

# Virginia's Diverse Population

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What do we mean by diversity?

# Diversity in Virginia



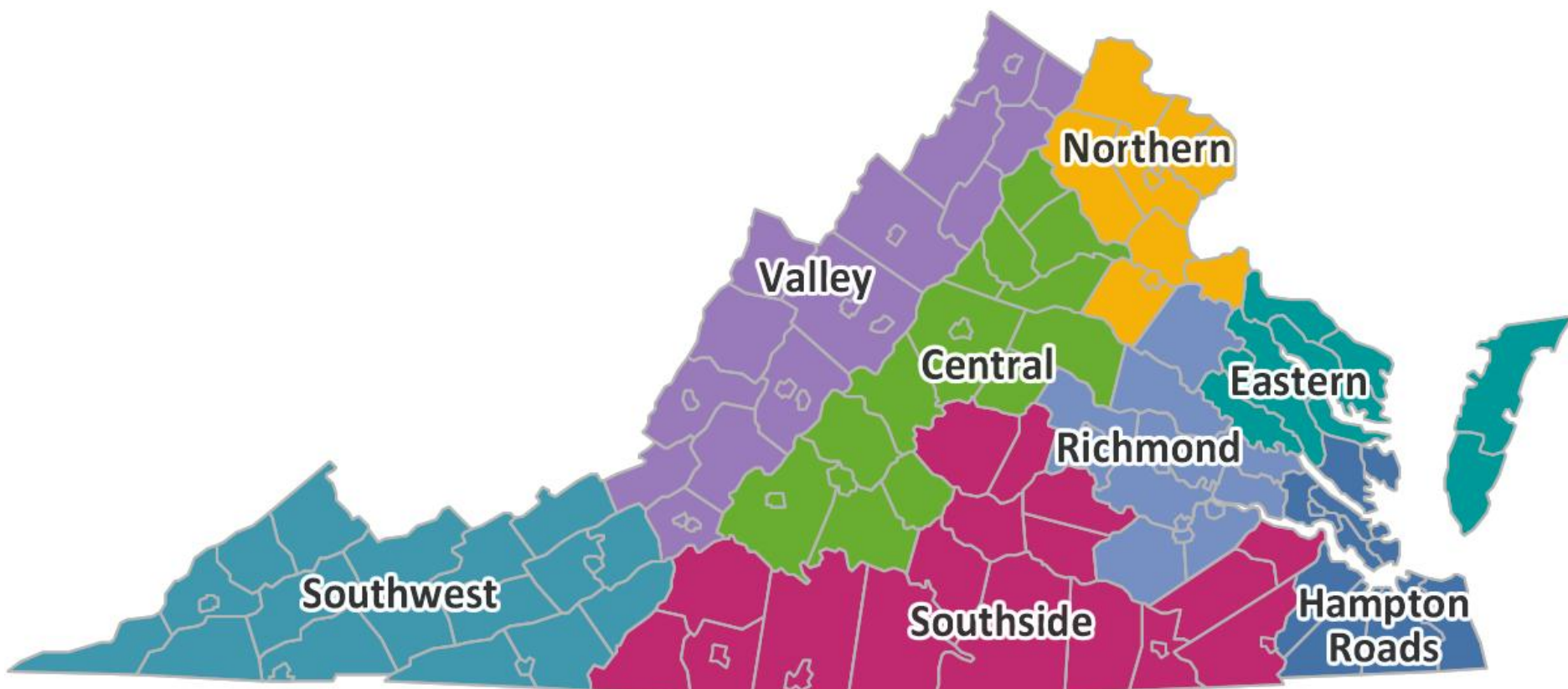
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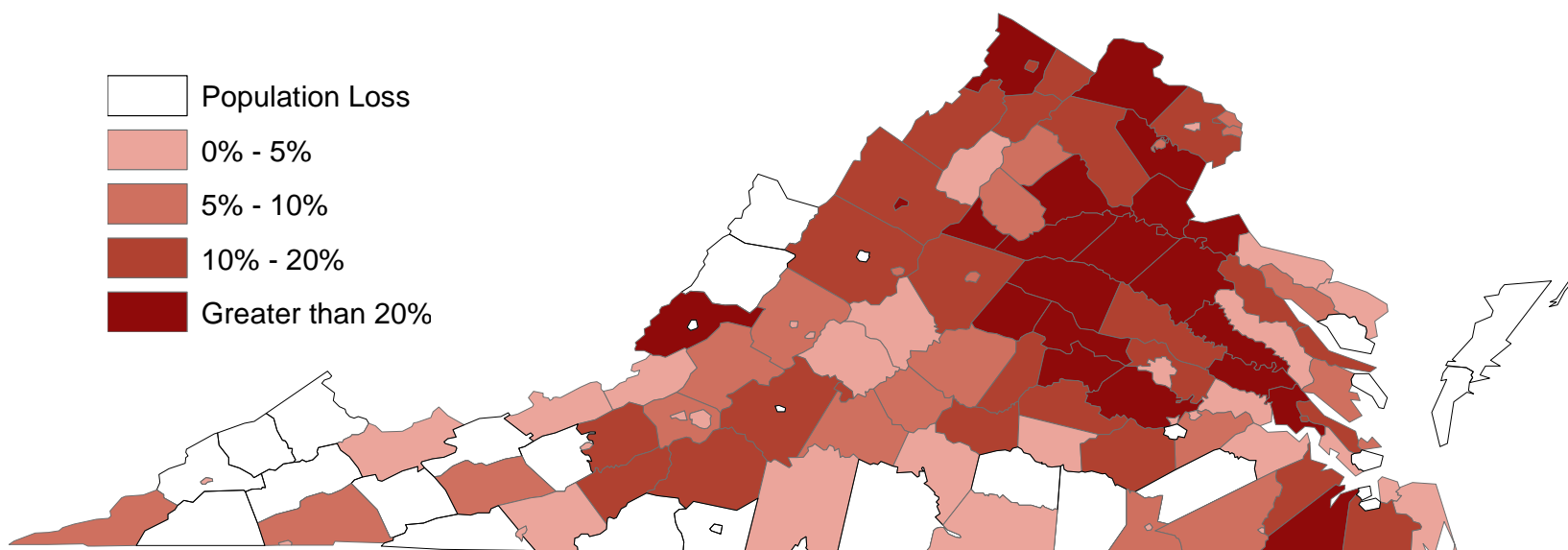
Race/Ethnicity

