

# **South King County's Changing Demographics**

SeaTac in its South King County context

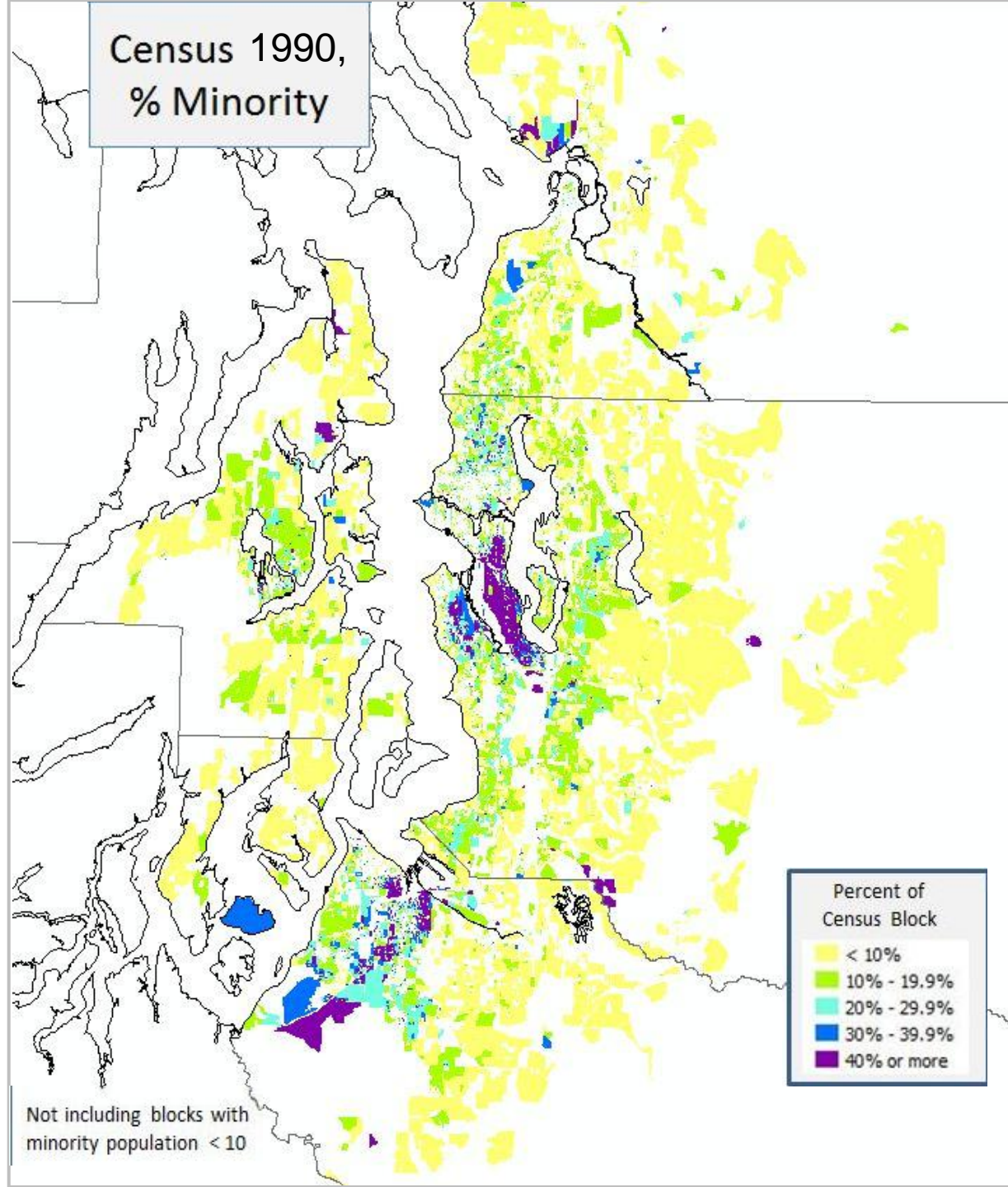
Chandler Felt, King County

City of SeaTac City Council, January 24, 2012

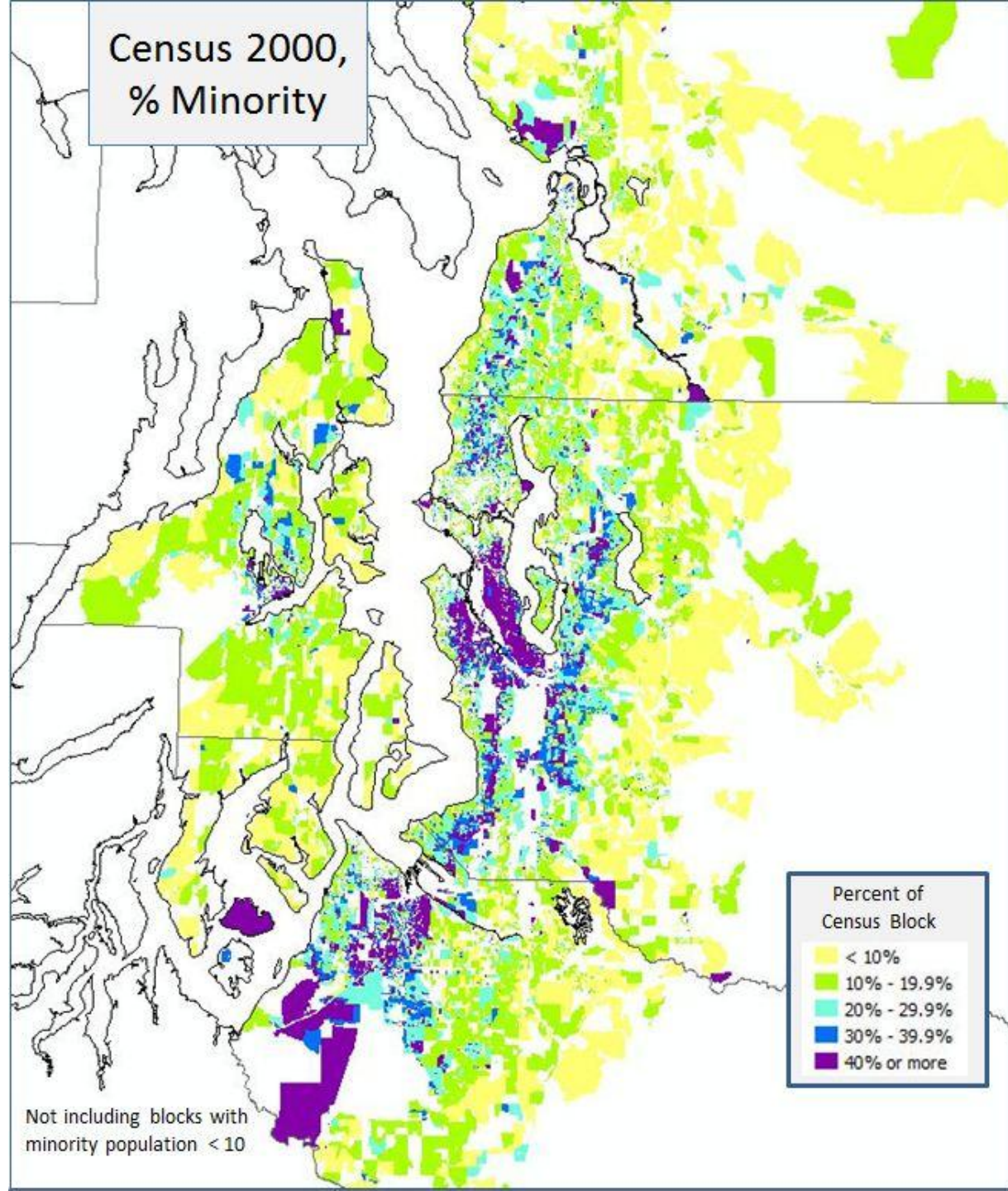
# King County Population Growth, 2000 - 2010

- King County now 1.9 million people
- Gained nearly 200,000 persons
- Equivalent to population of Tacoma
- Half of this growth: foreign-born pop.
- Population grew 11%, while job numbers remained flat
- South King County gained over 70,000
- Data we're reporting are from 2010 Census and American Community Survey

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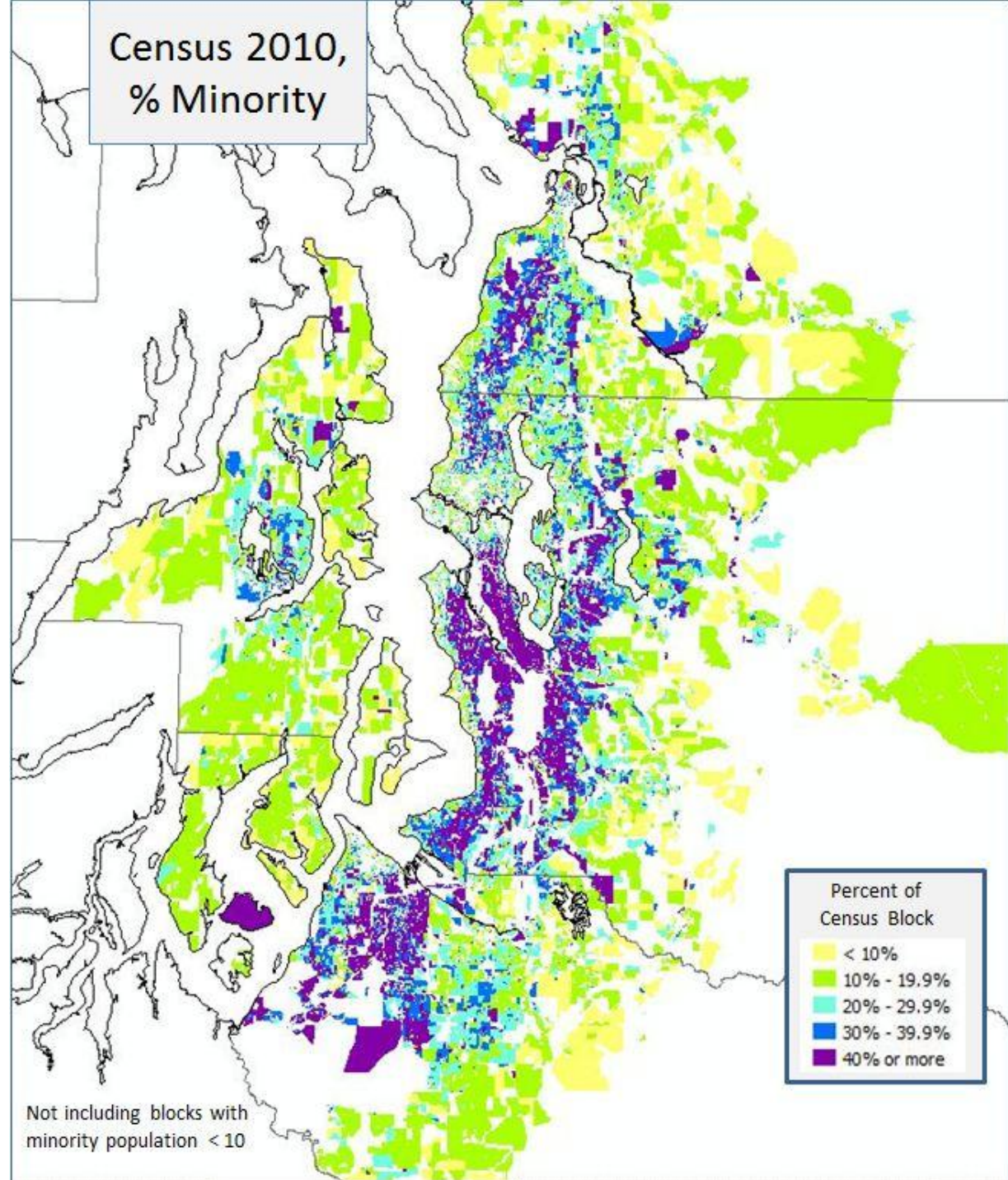


