

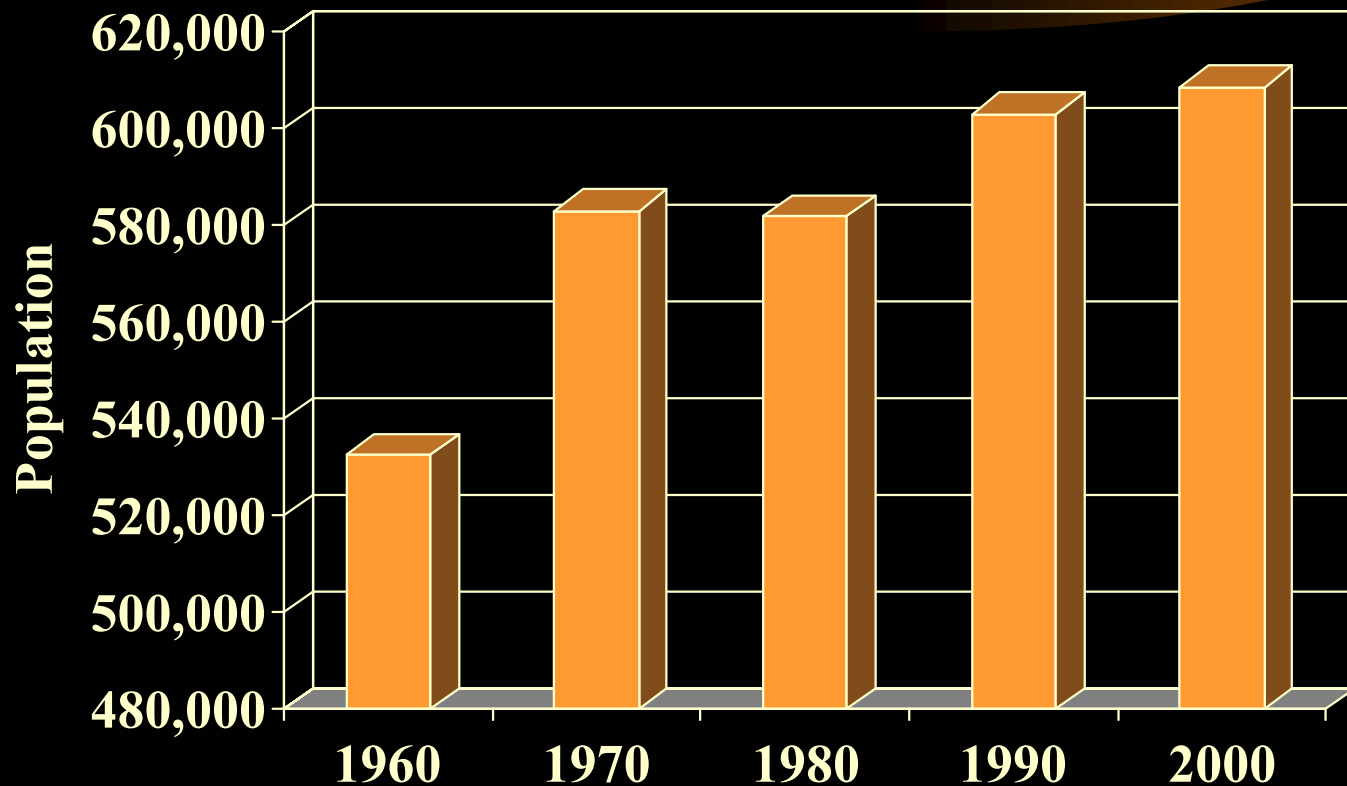
Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress
1. Population: Demographics