Language

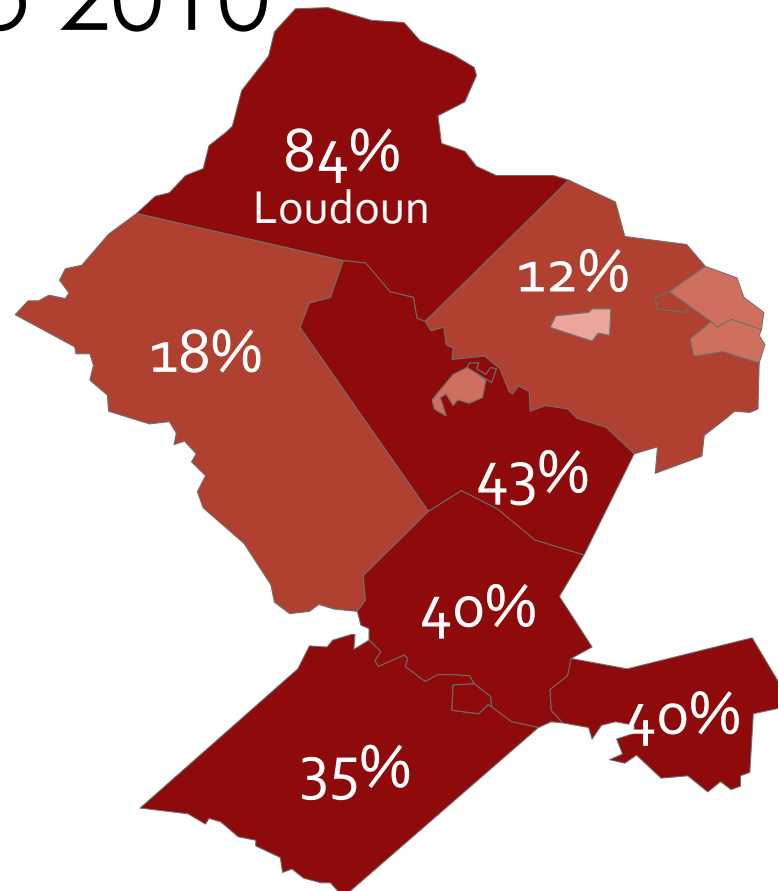
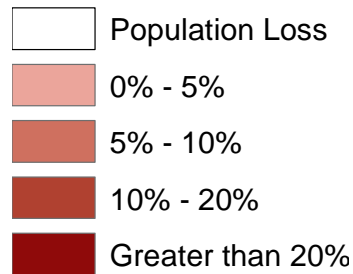
# Virginia's Regions



