

**A DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE
OF ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA
(A Work in Progress)**

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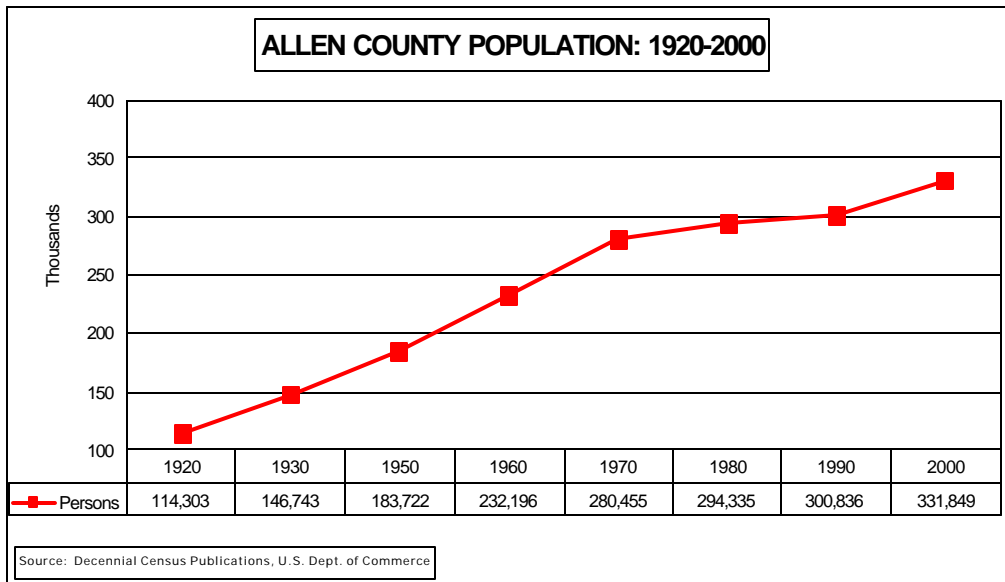
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POPULATION

According to the 2000 census, the population of Allen County totaled 331,849. As shown below, the growth of the population has slowed markedly since 1970.

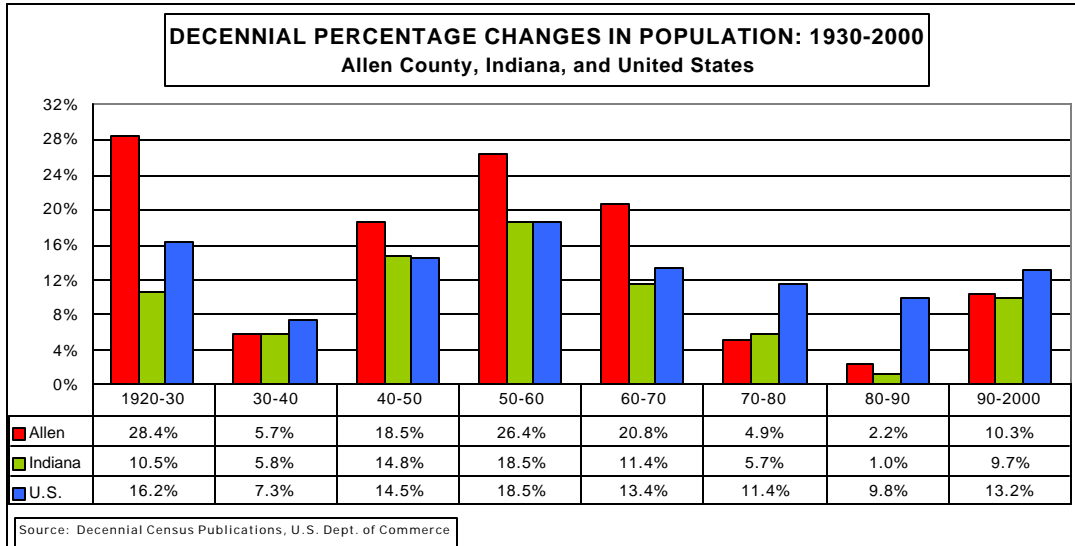
The loss of jobs (and job opportunities) during the severe economic recession in the early eighties in both Allen County and Indiana undoubtedly caused an extraordinary population exodus. (The economic downturn was so severe that Indiana and neighboring states were nicknamed the “rustbelt states” because of the large number of facilities that were shuttered.) Consequently, the upturn in the nineties was probably more of a snapback than a change in trend (as the graph suggests).



Growth Rates and Comparisons

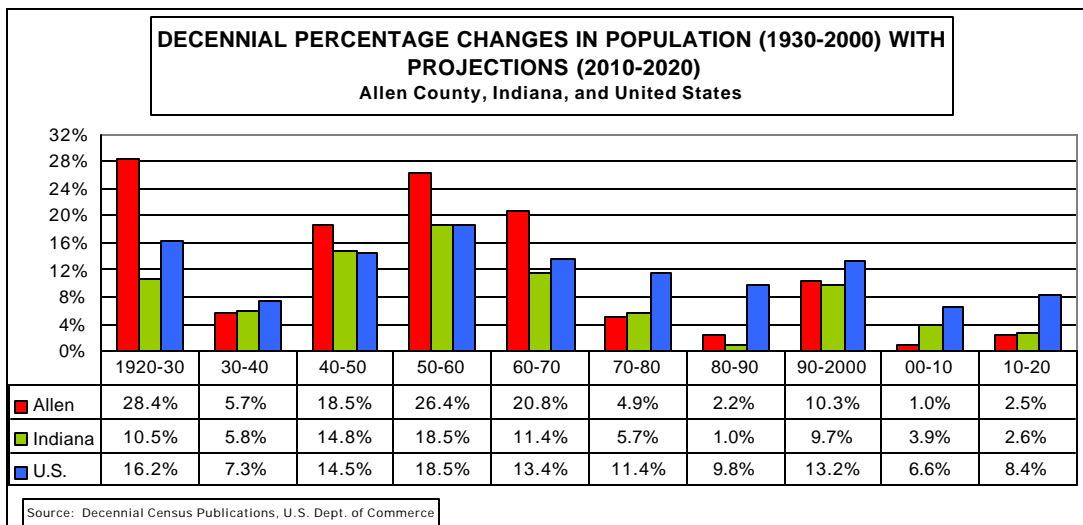
1930-2000

Assuming the increased growth rate of the population in the nineties was simply a snapback from the depressed eighties, the decennial growth rate in Allen County has been in a secular downtrend since the fifties. (See below.) Prior to 1970 Allen County’s growth rate exceeded that of the United States, but subsequently the population growth rates in Allen County (and Indiana) have lagged.



2010 and 2020 Population Projections¹

The U.S. Department of Commerce does population projections for the U.S. and each state.² The Indiana Business Research Center periodically generates individual county population projections consistent with the U.S. Department of Commerce population projection for Indiana.³



¹Projections are generated from an analysis of the estimated current demographic characteristics and recent trends (e.g. birth rate and death trends) of the relevant population. That is, the knowledge of the recent past is “projected” into the future. Therefore, projections do not take into account the impact other factors may have on future population change. For example, implementation of an economic development program that proved successful would not be reflected in the population projections.

² **National Population Projections**, U.S. Census Bureau Population Projections Program, Population Division, released February 2000 for U.S. and 1996 for state.

³ **Preliminary Population Projections for Indiana Counties: 2000—2020**, Indiana Business Research Center, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, February 1999.

Based on the 2000 census data, the population projections for 2000 (not shown) were extraordinarily low. Given that the projections have not been updated since the 2000 census, they need to be viewed as suspect. Probably, the most to be gleaned from the now outdated projections is the relatively slower growth projected for Allen County and Indiana versus the United States.

Geographic Distribution

By Township

In 2000, the City of Fort Wayne had 62.0 percent (205,727) of the total population in Allen County; however, the population of the city has been (and continues to be) affected by annexation. Five of the 20 townships in Allen County—Aboite, Adams, St. Joseph, Wayne, and Washington—had 82.0 percent of the population in the county. (See Figure 1.)

Wayne Township—which constitutes the central city—has long had the largest percentage of Allen County’s population, but both its population and hegemony have eroded considerably. Population declined from 155,285 in 1960 to 111,117 in 2000. Wayne Township’s share of Allen County’s population declined from 66.9 percent in 1960 to 33.5 percent in 2000.

Conversely, population growth has exploded in the suburban townships. (See Table 1.) Northeast suburbia—Cedar Creek, Milan, and St. Joseph townships—grew from 19,758 in 1960 to 82,067 in 2000. Northwest suburbia—Eel River, Perry, and Washington townships—grew from 18,076 in 1960 to 54,279 in 2000. Southwest suburbia—Aboite, Lafayette, and Pleasant Townships—grew from 6,485 in 1960 to 34,407 in 2000. Essentially all the increase occurred in Aboite Township.

Southeast suburbia—Adams and Marion townships—grew from 20,754 in 1960 to 34,134 in 1970. There has been no growth in southeast suburbia in the last three decades—the 2000 population was 35,049.

Population growth spurts in and around Fort Wayne have occurred in a counterclockwise fashion starting in the southeast quadrant in the early twenties with the development of the “east-end industries.” (Data not shown.) Industrial development never occurred in the northeast quadrant to any extent; however, the quadrant has been a mecca for housing development resulting from the industrial development in the southeast quadrant and later in the northwest quadrant. In the seventies, industrial development in the northwest quadrant quickened, especially along U.S. 30. In 1985, the southwest quadrant came into the spotlight with the building of the General Motors’ light-truck assembly plant. Although speculative at this point, one can envision the spotlight on industrial development returning to the southeast quadrant early in the twenty-first century given the recent completion of the (southern and eastern parts of the) U.S. 469 bypass.

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By Race

Trends in Allen County's population by race are shown below:

Race	1970	1980	1990	2000
White	260,088	262,908	264,088	275,697
Black	19,298	26,396	30,102	37,527
Asian		1,286	2,544	4,652
Other ⁵	1,069	3,745	4,102	13,973
TOTAL	282,425	294,335	300,836	331,849

Corresponding percentage changes for the last three decades are shown below:

Race	70-80	80-90	90-00
White	1.1%	0.4%	4.4%
Black	36.8%	14.0%	24.7%
Asian		97.8%	82.9%
Other*	250.3%	9.5%	240.6%
TOTAL	4.9%	2.2%	10.3%

The non-white races have experienced spectacular growth compared to the white race; however, the percentage changes have been from relative small bases (compared to the white race). The overall percentage distribution of the population by race over time shows more clearly the growing impact of the non-white races.

Race	1970	1980	1990	2000
White	92.7%	89.3%	87.8%	83.1%
Black	6.9%	9.0%	10.0%	11.3%
Asian	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%	1.4%
Other*	0.4%	1.3%	1.4%	4.2%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

⁵“Other” includes American Indian, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, some other race, and (in 2000) two or more races.

OBSERVATION: Between 1970 and 2000 the non-white population in Allen County increased from 7.3 percent to 16.9 percent. Given that the non-white population is substantially younger than the white population (see below), the percentage of the total population that is non-white will to continue to increase because of a higher birthrate.

Blacks by Census Tract

Table 2 shows the percentage of blacks by census tract as of 2000.

In 2000, 74.4 percent (27,927) of the black population was located in 17 census tracts. (See Figure 2.) The population in each of the 17 census tracts was at least 30 percent black.

Eighty-six percent (32,275) of all blacks in Allen County in 2000 lived in Adams and Wayne Townships.

“Other” by Census Tract⁶

Table 3 shows the percentage of “other” races by census tract as of 2000.

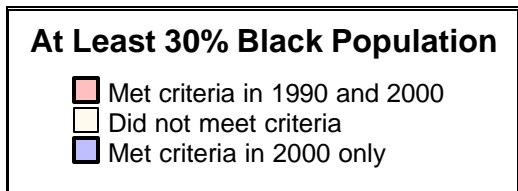
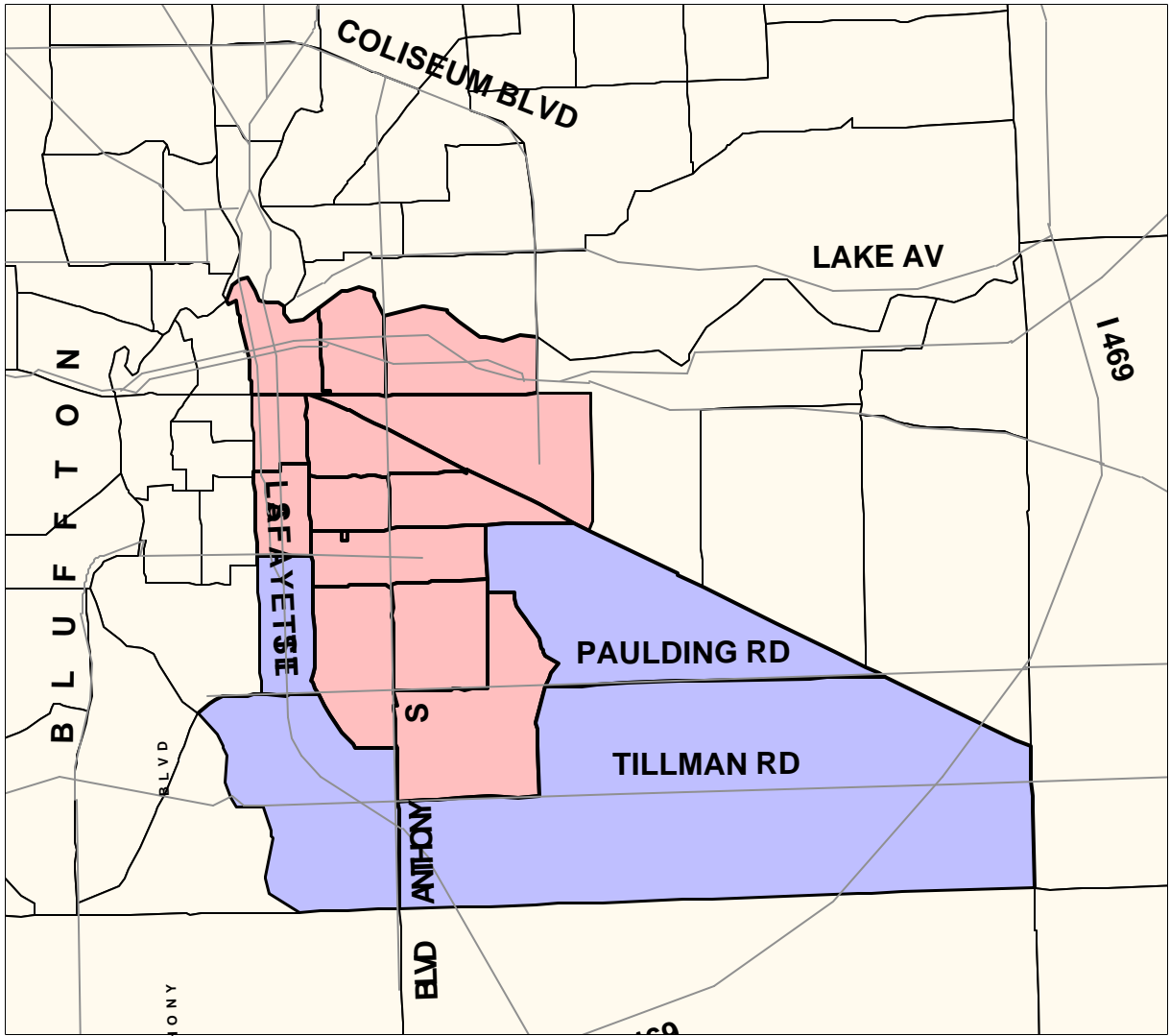
In 2000, eighteen tracts were at least seven percent “other” races. (See Figure 3.) The 18 tracts contained 41.5 percent of the “other” races. In 1990, only one tract was at least seven percent “other.”

