



Overview of Minnesota's School-Age Population Senate Education Finance Committee

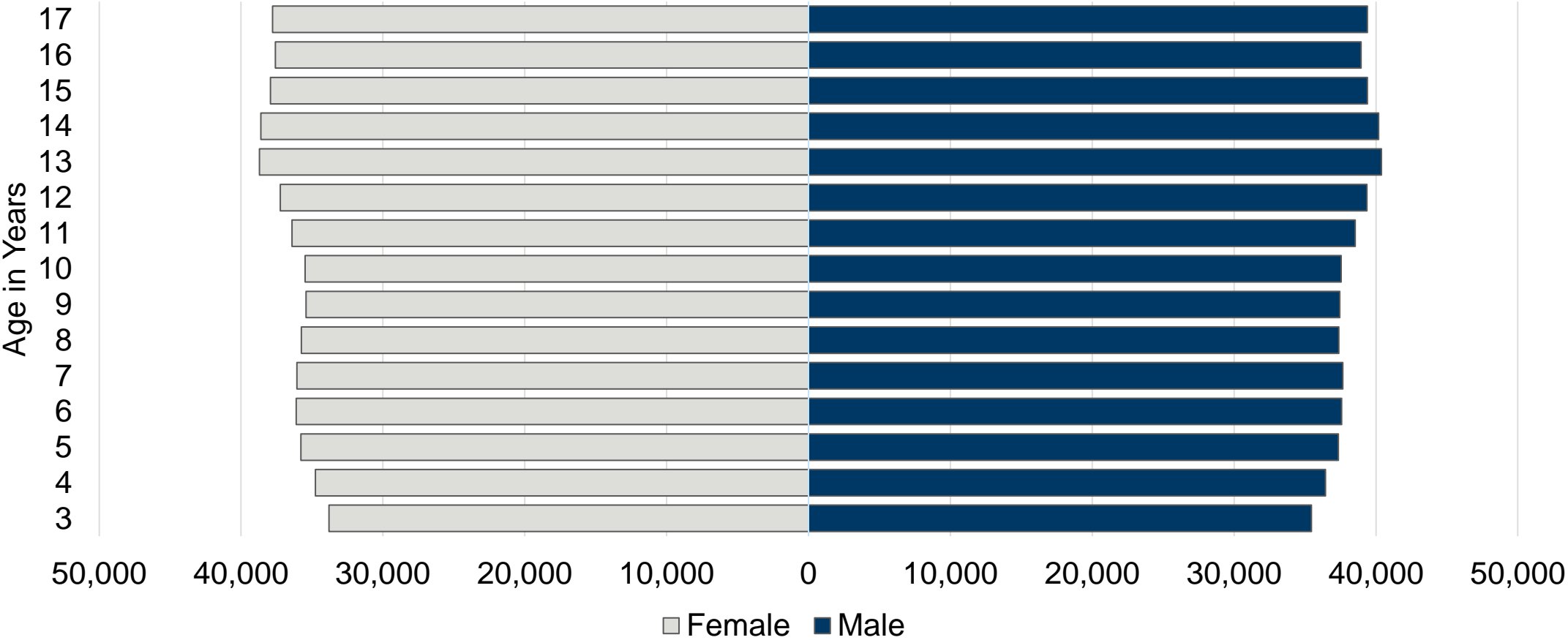
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Topics for Today

- How many school-age children will there be in Minnesota in the future?
- Where do school-age children live today?
- In what ways are school-age children becoming more diverse?
- What are the living arrangements of school-age children today?
- How are the families of school-age children faring economically?

Statewide: ~980,000 5 to 17 Year Olds

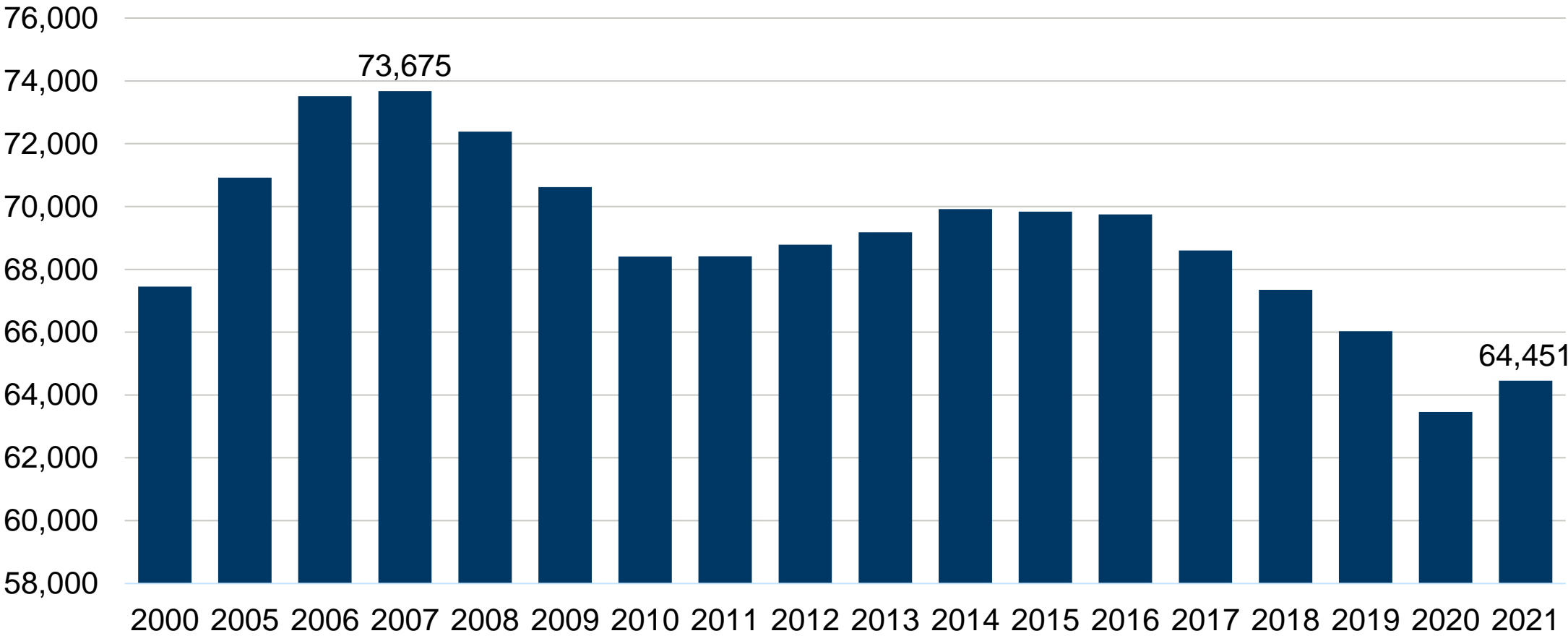
Minnesota's School-Age Population, 2021 Ages 3 to 17 Years