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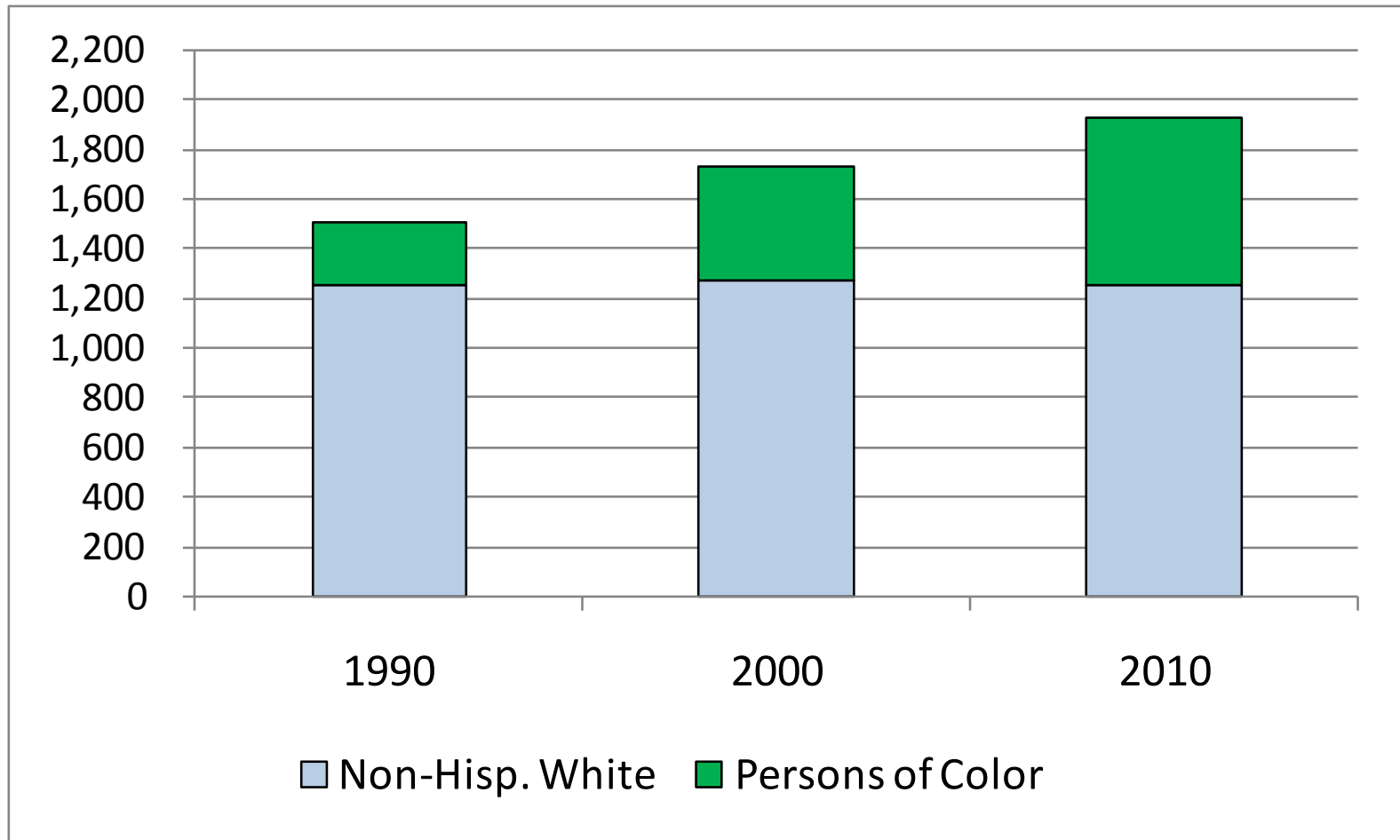




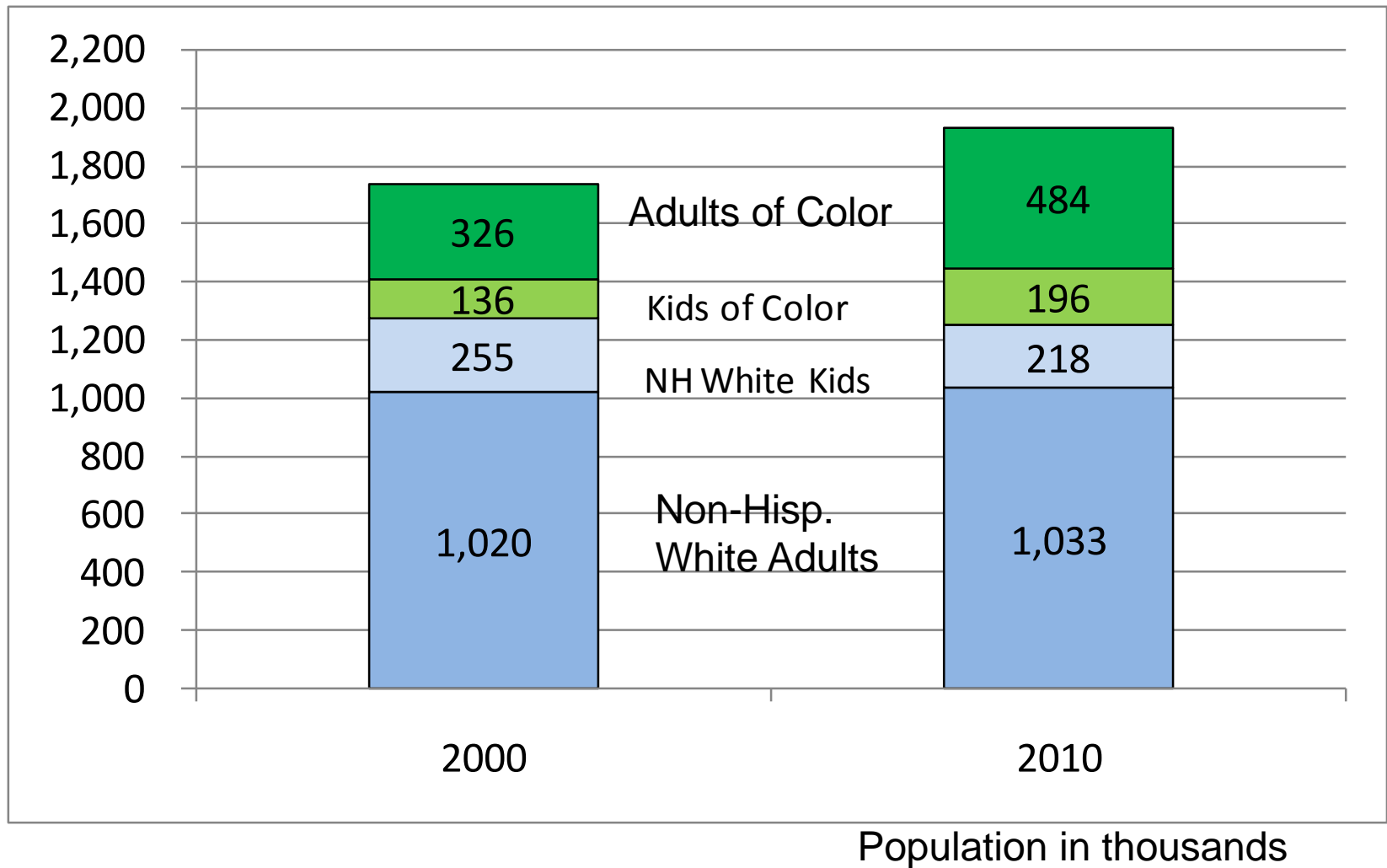
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2010



# 20 years of King County growth: increase is mostly persons of color



# All of King County's ten-year increase: persons of color

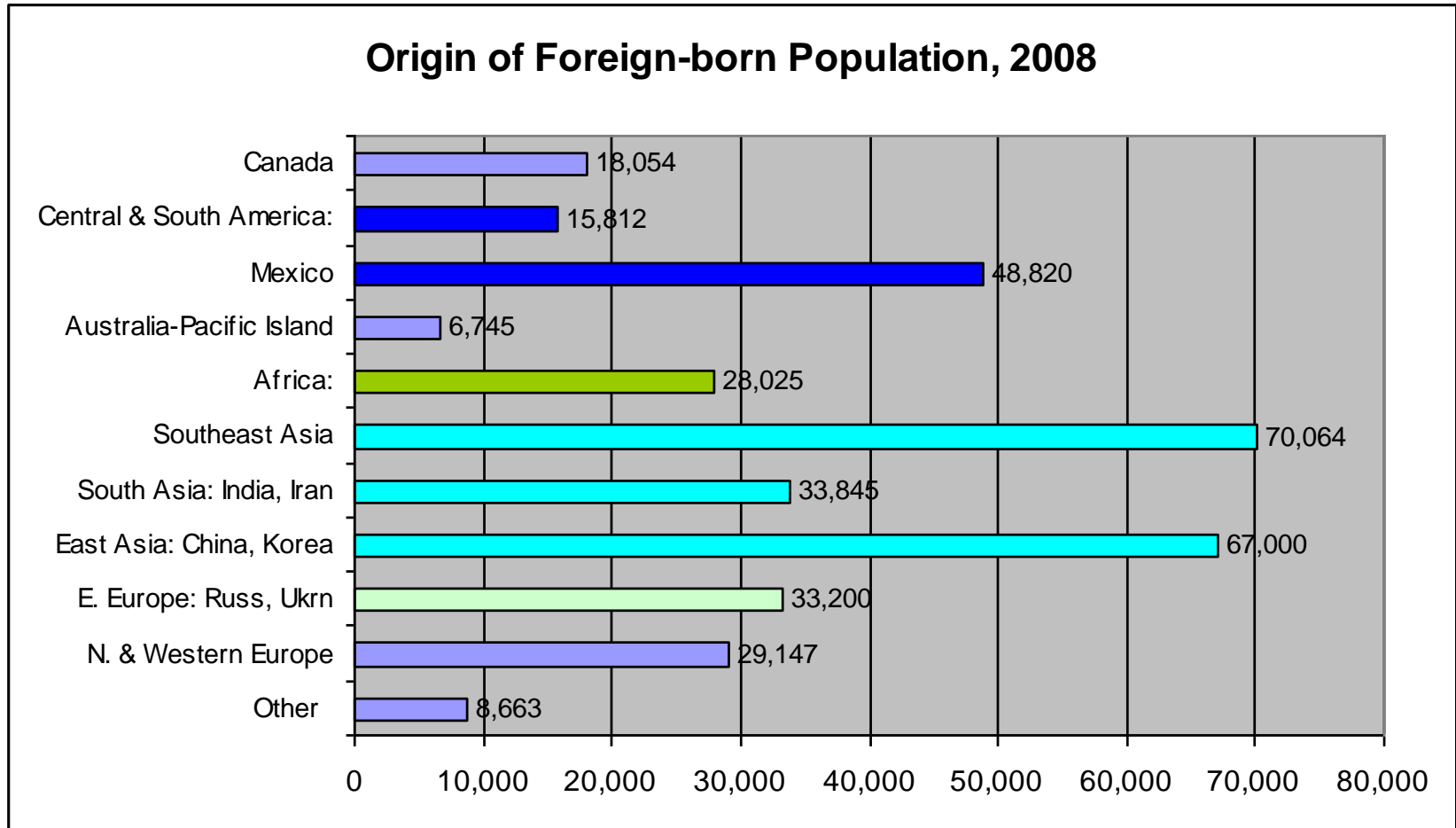


# Where is our growth coming from?

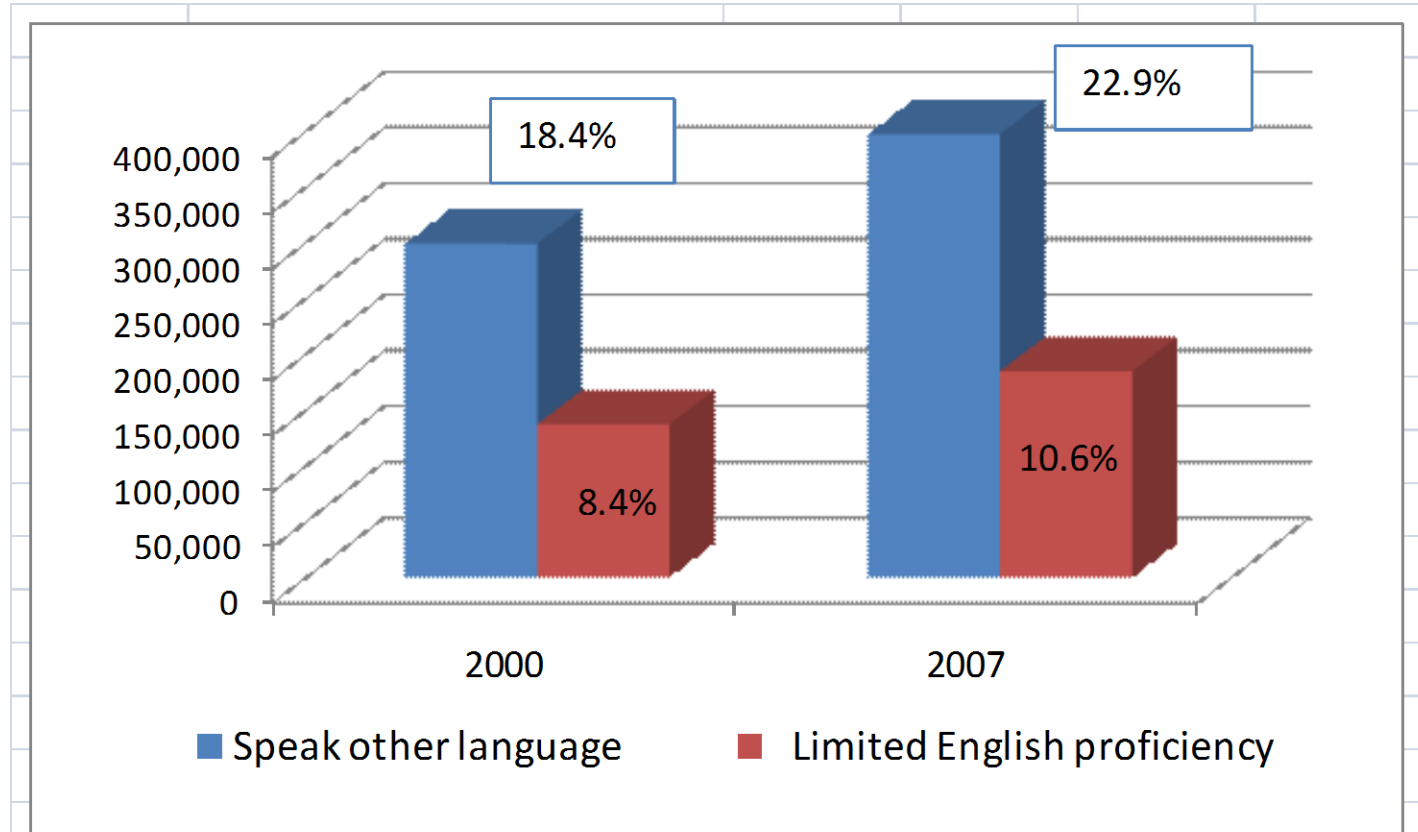
- Only half of population growth is from natural increase – our own children
- Before 1990, migration – e.g. California
- In recent years, **immigration** –
  - All parts of Asia
  - Latin America
  - Eastern Europe
  - Africa
  - Some from these regions, via US states



