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What Does the 2020 Census Tell Us about Austin's Population Growth?

Independent Citizen's Redistricting Commission

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Austin’s Population Growth

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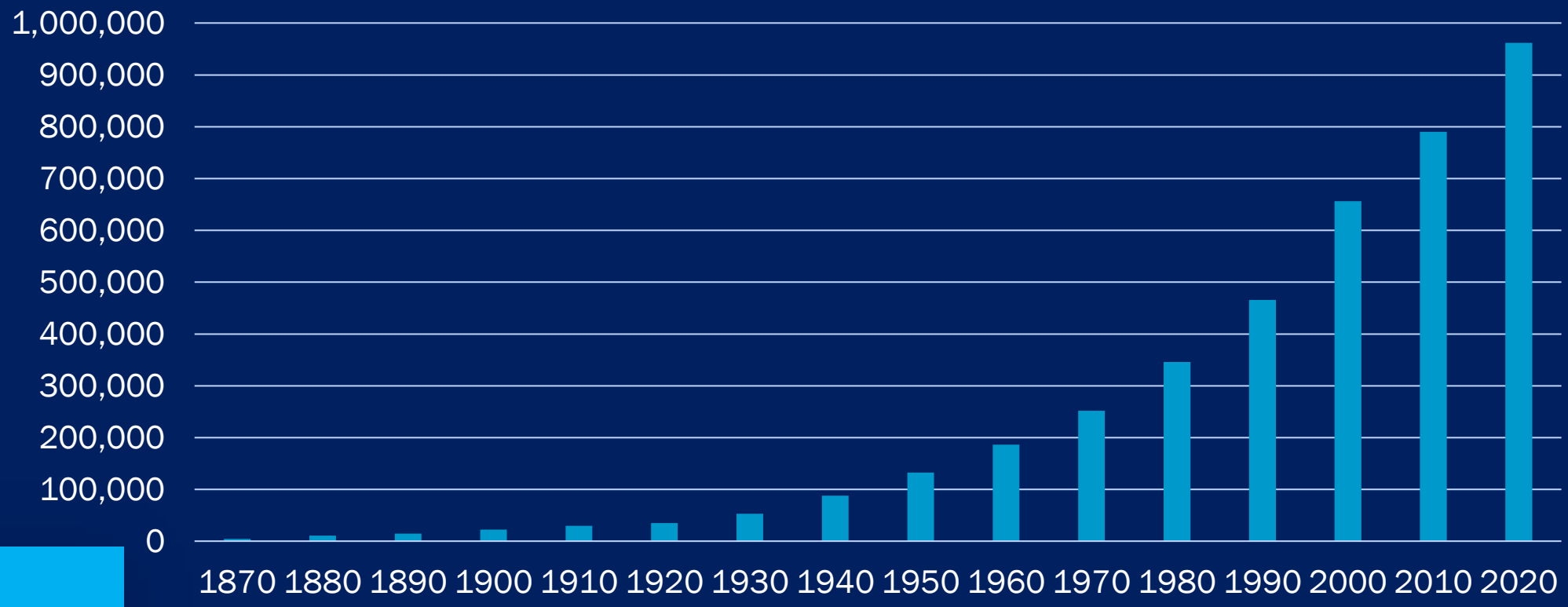
Austin Population Growth, 1870 to 2020

The ideal city council district size would be approximately 96,186.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses 1870 – 2020.

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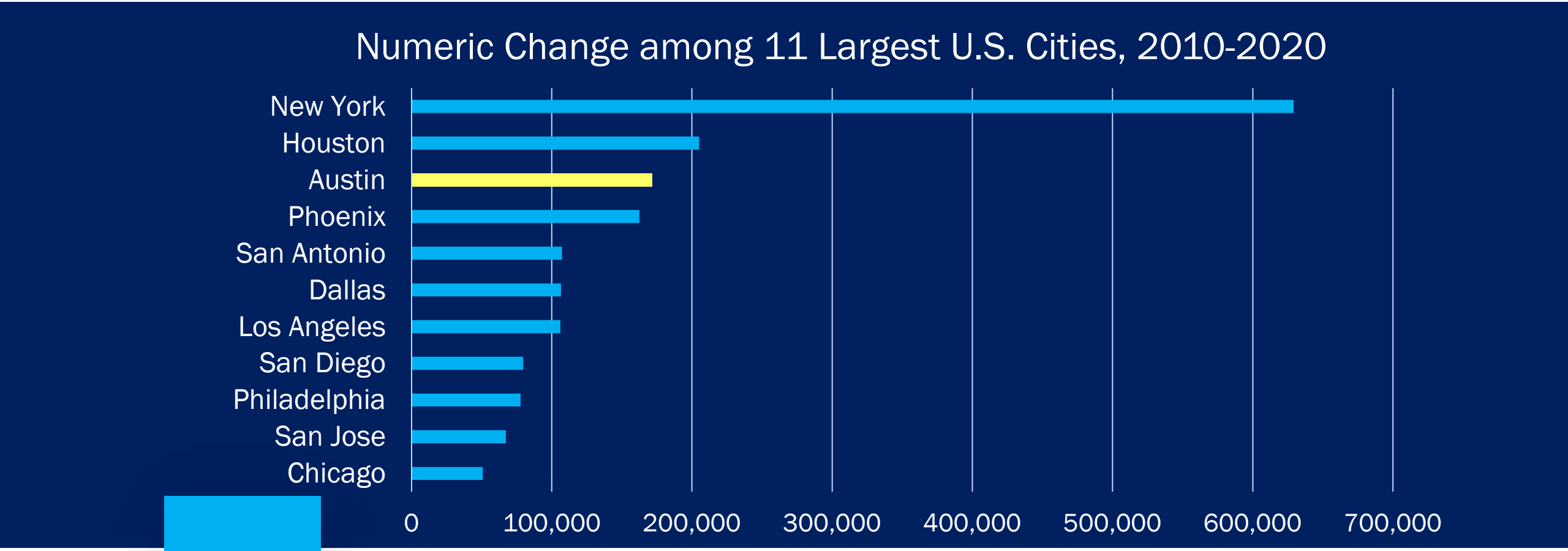
Austin is the 11th largest city in the country but growth rivals that of the largest cities.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, 2010 and 2020.