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 Population Estimates

Number of births remains down by about 9,000 compared to the height in 2007

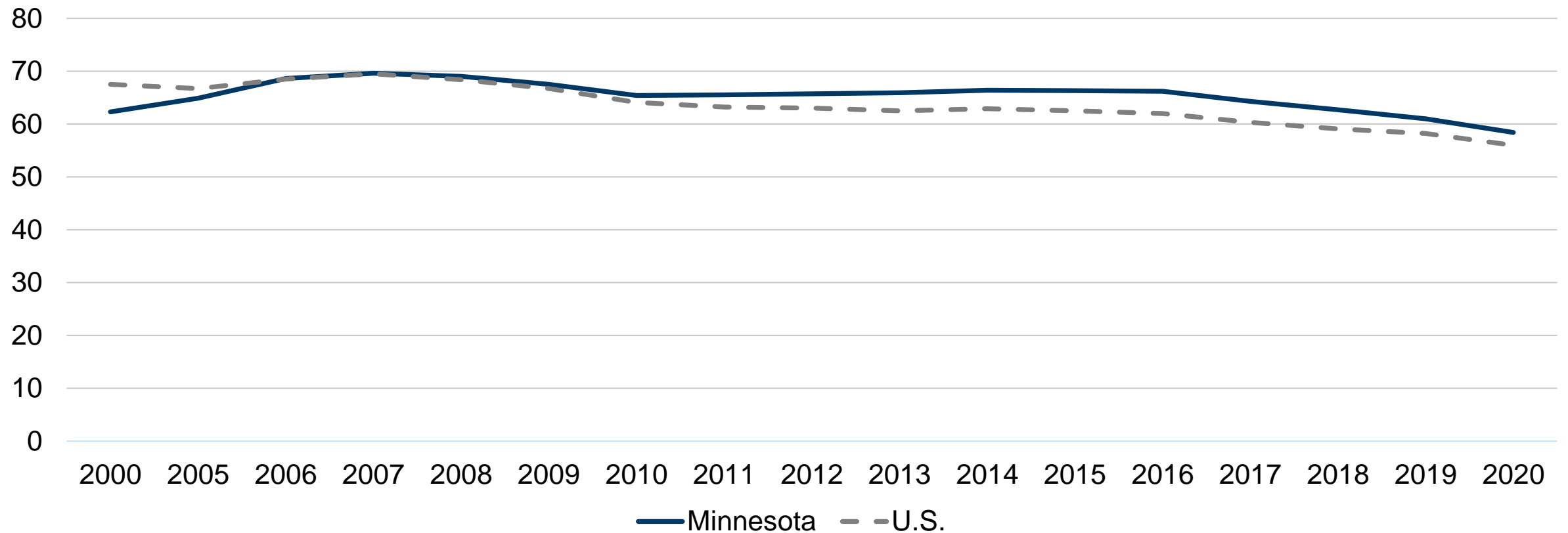
Minnesota Births

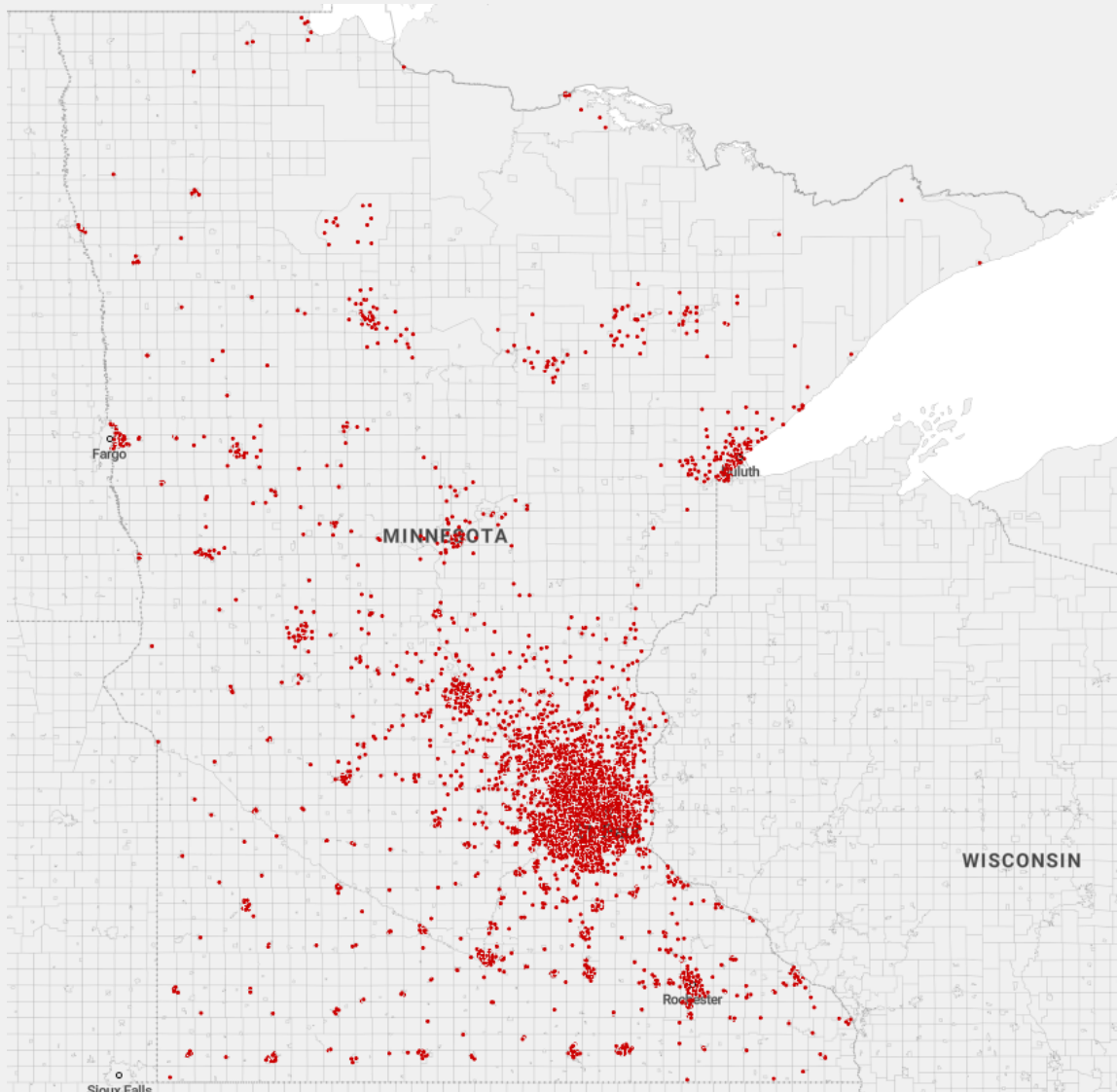


Source: Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics

Birth rates have been falling slowly for the last 15 years

Births Per 1,000 Women of Childbearing Age
(Fertility Rate)



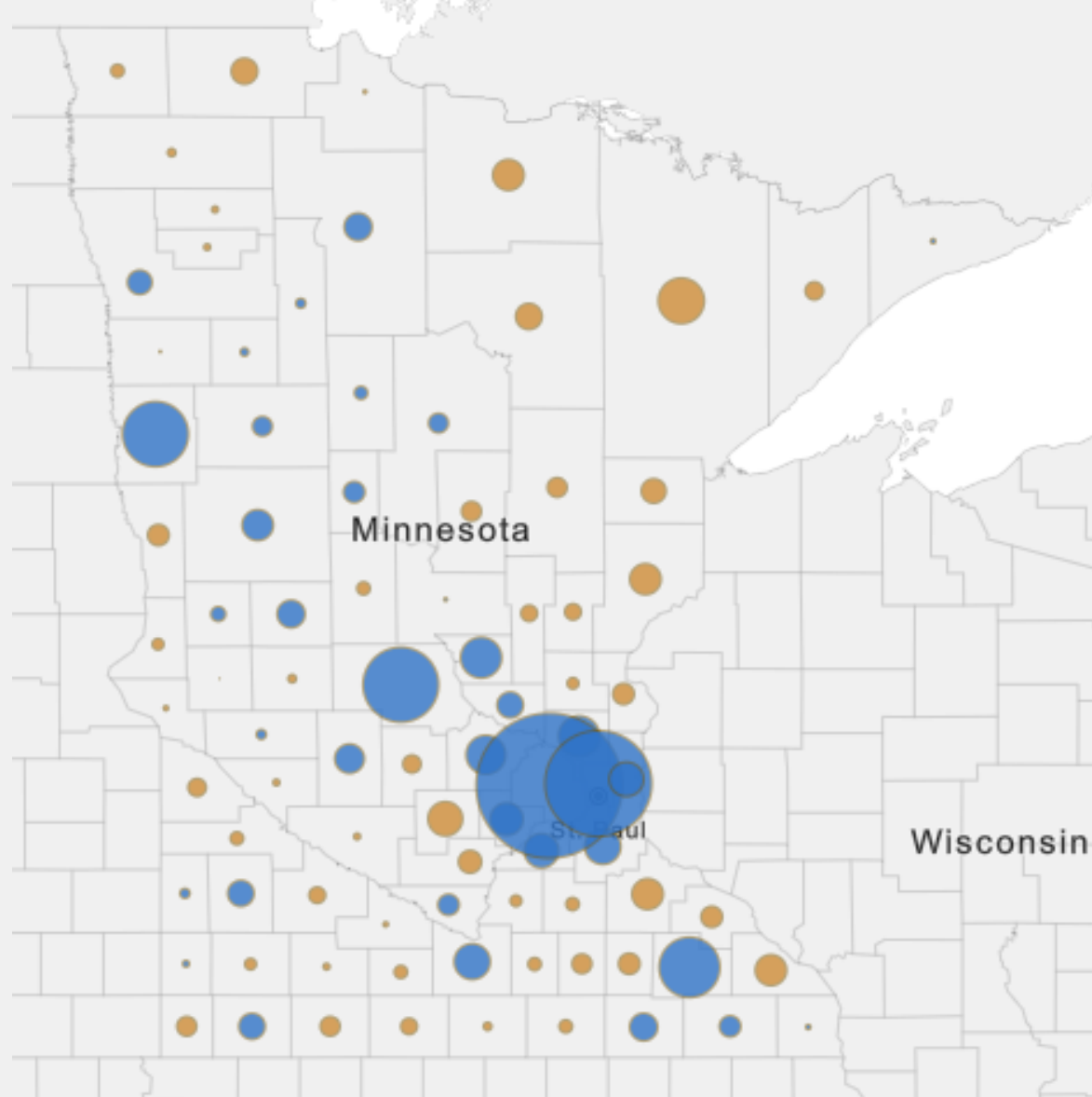


Geographic Distribution of Child Population (0-17 Years), 2020

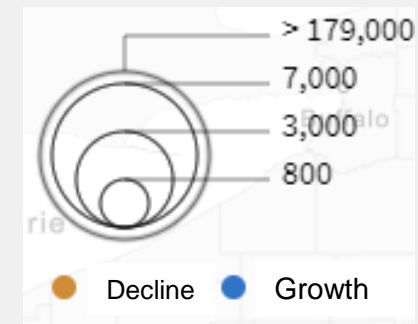
- One dot equals 200 children (0 to 17 years)

