

# PART I

## The State of School Segregation in NJ in the age of Covid-19

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- New Data on racial & economic segregation by school district in NJ.
- Deepening economic & racial isolation of intensely segregated urban schools.
- Growing diversity *yet resegregation* in many suburbs – the problem & the political opportunity.
- Poverty for some; Profit for others - the monetization of segregation & the poverty industrial complex  
*What & Who we are up against.*

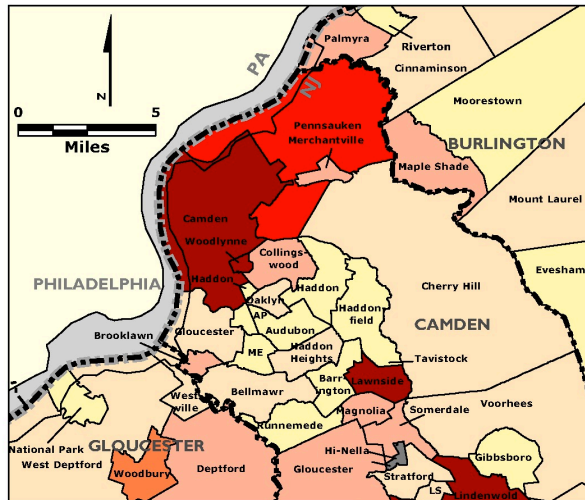


## **New Jersey's Schools Remains Deeply Segregated**

School segregation by race correlates powerfully with concentrated poverty, poor educational outcomes and diminished opportunities *in all aspects of life*.

# NEW JERSEY: Percentage of Black or Hispanic Students by Unified and Elementary School Districts, 2016-17

## Camden Area

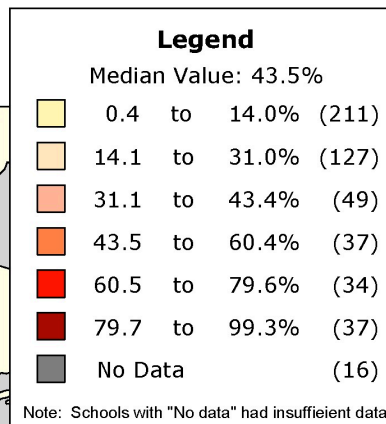
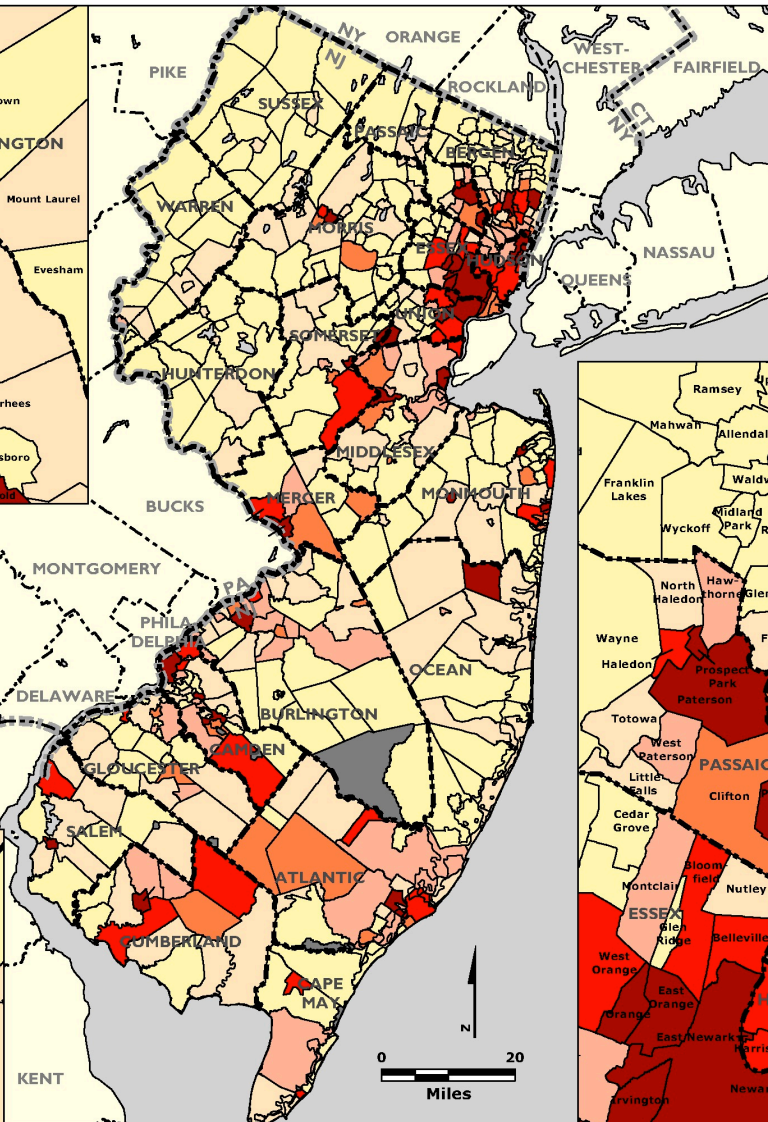
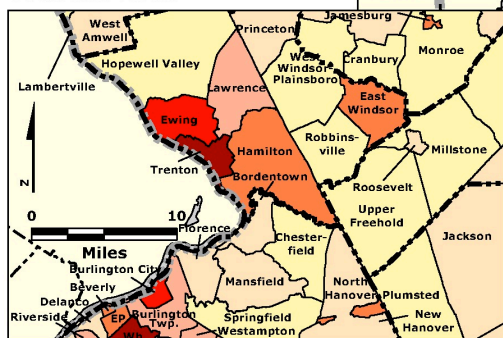


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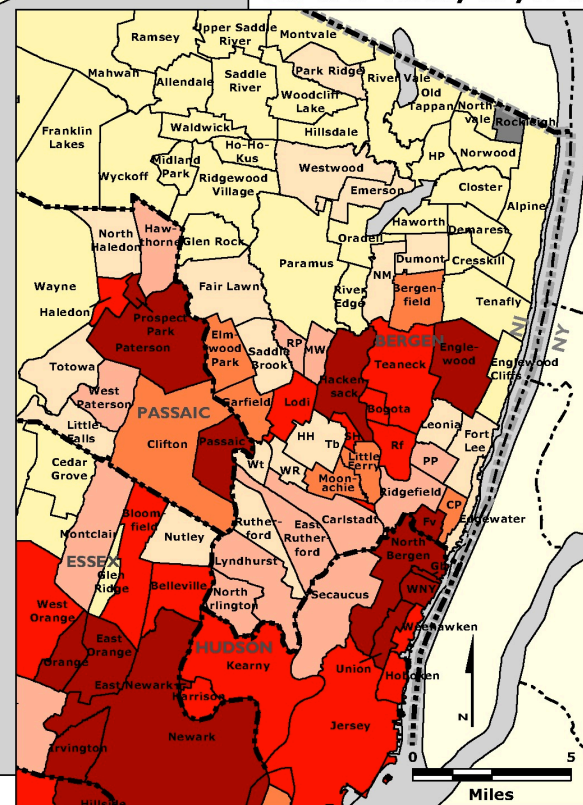
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## Trenton Area



## Newark- Jersey City Area

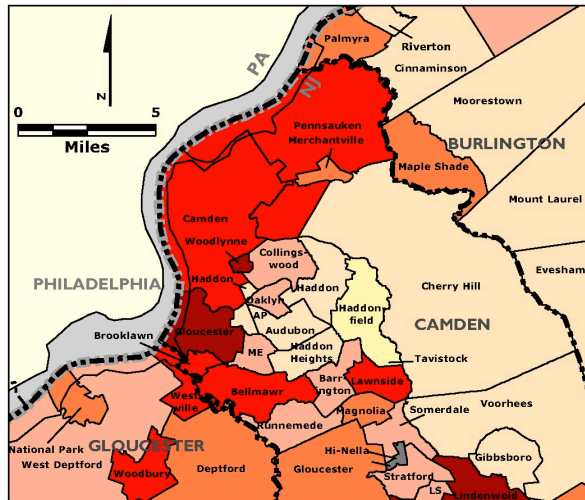


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# NEW JERSEY: Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunches by Unified and Elementary School Districts, 2016-17

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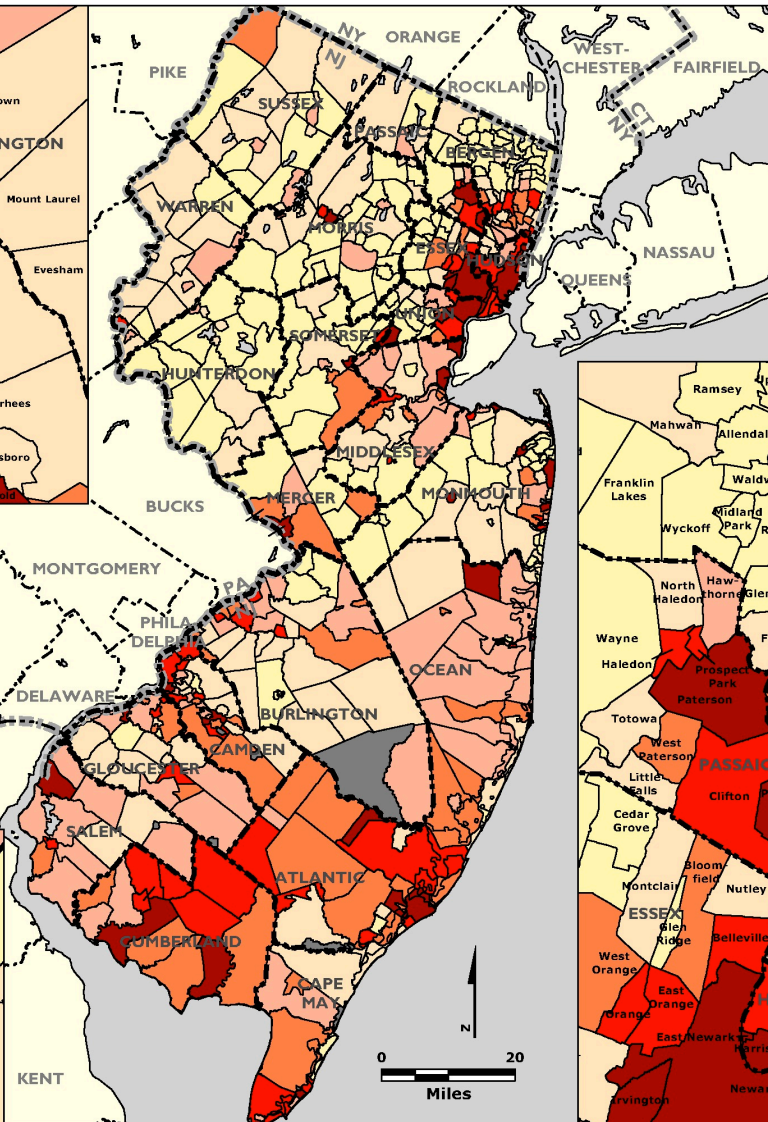
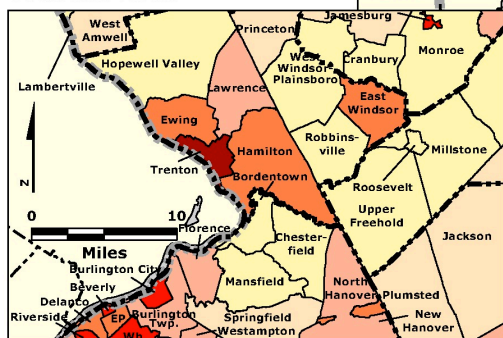


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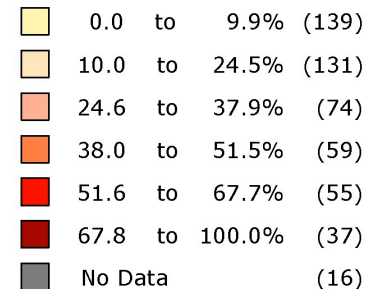
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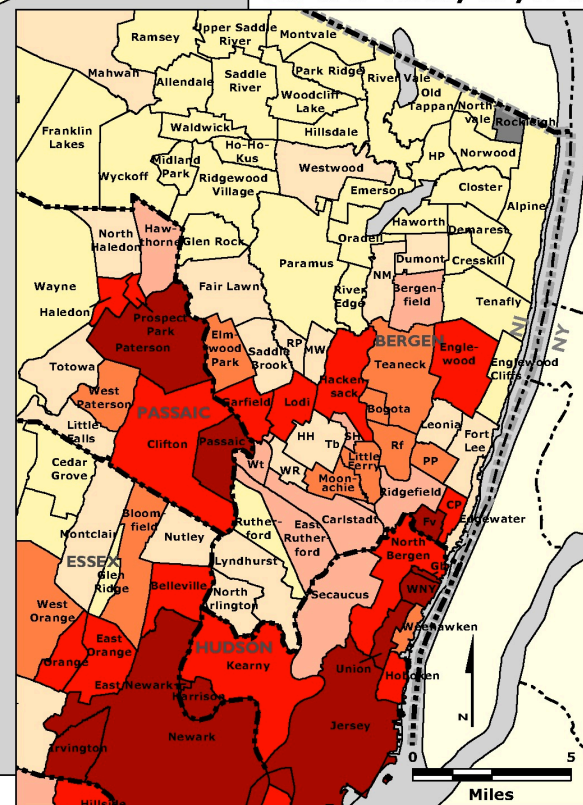
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Median Value: 38.0%



Note: Schools with "No data" had insufficient data.

