Lower Providence Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – August 19, 2020

Agenda

1) Introductions and Icebreaker activity (15 minutes)

2) Overview of the comprehensive planning and Steering Committee responsibilities (20 minutes)

3) Introduction and Overview Q&A (5 minutes)

4) Demographics Presentation (45 minutes)

5) Demographics Q&A (5 minutes)

6) Closing Exercise (15 minutes)

7) Public Comment (15 minutes)

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Introductions

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Comprehensive Planning

What is it? How do we do it?

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

▶ Describe a long-range vision for the community

▶ Establish policies, priorities, and guidelines to achieve the community's goals

▶ Three main characteristics:

  ▶ Geographically comprehensive

  ▶ Comprehensive in subject matter

  ▶ Long-range timeframe

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Requirements of a Comprehensive Plan

Pennsylvania's *Municipalities Planning Code* (MPC) requires certain elements:

▶ Statement of **Objectives**

▶ Plan for **Land Use**

▶ Plan to meet **Housing** needs

▶ Plan for **Movement** of people and goods

▶ Plan for **Community Facilities and Utilities**

▶ Plan for the protection of **Natural and Historic Resources**

▶ Plan for the reliable supply of **Water**

▶ Discussion of **Short- and Long-Range Implementation Strategies**

▶ Statement of **Interrelationships** between plan components

▶ Statement of **Consistency** with comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities and the county

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Additional Comprehensive Plan Features

- Employment and Economic Development
- Sustainability/Resilience Planning
- Equity and Inclusion
- Public Health and Wellness
- Geographic Focus Areas

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Other Plans in Lower Providence

Lower Providence Township Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2002)

The previous township comprehensive plan

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (in progress)

An update of the township's parks and open space plan

Montco2040: A Shared Vision (adopted 2015)

The county comprehensive plan

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The Role of the Steering Committee

Now:

▶ Review Scope of Work

▶ Review Schedule/Timeline

Ongoing:

▶ Inform the public

▶ Review reports and drafts

▶ Provide feedback

▶ Develop goals for the plan

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Review the Scope of Work

(See Proposed Scope of Work)

The Comprehensive Planning Process

▶ The Kickoff

▶ Analysis

▶ Public Engagement Round 1

▶ Synthesis and Planning

▶ Public Engagement Round 2

▶ Draft Final Plan

▶ Adoption

Demographics

Current Statistics and Recent Trends

Where Does Demographic Data Come From?

US Decennial Census

▶ Constitutionally mandated

▶ Full count of USA residents

▶ Collected once every 10 years

▶ Started in 1790

▶ Fairly simple- only 10 questions

American Community Survey (ACS)

▶ Replaced the long-form census

▶ Samples 10% of households

▶ Collected each year

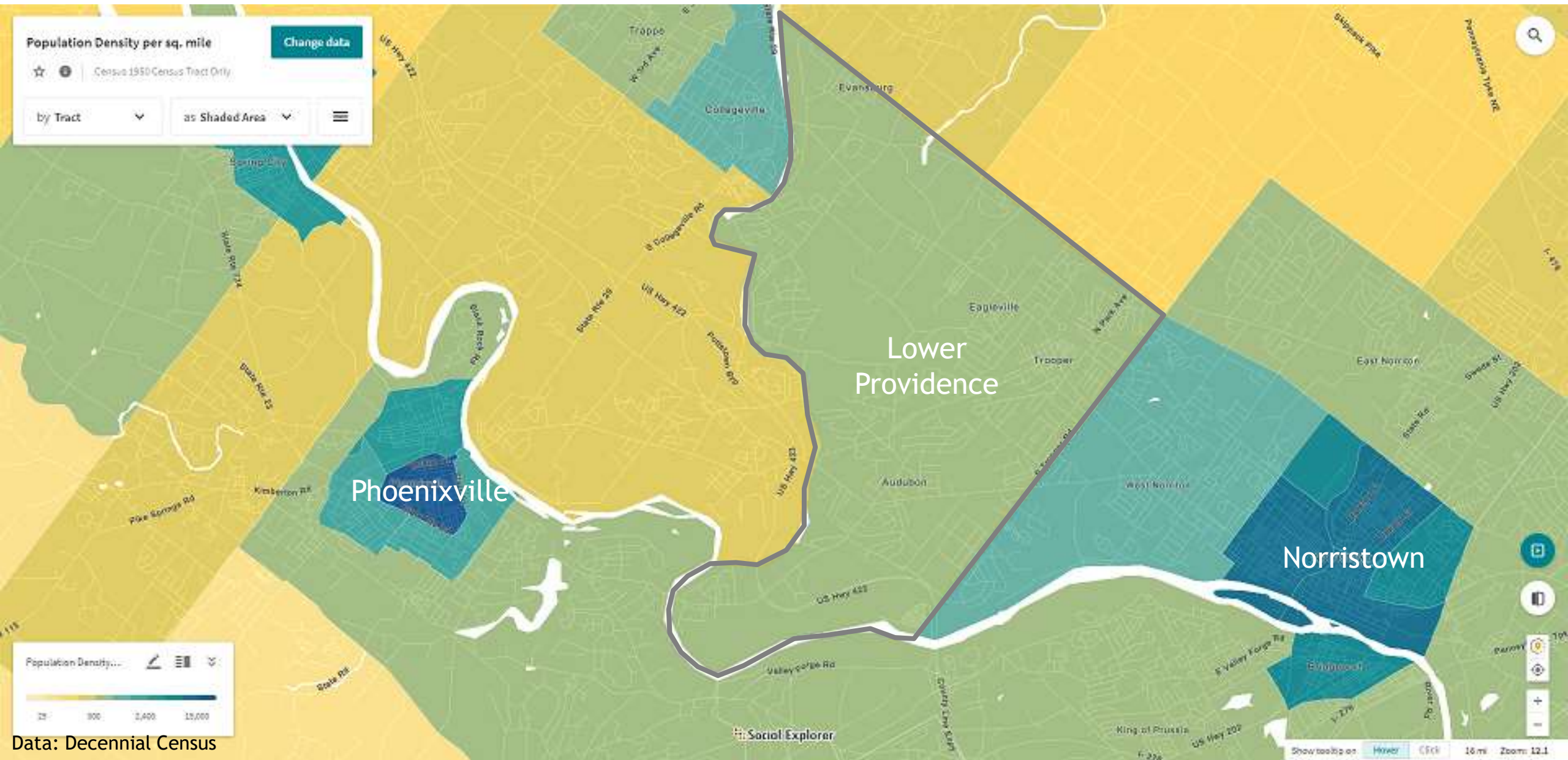▶ Started in 2007

▶ Longer survey

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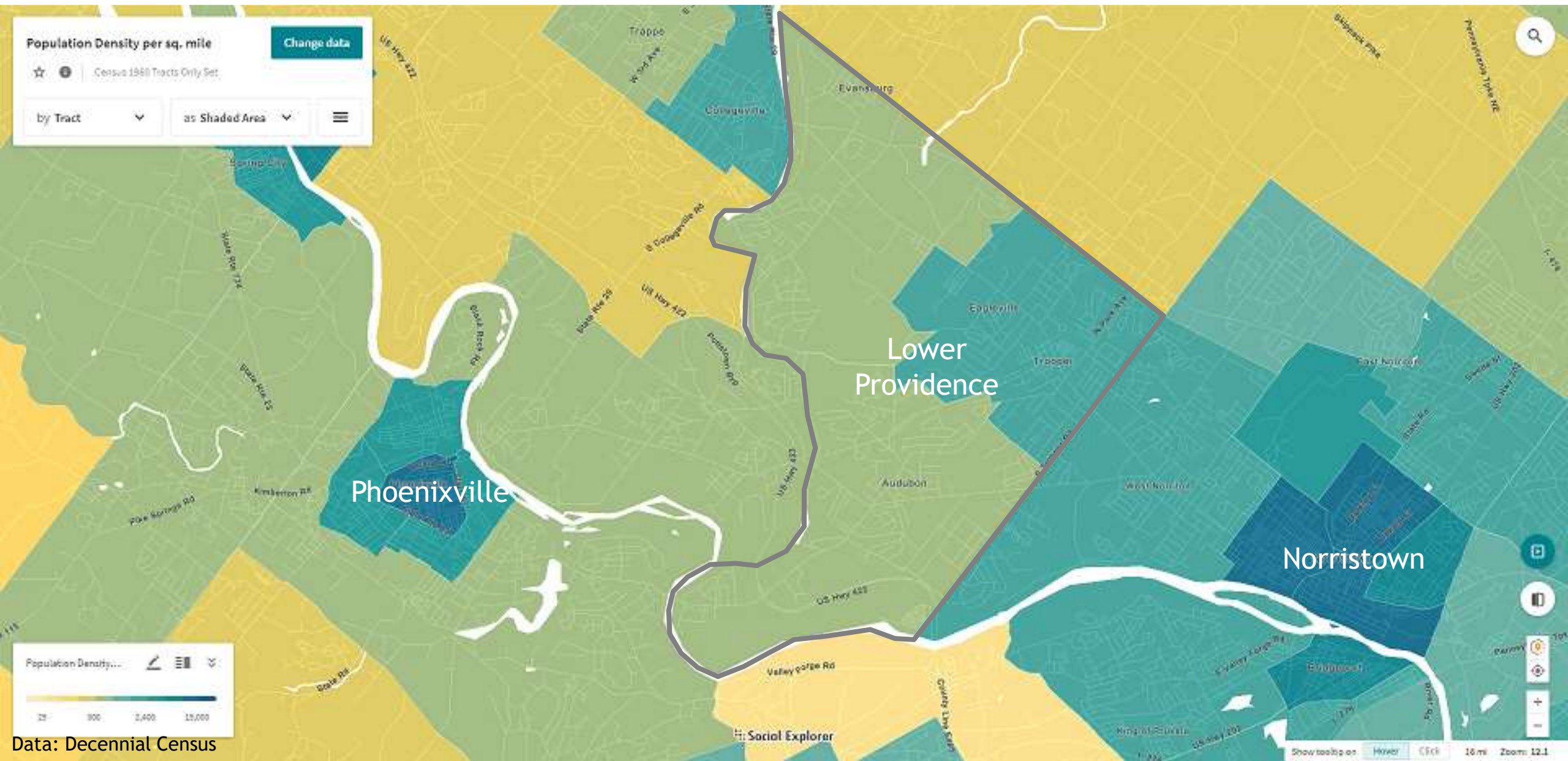Township Line Road

