

Arlington County Race 1950-2010

U.S. Census Bureau: Decennial Census Data

DRAFT



Department of Community
Planning, Housing and
Development

Research and Strategic Initiatives Group

September 1, 2020



Race Defined by US Census Bureau

DRAFT

- The U.S. Census Bureau collects race data in accordance with guidelines provided by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and these data are based on self-identification.
- The racial categories included in the census questionnaire generally reflect a social definition of race recognized in this country and not an attempt to define race biologically, anthropologically, or genetically.
- In addition, it is recognized that the categories of the race question include race and national origin or sociocultural groups.
- OMB requires that race data be collected for a minimum of five groups: White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.
- OMB permits the Census Bureau to also use a sixth category - Some Other Race. Respondents may report more than one race.

2020 Census Questionnaire



Census Race Questions

DRAFT

1950

RACE

White (W)
 Negro (Neg)
 American Indian (Ind)
 Japanese (Jap)
 Chinese (Chi)
 Filipino (Fil)
 Other race—spell out

1960

Is this person—

White
 Negro
 American Indian
 Japanese
 Chinese
 Filipino
 Hawaiian
 Part Hawaiian
 Aleut
 Eskimo
 (etc.)?

1980

<input type="radio"/> White	<input type="radio"/> Asian Indian
<input type="radio"/> Black or Negro	<input type="radio"/> Hawaiian
<input type="radio"/> Japanese	<input type="radio"/> Guamanian
<input type="radio"/> Chinese	<input type="radio"/> Samoan
<input type="radio"/> Filipino	<input type="radio"/> Eskimo
<input type="radio"/> Korean	<input type="radio"/> Aleut
<input type="radio"/> Vietnamese	<input type="radio"/> Other — <i>Specify</i>
<input type="radio"/> Indian (Amer.) <i>Print tribe</i>	

1990

White

Black or Negro

Indian (Amer.) (Print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe.)

Eskimo

Aleut

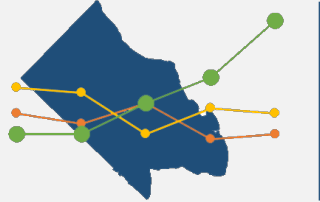
Asian or Pacific Islander (API)

<input type="radio"/> Chinese	<input type="radio"/> Japanese
<input type="radio"/> Filipino	<input type="radio"/> Asian Indian
<input type="radio"/> Hawaiian	<input type="radio"/> Samoan
<input type="radio"/> Korean	<input type="radio"/> Guamanian
<input type="radio"/> Vietnamese	<input type="radio"/> Other API

Other race (Print race)

1970

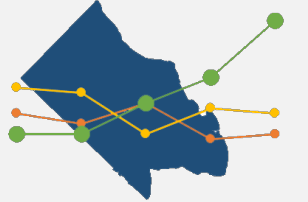
<input type="radio"/> White	<input type="radio"/> Japanese	<input type="radio"/> Hawaiian
<input type="radio"/> Negro or Black	<input type="radio"/> Chinese	<input type="radio"/> Korean
<input type="radio"/> Indian (Amer.) <i>Print tribe</i>	<input type="radio"/> Filipino	<input type="radio"/> Other— <i>Print race</i>