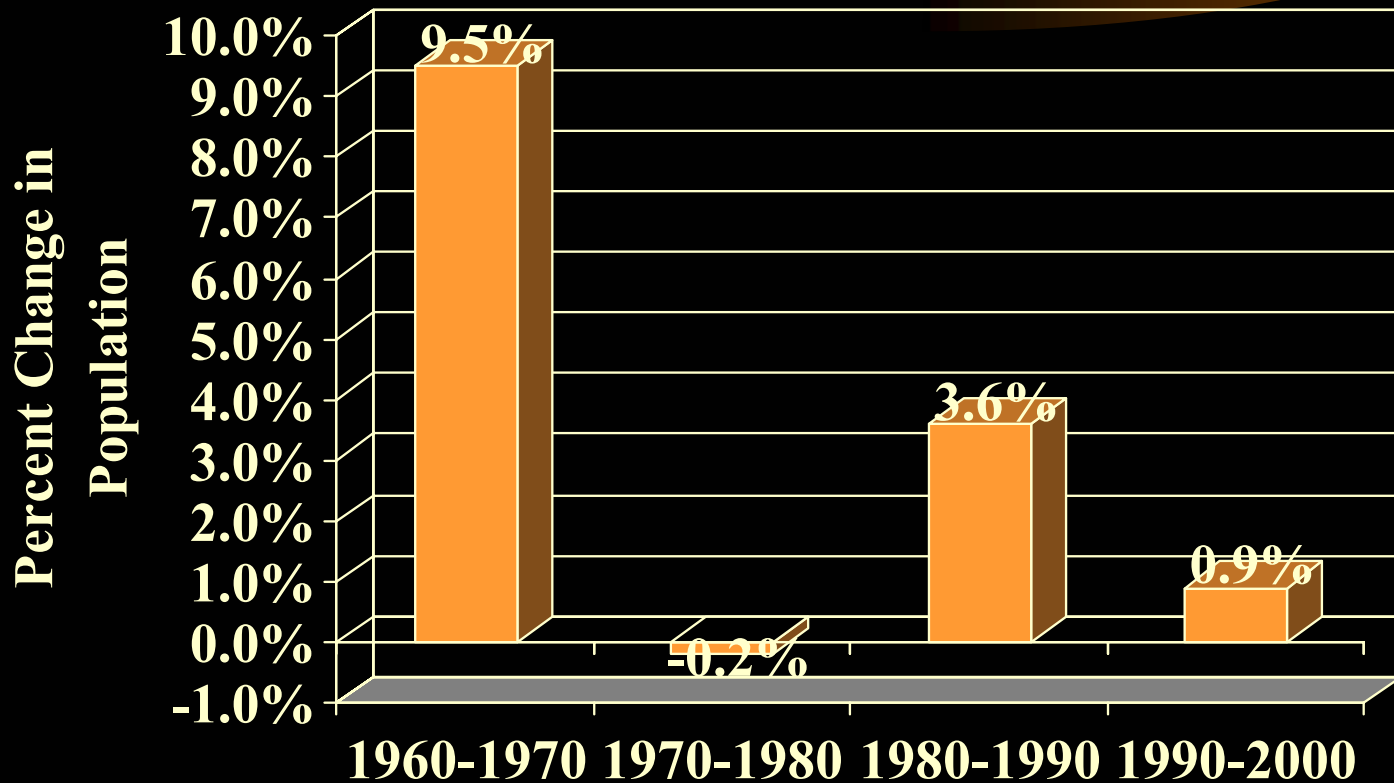
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