

Using ACS data to advance equity and inclusion in access to COVID-19 vaccinations

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ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

We work in partnership with our community to **improve and protect the public's health** and achieve health equity through prevention, regulation and education

Together, we promote health and wellbeing by influencing policies, systems and environments; providing education, programs and services; and responding to the needs of vulnerable populations.

Our work is led and influenced by our values of **equity, accountability, transparency, respect, cultural responsiveness and collaboration.**

WASHINGTON COUNTY VACCINE TEAM FOR COVID-19

The Washington County Vaccine Team provided and promoted access to COVID-19 vaccinations with a **focus on individuals who are medically underserved, racial and ethnic communities with low vaccination rates** and those with barriers to vaccine access.

The team coordinated efforts with community-based organizations, federally qualified health centers, faith-based communities and non-governmental agencies to promote and achieve a vaccine equity goal of an 80% vaccination rate in marginalized populations.

RESEARCH, ANALYTICS, INFORMATICS AND DATA

The public health science unit within Washington County Public Health.

We provide ongoing epidemiological and research data support to the Public Health Division and Health and Human Services Department.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

This project was central in Washington County becoming the **first Oregon County** with a vaccination rate of **80%** and minimizing racial inequities in vaccination rates.

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on racial/ethnic minority and underserved groups in the United States

To address this issue, Washington County Health and Human Services focused on allocating vaccination resources to these disproportionately affected communities, using a health equity approach

The team used data from the **American Community Survey (ACS)** and local surveillance data, specifically from the ALERT Immunization Information System, analyzing the data and creating visualizations with R.

Interactive dashboards and maps were created with R Markdown, Leaflet, and Flexdashboard, and were used to select geographic focus areas and specific sites for vaccination events.

THESE EFFORTS RESULTED IN

Doses
administered
through free
home visitations:

529

Number of
mobile clinics
hosted:

371

Vaccination
events open to
children and
their families:

388

Individuals being
vaccinated:

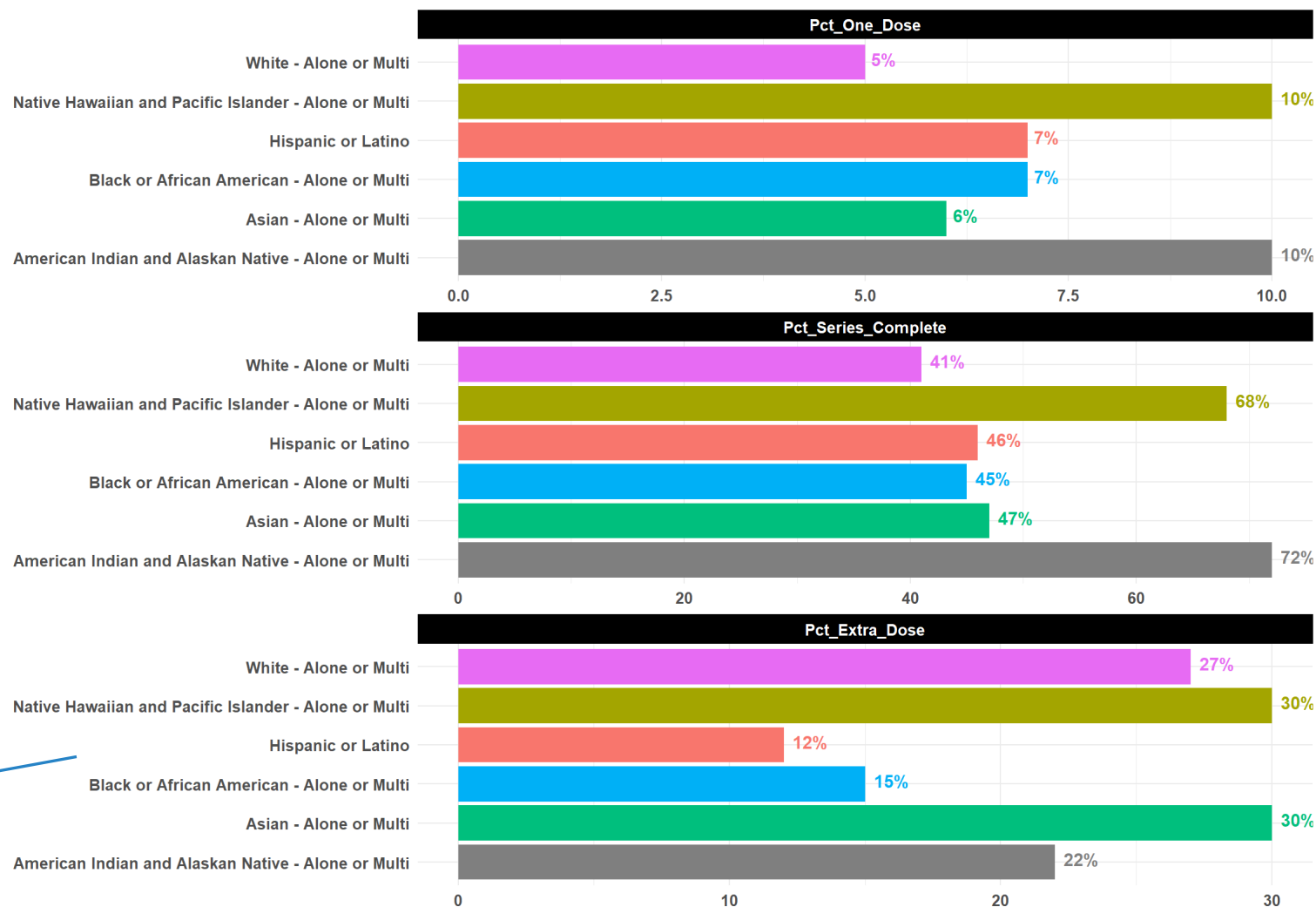
16,472

with over **70%**
coming from
disproportionately
affected communities.

ADVANCING EQUITY AND INCLUSION WITH ACS DATA

We reported Vaccination Coverage
using ALERT Immunization
Information System in combination
with **ACS B tables on Population
Estimates by Race Alone or Multi**

