

York County by the Numbers

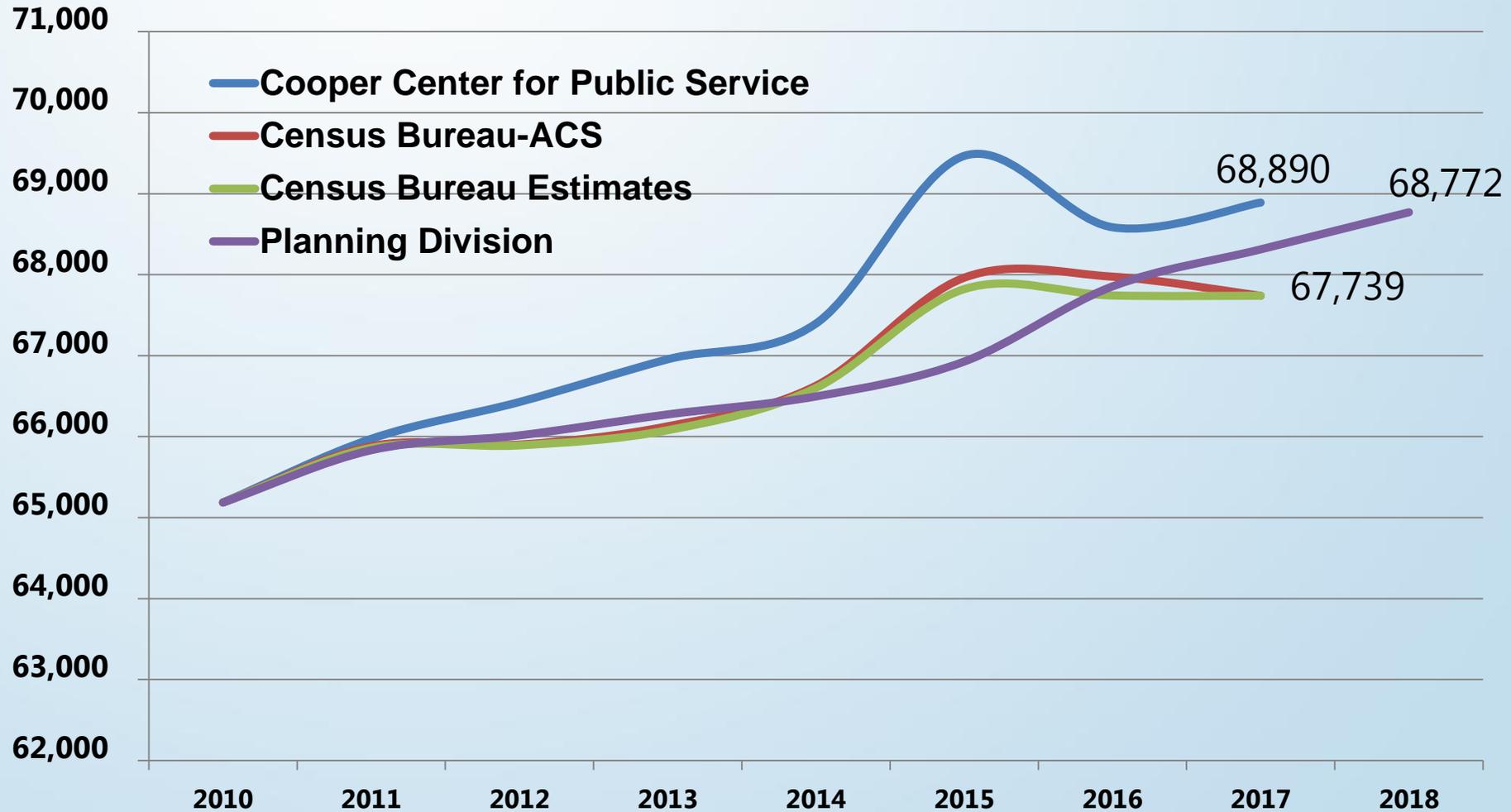


Meeting #2
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
7:00 PM

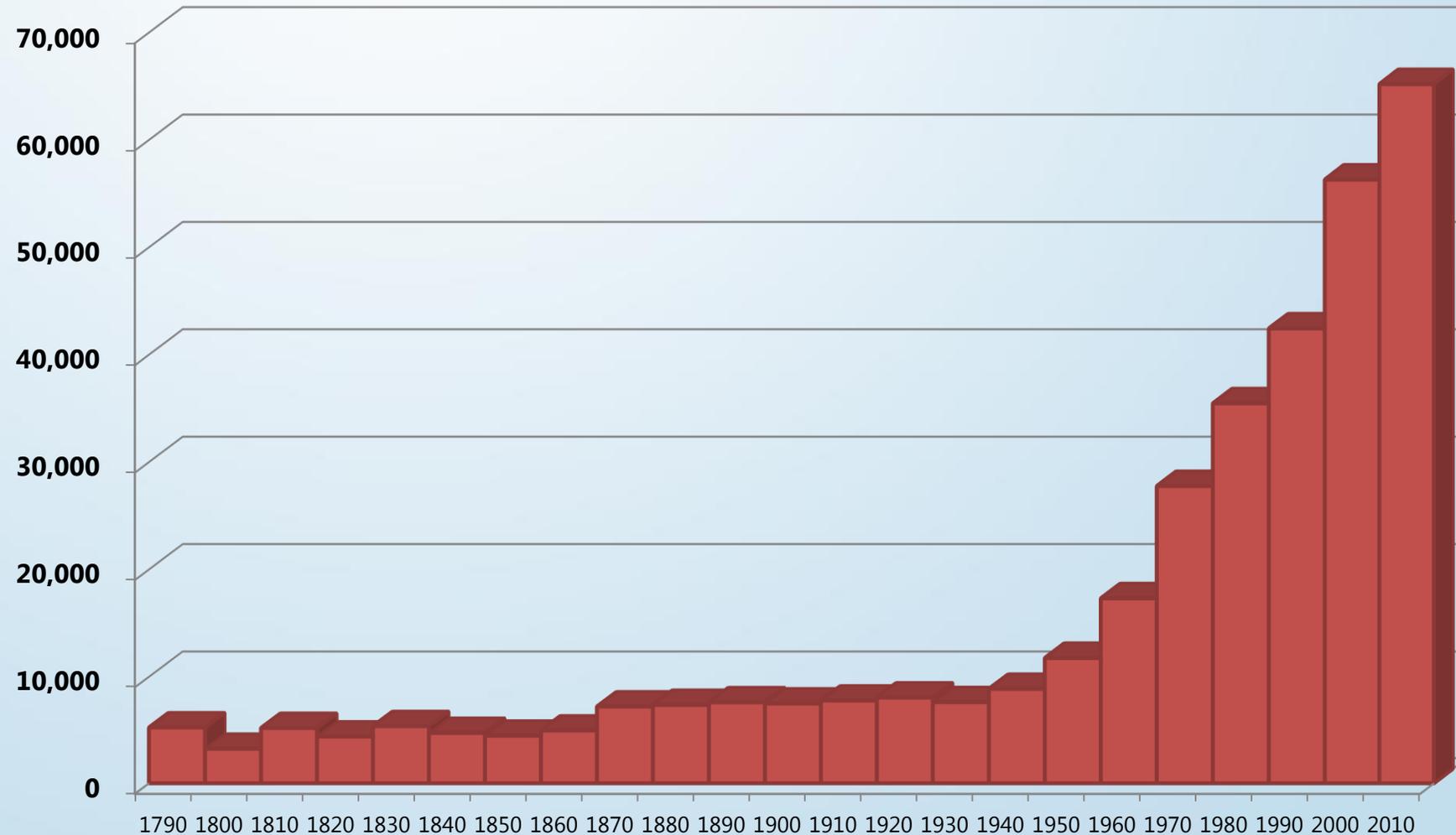
Data Sources

- U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census
- U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
- Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service
- Virginia Department of Health
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (VEC)
- York County Land Records

What is the population of York County?

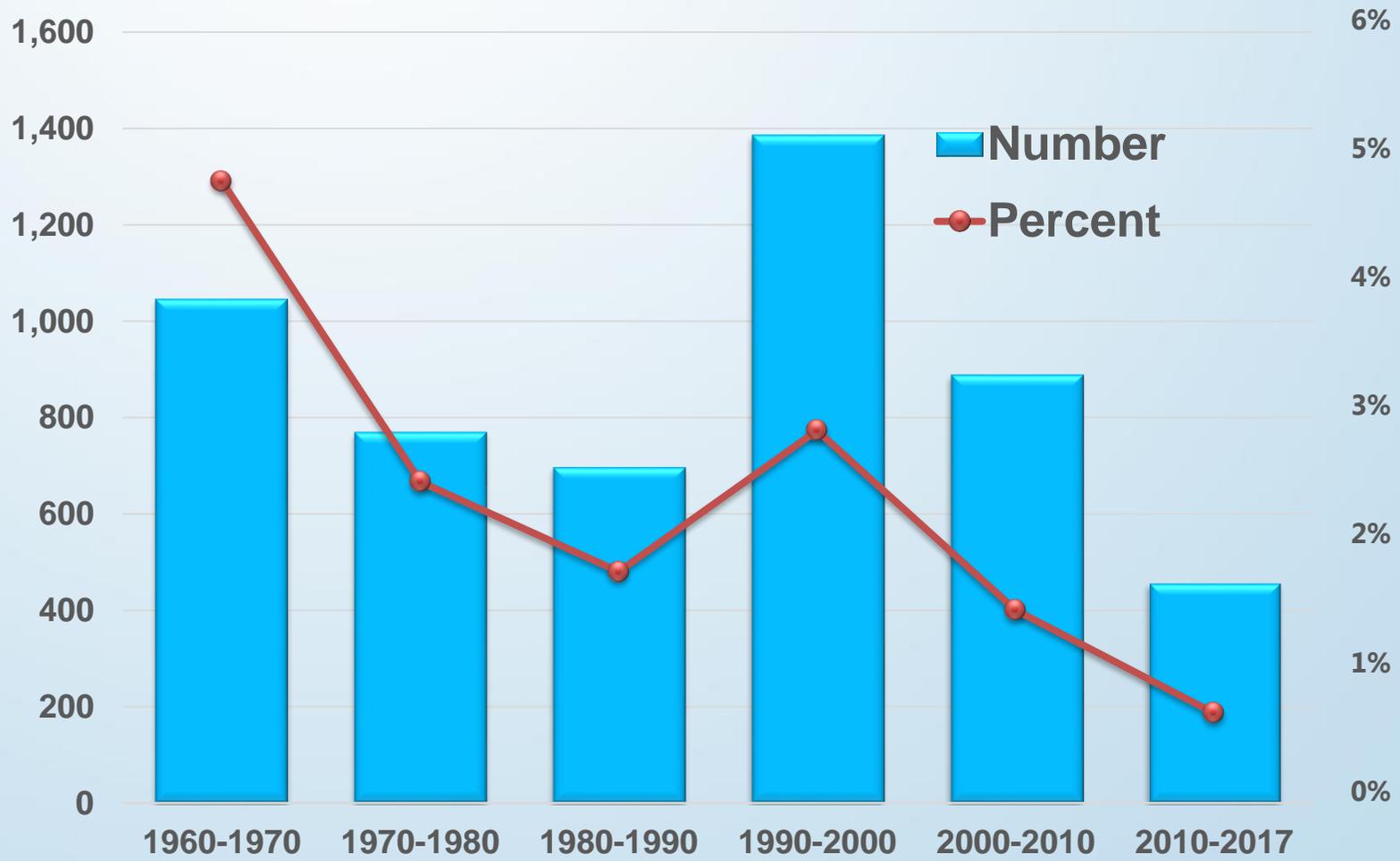


York County's population has grown steadily for more than 80 years...



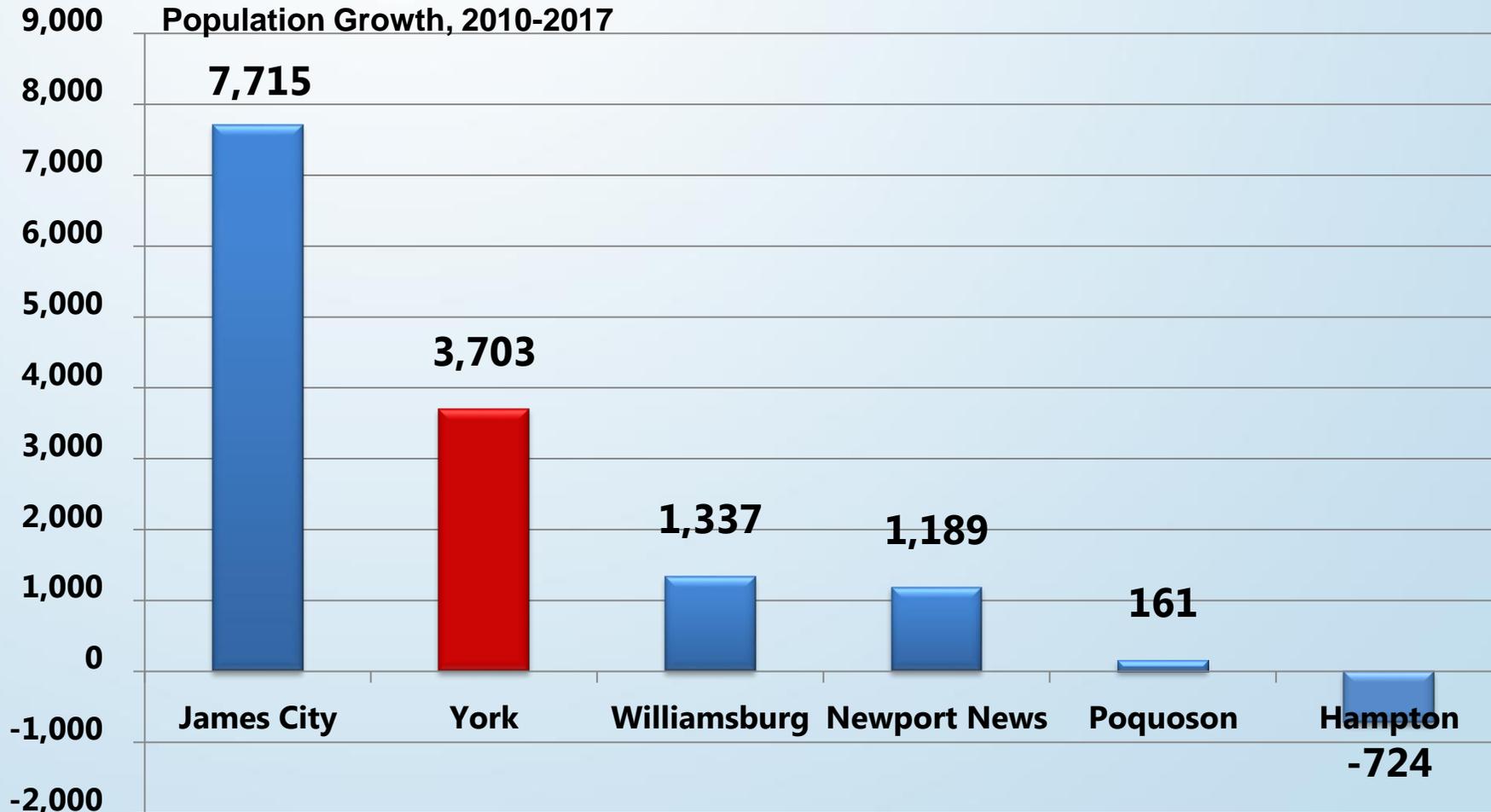
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...but the average annual increase has varied over the decades.



