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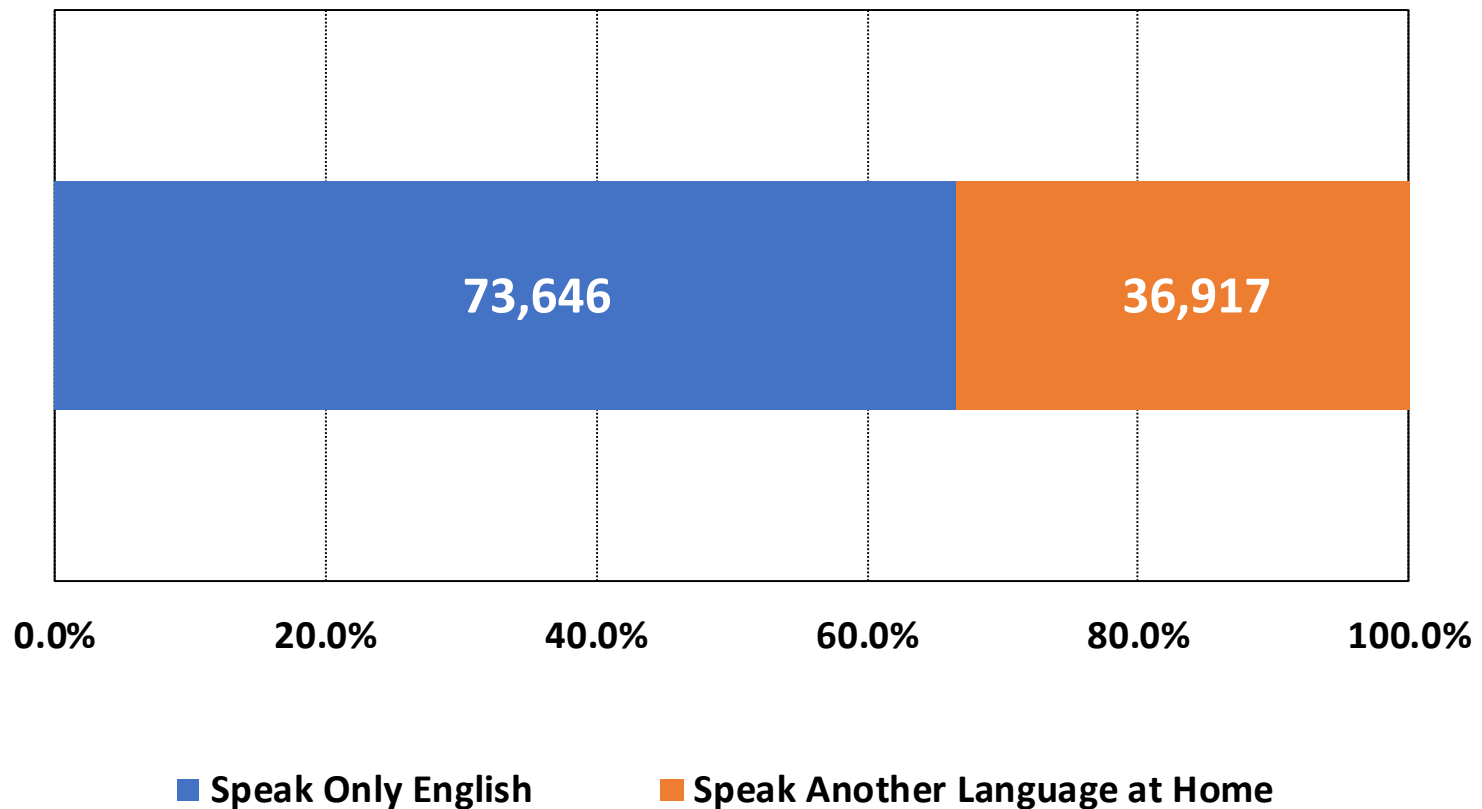
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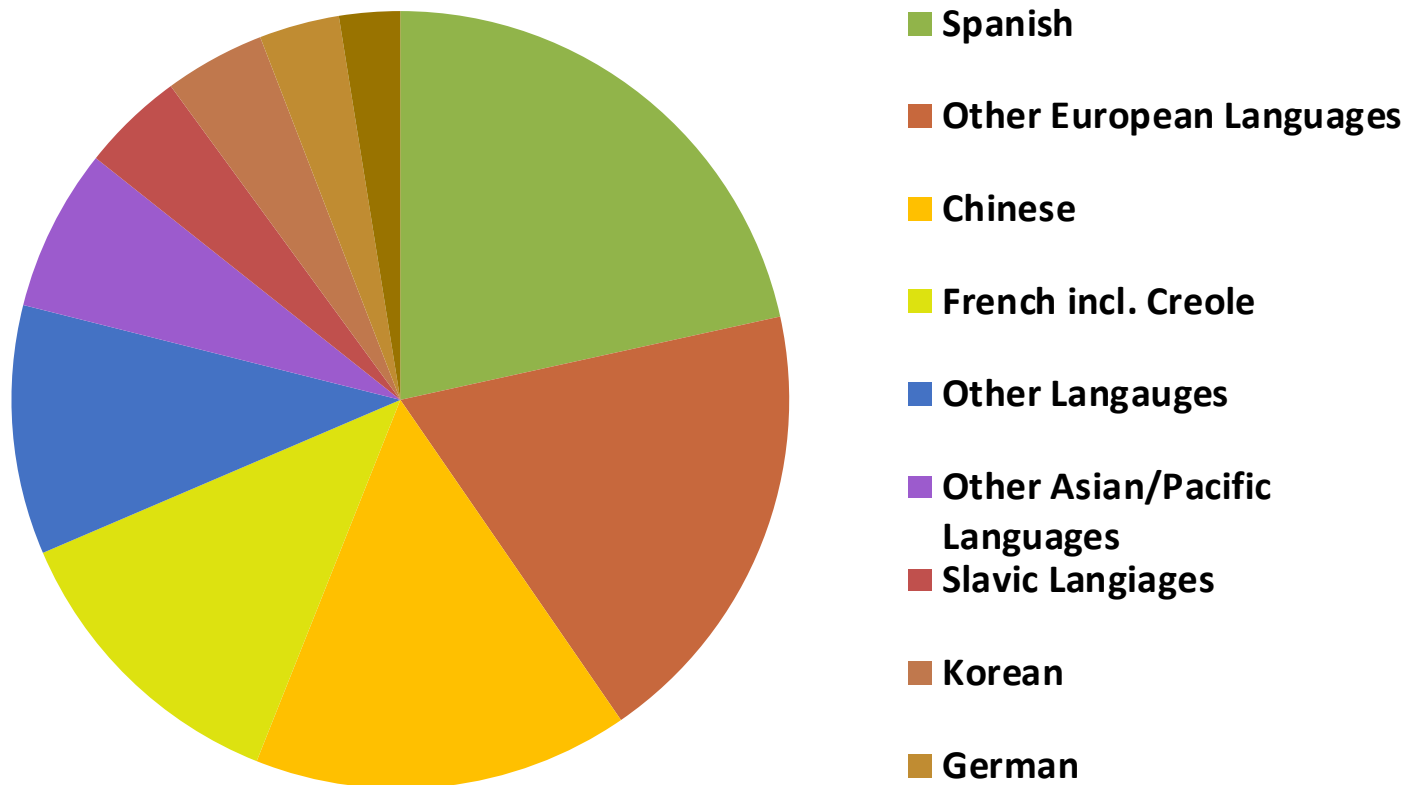
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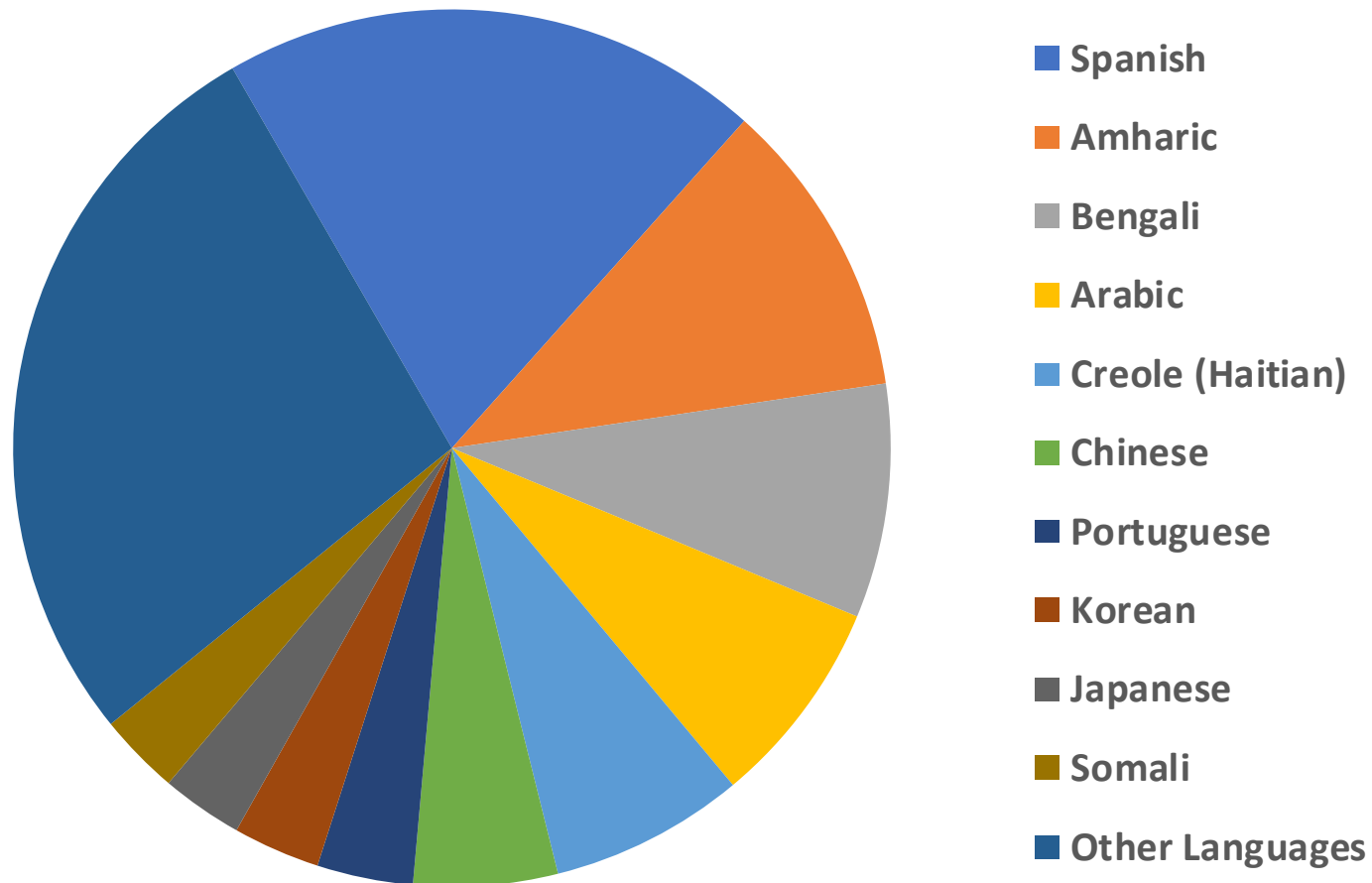
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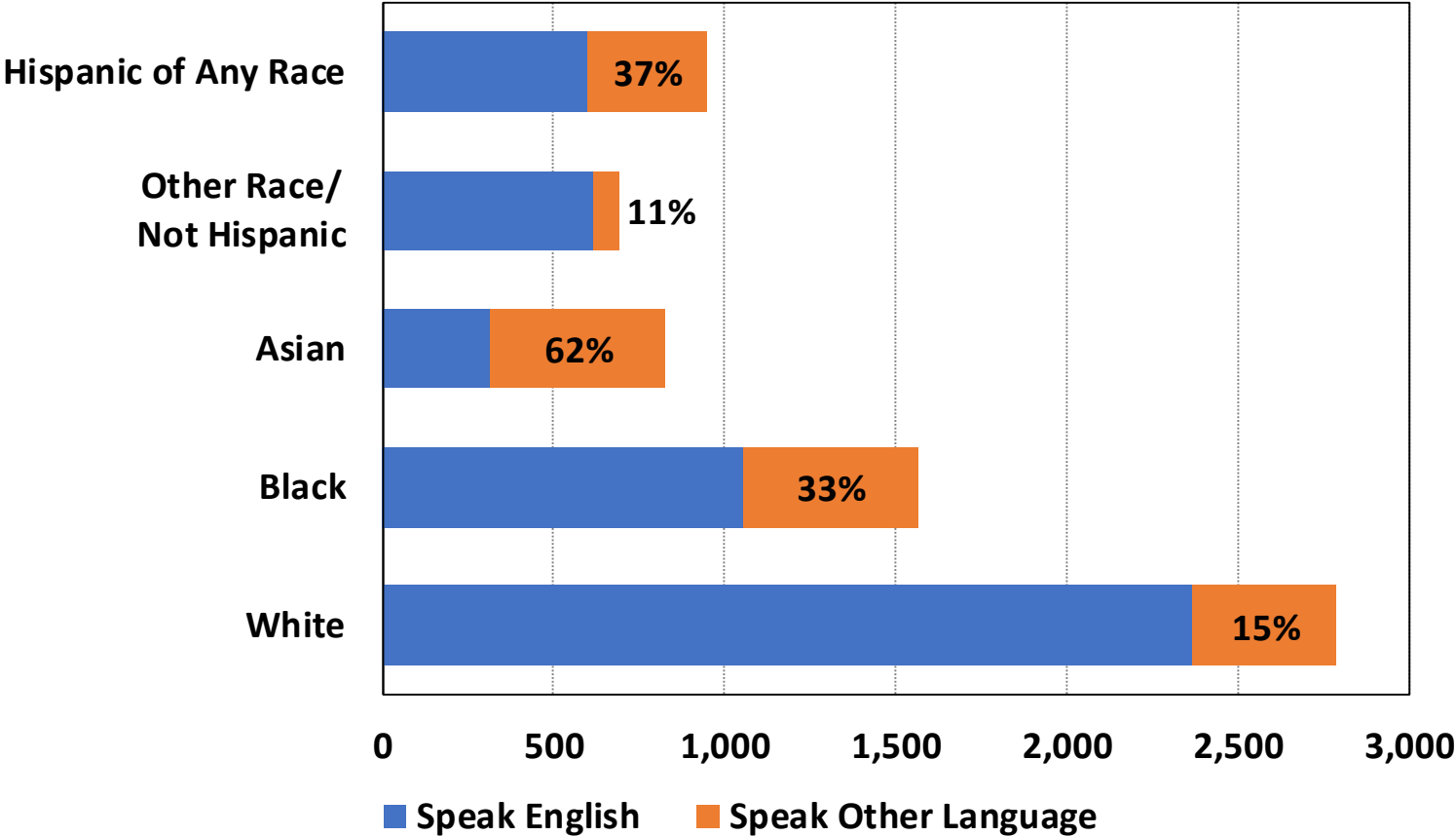
CPS Student Languages