# Local Population Growth and Decline, 2000 to 2010

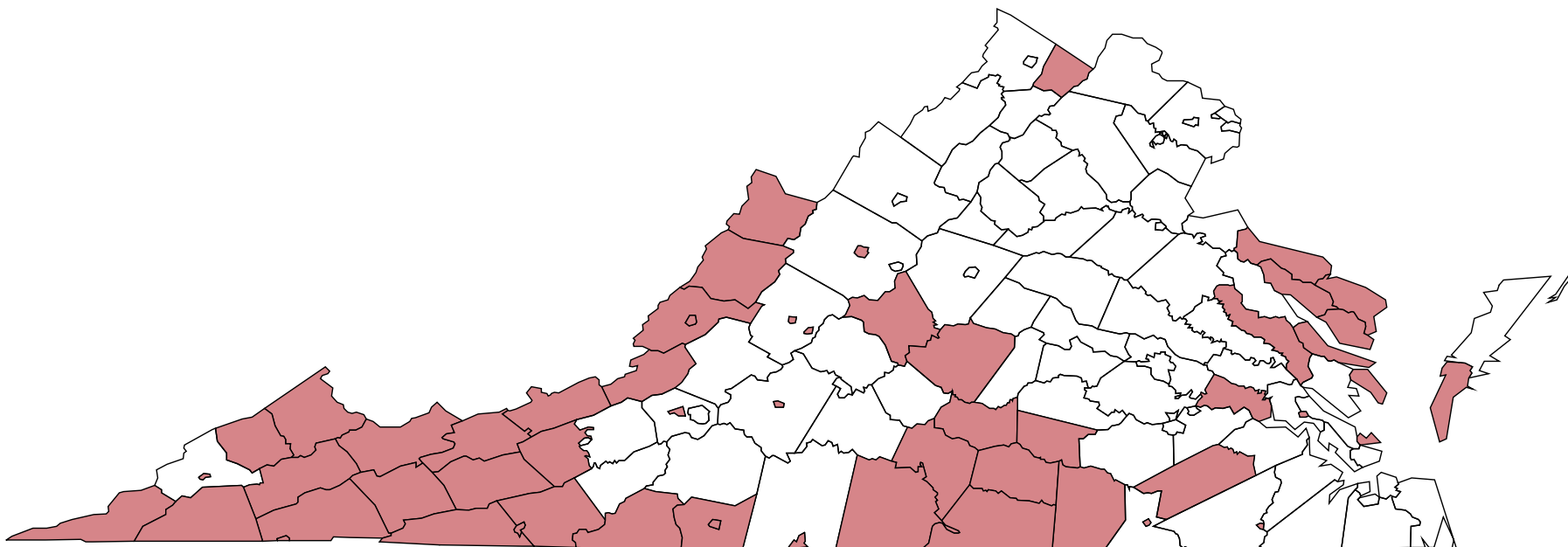


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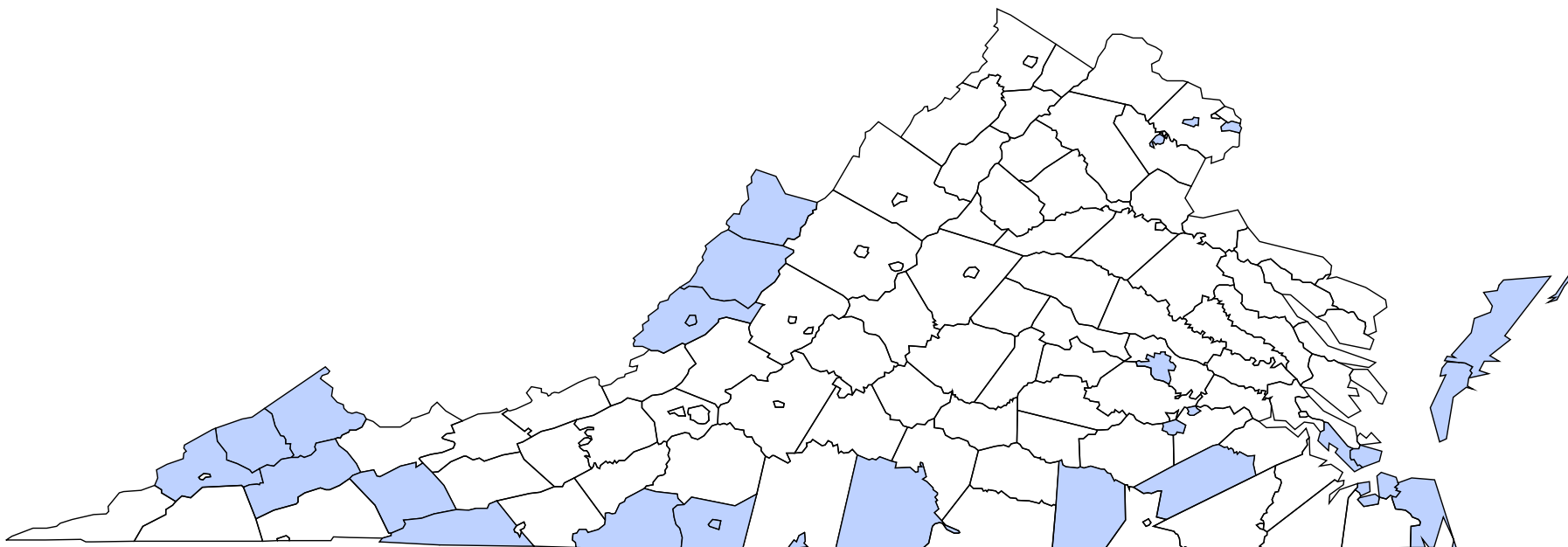


