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Population Change and Demographic Trends for the Black Population in Austin

African American Resource Advisory Commission

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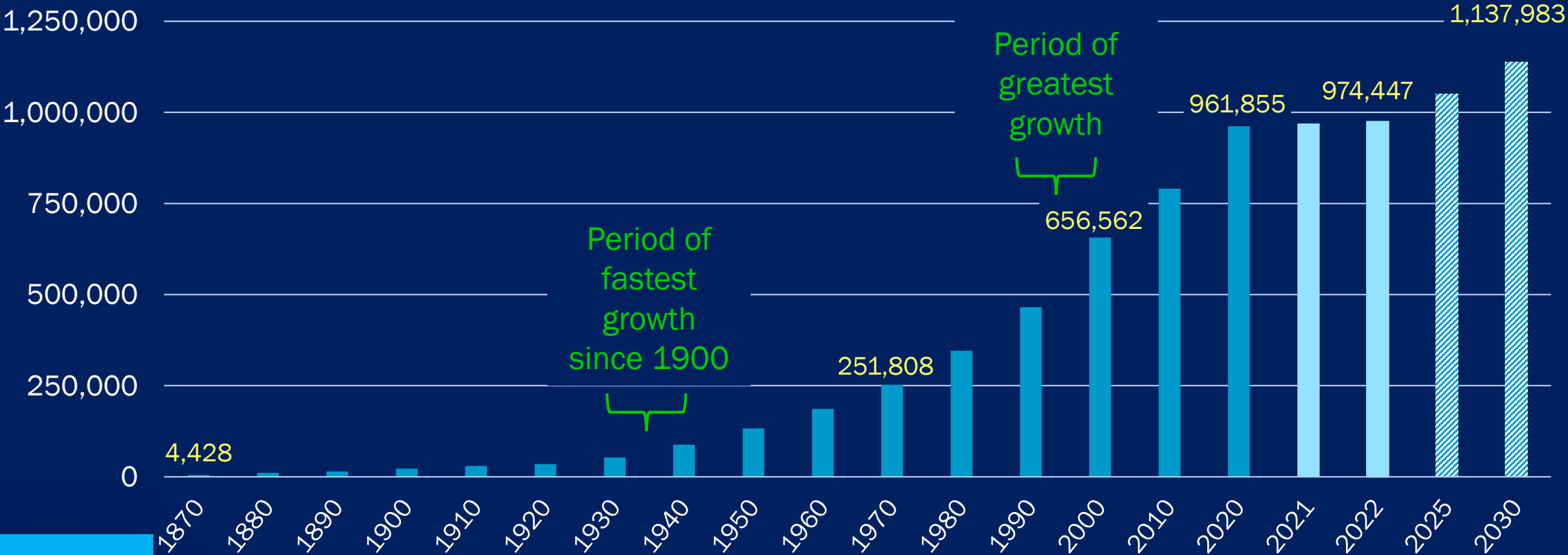
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Austin's Population Growth



Austin’s population has been doubling every 20 to 25 years. Recent growth has been at a slower rate.

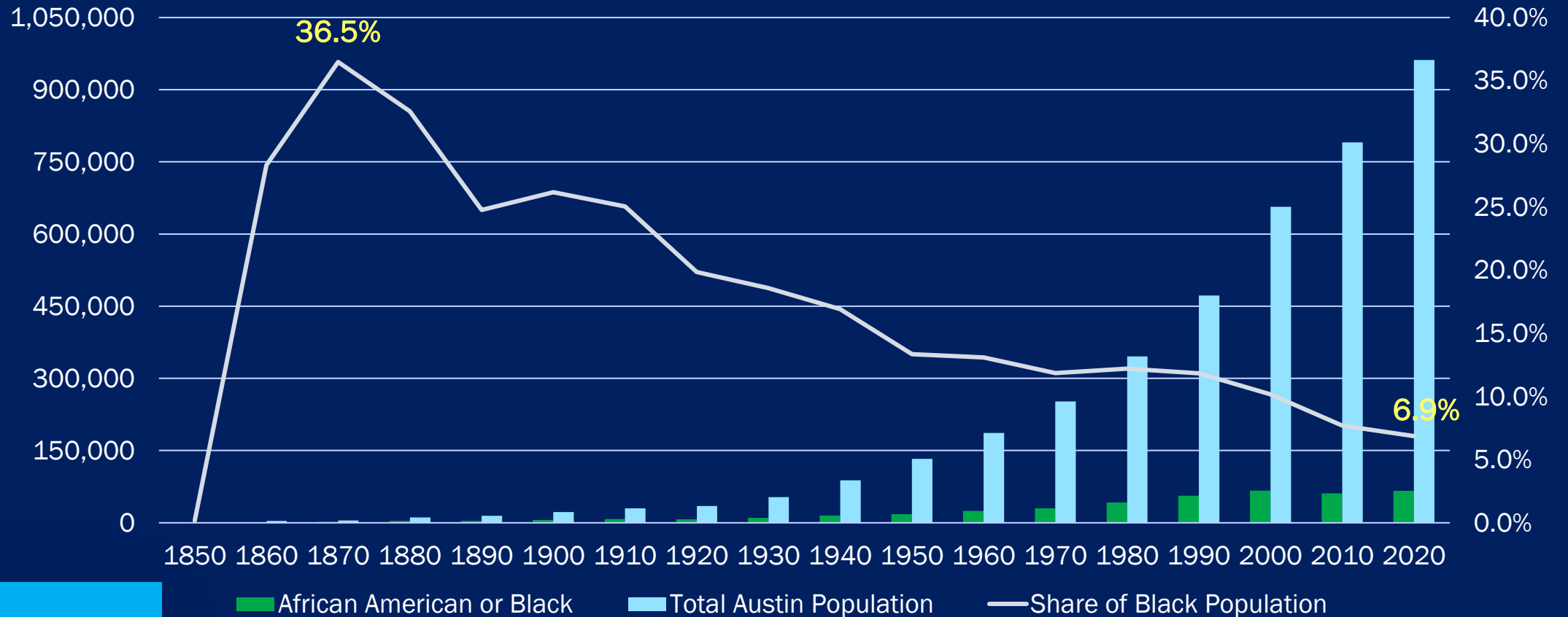


.974 million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses 1870 – 2020; 2022 Vintage Census Bureau Population Estimates; 2025, 2030 CoA Projections.



