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**Families with Children in Austin, Texas: Demographic
Trends and Spatial Patterns**

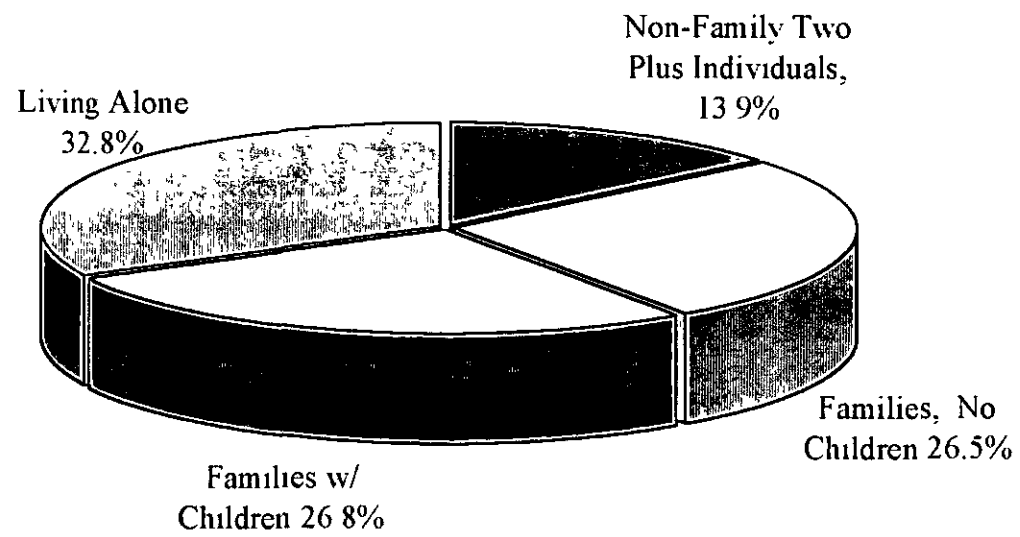
An Analysis of Austin and Comparisons with other Cities

City Demographer's Provisional Report
November 29, 2006

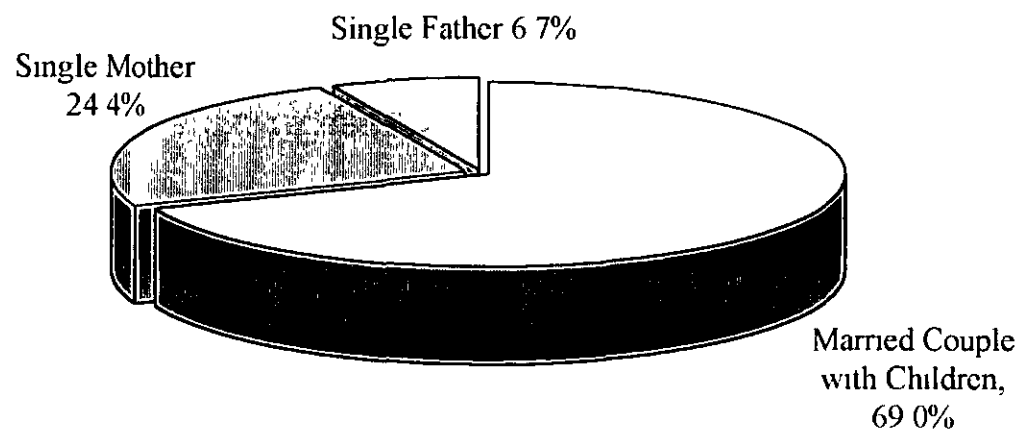
Households and Families: Definitions

- A household refers to the person or collection of persons occupying a housing unit.
- The Census Bureau defines a Family as any collection of people related to each other by birth, marriage or adoption. This includes extended family types (children with a grandmother, or aunt).
- Families with Children households are simply one type of household, in which children (persons under 18) are present.

