

Poverty in Cambridge

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What do we mean by “Poverty”?

Persons in poverty live in a household earning less than the following amount during the year:

Household Size	2012 Poverty Threshold
1 person	\$11,720
2 persons	\$14,937
3 persons	\$18,284
4 persons	\$23,492
5 persons	\$27,827

By definition, dormitory and other group quarters residents do not fall under poverty thresholds.

What do Cambridge residents typically earn during a year?

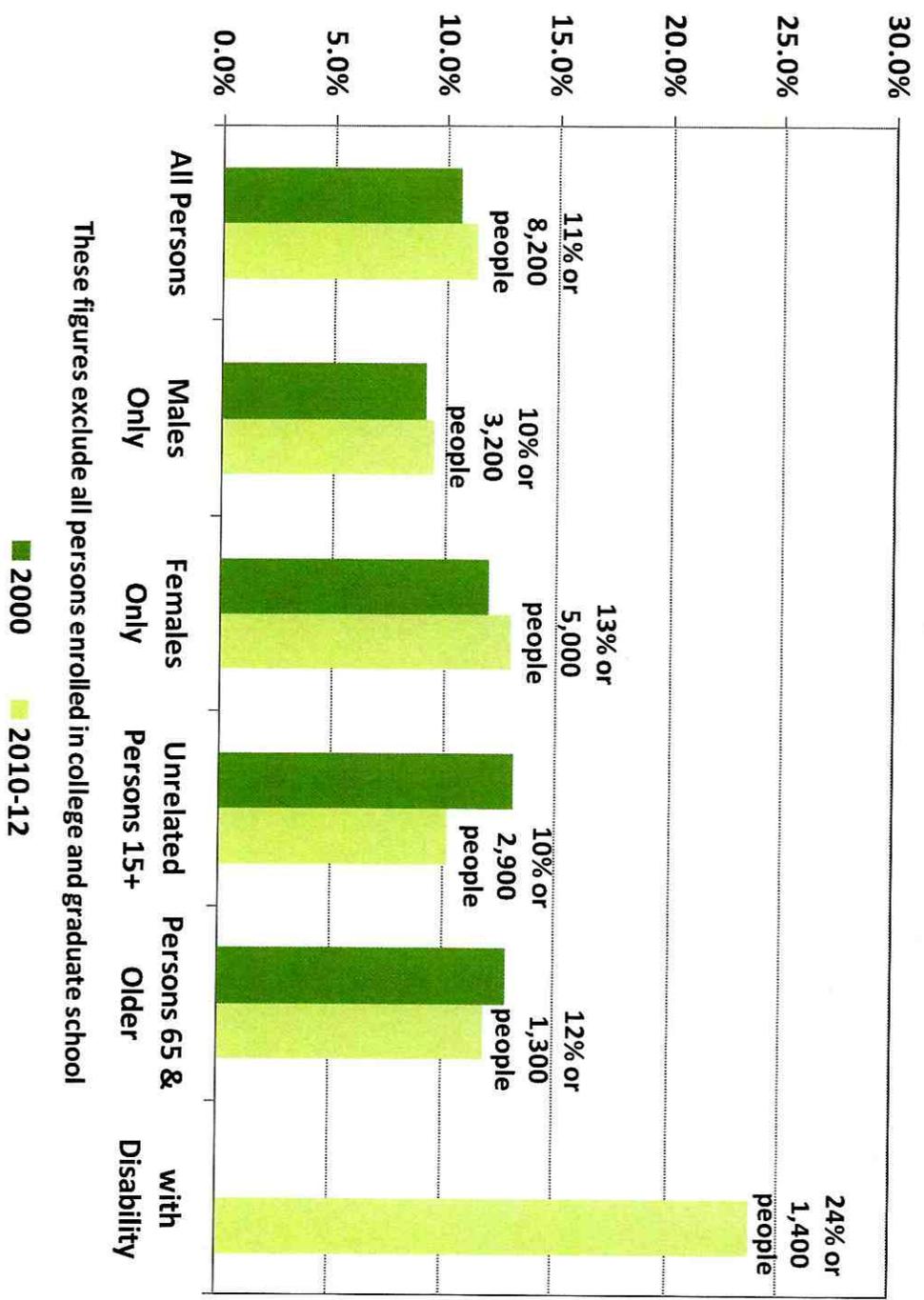
Here are the Median and Per Capita incomes for Cambridge during 2010-12:

Median Household Income	\$70,757
Median Family Income	\$94,100
Per Capita Income	\$45,898

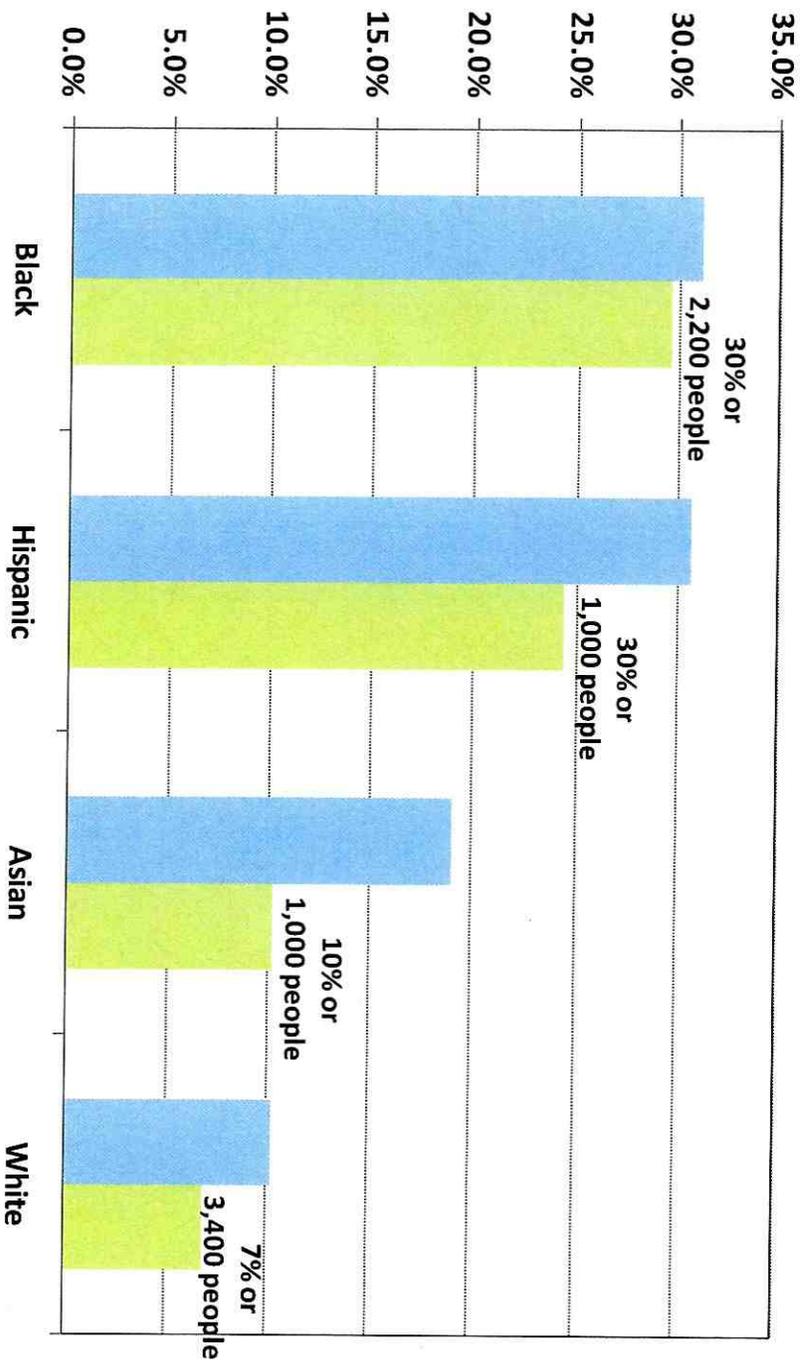
Median Incomes for Types of Families during 2010-12:

Married Couples w/ Children	\$134,963
Single Father	\$22,373
Single Man w/o Children	\$92,557
Single Mother	\$22,379
Single Women w/o Children	\$46,087

