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Montgomery County Trends:

A Look at People, Housing and Jobs Since 1990

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Goals of the Report

- Provide context for General Plan Update by looking at existing conditions of population, housing and employment
- Answer the question: “What has changed since the 1993 General Plan refinement?”

Population Trends

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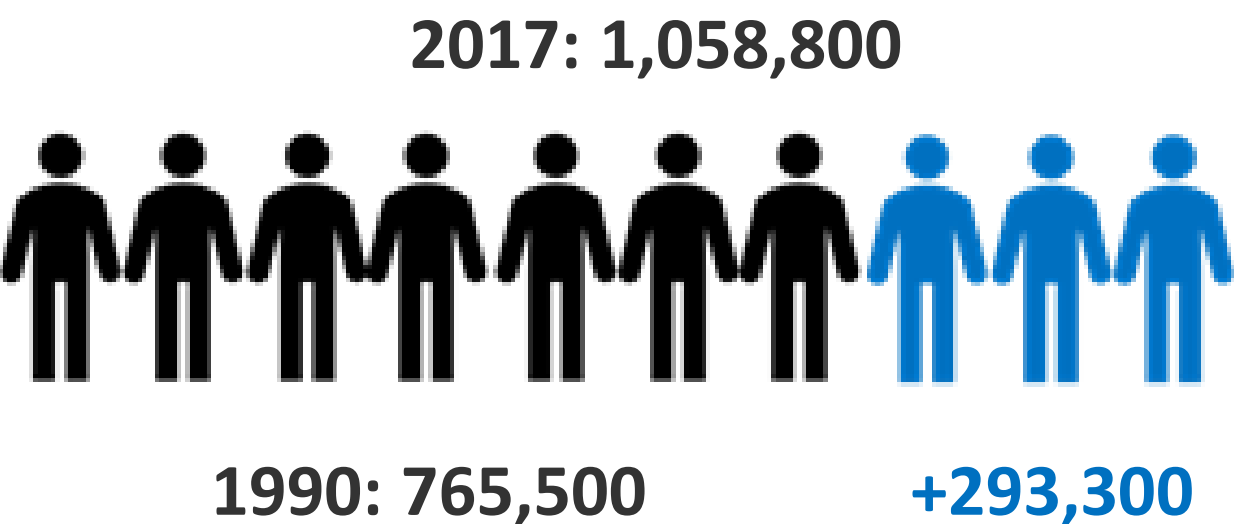
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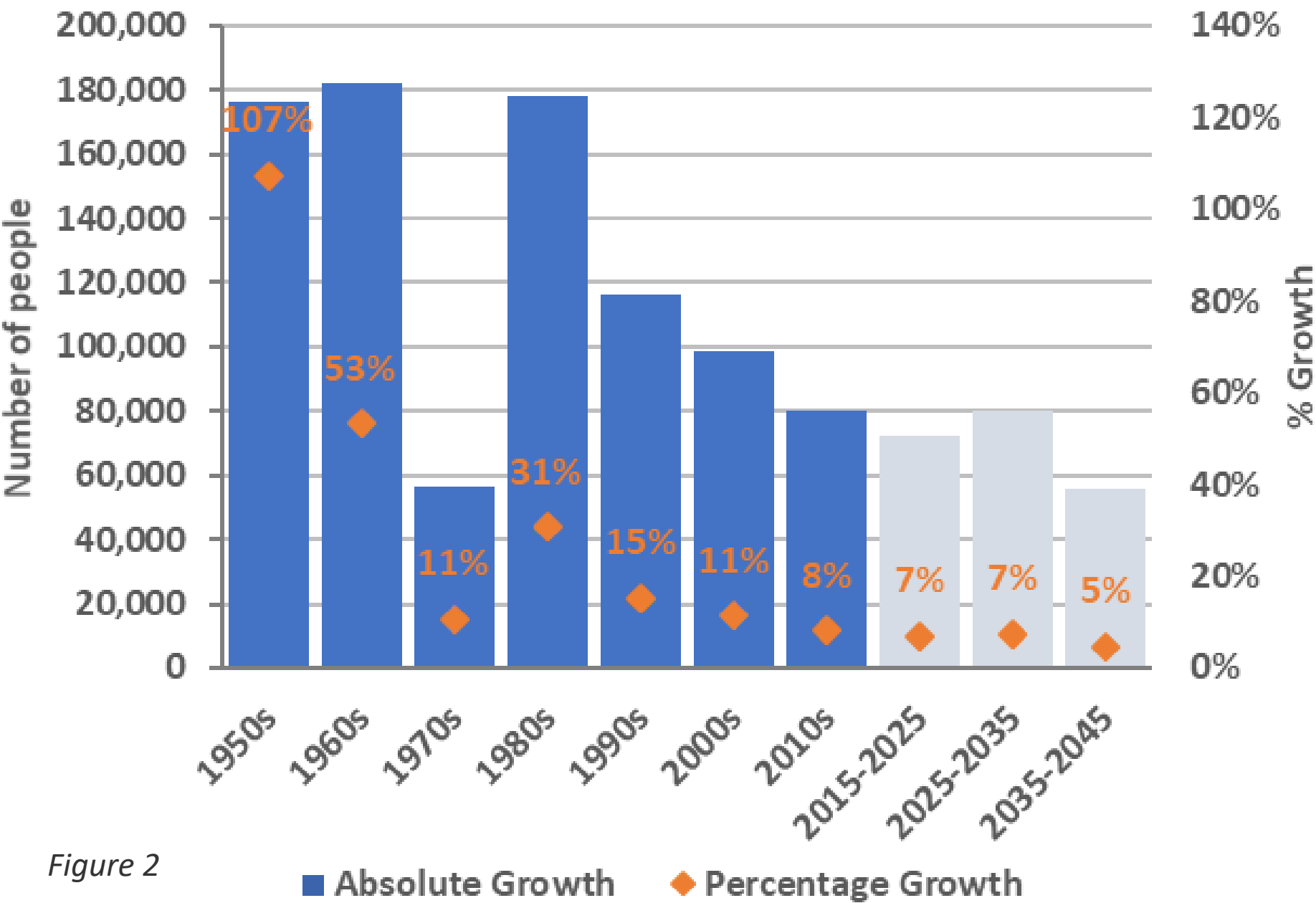


Most populous county in Maryland



38% population increase since 1990

Slower growth of mature, developed county



Decreasing gain and rate of growth since 1990

Sources of Population Growth: Natural increase from 1990 to 2016

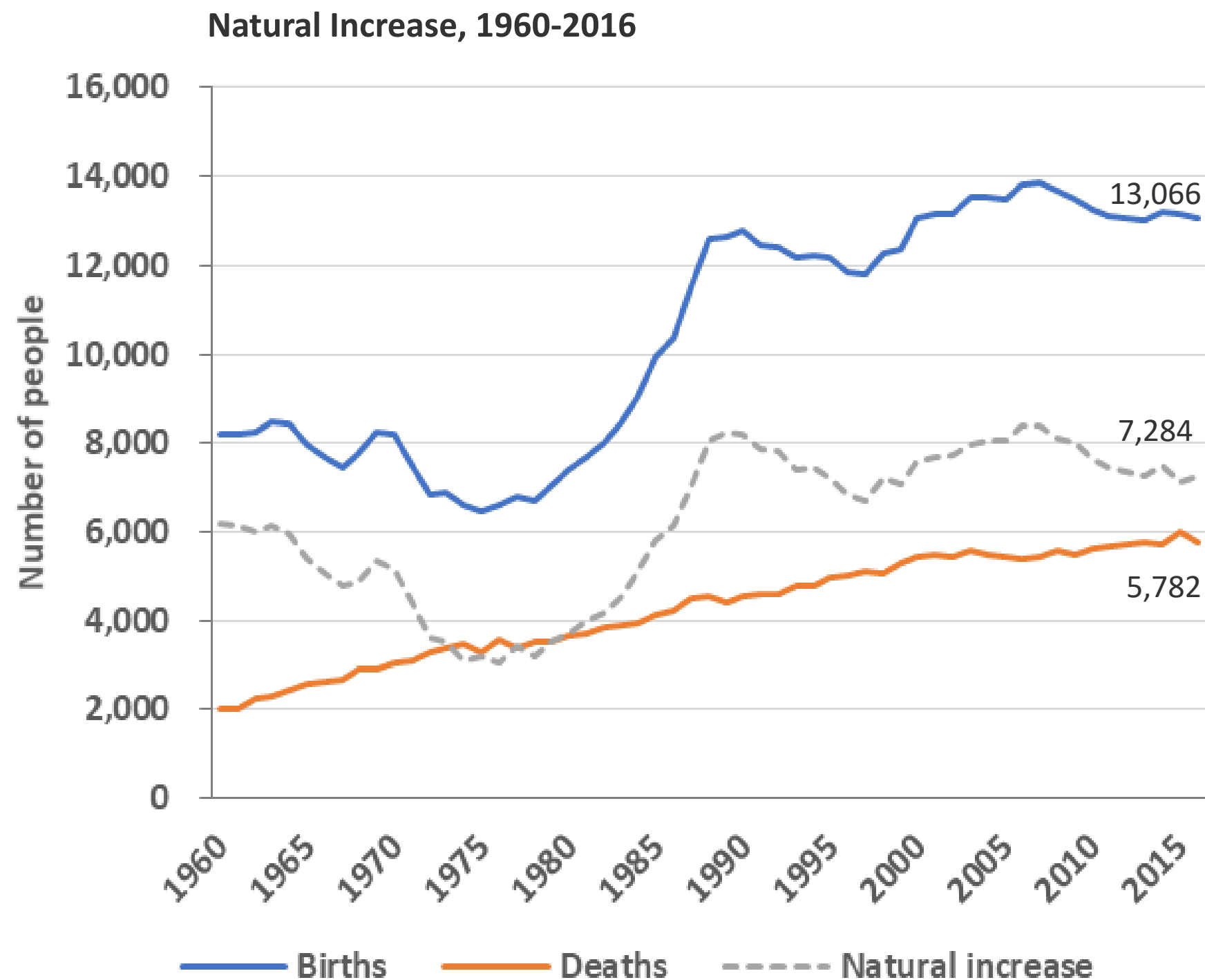


Figure 4

- **Major component of population growth**
 - Net addition of 205,400 people
 - Averaged 7,900 people per year
- **Increased racial and ethnic diversity**
 - Births to women of color increased from 40% to 66% of all births

Sources of Population Growth: Net migration contributes to population growth

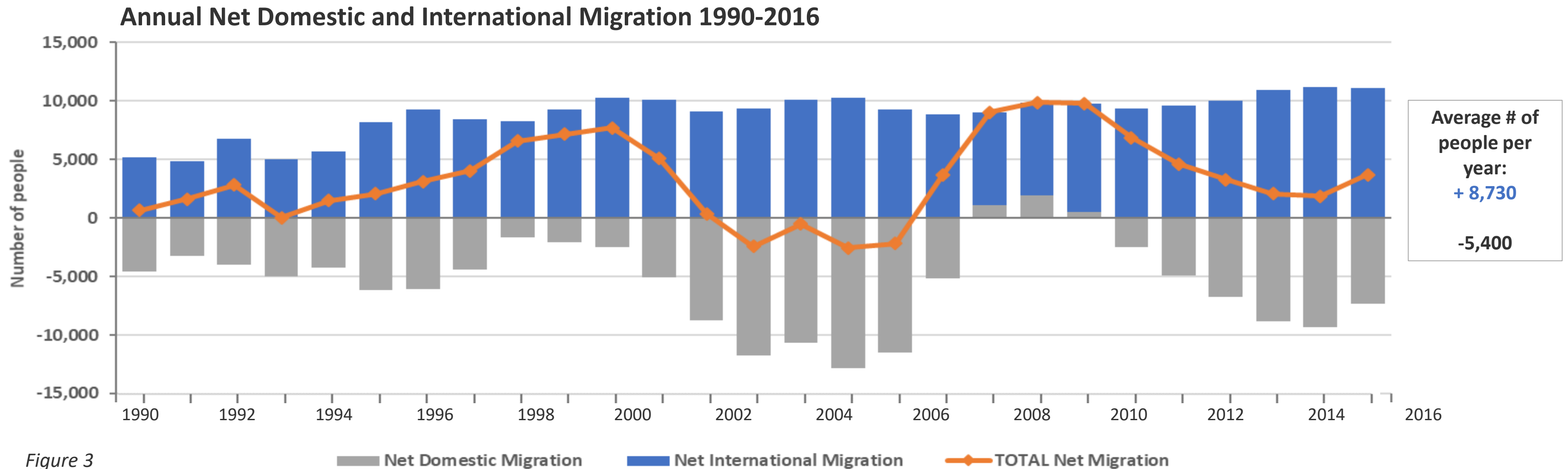
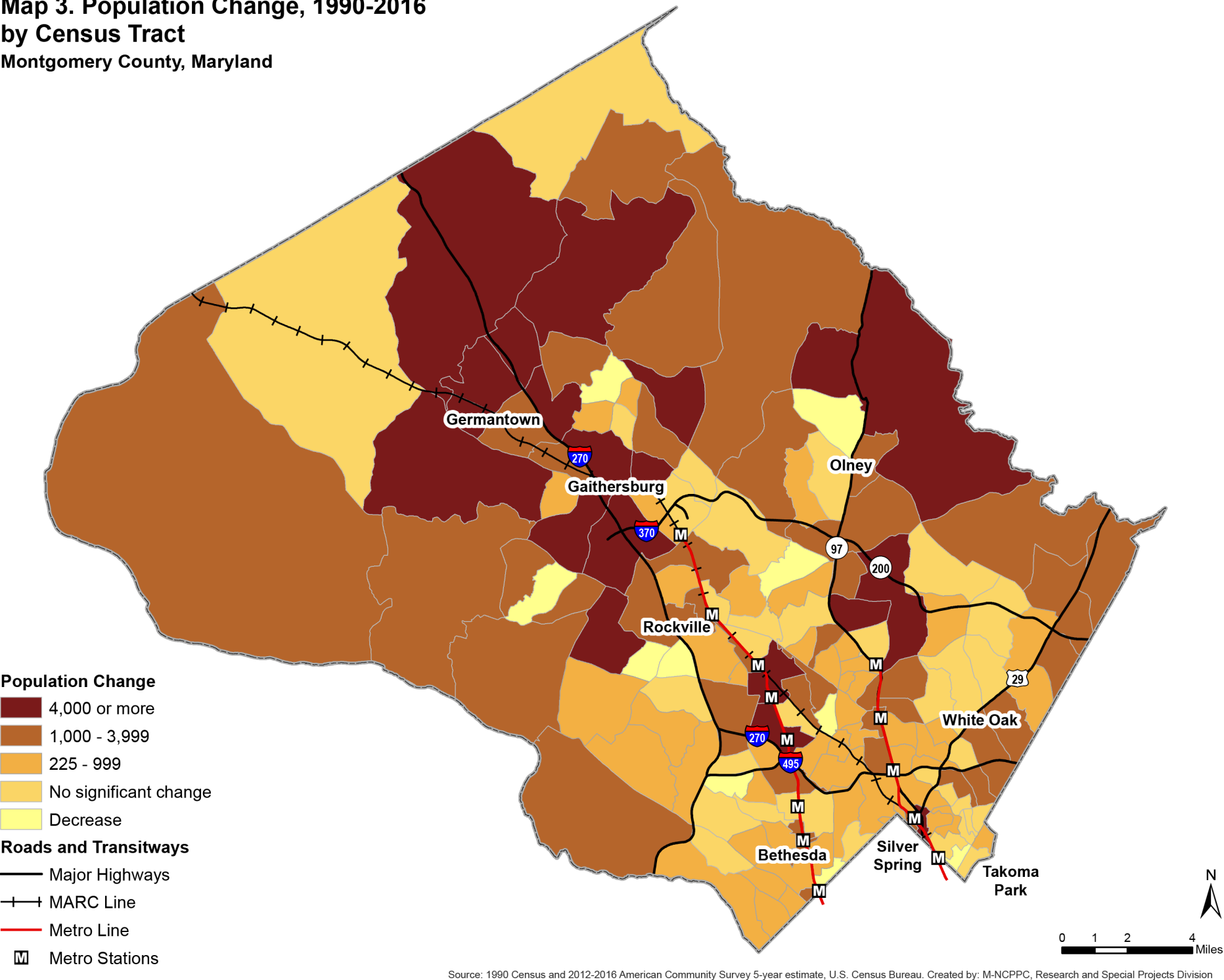