Northern Virginia  
Accounted for **54%** of  
Virginia's Total Growth

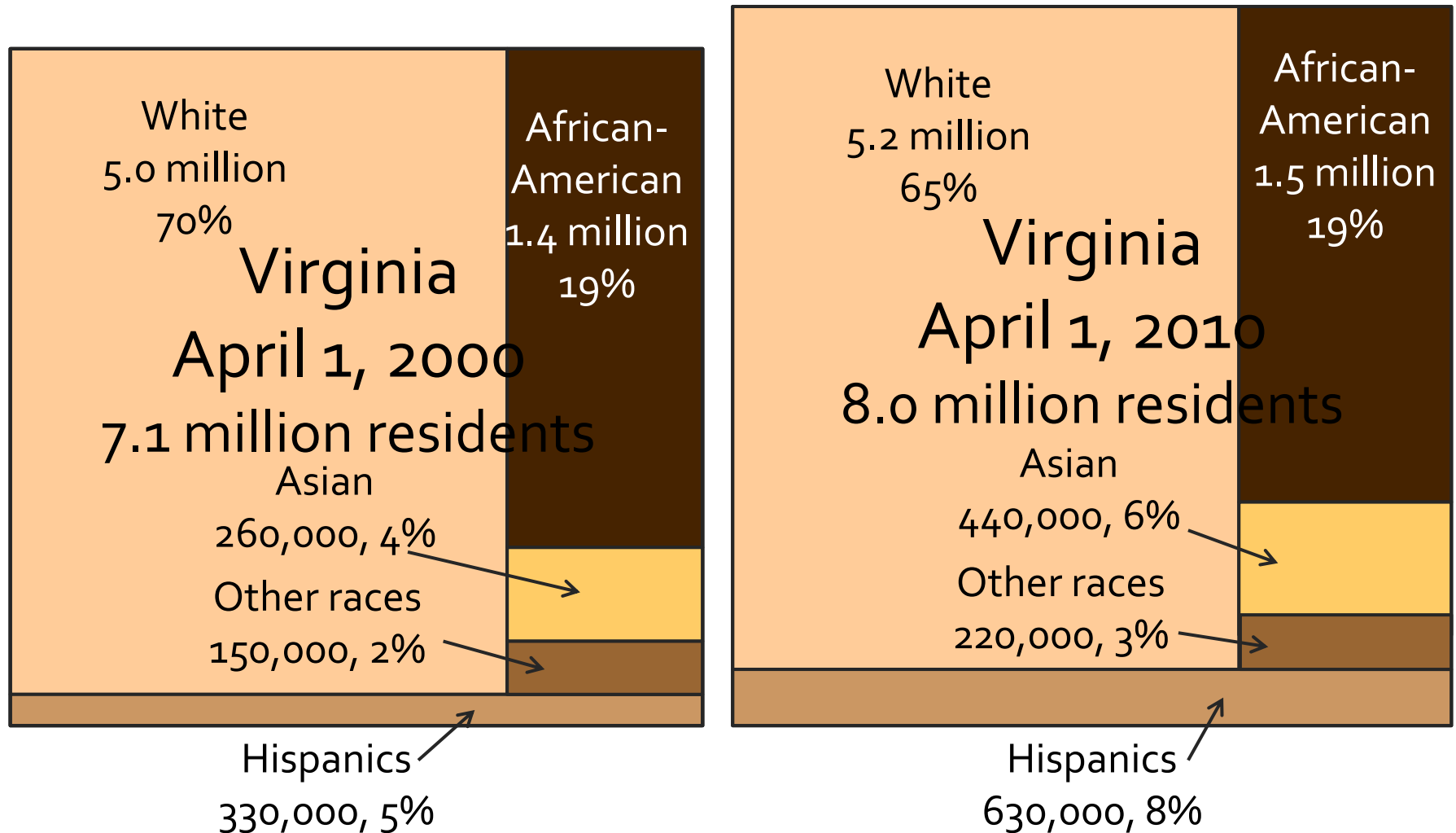
# Localities Experiencing Natural Decrease