October 2020



CPS Student Languages by Race or Ethnicity:

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Source: Cambridge Public School Department, 2020.

Linguistic Isolation

While a third of Cambridge residents speak a language other than English at home, their ability to speak English varies widely

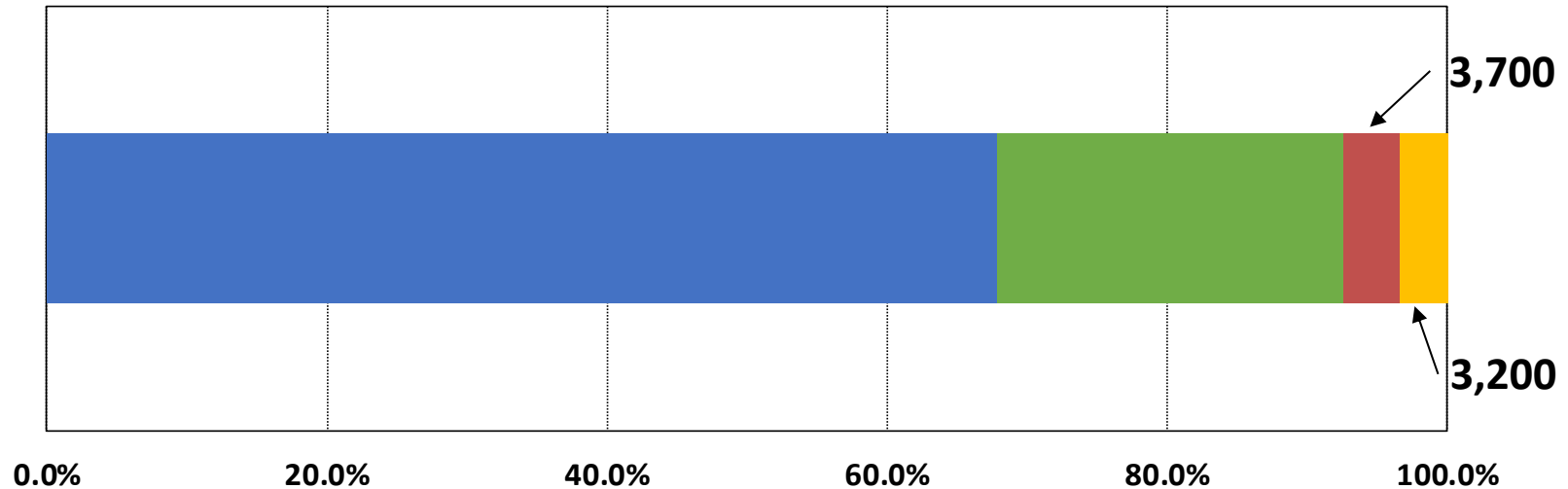
Persons who do not speak English “very well” are categorized as **Linguistically Isolated**.

A Linguistically Isolated person is one who speaks English less than “very well”.

A **Linguistically Isolated Household** is one where no one 14 or older speaks English very well.

Ability to Speak English

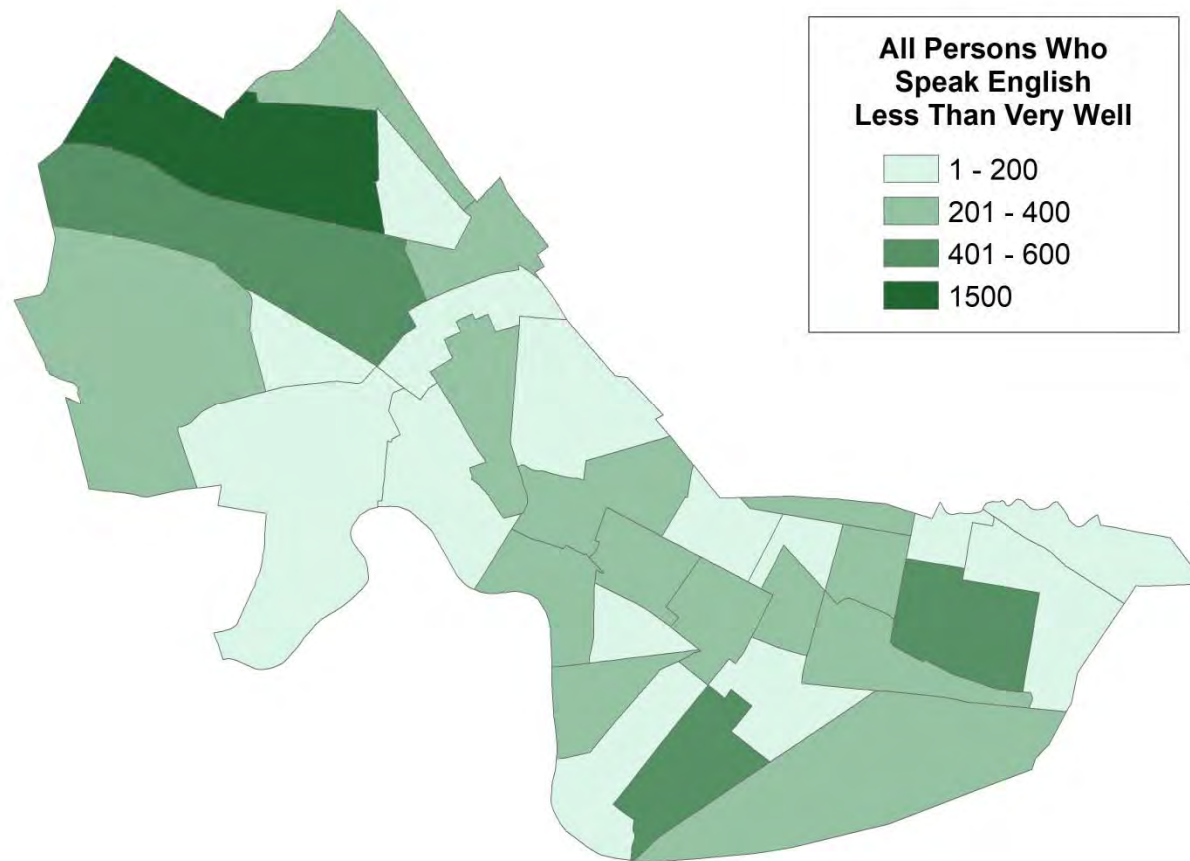
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- Speak Only English
- Speak Another Language & Speak English Very Well
- Do Not Speak English Well - In Linguistically isolated Household
- Do Not Speak English Well - Not in Linguistically isolated Household