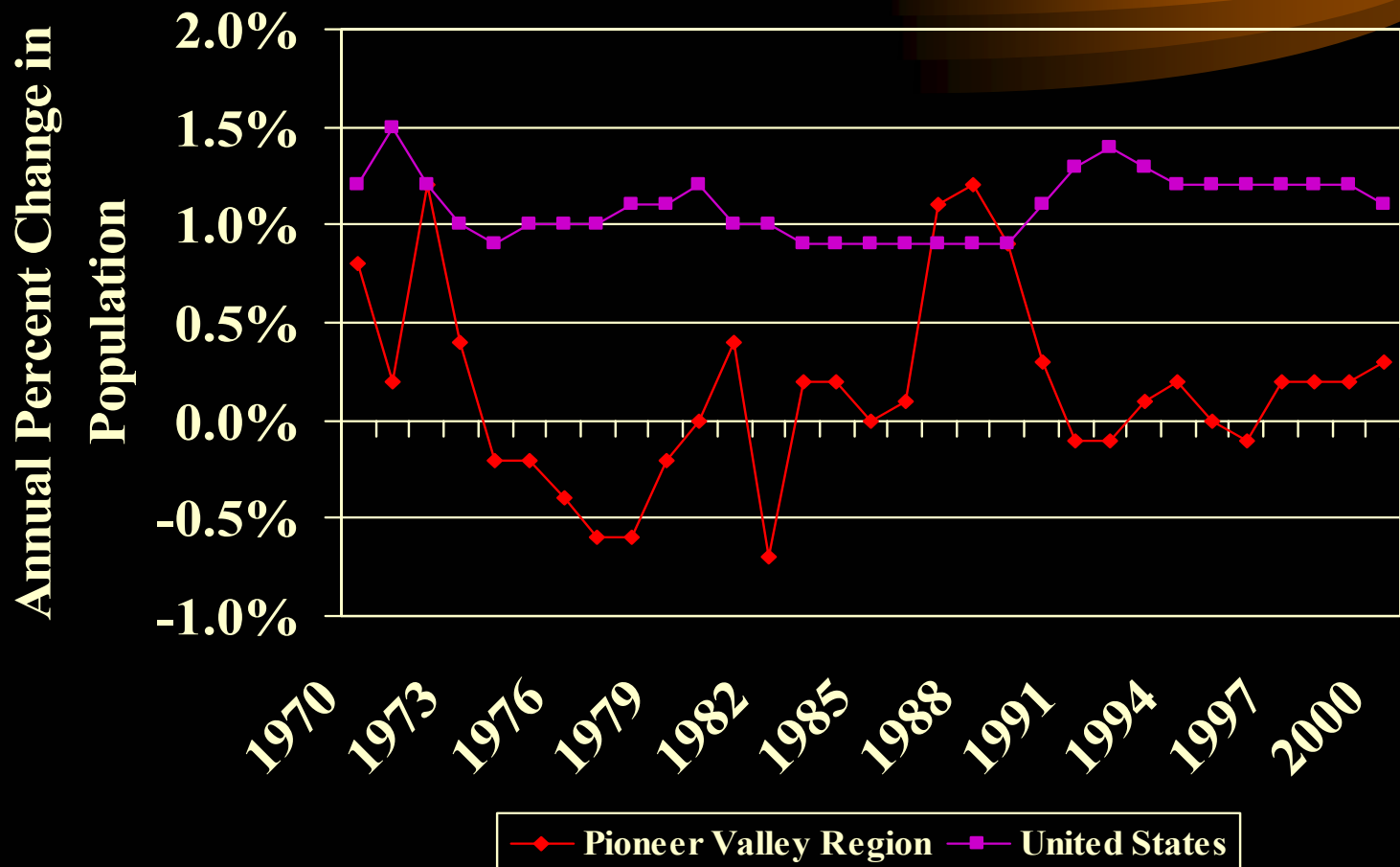
*The population of the Pioneer Valley region
has grown.*



