



An Overview of IPUMS and Linking Historical Data



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IPUMS

What is it? How do we link data over time?

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What is IPUMS?

Data provider

- U.S. & international
- Censuses & major surveys
- Integrated across time & space

= Data + websites
+ documentation
+ people

Why use IPUMS?

- Breadth & depth
- Harmonization & enhancements
- Data customization options
- Comprehensive documentation
- User support
- *Free of charge*

Webinar plan

- IPUMS Overview: Projects & Data Types
- Linking geographic units over time

What's in IPUMS?



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Tabular and GIS data from population, housing, and agricultural censuses around the world.



Historical and contemporary time use data from 1965 to the present.



Historical and contemporary U.S. health survey data from [NHIS](#) (1963-present) and [MEPS](#) (1996-present).



Survey data on the science and engineering workforce in the U.S. from 1993 to the present.

Microdata

Summary data



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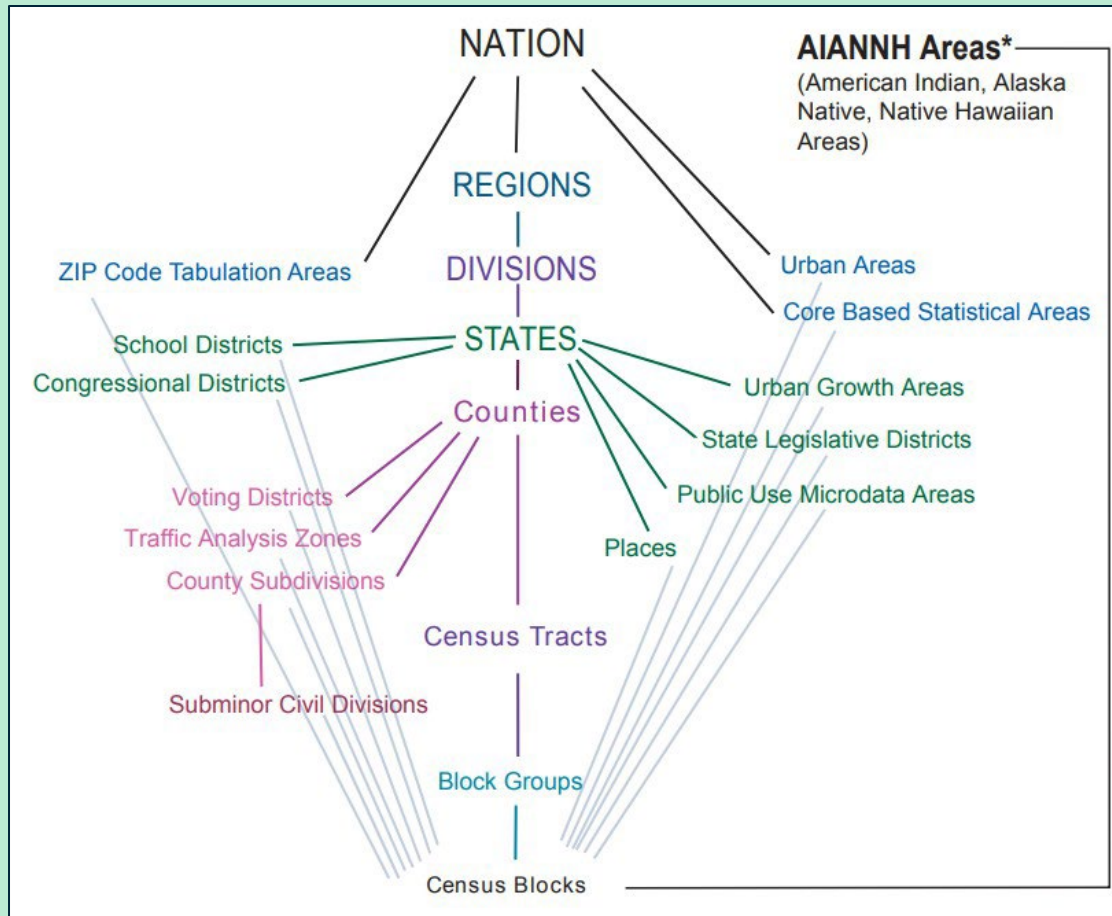
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Observation units of census & survey data

Summary data: *Areas*



<https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/hierarchy.html>

Microdata: *Respondents*



- + Flexible classification, modeling & cross-tabulation
- Restricted geographic detail
- Limited sample sizes

Summary data

Table

nhgis0214_ds82_1950_tract.csv

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Microdata

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IPUMS USA

U.S. Census and American
Community Survey microdata
from 1850 to the present.

IPUMS USA

- U.S. decennial censuses, 1850-2010
- American Community Survey, 2000-2023
- Full count historical census data for 1850-1880, 1900-1950
 - IPUMS MLP links individuals across historical full count censuses



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IPUMS CPS

Current Population Survey microdata
including basic monthly surveys and
supplements from 1962 to the present.

IPUMS CPS

- Current Population Survey
- Labor force survey with topical supplements
- Basic monthly surveys, 1976-present
- Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC), 1962-present
- Short panel: observe individuals up to 8 times over 16-month period



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IPUMS TIME USE

U.S. and international time use data
for 1930 to the present.

Time Diary Data Structure

START	STOP	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	WITH WHOM
4:00	6:00	Sleep	n/a	n/a
6:00	6:10	Personal Care	n/a	n/a
6:10	6:15	Dressing	Home	Alone
6:15	6:30	Eating Breakfast	Home	Spouse
6:30	6:45	Travel to Train Station	Car	Alone
6:45	6:55	Waiting for the Train	Train Station	Alone
6:55	7:30	Travel to Work	Train	Alone
7:30	10:00	Working	Work	Alone
10:00	11:00	Working	Work	Co-Workers
11:00	11:05	Personal Care	Work	n/a
11:05	12:00	Working	Work	Alone
12:00	12:10	Traveling to Restaurant	Walking	Co-Workers

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IPUMS NHGIS

Tabular U.S. Census data
and GIS boundary files from
1790 to the present.