Arlington Population: 1950-2020

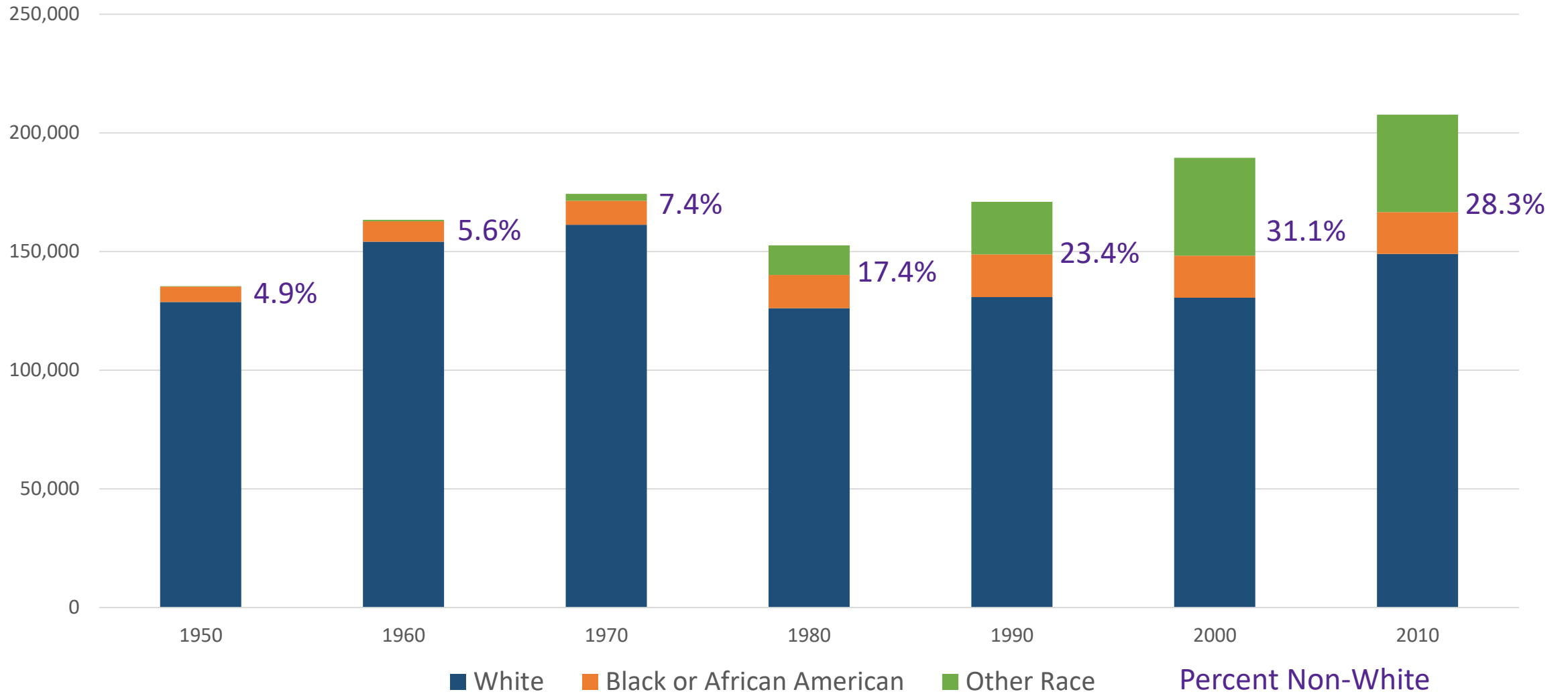
DRAFT





Arlington Population By Race: 1950-2020

DRAFT





1950 Census

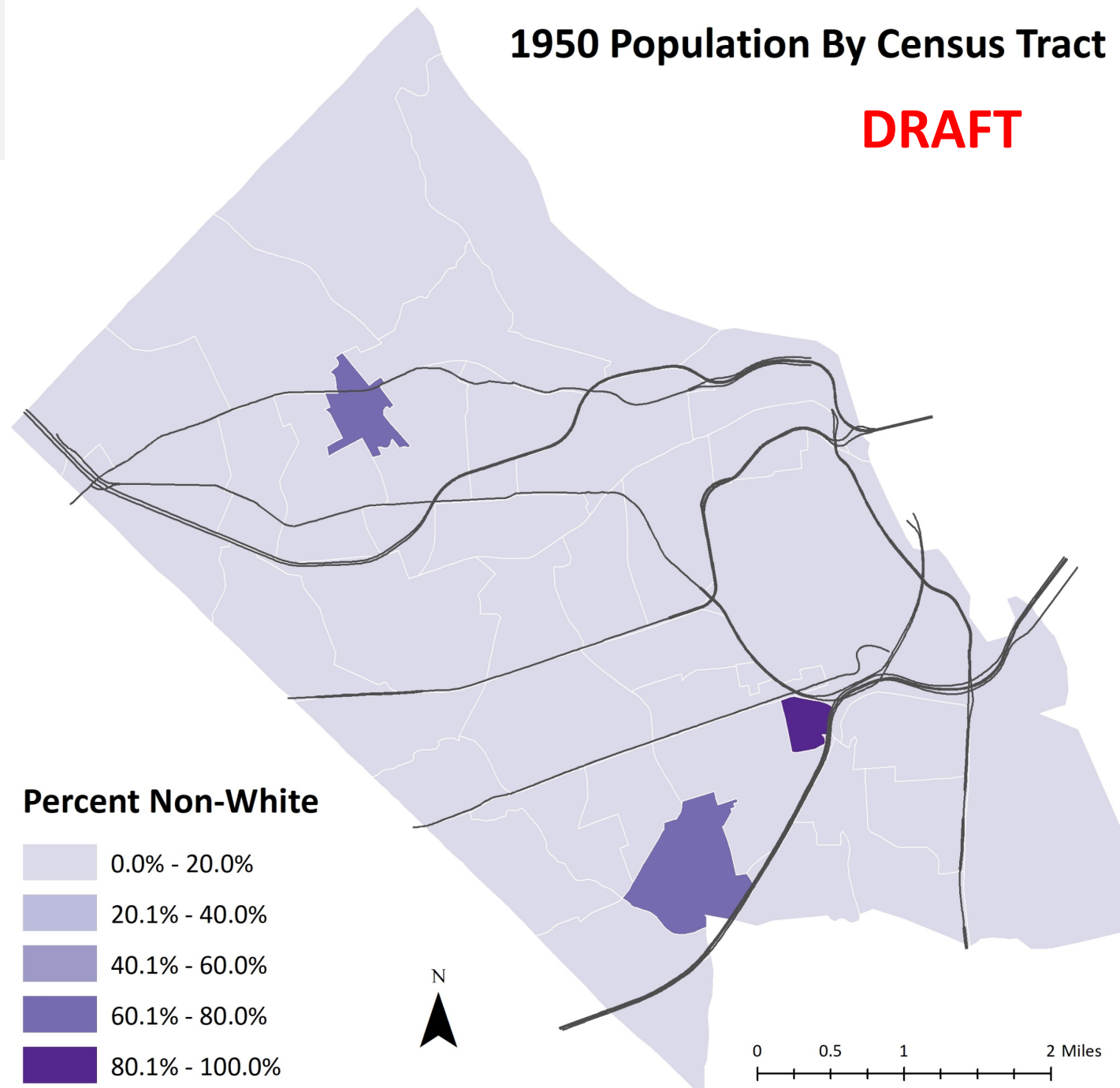
Up to the 1950 Census, race was determined by enumerator.