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Austin sees large gains while suburbs see fast growth.

Place	2010	2020	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Manor	5,037	13,652	8,615	171.0%
Leander	26,521	59,202	32,681	123.2%
Buda	7,295	15,108	7,813	107.1%
Hutto	14,698	27,577	12,879	87.6%
Kyle	28,016	45,697	17,681	63.1%
Cedar Park	48,937	77,595	28,658	58.6%
San Marcos	44,894	67,553	22,659	50.5%
Georgetown	47,400	67,176	19,776	41.7%
Pflugerville	46,936	65,191	18,255	38.9%
Bastrop	7,218	9,688	2,470	34.2%
Austin	790,390	961,855	171,465	21.7%
Round Rock	99,887	119,468	19,581	19.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census, P.L. 94-171 File.

Austin’s Unique Diversity

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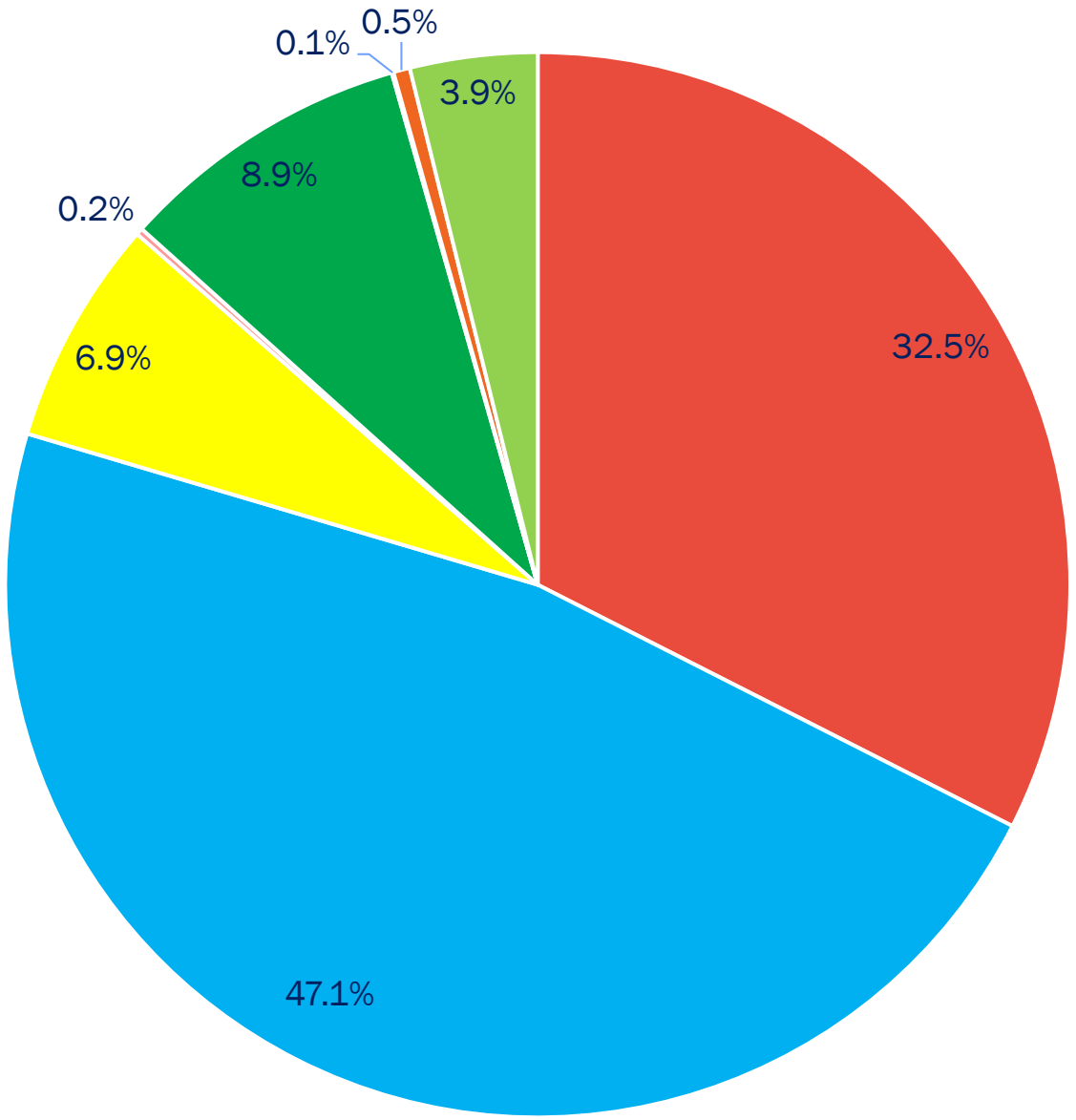
Austin Race/Ethnicity Composition, 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census, P.L. 94-171 File. Note: NH = Non-Hispanic

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Change in Austin's Racial-Ethnic Composition, 2010 to 2020

	2010	2020	Percent of Total, 2010	Percent of Total, 2020	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total Change
Hispanic or Latino	277,707	312,448	35.1%	32.5%	34,741	12.5%	20.3%
American Indian & Alaska Native, NH	1,967	2,002	0.2%	0.2%	35	1.8%	0.0%
Asian, NH	49,159	85,853	6.2%	8.9%	36,694	**74.6%**	21.4%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander, NH	401	528	0.1%	0.1%	127	31.7%	0.1%
Black or African American, NH	60,760	66,002	7.7%	6.9%	5,242	8.6%	3.1%
Some other race, NH	1,448	4,841	0.2%	0.5%	3,393	**234.3%**	2.0%
Two or more races, NH	13,677	37,187	1.7%	3.9%	23,510	**171.9%**	13.7%
White, NH	385,271	452,994	48.7%	47.1%	**67,723**	17.6%	**39.5%**
Total	790,390	961,855	100.0%	100.0%	171,465	21.7%	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010, 2020; Note: red text denotes decrease since 2010