IPUMS NHGIS

- Decennial Census (1790-present) and ACS summary tables and GIS files
- Geographic highlights
 - Counties, 1790-present
 - Census tracts, 1910-present*
 - Census blocks, 1970-present*
- Time series & geographic crosswalks

HARMONIZATION

Microdata Harmonization

- A single, consistent data series from datasets collected in different times and places
- Codes group broadly comparable categories while retaining sample-specific detail
- Denote potential comparability issues

Changes to marital status variable in the National Health Interview Survey

Pre-2004

1 = Married, spouse present

2 = Married, spouse absent

3 = Married, no spouse info

4 = Widowed

5 = Divorced

6 = Separated

7 = Never married

2004-forward

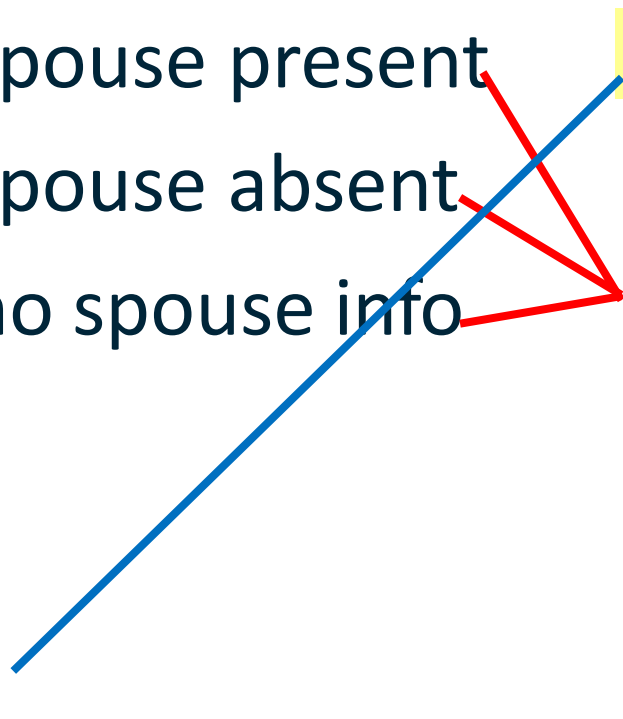
1 = Separated

2 = Divorced

3 = Married

4 = Single/never married

5 = Widowed



Harmonized Marital Status Codes

10	= Married
11	= Married, spouse present
12	= Married, spouse absent
13	= Married, no spouse info
20	= Widowed
30	= Divorced
40	= Separated
50	= Never Married

The **first digit** captures concepts that are consistent across all samples

The **second digit** contains sample-specific detail



IPUMS NHGIS

ABOUT

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API

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARIES

PRIVACY-PROTECTED DEMO DATA

SABINS SCHOOL AREAS

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2000 BLOCK DATA STANDARDIZED TO 2010 GEOGRAPHY

2000 BLOCK DATA STANDARDIZED TO 2010 GEOGRAPHY

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WHAT ARE TIME SERIES TABLES?

Nominal integration

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	GISJOIN	STATE	STATEA	BL1AA1970	BL1AA1980	BL1AA1990	BL1AA2000	BL1AA125	BL1AA125M	BL1AB1970
	GIS Join Match	State Name	State Code	1970: Persons: Male ~ Never married	1980: Persons: Male ~ Never married	1990: Persons: Male ~ Never married	2000: Persons: Male ~ Never married	2008-2012: Persons: Male ~ Never married	2008-2012: Persons: Male ~ Never married	1970: Persons: Male ~ Now married
2	Code	State Name	Code	1970: Persons: Male ~ Never married	1980: Persons: Male ~ Never married	1990: Persons: Male ~ Never married	2000: Persons: Male ~ Never married	2008-2012: Persons: Male ~ Never married	2008-2012: Persons: Male ~ Never married	1970: Persons: Male ~ Now married
3	G010	Alabama	10	324572	375515	406140	444450	584355	4261	792229
4	G020	Alaska	20	38428	53423	67827	78955	105333	1532	69046
5	G040	Arizona	40	170463	286183	409976	581715	876661	5440	410438
6	G050	Arkansas	50	170171	200864	209851	245874	330745	3312	464000
7	G060	California	60	2102965	2938148	4034185	4343790	5778554	18439	4611973
8	G080	Colorado	80	230115	341985	373157	516816	678866	4145	510105
9	G090	Connecticut	90	306085	369471	412921	385888	496941	3768	706908
10	G100	Delaware	100	52624	67052	76997	87154	122851	1650	126479
11	G110	District Of Co	110	99908	112013	118273	112516	142162	1558	142605
12	G120	Florida	120	596651	950049	1336469	1702648	2553294	14356	1687636
13	G130	Georgia	130	446917	564696	716125	940487	1299191	7312	1050444
14	G150	Hawaii	150	104625	137448	152188	166715	205985	2060	169920
15	G160	Idaho	160	69395	86794	91380	128613	172169	2427	169553
16	G170	Illinois	170	1115952	1318480	1395167	1495795	1838840	9371	2542632
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22	G230	Maine	230	97253	116576	126930	132473	163254	1650	227135
23	G240	Maryland	240	392646	501319	587368	610852	814952	4997	906860
24	G250	Massachuset	250	622162	743825	832633	817954	981462	5728	1243732
25	G260	Michigan	260	872687	1036241	1078995	1159693	1352844	6714	2021198
26	G270	Minnesota	270	403762	484050	504483	591866	716441	4620	849440
27	G280	Mississippi	280	222569	252992	275422	319922	388559	3394	480663

Nominal integration

1	NHGISCODE	STATE	STATEFP	STATENH	COUNTY	COUNTYFP	COUNTYNH	TRACTA	AV0AA1970	AV0AA1980	AV0AA1990	AV0AA2000	AV0AA2010
2	NHGIS Integrated Geographic Unit Code	NHGIS Integrated State Name	FIPS State Code	NHGIS Integrated State Code	NHGIS Integrated County Name	FIPS County Code	NHGIS Integrated County Code	NHGIS Integrated Census Tract Code	1970: Persons: Total	1980: Persons: Total	1990: Persons: Total	2000: Persons: Total	2010: Persons: Total
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Geographic standardization

P49309

1	GISJOIN	GEOYEAR	STATE	STATEA	COUNTY	COUNTYA	TRACTA	CL8AA199	CL8AA199	CL8AA199	CL8AA200	CL8AA200	CL8AA200	CL8AA2010
2	GIS Join Match Code	Geography Year	State Name	State Code	County Name	County Code	Census Tract Code	1990: Persons: Total	1990: Persons: Total	1990: Persons: Total	2000: Persons: Total	2000: Persons: Total	2000: Persons: Total	2010: Persons: Total
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Nominally integrated time series

- ~5,700 time series in 273 tables
 - Including:* marital status, nativity & place of birth, education, employment, means of transportation, travel time, income, poverty
- 8 geographic levels:
 - nation, regions, divisions, states, counties, tracts, county subdivisions, places
- Years mainly in 1970-2023 range
 - *Total Population* back to 1790 & *Persons by Sex* back to 1820
 - “Long-form” tables use ACS 2006-10 through 2019-23

Geographically standardized time series

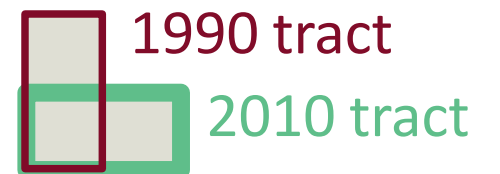
- 1990–2020 data for 2010 census units
- 10 geographic levels: states, counties, tracts, block groups, county subdivisions, places, congressional districts, CBSAs, urban areas, ZCTAs
- ~1,600 time series in 111 tables
- “Short-form” counts only
 - Race, ethnicity, age, sex, household size & relationships, housing occupancy & tenure
 - *Not* income, education, employment, ...

