

Helping a Mayor Understand His City

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This is about Hartford, CT

A city of about 125,000
population.

Background

- Applied Demography listserv
- Brainstormed list of topics/questions
- Response
- Formal RFP
- Proposal
- Meeting the Mayor
- Contract

Initial Decisions

- Which ACS data set to use?
 - One year?
 - Three year?
- How to present the data?
 - Whole number estimates
 - Percentages
- What to do about MOEs?

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| Place of Birth | Age | | | All |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|------|------|
| | Under 18 | 18 to 64 | 65 + | |
| Distribution by place of birth: | | | | |
| Connecticut | 73% | 33% | 18% | 42% |
| Another state in U.S. | 9 | 20 | 29 | 18 |
| Puerto Rico | 9 | 19 | 25 | 17 |
| Foreign-born | 9 | 28 | 28 | 23 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Distribution by age: | | | | |
| Connecticut | 46% | 50 | 4 | 100% |
| Another state in U.S. | 14% | 70 | 16 | 100% |
| Puerto Rico | 15% | 71 | 14 | 100% |
| Foreign-born | 10% | 79 | 11 | 100% |

| From B06001, 3 year ACS | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Under 18 | 18-64 | 65+ | Total |
| Total | 33107 | 79863 | 11855 | 124825 |
| CT | 24114 | 26486 | 2115 | 52715 |
| Other US | 2999 | 15474 | 3437 | 21910 |
| PR | 3147 | 15294 | 2988 | 21429 |
| FB | 2847 | 22609 | 3315 | 28771 |
| | 33107 | 79863 | 11855 | 124825 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| CT | 72.8% | 33.2% | 17.8% | 42.2% |
| Other US | 9.1% | 19.4% | 29.0% | 17.6% |
| PR | 9.5% | 19.2% | 25.2% | 17.2% |
| FB | 8.6% | 28.3% | 28.0% | 23.0% |
| | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