Households by Type: Austin, Texas

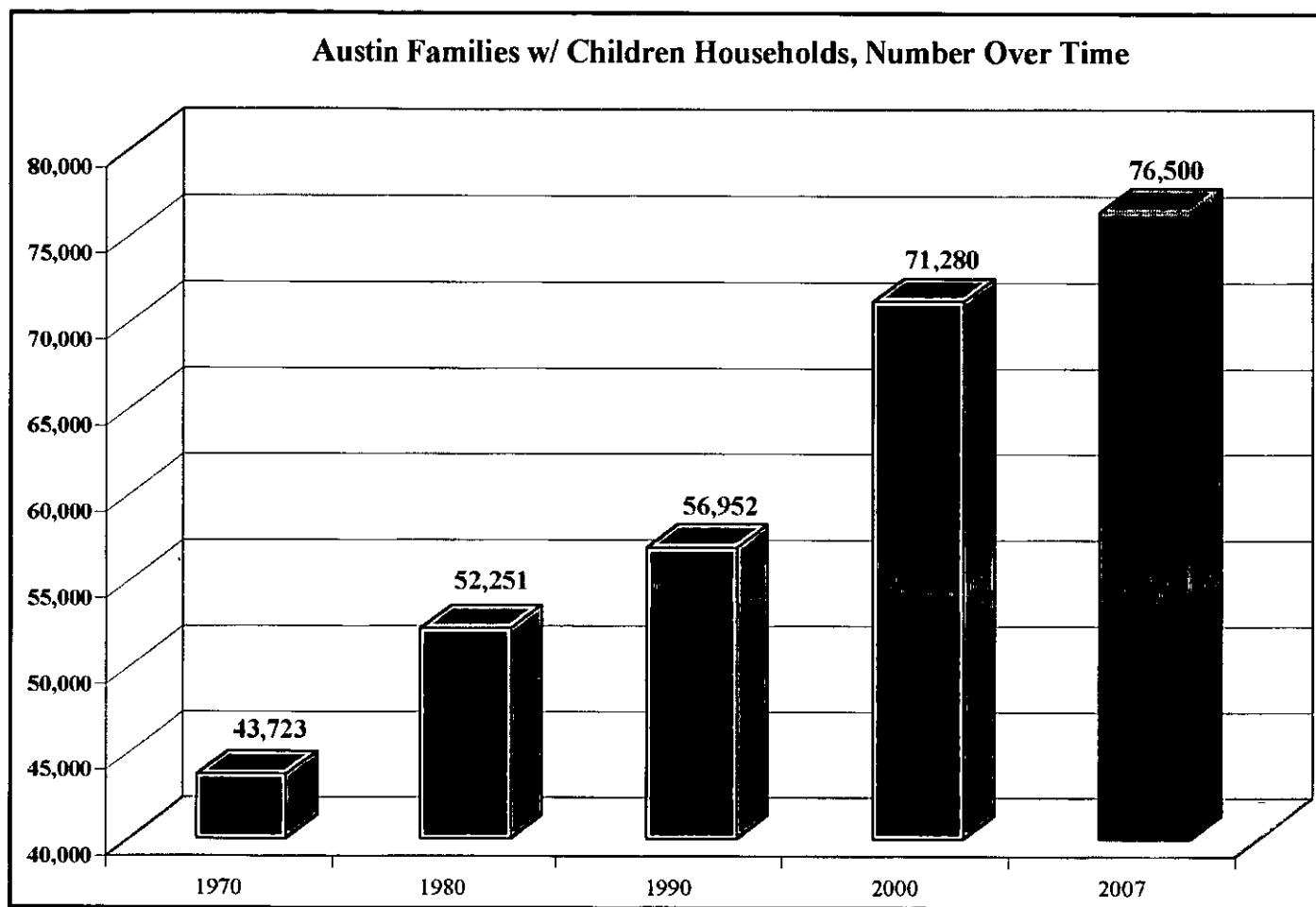


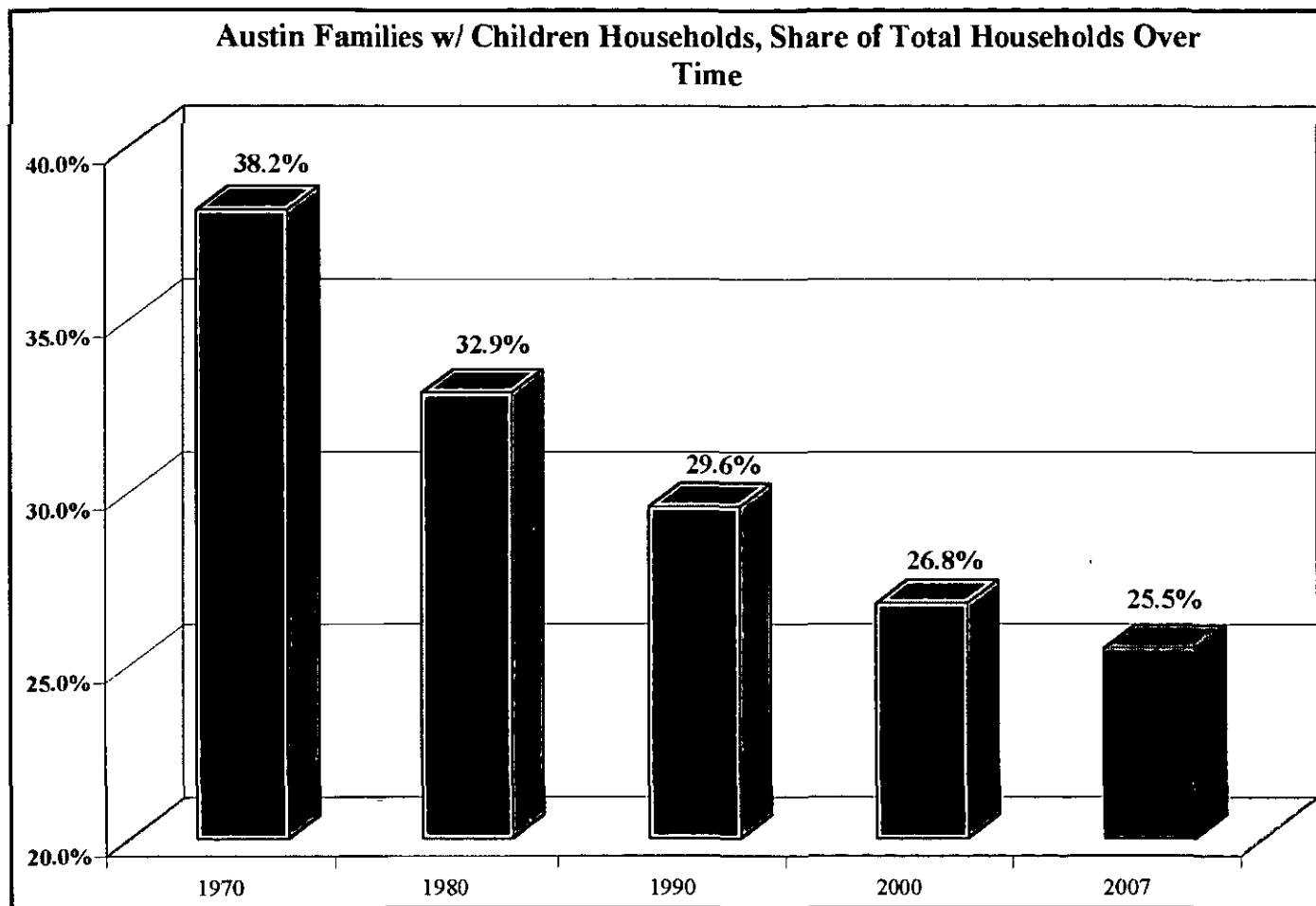
Families with Children Households by Type: Austin, Texas

