



FAIRHAVEN 2040

Town of Fairhaven Master Plan



Your Town, Your Future!

What is Fairhaven’s community vision for the town’s character and future development? How do we achieve it? Fairhaven 2040 is a one year public process to develop a Town-wide Master Plan that will answer:

- Where is Fairhaven now?
- Where do we want Fairhaven to be in the next twenty years?
- How does Fairhaven get to where we want it to be?

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan:

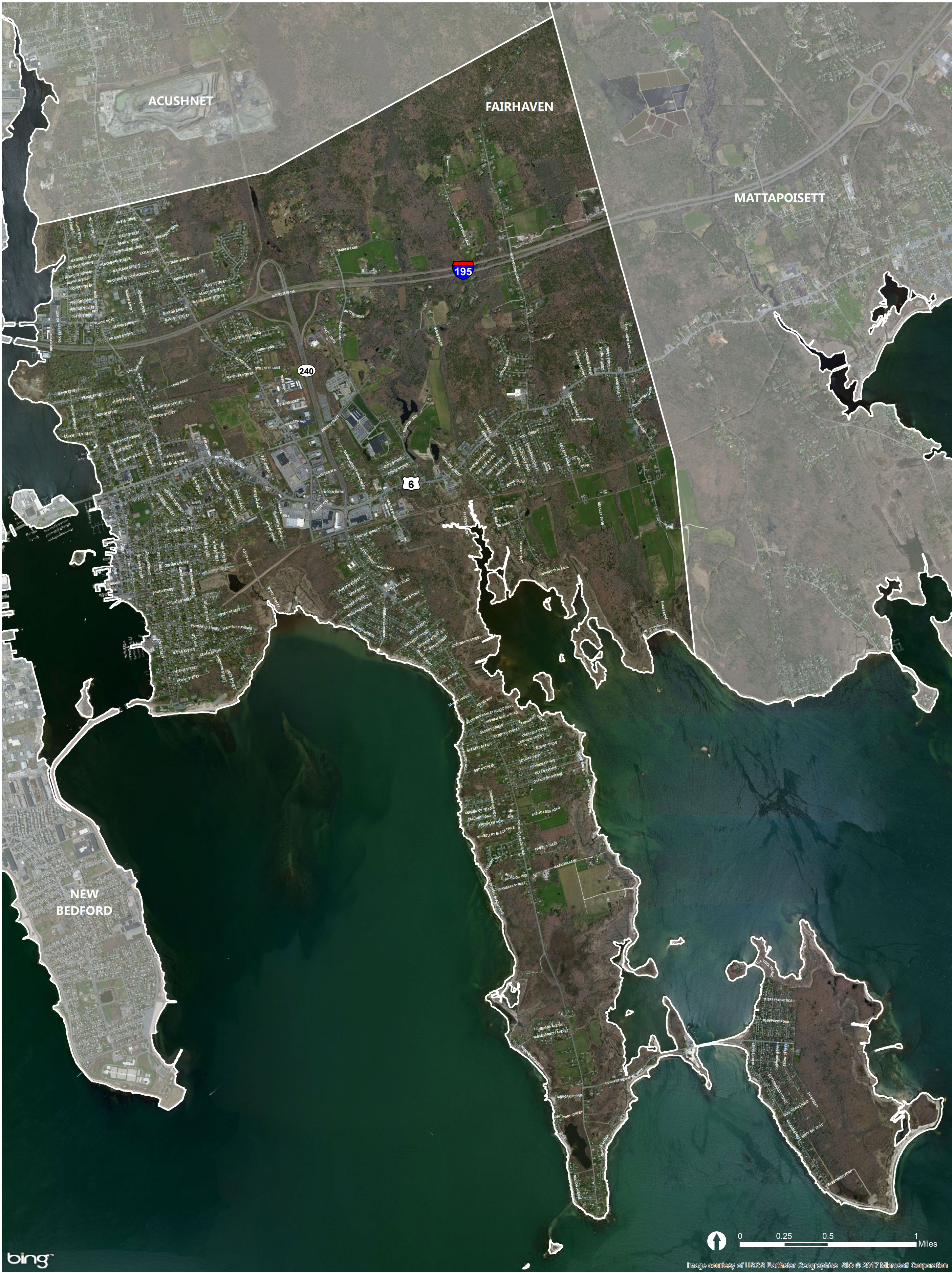
- ➔ Documents and illustrates what a community looks like today and what direction it has decided it wants to go for the future; it includes assessments of existing resources and issues, projections of future conditions and needs, and consideration of collective goals and desires.
- ➔ Is a policy guide and provides a framework for future land use decision-making and the physical development of the municipality. It will not only address buildings and infrastructure, it will also include the important social, natural resource and economic values of the community. The Master Plan is a method of translating the community’s values into specific actions.
- ➔ Covers an approximate time frame of 20 years; it is assumed that shorter-term reviews will keep it current with the changing needs of the community.
- ➔ Is closely integrated with other municipal documents and initiatives, for example in Fairhaven the ongoing Hazard Mitigation Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The Master Plan is NOT a zoning ordinance, a subdivision regulation, a budget, a capital improvement program or other regulatory document. It is meant to provide the framework for the development of these implementation tools.