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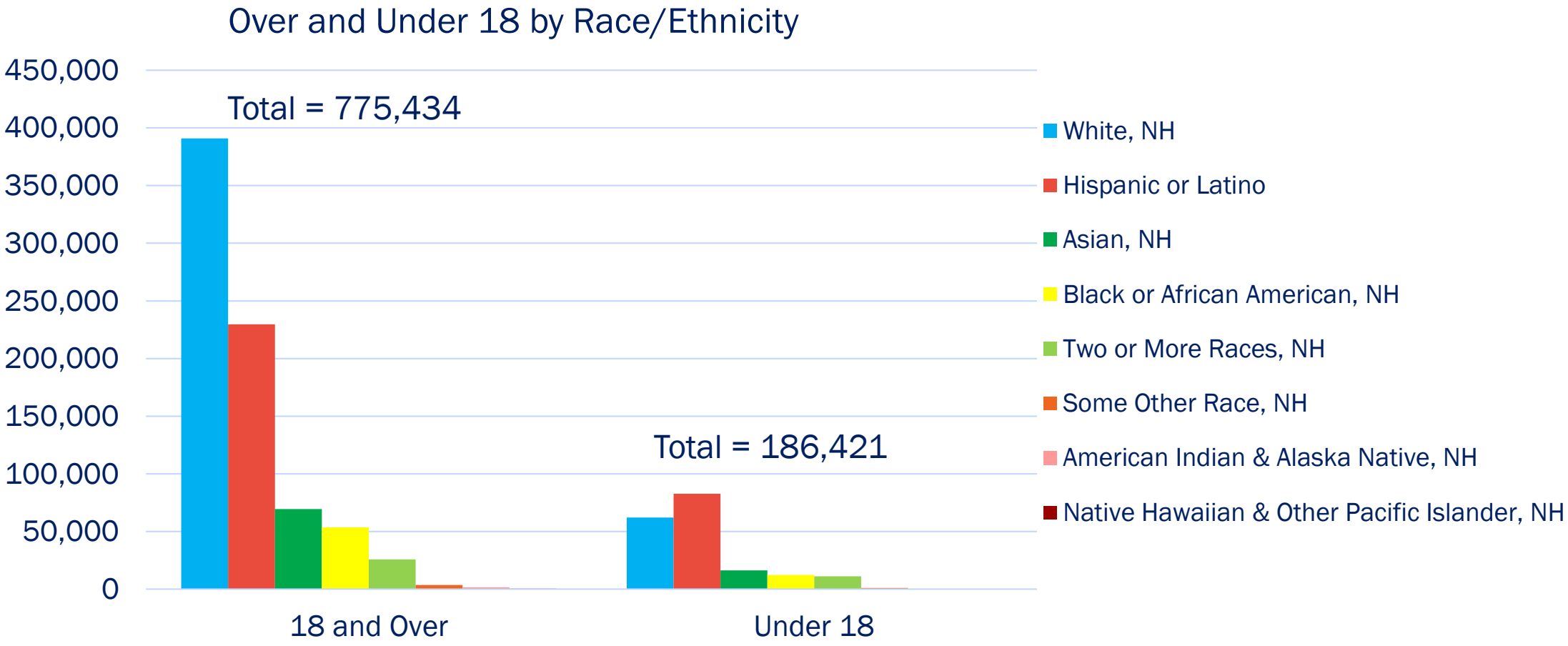
Larger adult than child population, but the youngest Austinites are more diverse.



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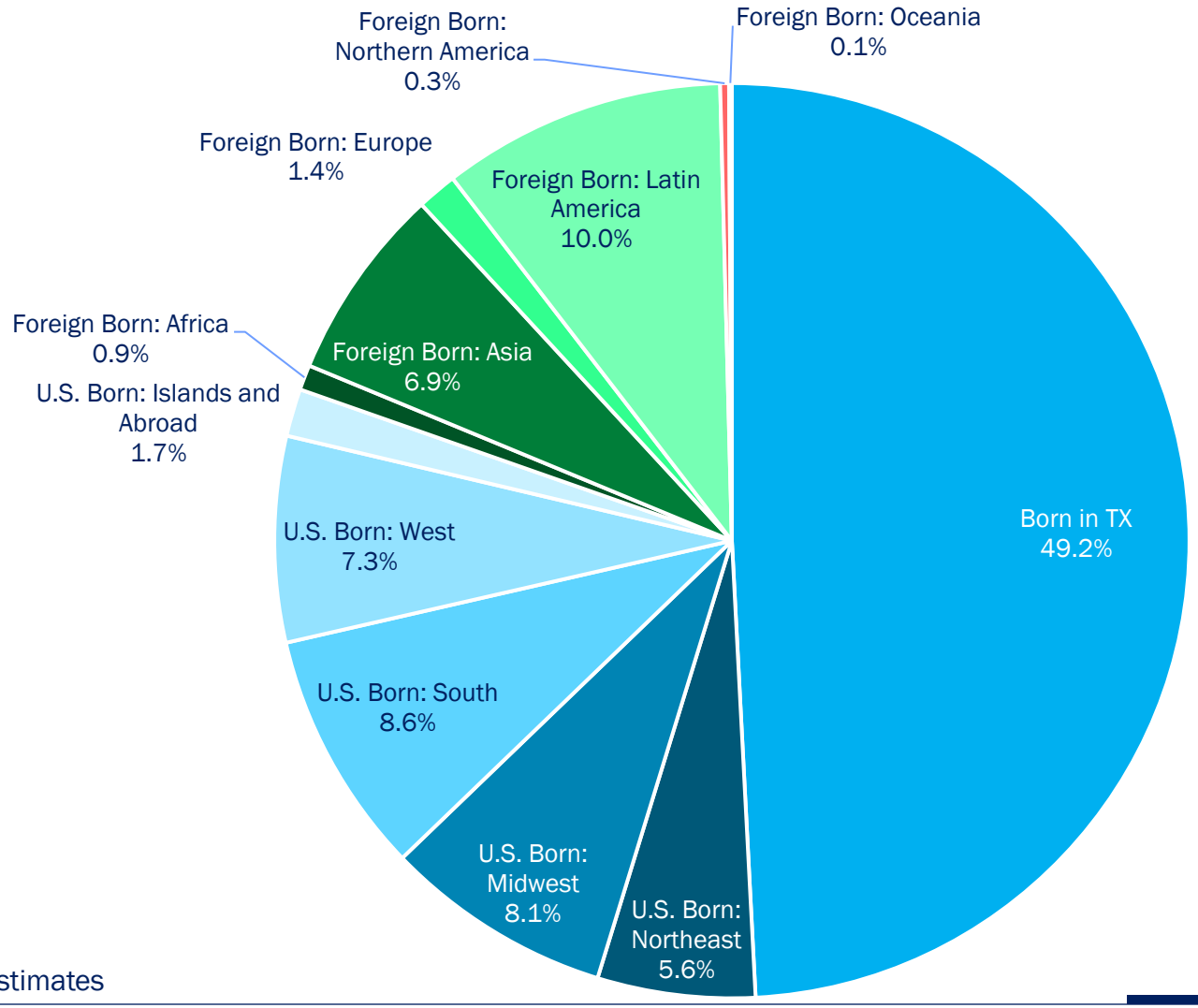
Where are Austinites from?