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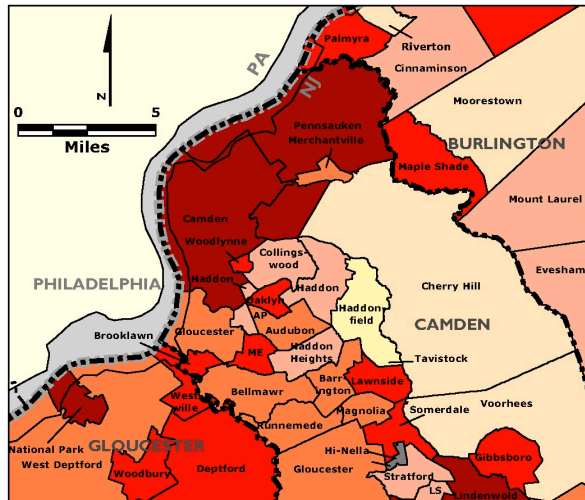


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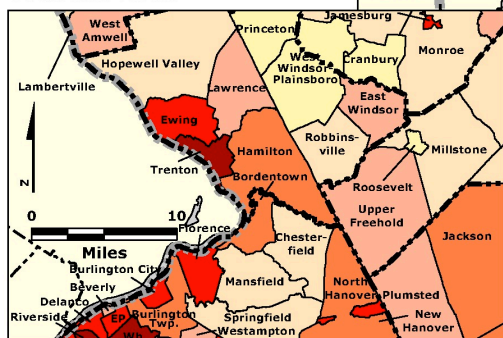
# NEW JERSEY: Percentage of Students that Meet or Exceed English Language Arts Proficiency Standards by Unified and Elementary School Districts, 2016-17

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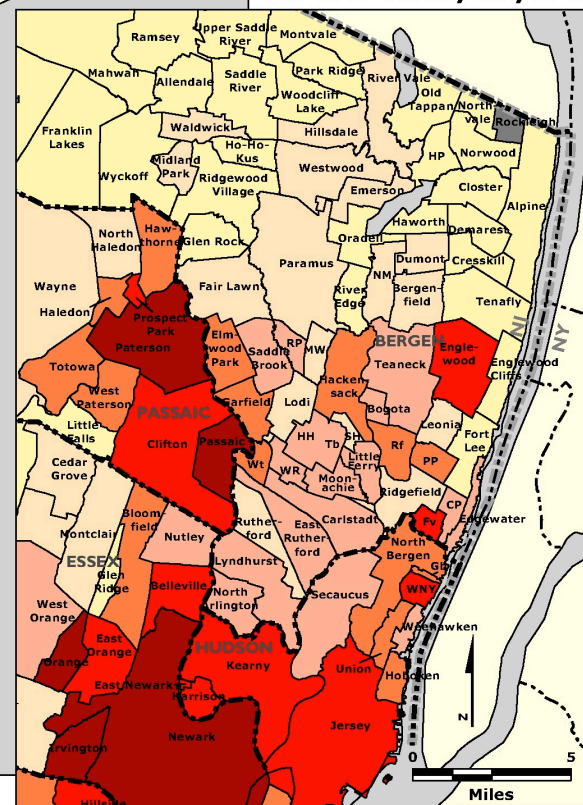
## Legend

Median Value: 54.9%

- 11.6 to 33.9% (38)
- 34.0 to 45.9% (70)
- 46.0 to 54.8% (89)
- 54.9 to 64.8% (97)
- 64.9 to 75.2% (110)
- 75.3 to 92.4% (91)
- No Data (16)

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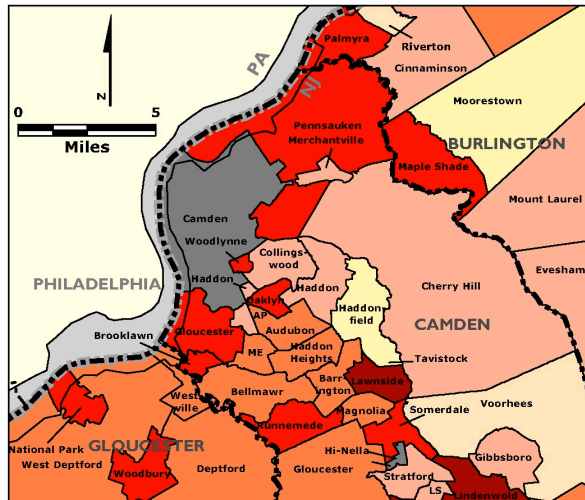


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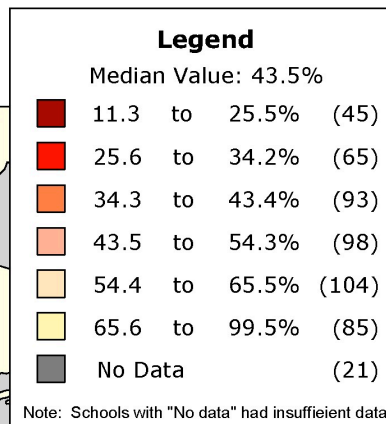
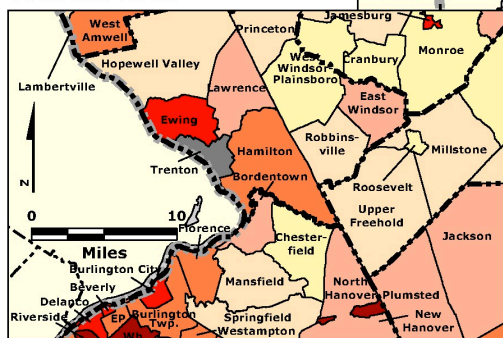


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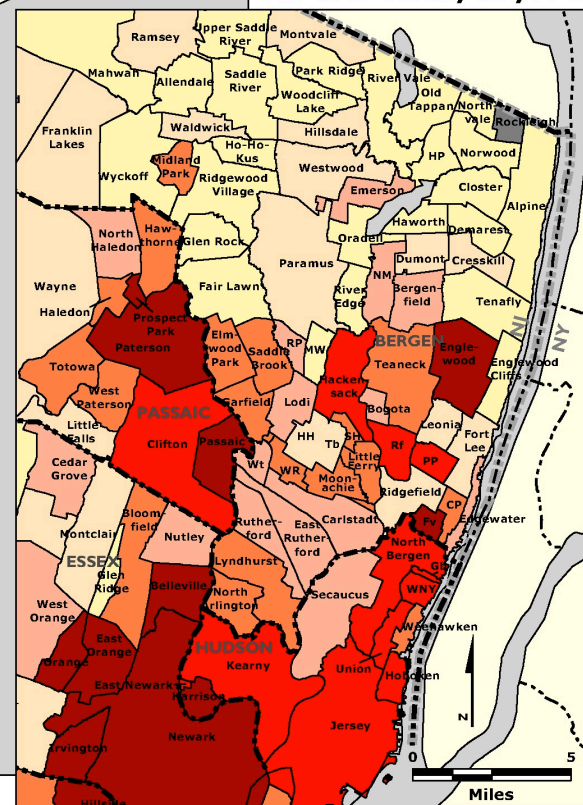
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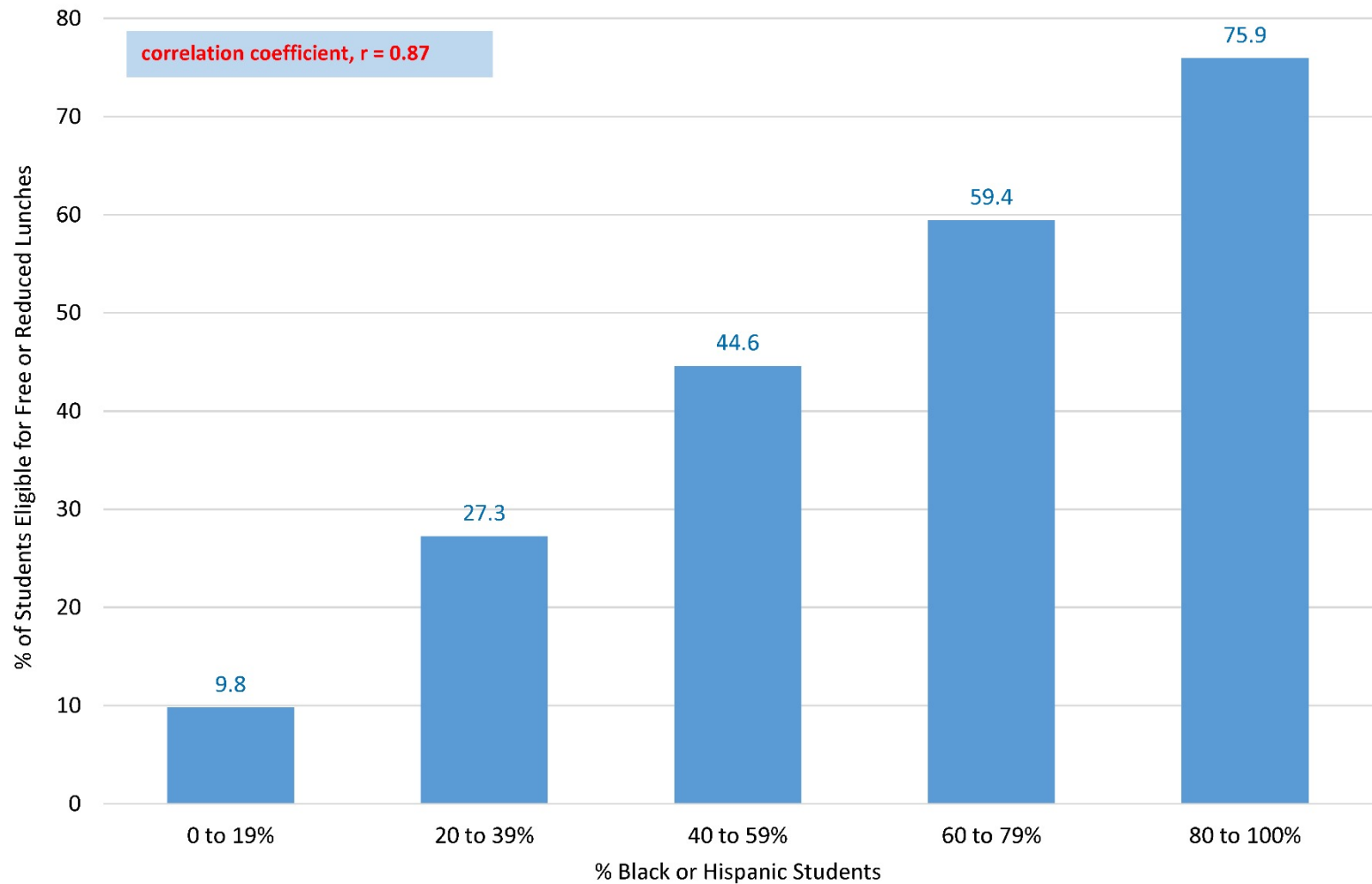


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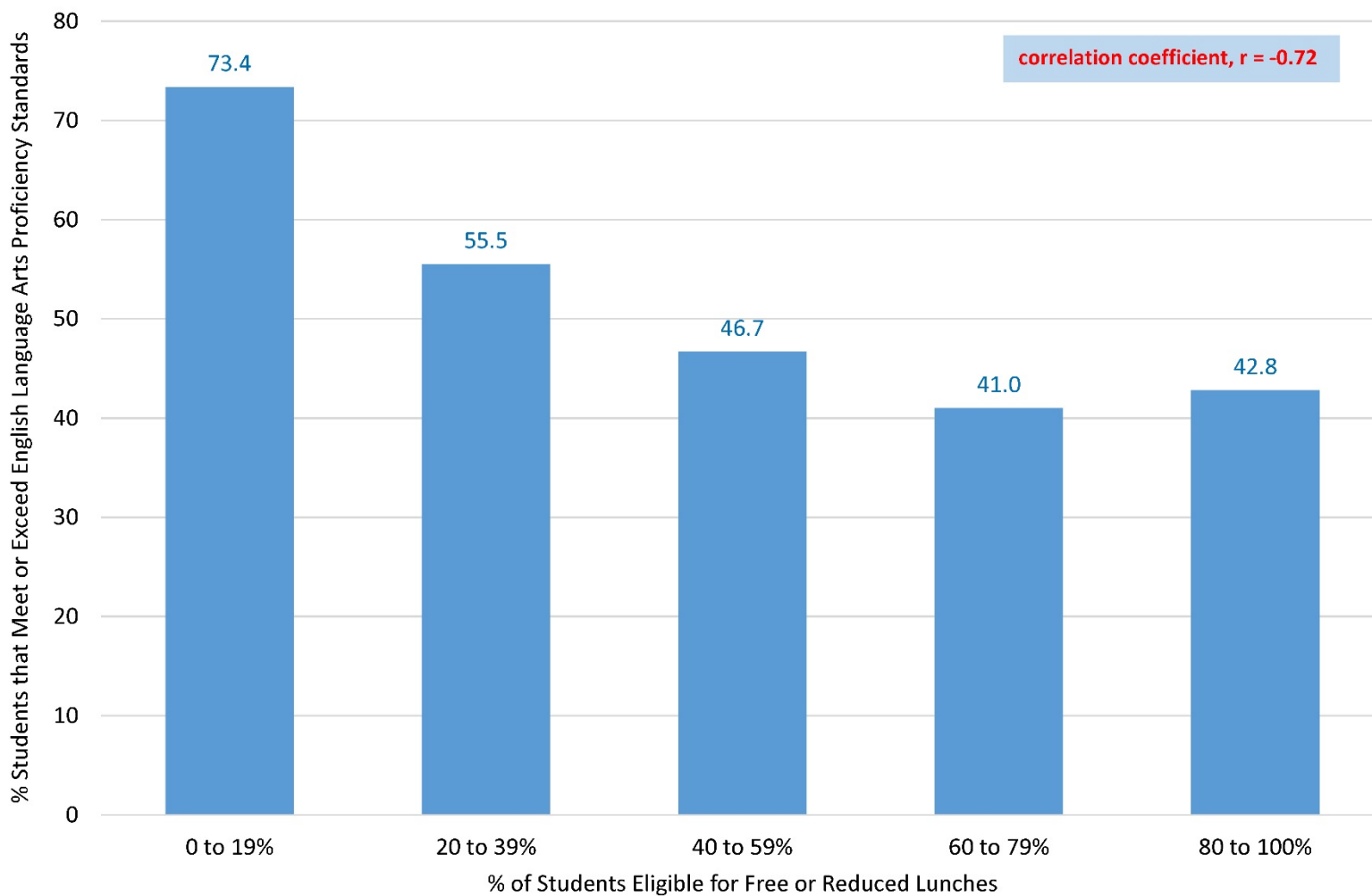
### New Jersey: Correlation Between Low Income and Black or Hispanic Students by School Districts, 2018-19