Individual Poverty Rates: 2000 vs. 2010-12



Poverty by Race: 2010-12

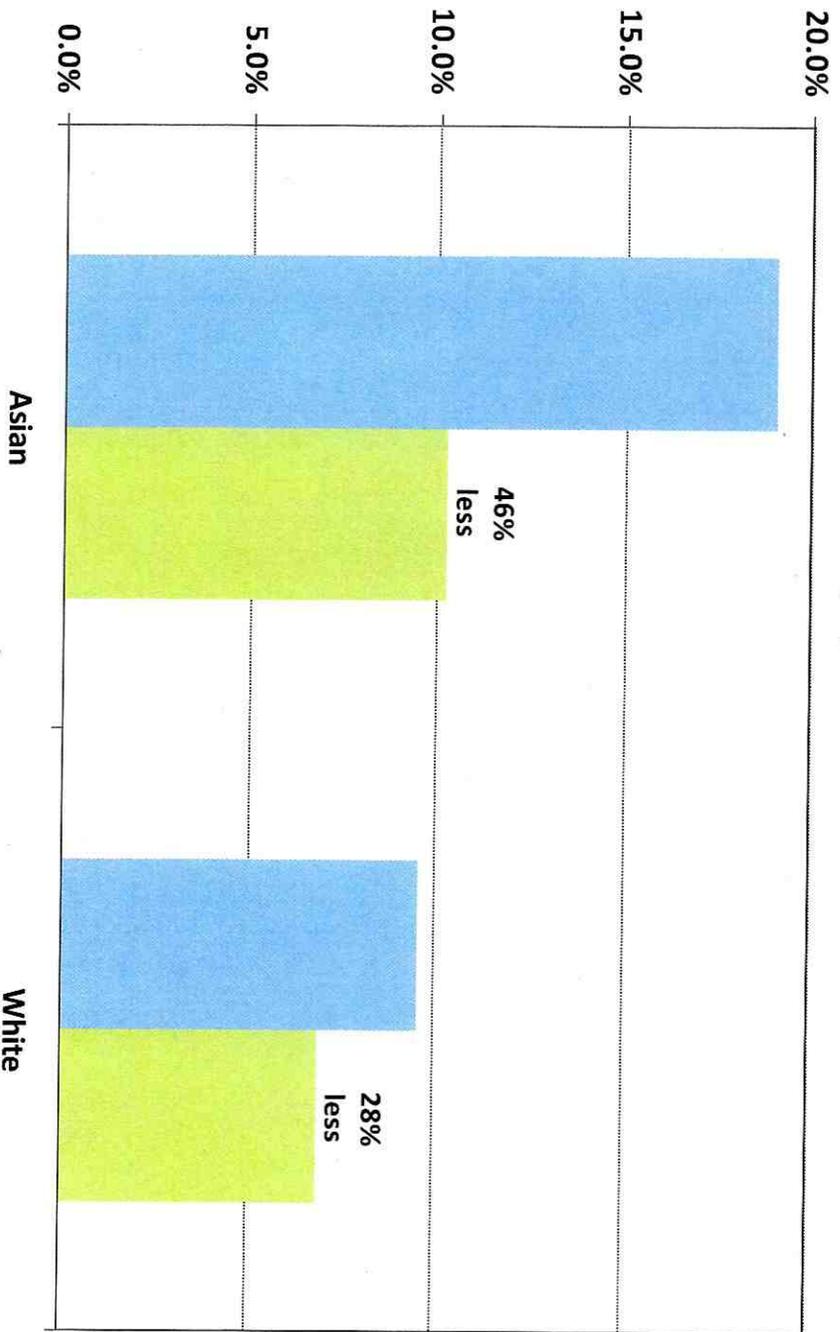


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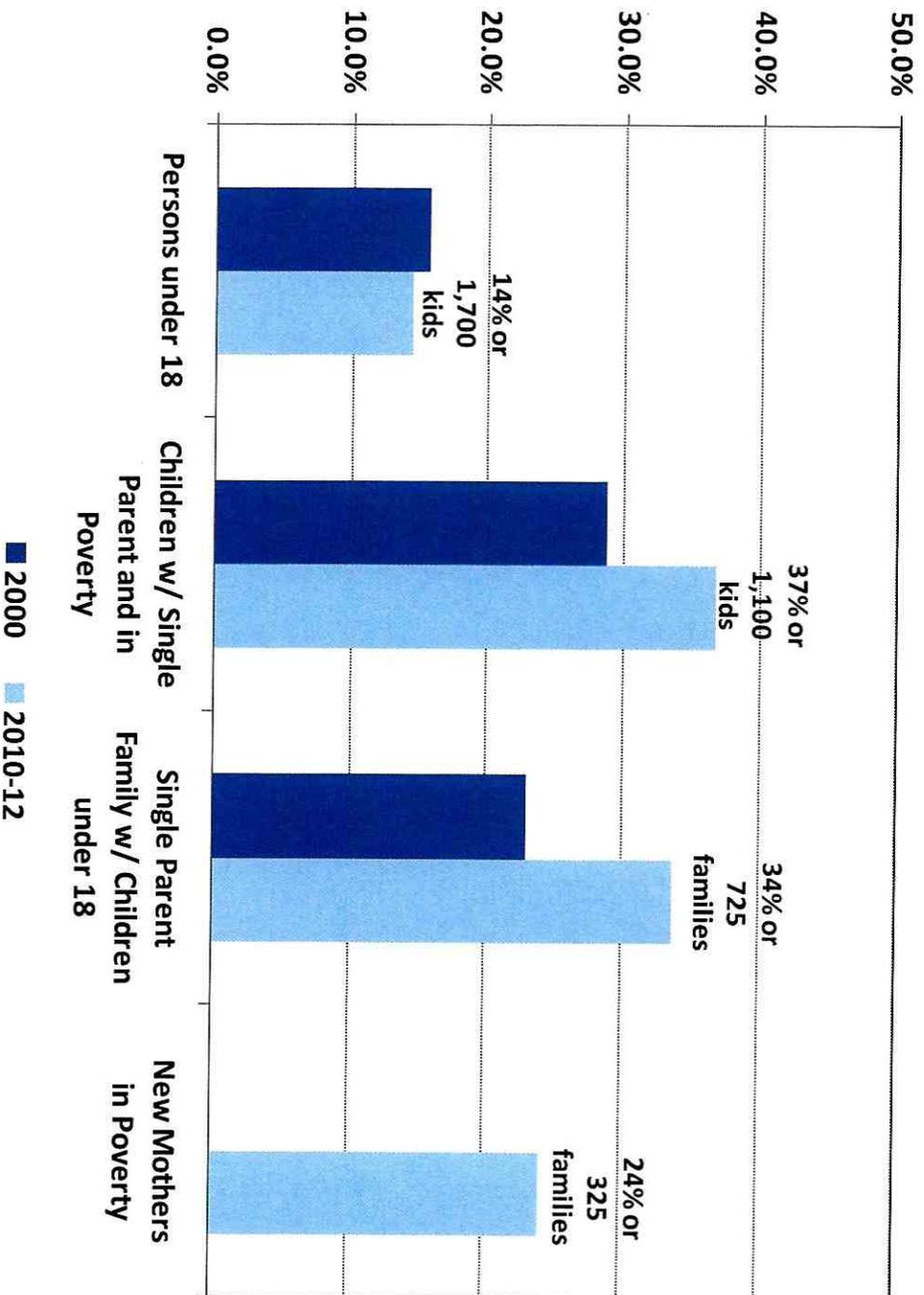
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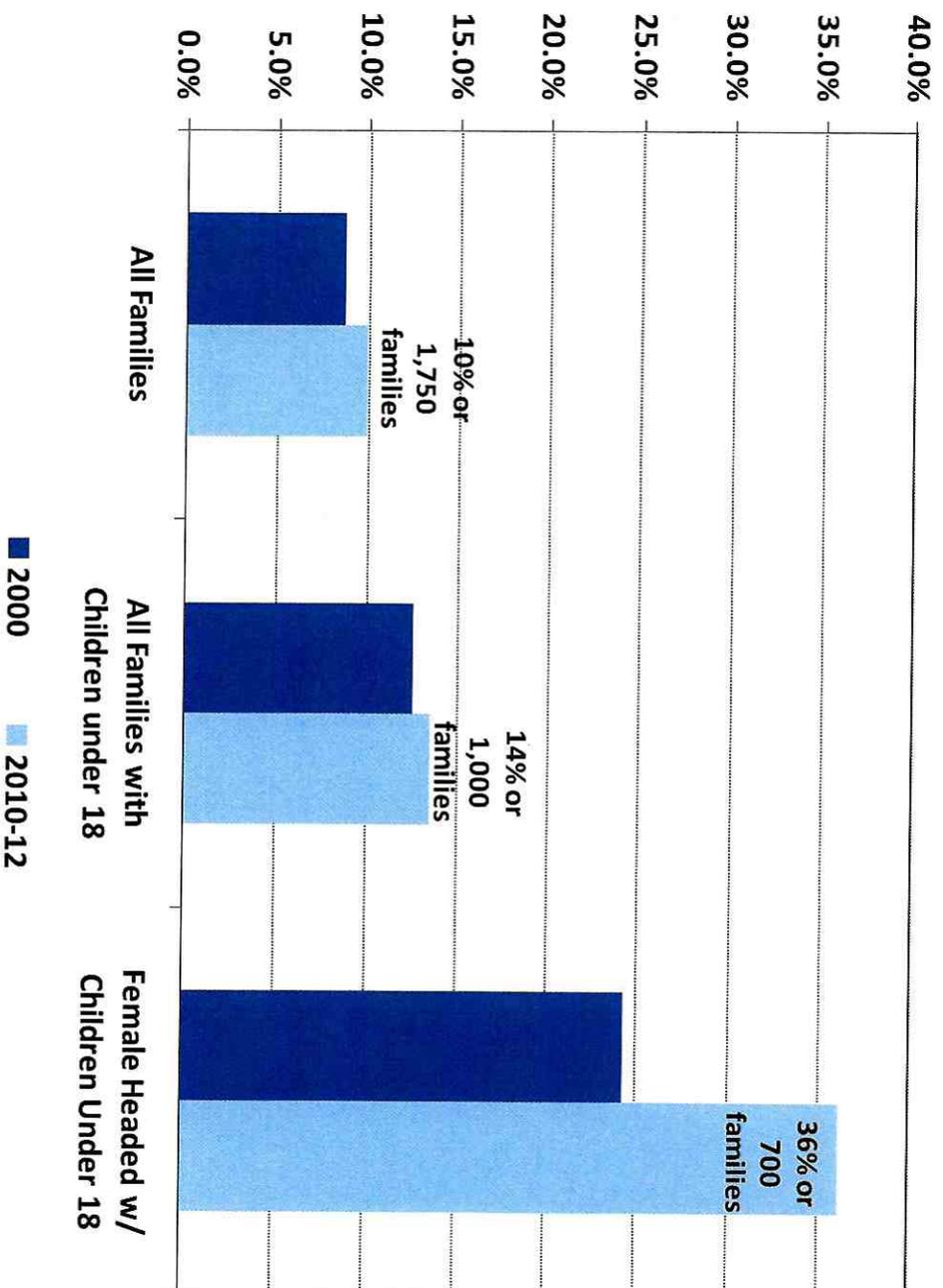


