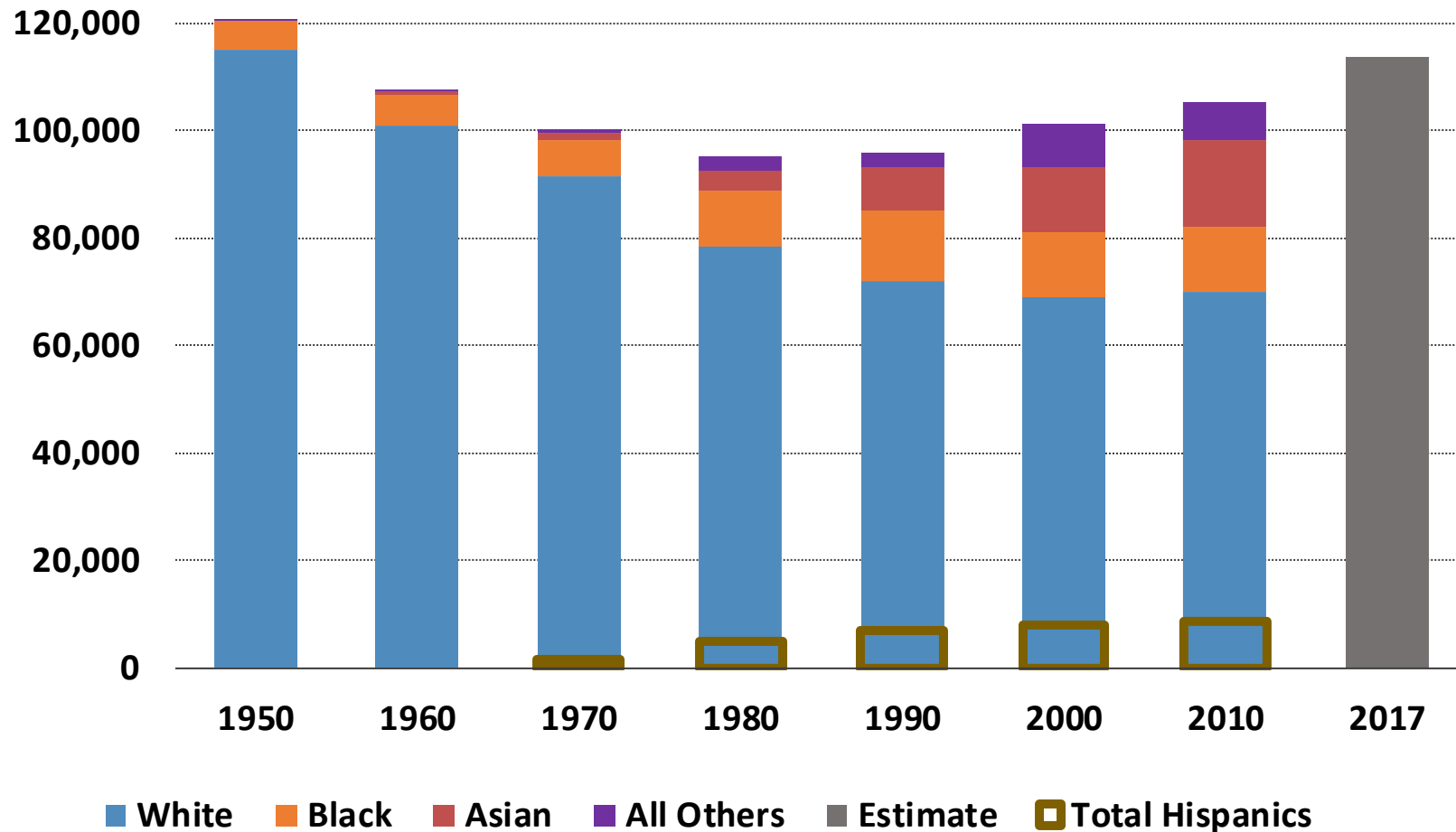


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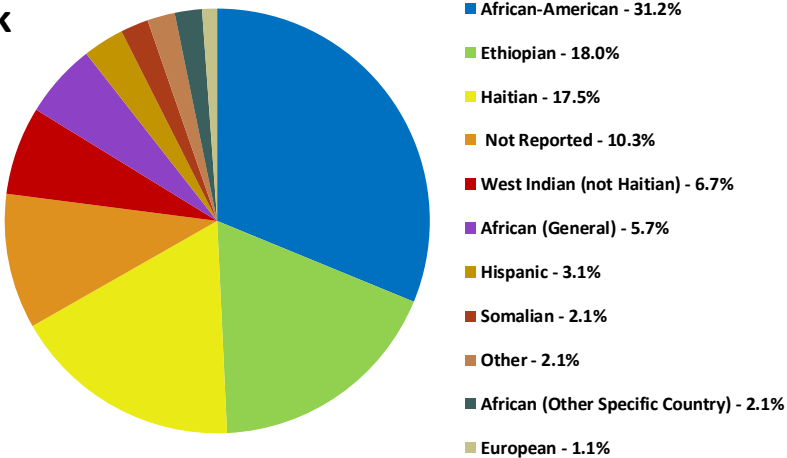
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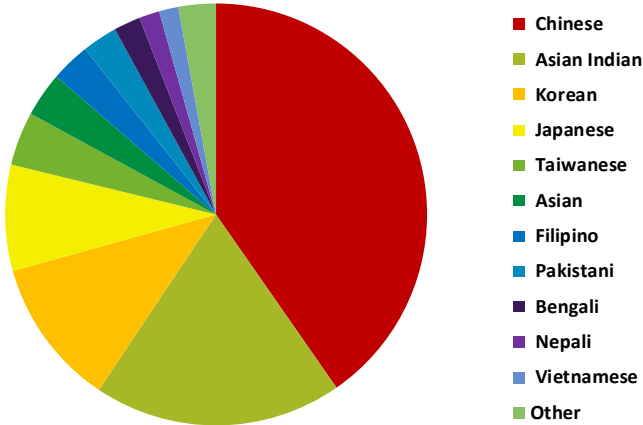
