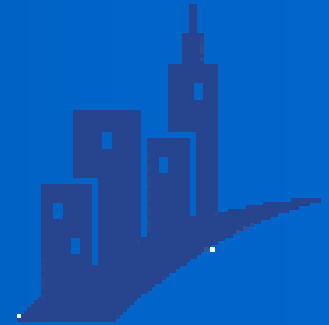


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An Overview of the Washington DC Region

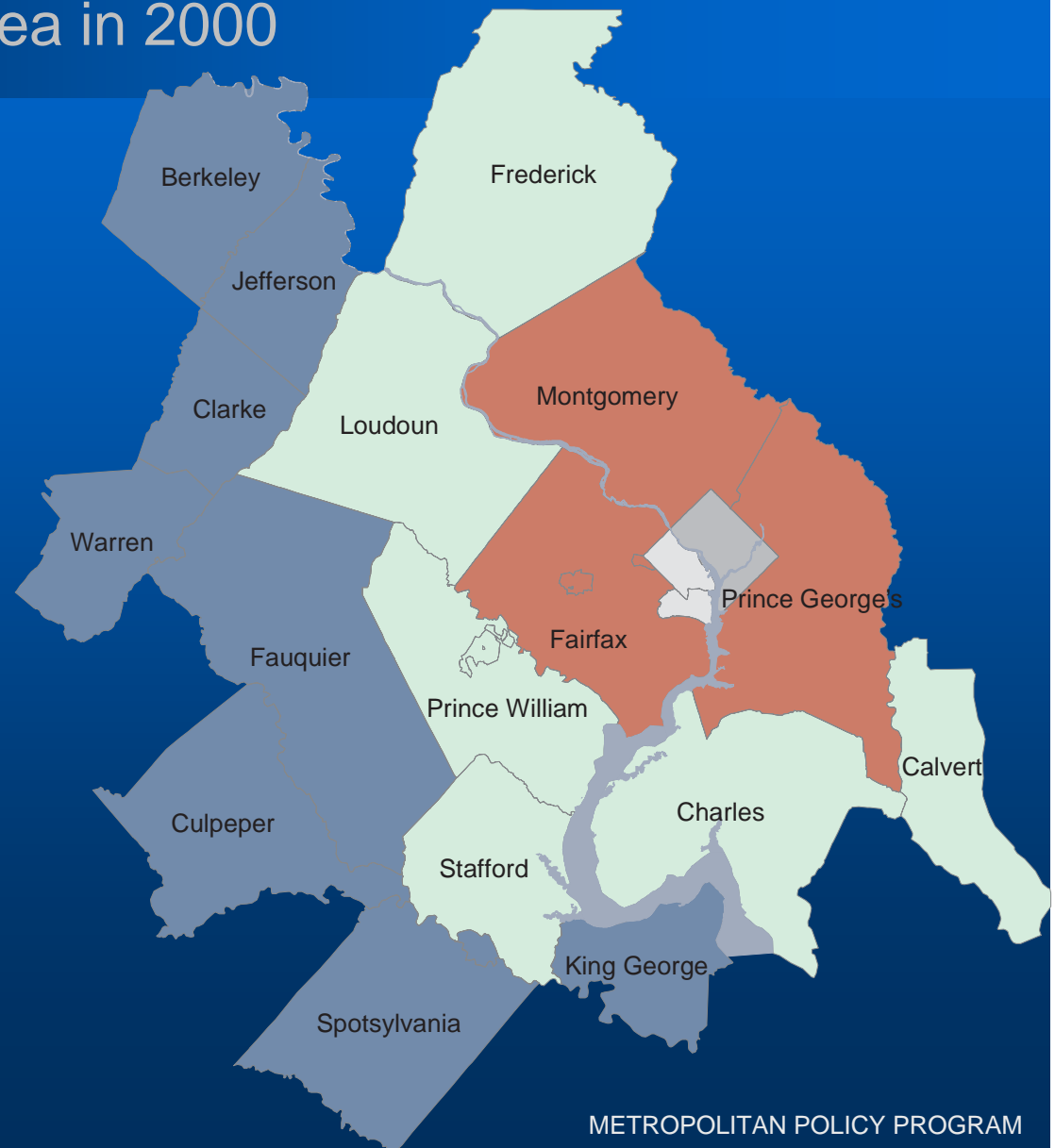
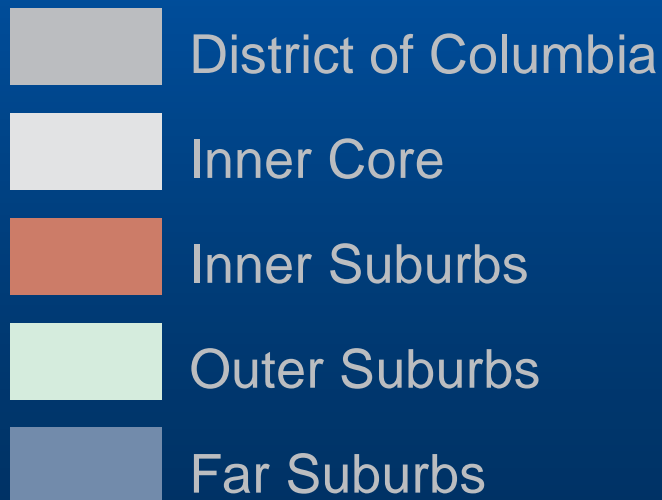
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Washington metropolitan area in 2000

25 jurisdictions,
including two
counties in WV

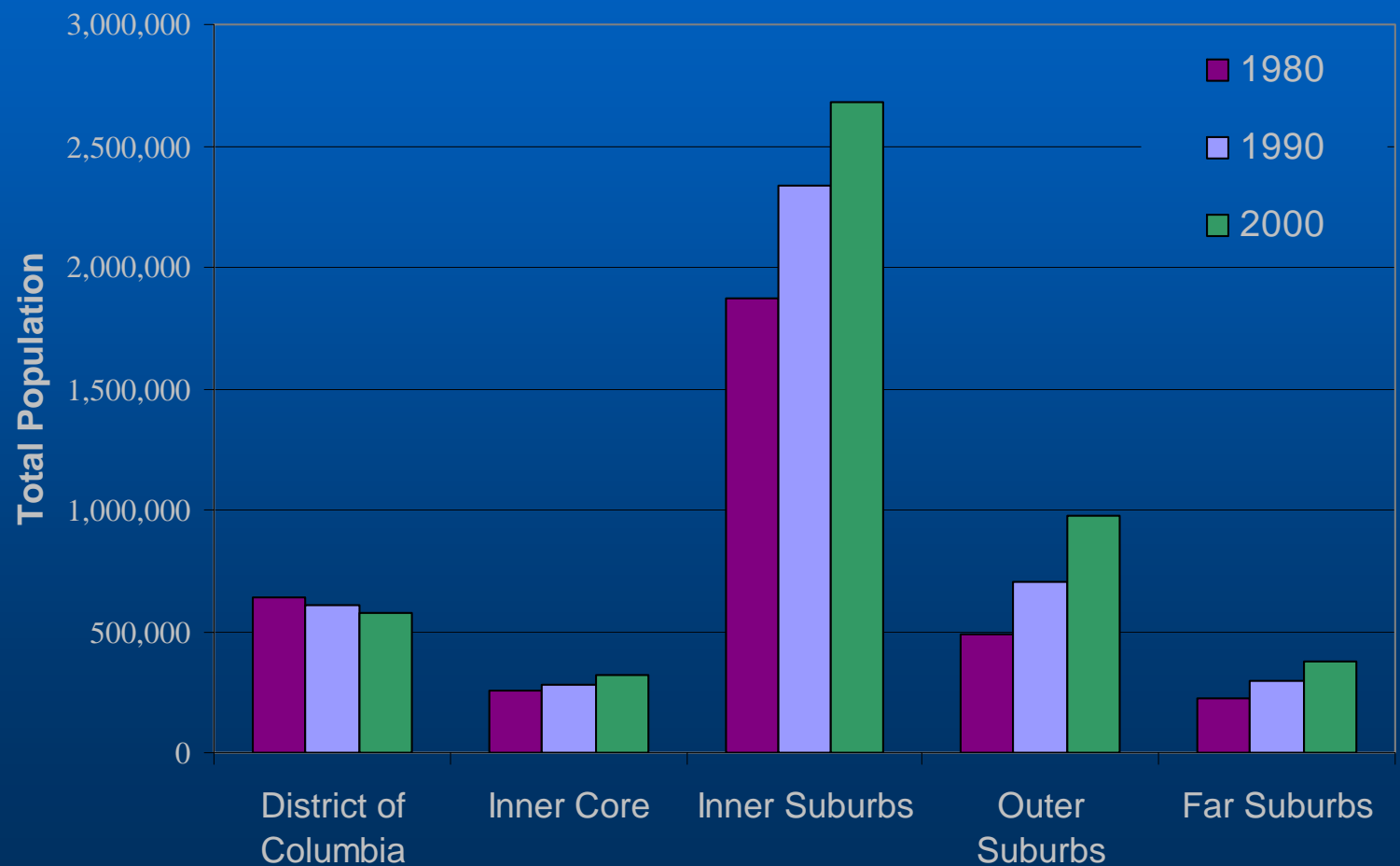




The Washington region is growing rapidly

Population Growth in the Washington Metro Area, 1980 to 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