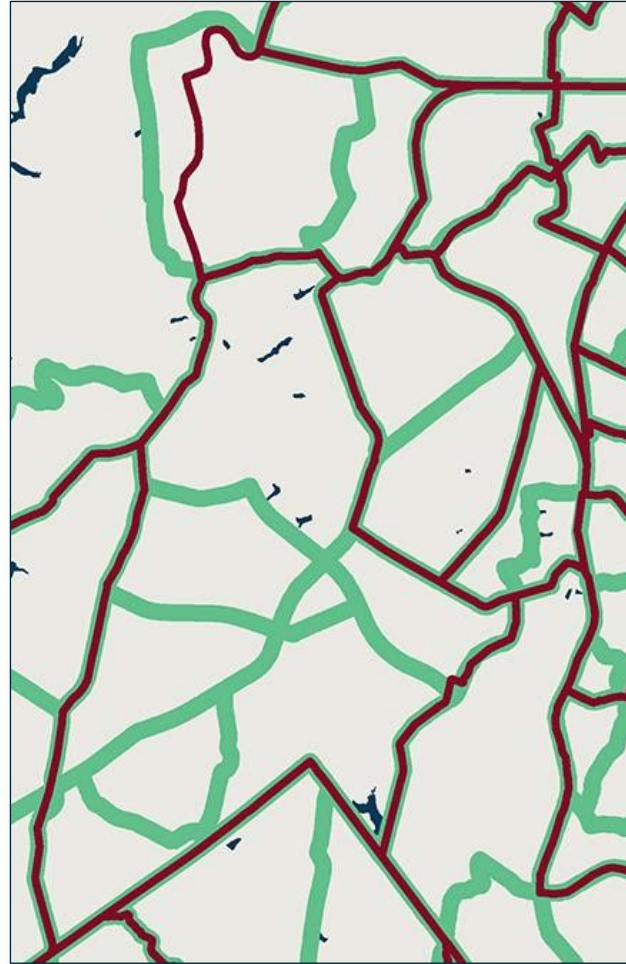
I want to analyze tract data across time...

but the tracts don't match...

