

Evaluating Shared Prosperity in Southeast Michigan, 2018–2022

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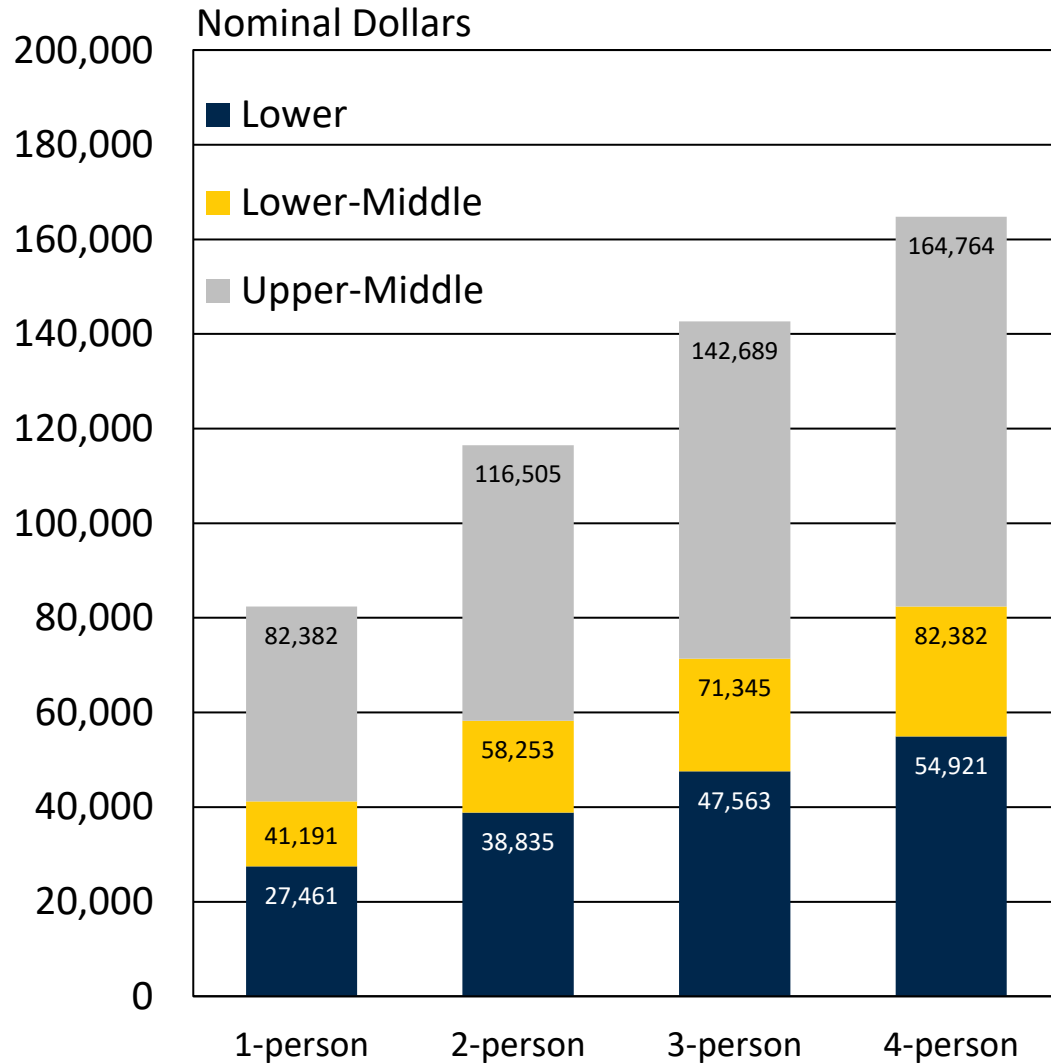
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About This Study

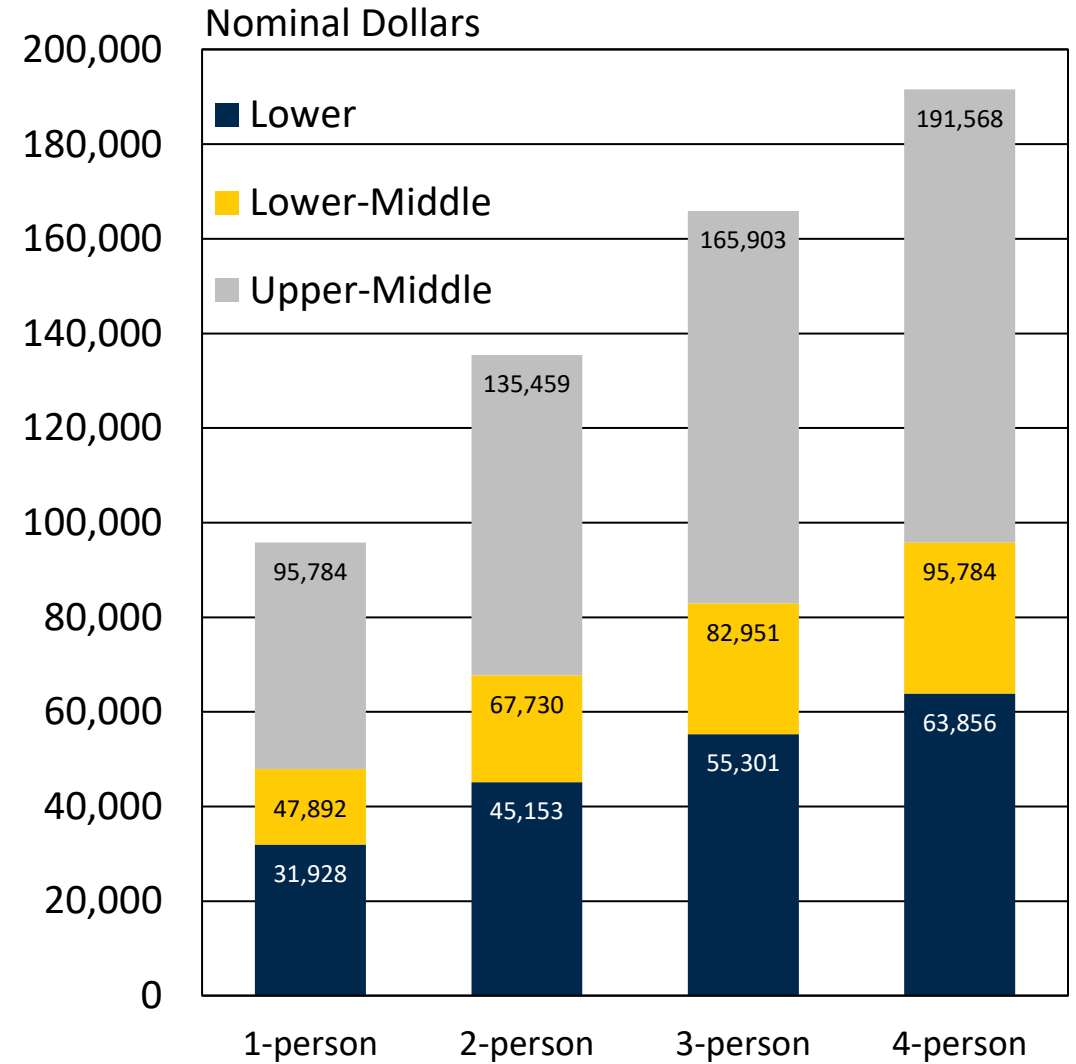
- This study is an update to our report [Evaluating Shared Prosperity in Southeast Michigan, 2012–2018](#)
- We examine how prosperity in the region has changed since before the pandemic
- We classify households into four income groups using a standardized measure of income (three-person equivalent income adjusting for local cost of living)
- We consider the distribution of prosperity by geography, racial and ethnic groups, educational attainment, and age
- New this year, we also examine prosperity by disability status and housing tenure