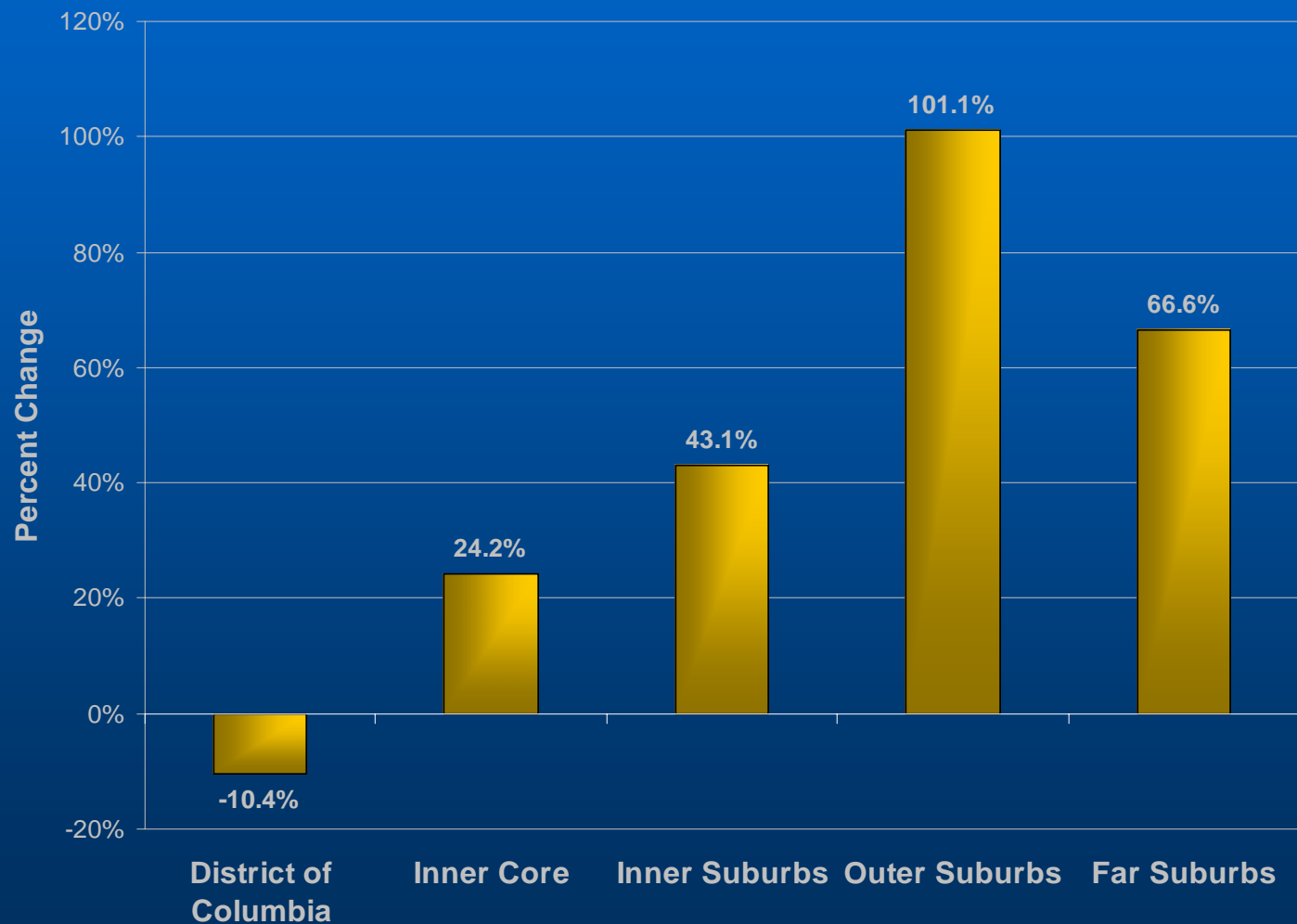




The outer suburbs are experiencing explosive growth

Percent Change
in Population of
Washington
Metro Region,
1980-2000

Source: U.S. Census
Bureau

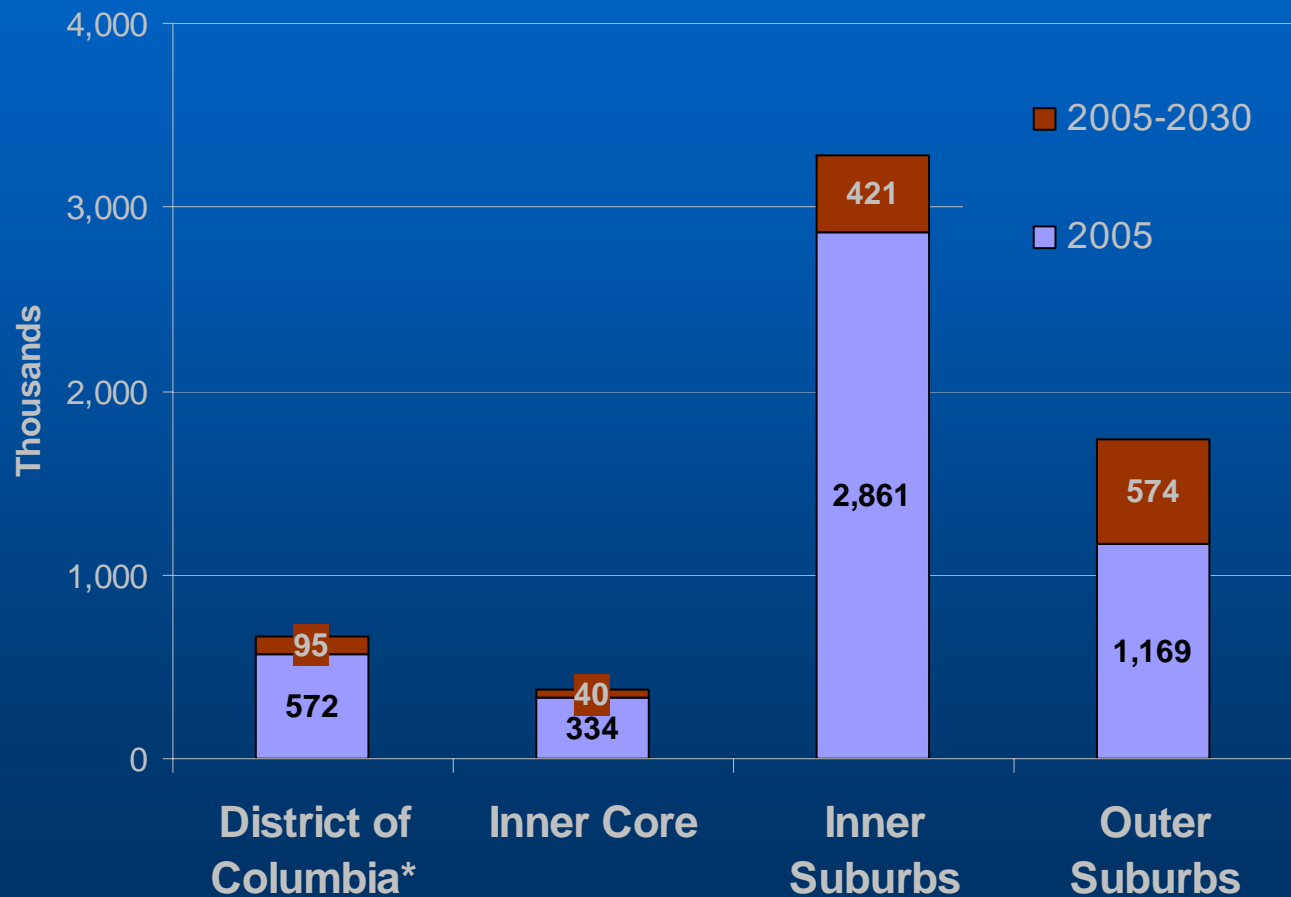




The regional population is projected to keep growing

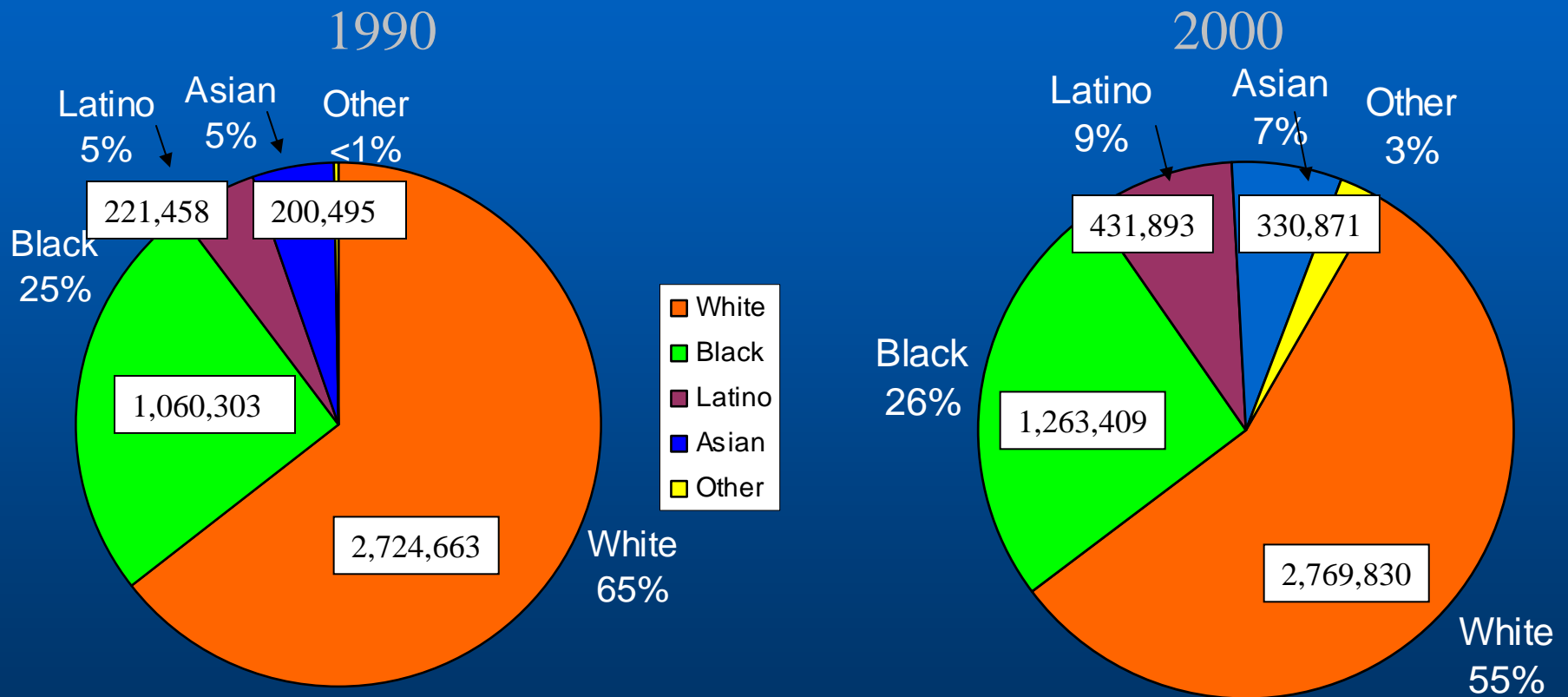
Predicted Regional
Population
Growth, 2005-
2030