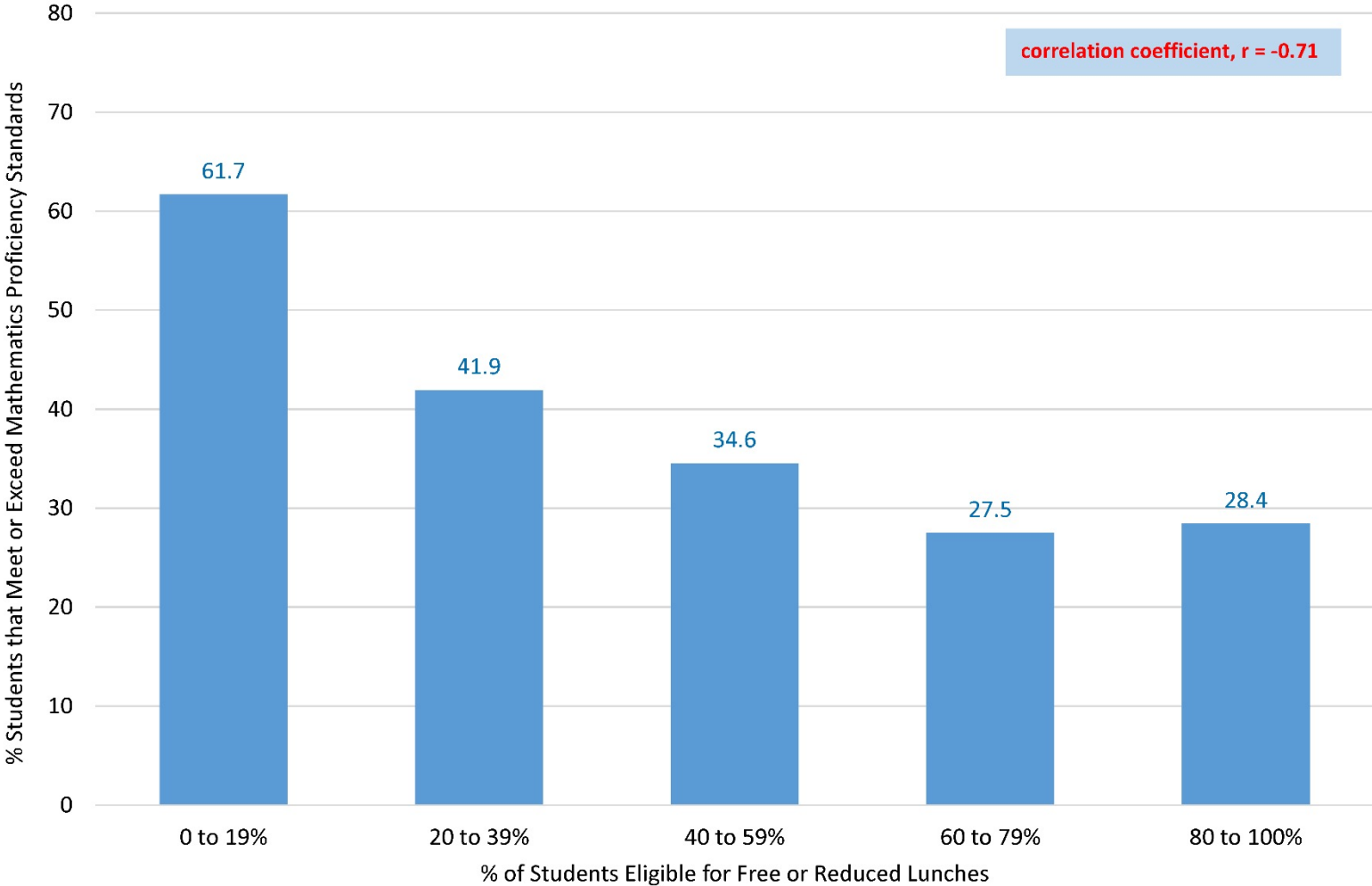


## New Jersey: English Proficiency and Low Income Students by School Districts, 2018-19





# New Jersey: Math Proficiency and Low Income Students by School Districts, 2018-19

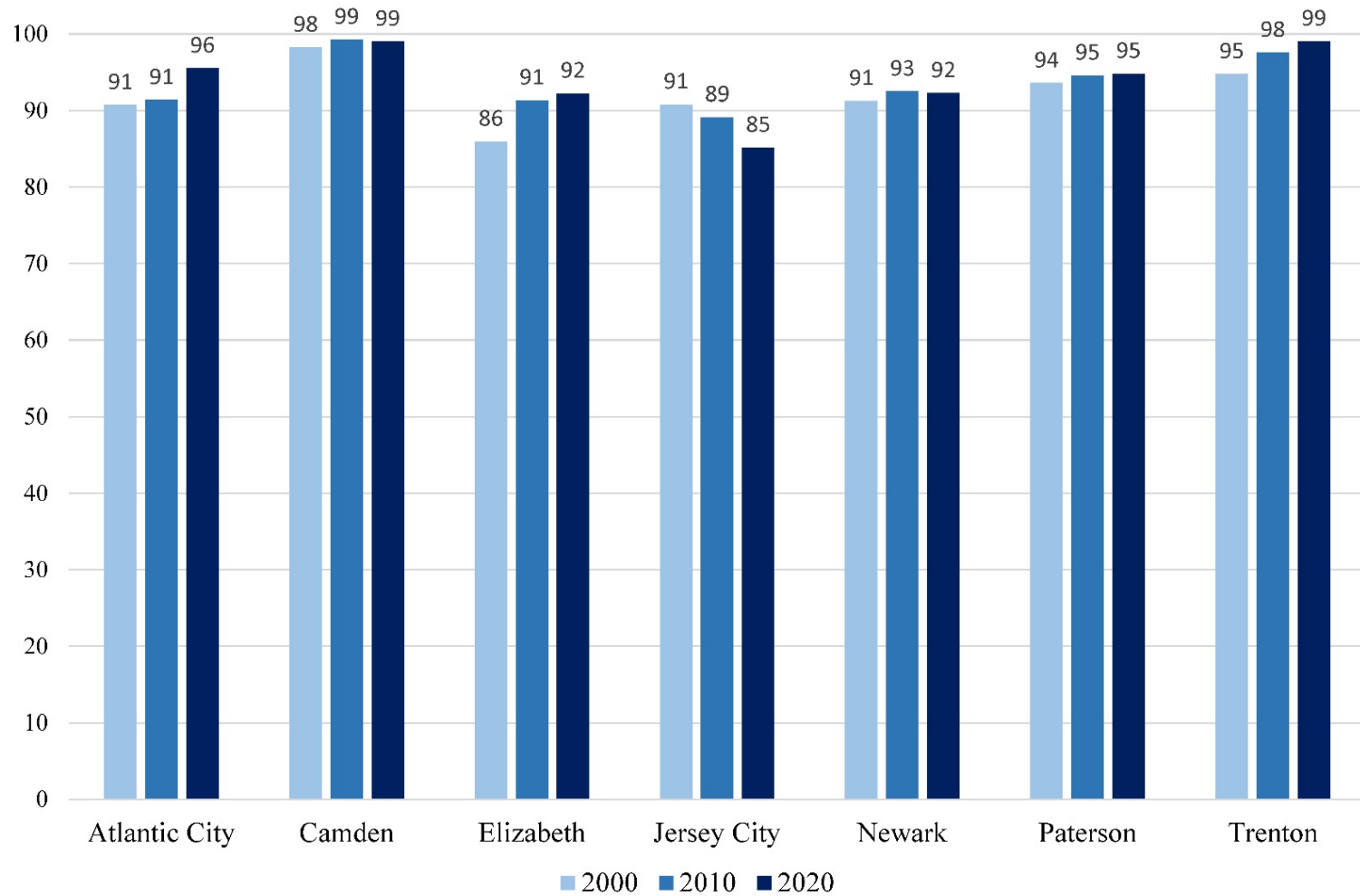


## **New Jersey's Schools Remains Deeply Segregated**

Despite some gentrification & the state's growing diversity, urban schools in New Jersey have remained *intensely segregated*



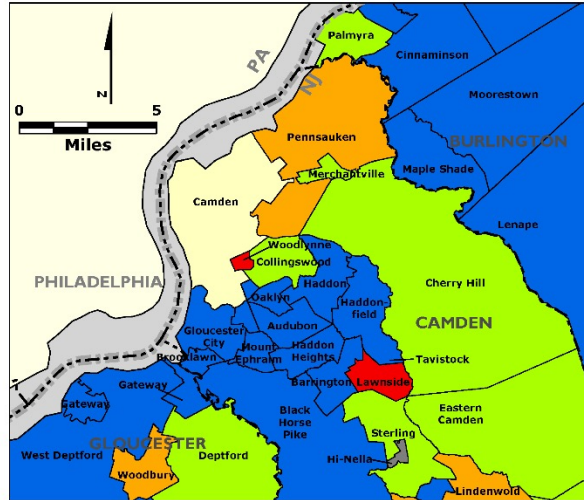
## Percentage Racial Minority Population in New Jersey Central City School Districts



- Many suburban school districts have gotten *more diverse*
- Some are *rapidly* resegregating

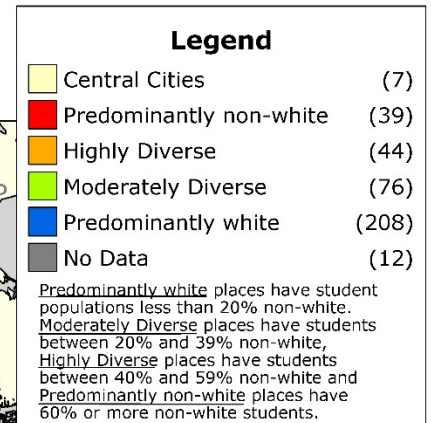
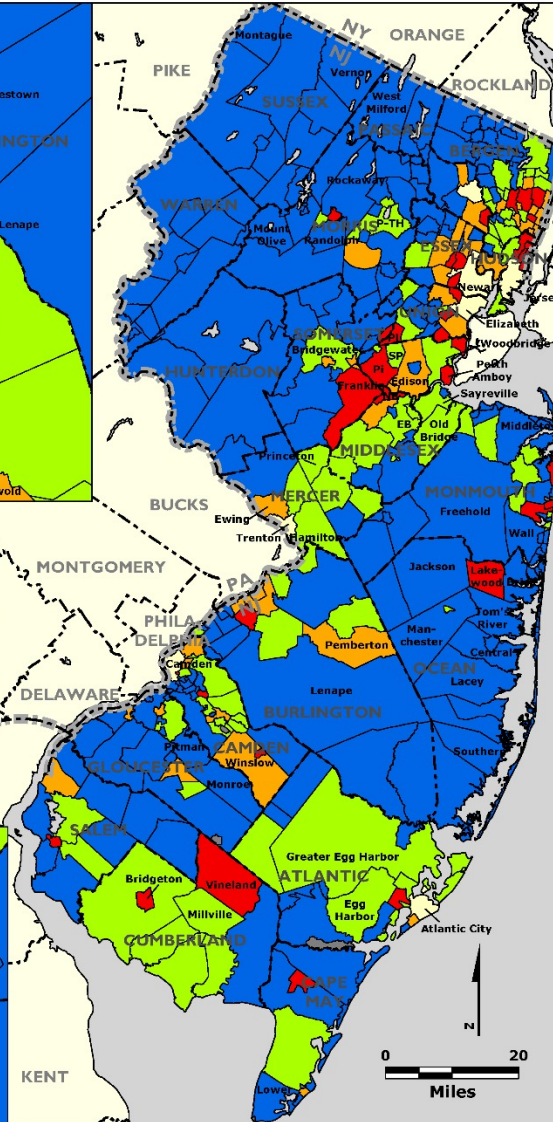
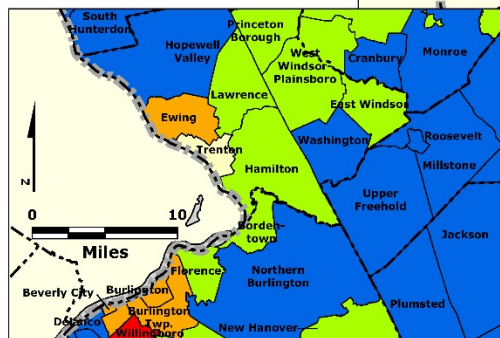
# NEW JERSEY Racially Diverse Places by School Districts, 1999-2000