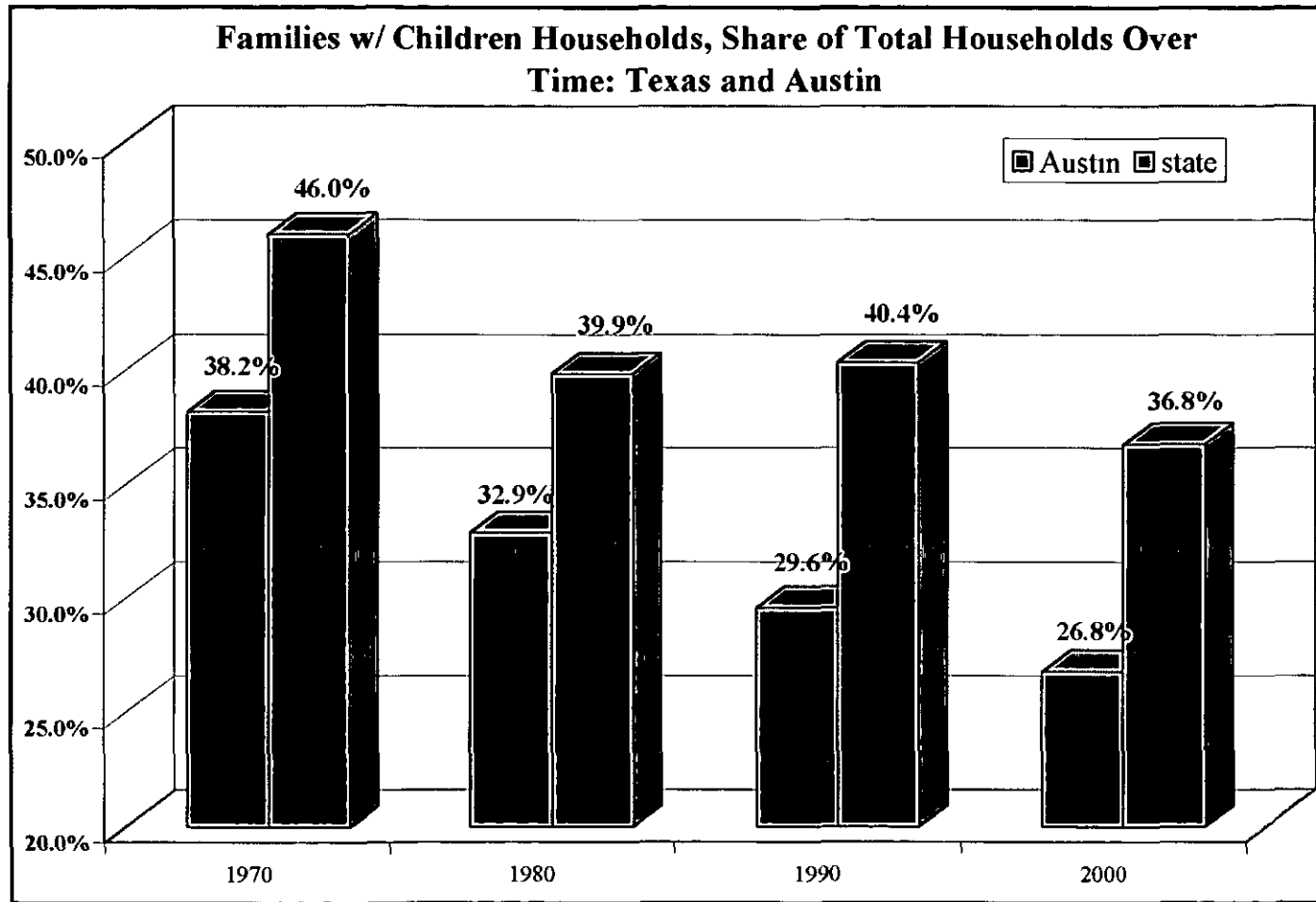


Purpose of study:

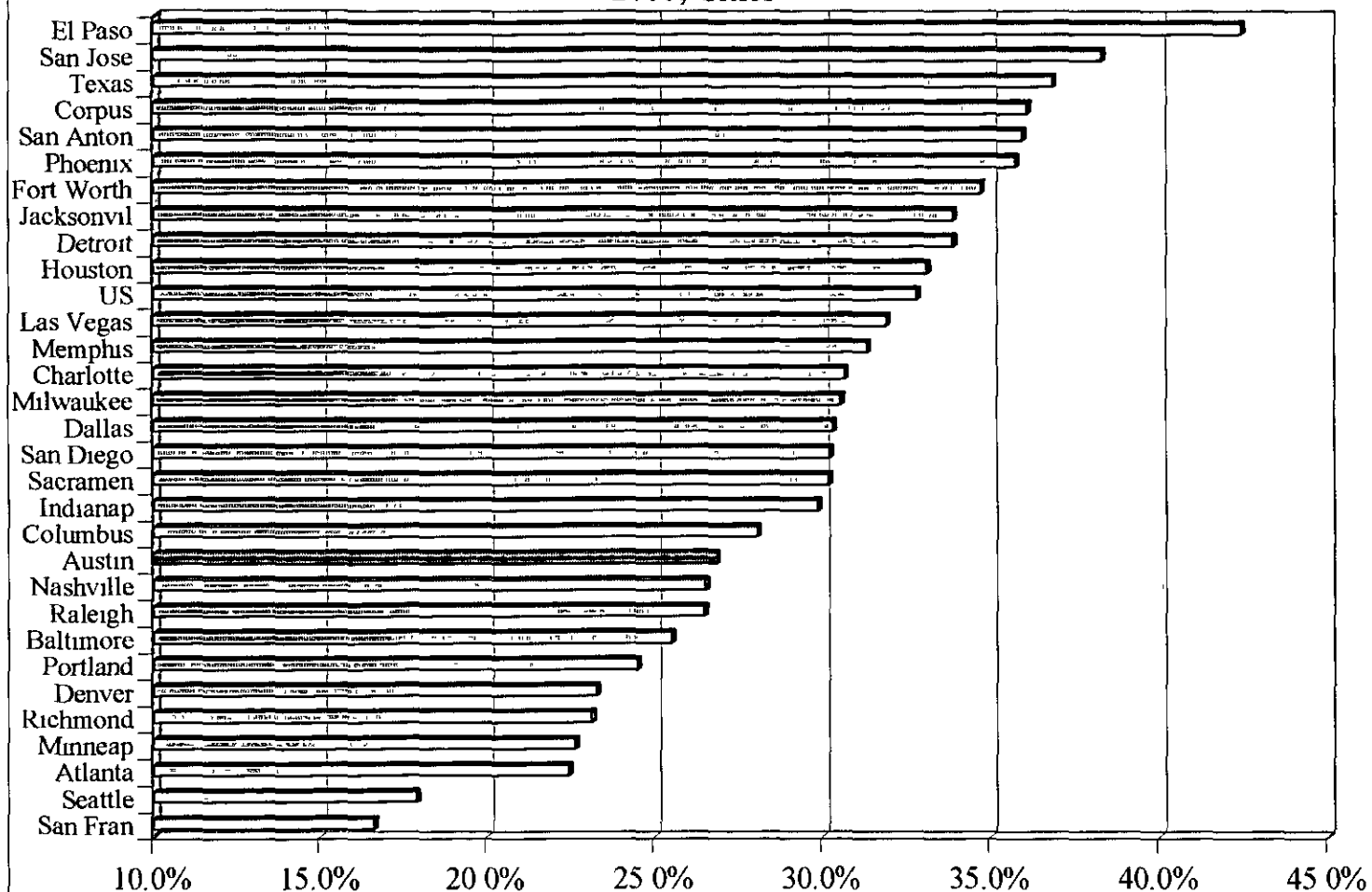
- Are households made up of Families with Children in Austin increasing or decreasing?
- Is the share of total households from these households increasing or decreasing?
- What are the spatial patterns associated with Families with Children households? Are these households concentrated outside the City? What about the urban core?
- How do these trends compare with what's happening in other cities? (the comparative set includes cities with total populations within 250,000 of Austin's, the State of Texas itself and the nation as a whole).