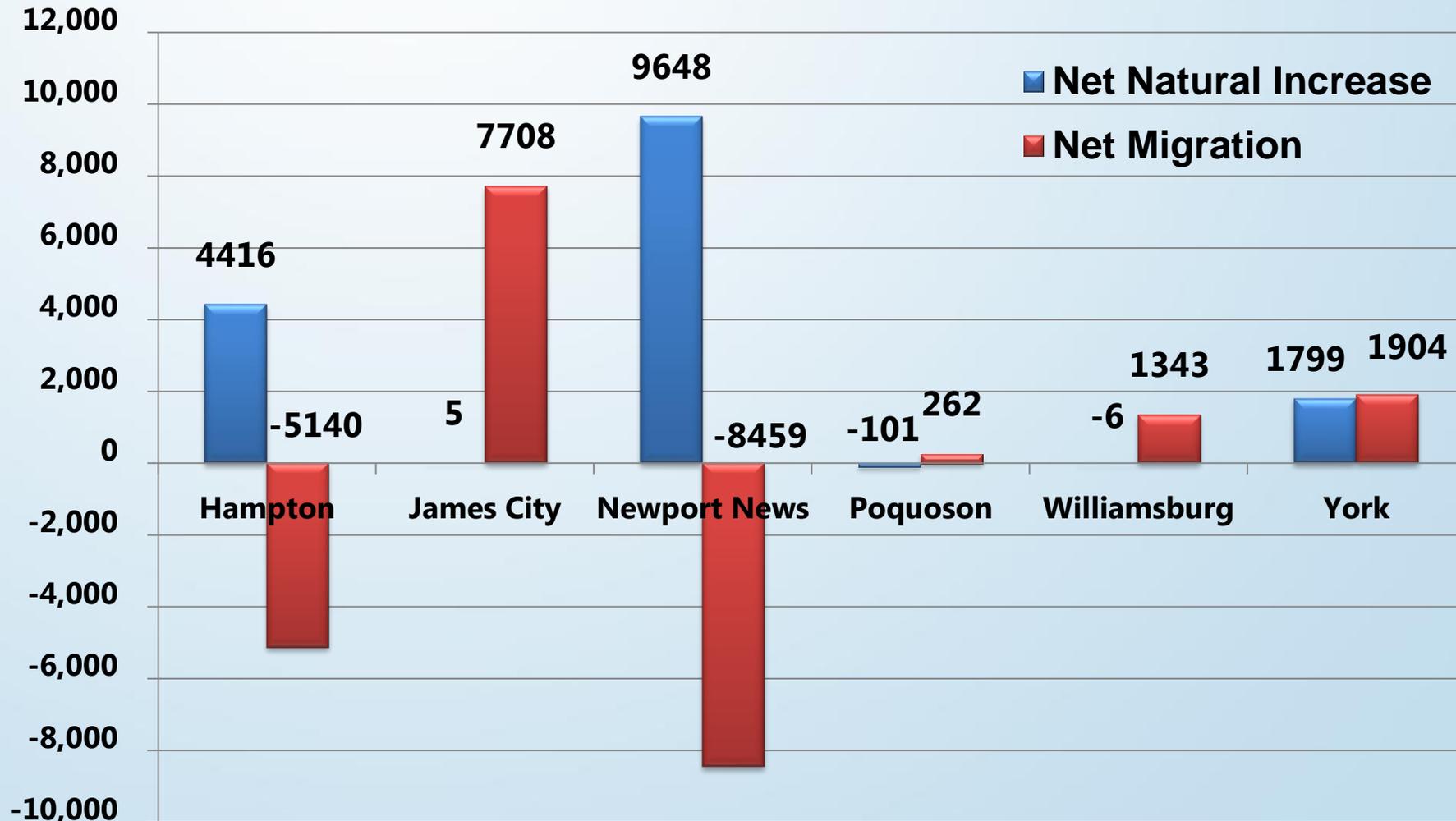
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On the Peninsula, York's growth since 2010 is second to James City...



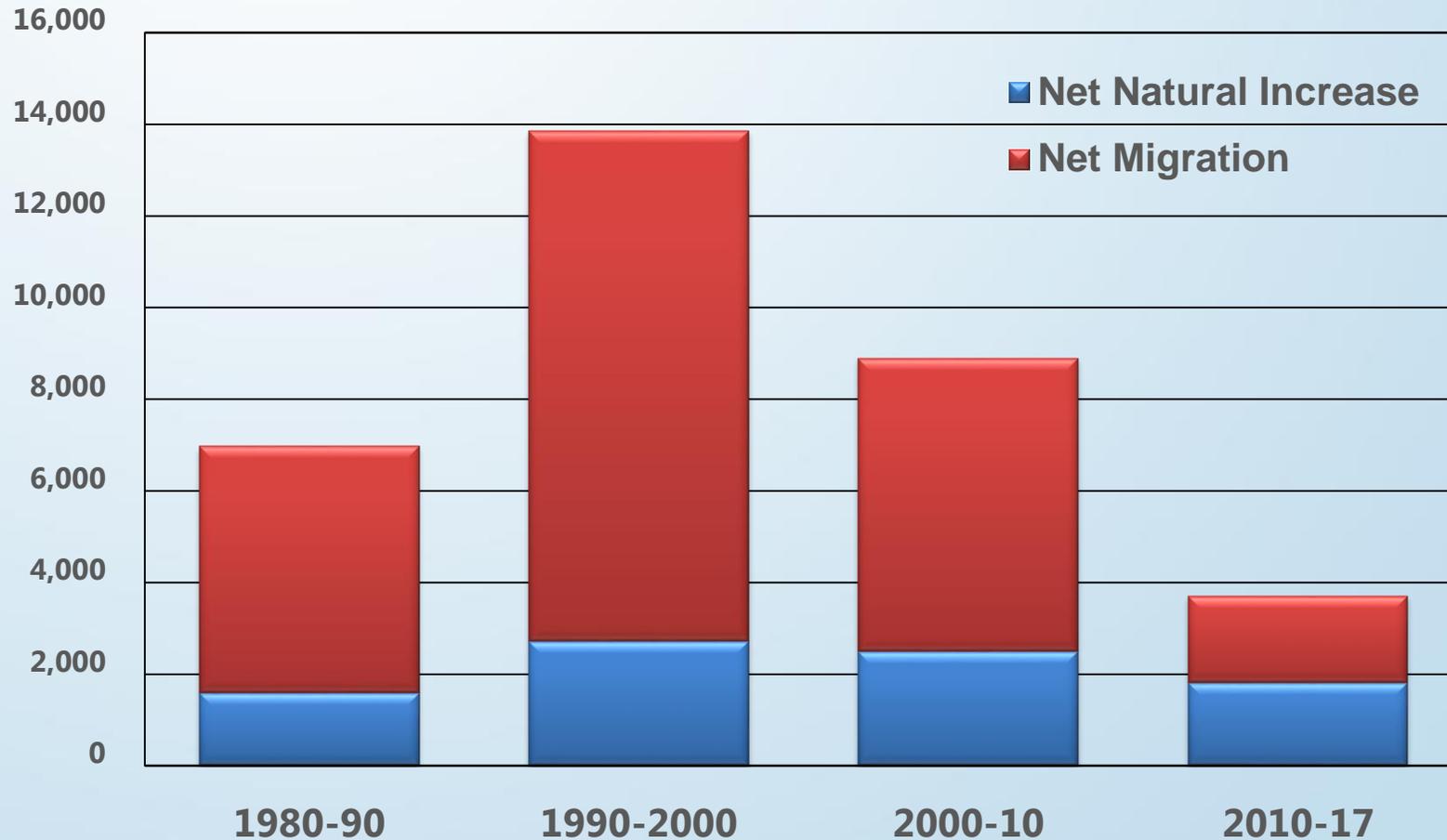
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...slightly more than half of it attributable to net migration.



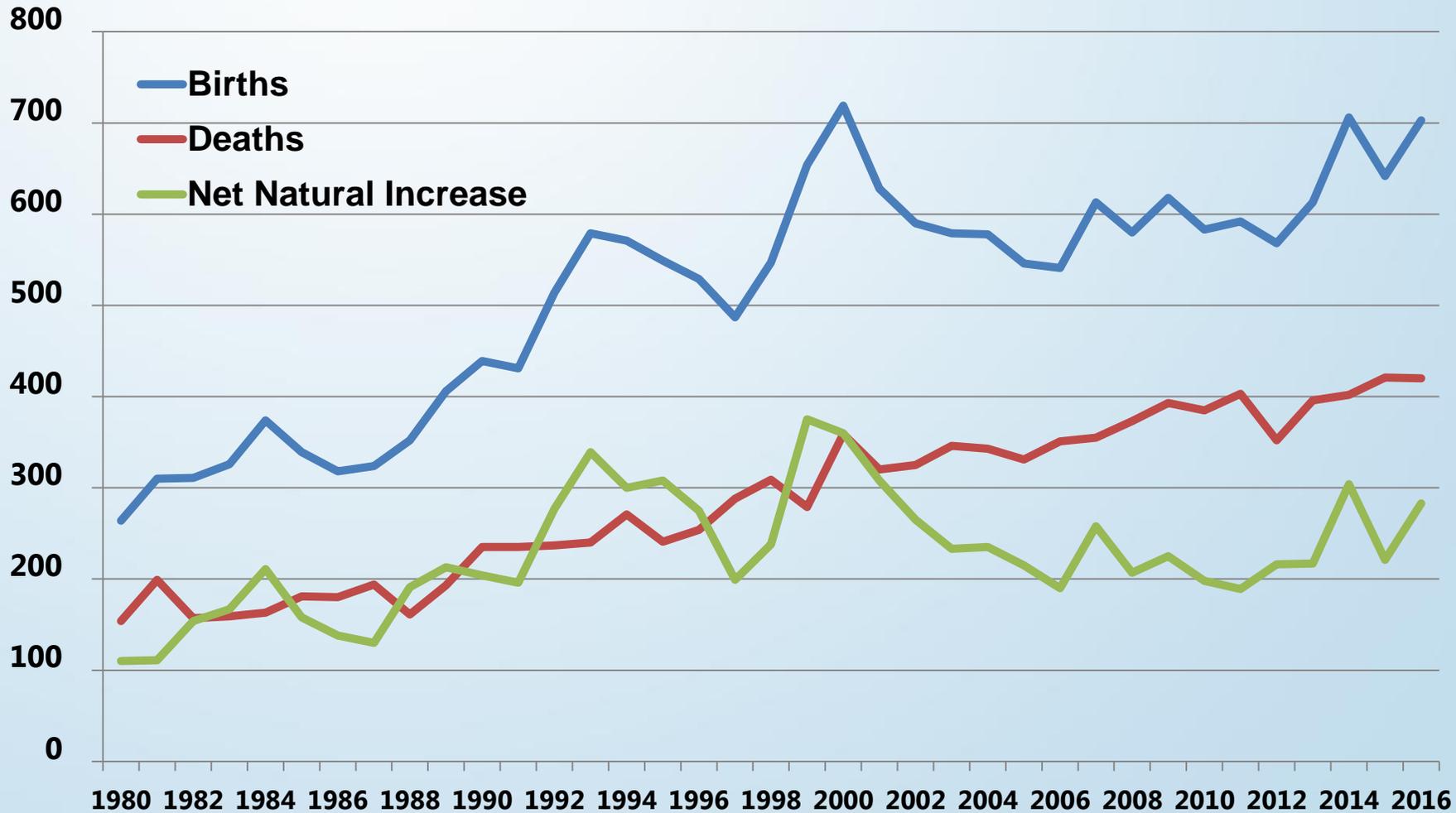
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In previous decades, net migration far exceeded net natural increase.