⁶ See footnote 4.

**TABLE 2. BLACKS IN ALLEN COUNTY BY TRACT
AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

Tract	Blacks		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
17	1632	81.3%	116.01	255	3.2%
28	1998	78.2%	108.14	202	3.0%
29	1924	70.8%	108.03	163	3.0%
30	2771	69.7%	107.06	111	2.8%
14	1124	69.0%	115.02	68	2.8%
18	820	68.4%	108.08	148	2.7%
40	2593	65.8%	108.04	80	2.6%
15	684	58.3%	38	80	2.6%
27	1341	55.9%	7.01	83	2.6%
113.02	3081	55.9%	103.03	145	2.5%
23	3029	55.2%	10	32	2.3%
13	861	48.7%	106.02	71	2.3%
113.03	763	41.8%	6	46	2.2%
31	1078	35.5%	34	99	2.2%
16	820	35.2%	108.13	87	2.1%
113.04	1714	33.1%	9	69	2.1%
36	1694	29.5%	116.04	88	2.0%
12	188	14.9%	3	68	2.0%
20	580	14.1%	108.07	92	2.0%
26	447	12.2%	112.01	36	1.7%
39.02	332	11.4%	106.01	43	1.6%
42	41	11.3%	116.03	96	1.6%
22	471	10.8%	39.01	55	1.6%
35	320	8.6%	116.02	112	1.5%
32	431	7.8%	37	37	1.4%
33.01	228	7.6%	116.05	23	1.0%
41.02	379	7.3%	1	24	0.9%
108.02	445	7.2%	103.04	56	0.9%
11	124	7.0%	103.1	50	0.8%
41.01	151	6.7%	112.02	25	0.8%
25	246	6.6%	106.03	13	0.7%
21	166	6.4%	8	29	0.7%
33.04	245	6.0%	117.01	19	0.7%
5	207	5.4%	118.01	24	0.7%
108.05	374	5.2%	105	13	0.7%
7.03	132	5.2%	106.04	18	0.6%
108.11	285	4.8%	110	10	0.4%
107.04	51	4.4%	111	11	0.4%
115.01	178	4.3%	102	33	0.3%
4	113	4.2%	109	17	0.3%
107.05	194	3.9%	112.03	12	0.3%
108.09	187	3.8%	101	10	0.2%
107.03	74	3.4%	119	4	0.2%
108.12	139	3.3%	104	4	0.1%
117.02	110	3.3%	118.02	1	0.1%

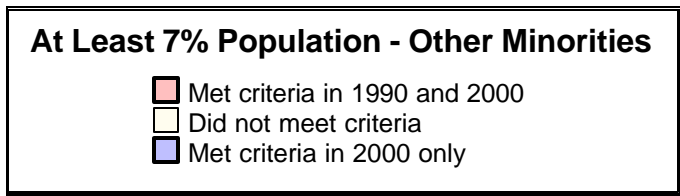
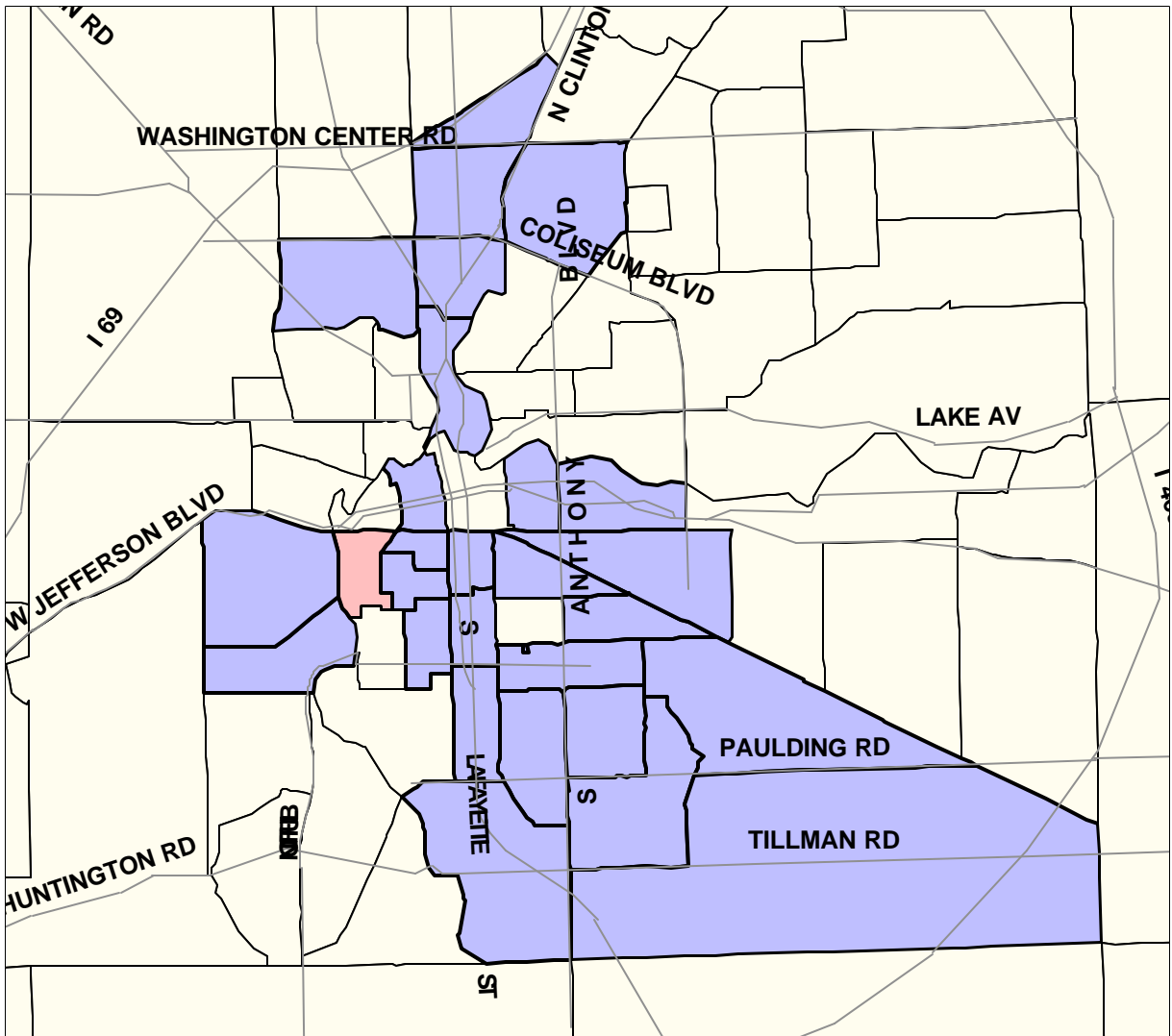
FIGURE 2. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT BLACK POPULATION



**TABLE 3. "OTHER" RACES IN ALLEN COUNTY BY TRACT
AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

Tract	Other		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
27	509	21.22%	115.02	82	3.32%
20	724	17.66%	37	86	3.25%
21	319	12.29%	8	130	3.20%
18	140	11.68%	108.11	188	3.18%
26	425	11.61%	3	106	3.12%
31	349	11.50%	117.02	102	3.03%
23	617	11.24%	107.06	118	3.02%
5	356	9.36%	35	109	2.94%
113.02	480	8.70%	108.07	130	2.76%
40	332	8.42%	108.09	135	2.73%
22	361	8.28%	107.05	134	2.72%
113.03	151	8.26%	119	51	2.60%
16	191	8.19%	39.01	88	2.58%
15	96	8.18%	108.03	142	2.57%
30	310	7.80%	106.01	66	2.52%
29	201	7.40%	116.01	202	2.50%
17	145	7.22%	108.04	75	2.48%
12	90	7.14%	117.01	66	2.44%
36	381	6.64%	116.03	143	2.42%
6	138	6.51%	108.05	171	2.40%
28	165	6.46%	34	109	2.37%
25	237	6.38%	112.02	77	2.34%
113.04	312	6.03%	108.12	96	2.30%
4	159	5.93%	118.01	81	2.22%
14	92	5.65%	116.05	49	2.15%
32	309	5.57%	107.03	45	2.09%
7.01	169	5.23%	108.08	109	2.01%
33.04	211	5.17%	116.04	85	1.96%
10	68	4.97%	106.02	54	1.71%
39.02	143	4.90%	108.14	113	1.69%
7.03	121	4.78%	116.02	123	1.59%
33.01	142	4.76%	111	47	1.58%
11	83	4.66%	107.04	17	1.46%
112.01	94	4.35%	103.03	85	1.46%
38	131	4.21%	103.1	85	1.44%
105	82	4.13%	104	41	1.36%
13	72	4.07%	102	140	1.36%
106.04	117	4.04%	103.04	73	1.13%
115.01	162	3.95%	110	27	1.10%
41.02	195	3.77%	106.03	18	1.02%
1	94	3.69%	112.03	45	0.96%
9	123	3.66%	101	36	0.88%
41.01	81	3.59%	109	51	0.83%
108.13	145	3.54%	118.02	12	0.67%
108.02	208	3.38%	42	1	0.28%

FIGURE 3. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH AT LEAST SEVEN PERCENT “OTHER” RACES



Hispanic (NOT a Race)

Hispanic is NOT a race, but in the 2000 census a majority of the “other” races in Allen County also consider themselves to be of Hispanic origin. In 2000 there were 13,877 persons who identified themselves as Hispanic. (See below.) Almost 6,000 classified themselves as white,

Race Breakdown of Hispanics	1970	1990	2000
White		2,557	5,965
Black		214	378
Asian		39	55
Other		2,853	7,479
TOTAL	4,743	5,663	13,877*

* In the 2000 census, persons for the first time could declare themselves as being “two or more races.” This probably explains a portion of the dramatic increase in “other.” That is, in 1990 (and before), Hispanic persons had to declare themselves as exclusively white, black, etc.

and an additional 7,479 classified themselves as being one of the “other” races. (There were 13,973 “other” in the 2000 census.) Therefore, to analyze Hispanics is equivalent to analyzing a majority (53.5 percent) of the “other” races in Allen County.⁷