Black population grew last decade but has been declining in share since 1900.



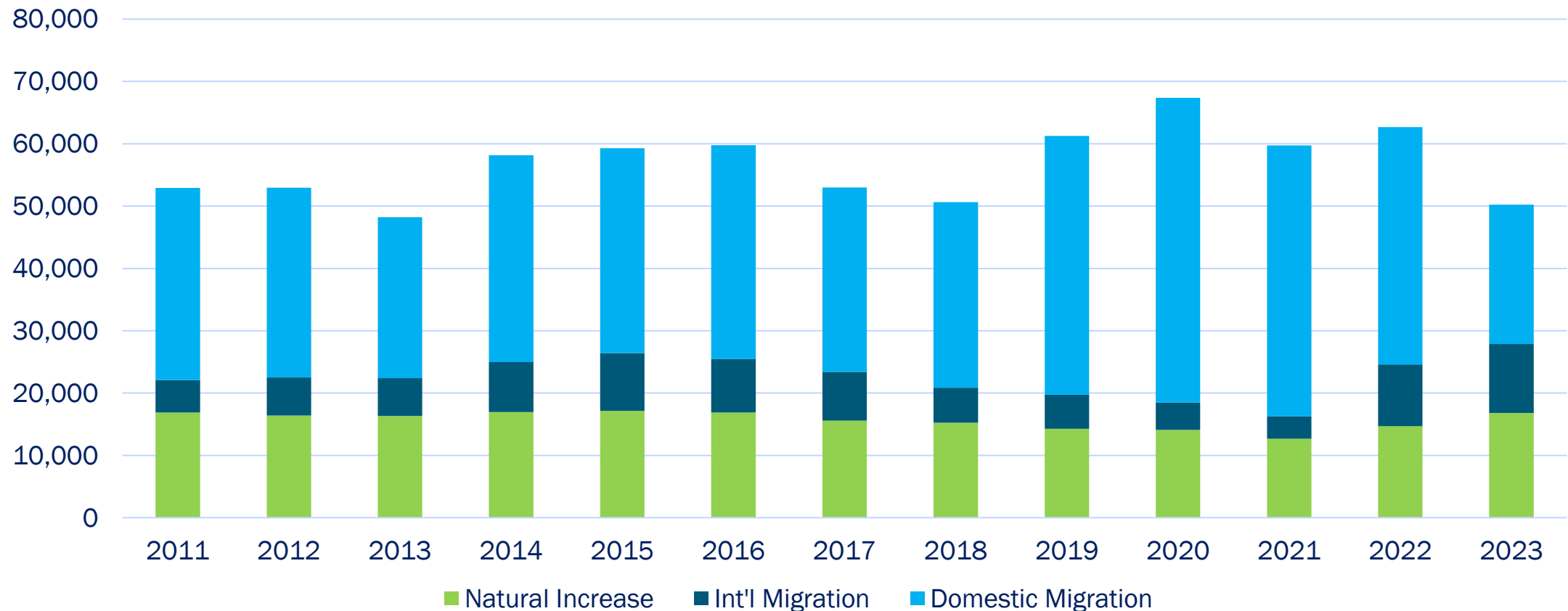
.964 million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses 1870 – 2020; 2021 Vintage Census Bureau Population Estimates; 2025, 2030 CoA Demographer Preliminary Projections.



Although migration has long been a major contributor of growth to the Austin region, recent figures show slower growth coming from domestic migration.

Components of Population Change, Austin Metro, 2011-2023



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



Where do Austinites come from?

Place of Birth, 2023

	Total Population	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
Born in Texas	48%	20%	57%	56%	45%
Born in other US State	32%	19%	30%	14%	47%
Native born, outside US	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Born in Another Country	18%	60%	12%	27%	5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023 1-Year Estimates

Note: Figures in red represent a decrease since 2013, in bold an increase since 2013.

Austin's Unique Diversity



Change in Austin's Black Population, 2010 to 2020

40% Austin vs 5% TX, US

Black population growth

3.1% of total growth

4th largest race group in Austin

<1% of TX Black growth

NH White population driving growth in Austin.

The Black population in Austin grew 8.6% to a total of 66,002.

Of the 171k people added last decade, 5,242 or 3.1% were Black

The Black population now makes up 6.9% of the total population, down from 7.7%.

Less than 1% of all Black population growth in Texas was added in Austin.