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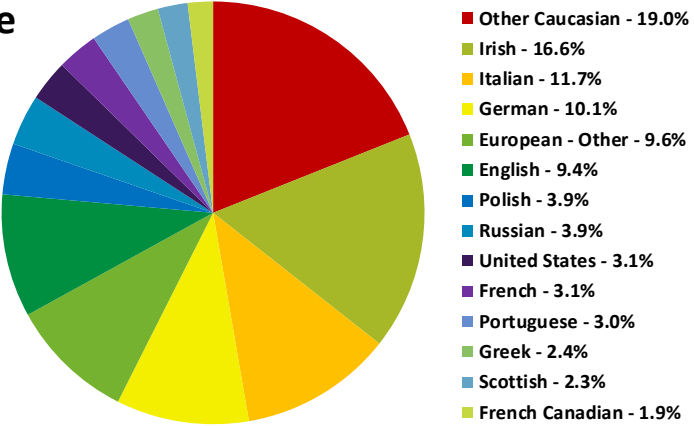
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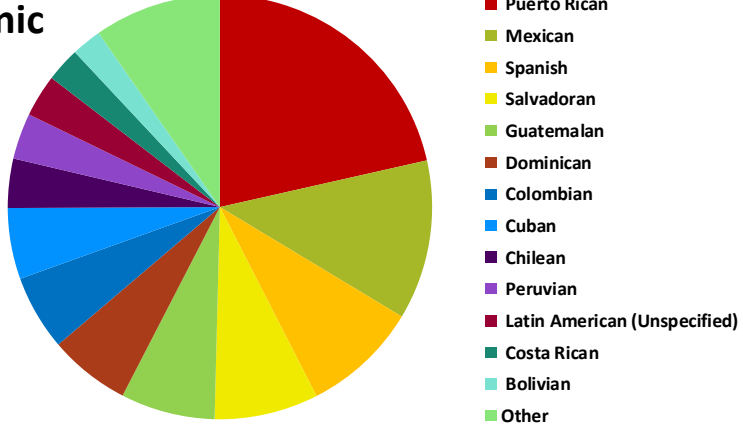
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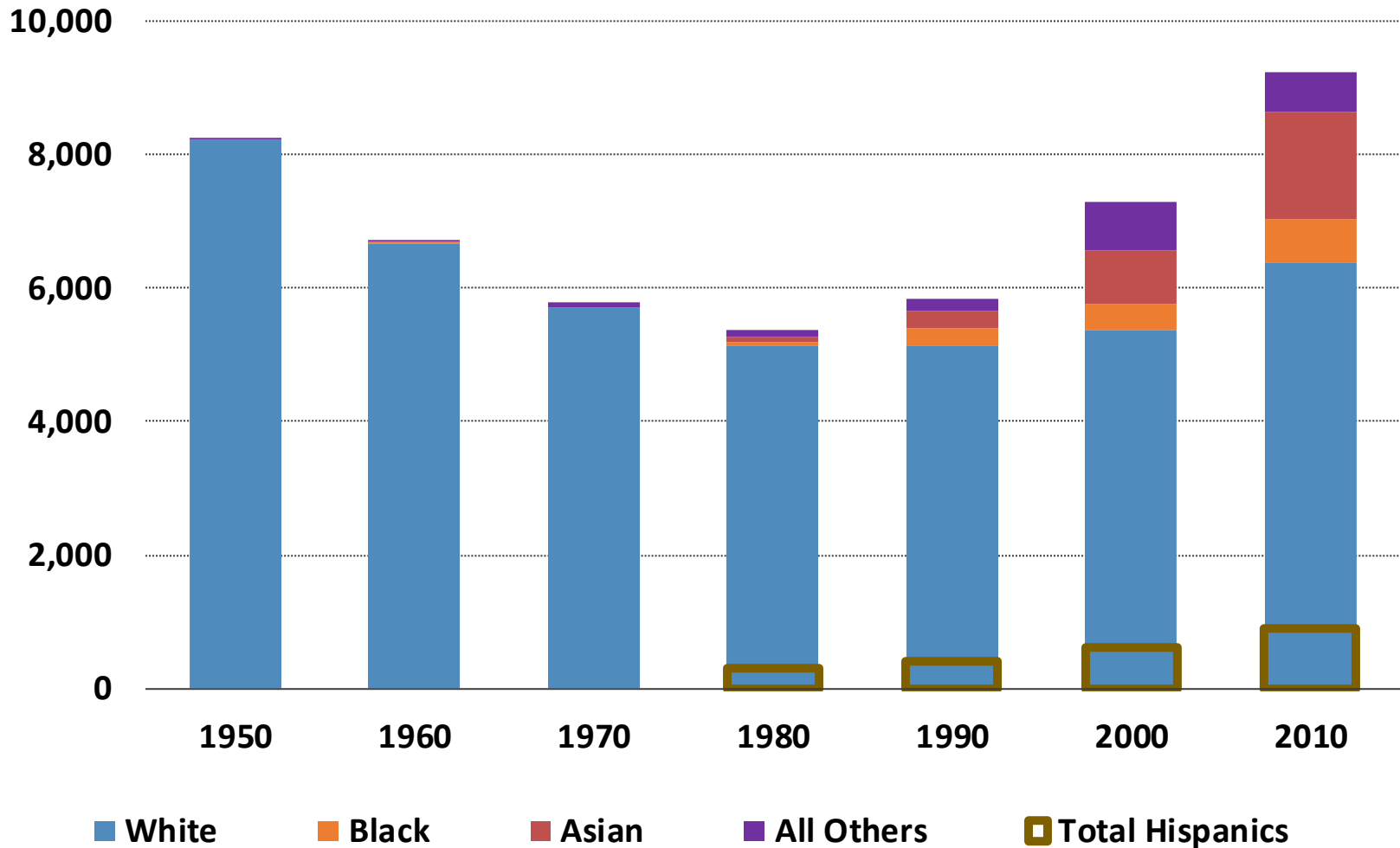