The pace of population growth has diminished.



The region's population growth rate is not keeping up with that of the nation as a whole.

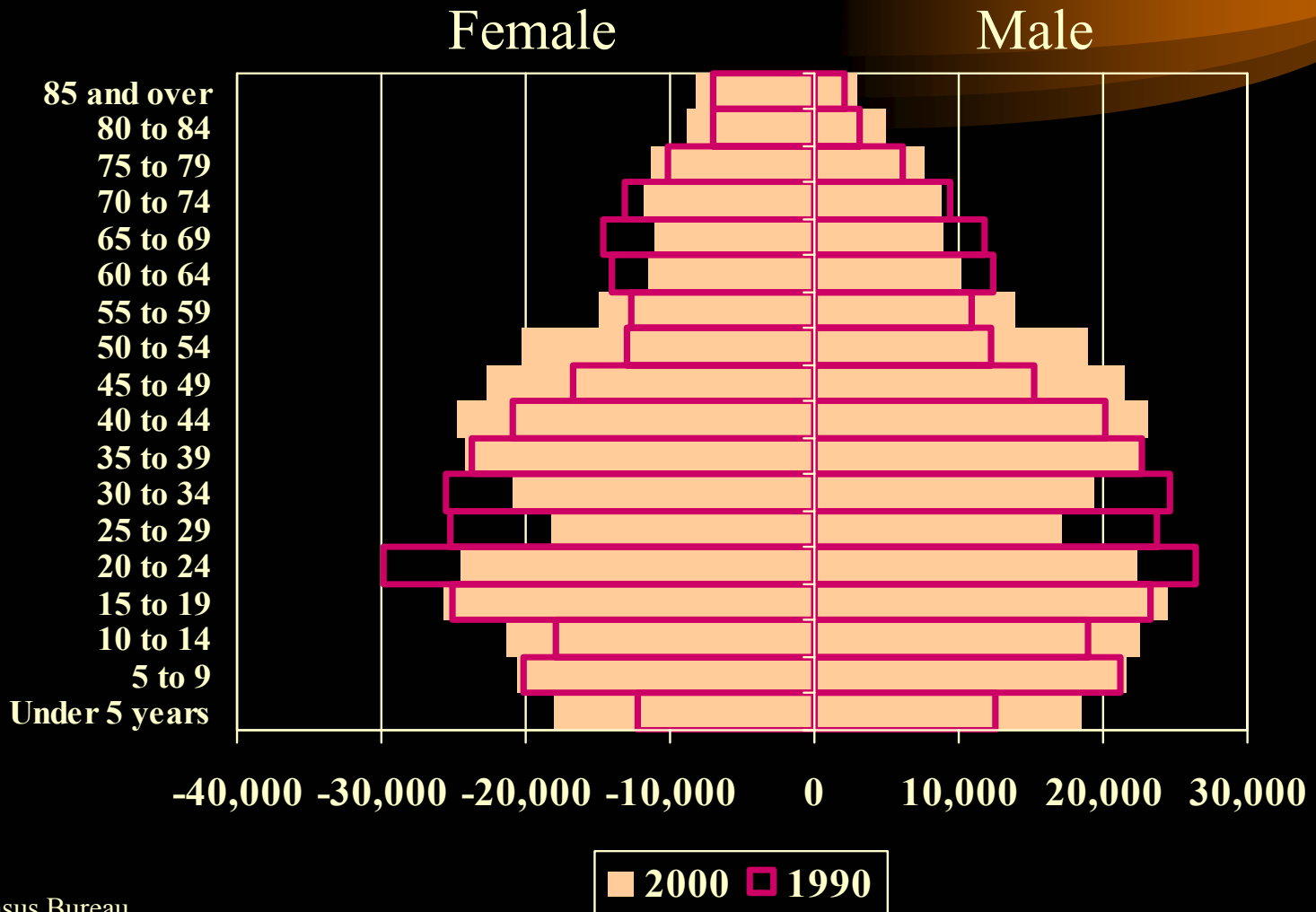


Most population growth is located outside the region's urban and suburban core.

Percent Population Change, 1990 to 2000

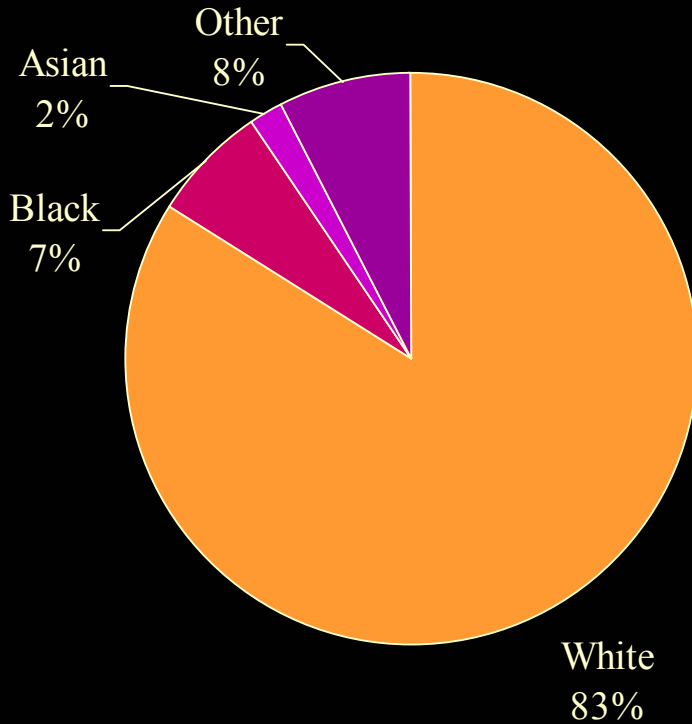
- Largest increases:
 - Tolland, +47.4%
 - Middlefield, +38.3%
 - Cummington, +24.6%
 - Belchertown, +22.6%
 - Southampton, +20.3%
 - Southwick, +15.2%
 - Chesterfield, +14.6%
 - Hadley, +13.3%
- Population declining:
 - Montgomery, -13.8%
 - Holyoke, -8.8%
 - Chicopee, -3.5%
 - Williamsburg, -3.5%
 - Springfield, -3.1%
 - Northampton, -1.1%
 - Ware, -1.0%
 - Amherst, -1.0%

The population is aging.