Household Income Thresholds in Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, 2018 and 2022

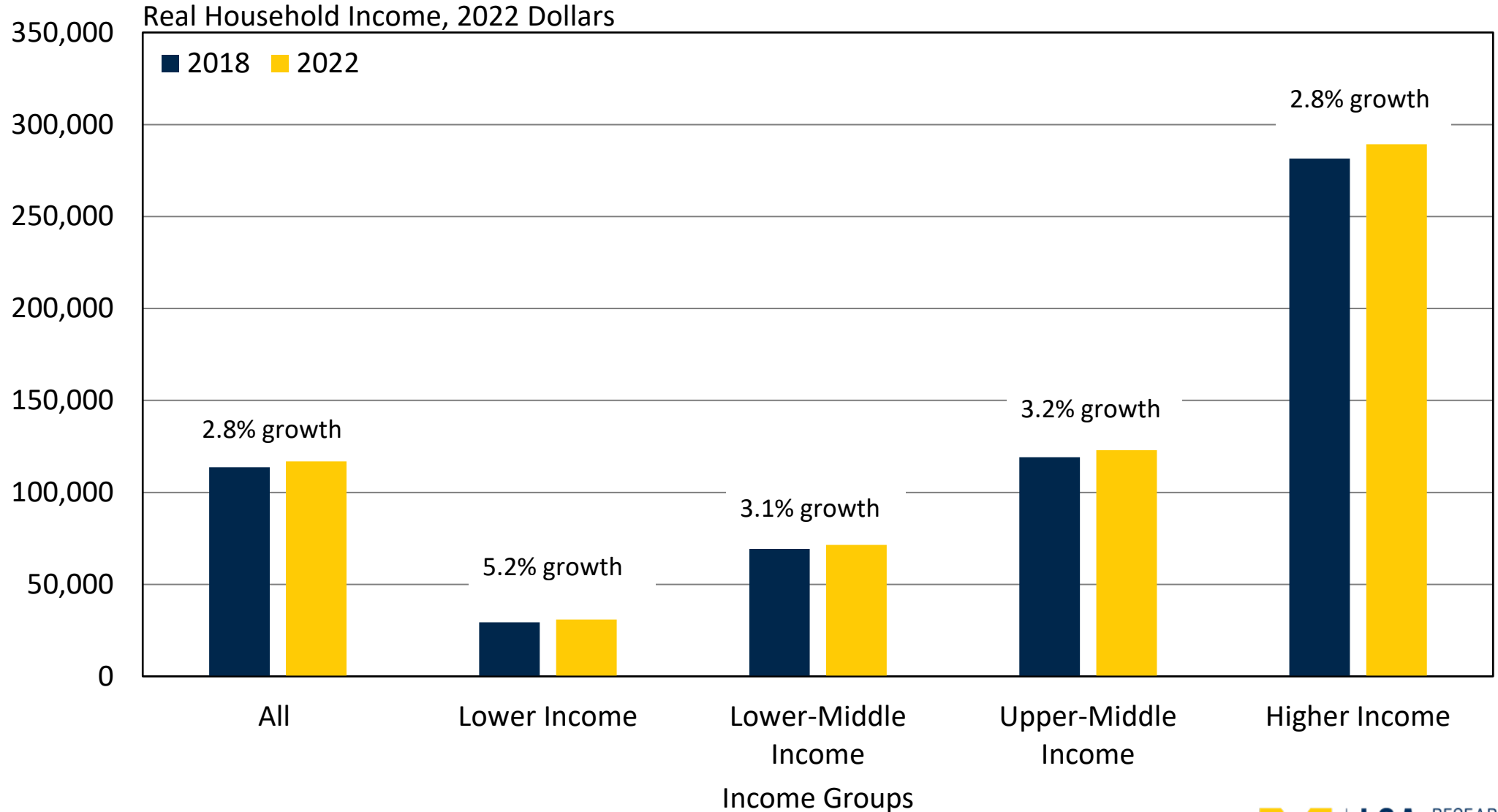
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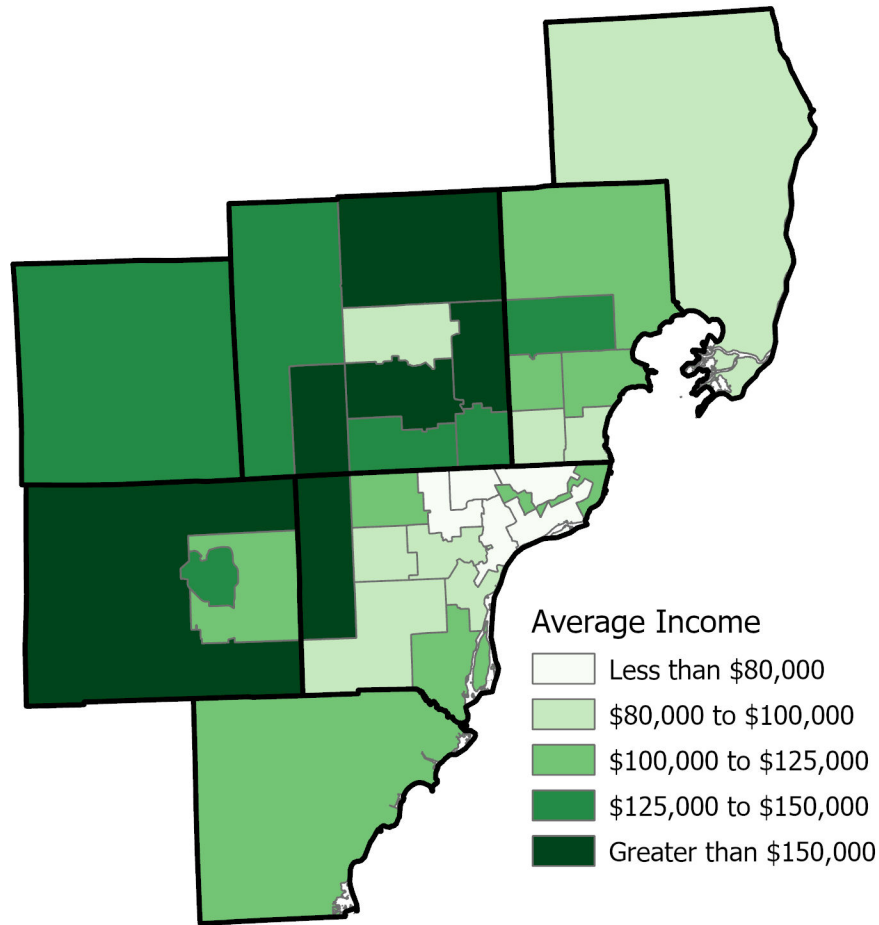