## Hispanic



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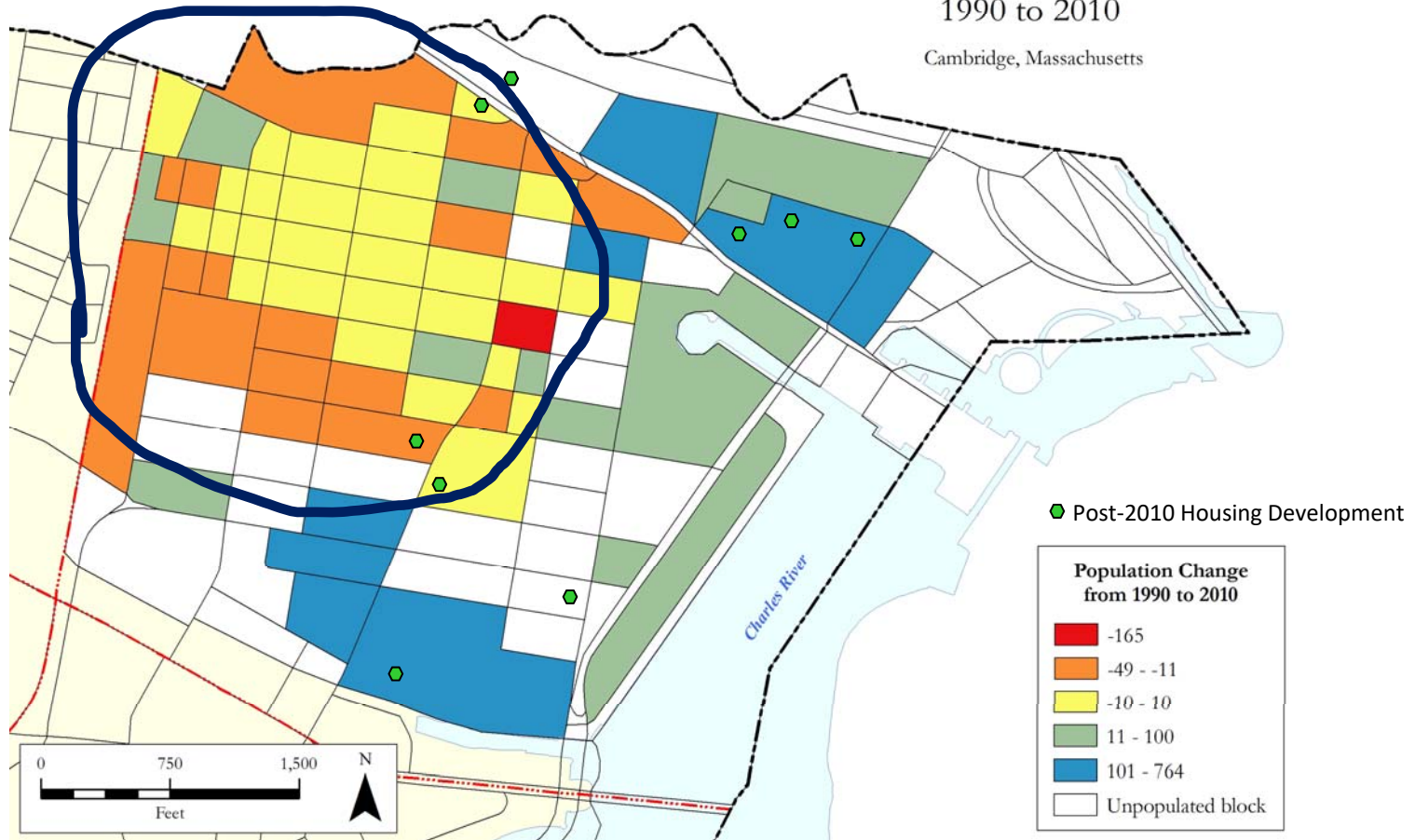
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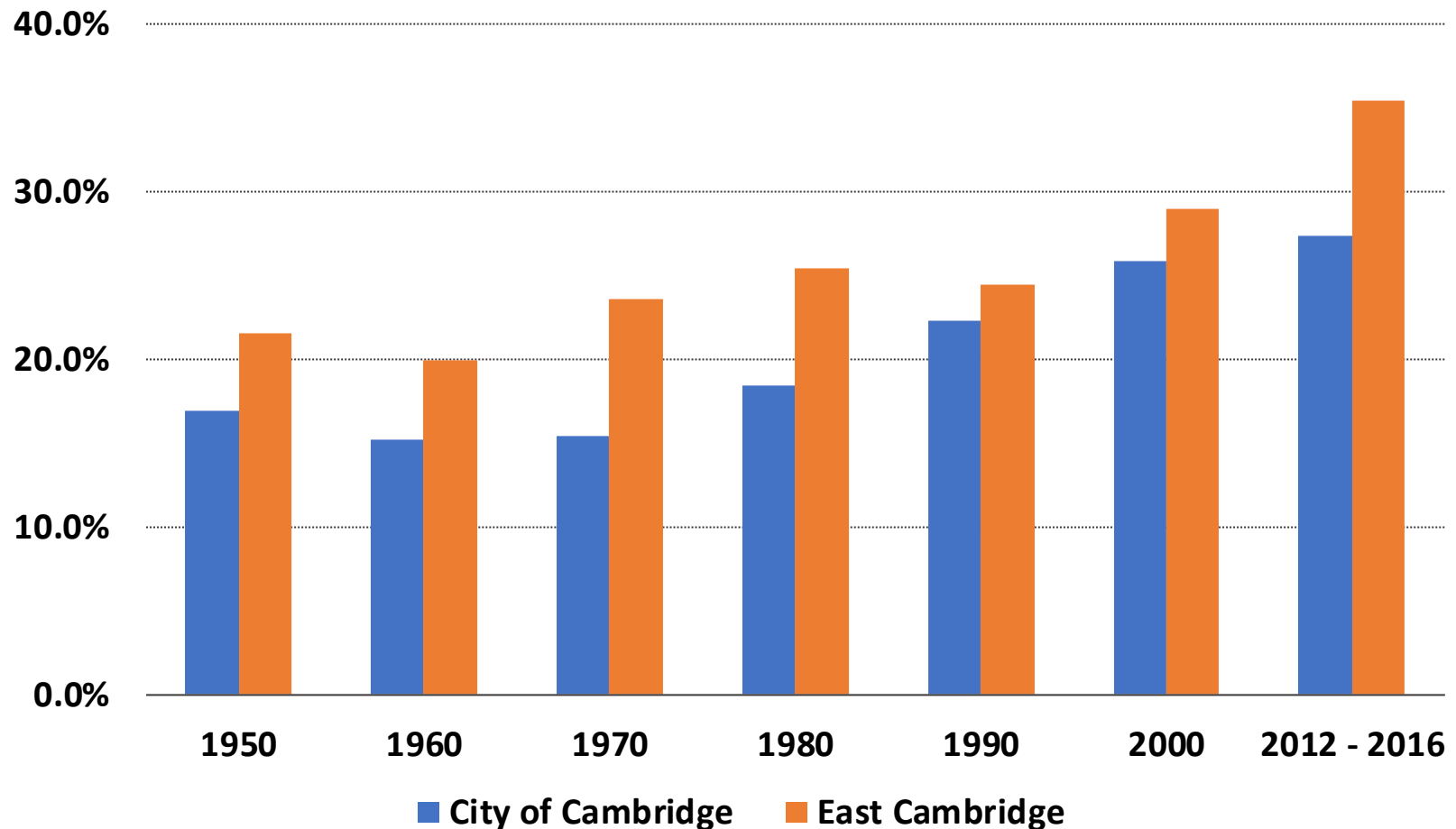
# East Cambridge Population Change: 1990 - 2010