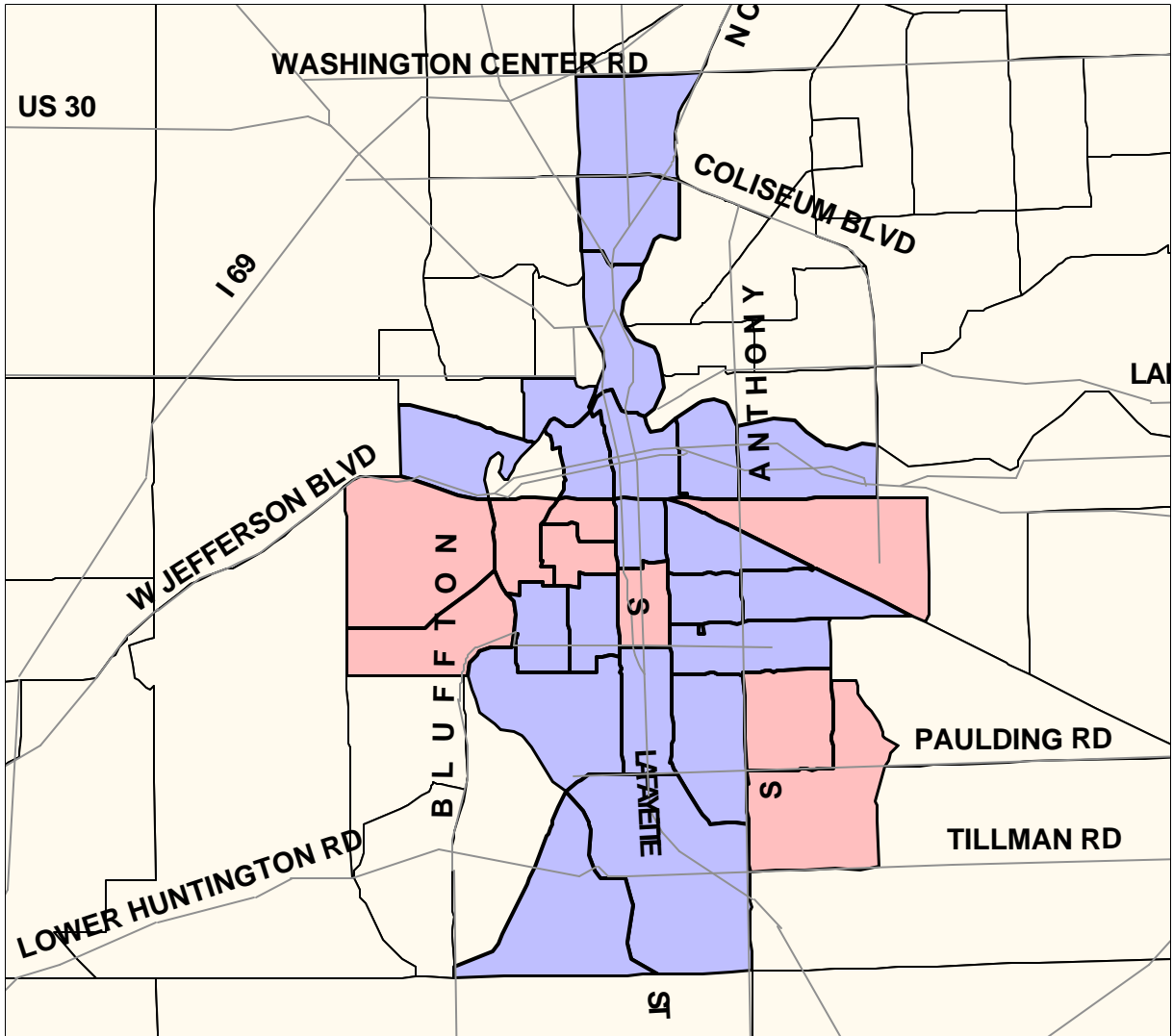
The Hispanic population grew 145 percent in the nineties. (See above.) Table 4 shows the percentage of Hispanic origin by census tract as of 2000. In 2000, twenty-seven tracts had a Hispanic population of at least five percent. (See Figure 4.) The 27 tracts contained 61.3 percent of the Hispanics in Allen County.

⁷ Note the similarity between Figure 3 showing the tracts with at least seven percent “other” races and Figure 4 showing tracts with at least a five percent Hispanic population. The lone tract (#21) in 1990 that was at least seven percent “other” races was 6.7 percent Hispanic.

**TABLE 4. PERSONS OF HISPANIC ORIGIN IN ALLEN COUNTY
BY TRACT AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

Tract	Hispanic Origin		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
27	631	26.30%	115.02	70	2.83%
20	890	21.71%	33.01	82	2.75%
18	180	15.01%	108.02	169	2.75%
5	527	13.85%	117.02	92	2.74%
26	502	13.72%	116.05	61	2.68%
21	350	13.49%	8	100	2.46%
31	391	12.88%	116.04	106	2.44%
16	270	11.58%	106.01	63	2.41%
23	584	10.64%	108.09	118	2.39%
22	454	10.42%	39.01	80	2.35%
28	266	10.42%	116.01	189	2.34%
30	410	10.31%	107.05	114	2.31%
15	111	9.45%	108.07	106	2.25%
29	255	9.39%	34	101	2.20%
17	158	7.87%	108.04	66	2.18%
10	107	7.83%	112.02	69	2.10%
40	306	7.76%	108.12	82	1.96%
113.02	397	7.20%	108.03	106	1.92%
25	257	6.92%	119	37	1.88%
36	381	6.64%	107.06	72	1.84%
14	94	5.77%	108.05	126	1.77%
33.04	235	5.76%	106.03	31	1.76%
32	317	5.71%	106.02	55	1.74%
12	71	5.63%	108.08	93	1.71%
13	99	5.60%	35	63	1.70%
39.02	157	5.38%	118.01	62	1.70%
6	109	5.14%	42	6	1.65%
7.01	161	4.98%	116.02	126	1.63%
9	160	4.75%	117.01	42	1.55%
112.01	102	4.72%	116.03	89	1.50%
113.03	85	4.65%	111	40	1.34%
7.03	108	4.27%	108.14	80	1.20%
38	129	4.15%	103.03	66	1.13%
4	111	4.14%	103.1	66	1.12%
106.04	116	4.01%	109	68	1.11%
113.04	204	3.94%	112.03	46	0.98%
11	67	3.76%	107.03	20	0.93%
3	121	3.56%	105	18	0.91%
37	94	3.55%	110	22	0.90%
115.01	138	3.37%	103.04	50	0.78%
1	80	3.14%	107.04	9	0.77%
41.02	153	2.96%	102	72	0.70%
41.01	66	2.93%	104	21	0.70%
108.11	170	2.87%	118.02	12	0.67%
108.13	116	2.83%	101	21	0.51%

FIGURE 4. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN



At Least 5% Hispanic Population

- Met criteria in 1990 and 2000
- Did not meet criteria
- Met criteria in 2000 only

AGE

Allen County’s population has aged rapidly—an impact of the baby boomers.⁸ The median age⁹ increased 8.1 years in three decades—from 26.0 years in 1970 to 34.1 years in 2000. This is a tremendous change in a population of approximately 300,000.

MEDIAN AGE OF POPULATION IN ALLEN COUNTY

Year	All	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic
1970	26.0	25.6M/27.6F	18.2M/20.0F		
1980	29.5	29.4	21.6		
1990	32.1	33.1	24.8	26.8	23.9
2000	34.1	36.0	26.6	30.6	23.5

As shown above, the non-white population is substantially younger than the white population. For example, the median age of those declaring themselves to be of “two or more races” in the 2000 census (not shown above) was 15.5 years. Undoubtedly many in the classification are the result of bi-racial relationships.

Distribution

The distribution of Allen County’s population among various age classes by census year is as follows:

Age	1970	1980	1990	2000
0-4	26,336	23,927	23,747	25,440
Pct. Change		-9.1%	-0.8%	7.1%
5-9	29,768	23,945	23,818	26,195
Pct. Change		-19.6%	-0.5%	10.0%
10-14	30,085	24,973	22,731	25,487
Pct. Change		-17.0%	-9.0%	12.1%
15-17	17,109	16,652	12,993	14,829
Pct. Change		-2.7%	-22.0%	14.1%
18-24	33,093	38,446	29,691	31,193
Pct. Change		16.2%	-22.8%	5.1%

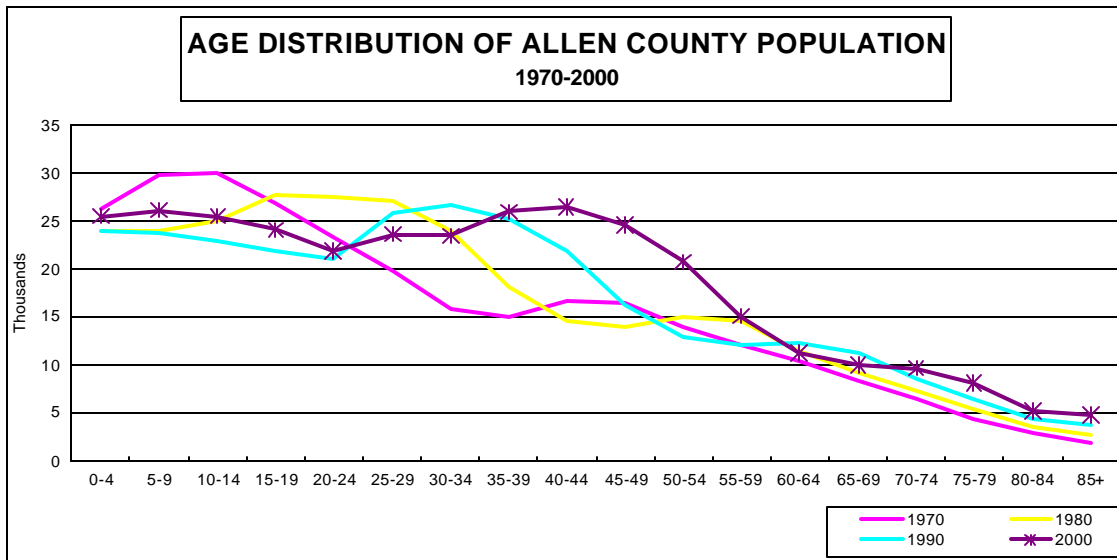
⁸ Baby boomers are defined as those persons born between 1946 and 1964, inclusive.

⁹The median age is the age that divides the population in half—half of the population is older than the median age and half is younger.

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Age	1970	1980	1990	2000
25-34	35,708	51,043	52,925	47,011
Pct. Change		42.9%	3.7%	-11.2%
35-44	31,658	32,647	47,608	52,496
Pct. Change		3.1%	45.8%	10.3%
45-54	30,441	28,740	28,782	45,188
Pct. Change		-5.6%	0.1%	57.0%
55-59	12,061	14,506	12,016	14,974
Pct. Change		20.3%	-17.2%	24.6%
60-64	10,322	11,382	12,265	11,276
Pct. Change		10.3%	7.8%	-8.1%
65-74	14,686	16,479	20,137	19,631
Pct. Change		12.2%	22.2%	-2.5%
75-84	7,291	8,888	10,642	13,383
Pct. Change		21.9%	19.7%	25.8%
85 or over	1,897	2,707	3,481	4,746
Pct. Change		42.7%	28.6%	36.3%
TOTAL	280,455	294,335	300,836	331,849

The age distributions are graphed below:



Baby-boom Bulge

The bulge of baby boomers moving through the age distributions is clear in the graph above—the 0-24 age classes in 1970, the 10-34 age classes in 1980, the 20-44 age classes in 1990, and the 30-54 age classes in 2000.

Decrease in the Younger Population

After declining in both the seventies and eighties, the younger population grew at the same rate as the overall population in the nineties. That is, the baby boom echo is now creating renewed growth in the younger population.

Age	1970	1980	1990	2000
0-4	26,336	23,927	23,860	25,440
Pct. Change		-9.1%	-0.2%	6.6%
5-9	29,768	23,945	23,722	26,195
Pct. Change		-19.6%	-0.9%	10.4%
10-14	30,085	24,973	22,810	25,487
Pct. Change		-17.0	-8.7%	11.7%
15-17	17,109	16,652	13,112	14,829
Pct. Change		-2.7%	-21.3%	13.1%
TOTAL	103,298	89,497	83,504	91,951
Pct. Change		-13.4%	-6.7%	10.1%

The decreases in the seventies were due largely to the baby boomers moving out of the 5-9 and 10-14 age classes. The decrease in the eighties was aided by the loss of the baby boomers in the 15-17 age class.

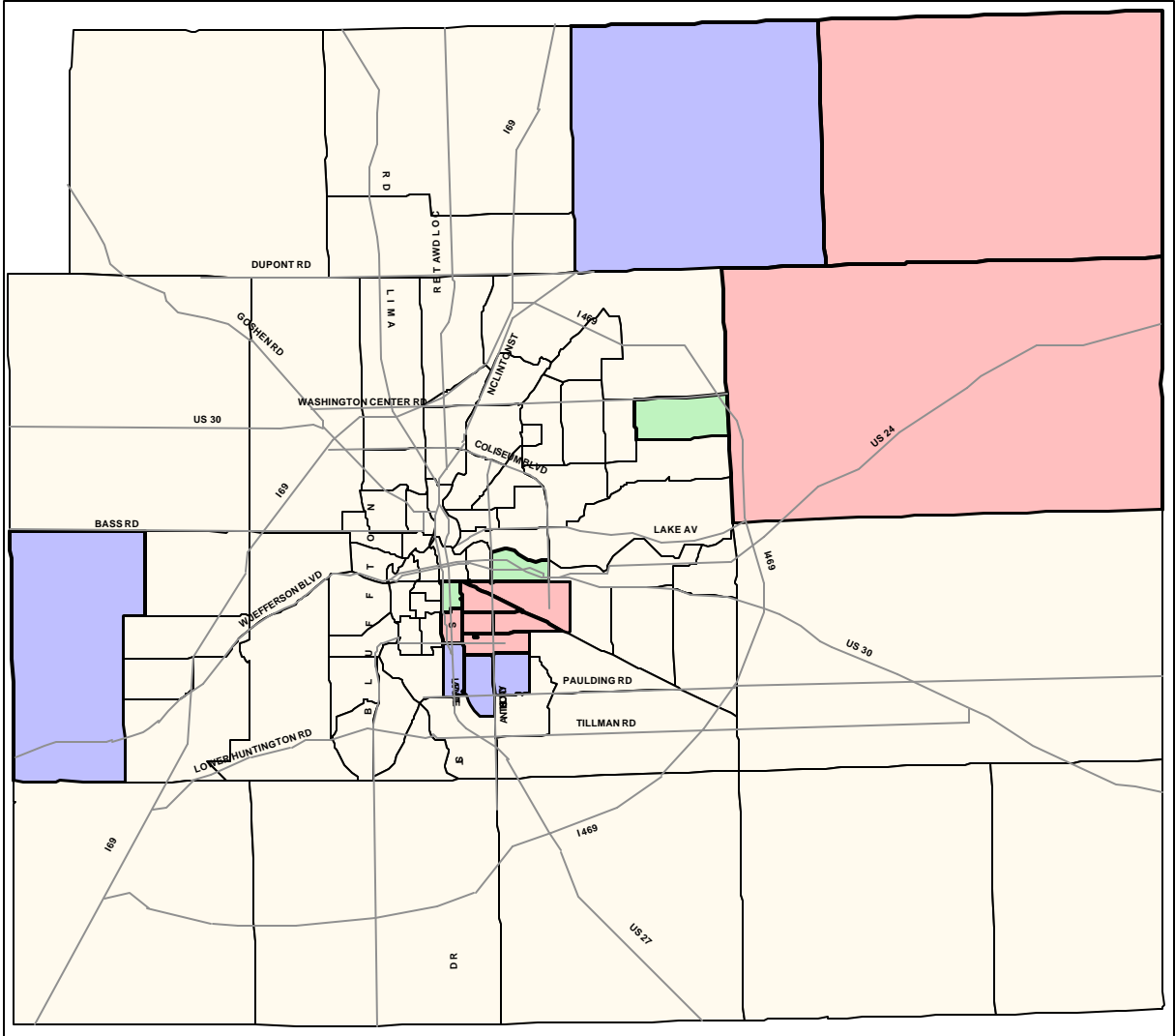
Location of the Younger Population

Table 5 shows the percentage of people 17 or under in Allen County by census tract in 2000. In 2000, thirteen census tracts had at least a third of the tract population 17 or younger. (See Figure 5.) The highest concentrations of younger people are in black dominated tracts, and northeast and southwest suburbia.