Change in Austin's Racial-Ethnic Composition, 2010 to 2020

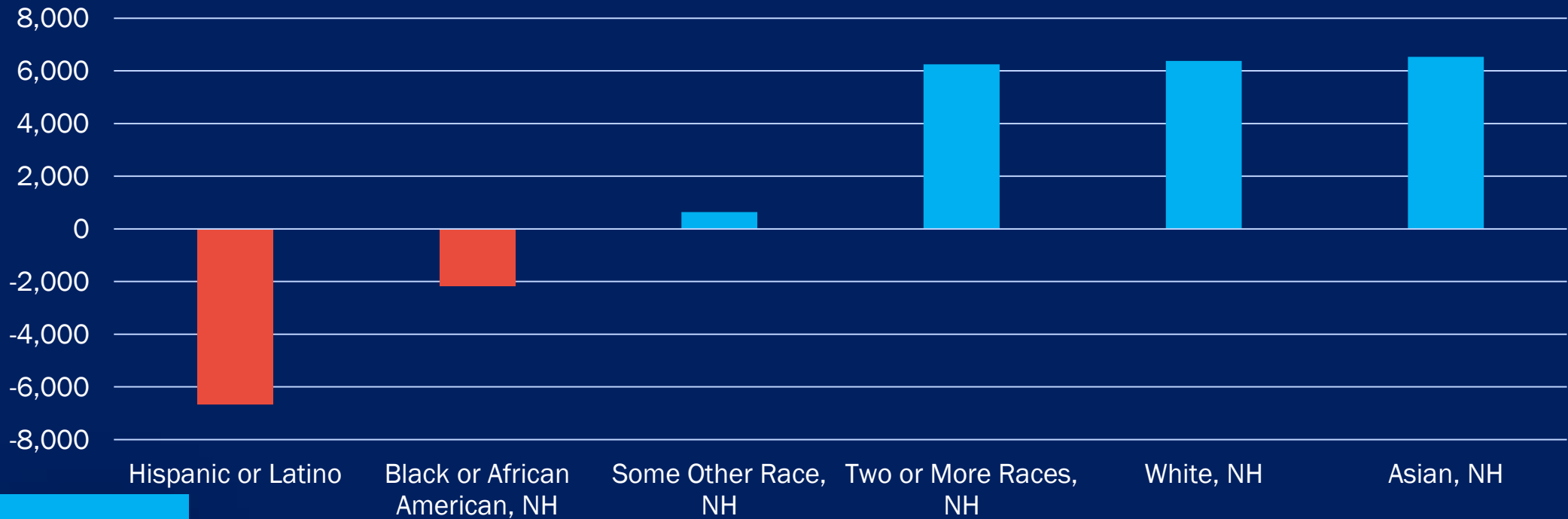
	2010	2020	Percent of Total, 2010	Percent of Total, 2020	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total Change
Hispanic or Latino	277,707	312,448	35.1%	32.5%	34,741	12.5%	20.3%
American Indian & Alaska Native, NH	1,967	2,002	0.2%	0.2%	35	1.8%	0.0%
Asian, NH	49,159	85,853	6.2%	8.9%	36,694	74.6%	21.4%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander, NH	401	528	0.1%	0.1%	127	31.7%	0.1%
Black or African American, NH	60,760	66,002	7.7%	6.9%	5,242	8.6%	3.1%
Some other race, NH	1,448	4,841	0.2%	0.5%	3,393	234.3%	2.0%
Two or more races, NH	13,677	37,187	1.7%	3.9%	23,510	171.9%	13.7%
White, NH	385,271	452,994	48.7%	47.1%	67,723	17.6%	39.5%
Total	790,390	961,855	100.0%	100.0%	171,465	21.7%	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010, 2020; Note: red text denotes decrease since 2010



Despite growth in the child population, fewer Latino and Black children in Austin.

