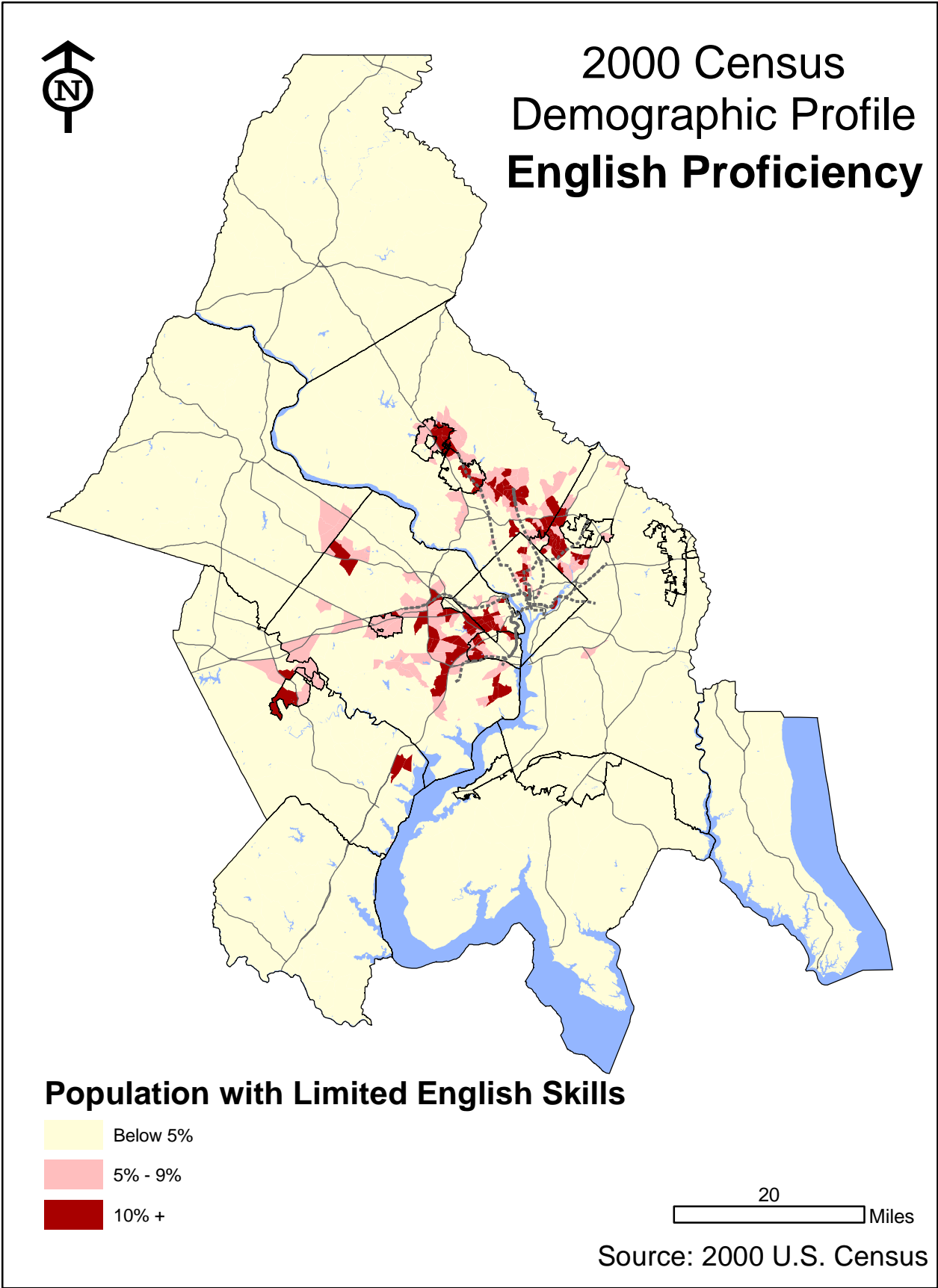


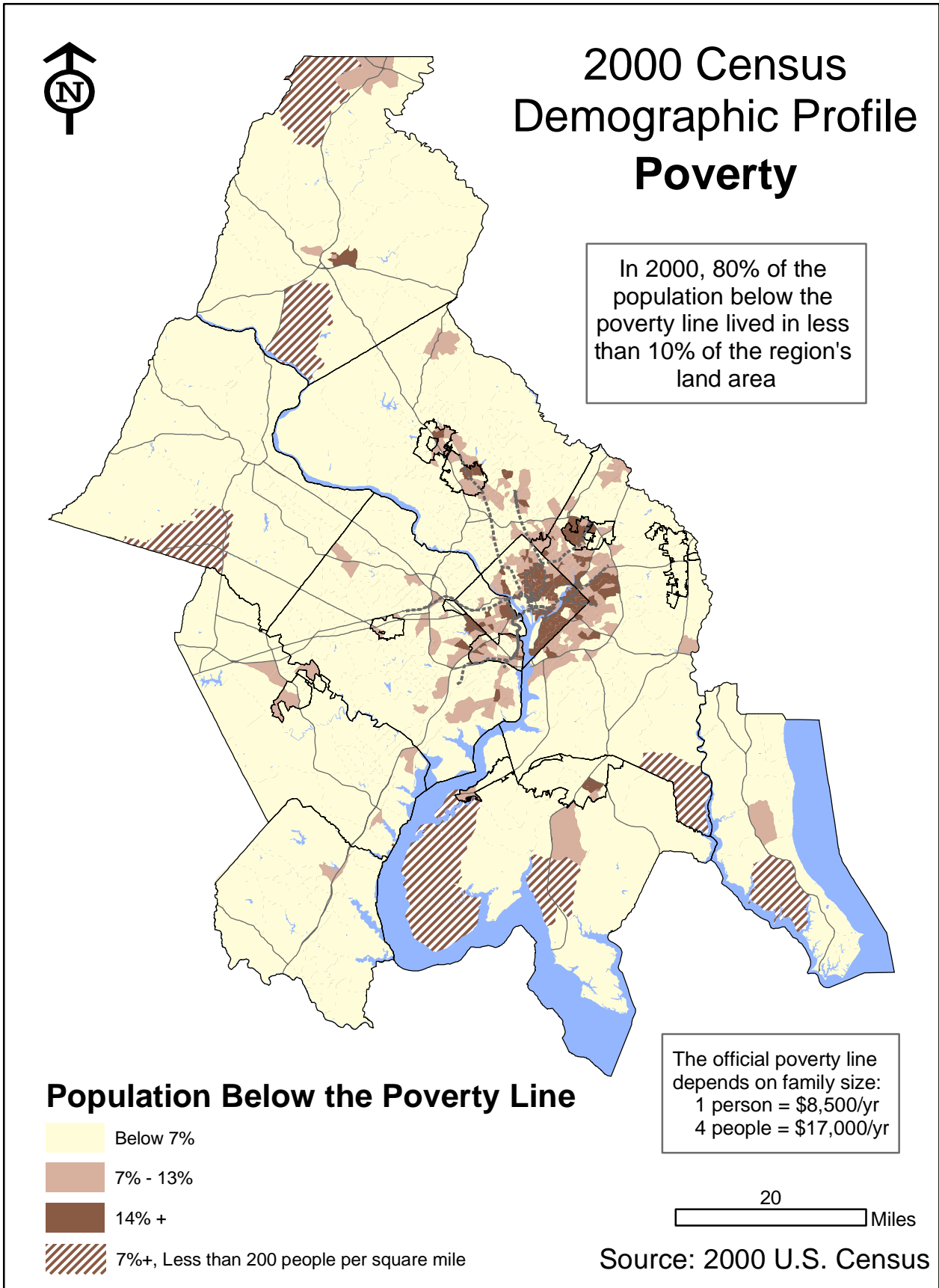


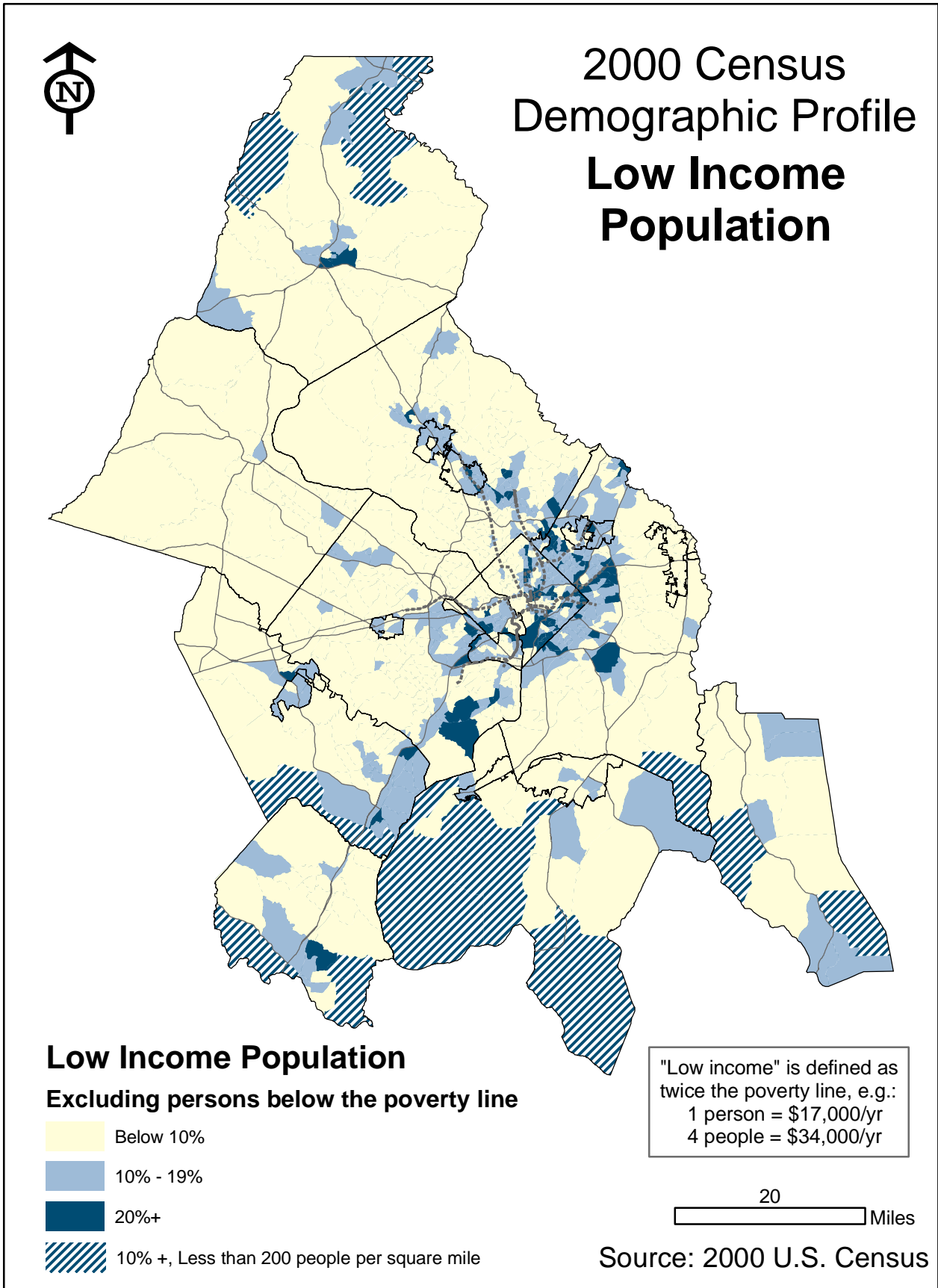