East Cambridge Population Change  
by Census Block  
1990 to 2010  
Cambridge, Massachusetts



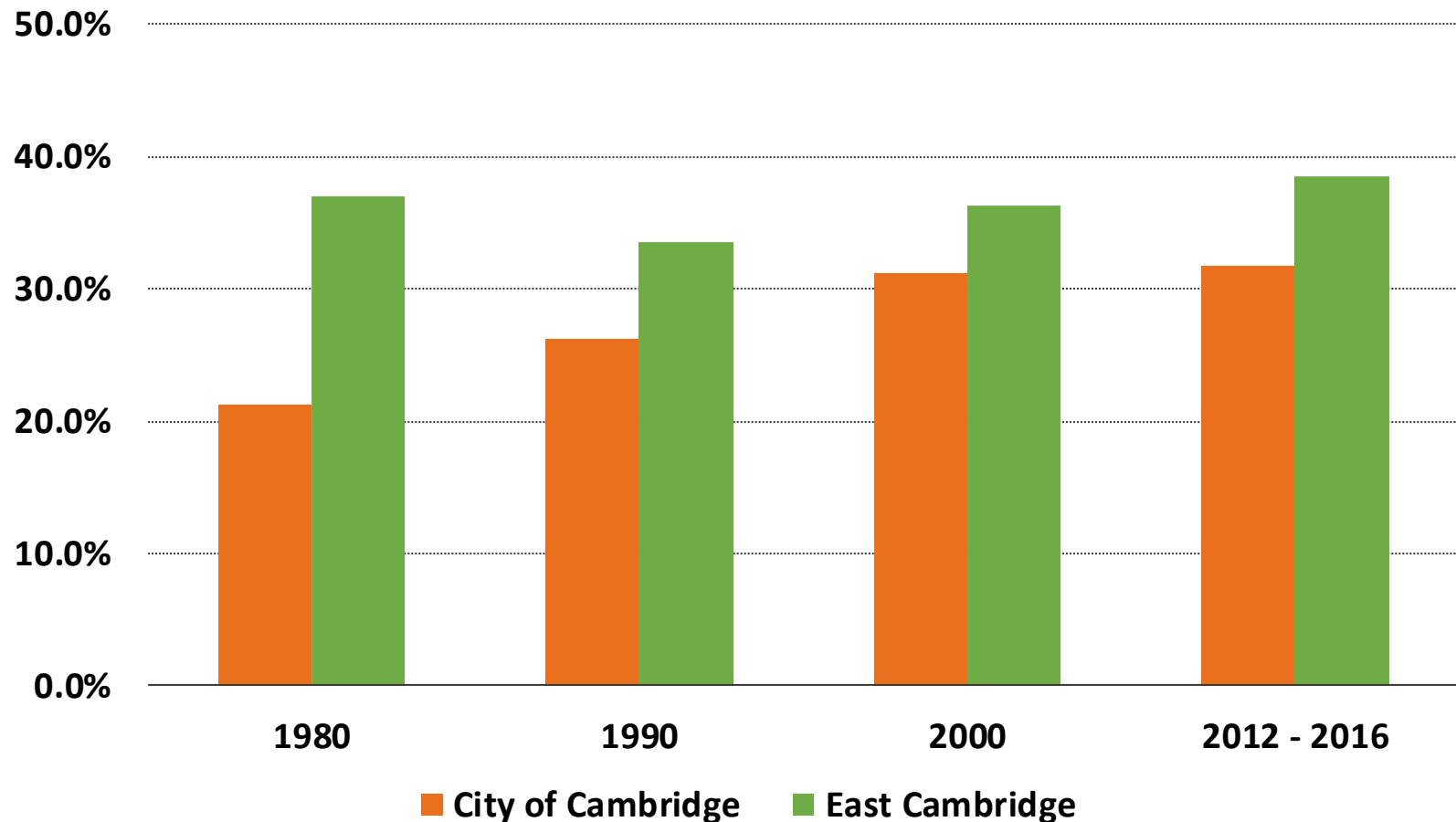
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# City of Cambridge and East Cambridge Foreign Born: 1950 – 2016



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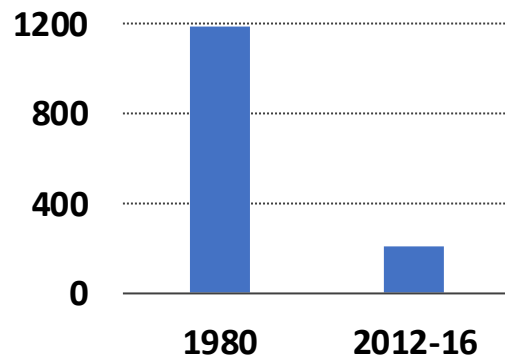
# City of Cambridge and East Cambridge Speak Language other than English: 1980 – 2016



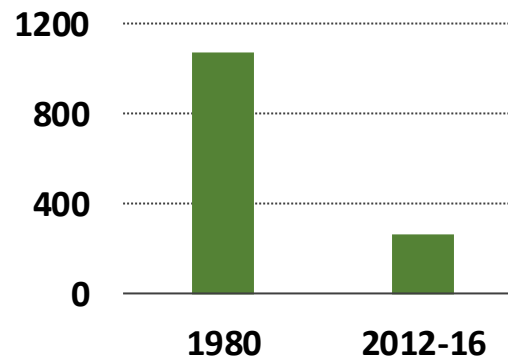
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# East Cambridge Ethnic Change: 1980 & 2012-16

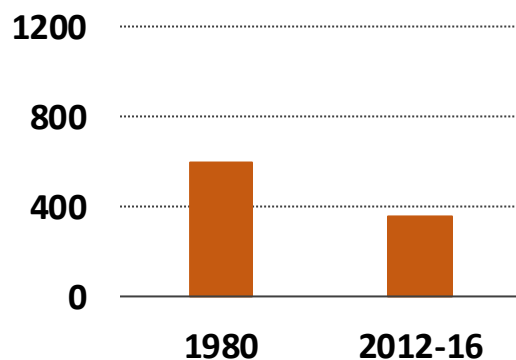
### Portuguese Ancestry



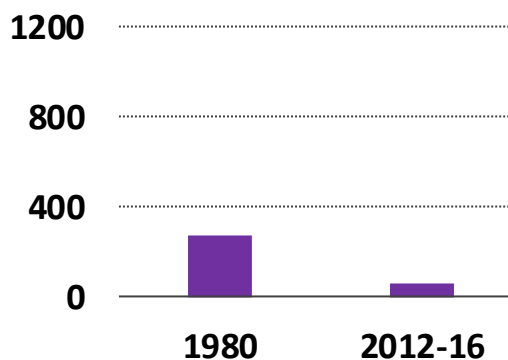
### Italian Ancestry



### Irish Ancestry



### Polish Ancestry



What other groups have a notable presence in East Cambridge now unlike 1980?