What is involved in preparing a Master Plan?

- The Planning Board and The Department of Planning & Economic Development will be overseeing the Master Plan process
- Extensive public outreach process, including meetings, surveys, and exhibits, etc.
- Data collection and analyses that will ultimately be rolled into the Master Plan document
- Preparation of the chapters of the Master Plan (sometimes called plan elements, as listed to the right)
- Creating an implementation plan.

Do you know the Geography of your Town?



MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE FAIRHAVEN 2040 MASTER PLAN

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| • Vision, Goals and Policies | • Open Space and Recreation |
| • Land Use and Neighborhood Character | • Public Services and Facilities |
| • Housing | • Transportation and Circulation |
| • Economic Development | • Sustainability |
| • Natural, Historic and Cultural Resources | • Climate Change, Sea Level Rise and Resiliency |
| | • Implementation |



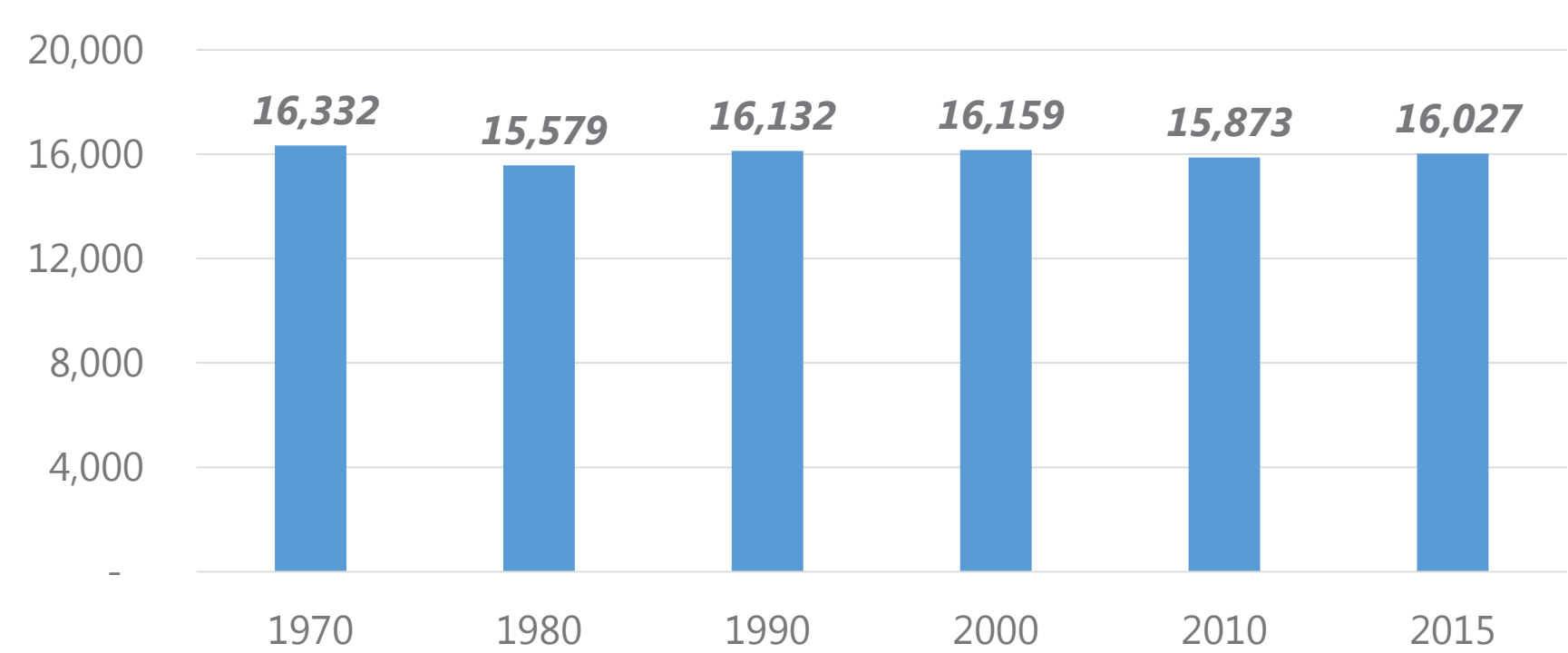
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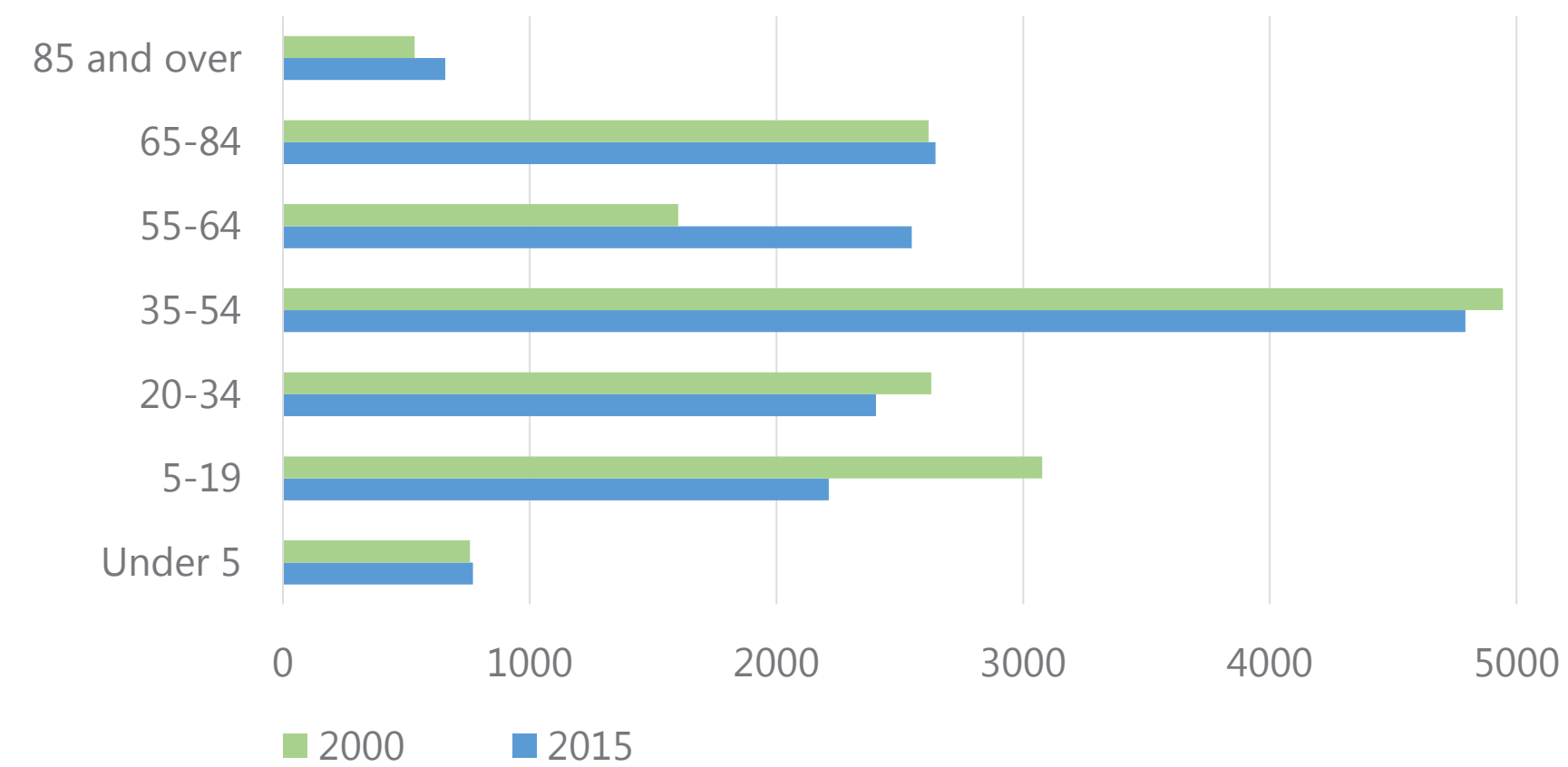