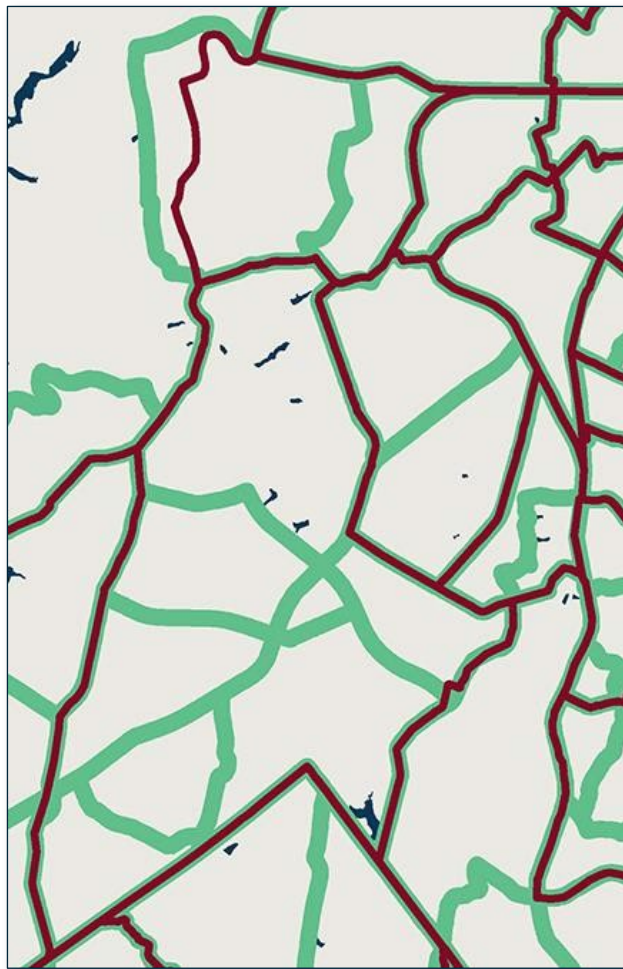
~~*so I need a tract crosswalk*~~

I need data from different years for one year's tracts

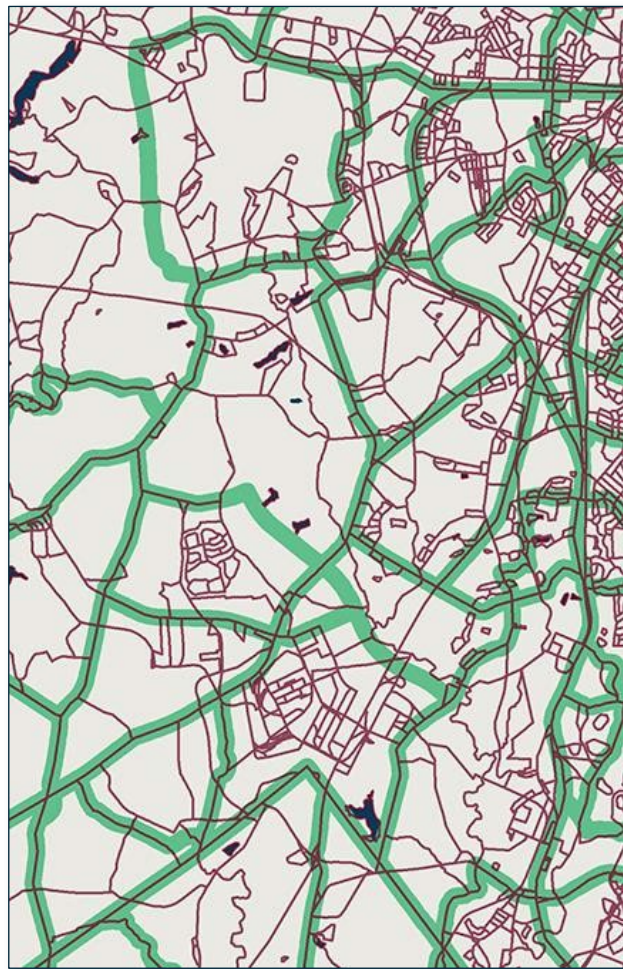




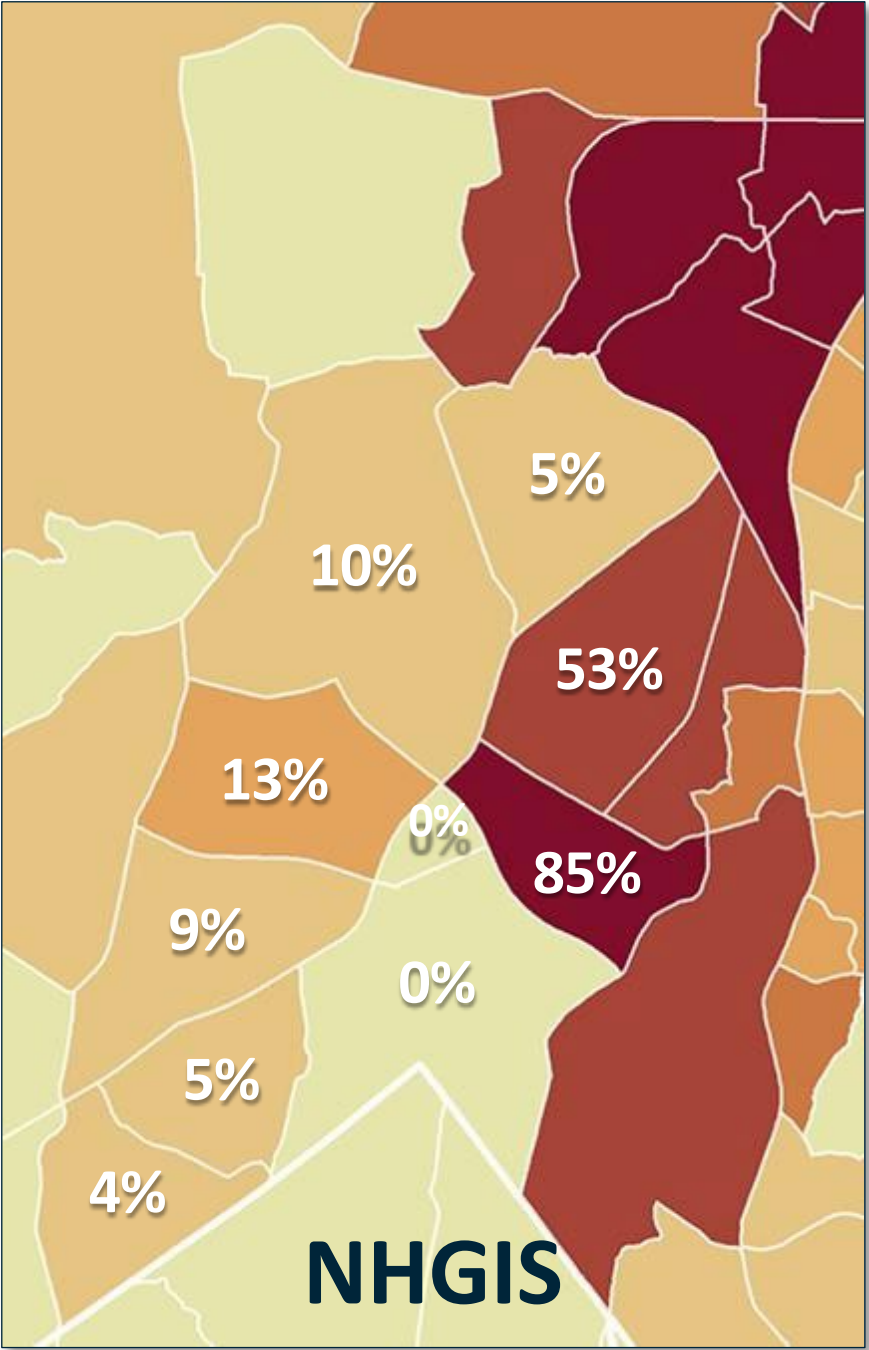
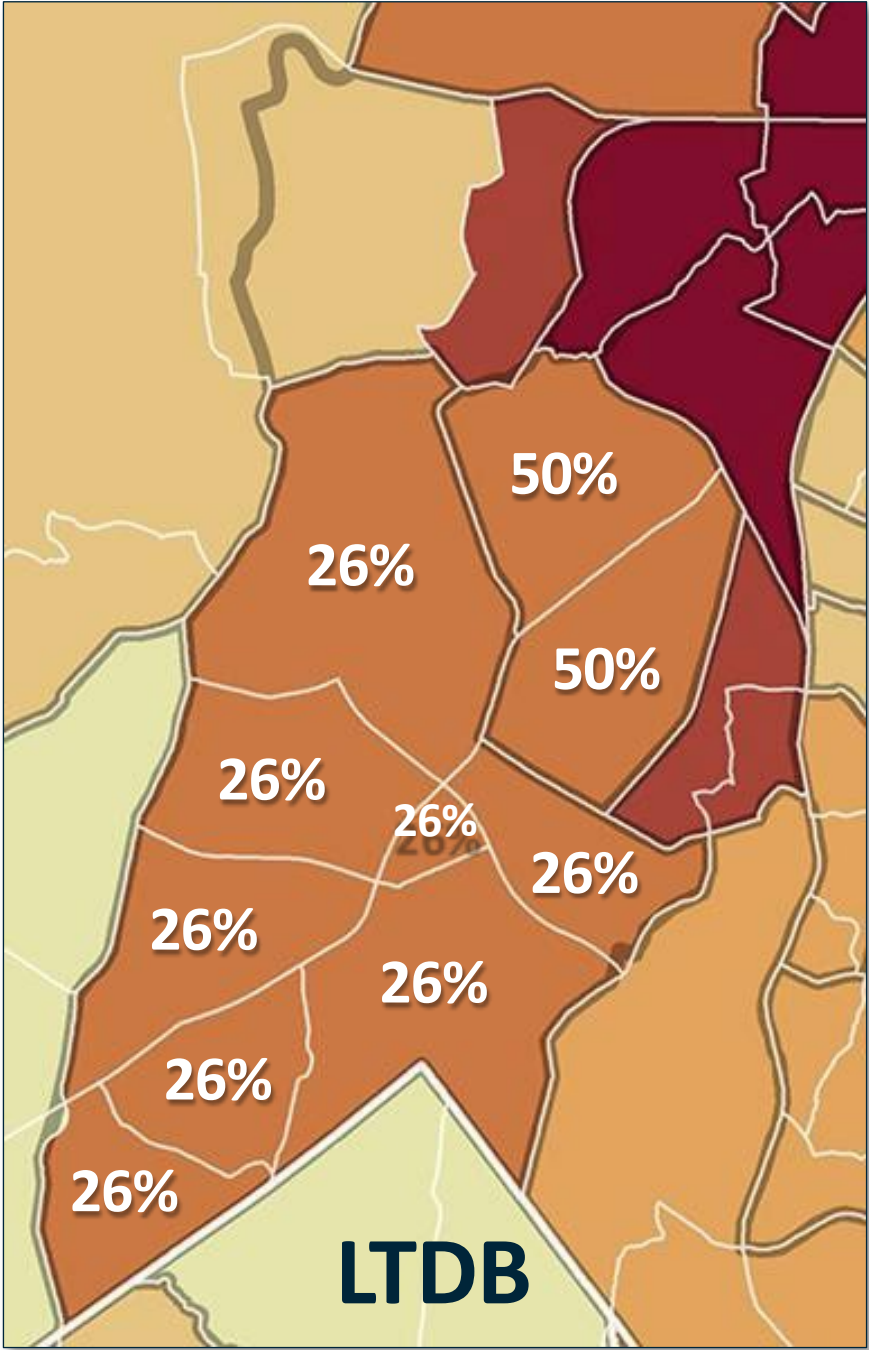
tracts → tracts