Childhood Poverty: 2000 and 2010-12



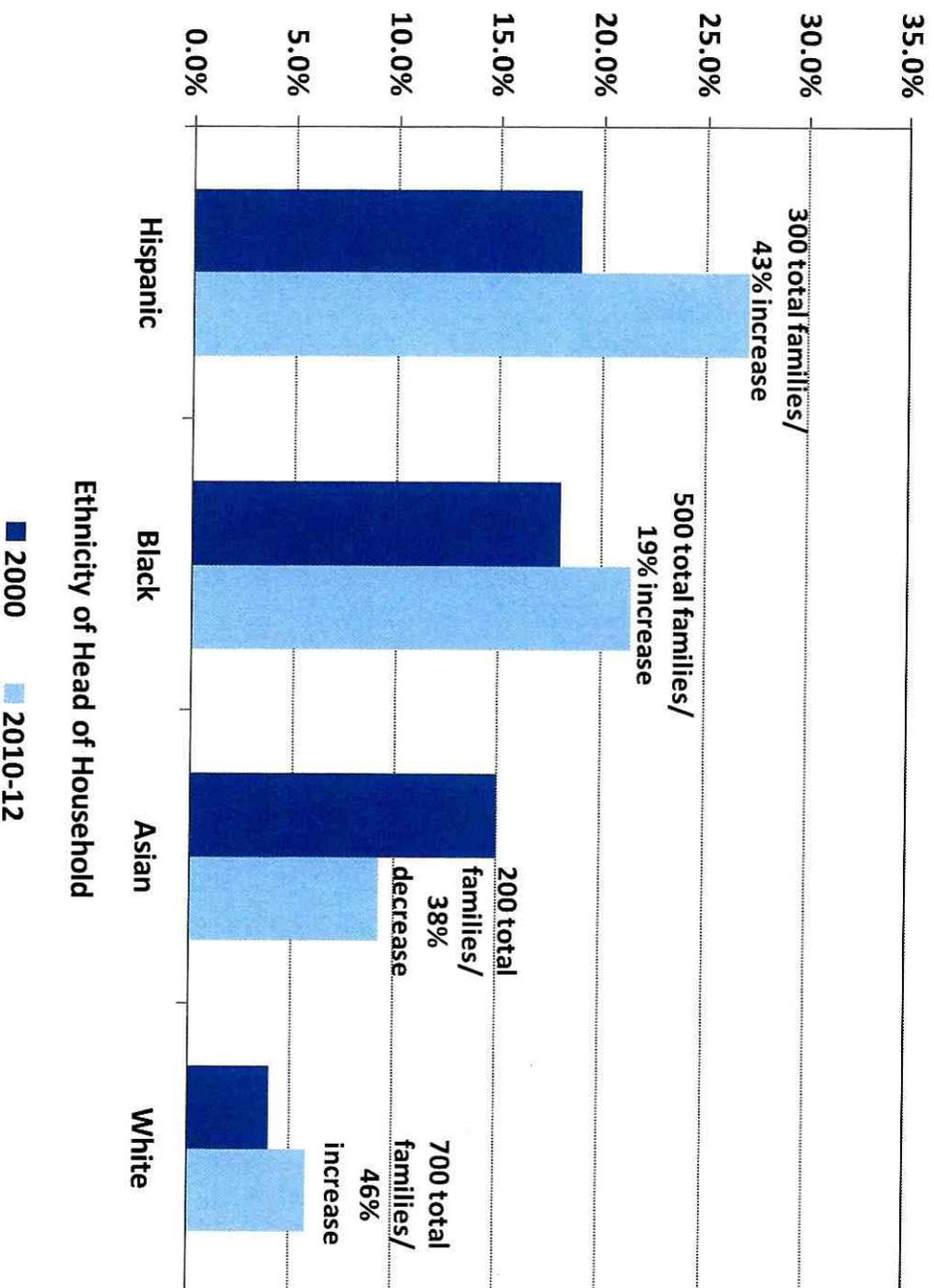
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Family Poverty: 2000 and 2010-12