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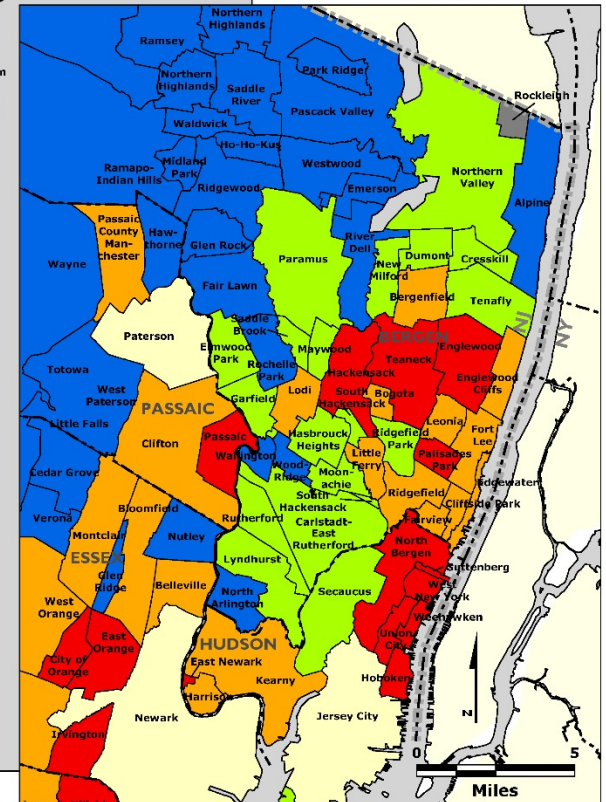


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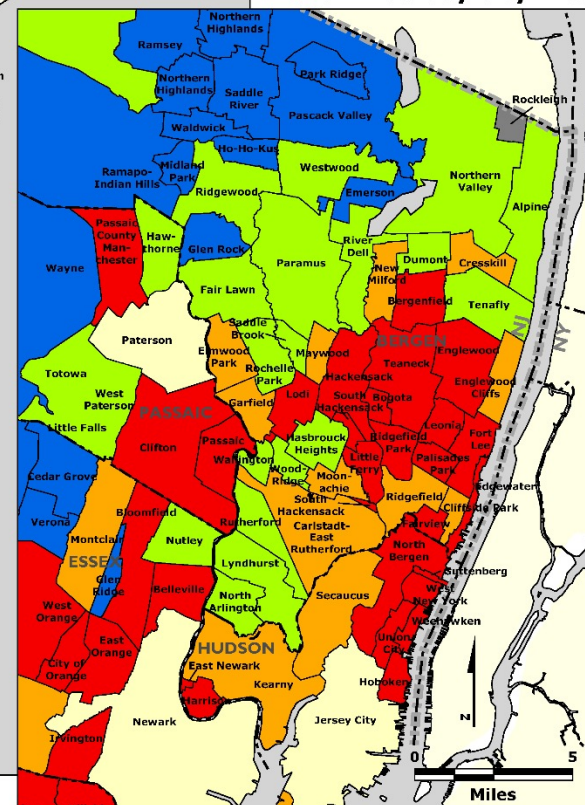
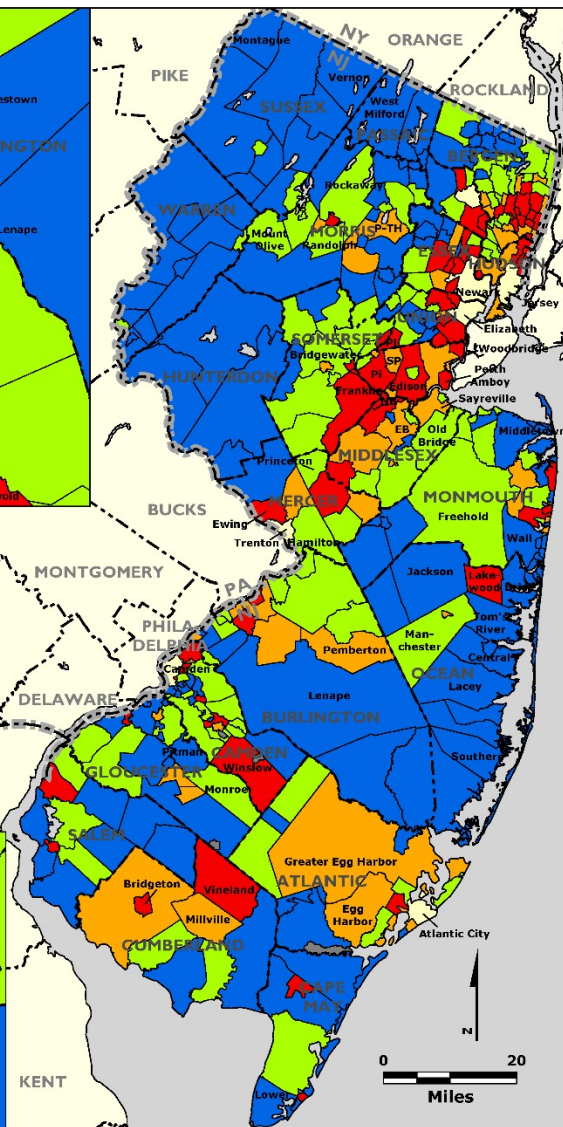
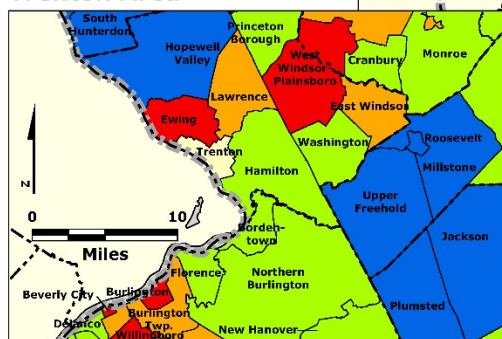
## Newark- Jersey City Area



Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics..



## Trenton Area



Central Cities	(7)
Predominantly non-white	(70)
Highly Diverse	(49)
Moderately Diverse	(100)
Predominantly white	(147)
No Data	(13)

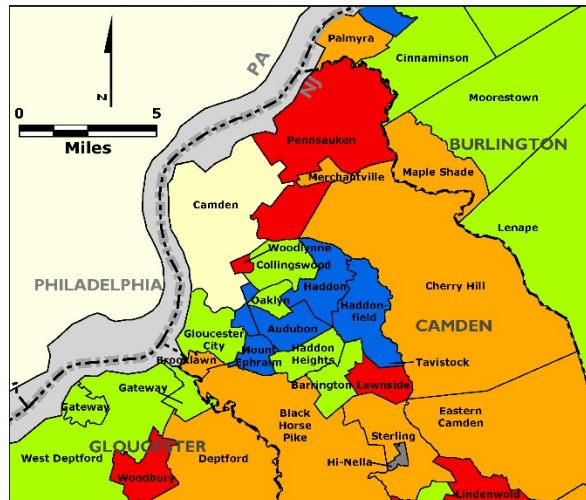
Predominantly white places have student populations less than 20% non-white. Moderately Diverse places have students between 20% and 39% non-white, Highly Diverse places have students between 40% and 59% non-white and Predominantly non-white places have 60% or more non-white students.

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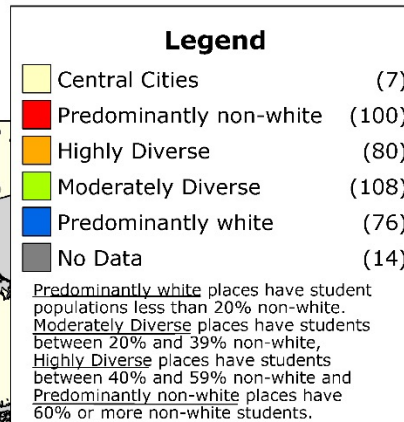
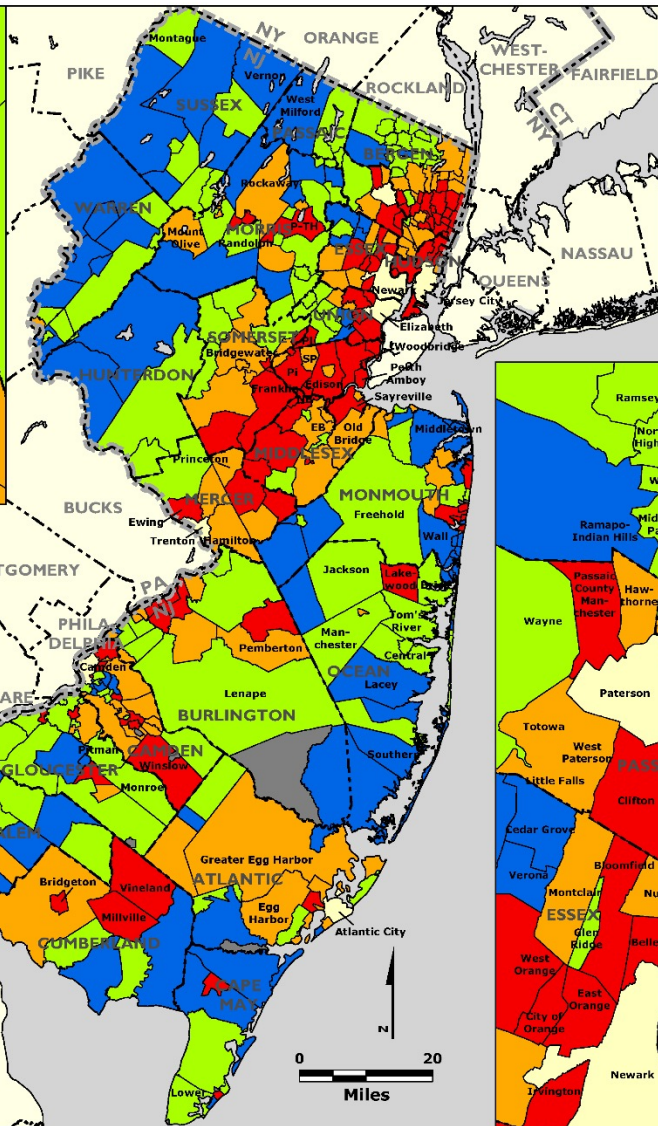
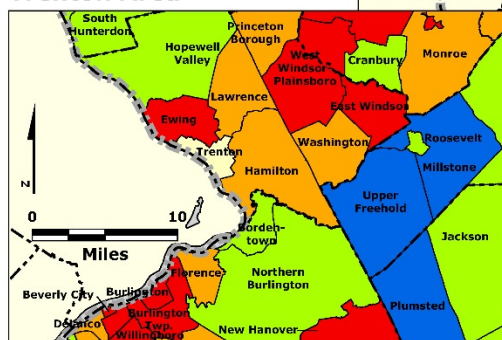
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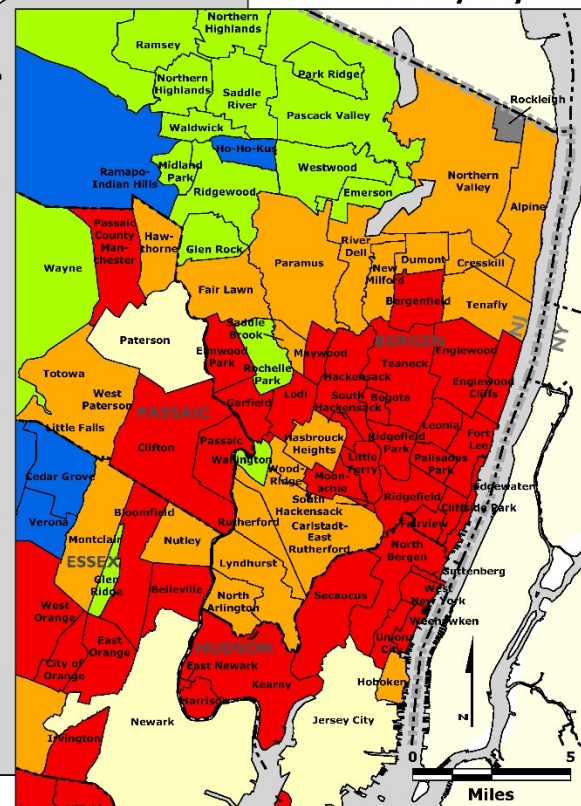


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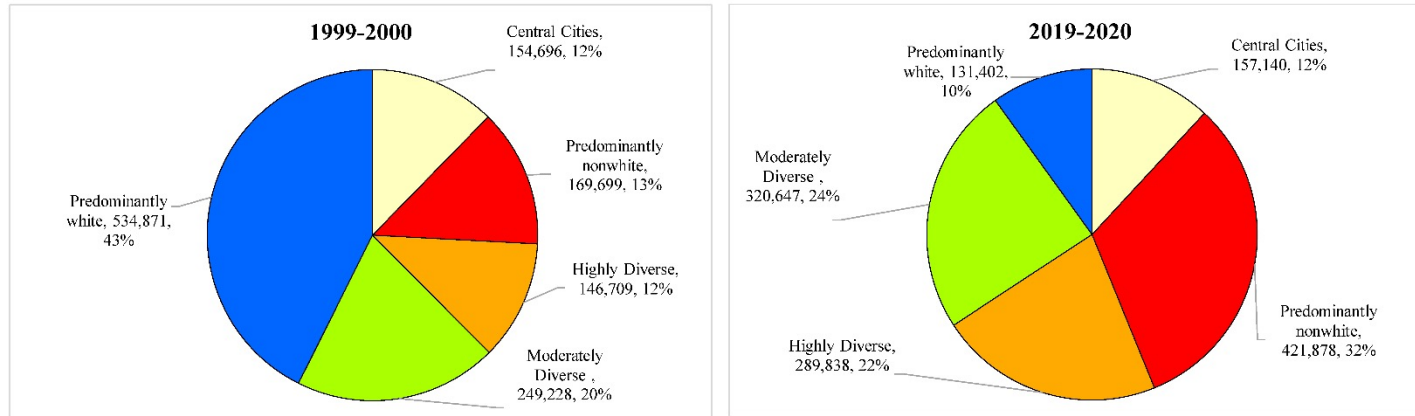
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- Racially diverts towns & school districts are in trouble
- But they create a *powerful political opportunity* for change.

