

# **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:

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>2011 Poverty Threshold</b>
<b>1 person</b>	\$11,484
<b>2 persons</b>	\$14,657
<b>3 persons</b>	\$17,916
<b>4 persons</b>	\$23,021
<b>5 persons</b>	\$27,251

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 2009-11:

<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$69,259
<b>Median Family Income</b>	\$92,965
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$44,598

Median Incomes for Types of Families during 2009-11:

<b>Married Couples w/ Children</b>	\$130,349
<b>Single Father</b>	\$30,733
<b>Single Man w/o Children</b>	\$92,604
<b>Single Mother</b>	\$22,383
<b>Single Women w/o Children</b>	\$46,809

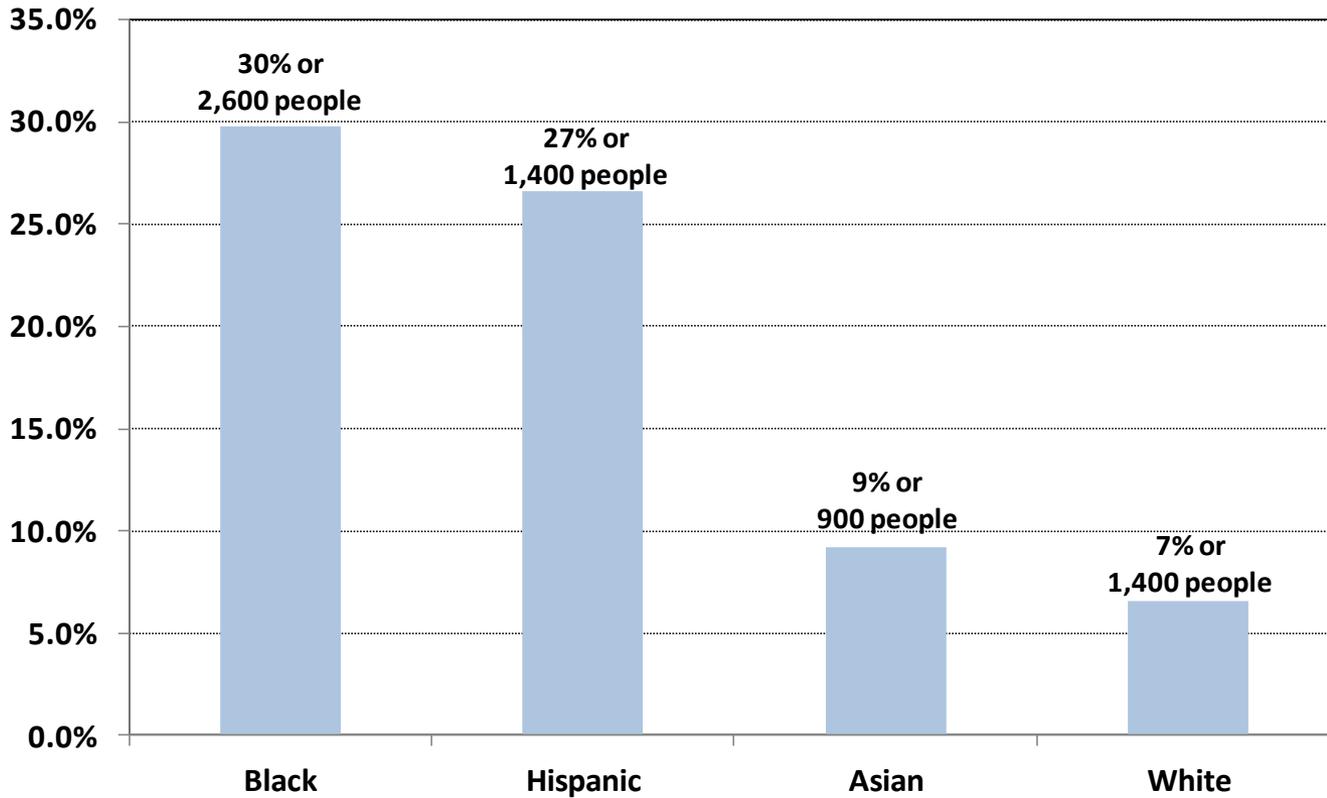
### Individual Poverty Rates: 2000 vs. 2009-11