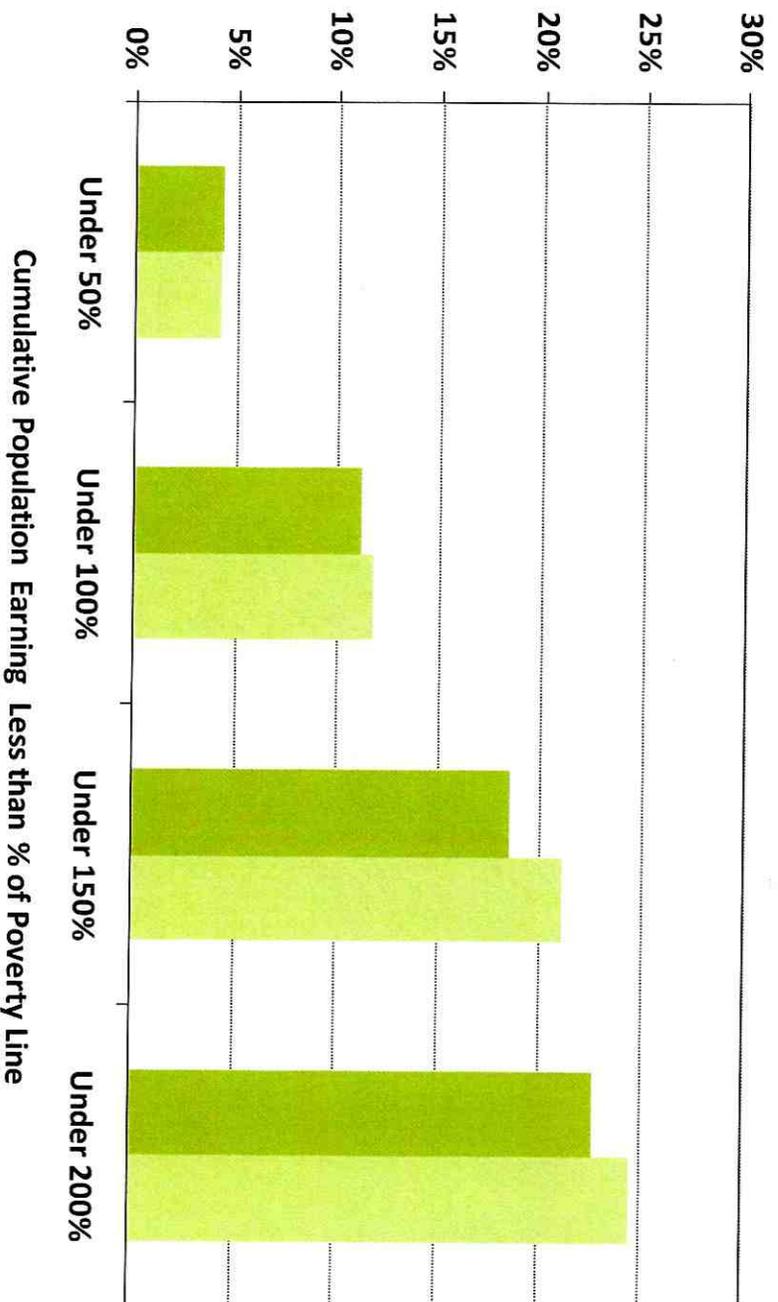
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Families, Race and Poverty: 2000 and 2010-12



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Poverty Income Deficit: 2010 - 2012

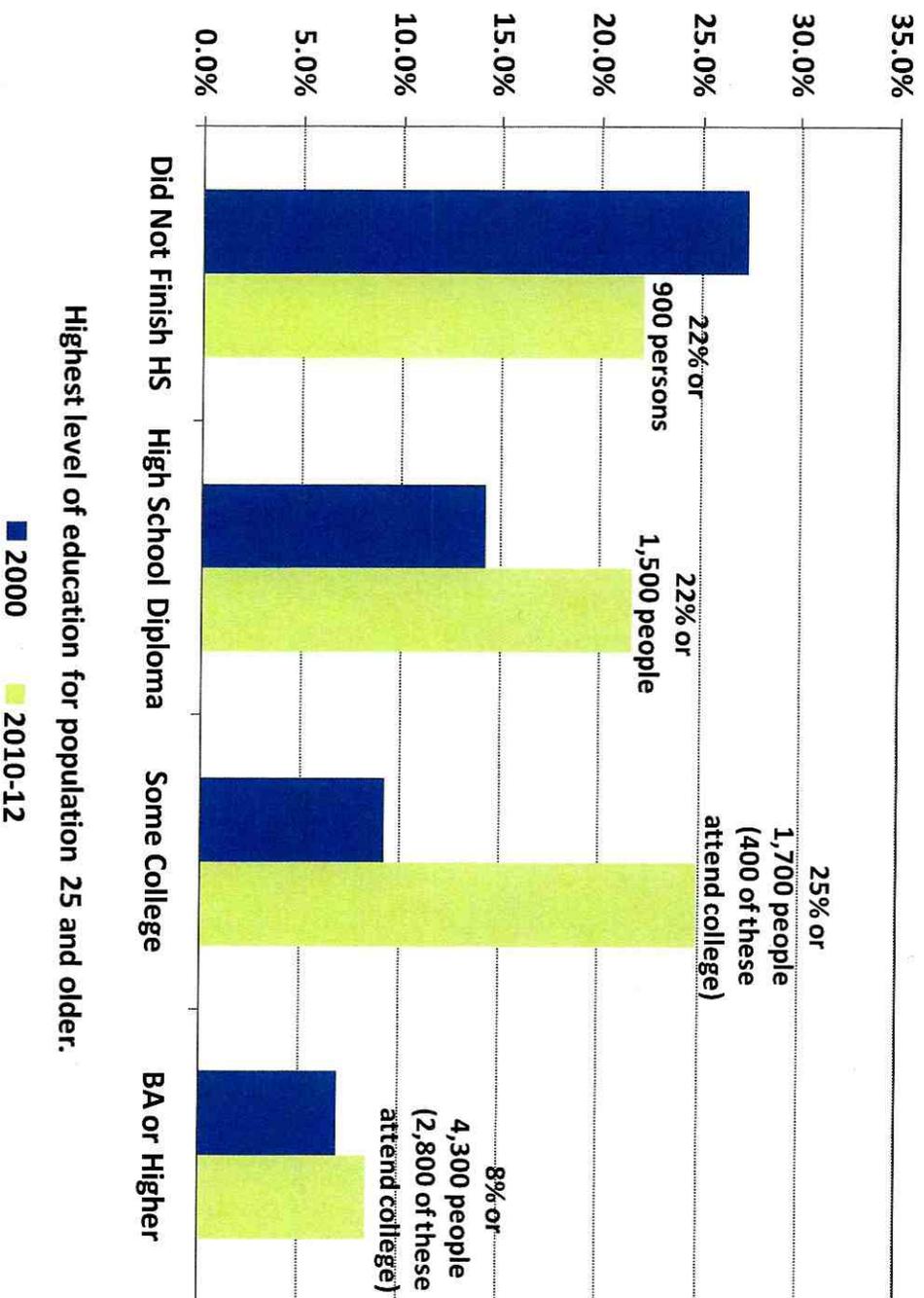


These figures exclude all persons enrolled in college and graduate school and families headed by a student