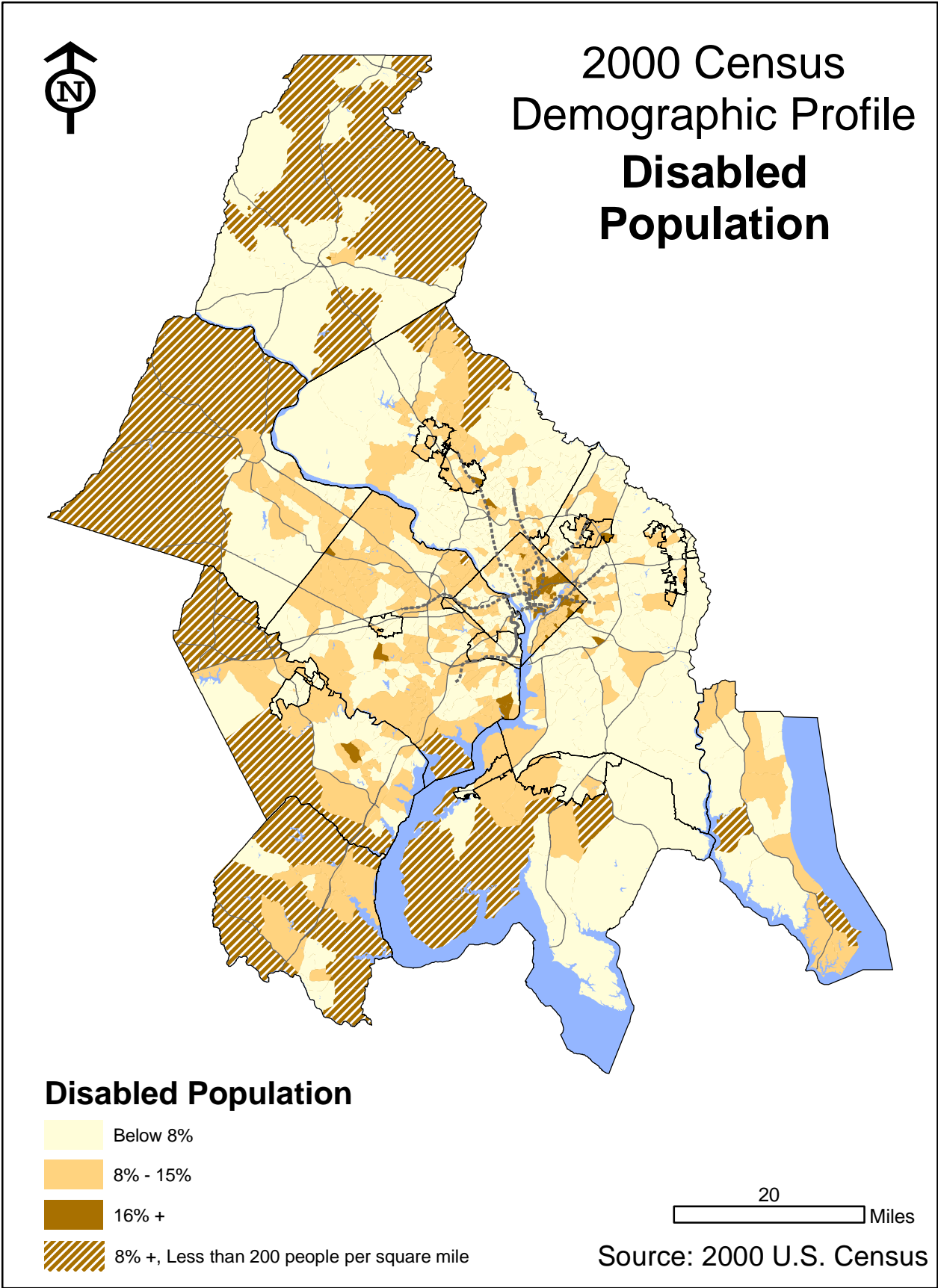


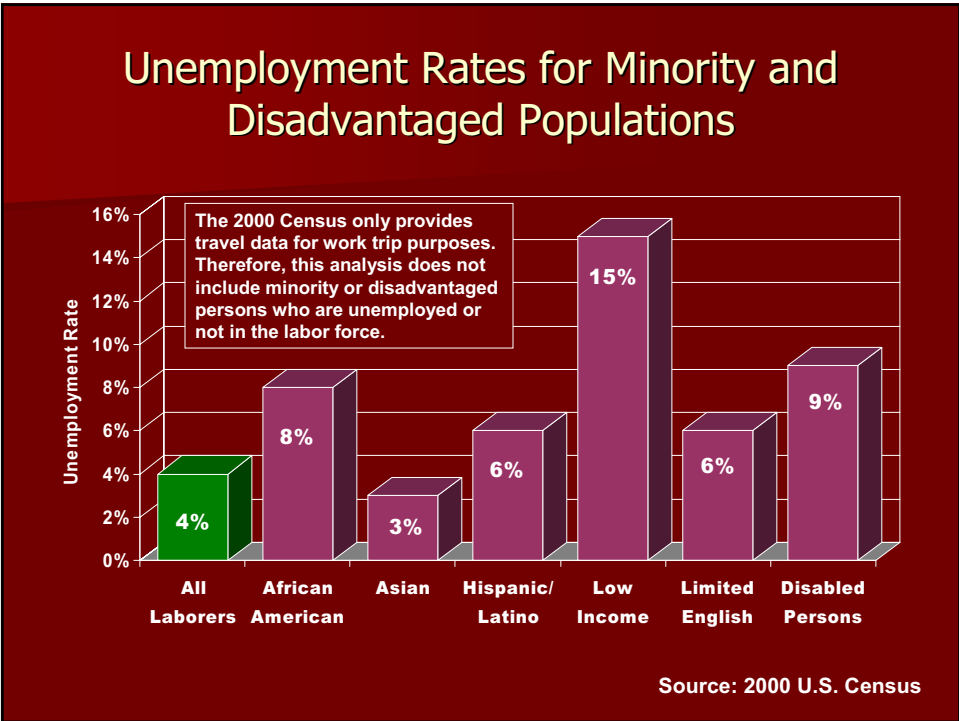
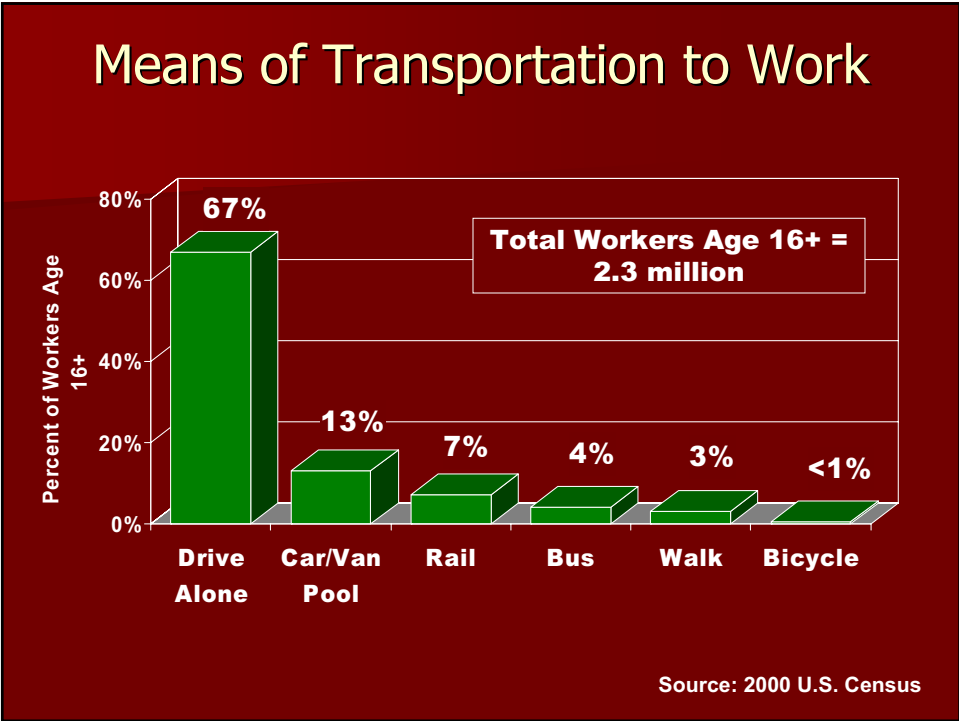