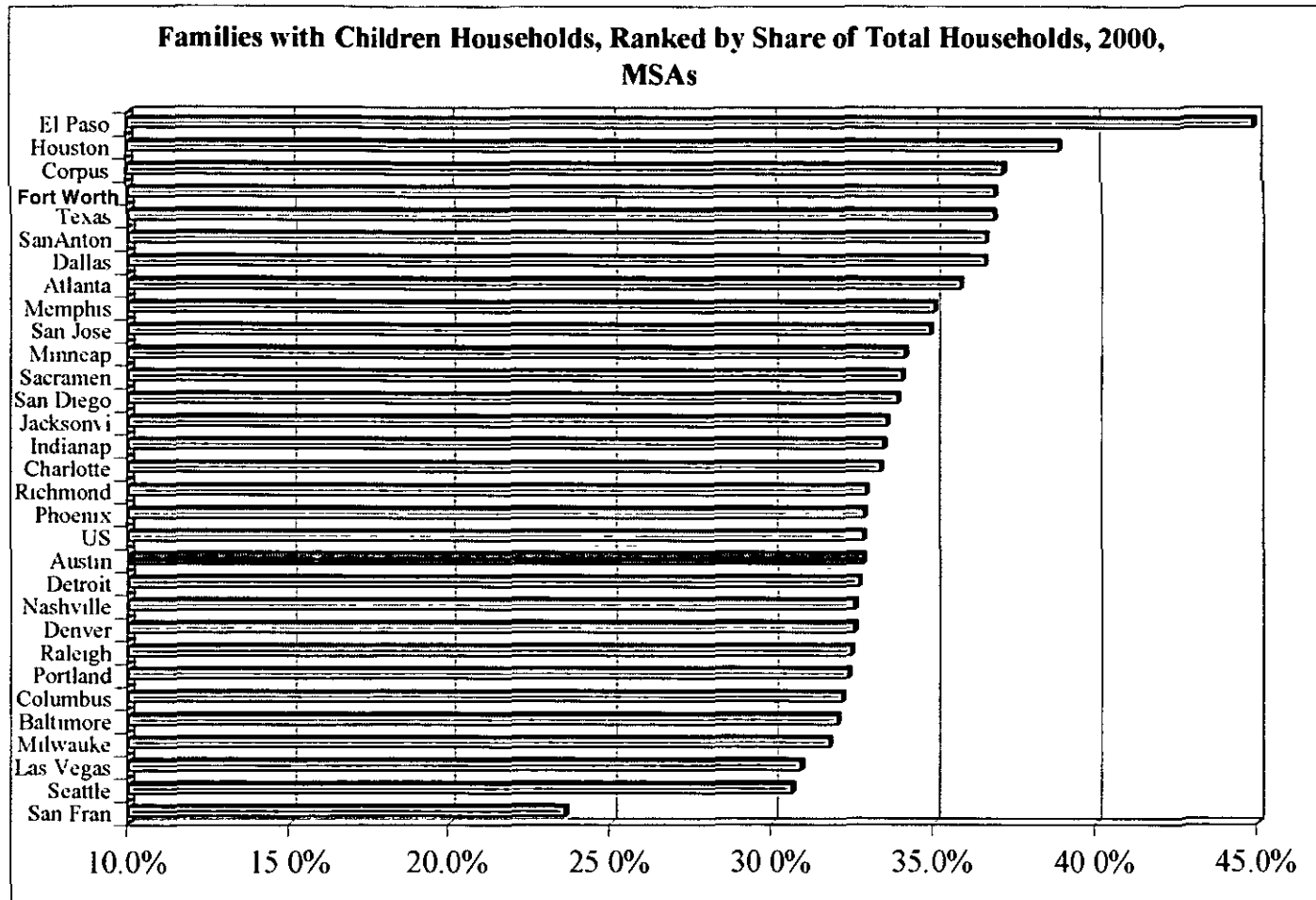




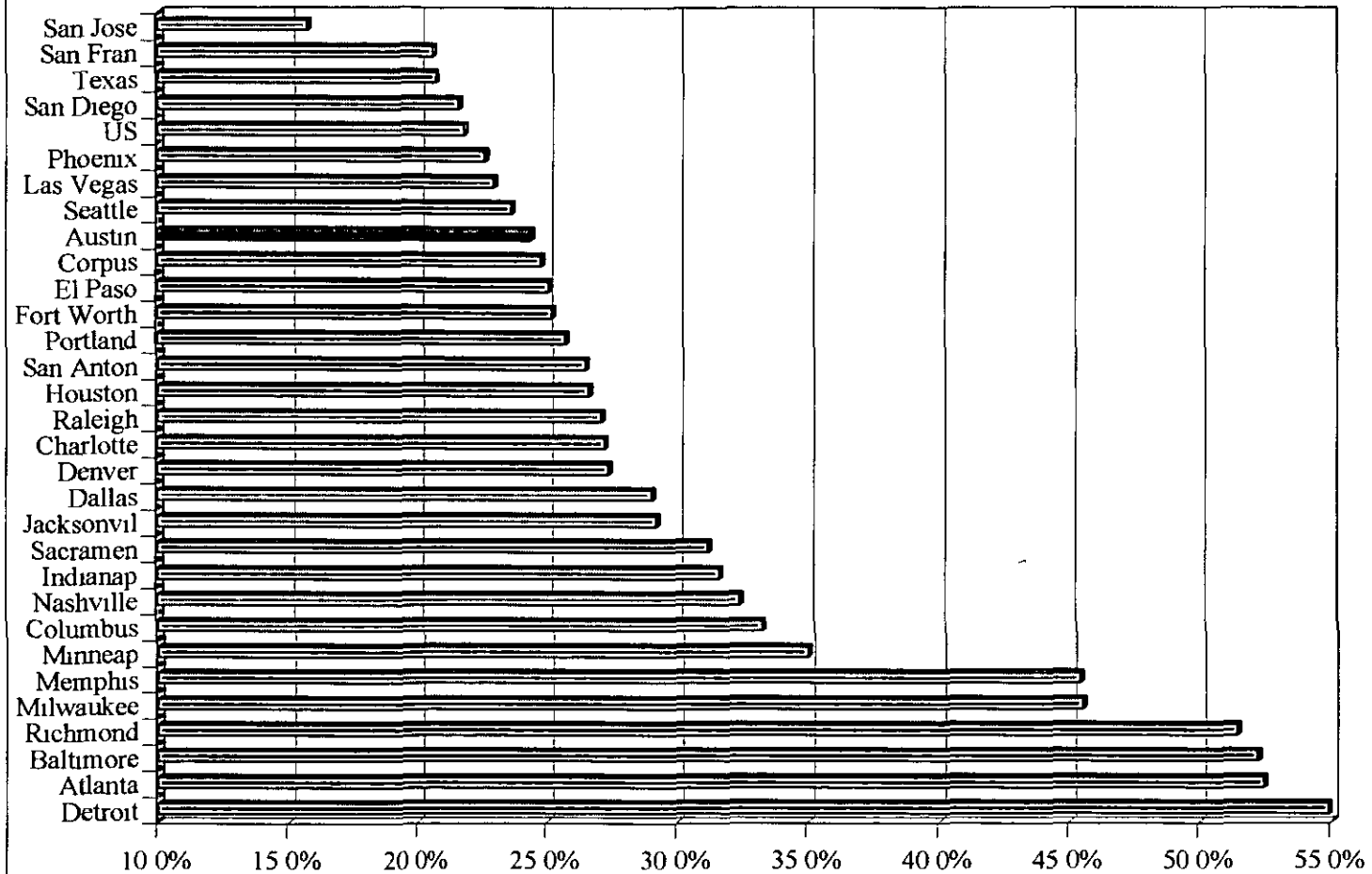


**Families with Children Households, Ranked by Share of Total Households,
2000, Cities**





**Single Mother Households, Ranked by Share of Families with Children
Households, 2000, Cities**






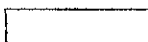
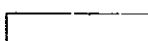