Trooper Road

Perkiomen Creek

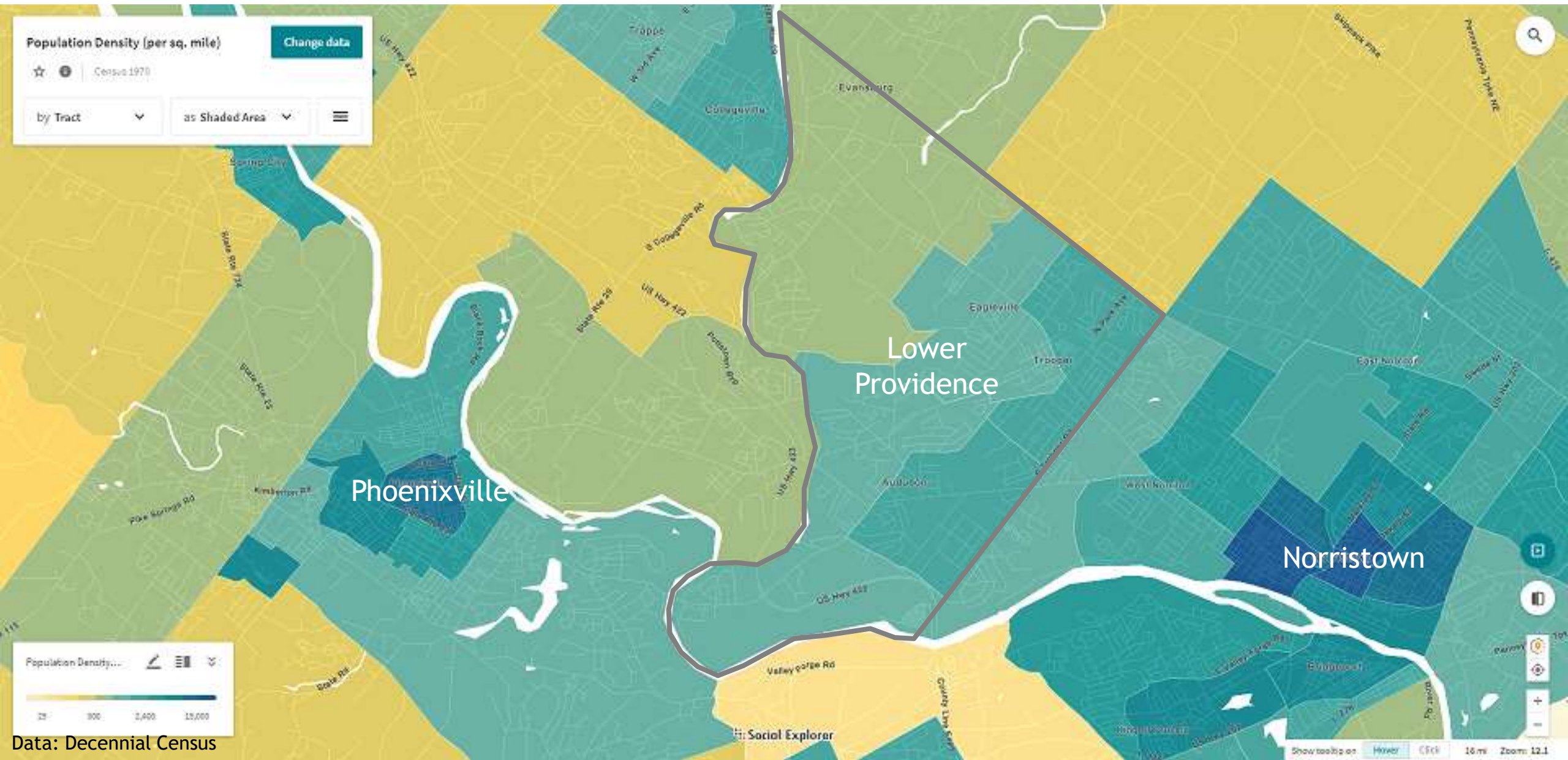Schuylkill River

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1950 – 5,887 people

1960 – 9,955 people

Population Density per sq. mile

Change data

☆ ⓘ   Census 1960 Tracts Only Set

by Tract ⌄   as Shaded Area ⌄   ≡

Phoenixville

Lower Providence

Norristown

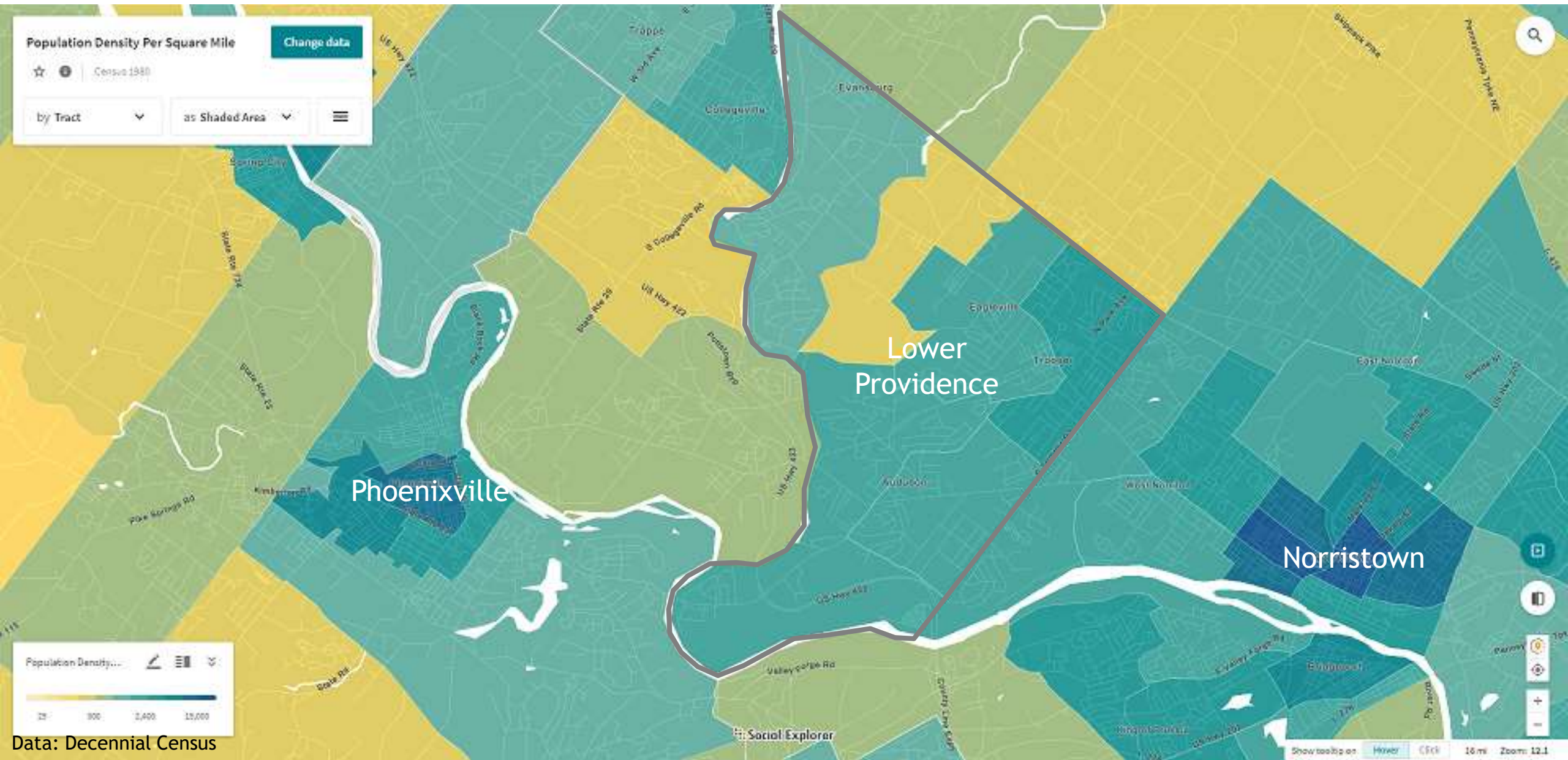Population Density...

29   300   1,400   15,000

Data: Decennial Census

1970 – 15,169 people

1980 – 18,945 people

1990 – 19,351 people

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Change data

Census 1990

by Tract   as Shaded Area

Lower Providence

Phoenixville

Norristown

Population Density...

25   300   1,400   15,000

Data: Decennial Census

2000 – 22,893 people

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Census 2000

by Tract — as Shaded Area

Lower Providence

Phoenixville

Norristown

Population Density...

25   300   1,400   15,000

Data: Decennial Census

2010 – 25,436 people

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Census 2010

by Tract — as Shaded Area

Phoenixville

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Norristown

Population Density...