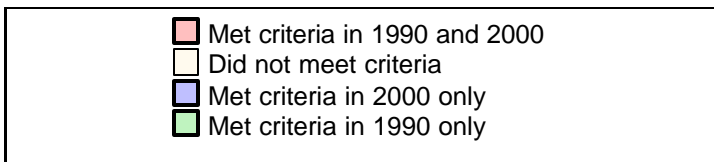
**TABLE 5. SEVENTEEN OR UNDER IN ALLEN COUNTY BY TRACT
AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

Tract	17 or Under		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
17	878	43.7%	107.04	318	27.3%
29	1011	37.2%	112.02	898	27.3%
40	1436	36.4%	108.04	823	27.2%
30	1442	36.3%	110	668	27.2%
27	859	35.8%	116.03	1606	27.1%
23	1958	35.7%	116.04	1167	26.9%
28	905	35.4%	36	1538	26.8%
101	1439	35.0%	108.07	1260	26.7%
31	1062	35.0%	118.01	967	26.5%
116.02	2613	33.9%	22	1149	26.4%
16	776	33.3%	7.01	847	26.2%
102	3418	33.2%	117.01	705	26.0%
109	2026	33.1%	34	1187	25.9%
33.01	961	32.2%	111	765	25.7%
103.03	1869	32.1%	106.04	735	25.4%
26	1173	32.0%	9	846	25.1%
18	383	31.9%	108.05	1746	24.5%
15	375	31.9%	108.11	1443	24.4%
113.03	582	31.9%	108.02	1488	24.2%
103.04	1994	31.0%	106.02	760	24.1%
118.02	547	30.5%	112.03	1130	24.1%
108.08	1636	30.1%	14	389	23.9%
6	634	29.9%	39.02	696	23.9%
116.01	2405	29.8%	38	736	23.7%
20	1211	29.5%	37	626	23.6%
108.13	1207	29.5%	4	627	23.4%
103.1	1738	29.4%	106.01	605	23.1%
32	1630	29.4%	1	584	22.9%
108.14	1939	29.1%	106.03	399	22.7%
113.04	1502	29.0%	107.03	484	22.5%
108.03	1600	29.0%	41.01	508	22.5%
104	870	29.0%	8	908	22.4%
113.02	1586	28.8%	116.05	503	22.1%
10	393	28.7%	33.04	900	22.0%
112.01	618	28.6%	5	817	21.5%
21	741	28.6%	39.01	728	21.3%
107.05	1393	28.3%	115.02	516	20.9%
108.09	1395	28.2%	35	769	20.8%
117.02	948	28.2%	7.03	507	20.0%
25	1042	28.0%	115.01	733	17.9%
108.12	1165	27.9%	41.02	792	15.3%
119	546	27.8%	11	256	14.4%
3	934	27.5%	12	168	13.3%
105	544	27.4%	13	200	11.3%
107.06	1070	27.4%	42	0	0.0%

FIGURE 5. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH AT LEAST 33 PERCENT YOUNGER POPULATION (17 OR UNDER)



At Least 33% of Population is 17 or Younger



Growth in the Older Population

There has been persistent and substantial growth (44.5 percent) in the older population—65 or over—in Allen County between 1970 and 2000. (See below.) Super seniors—those 75 or over—essentially doubled—from 9,188 to 18,129.

Age	1970	1980	1990	2000
65-74	14,686	16,479	19,767	19,631
Pct. Change		12.2%	20.0%	-0.7%
75-84	7,291	8,888	10,709	13,383
Pct. Change		21.9%	20.5%	25.0%
85+	1,897	2,707	3,648	4,746
Pct. Change		42.7%	34.8%	30.1%
TOTAL	23,874	27,133	34,124	37,760
Pct. Change		13.7%	25.8%	10.7%

OBSERVATION. The older population has experienced persistent and substantial growth in the last two decades. Given that the first baby boomers become 65 in 2011, the older population will continue to grow dramatically. If life expectancy continues to increase, the growth of the older population will be enhanced even more.

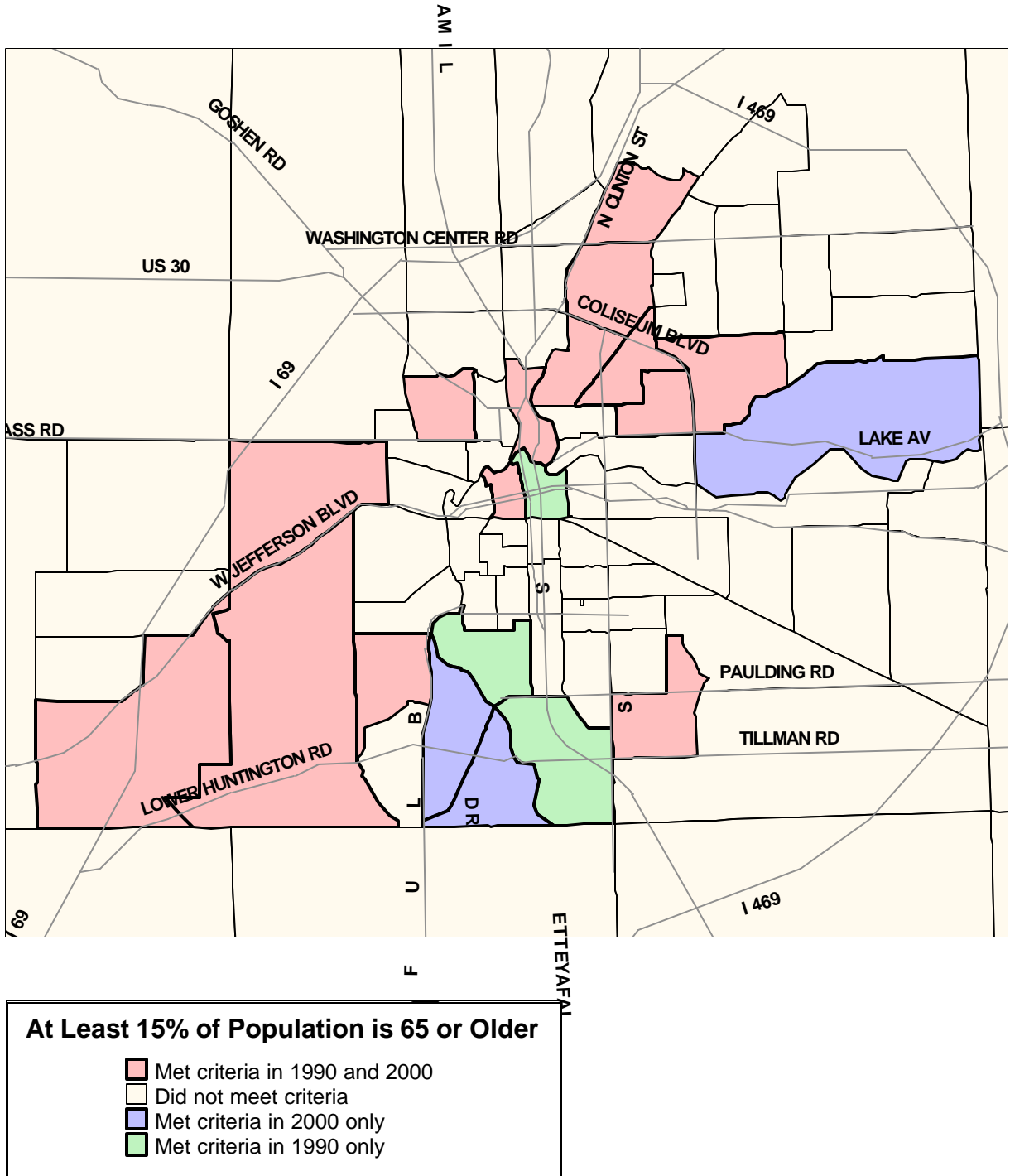
Location of the Older Population

Table 6 shows the percentage of the older population (65 or over) in Allen County by census tract. Slightly less than a third (32.1 percent or 12,107) of the older population in Allen County is located in 18 census tracts. Each of the tracts contains at least 15 percent older population. (See Figure 6.) The tracts are concentrated in the near northeast and near southwest quadrants of the city.

**TABLE 6. SIXTY-FIVE OR OLDER IN ALLEN COUNTY BY TRACT
AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

Tract	65 or Over		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
35	1305	35.3%	113.04	543	10.5%
41.01	569	25.2%	9	351	10.4%
108.05	1377	19.3%	33.01	306	10.3%
39.01	658	19.3%	107.04	119	10.2%
115.02	470	19.0%	18	121	10.1%
41.02	975	18.8%	109	595	9.7%
8	753	18.5%	104	291	9.7%
37	480	18.1%	117.01	255	9.4%
1	429	16.8%	3	320	9.4%
12	212	16.8%	116.04	405	9.3%
108.11	976	16.5%	16	217	9.3%
39.02	475	16.3%	103.04	594	9.2%
106.03	281	16.0%	117.02	310	9.2%
113.02	881	16.0%	112.01	199	9.2%
116.05	360	15.8%	113.03	168	9.2%
115.01	634	15.5%	13	158	8.9%
5	583	15.3%	7.03	223	8.8%
34	689	15.0%	28	221	8.7%
112.03	681	14.5%	102	877	8.5%
111	421	14.1%	101	343	8.3%
32	783	14.1%	40	322	8.2%
38	436	14.0%	6	171	8.1%
108.12	577	13.8%	23	440	8.0%
108.02	840	13.6%	108.08	430	7.9%
14	216	13.3%	10	107	7.8%
33.04	537	13.2%	31	236	7.8%
108.03	721	13.1%	103.1	446	7.5%
22	565	13.0%	27	178	7.4%
105	257	12.9%	25	275	7.4%
119	253	12.9%	116.01	589	7.3%
106.01	328	12.5%	108.14	485	7.3%
110	305	12.4%	21	184	7.1%
108.04	370	12.2%	17	139	6.9%
108.07	576	12.2%	107.03	142	6.6%
112.02	399	12.1%	11	116	6.5%
116.03	713	12.0%	29	171	6.3%
108.09	594	12.0%	103.03	365	6.3%
107.06	460	11.8%	30	248	6.2%
118.01	427	11.7%	107.05	304	6.2%
36	666	11.6%	4	162	6.0%
118.02	207	11.5%	20	246	6.0%
15	132	11.2%	26	204	5.6%
106.04	314	10.9%	108.13	215	5.3%
106.02	335	10.6%	116.02	400	5.2%
7.01	342	10.6%	42	7	1.9%

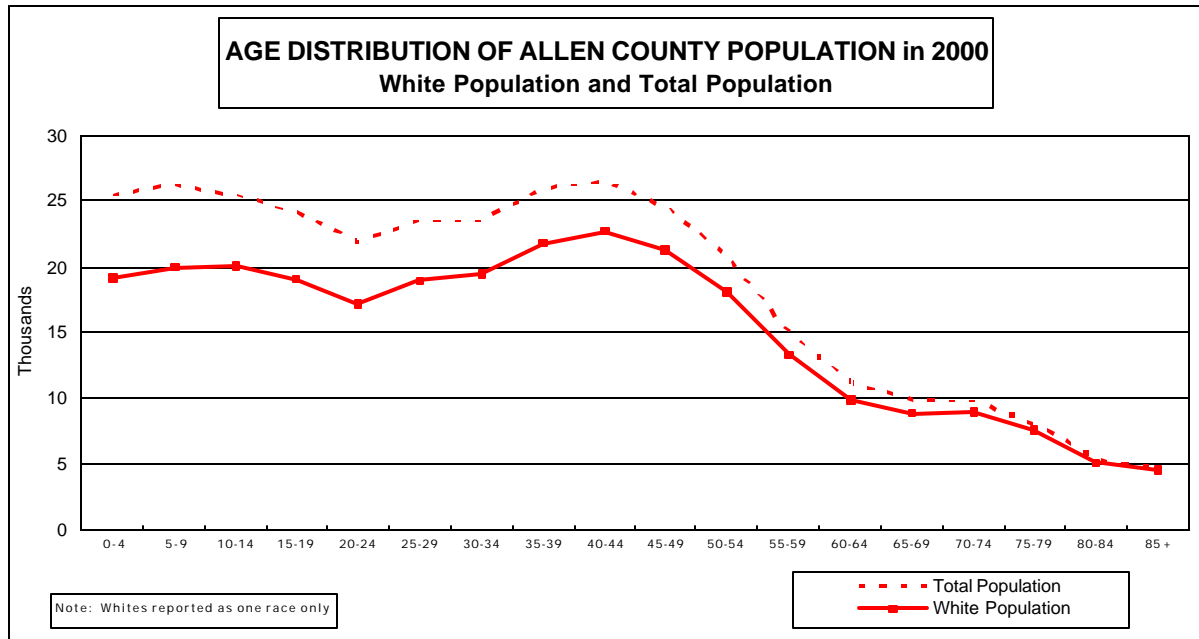
FIGURE 6. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH AT LEAST 15 PERCENT OLDER POPULATION (65 OR OVER)



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By Race

The chart below compares the age distribution in 2000 of whites in Allen County to the overall population. The gap between the two lines is the non-white population.¹⁰ The non-white population is disproportionately “young” and the white population is disproportionately “old.”