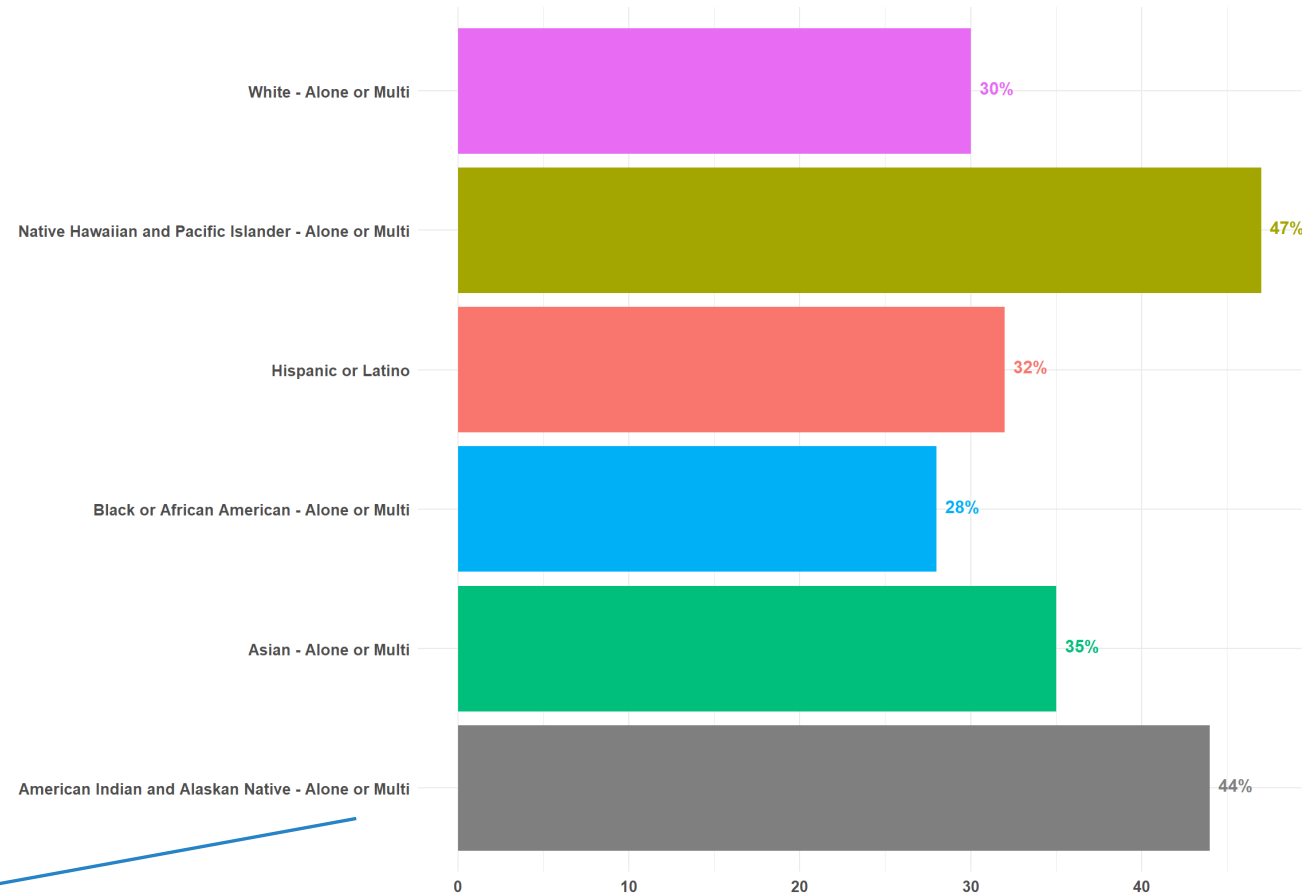
ACS B0208-B0213 tables for
Race Alone or in Combination



ADVANCING EQUITY AND INCLUSION WITH ACS DATA

We tracked the Booster Eligibility Rate, using **ACS Population Estimates by Race Alone or Multi**

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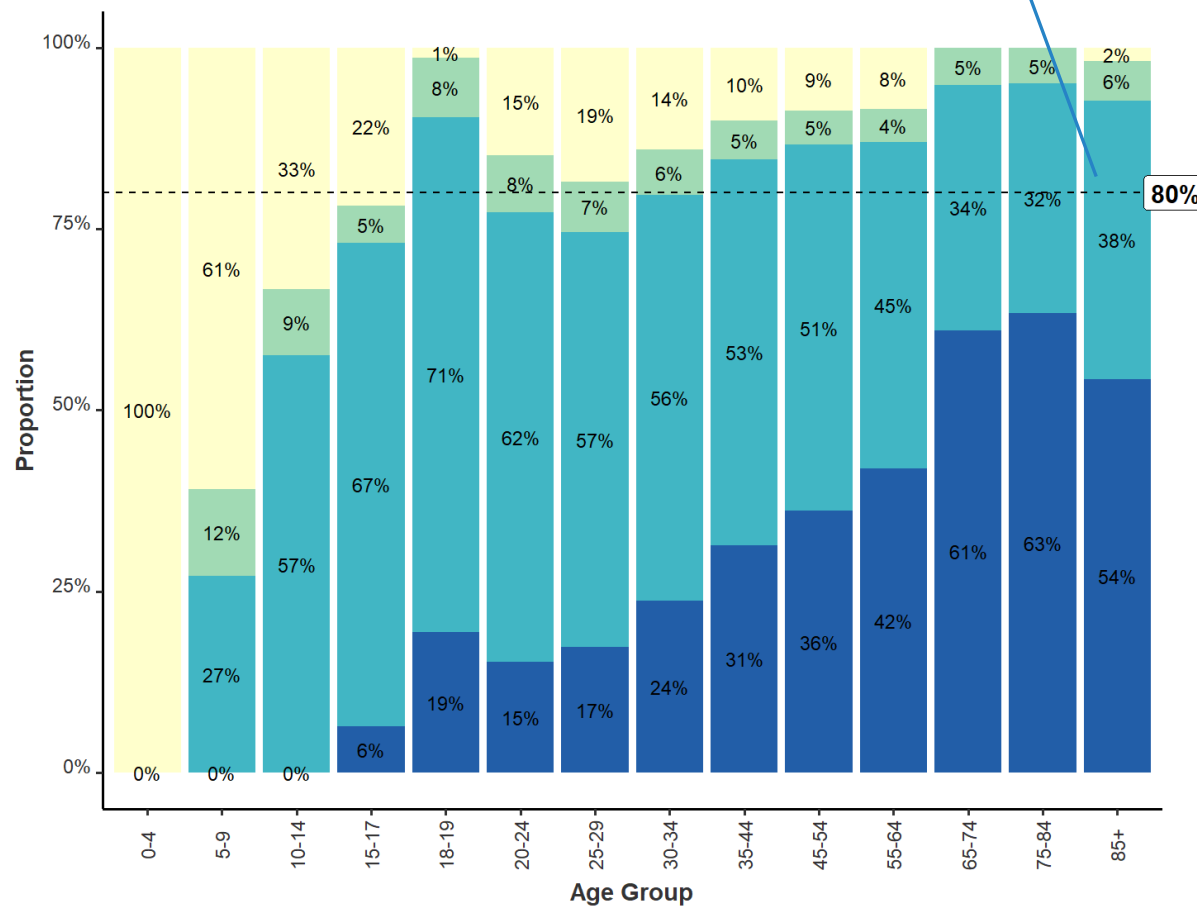
ADVANCING EQUITY AND INCLUSION WITH ACS DATA

We tracked the vaccination coverage by **Age** on a weekly basis.