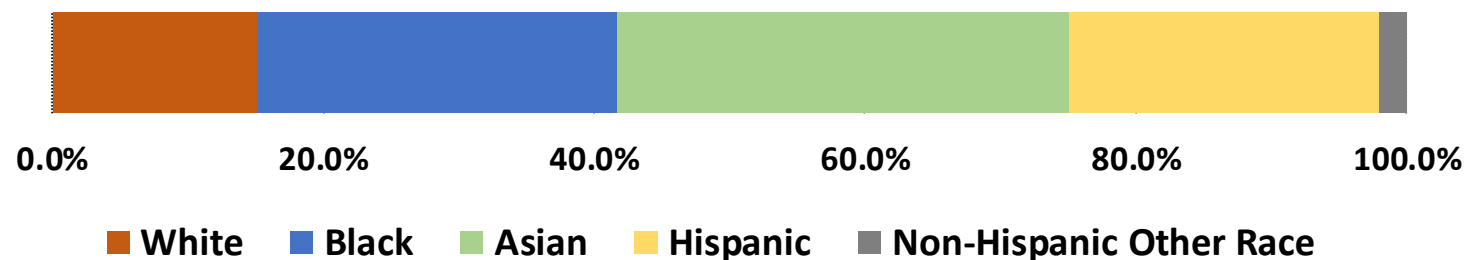
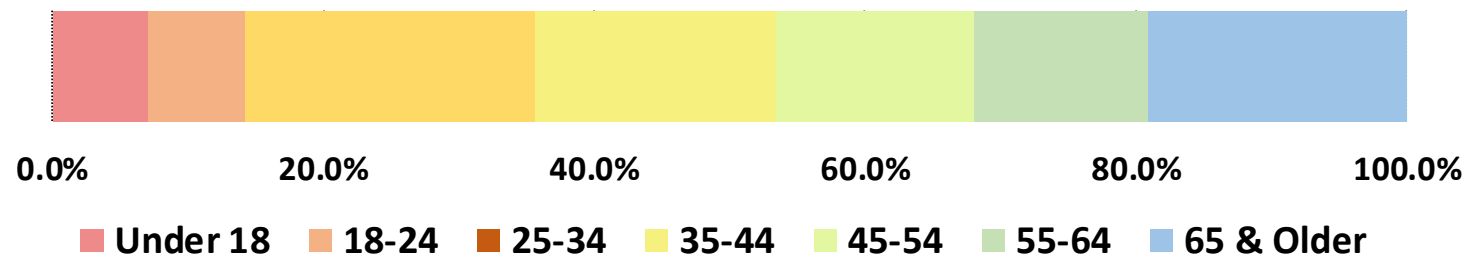
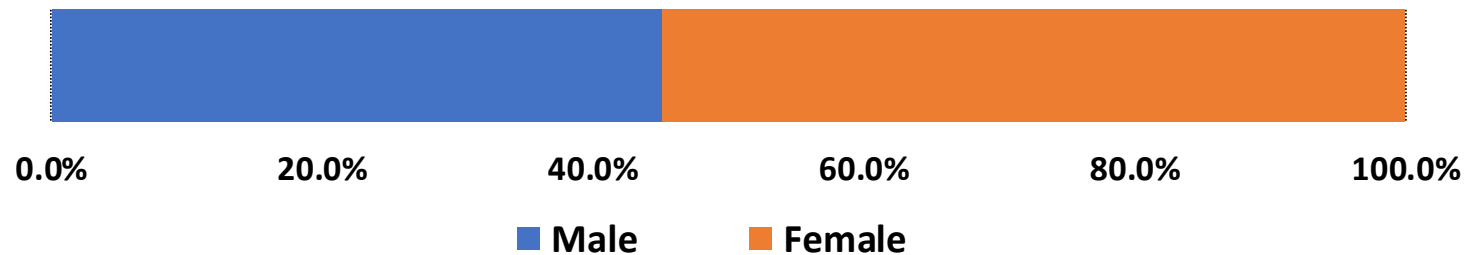
Linguistically Isolated Persons

Population 5 & Older: 2014 - 2018



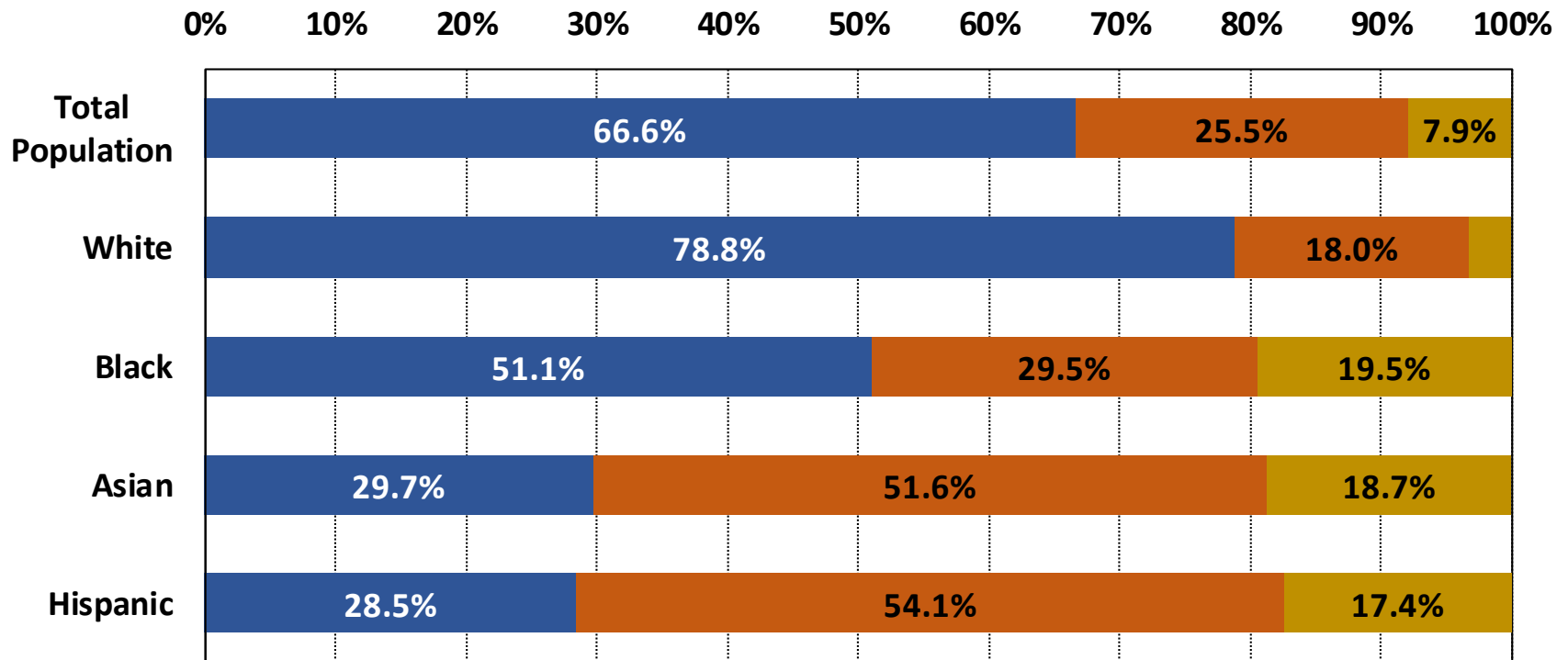
Linguistically Isolated Demographics

Household Population 5 & Older: 2014 - 2018



Language Spoken at Home

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- Speak Only English at Home
- Other Language, Speak English Very Well
- Other Language, Speak English less than Very Well

Update Notes

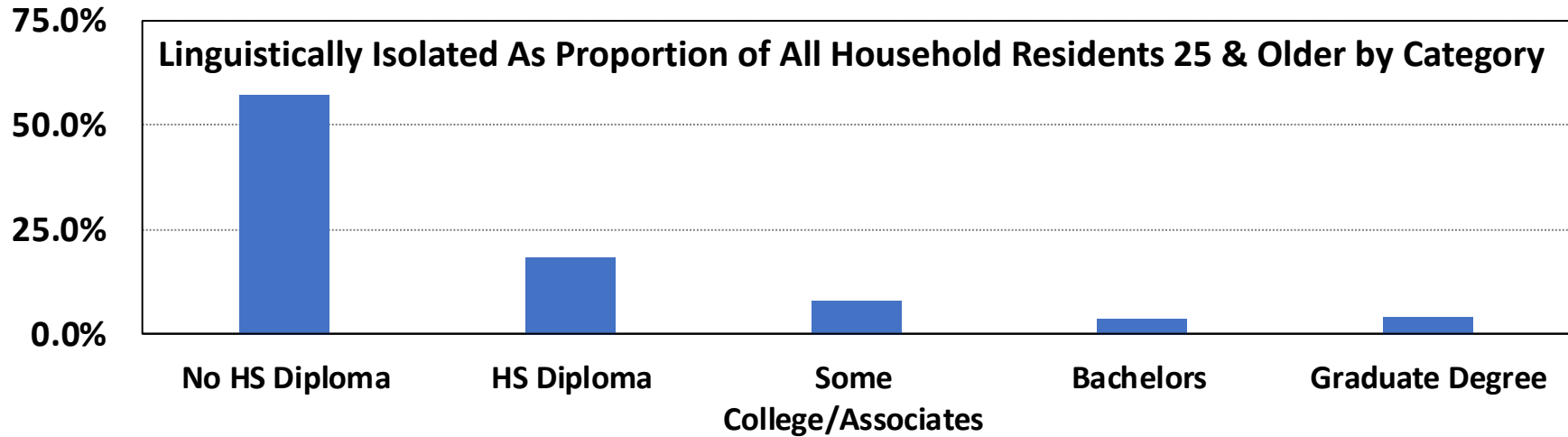
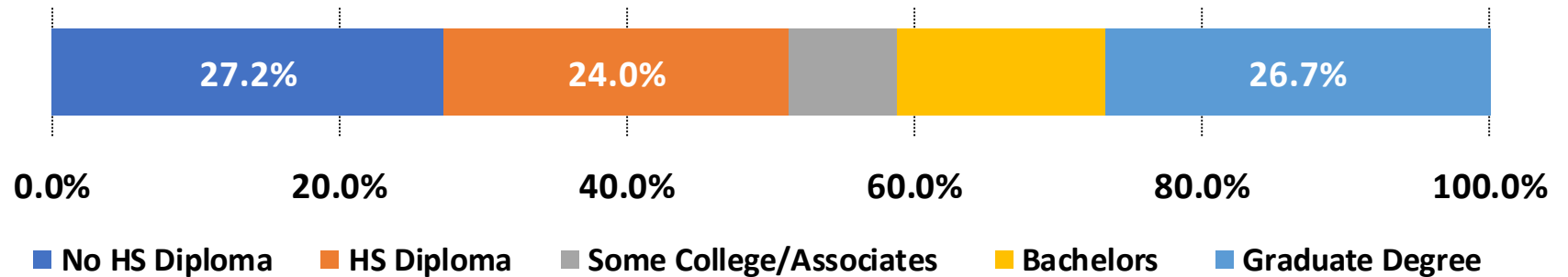
Languages Spoken by Linguistically Isolated Persons