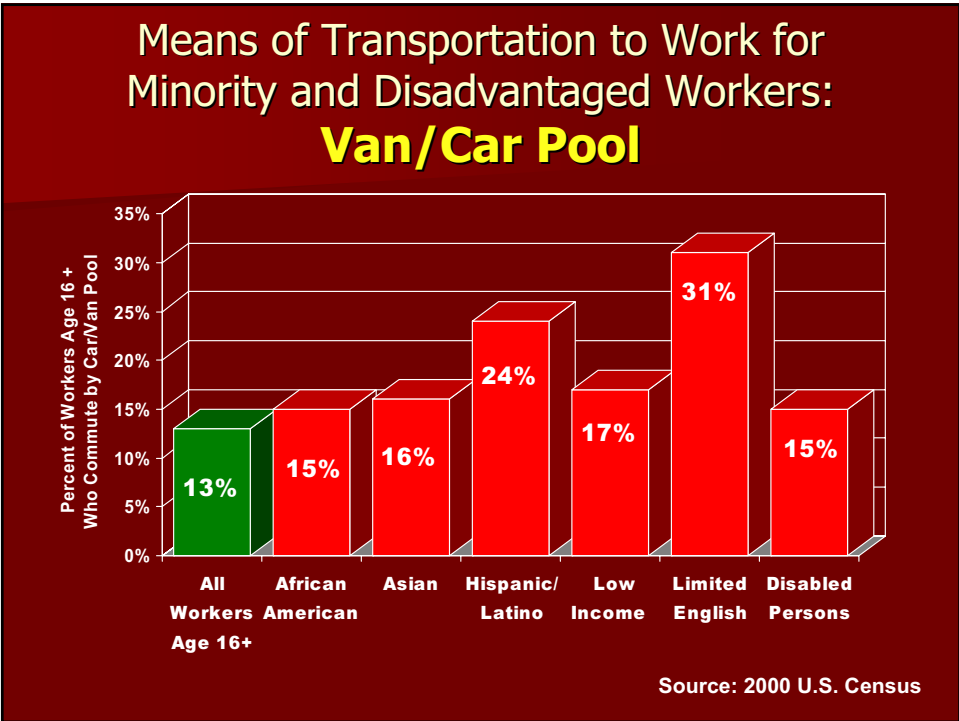
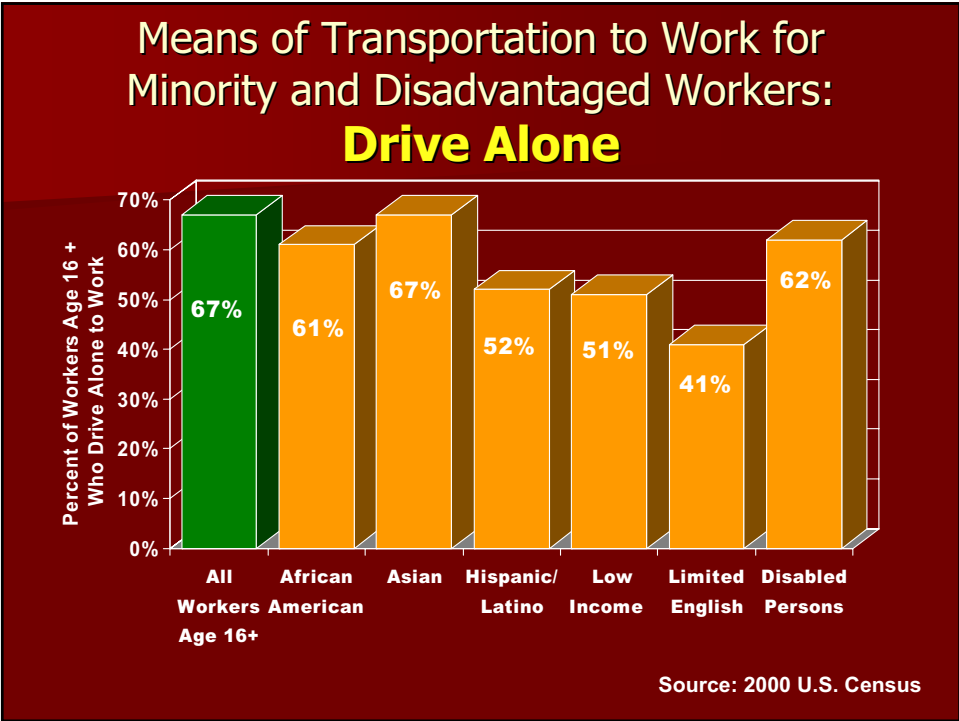


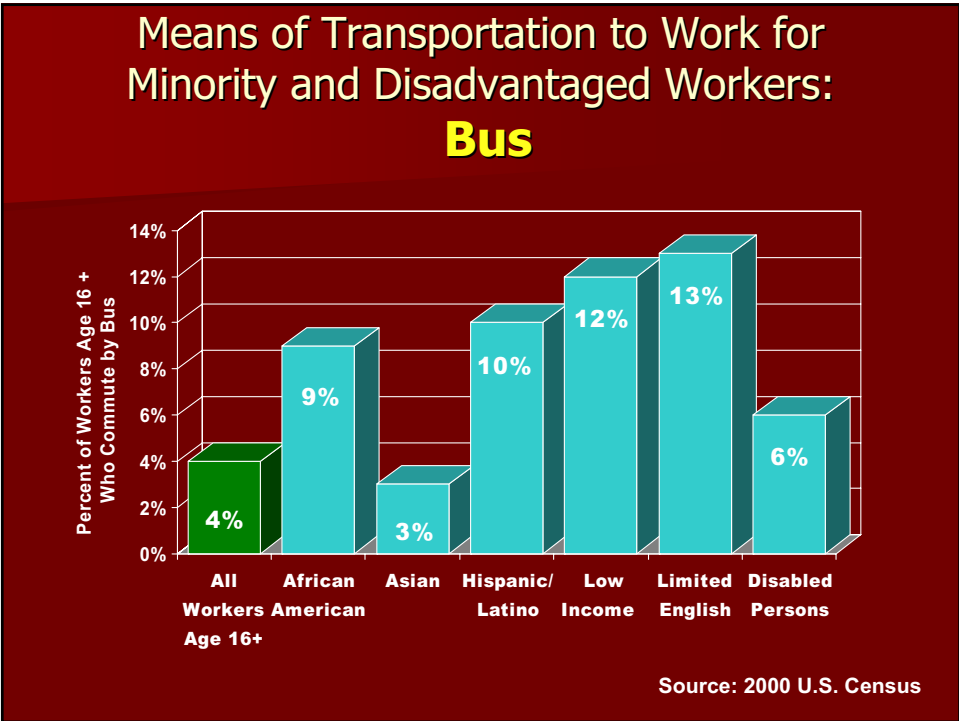