- Arab
- German
- Non-Hispanic West Indian

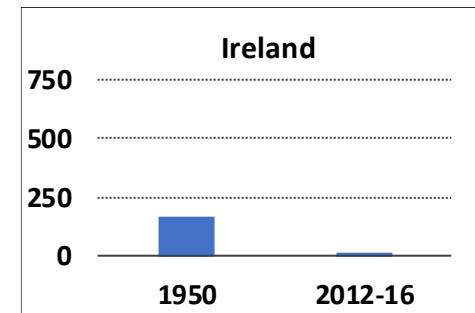
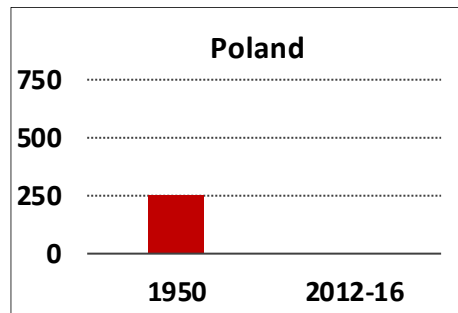
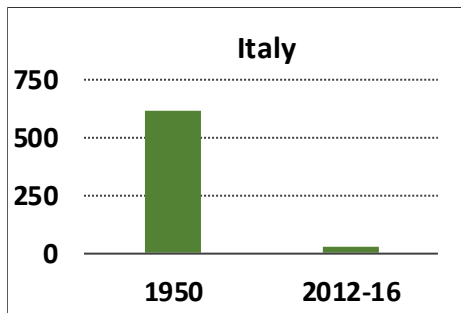
The great majority of 2010 residents claim ancestry in other groups – **78%**.

In 1980 only **18%** of residents did not belong one of the top four ancestry groups

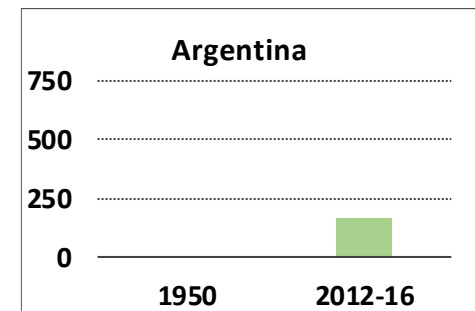
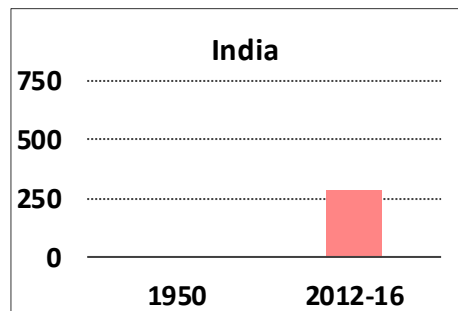
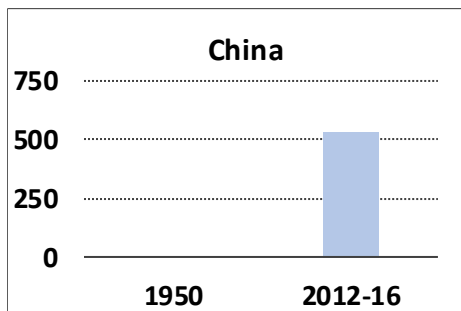