- Share of Austin residents born in Texas has dropped from 55% to 49% in last decade.
- Share of Austin residents from other countries has remained stable at 18%.
- Biggest increase seen among Austin residents from other U.S. states, growing from 26% to 31% in last decade.

Place of Birth of Austin Residents, 2019



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 1-Year Estimates

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Austin's foreign-born population originates from 6 continents and over 100 different countries.

Top 20 Countries of Origin of Foreign-Born Population in Austin, 2019

1. Mexico
2. India
3. China
4. Honduras
5. Vietnam
6. Cuba
7. Korea
8. Guatemala
9. El Salvador
10. Canada
11. The Philippines
12. Taiwan
13. Pakistan
14. Iran
15. Iraq
16. Germany
17. Nigeria
18. Venezuela
19. Ethiopia
20. Colombia

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 1-Year Estimates

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Over 40 different languages are spoken by Austin residents; 6% are limited English speaking households.

Top 10 Languages spoken by Austin residents 5 years and older

1. English
2. Spanish
3. Chinese, including Mandarin and Cantonese
4. Hindi
5. Arabic
6. Telugu
7. Vietnamese
8. French, including Cajun
9. Korean
10. Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic language

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 and 2019 1-Year Estimates

Areas of Growth

Demographic Landscape

Total Population Geographic Distribution, 2010-2020

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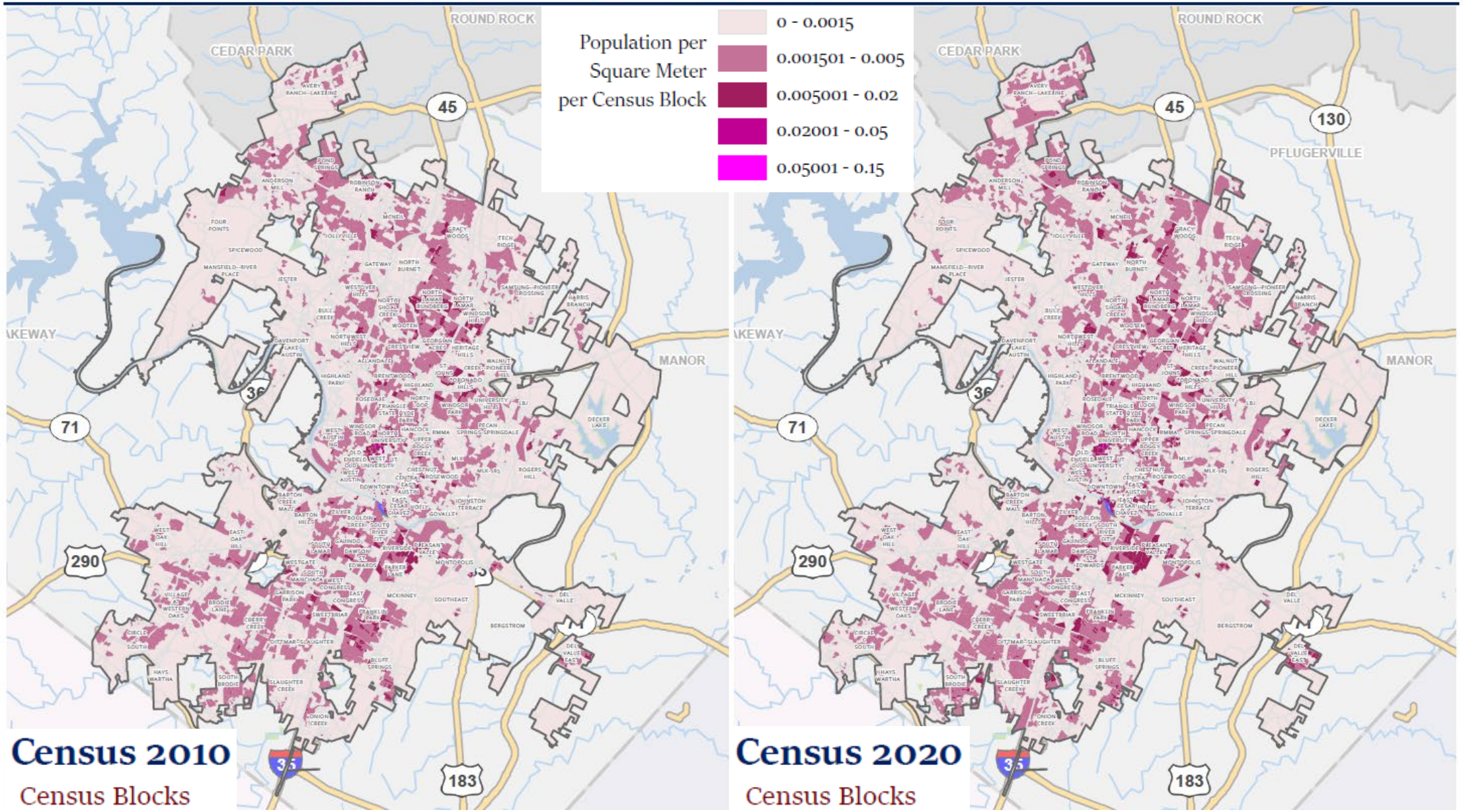