25   300   1,400   15,000

Data: Decennial Census

2018 – 26,418 people

Data: 2018 ACS 5-year estimate
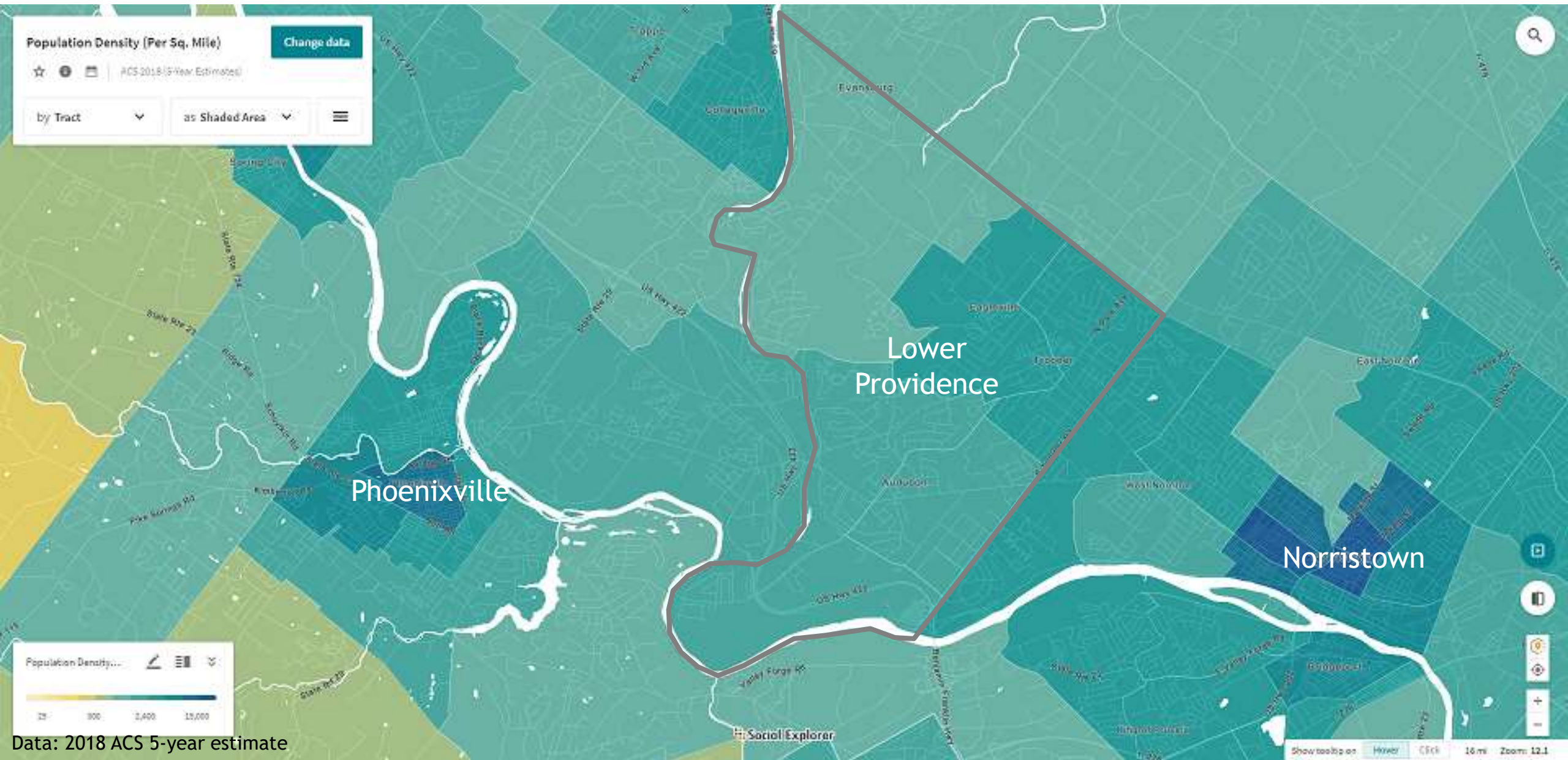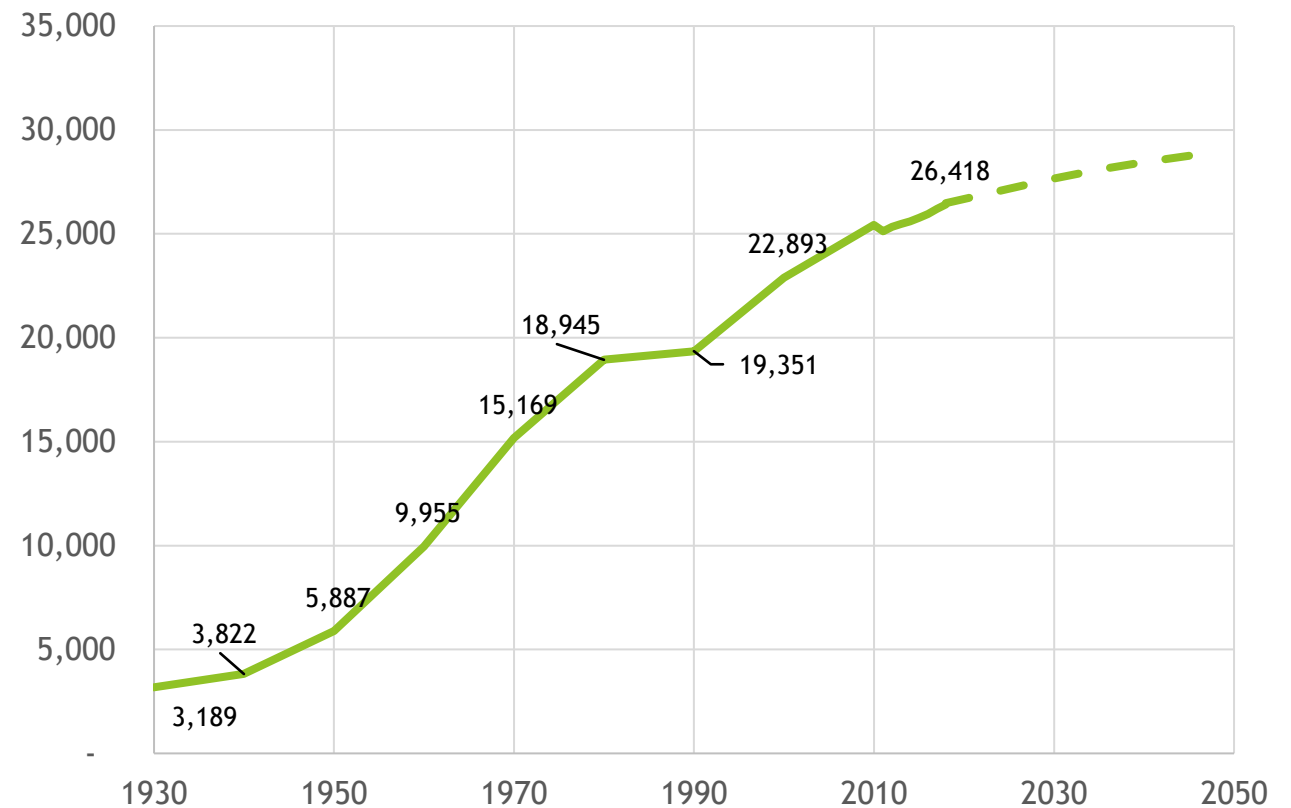
Population – 26,418

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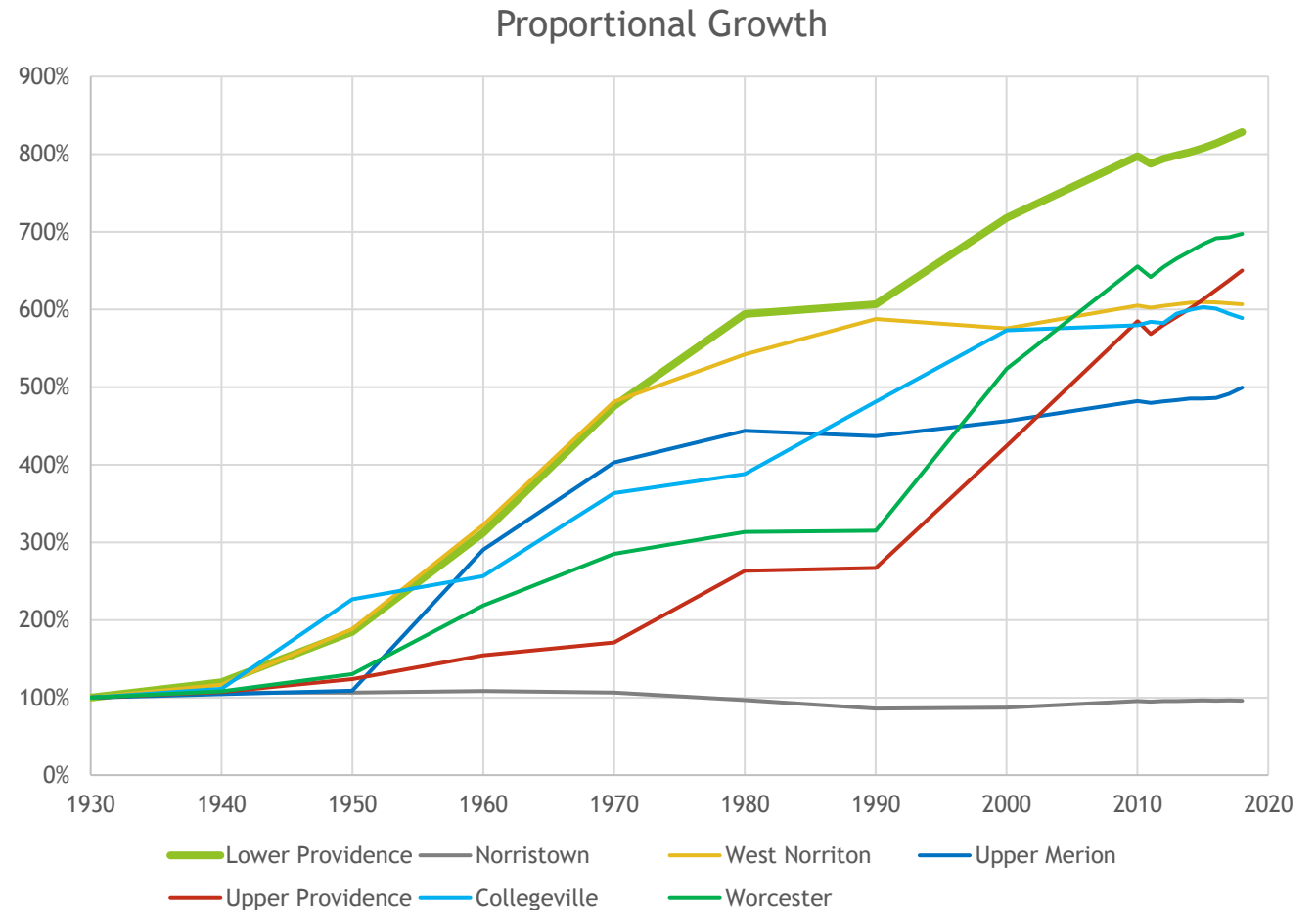
Lower Providence Population