Total Population	135,449	100.0%
White	128,780	95.1%
Non-White	6,669	4.9%
Black or African American	6,517	4.8%
Other Race	152	0.1%

September 1, 2020

1950 Population By Census Tract

DRAFT





1960 Census

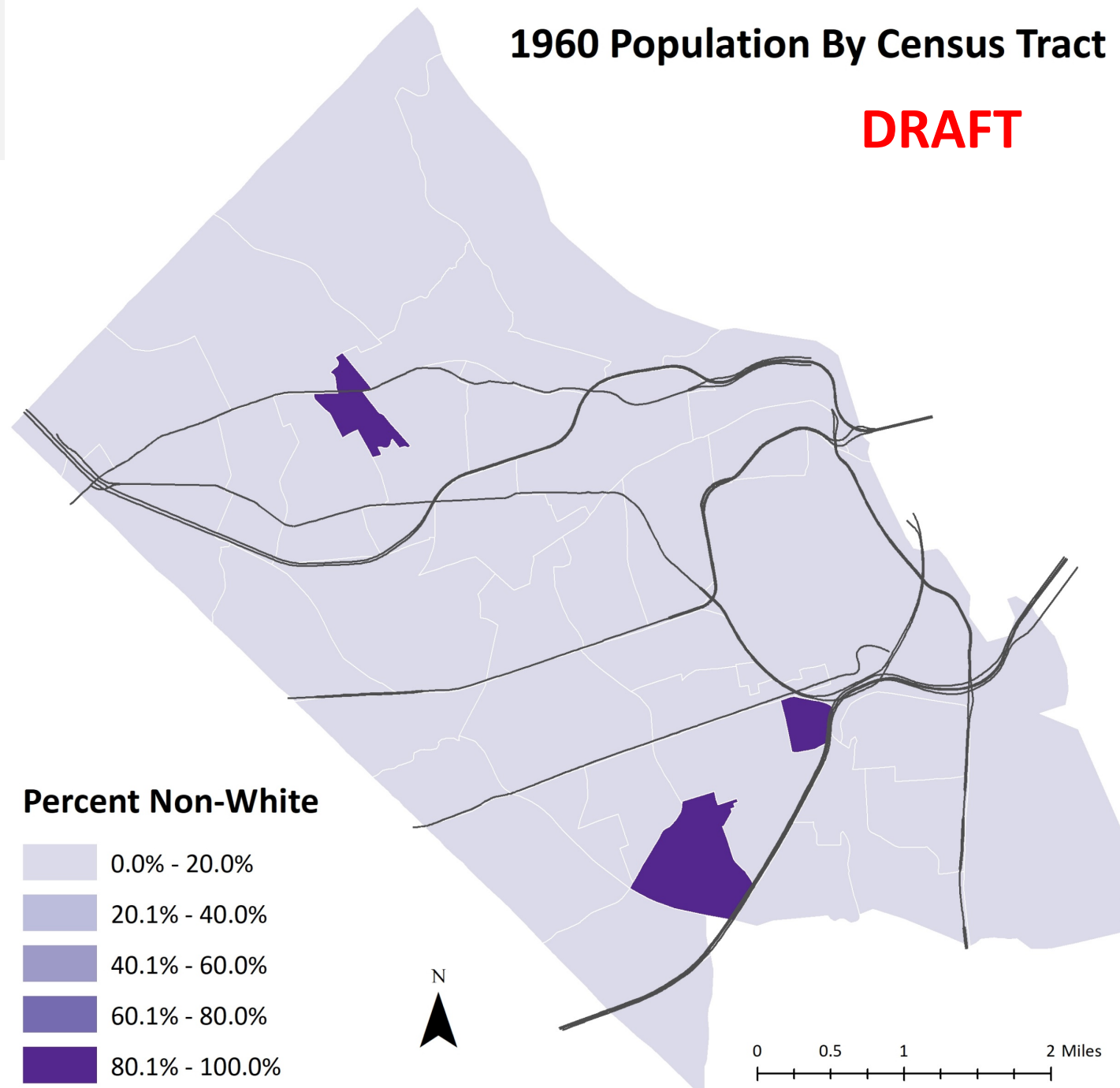
1960 Census was the first time race was self-reported.