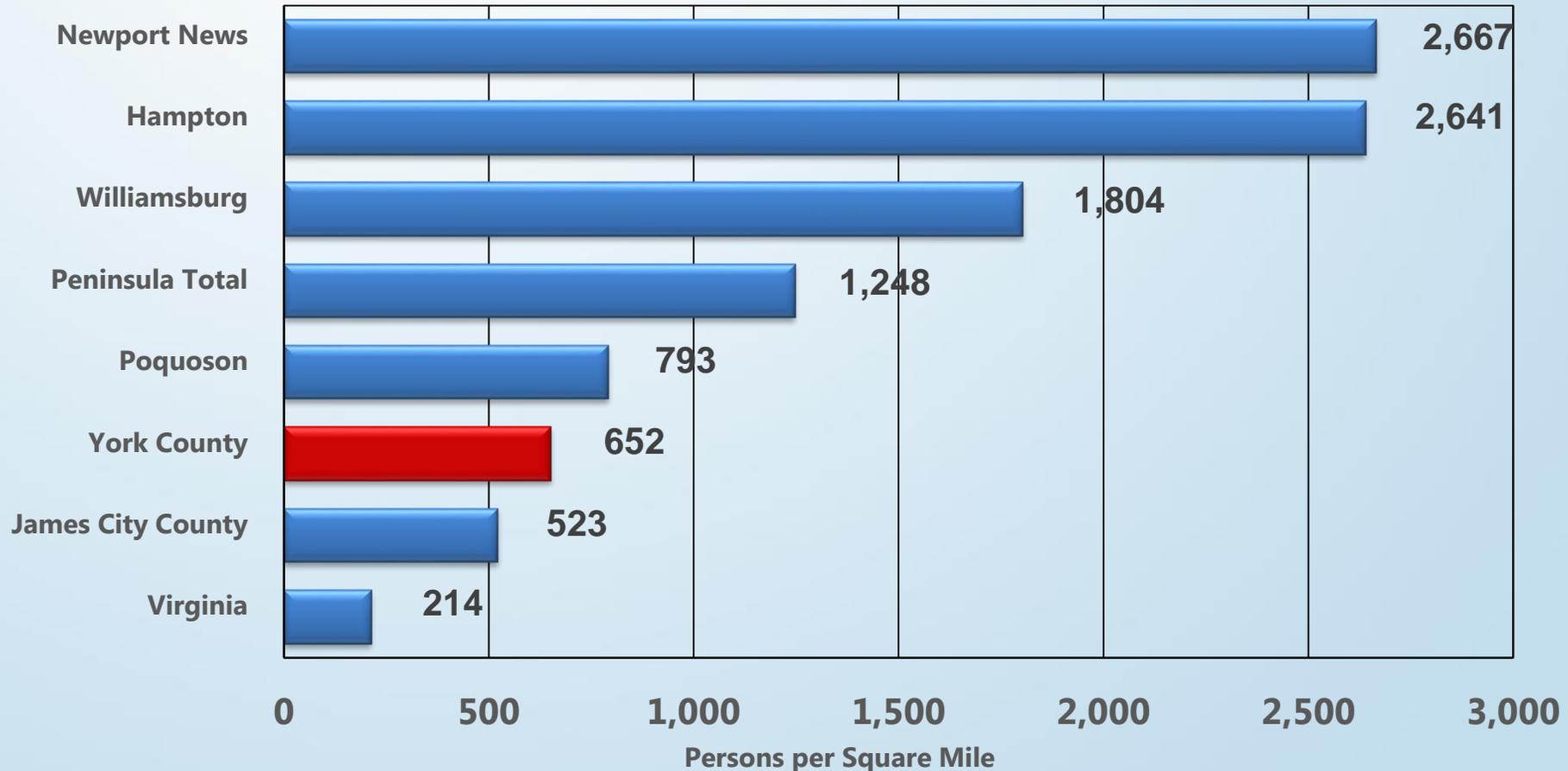
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Resident births continue to outpace resident deaths by a wide margin.



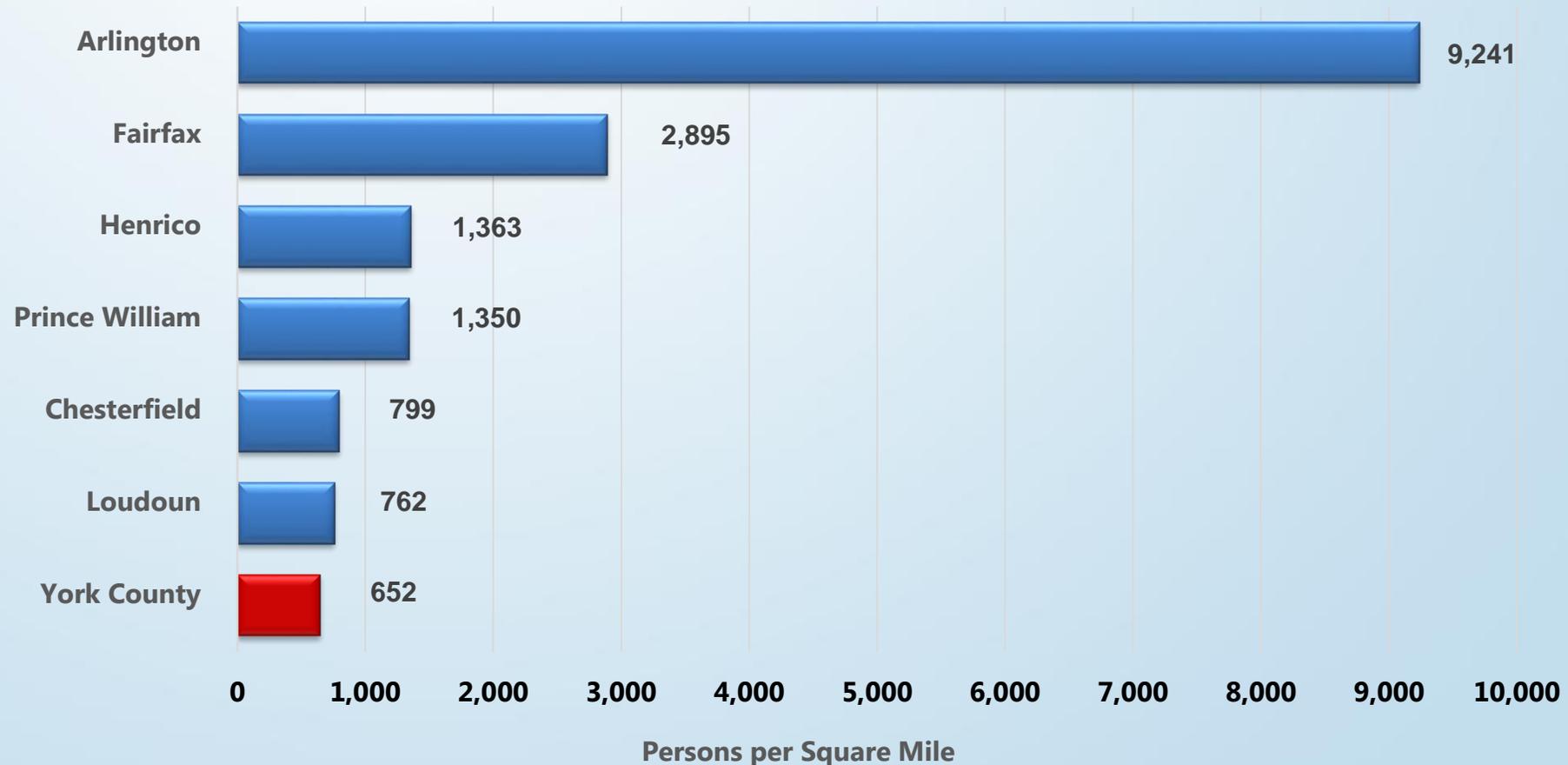
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York County's population density is low compared to neighbors...



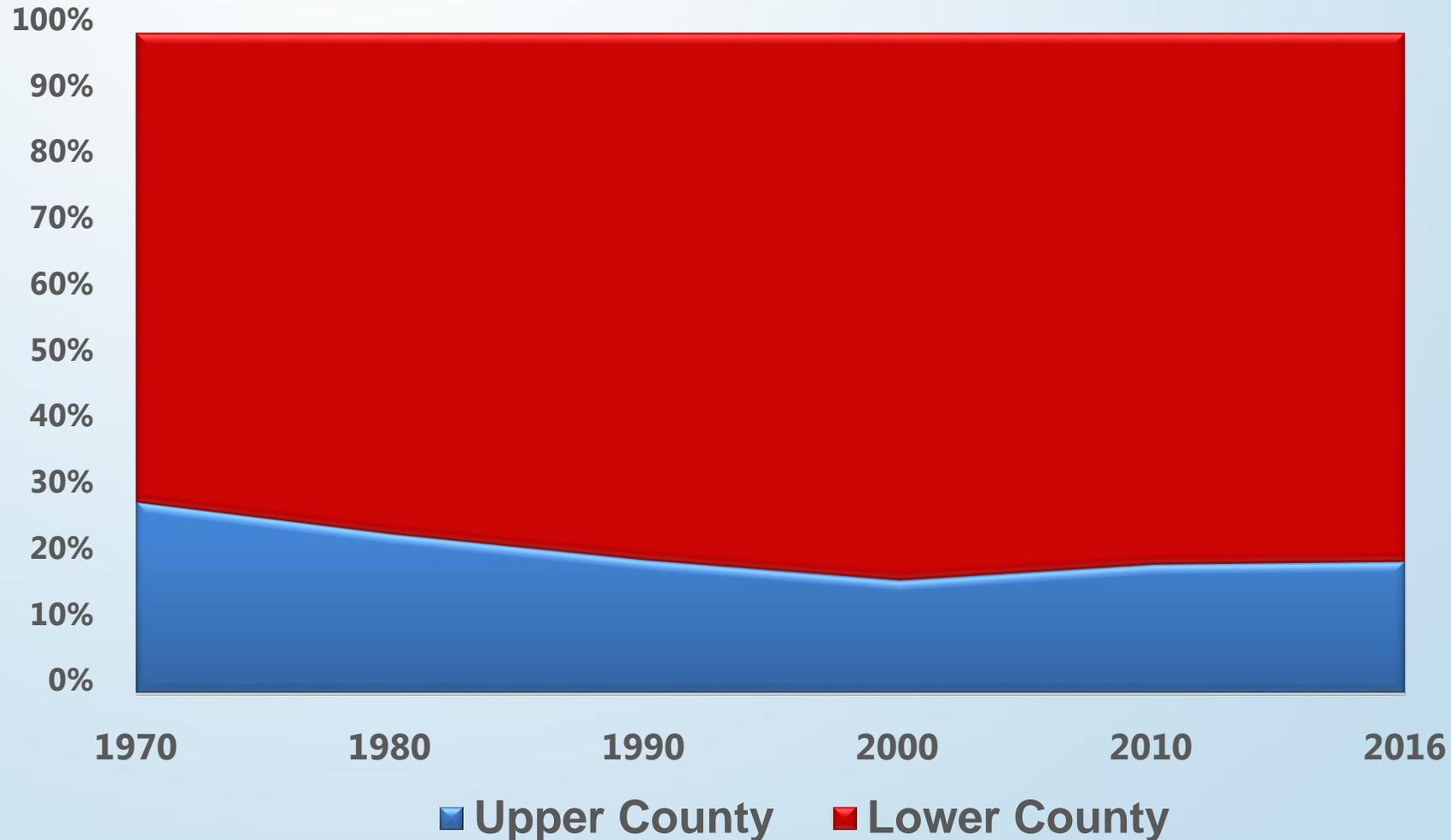
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...but is 7th highest among the 95 counties in Virginia.



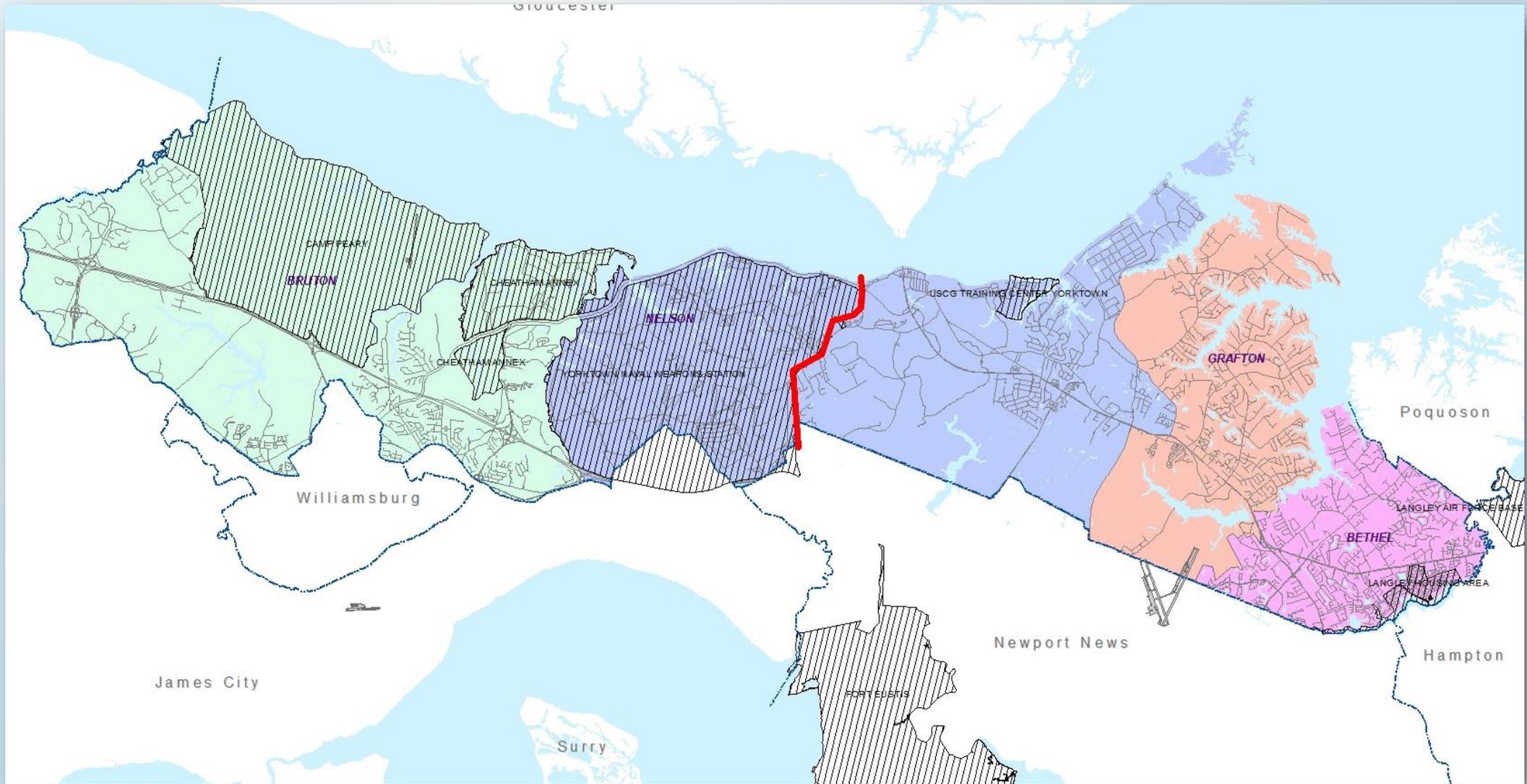
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Roughly 20% of the population lives in the upper County.