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Population

The region's population growth slowed during the 1970s and 80s- visible as a "hiccup" or pause in Lower Providence and several nearby townships.
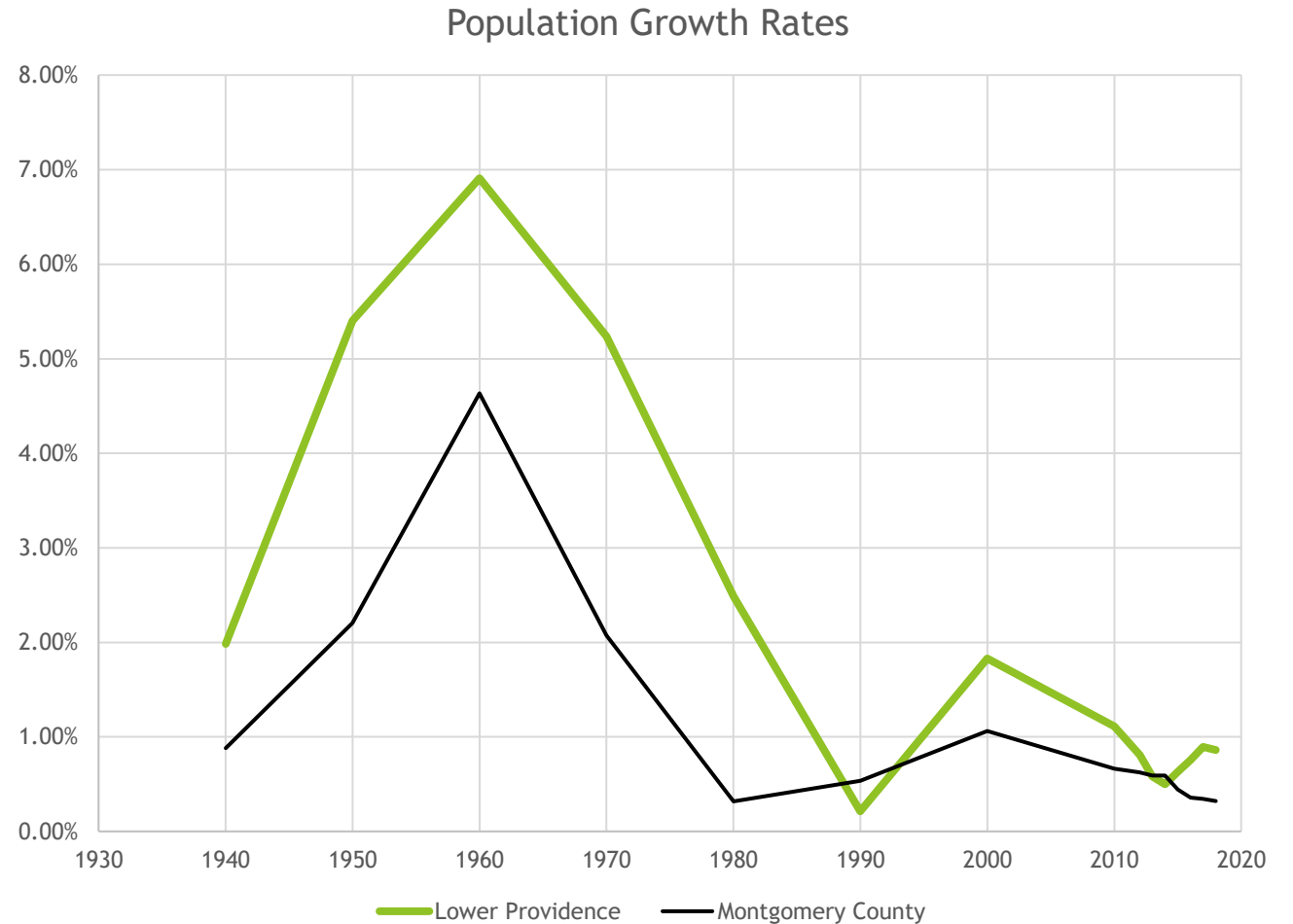
Lower Providence's growth during the past century stands out, even among other large townships.

Proportional Growth

Legend: Lower Providence, Norristown, West Norriton, Upper Merion, Upper Providence, Collegeville, Worcester

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Population

Population growth in Lower Providence has outpaced the county overall for most of the past century.

Lower Providence now accounts for a larger percentage of Montgomery County residents than at any point before.

Population Growth Rates

Legend: Lower Providence — Montgomery County

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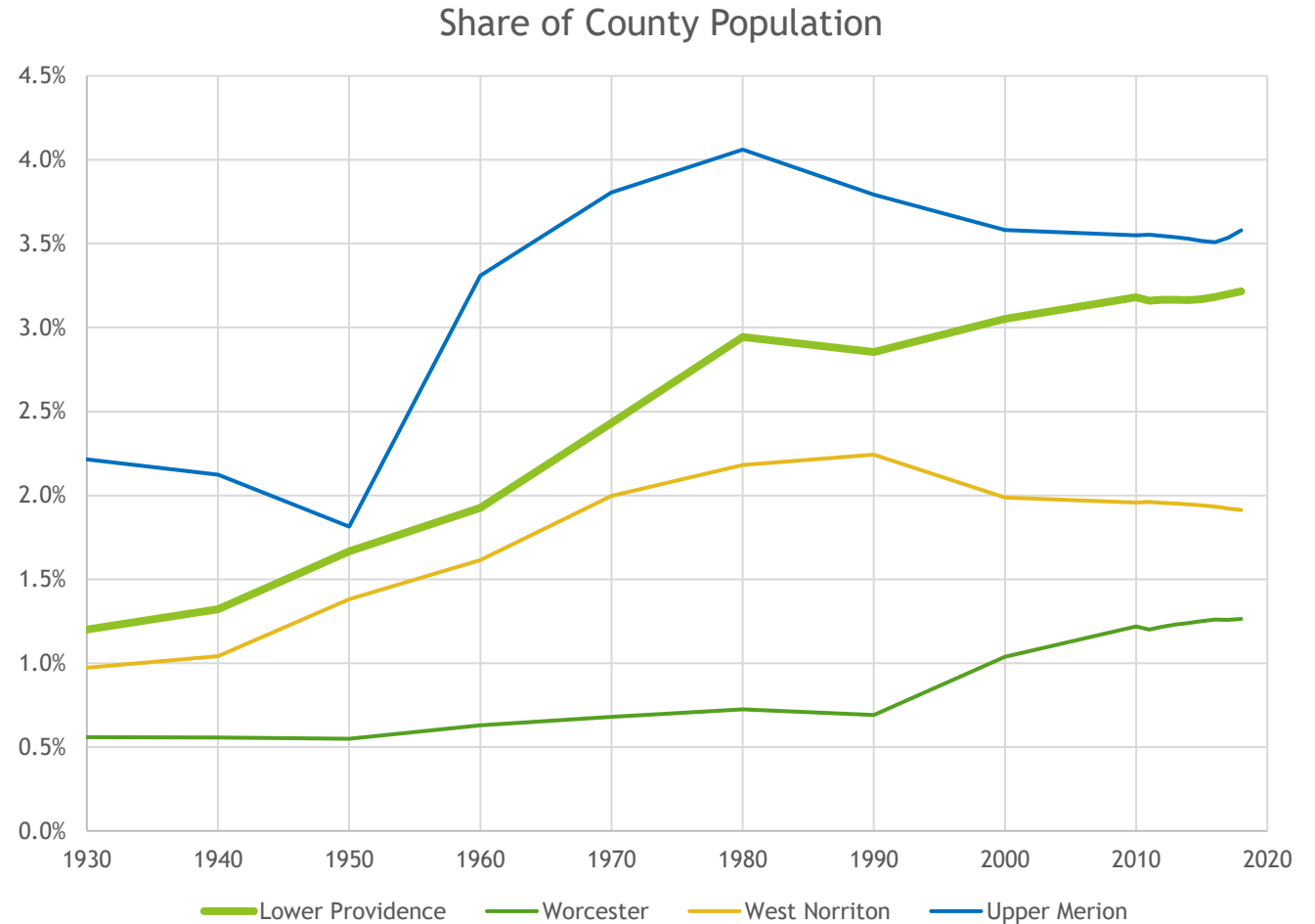
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Share of County Population