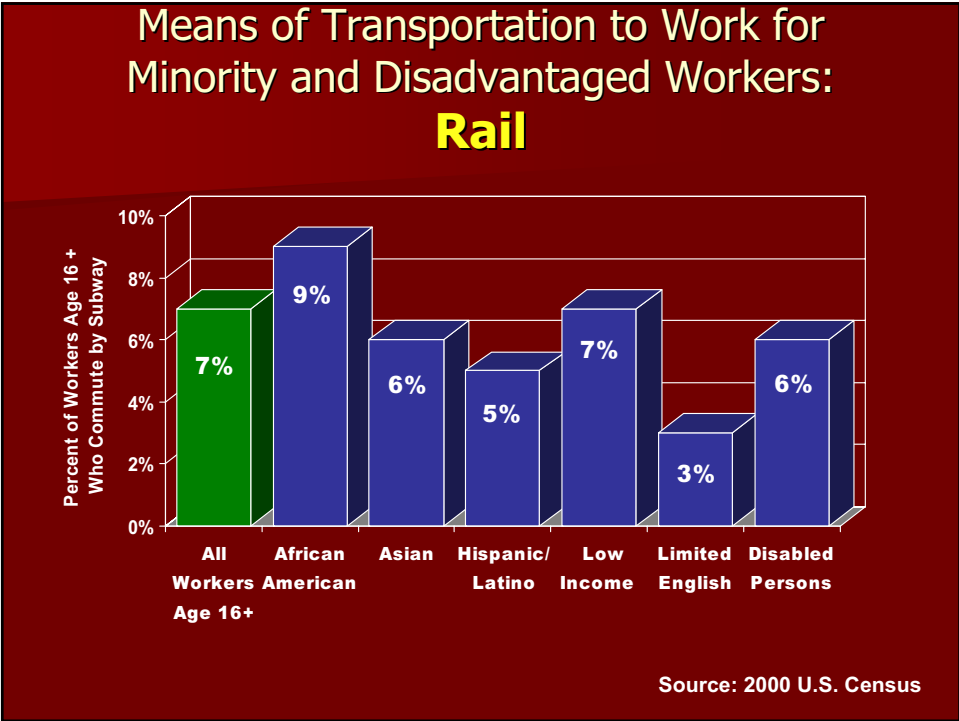


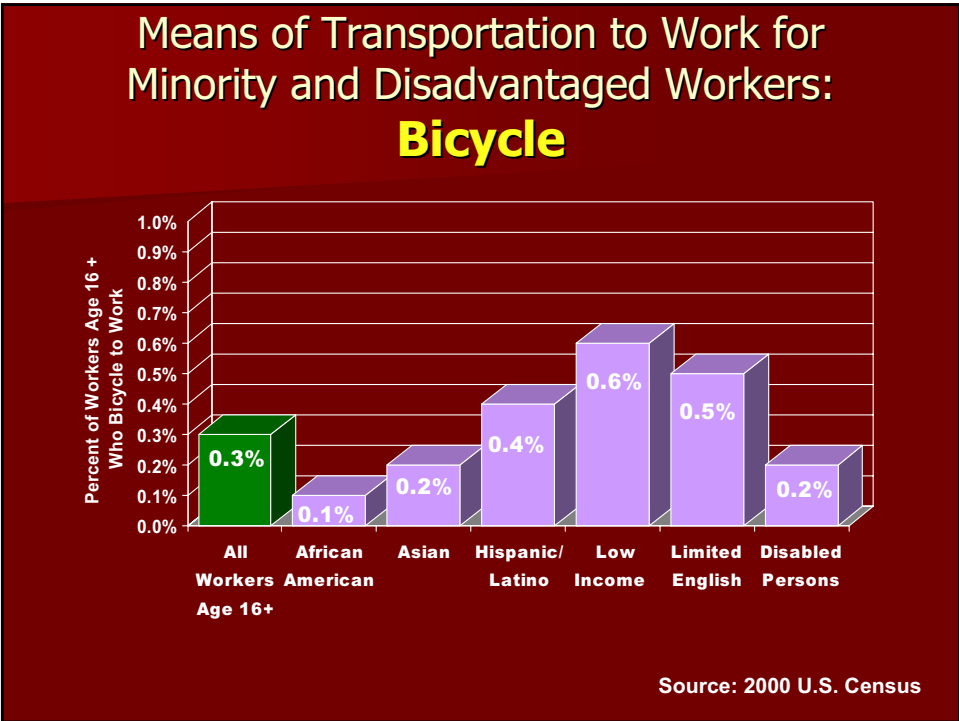
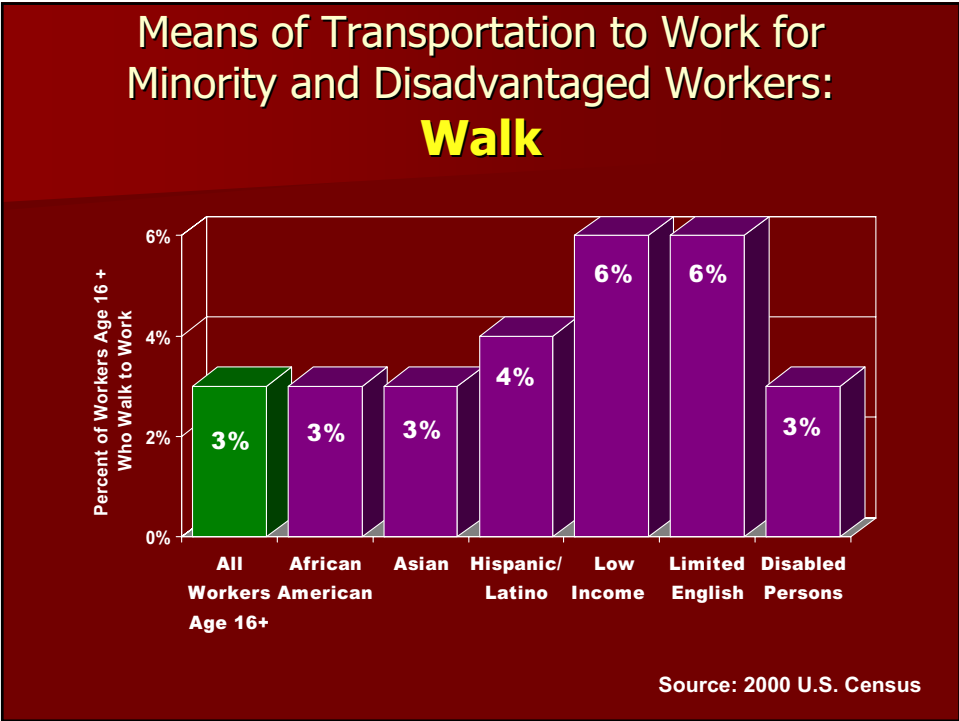