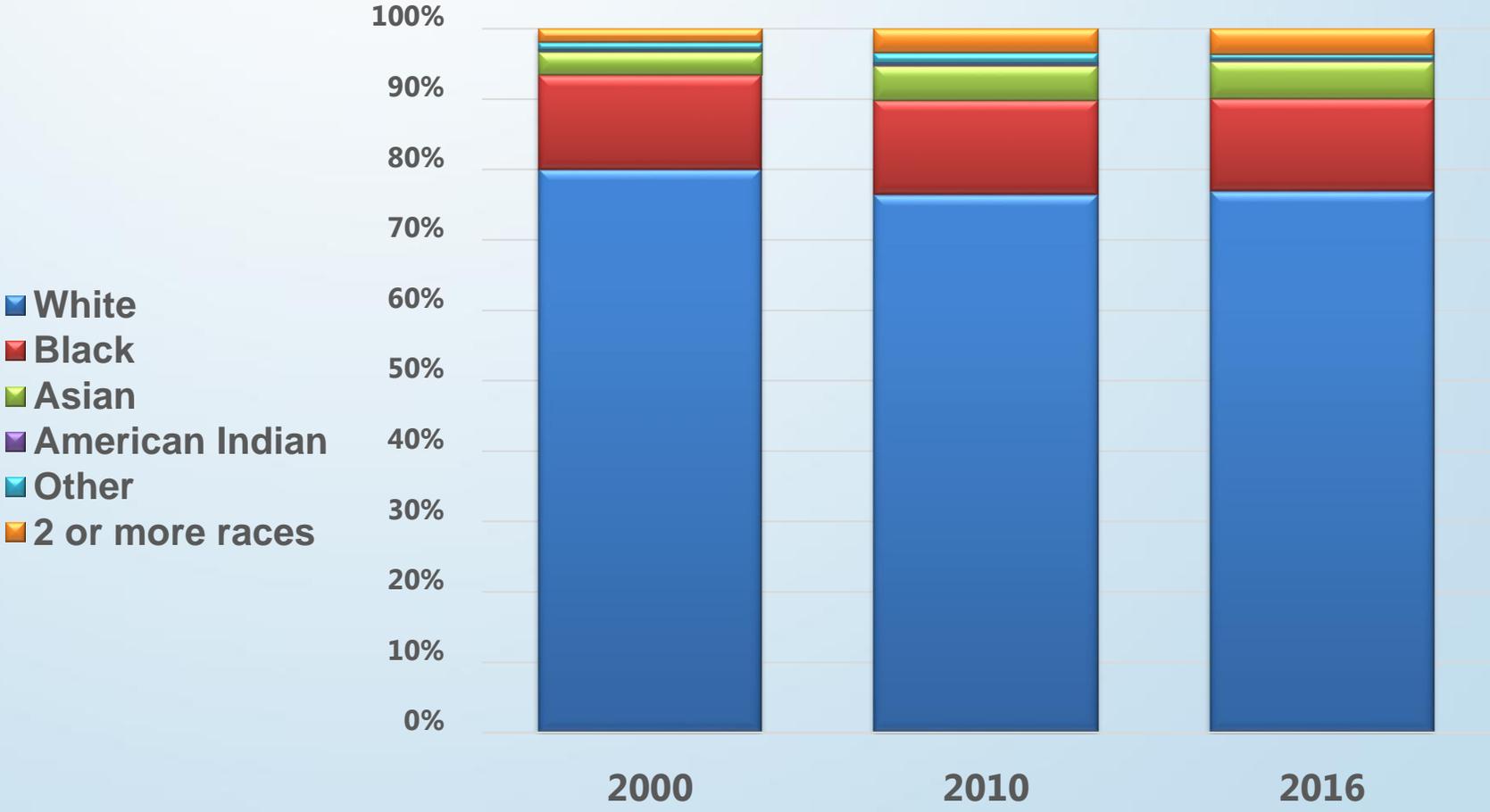


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census and American Community Survey

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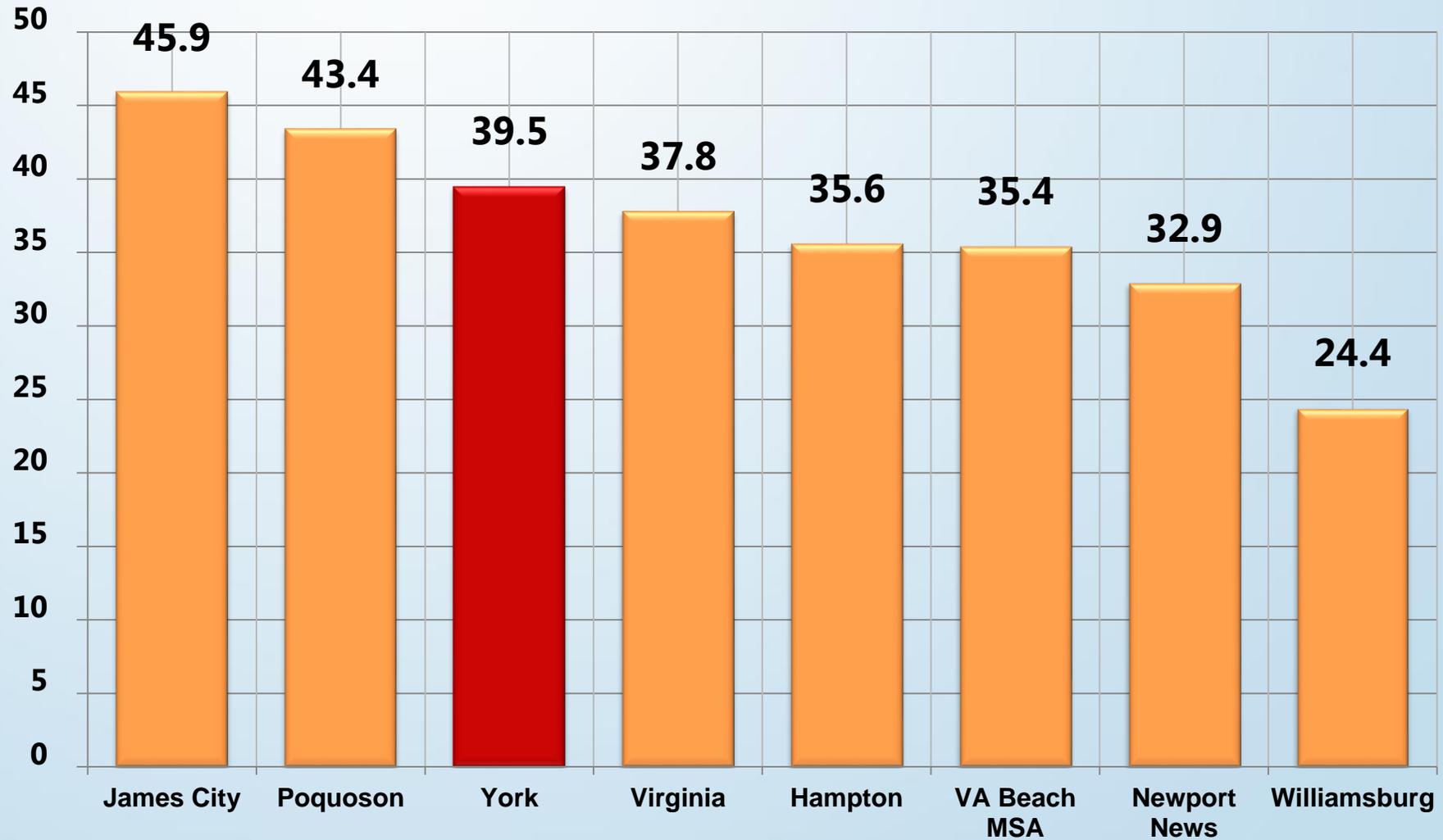


The racial makeup of the population has been fairly stable over time...



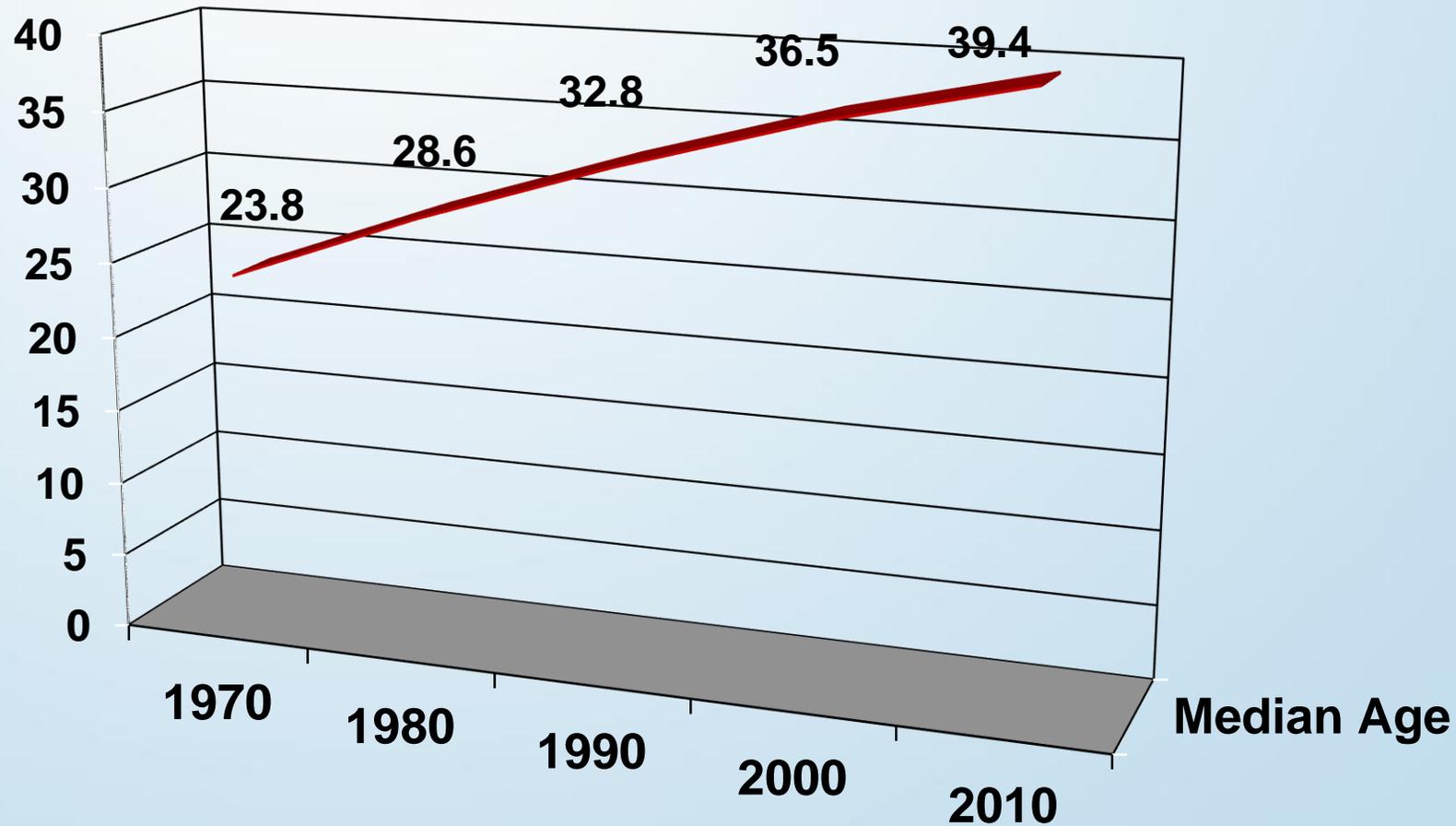
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The median age is relatively high...



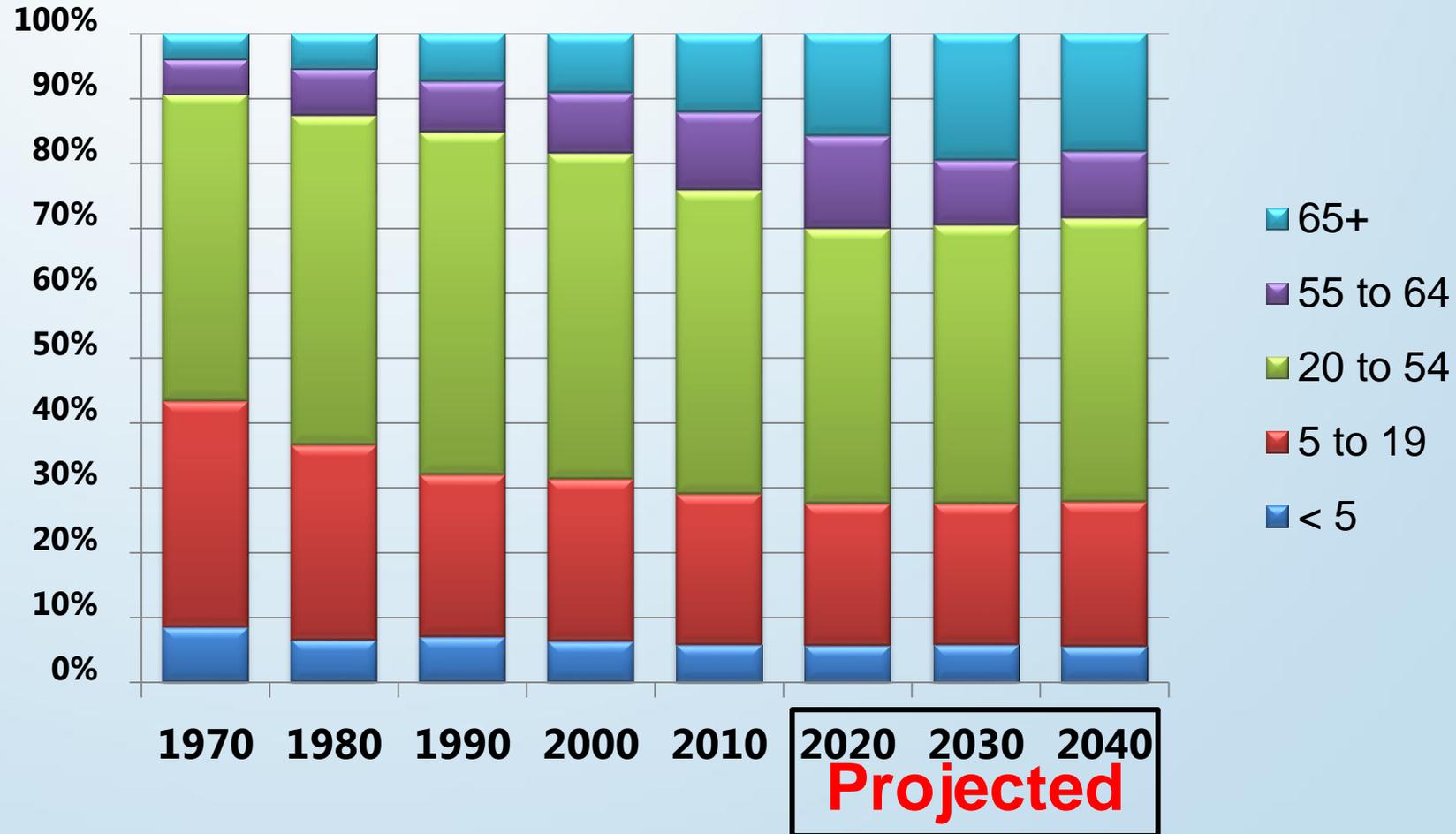
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...and has been climbing for decades...