■ Individuals ■ Families

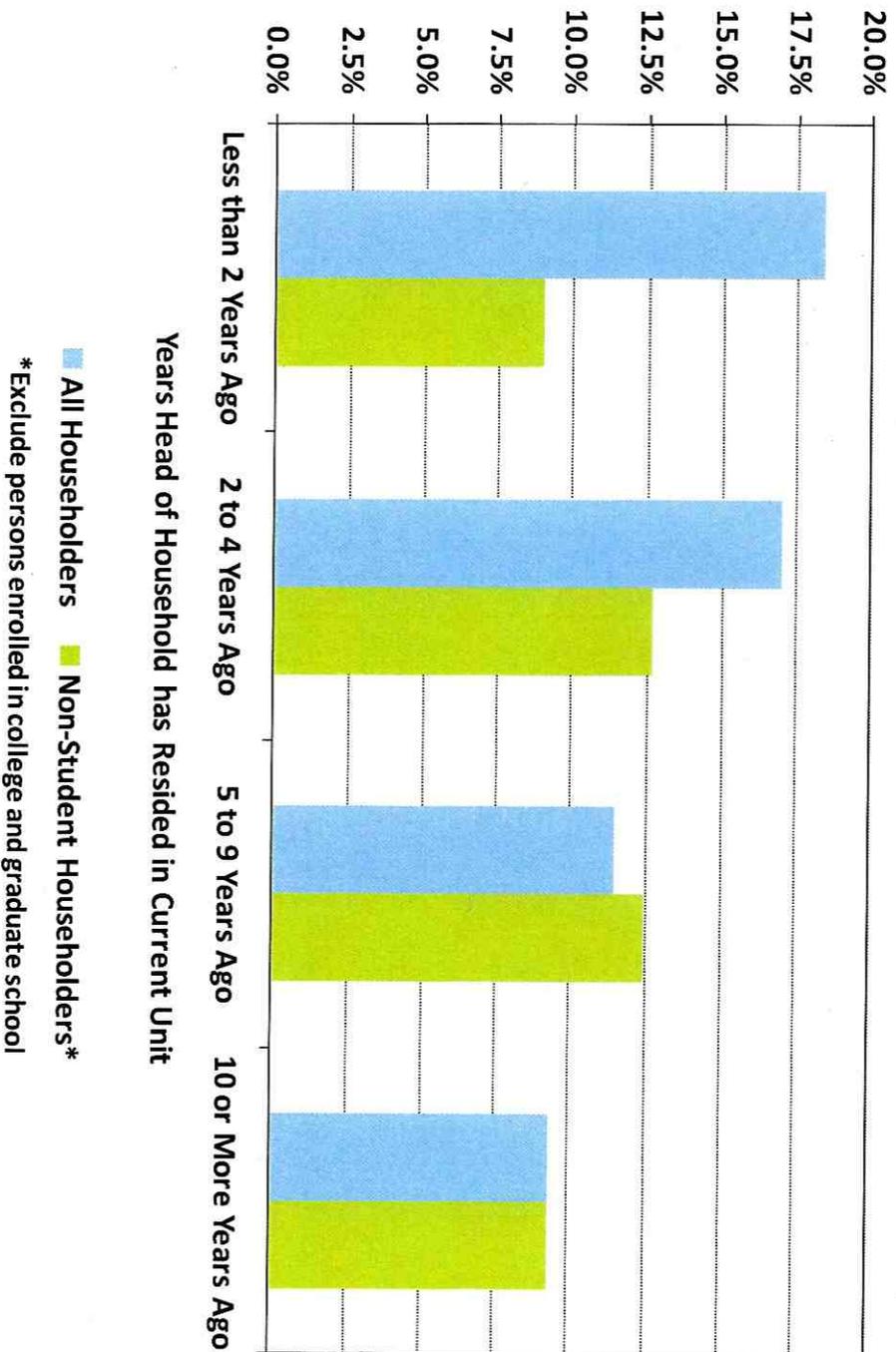
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Education and Poverty: 2000 and 2010-12



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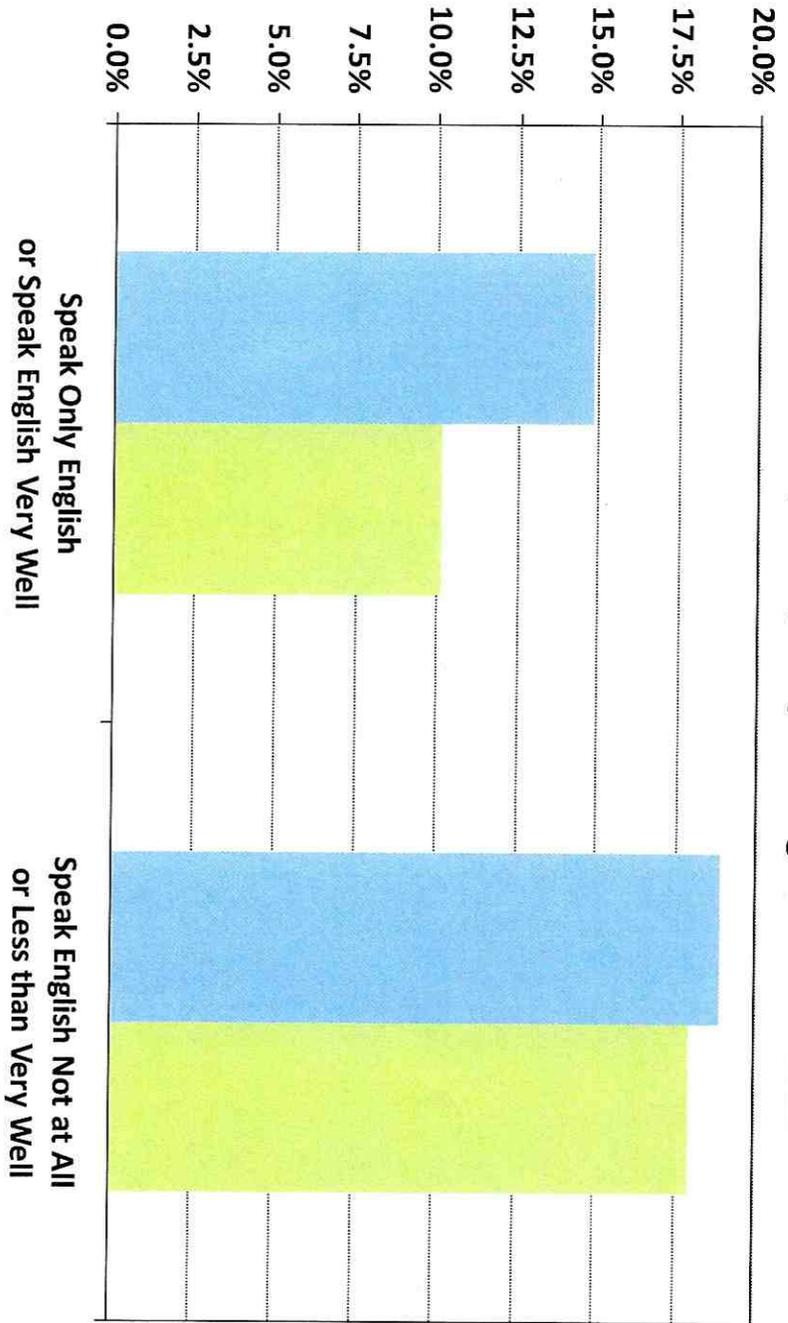
Poverty Status by Length of Residence of Head of Household: 2010 - 2012



Source: 2010 – 2012 American Community Survey, Public Use Microsample, U. S. Census Bureau...