Source: Metropolitan
Washington
Council of Governments





The Washington region is increasingly diverse



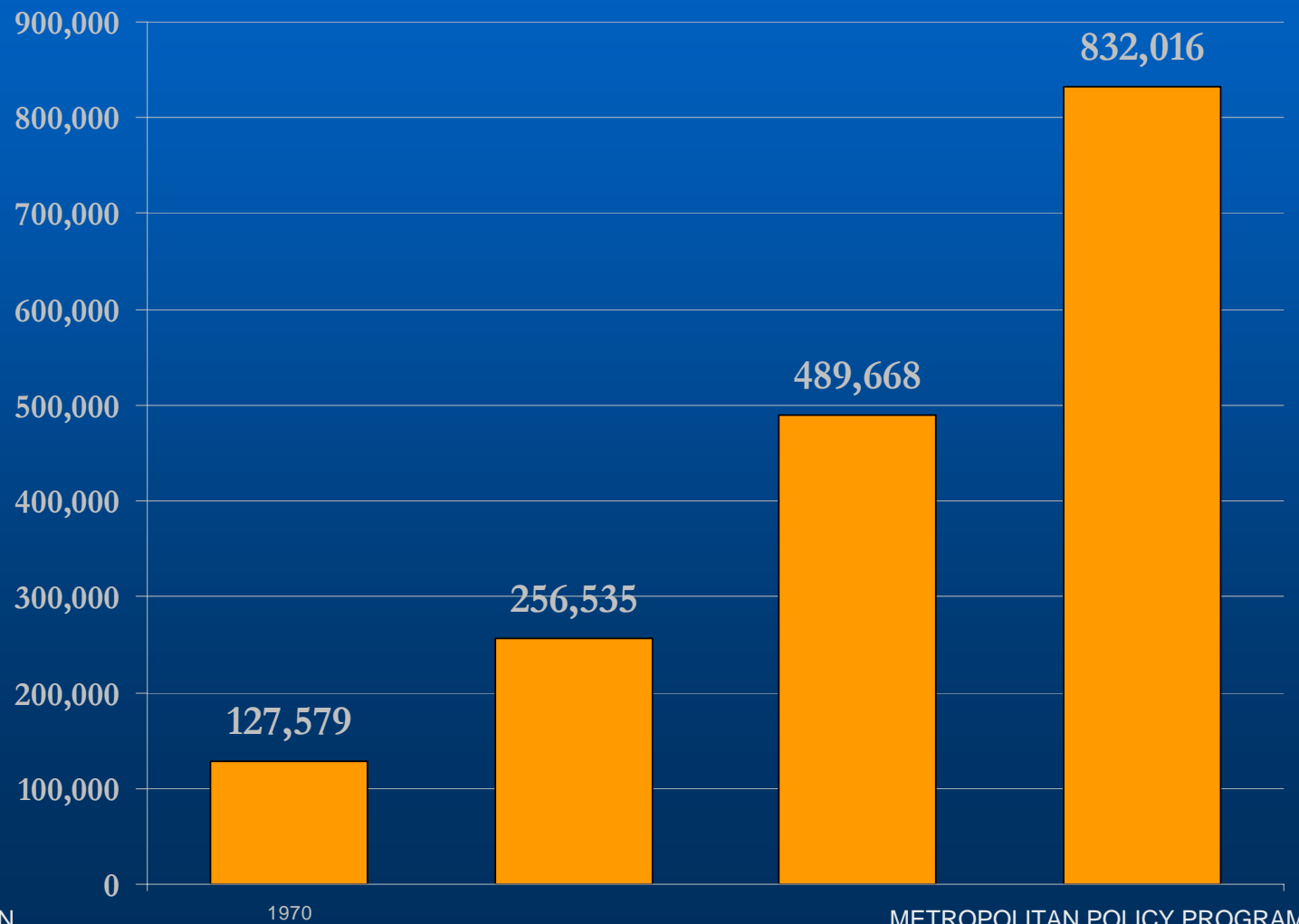
Note: In 1990, “other” refers to race other than those listed. In 2000, “other” refers to race other than those listed in addition to individuals who marked more than once race.



The Washington region is a new immigrant gateway

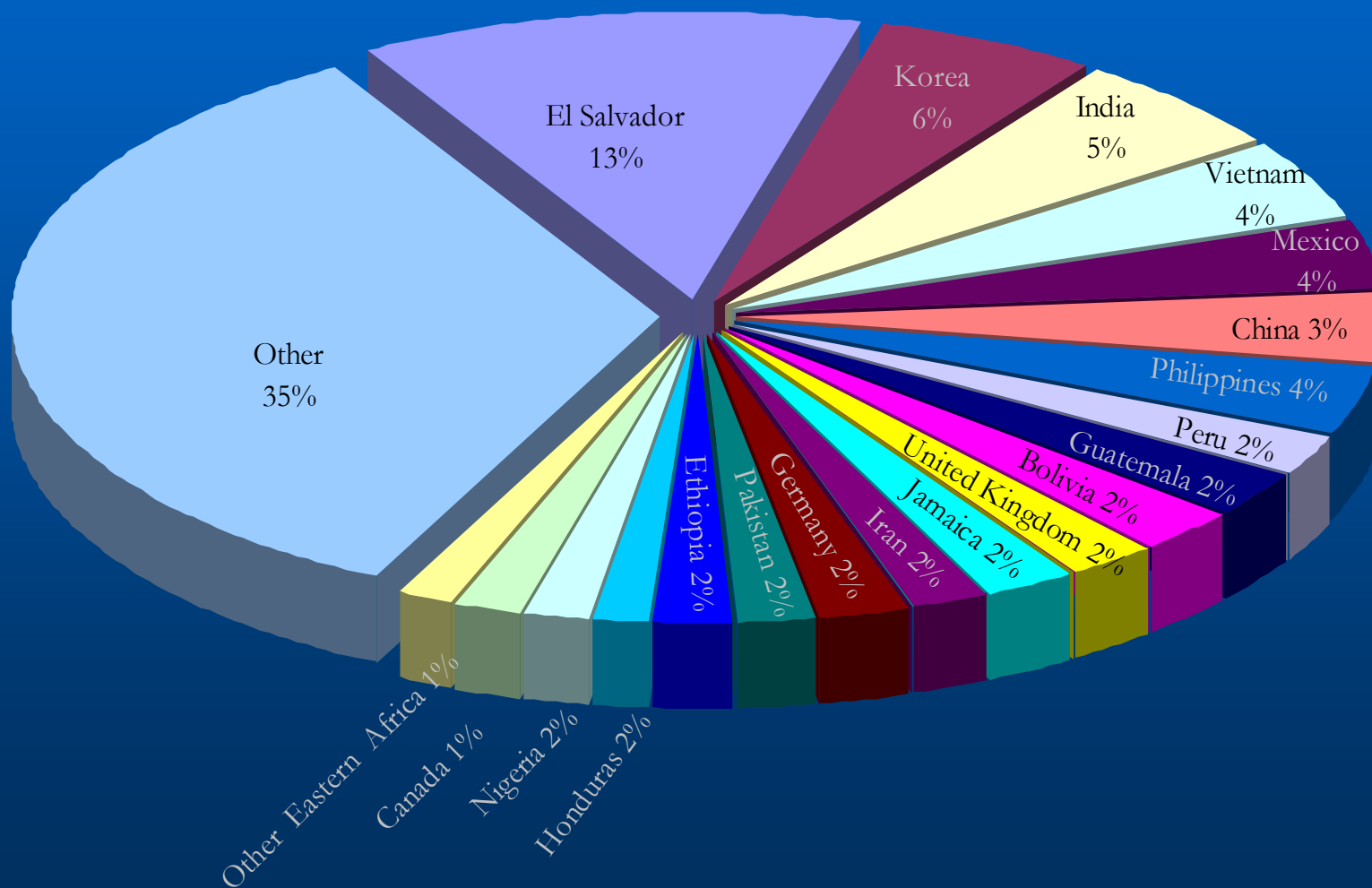
Immigrants in the Washington Metropolitan Region 1970-2000