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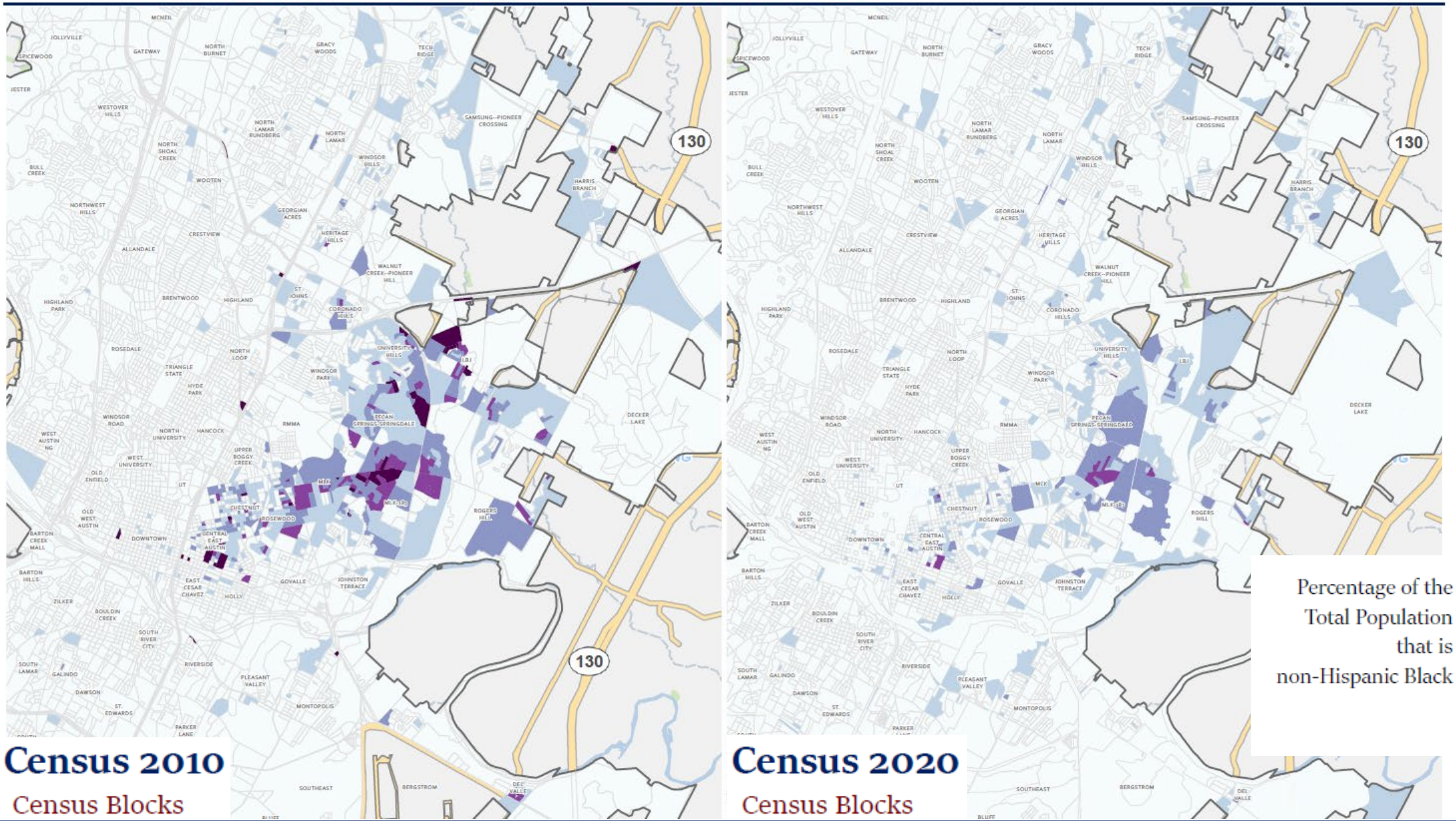
Demographic Landscape

Black (non-Hispanic) Geographic Distribution, 2010-2020



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Hispanic/Latino Geographic Distribution, 2010-2020