Mean 3-person Household Equivalent Income by Income Group in Southeast Michigan, 2018 and 2022

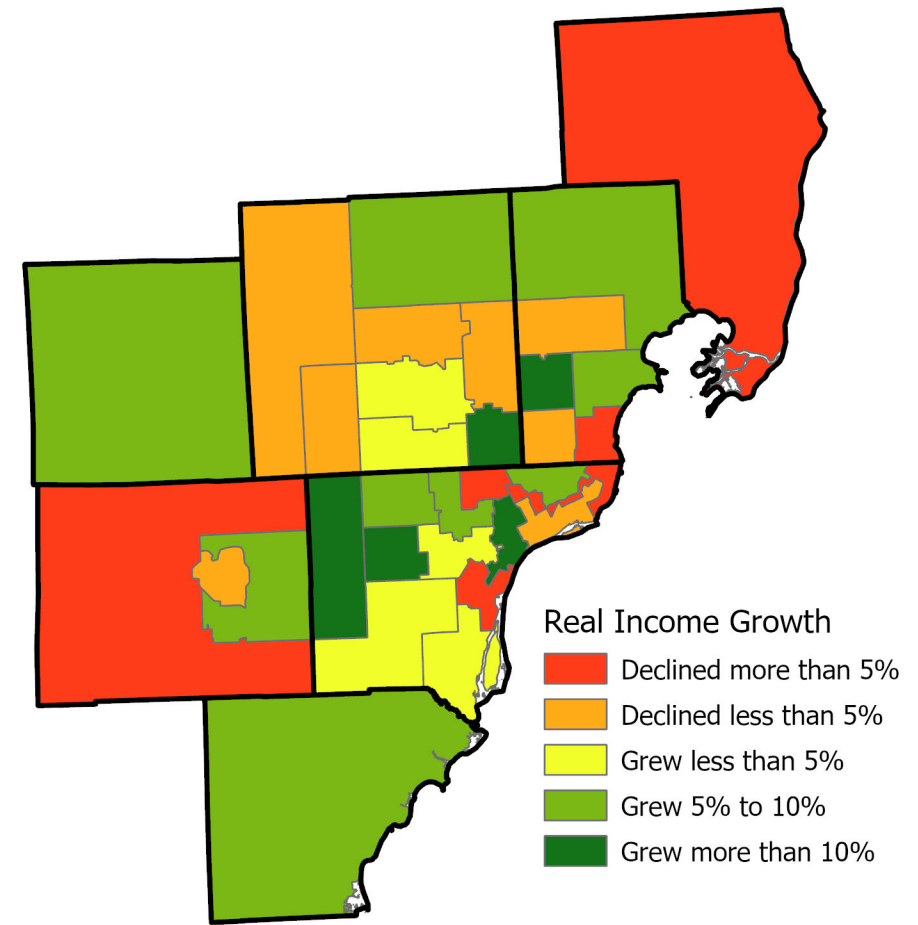


Geographic Distribution of Prosperity in Southeast Michigan

Average Three-Person Equivalent Household Income, 2022

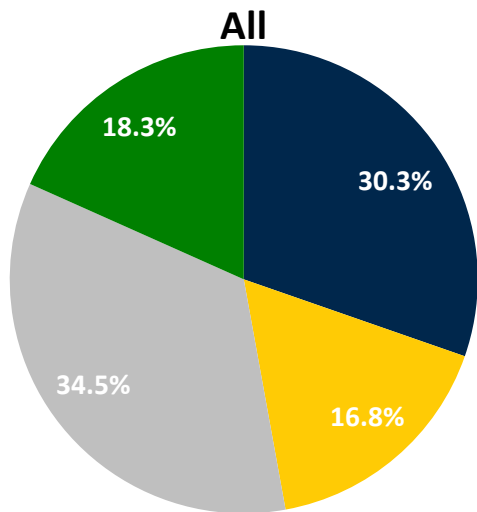


Real Growth of Average Three-Person Equivalent Household Income, 2018–2022

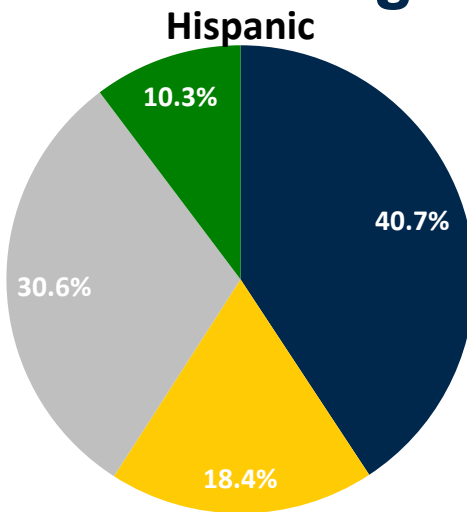


Distribution of Population by Household Income and Race/Ethnicity

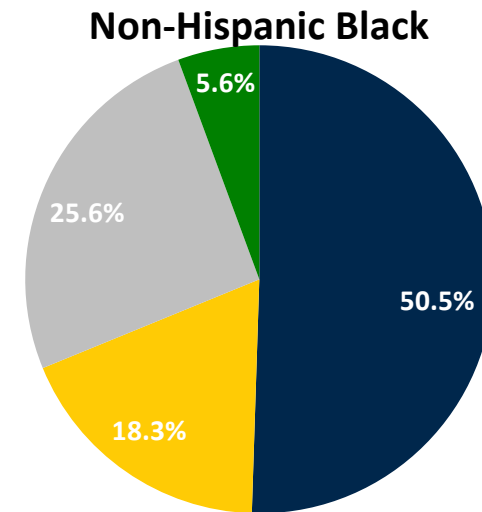
Southeast Michigan, 2022



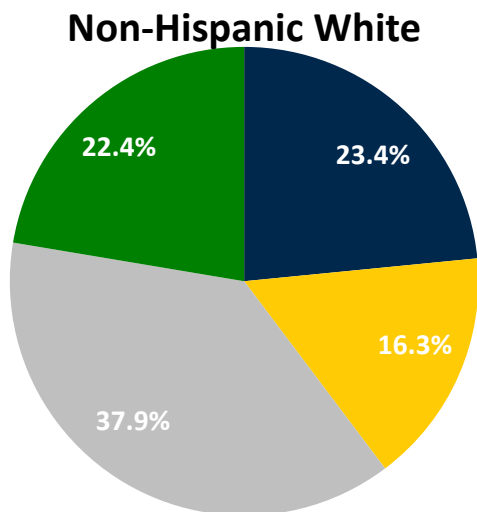
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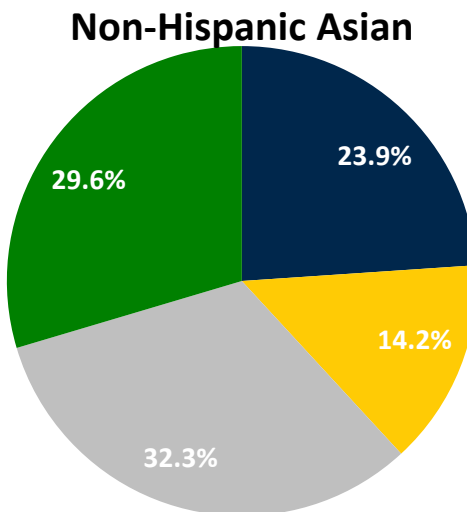