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Married with Children

Concentrations of Married with Children Households

Austin, Texas
Census 2000 Data
census blocks

Share of Total Households

	No Population
	Less than 10%
	10% to 20%
	20% to 30%
	30% to 40%
	40% Plus

0 0.45 0.9 1.8 2.7 Miles





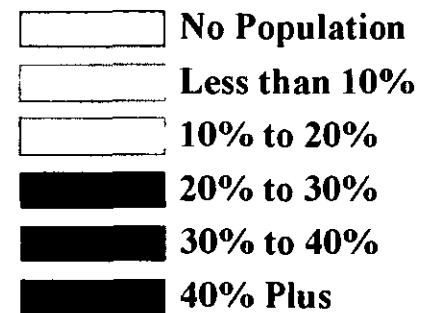
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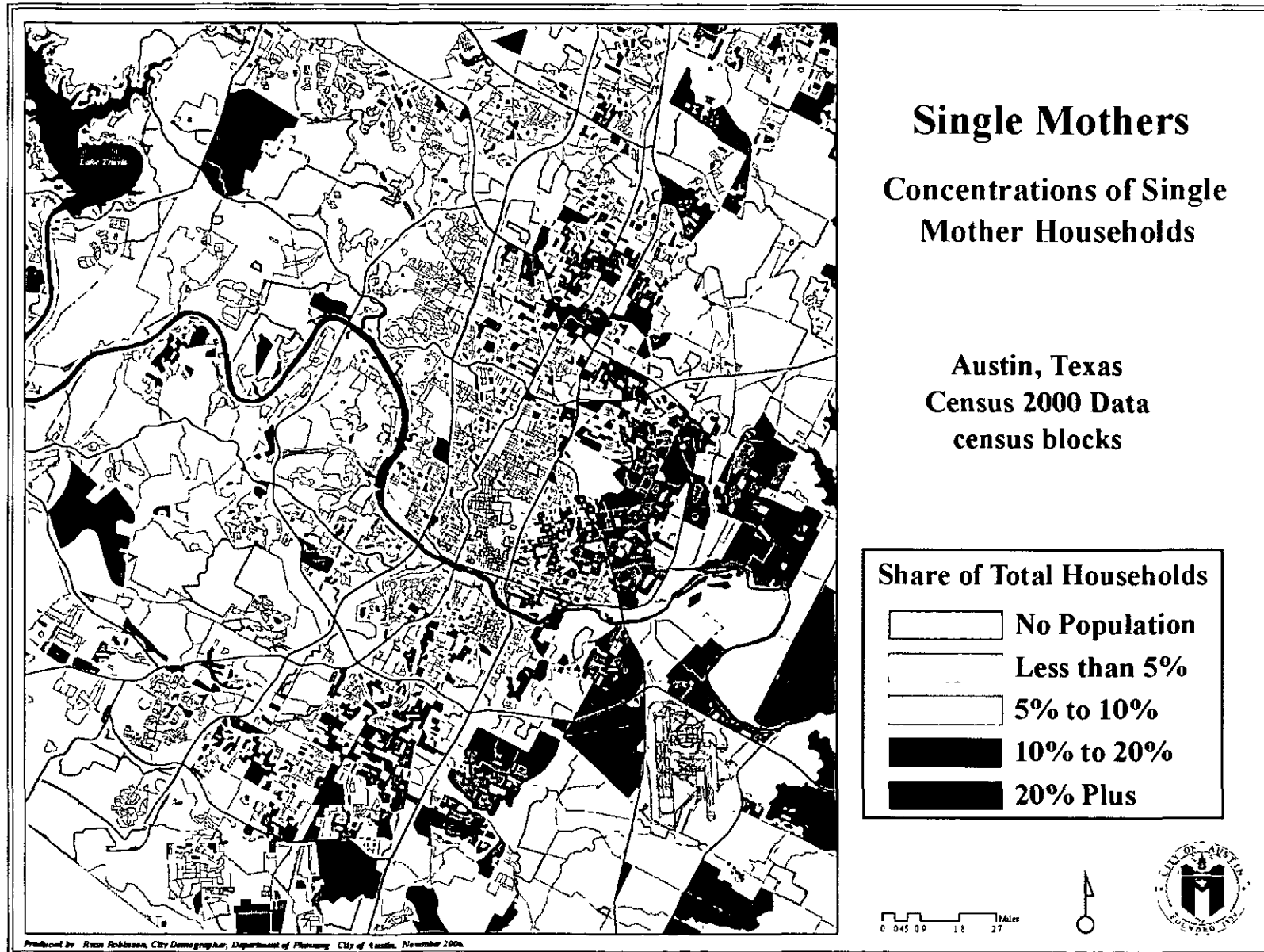
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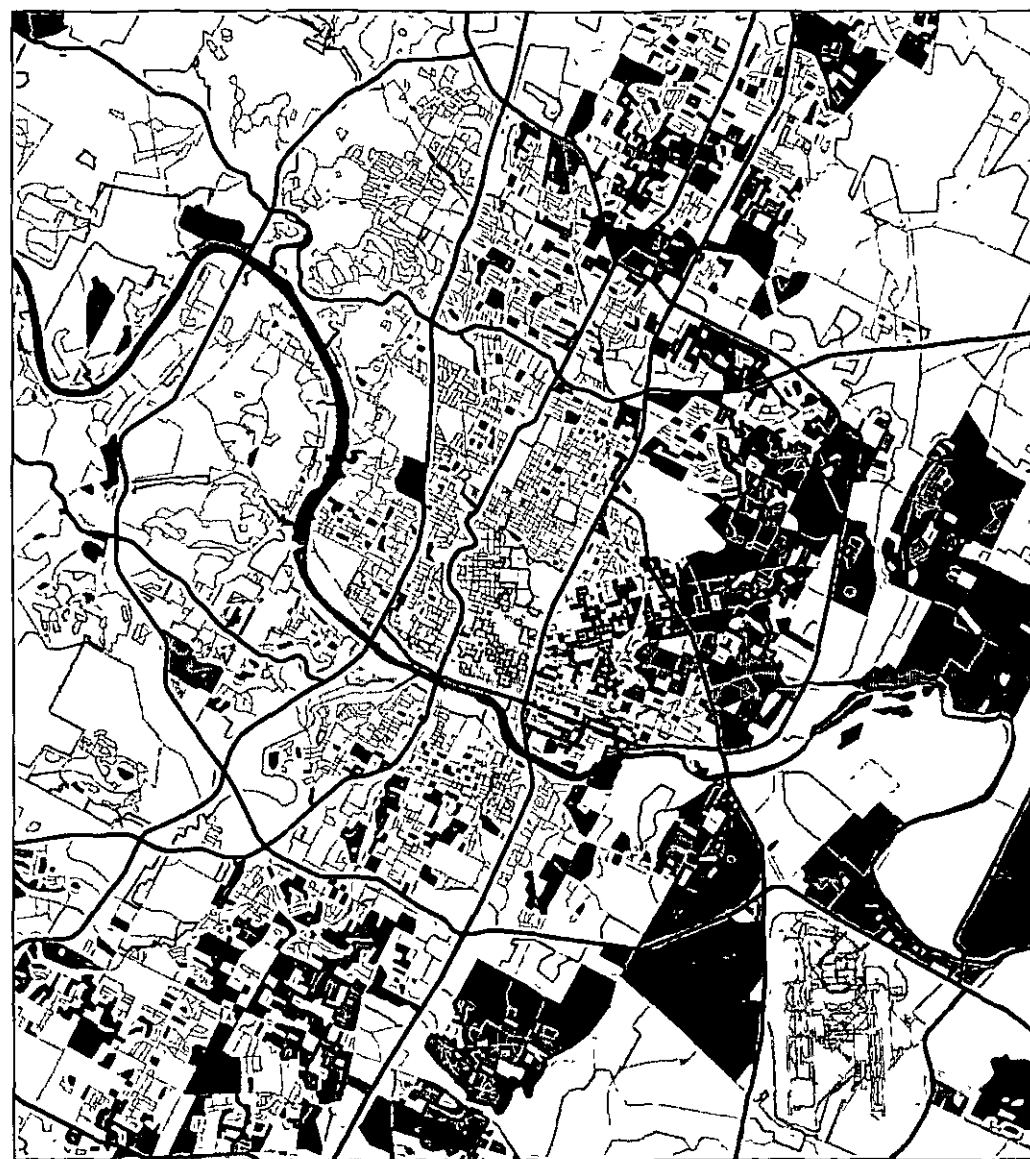
Share of Total Households