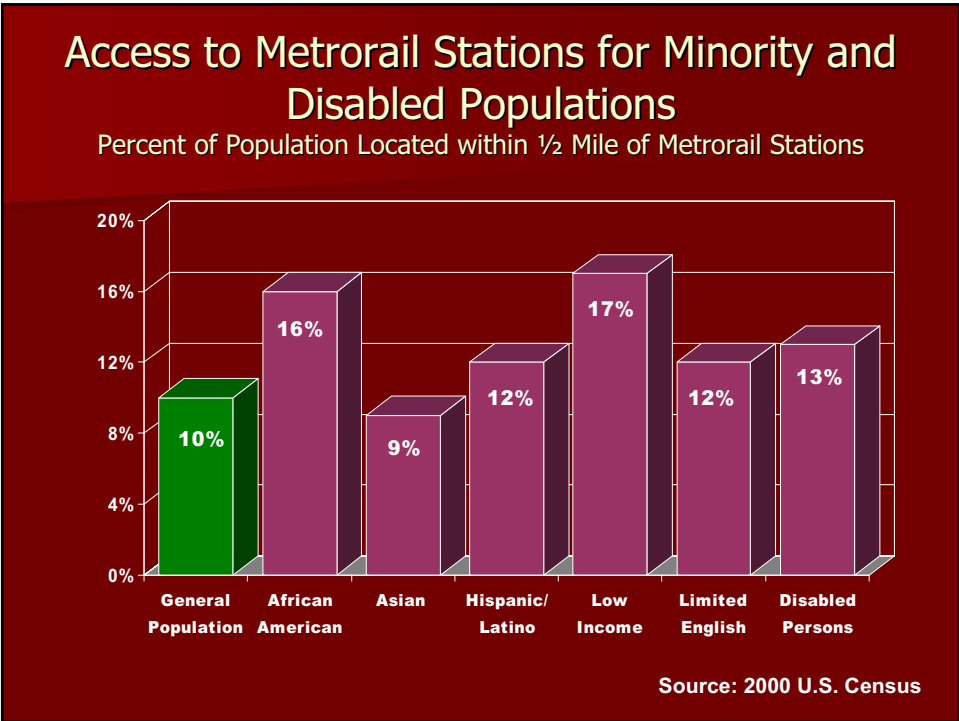
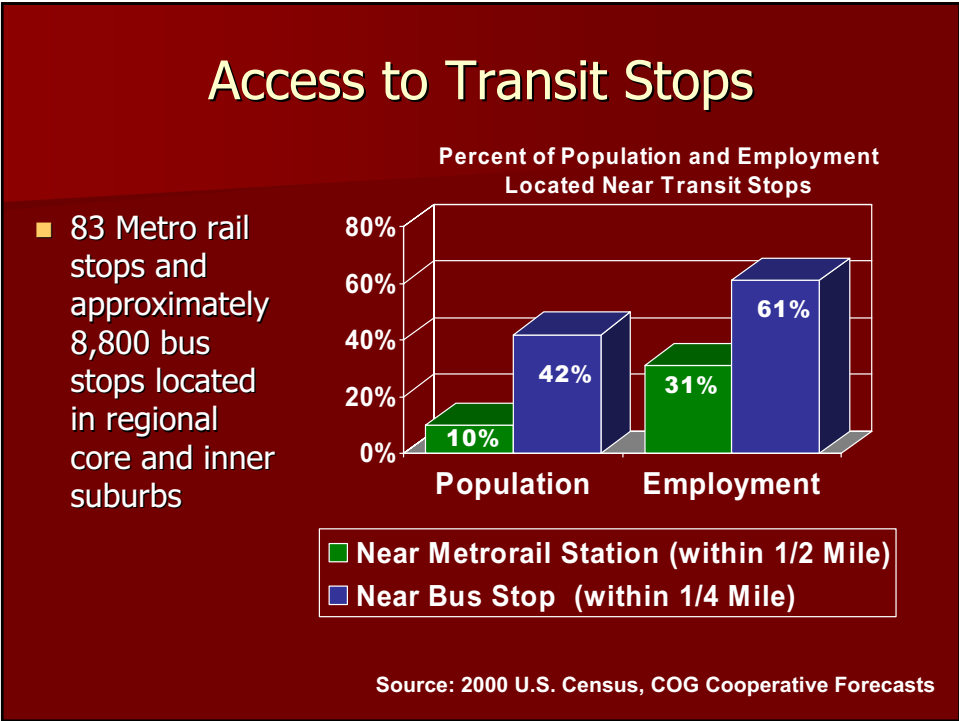


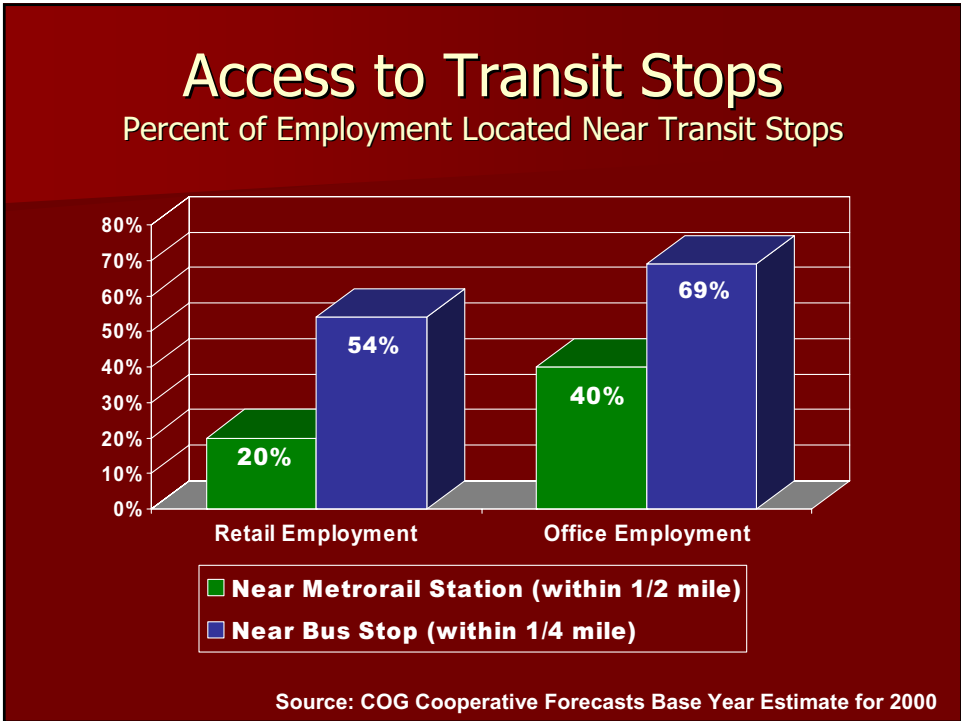