In this chart, we can see which age groups had reached the goal of **80%** vaccination percentage of the population

Vaccination_Status

- % None
- % Partial
- % Full
- % Booster

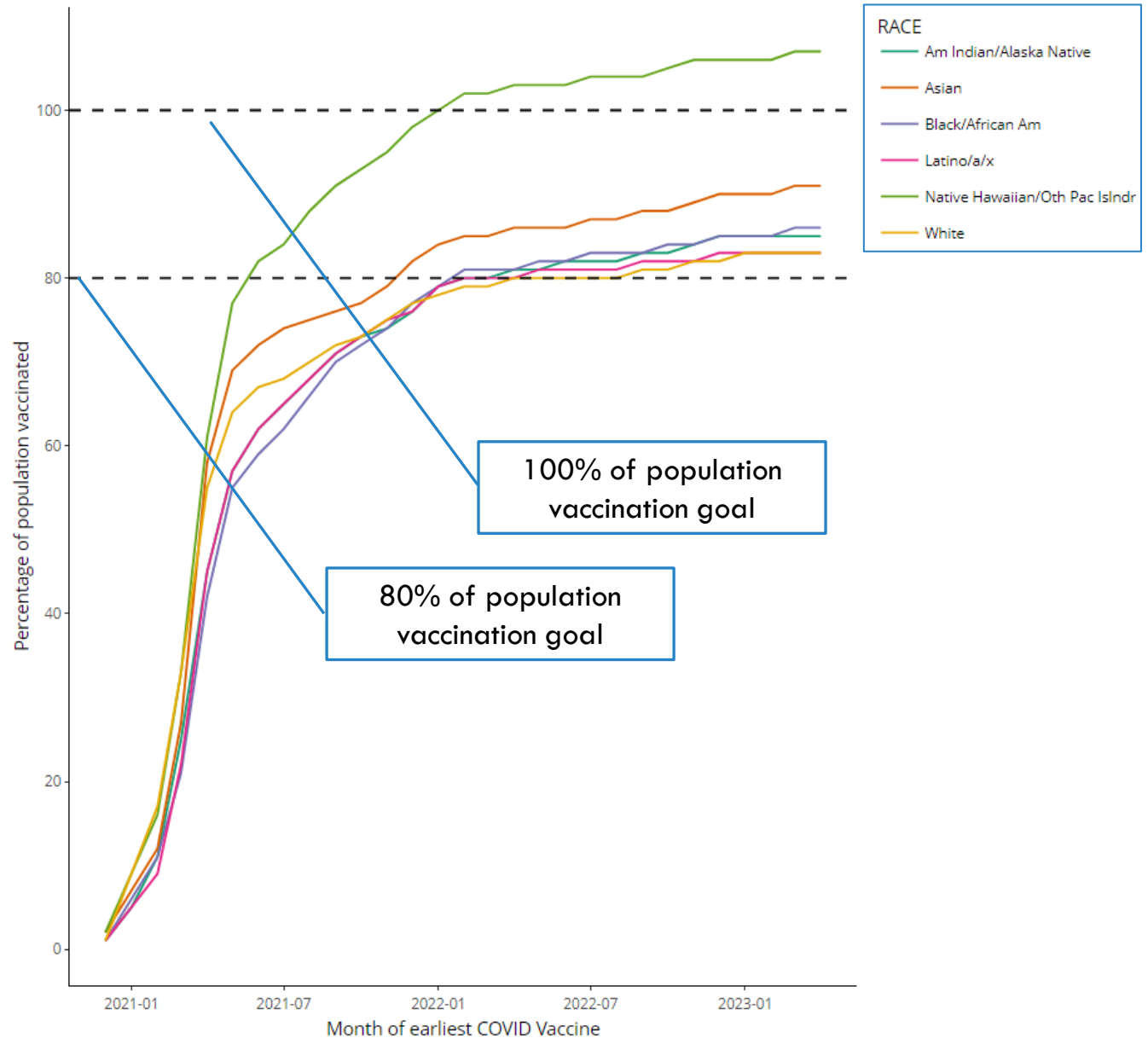


TRENDS OVER TIME

The team also used vaccine surveillance data to track trends over time and evaluate the impact on health equity, including reductions in disparities in vaccine coverage by race and ethnicity.

To the right, time trend on the percentage of population vaccinated with the COVID vaccine by race

Percentage of Population by Race with at least one dose of the COVID Vaccine



UTILITY OF THE ACS FOR OUR WORK WITH PARTNERS

One example of this work was the collaboration with **school district managers** and vaccination partners to identify school sites for mass vaccination campaigns, using **ACS data on sociodemographic characteristics and vulnerability measures**, immunization coverage data, and publicly available school-specific data to create school profiles and a priority ranking matrix.

Was presented weekly by an epi to the vaccine team to determine where to pursue mobile vaccine events, in addition to schools

YOUR RESPONSE IS
REQUIRED BY LAW

A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau...

About two weeks ago, the U.S. Census Bureau sent instructions for completing the American Community Survey to your address. We asked you to help us with this very important survey by completing it online. But we have not received your response yet.

If you have already completed the survey, thank you very much. If you have not, please complete the survey soon using ONE of the following two options.

Go to <https://respond.census.gov/acs> to complete the survey online.

The **ACS data** played a critical role in the success of these efforts.

United States
Census
Bureau

American Community Survey

Two Ways to Complete the American Community Survey:



Option 1 – Go to <https://respond.census.gov/acs> to complete the survey online.
IMPORTANT: You will need information from the address label on the enclosed questionnaire to log in.



Option 2 – Fill out the enclosed questionnaire and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope.

Please choose **ONLY** one way to respond. If you need help or have questions about the American Community Survey, call the toll-free number.

ACS FOR OUR WORK WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Background

Children are impacted by COVID-19 directly and indirectly

Approval for a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 – 11 (FDA approval 10/29/21)

Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Tualatin/Tigard school districts were interested in partnering with vaccine providers (local public health, Virginia Garcia, MTI, etc.) to host school and school-adjacent COVID-19 vaccination events to promote rapid vaccination of eligible children

Methods

Mapped ACS and census data on sociodemographic and vulnerability measures by zip code and census tract

Mapped available immunization coverage data on older children and adults by zip code