Lower Providence — Worcester — West Norriton — Upper Merion

Data: ACS 5-year estimates, Decennial Census

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Median Age - 40.8 years

In the 2010 Census, the median age of Lower Providence was closer to that of Montgomery County (40.6) than any of the selected comparison communities.
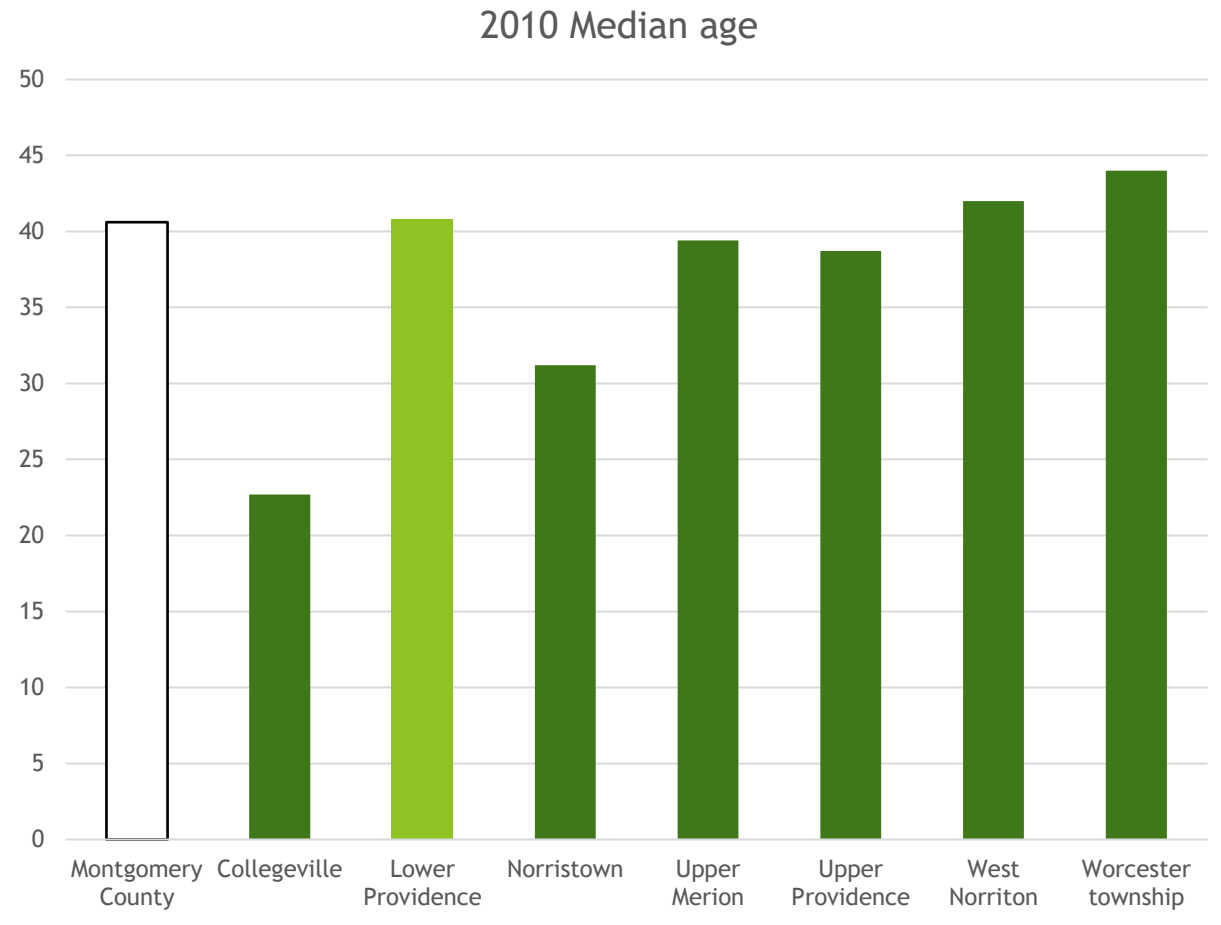
2010 Median age

Median Age

Lower Providence's median age increased more between 2000 and 2010 than in nearby townships.

This change brought Lower Providence closer to the county's median age, while other townships moved away from the county's median age.

Median Age

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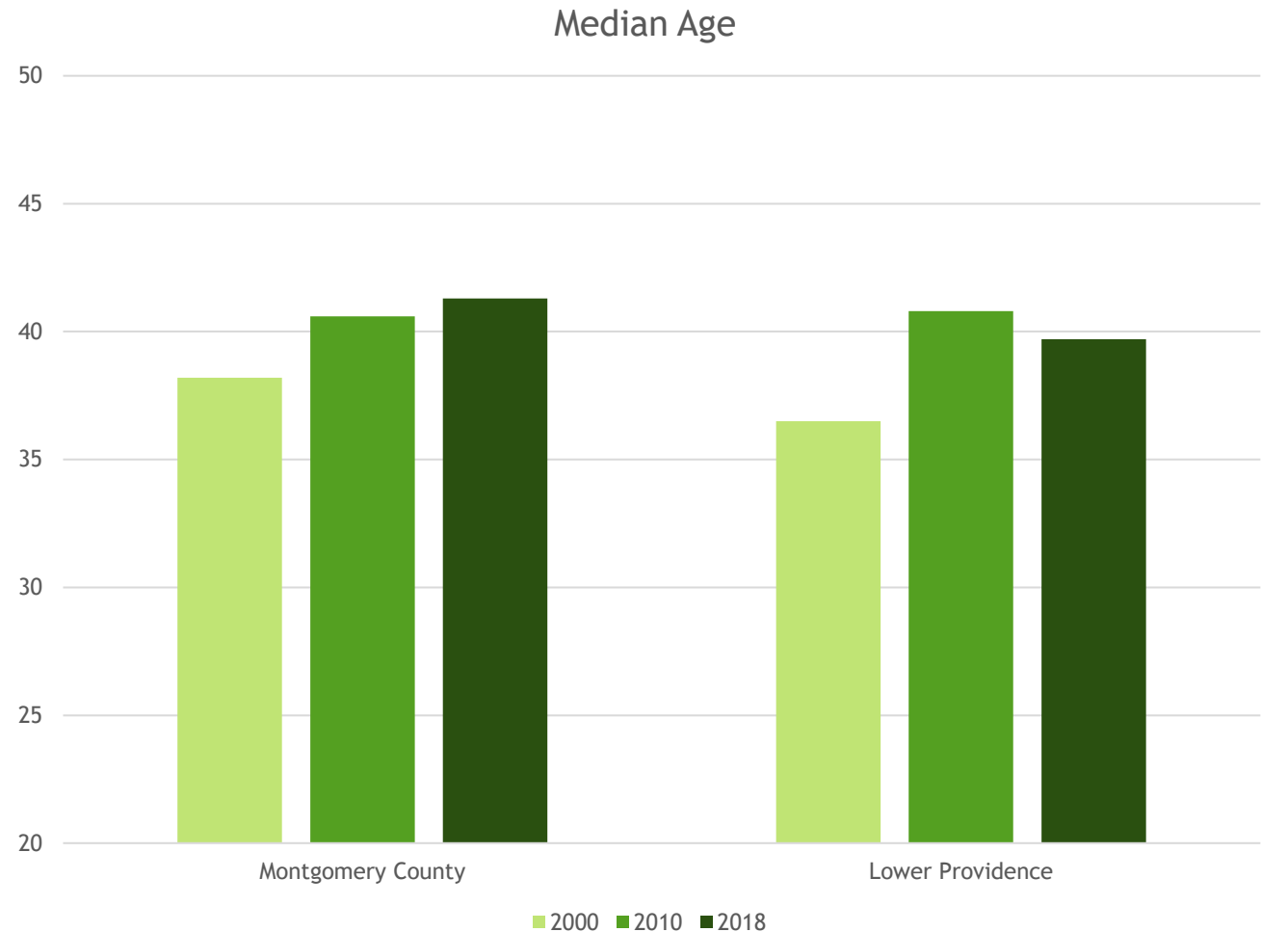
Age Pyramid