Source: US Census Bureau





Washington has the second largest Salvadoran community in the United States, though they are only 13 percent of the region's immigrants



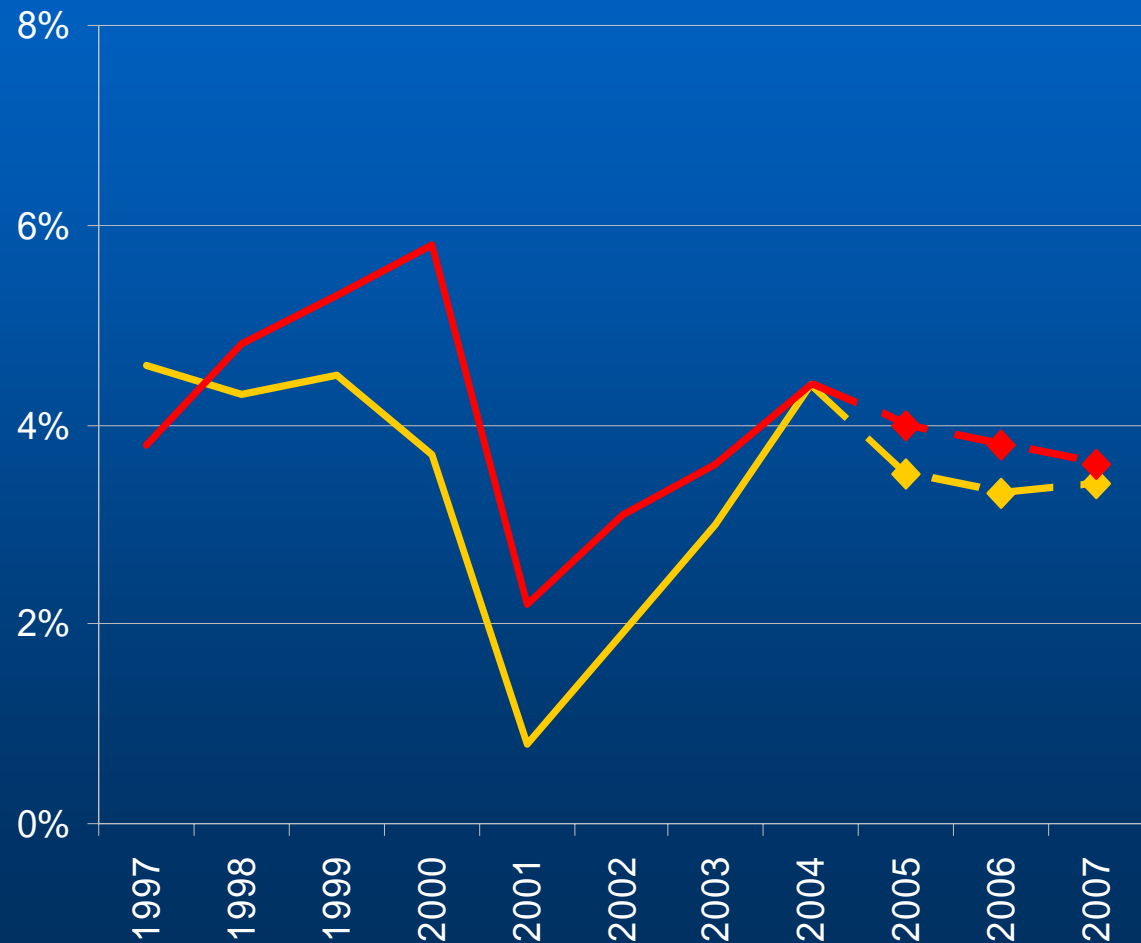


The Washington region has had strong economic growth recently relative to the nation as a whole

Growth in national and regional gross product, 1997-2007

Source:
Center for Regional Analysis,
George Mason University

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— Washington



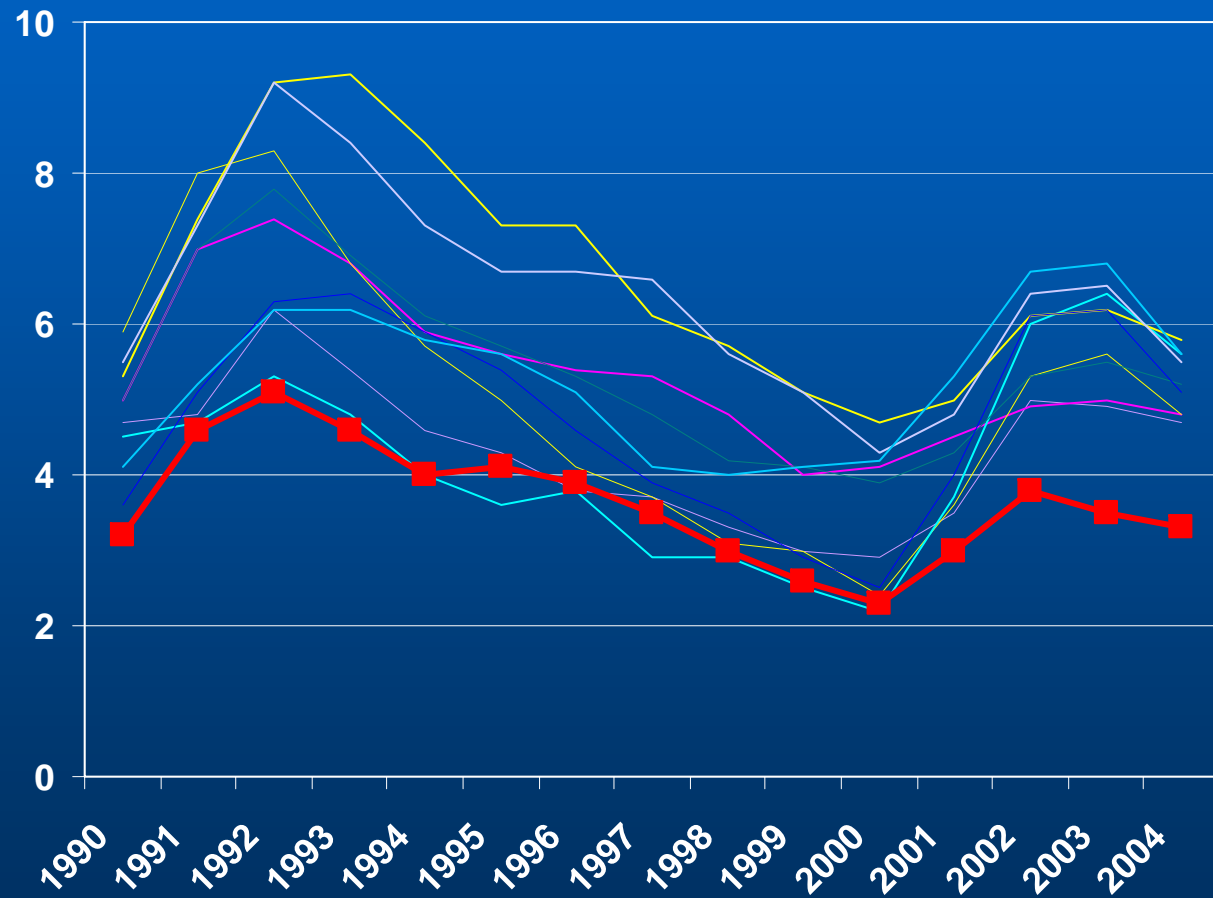


The Washington metro area consistently has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country

Metropolitan area
unemployment rates,
1990-2004

Source:
Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- Boston
- Denver
- Los Angeles
- New York
- Philadelphia
- San Francisco
- Seattle
- Washington