# Localities Experiencing Net Out-Migration

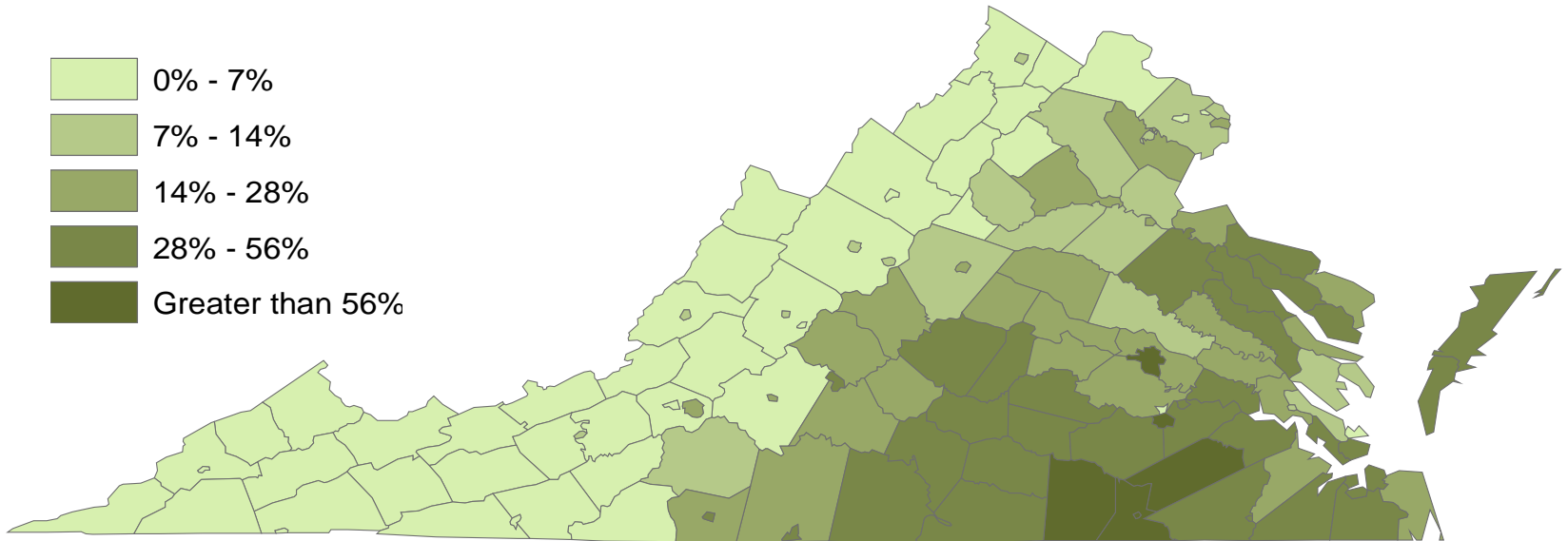
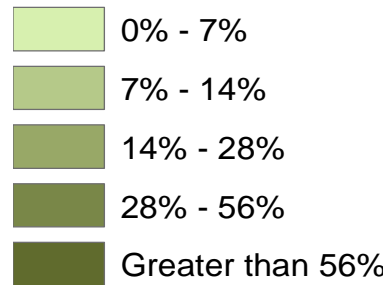


# Diversity of Race/Ethnicity



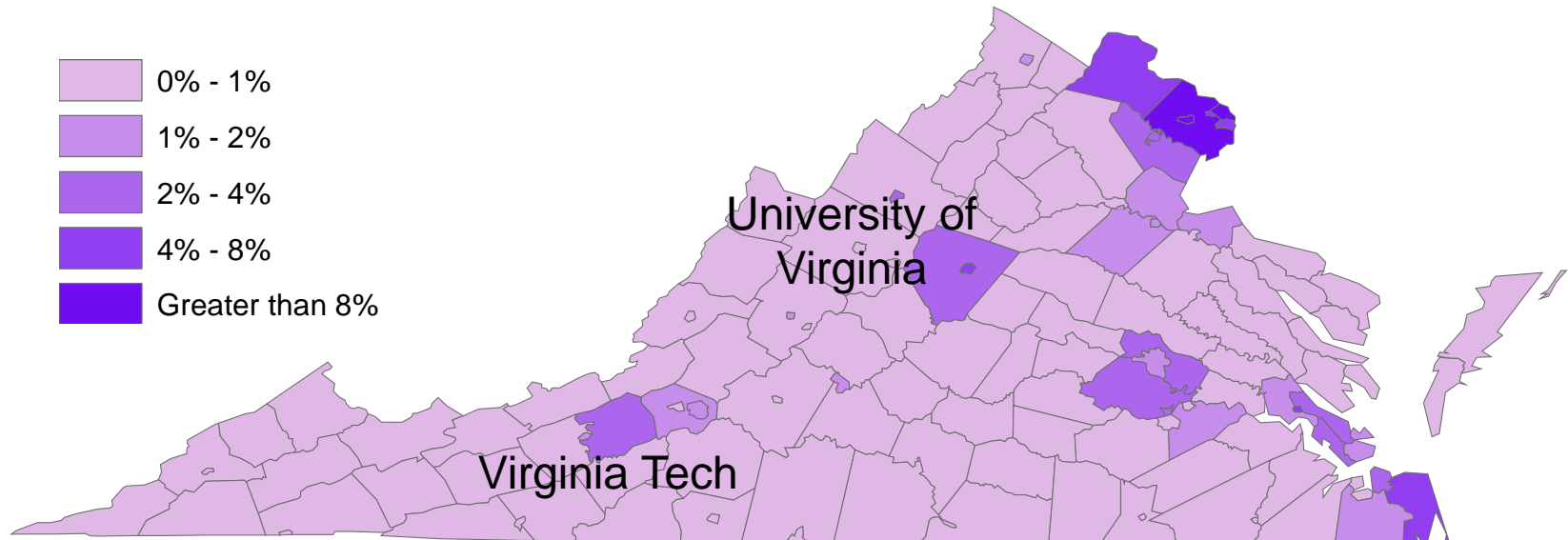
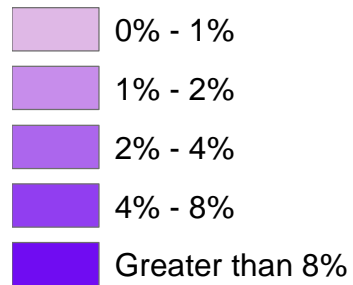
# Black Population, Census 2010