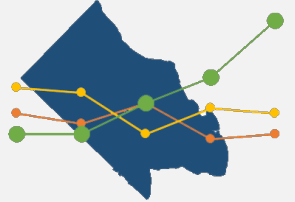
Total Population	163,401	100.0%
White	154,172	94.4%
Non-White	9,229	5.6%
Black or African American	8,590	5.3%
Other Race	639	0.4%

September 1, 2020

1960 Population By Census Tract

DRAFT





1970 Census

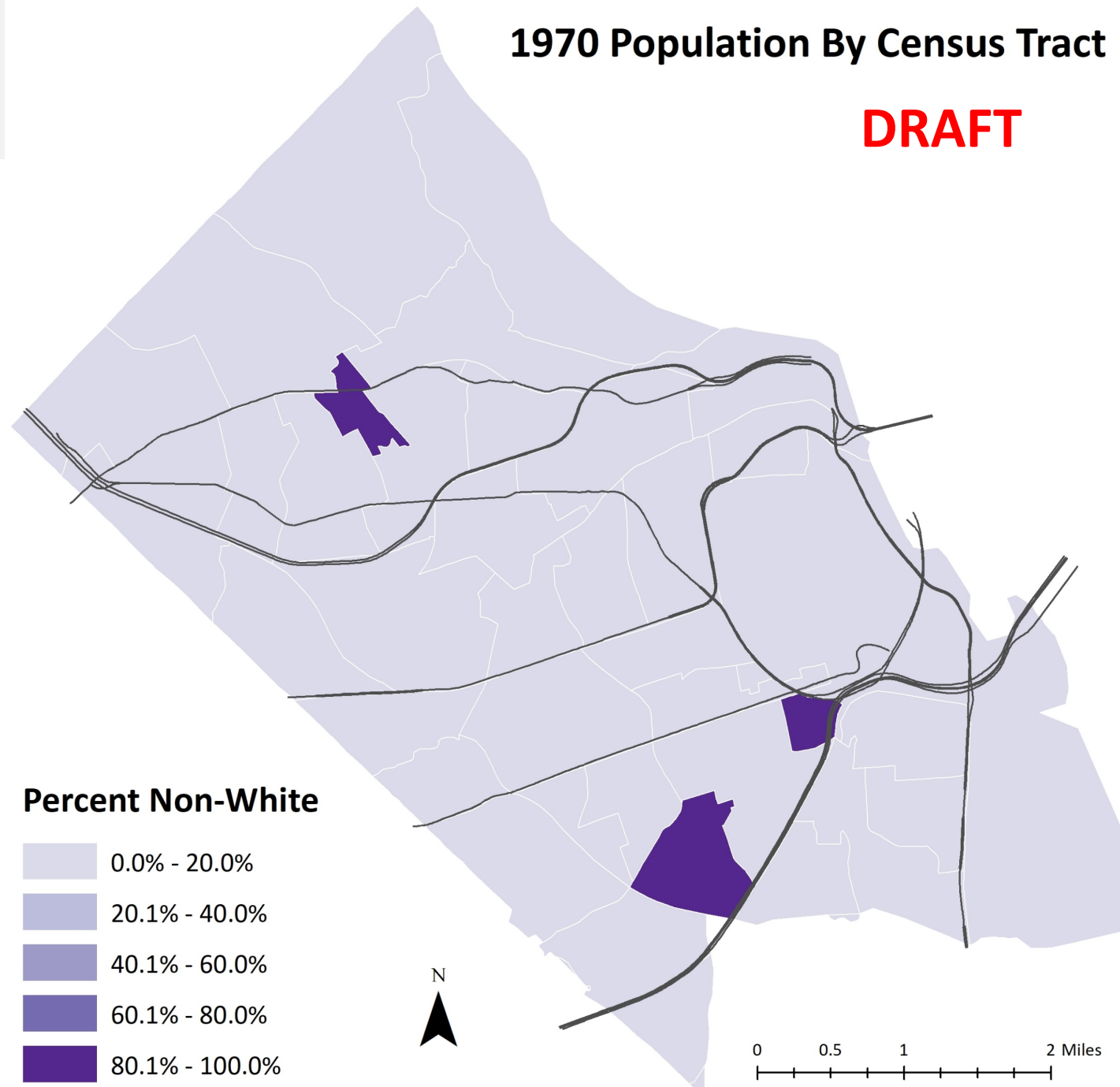
In 1970, Black was added to the Negro race category.