These figures exclude all persons enrolled in college and graduate school

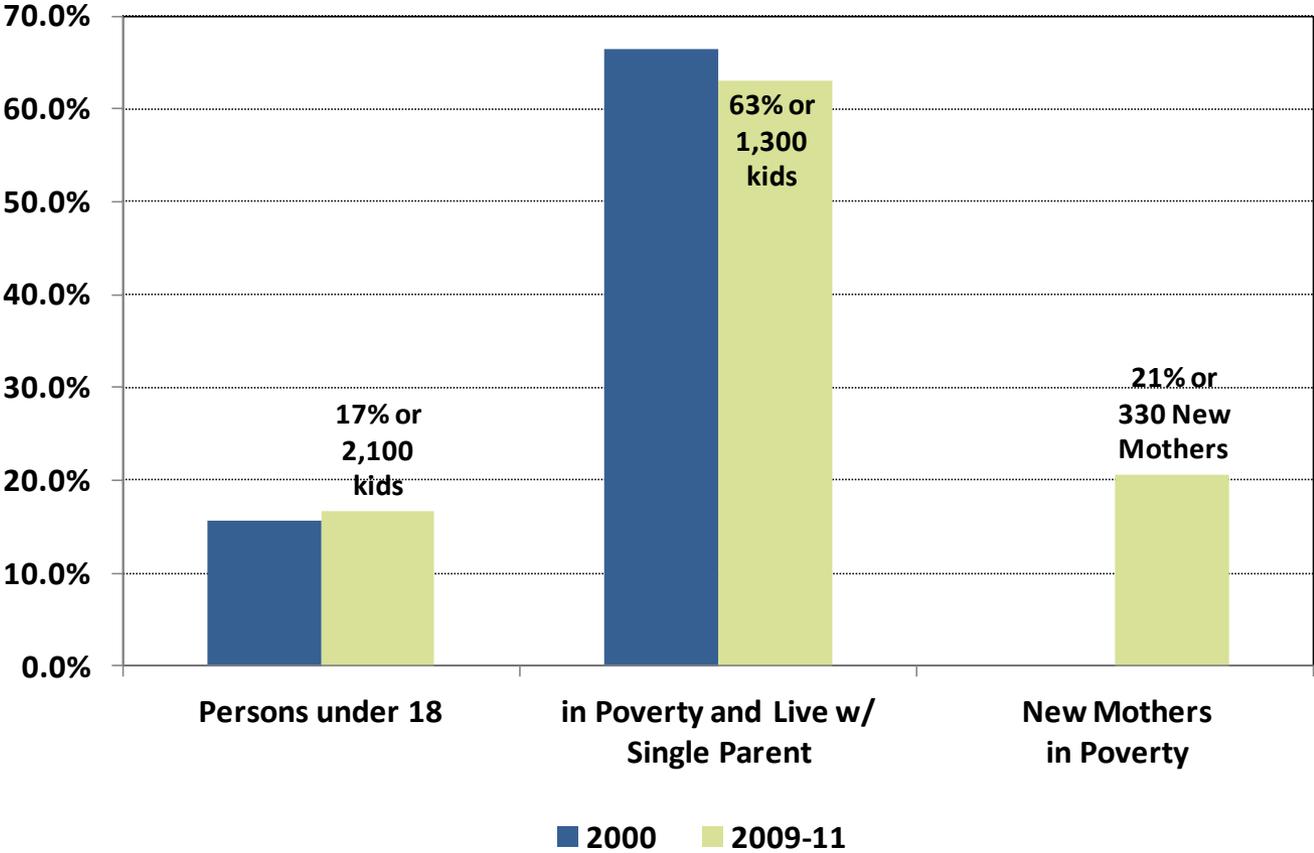
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### Poverty by Race: 2009-11