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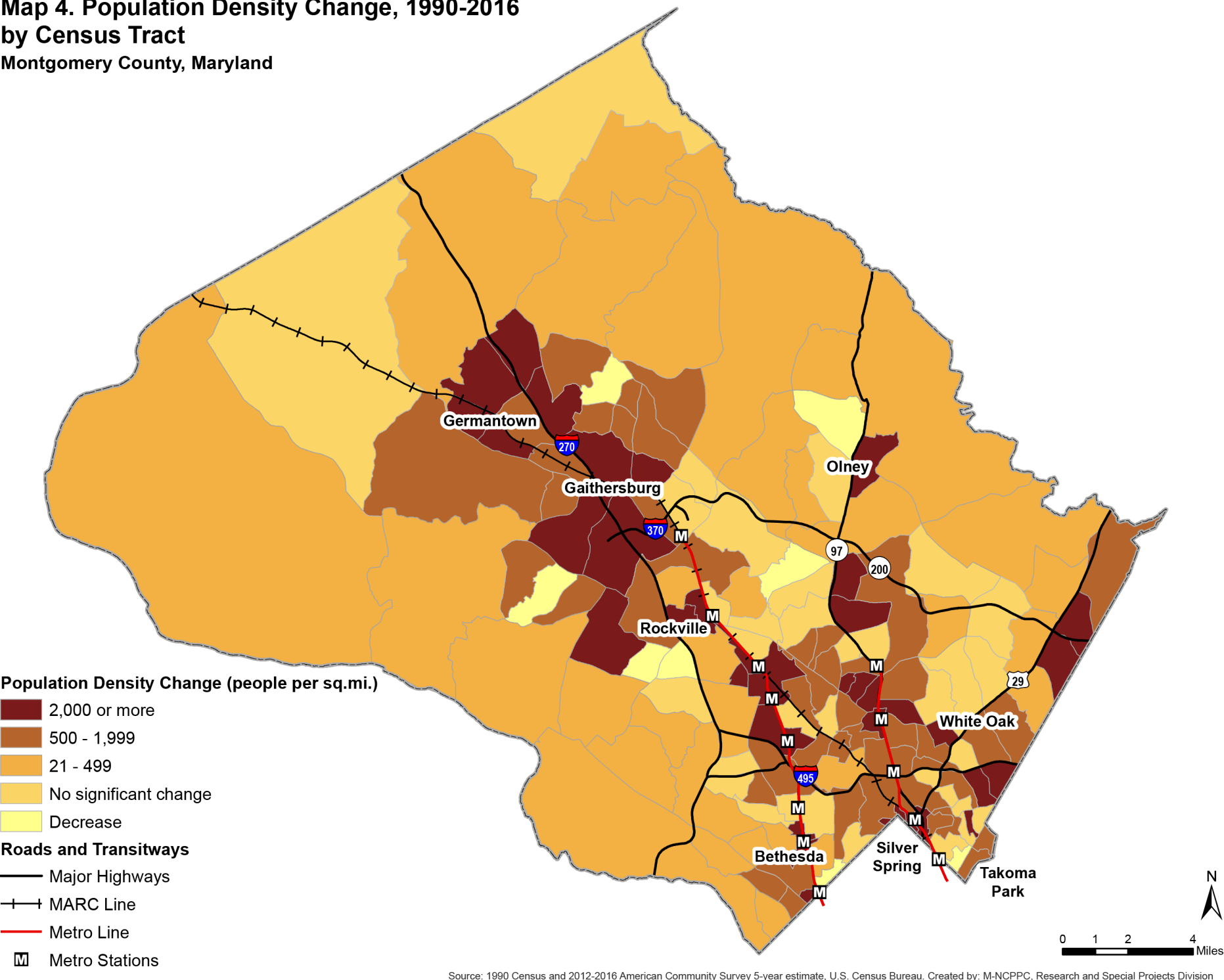
- Net addition of 90,000 people
- Average of 3,330 people per year
- International migration offsets typically net domestic out-migration

Location of Population Growth

Map 3. Population Change, 1990-2016
by Census Tract
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Map 4. Population Density Change, 1990-2016
by Census Tract
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More Diverse

- Increasing foreign-born population

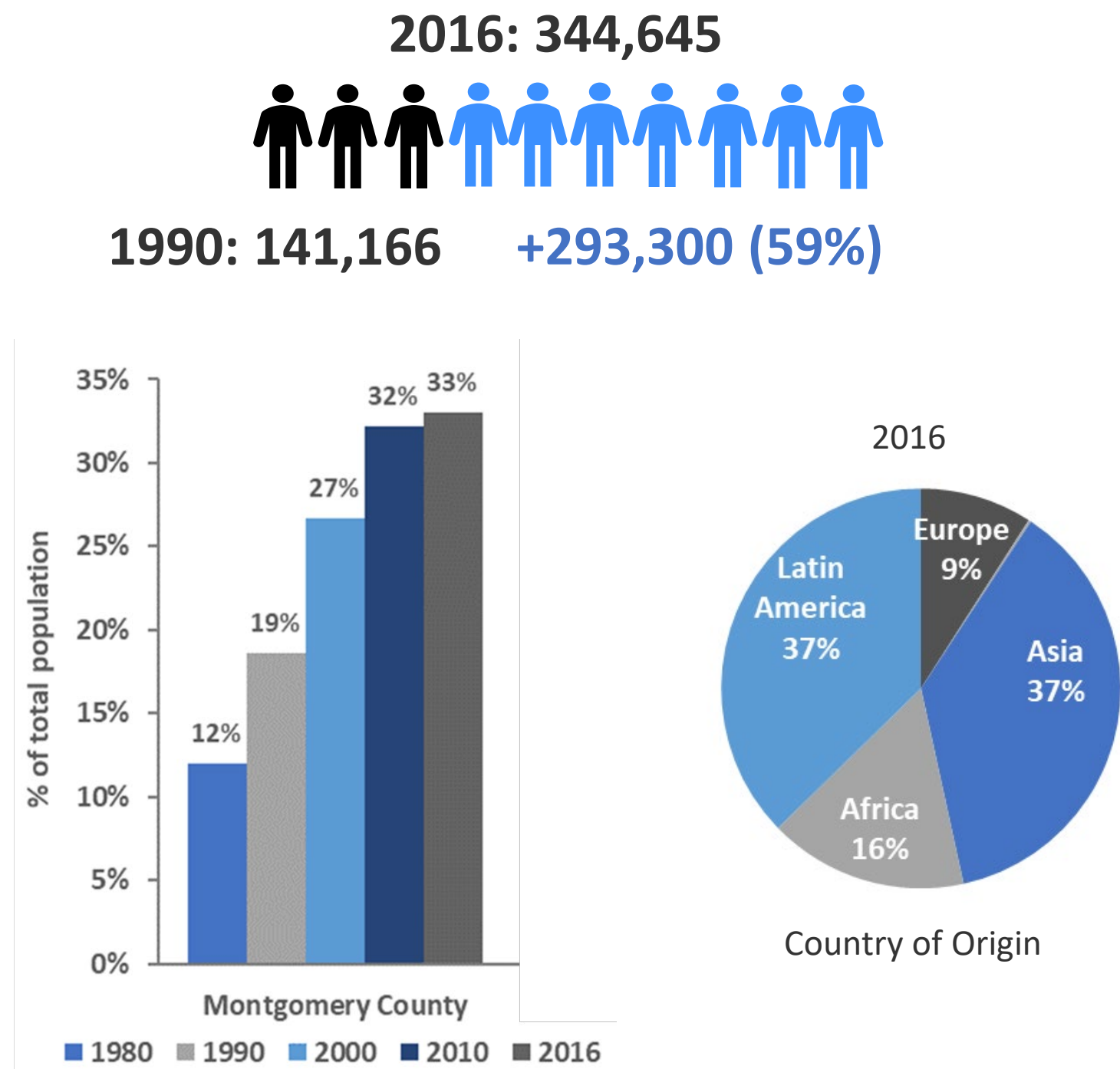


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- Greater racial & ethnic diversity

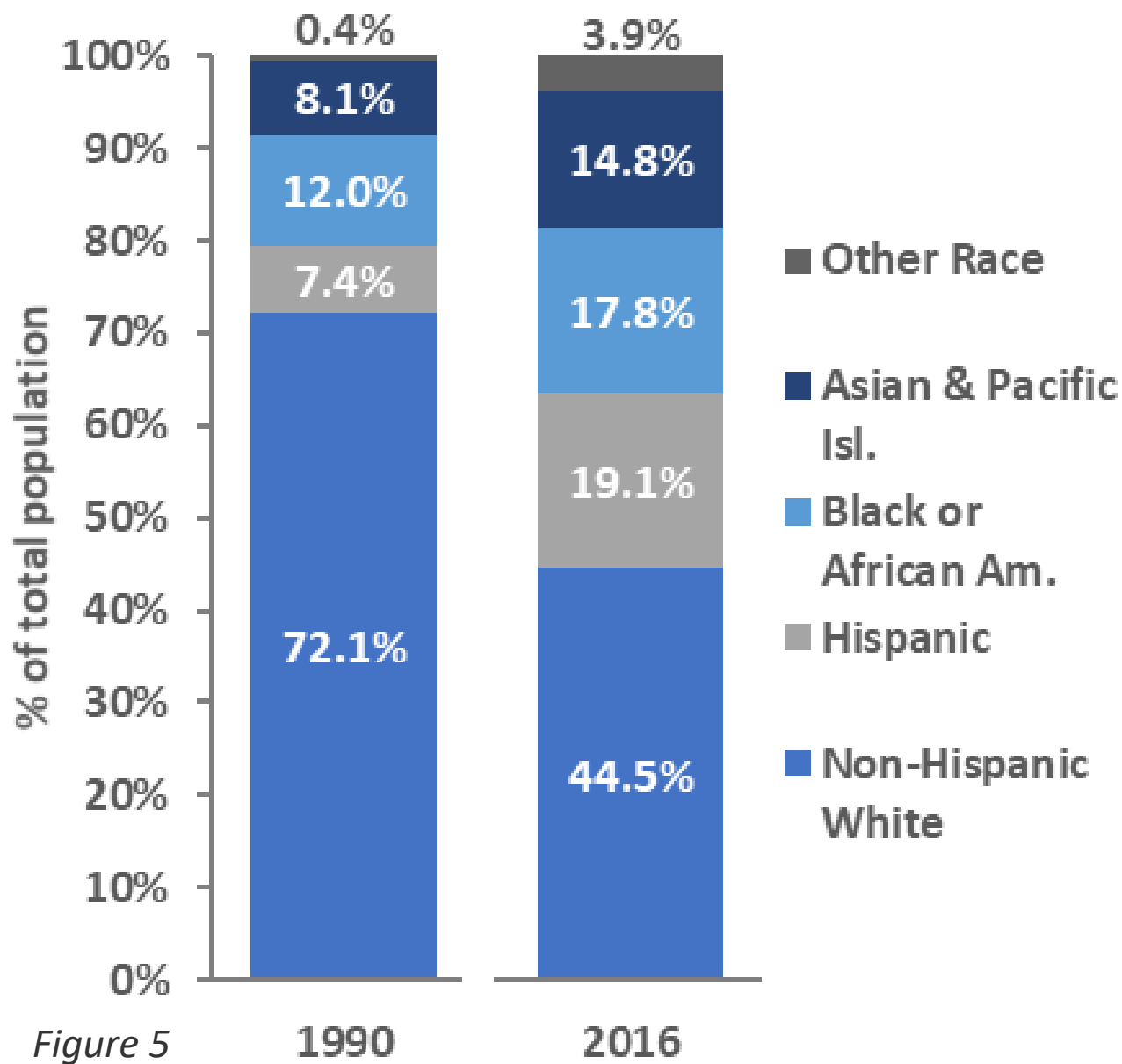
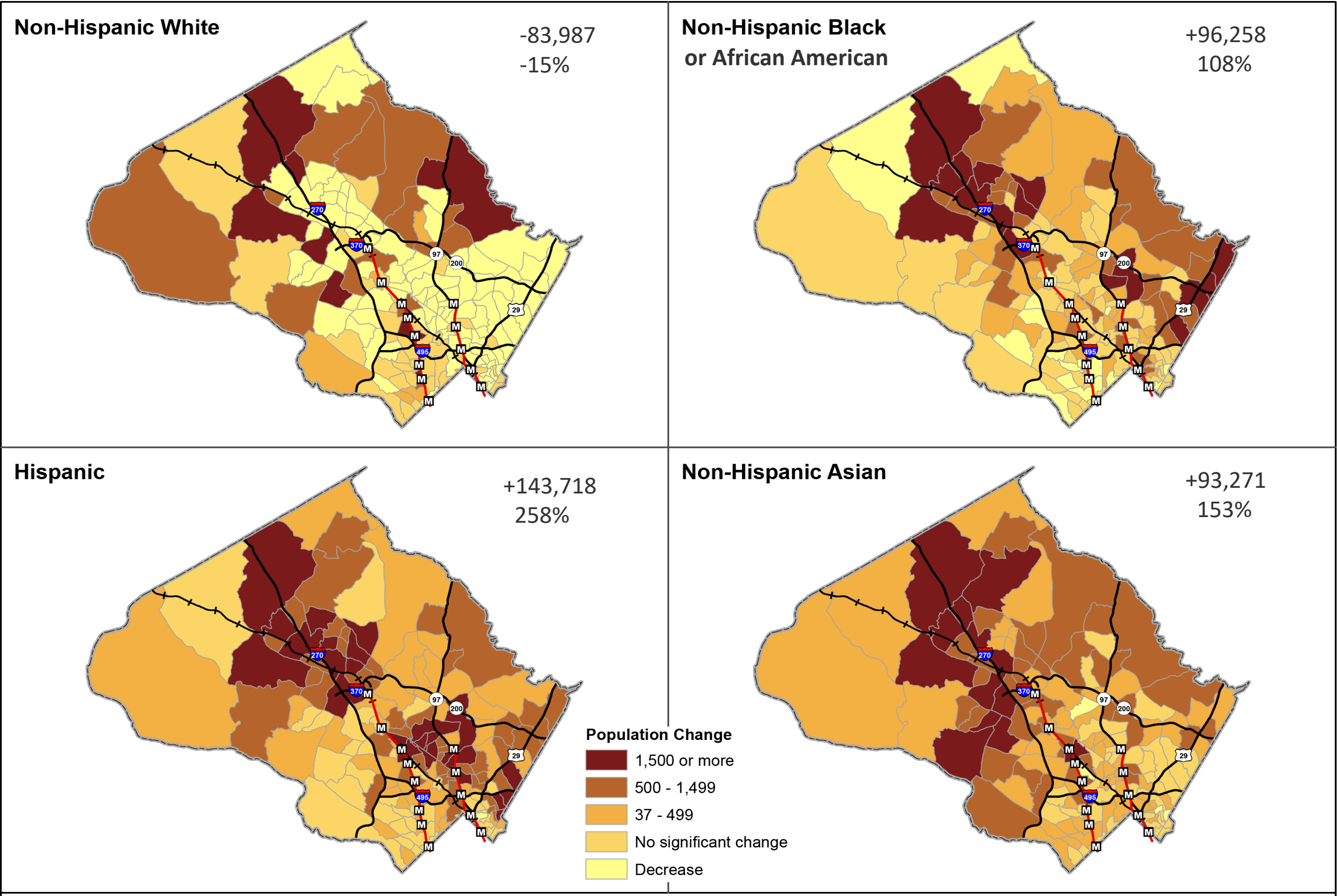


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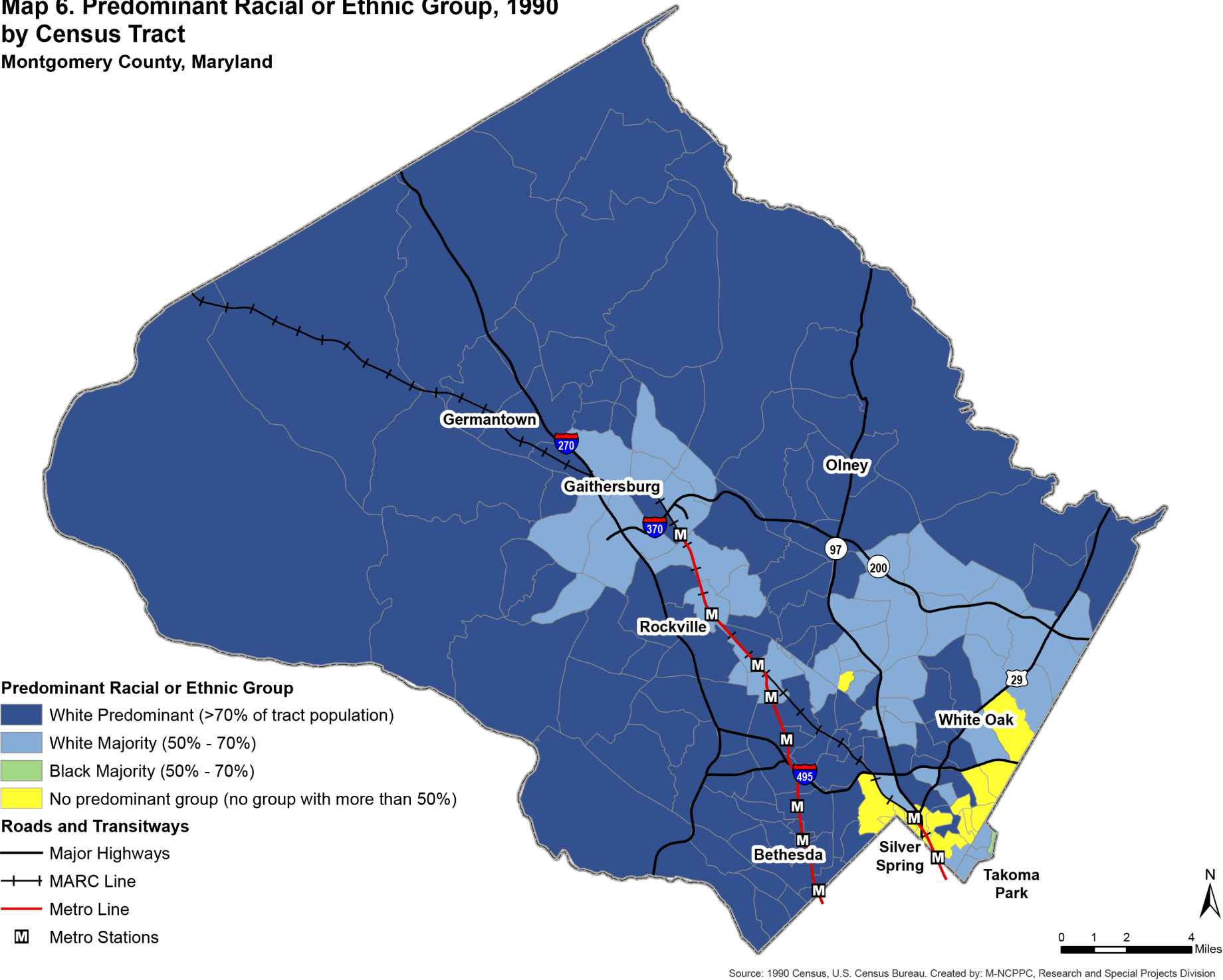
Location of Racial and Ethnic Changes from 1990 to 2016