## Percent Black



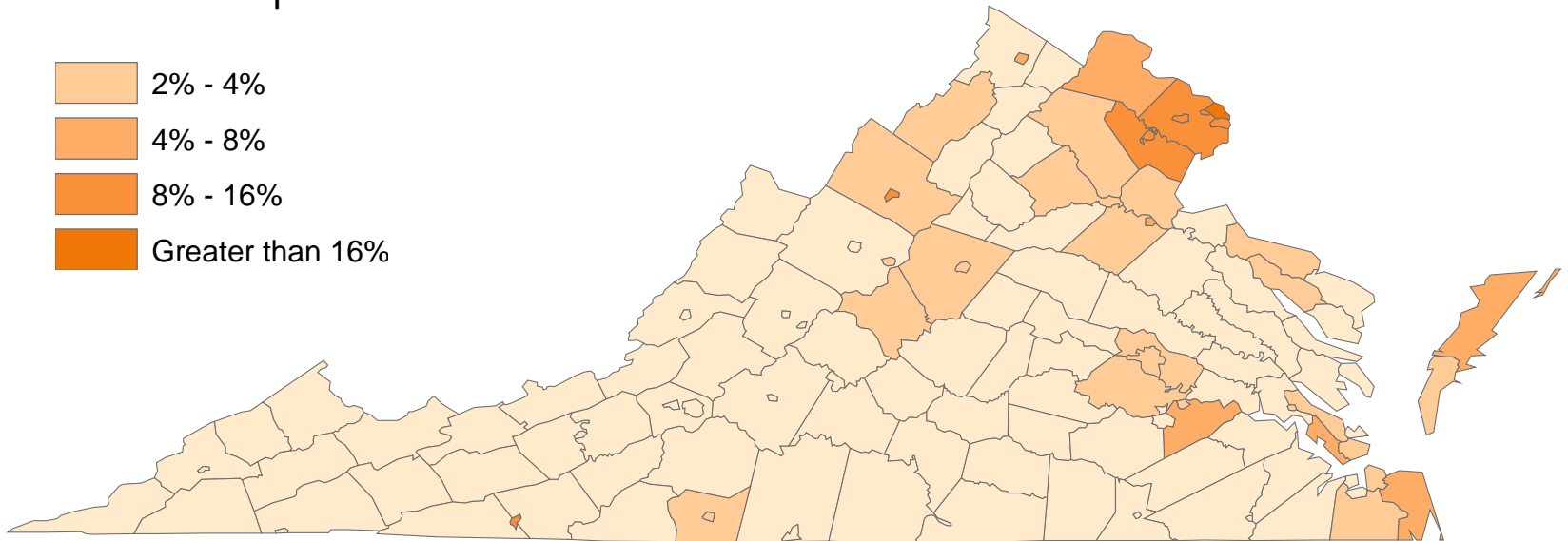
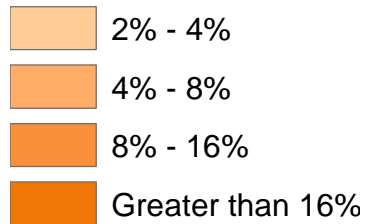
# Asian Population, Census 2010

## Percent Asian



# Hispanic Population, Census 2010

Percent Hispanic



# Virginia's Foreign-born Population

- One in every 10 Virginians is foreign born.
- 40 percent were born in Asia, and 36 percent were born in Latin America.