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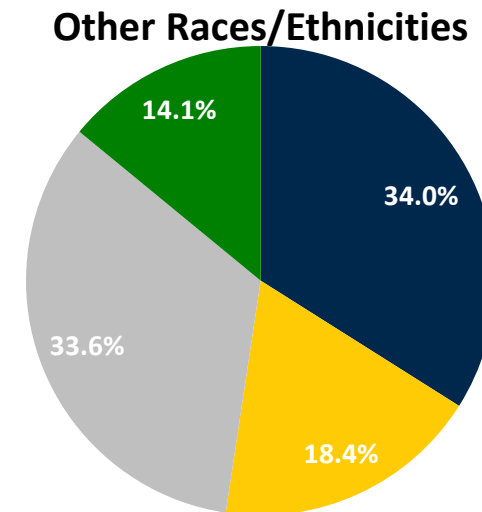
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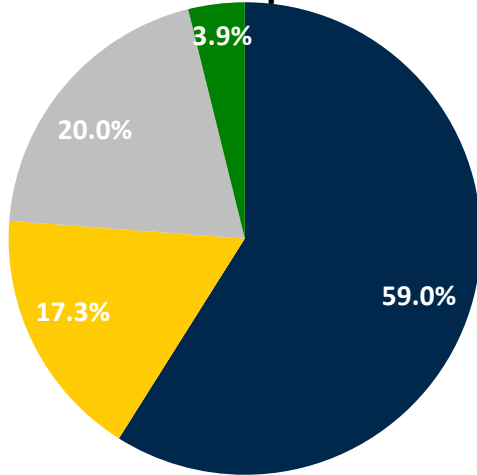
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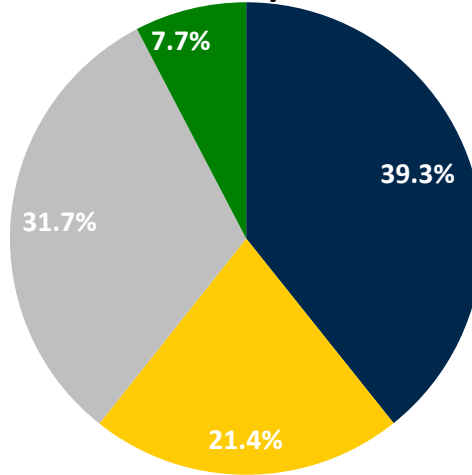
Distribution of Population 25+ by Household Income and Education Southeast Michigan, 2022

No HS Diploma



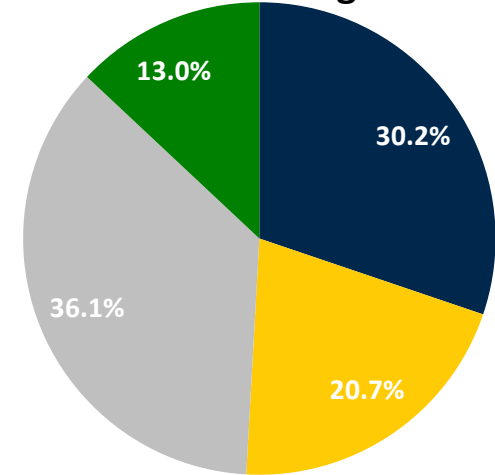
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HS Grad/GED



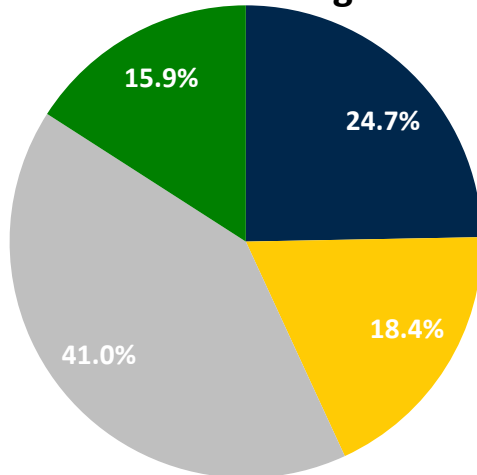
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Some College



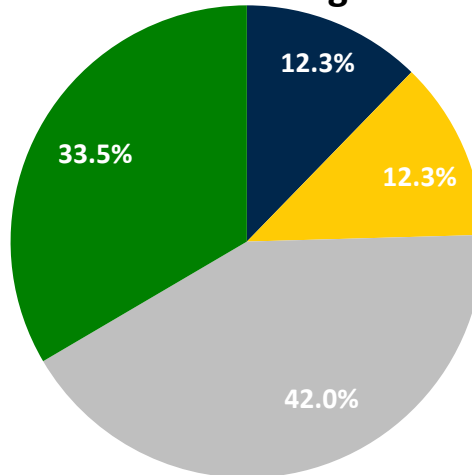
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Associate's Degree