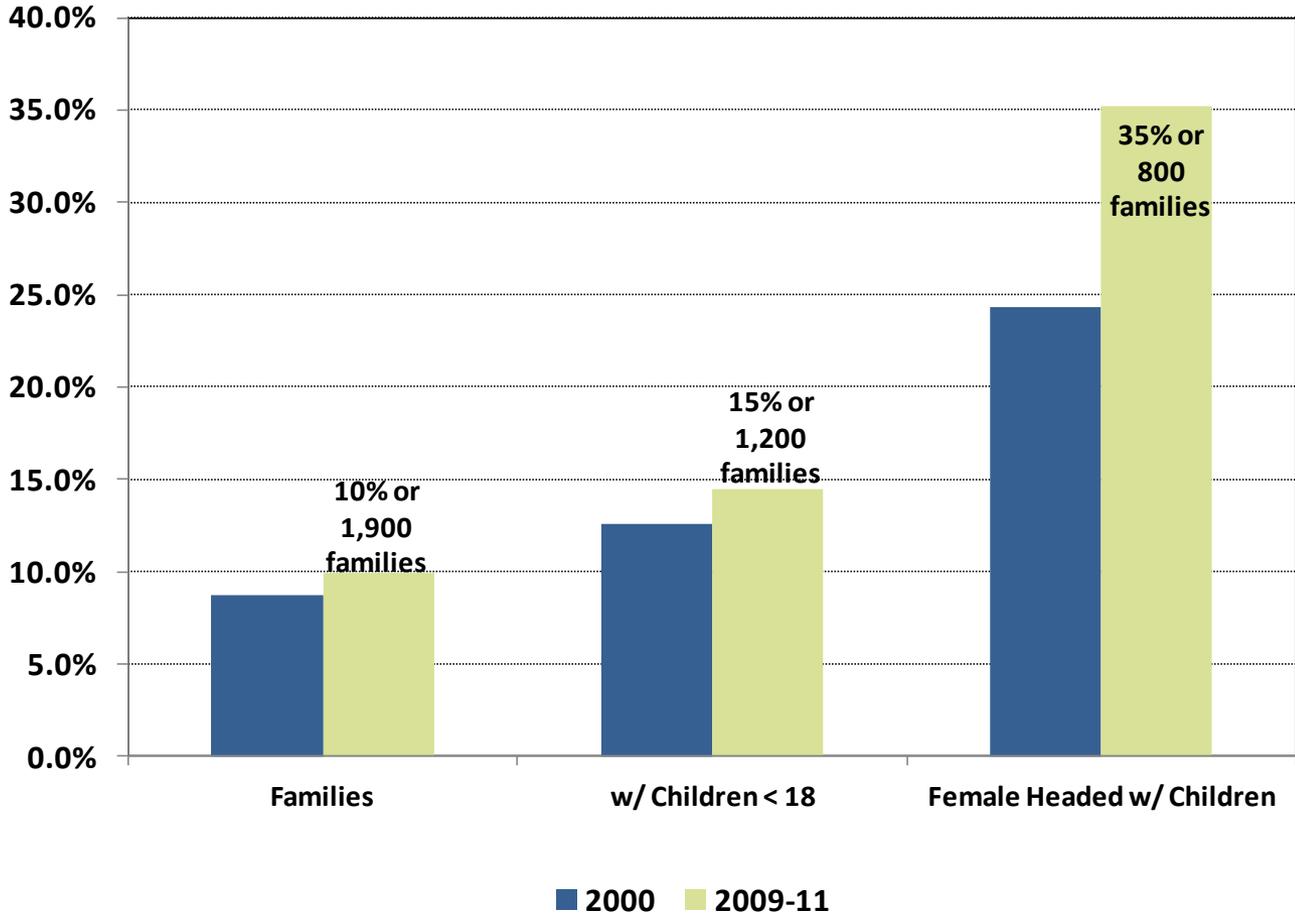


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