# Immigrants dominate recent growth of King County population

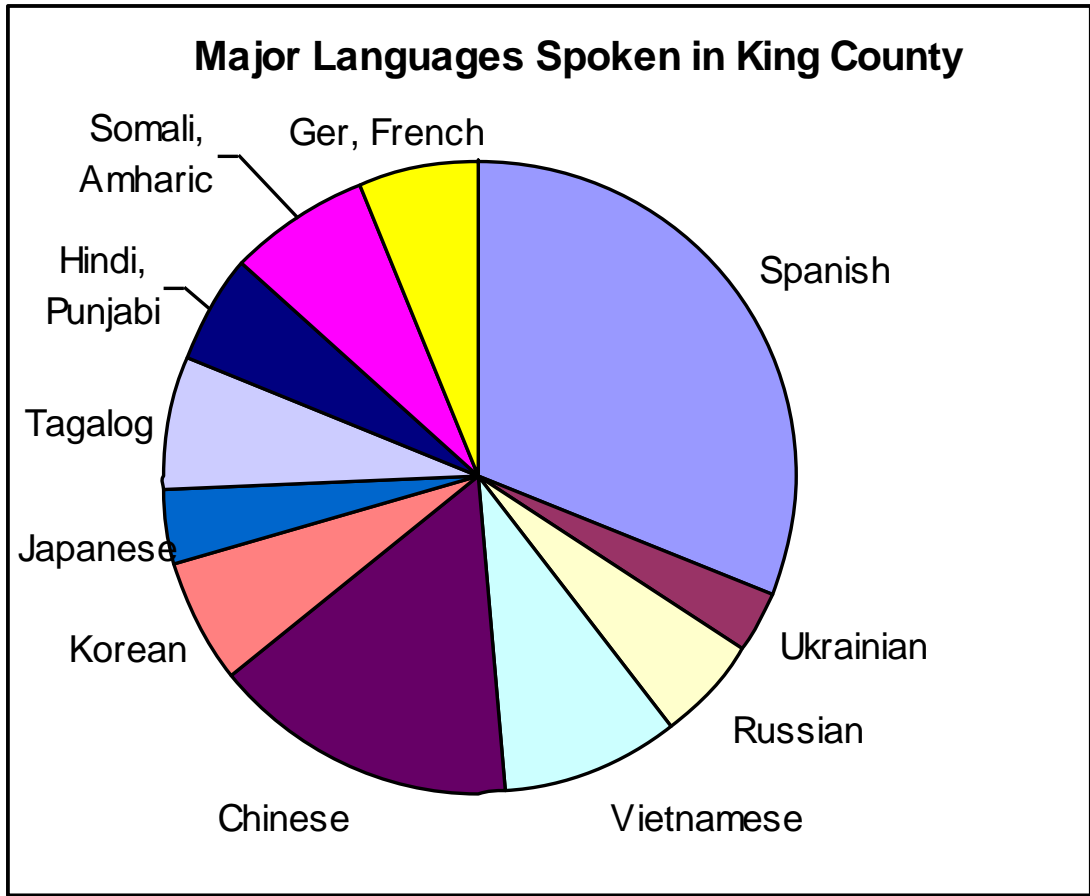


# Increasing numbers speak other languages



<b>King County Languages Other Than English</b>			
	2000	2007	
Speak other language	299,600	397,800	
Limited English proficiency	137,700	185,200	

# King County residents speak 120+ different languages

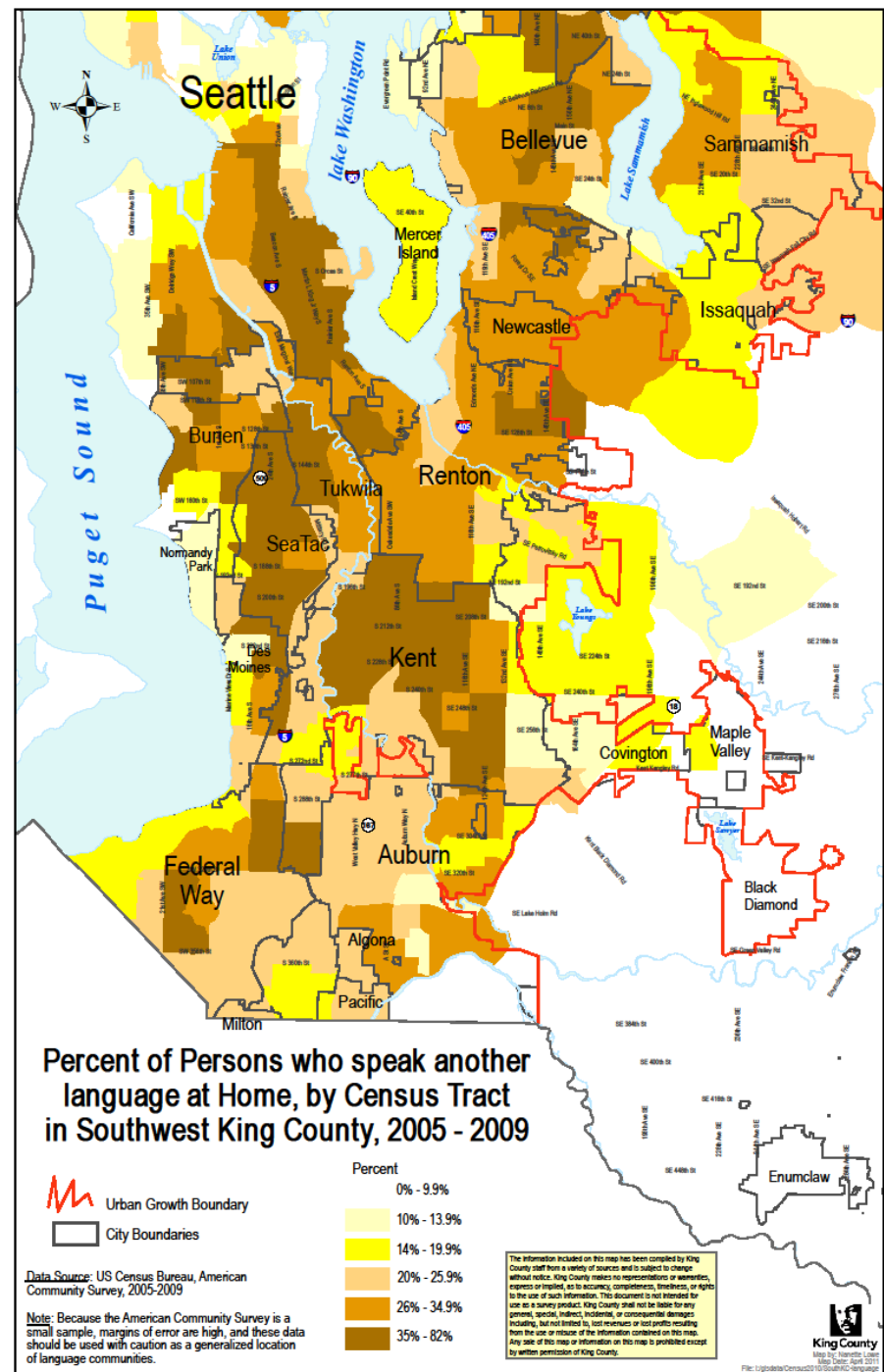


Spanish	102,000
Ukrainian	10,000
Russian	17,700
Vietnamese	30,200
Chinese	51,000
Korean	21,100
Japanese	11,300
Tagalog	22,900
Hindi, Punjabi	18,400
Somali, Amharic	23,400
Ger, French	20,400
Other	73,500
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	401,900



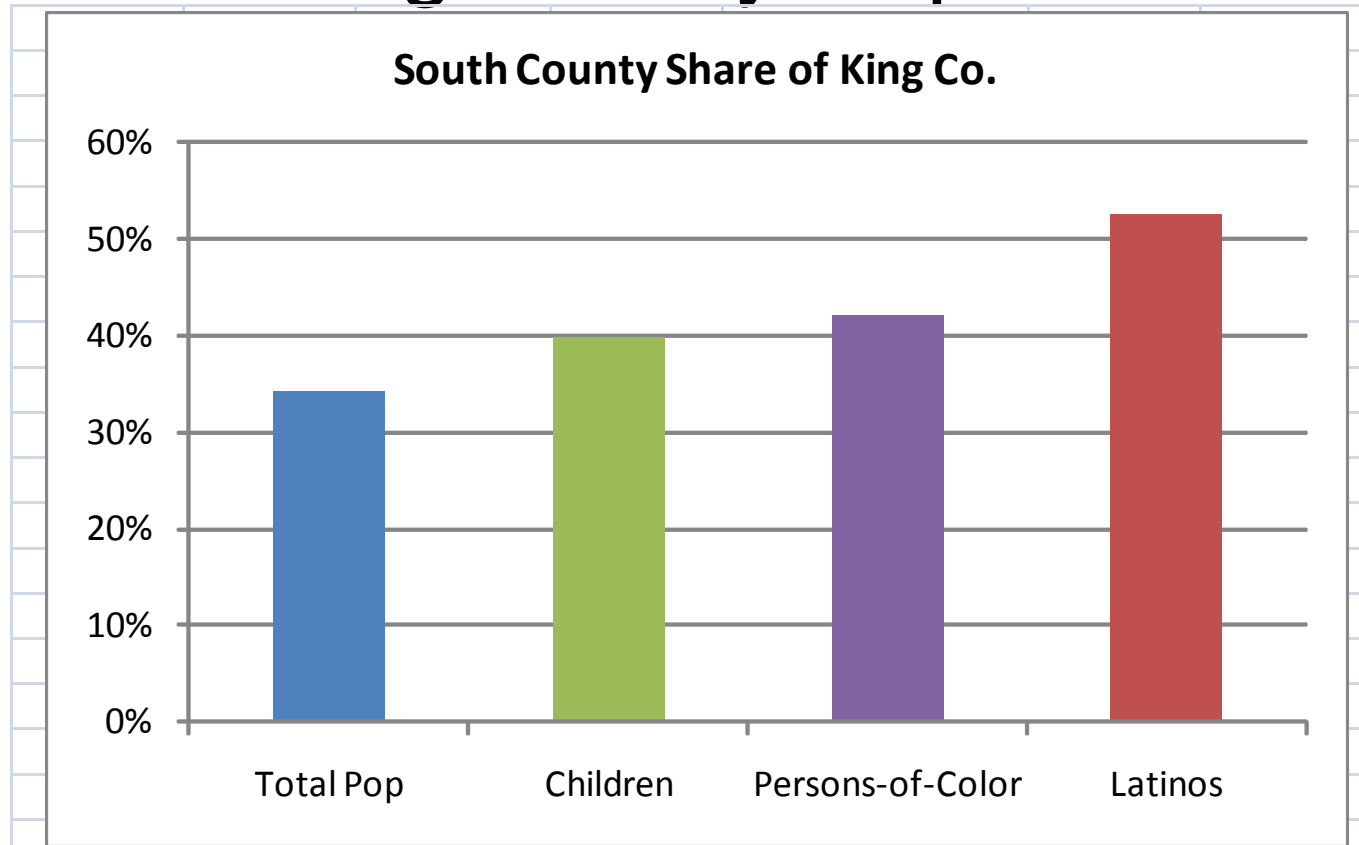
# Overall locations of foreign-language speakers