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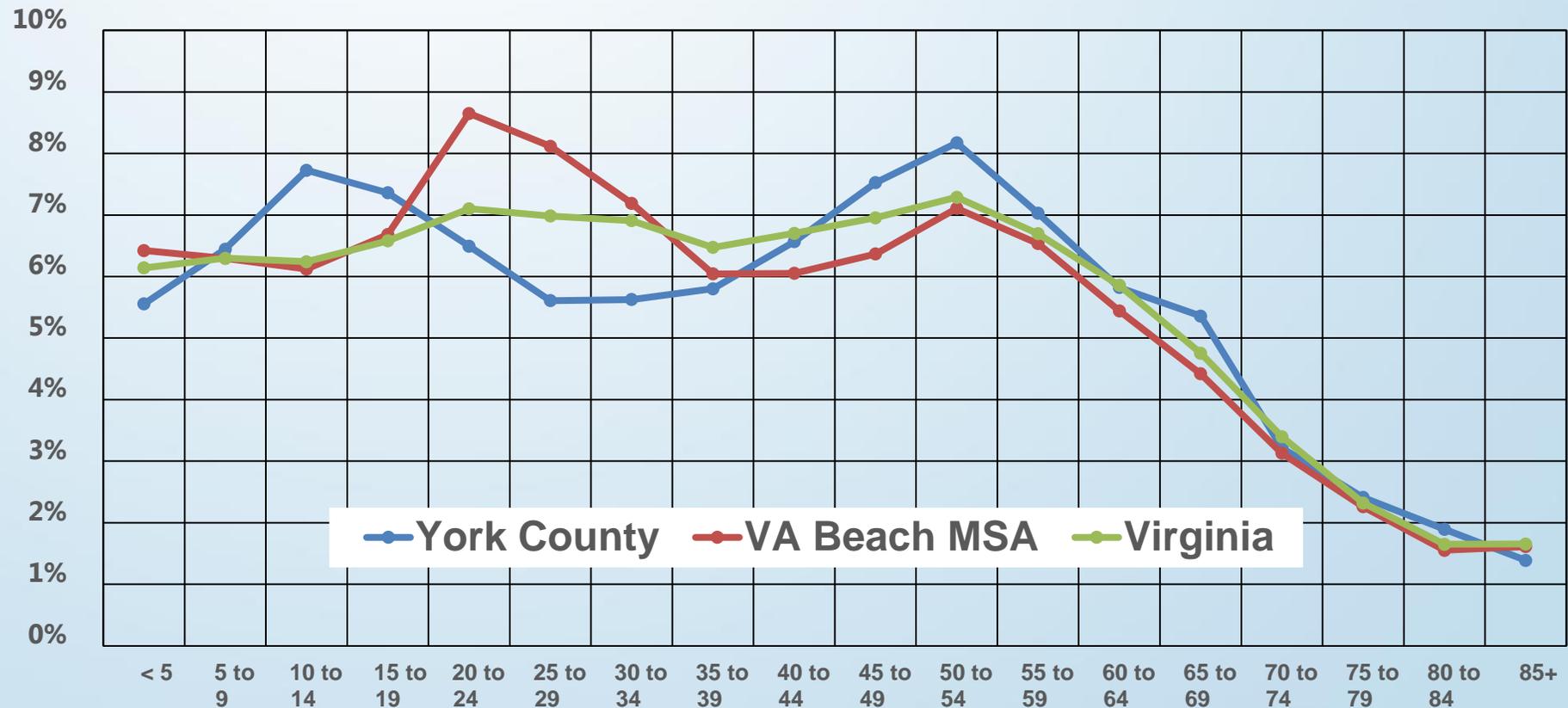
...with more and more seniors and fewer school-age children.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census and Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

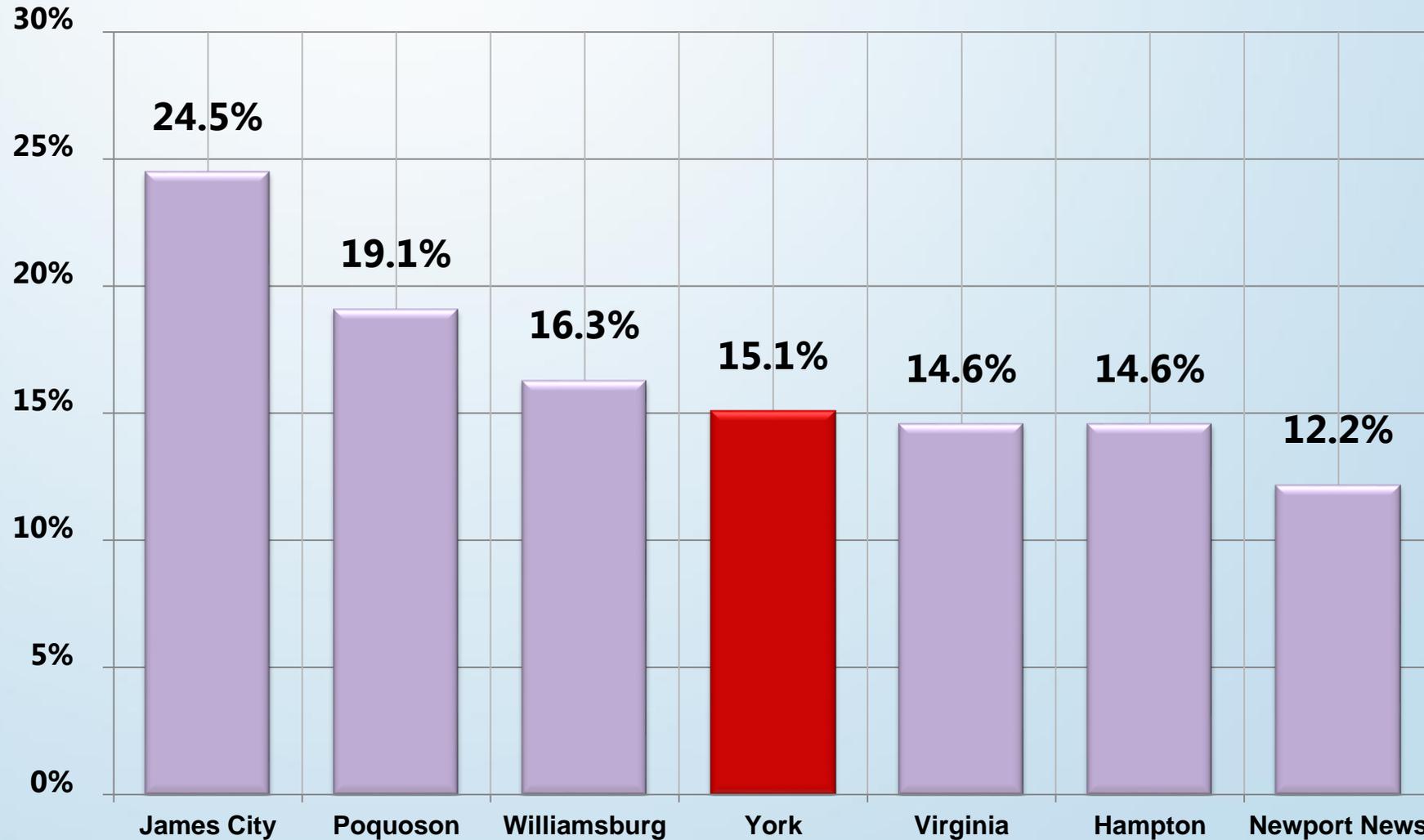
Still, the percentage of school-age children remains relatively high.

Percent of Population in Age Group



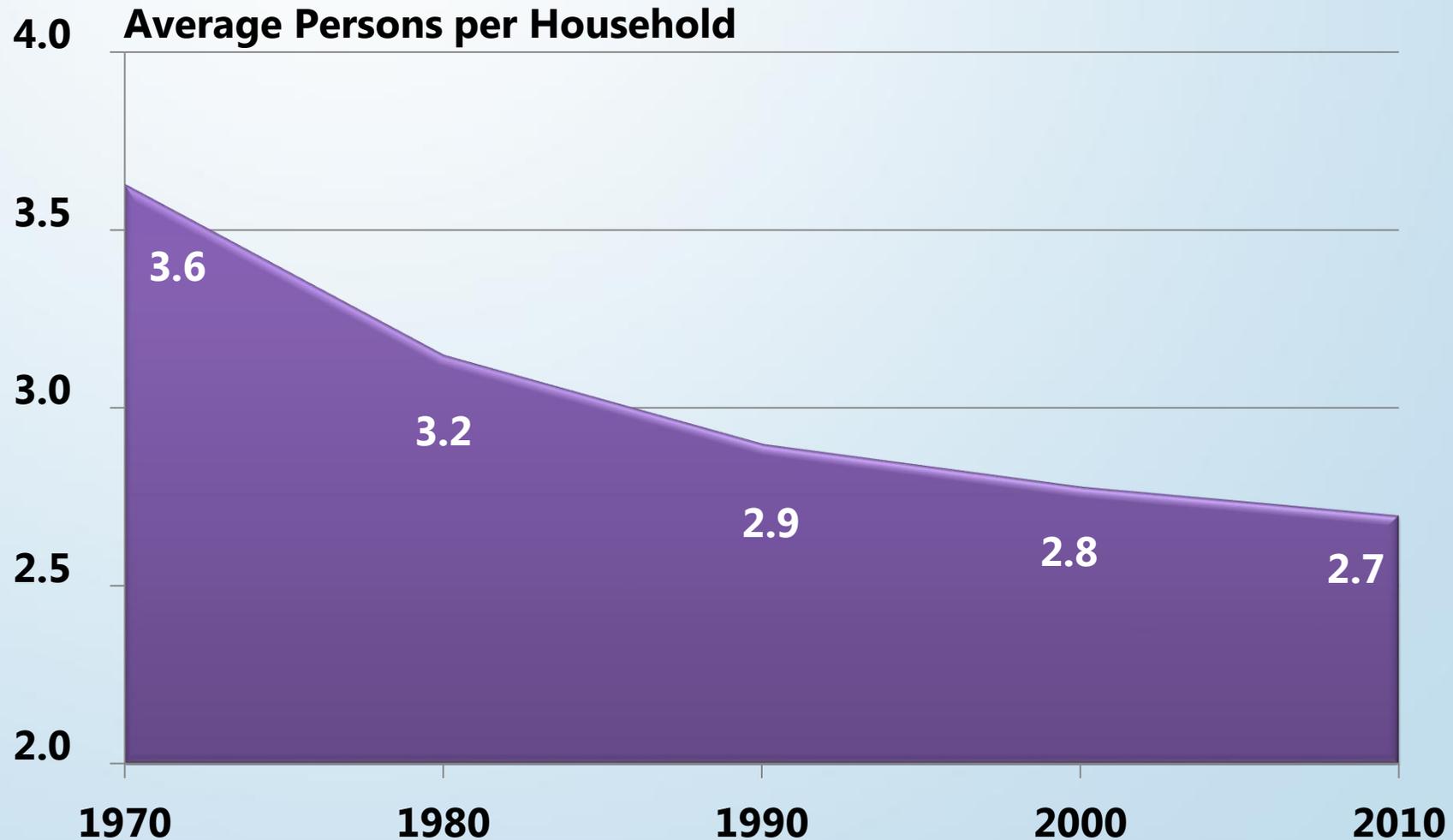
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...and the senior (65+) population comparatively low.



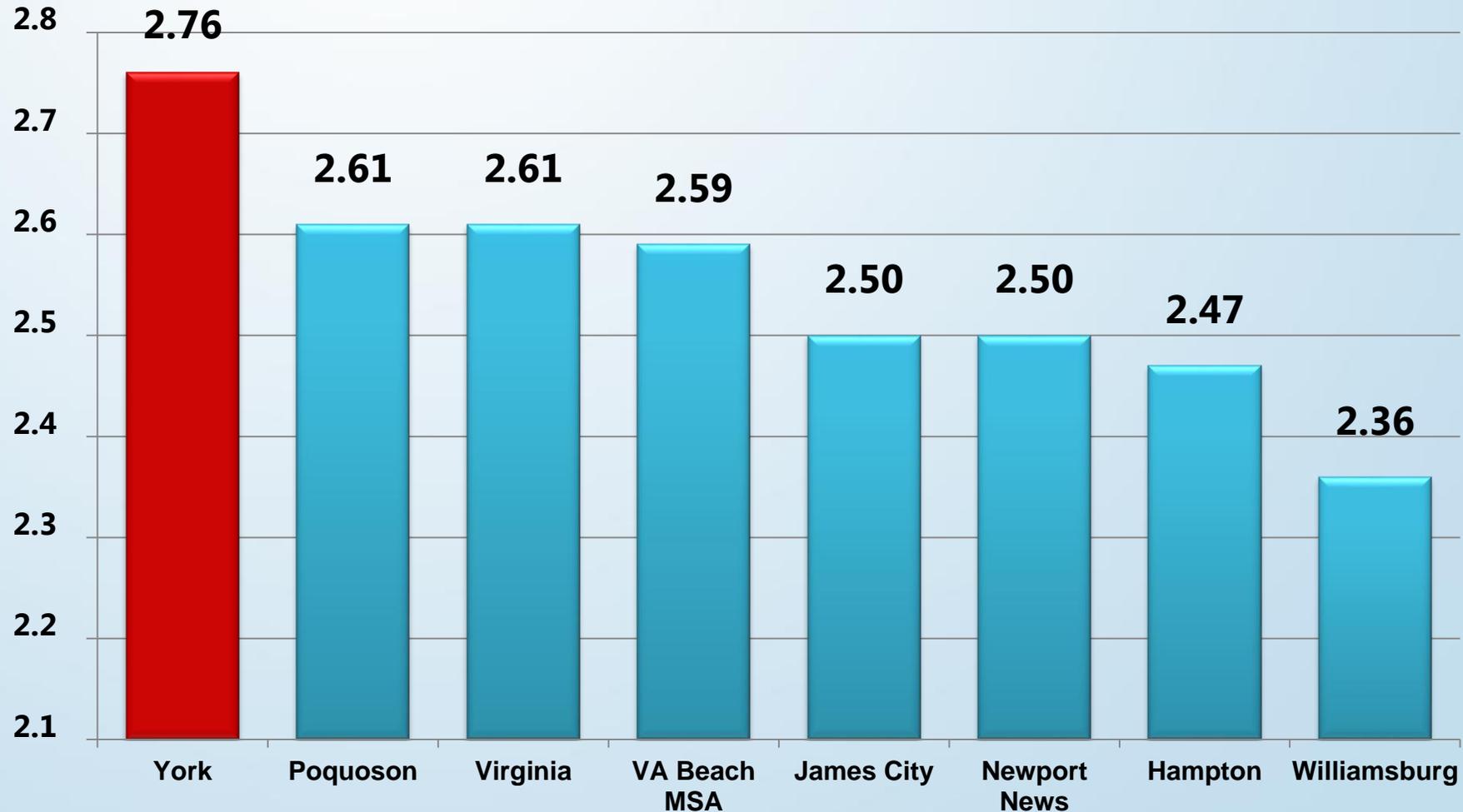
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Households in the County have been getting smaller, on average, over the years...