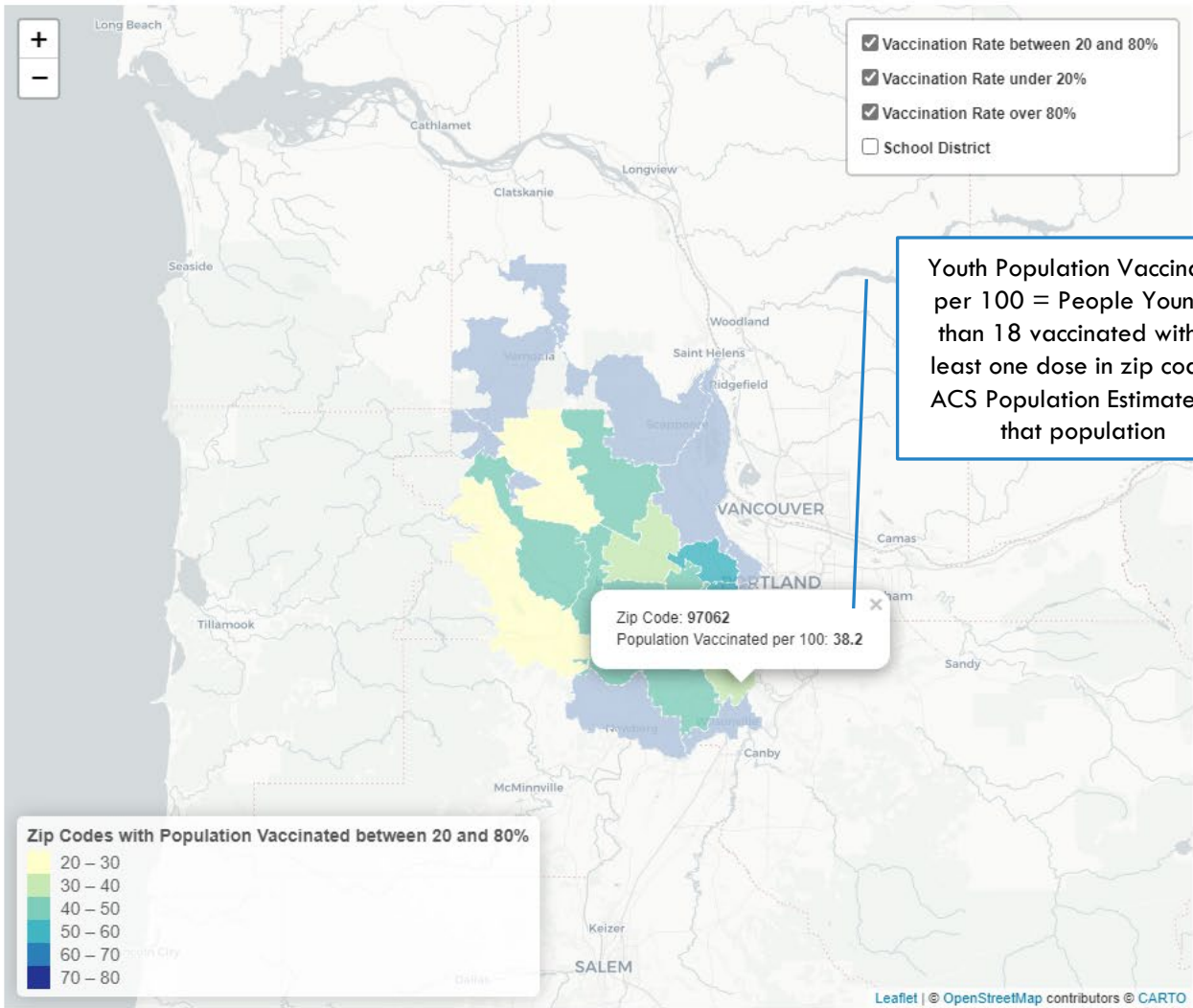
Mapped Title 1 elementary schools and school district boundaries

Reviewed profiles of schools (size etc.)

Reviewed planned and existing vaccine clinics (mass vaccination sites)

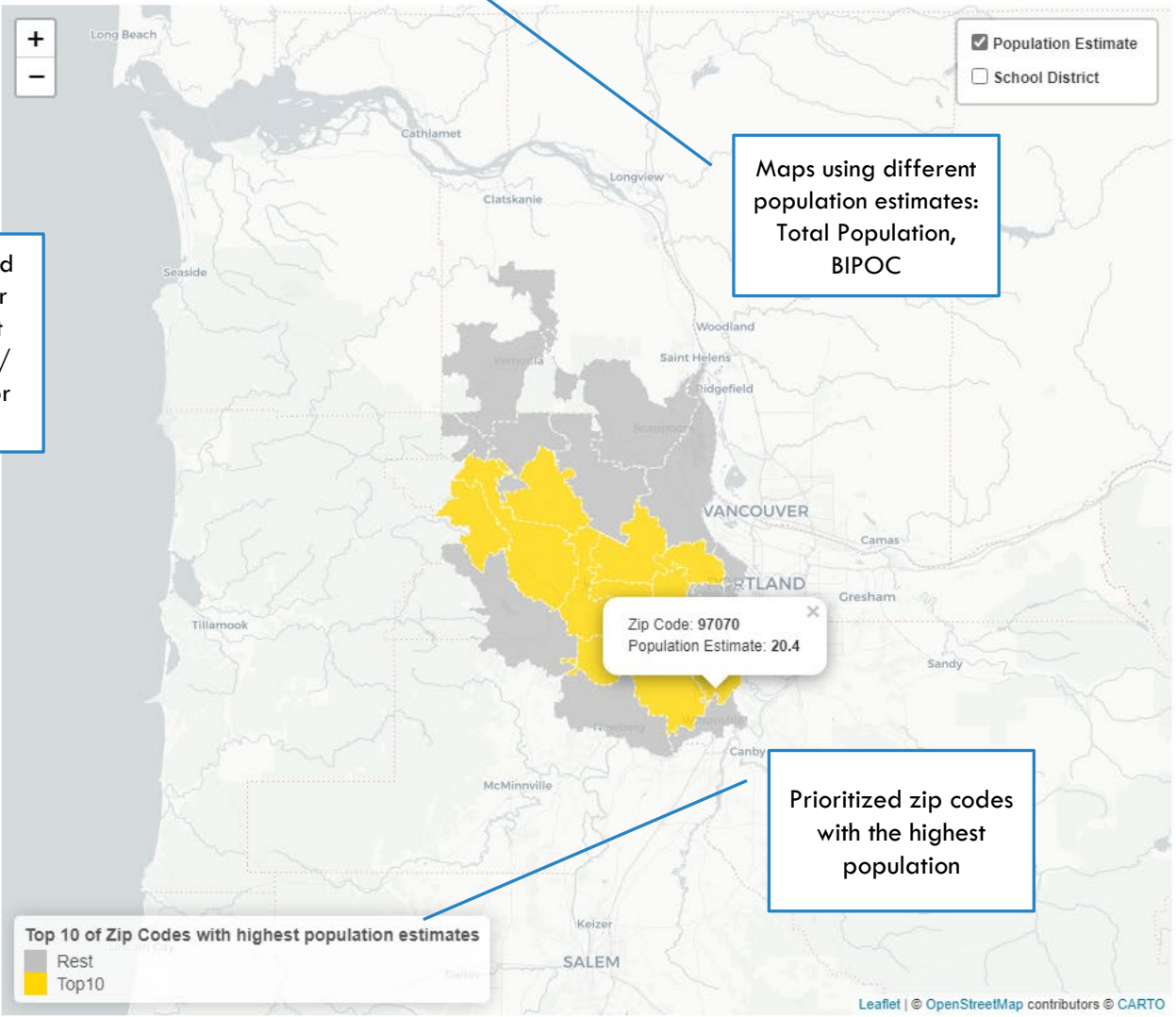
Generated a priority score and ranked schools