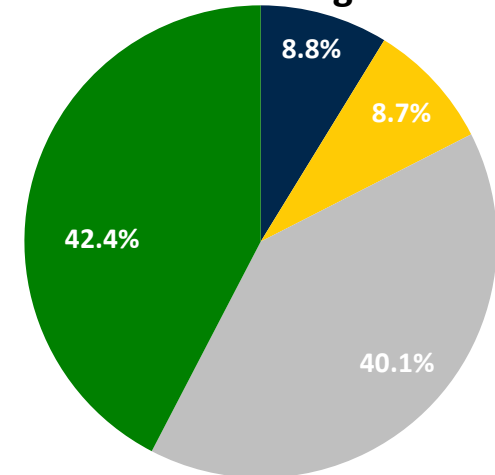
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Bachelor's Degree



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Graduate Degree

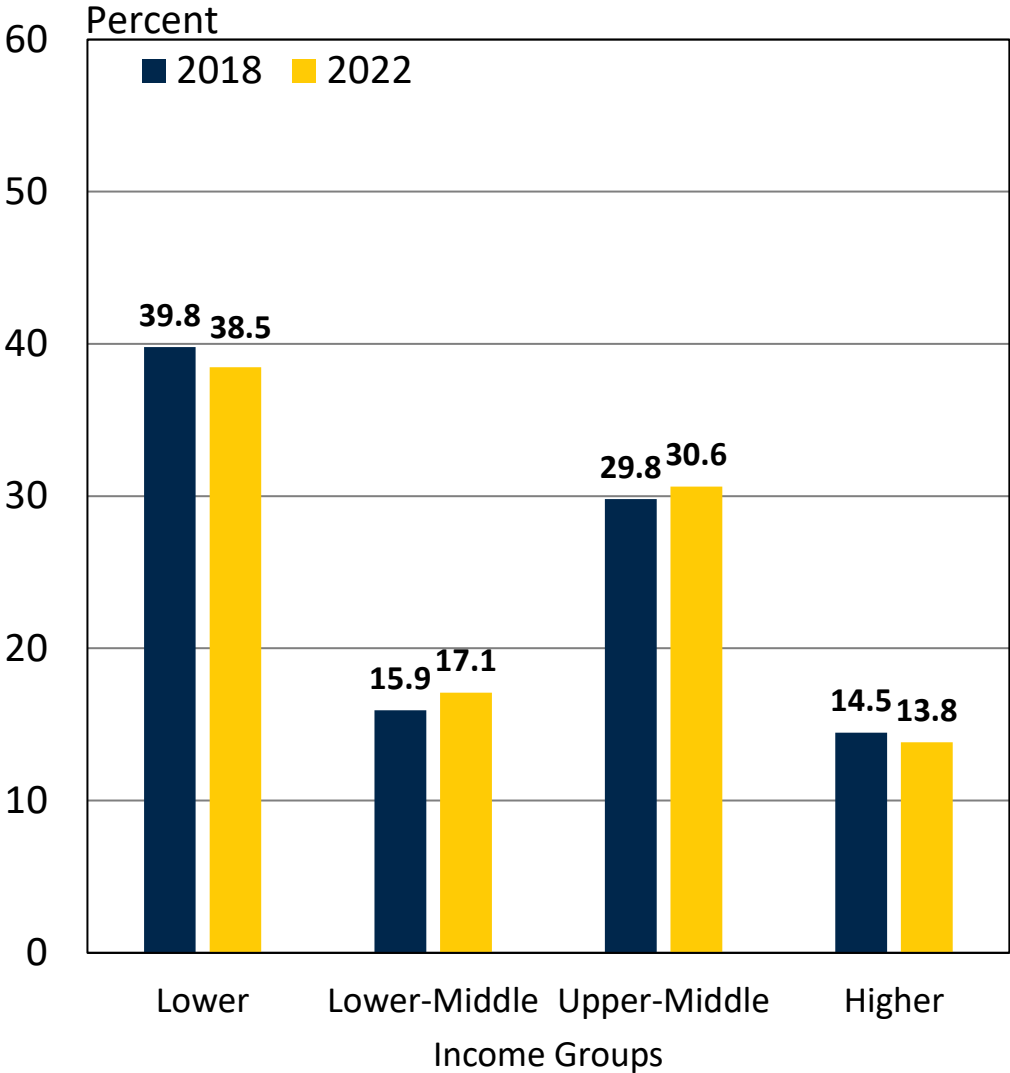


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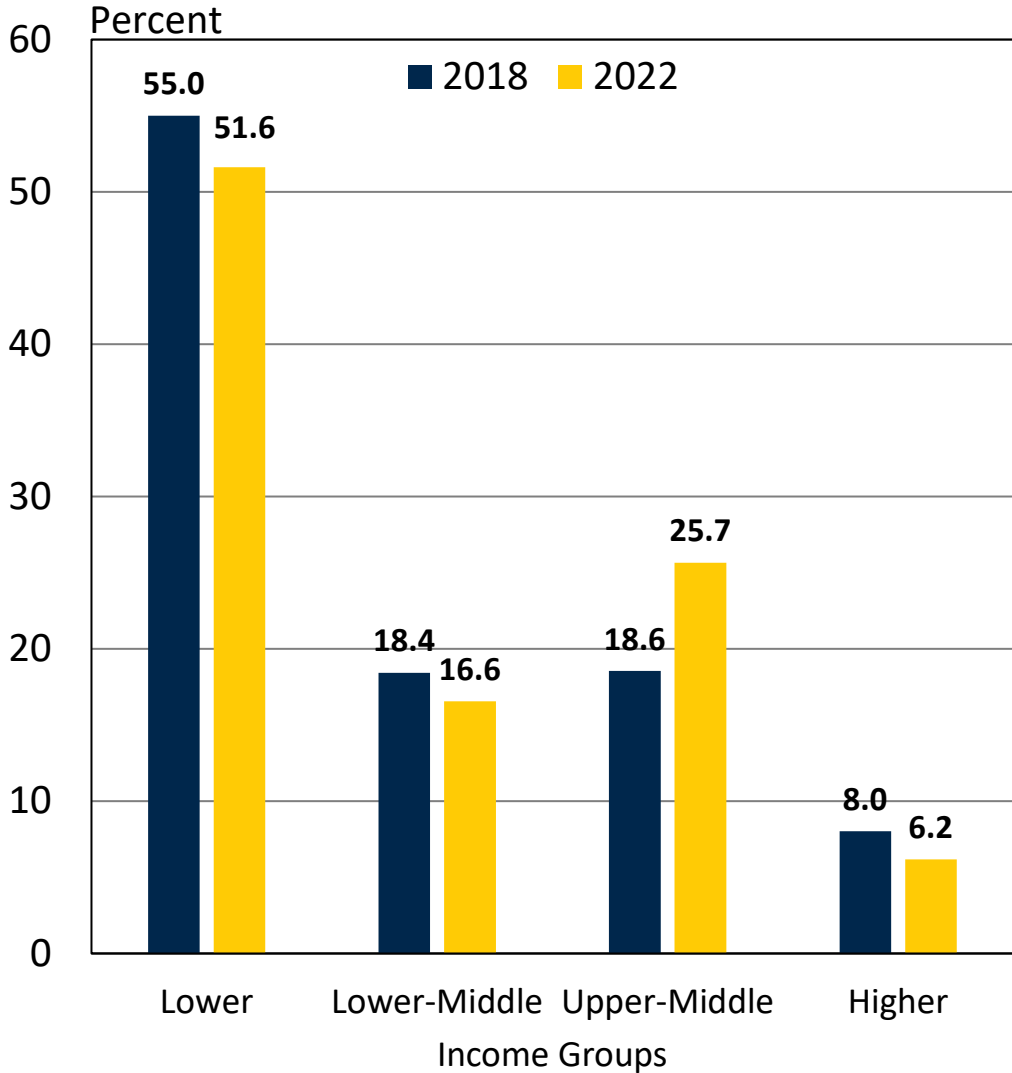
Distribution of Children 17 and Under by Household Income