Poverty Status by Ability to Speak English: 2010 - 2012



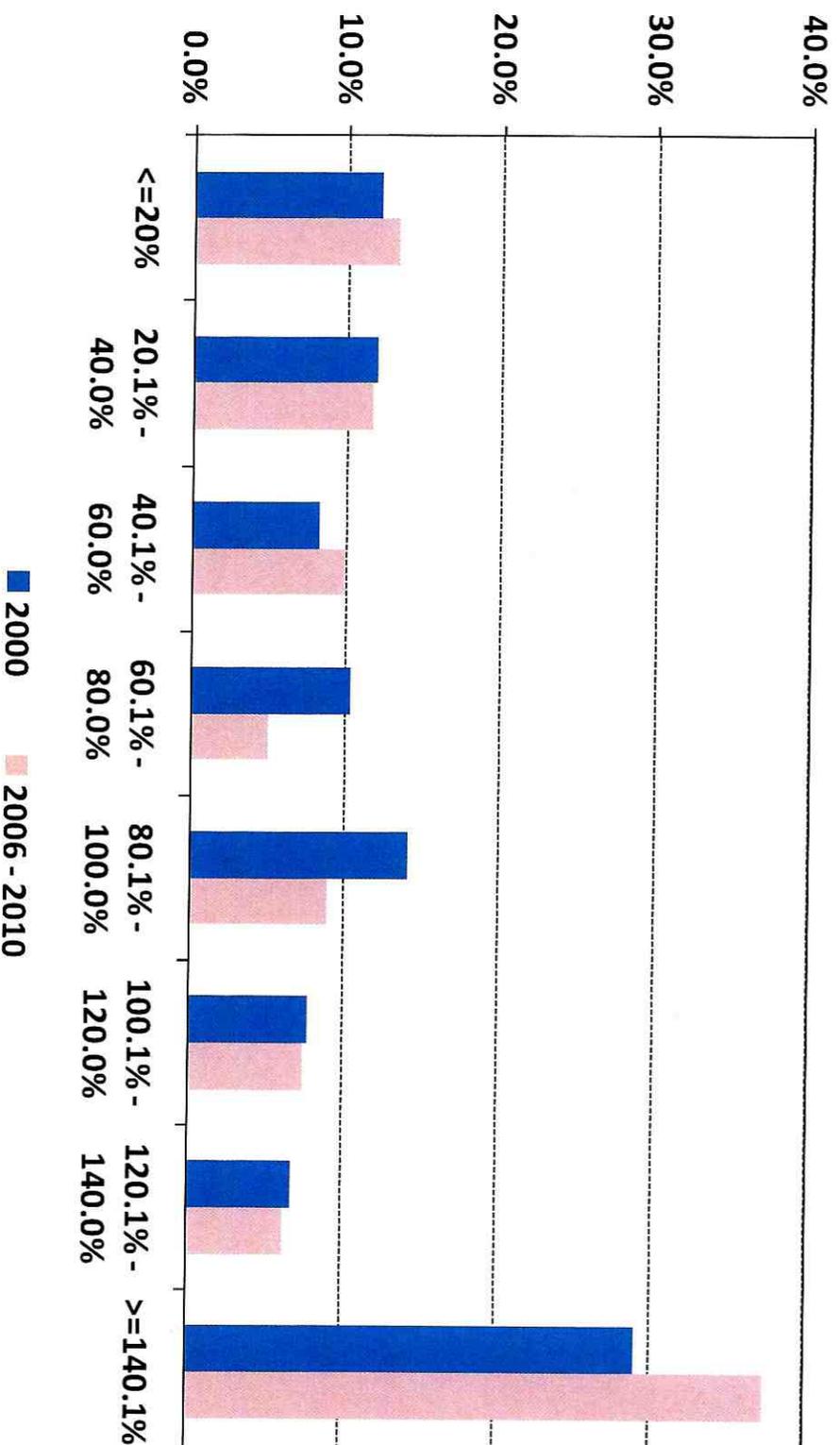
■ All Persons ■ Non-Students*

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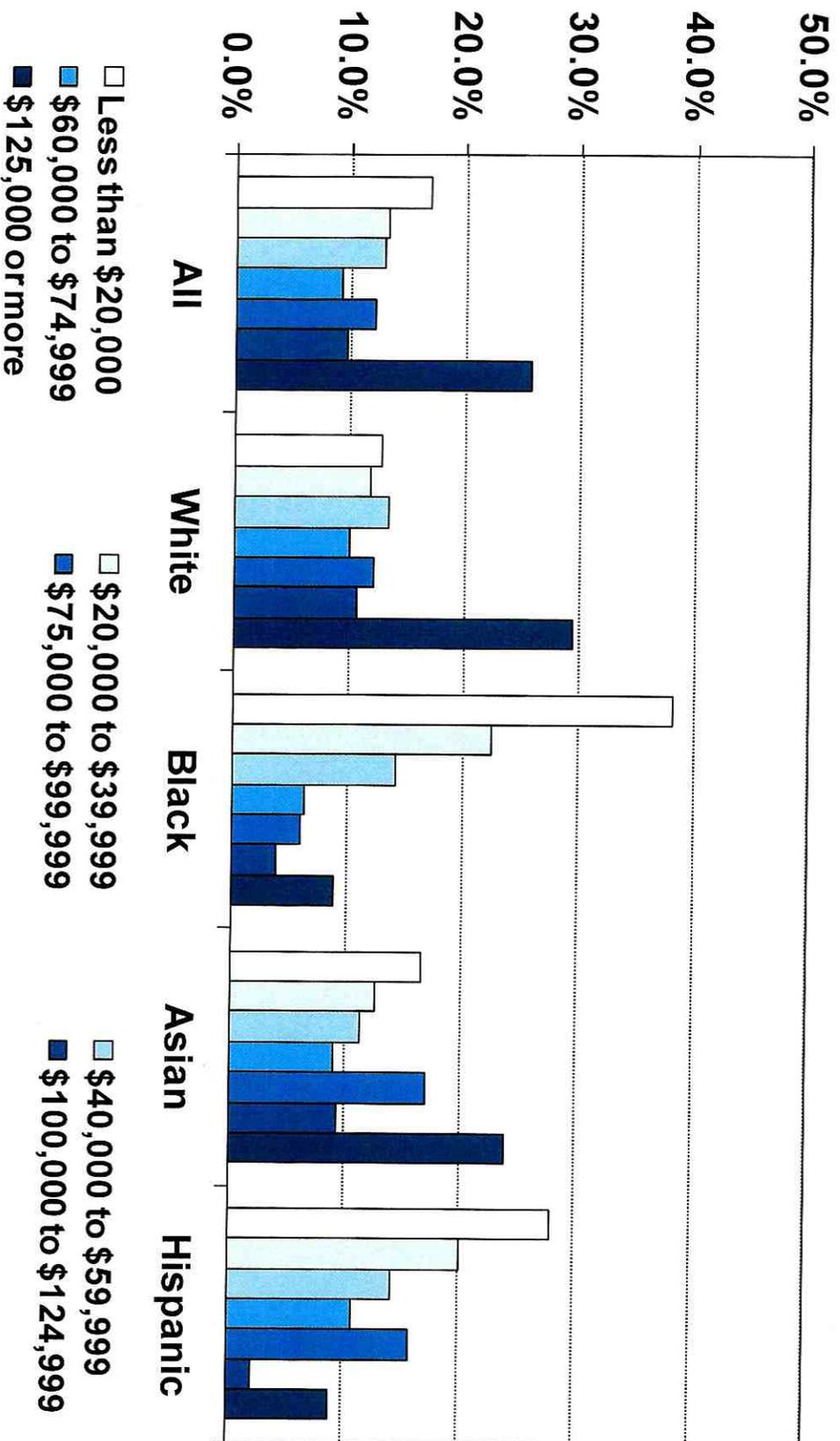


Households by Percent Median Income: 2000 and 2006-10



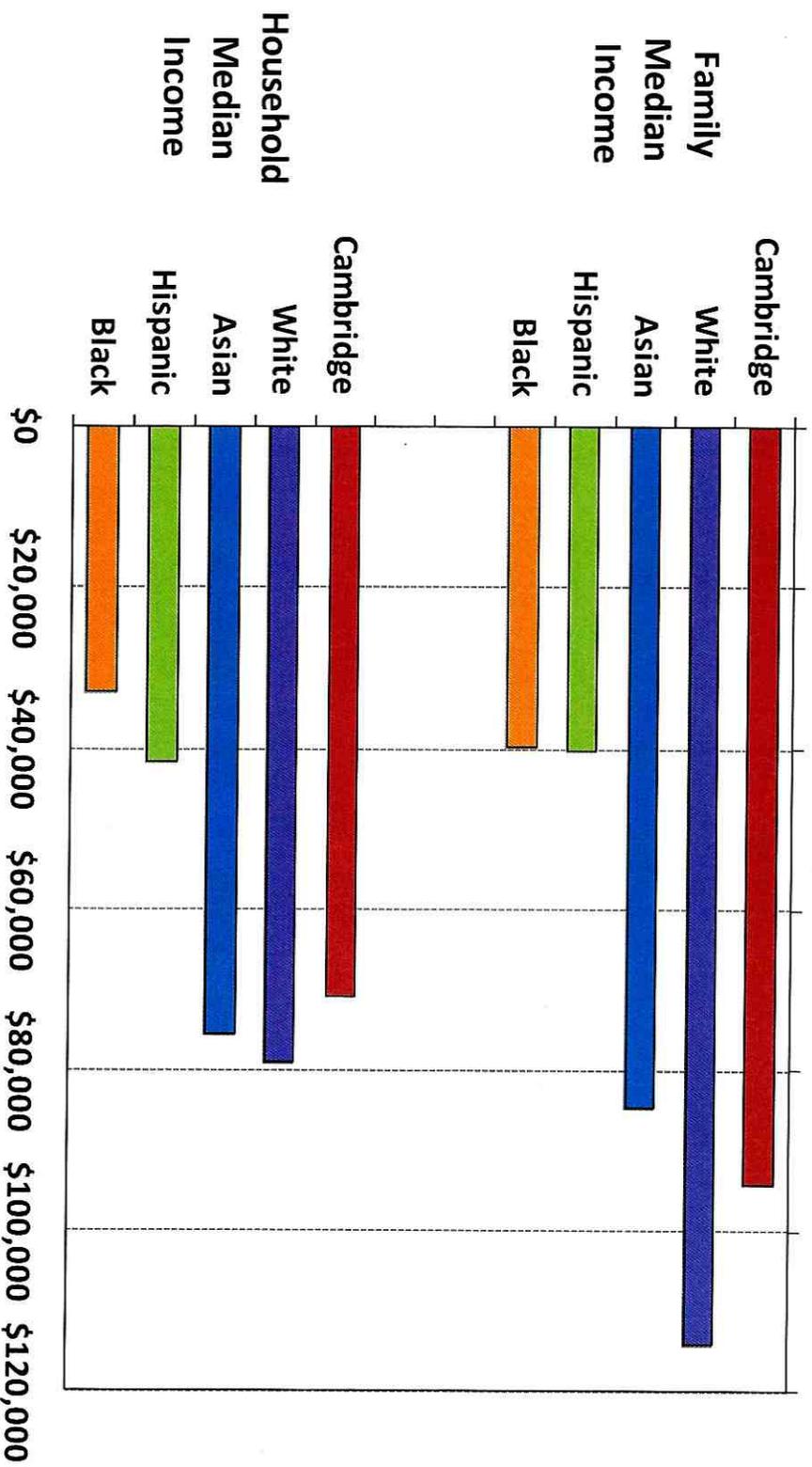
Source: 2006 – 2010 CHAS Data, <http://www.huduser.org/>.