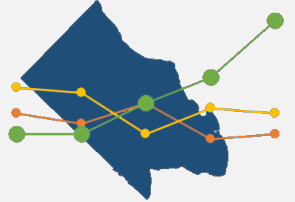
Total Population	174,284	100.0%
White	161,329	92.6%
Non-White	12,955	7.4%
Black or African American	10,076	5.8%
Other Race	2,879	1.7%

September 1, 2020

1970 Population By Census Tract

DRAFT





1980 Census

1980 was the first time the Census included a question related to Hispanic Origin.*

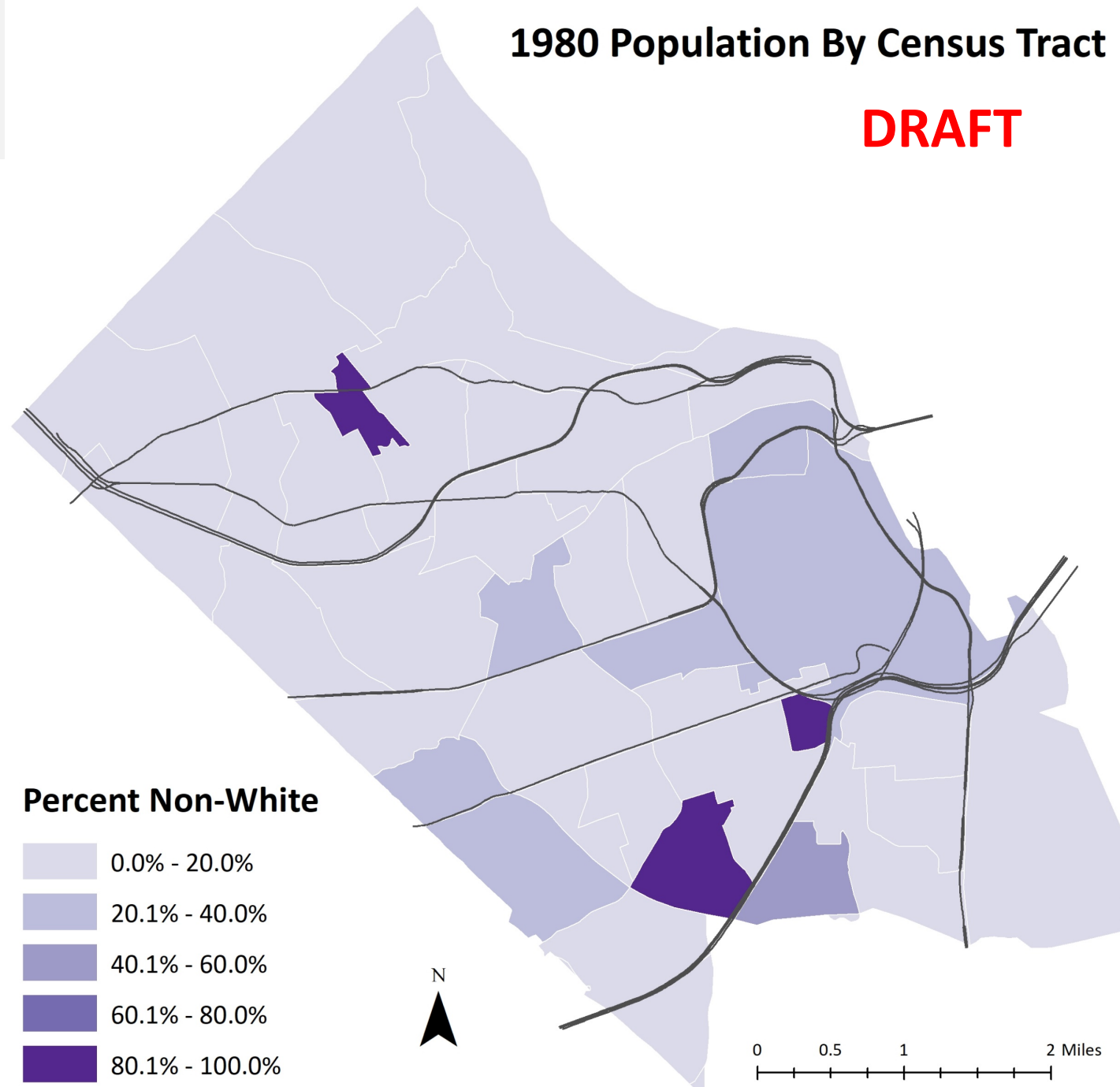
Total Population	152,599	100.0%
White	126,826	82.6%
Non-White	26,478	17.4%
Black or African American	14,028	9.2%
Other Race	12,450	8.2%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (Any Race)	8,863	5.8%