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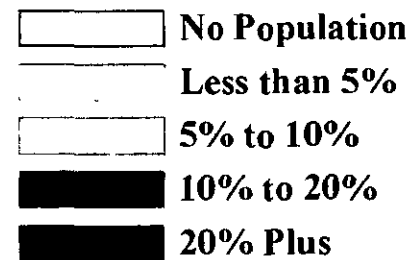
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Single Mothers

Concentrations of Single Mother Households

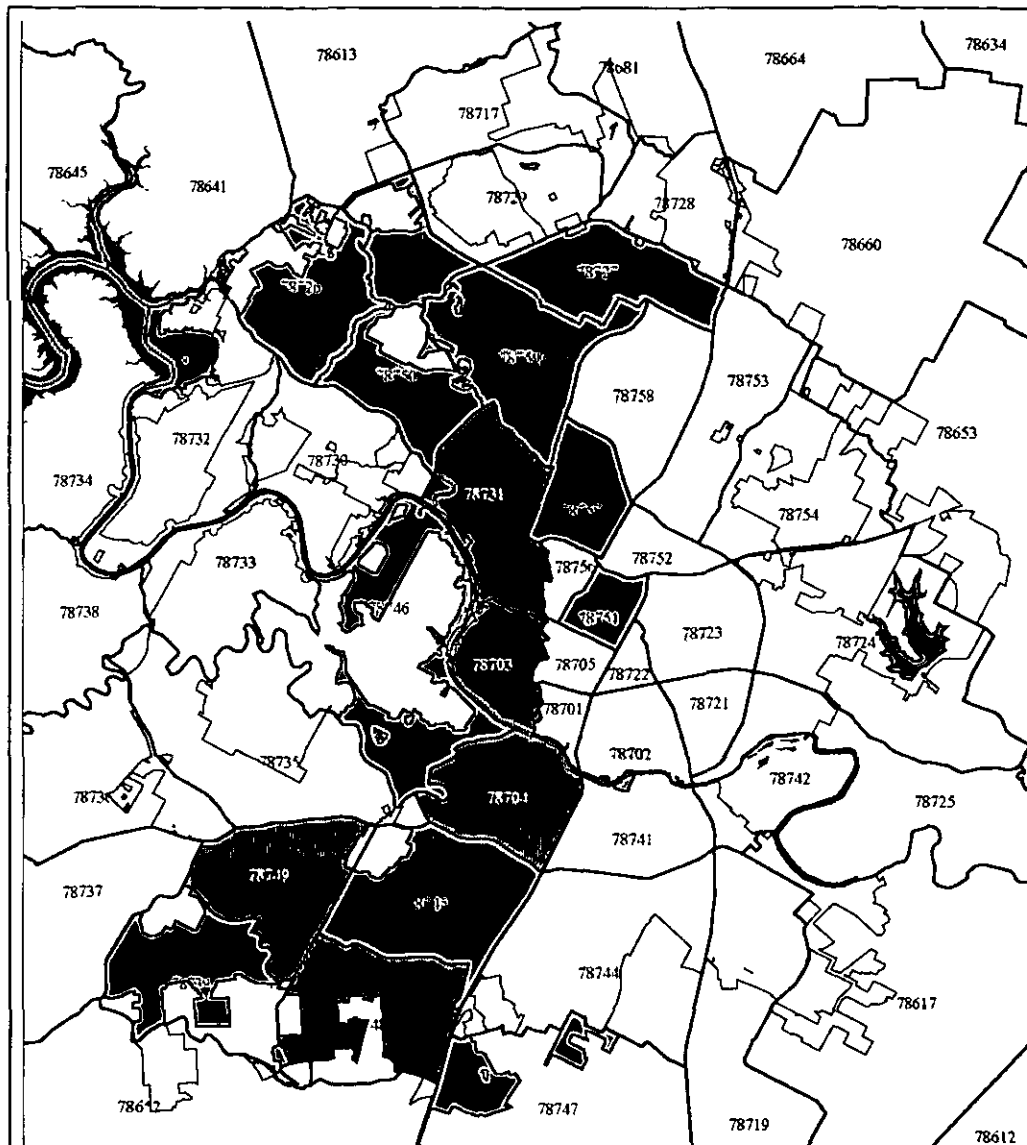
Austin, Texas
Census 2000 Data
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Share of Total Households



0 0.35 0.7 1.4 2.1 Miles





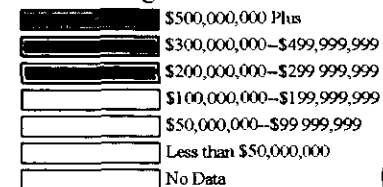
Single Family Taxable Value, Total Change: 2000 to 2005.