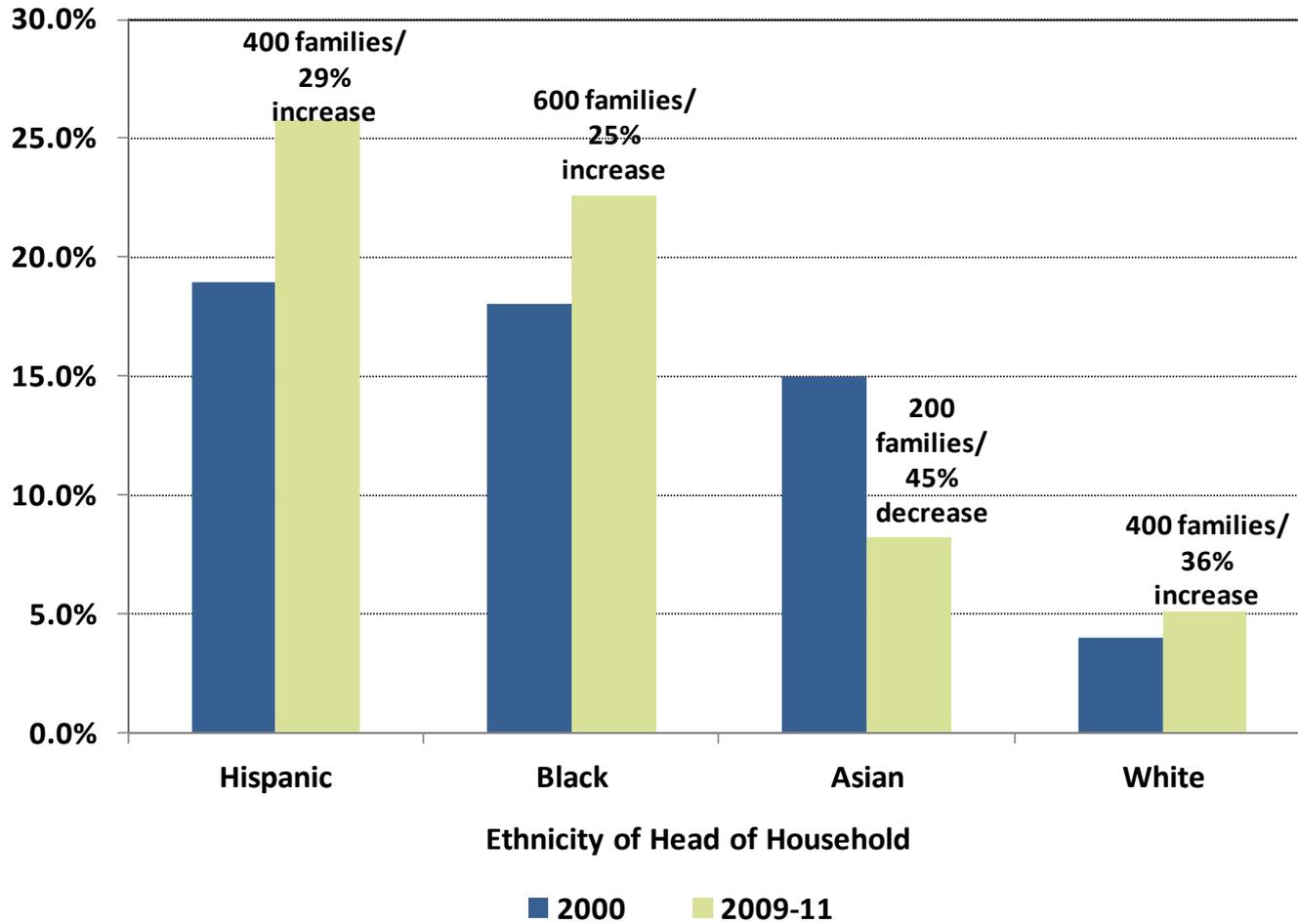
# Childhood Poverty: 2000 and 2009-11