- In many parts of South King County, more than a quarter of the population speaks a language other than English



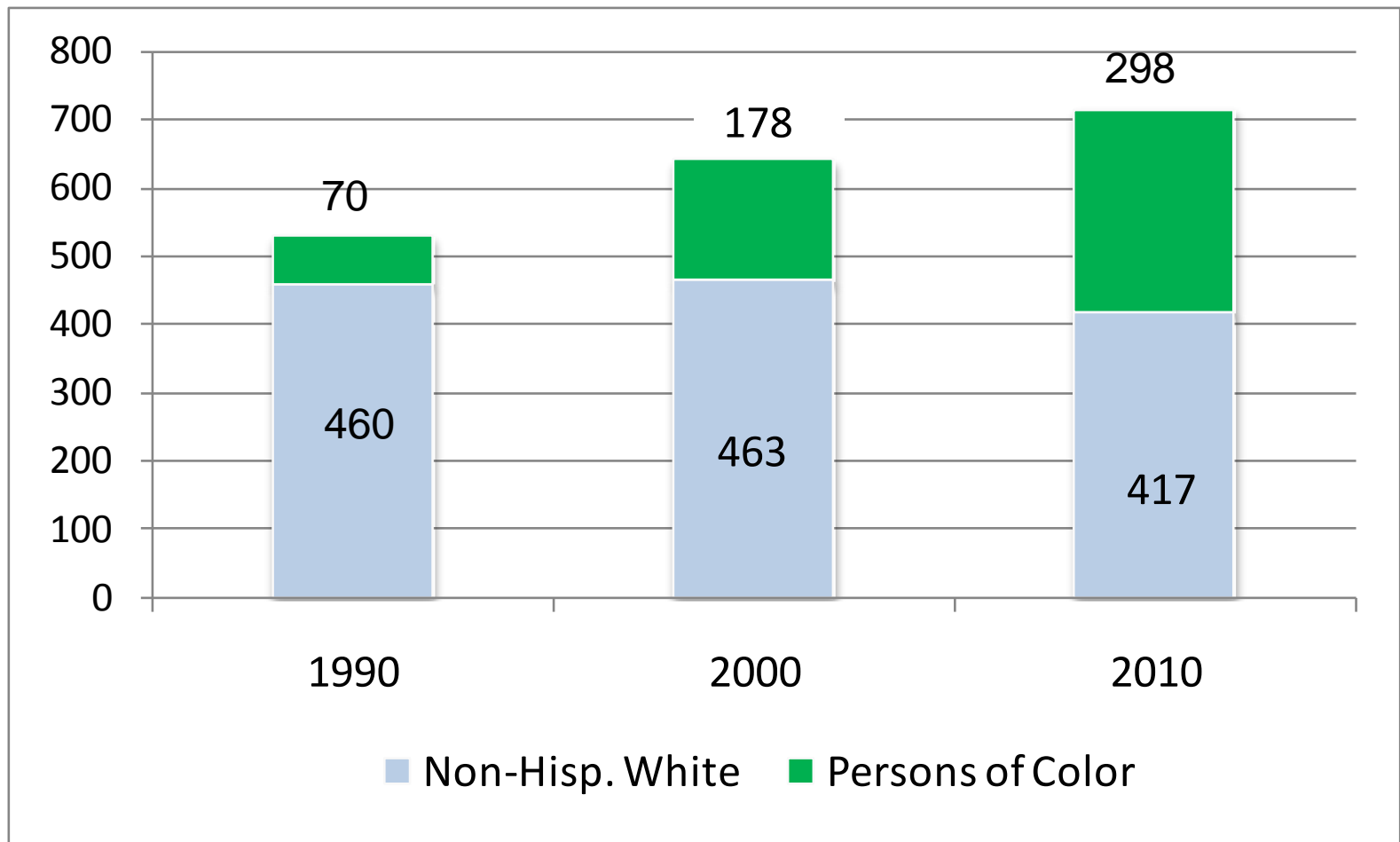


# South King County Shares of King County Population



South King County Shares of Population				
	Total Pop	Children	Persons-of-Color	Latinos
Pct of King Co.	34.3%	39.8%	42.1%	52.6%

# 20 years of South King County growth: entirely persons of color

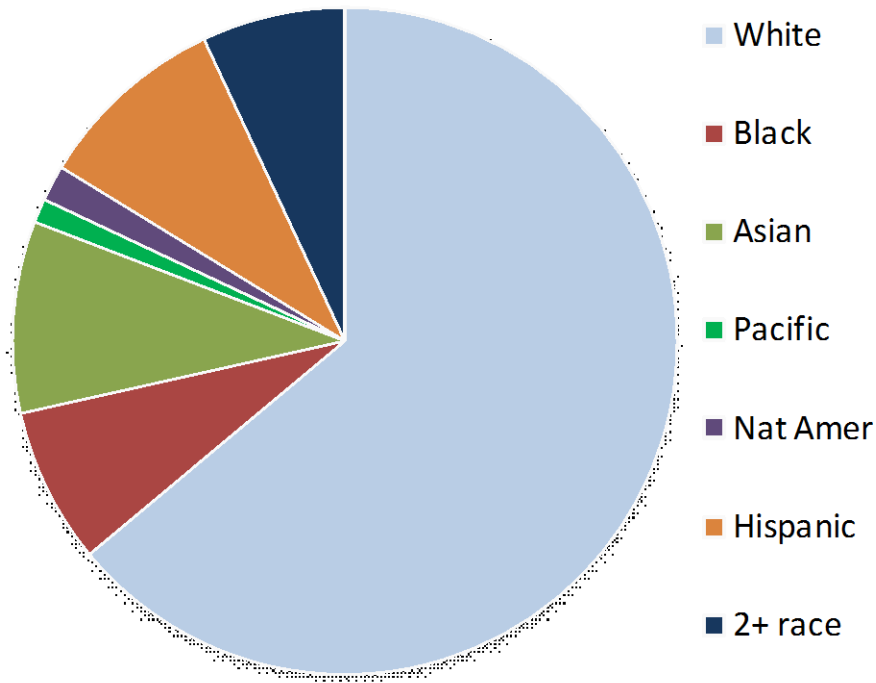


Population in thousands

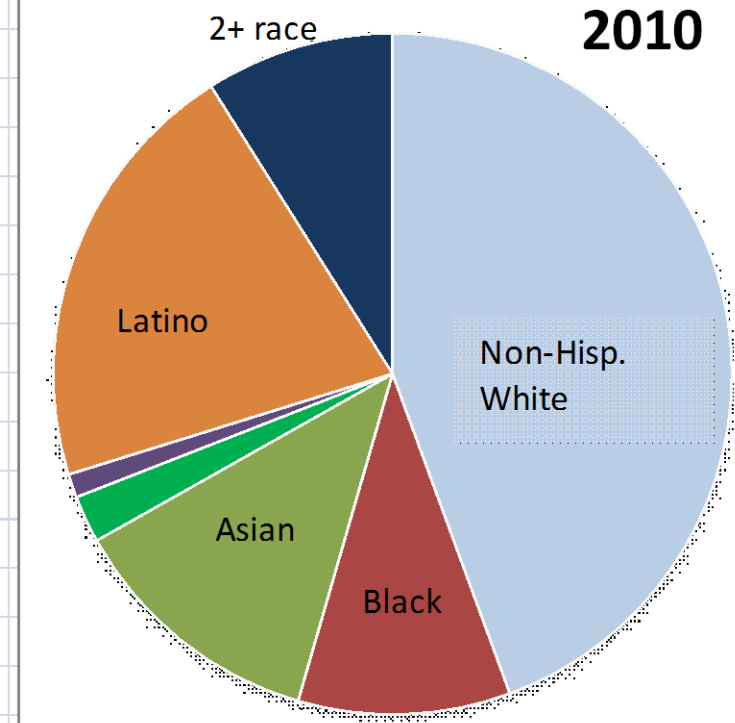
# A majority of South King County kids are kids of color

## South King County Children by Race/Ethnicity

2000

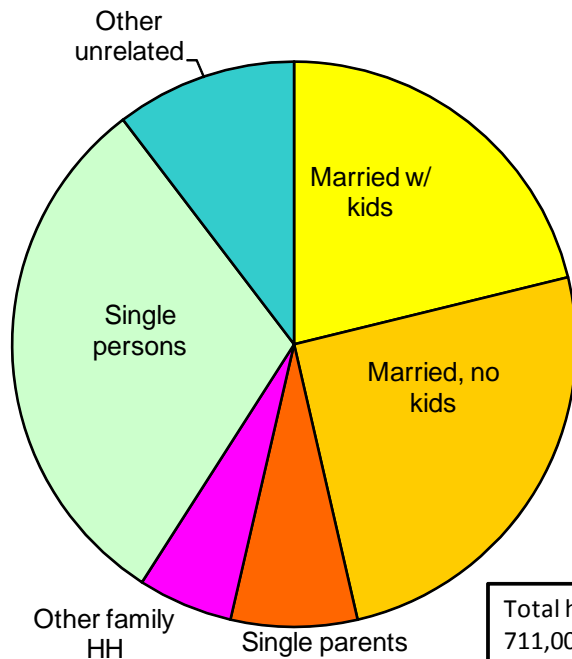


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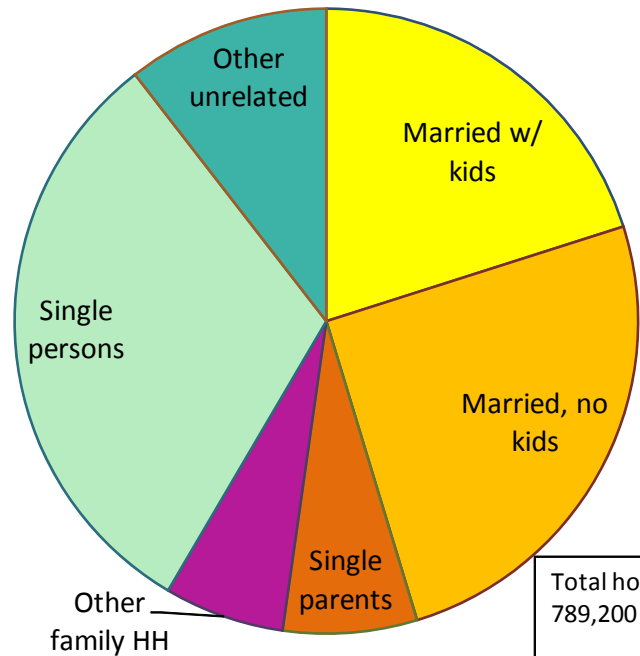