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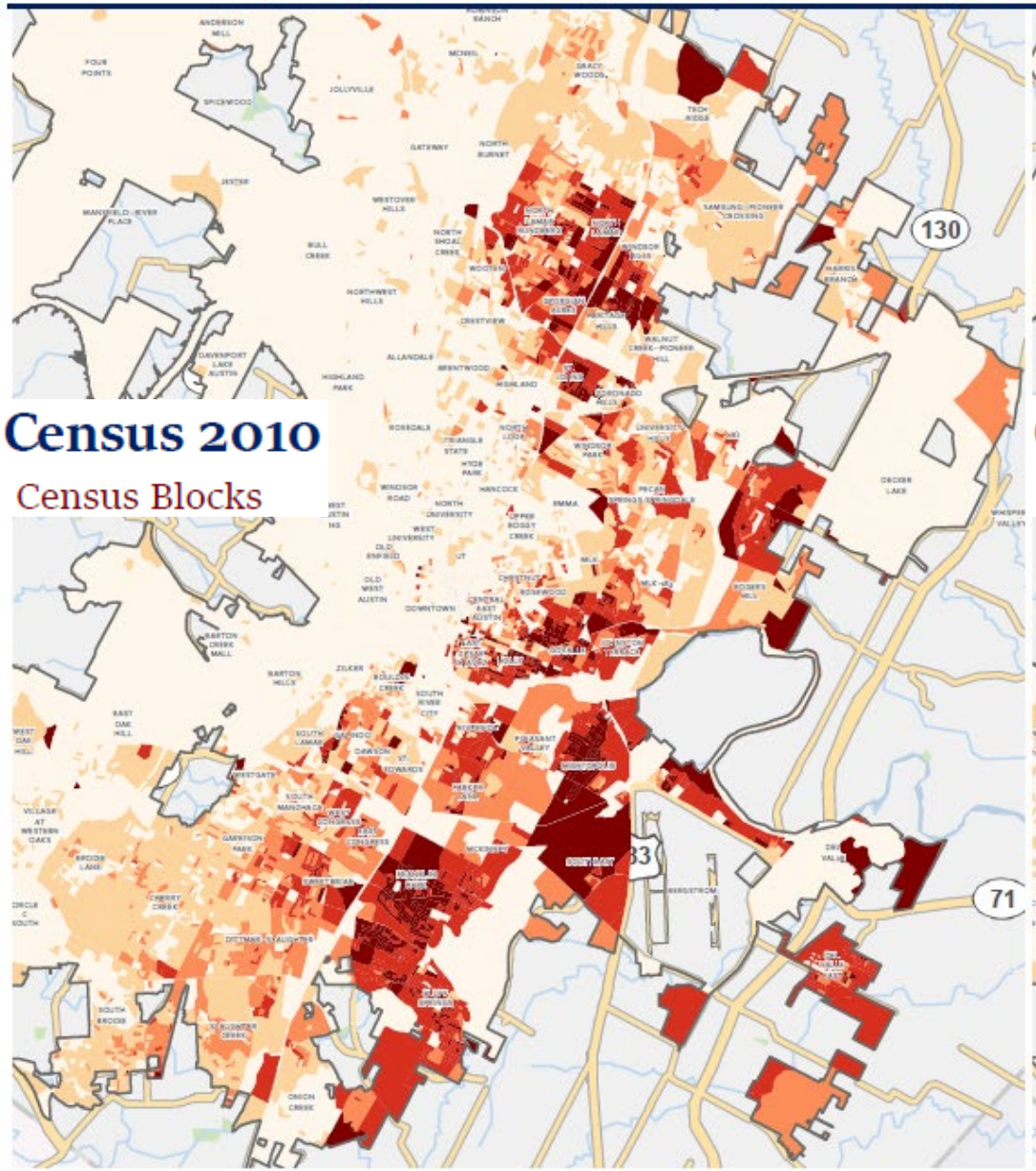