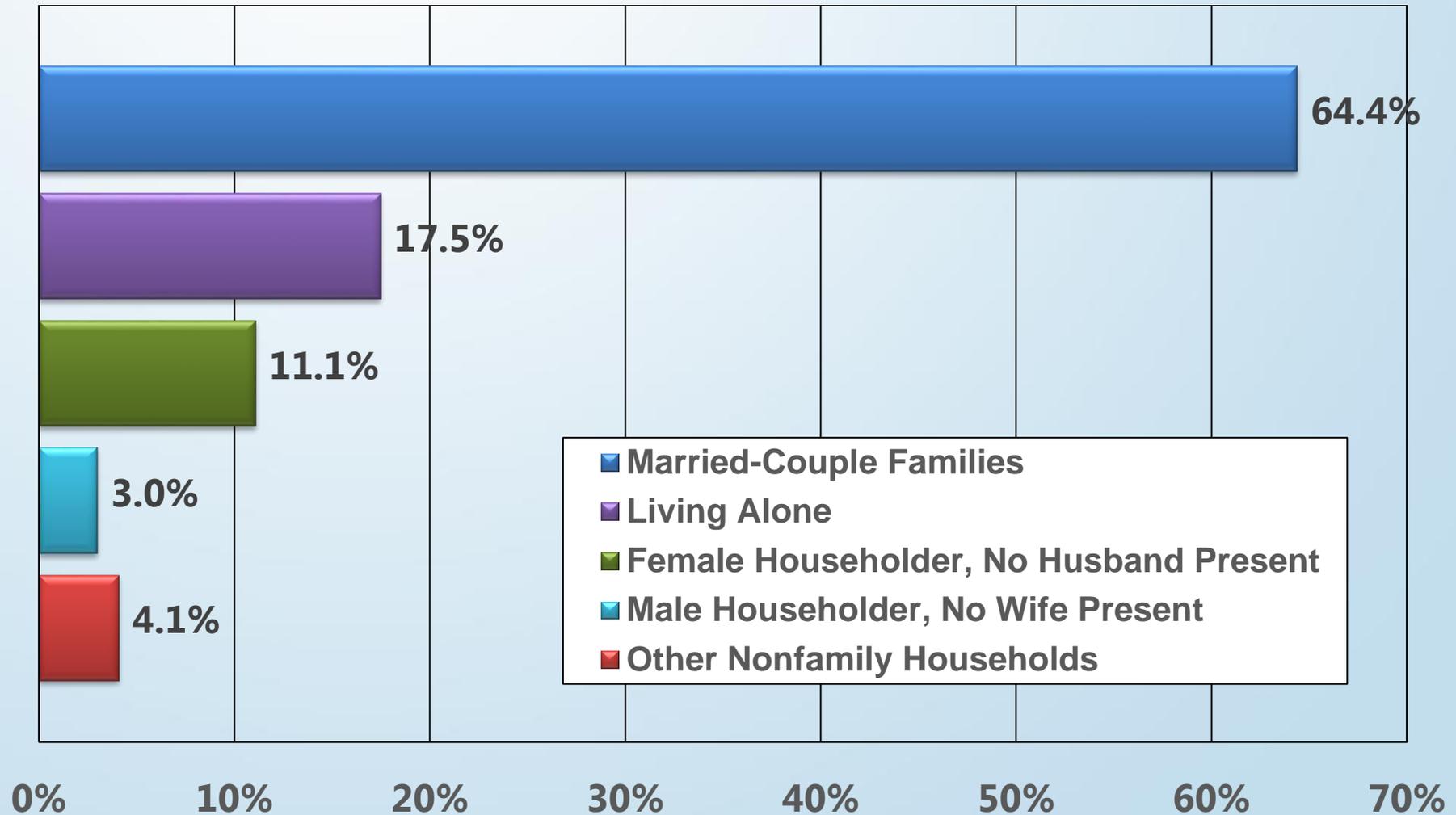
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...but remain relatively large compared to our neighbors, the region, and the state.



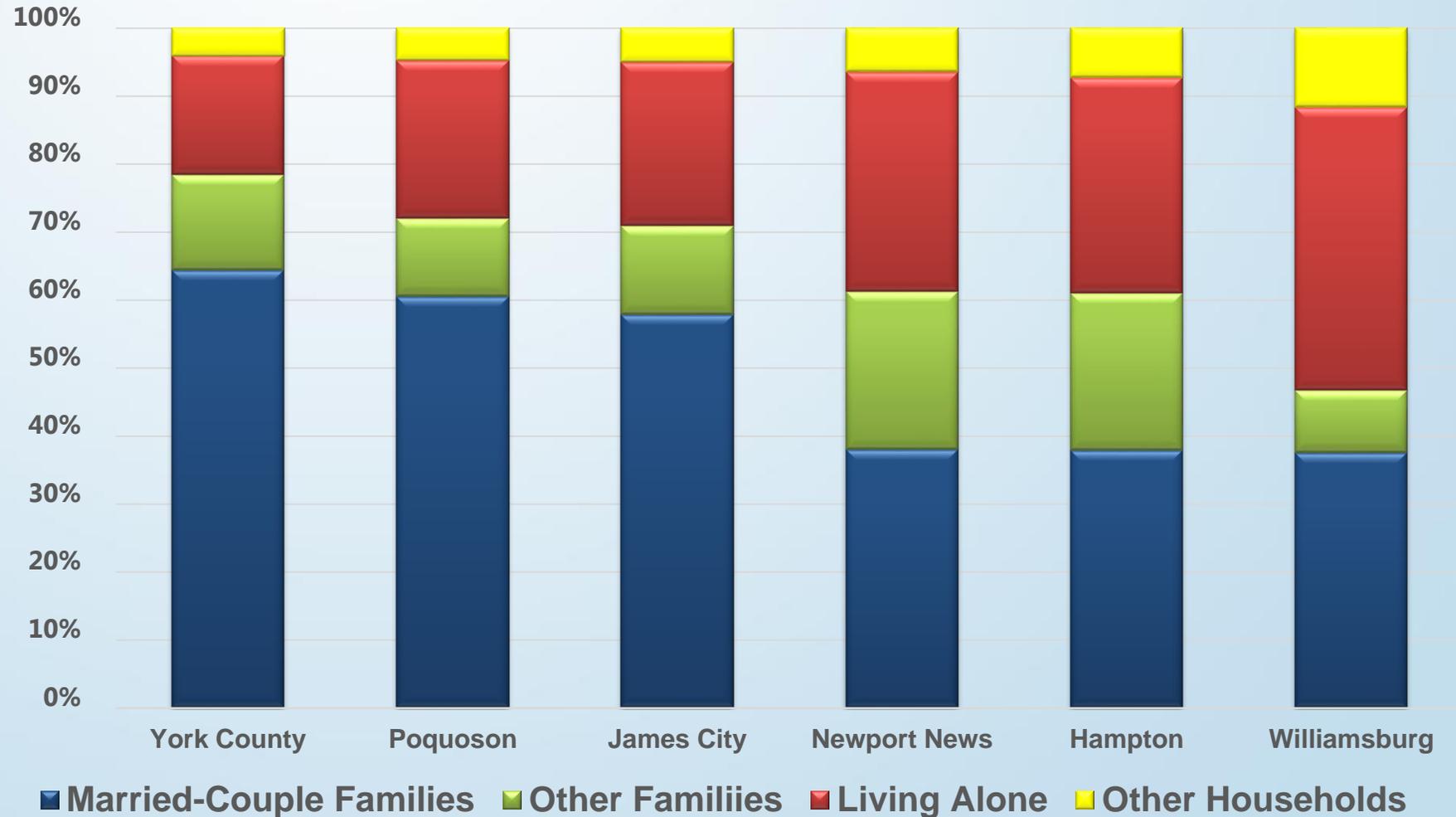
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Married-couple families make up almost 2 out of 3 households...



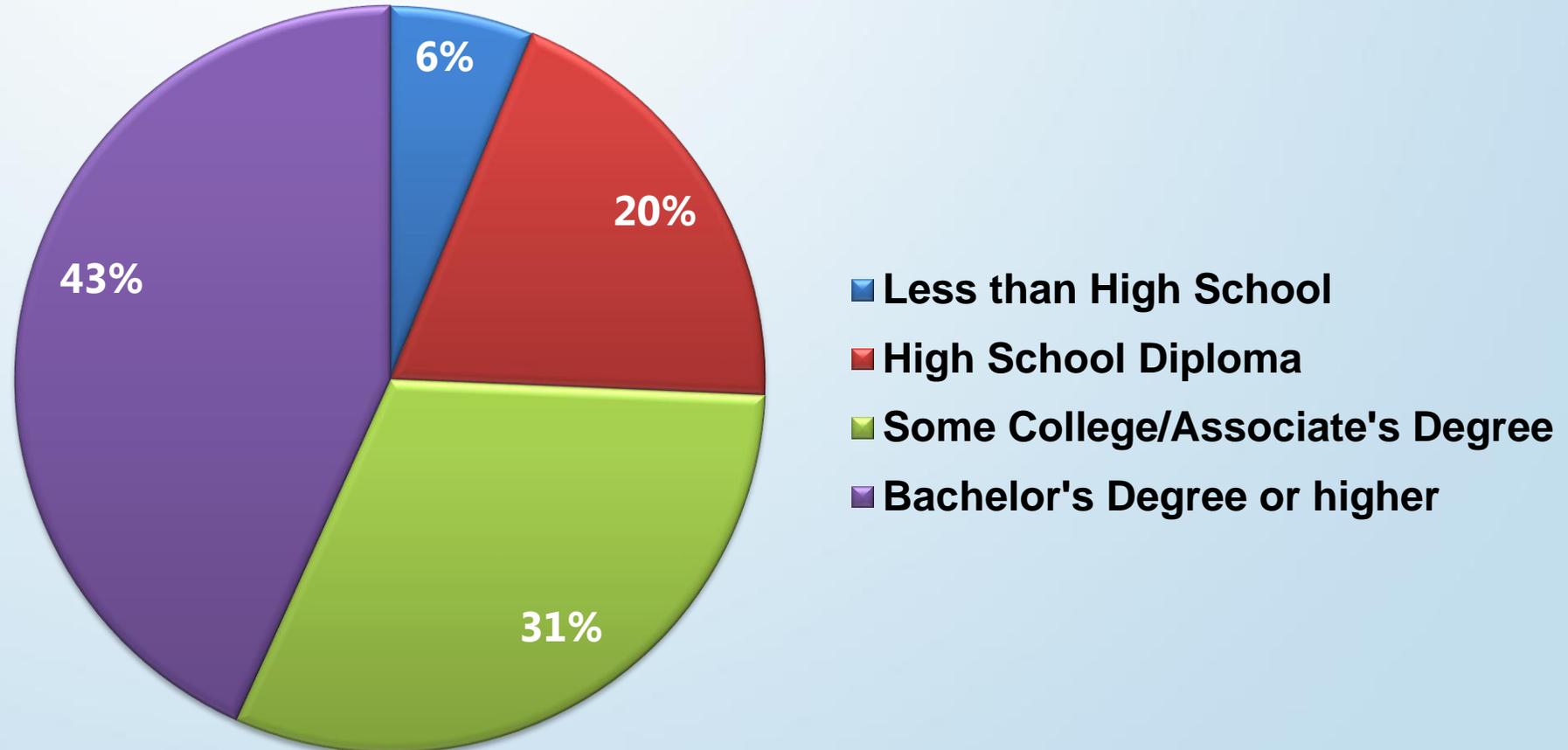
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...which is the largest proportion of married-couple families on the Peninsula.



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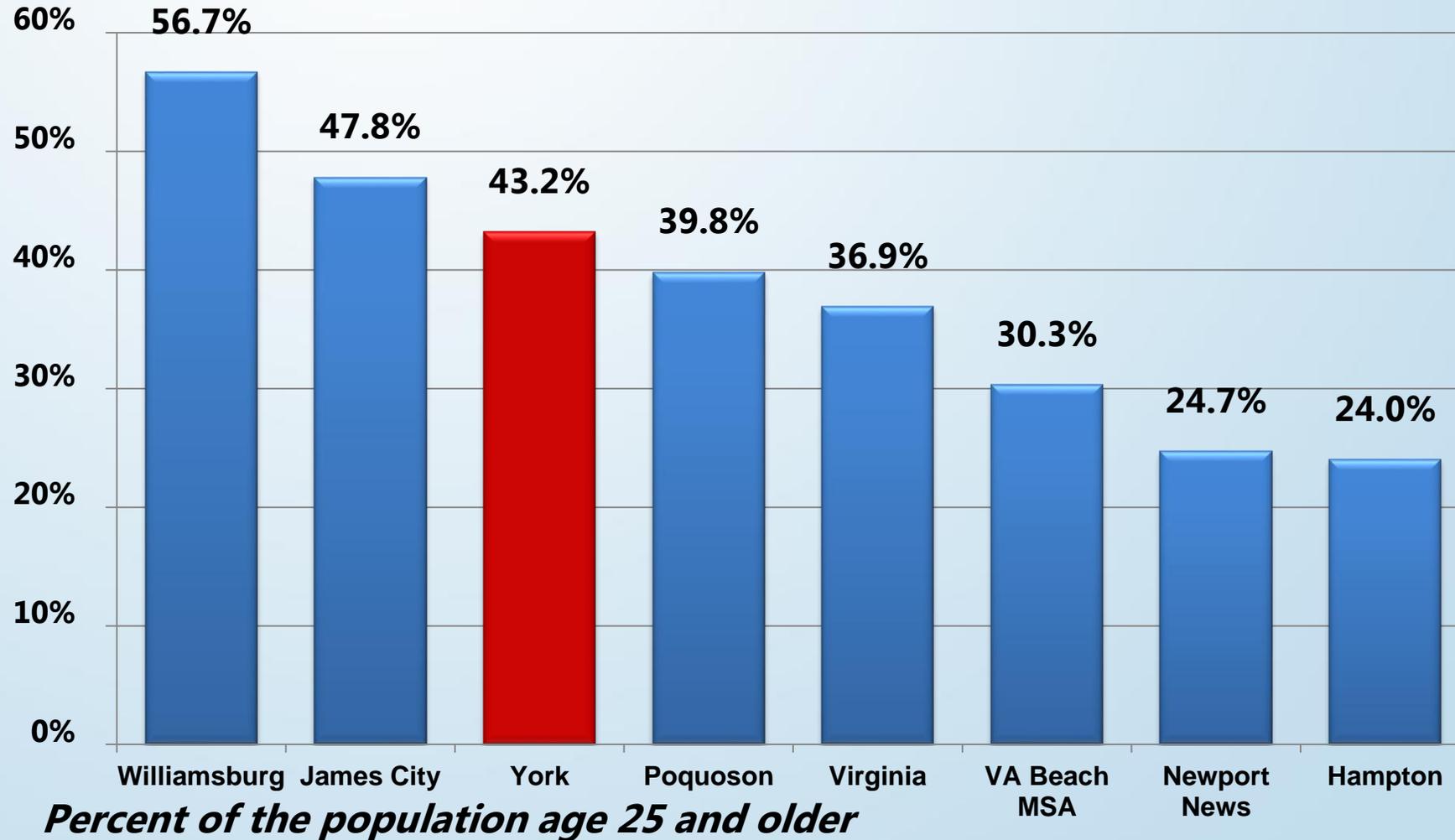
York County's population is well educated...