# Household types have changed little since 2000 - single persons remain the largest category

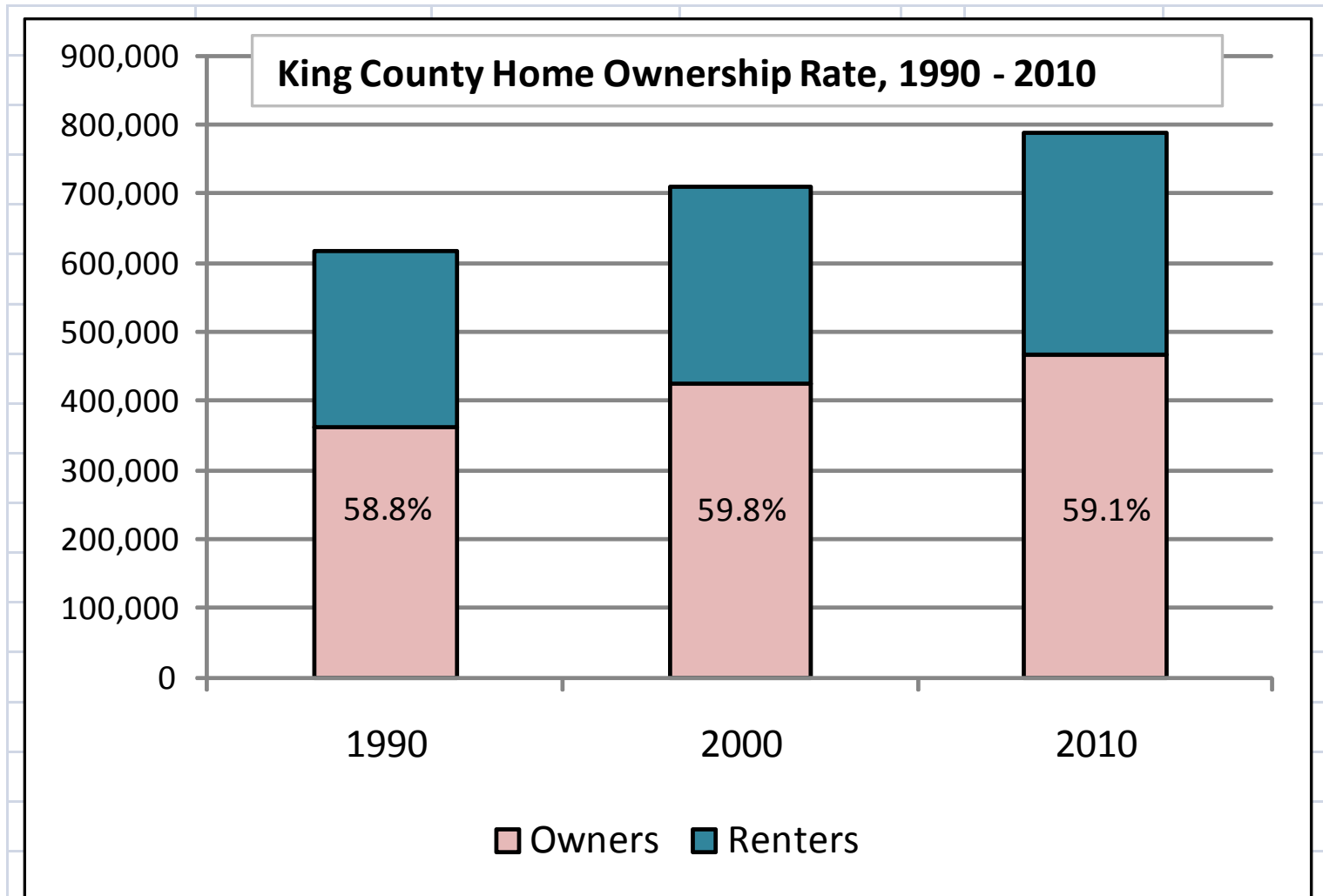
King County Household Types, 2000



King County Household Types, 2010

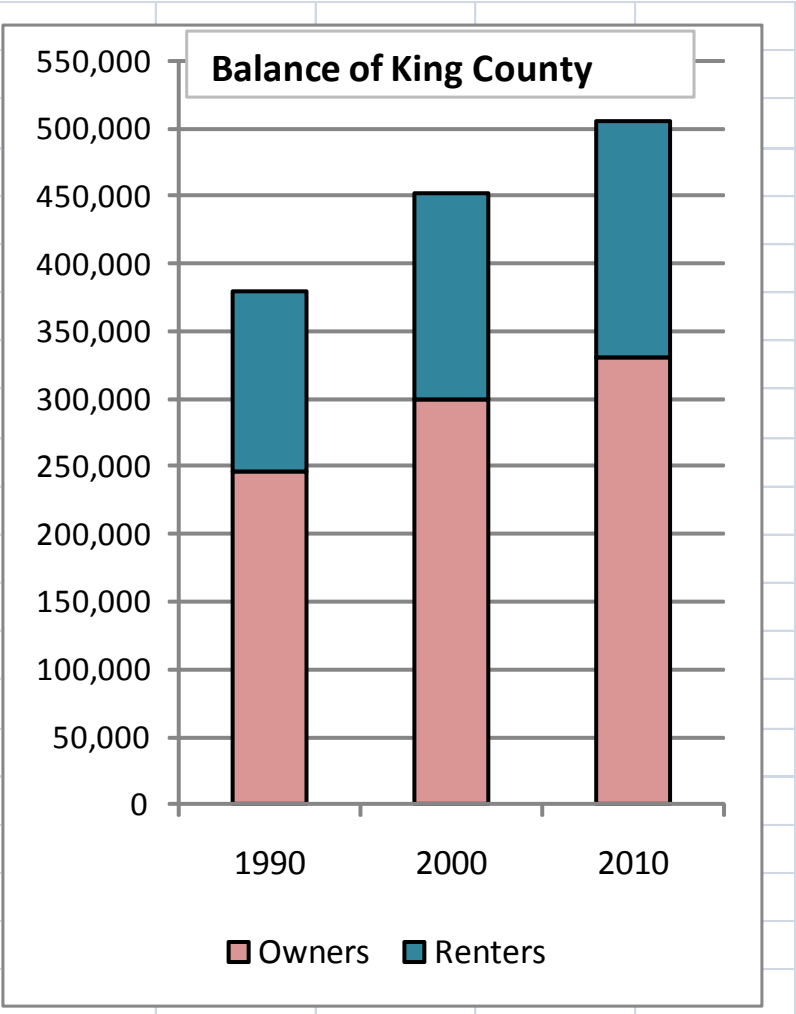
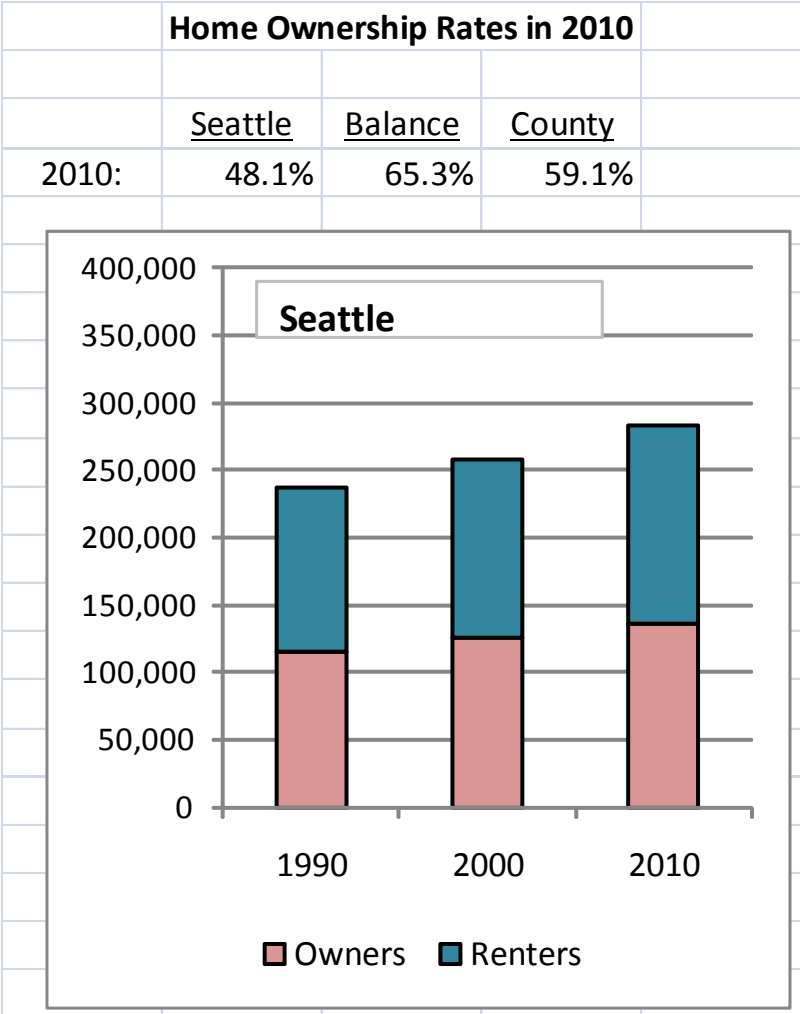