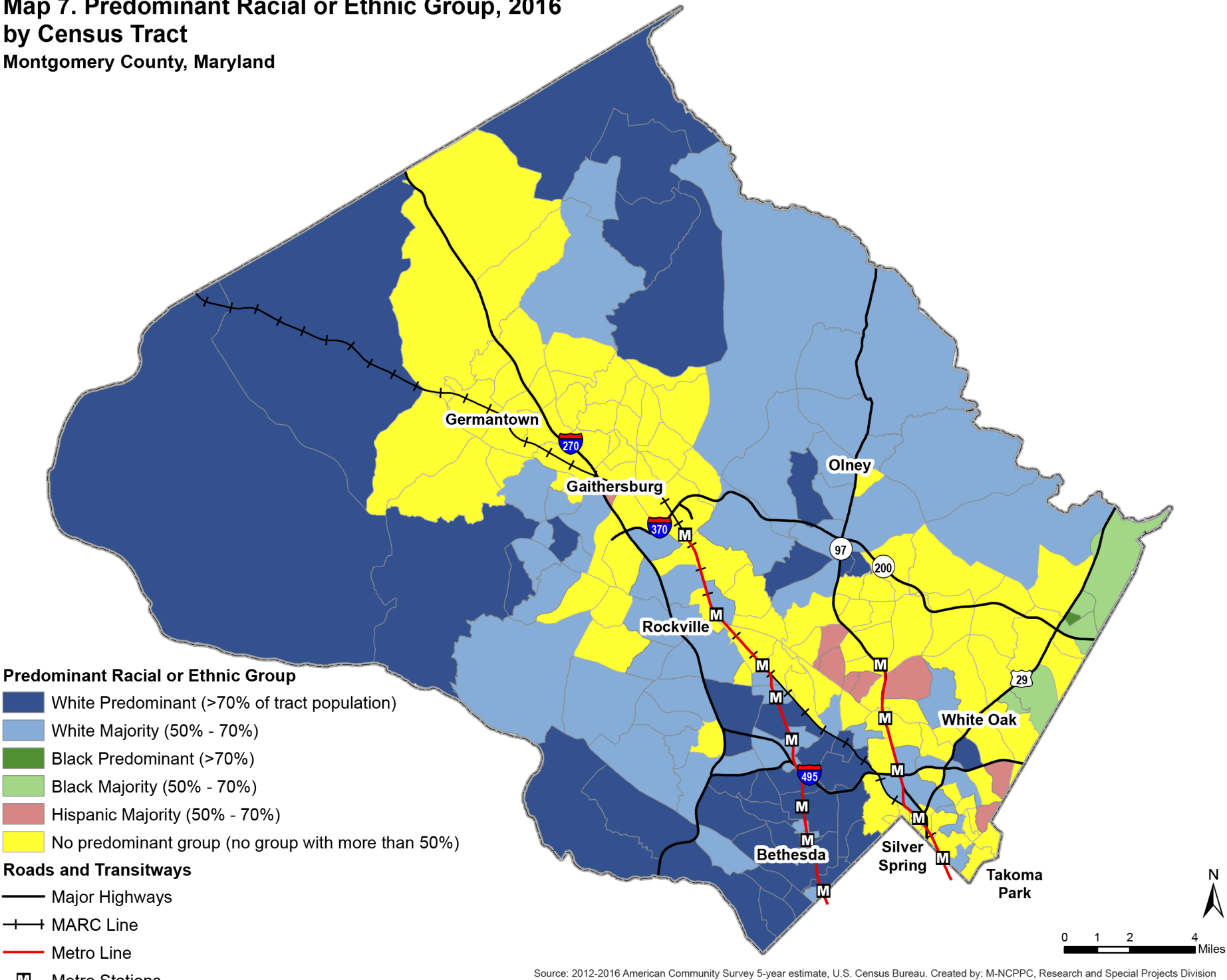
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Increasing Racial and Ethnic Diversity

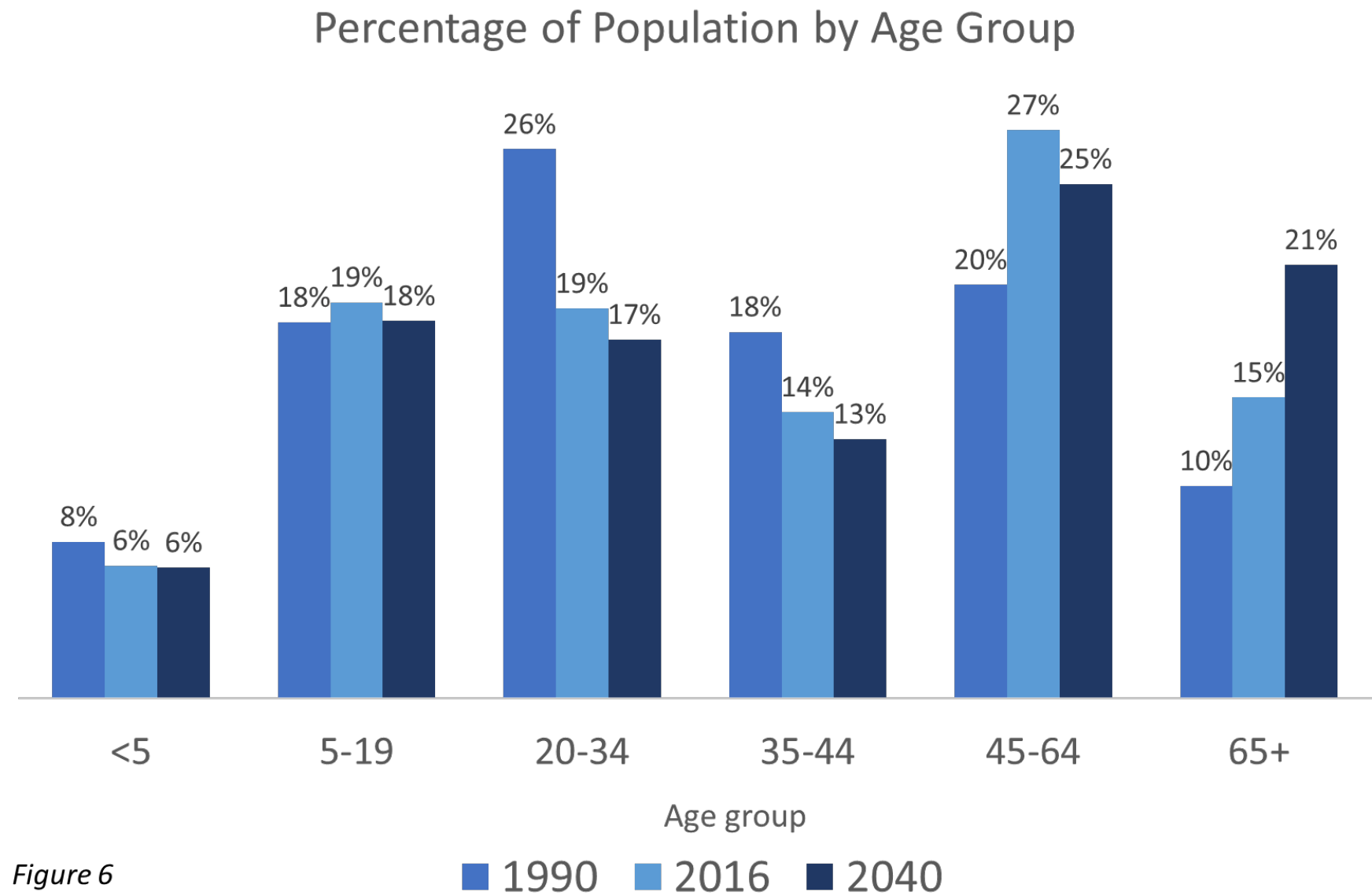
Map 6. Predominant Racial or Ethnic Group, 1990
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Map 7. Predominant Racial or Ethnic Group, 2016
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Increasingly Older Population



Aging baby boom generation:

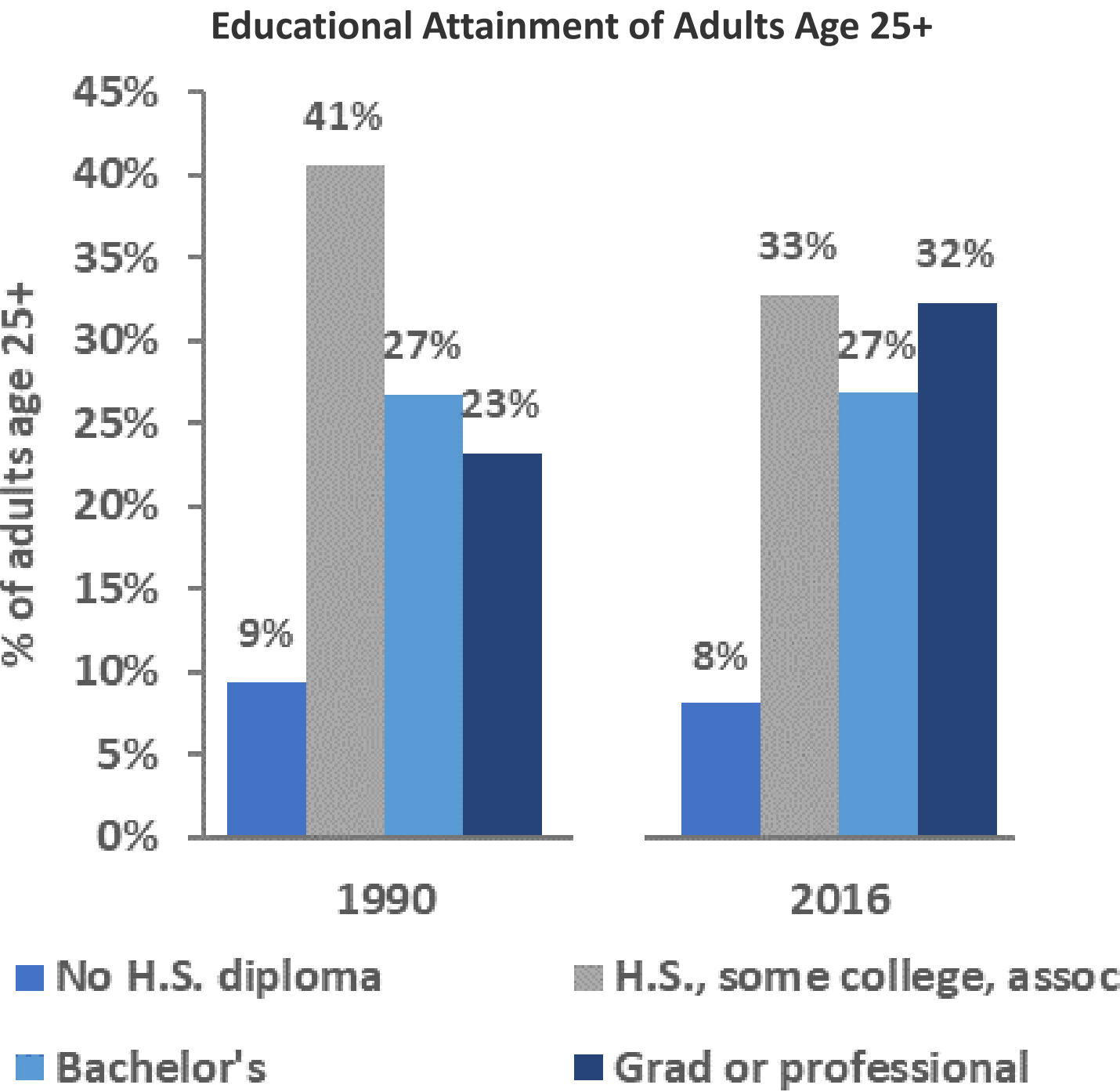
- 1990: ages 26 to 44
- 2016: ages 52 to 70
- Increased median age from 33.9 years in 1990 to 39 in 2016
- Forecasted to increase 65+ population from 14% in 2016 to 21% in 2040

19% of residents are young adults age 20 to 34 in 2016

23% of the population are children <18, in 2016



Gains in Educational Attainment



Highly educated adult residents:

- 59% have B.A. degrees compared to 50% in region
- Gains in graduate and professional degrees from 23% in 1990 to 32% in 2016
- Concentration of advanced degrees 5th in U.S.
- High levels of educational attainment correlated with management, business and science jobs and high median income households

Figure 11

Household Income Lost Ground after Peaking in 2007

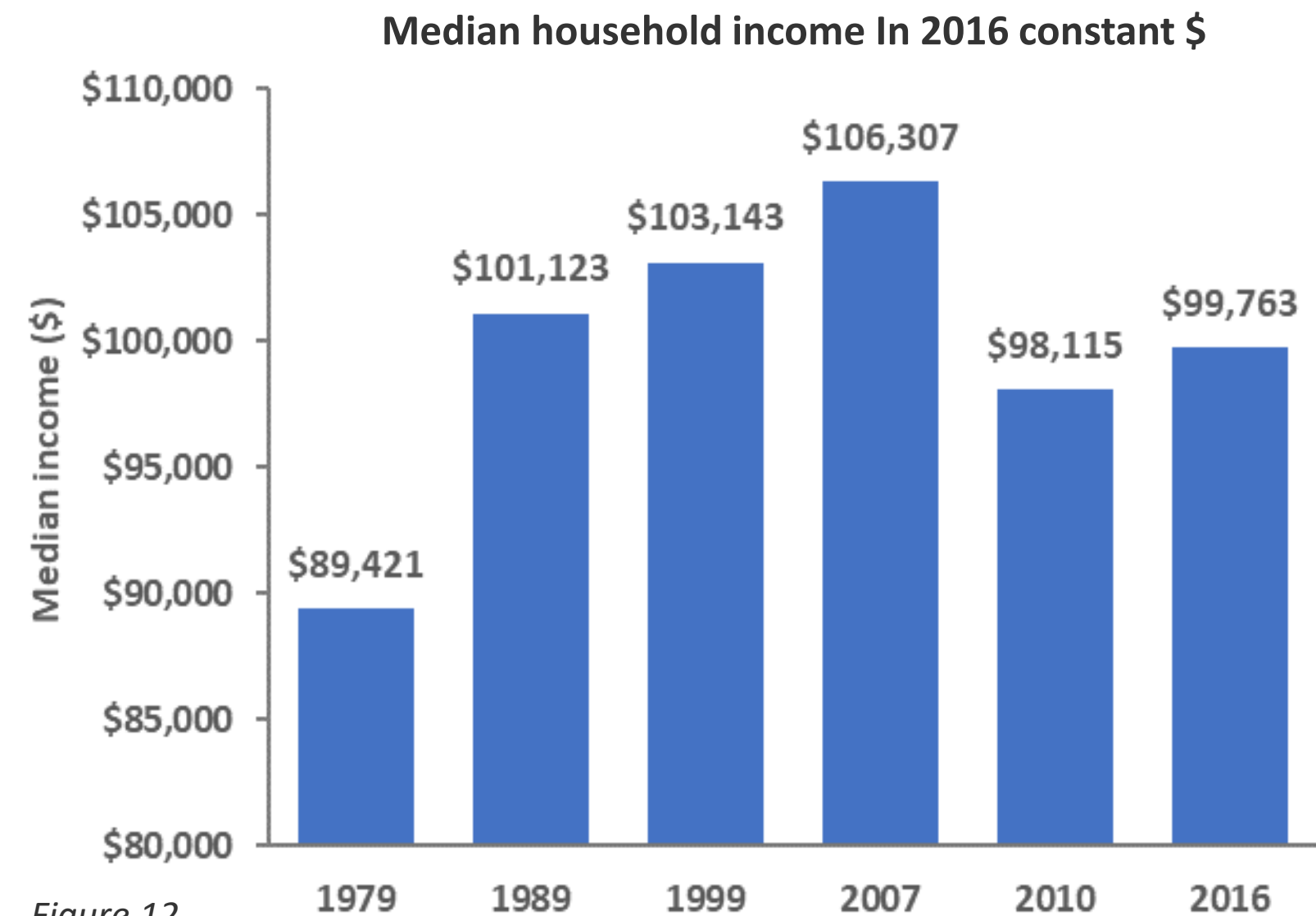


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2016 median income ranks 17th among counties across the nation