*Mexicans were counted as a separate race in 1930 for the first and only time.

September 1, 2020

1980 Population By Census Tract

DRAFT





1990 Census

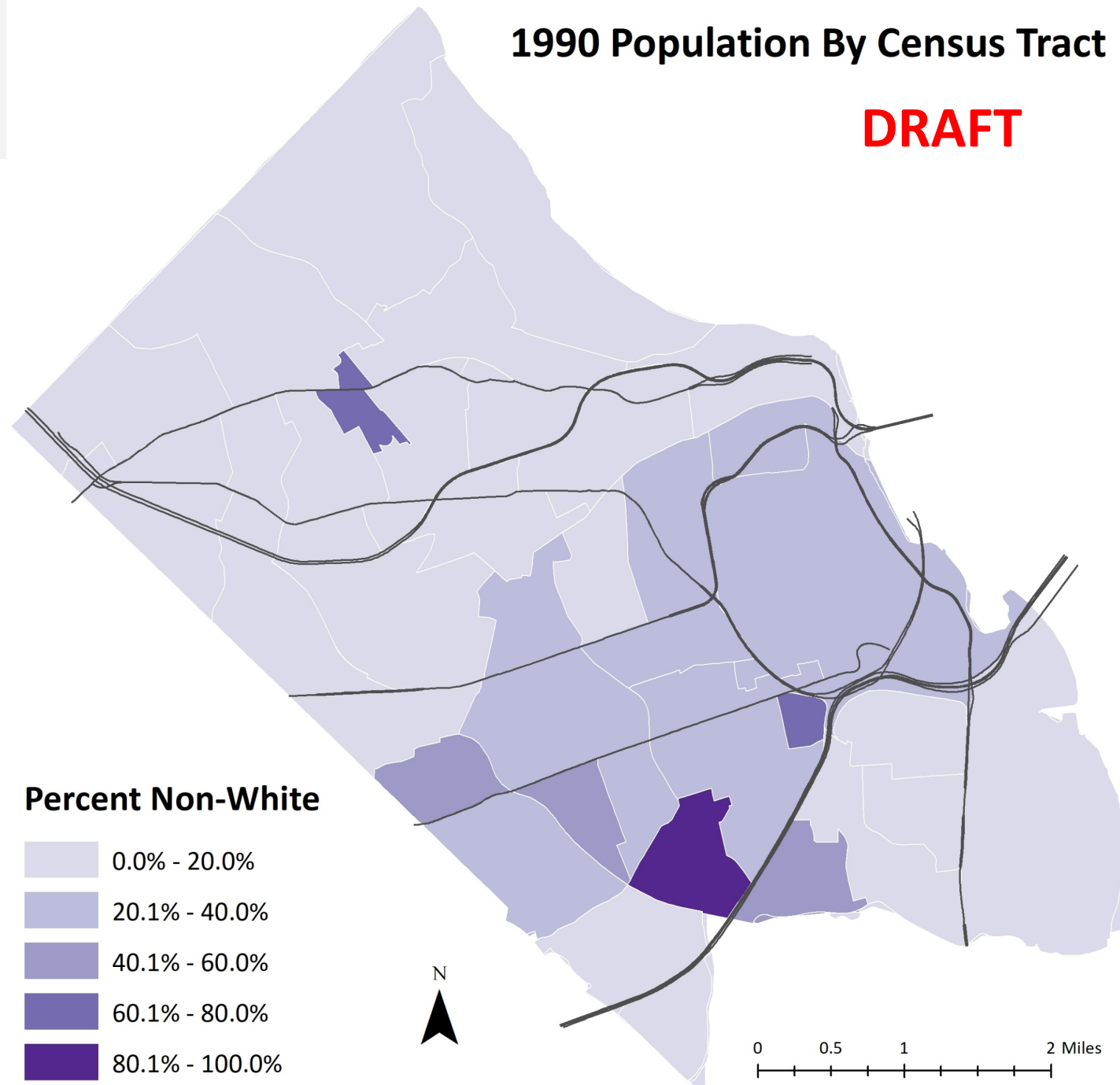
1990 Census revised race examples and provided a write in line for Hispanic or Latino origins.