Dependency Percentage

Dependency is the percentage of the younger people plus the older people to the remainder of the people in a given population. It is a gross measure of the portion of a designated population most likely in need (according to age only) compared to the portion most likely to be self-reliant. A low percentage is favorable, *ceteris paribus*.

By Census Tract

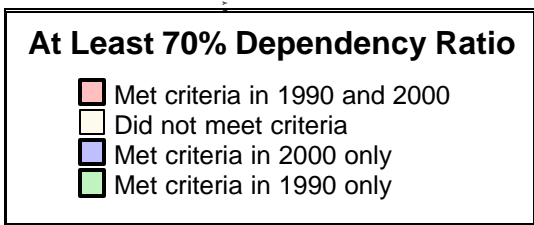
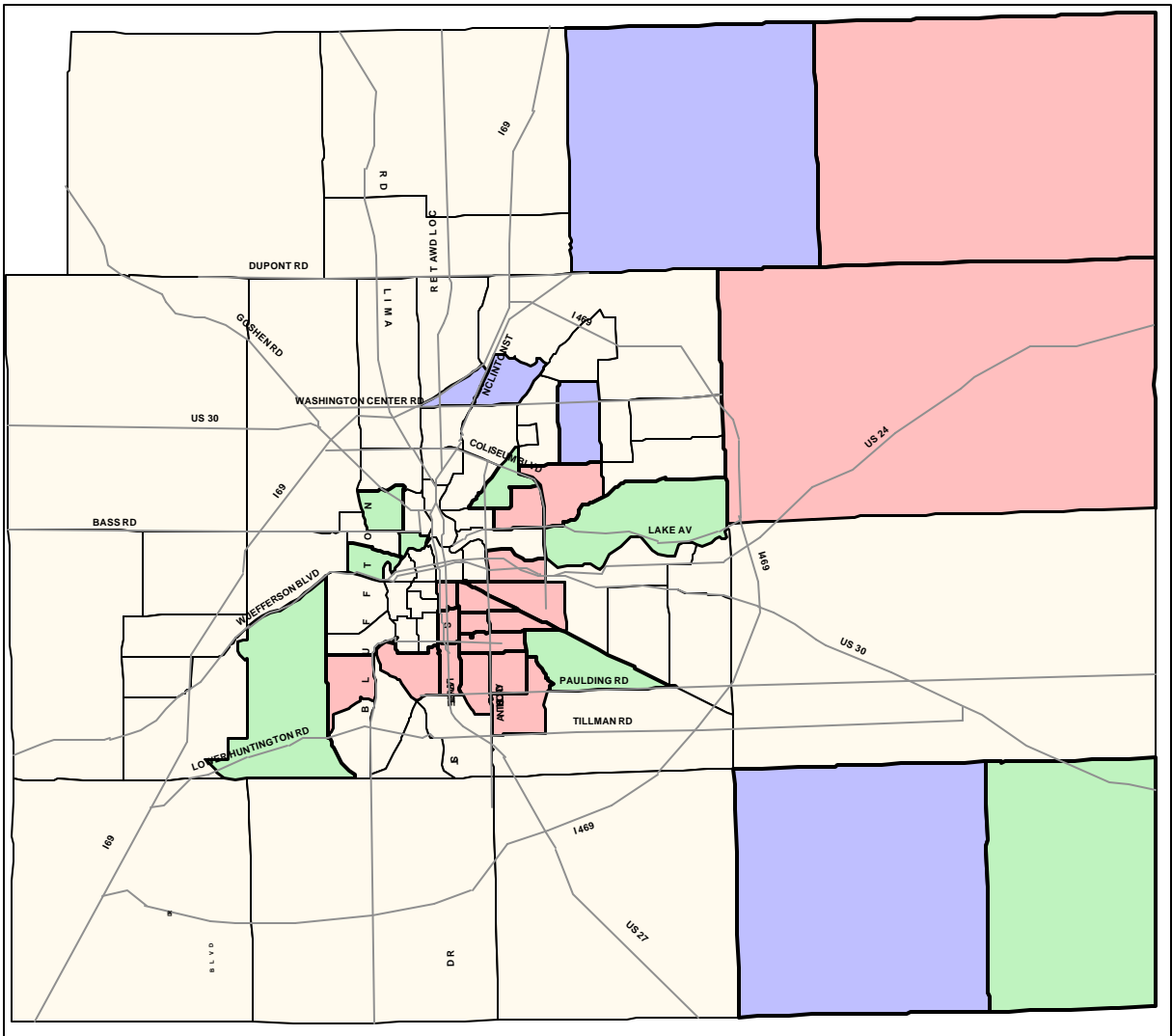
Table 7 shows dependency percentages by census tract in 2000. Twenty-four tracts had a dependency percentage of at least 70 percent in 2000 as compared with 28 census tracts in 1990. (See Figure 7.)

¹⁰ Be reminded that the non-white population in Allen County is predominantly black. (See page 7.)

ABLE 7. DEPENDENCY PERCENTAGE IN ALLEN COUNTY BY TRACTS OF THE 2000 CENSUS

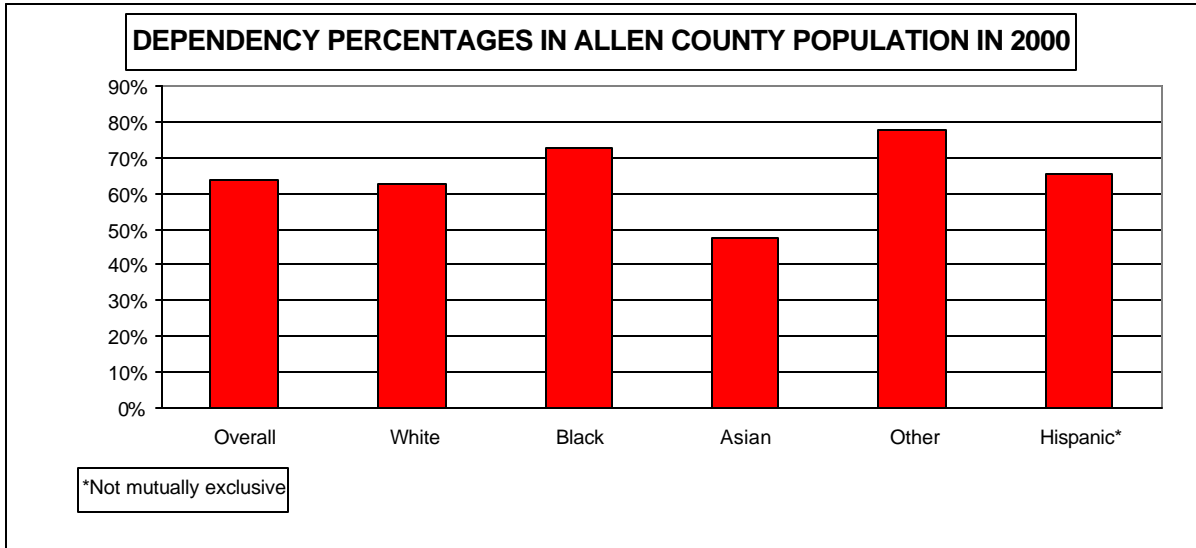
Tract	Dependency		Tract	Continued	
		Percentage			
35		127.4%	108.07		63.8%
17		102.6%	106.03		63.0%
41.01		91.3%	104		63.0%
113.02		80.9%	112.03		62.9%
40		80.5%	103.03		62.4%
28		78.9%	36		62.4%
108.05		78.0%	118.01		61.7%
23		77.5%	108.08		61.4%
29		77.1%	6		61.2%
32		76.9%	116.05		61.2%
101		76.5%	108.02		60.8%
27		76.1%	112.01		60.8%
15		76.0%	38		60.4%
109		74.9%	26		60.3%
31		74.7%	107.04		60.2%
16		74.2%	117.02		59.8%
30		73.9%	14		59.1%
33.01		73.9%	116.01		58.8%
18		72.5%	103.1		58.5%
108.03		72.5%	3		58.4%
118.02		72.4%	5		58.2%
37		71.7%	7.01		58.2%
102		71.6%	10		57.7%
108.12		71.6%	108.14		57.1%
113.03		69.6%	106.04		56.9%
8		69.2%	116.04		56.7%
34		69.1%	21		55.4%
108.11		69.1%	106.01		55.4%
119		68.6%	9		55.2%
39.01		68.4%	20		55.1%
105		67.7%	117.01		55.0%
108.09		67.3%	25		54.9%
103.04		67.3%	33.04		54.3%
39.02		67.1%	108.13		53.3%
115.02		66.4%	106.02		53.2%
111		66.2%	107.05		52.6%
1		66.0%	41.02		51.9%
110		65.6%	115.01		50.0%
113.04		65.3%	12		43.1%
108.04		65.3%	4		41.7%
112.02		65.0%	107.03		41.1%
22		64.8%	7.03		40.6%
116.03		64.4%	11		26.4%
107.06		64.4%	13		25.4%
116.02		64.1%	42		2.0%

FIGURE 7. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH A DEPENDENCY PERCENTAGE OF AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT



By Race

The Asian race had the lowest dependency percentage (47.4%) and the “other” races had the highest (77.3%) as of the 2000 census.



HOUSEHOLDS

Between 1970 and 2000, Allen County’s population increased 18.3 percent; however, the number of households increased 50.2 percent—from 85,720 to 128,745. Family house-

Households ¹¹	1970	1980	1990	2000	PCT CHANGE 1970-2000
Family	69,416	76,694	79,899	86,235	24.2%
Non-family	16,304	27,709	33,157	42,510	160.7
TOTAL	85,720	104,403	113,056	128,745	50.2

holds increased 24.2 percent and non-family households skyrocketed—160.7%. Several factors undoubtedly contributed to the relatively larger increase in households (e.g., increasing divorce rates and later marriage); however, the maturation of the baby boomers was probably the dominant factor. This conclusion is supported by the fact that the largest percentage increase in households (21.8%) occurred in the seventies when many of the baby boomers entered their twenties or moved through their twenties and established their own households. In the eighties and nineties households increased 8.3 and 13.9 percent, respectively.

Households	Percentage	Change	From
	<u>70-80</u>	<u>80-90</u>	<u>90-2000</u>
Family	10.5%	4.2%	7.9%
Non-family	70.0	19.7	28.2
BOTH	21.8	8.3	13.9

Non-family Households by Census Tract

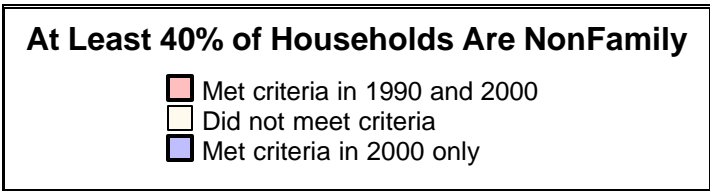
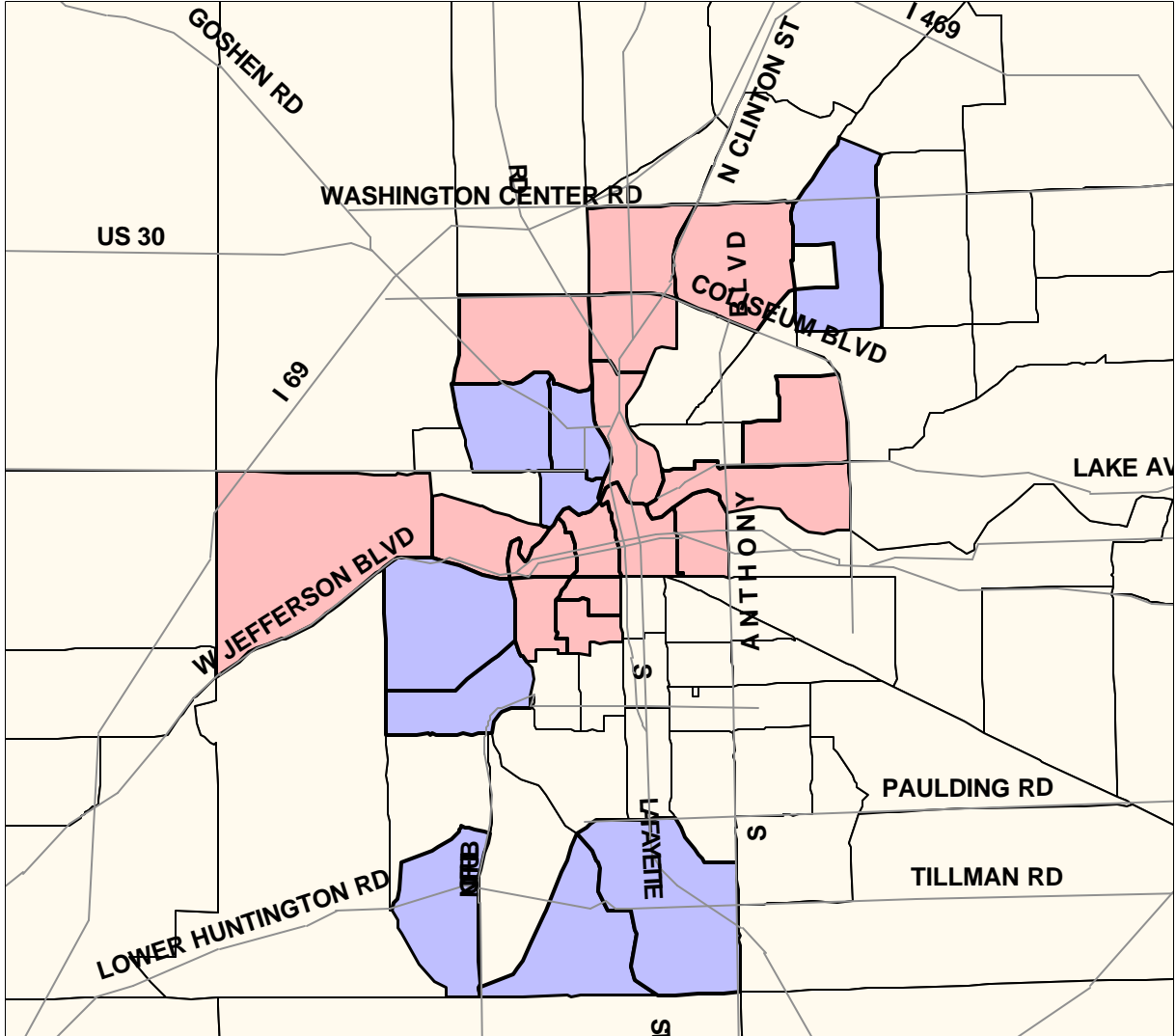
Table 8 shows the percentage of non-family households in Allen County by census tract in 2000. Twenty-three tracks contained at least 40 percent non-family households. (See Figure 8.) They contained 40.7 percent (17,293) of all non-family households.