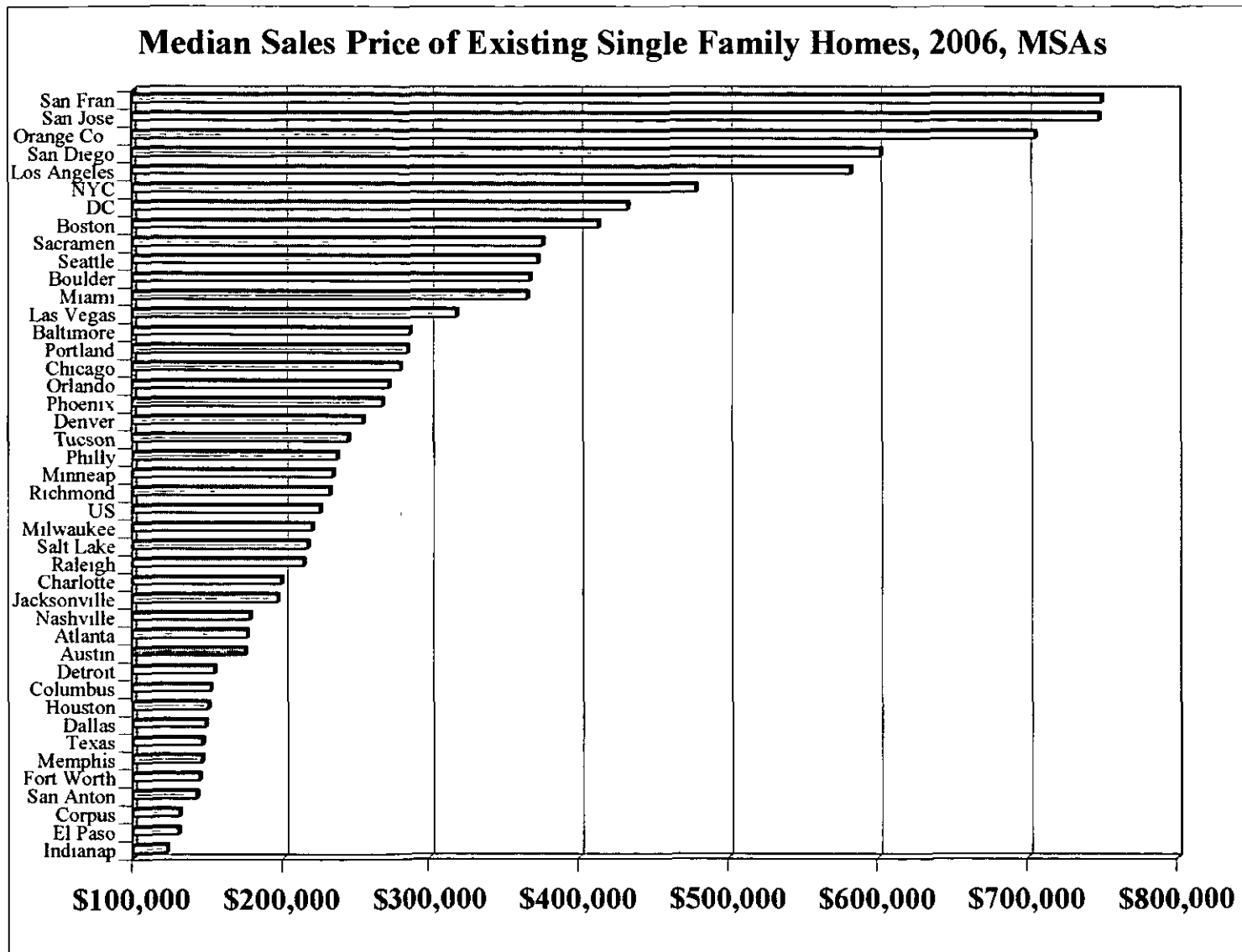
**Properties paying City of Austin property
tax, summarized by ZIP Code.**

DATA SOURCE: Travis Central Appraisal District.

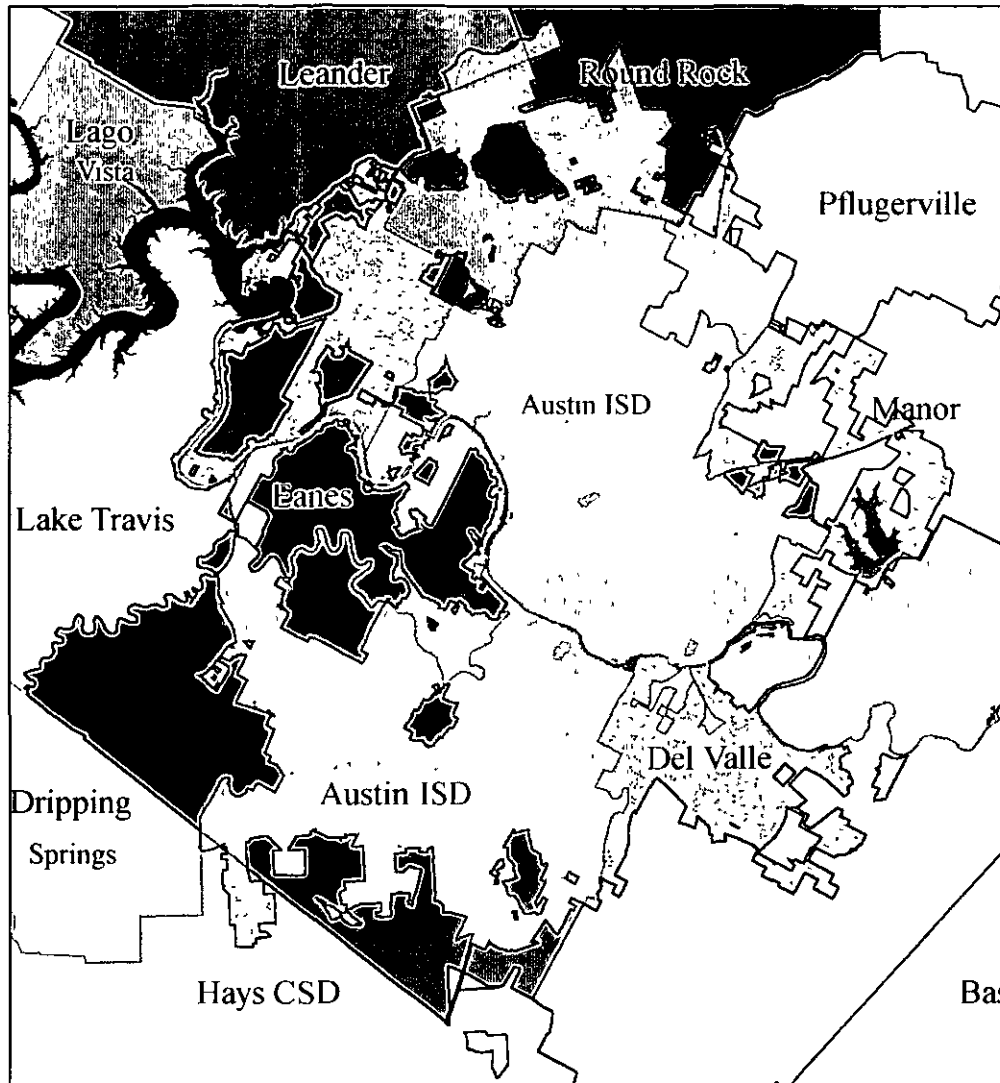
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Total Change 2000 to 2005