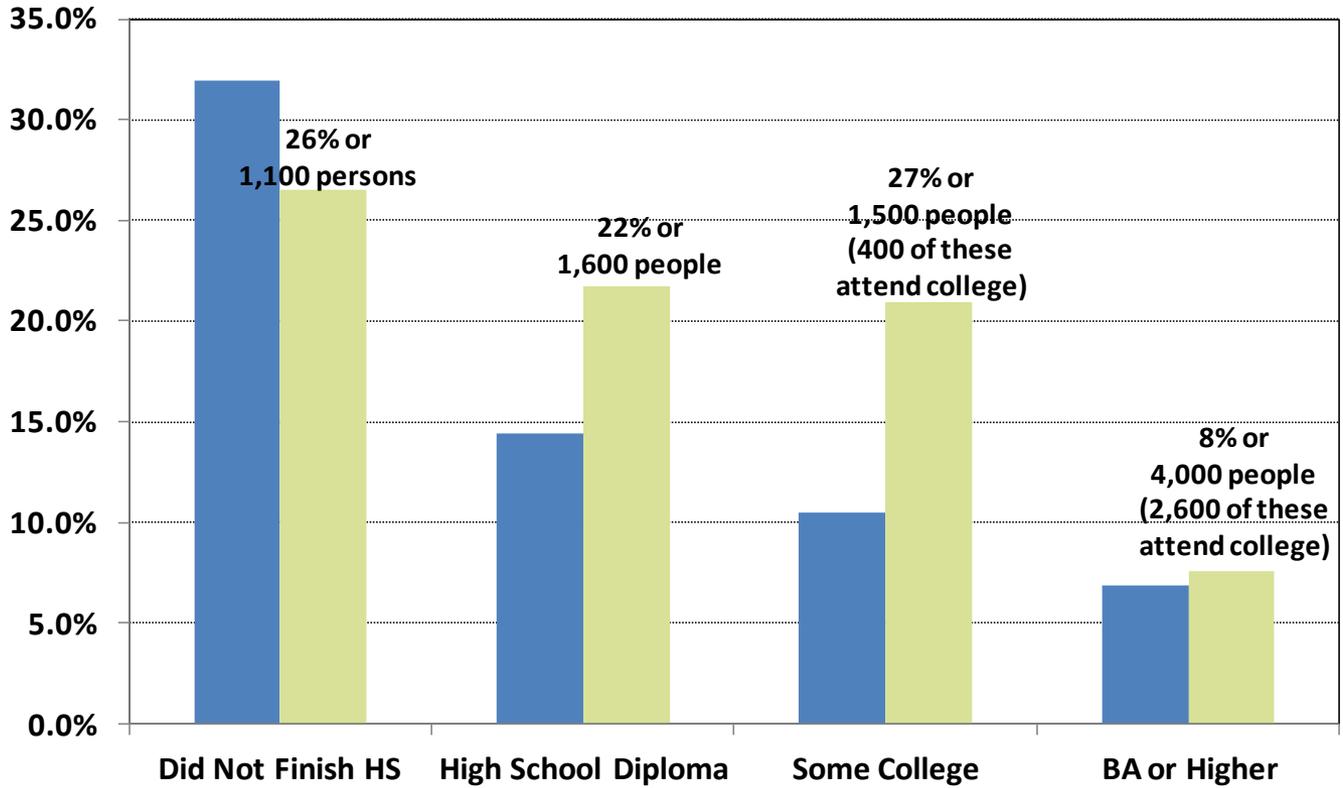
### Family Poverty: 2000 and 2009-11



### Families, Race and Poverty: 2000 and 2009-11



