Unpacking the Census: Impact on Schools

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Housing
Notable Trends:

- Growth of poverty in suburban areas
- Children living in poverty extremely high within City, growing in counties
- Disparities in poverty rates categorized by race/ethnicity
  - Hispanic/Latino poverty rate growing fastest
- Falling income in urban areas and close suburbs
- Significant growth in foreign-born population living in suburban areas
2017 Poverty Thresholds (U.S.)

- Based on American Communities Survey (ACS) 5 year Estimates
- Poverty threshold for a 4-person family: $24,600
- Poverty threshold for one person:
  - Under age 65: $12,752
  - 65 years and over: $11,756
Numbers of People in Poverty

2000
- Suburbs: 41%
- City: 59%

2017
- Suburbs: 54%
- City: 46%
Since 2000, the number of people living in poverty has increased by more than 100% in each county.
Median Household Income, 2017

Source:
American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (2013-2017)  Spatial Analysis Lab at the University of Richmond
Richmond City Median Household Income, 2017

Source:
American Community Survey

Spatial Analysis Lab at the University of Richmond
Since 2000, the number of children under 18 living in poverty has increased by more than 100% in each county.
Families of Four Qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunches* (2017)

*Annual income threshold for family of four is < $45,510

Source:
American Community Survey

Spatial Analysis Lab at the University of Richmond
Race and Place in the Greater Richmond Region

1 Dot = 2 People
- Asian
- Black
- Other
- White

Source:

Spatial Analysis Lab at the University of Richmond
Hispanic/Latino % of Region

- Richmond: 22%
- Henrico: 28%
- Chesterfield: 44%
- Hanover: 6%
Asian in the Greater Richmond Region

1 Dot = 1 Person

紫色表示亚洲人

源：美国社区调查
5年估计（2013-2017年）
Asian Population % of Region

- Henrico: 59%
- Richmond: 10%
- Chesterfield: 27%
- Hanover: 4%
Immigration

- Measured by the “Foreign Born Population” in the 2017 ACS
- Year of Entry
- Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population
Recent Entry (Post 2010) Foreign Born Population, 2017

Recent Entry Foreign Born Population
- 0 - 250
- 251 - 750
- 751 - 1500
- 1501 - 3039

Total Foreign Born Population
- 0 - 250
- 251 - 750
- 751 - 1500
- 1501 - 3039

Source:

Spatial Analysis Lab at the University of Richmond
Schools
Racial composition of Richmond metro elementary schools, 1992

Legend:
- % White
- % Black
- % Latino
- % Asian
White students now constitute a minority in Richmond CBSA schools.

Source: NCES Common Core of Data, 2014
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Sharp racial variation in school settings across Richmond CBSA

Source: NCES Common Core of Data, 2014
Sharp and rising variation in racial exposure to school poverty

Source: NCES Common Core of Data, 2014
Stark variation in exposure to school poverty by student income

Source: NCES Common Core of Data, 2014
Housing Choice Vouchers as a Percentage of Renter Occupied Units

- 0.6% - 3.0%
- 3.7% - 6.5%
- 6.6% - 9.8%
- 9.7% - 14.9%
- 15% - 24.4%

Comparison:
- Opportunity Schools*
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Developments
Implications

- City-suburban consolidation and managed choice
- Regional collaboration agreements around schools (e.g., magnets, transfers)
- Nuanced school evaluation
- Advertise and celebrate neighborhood and school diversity
- Enforce fair housing laws and promote inclusionary zoning
- Encourage mixed-income and regional fair share affordable housing development
- Link federal housing subsidies to communities with high opportunity schools
Questions?
Thank you!