Percent of the population age 25 and older

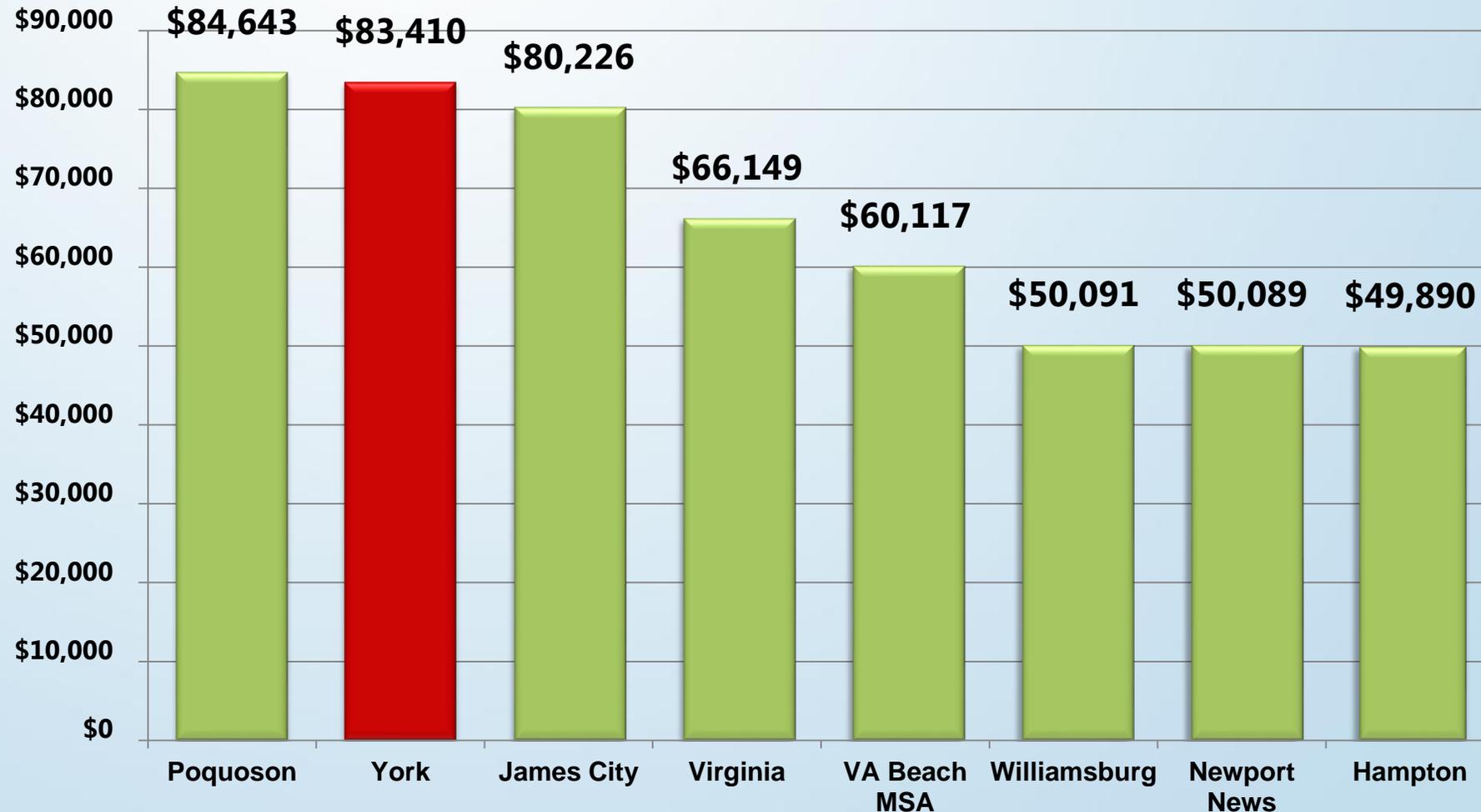
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...with a relatively high proportion of college graduates...



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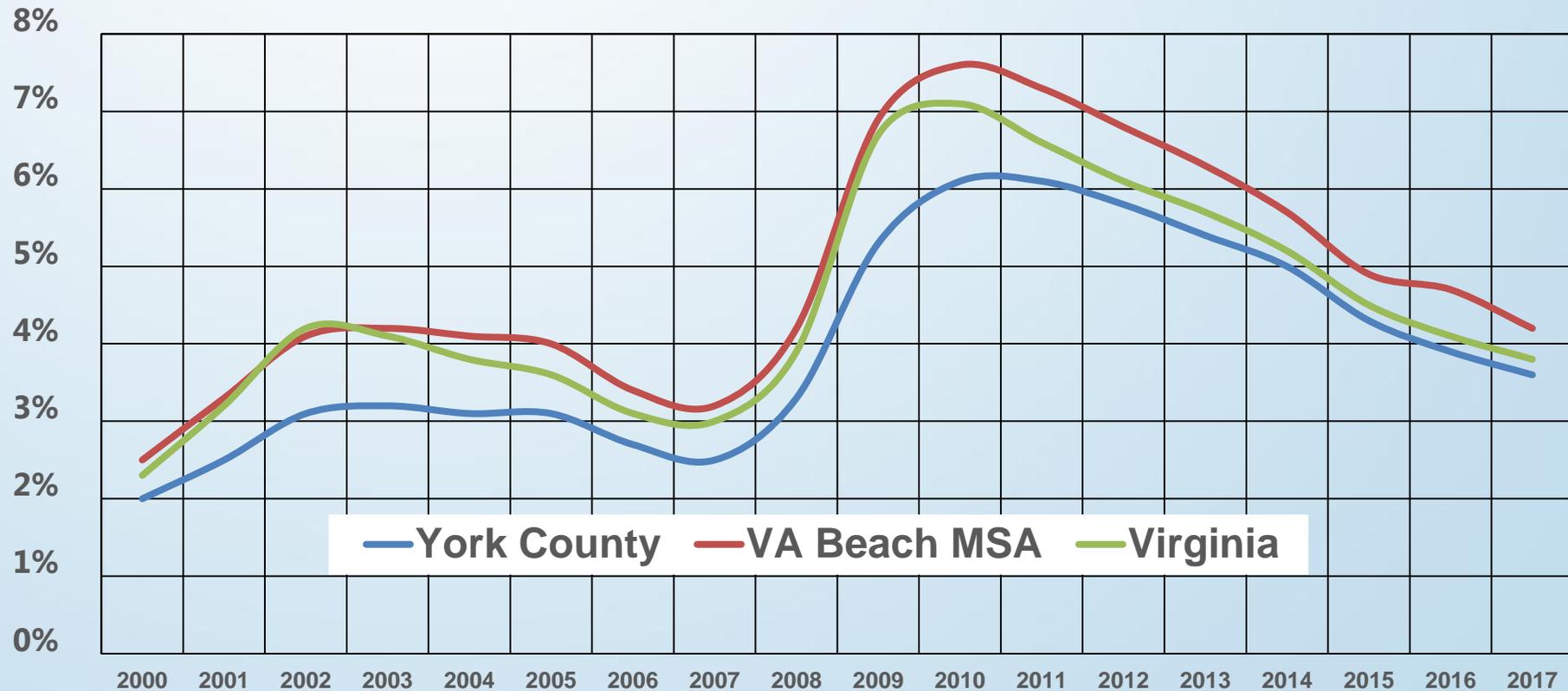
...who tend to earn correspondingly high incomes, on average...



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

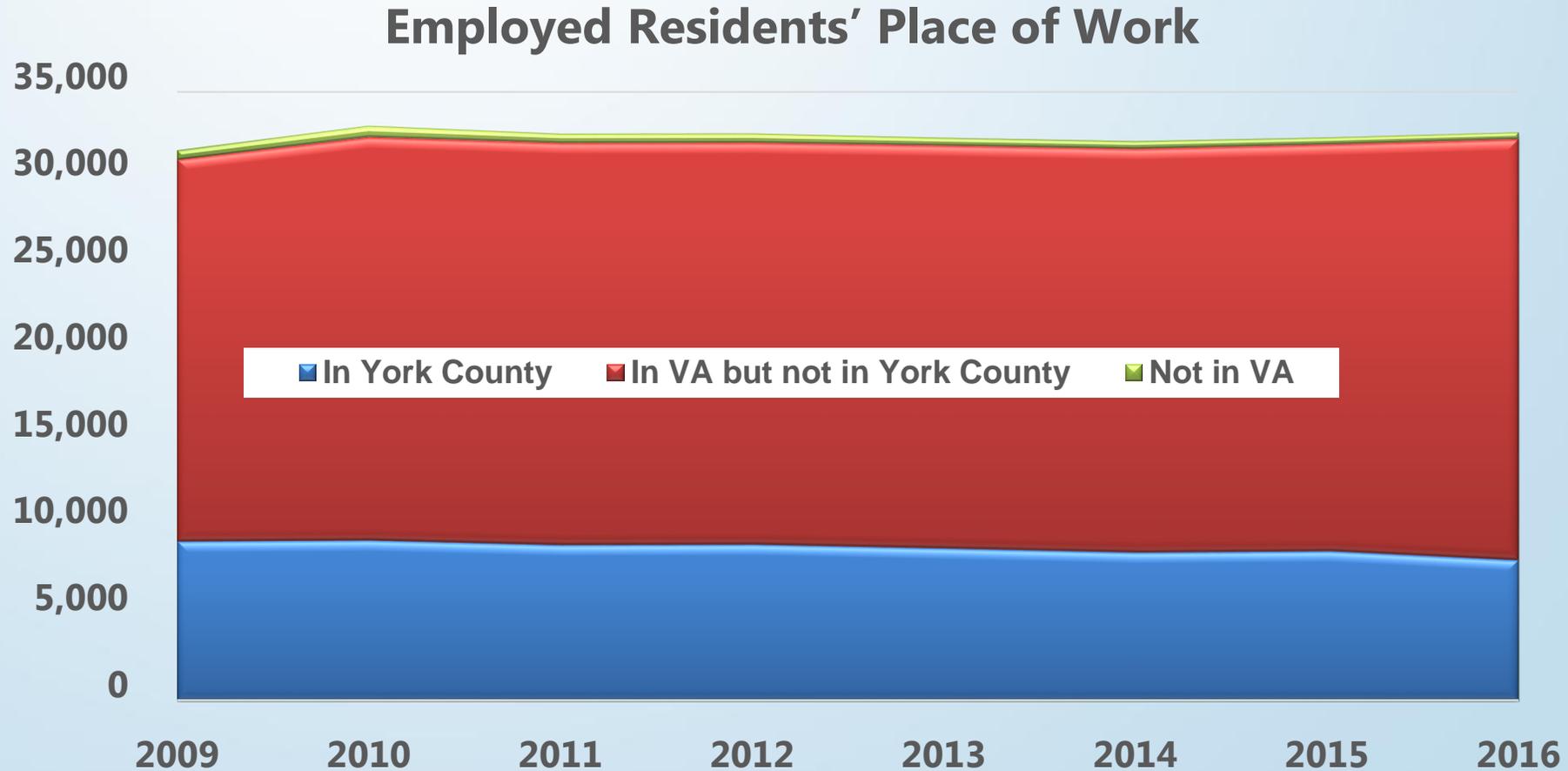
...and have relatively high levels of employment...