Zip Codes by Youth Population Vaccinated per 100 in Washington County



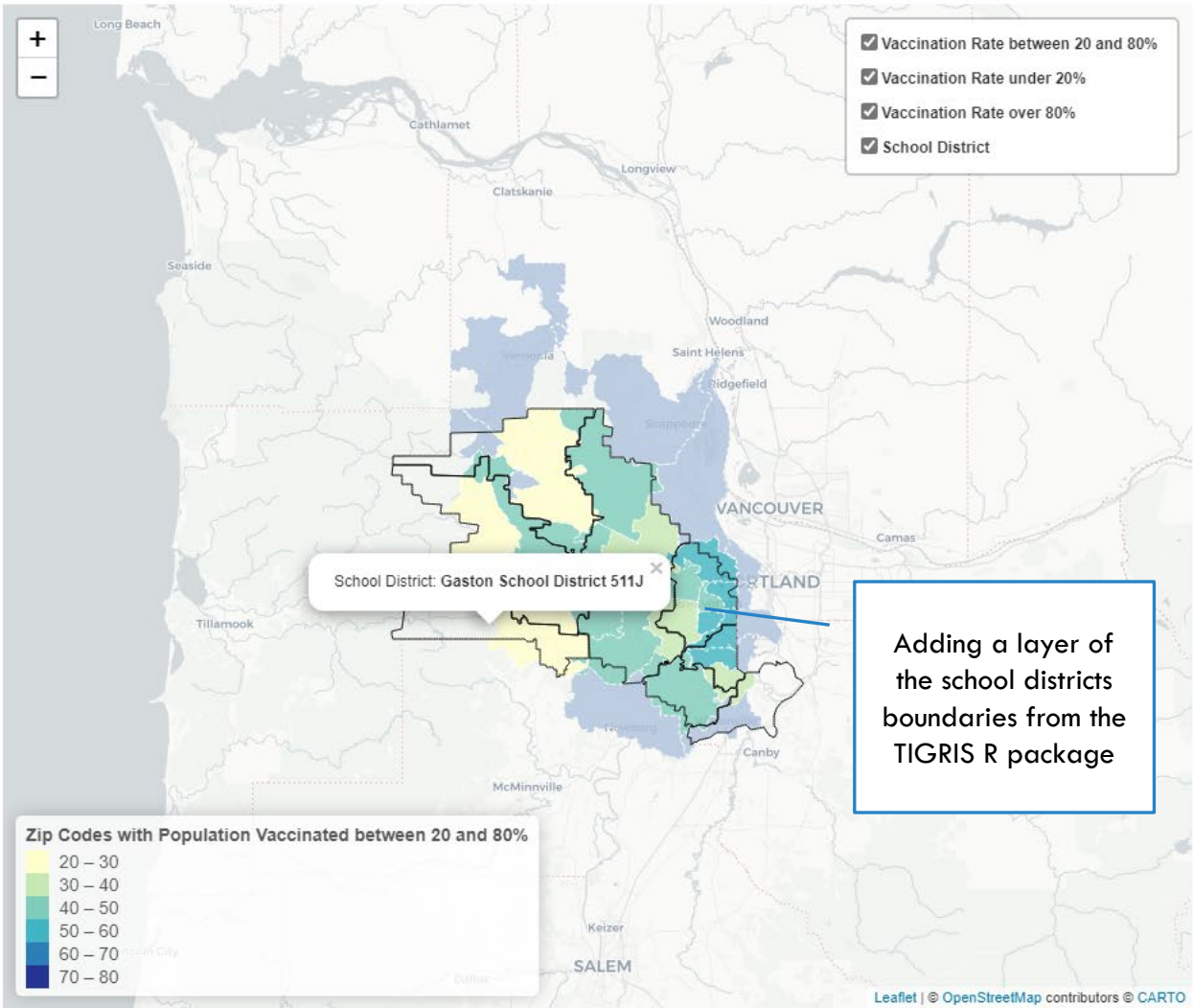
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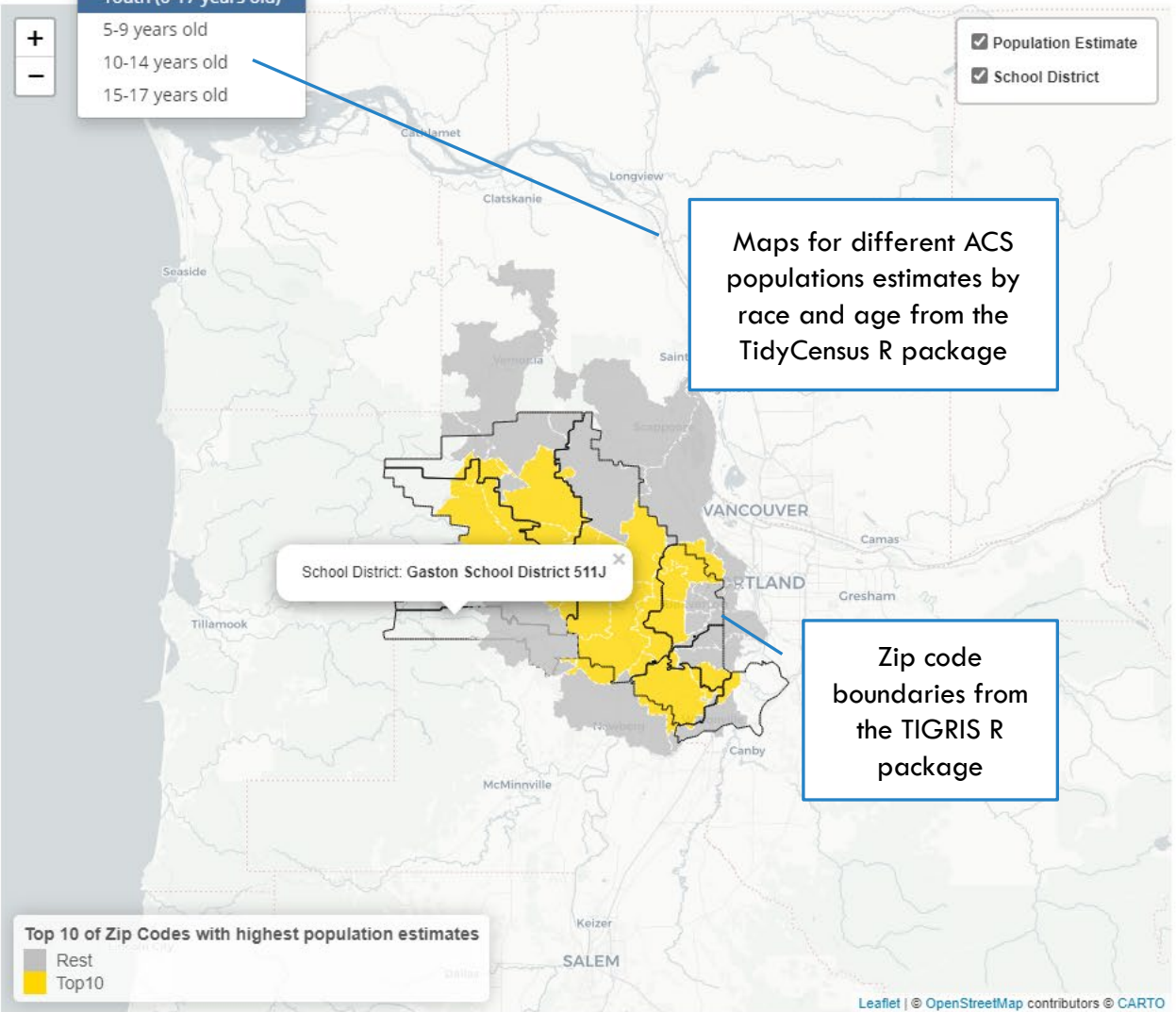
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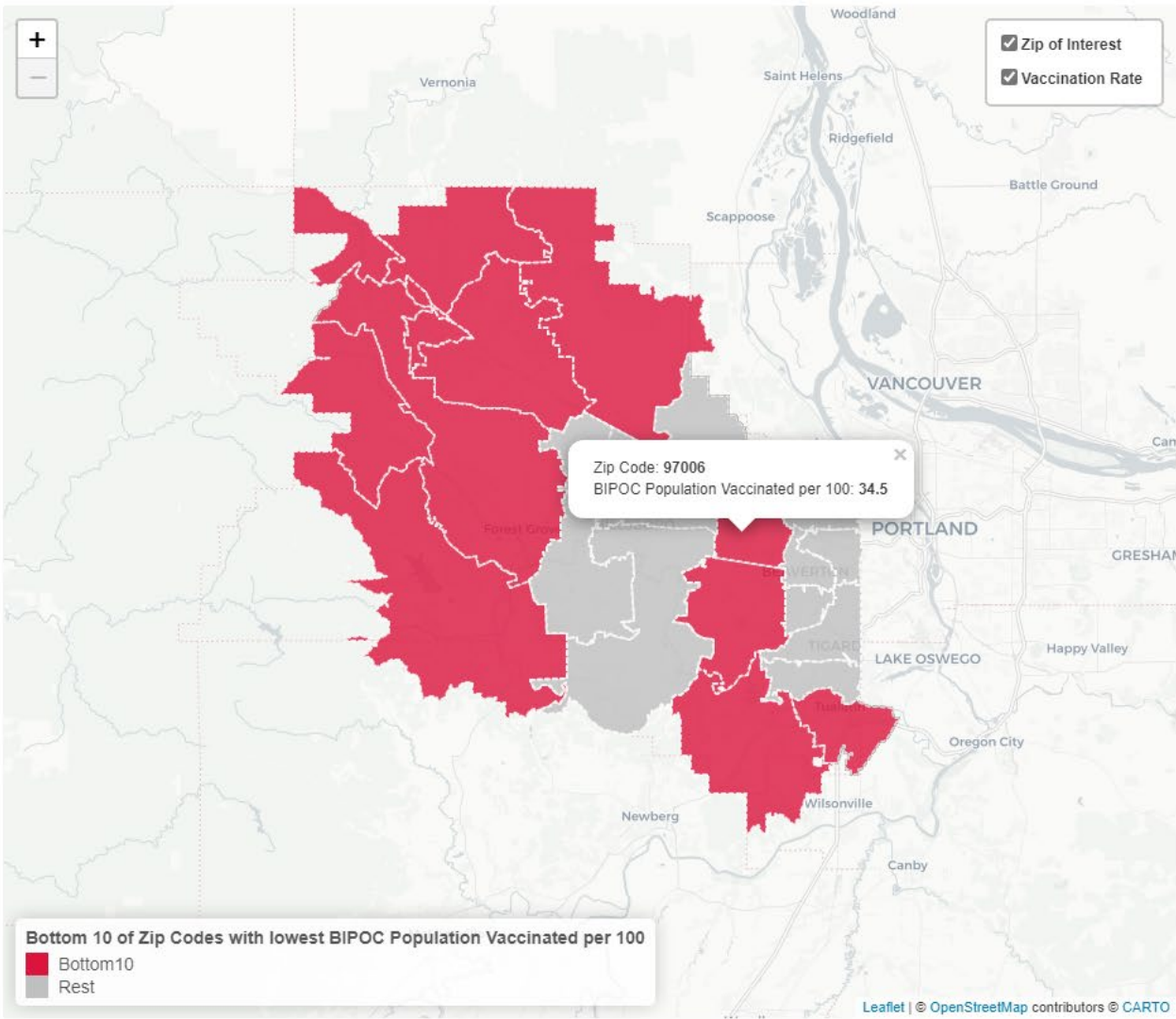
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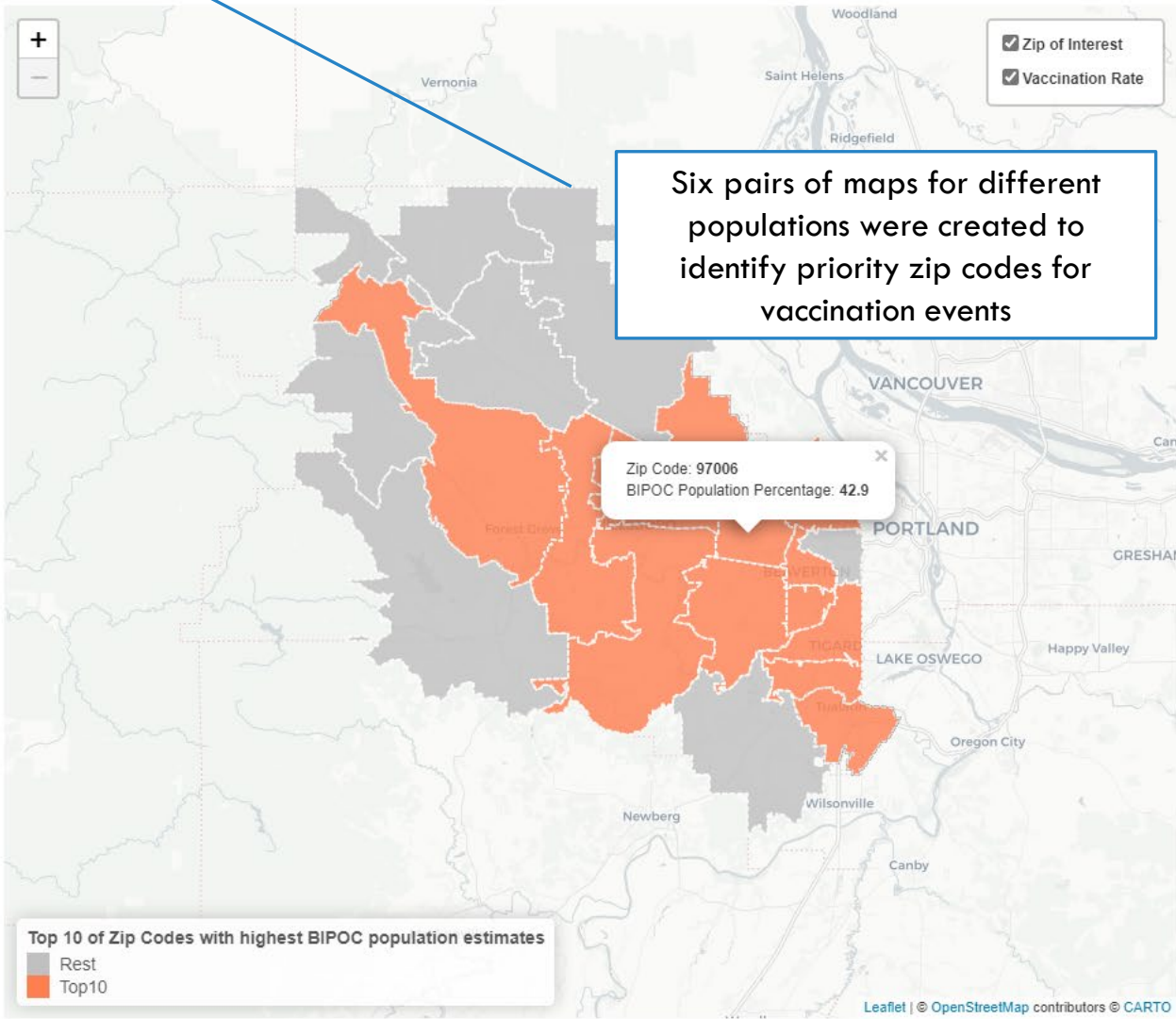
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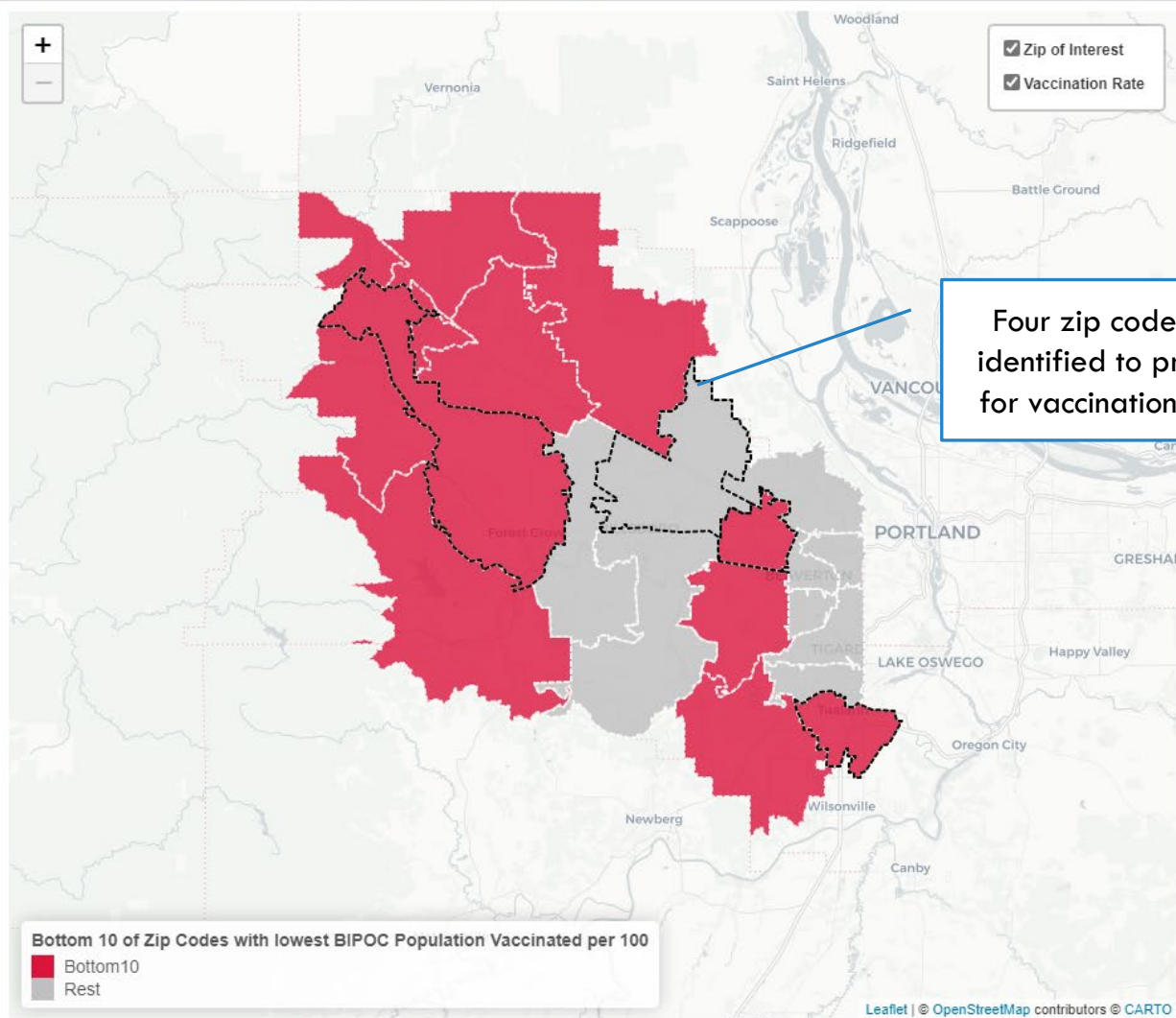