Southeast Michigan, 2018 & 2022

All Races/Ethnicities



Hispanic

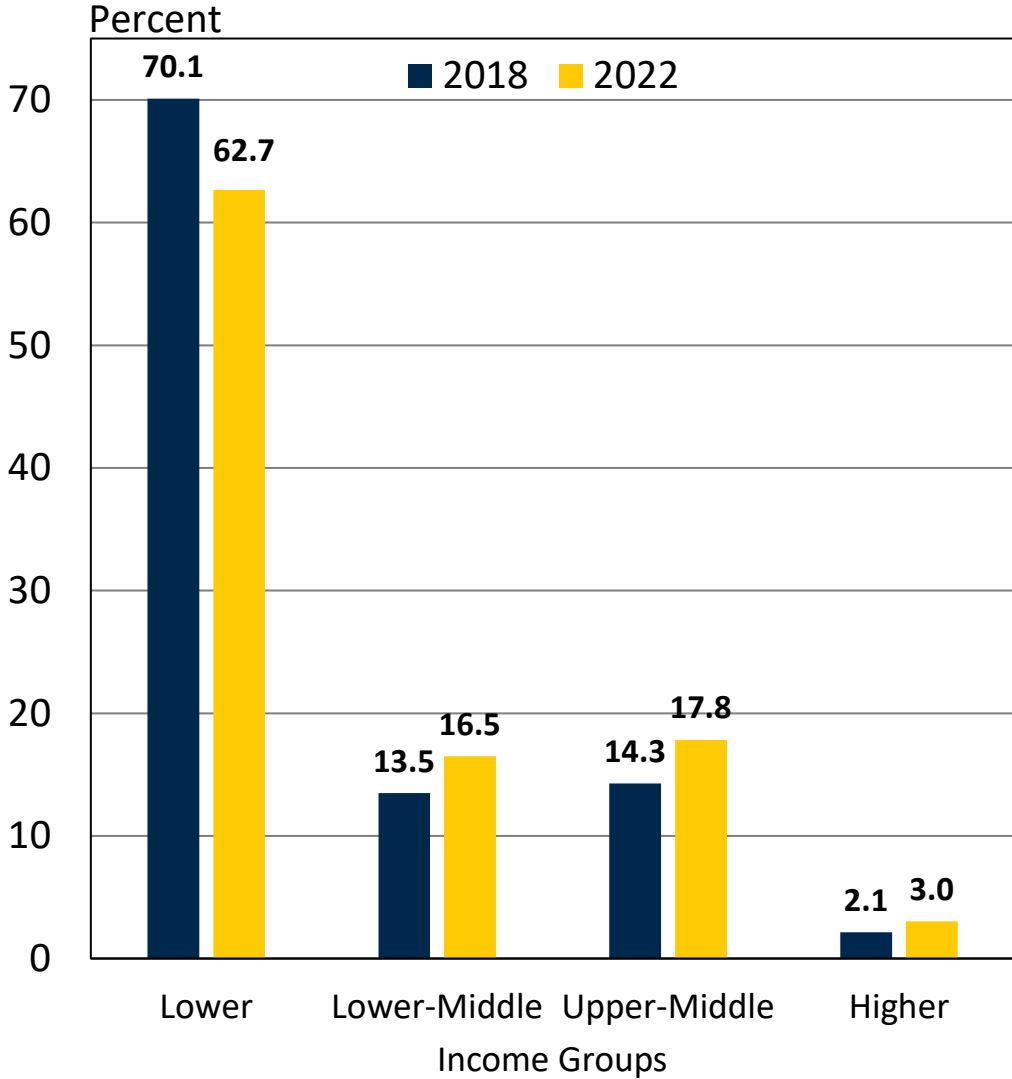
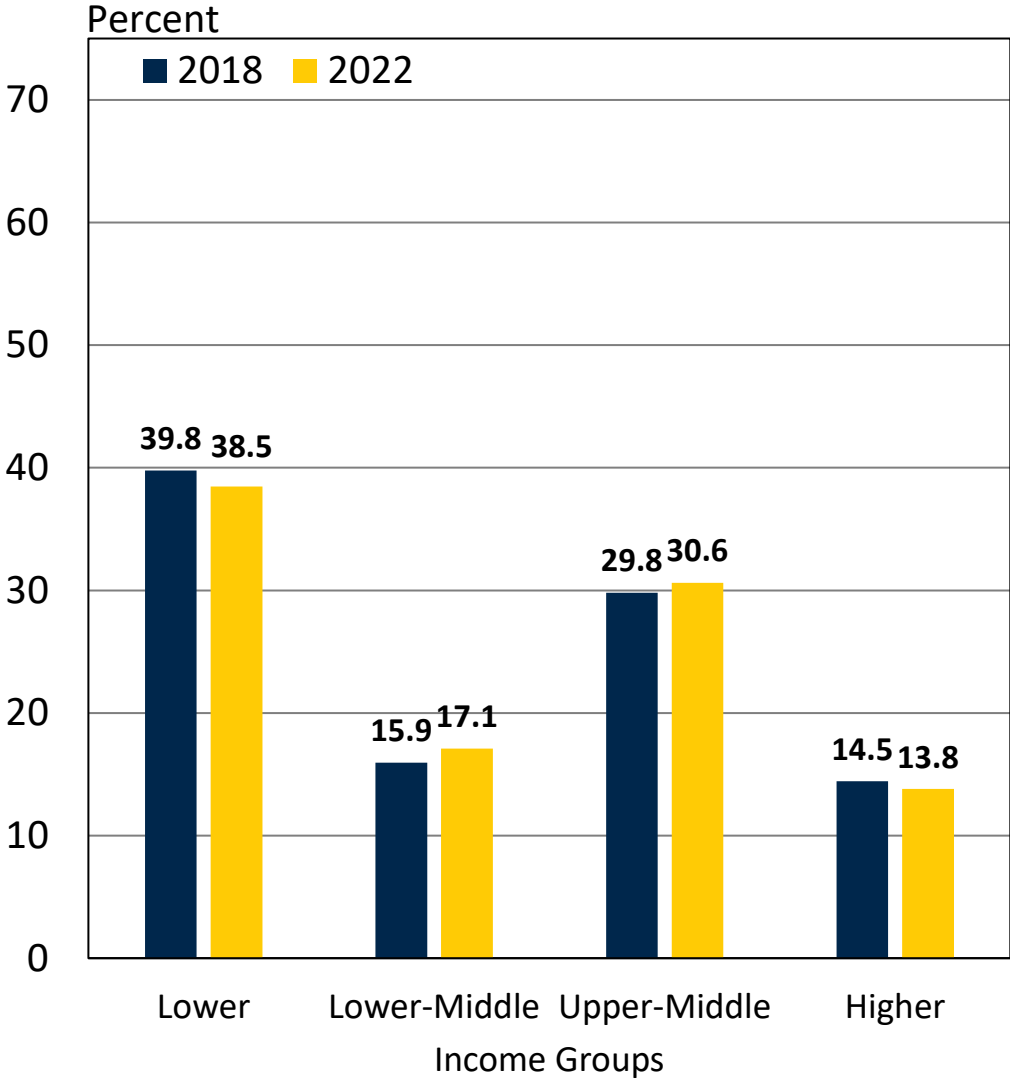