Total Population	170,936	100.0%
White	130,873	76.6%
Non-White	40,063	23.4%
Black or African American	17,940	10.5%
Other Race	22,123	12.9%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (Any Race)	23,089	13.5%

September 1, 2020

1990 Population By Census Tract

DRAFT





2000 Census

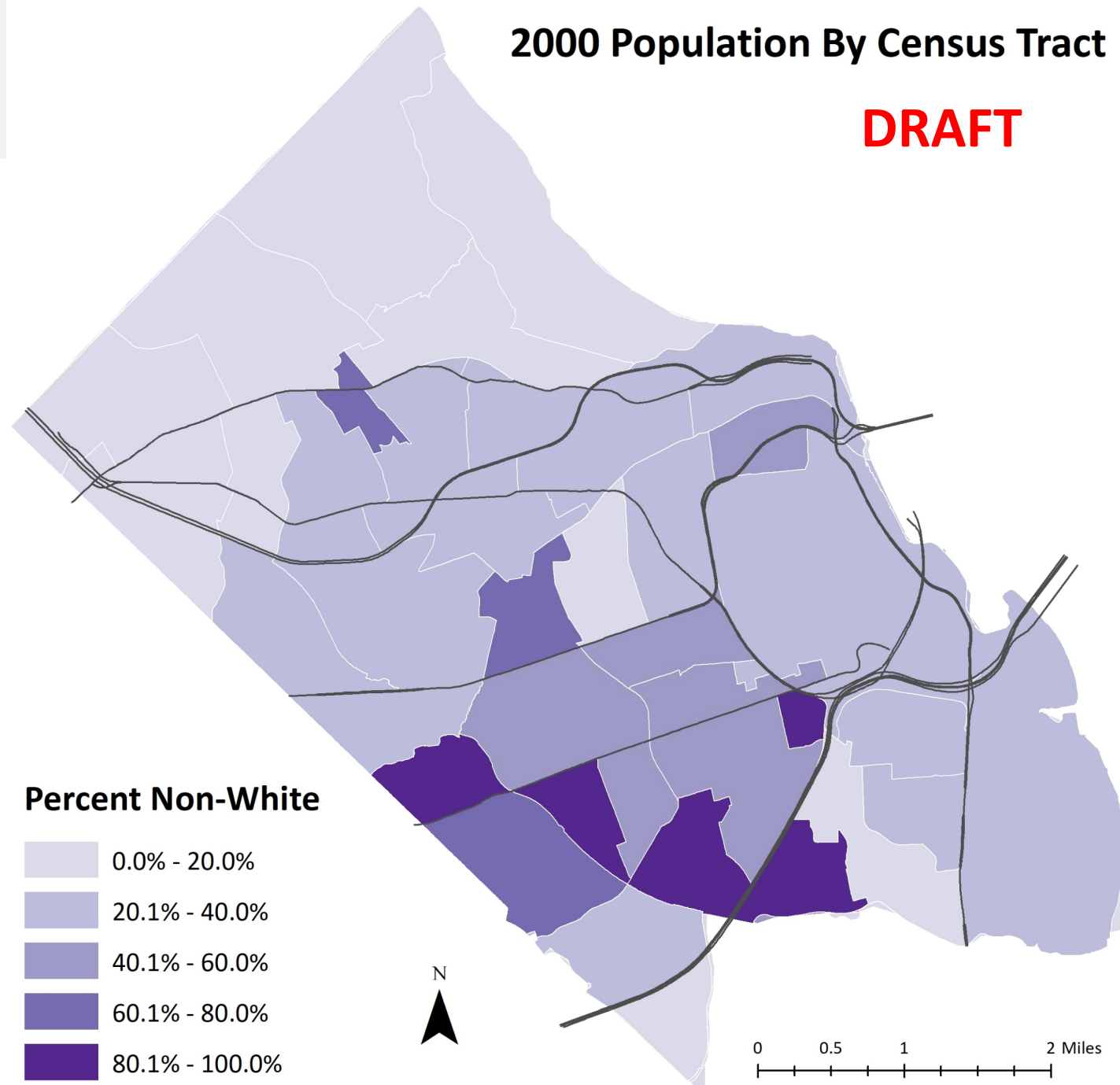
The 2000 Census was the first time respondents could report more than one race.