Source: Social Explorer from U.S. Census Bureau data, 2020

Child population is concentrated in the metropolitan areas of the state

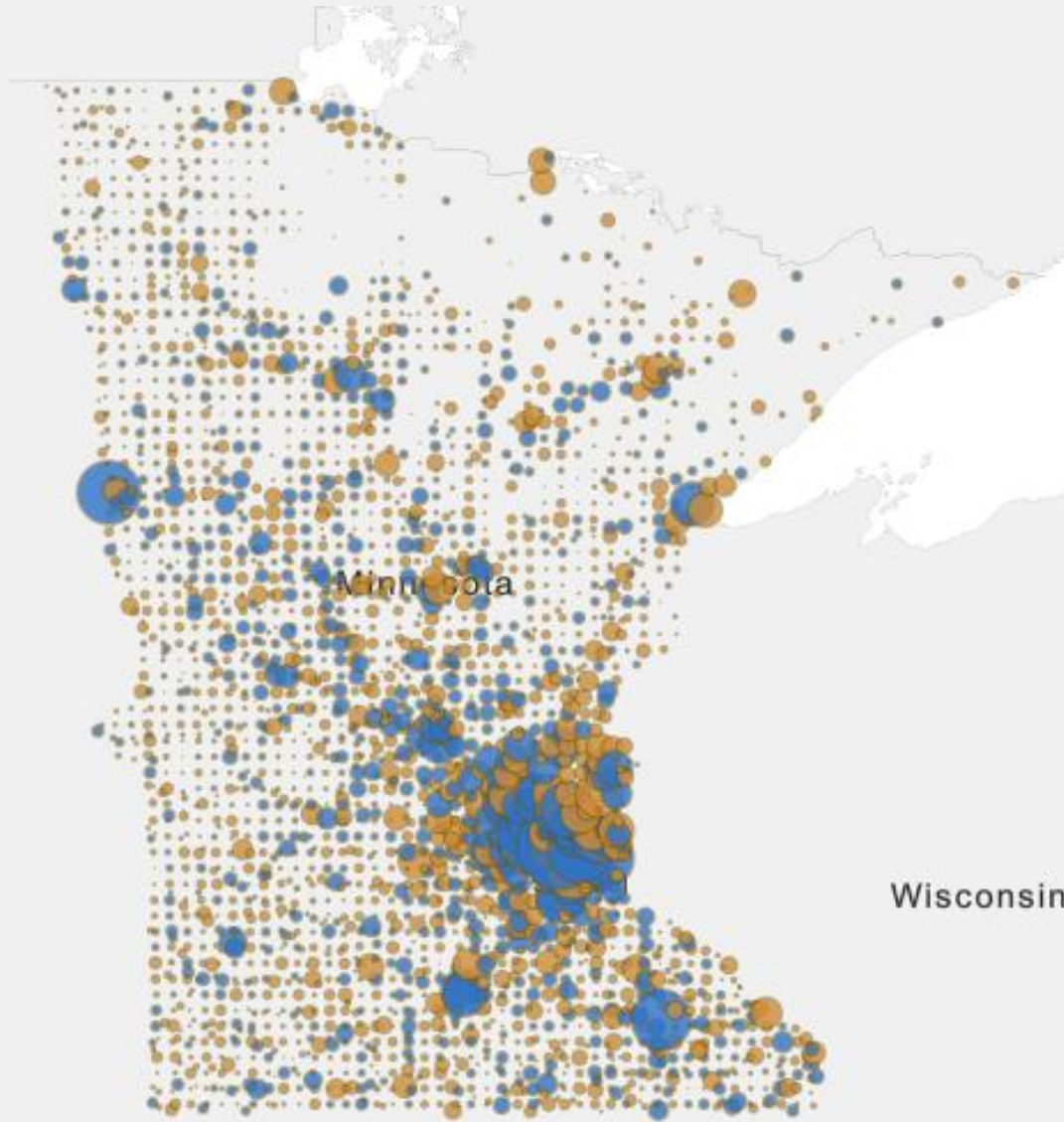


Change in the Child Population (Age 0-17 years) Minnesota Counties, 2015-2020

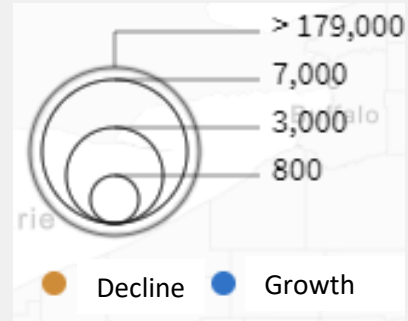


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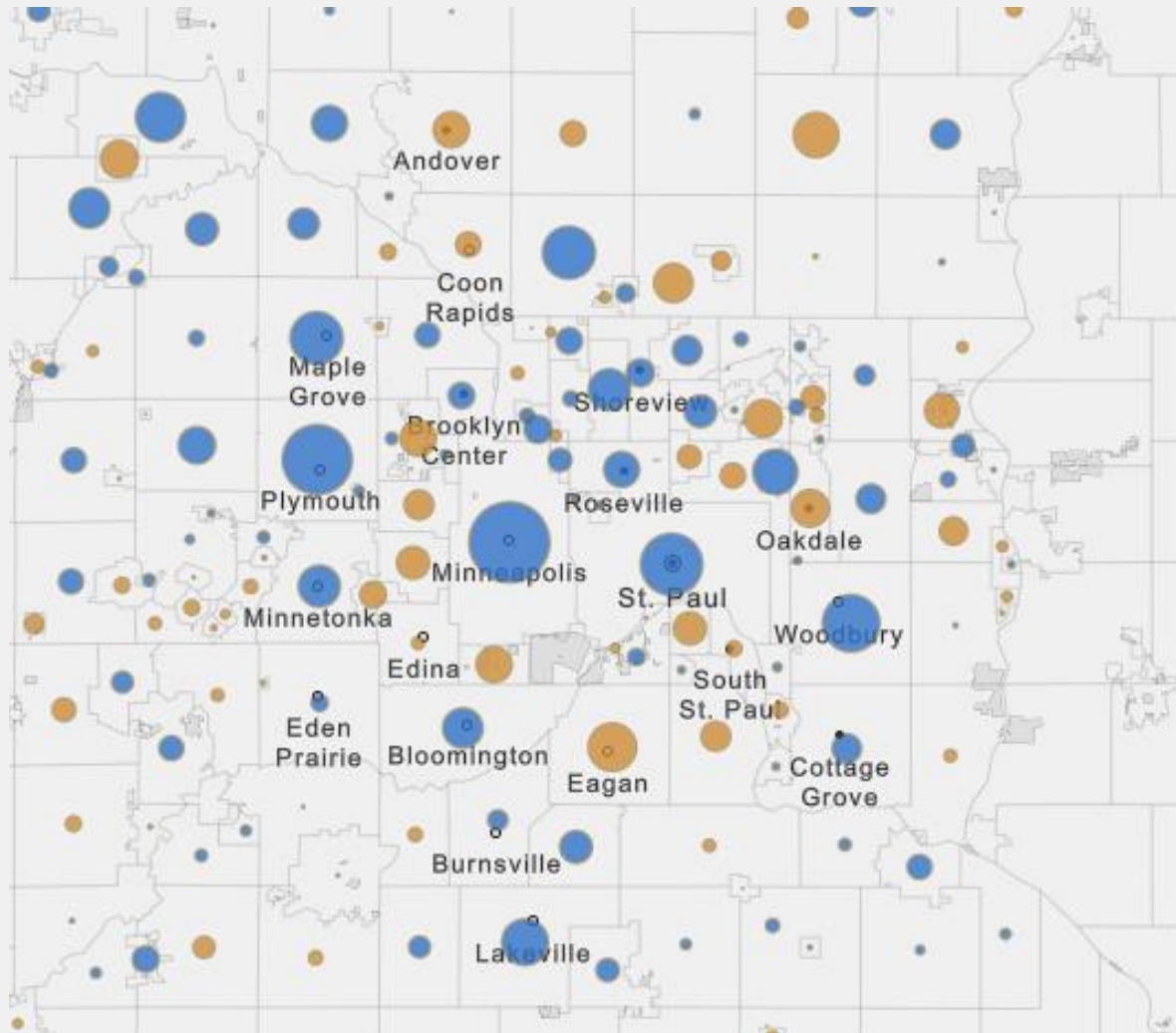