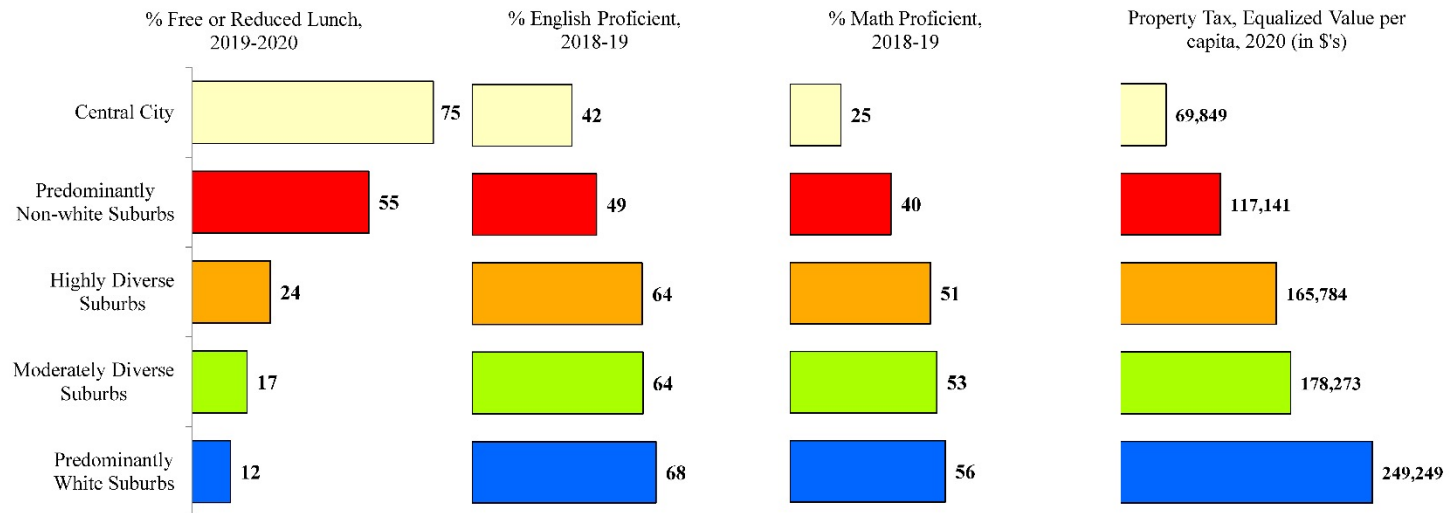


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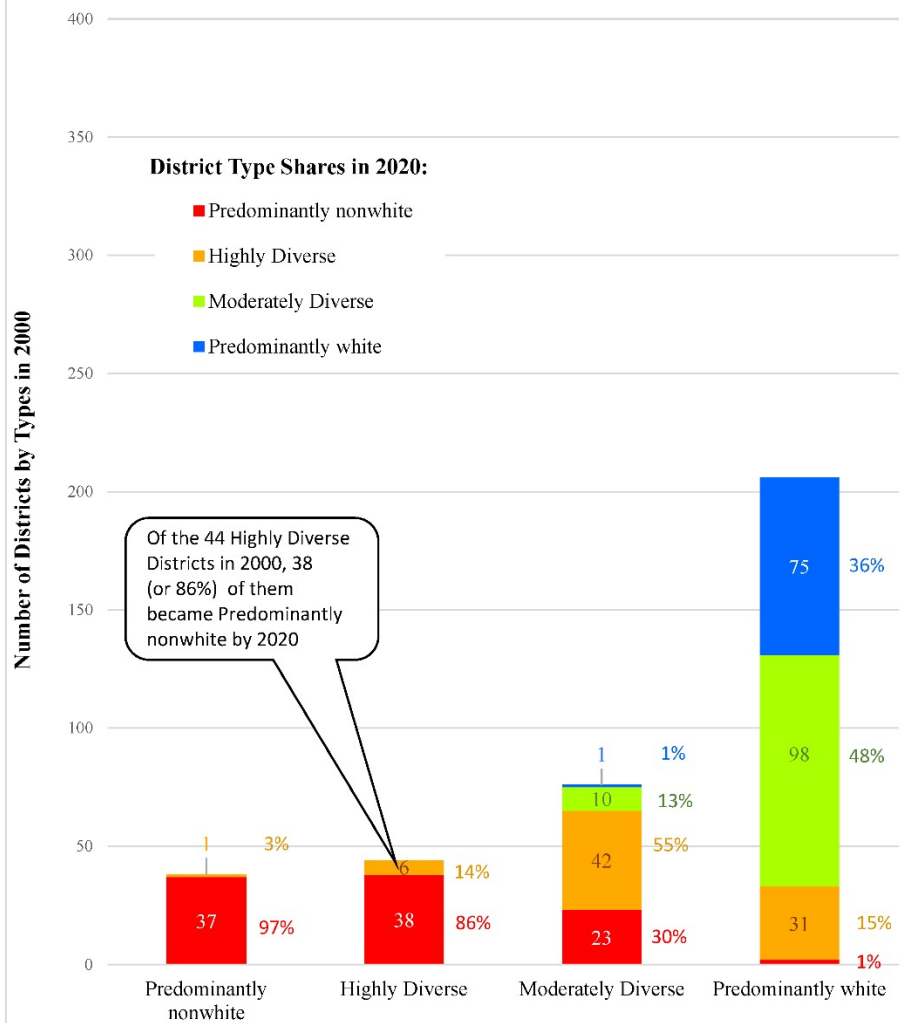
## Distribution of public school students across school district types



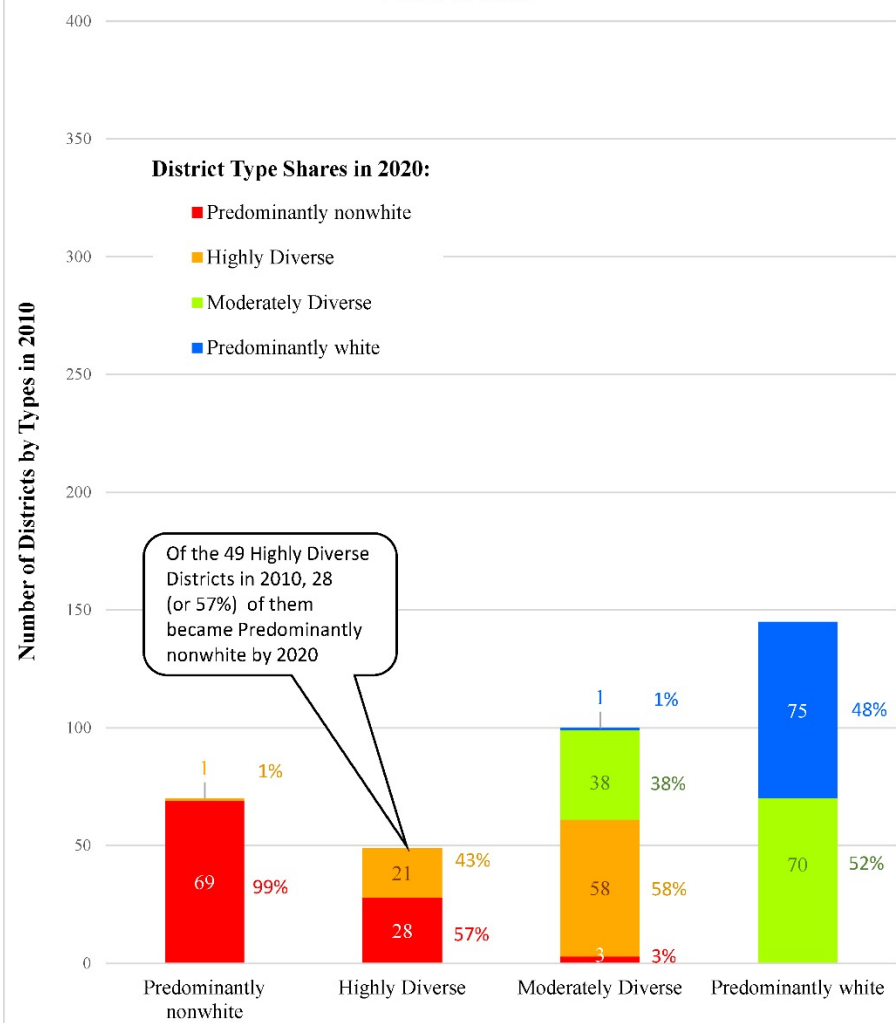
## Characteristics of the school district types



## Racial Transition of New Jersey Suburban School Districts, 2000 to 2020

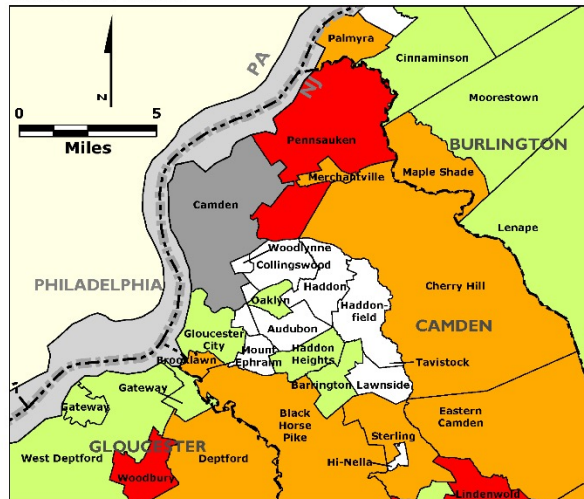


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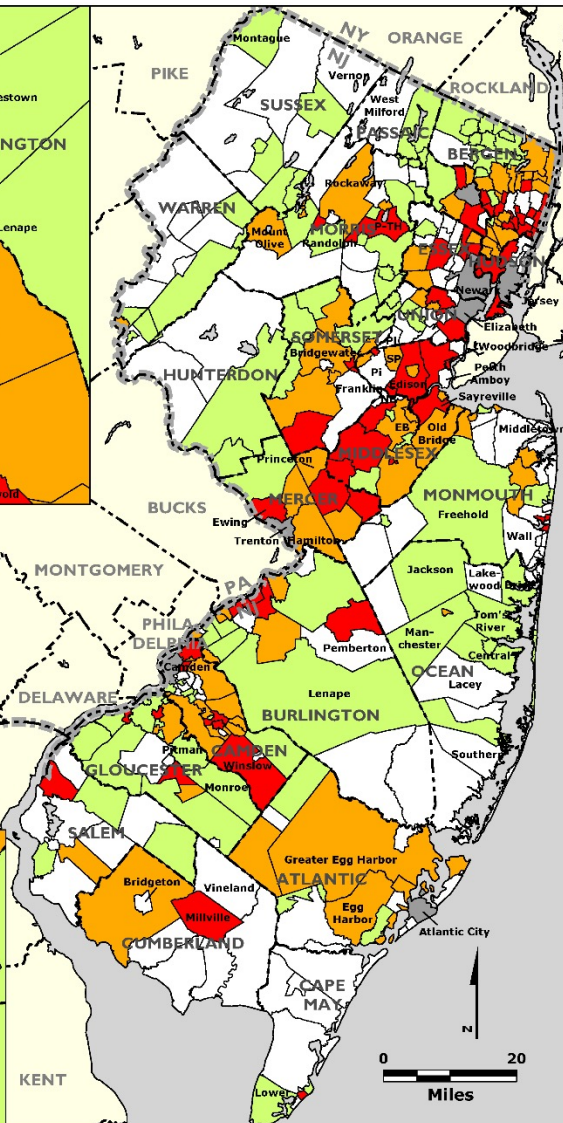
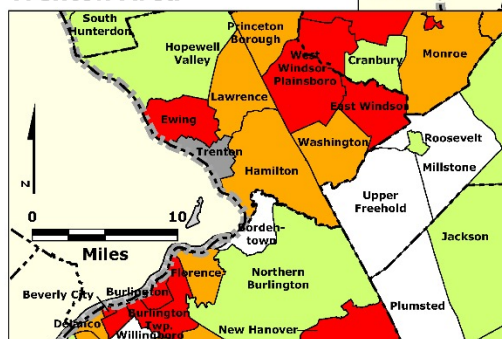
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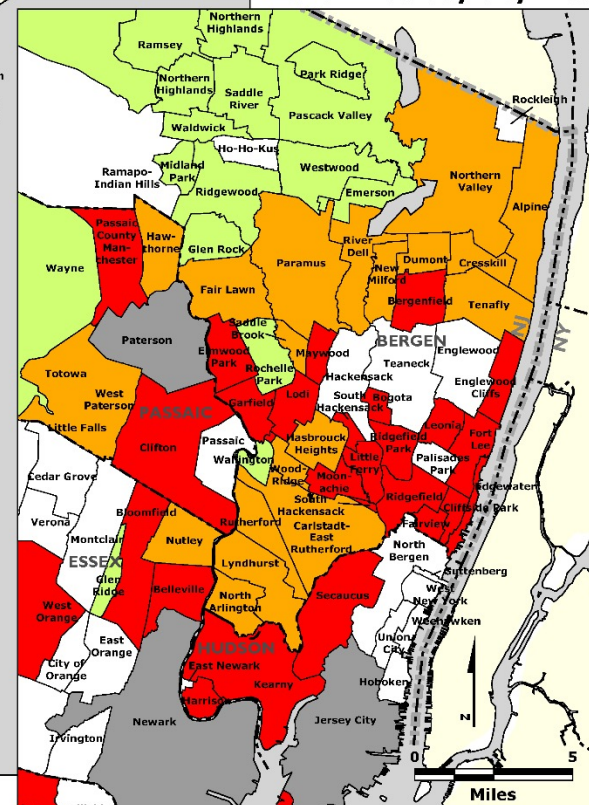
## Trenton Area



## Resegregating to:

- Predominantly non-white (63)  
from diverse or  
predominantly white districts
- Highly Diverse (73)  
from moderately diverse  
or predominantly white  
districts
- Moderately Diverse (98)  
from predominantly  
white districts
- Central City Districts (7)