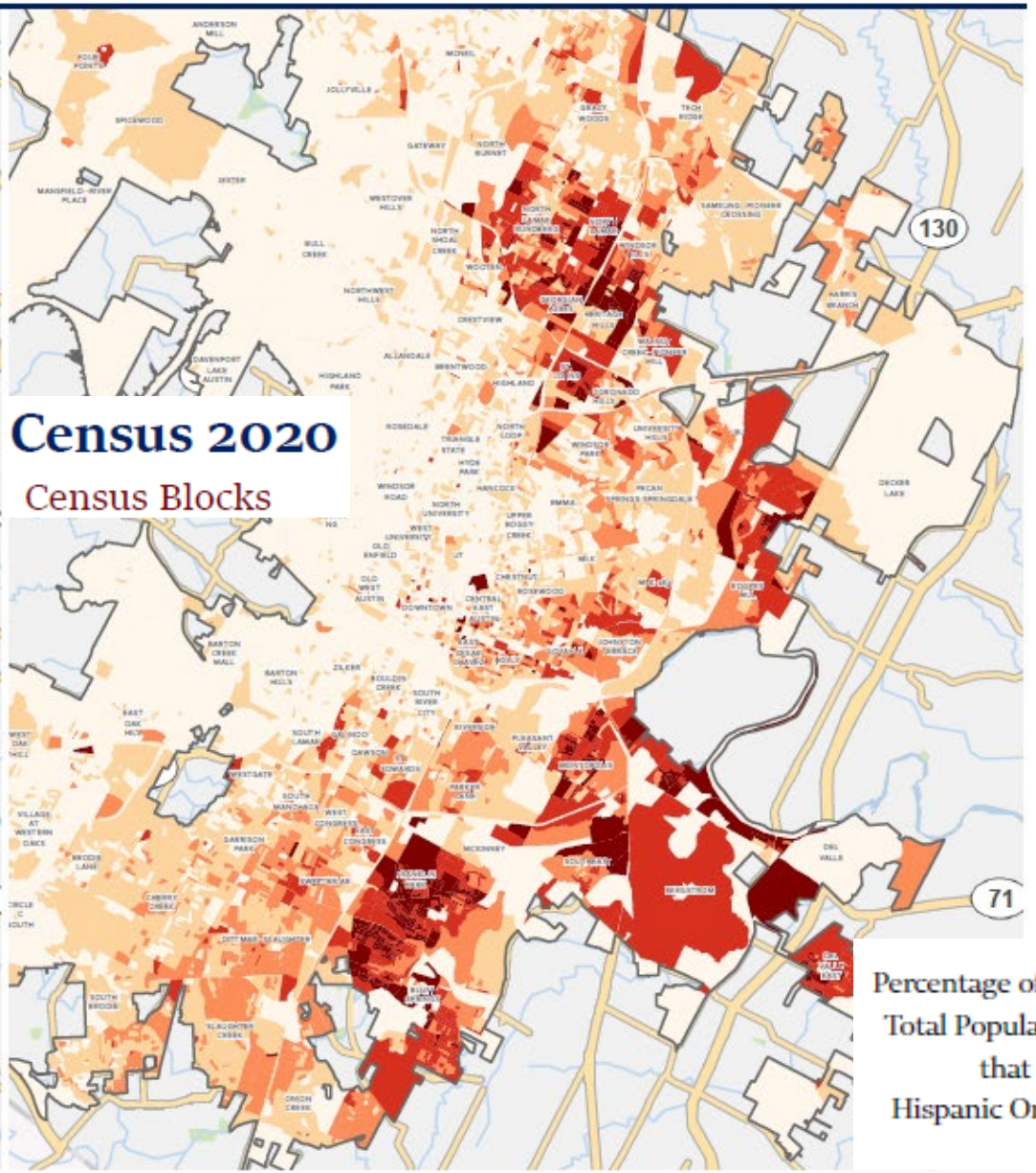

Percentage of the Total Population that is of Hispanic Origin

- Less than 20%
- 20% to 40%
- 40% to 60%
- 60% to 80%
- 80% Plus

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Demographic Landscape

Asian (non-Hispanic) Geographic Distribution, 2010-2020

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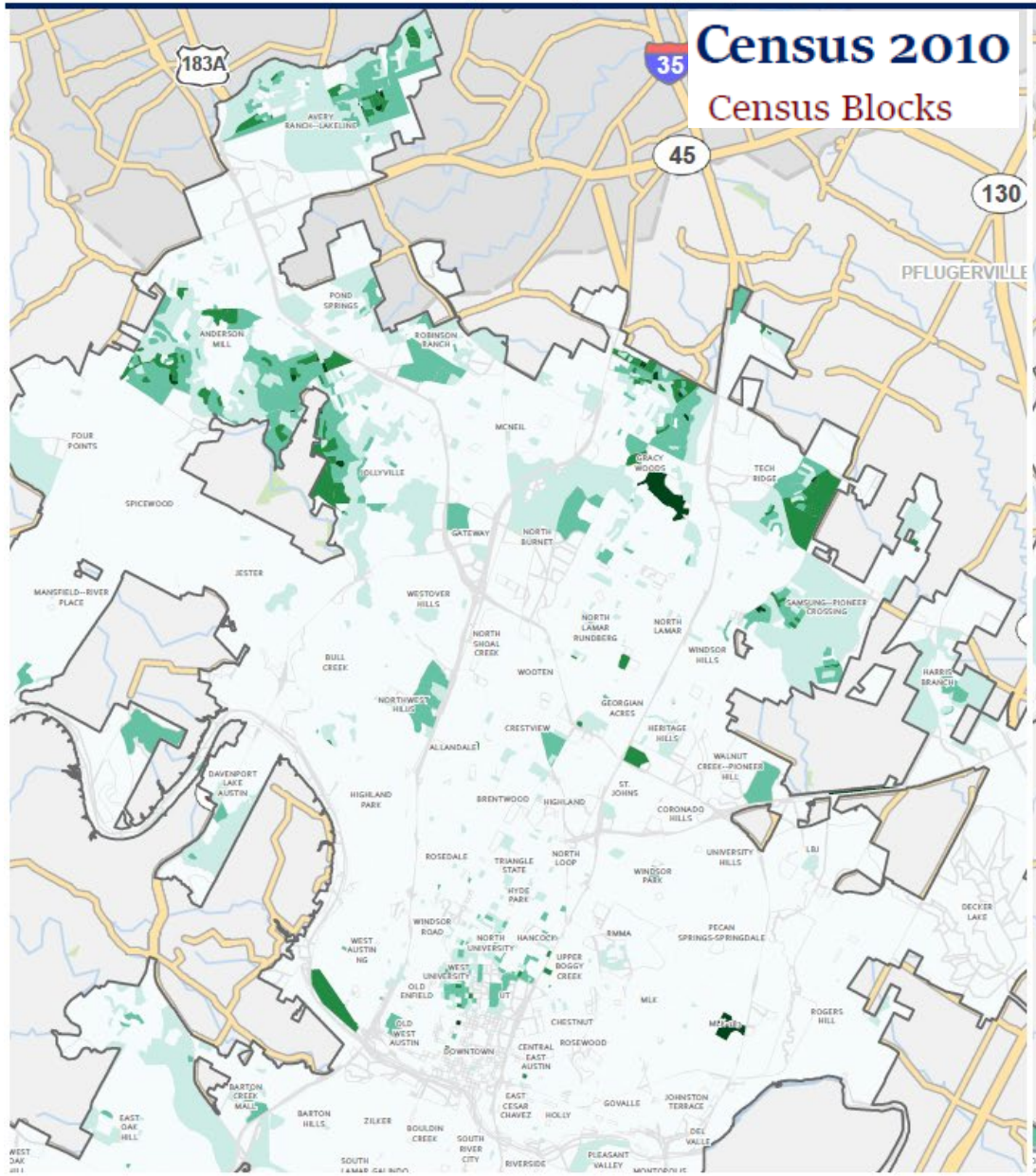