How well do you know your Town? - Here is a “Snapshot” of Fairhaven:

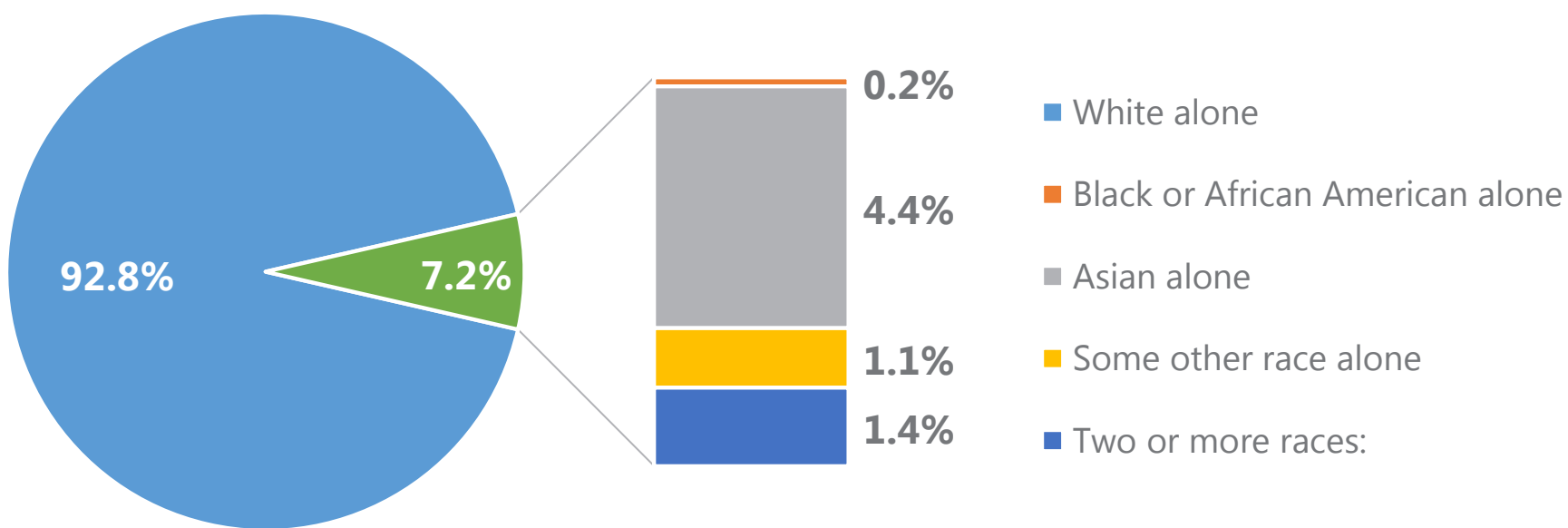