1989 and 2016 median household incomes are within the margin or error

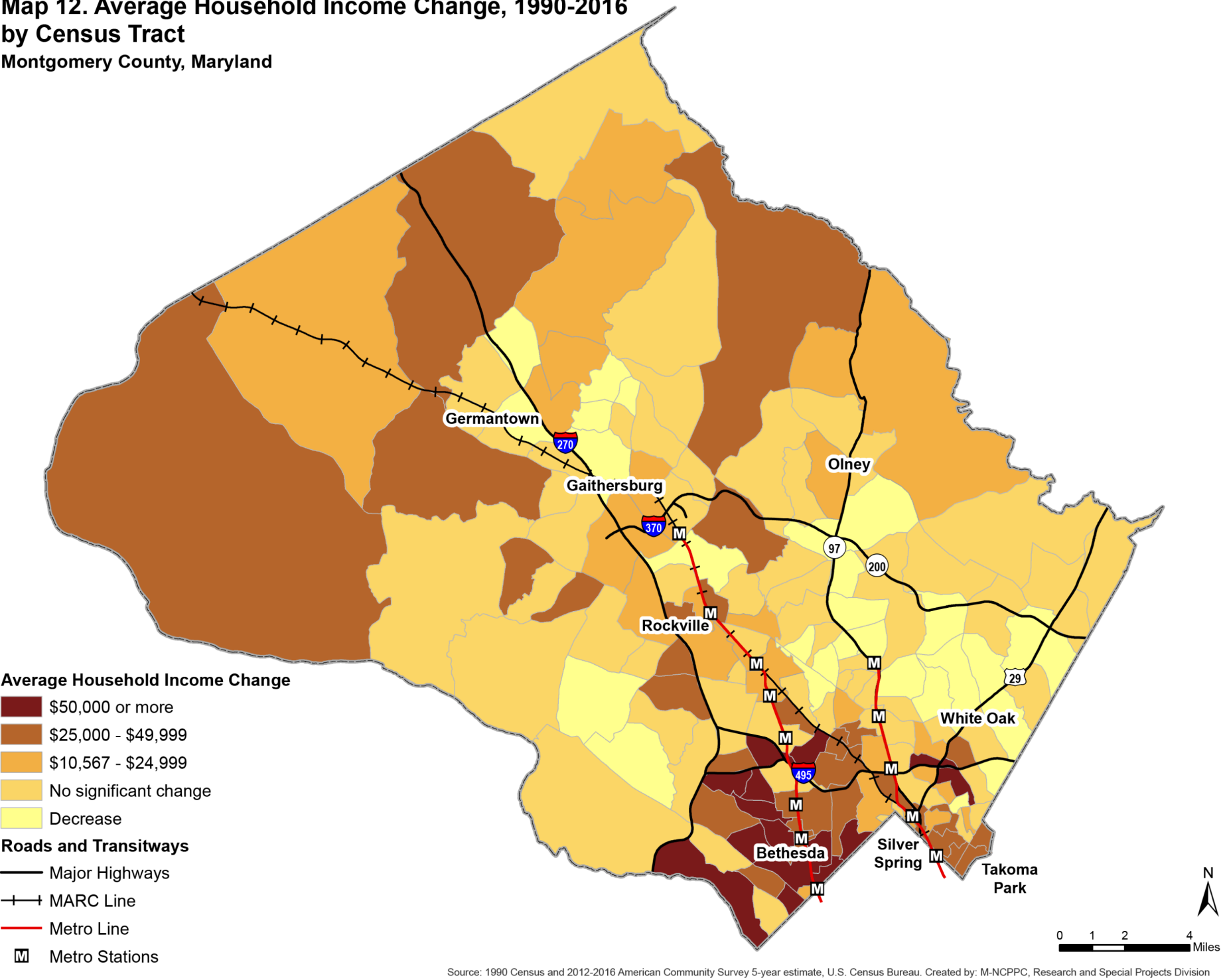
Median household income has not regained lost income after peaking before the 2007-2009 recession

Incomes in Howard, Fairfax, and Alexandria are also down 4-6% since 2007

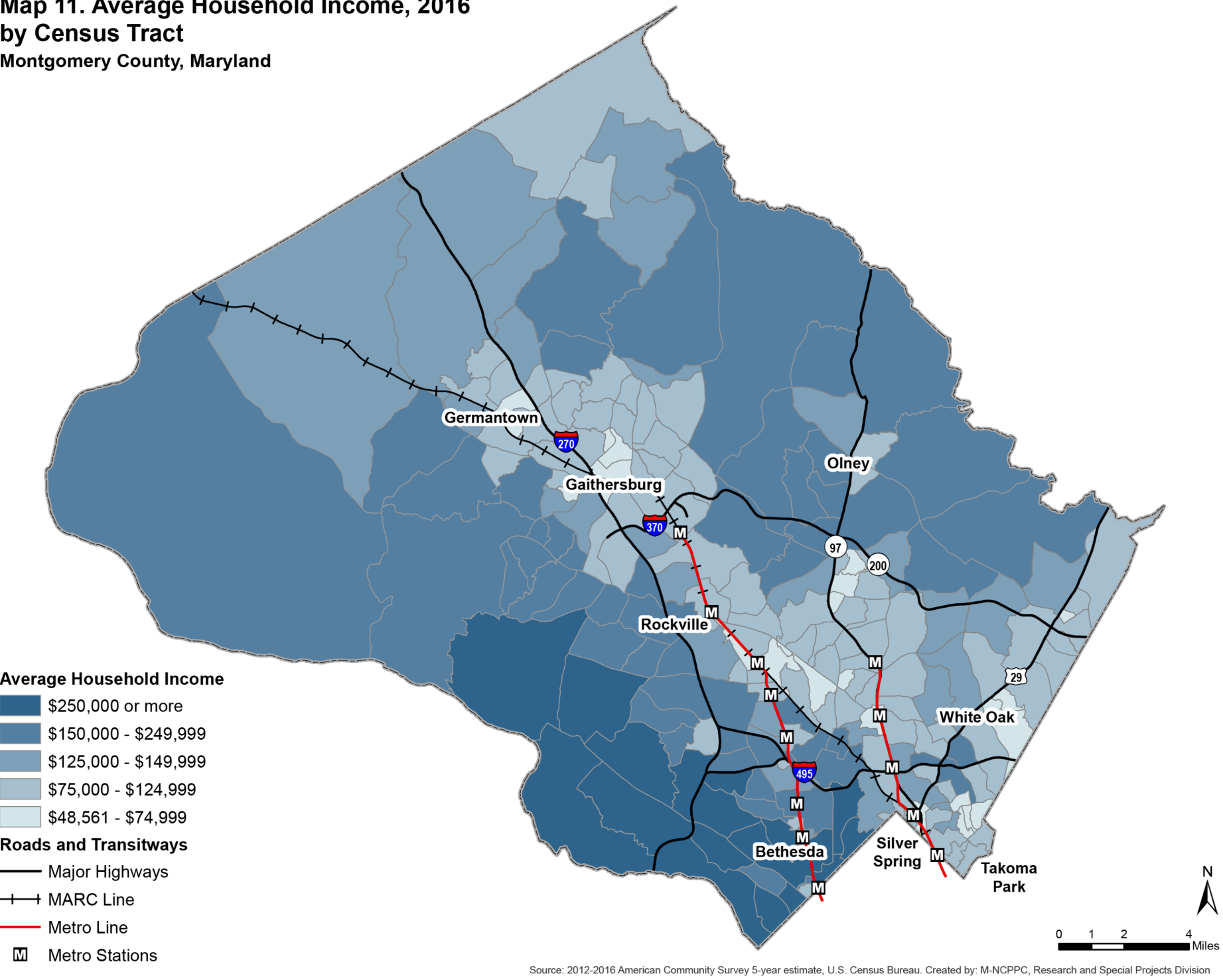


Change in Household Income

Map 12. Average Household Income Change, 1990-2016
by Census Tract
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Map 11. Average Household Income, 2016
by Census Tract
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Types of Households Stabilize after 1990

Since 1990, married-couples with children < 18 are less common than:

- Married-couples with NO children < 18
- Non-family households

Non-family households are the most common household type since 2000.

Wider variety of household types since 1960, but distribution relatively stable since 1990

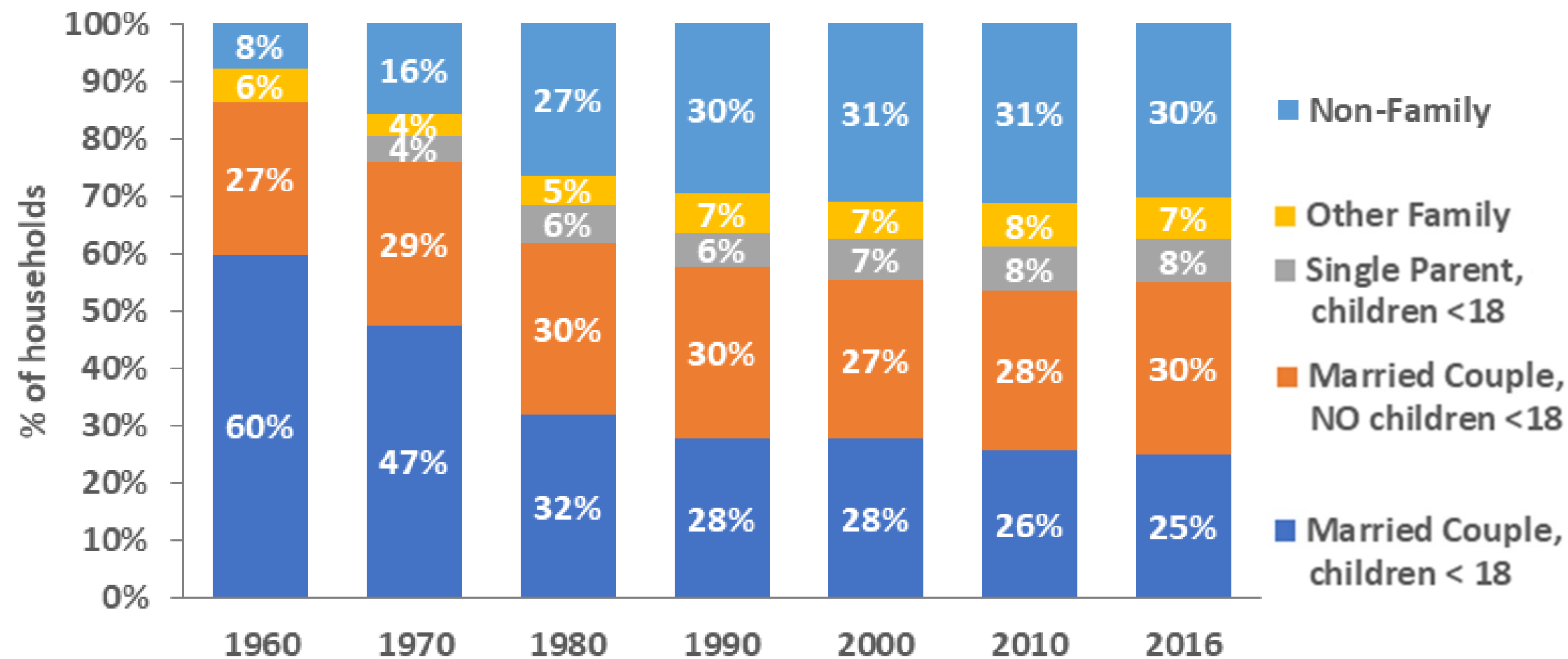


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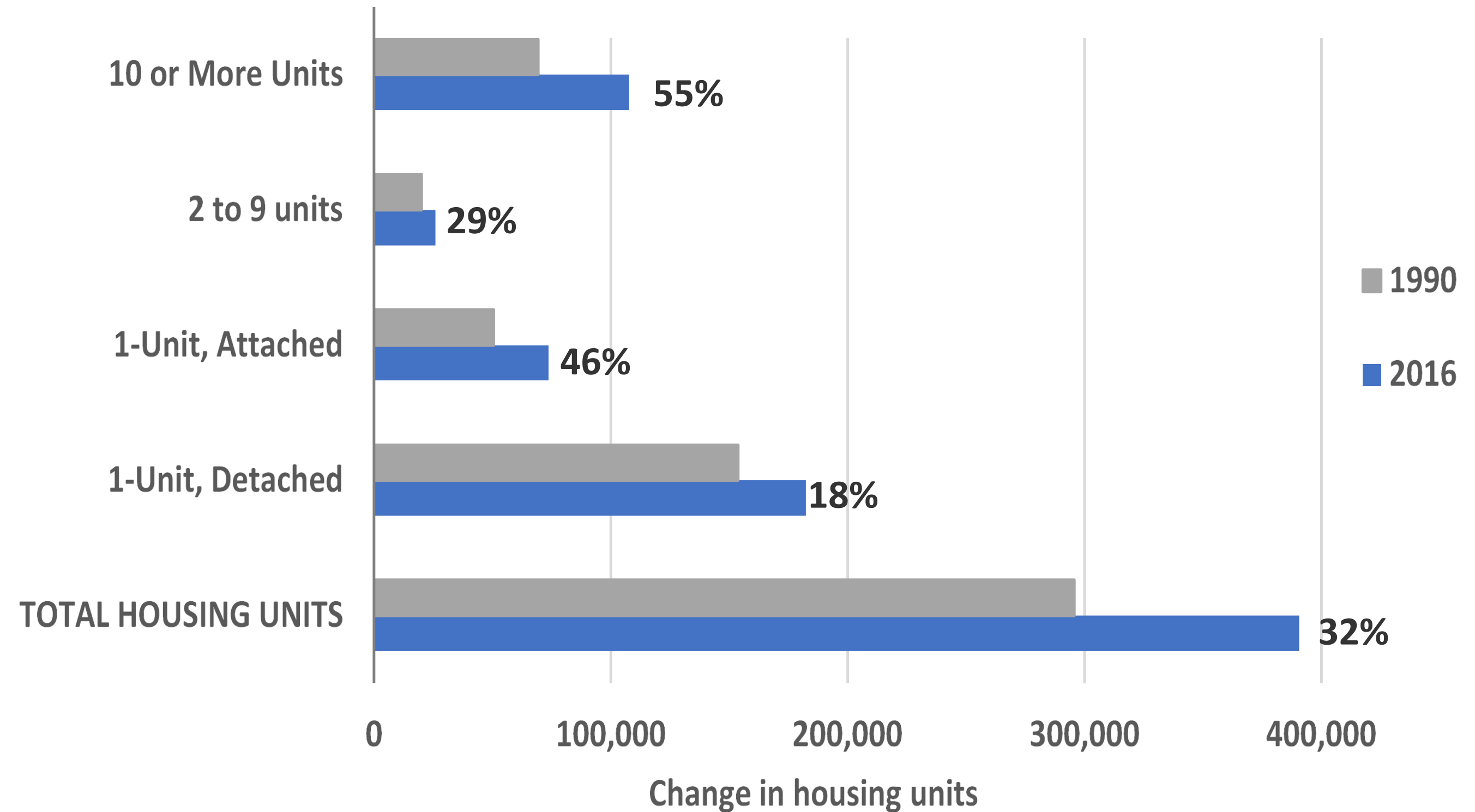
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Housing Unit Growth by Type

- **32% in Overall Growth**
- **Growth Slowing**
- **Large, multi-family buildings grew the fastest**

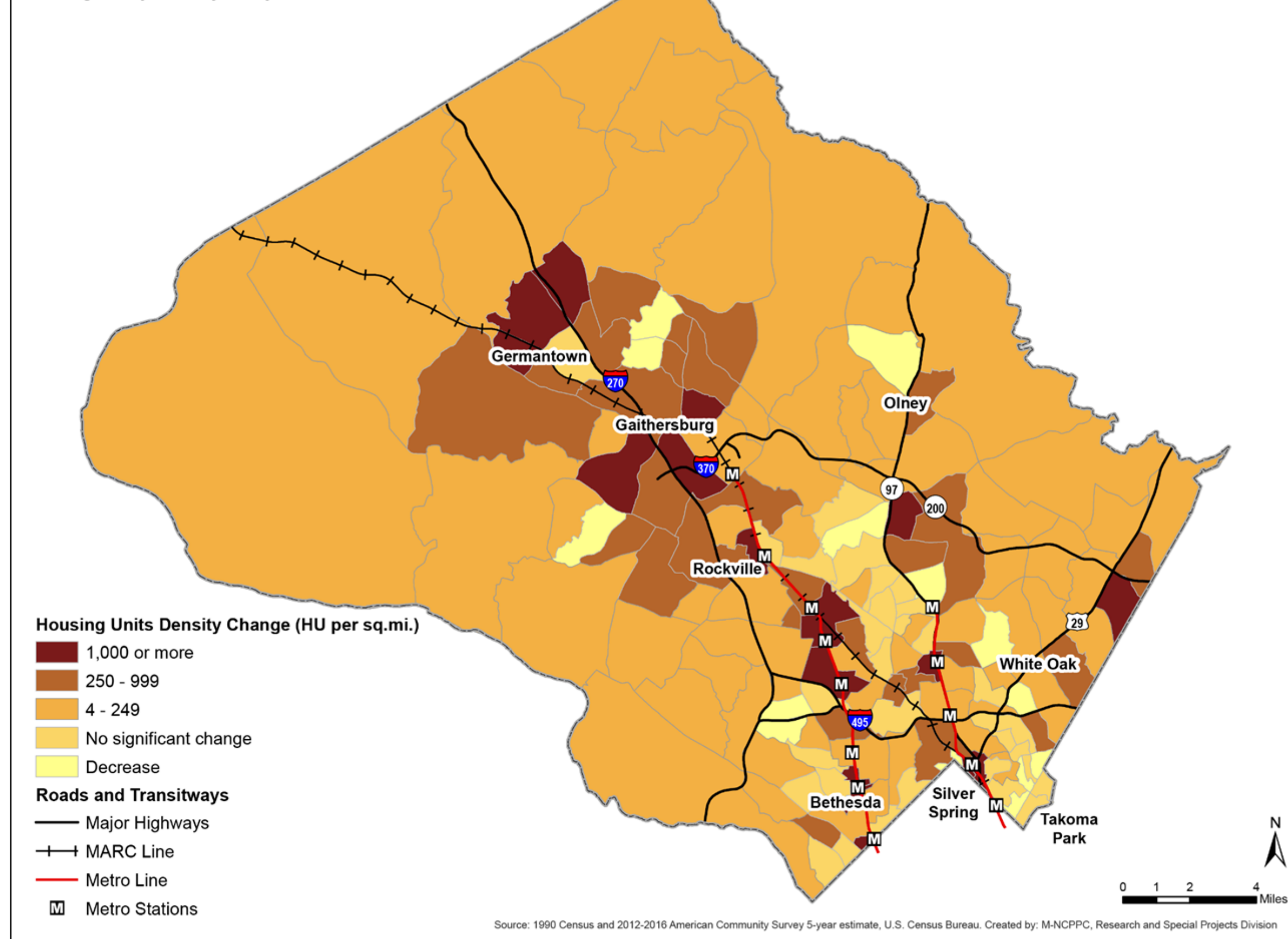


Sources: 1990 U.S. Census; 2016 American Community Survey, 1-year estimate, U.S. Census Bureau.