Household Population 5 & Older: 2014 - 2018

Language	Linguistically Isolated Persons	As % Speakers of Language	As % All Linguistically Isolated Persons
Spanish	1,610	23.7%	23.2%
Chinese	1,233	29.3%	17.7%
French	864	25.2%	12.4%
Amharic, Ethiopian, etc.	644	45.2%	9.3%
Hamitic	176	65.4%	2.5%
Hindi and related	331	13.8%	4.8%
Portuguese	331	26.6%	4.8%
Polish	190	66.0%	2.7%
Japanese	301	50.0%	4.3%
Other Afro-Asiatic langu	279	56.8%	4.0%
Korean	309	28.0%	4.4%
All Others	681	9.8%	9.8%

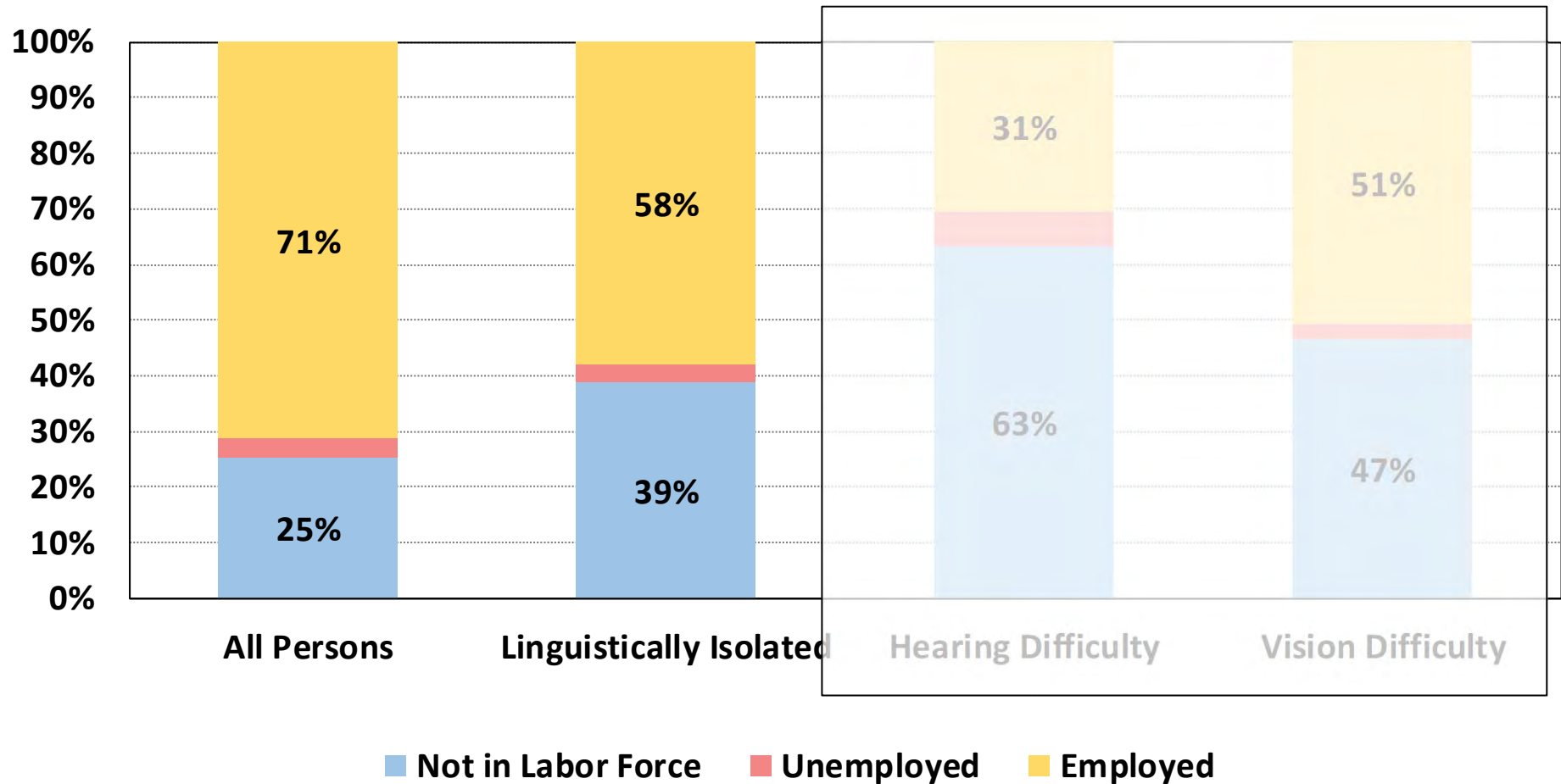
Linguistically Isolated Education

Household Population 25 & Older: 2014 - 2018