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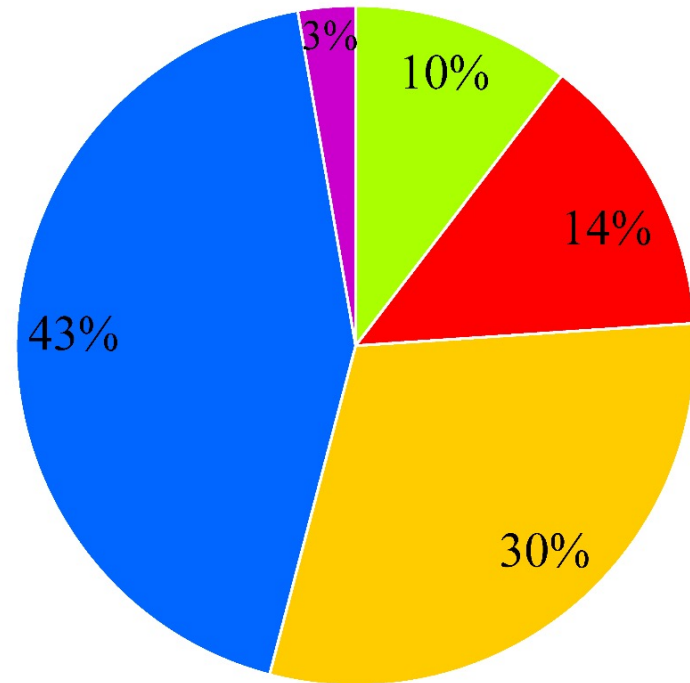
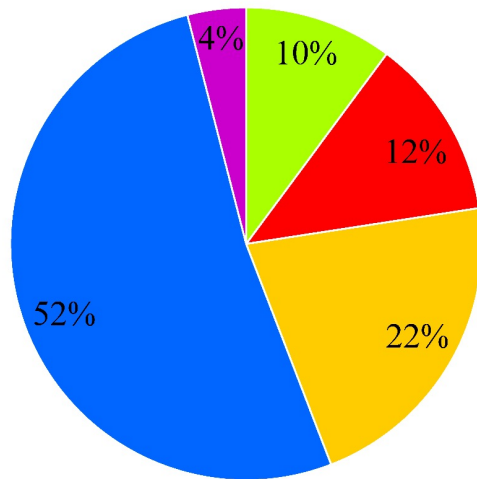
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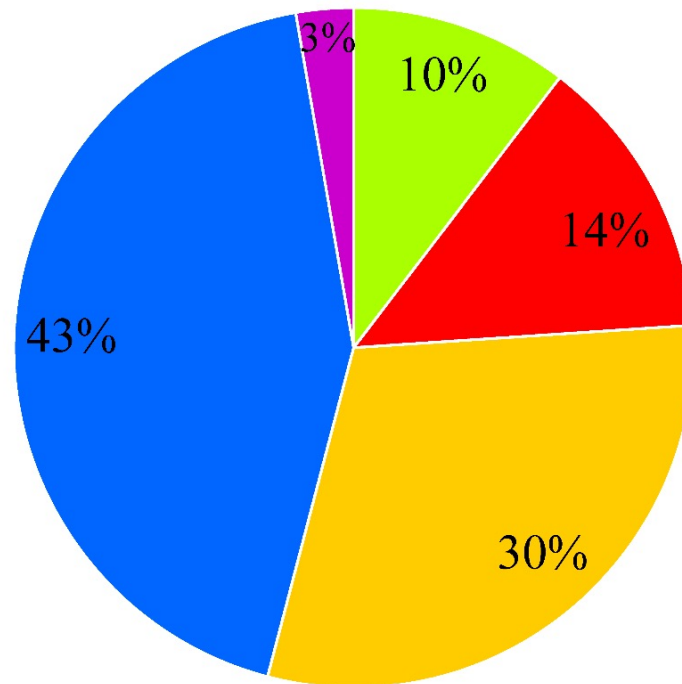
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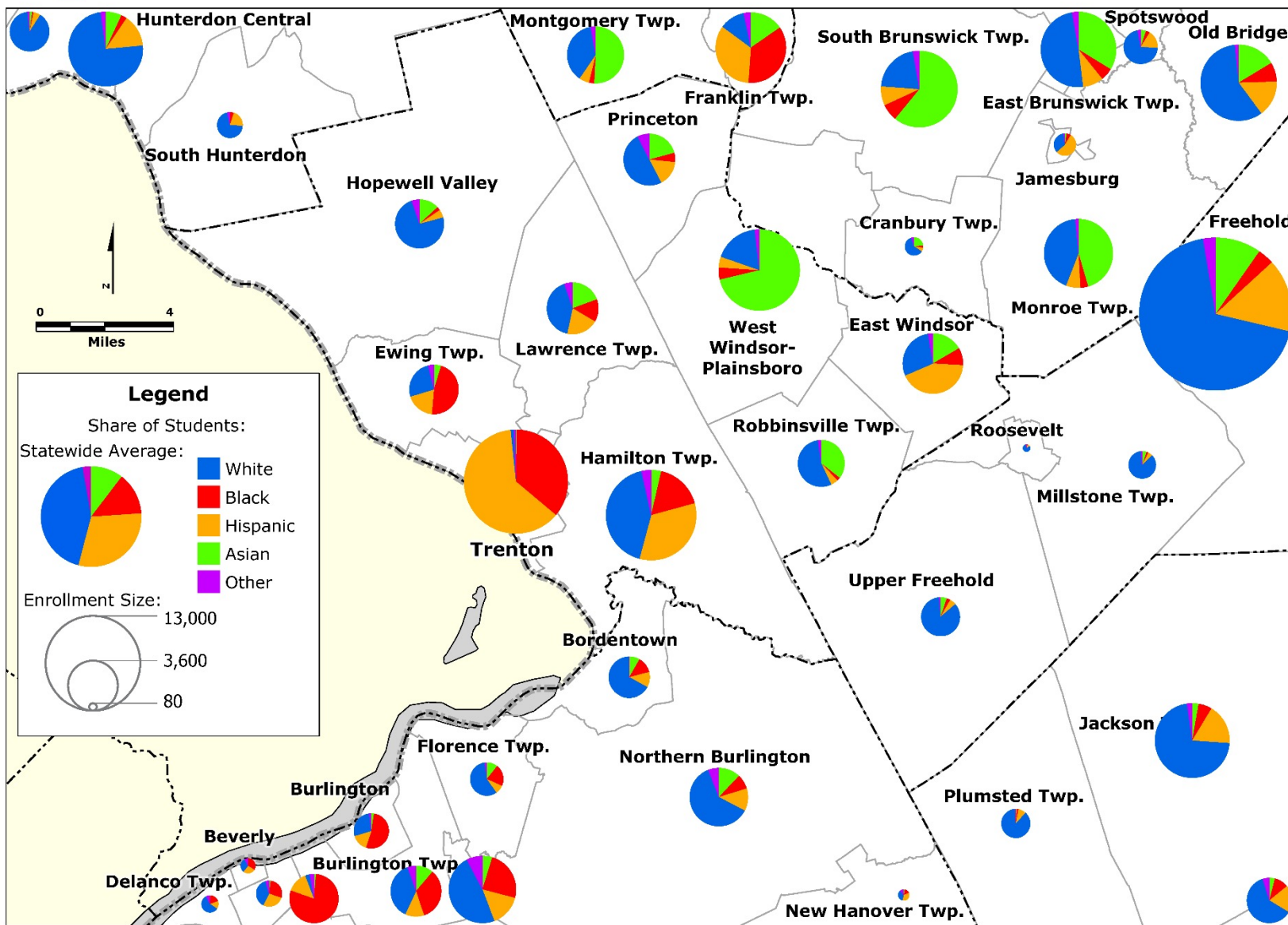
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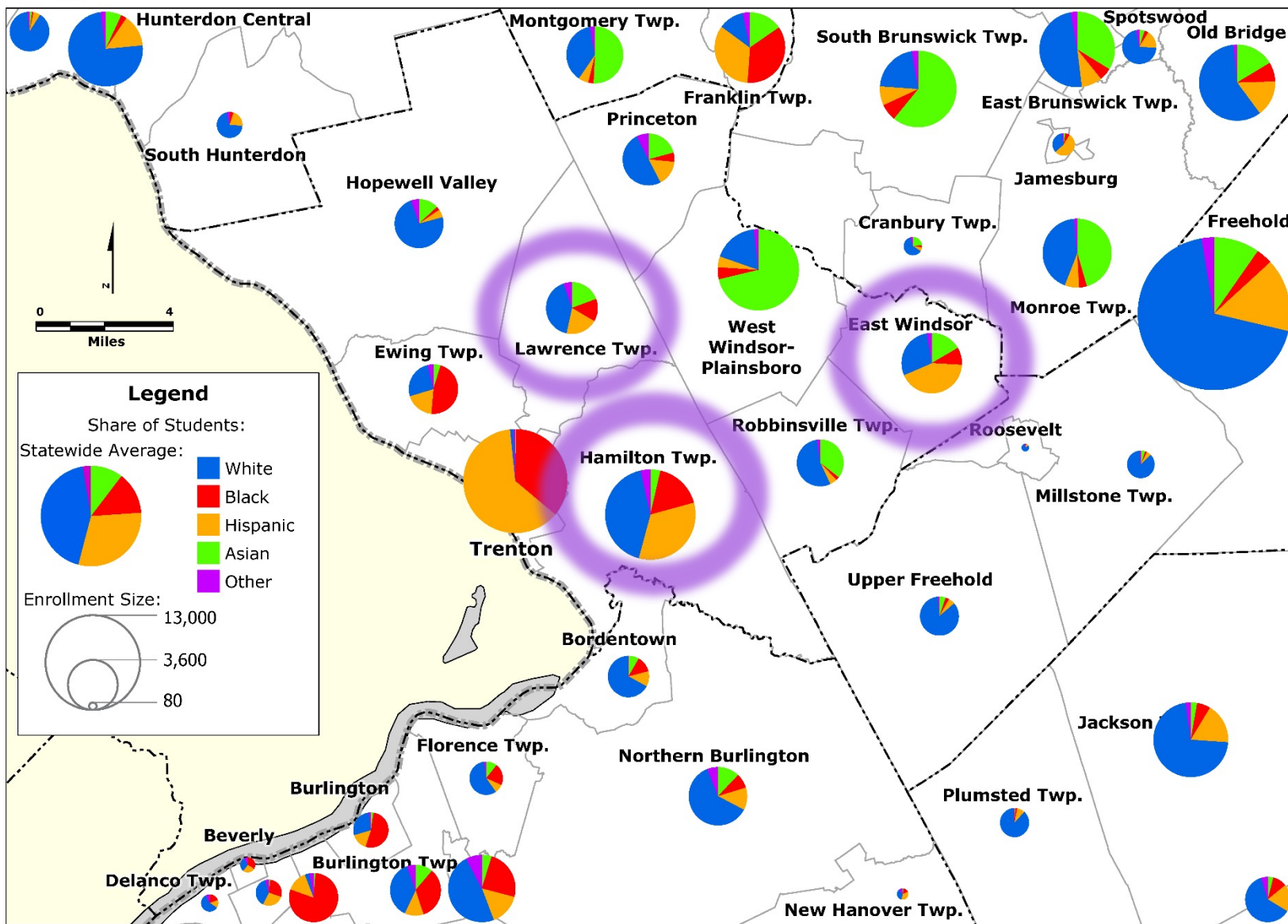