tracts → **tracts**



blocks → **tracts**



Documentation at nhgis.org

2. *Geographically standardized tables* provide data from multiple times for a single census's geographic units. At this time, NHGIS's standardized time series tables provide 1990, 2000, and 2010 data for *2010 census units*.

To allocate 1990 and 2000 summary data to 2010 census units, NHGIS reaggregates data from the smallest source units for which 1990 and 2000 data are available: census blocks. Where a source block intersects multiple 2010 units, NHGIS applies interpolation to estimate how the source block's characteristics are distributed among the 2010 units.

Detailed methodology:

- [2000 Block Data Standardized to 2010 Geography](#).
- [1990 Block Data Standardized to 2010 Geography](#).

For each standardized statistic, NHGIS also supplies lower and upper bounds based on the spatial relationship between the source units and standard units. For example, if there are three 2000 census blocks that straddle a 2010 census unit's boundary, then it is possible that either all or none of the three blocks' 2000 residents were located in the 2010 unit. The upper bound assumes that all residents and housing units in straddling blocks were located in the 2010 unit, and the lower bound assumes that none were. [Bounds for 1990 estimates](#) also take account of additional uncertainty due to accuracy improvements in Census Bureau's geographic data files, which make it impossible to determine exact spatial relationships between 1990 and 2010 units.

NHGIS has not yet implemented standardization for non-count statistics such as medians and quotients. Therefore, currently available standardized tables supply only count statistics.

NHGIS delivers standardized statistics with two decimal digits of precision in order to reduce the size of rounding errors when users sum estimates. Rounding errors may still

Models

- 2000 – 2010
 - Hybrid Binary Dasymetric – Target-density Weighting
 - (2001 NLCD \geq 5% impervious surface + 300 ft buffer around residential roads) – water area
 - Allocate 2000 data based on 2010 densities
- 1990 – 2010
 - Cascading density weighting (CDW)

Density weighting across longer periods

- E.g., from 1990 blocks to 2010 blocks...
 - Cascading density weighting
 1. Use 2010 densities to guide 2000 block interpolation
 2. Use estimated 2000 densities to guide 1990 block data

Correspondence info

- 2020 TIGER/Line → 2010 & 2020 units
- 2010 TIGER/Line → 2000 & 2010 units
- 2000 TIGER/Line → 1990 & 2000 units

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*Accuracy
improvements*

NHGIS Crosswalks by Geographic Levels and Years

Source Zones	Target Zones	<u>1990 to 2010</u>	<u>2000 to 2010</u>	<u>2010 to 2020</u>	<u>2020 to 2010</u>
Blocks	Blocks, Block Groups, Census Tracts, Counties	X	X	X	X
Block Group Parts	Block Groups, Census Tracts, Counties	X	X		
Block Groups	Block Groups, Census Tracts, Counties			X	X
Census Tracts	Census Tracts, Counties	X	X	X	X

1990 block to 2010 tract example

1990 blk	2010 tract	Weight
270530220108	27053021900	0.1244121774
270530220108	27053022000	0.8755878226
270530220111	27053021900	1.0

1990 block group part to 2010 tract

G27000300148601486050206069999999512016

2010 tract	Wt_pop	Wt_adult	Wt_fam	Wt_hh
27003050218	.3654463488	.180333757	.1972739688	.1869978055
27003050219	.6299307182	819666243	.8027260312	.8130021945
27003050505	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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USING FULL-COUNT CENSUS DATA AND THE MULTIGENERATIONAL LONGITUDINAL PANEL (MLP) TO STUDY URBAN CHANGE

MULTIGENERATIONAL LONGITUDINAL PANEL

- The Multigenerational Longitudinal Panel is a product of IPUMS, in collaboration with *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org*
- Links individual-level records between censuses through a consistent unique identifier – currently includes data from 1850-1950 (prelim)
- Links can be chained across multiple pairs of census years to yield multi-decade longitudinal data
- High conditional accuracy (96%-99%) matching against records from other sources, although selection into both datasets is problematic
- Full-count census data is also matched to Social Security application and death records

Jonas Helgertz, Joseph Price, Jacob Wellington, Kelly J Thompson, Steven Ruggles & Catherine A. Fitch (2022) A new strategy for linking U.S. historical censuses: A case study for the IPUMS multigenerational longitudinal panel, *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, 55:1, 12-29

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NUMBER OF LINKAGES

IPUMS

10-Year Linkages		
Census Years	Number of Links	Approximate % Start Year
1850-1860	6,659,383	35%
1860-1870	8,437,331	31%
1870-1880	13,148,961	34%
1900-1910	30,601,820	40%
1910-1920	37,940,159	41%
1920-1930	45,335,479	43%
1930-1940	54,136,642	44%
1940-1950	54,927,229	42%

Number of 20- and 30-year linkages is smaller

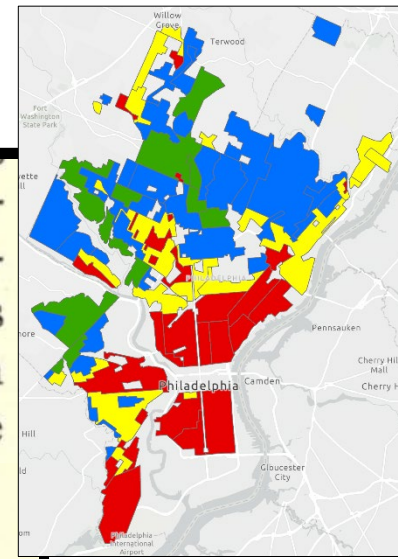
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below those to which most Americans are accustomed. While the ranking given below may be scientifically wrong from the standpoint of inherent racial characteristics, it registers an opinion or prejudice that is reflected in land values; it is the ranking of races and nationalities with respect to their beneficial effect upon land values. Those having the most favorable come first in the list and those exerting the most detrimental effect appear last.³²