### Education and Poverty: 2000 and 2009-11



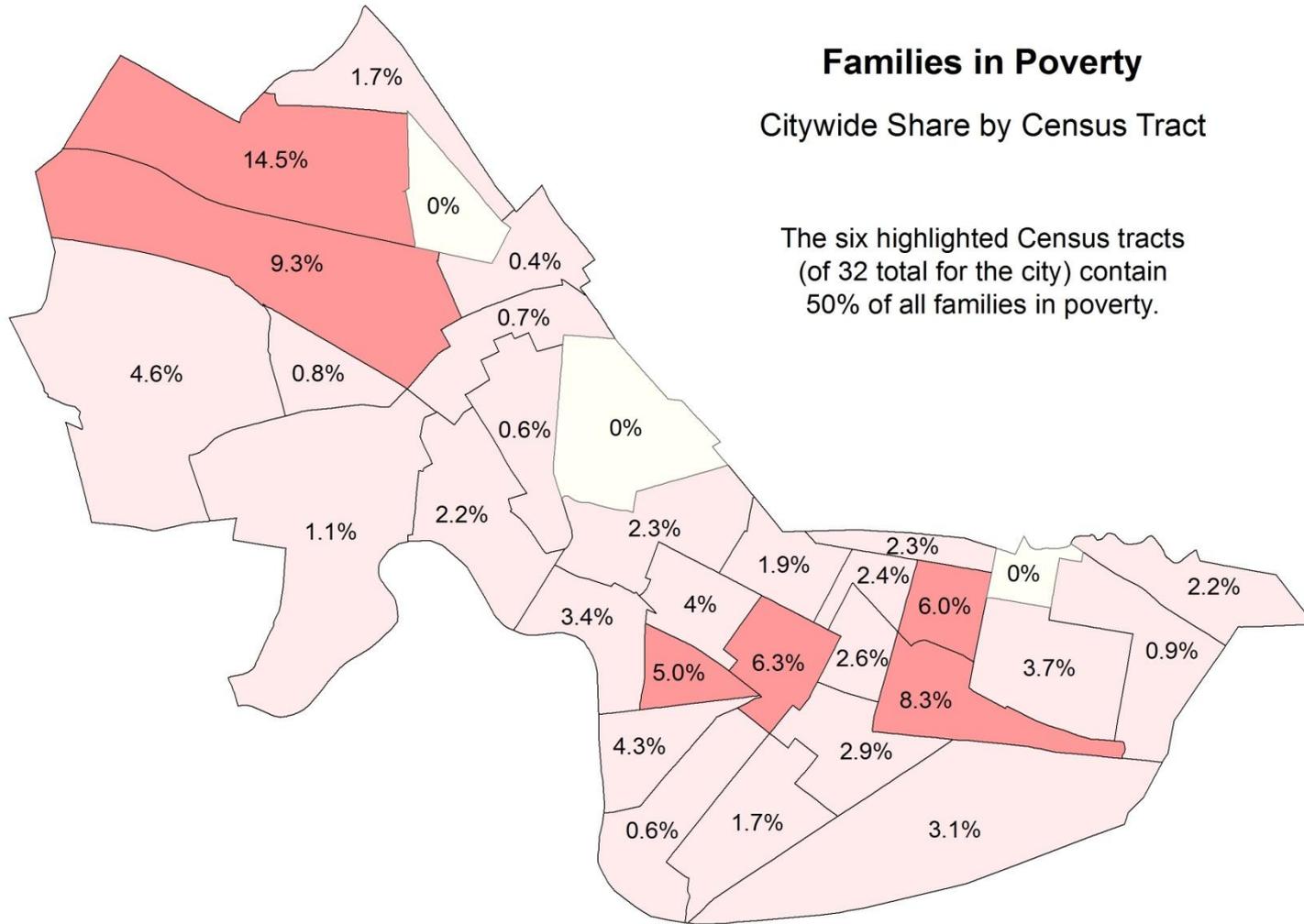
Highest level of education for population 25 and older.