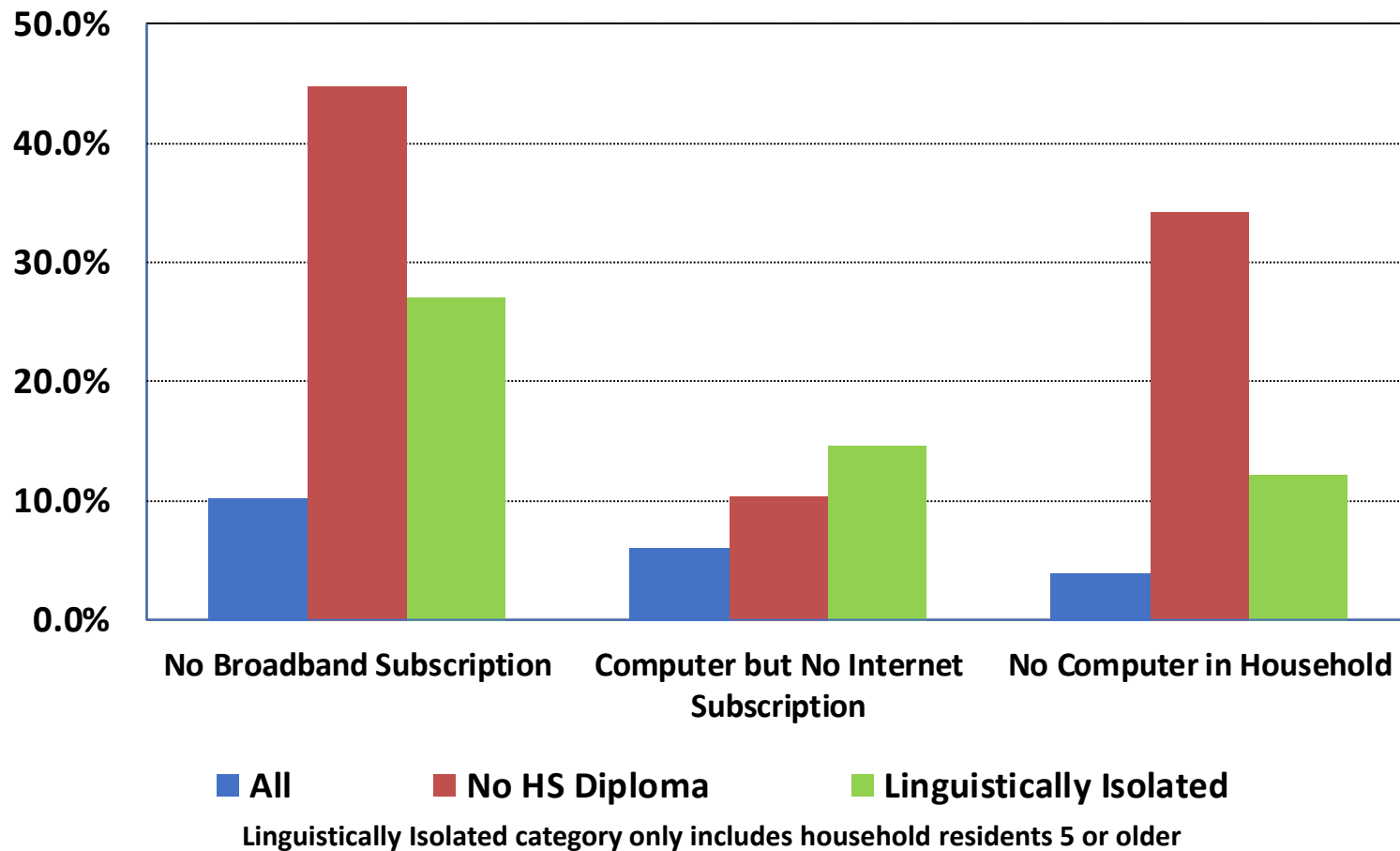
Linguistically Isolated Employment

Household Population 16 - 65: 2014 - 2018



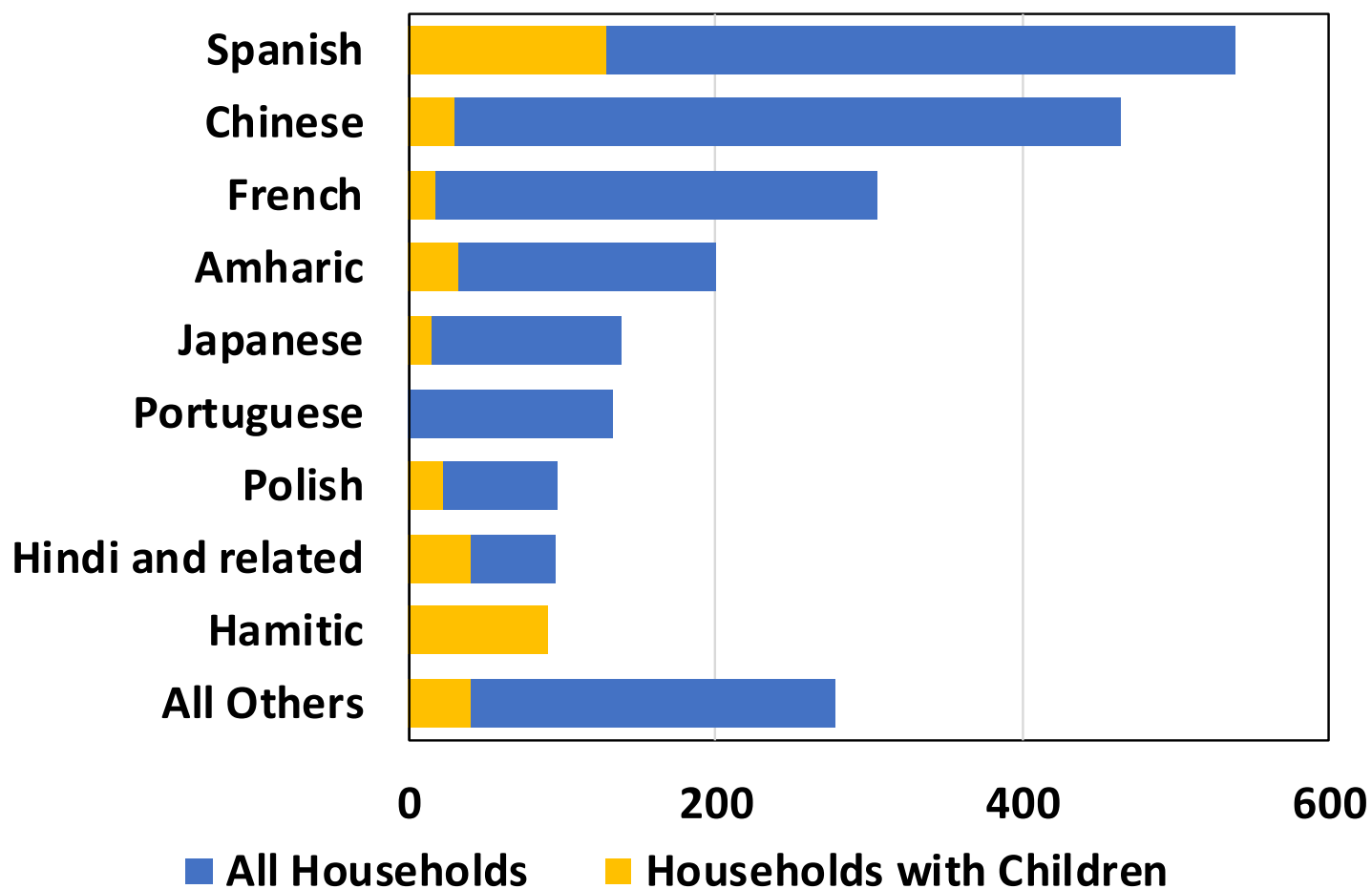
Internet and Computer Access

Household Population: 2014 - 2018



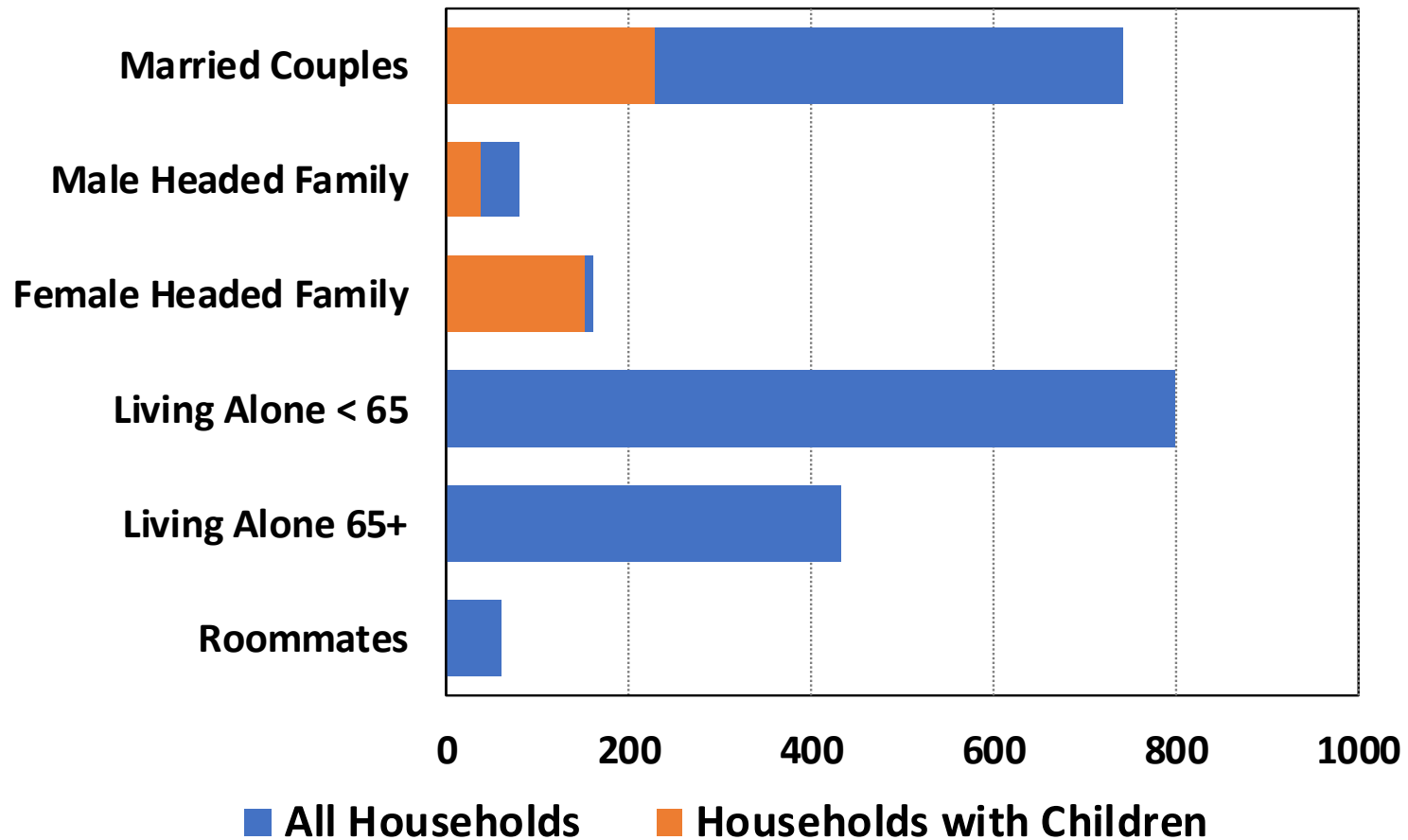
Linguistically Isolated Households by Language

2014 - 2018



Linguistically Isolated Households by Type

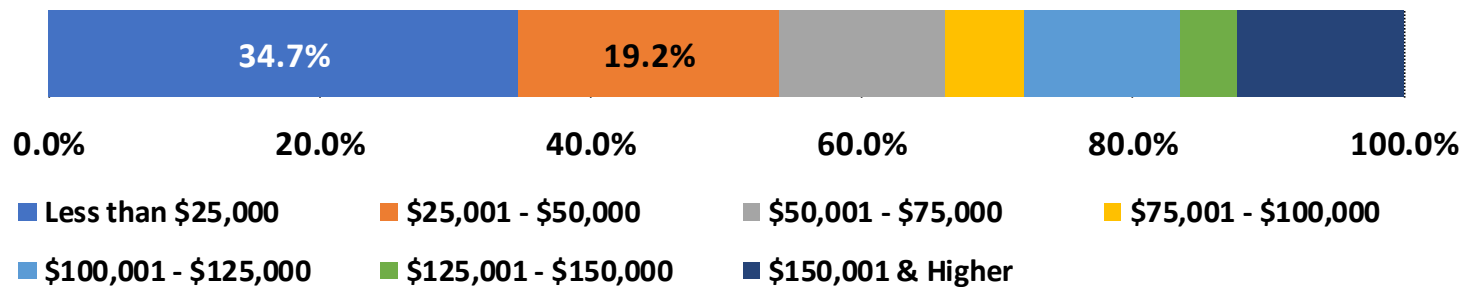
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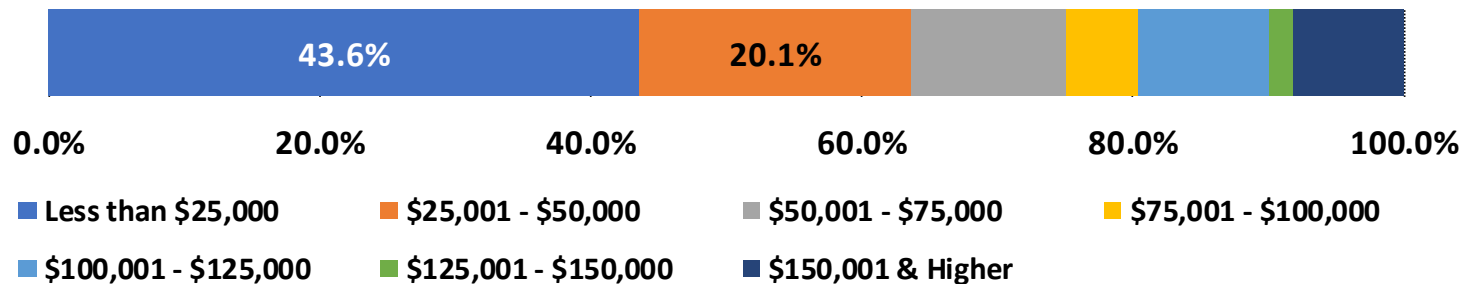
Income of Linguistically Isolated Household Population & Linguistically Isolated Households