Income by Race: 2010 - 2012

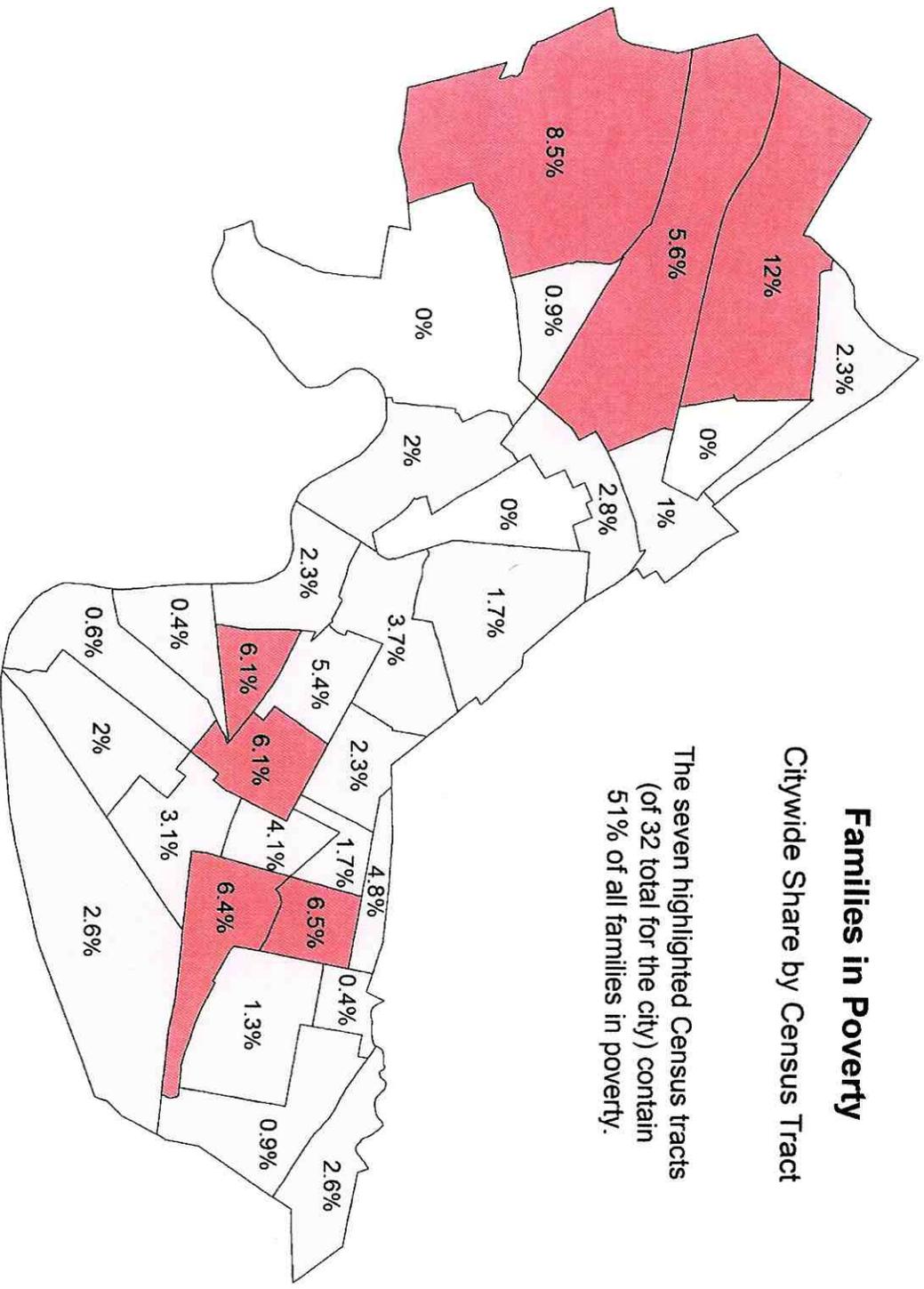


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Median Income: 2010 - 2012

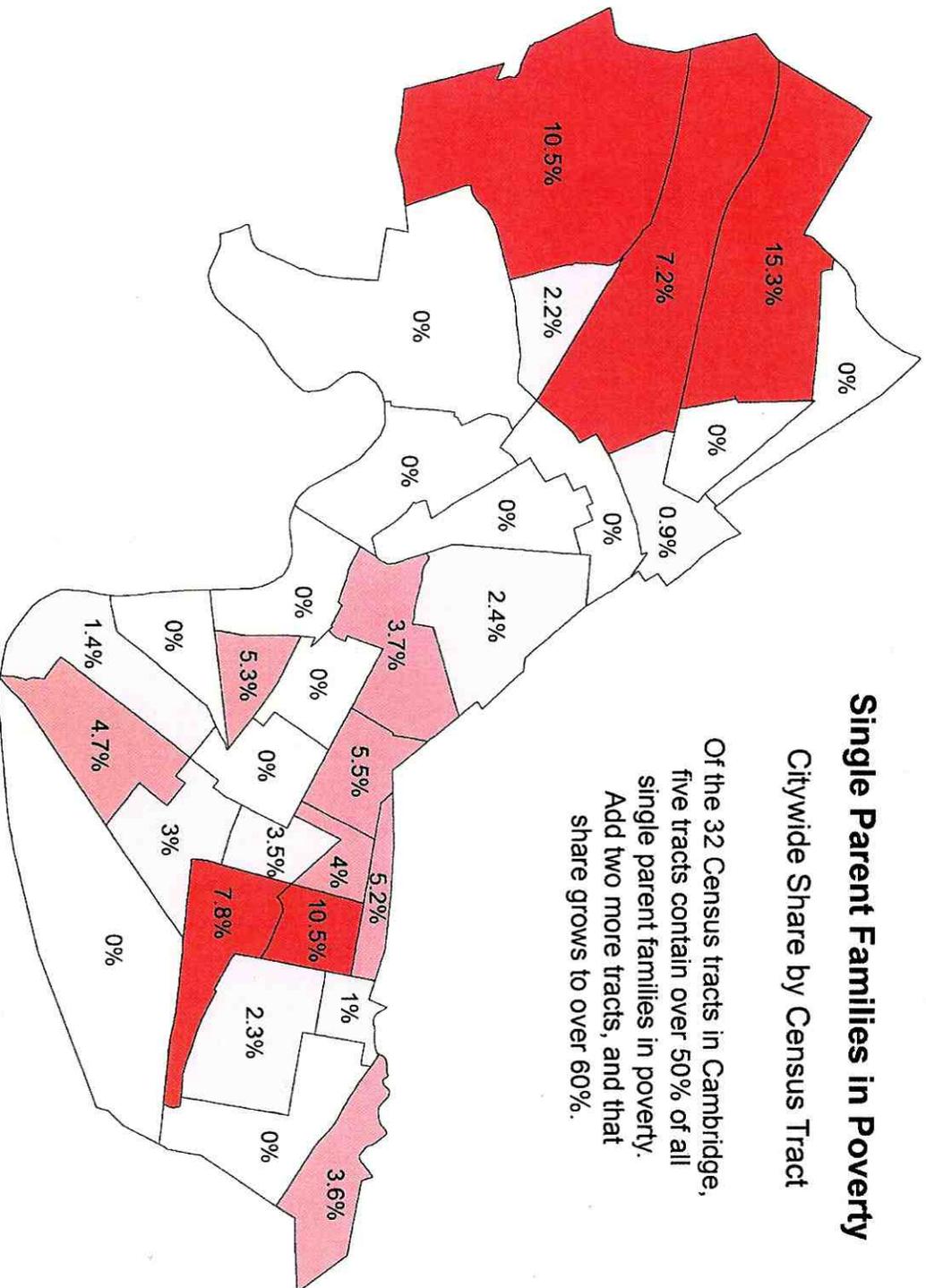


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Families in Poverty
 Citywide Share by Census Tract

The seven highlighted Census tracts
 (of 32 total for the city) contain
 51% of all families in poverty.