Population Change, 1970 - 2015



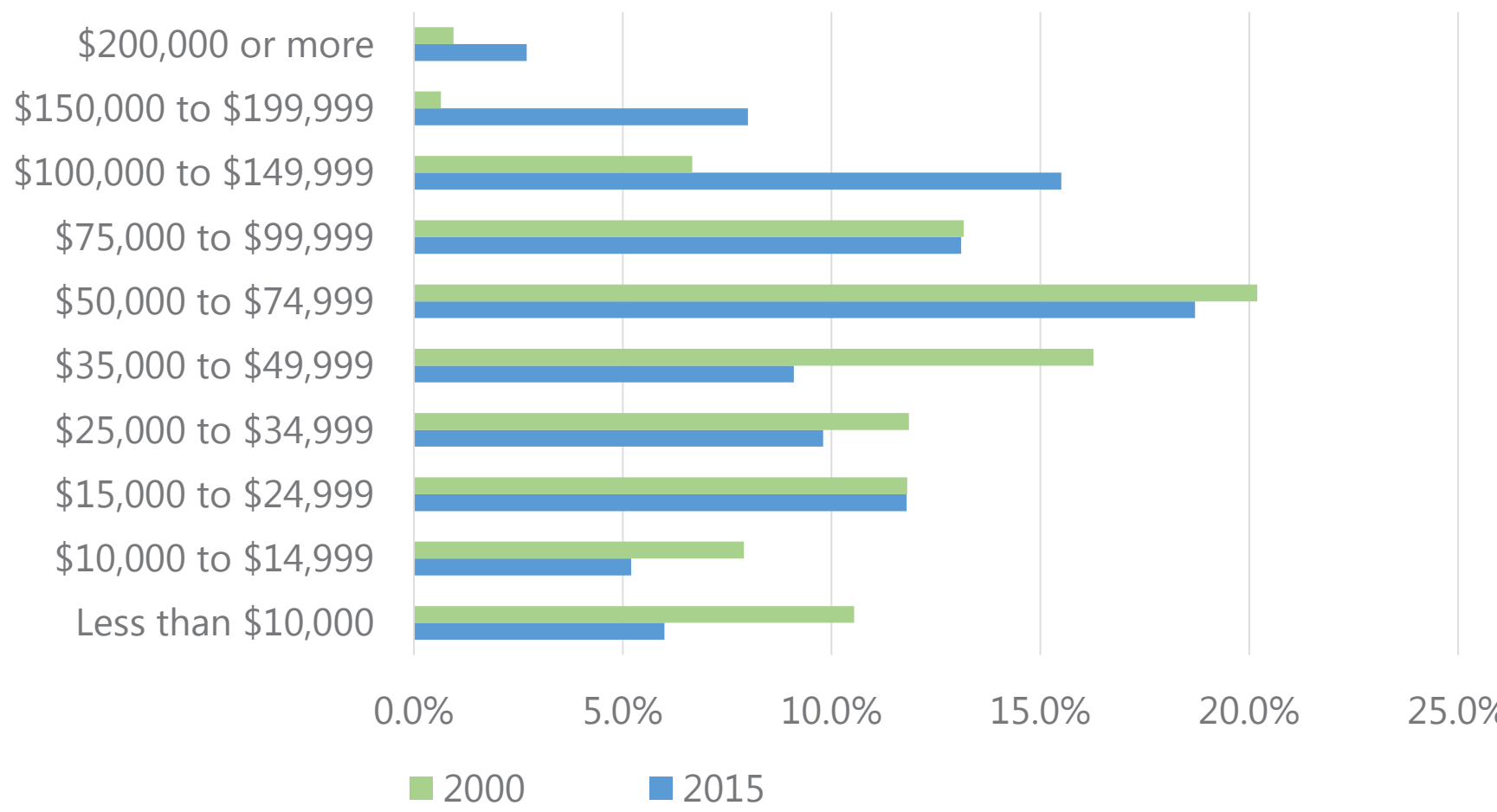
Population Change by Age Group, 2000 and 2015