2014 - 2018

Linguistically Isolated Household Population Ages 5 & Older



Linguistically Isolated Households



Lower Income Language Groups

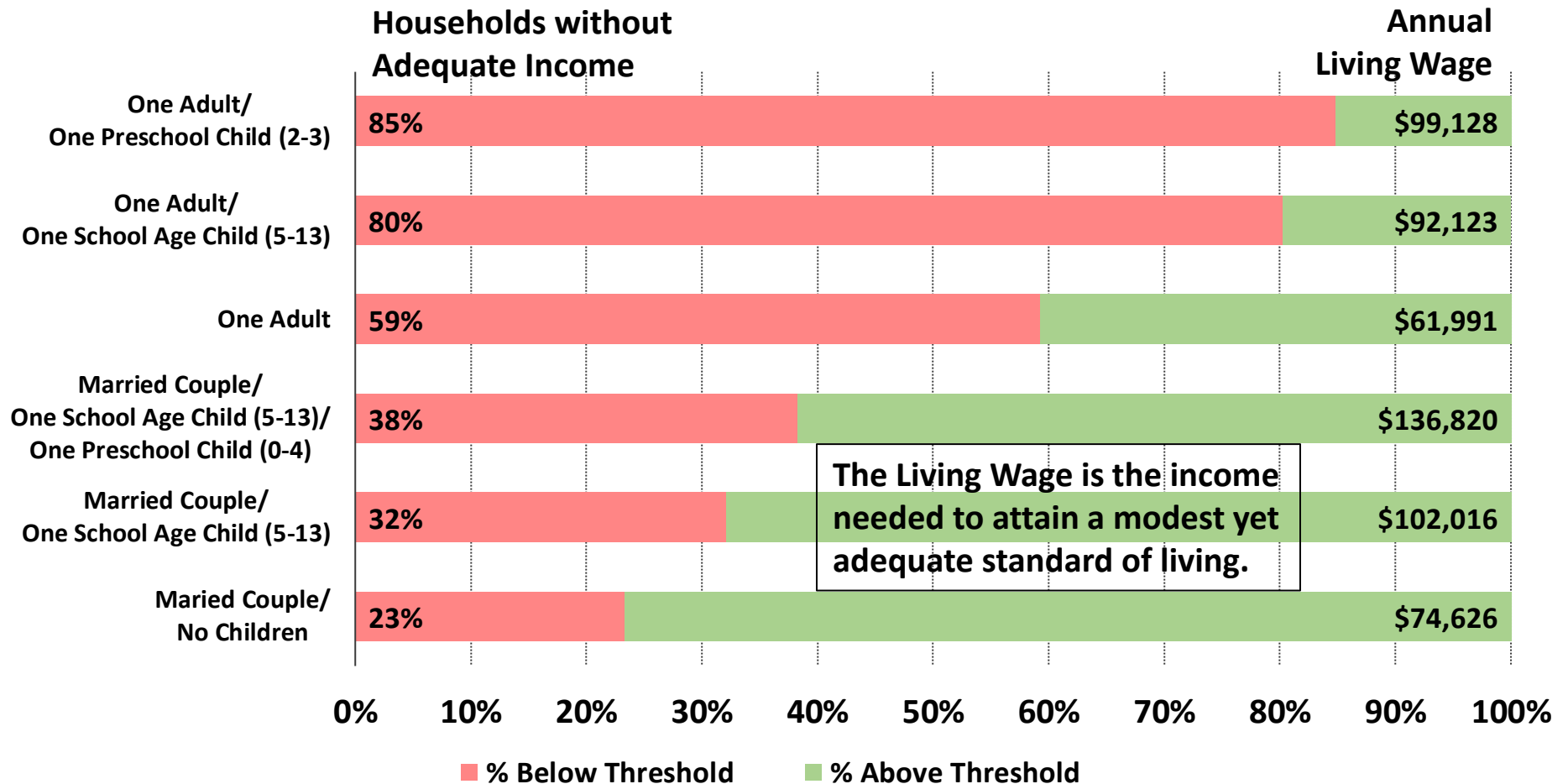
Persons 5 and Older: 2014 – 2018

	Proportion	Estimate
Spanish	46%	3,100
Chinese	48%	2,000
French	54%	1,900
Hindi and related	54%	1,300
Amharic, Ethiopian, etc.	86%	1,200
Portuguese	53%	700
Arabic	68%	600
Korean	45%	500
Other Afro-Asiatic languages	73%	400
Hamitic	100%	300

At least 25% and 200 members earning less than 300% of poverty level

Households and Living Wage

2020 Q2



Note: Proportions for two parent families are for married couple households; unmarried couples are excluded.

Definitions of Disability

Disability is a complex topic with multiple dimensions. The definition currently in use by the Census Bureau is not as expansive as some and may not encompass persons who might be termed disabled under other scenarios.

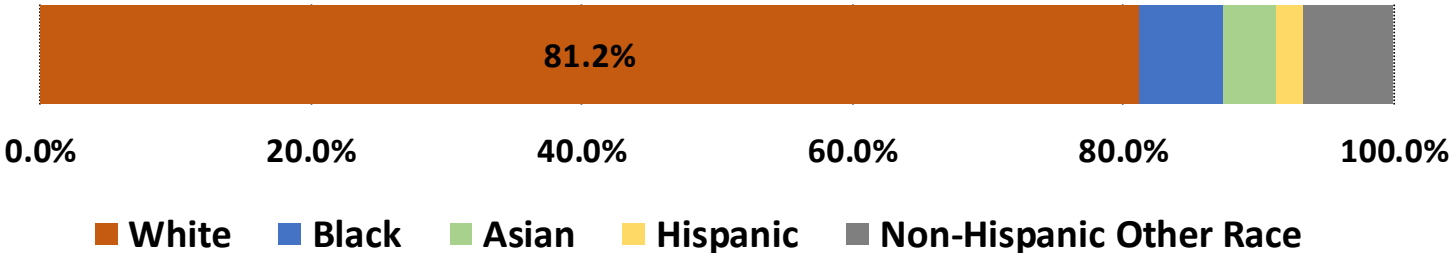
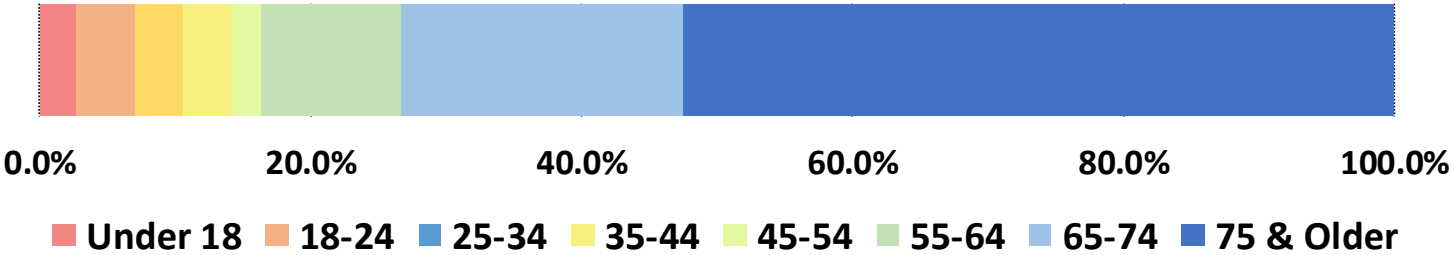
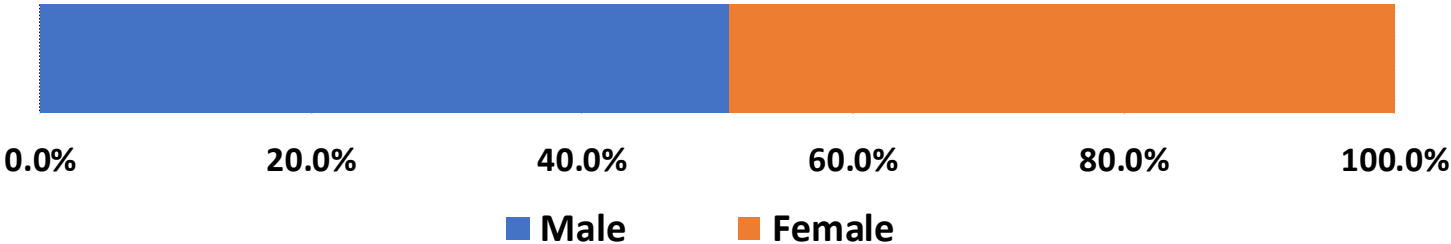
The ACS uses the following definitions relevant here:

Hearing Difficulty: Persons who are deaf or have a “serious” hearing difficulty

Vision Difficulty: Persons who are blind or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses.