Change in the Child Population (Age 0-17 years) Minnesota Cities and Townships 2015-2020

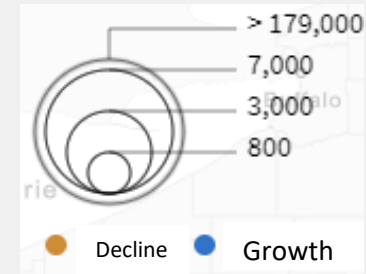


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Child population is growing modestly in some urban cities,
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Change in the Child Population (Age 0-17 years) Twin Cities Metropolitan Cities, 2015-2020

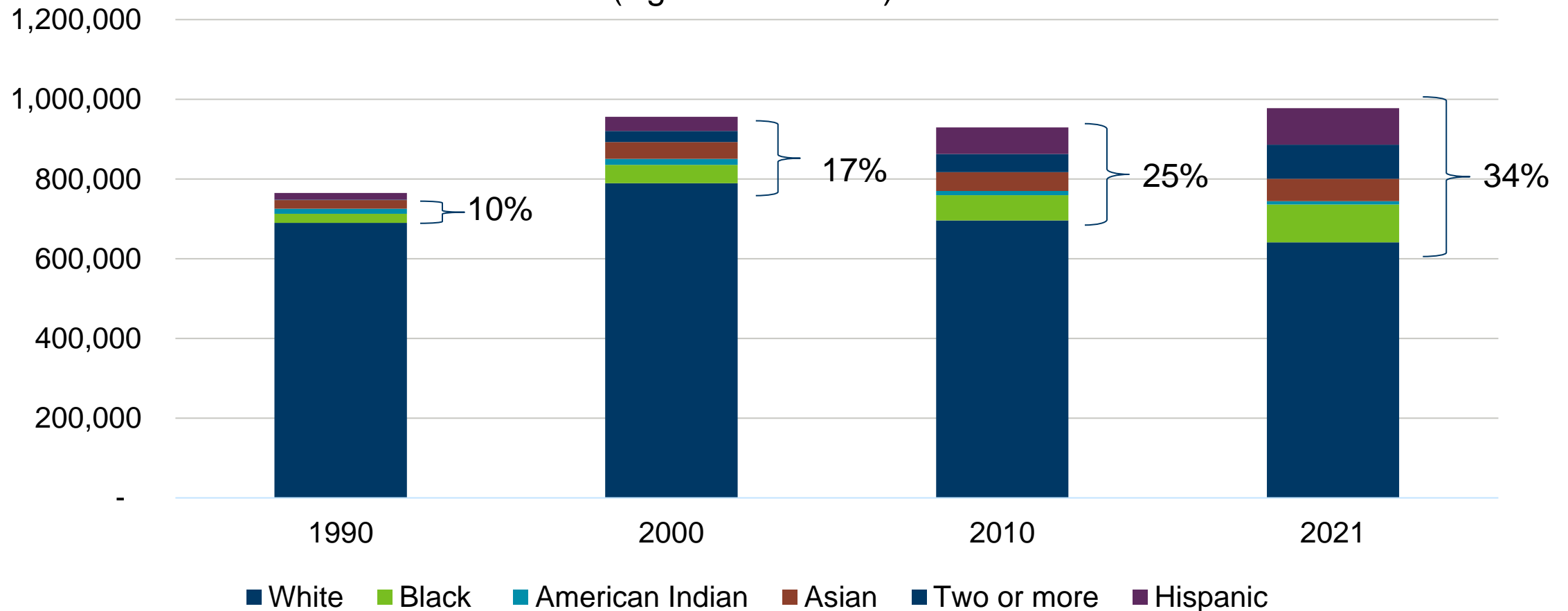


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Within the Twin Cities: Range of growth and decline scenarios

Today, more than 1/3 of Minnesota's student population belong to a Black, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) group

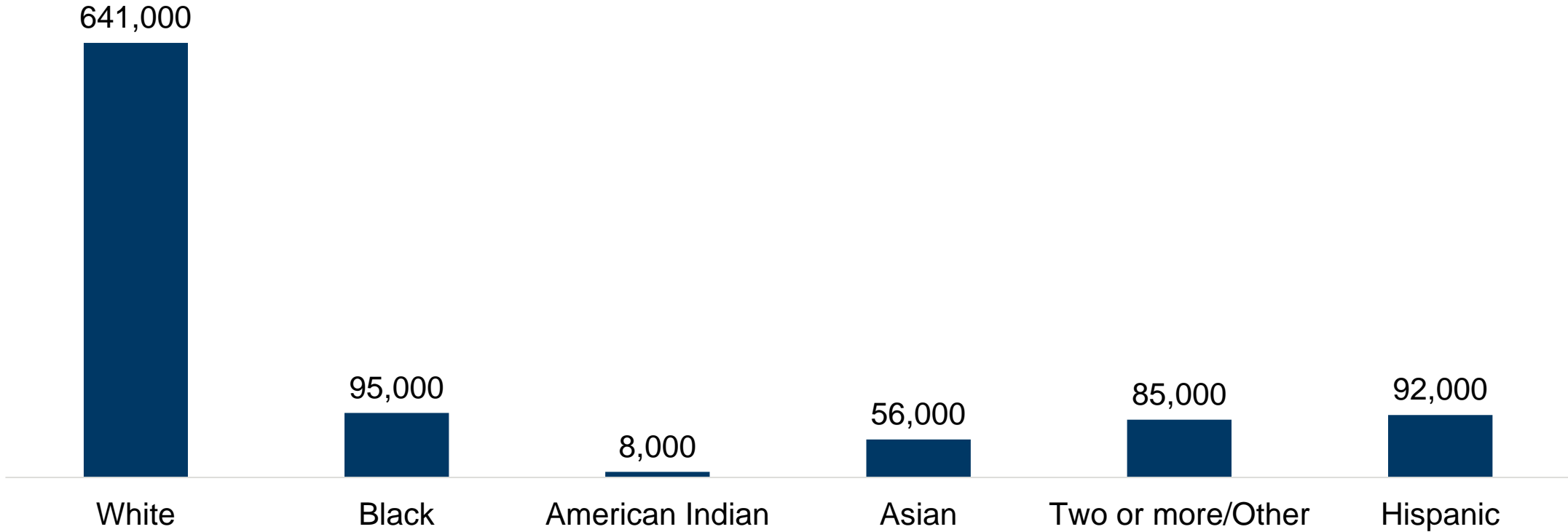
Racial and Ethnic Composition of Minnesota's Student Population (Ages 5-17 Years)



Source: ipums.org from U.S. Census Bureau data

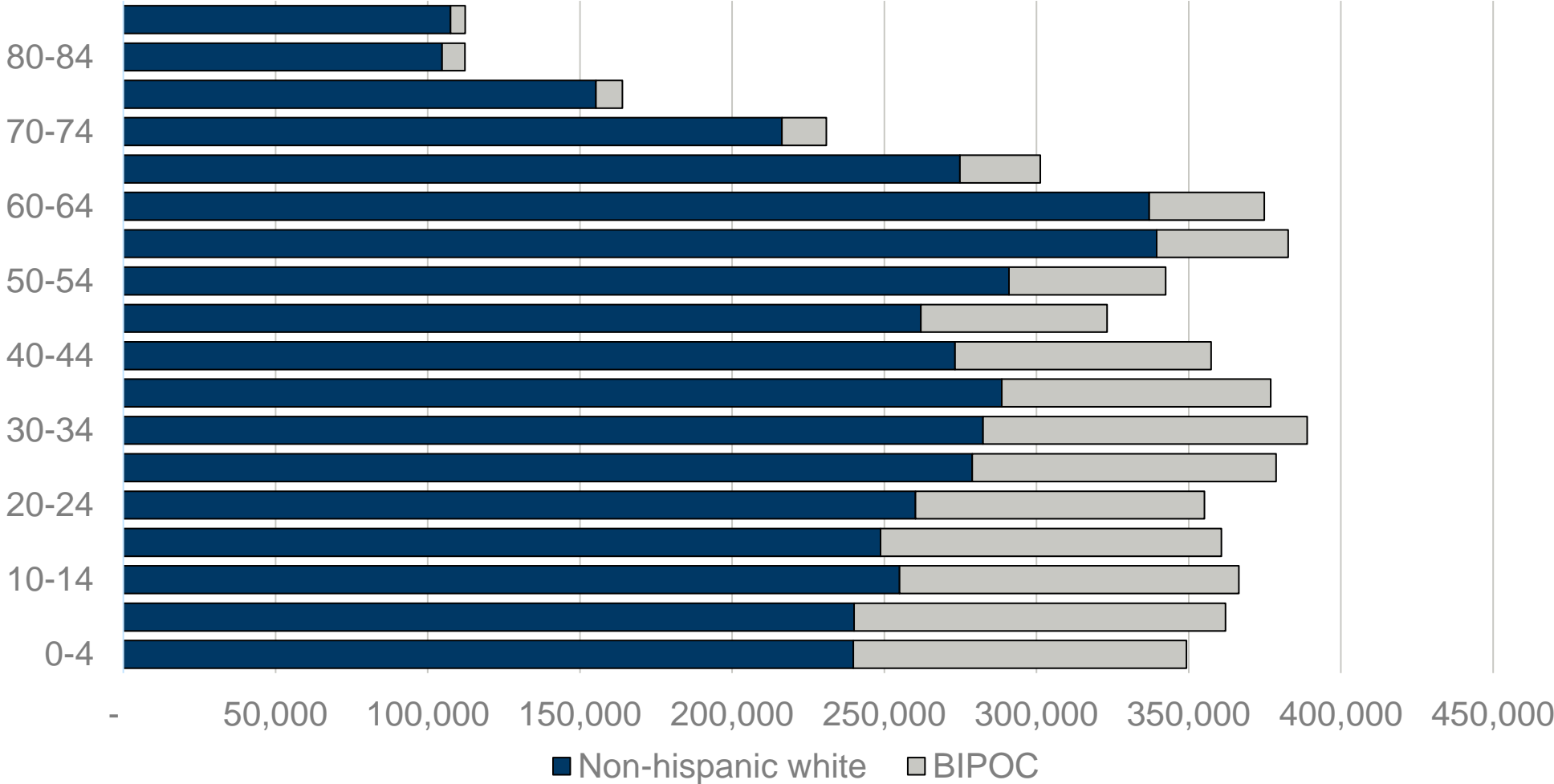
While student diversity is growing steadily, most Minnesota students today are White