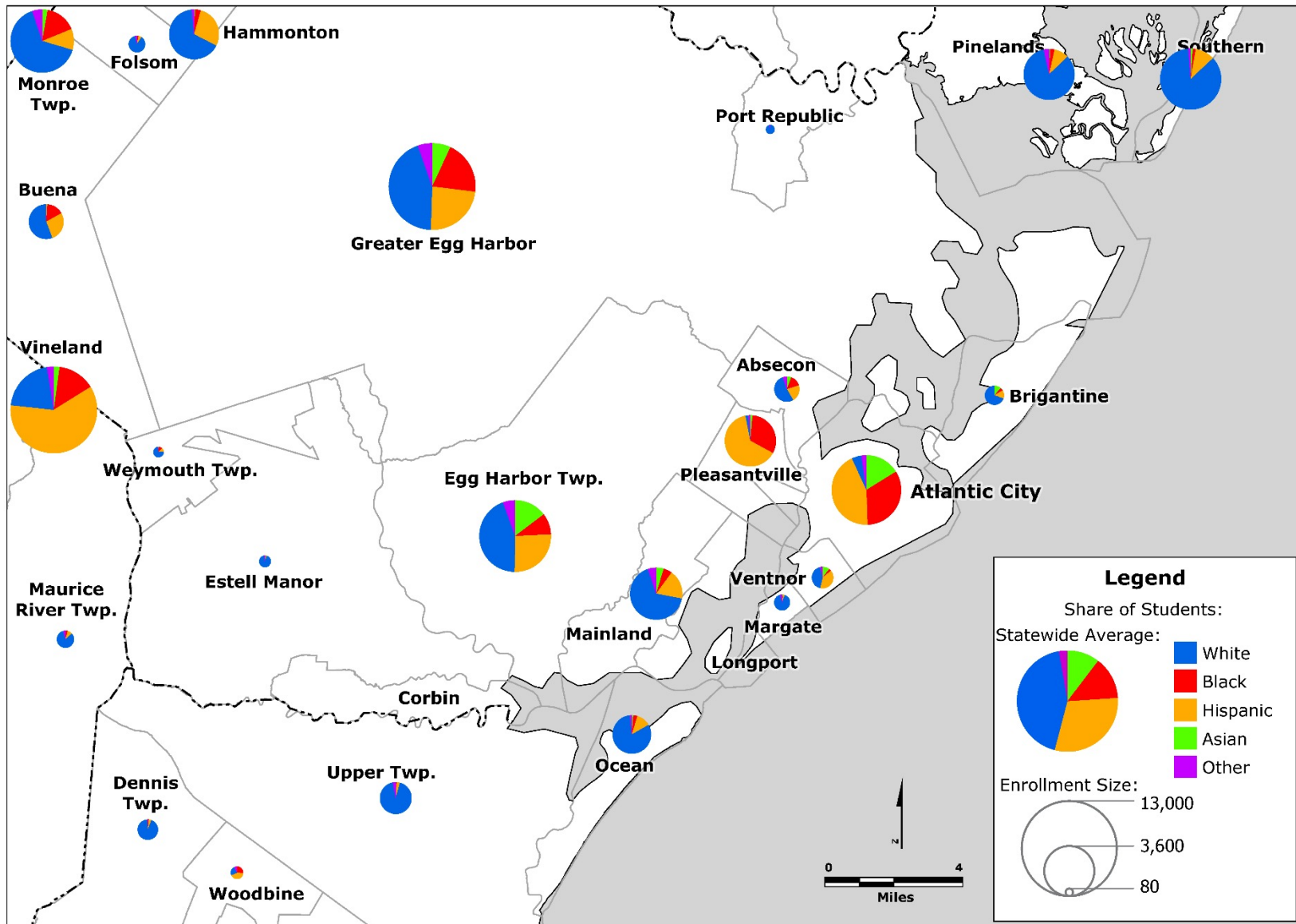
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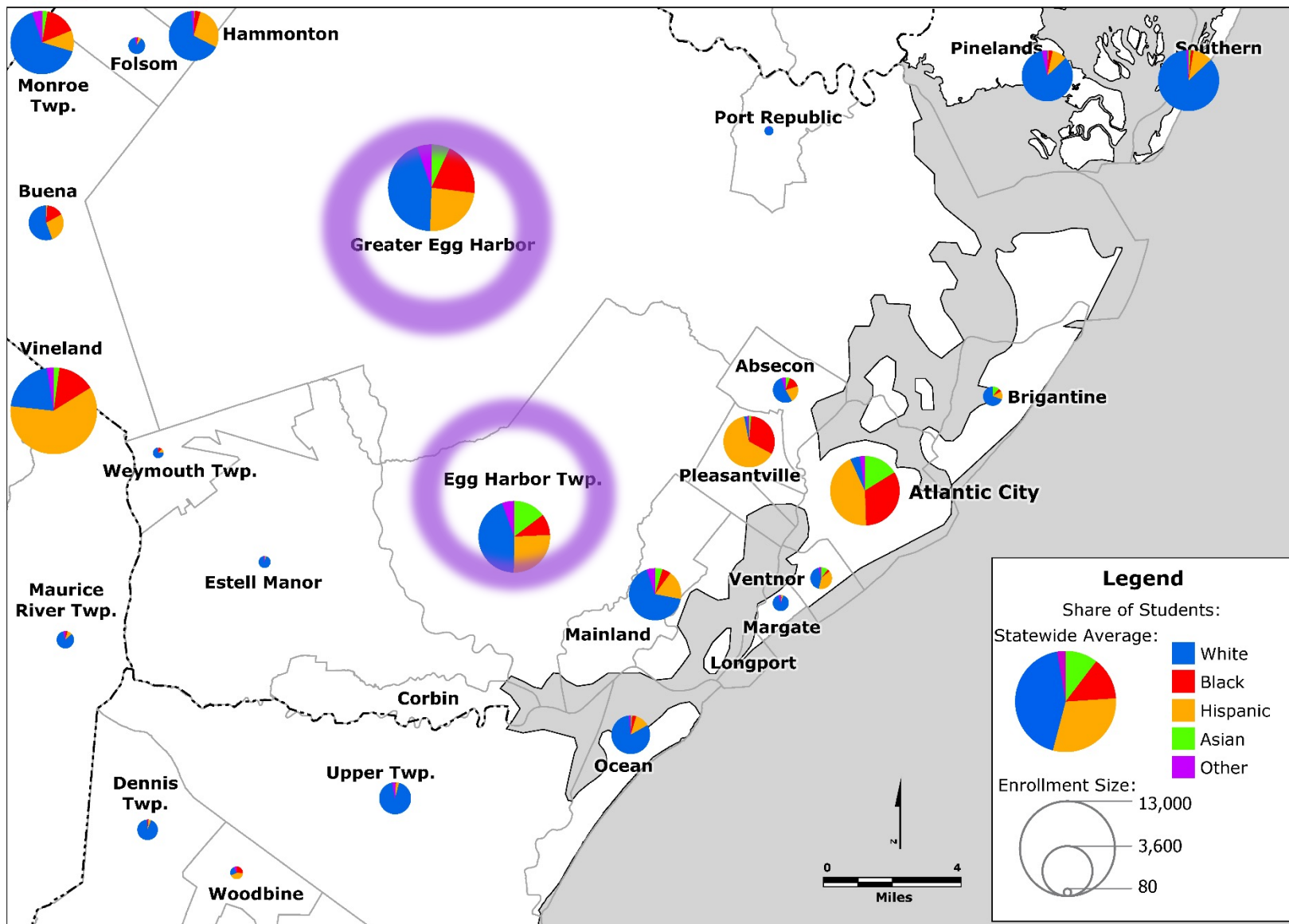


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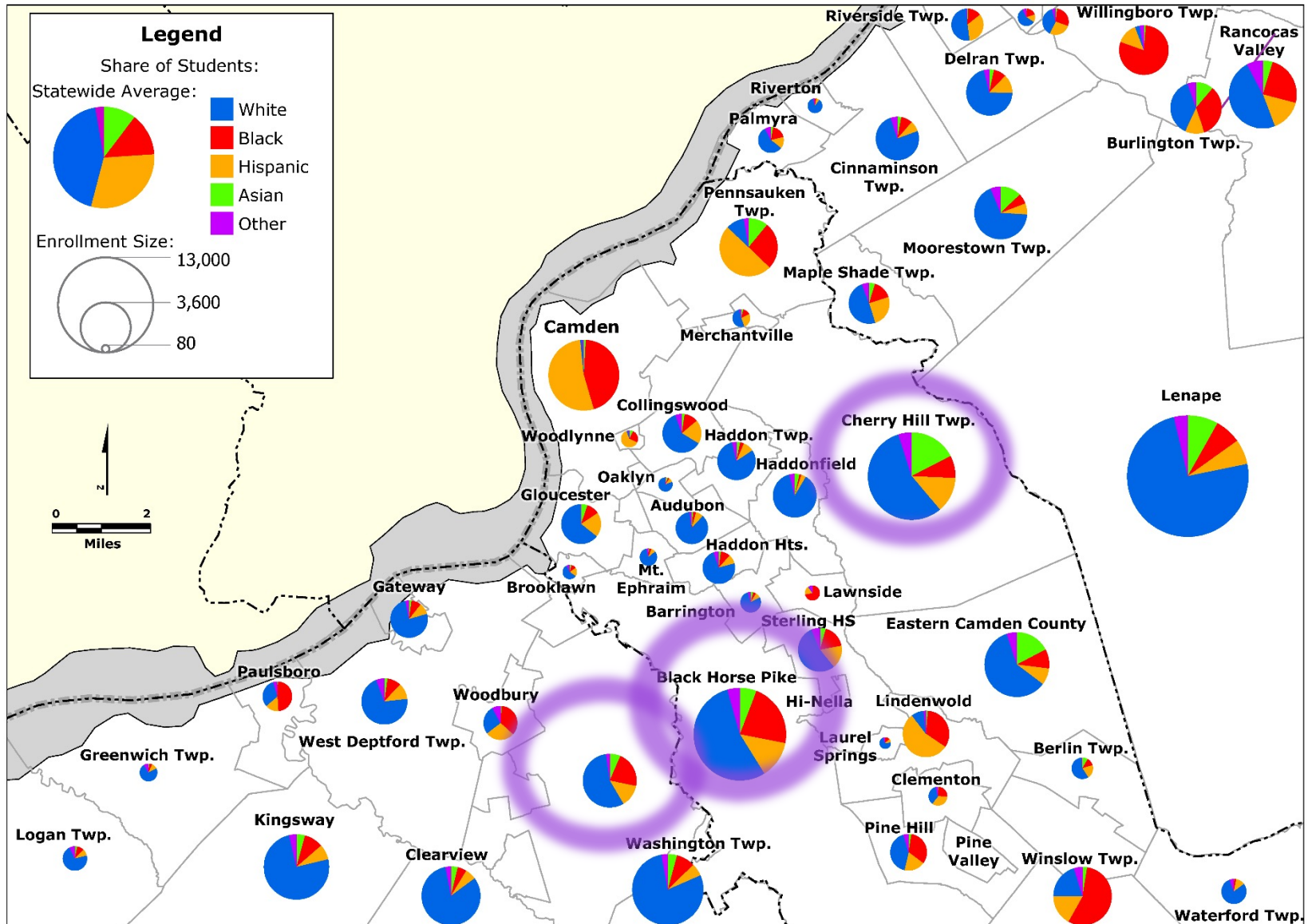