Hearing Difficulty Demographics

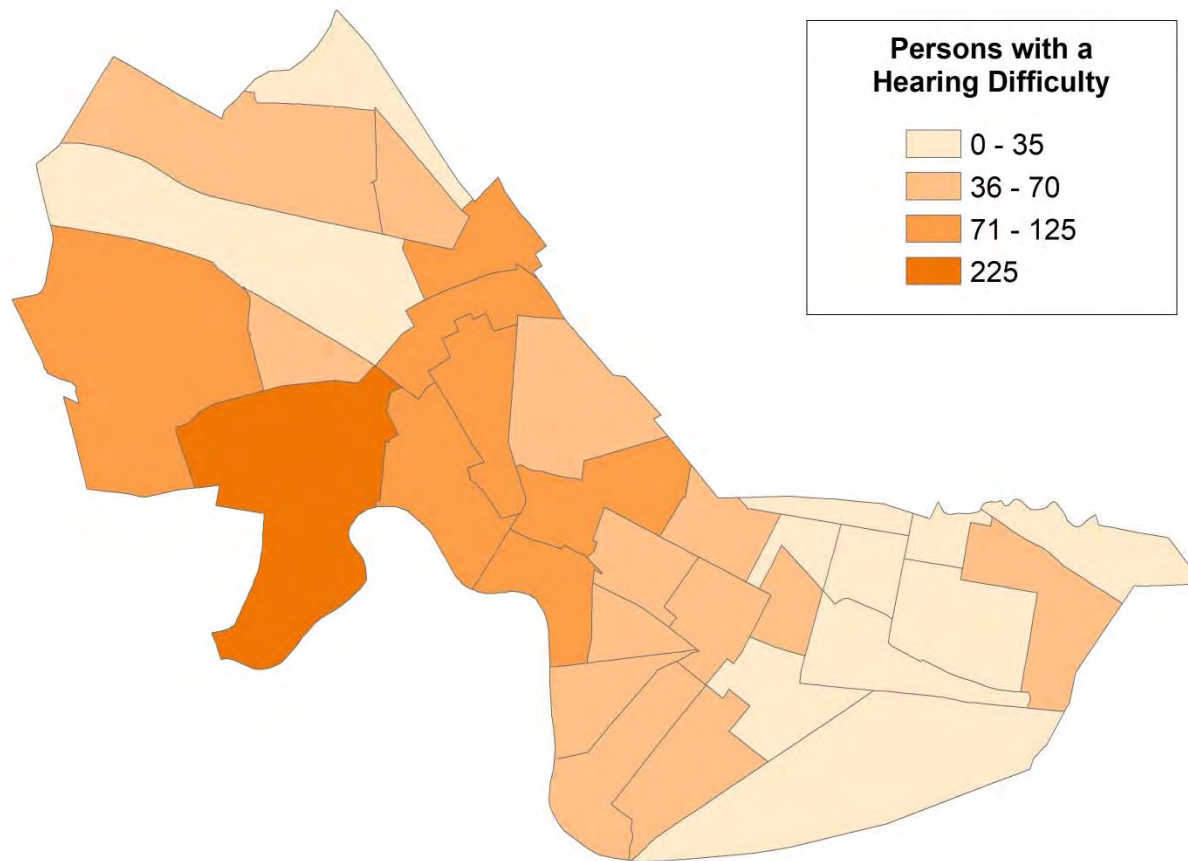
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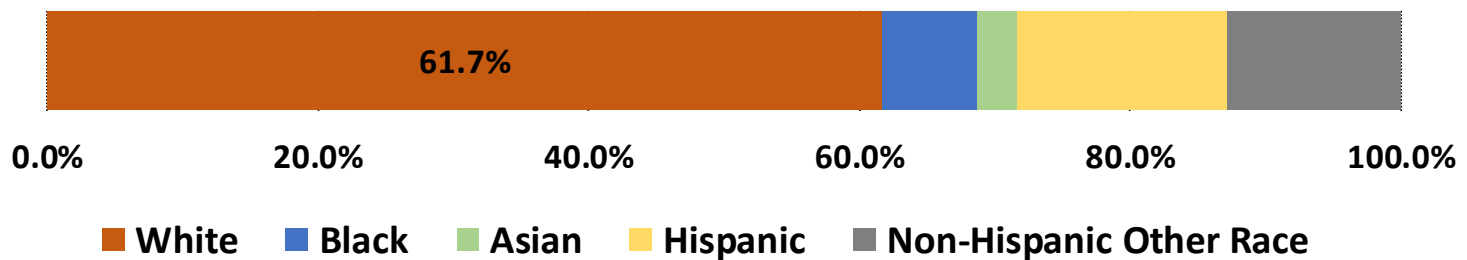
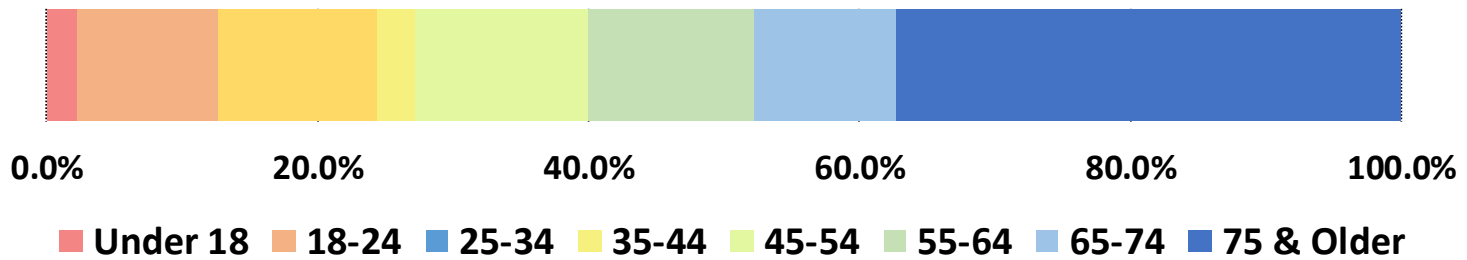
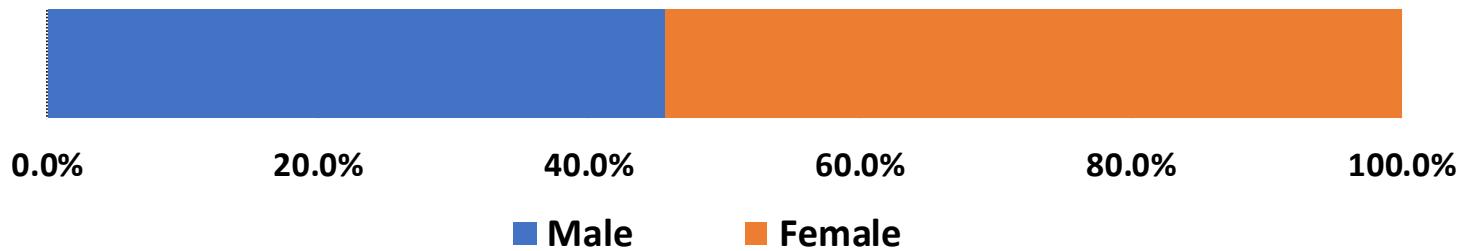
Persons Reporting a Hearing Difficulty

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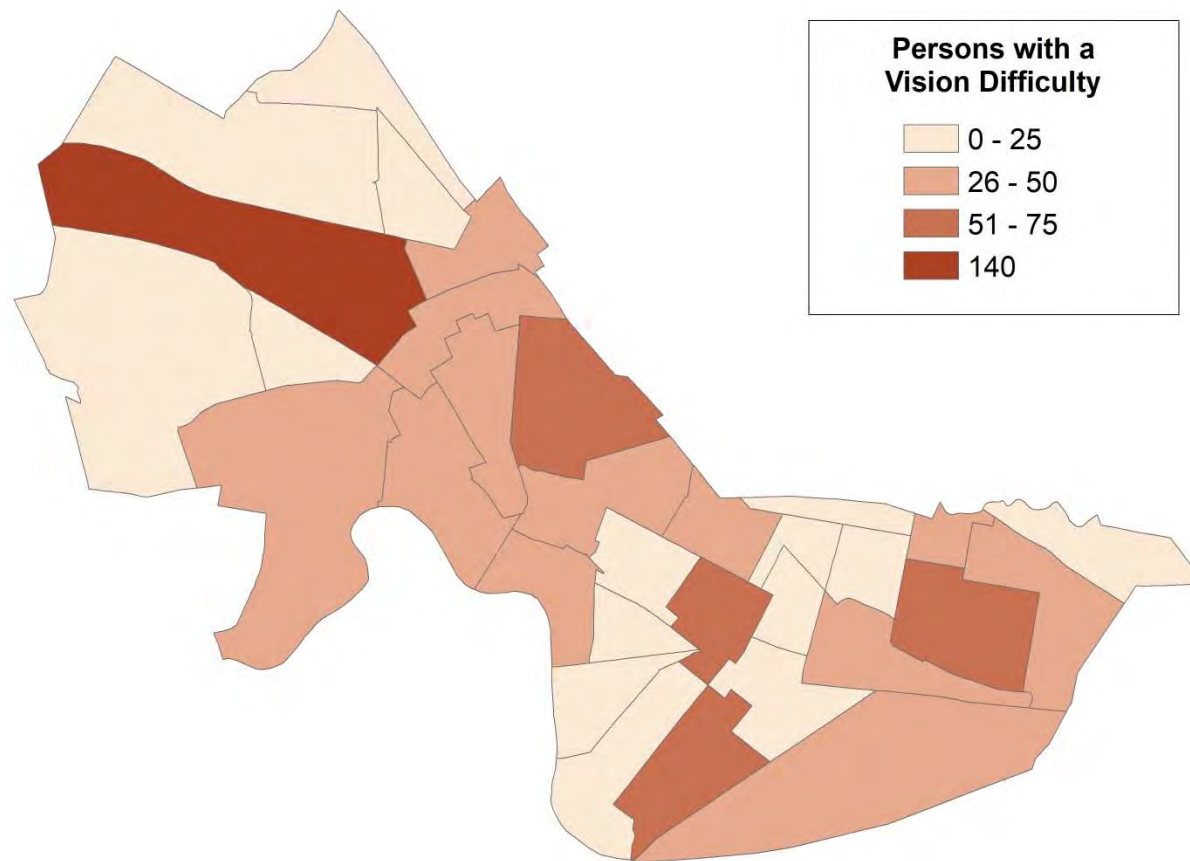
Vision Difficulty Demographics