# East Cambridge Country of Birth: 1950 & 2012-16

## 1950

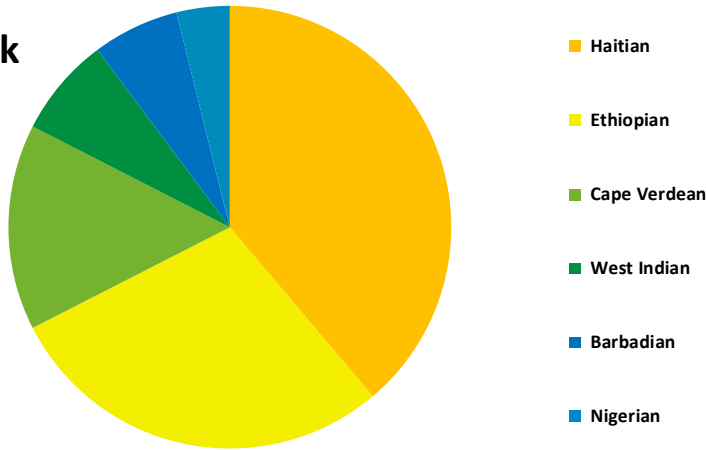


## 2012 - 2016

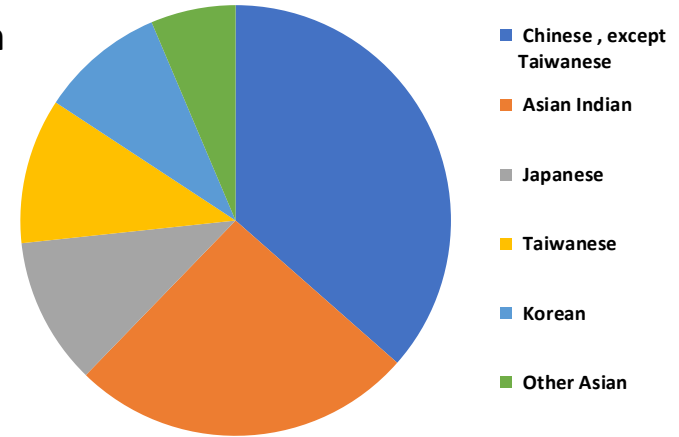


# East Cambridge Diversity: 2012 - 2016

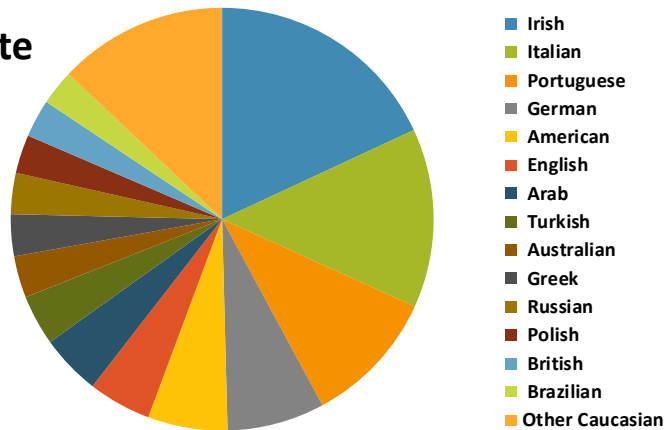