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## Families in Poverty

Citywide Share by Census Tract

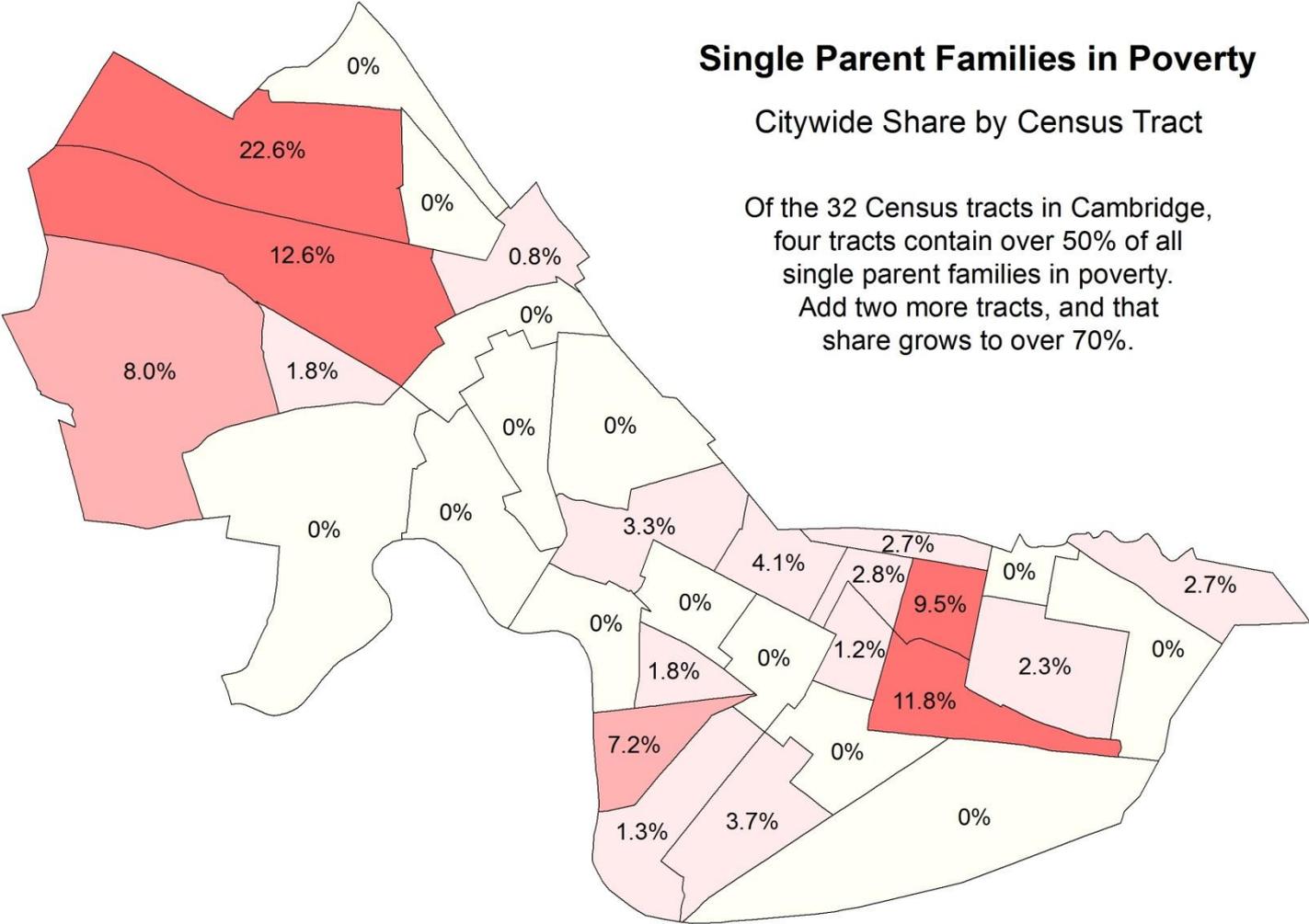
The six highlighted Census tracts (of 32 total for the city) contain 50% of all families in poverty.



# Single Parent Families in Poverty

## Citywide Share by Census Tract

Of the 32 Census tracts in Cambridge, four tracts contain over 50% of all single parent families in poverty. Add two more tracts, and that share grows to over 70%.