# Home ownership rate – back to 1990 levels

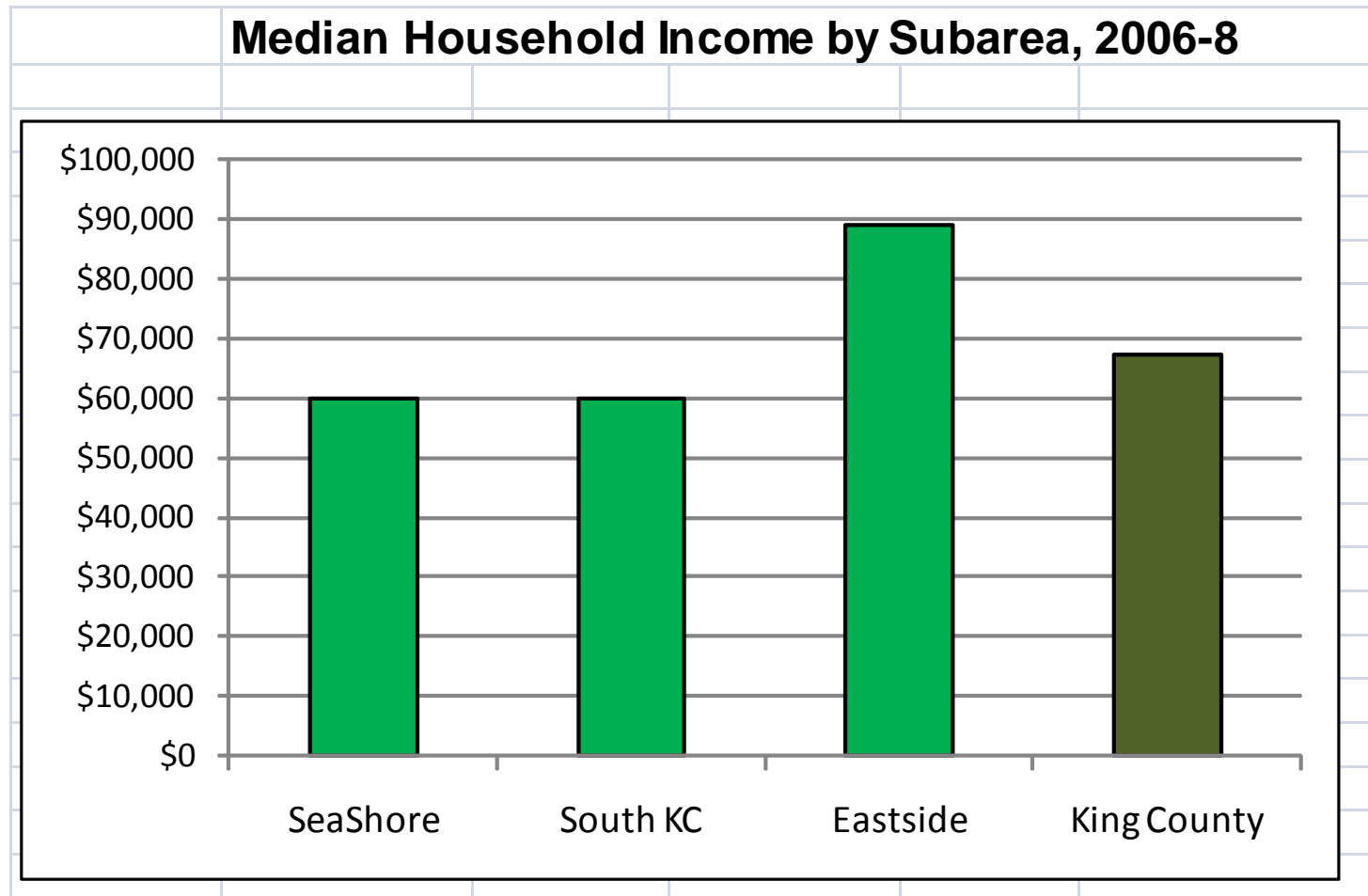




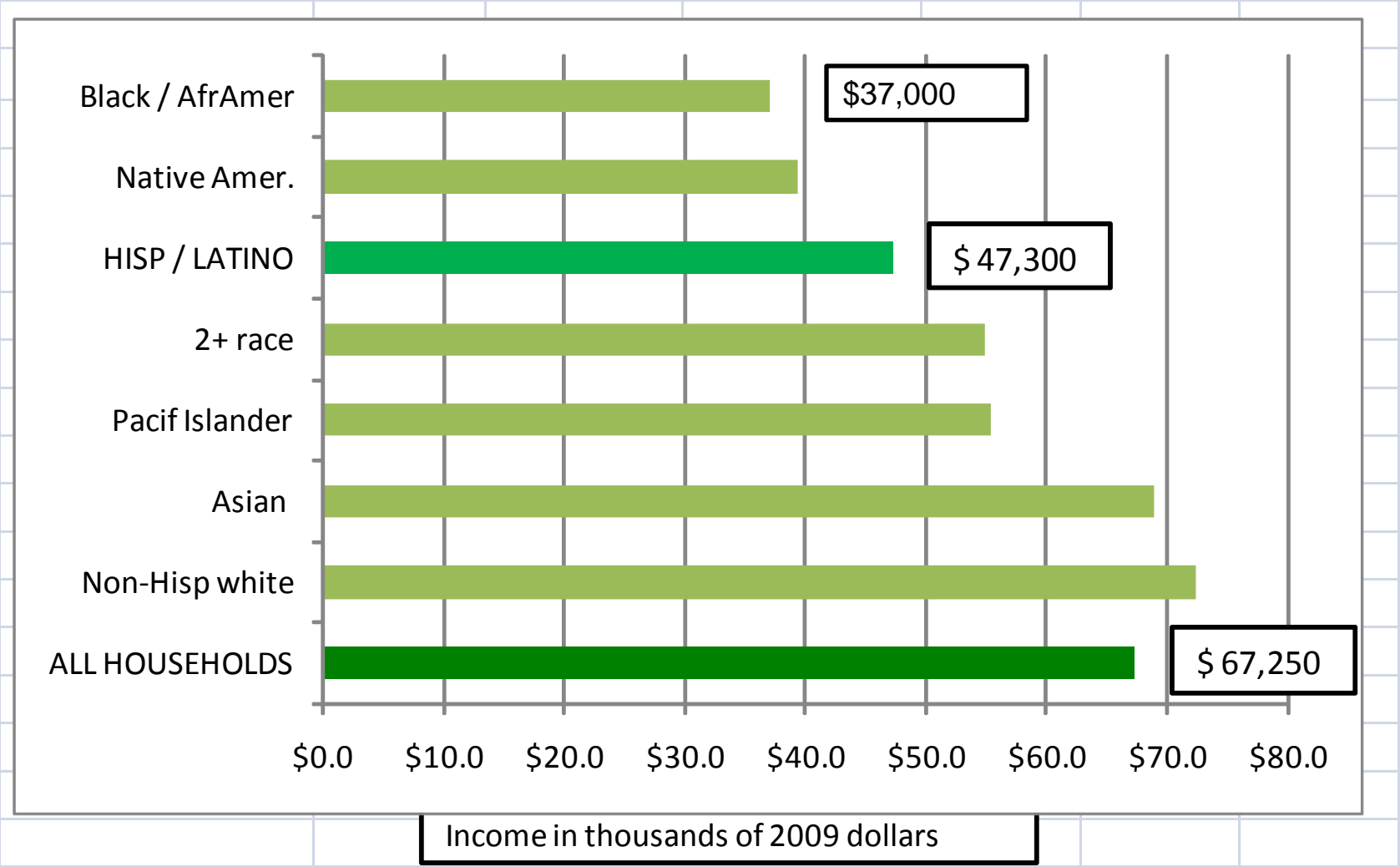
# Ownership rate is higher in the suburbs



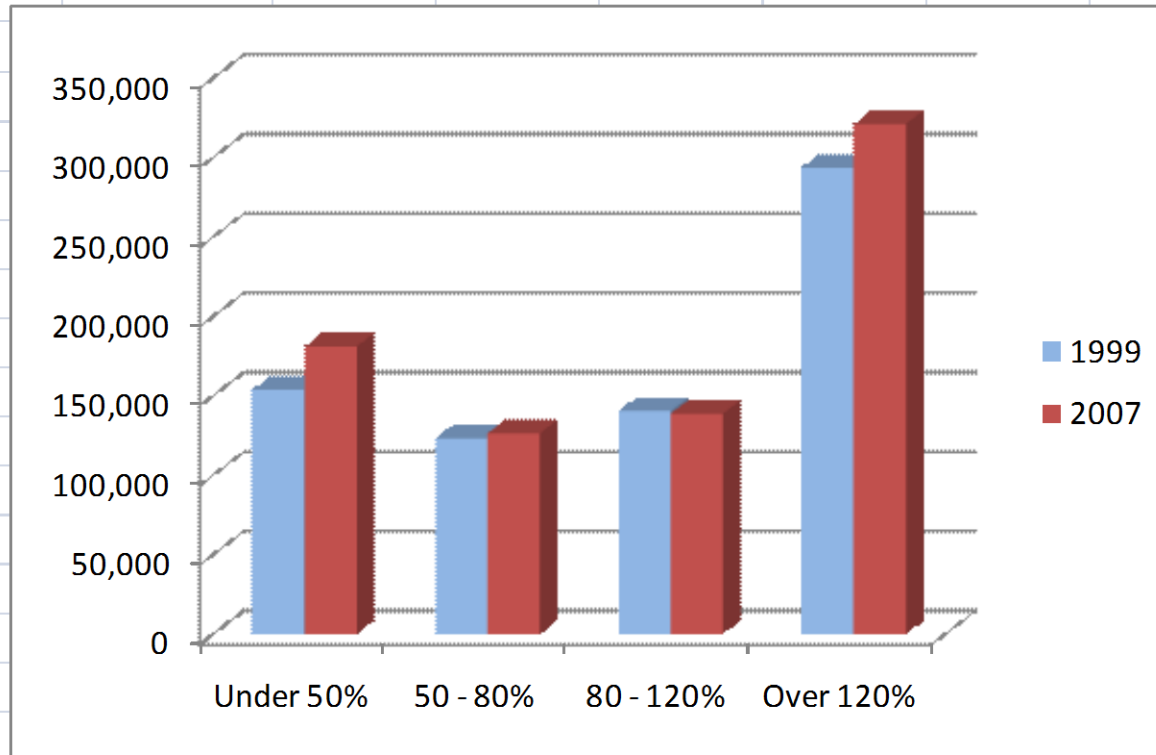
# Median income varies substantially by subarea



# King County Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity



# Income distribution: where's the middle class?



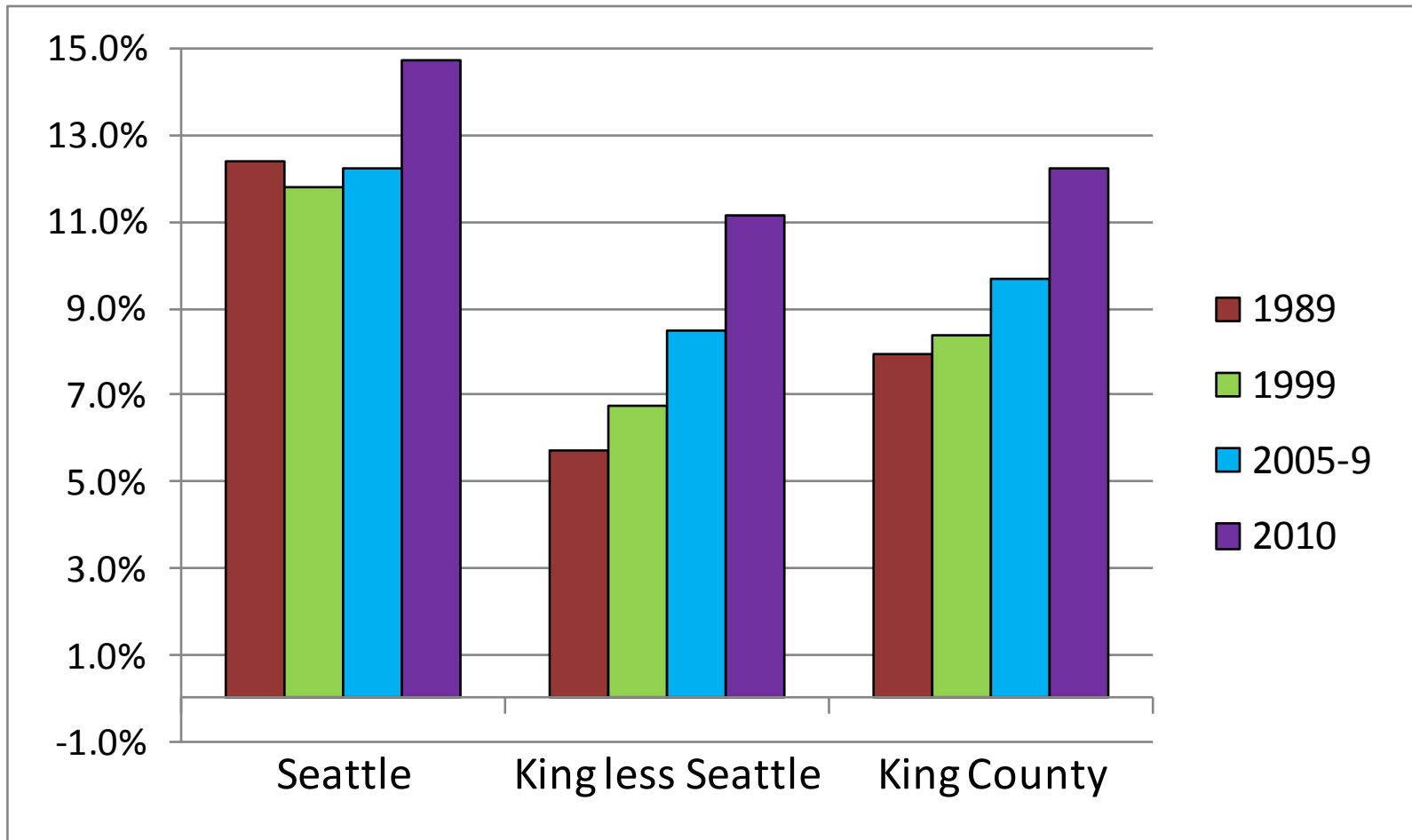
**Households in Four Income Categories**

	1999	2007
<b>Under 50%</b>	154,000	181,100
<b>50 - 80%</b>	123,200	126,400
<b>80 - 120%</b>	140,500	138,800
<b>Over 120%</b>	293,600	321,200
<b>Total H'holds</b>	<b>711,300</b>	<b>767,500</b>

**Median household income:**

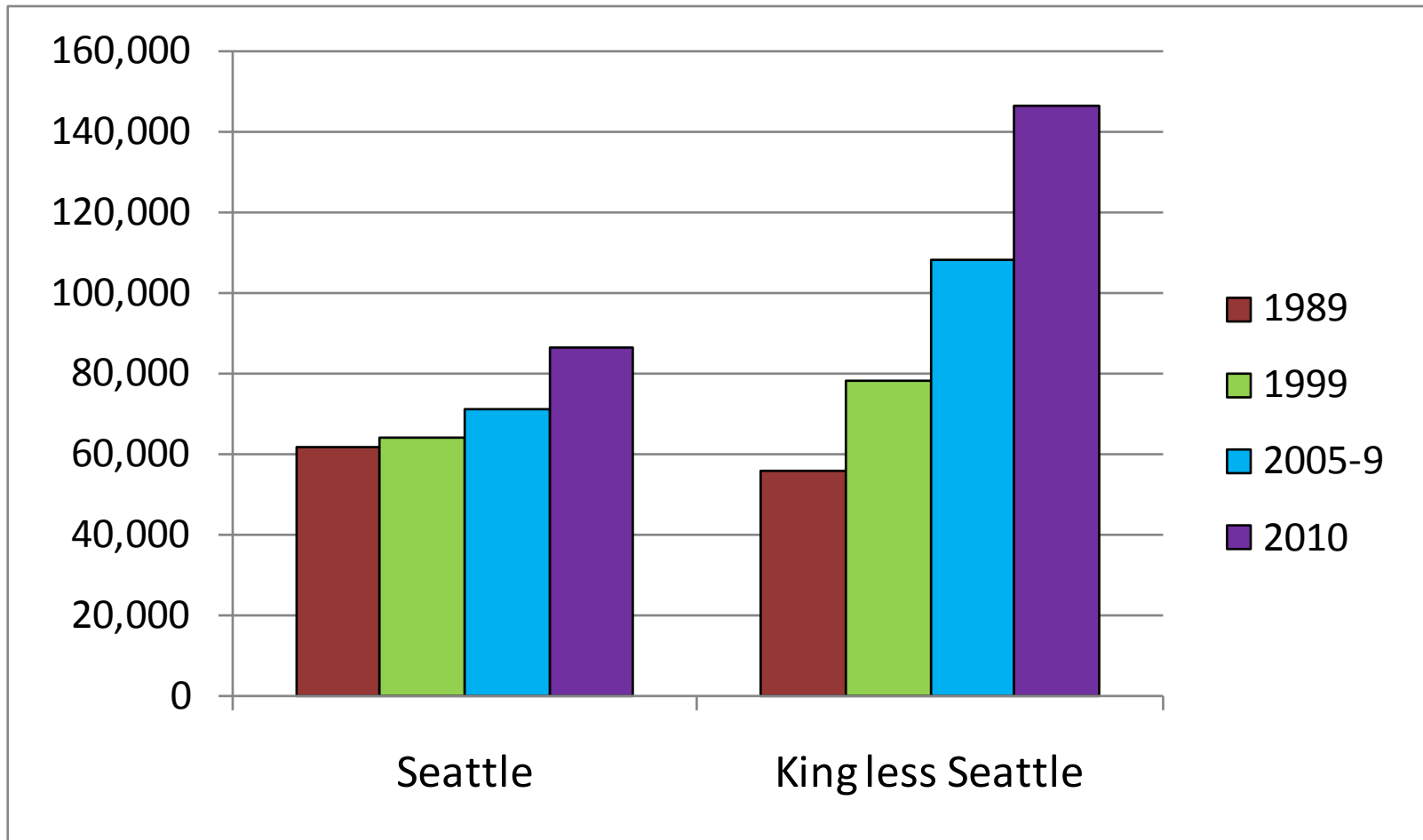
1999, ('99\$)	'99, ('07\$)	2007, ('07\$)
\$53,200	\$66,300	\$67,250