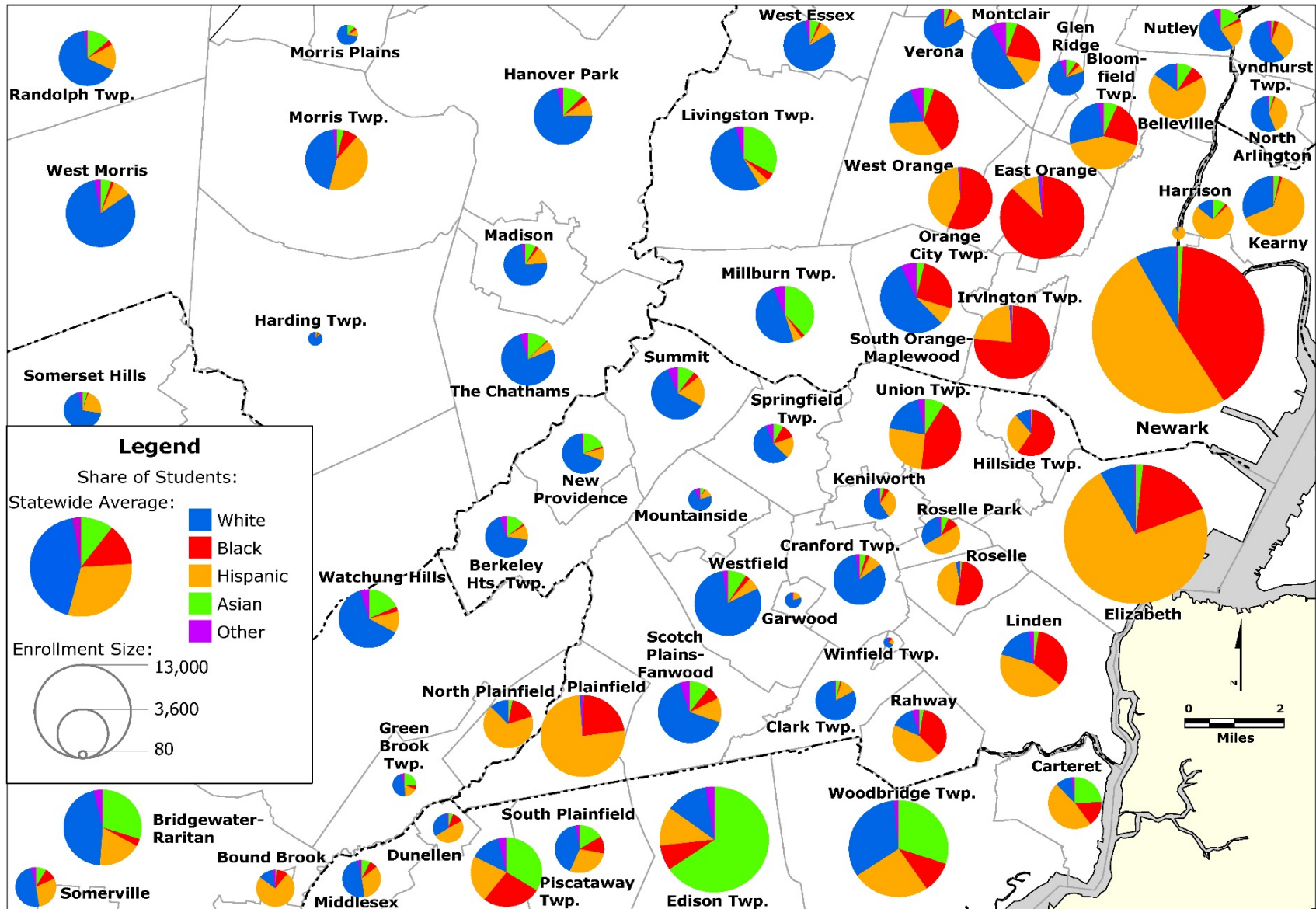




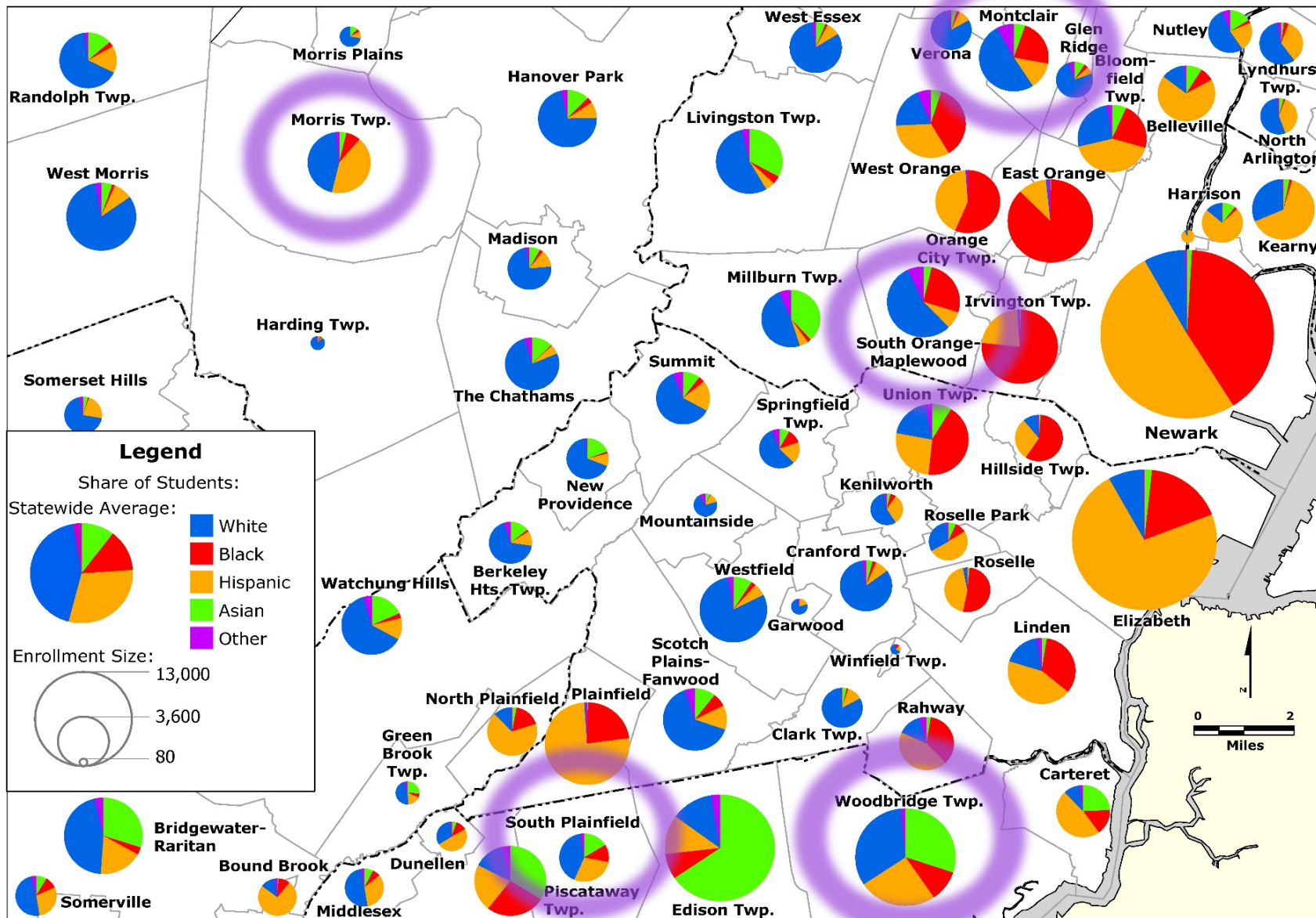
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# NEWARK- NORTH NEW JERSEY AREA Race of Public School Students by School Districts in 2019-2020



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# It's not just about race, its about *opportunity*

Next map measures *opportunity* by school district using factors including:

- % of Free & Reduced School Lunch

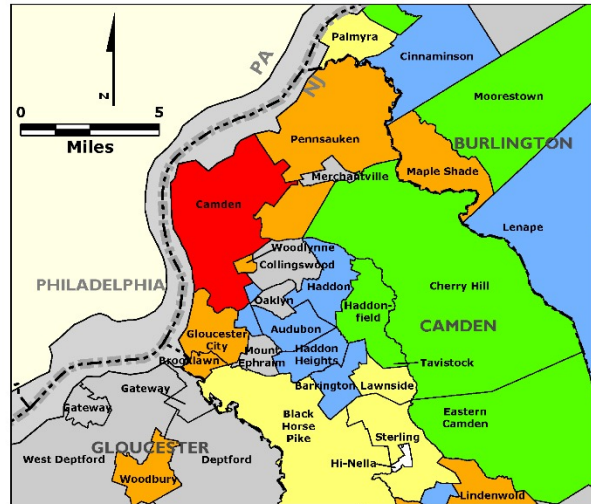
- % proficient in Math & Reading

- Per Pupil-Property Tax Capacity

Green & Blue areas are the *highest opportunity* districts with very few low-income students, best scores & highest ratable base.

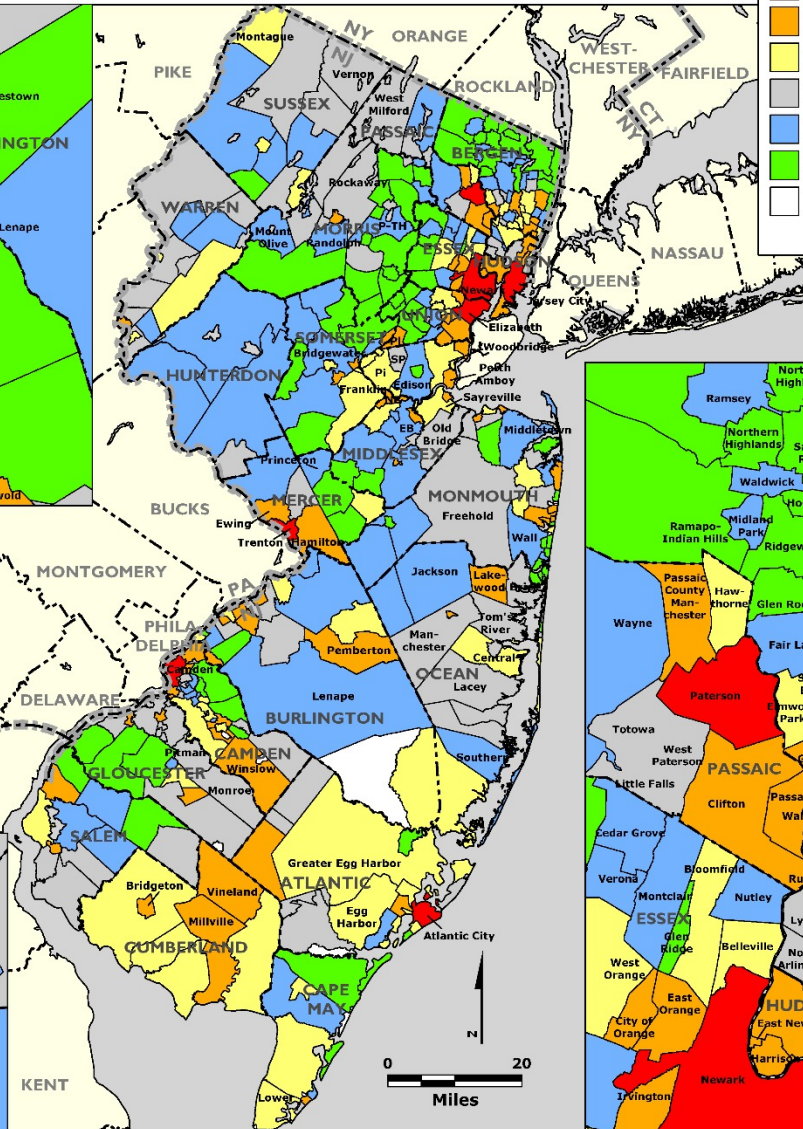
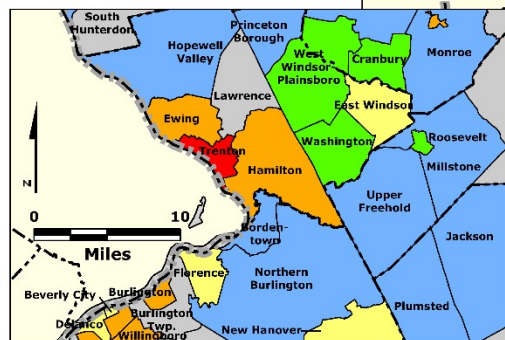
# NEW JERSEY Opportunity Types of School Districts in 2020

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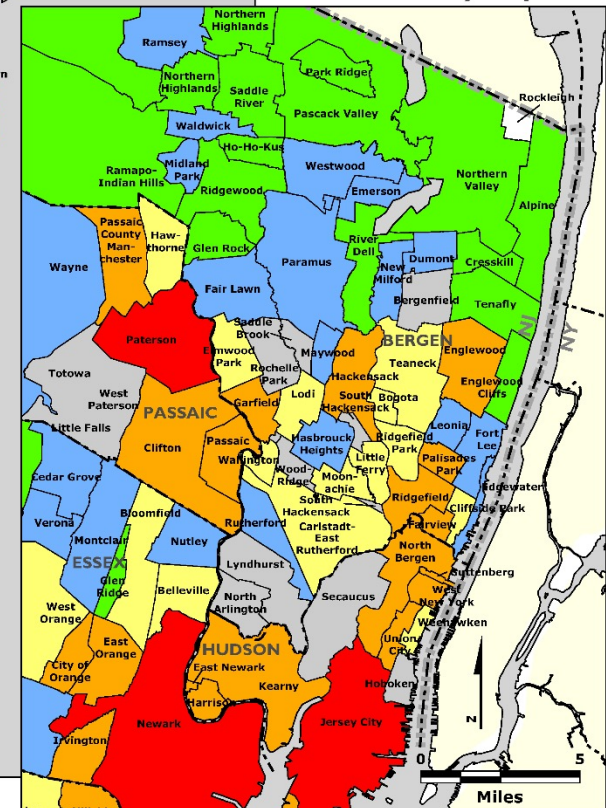
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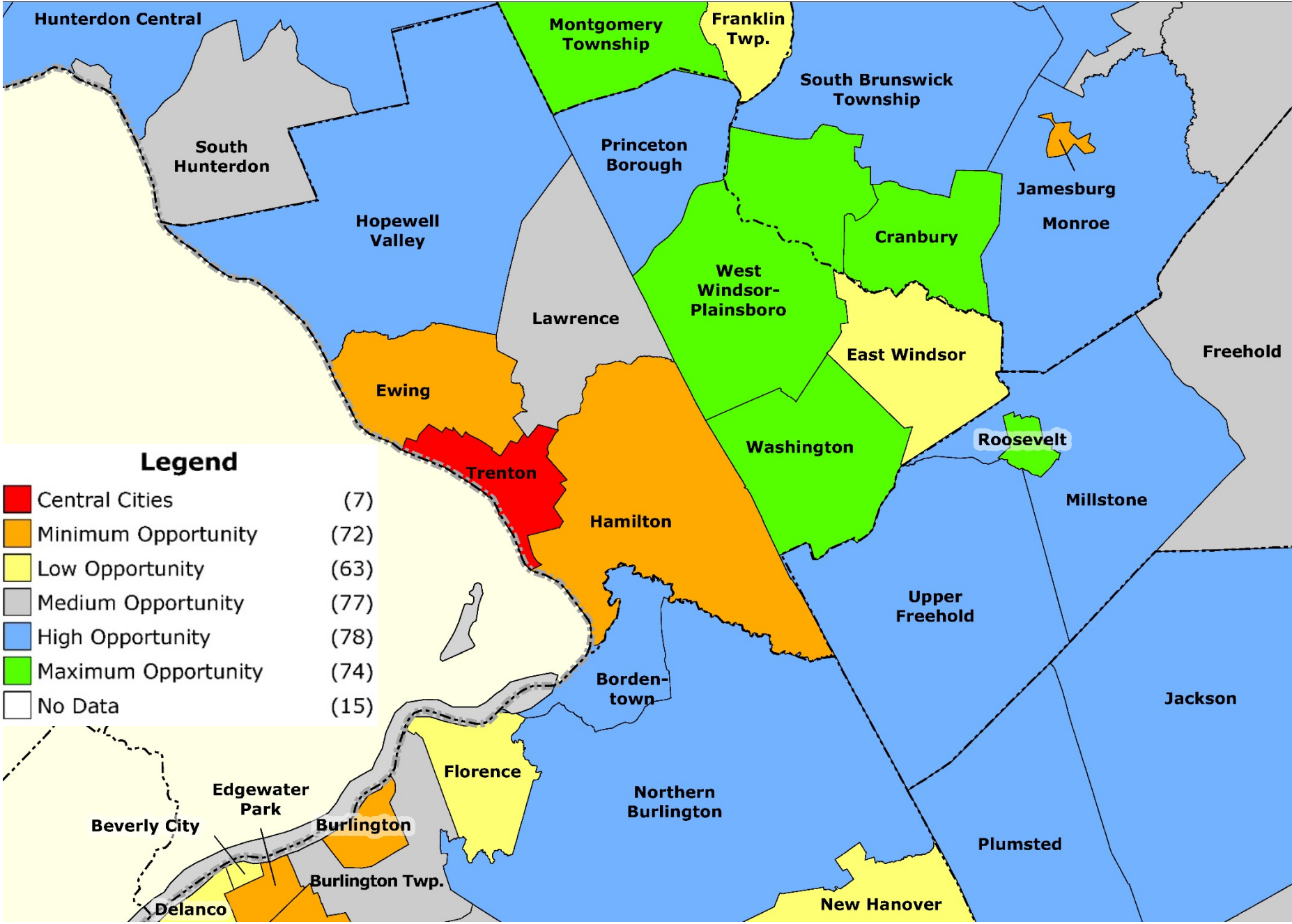
## Legend

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Minimum Opportunity	(72)
Low Opportunity	(63)
Medium Opportunity	(77)
High Opportunity	(78)
Maximum Opportunity	(74)
No Data	(15)

## Newark- Jersey City Area



Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics,  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.





**You can change this..**

***..but you are up against powerful forces***

- Segregation for profit
- Poverty housing & schools industrial complex
- Secessionist for hire in NJ