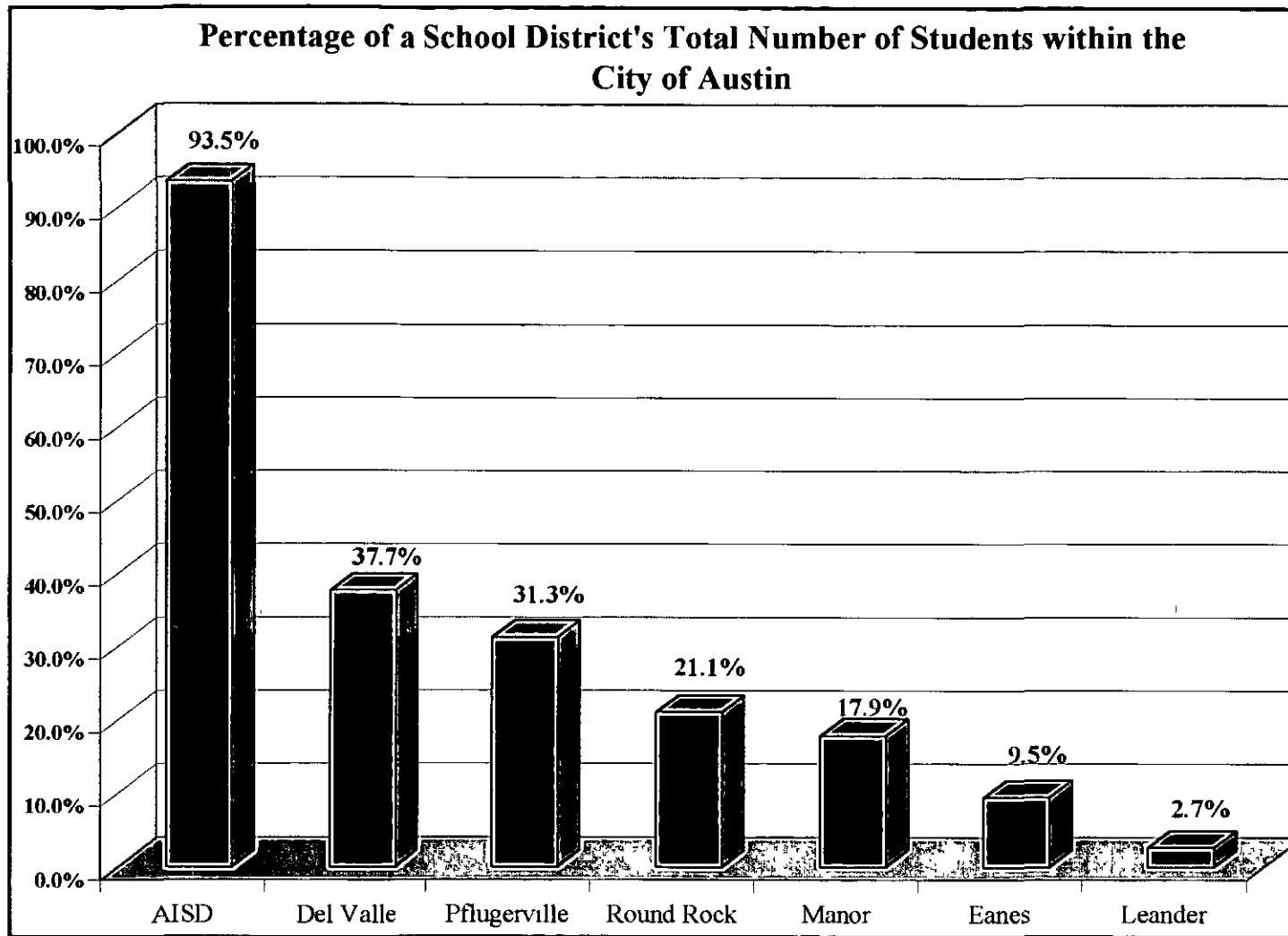


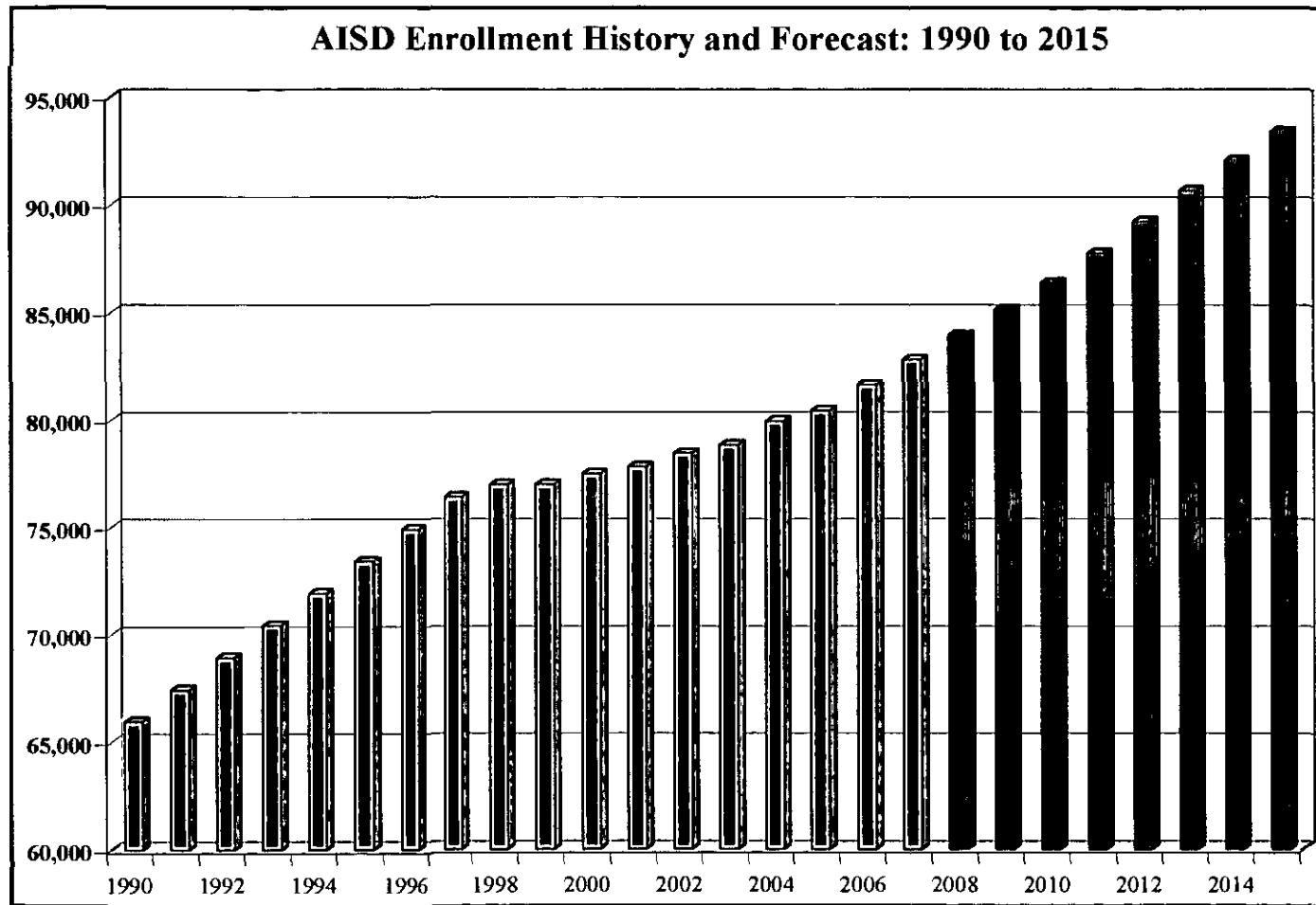


Regional School Districts and the City of Austin



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Conclusions:

- The total number of Families with Children in Austin has increased substantially during the past 35 years, and yet the share of total households from Families with Children has dropped significantly.
- The growth of Non-Family households has outpaced the growth of other household types, forcing down the share of total from Families with Children.
- Heavy concentrations of Families with Children households exist within the City's suburban realm.

Conclusions (Continued):

- Single mother household concentrations are strongly aligned with neighborhoods containing ethnic concentrations.
- Several of Austin's high growth areas are in school districts other than AISD. The City should recognize the importance of partnering not only with AISD, but with the Del Valle, Manor, Pflugerville, Round Rock and Leander ISDs as well.
- The steep increase in the cost of housing within the City over the past few years has put intensified pressure on urban Families and could result in driving these households out of the City.