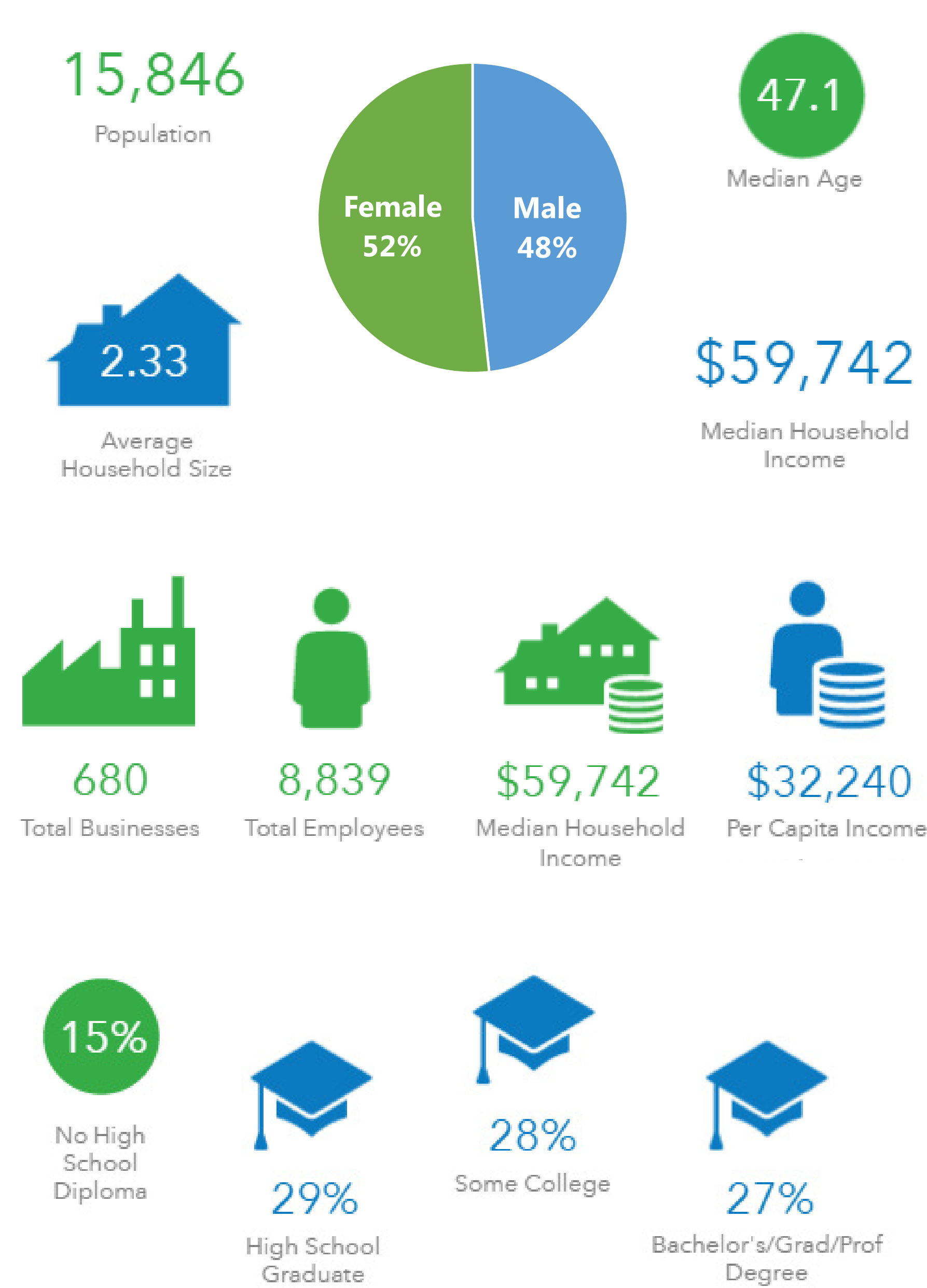
Population by Race, 2015