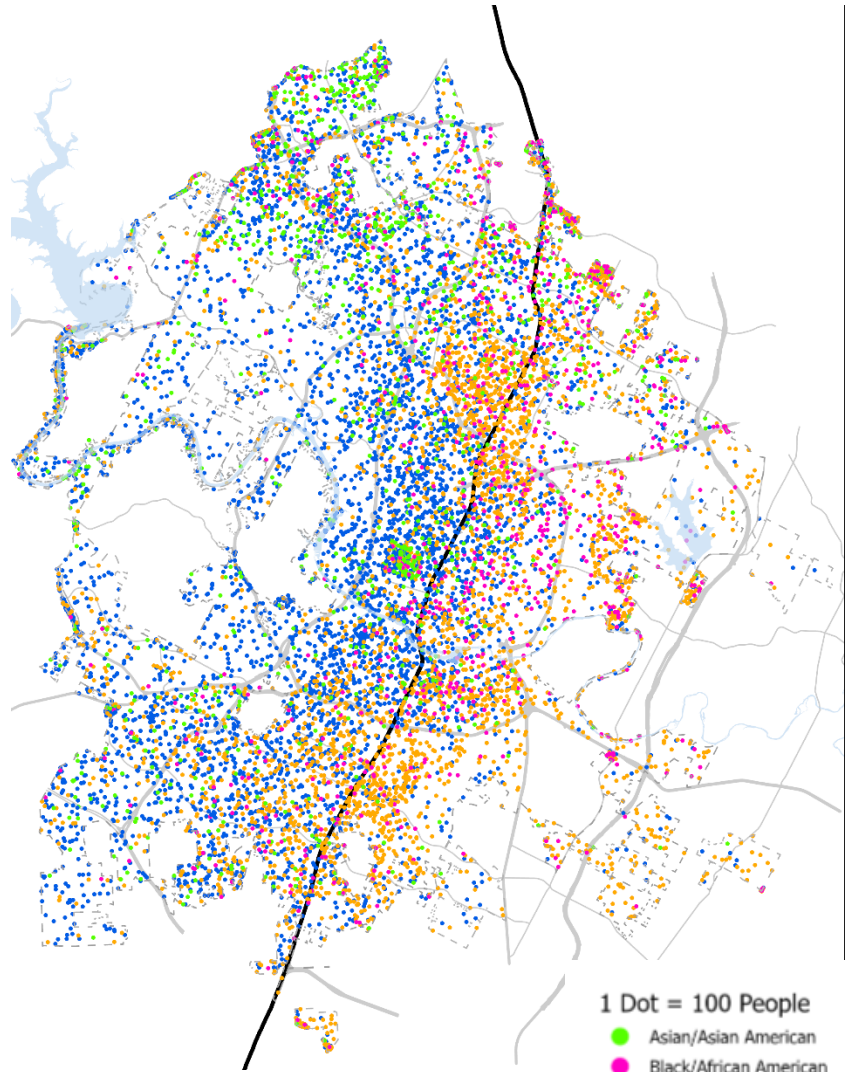
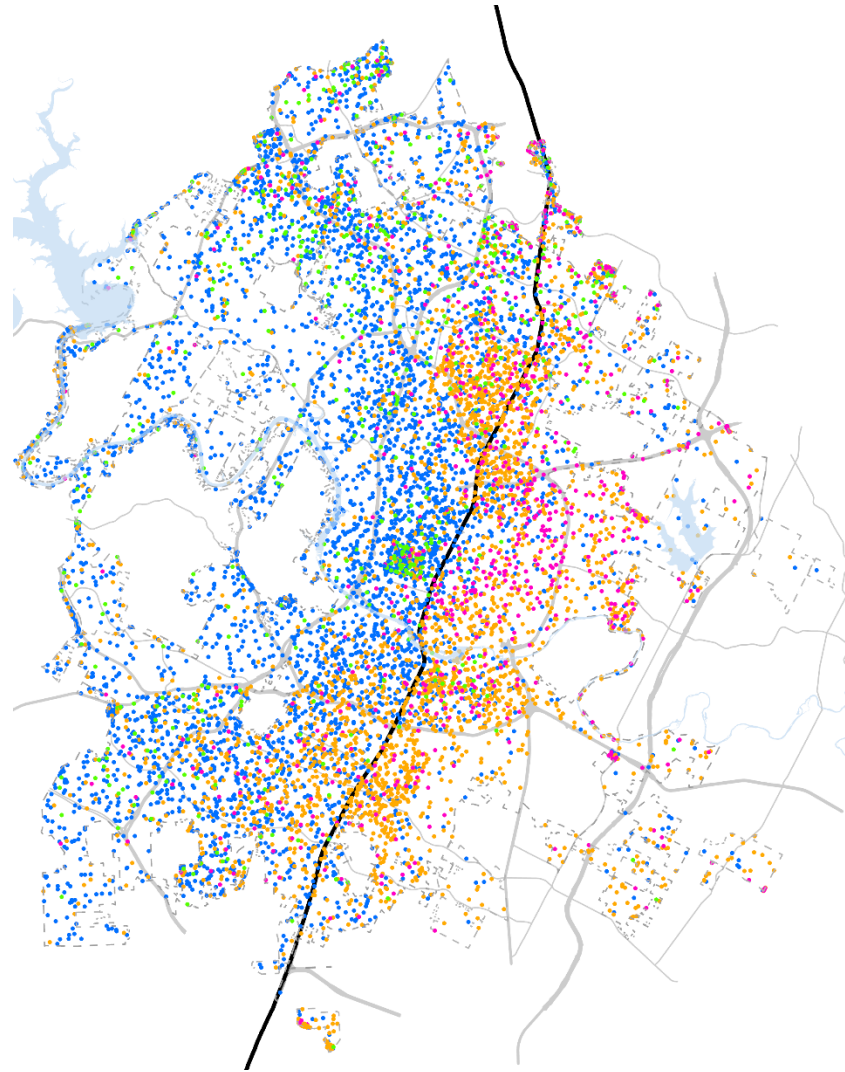
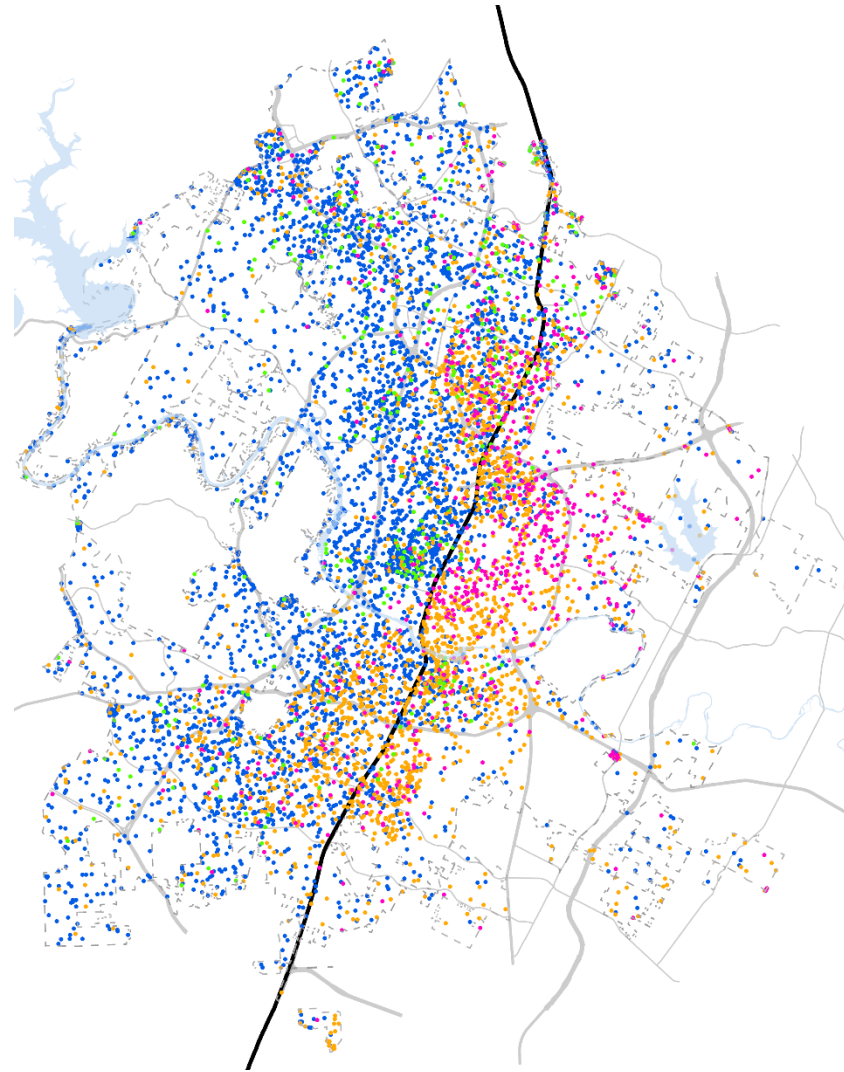
Numeric Change in the Child Population, 2010-2020



~11k in 10 yrs

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, 2010 and 2020.