¹¹Non-family households consist of individual-person households and multiple-person households of unrelated individuals. Family households consist of related individuals. They need not be husband-wife but can be one parent-young child, one parent-grown child, two brothers, etc.

**TABLE 8. NON-FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS IN ALLEN COUNTY
BY TRACT AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

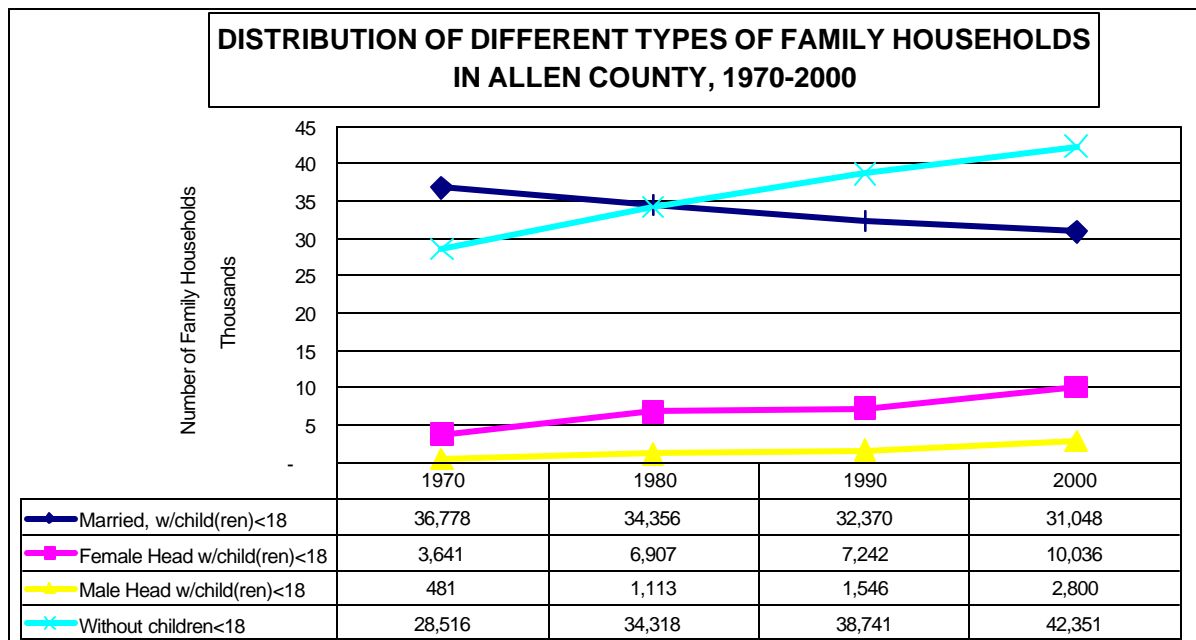
Tract	Nonfamily HH		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
12	588	81.9%	23	666	32.6%
11	738	73.7%	113.04	631	31.8%
13	450	71.4%	41.01	245	30.9%
41.02	1621	60.9%	27	246	30.9%
7.03	721	57.2%	30	436	30.6%
4	723	55.9%	107.05	583	30.4%
35	855	54.8%	17	202	30.3%
115.01	1083	54.8%	108.07	560	30.0%
5	892	54.2%	108.12	467	29.6%
38	745	48.9%	106.02	368	29.3%
14	299	48.7%	33.01	334	29.2%
36	1301	48.5%	28	243	28.5%
33.04	894	47.4%	106.03	198	27.9%
106.04	627	46.7%	112.02	348	27.6%
20	714	46.7%	29	250	27.3%
39.02	597	45.2%	106.01	277	26.7%
21	462	44.9%	107.06	403	26.4%
8	833	44.4%	119	190	26.3%
108.02	1224	44.3%	116.01	790	26.0%
10	245	43.8%	112.03	455	25.3%
7.01	594	43.1%	118.01	347	25.1%
6	344	41.3%	116.04	421	25.0%
22	743	40.6%	116.05	227	24.4%
1	445	39.5%	108.04	274	23.9%
112.01	344	39.1%	105	169	22.8%
34	738	38.7%	108.09	399	22.1%
18	175	38.7%	117.01	222	21.7%
9	506	38.7%	110	187	21.0%
3	533	38.1%	40	282	21.0%
113.03	289	37.6%	116.03	466	20.8%
113.02	773	36.3%	108.03	412	20.8%
25	485	35.5%	118.02	125	20.2%
26	464	35.5%	108.14	473	19.7%
16	299	34.9%	117.02	229	19.4%
15	154	34.8%	108.08	312	16.6%
108.05	1000	34.3%	101	198	16.1%
108.11	827	34.2%	109	307	15.8%
107.03	312	33.8%	103.01	322	15.7%
39.01	491	33.3%	102	508	15.3%
115.02	349	33.2%	107.04	63	14.9%
111	406	33.0%	104	146	14.4%
32	706	32.8%	103.04	312	14.3%
31	355	32.8%	103.03	191	10.7%
108.13	517	32.8%	116.02	214	8.7%
37	351	32.7%			

FIGURE 8. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH AT LEAST 40 PERCENT NON-FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS



Different Types of Family Households

As noted above, family households increased from 69,416 in 1970 to 86,235 in 2000. The table below shows a breakout among the four types of family households over the last three decades.¹²



Female Head of Household with Child(ren) 17 or Under

Female head of households with child(ren) 17 or under increased 175.6 percent in the last three decades—from 3,641 to 10,036.

By Tract

Table 9 shows by census tract in 2000 the percentage of female head of households with child(ren) 17 or under to all family households. Thirty-two of the census tracts had at least 15 percent (5,304) female head of households with child(ren) 17 or under to all family households. (See Figure 9.) Tracts with relatively large black and Hispanic populations dominated.¹³

¹²Remember that family households consist of related individuals. They need not be husband-wife but can be one parent-young child, one parent-grown child, two brothers, etc.

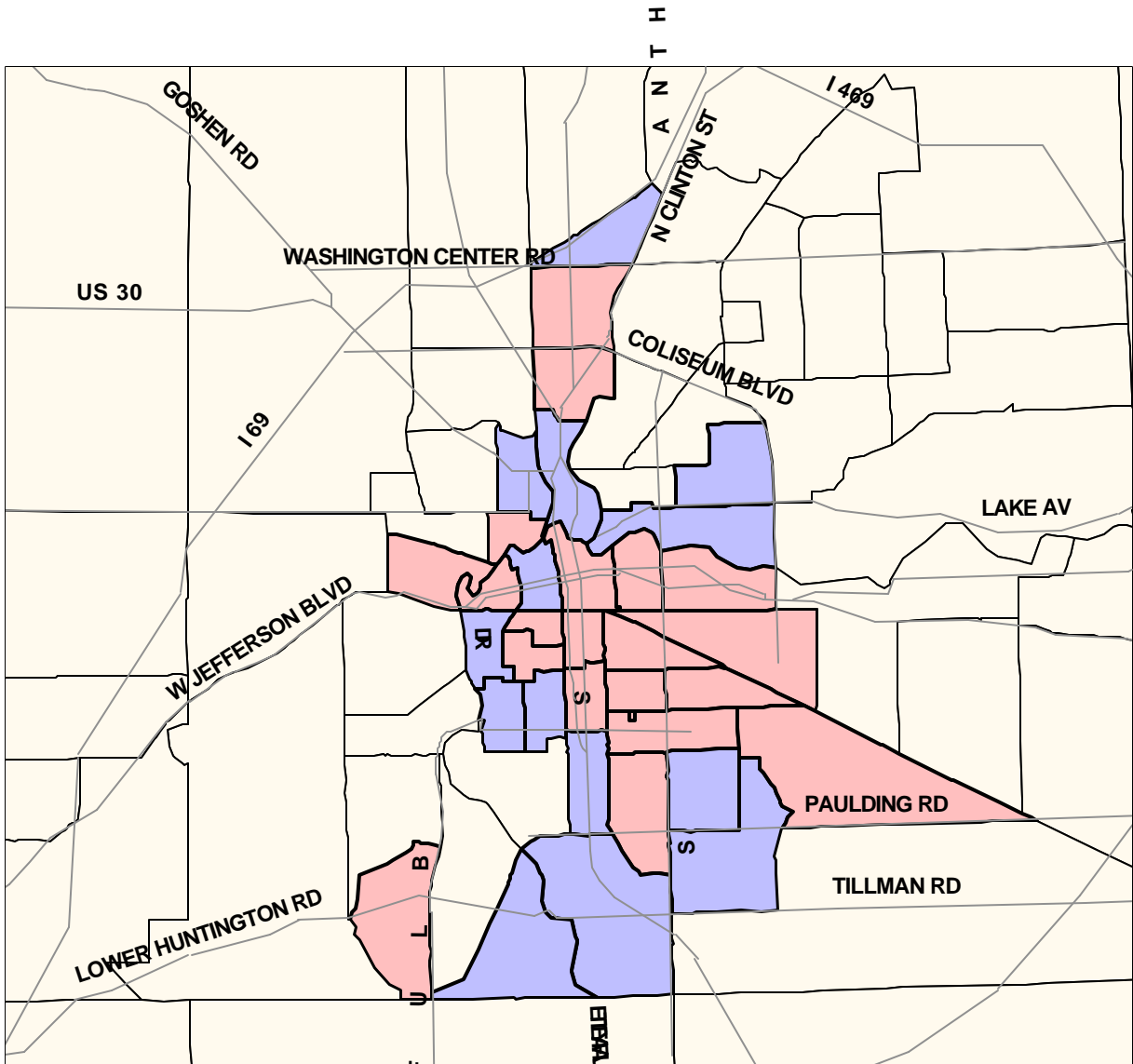
¹³The two characteristics are not mutually exclusive.

**TABLE 9. FEMALE HH WITH CHILD(REN) 17 OR UNDER
IN ALLEN COUNTY BY TRACT AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

Tract	Female HH with Child		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
17	242	52.16%	1	77	11.29%
30	348	35.12%	107.06	126	11.22%
113.03	165	34.38%	41.01	61	11.13%
23	470	34.13%	32	157	10.87%
29	204	30.58%	111	87	10.55%
11	78	29.66%	34	117	10.03%
28	173	28.36%	108.05	186	9.72%
27	154	27.95%	37	64	8.86%
40	289	27.21%	106.02	76	8.57%
16	149	26.75%	107.05	112	8.41%
18	74	26.71%	108.12	88	7.91%
15	75	25.95%	119	42	7.88%
36	354	25.65%	108.09	100	7.10%
113.02	334	24.61%	108.04	61	7.00%
13	43	23.89%	39.01	63	6.41%
14	73	23.17%	116.04	81	6.40%
21	131	23.06%	108.11	102	6.40%
20	184	22.58%	112.03	85	6.34%
31	162	22.28%	108.07	81	6.20%
10	68	21.59%	107.03	36	5.90%
6	105	21.47%	117.02	55	5.78%
33.01	174	21.45%	108.03	90	5.73%
4	119	20.84%	118.01	59	5.71%
106.04	142	19.86%	115.02	40	5.69%
12	25	19.23%	116.01	120	5.32%
26	158	18.72%	109	85	5.18%
38	146	18.72%	117.01	40	4.98%
39.02	132	18.21%	105	28	4.90%
7.01	138	17.62%	108.08	76	4.86%
35	118	16.74%	116.03	81	4.58%
5	125	16.60%	103.01	75	4.33%
33.04	161	16.25%	102	116	4.11%
25	130	14.77%	106.03	21	4.11%
108.02	226	14.69%	108.14	75	3.89%
22	158	14.56%	116.05	25	3.55%
112.01	76	14.21%	101	36	3.49%
113.04	187	13.84%	103.04	64	3.42%
9	105	13.09%	110	24	3.41%
115.01	113	12.65%	106.01	23	3.03%
8	132	12.63%	104	26	3.01%
3	107	12.37%	103.03	47	2.96%
7.03	65	12.04%	118.02	13	2.63%
108.13	123	11.59%	116.02	50	2.23%

41.02	120	11.52%	107.04	7	1.95%
112.02	103	11.31%			

FIGURE 9. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH LEAST 15 PERCENT FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILD(REN) 17 OR UNDER TO ALL FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS



At Least 15% of the Family Households Have a Female Head of Household with Child

- Met criteria in 1990 and 2000
- Did not meet criteria
- Met criteria in 2000 only

Male Head of Household with Child(ren) 17 or Under

Male head of households with child(ren) 17 or under increased from 481 in 1970 to 2,800 in 2000.