Minnesota School-Age Children by Race and Ethnicity
Ages 5 to 17 Years



Source: ipums.org from 2021 U.S. Census Bureau data

Minnesota's student population will continue to become more racially diverse because of the state's age-race structure.



Source: ipums.org from 2019 U.S. Census Bureau data

Nearly 1 in 5 school-age children has a foreign-born parent

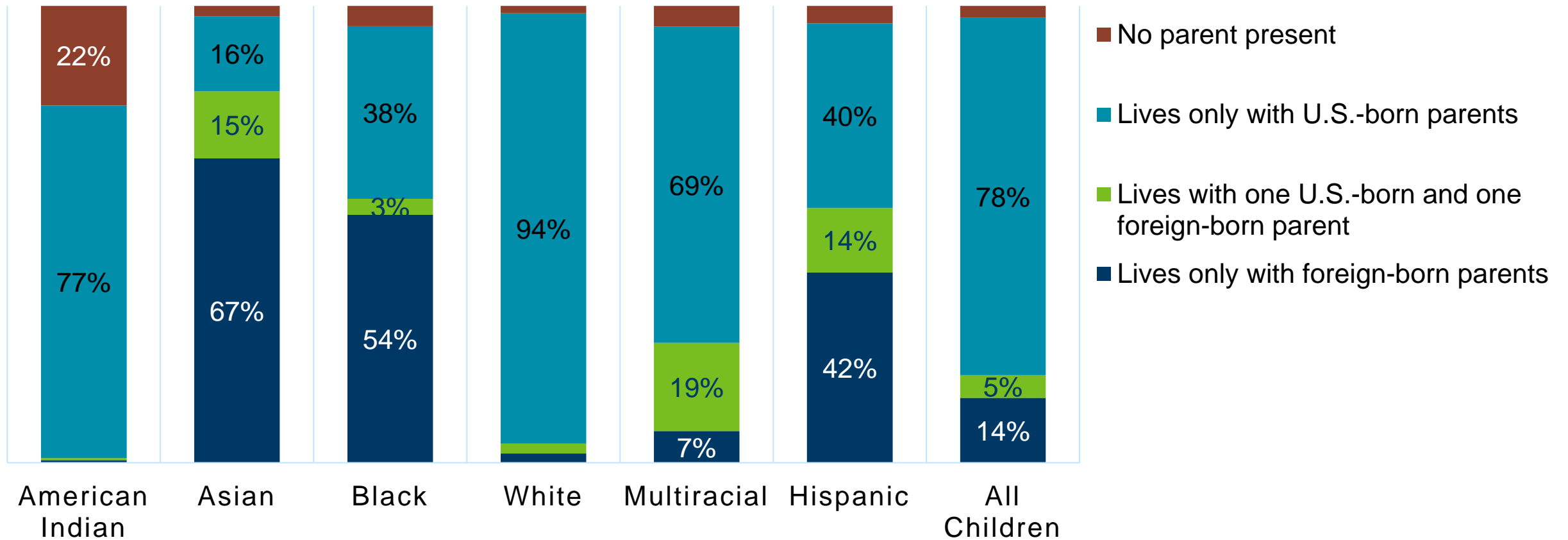
Minnesota School-Age Children (5-17 Years) by Nativity of Parent(s) and Presence of Parents in the Household

	Two Parents Present	One Parent Present	No parent present	All living arrangements	Percent of Children
All parents in household are U.S.-born	571,827	165,286		737,113	78%
All parents in household are foreign-born	95,945	37,708		133,653	14%
One parent foreign-born, One parent U.S.-born	46,899			46,899	5%
All Children Ages 5 to 17 Years	714,671	202,994	23,853	941,518	100%

Source: ipums.org from 2015-2019 U.S. Census Bureau data

Majority of Asian and Black Minnesota children live only with foreign-born parents

Minnesota Children Ages 5 To 17 Years by Nativity of Parents and Racial Group



148,000 (17%) of Minnesota public school students speak a language other than English at home

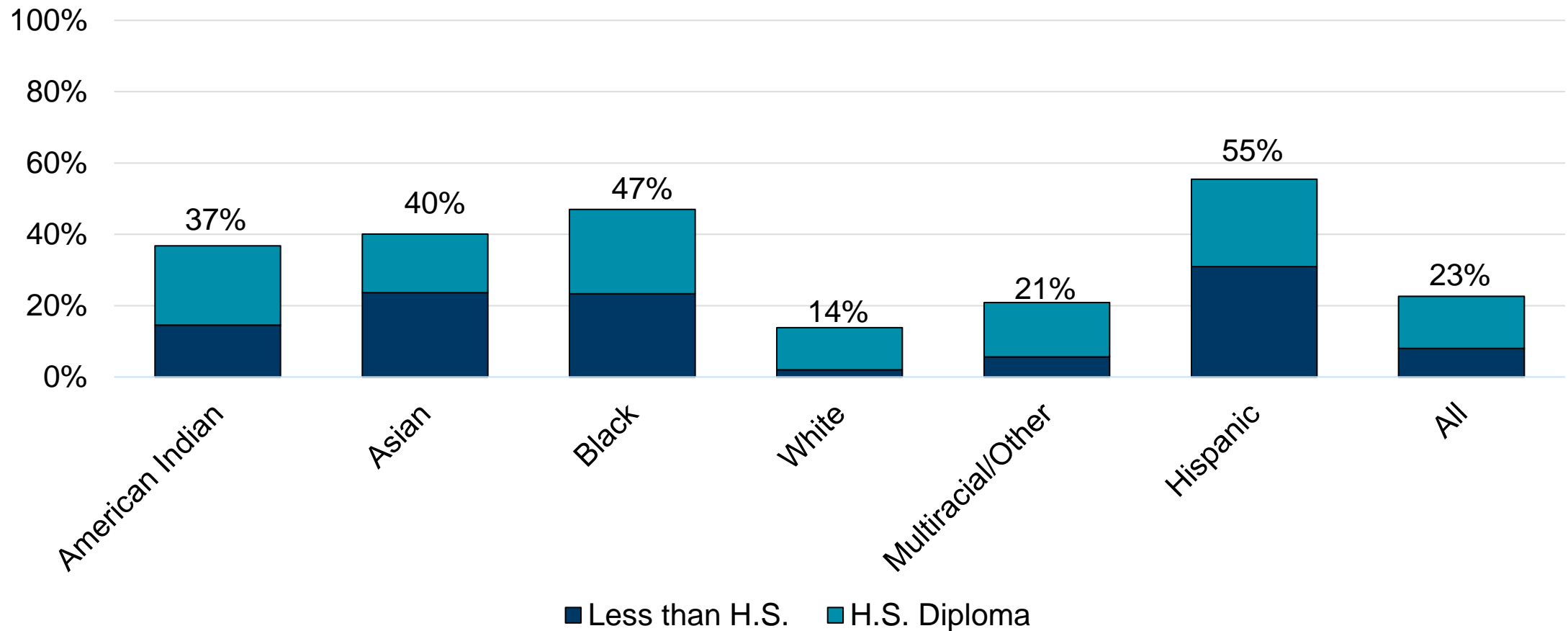
Primary Home Language by School District Type, Minnesota Public School Students