Areas of Growth & Change



1 Dot = 100 People
● Asian/Asian American
● Black/African American
● Hispanic/Latina/o/x
● White
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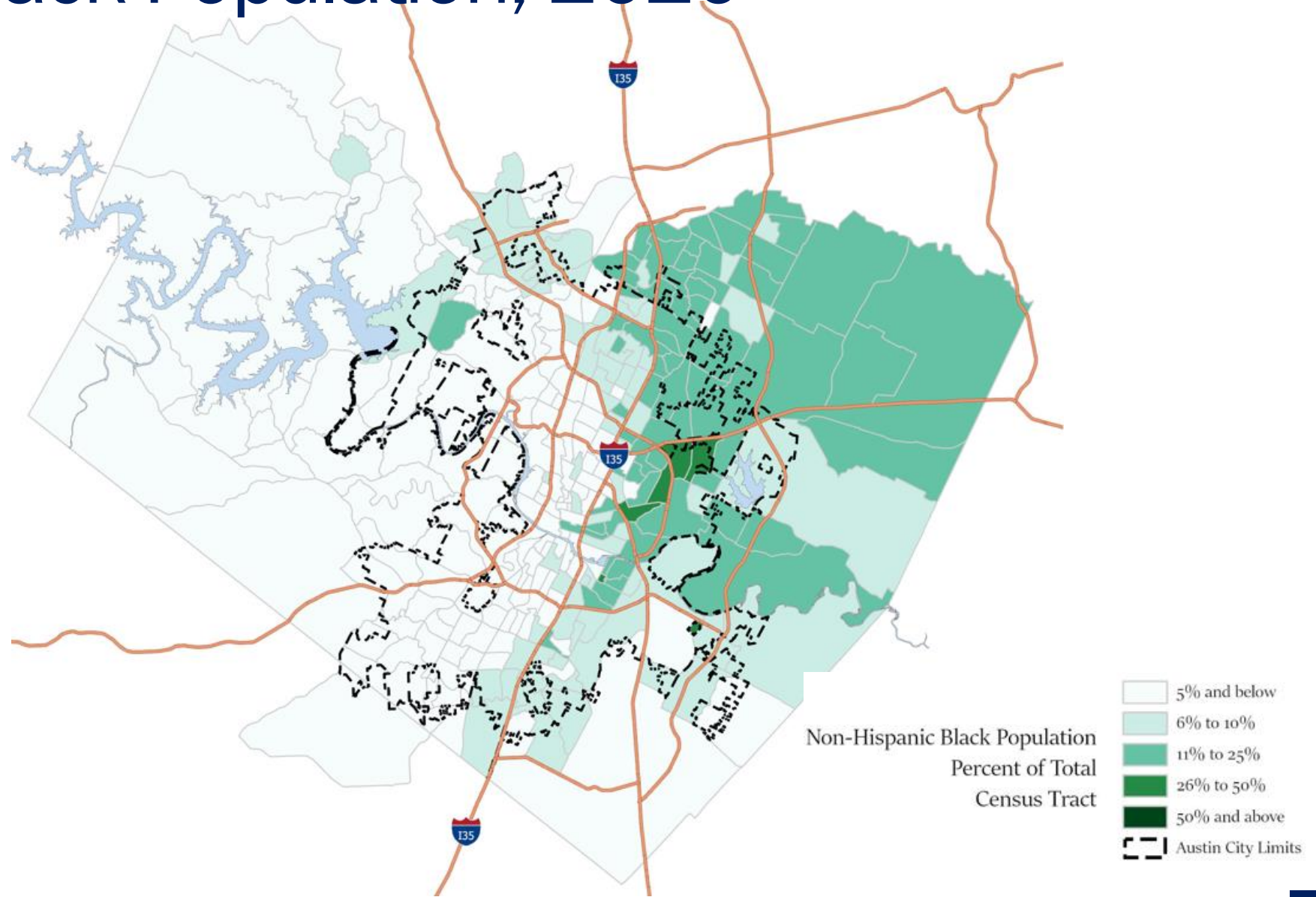
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2010