Unemployment Rate



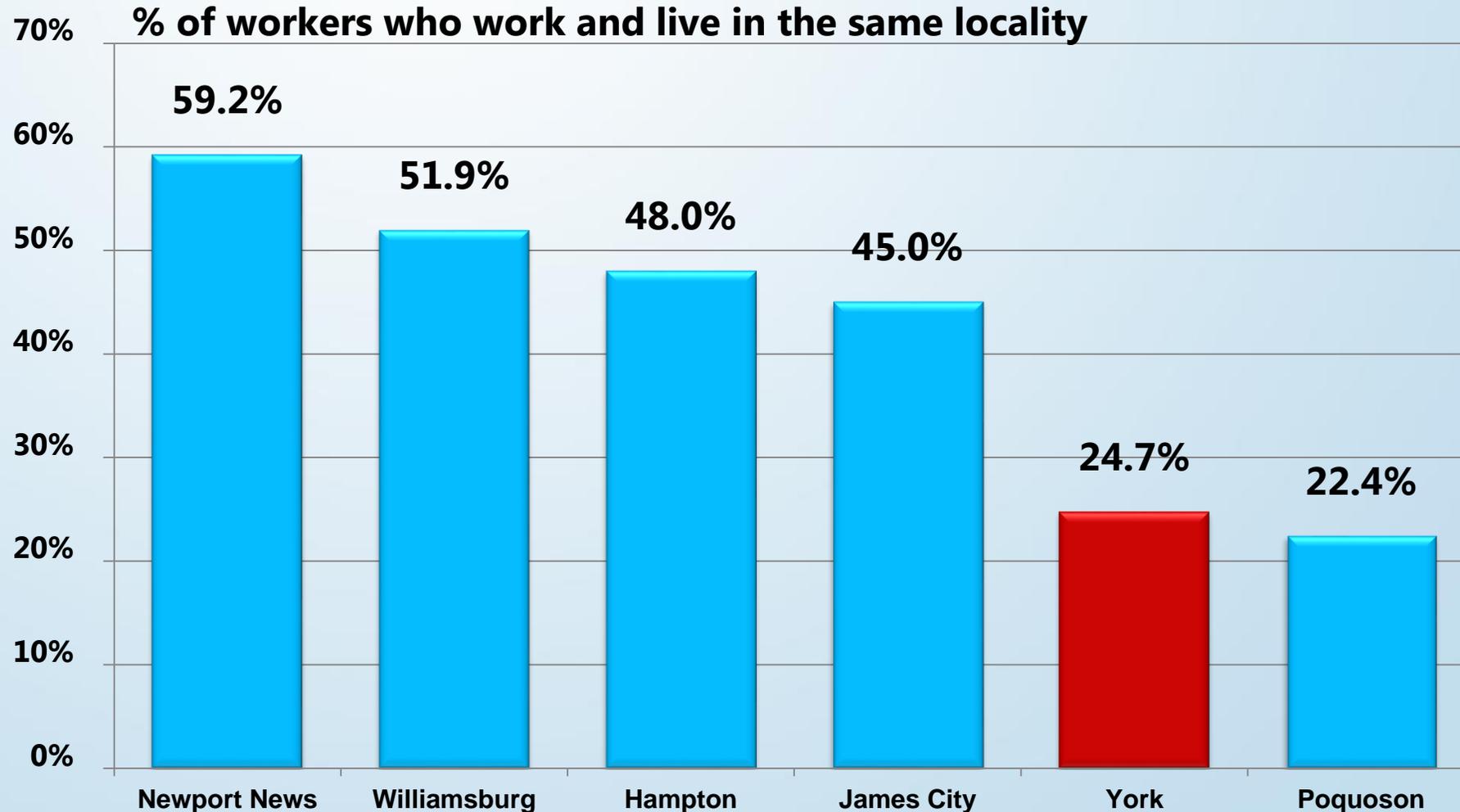
Source: Virginia Employment Commission

...and mostly work outside of York County...



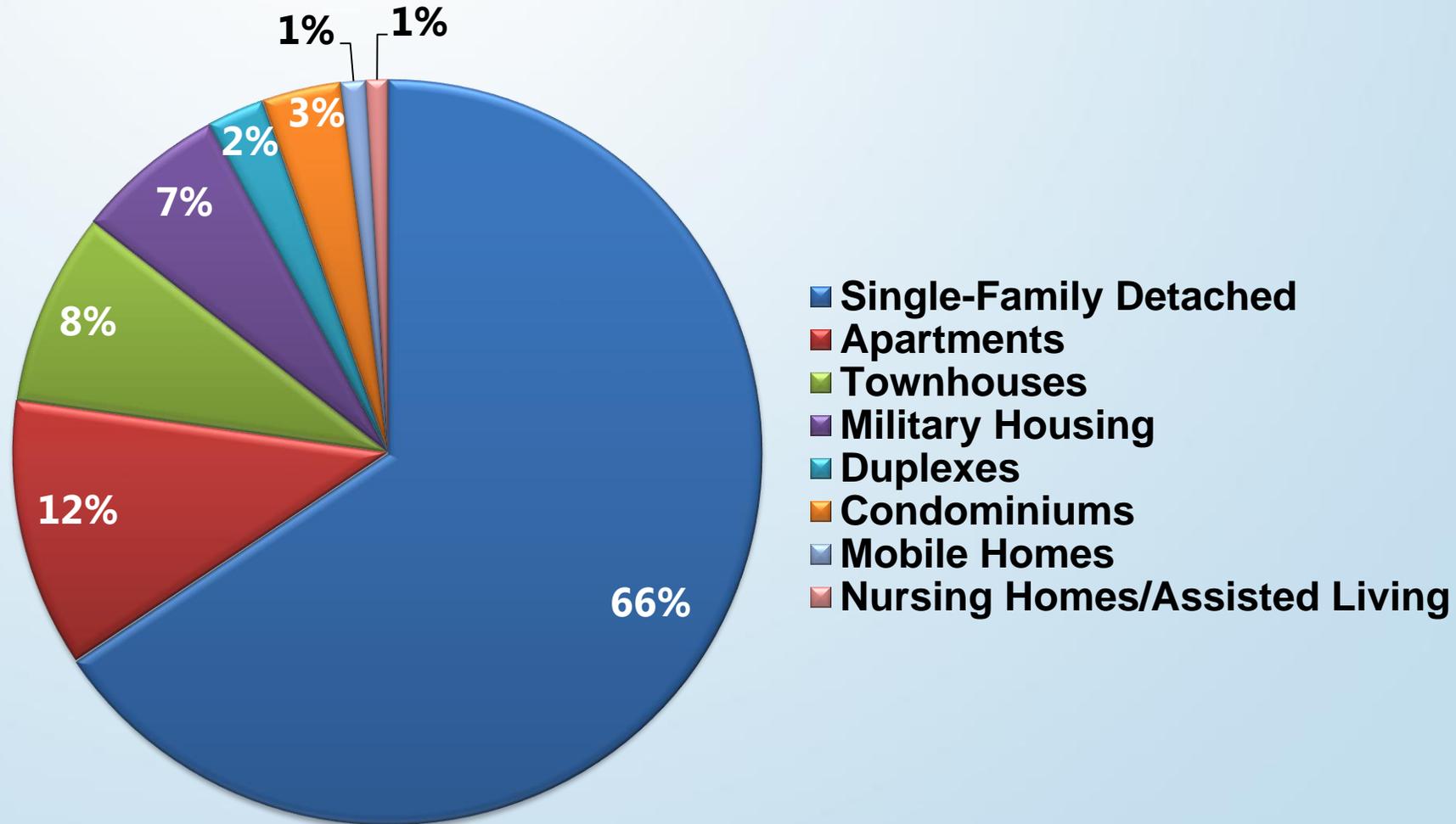
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...more so than in most neighboring localities.



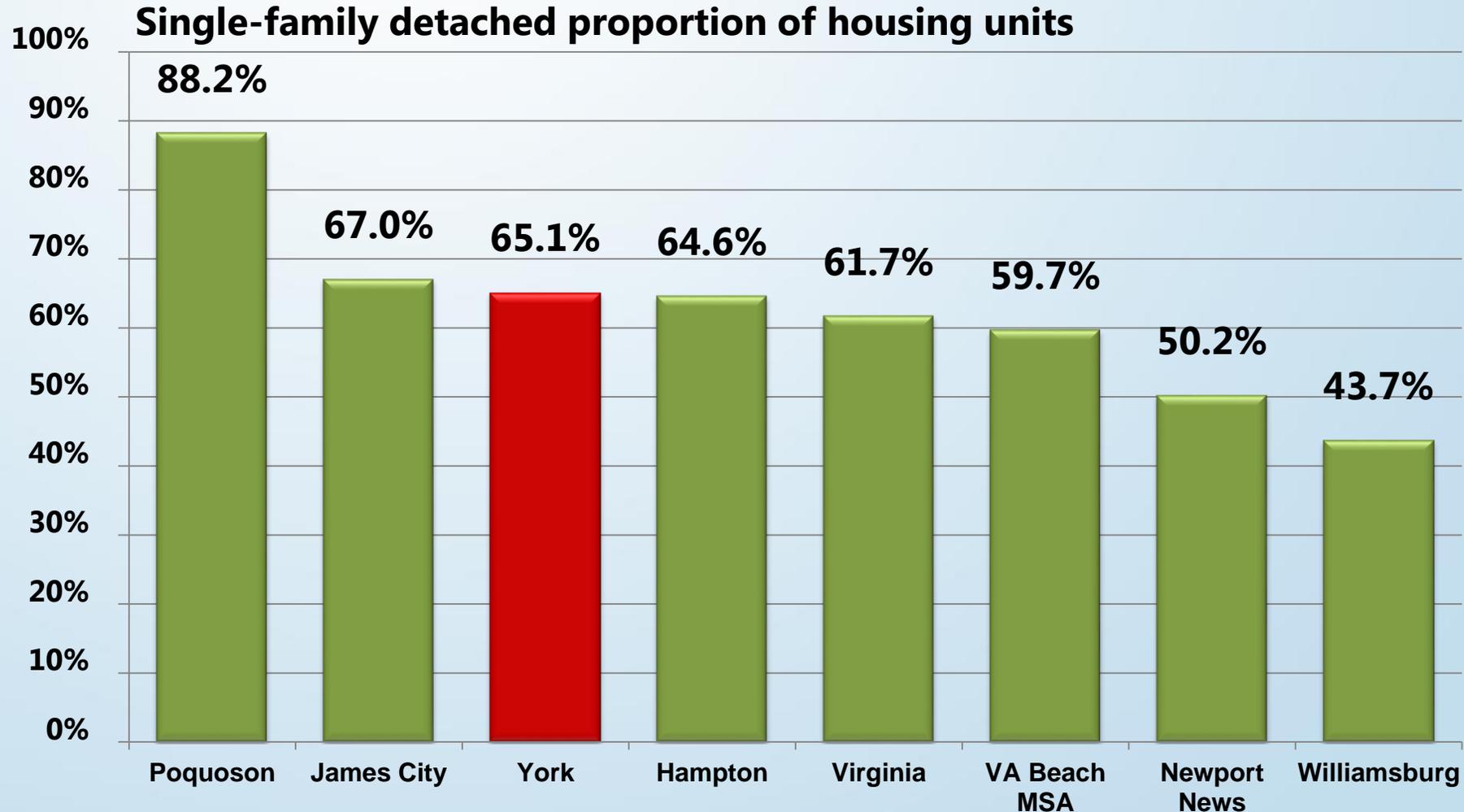
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Most residents live in single-family detached homes...



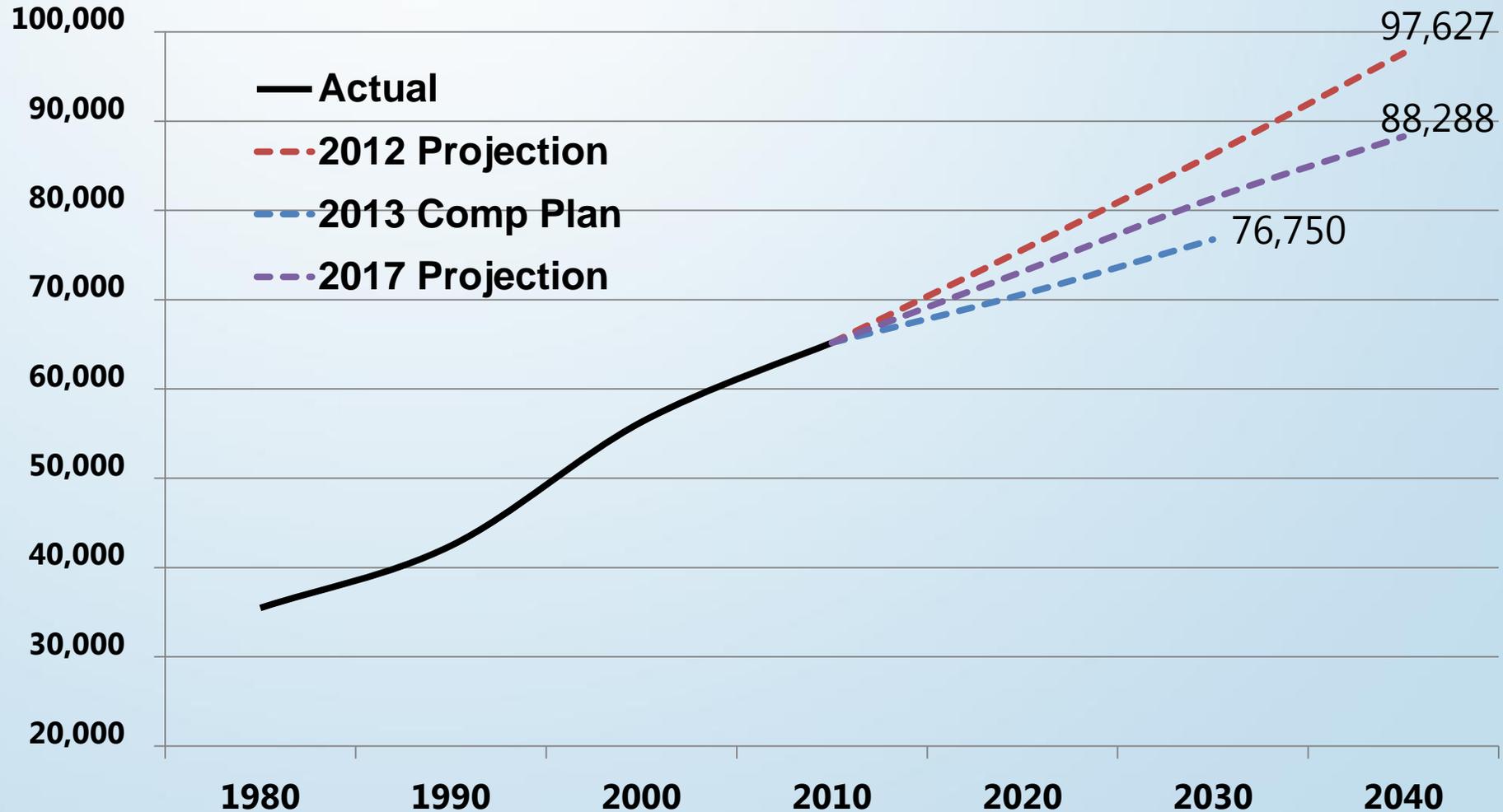
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...more than in most neighboring localities, the region, and the state.



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Forecast for the future: continued steady growth



Conclusions

- Strong and steady growth over the past 70 years, most of it driven by net migration, stands as testimony to York County's identity as a desirable place to live, especially for families with children.
- However, it appears the County's attractiveness does not extend to "millennials" born between the early 1980s and the mid-1990s.
- In general, York County remains a largely suburban community of well-educated people who commute to high-paying jobs outside the County.