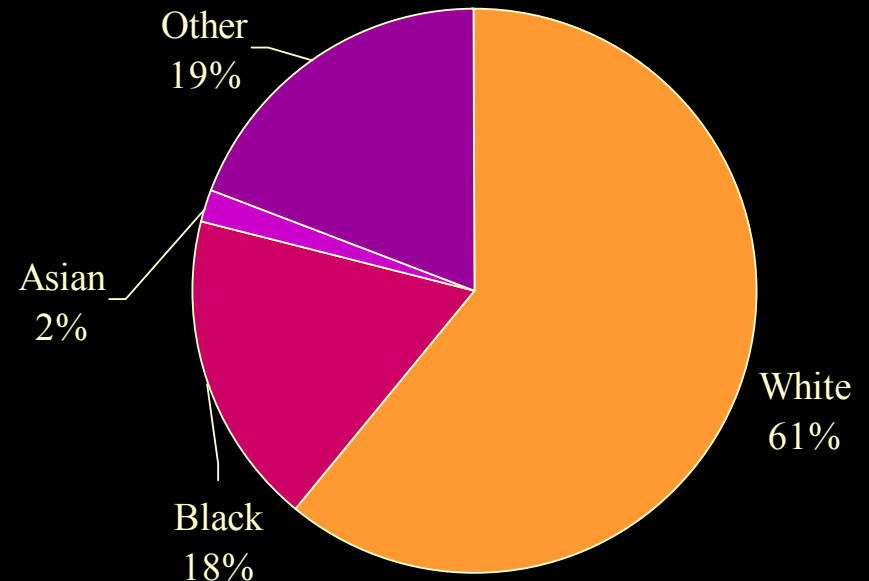


The population is increasingly diverse, though primarily in the urban core.