2020

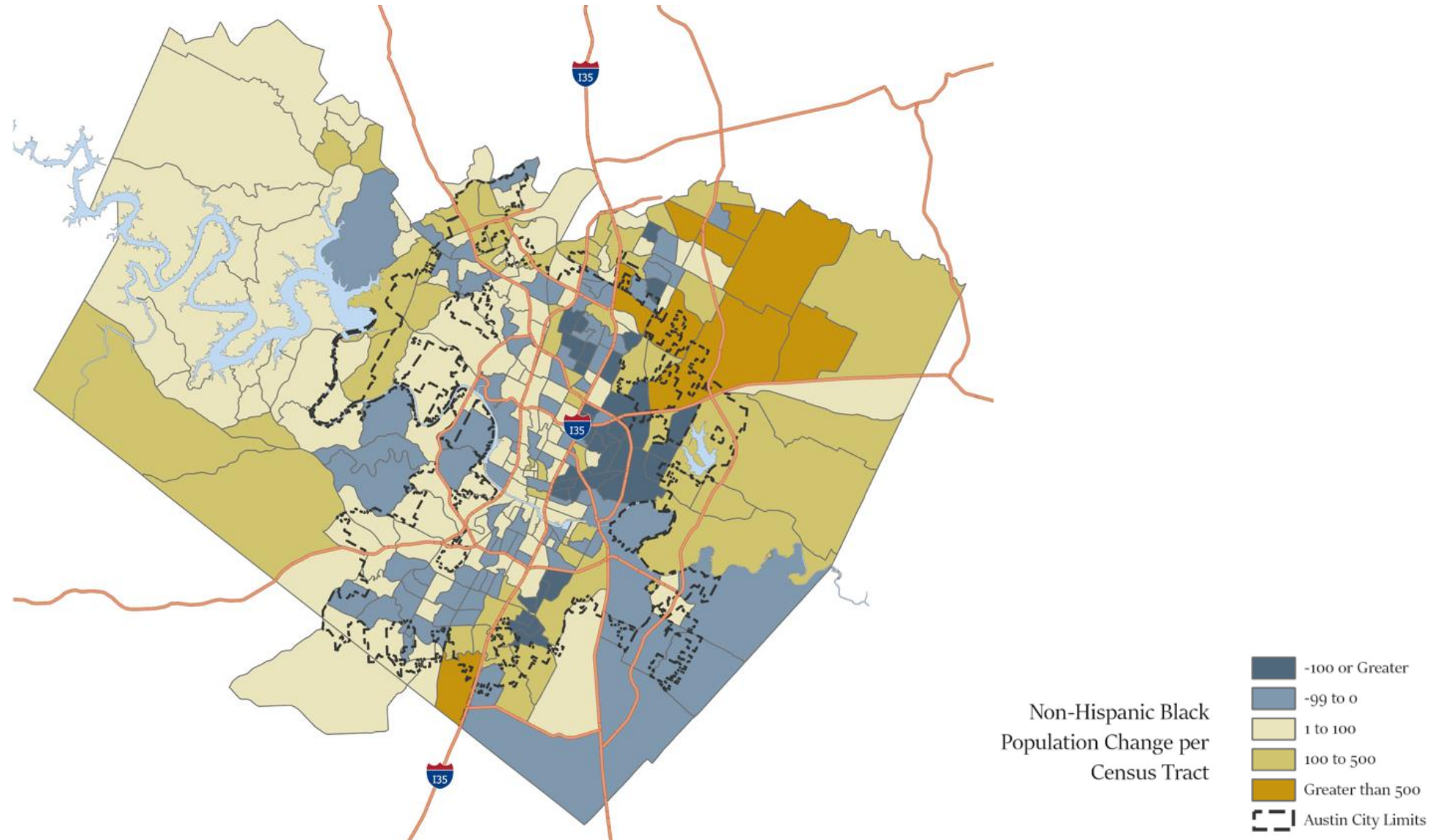


Percent Black Population, 2020





Change in Black Population, 2010 to 2020



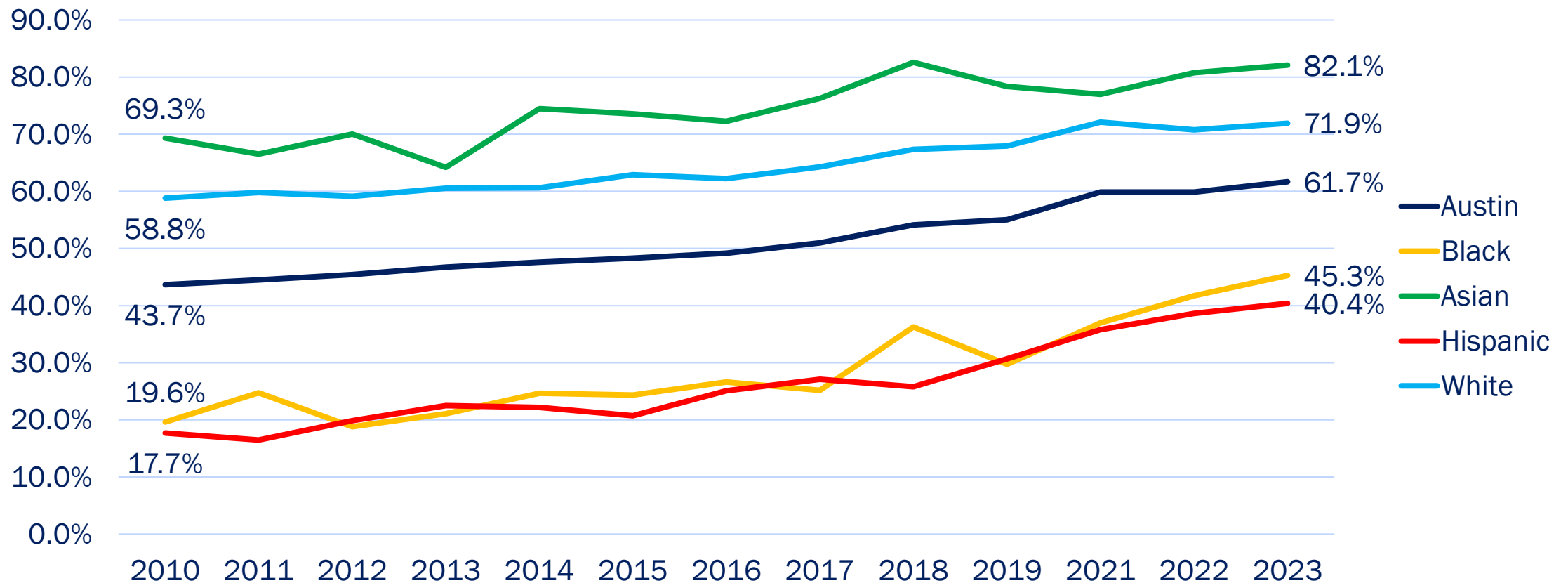


Socioeconomic Indicators



Bachelor degree attainment for White Austinites is 1.5 times higher than attainment for Black Austinites.

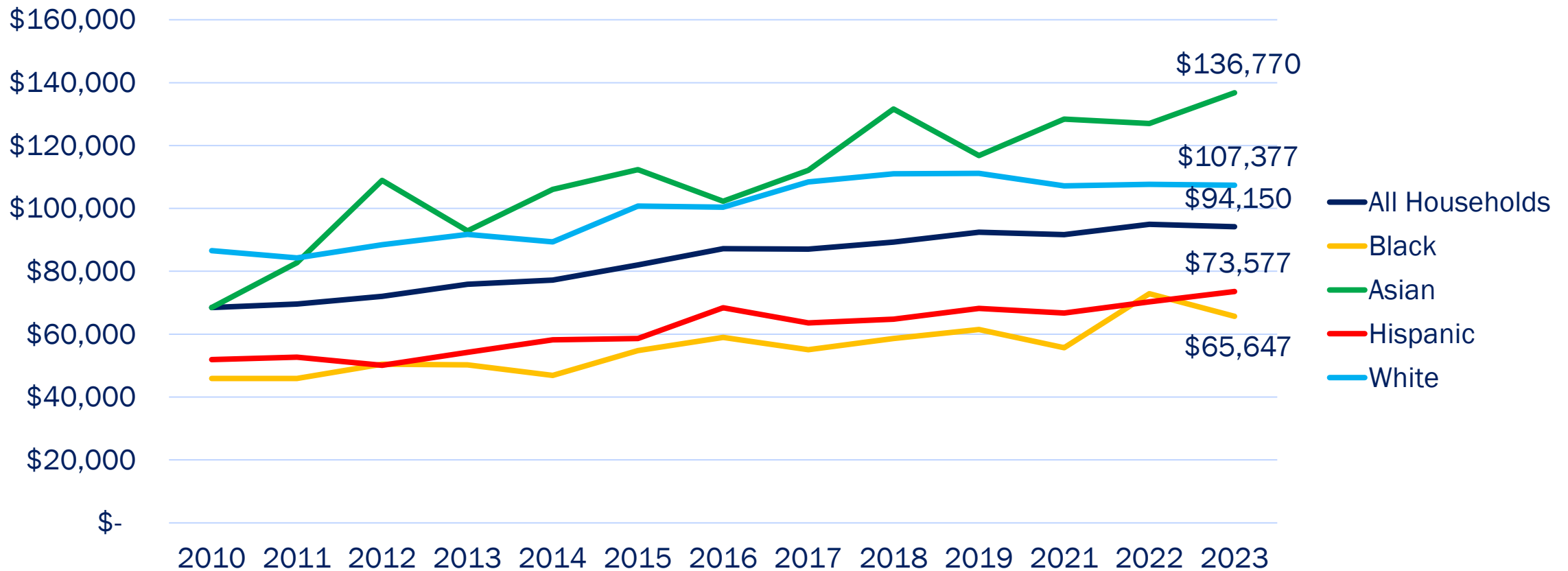
Percent of the Population 25 and Older with a Bachelor's Degree and above





White household incomes in Austin are 1.6 times greater than African American household incomes.