# Poverty rates have jumped up with the recession



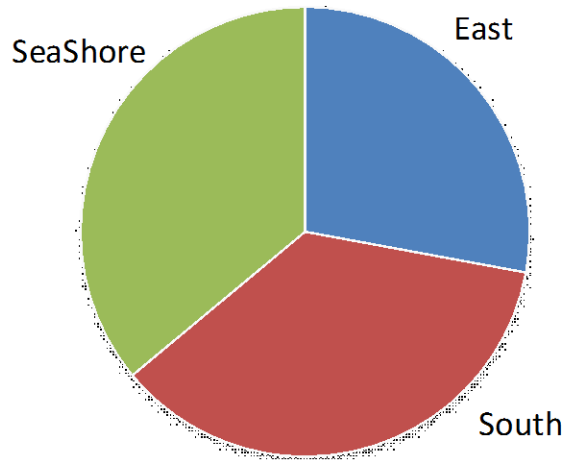


# Numbers of persons below poverty: now primarily in the suburbs

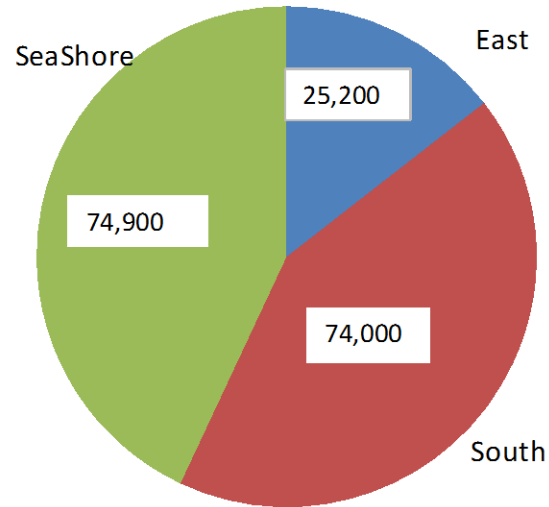


# Poverty by Subarea, King County 2005-9

Population by Subarea



Population Below Poverty



	Population	Below Pov.	% below Pov.
<b>East</b>	495,000	25,200	5.1%
<b>South</b>	640,000	74,000	11.6%
<b>SeaShore</b>	639,000	74,900	11.7%
unacc'd	57,000	2,600	4.6%
<b>King County</b>	<b>1,831,000</b>	<b>176,700</b>	<b>9.7%</b>

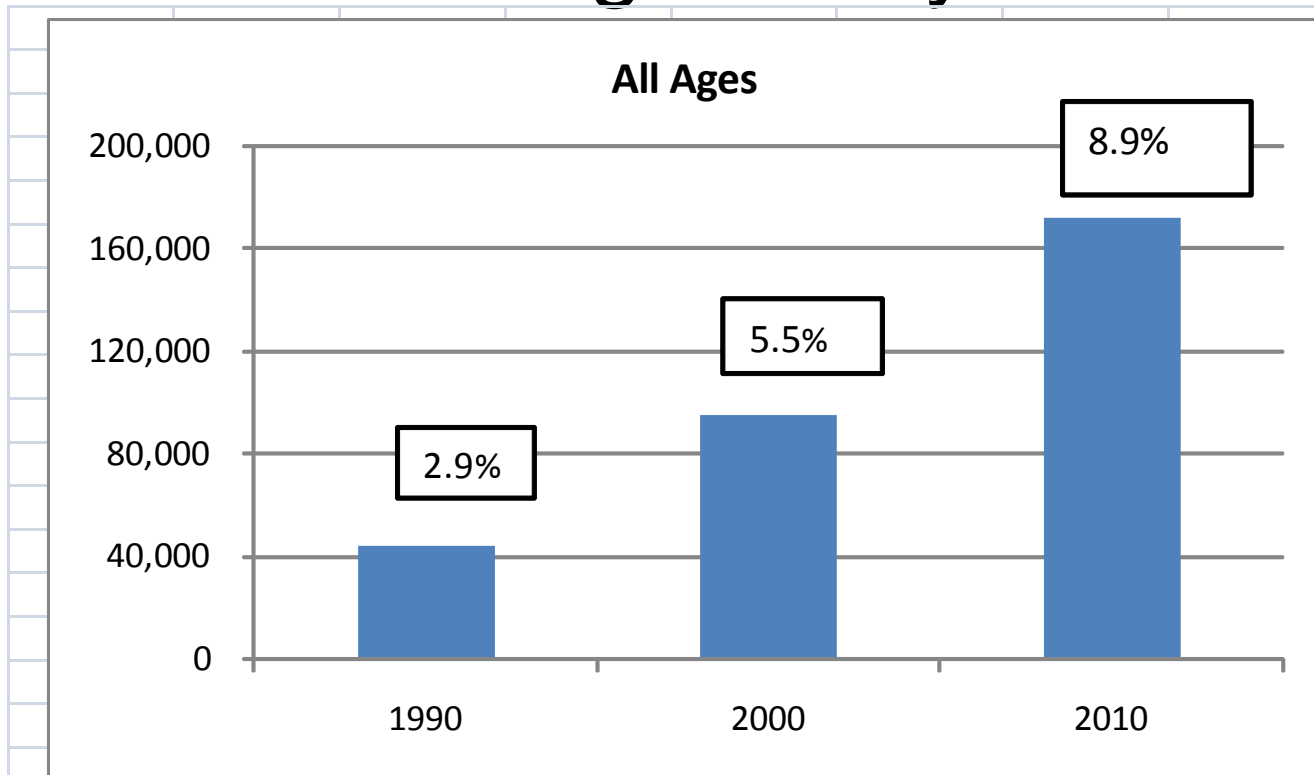
## POVERTY RATES, 2005-9:

- King Co: 9.7%
- South KC: ~ 12%
- Latinos, countywide: ~ 19%
- Latinos, South KC: ~ 22%

# Diversity – and Need – in SeaTac

- 40% of SeaTac residents speak other language.
- Among county's most diverse cities, with 61% persons-of-color, and 31% foreign-born.
- Median income 29% below countywide median.
- 13% of residents are below poverty level, '06-10.
- 70+ languages spoken in Highline schools, and 69%+ eligible for free/reduced price meals.
- Unemployment rate remains about 10%.

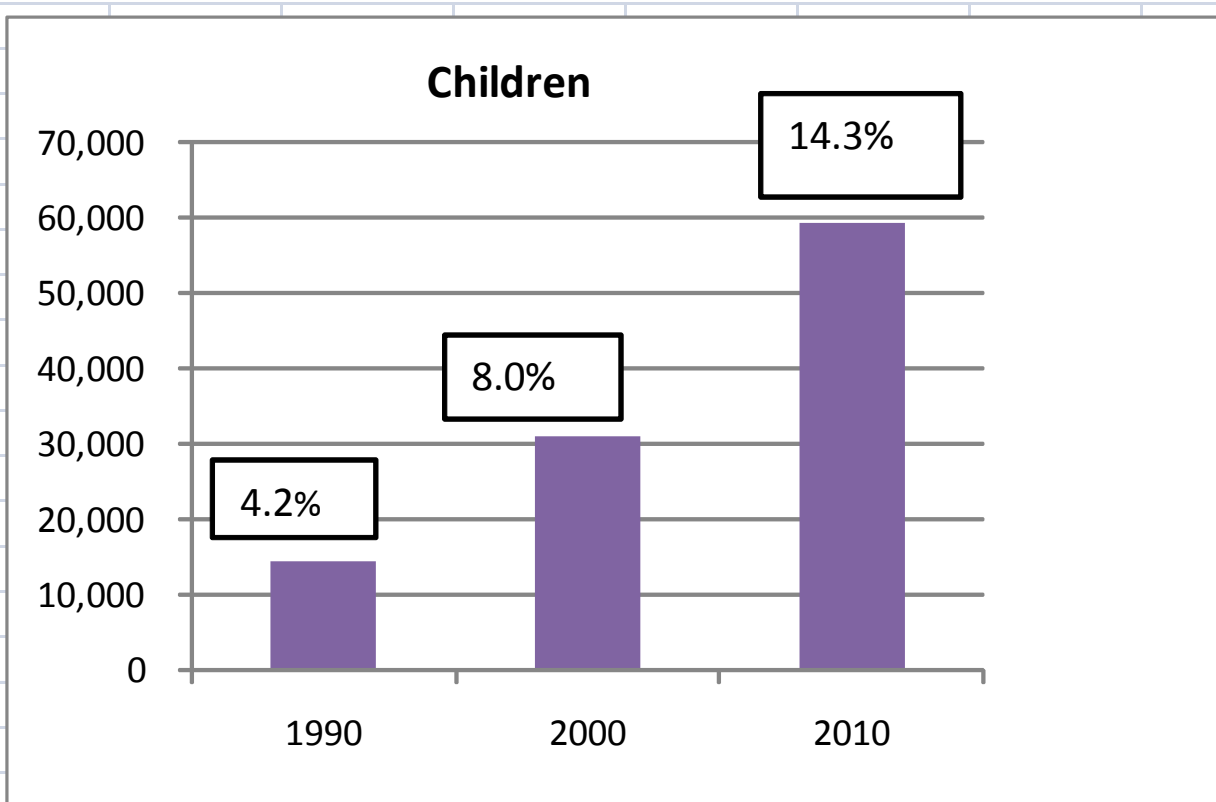
# Hispanic/Latino Population Growth in King County



**King County Hispanic / Latino Population**

	1990	2000	2010
All Ages	44,337	95,242	172,378
Pct of Total Pop	2.9%	5.5%	8.9%

# Number of Latino Kids is Growing Faster



**King County Hispanic / Latino Pop Under Age 18**

	1990	2000	2010
<b>Children</b>	<b>14,465</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>59,300</b>
<b>Pct of All Children</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>

# Thank you !

- Questions...?
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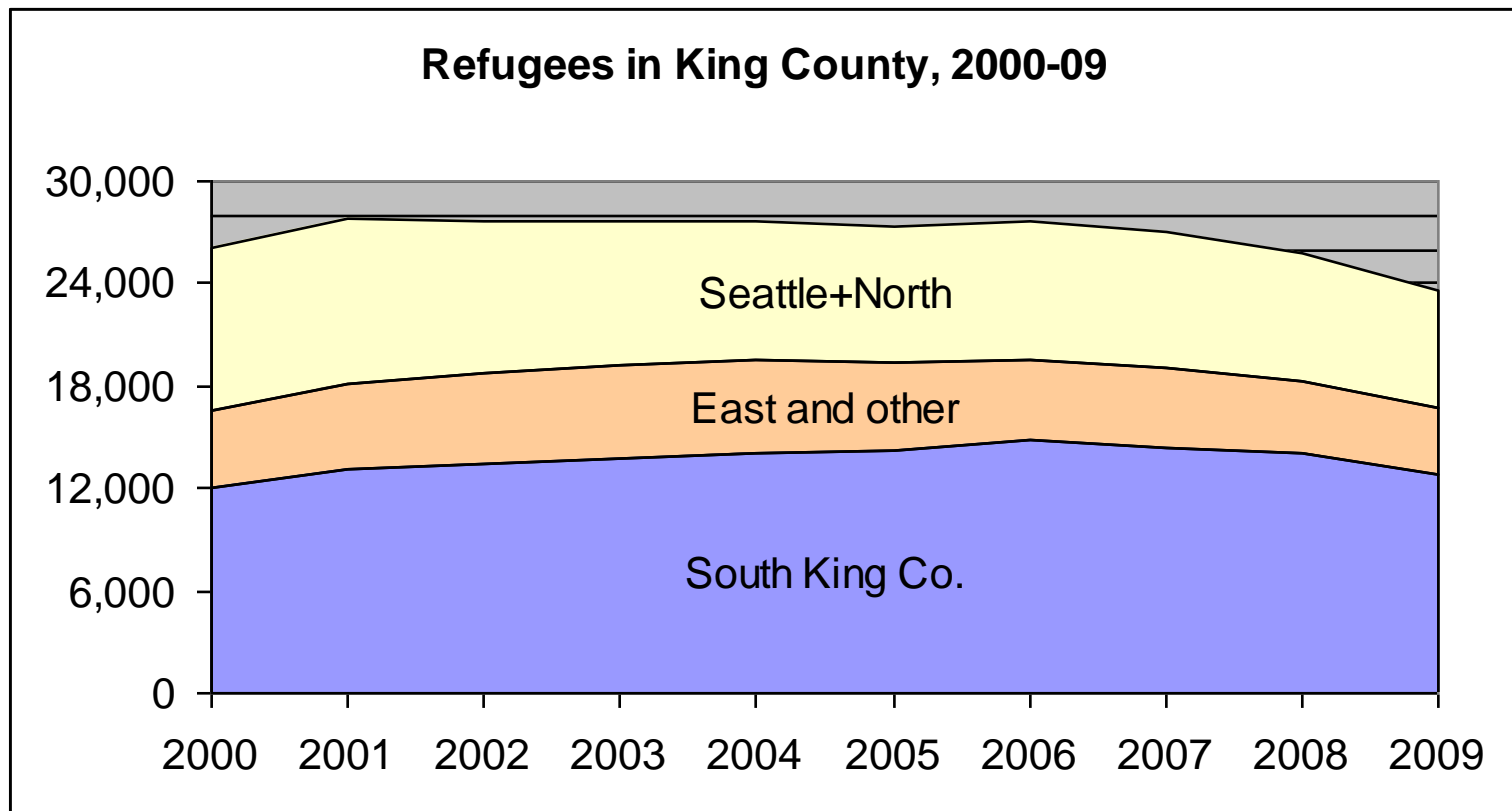
# Leftovers