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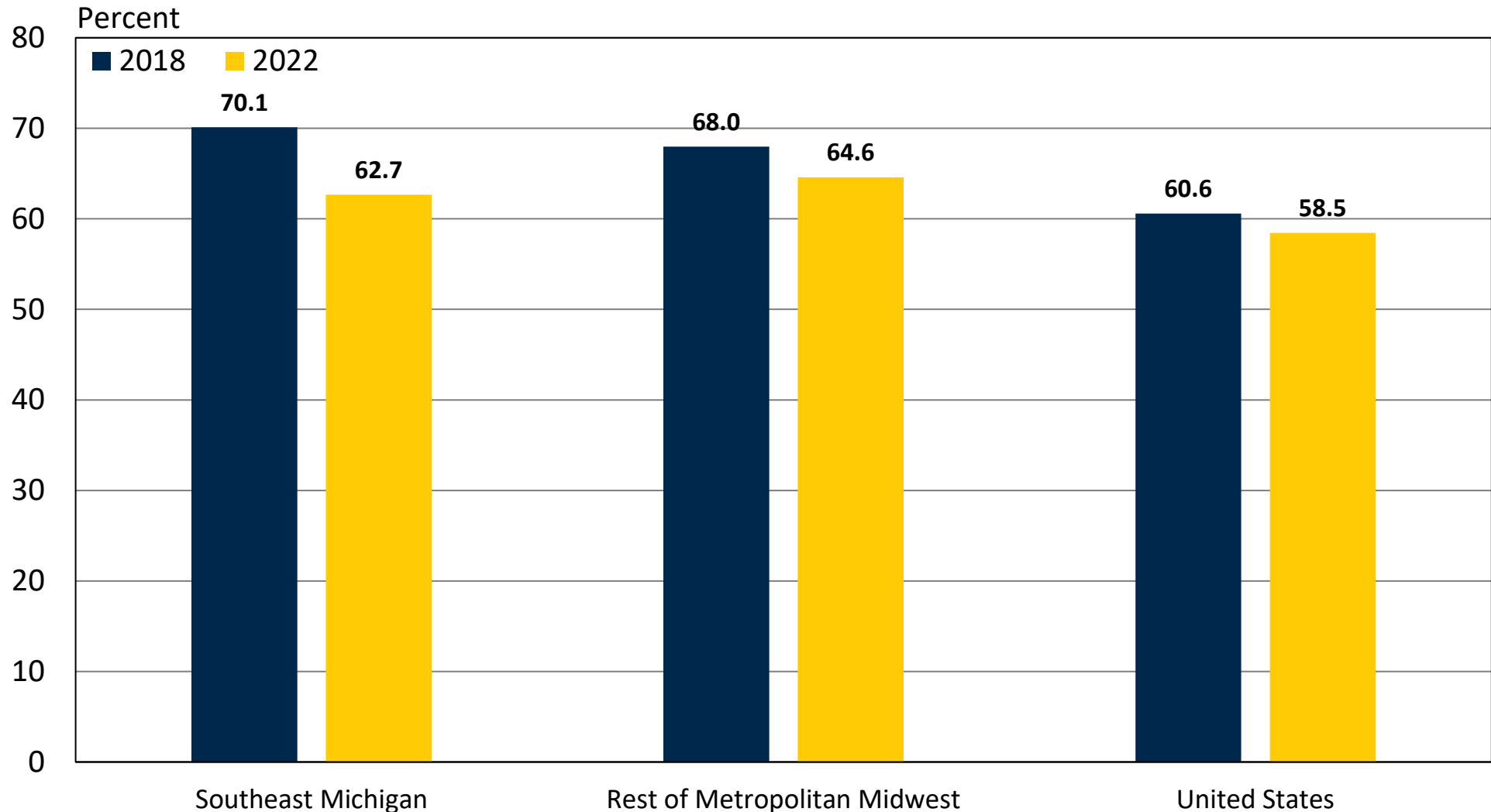
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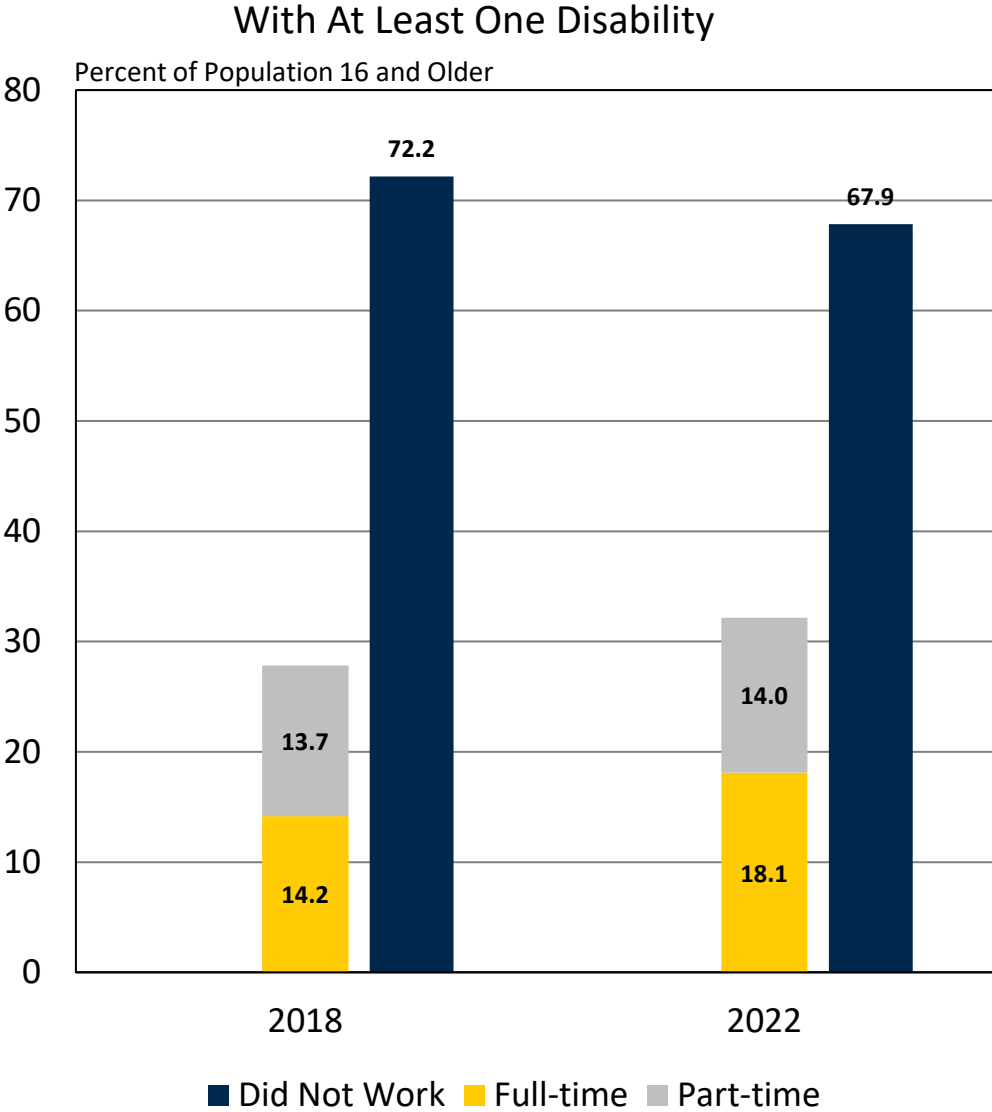
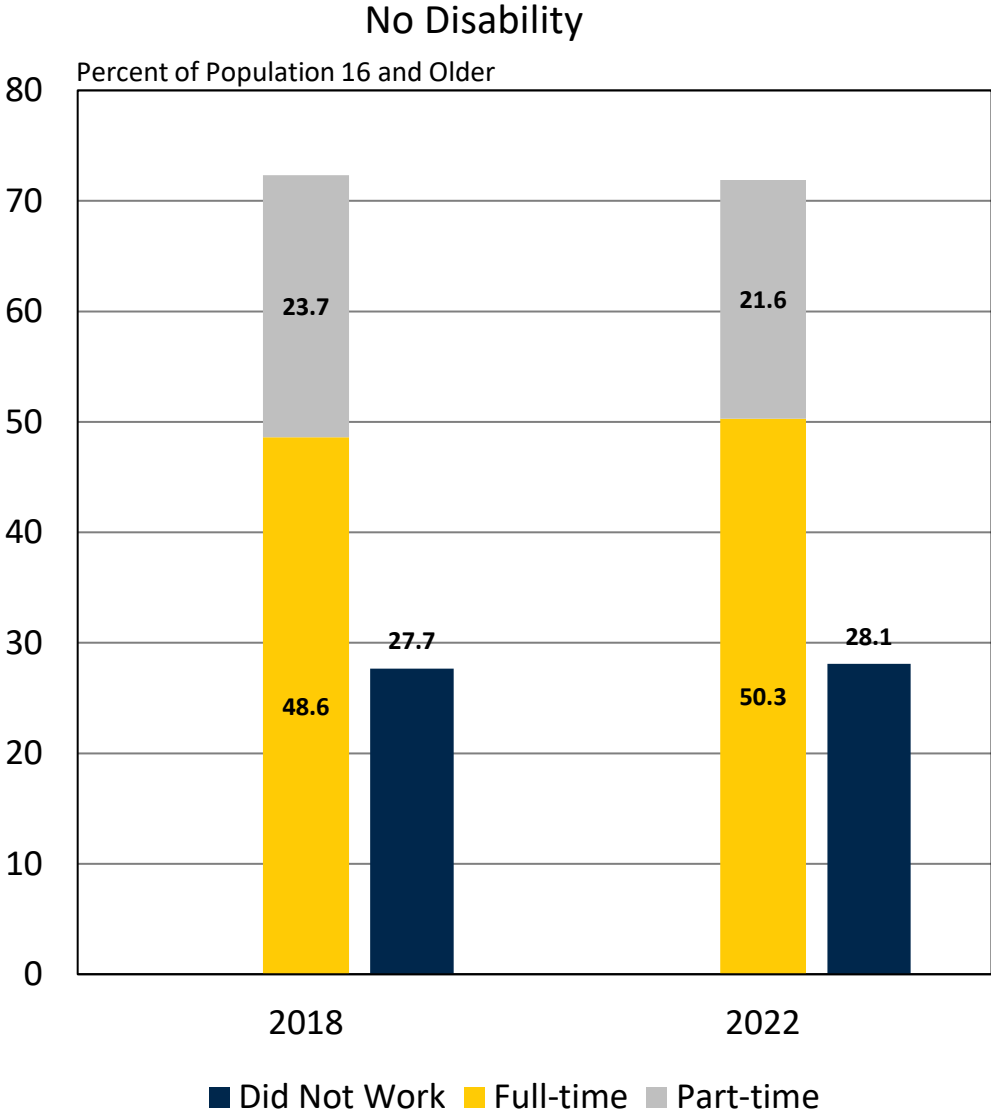
Non-Hispanic Black



Share of Non-Hispanic Black Children 17 and Under in Lower-Income Households by Region, 2018 & 2022



Labor Market Engagement by Disability Status in Southeast Michigan



Concluding Thoughts

- Prosperity became more broadly shared in Southeast Michigan from 2018 to 2022
- Gains were noticeable for Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Black residents, especially children
- Disabled residents experienced sharp gains in full-time employment
- Southeast Michigan still suffers from holes in the distribution of prosperity, with large gaps across racial and ethnic groups
- Education still matters. A bachelor's degree or higher formal education remains the most reliable way to attain an upper-middle or higher-income standard of living

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