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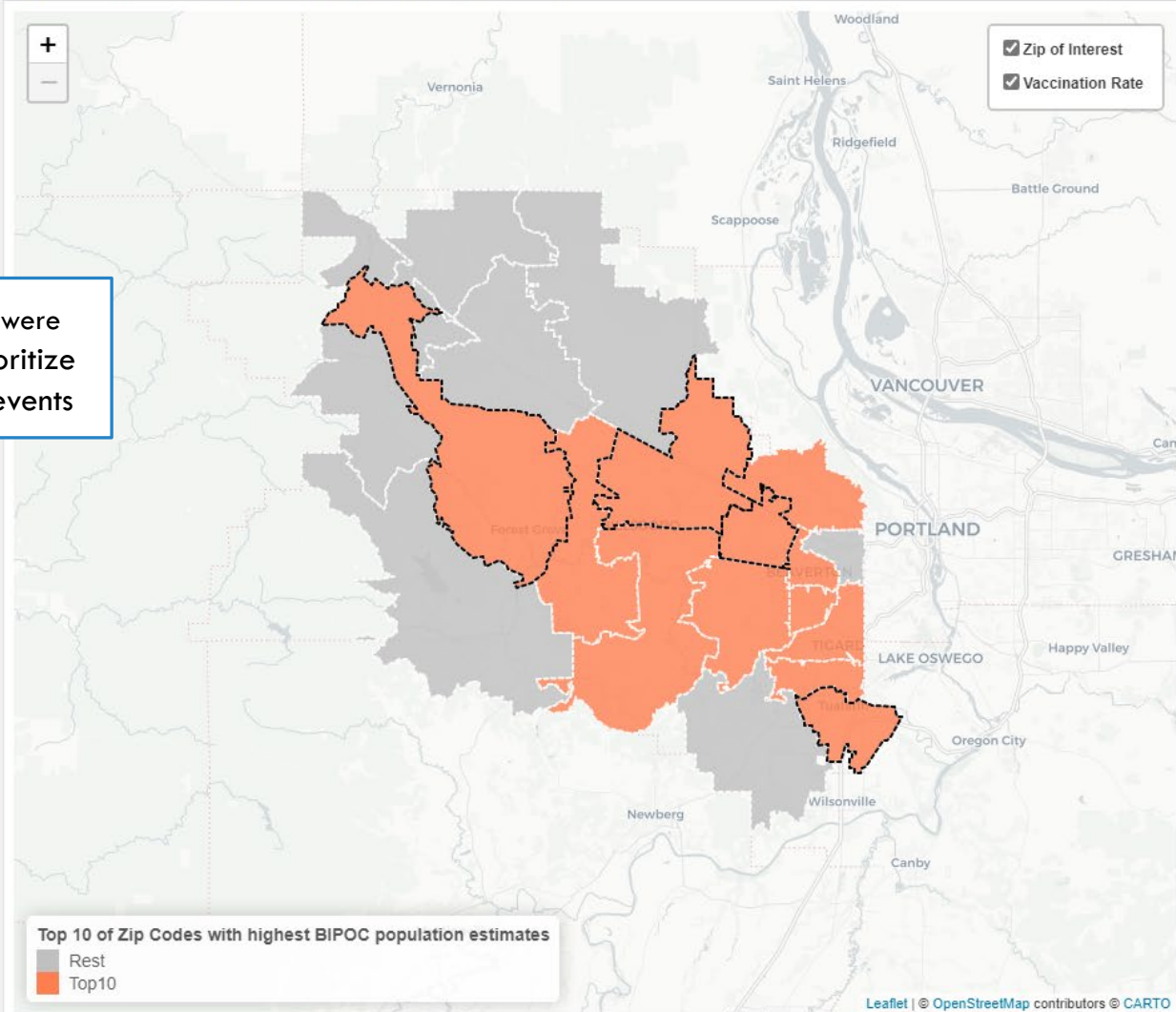
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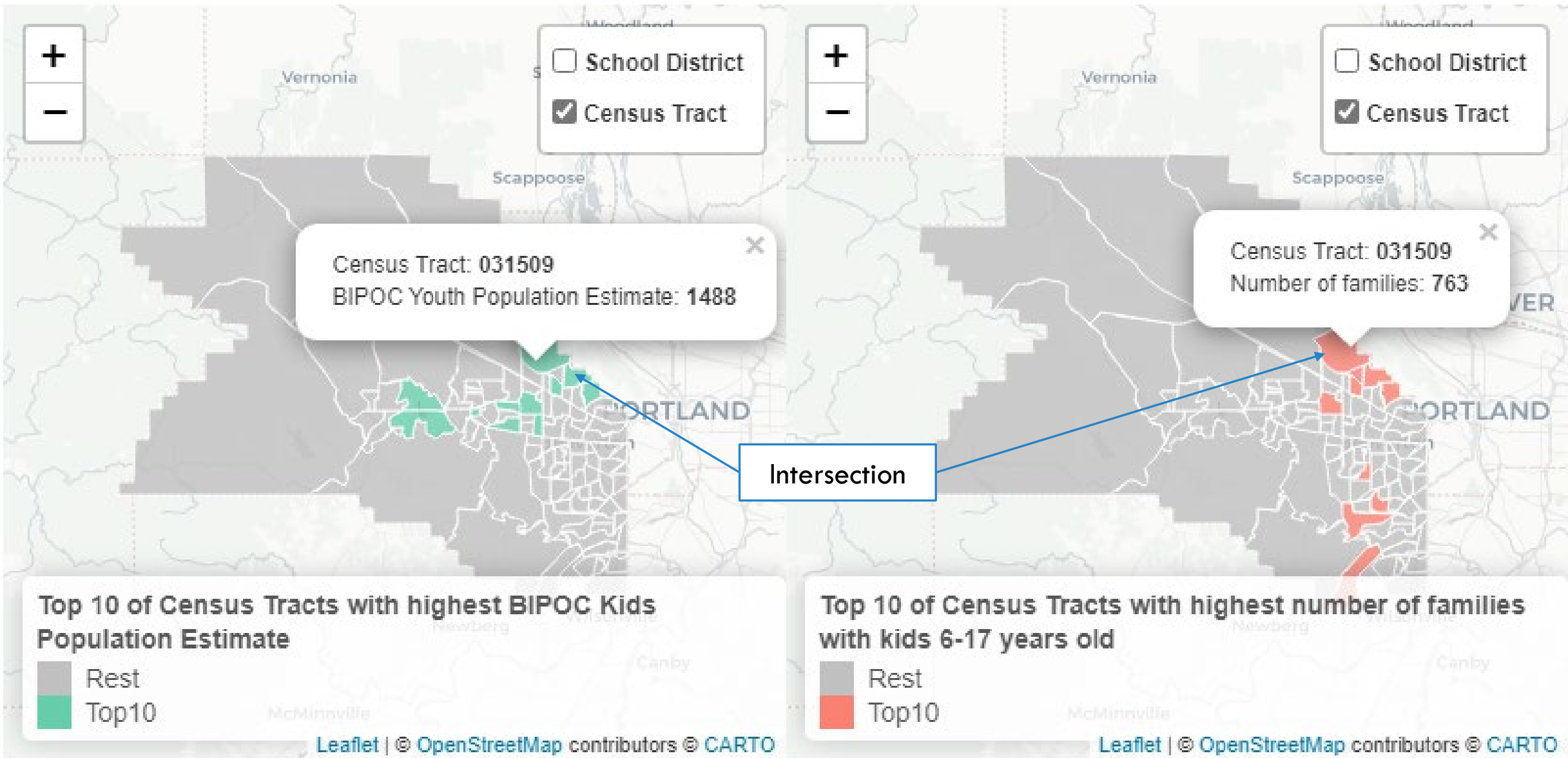
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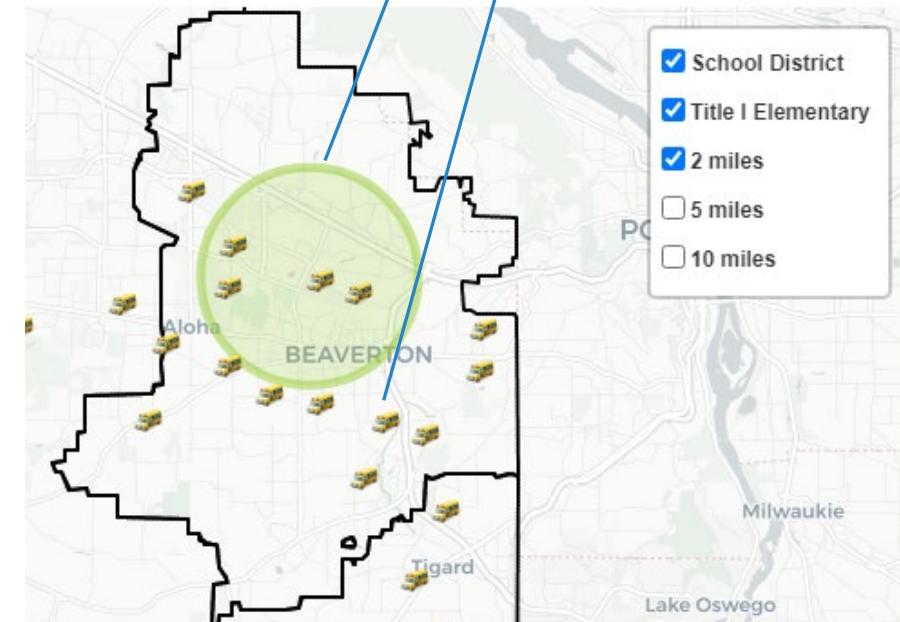
5.2 Maps: BIPOC Youth and Families



BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary School Name	High SVI	Low 10 vax rate	>50% Hispanic	>50% BIPOC	>50% low income	> 500 students	Priority Score	Strategic Concerns
Aloha-Huber Park		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	K – 8
Vose	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	5	
McKinley		✓		✓	✓	✓	4	
Kinnaman		✓		✓	✓	✓	4	CSDB
Chehalem		✓		✓	✓		3	
Greenway				✓	✓		2	
Beaver Acres	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	1	Tektronix
Barnes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	Tektronix
Fir Grove	✓	✓					1	
Hazeldale	✓	✓					1	
McKay					✓		1	
Raleigh Hills						✓	1	
Raleigh Park							0	
William Walker		✓	✓	✓	✓		4	Tektronix
Elmonica		✓		✓		✓	-1	Tektronix

CSDB: Close to School District Boundary – could partner with adjacent schools



2 miles radius
from existing
vaccination site

Elementary
schools/Potential
vaccination sites

THANK YOU!



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