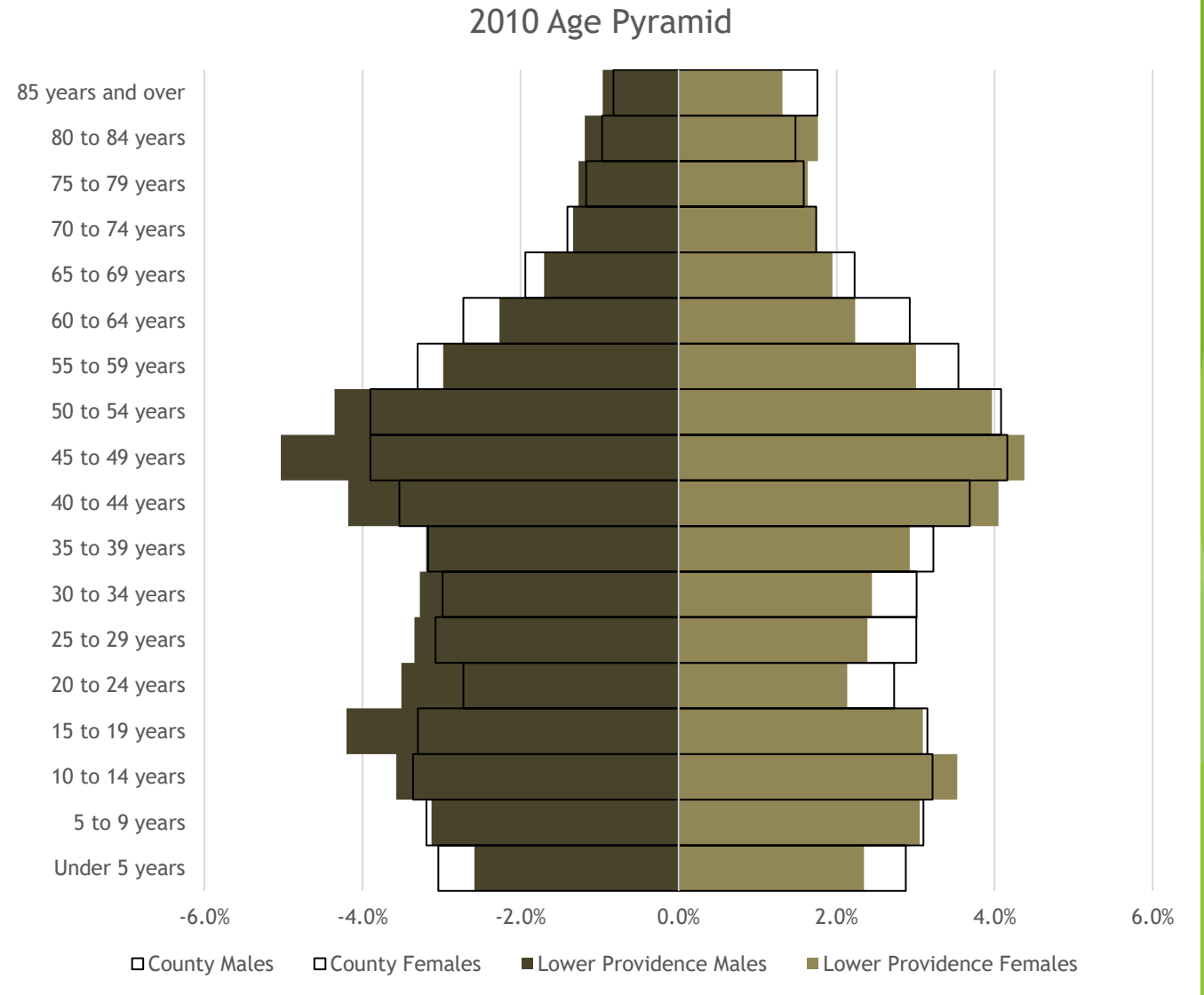Lower Providence's Age Pyramid is fairly typical of a suburban community undergoing slow, steady growth

Gender disparities among younger adults are attributable to institutionalized populations living in group quarters.

Lower Providence 2010 Age Pyramid
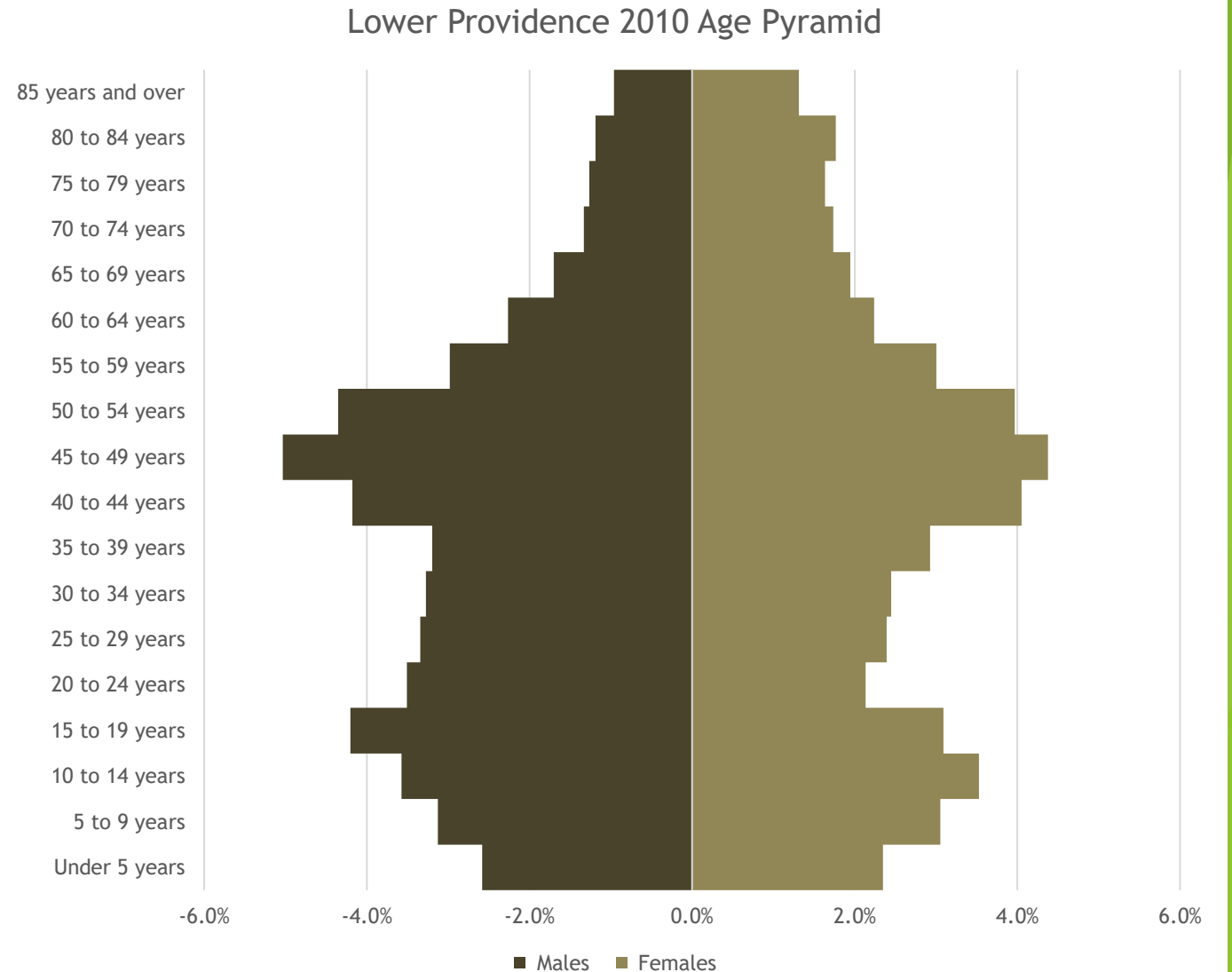
Age Pyramid

When compared to the county's age pyramid, Lower Providence starts to stand out.

The township's population has a more defined generation gap and the jail's contribution is clearly seen among adult male cohorts.

2010 Age Pyramid

☐ County Males ☐ County Females ■ Lower Providence Males ■ Lower Providence Females

Data: Decennial Census

Group Quarters Population

Examples of Group Quarters:

- ▶ Correctional facilities

- ▶ Nursing facilities/skilled-nursing facilities (nursing homes)

- ▶ Residential treatment centers

- ▶ Religious group living quarters (e.g., convents, monasteries, and abbeys)