By Tract

Table 10 shows by census tract in 2000 the percentage of male head of households with child(ren) 17 or under to all family households. Twenty-four of the census tracts had at least five percent male head of households with child(ren) 17 or under to all family households. (See Figure 10.)

Married with Child(ren) 17 or Under

Intact family households with child(ren) 17 or under decreased 15.5 percent between 1970 and 2000. The changes were relatively evenly spread over the three decades.

Families Without Child(ren) 17 or Under

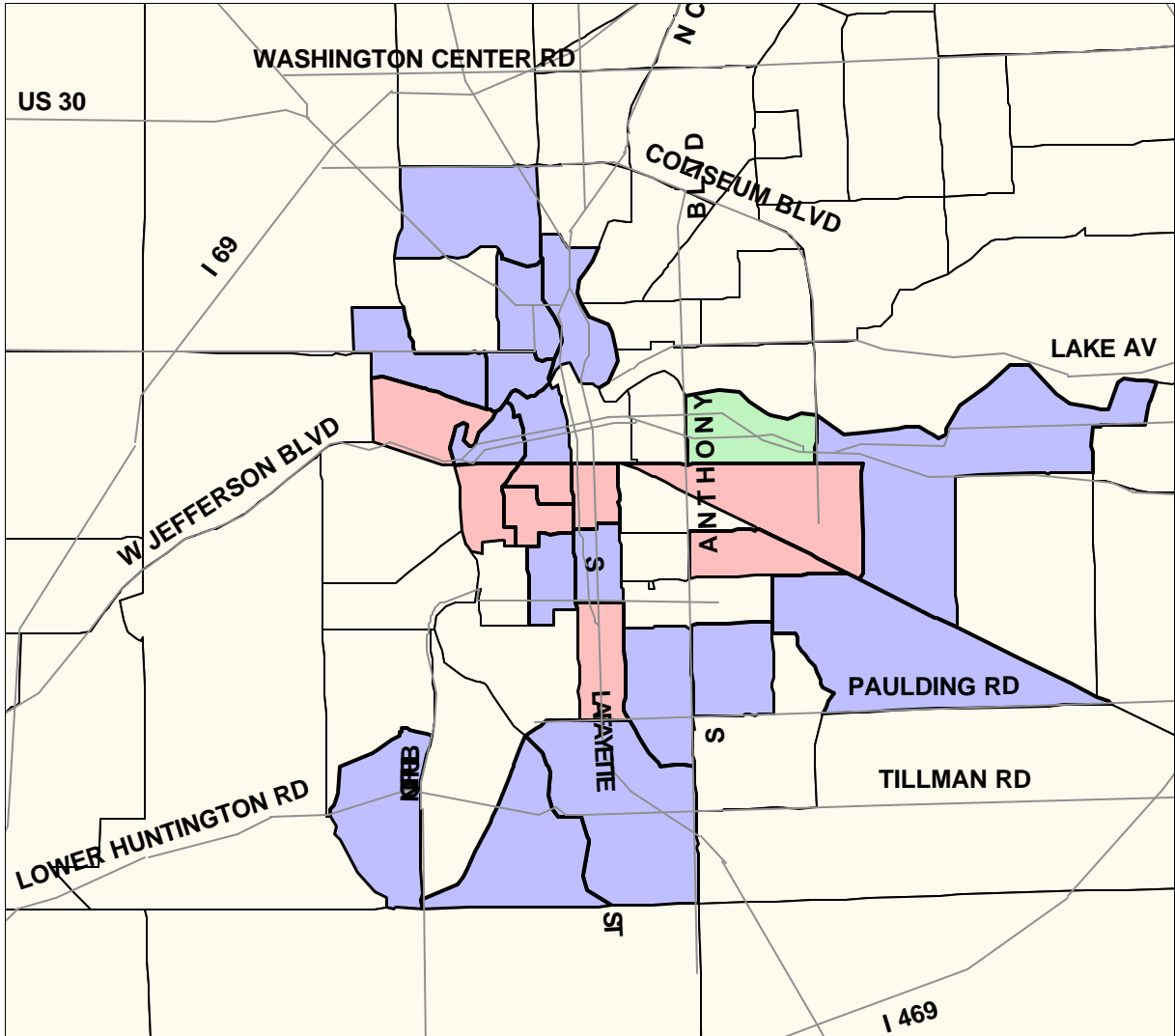
Families without child(ren) 17 or under increased 48.5 percent. The changes were relatively evenly spread over the three decades.

**TABLE 10. MALE HH WITH CHILD(REN) 17 OR UNDER
IN ALLEN COUNTY BY TRACT AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS**

Tract	Male HH with Child		Tract	Continued	
	Number	Percentage		Number	Percentage
21	49	8.63%	107.03	20	3.28%
10	27	8.57%	108.07	42	3.22%
12	11	8.46%	37	23	3.19%
5	60	7.97%	106.02	28	3.16%
20	64	7.85%	113.04	42	3.11%
6	37	7.57%	33.01	24	2.96%
112.01	40	7.48%	32	39	2.70%
9	56	6.98%	116.05	19	2.70%
18	18	6.50%	108.11	43	2.70%
31	46	6.33%	34	31	2.66%
106.04	45	6.29%	41.01	14	2.55%
113.03	30	6.25%	14	8	2.54%
23	86	6.25%	106.01	19	2.50%
26	52	6.16%	107.06	28	2.49%
29	41	6.15%	117.01	20	2.49%
16	34	6.10%	119	13	2.44%
108.13	64	6.03%	107.05	32	2.40%
27	32	5.81%	108.03	37	2.35%
7.03	31	5.74%	116.04	29	2.29%
36	78	5.65%	110	16	2.28%
7.01	44	5.62%	115.02	16	2.28%
11	14	5.32%	105	13	2.27%
40	56	5.27%	39.01	22	2.24%
38	39	5.00%	106.03	11	2.15%
39.02	36	4.97%	108.09	29	2.06%
4	28	4.90%	101	21	2.03%
113.02	65	4.79%	118.02	10	2.02%
115.01	42	4.70%	112.03	27	2.01%
28	28	4.59%	108.04	17	1.95%
22	49	4.52%	104	16	1.85%
15	13	4.50%	103.01	31	1.79%
118.01	43	4.16%	116.01	39	1.73%
13	7	3.89%	117.02	16	1.68%
17	18	3.88%	103.03	26	1.64%
30	38	3.83%	108.12	18	1.62%
25	33	3.75%	108.14	31	1.61%
33.04	37	3.73%	102	44	1.56%
8	39	3.73%	109	23	1.40%
112.02	33	3.62%	103.04	25	1.34%
3	30	3.47%	108.05	21	1.10%
41.02	36	3.45%	108.08	17	1.09%
35	24	3.40%	116.03	19	1.07%
111	28	3.39%	116.02	23	1.02%
108.02	52	3.38%	107.04	2	0.56%
1	23	3.37%			

**FIGURE 10. CENSUS TRACTS IN ALLEN COUNTY WITH
LEAST FIVE PERCENT MALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS
CHILD(REN) 17 OR UNDER TO ALL FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS**

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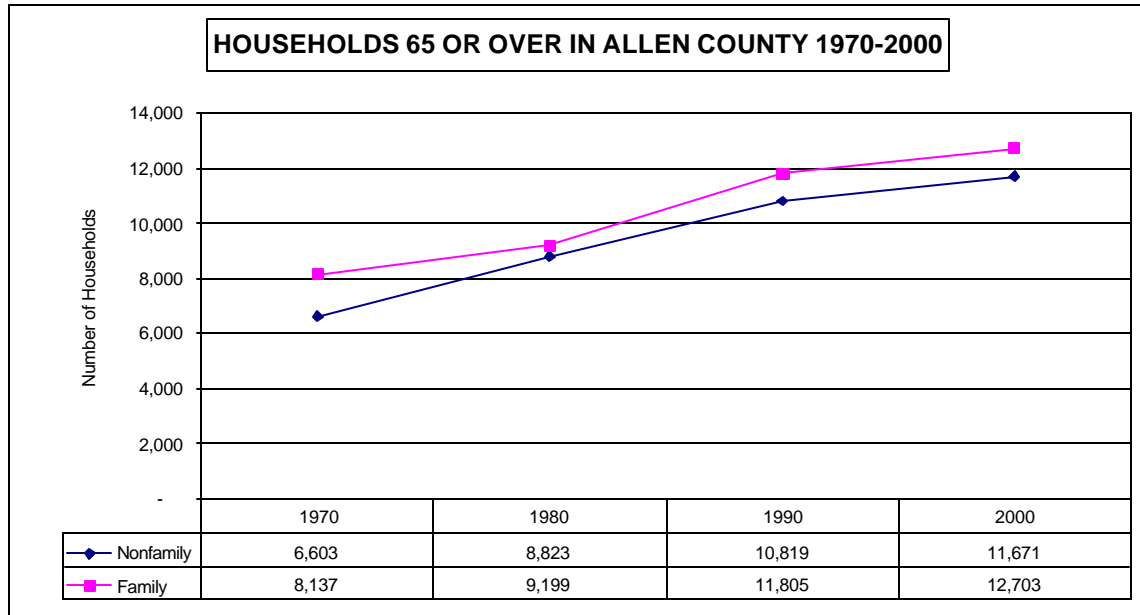


**At Least 5% of the Family Households
Have a Male Head of Household with Child**

- Met criteria in 1990 and 2000
- Did not meet criteria
- Met criteria in 2000 only
- Met criteria in 1990 only

Older Households (65 or Over)

Consistent with the fact that the older age classes have grown dramatically, the number of older households—both family and non-family—has also grown dramatically—from 14,740 in 1970 to 24,374 in 2000.



OBSERVATION: The number of older households will continue to grow, especially starting in 2011 when the first baby boomers become 65.

Living Alone

The table below shows a breakout by age and sex of older non-family households living alone.

Age	1980	1990	2000
65-74, living alone			
Female		3,618	
Male		1,063	
TOTAL	4,025	4,681	4,568
Pct. change		16.3%	-2.4%
75 or over, living alone			
Female		4,695	
Male		932	
TOTAL	4,362	5,627	6,731
Pct. change		29.0%	19.6%

GRAND TOTAL	8,387	10,308	11,299
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Practically all—95 percent—of the older non-family households in 1990 were living alone and most of the older non-family households (80.6%) were female. Thirty percent of the total older population lived alone in 2000.

Living in Group Quarters (NOT considered to be households)

Older persons living in group quarters (e.g., nursing homes, VA hospital, prison, *and some example of noninstitutional*) are NOT counted as households—the category being analyzed here; however, this is an appropriate place to consider those living in group quarters.

Older Persons Living in Group Quarters

Age	1980	1990	2000
65-74	435	430	
Pct. change		-1.1%	
75-84		767	
85 or over		1,045	
TOTAL 75 or over	1,532	1,812	
Pct. change		18.3%	
GRAND TOTAL	1,967	2,242	2,444

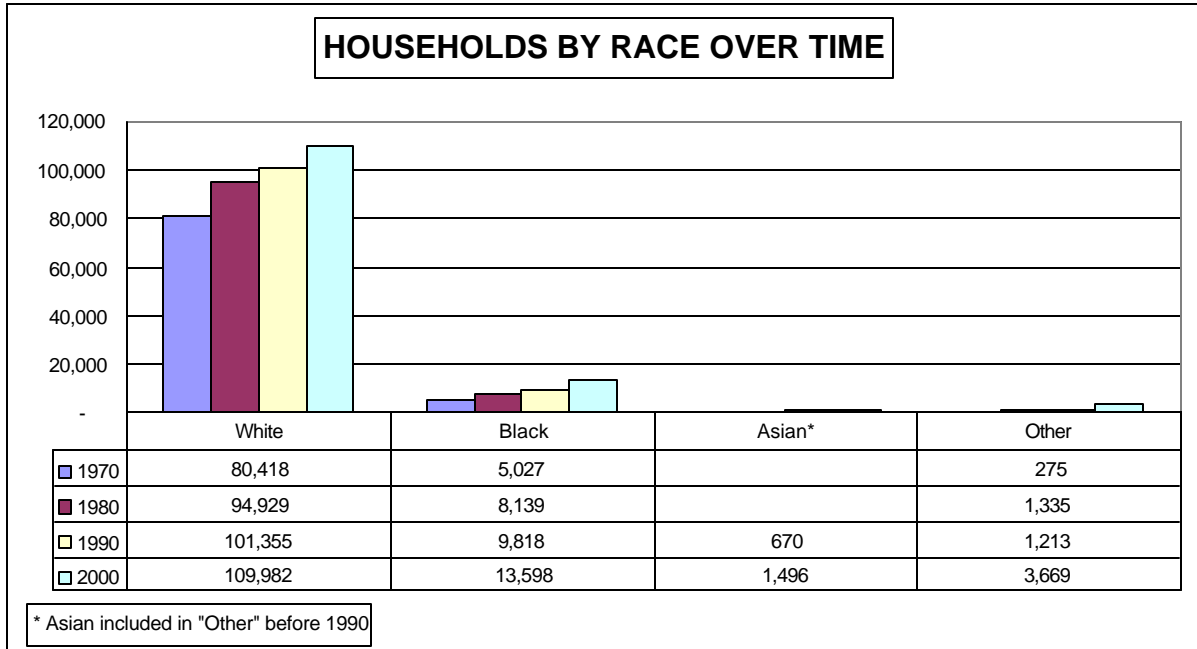
The number of older people living in group quarters increased 14 percent between 1980 and 1990, and all of the increase consisted of persons 75 or older.