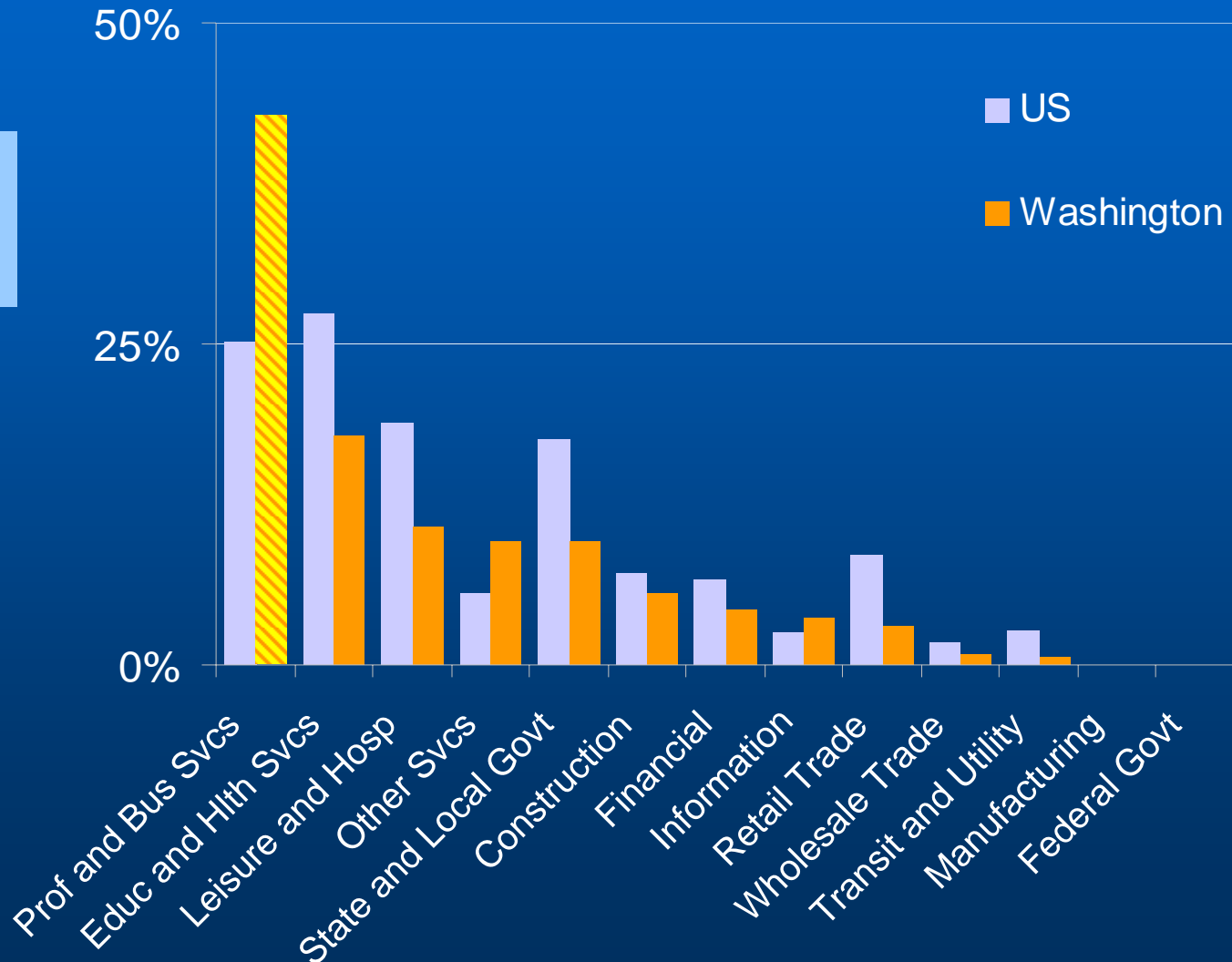




Growth in professional and business services has been a major driver in the region's economic growth

Share of job growth by sector, 1990-2003

Source:
Center for Regional Analysis,
George Mason University





The population is highly educated

Degrees held by
population of large
metro areas, 2000

Source:
U.S. Census Bureau

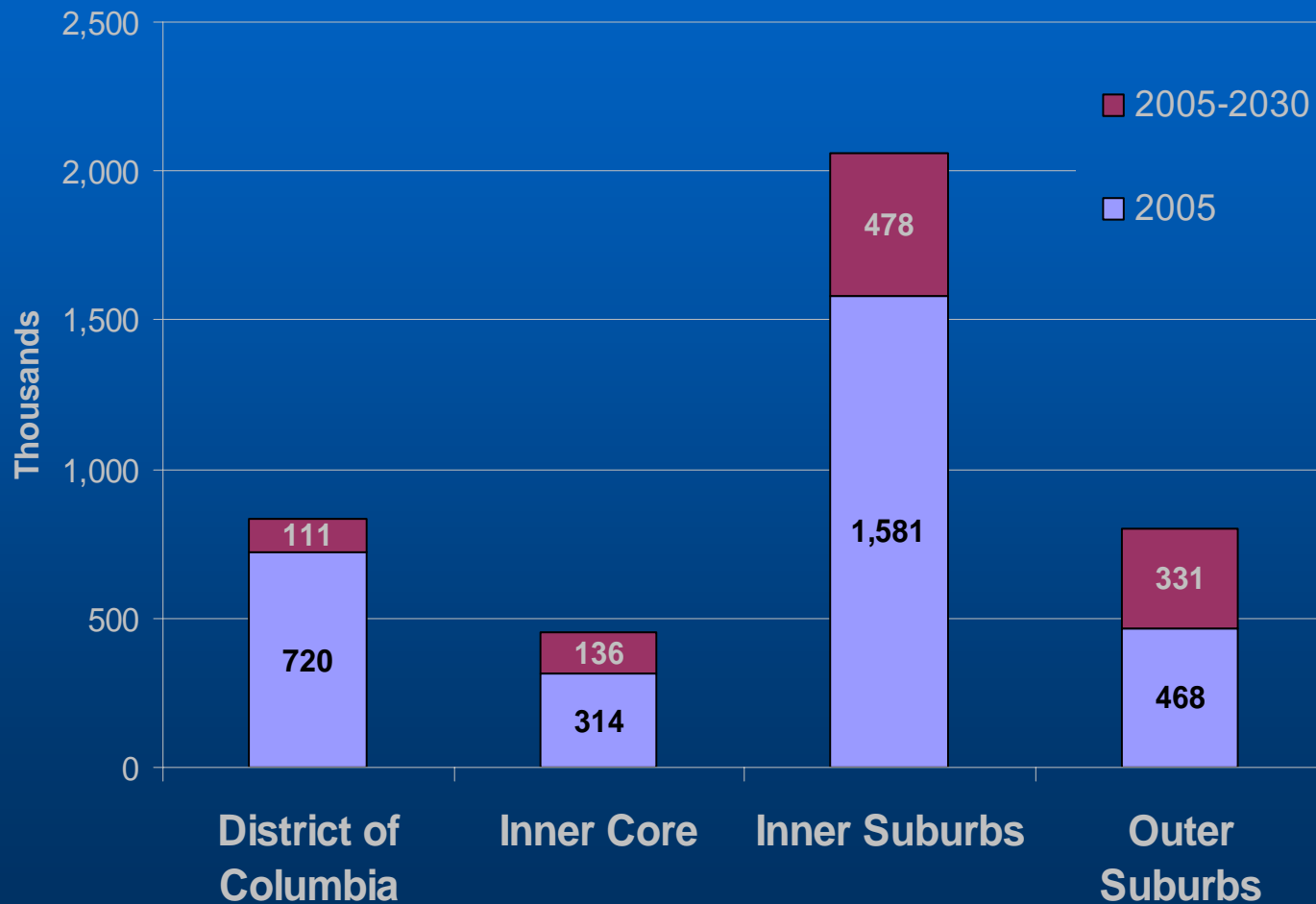
Share of population with at least:		
	BA	Grad/Prof
Washington, DC	41.8	18.8
Boston	39.5	16.9
Seattle	35.9	11.7
Minneapolis	33.3	10.1
Atlanta	32.1	10.4
Nassau & Suffolk	31.3	13.7
Orange County	30.8	10.4
Chicago	30.1	11.1
Dallas	30	9.5
UNITED STATES	24.4	8.9



The number of jobs is projected to increase

Projected
Regional Job
Growth, 2005-
2030

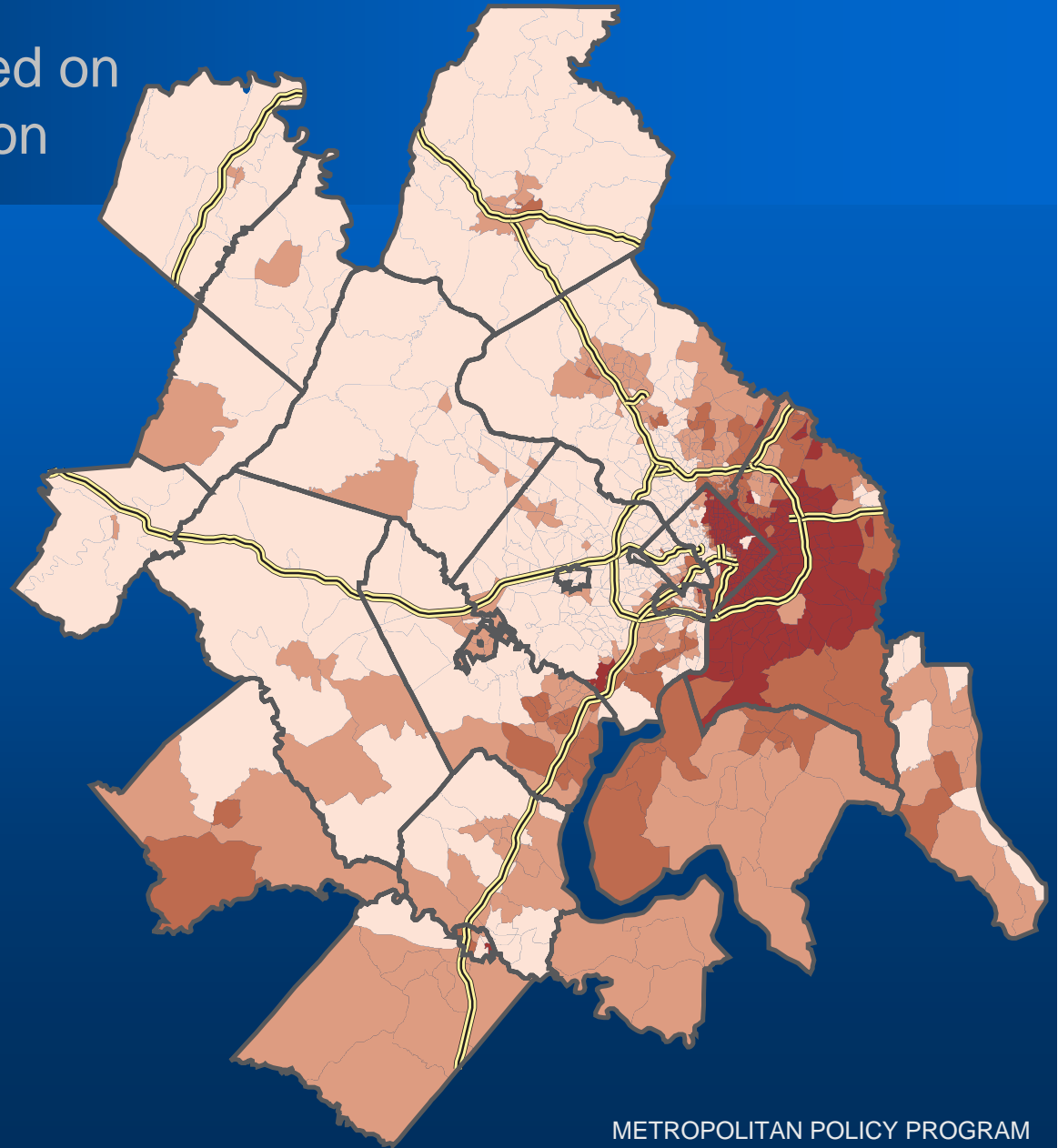
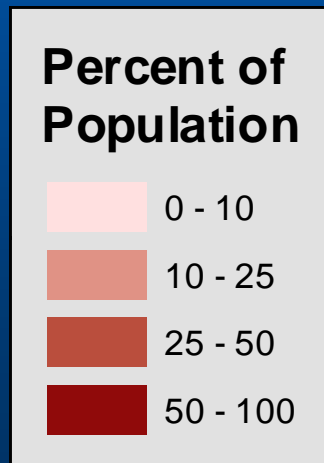
Source: Metropolitan
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Black residents are clustered on the eastern side of the region