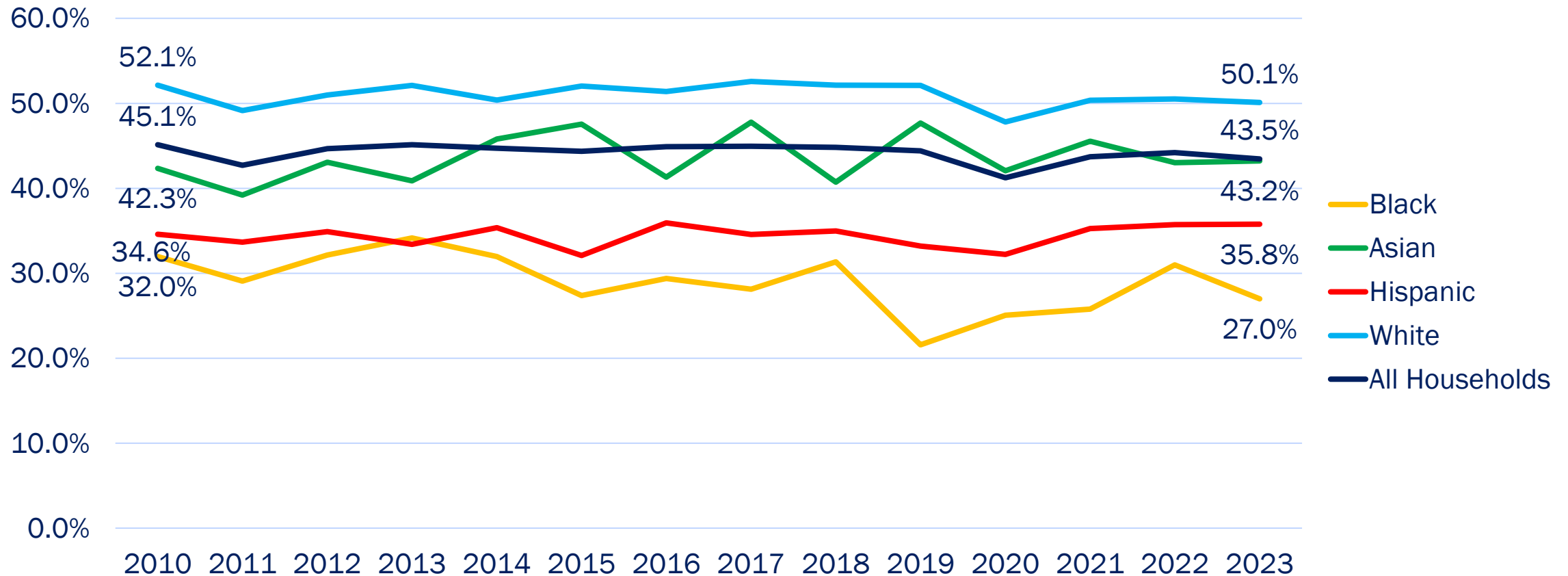
Austin Real Median Household Income (July 2024 \$)





Homeownership in Austin has declined or stagnated for all households, and the homeownership gap between White and Black households has widened.