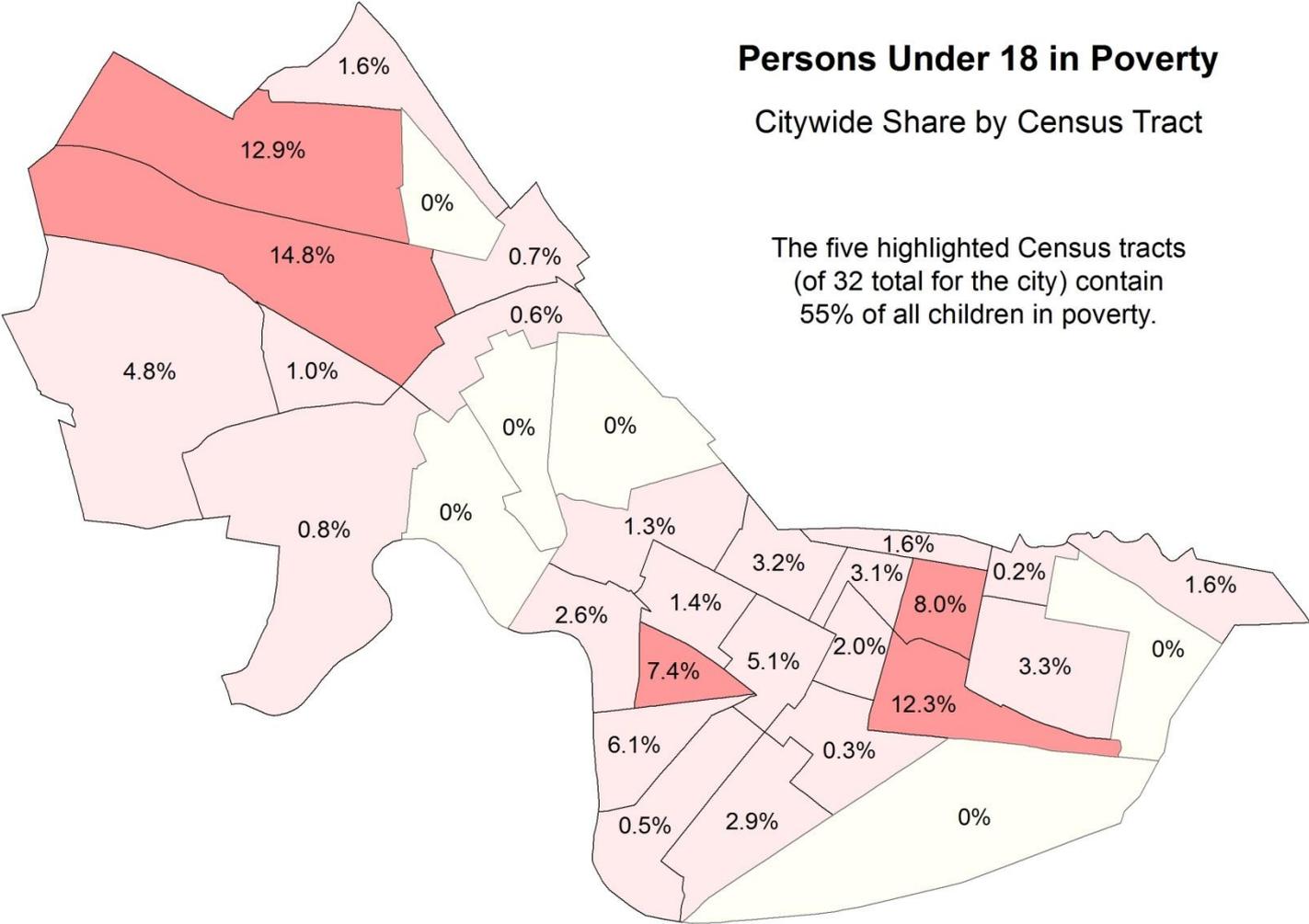


Source: 2007 - 2011 American Community Survey

# Persons Under 18 in Poverty

## Citywide Share by Census Tract

The five highlighted Census tracts (of 32 total for the city) contain 55% of all children in poverty.



Source: 2007 - 2011 American Community Survey