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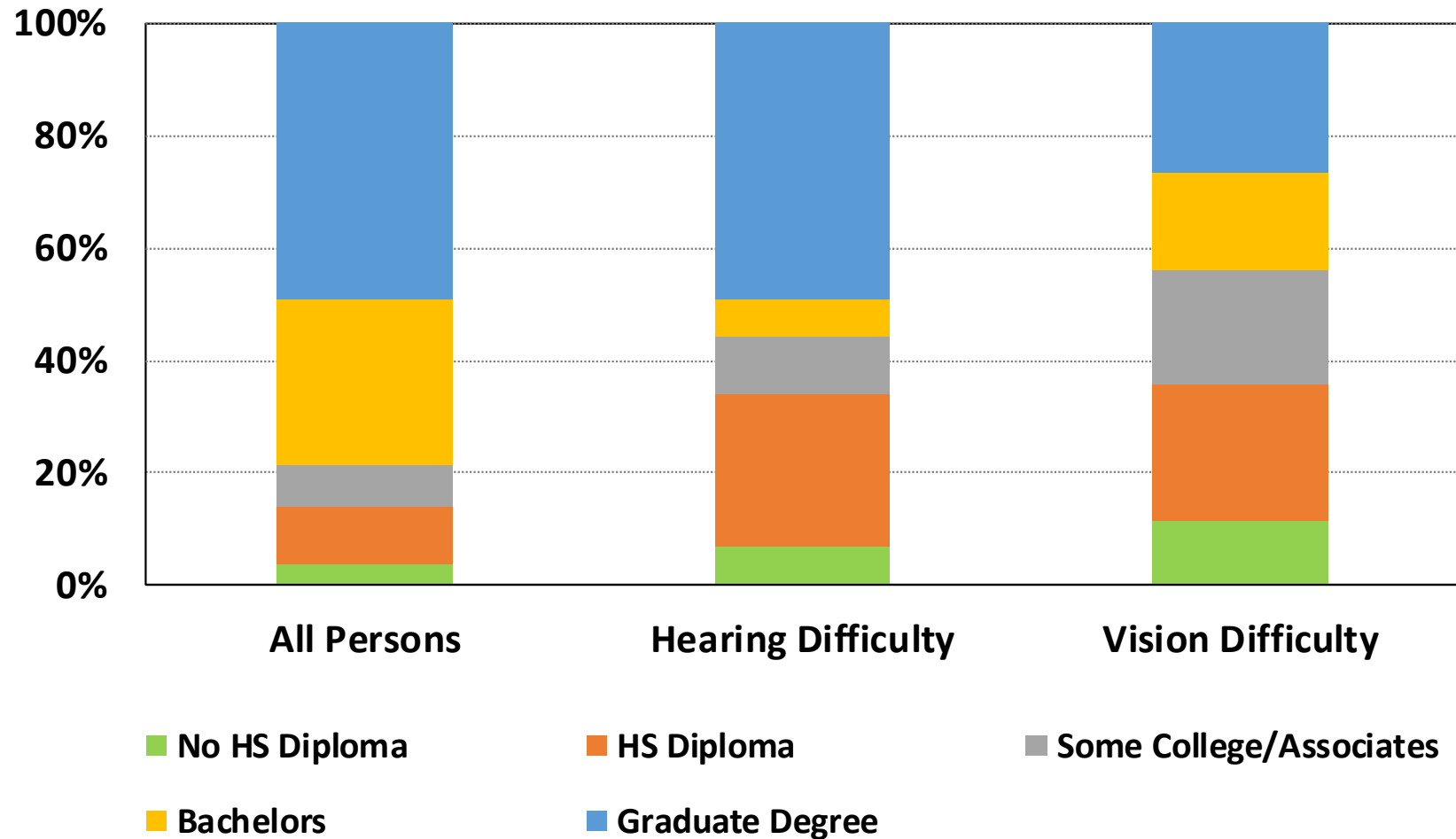
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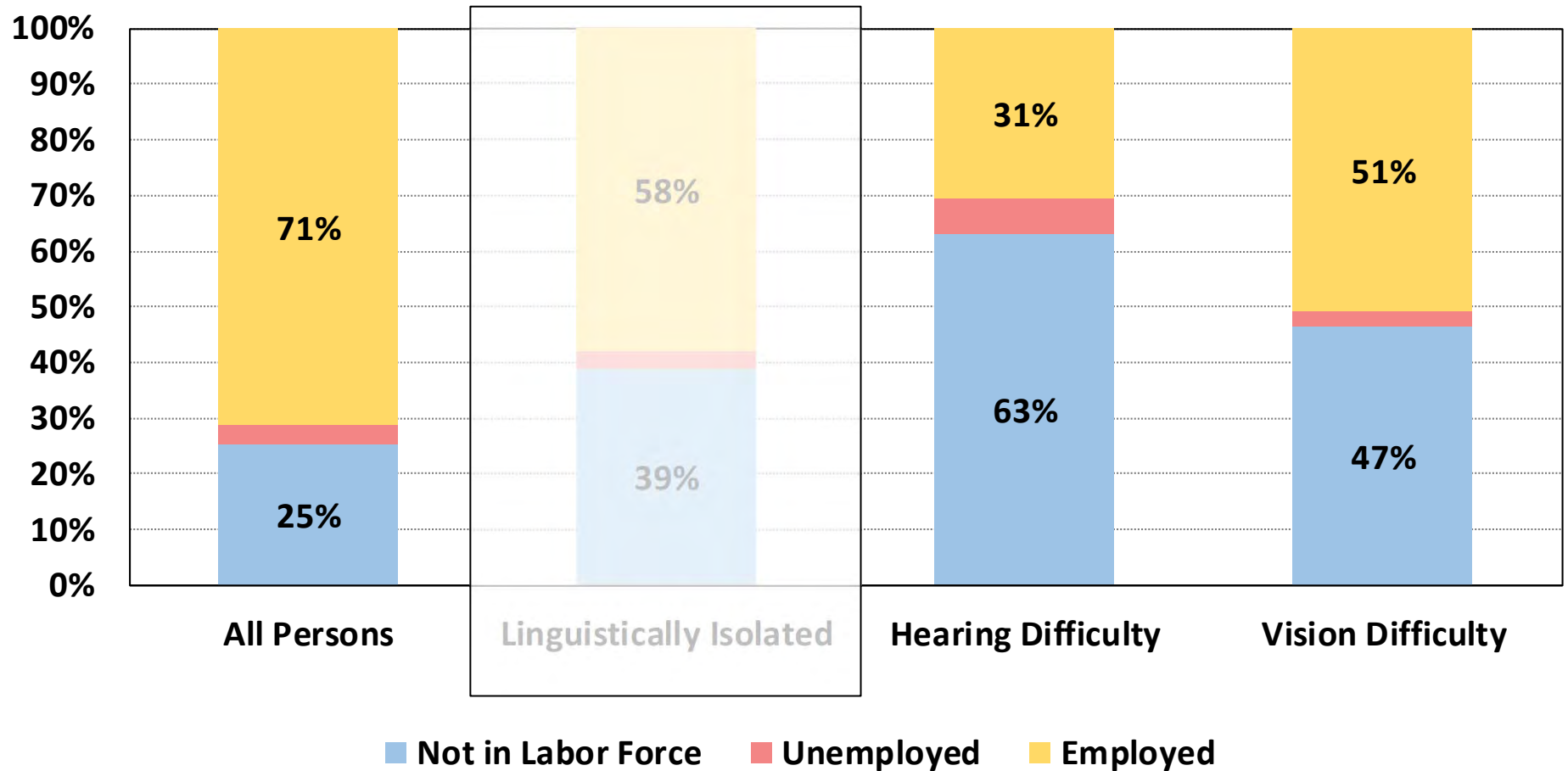
Disability & Education

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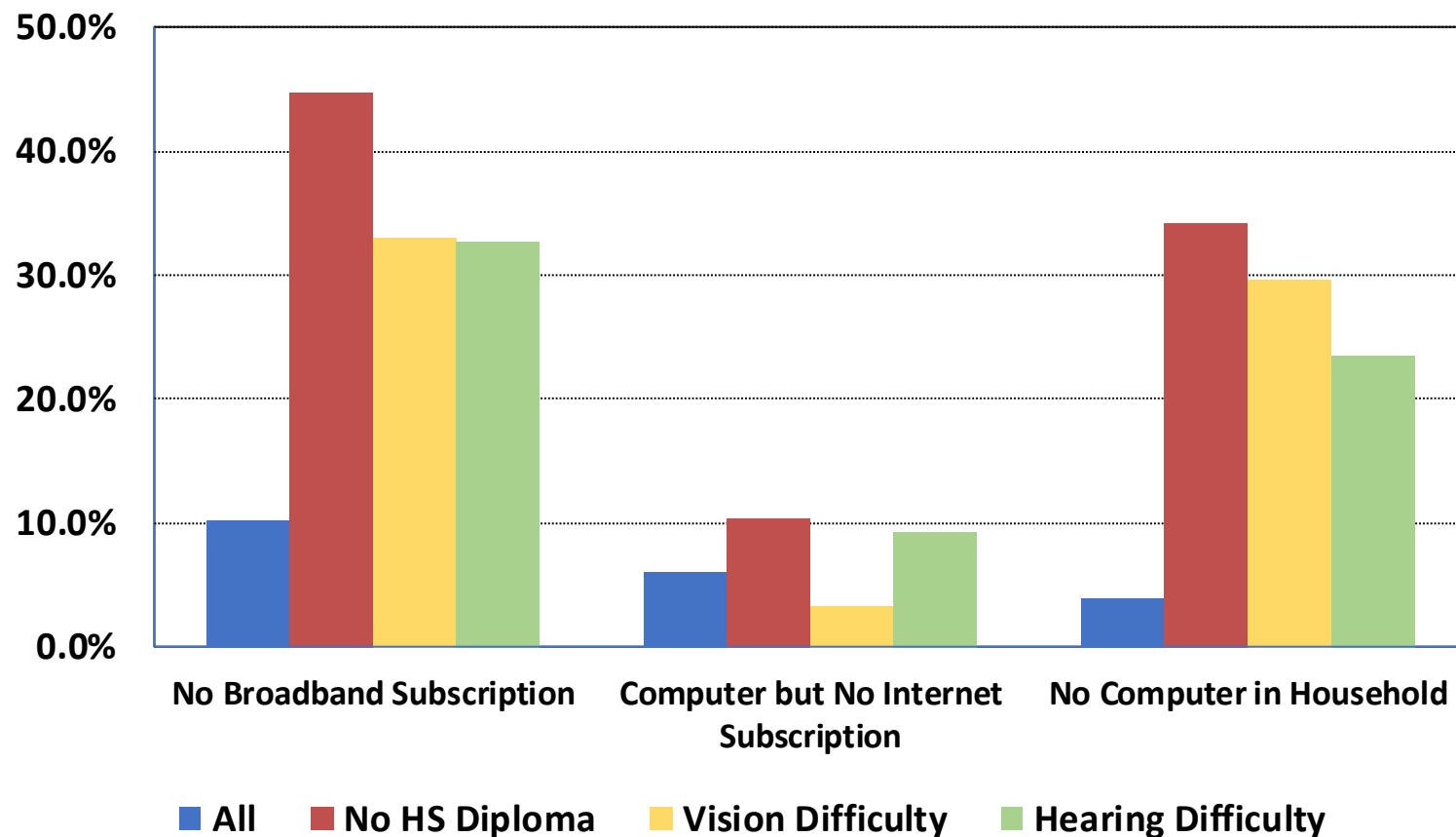
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