Housing Unit Change in Density Since 1990

Most growth seen
along Metro lines and
major transportation
corridors

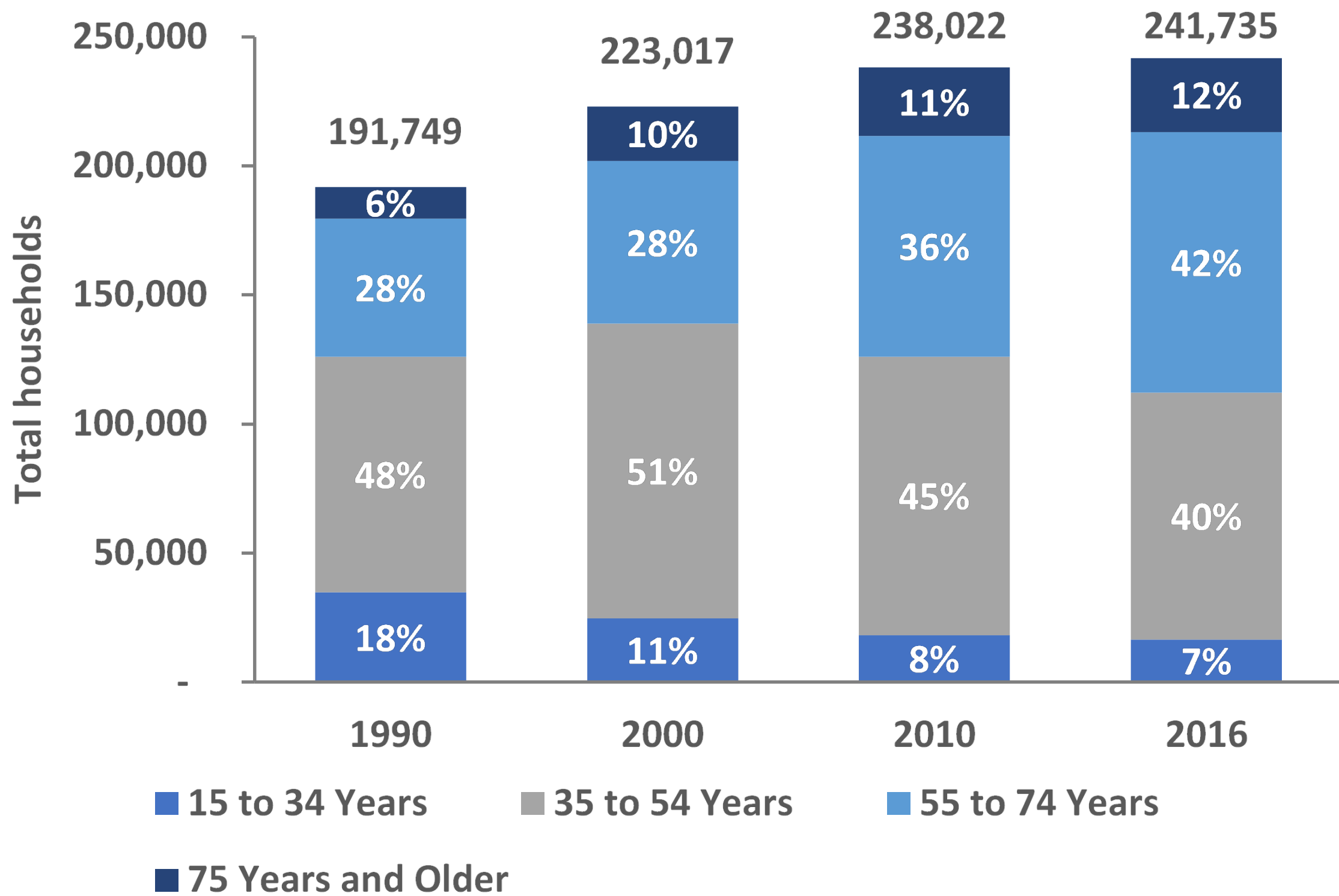
Map 16. Housing Units Density Change, 1990-2016
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Age of Homeowners

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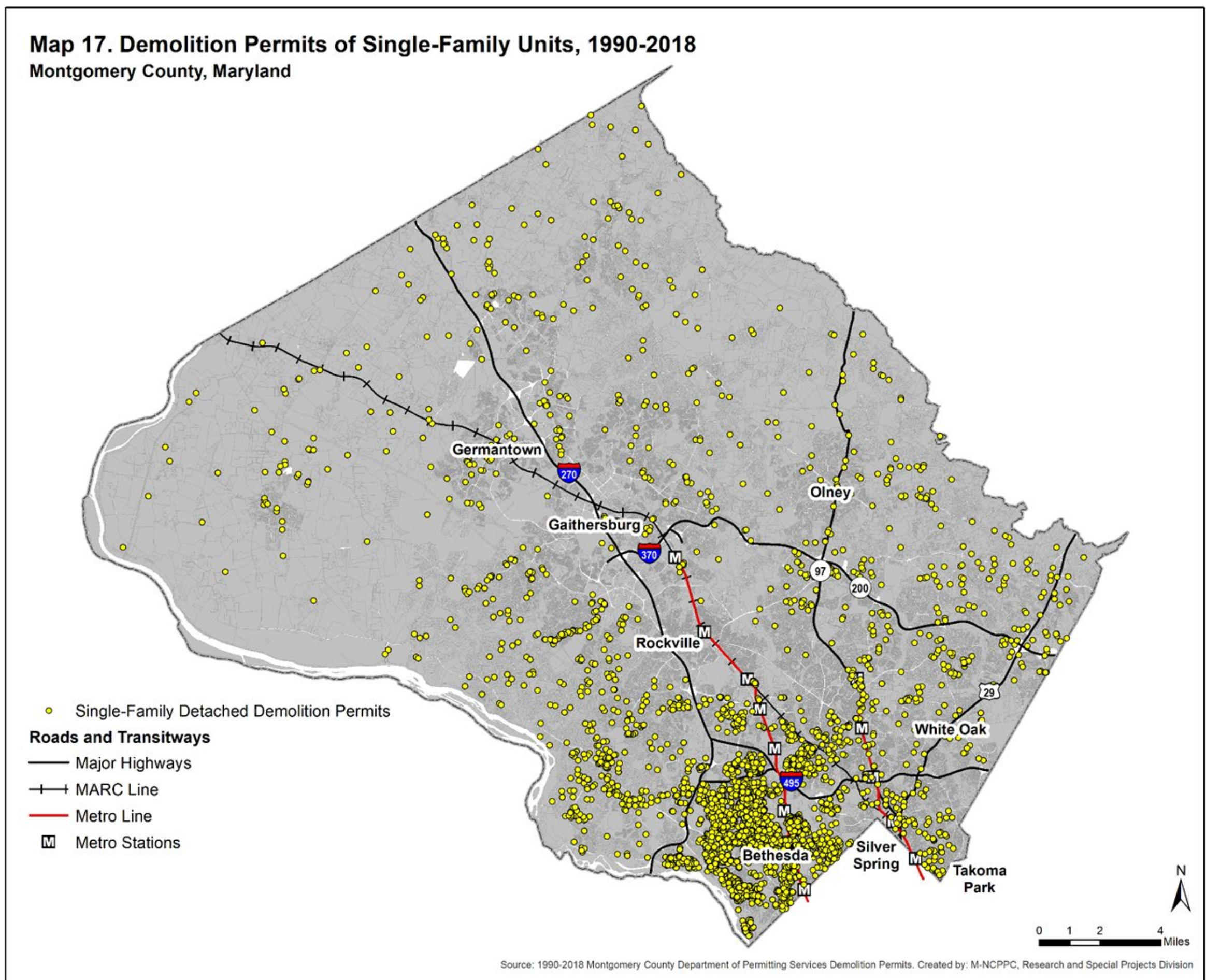
- Increase in 55+ homeowners
- Decrease in the number of younger homeowners
- Demand shifts
 - Population changes
 - Affordability
 - Product diversity



Source: 1990-2010 Census, 2016 American Community Survey, 1-year estimate U.S. Census Bureau.

Housing Demolitions

- 4,400 demolition permits issued for single-family homes since 1990
- 150 tear-downs per year, on average
- Mostly in Bethesda
- 6 multi-family buildings were torn down or redeveloped since 1990
 - 756 units were demolished
 - 1,784 units added
 - 1,028 units yielded from redevelopment

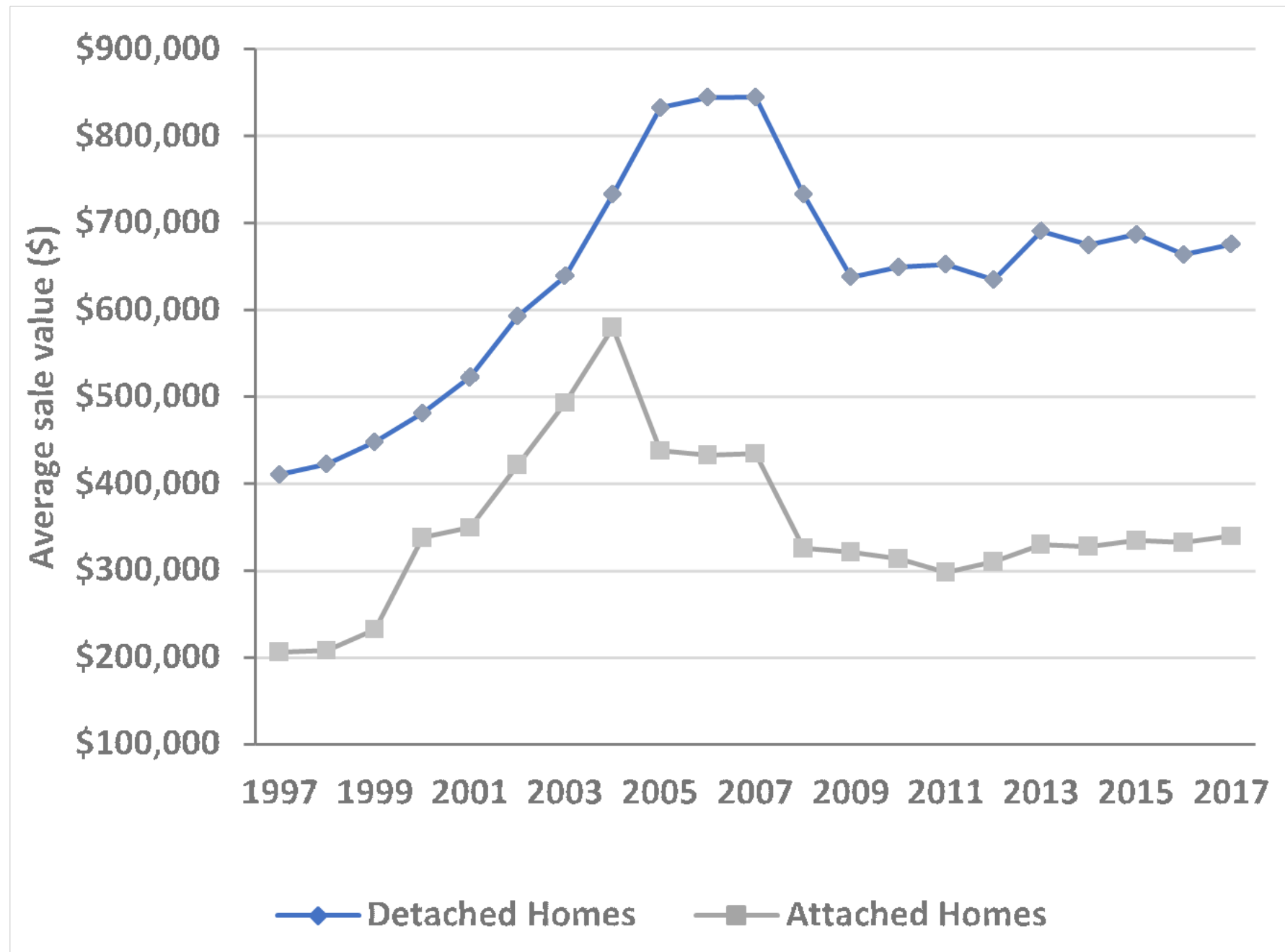


Housing Market: Sales & Rentals

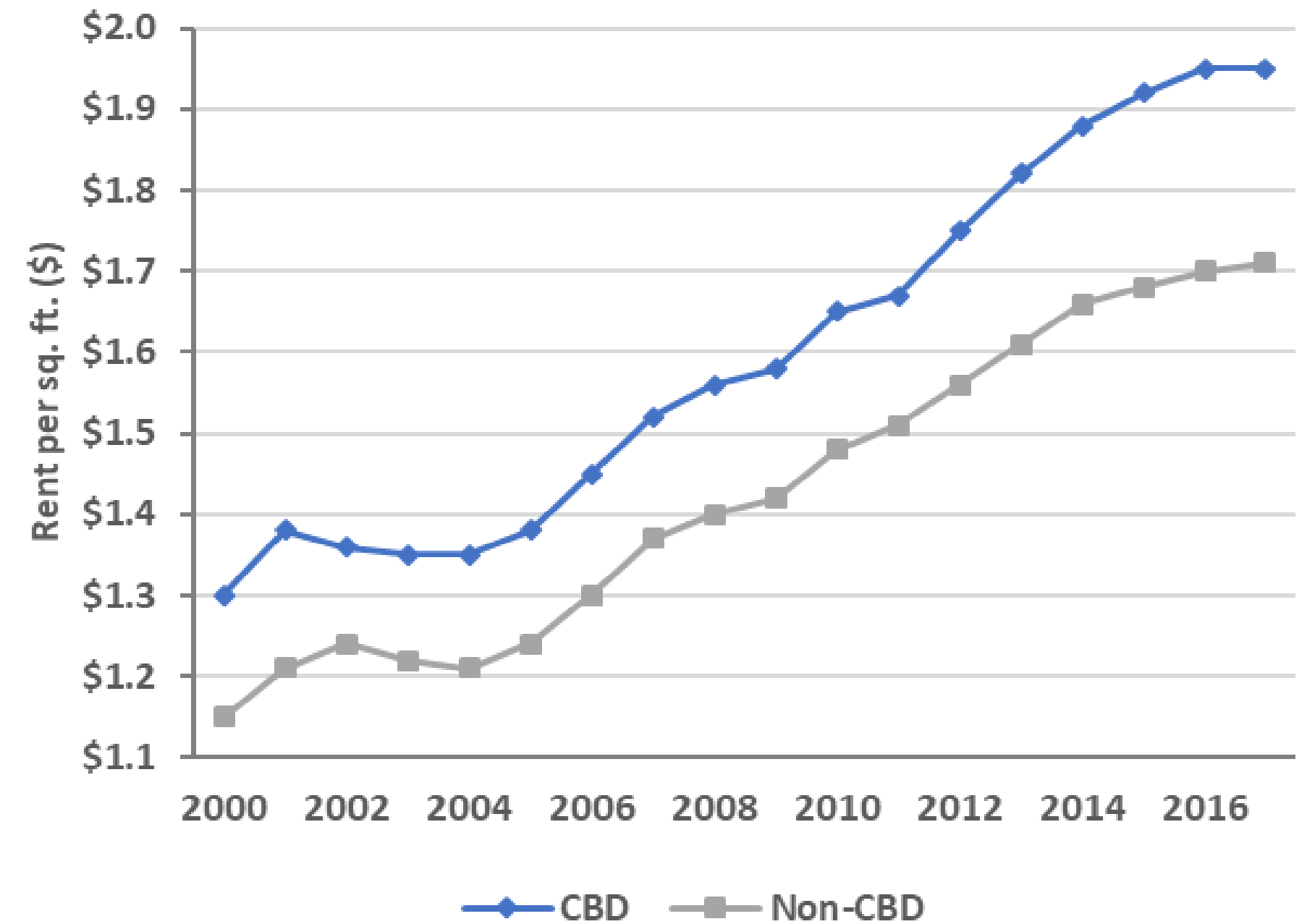
(adj. for inflation)

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Change in Average Sale Value



Change in Average Rent per sq. ft.