# Diversity of Nationality



- People living in Virginia came from 150 countries throughout the world.
- The five most popular nationalities are Salvadoran, Mexican, Indian, Korean, and Filipino.

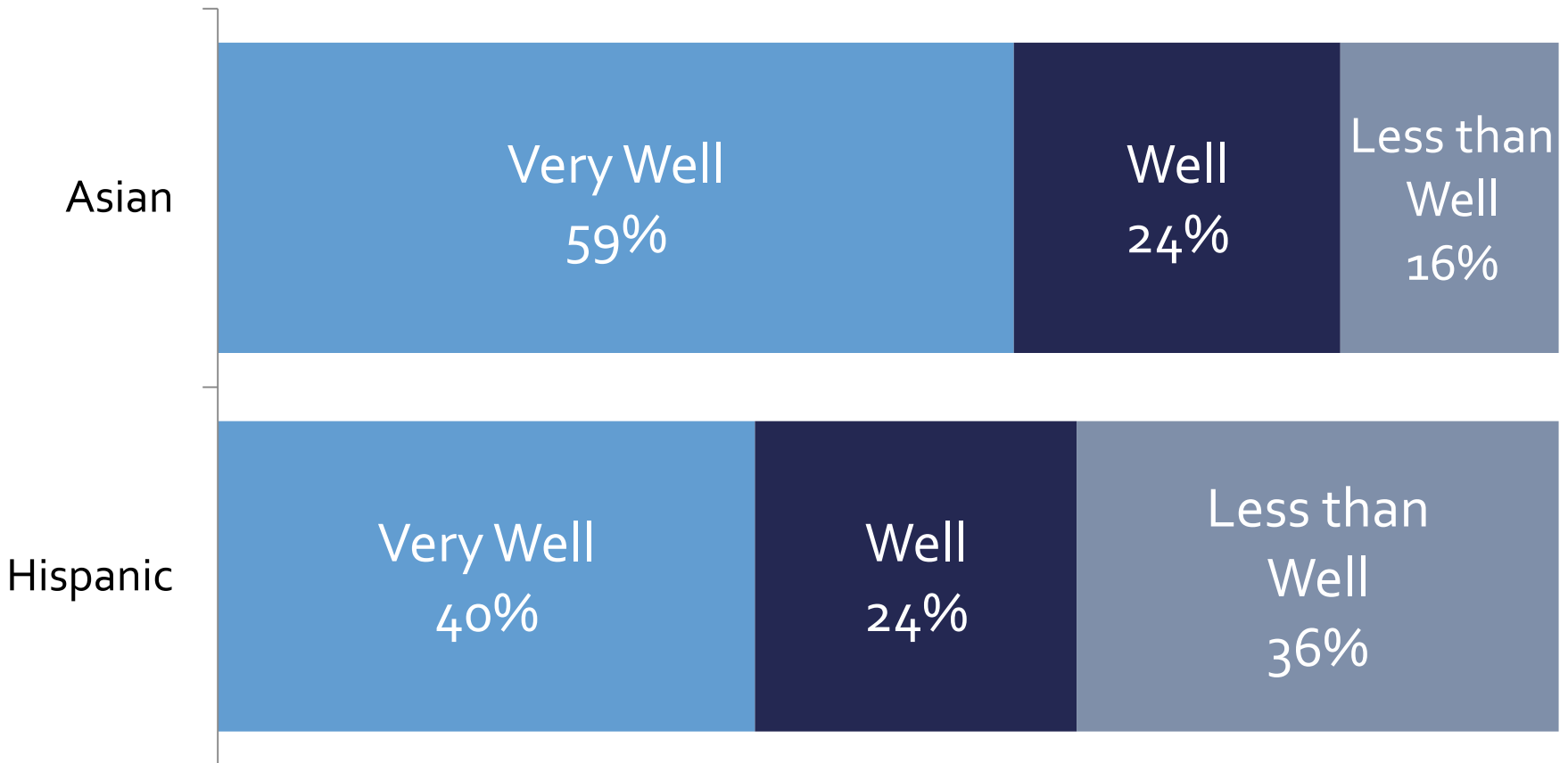
# Diversity of Language

## Languages Spoken Throughout Virginia

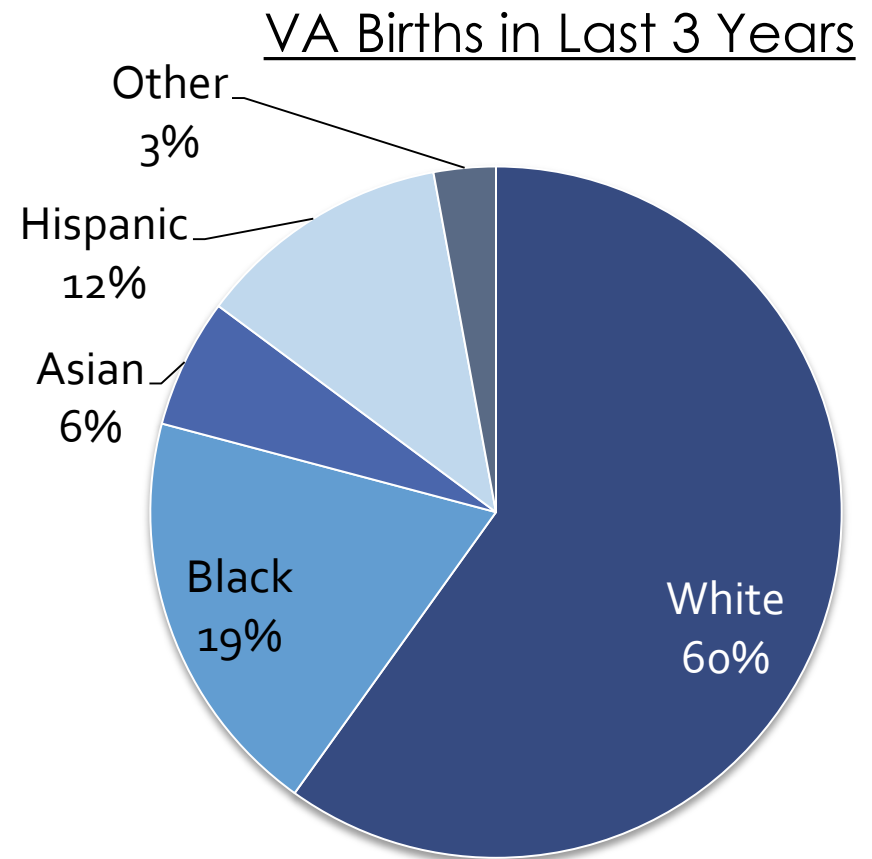
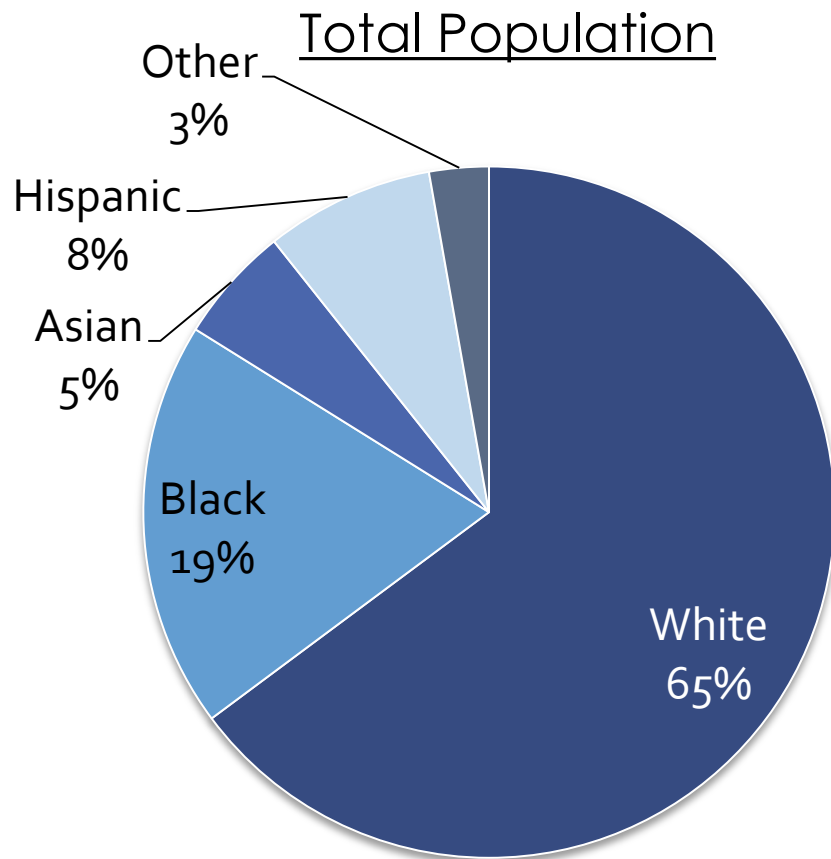
- Throughout the Commonwealth, almost 100 different languages are spoken.
- The five most popular languages are Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Filipino (Tagalog).



# English Proficiency Among Foreign-born



# Looking into the Future...



# Summary

- Virginia's population is growing; growth is highly uneven across communities.
- The future population and workforce will be increasingly diverse.
- Cultural and linguistic diversities enrich our society and strengthen workforce quality and global competitiveness.

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