1. English, Germans, Scotch, Irish, Scandinavians
2. North Italians
3. Bohemians or Czechoslovakians
4. Poles
5. Lithuanians
6. Greeks
7. Russian Jews of the lower class
8. South Italians
9. Negroes
10. Mexicans

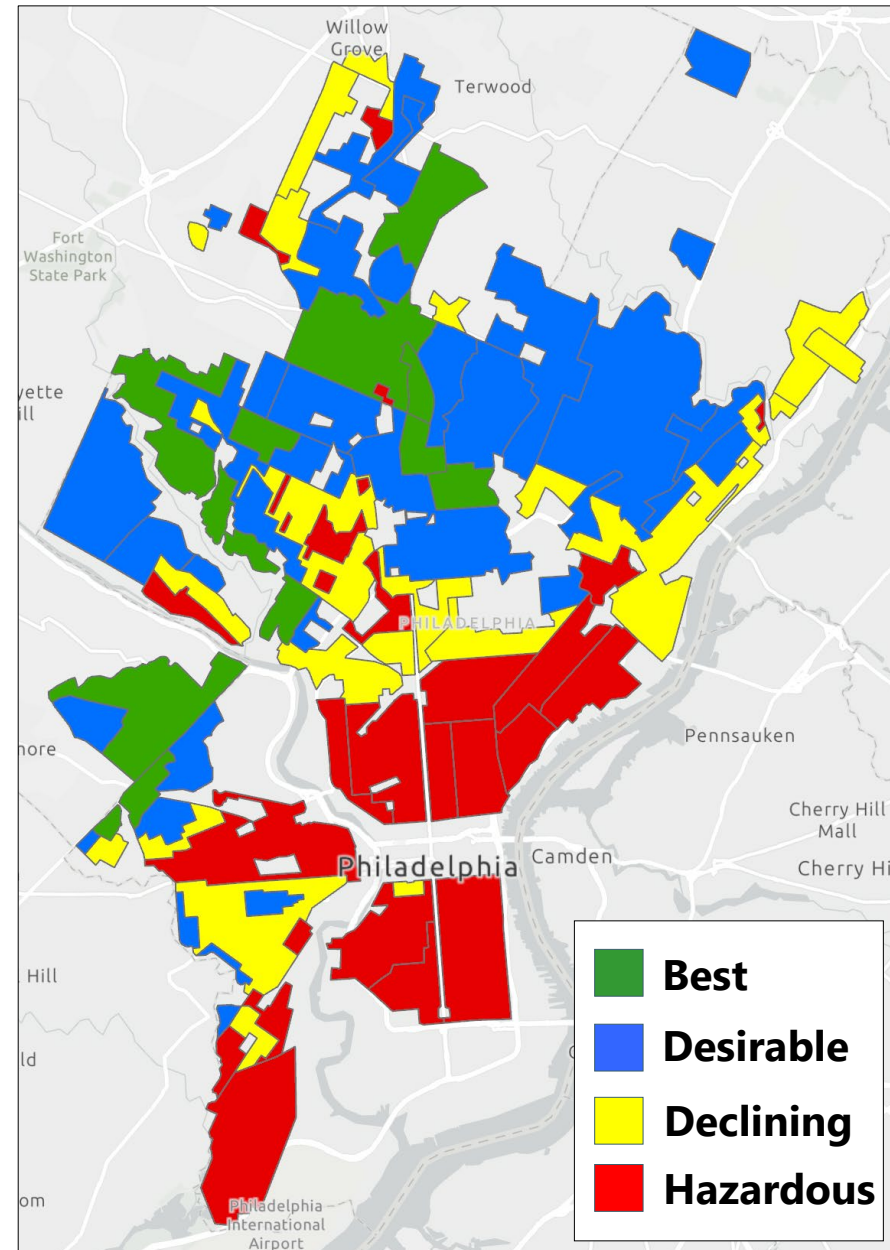
Hoyt, Homer
(1933) *One hundred years of land values in Chicago*. University of Chicago.

The expansion of these racial and national groups has perhaps had a greater effect in promoting a rise in the values of land in the outer areas of the city than it has had upon the older areas, for it has forced or stimulated the old American stock to seek new neighborhoods and has caused them to migrate from their old homes. Even these races themselves have pushed farther from the center of the city, leaving behind an area to be occupied by the least desirable members of their own race. As new immigration from Europe has almost ceased, and as



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- Use full-count data to compare HOLC neighborhood population appraisals with counts from the census
- Assess the neighborhood conditions – as measured by HOLC ratings – of immigrants in 1930
- Compare immigrant residential patterns based on country of origin
- Use matched immigrants from the MLP to evaluate the neighborhood transitions of immigrants who moved between 1930 and 1940



HOLC ESTIMATES VERSUS 1940 CENSUS

PRELIMINARY

	Grade A Best	Grade B Desirable	Grade C Declining	Grade D Hazardous
Mean % Black from Census	1.7	1.5	2.4	14.3
Mean % Black from HOLC	0.0	0.2	0.3	18.2
Mean Difference	1.7	1.3	2.1	-3.9
Mean % Immigrant from Census	9.9	11.1	13.6	14.3
Mean % Immigrant from HOLC	0.4	2.9	14.1	30.9
Mean Difference	9.5	8.2	-0.5	-16.6

- HOLC appraisers slightly underestimated the black population in higher-grade neighborhoods and overestimated it in low-grade neighborhoods
- HOLC appraisers highly underestimated the immigrant population in higher-grade neighborhoods and overestimated it in low-grade neighborhoods