- ▶ In-patient hospice facilities

- ▶ Group homes

- ▶ College/university or seminary student housing

- ▶ Hospitals

- ▶ Workers' group living quarters

- ▶ Job Corps centers or vocational training facilities

2010 Group Quarters Population Percentage

Data: Decennial Census
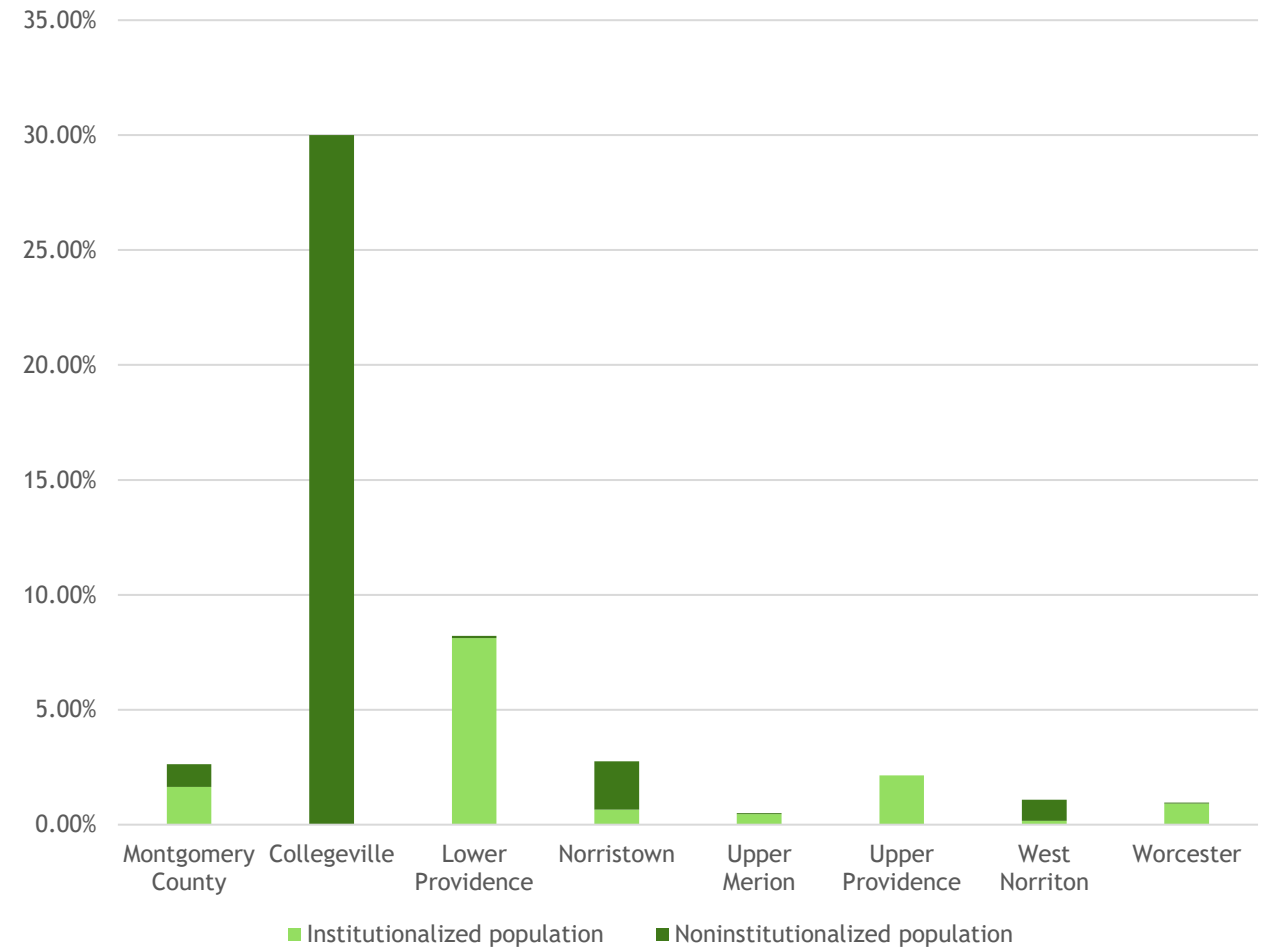
Race

The racial makeup of Lower Providence differs from the county primarily in the representation of Black or African American and Asian groups.

Montgomery County

- Asian alone 8%
- Two or More Races 2%
- Black or African American alone 10%
- White alone 80%

Lower Providence

- Asian alone 14%
- Two or More Races 1%
- Black or African American alone 6%
- White alone 79%

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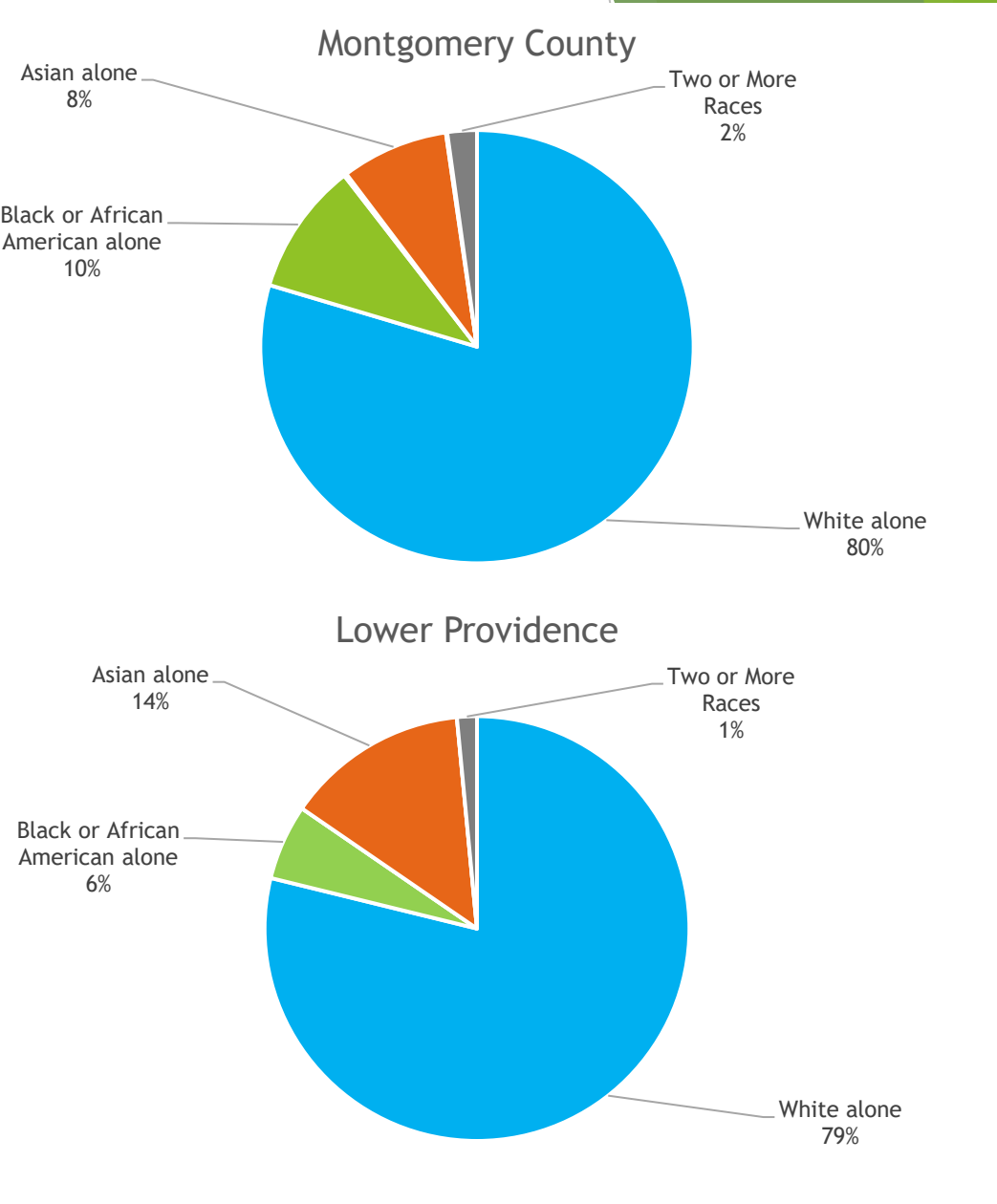
Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino population in Lower Providence is very similar to the county
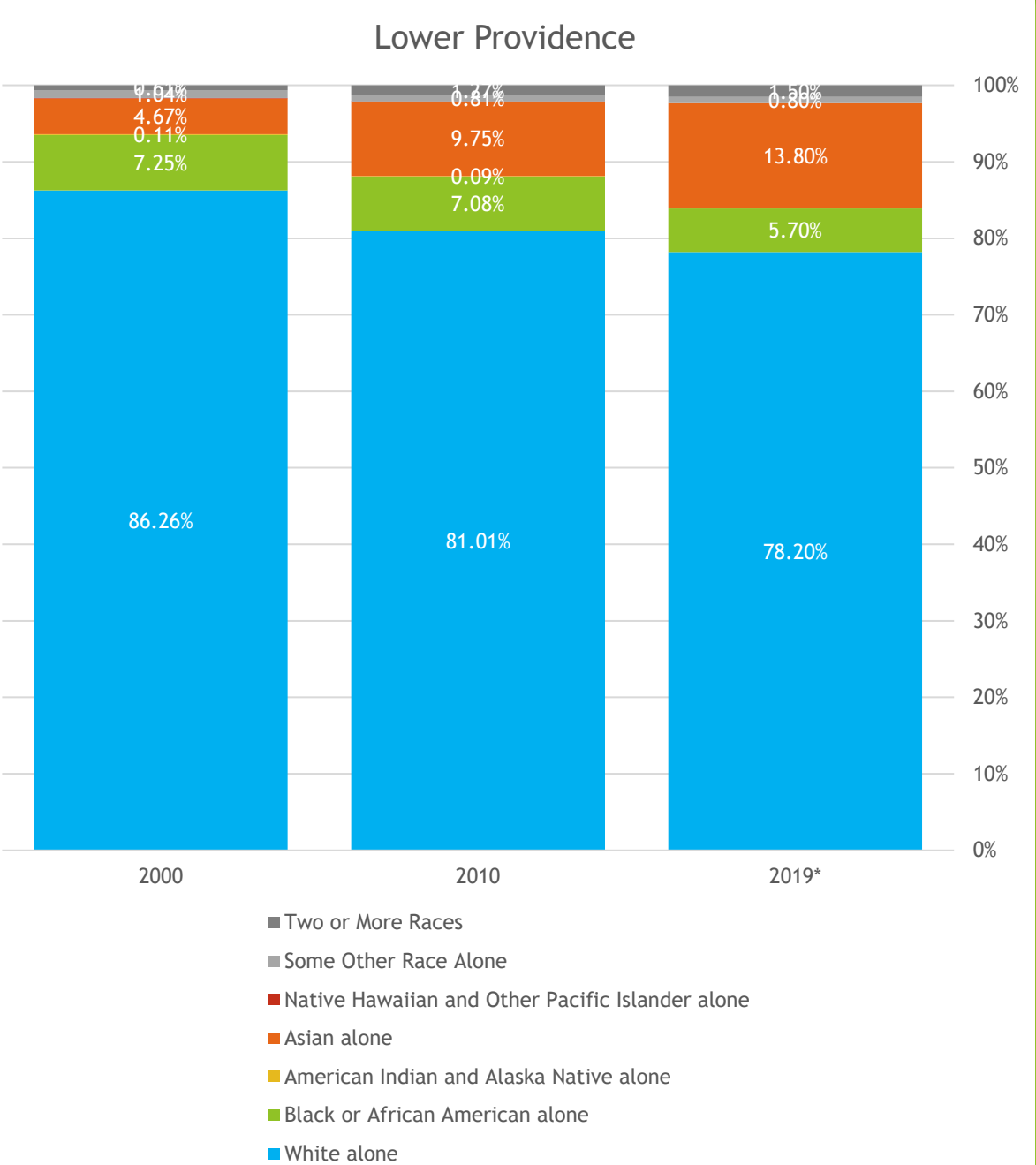
Montgomery County