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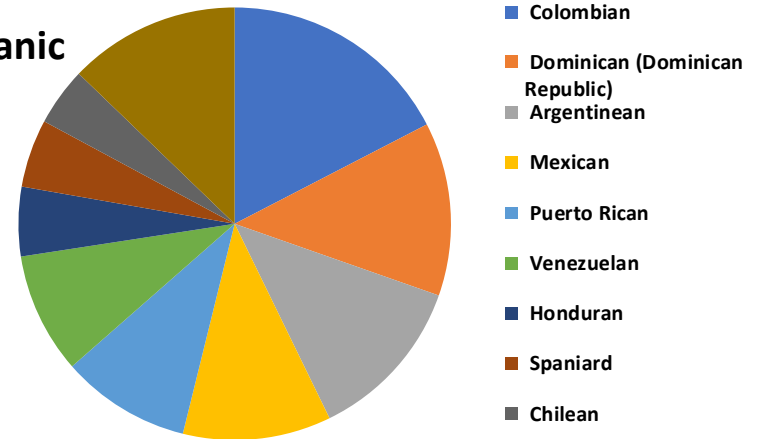
**Asian**



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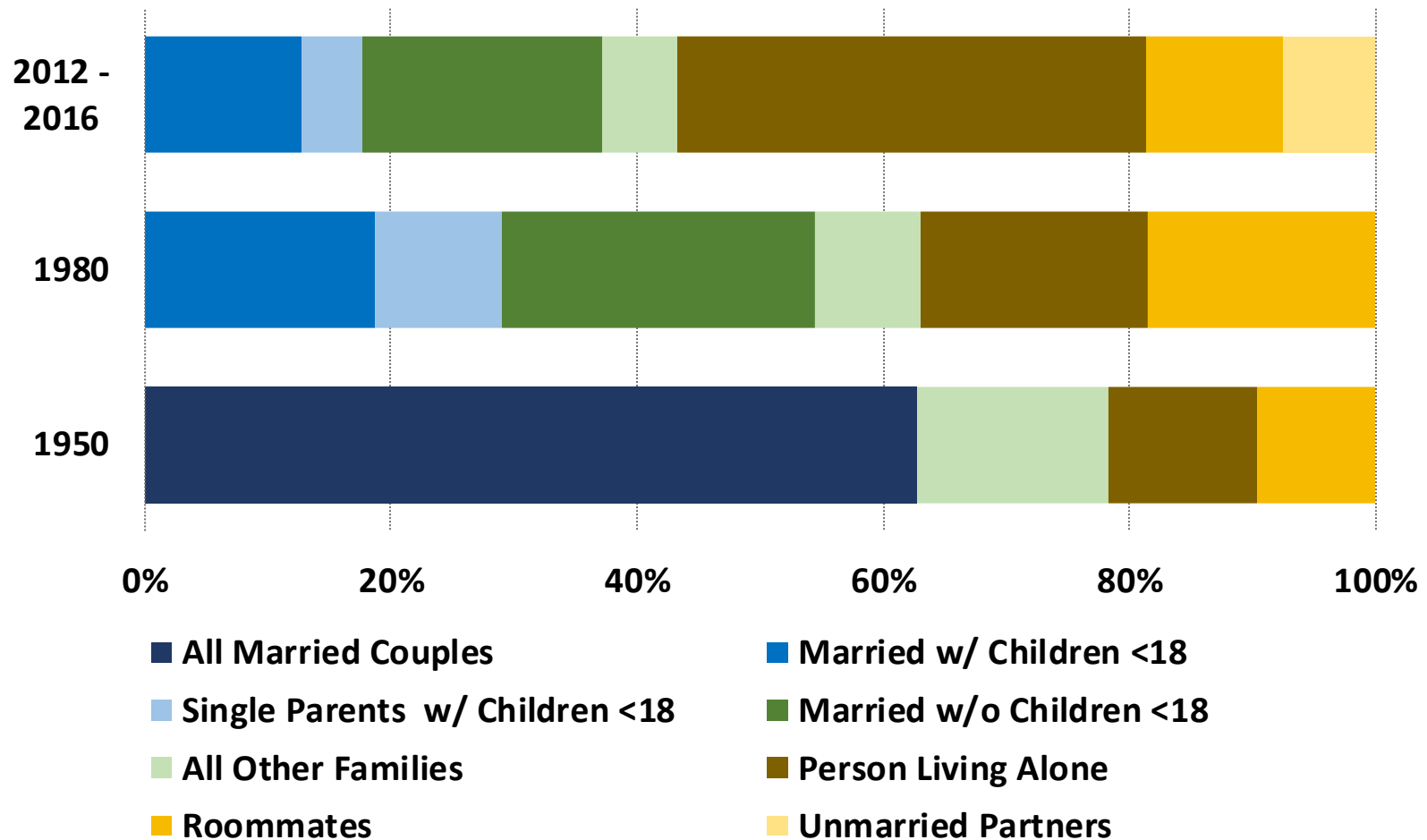