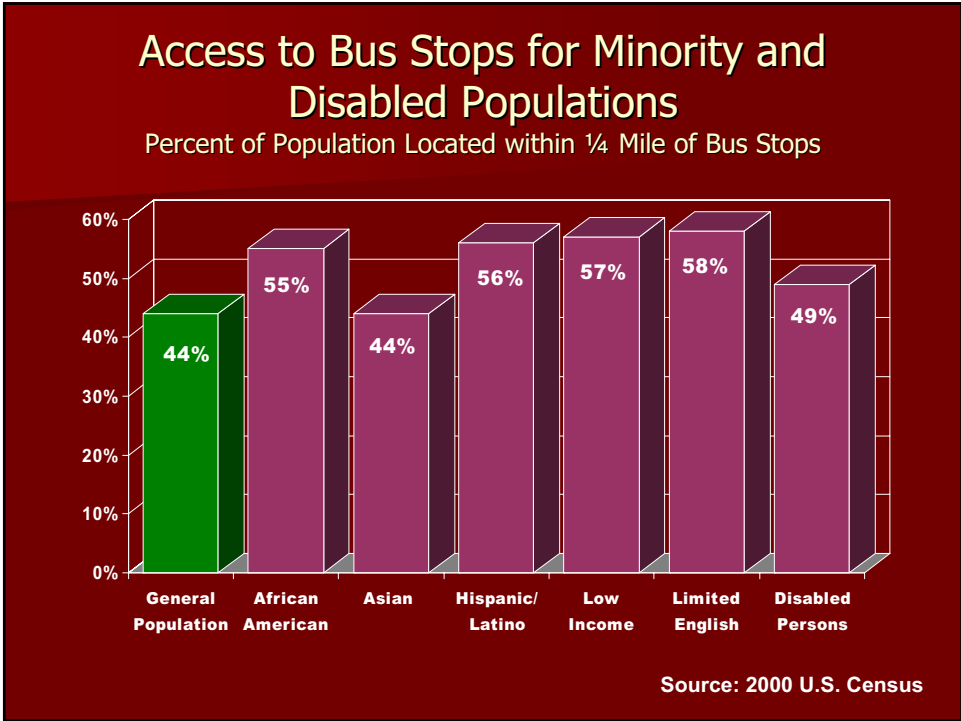












## Findings

- Most minority and disadvantaged workers are more likely to use alternative modes to driving alone, **especially bus, compared to all workers**
- These groups are also more likely to live near transit stops, **compared to the general population**
- **More** office and retail jobs are accessible by bus **than by rail**