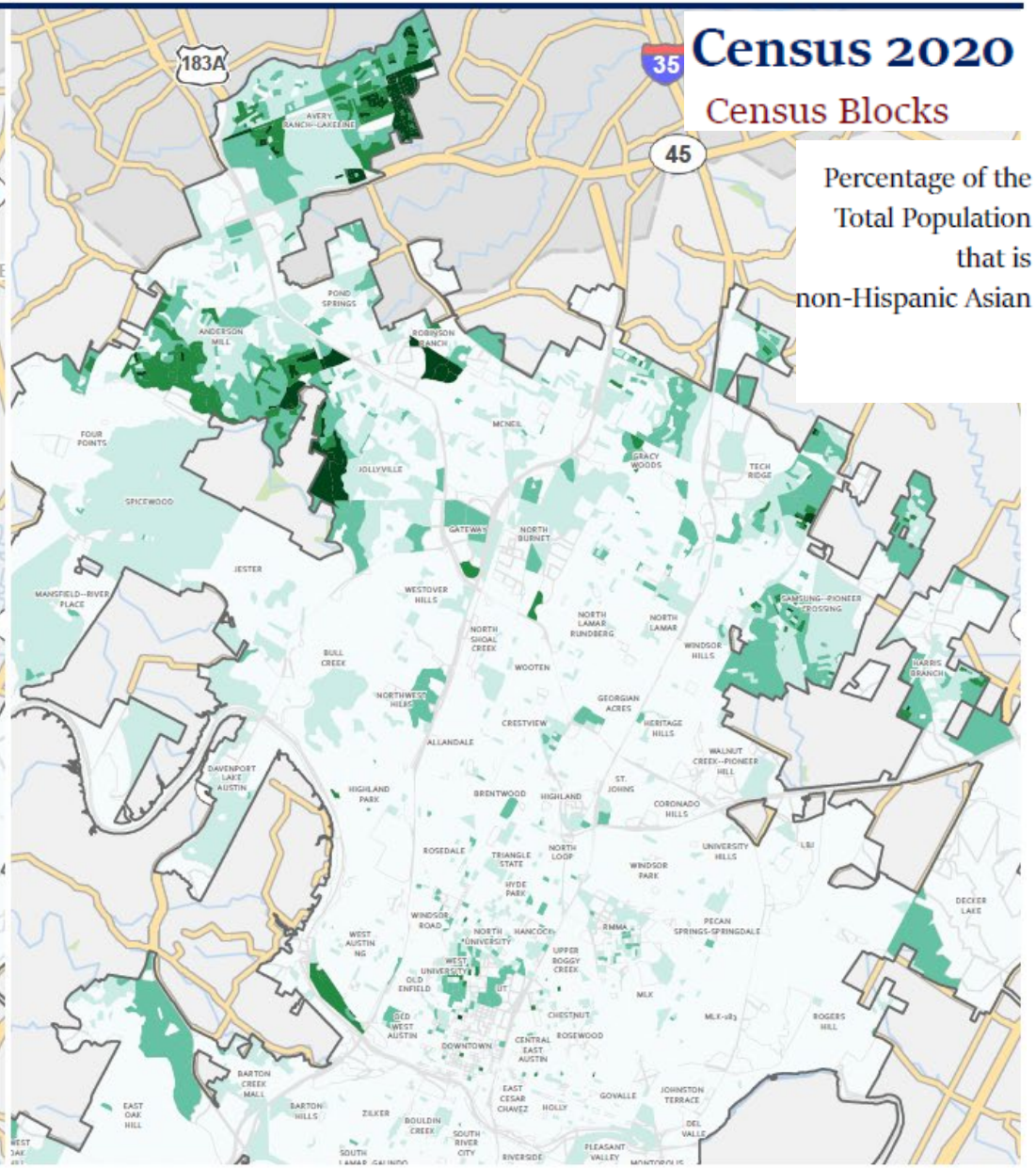

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White (non-Hispanic) Geographic Distribution, 2010-2020

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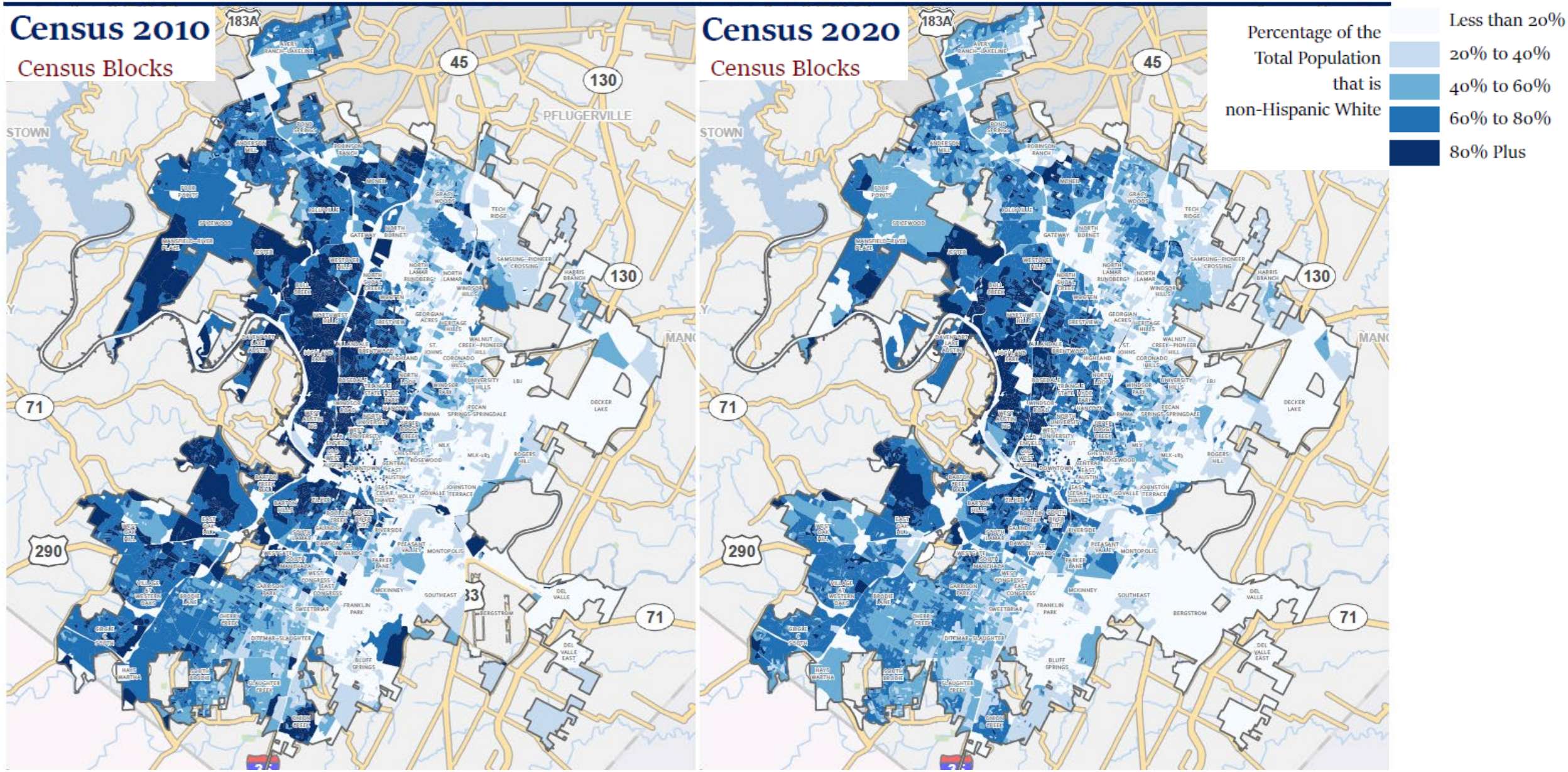

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Resources & Other Considerations

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Data Resources

- 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files on Open Data Portal
- Texas Demographic Center Redistricting Data Resources
- Census Bureau Redistricting Data Resources

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Thank you!

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