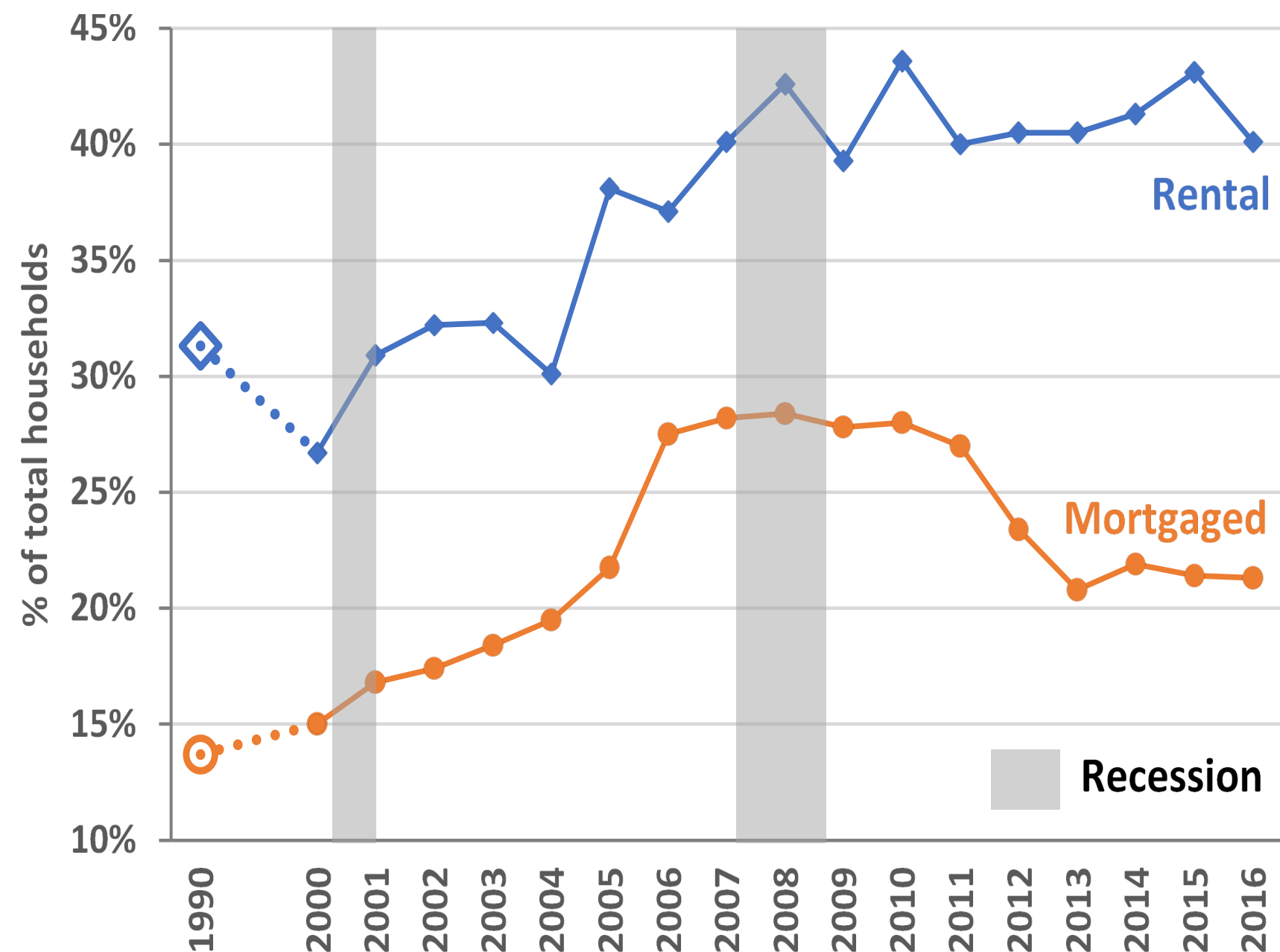


Affordability & Demand Factors

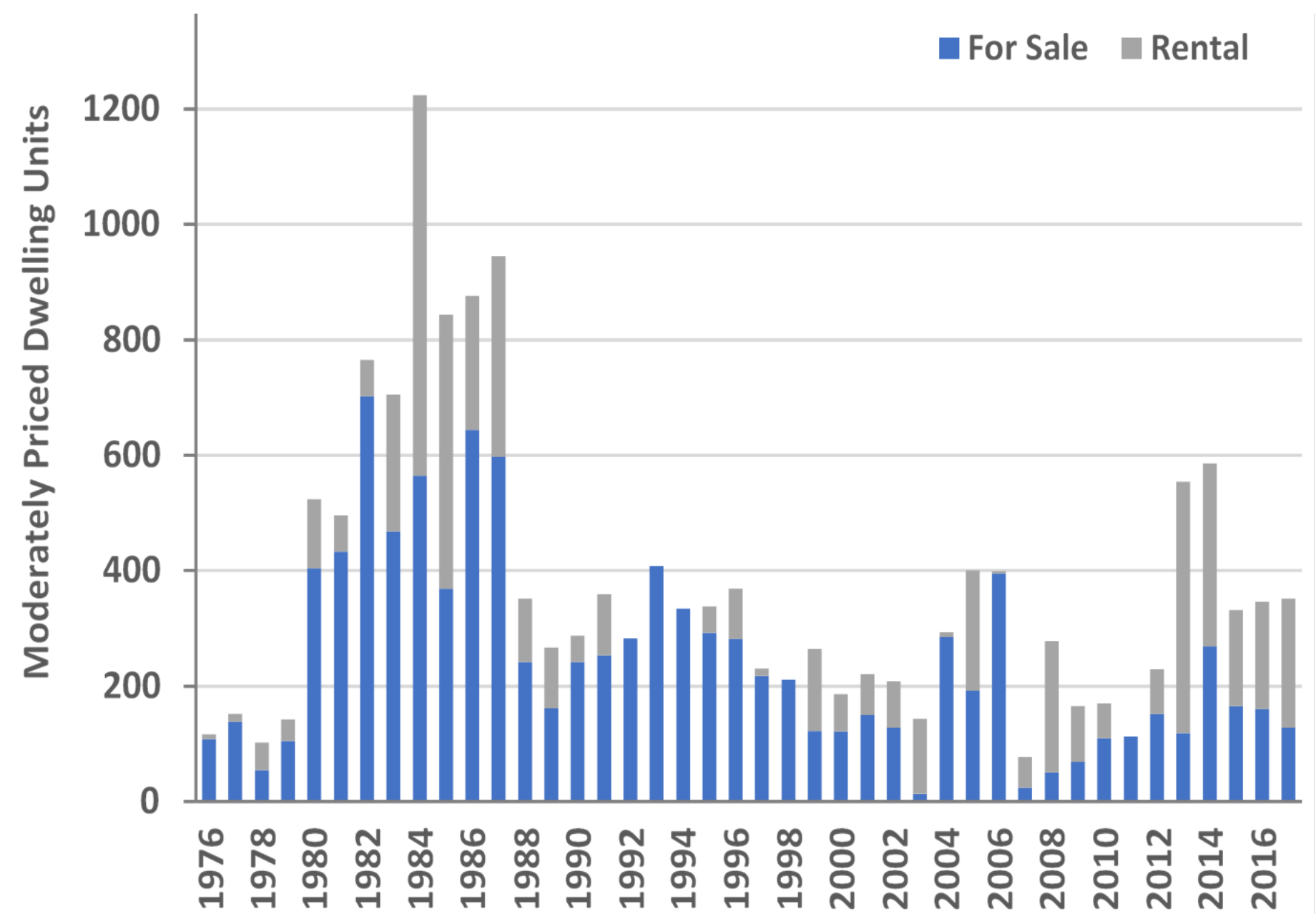
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Change in Cost Burden Over Time



Change in Number of MPDUs Over Time



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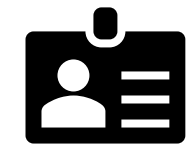
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A large workforce lives here



Nearly 600,000 in 2016 – 2nd largest regionally – grew 31%



Most (**60%**) work **inside the county**



They (still) primarily **drive to work**

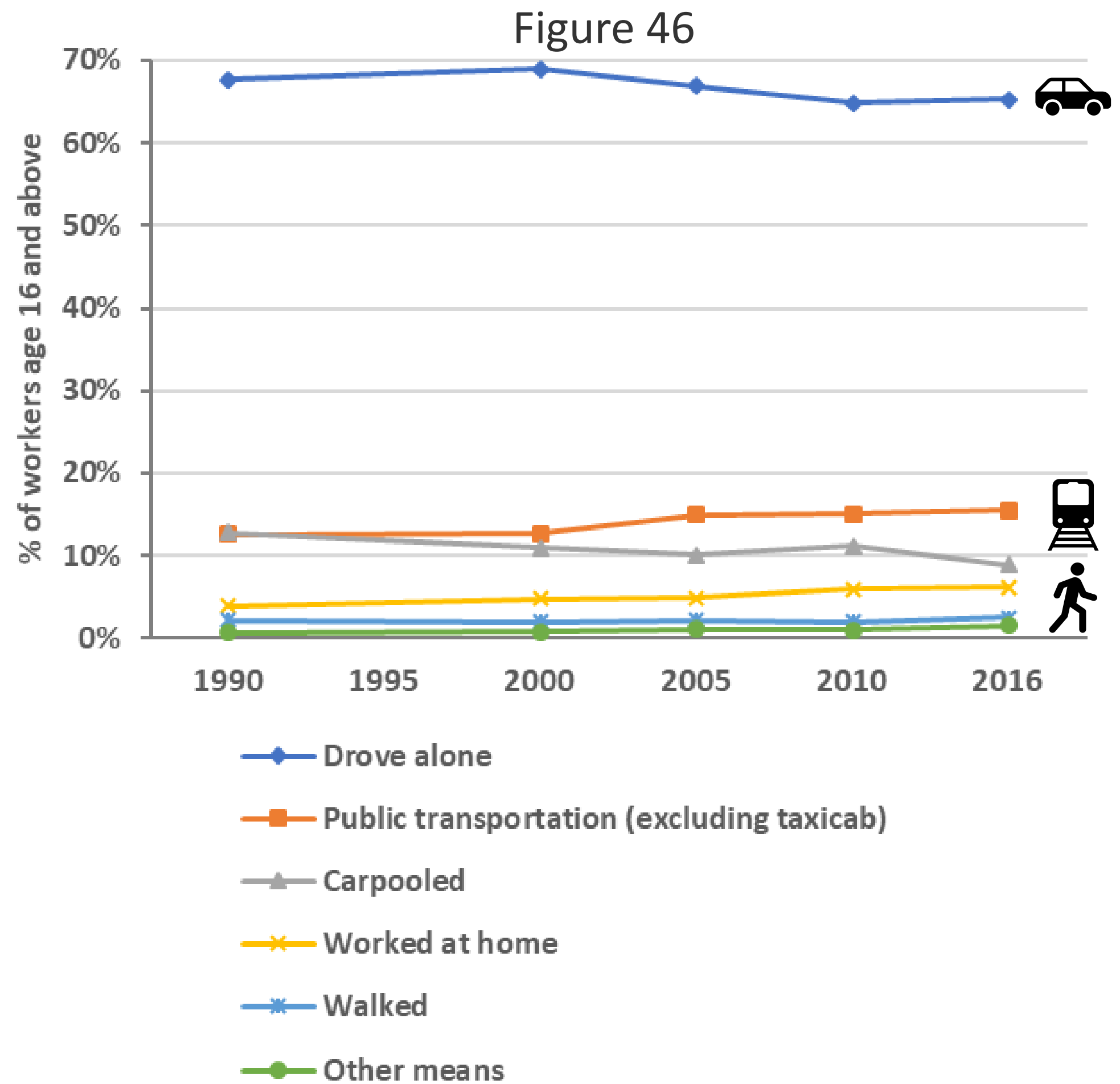


They commute **6 min longer** on average



Aging residents remain in the workforce

Commuters
who live here
primarily drive
to work



Split of public/private workers has been stable



68-73% private sector



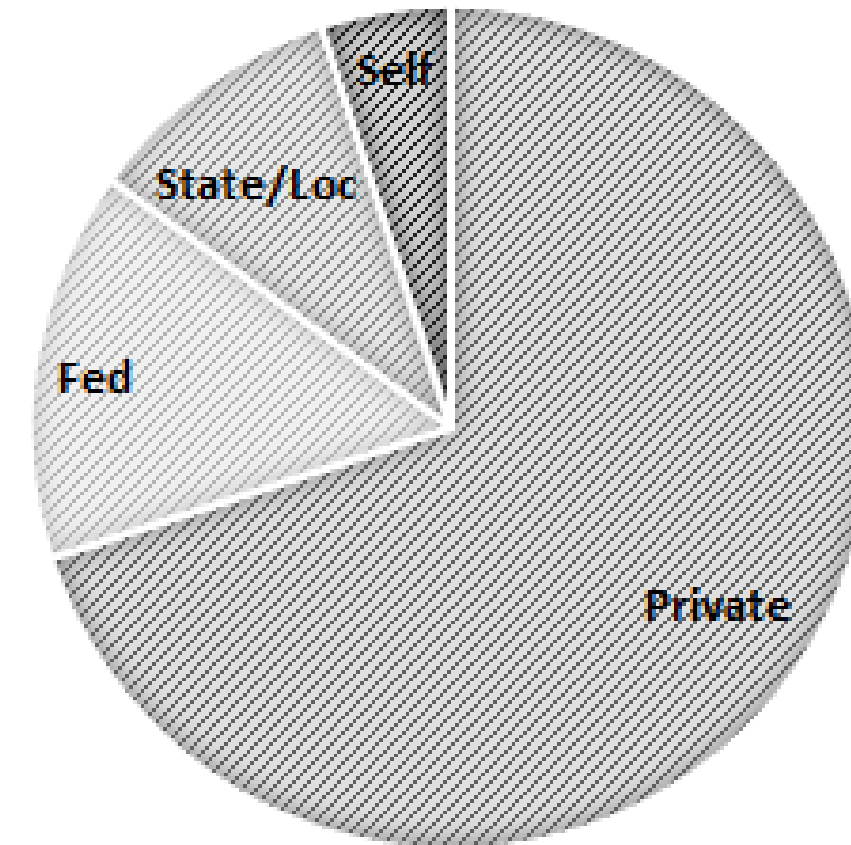
13-15% federal government



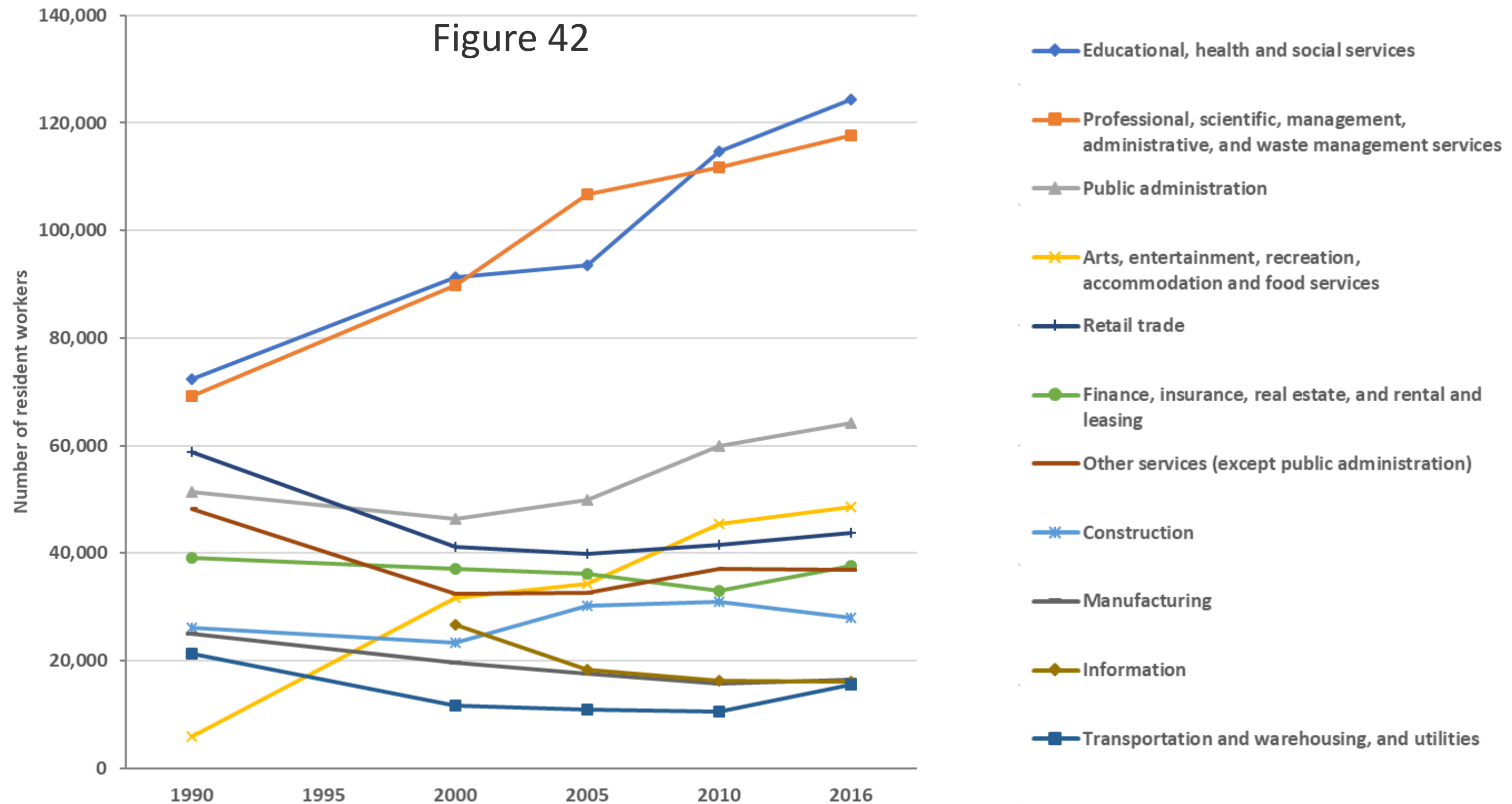
8% state/local government



6-7% self-employed

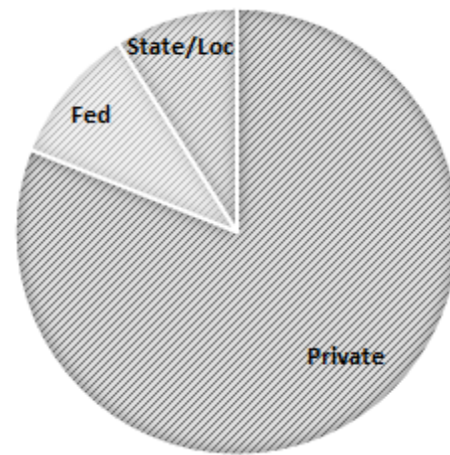


2 top industries employ 40% of residents



Jobs located in the county have:

Remained constant by sector breakdown



81% private sector

10% federal government

9% local government

Been concentrated in 2 industries

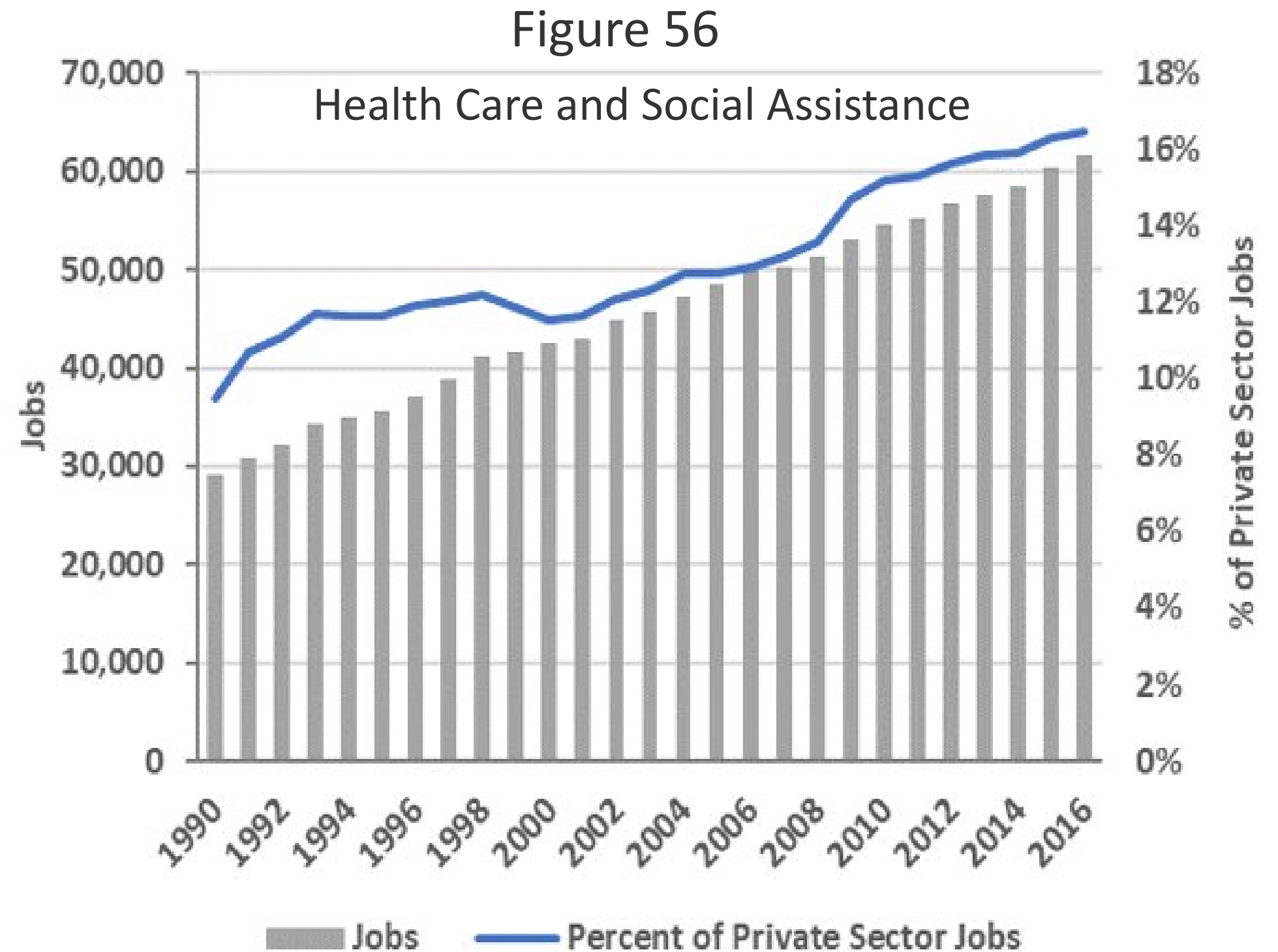


Professional, scientific and technical services (the largest at 65,000)



Health care and social assistance (grew the fastest at 111%)

Health care
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assistance
growth outpaced
other industries



Retail and construction jobs are declining

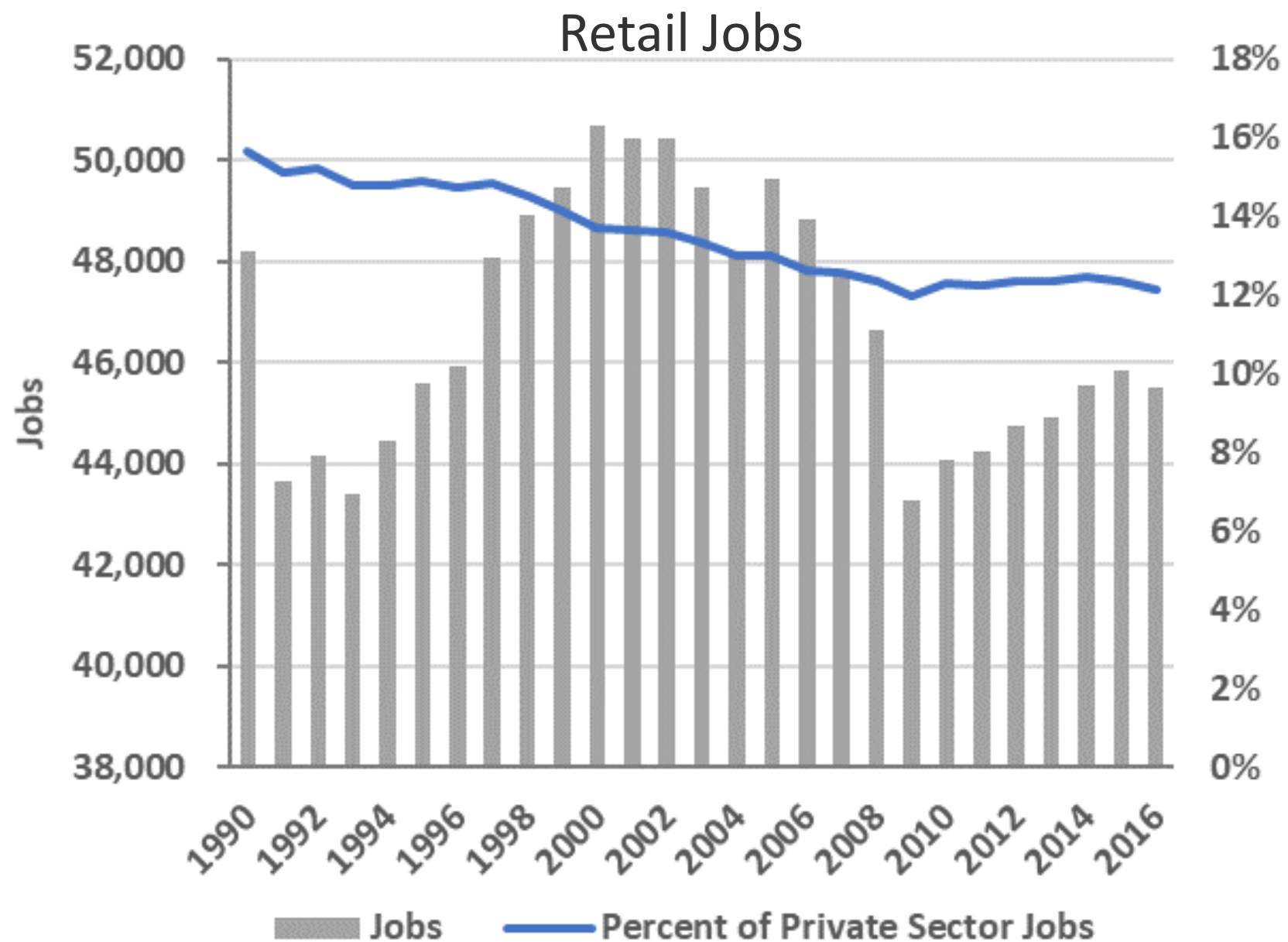


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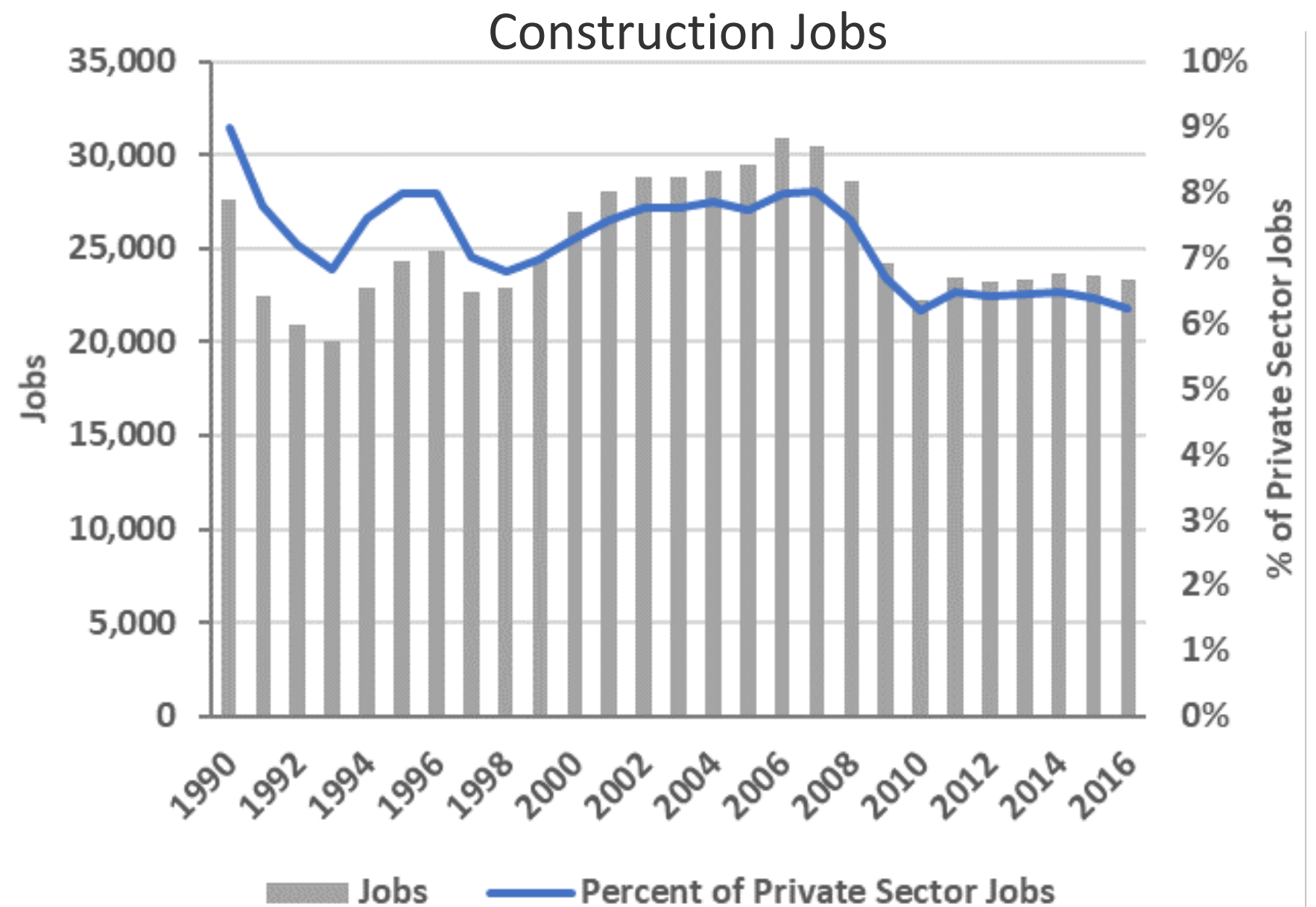
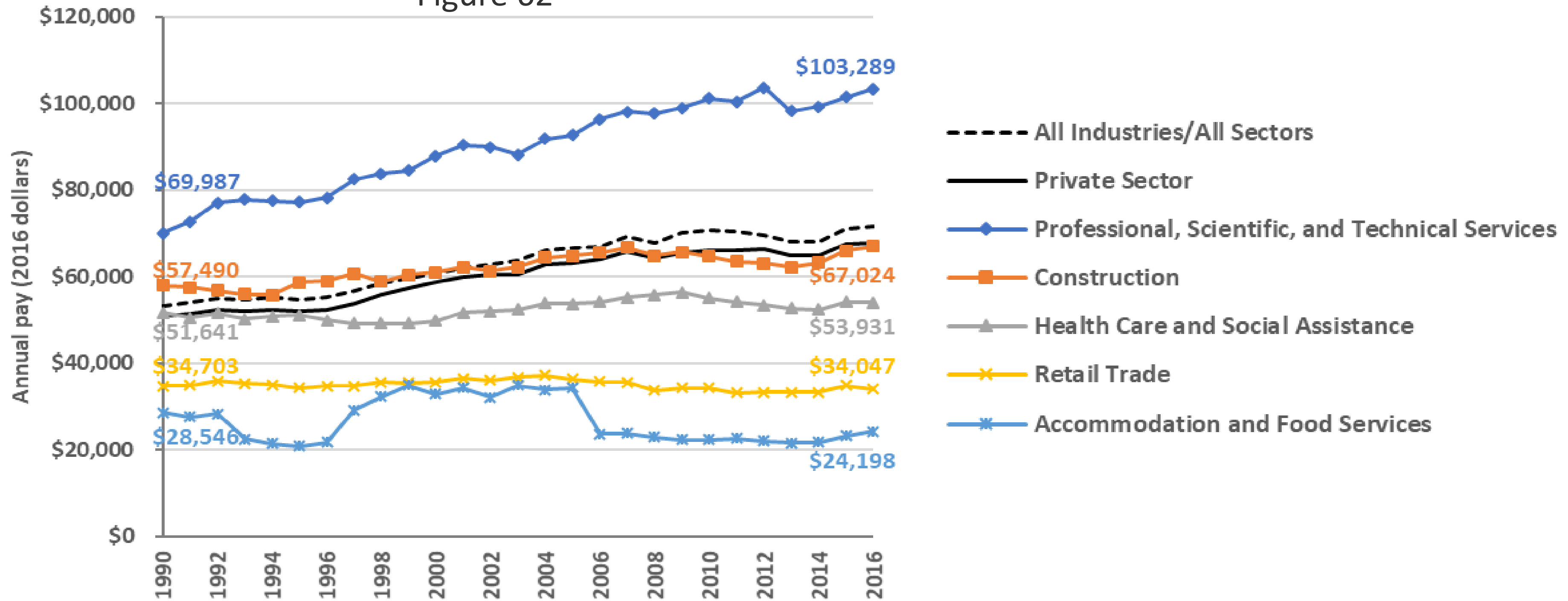


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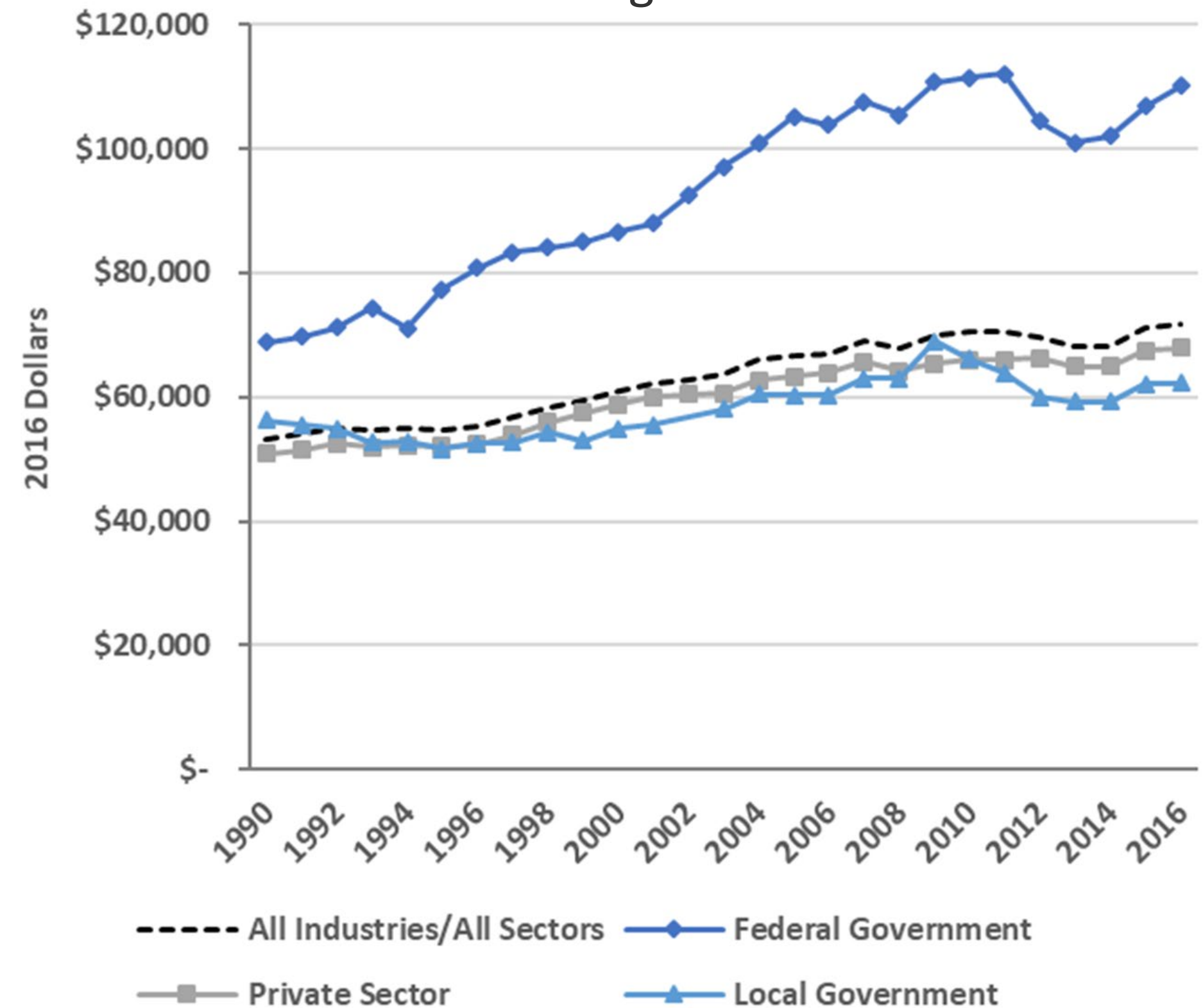
Private sector: professional services wages grew most