	Count of Languages Spoken	Total number of students	Students Speaking English	Students Speaking Languages Other than English	Percent of Students Speaking Languages Other than English
Minneapolis and Saint Paul	209	62,209	39,071	23,138	37%
Balance of 7-county Metro	3,653	409,039	318,633	90,406	22%
Greater Minnesota - Enrollment 2000 or more	1,046	202,063	177,935	24,128	12%
Greater Minnesota - Enrollment between 1000 and 1999	357	77,381	72,903	4,478	6%
Greater Minnesota - Enrollment between 500 and 999	350	69,645	66,387	3,258	5%
Greater Minnesota - Enrollment less than 500	329	34,821	32,715	2,106	6%
Minnesota (all)	5,944	855,158	707,644	147,514	17%

Source: Minnesota Department of Education Student Data, 2021-2022

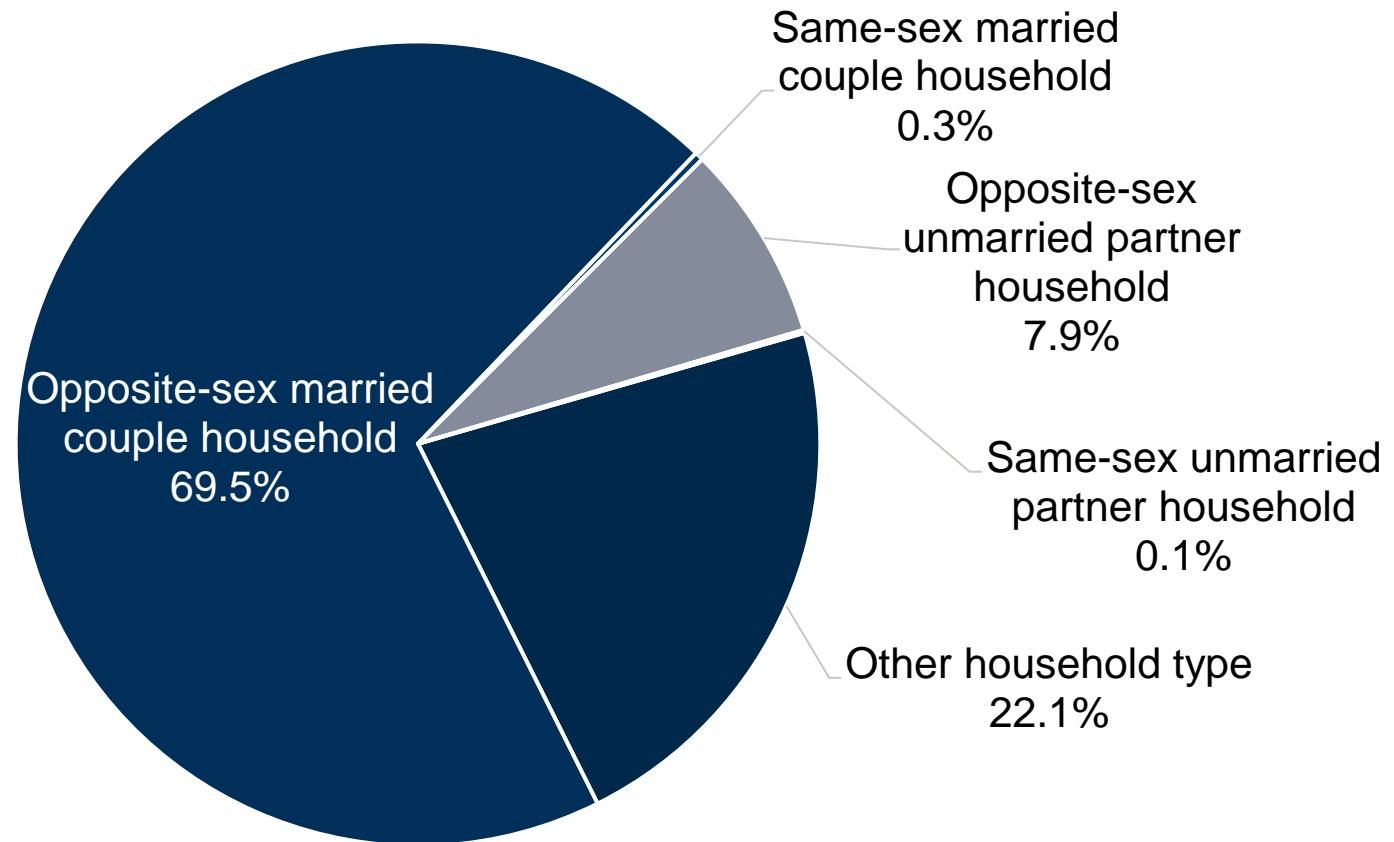
Educational attainment of parents varies widely by race and ethnicity

Educational Attainment of Mothers
Minnesota School-Age Children Ages 5 to 17 Years



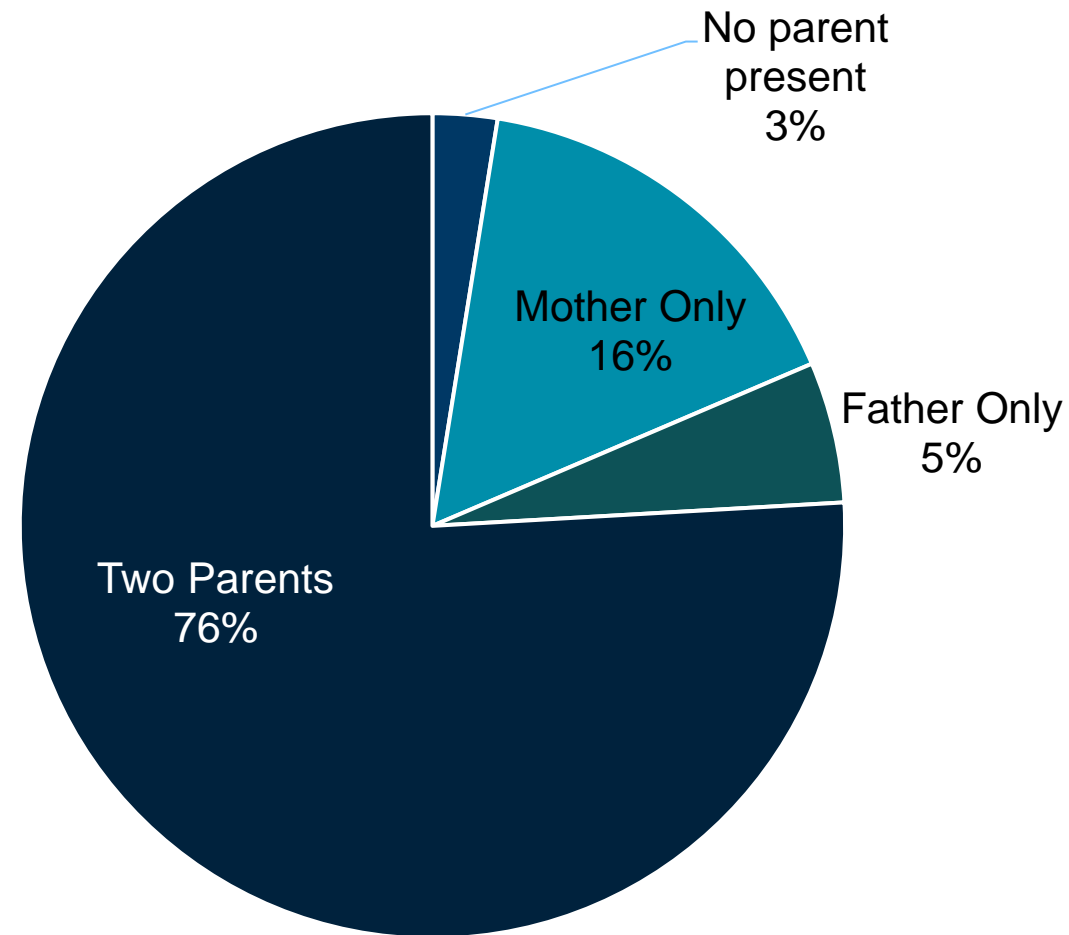
70% of Minnesota school-age children live with two married adults