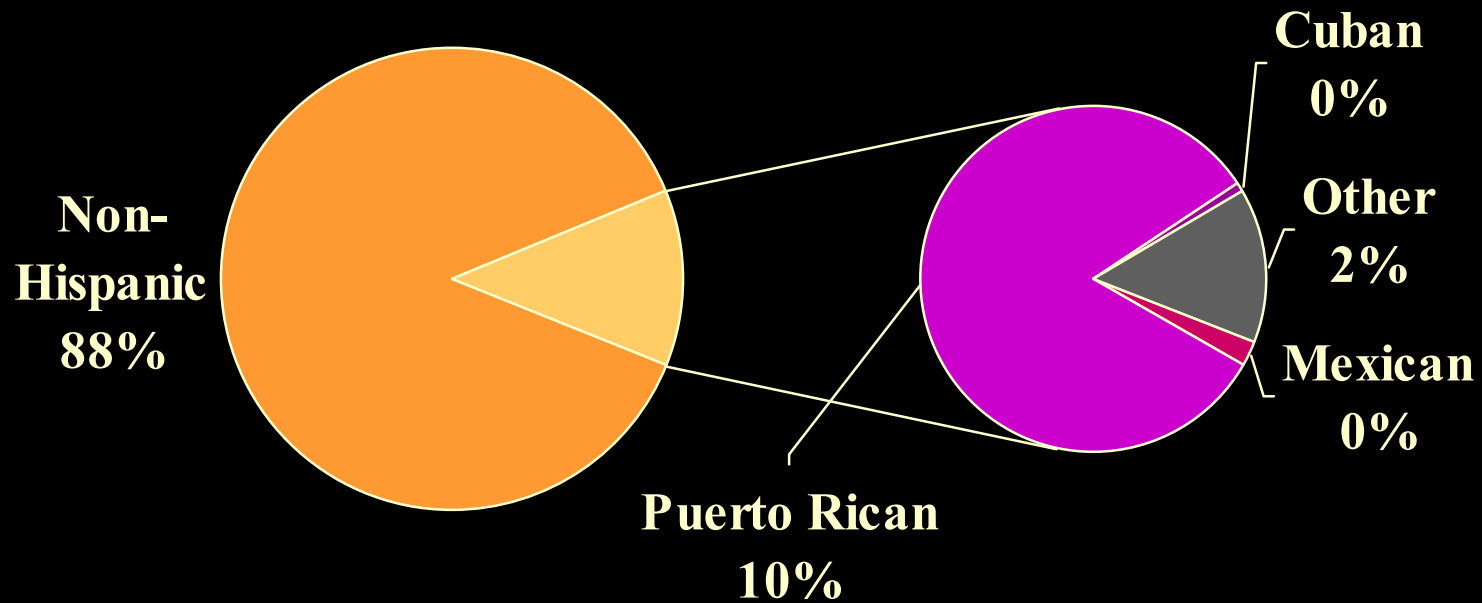
Population by Race in the PVR



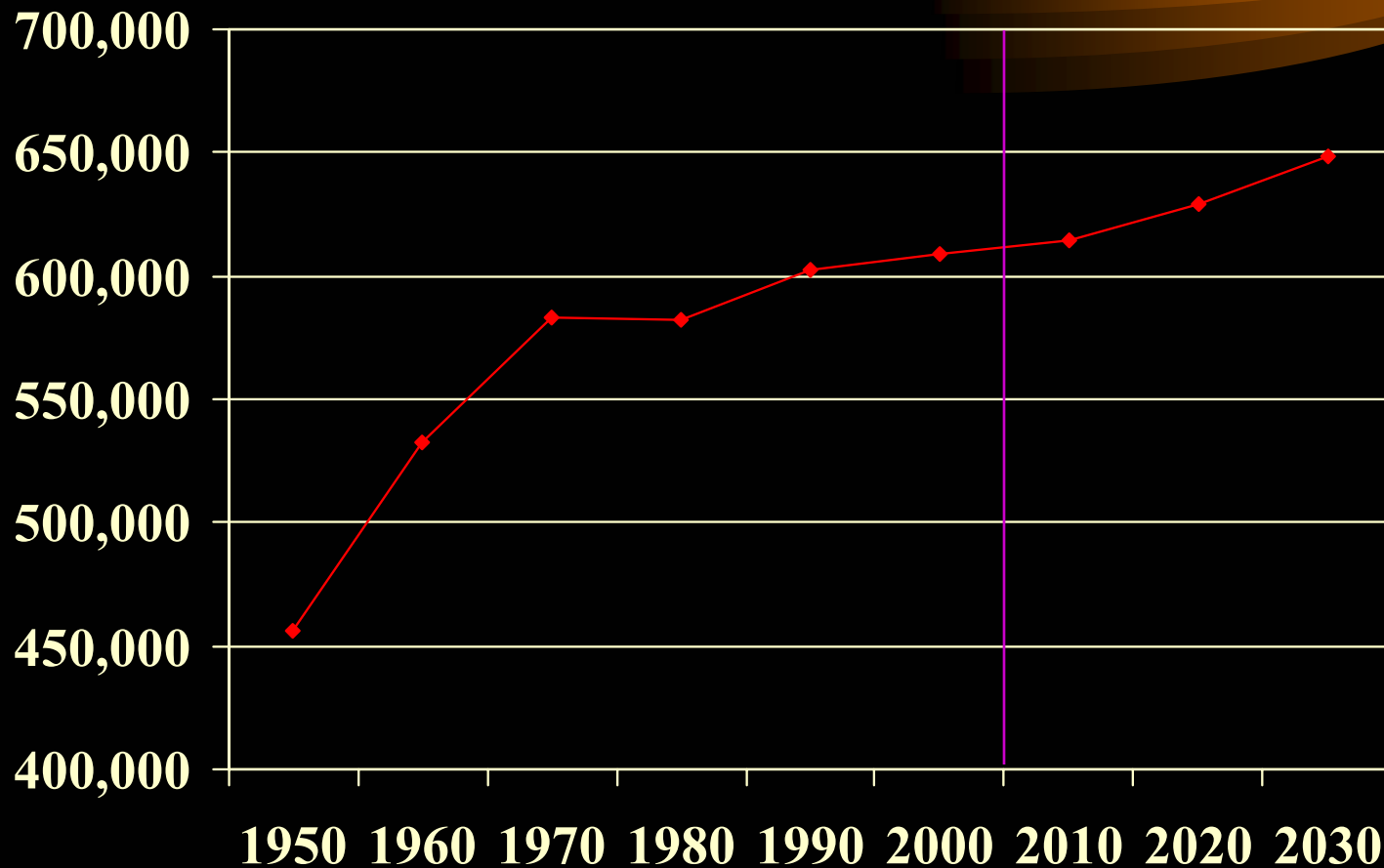
Population by Race in Springfield and Holyoke



The large Hispanic and Latino population is mainly Puerto Rican.



The region's population is projected to continue growing slowly.



Growth will continue to be focused on the region's periphery.

Projected fastest growing communities, 2000-2030

- Hadley +26.4%
- Tolland +20.7%
- South Hadley +20.5%
- Cummington +20.0%
- Middlefield +19.7%
- Hatfield +17.6%

The Hispanic, Asian, and Black populations will provide all the region's net growth.