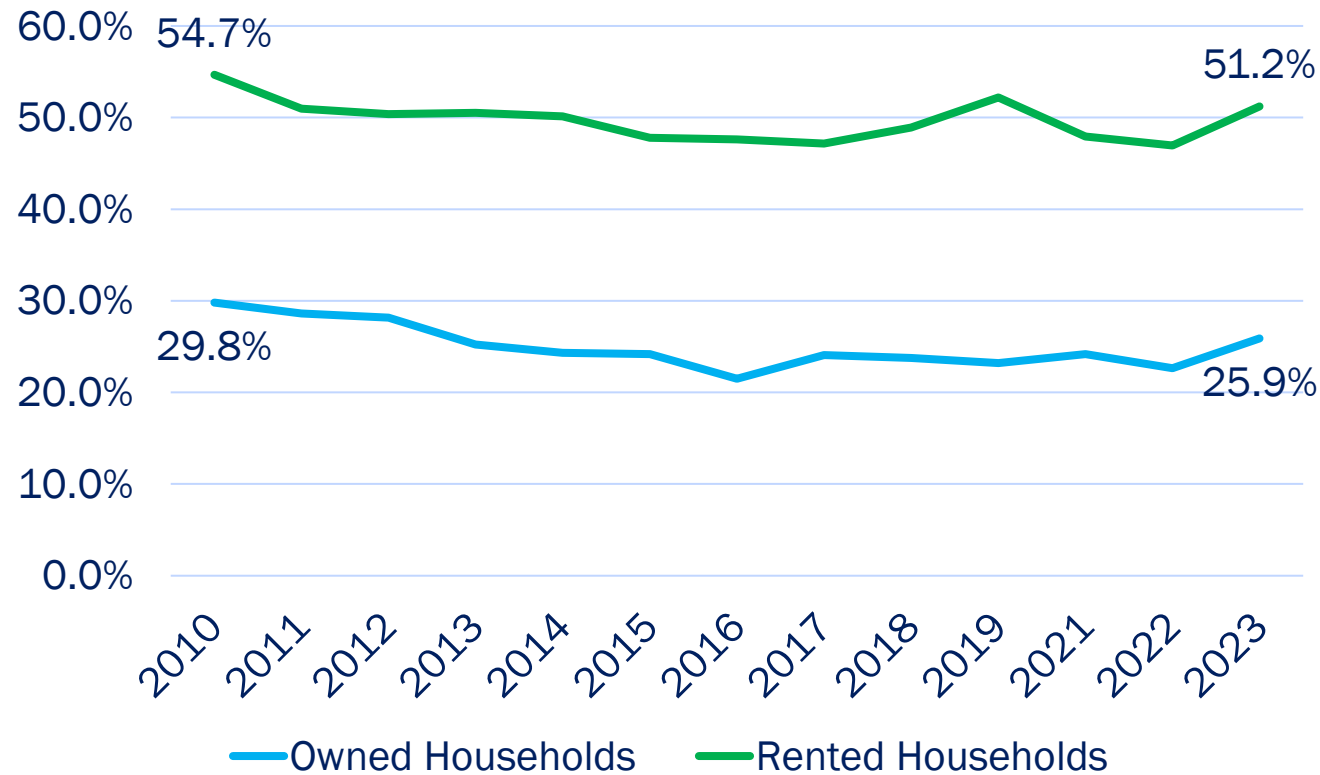
Homeownership in Austin





Housing cost-burden disproportionately impacts renters, especially Black & Hispanic renters.

Percent of Austin households experiencing housing cost-burden (spend over 30% of income on housing)



Percent Cost Burden by Race/Ethnicity in Austin, 2023

	Cost Burden Own	Cost Burden Rent	Extreme Cost Burden (spend over 50% on housing)
Black	38.6%	60.1%	22.5%
Hispanic	23.3%	49.7%	19.5%
White	23.7%	44.7%	16.1%
Asian	19.7%	29.0%	11.3%



African American Households

- Austin's Black households declined in size from 2.34 to 2.21 people.
- Although African Americans make up 6.9% of the Austin population, they own 4.3% of owner-occupied housing units.
- 19% of Black Austinites live alone.
- The number and share of Black family households and multigenerational households declined since 2010.





Challenges

- Austin remains geographically, racially segregated, with a concurrent eastward movement primarily of families of color to areas with fewer resources.
- Increased diversity in Austin obscures a declining share of Black Austinites and real decline among Black children in Austin.
- Although Austin leads in many socioeconomic indicators, racial disparities remain.
- Housing unit growth is not keeping pace with household demand, and the White-Black homeownership gap has widened.

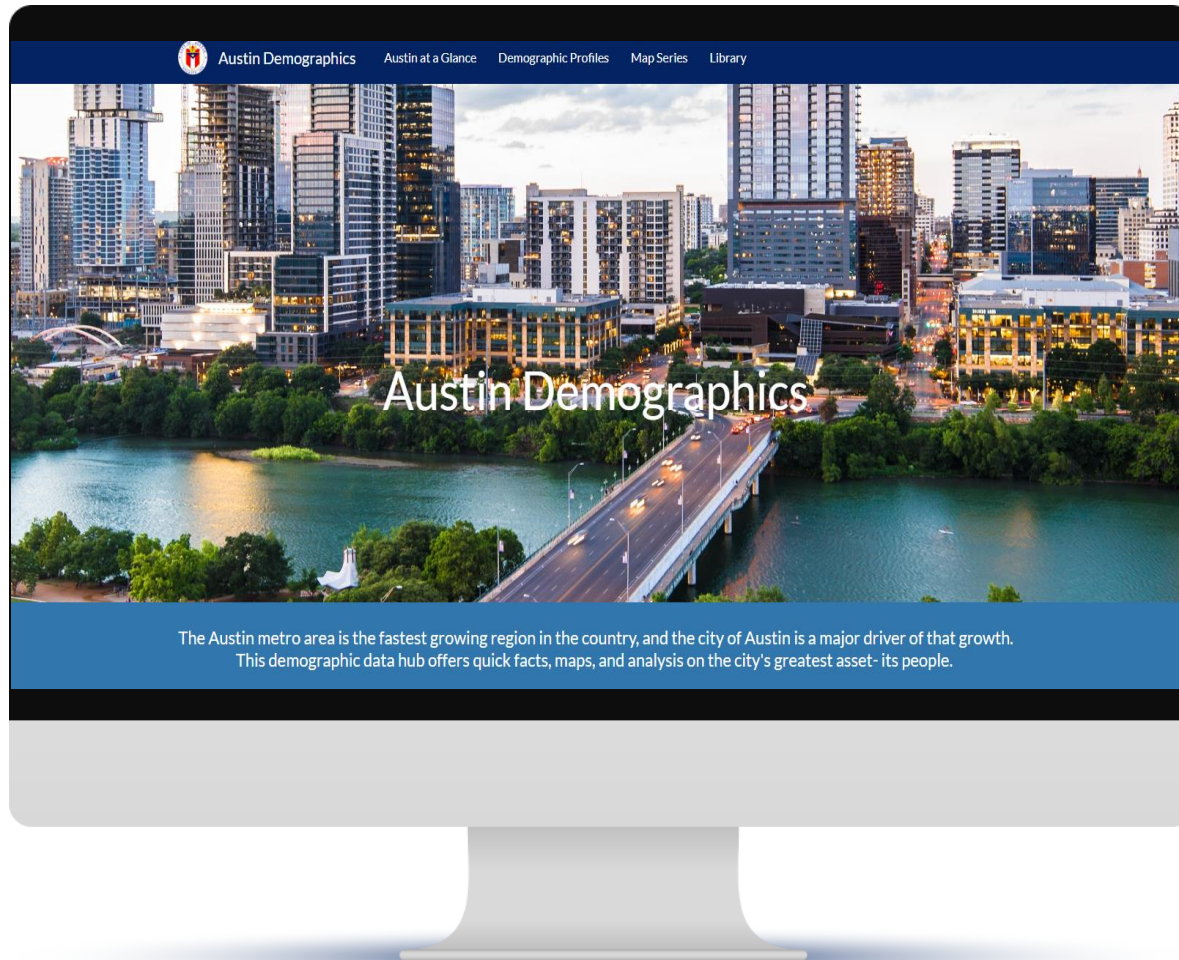




Opportunities

- The Black Austin population is diversifying.
- Maximize on significant gains in BA attainment among Black Austinites.
- Continue to foster, preserve, and champion entrepreneurship and cultural contributions of the community





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