Household Type of Minnesota School-Age Children
Ages 5 to 17 Years



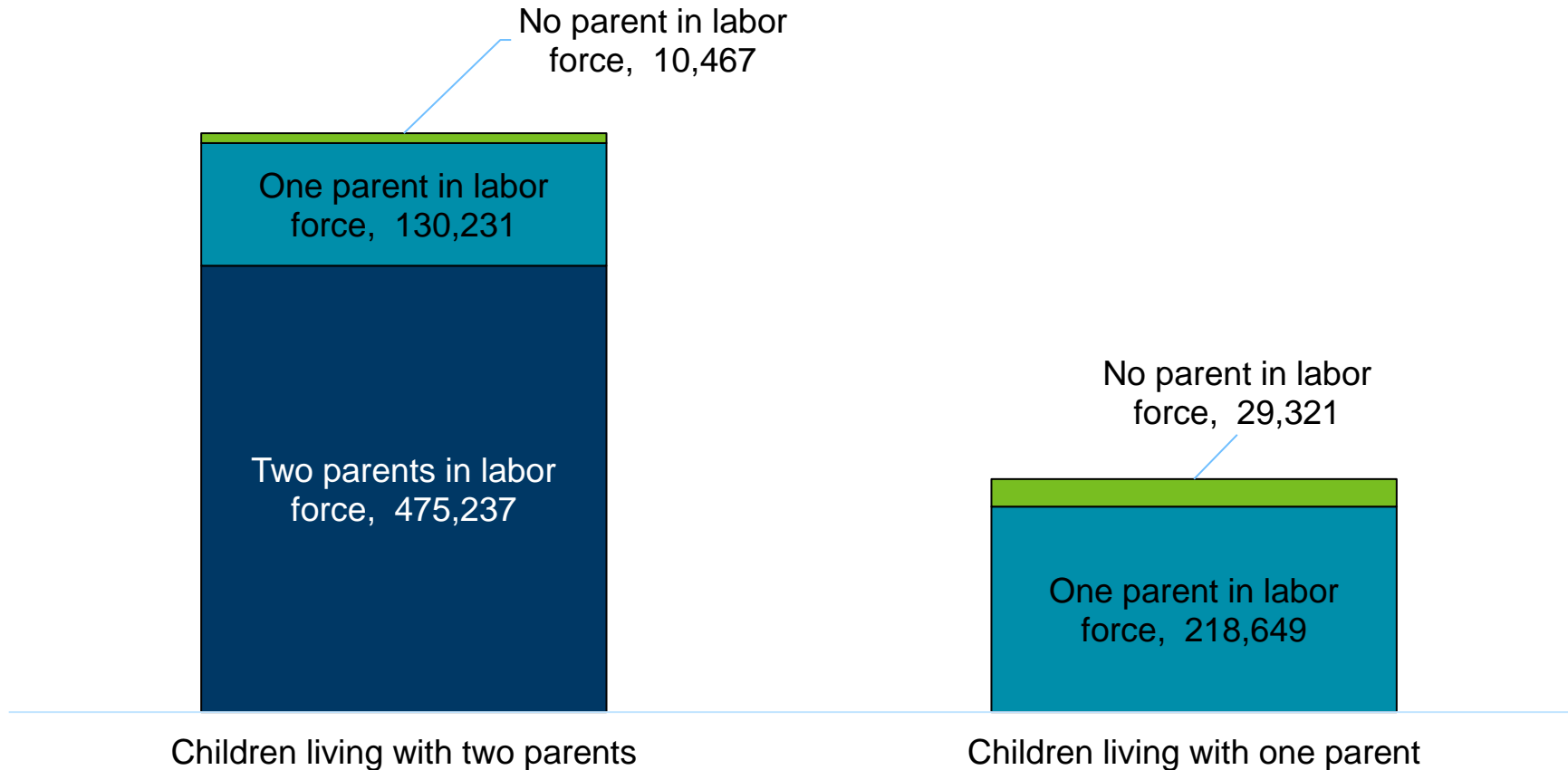
About 21% of school-age children live with only one parent

Minnesota Children Ages 5 to 17 years



For 80% of Minnesota school children all parents in the household are in the labor force

Living Arrangements of Children by Parents' Labor Force Status
Minnesota Children Ages 6 to 17 Years

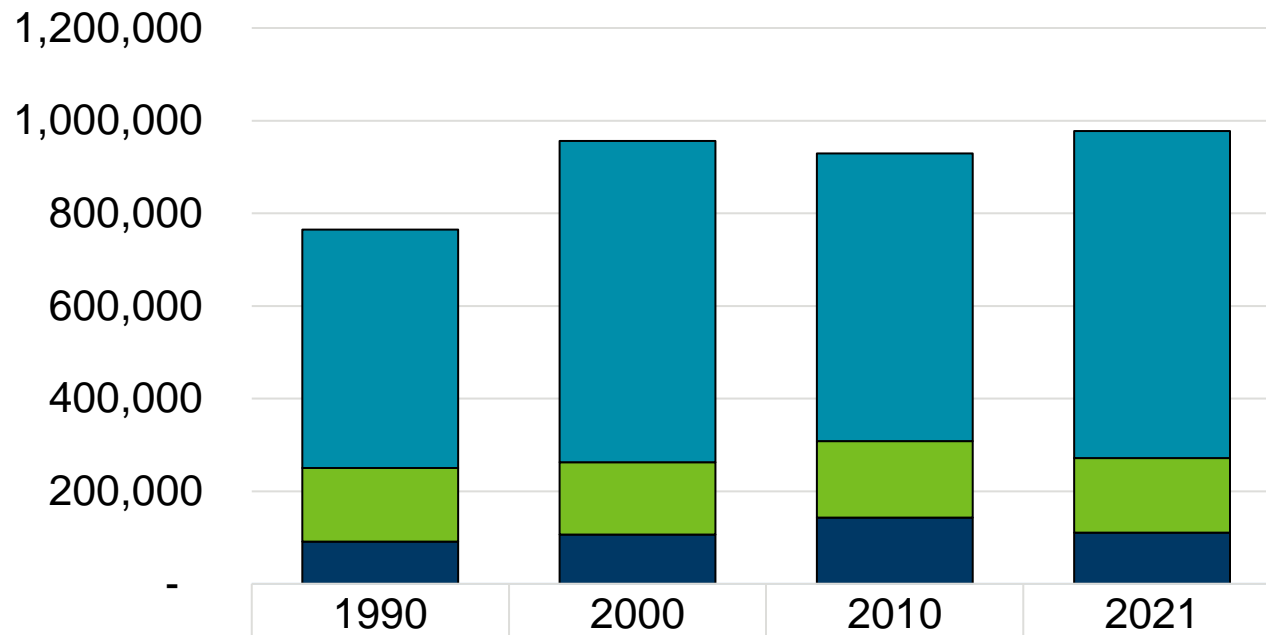


Source: 2021 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Note: Includes only children living in a family or subfamily

2021: 272,000 (28%) Minnesota school-age children live in low-income families

Poverty Status of Children Ages 5-17



	1990	2000	2010	2021
■ Middle Income and Above (200%+ FPL)	514,901	692,985	621,252	706,218
■ Low Income (100-199% FPL)	158,769	156,624	165,056	161,397
■ In Poverty (<100% FPL)	91,080	106,268	143,010	110,275

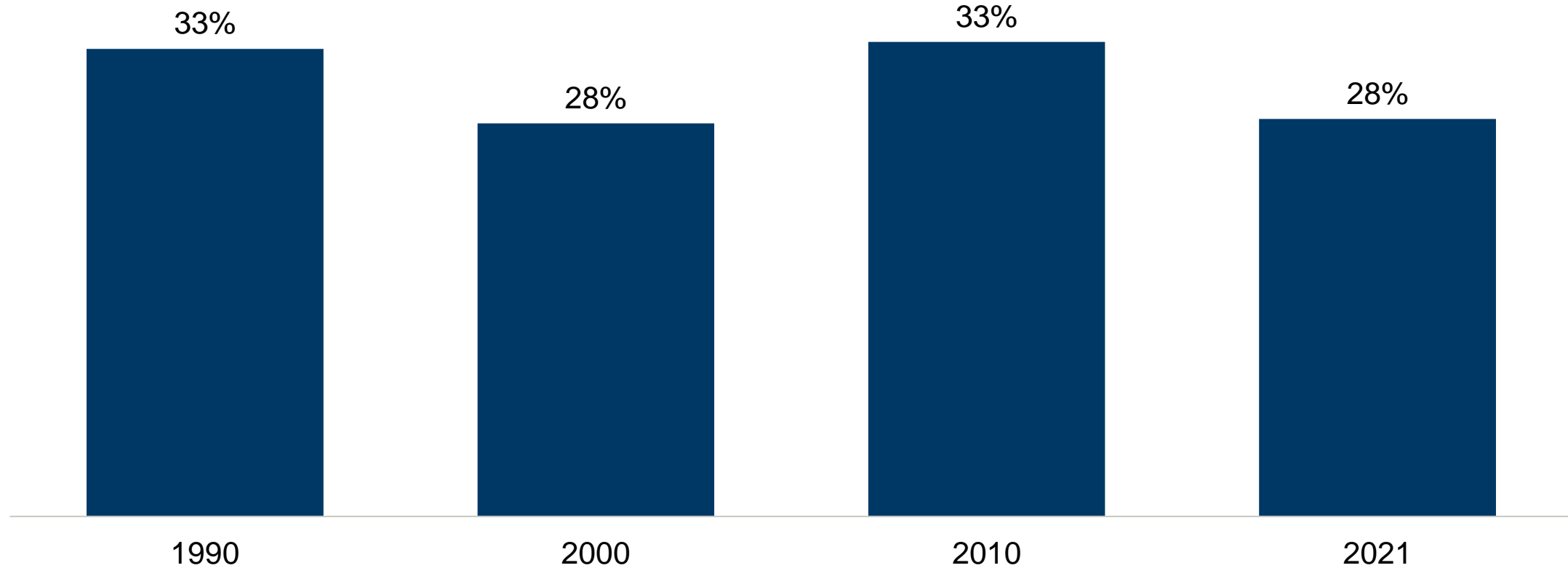
In 2021:

- Federal Poverty Level for a family of 4: \$27,479
- 200% the Federal Poverty Level for a Family of 4 (Low-Income): \$54,958
- 110,000 School-Age Children Lived in Poverty (11%)
- An additional 161,000 lived in families with low incomes (17%)

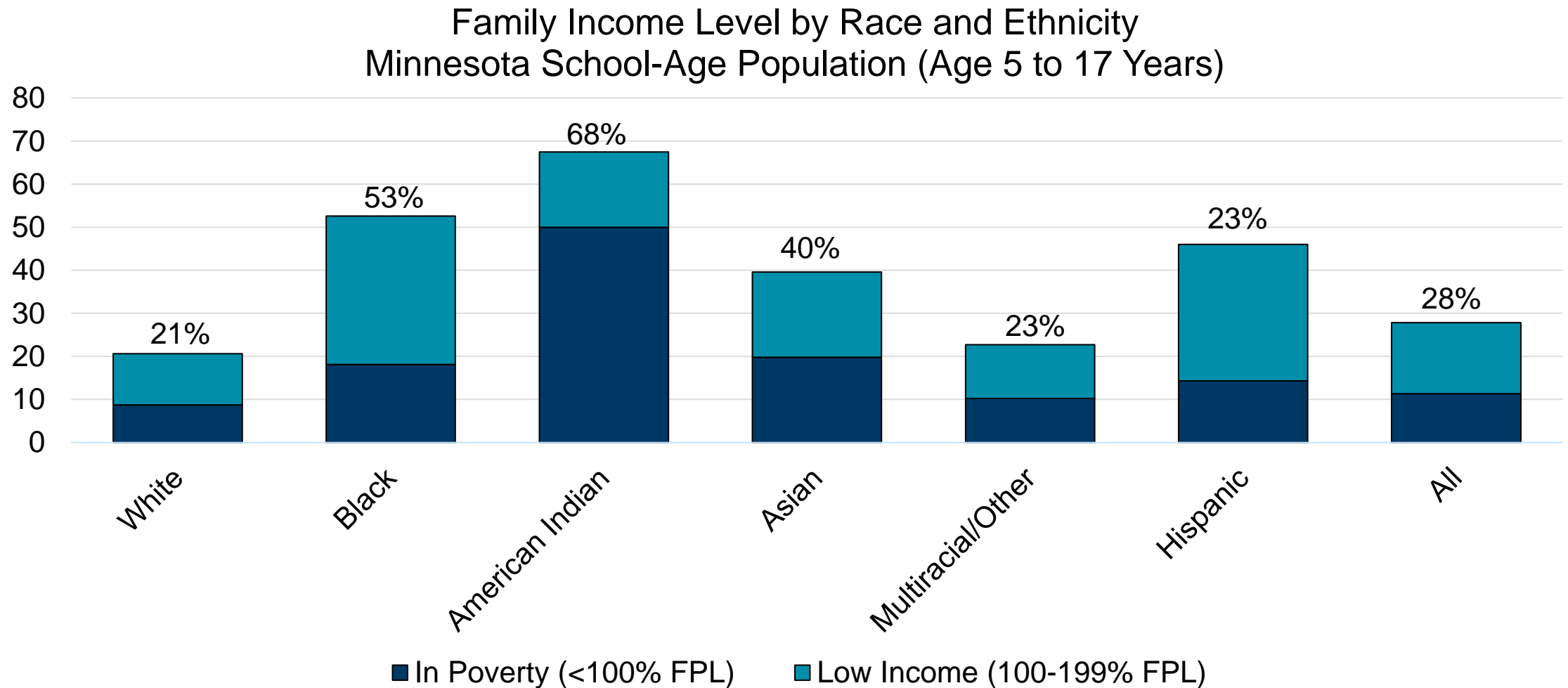
Slightly lower percentage of school-age children live in low-income families, compared to a decade ago

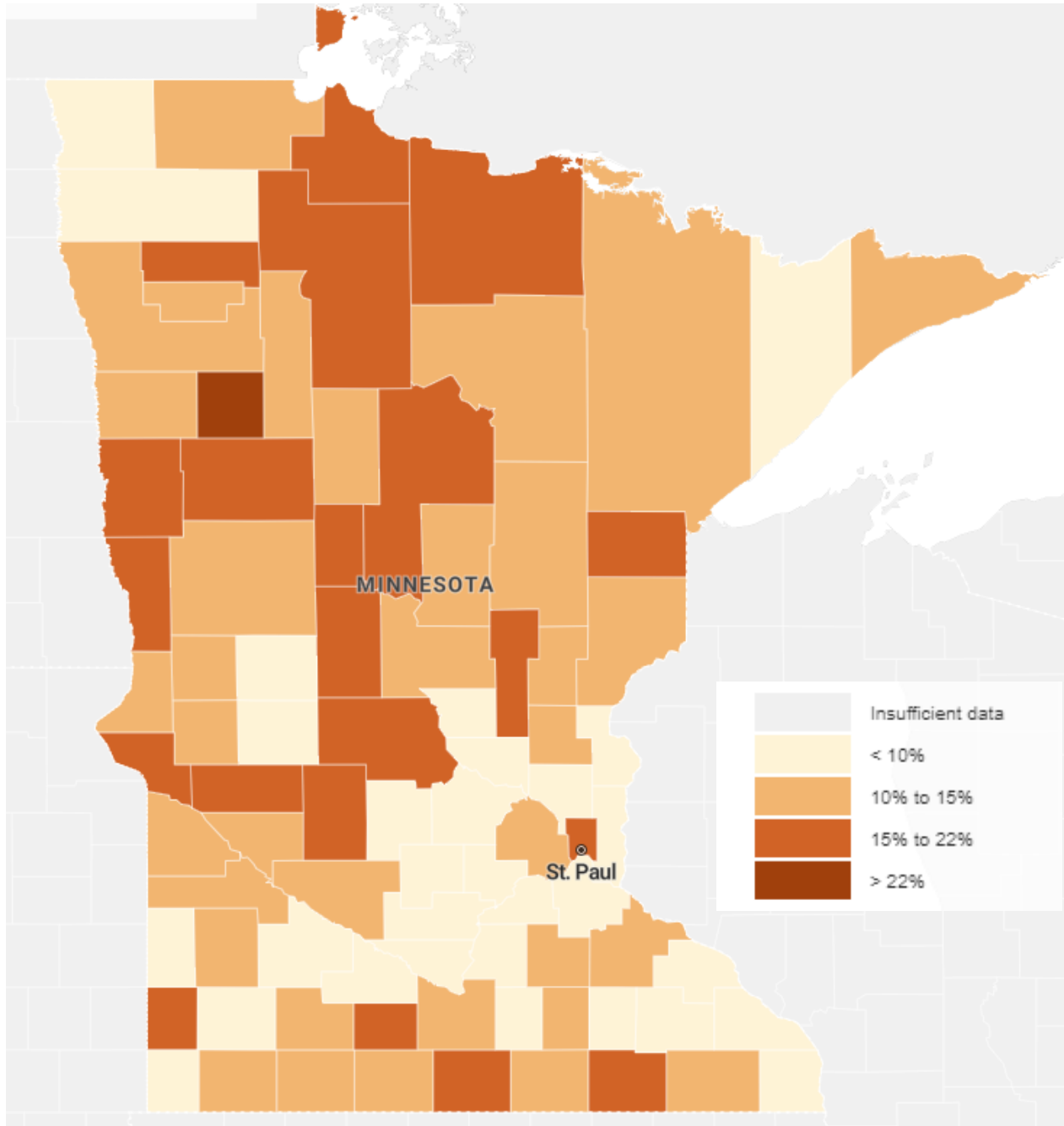
Share of Minnesota School-Age Children with Low Family Income

■ Income Less than 200% FPL



BIPOC children: More likely to live in poor and low-income families





Children Under Age 18, Living In Poverty

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Thank you.

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