By Race

Consistent with the increasing percentage of the minority population in Allen County, black households increased 170.5 percent between 1970 and 2000, and “other” races households increased from 275 to 3,669. (See below.)

The increase in non-white households in the nineties (7,062) came close to equaling the increase in white households (8,627), although non-whites constituted only 12.2 percent of the population in 1990.

Hispanic (NOT a race) households more than doubled between 1990 and 2000, increasing from 1,654 to 3,704.

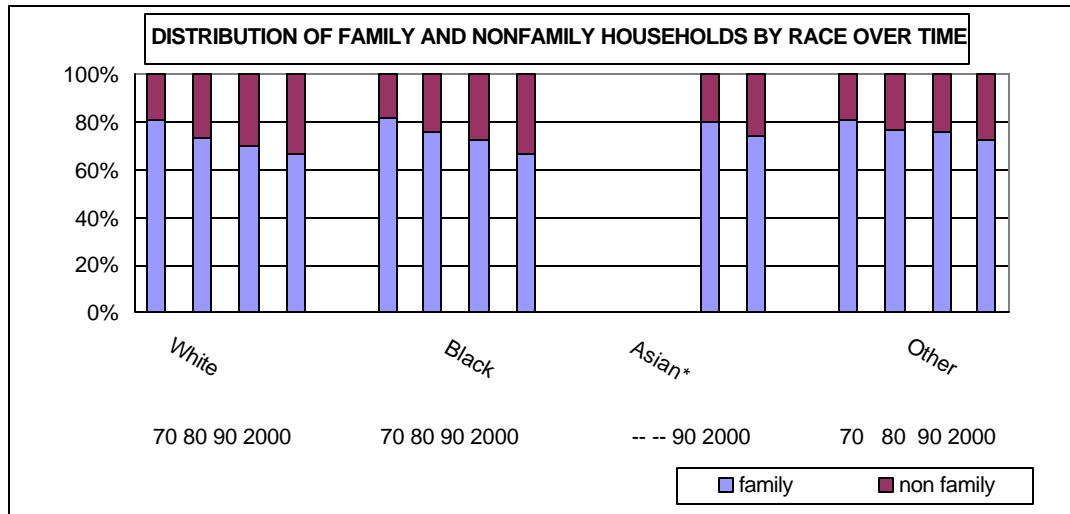


OBSERVATION: Between 1970 and 2000 the number of non-white households increased 354 percent—from 5,302 to 18,763. Given the relative youth of the non-white population, the percentage increase in the number of non-white households will continue to overwhelm the percentage increase in white households.

Family Versus Non-family Households

Below is a breakdown of households between family and non-family households by race over the last three decades. All races have tended toward more non-family households the last three decades. However, the non-family white households are predominantly “old” and the non-family black households are predominantly “young.”

Of the 3,704 Hispanic (NOT a race) households in 2000, 75.6 percent were family households.



* Asian included in "Other" before 1990.

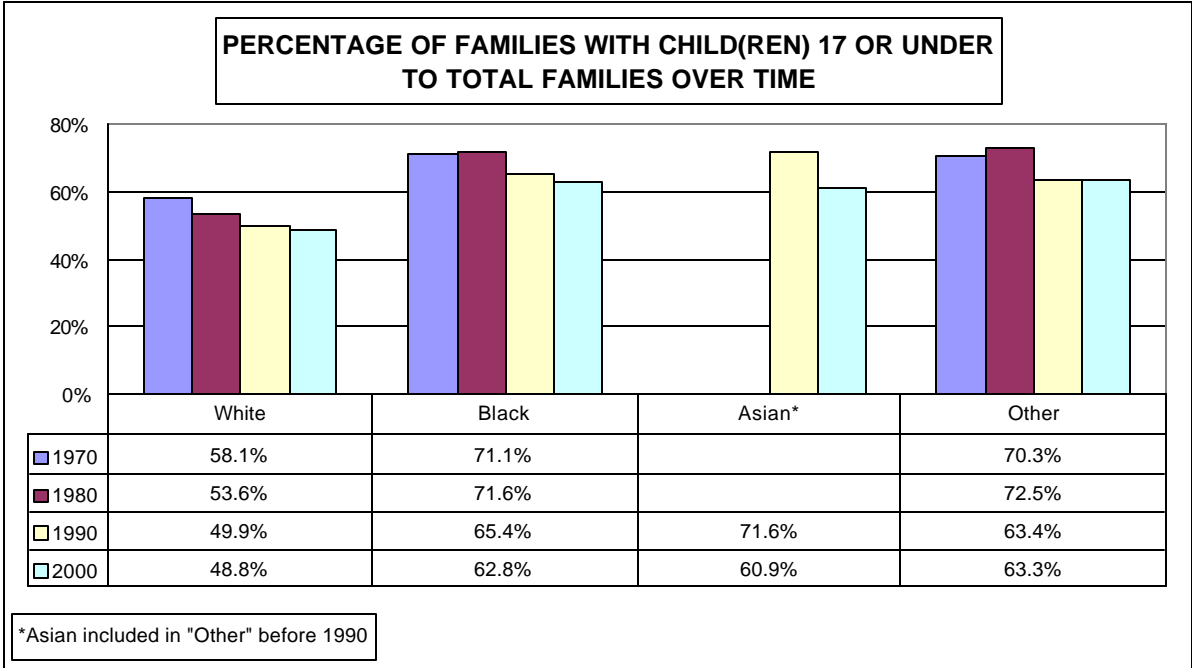
Family Households

The distribution of the different types of family households by race in 2000 is shown below:

	White	Black	Asian	Other	TOTAL	Hispanic (NOT a Race)
Married, w/child(ren)<18	27,431	1,992	574	1,051	31,048	1,205
Female Head w/child(ren)<18	6,262	3,250	61	463	10,036	408
Male Head w/child(ren)<18	2,107	473	40	180	2,800	197
Without child(ren)<18	37,601	3,379	434	937	42,351	989
TOTAL	73,401	9,094	1,109	2,631	86,235	2,799

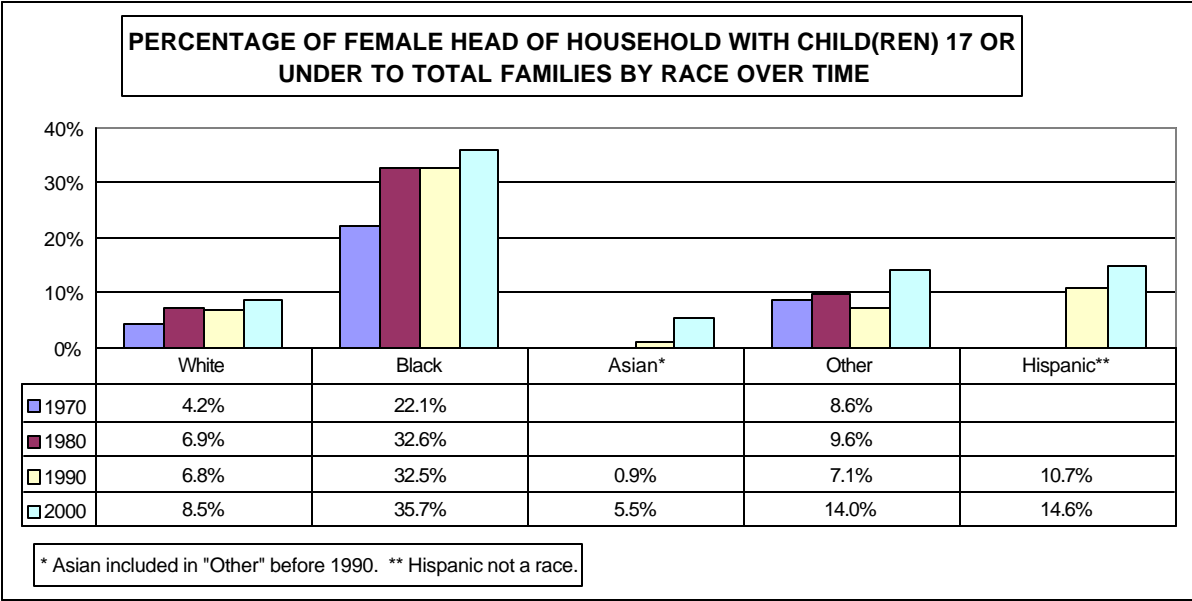
Families With Child(ren) 17 or Under

As of the 2000 census, less than half of white families had a child(ren) 17 or under. Approximately 63 percent of both black and "other" families had a child(ren) 17 or under.



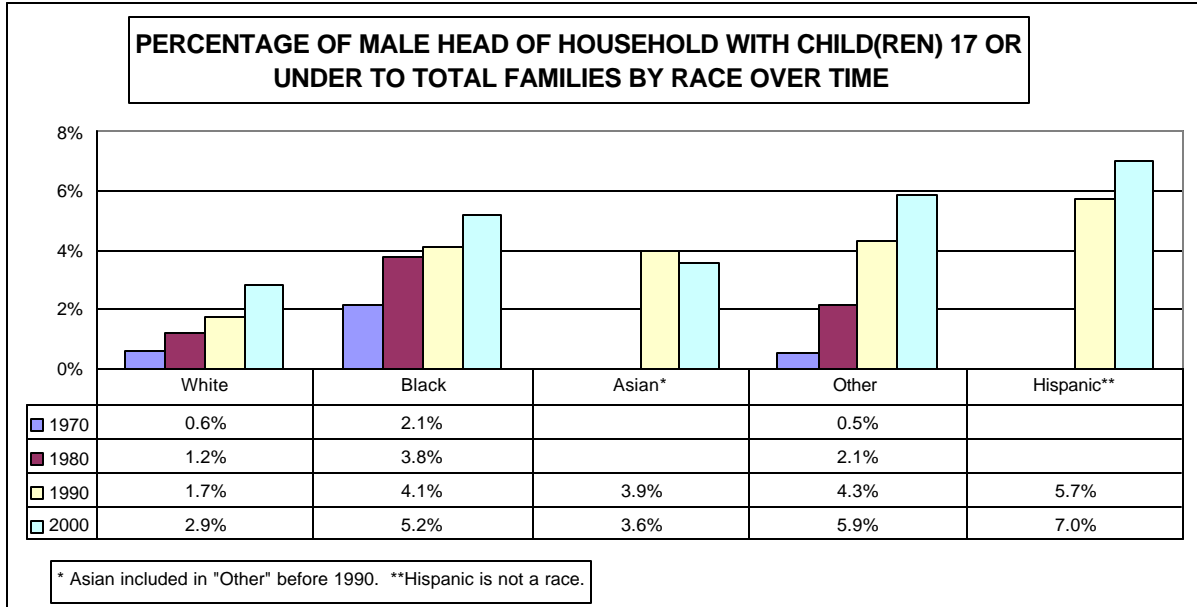
Female Head of Household With Child(ren) 17 or Under

Over time the percentage of black families with child(ren) 17 or under who have a female head of household has been approximately triple that of all other races.



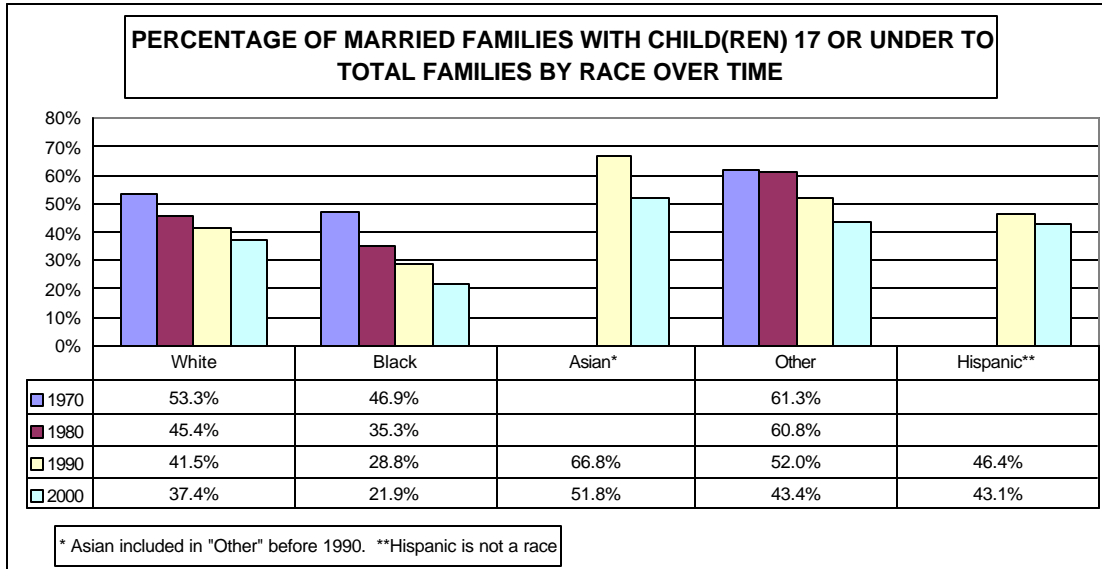
Male Head of Household With Child(ren) 17 or Under

Although still small relative to the other types of families, the number of male head of households with child(ren) 17 or under is growing.



Married With Child(ren) 17 or Under

As of 2000, just over a fifth of black households with child(ren) 17 or under have an intact family. This contrasts with 37.4 percent for whites and 43.4 percent for “other” races.



Families Without Child(ren) 17 or Under

As of 2000 over 50 percent of white families are without child(ren) 17 or under compared with approximately 35 percent of non-white families. This is consistent with the fact that the white population is disproportionately “old” and the non-white population is disproportionately “young.” (See page 24.)