**Hispanic**



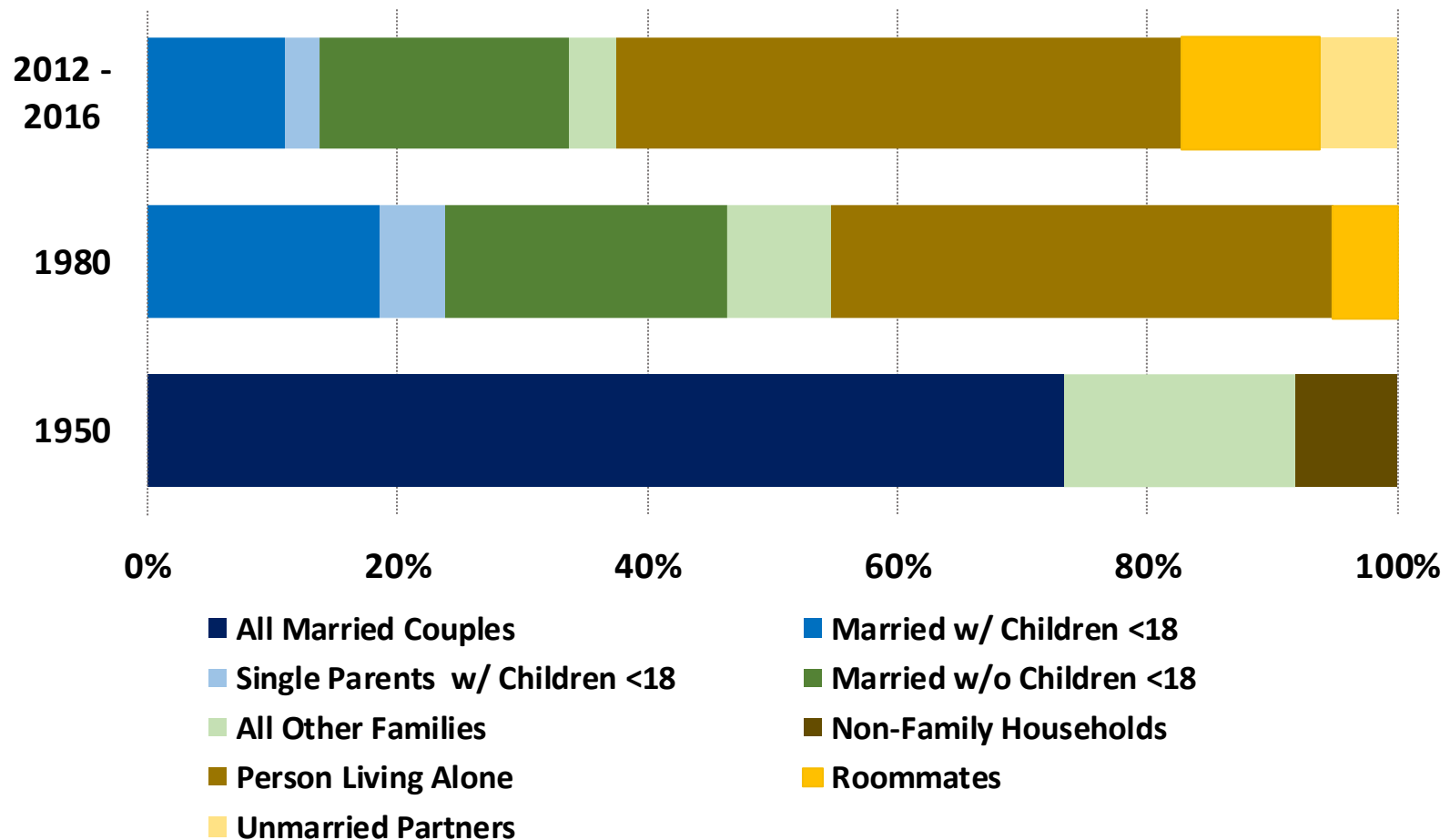
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# City of Cambridge Household Trends: 1950, 1980 and 2012 - 2016



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# Just How Accurately Does the Census Reflect Reality?

- The Census Bureau constantly strives to improve and modernize its statistical and analytical techniques.

**BUT**

- **What we count**, **who we count**, and **how we count them** is subject to the biases, choices and politics of decision making. Here are some examples:
  - Non-Family Households - 1950
  - Same Sex Couples – 1990, 2000 and now
  - Citizenship - 2020
  - Black Ancestry - ??