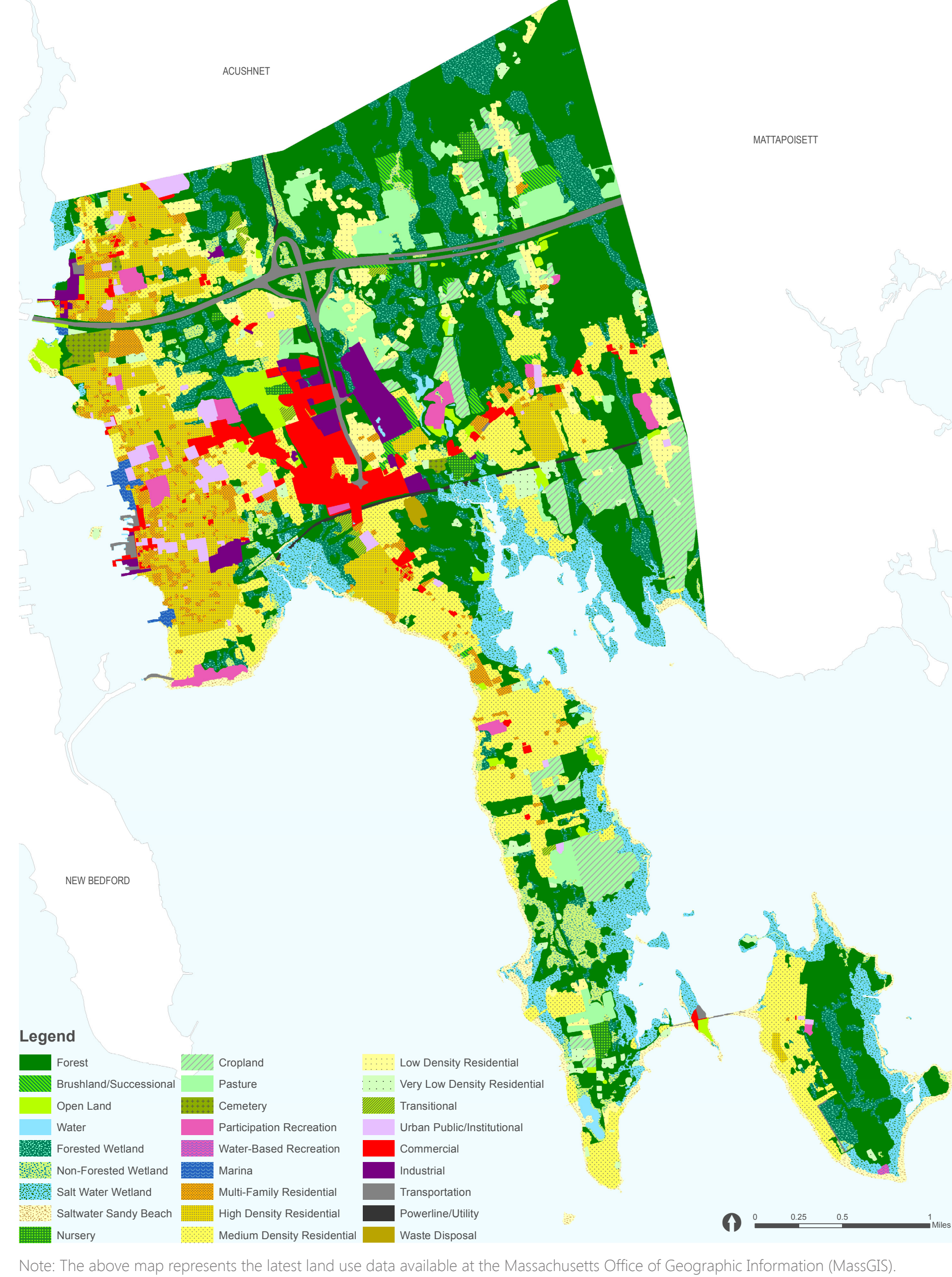
Household Income Distribution, 2000 and 2015