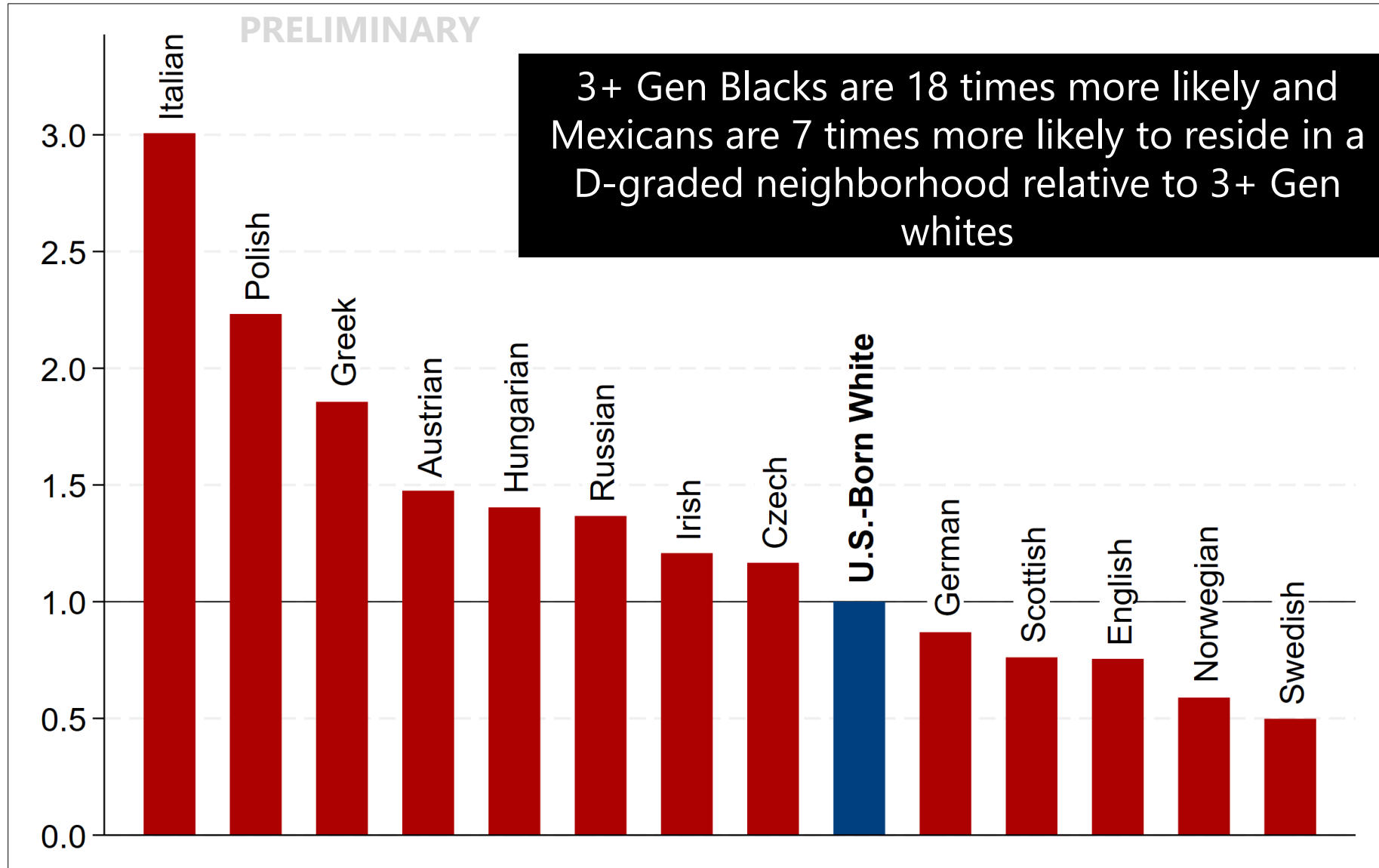
CHARACTERISTICS OF IMMIGRANTS (1940)

PRELIMINARY

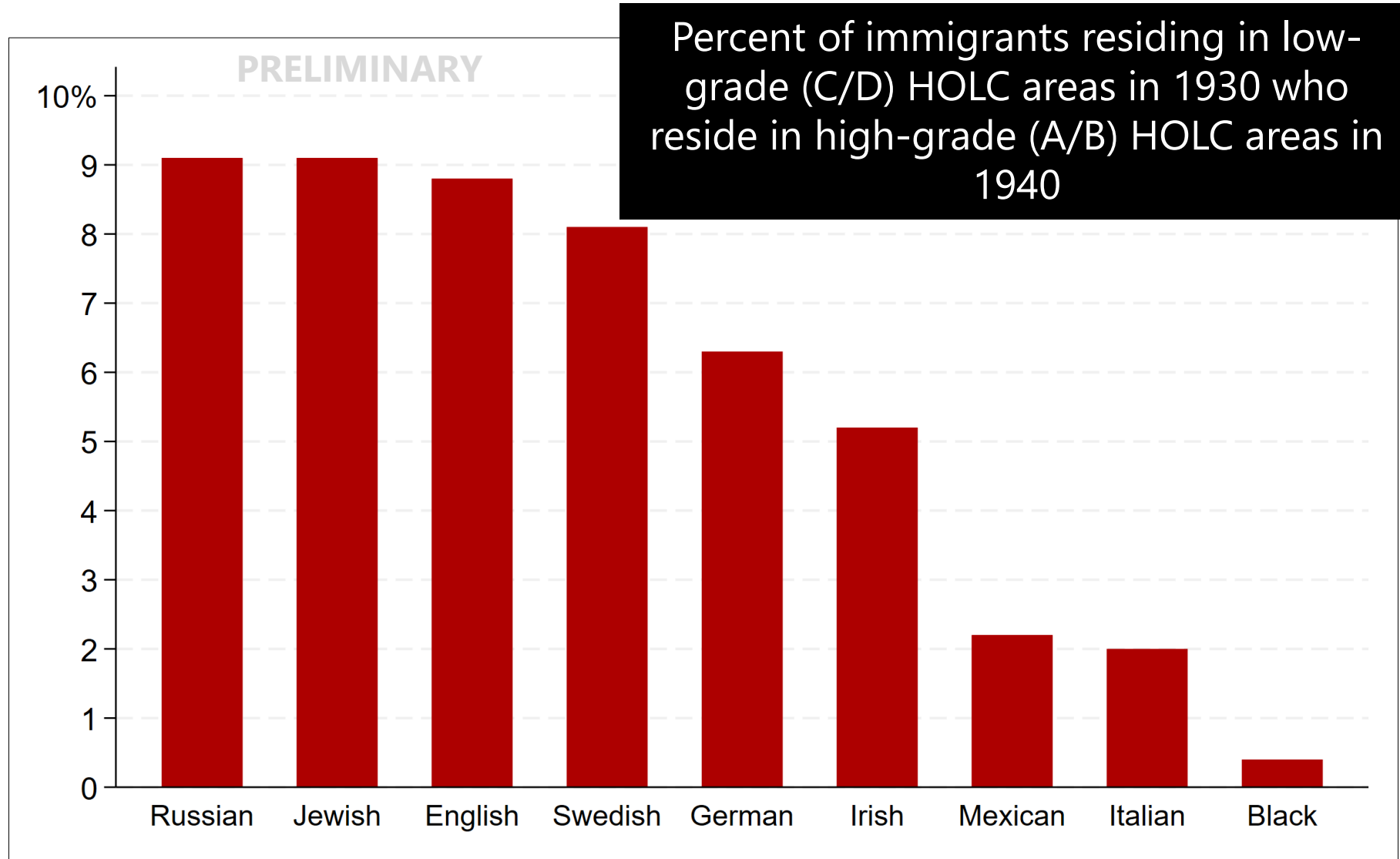
	Male	Child in Home	Max 4 th Grade Ed	Own Home	Income
Swedish	56%	54%	8%	62%	840
English	50%	55%	8%	49%	1000
3+ Gen White	50%	63%	8%	45%	520
German	52%	57%	11%	58%	780
Irish	43%	66%	12%	44%	936
Russian	55%	74%	34%	40%	599
Greek	71%	67%	36%	32%	576
3+ Gen Latino	50%	72%	38%	41%	300
Jewish	51%	79%	39%	22%	624
3+ Gen Black	49%	54%	43%	23%	200
Italian	58%	81%	53%	47%	700