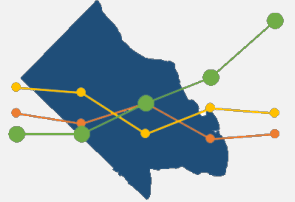
Total Population	189,453	100.0%
White	130,601	68.9%
Non-White	58,852	31.1%
Black or African American	17,705	9.3%
Other Race	41,147	21.7%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (Any Race)	35,268	18.6%

September 1, 2020

2000 Population By Census Tract

DRAFT





2010 Census

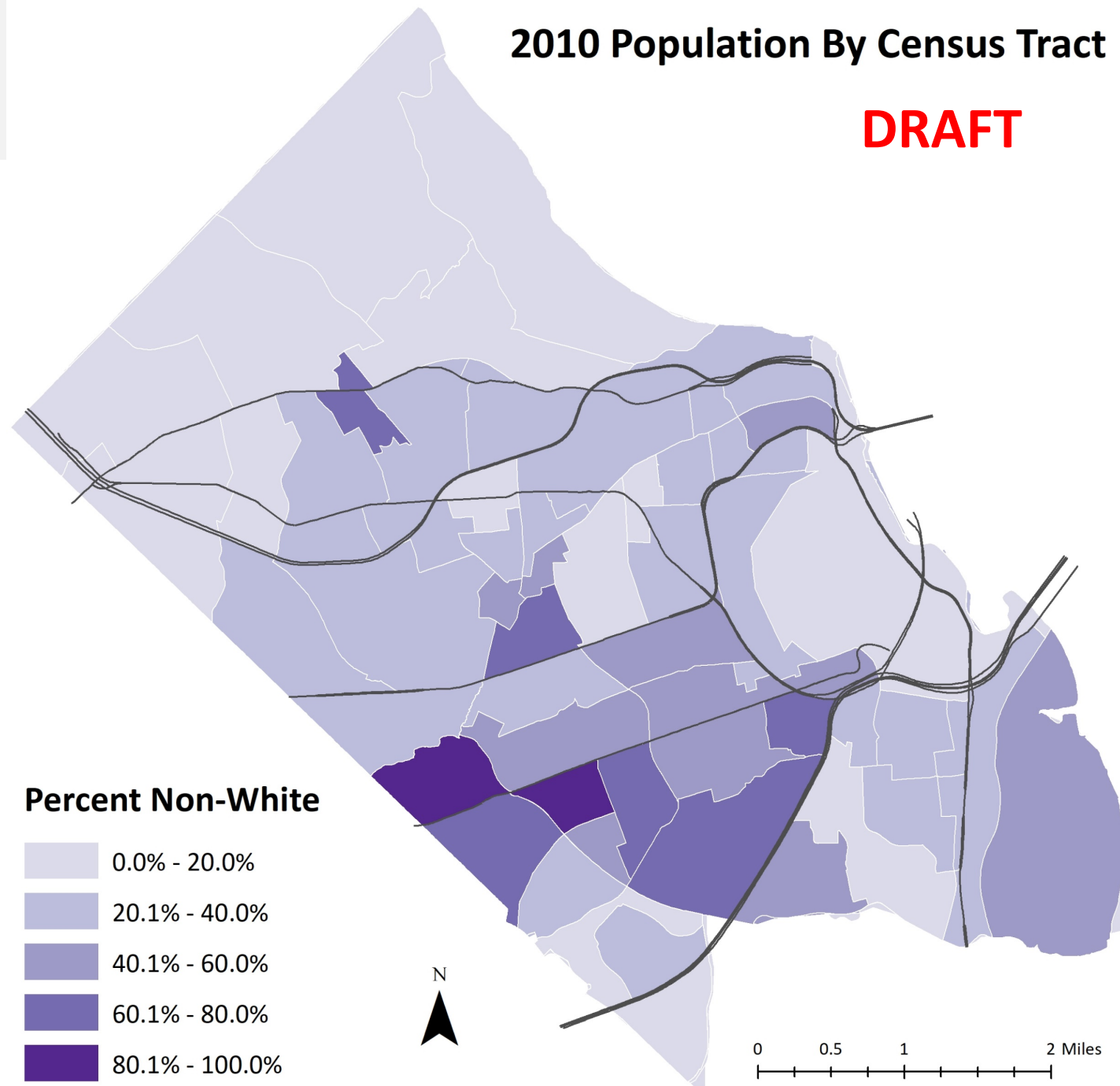
2010 Census race question is consistent with the 2000 Census.

Total Population	207,627	100.0%
White	148,970	71.7%
Non-White	58,657	28.3%
Black or African American	17,632	8.5%
Other Race	41,025	19.8%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (Any Race)	31,382	15.1%

September 1, 2020

2010 Population By Census Tract

DRAFT





Other Considerations for Future Analysis

DRAFT

- Household Composition Changes by Race/Ethnicity:
 - Household Size
 - Household Type
 - Presence of children under 18 years

- Income by Race
- Poverty by Race