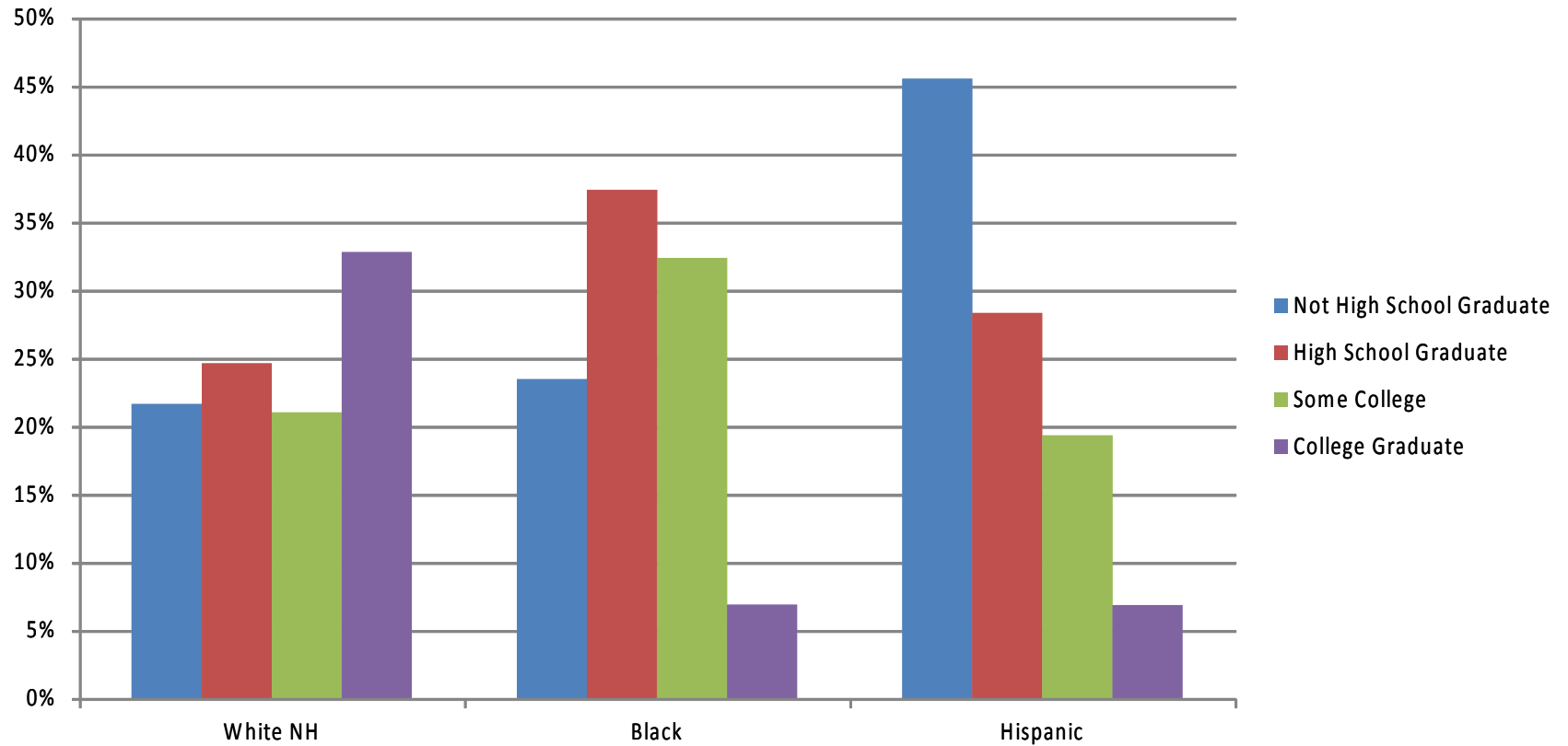
Country of Origin Hispanic Population

| | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| All Hispanic or Latino | 52,900 | 100% |
| Puerto Rico | 40,900 | 77% |
| Peru | 2,500 | 5% |
| Dominican Republic | 2,200 | 4% |
| Columbia | 1,600 | 3% |
| Mexico | 2,300 | 4% |
| All others | 3,400 | 6% |

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey

| Educational Attainment | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|----------|--------------------|
| Completed Education | Hartford Overall | Race/Ethnicity | | | Metro Area Overall |
| | | White NH | Black | Hispanic | |
| Not H.S. grad. | 32% | 21% | 24% | 46% | 11% |
| H.S. graduate | 30 | 25 | 37 | 28 | 28 |
| Some college | 24 | 21 | 32 | 19 | 26 |
| College grad. | 14 | 33 | 7 | 7 | 35 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Educational Attainment



The Problem with Housing Value

- Old way: value tabulations only for owner-occupied single family homes, no office in home, in parcels of less than 10 acres
- New way: any owner occupied housing unit
- Good because it includes condos
- Bad because it includes owner-occupied buildings with more than one unit

But is it any good, anyhow?

Why it matters:

| | % owner occupied | |
|---|------------------|------------|
| | Hartford | Metro Area |
| Single family detached | 81% | 95% |
| One family attached (row house), or 2 units | 30% | 51% |
| Three to nine units | 14% | 18% |
| Ten units or more | 5% | 13% |

The ACS value tabulation:

| | Hartford | Metro Area |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Less than \$100,000 | 14% | 4% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 15 | 7 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 33 | 18 |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 24 | 36 |
| \$300,000 or more | 14 | 35 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |
| Mean (average) value | \$213,000 | \$286,000 |

The Hartford Assessor's value tabulation:

| Appraised Value by Structure Type | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Type of Structure | Mean Appraised Value | Number of Parcels |
| Single family | \$156,800 | 7,176 |
| Two family | \$176,100 | 3,087 |
| Three family | \$171,700 | 3,249 |
| Four family | \$200,200 | 160 |
| Condominium | \$80,522 | 3,102 |

Tables requiring 5-year data:

- Country of origin for the Hispanic population
- Largest reported ancestry groups: 6 shown, Jamaican was largest. Puerto Rico doesn't count here.
- One-year in-migration patterns – from the special tab. PR identified separately from “abroad.”
- Looked at 5-year for labor force status of population age 16-19; was only 1 percentage point different so didn't use it.

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