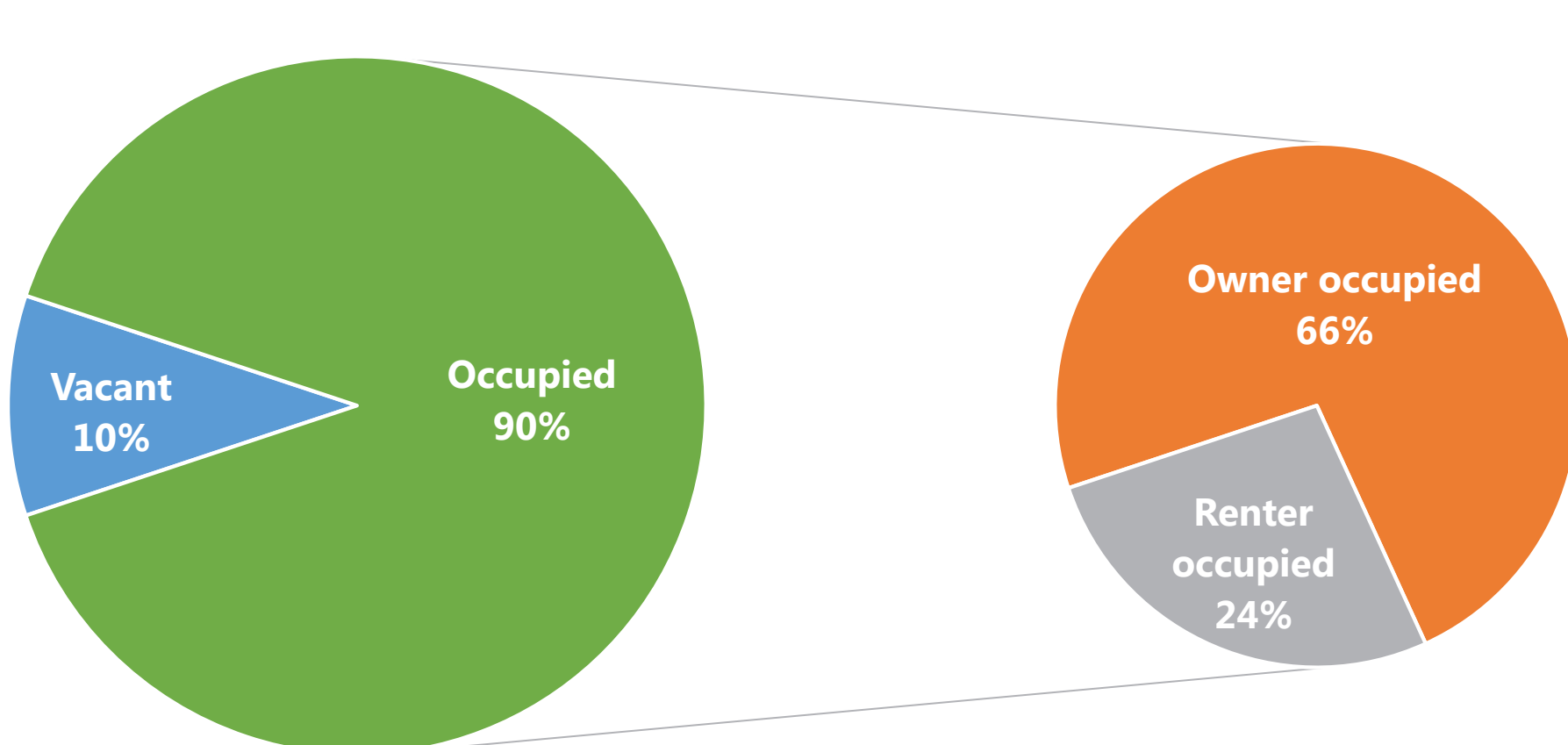
2016 KEY FACTS



Land Use 2005



Housing Units and Tenure, 2015



Age of Housing Stock, 2015