Percent Black
By Census Tract, 2000

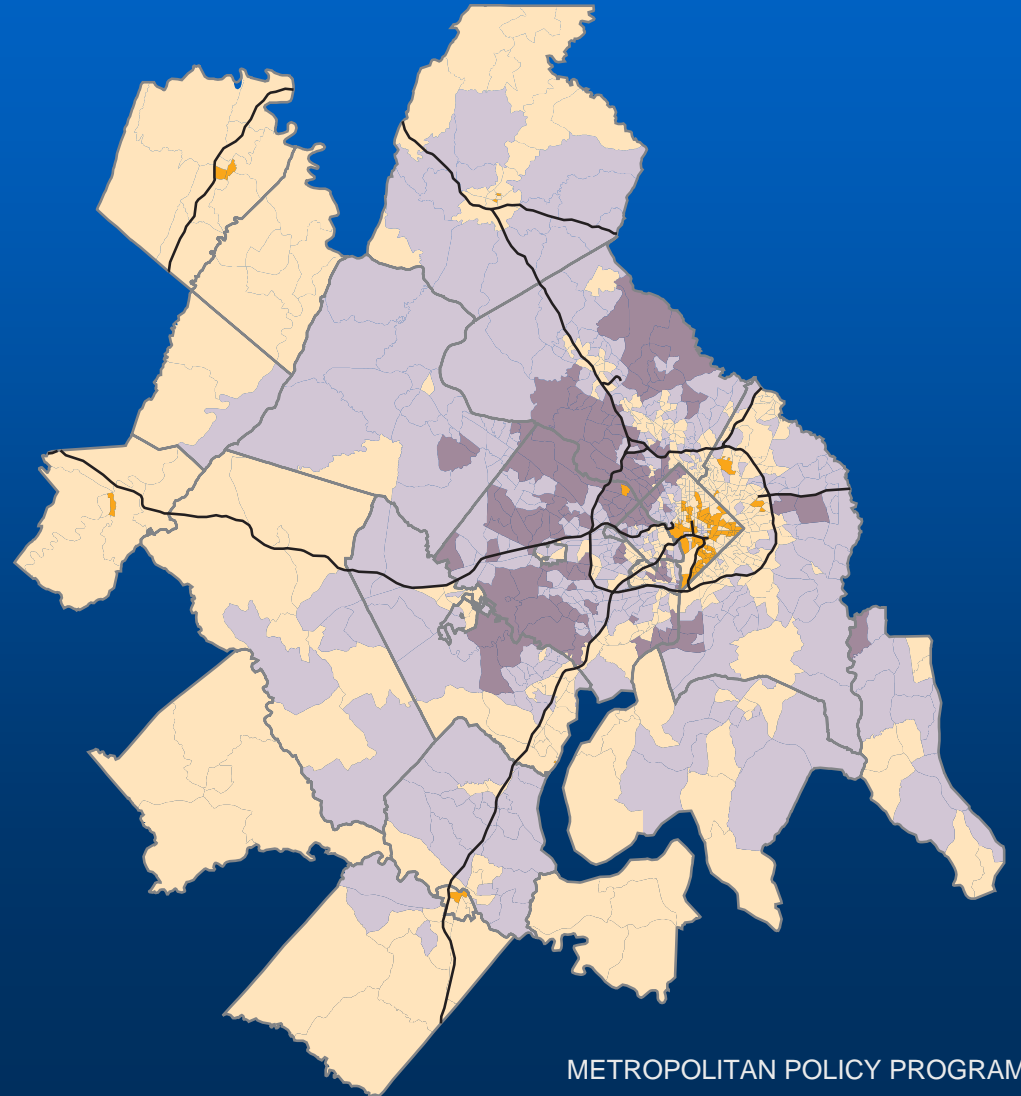
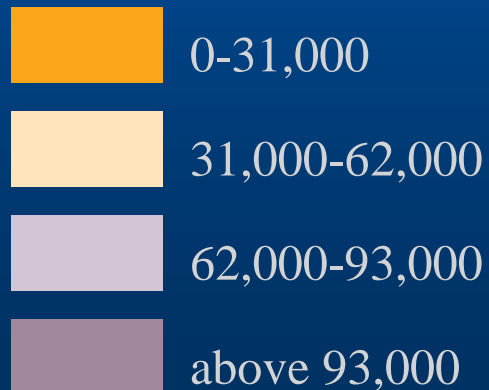




Median income is highest on the western side of the region

Median household
income 1999
Area median
household income
\$62,216

Source:
U.S. Census Bureau

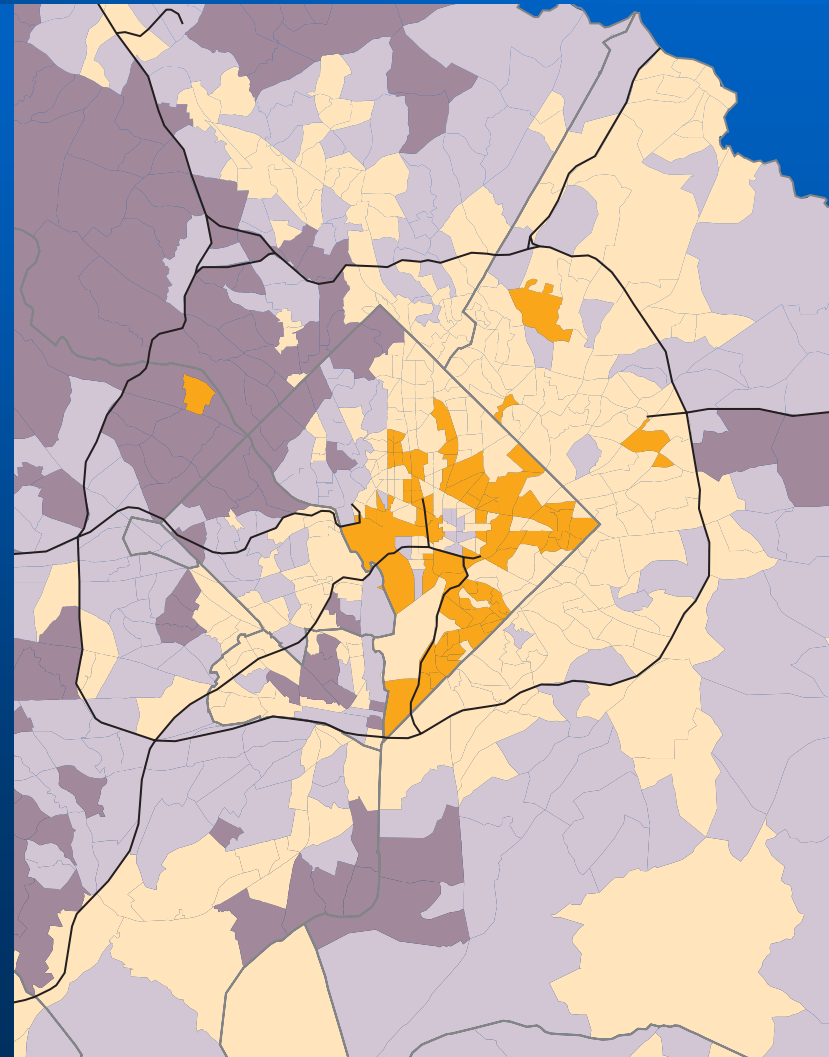
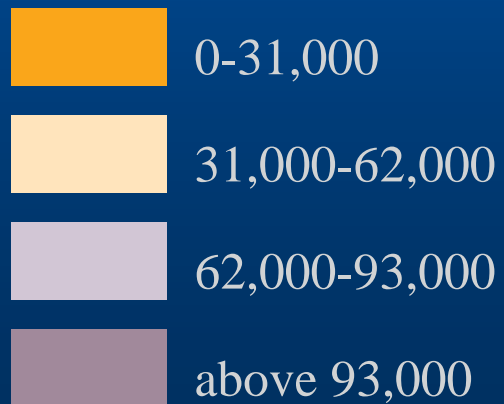