Italian, Jewish, and Greek immigrants were notably younger

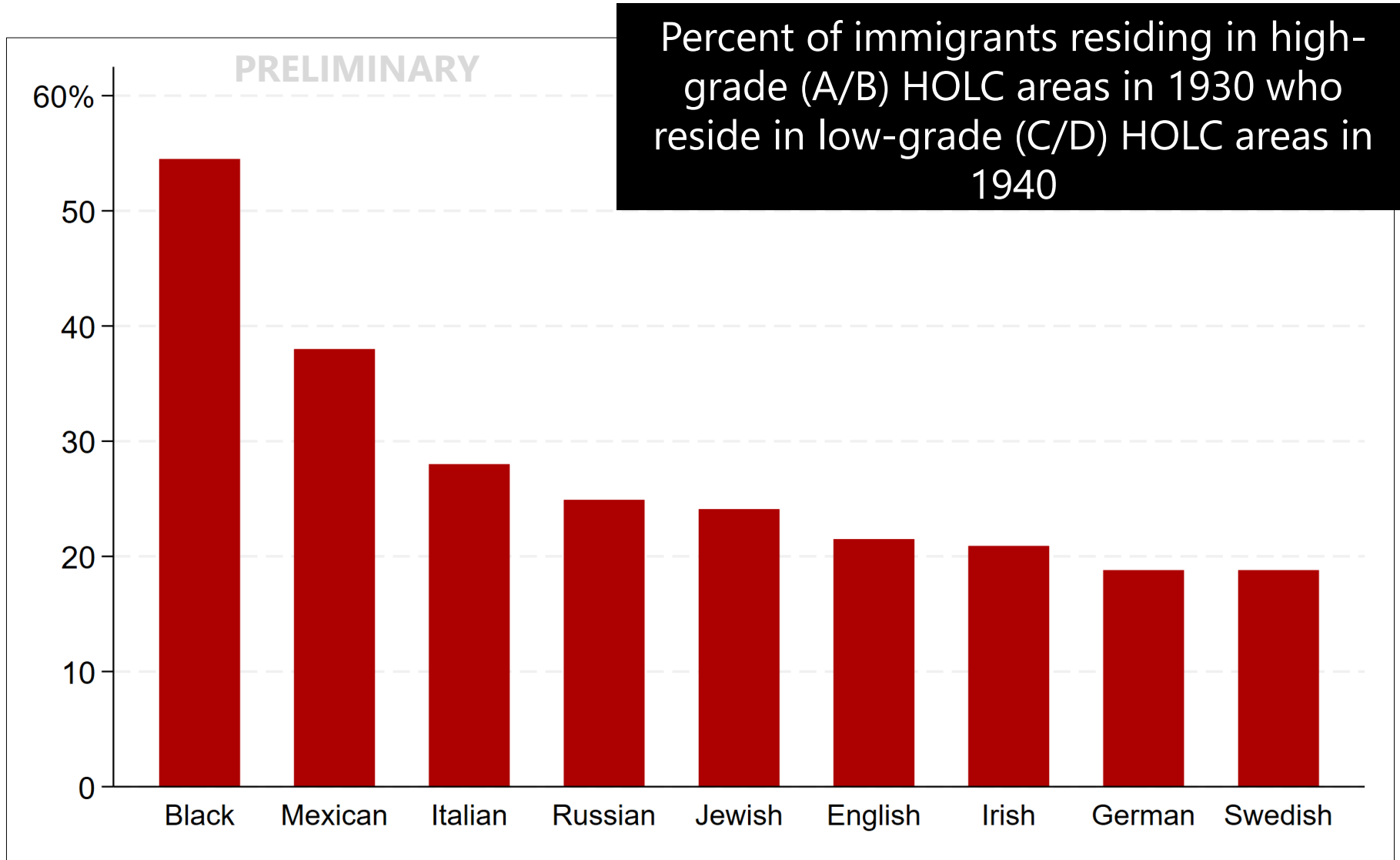
ODDS OF RESIDING IN D-RATED AREA (1940)



IMMIGRANTS TRANSITIONING UP 1930-1940



IMMIGRANTS TRANSITIONING DOWN 1930-1940



NEXT STEPS

- Transition away from the HOLC maps and incorporate other measures of neighborhood quality
- Digitize enumeration district maps for additional cities, including New York
- Use data on birthplace of mother and father to identify second-generation immigrants

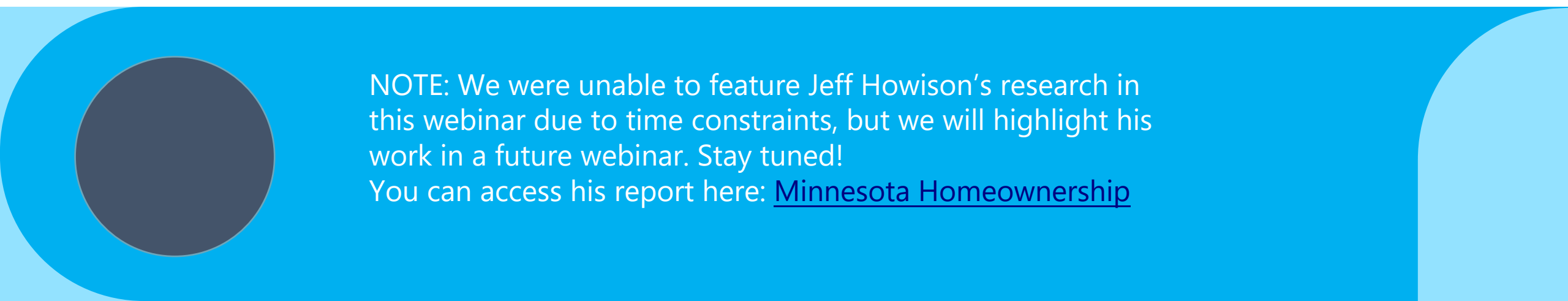
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Demographic Trends in Minnesota Homeownership

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NOTE: We were unable to feature Jeff Howison's research in this webinar due to time constraints, but we will highlight his work in a future webinar. Stay tuned!

You can access his report here: [Minnesota Homeownership](#)

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