- Not included in presentation

# Refugee population in King County

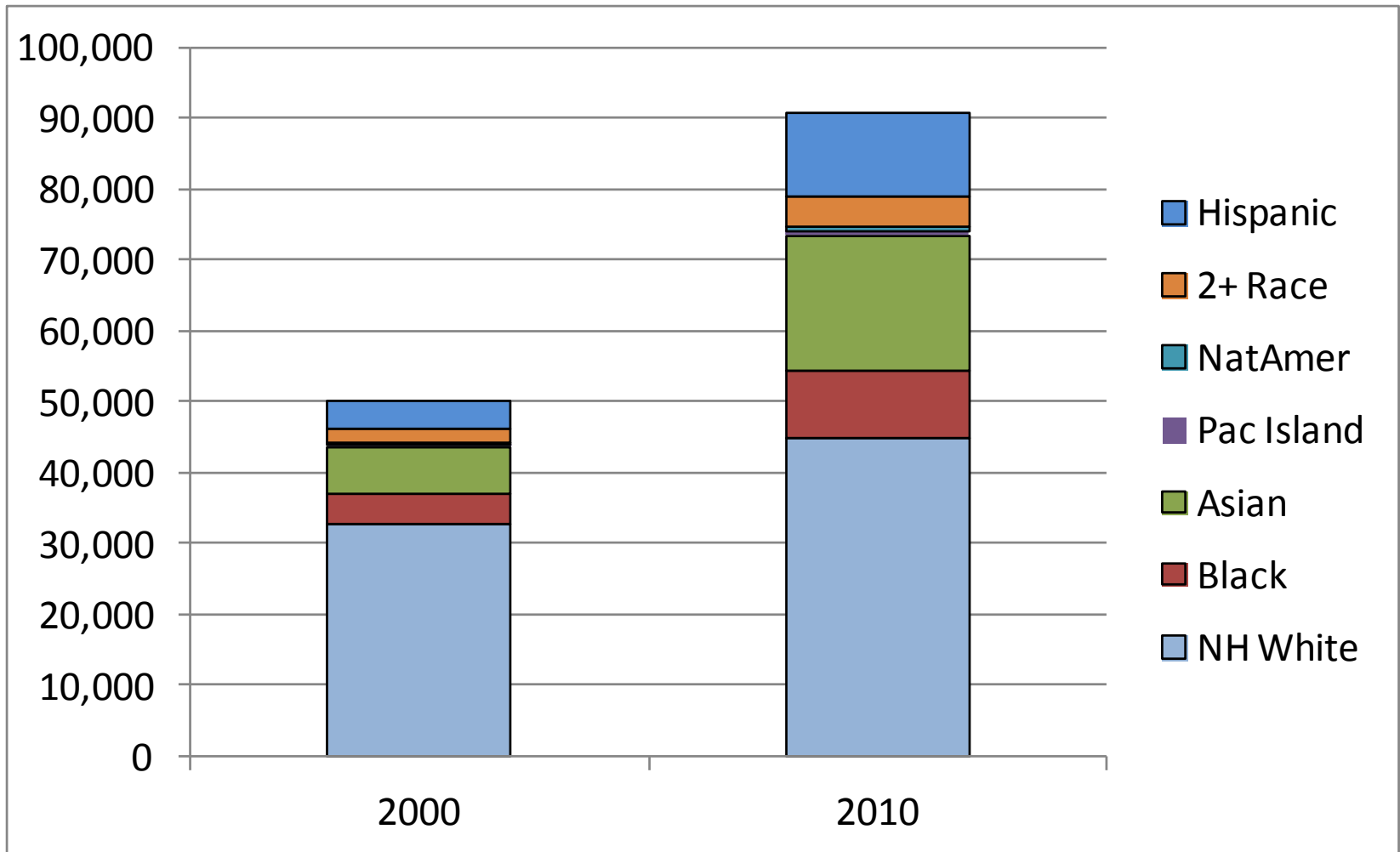
Numbers steady until recently

South King has majority



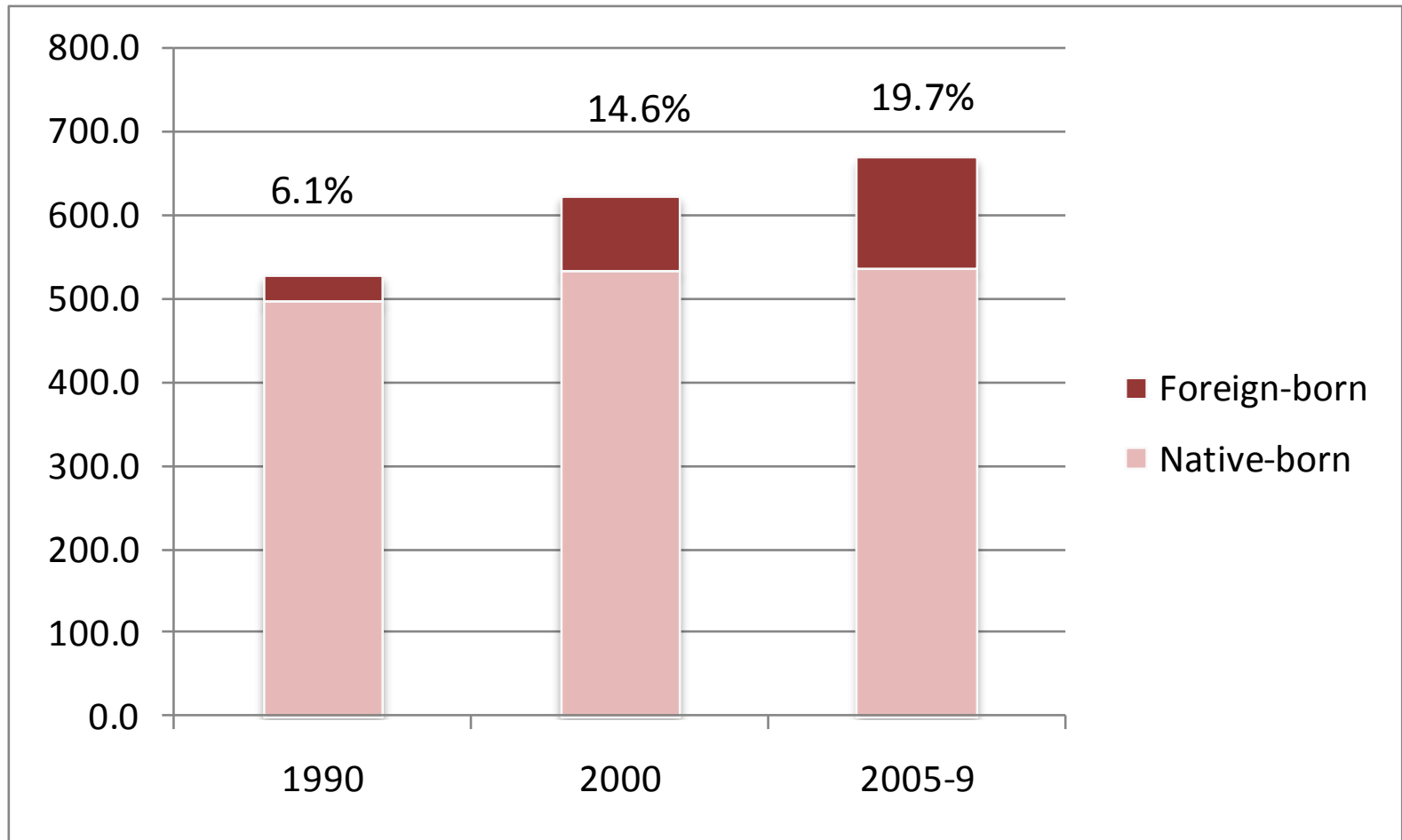


# Renton has grown – and grown more diverse



# One factor: immigration

## Percent foreign-born population

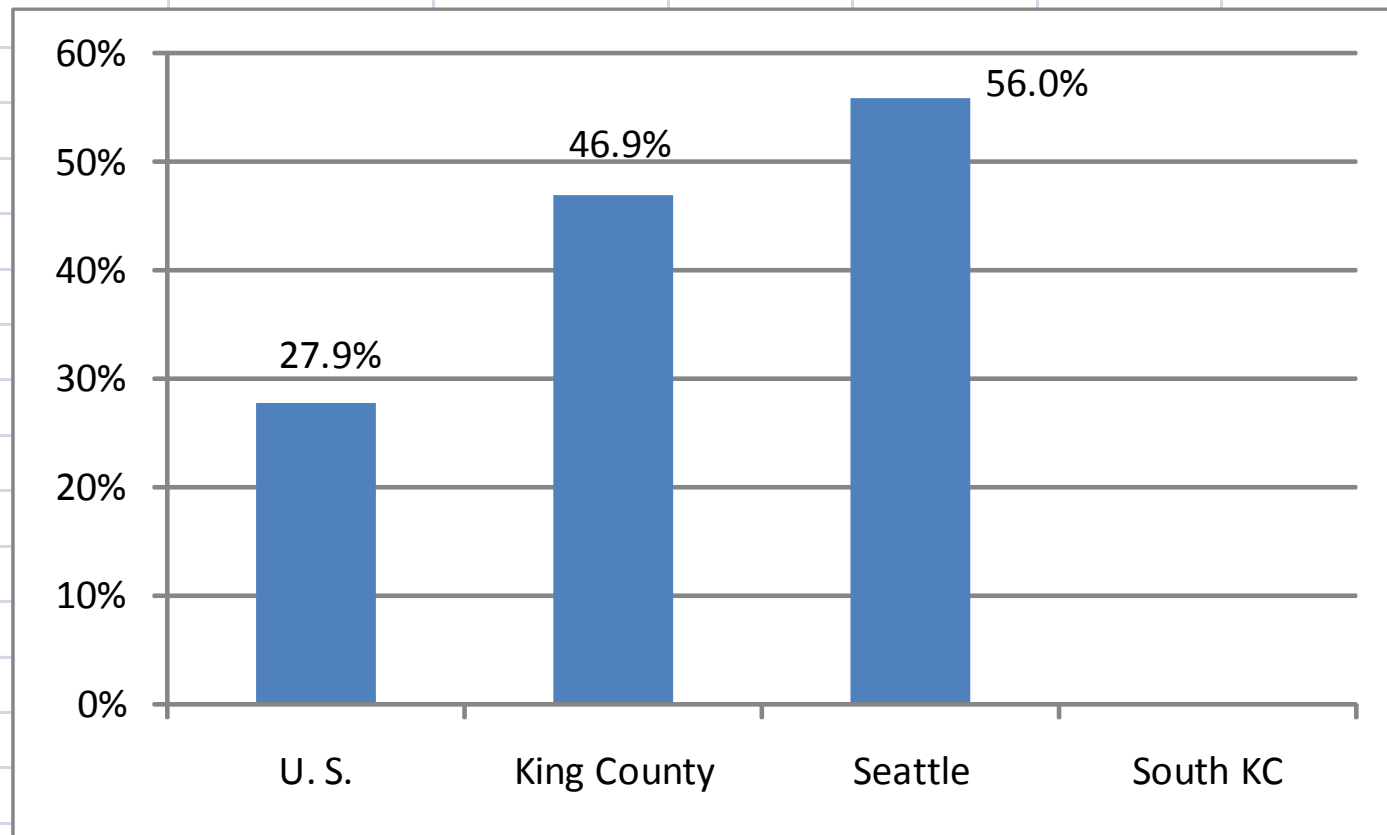


# A note on sources

- Decennial Census: 1990, 2000, 2010
- American Community Survey (ACS)
  - Most recent detailed data, 2005-9
- Reliability of data
  - ACS accuracy is not so good
- Margins of Error

# Our Region has High Educational Levels

Percent of Adult Population with a Bachelor's Degree



# But South King County has not fully shared in that educational attainment

Percent of Adult Population with a Bachelor's Degree