5.30%

Hispanic or Latino

Lower Providence
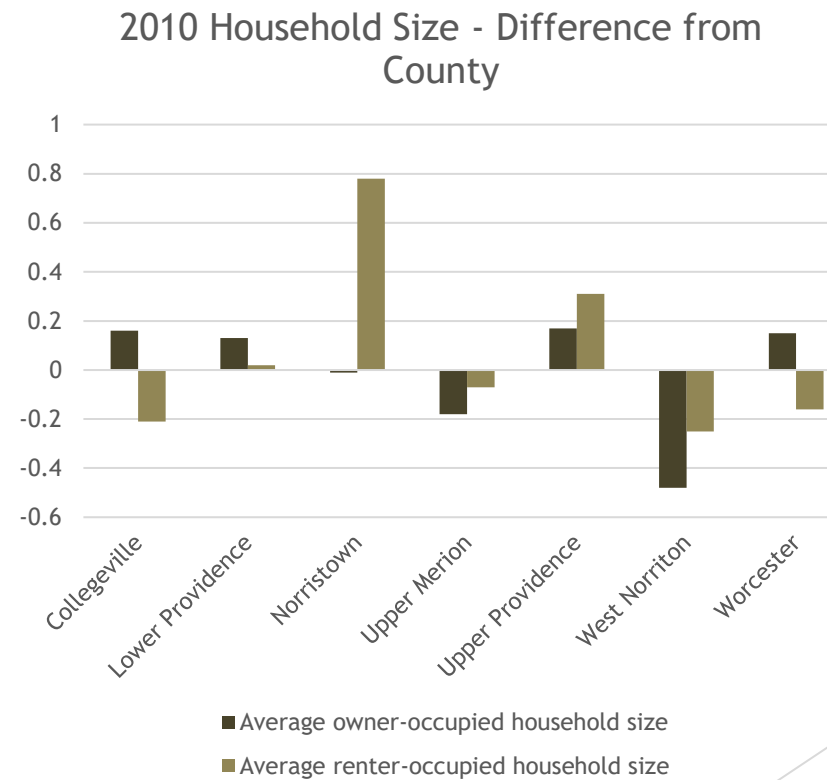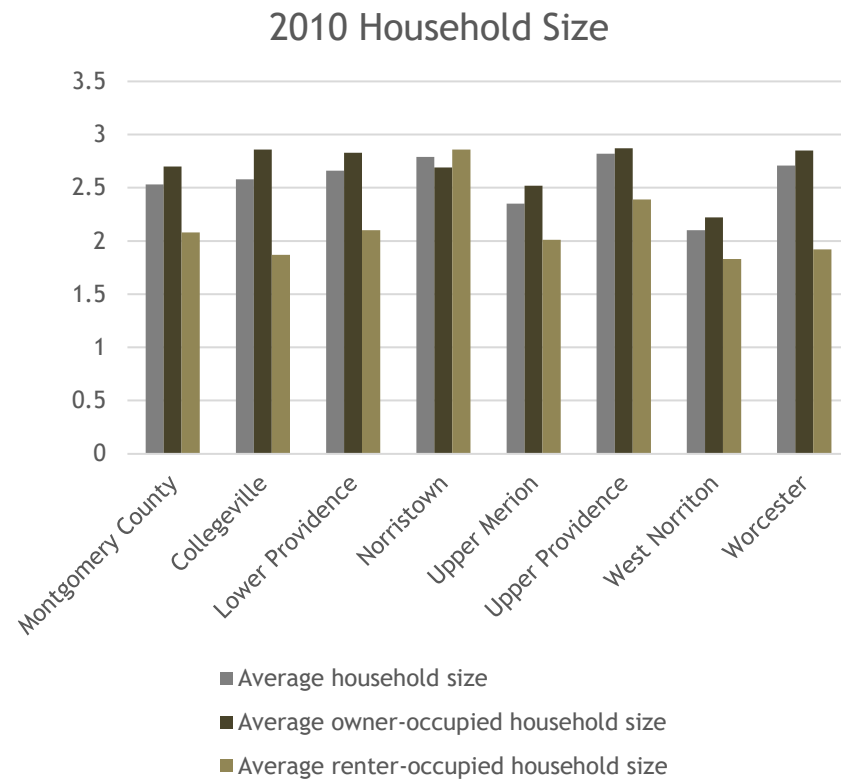
5.10%

Hispanic or Latino

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Race and Ethnicity

As the population of Lower Providence has grown in recent decades, it has also grown more diverse.

Lower Providence

	2000	2010	2019*
Two or More Races	1.04%	1.27%	1.50%
Some Other Race Alone		0.81%	0.80%
Asian alone	4.67%	9.75%	13.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.11%	0.09%	
Black or African American alone	7.25%	7.08%	5.70%
White alone	86.26%	81.01%	78.20%

Legend:
- Two or More Races
- Some Other Race Alone
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone
- Asian alone
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone
- Black or African American alone
- White alone

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Average Household Size – 2.66

2010 Household Size

2010 Household Size - Difference from County

Data: Decennial Census

Household Size Over Time

Average number of people per household

Family households

All households
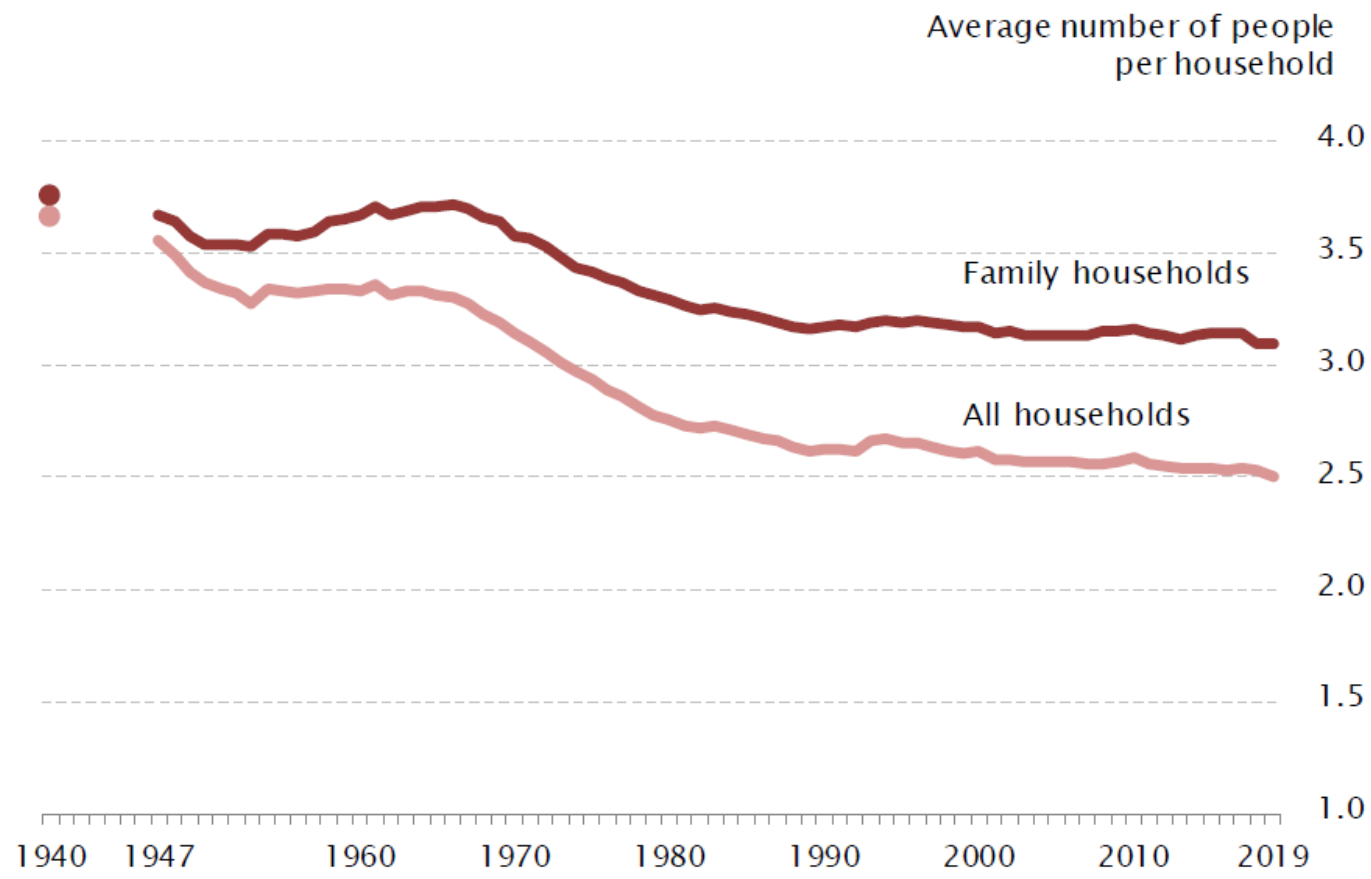
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1940 and 1947 to 2019.

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Next steps

- Continuing Business:
    - Send in comments or questions
    - Public Engagement strategies
- Upcoming Topics:
    - Existing Land Use
    - Housing
    - Transportation
- Closing Question:
What are two things you want to see in Lower Providence in 2040/What's at the top of your "wish list" for the community?

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