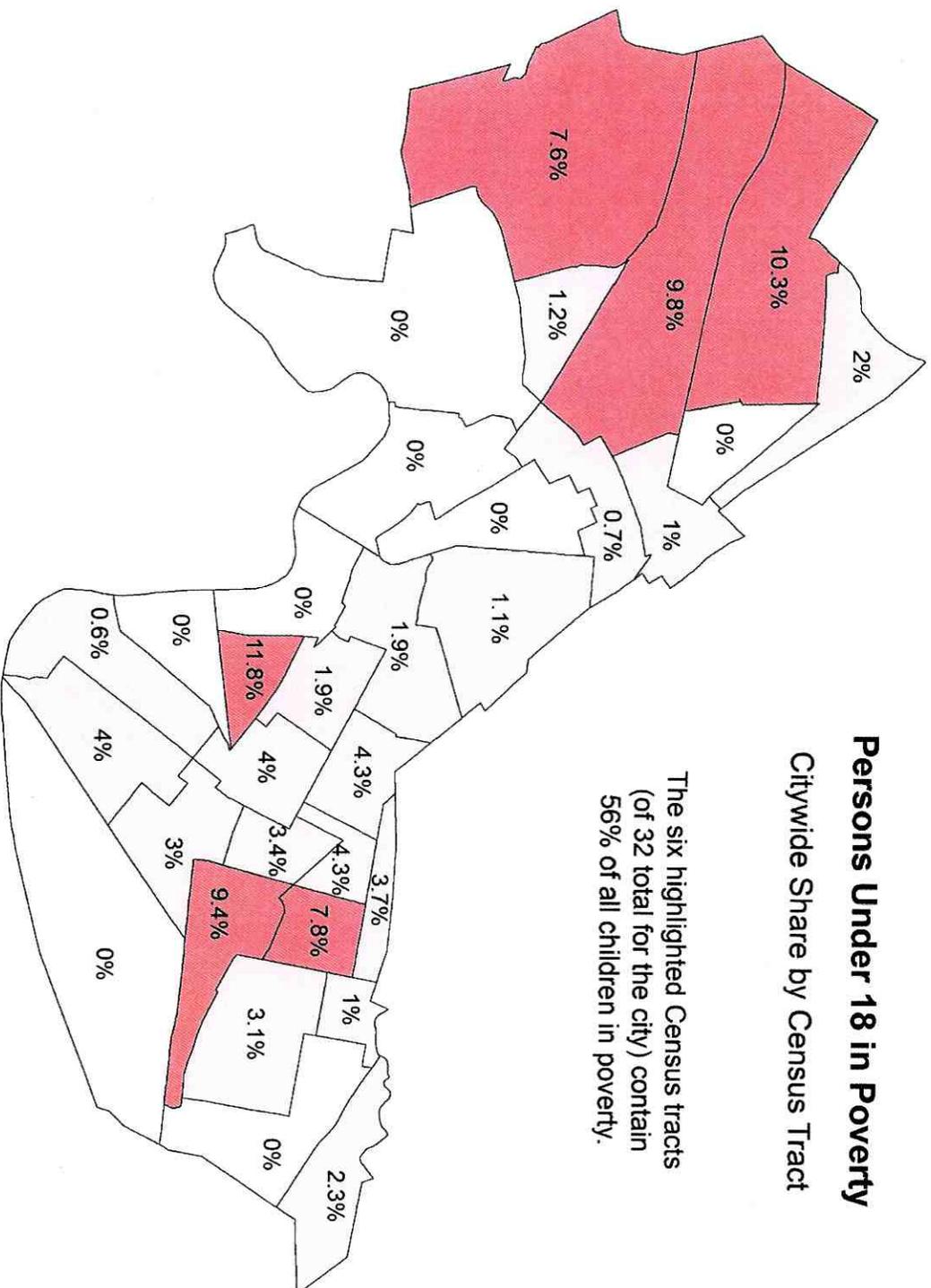


Source: 2008 – 2012 American Community Survey, U. S. Census Bureau.



Persons Under 18 in Poverty Citywide Share by Census Tract

The six highlighted Census tracts
(of 32 total for the city) contain
56% of all children in poverty.



Source: 2008 – 2012 American Community Survey, U. S. Census Bureau.



Attachment B

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS

RESOURCES

Financial – 29.5 million

General Fund/Taxes- 19.1 million

Fees- 3.3 million

Grants- 7.1 million

Human - 650 Employees

200 Benefitted

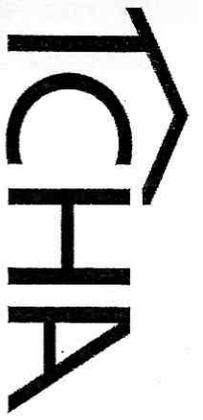
Facilities- Operate out of 26 sites

SELECTED DHSP PROGRAMS

- 1800 K-8 children and youth in out of school programs (OST)
- 120 children in pre-schools and 150 families in infant and toddler playgroups
- Over 500 teens engaged in school year activities
- Transitional Jobs Program for residents with barriers to employment
- I & R services for disabled residents/elderly/others
- 350 families and 300 individuals stabilized in current or new housing
- Multi-lingual community engagement team
- Manage HUD continuum of care for homeless services
- 1250 children and youth in summer camps
- Over 950 teens in summer jobs and internships
- 1000 adults in ESOL, Adult Basic Education or citizenship classes
- 300 individuals in job search, training or career counseling
- For seniors, breakfast & lunch 6 days per week, classes, case management, food pantry, parties
- 800 low income residents assisted with fuel costs
- Recreational programs for adults, children and individuals with special needs
- Professional development for city and community OST Programs

Current and Planned Initiatives

- Deepen departmental and community collaborations
- Continue strong support for Inclusion
- Support Task Force on early education services
- Continue focus on support for black boys and young men
- Develop robust College Success Initiative
- Enhance support for educational and economic opportunity for low income residents
- Create greater access and equity in K-8 programs
- Expand Community Engagement Team work
- Strengthen Baby U parenting program and explore continuum of services for low income families



Cambridge Housing Authority

Continuum of Services for Residents

A Work in Progress

Attachment C

Resident Services Department						Management Department	
Pre-/Post-Natal	Early Childhood (Pre-School)	Childhood (Elementary School)	Early Adolescence (Upper Schools)	Adolescence (High School)	Early Adulthood (Post-Secondary ED)	Adulthood (Education & Training)	Old Age (Supports for Aging in place)
Baby U & Baby U Alumni Association			Boys and Girls Club		College Success Initiative	Gateways English for Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL)	Elder Services Coordinator
WIC Nutritional Program	Parent ROCK/Pathways	Community Art Center/Teen Media Program			Cambridge Employment Program		PACE Elder Service Plan
	Five Head Start Centers		The Work Force		Bridge to College for Adults		Supportive Living Program
	Early Literacy/Parenting Playgroups	DREAM Summer Camp		This Way Ahead Program	FSS+ Program	North Cambridge Senior Center	
		DREAM Mentoring	Possible Project/Makerspace		Pathways to Permanent Housing Programs - Heading Home & Transition House		
Community Computer Center							
Tenant Organizing - 14 Tenant Councils							

Note: WIC & Head Start provide on-site services, but further work is necessary to integrate them more fully into the continuum of services.