The east-west income gap starts in the District

Median household
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Area median
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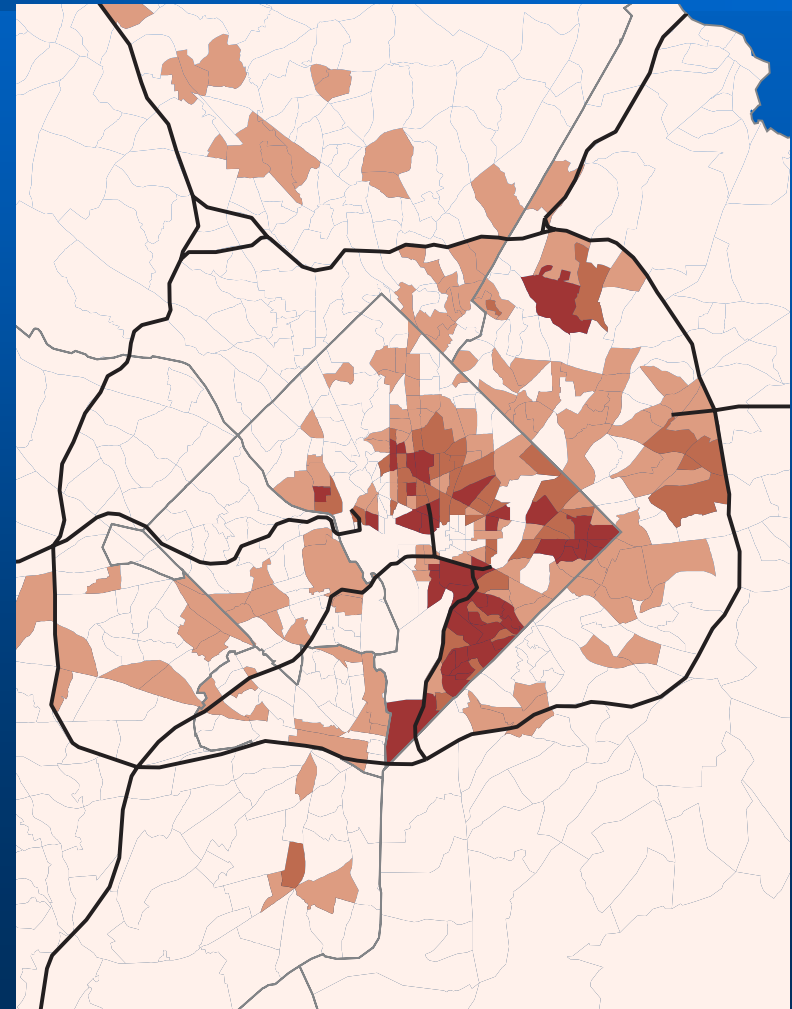
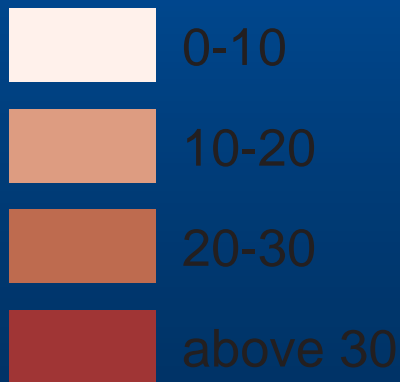




Eastern DC and close-in Prince George's county have the most neighborhoods with high poverty levels

Percentage of the population under poverty

Source:
U.S. Census Bureau



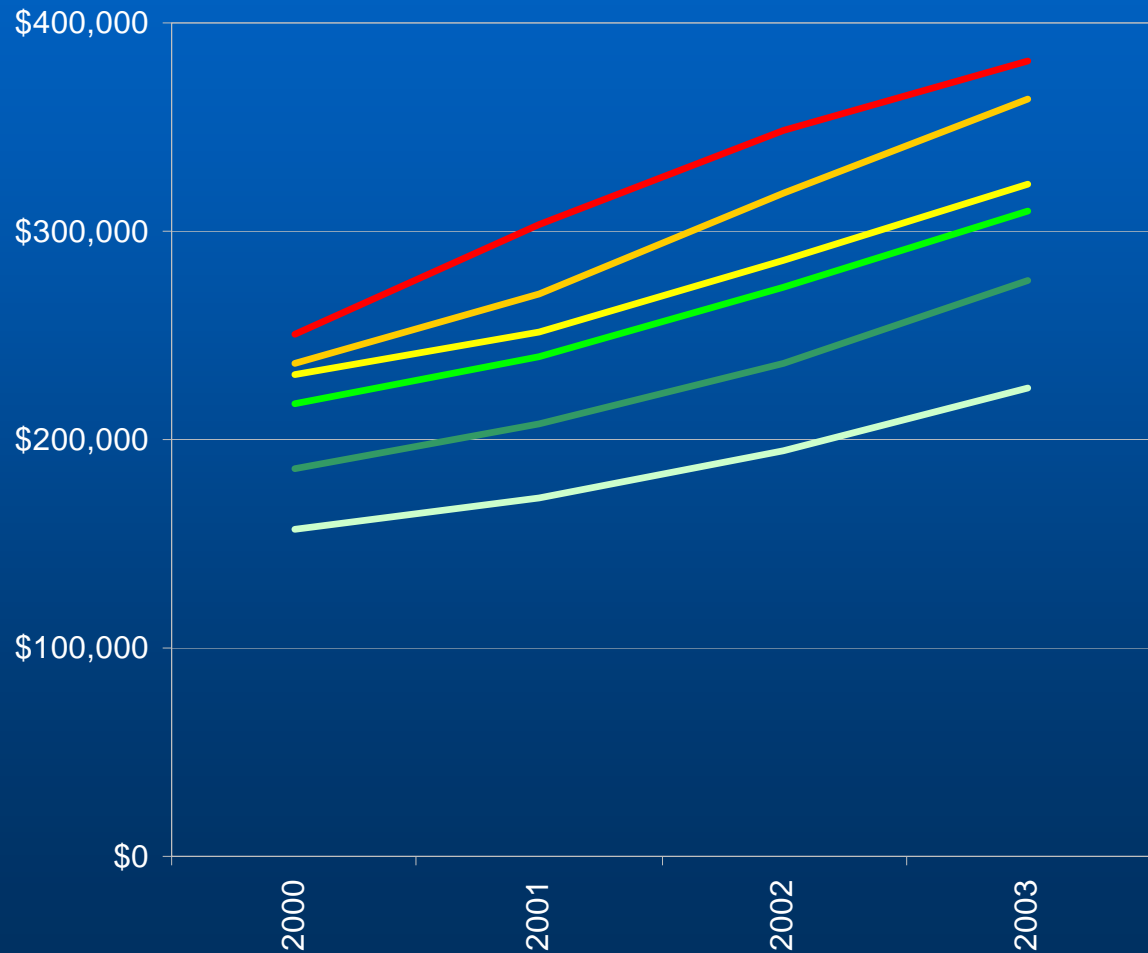


Housing prices have been rising rapidly around the region

Average housing prices in the Washington Metro area, 2000-2003

Source:
Fannie Mae Foundation/
Urban Institute

- Total Region
- District of Columbia
- Inner Core
- Inner Suburbs
- Outer Suburbs
- Far Suburbs



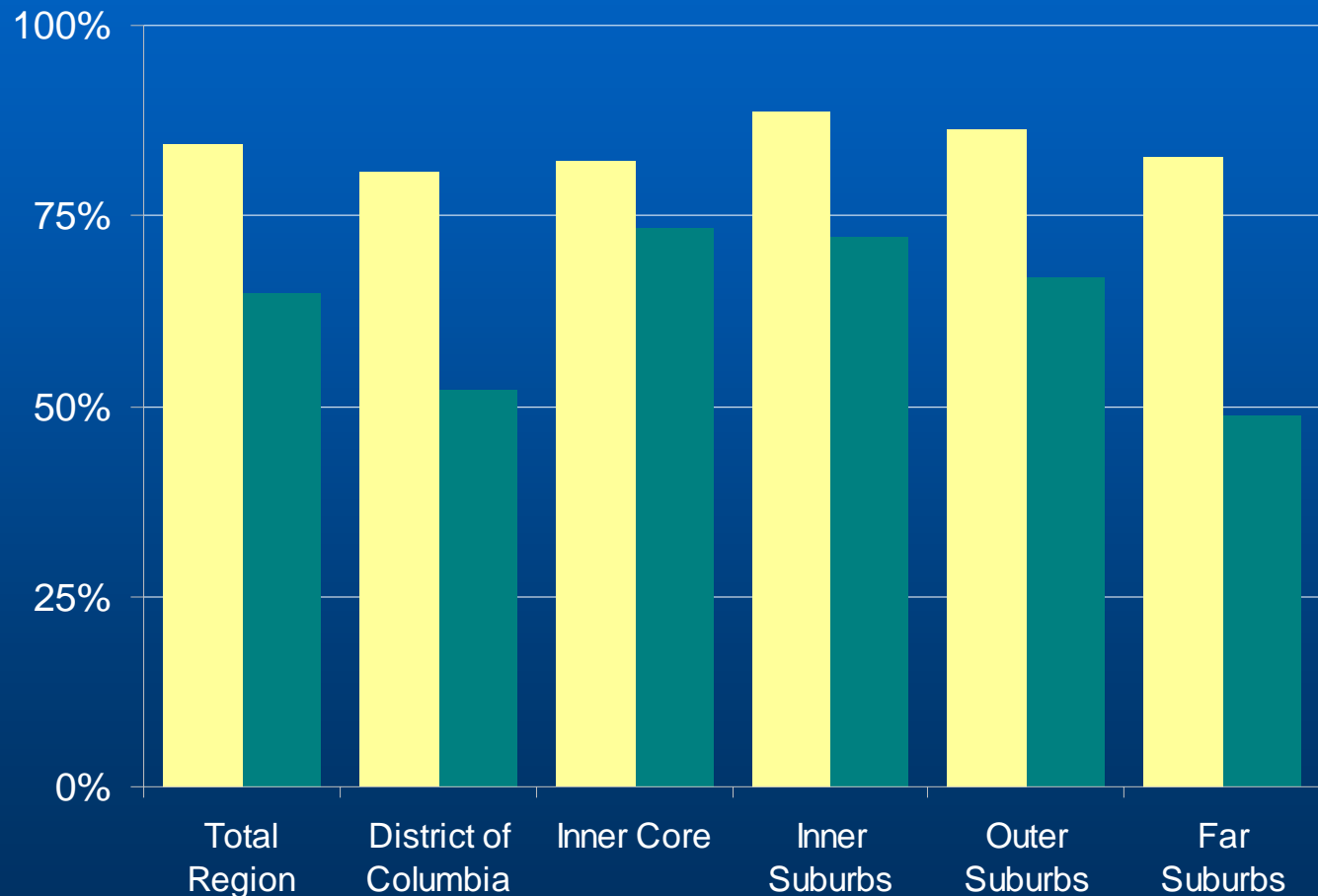


High housing prices means less affordable housing. Low-income families have been especially hard-hit