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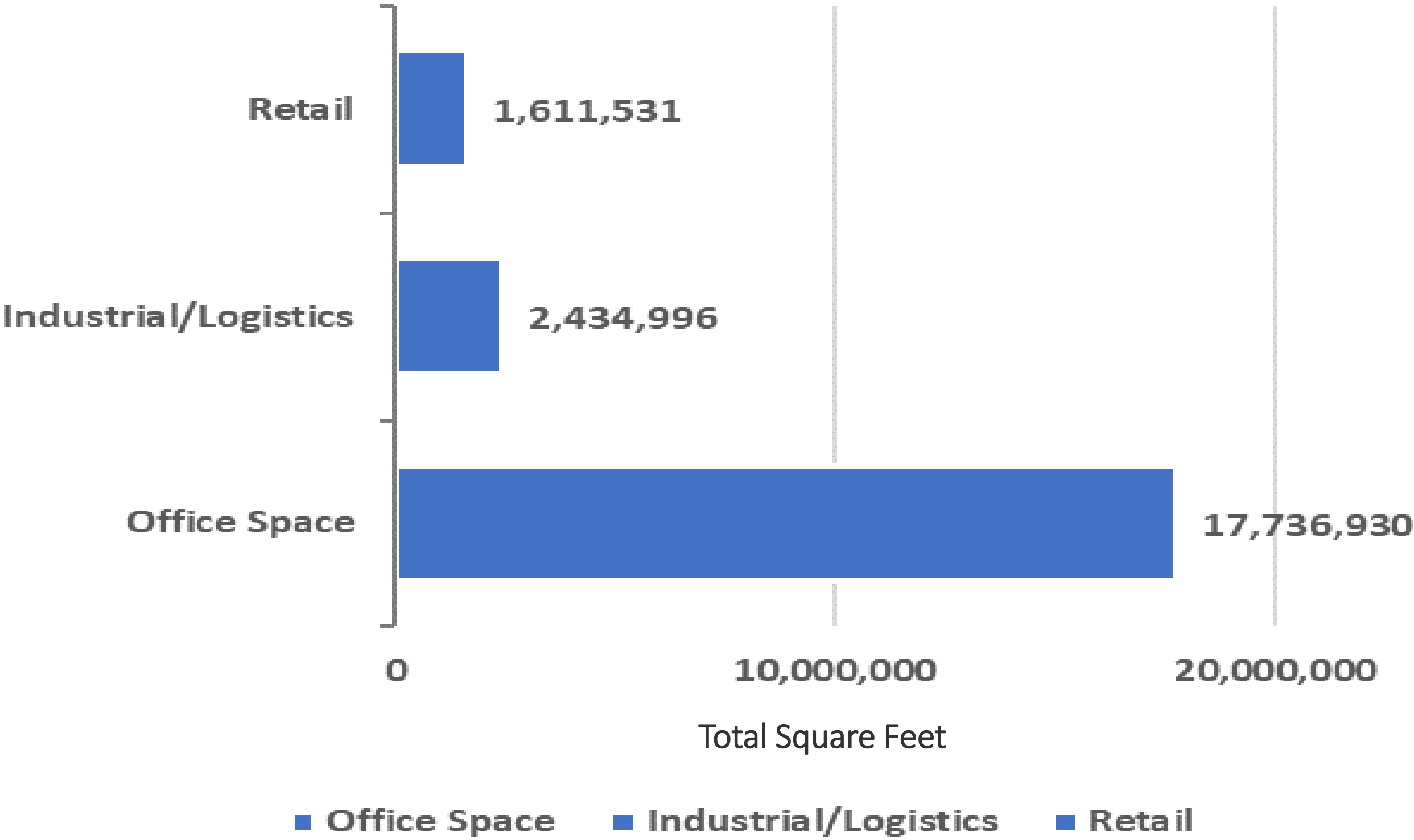


Federal jobs
have paid the
most on average

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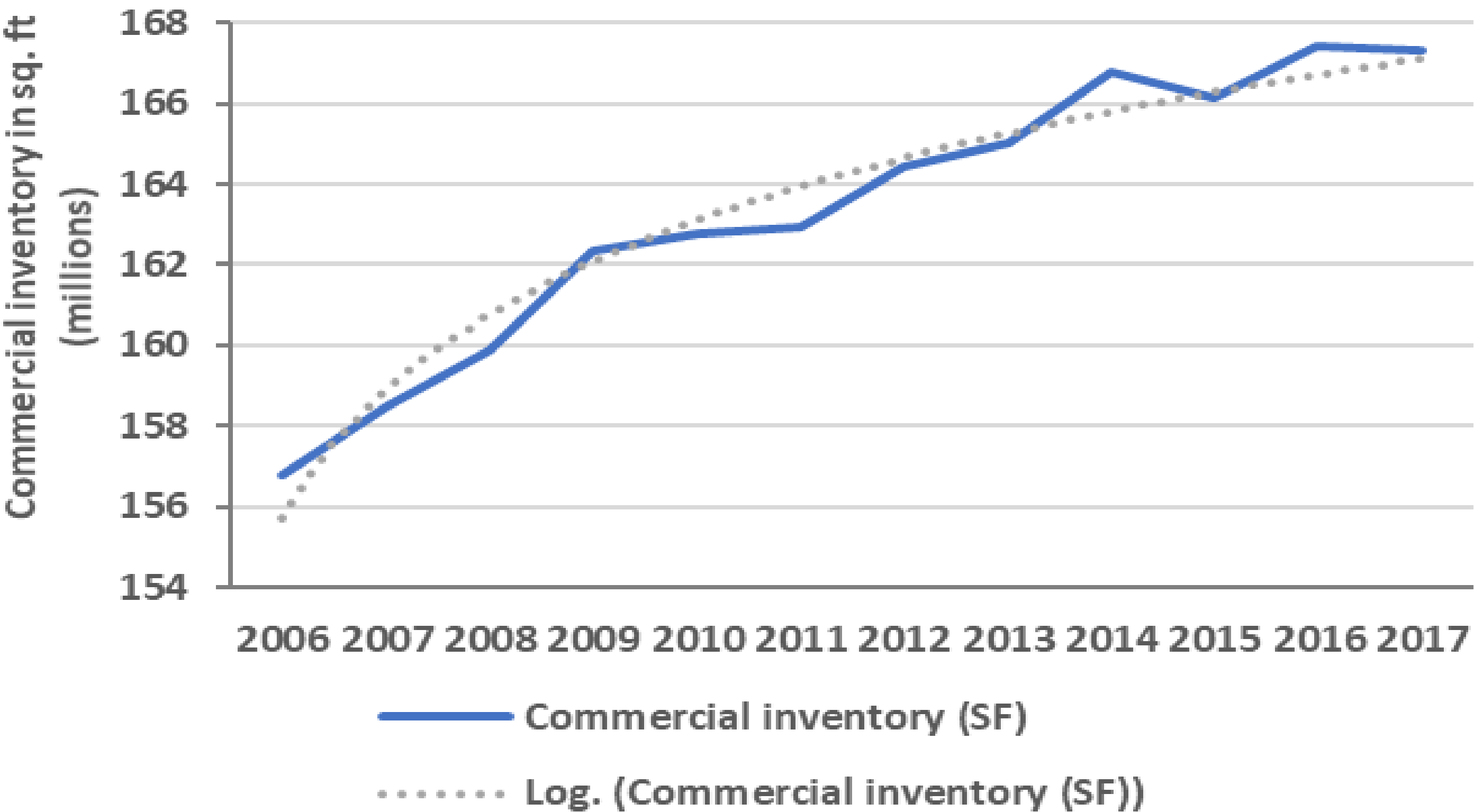


Commercial Growth from 1990-2017



Total commercial inventory grew by 22 million sq. ft.

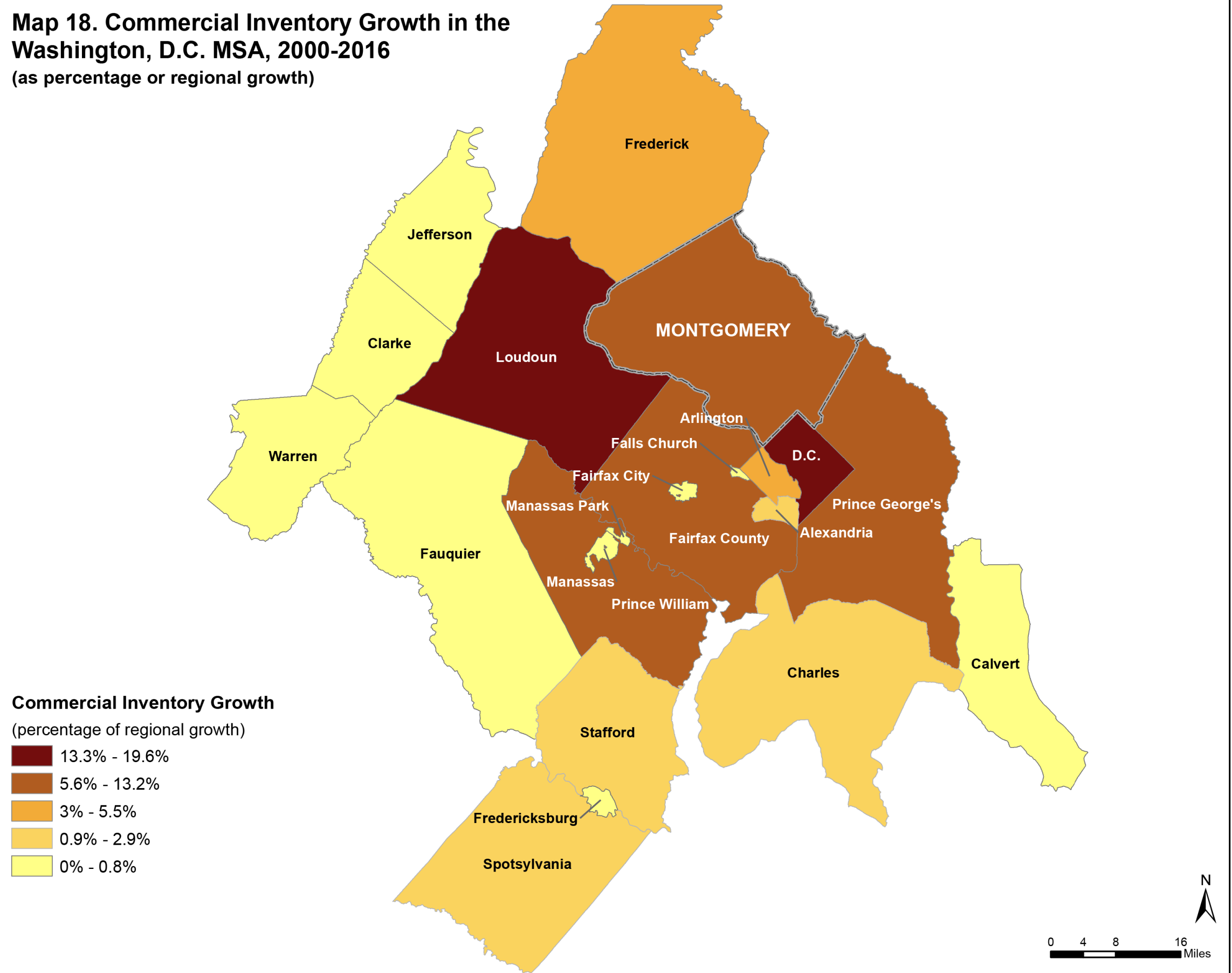
Commercial Growth Slowing Down



Regional overview:

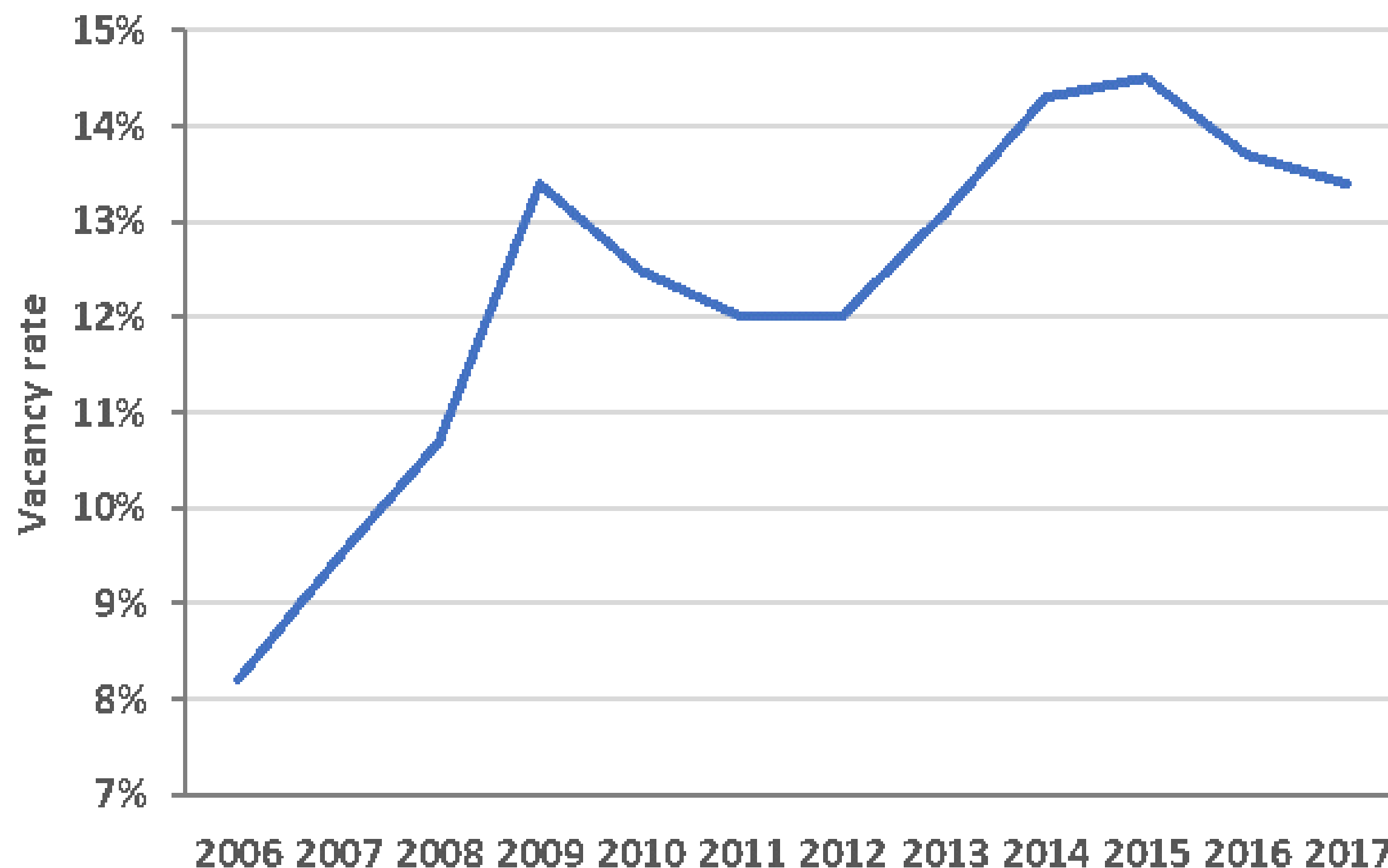
- **Commercial growth was consistent & healthy**
- **MoCo competitive with other inner ring counties**

Map 18. Commercial Inventory Growth in the Washington, D.C. MSA, 2000-2016
(as percentage of regional growth)



Office Market

- **Exists mostly along the I-270 corridor**
- **Class A accounts for 90% of growth**
- **Increasing vacancies indicate growing surplus**



Retail & Industrial Markets

- **76% of retail space is Class A or B**
- **Growth from 38.5 million square feet to just over 40 million**
- **Location and competitiveness of retail market has changed very little since the 1990s**
- **Types, mixes, uses and physical demands for retail space are changing rapidly**
- **Industrial/logistics markets on the rise**

Conclusion and Next Steps

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Implications for General Plan Update

- Increasing diversity
 - Population
 - Housing
- Aging demographics
- Incomes haven't kept up with costs
- Employment stable, but challenges remain
- Need to shift from greenfield to infill

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Gains in median incomes varies by subgroups

Median Household Income by Race and Hispanic Origin
1989

	(2016\$)	2016	Change	% Change
All households	\$101,123	\$99,763	No difference	
Race and Hispanic origin:				
Non-Hispanic White	\$108,842	\$122,291	\$13,449	12.4%
Asian	\$95,696	\$101,830	\$6,134	6.4%
Hispanic	\$72,319	\$70,100	No difference	
Black or African Am.	\$73,356	\$69,313	No difference	

Income compared to non-Hispanic white households

- Asian: 83%
- Hispanic: 57%
- African Am.: 57%

Median income change between 1989 and 2016

- Gains in NH white & Asian households
- No change in Hispanic & African Am. households

Gains in median incomes varies by subgroups

Median Household Income by Tenure and Family Type				
	1989			
	(2016\$)	2016	Change	% Change
All households	\$101,123	\$99,763	No difference	
Tenure:				
Owner-occupied	\$120,815	\$128,614	\$7,799	6.5%
Renter-occupied	\$63,625	\$62,268	No difference	
Family Type:				
Family	\$115,891	\$120,827	\$4,936	4.3%
Non-Family	\$67,044	\$60,089	No difference	

Income compared by tenure and family type

- Non-family: 50% of family income
- Renter: 48% of owner-occupied income

Median income change between 1989 and 2016

- Gains in owner-occupied & family households
- No change in renter & non-family households