Percent of low-income households with unaffordable housing costs, 2000

Source:
Fannie Mae Foundation/
Urban Institute

- Households <\$10,000 of income
- Households w/ \$10,000-\$34,999 of income

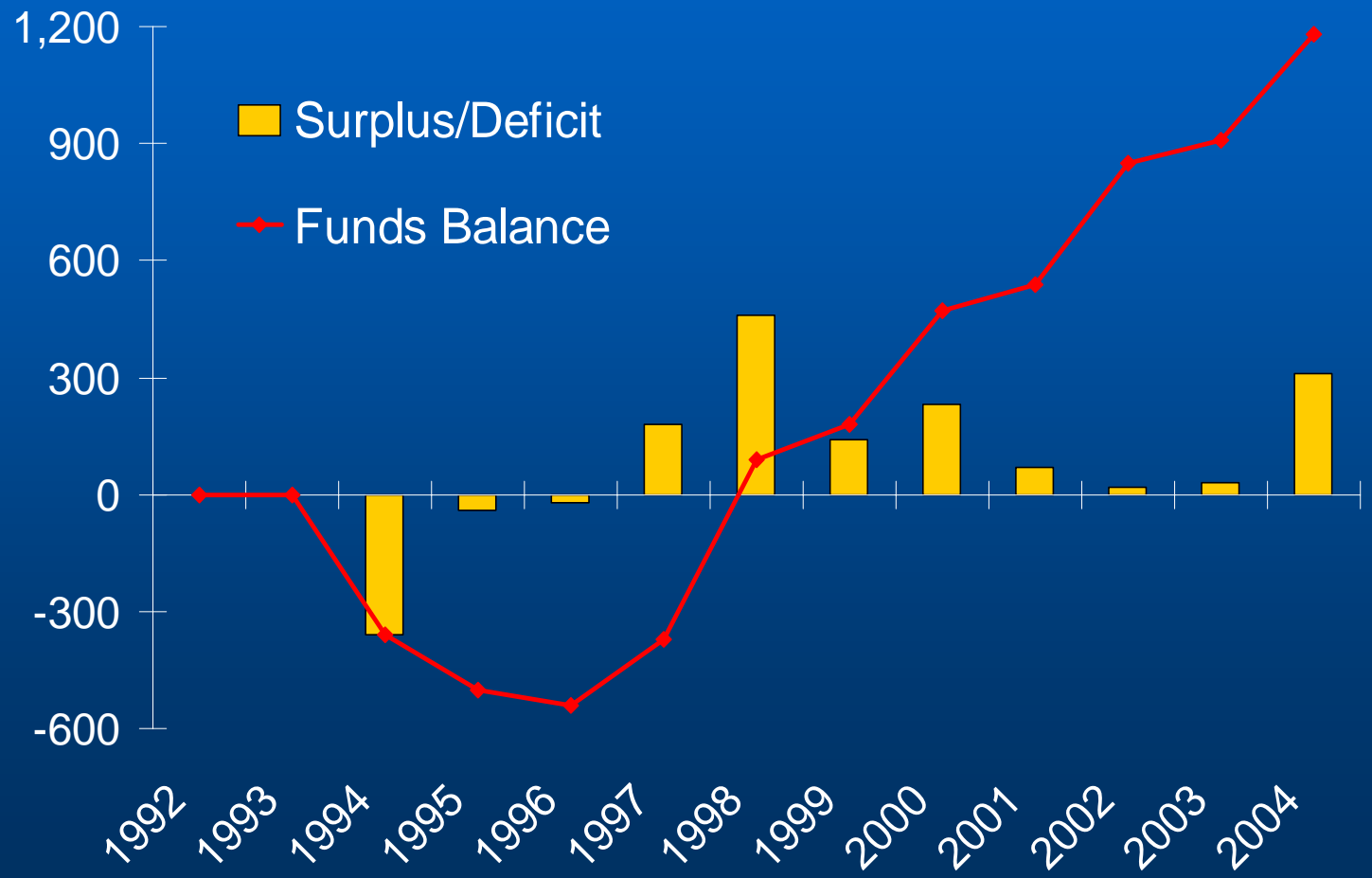


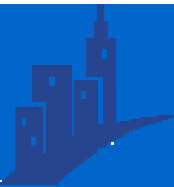


The District's budget now has surpluses instead of deficits

Washington DC
Budget Surplus/
Deficit and Funds
Balance, 1992-2004

Source:
DC CFO

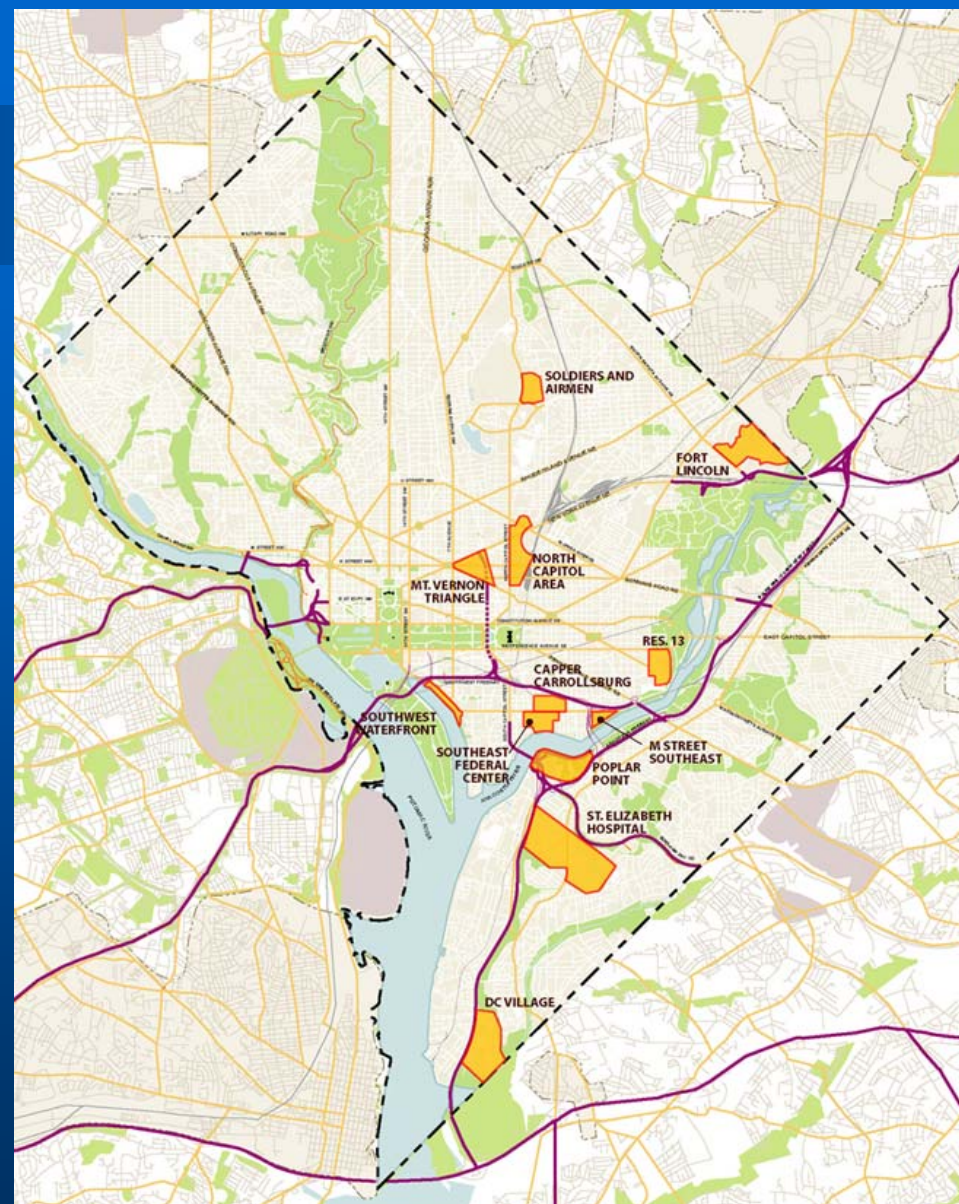


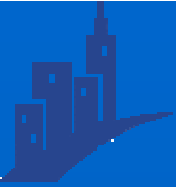


Underutilized sites offer chances to create new neighborhoods

Source: DC Office of Planning

- Thousands of units of potential and planned housing
- Help attract and retain residents without displacing existing residents





Promote development by transforming the Anacostia riverfront

Anacostia Waterfront Initiative

Source: DC Office of Planning

