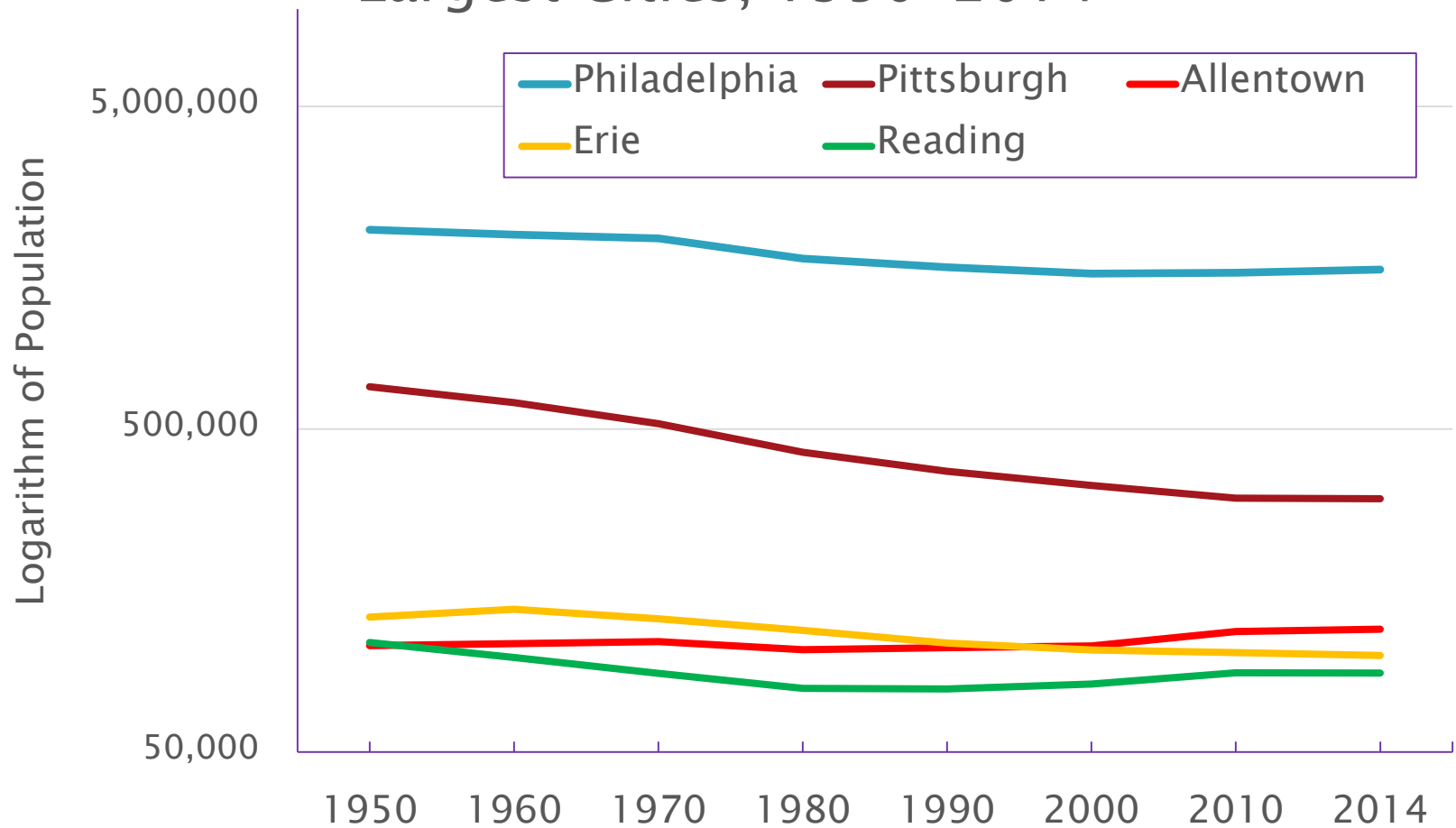


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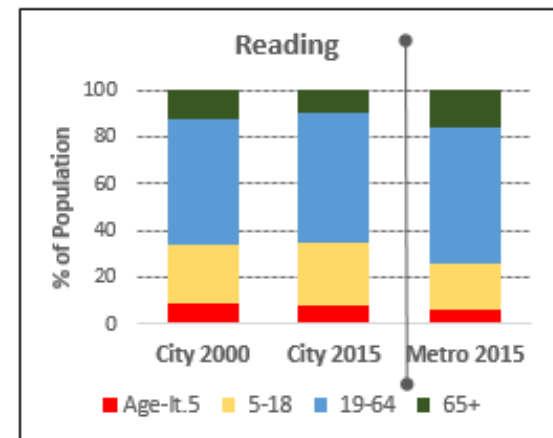
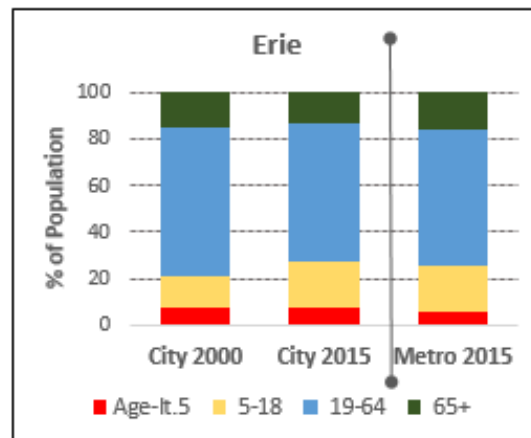
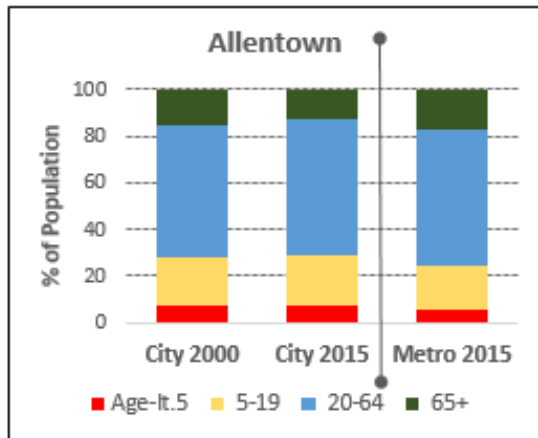
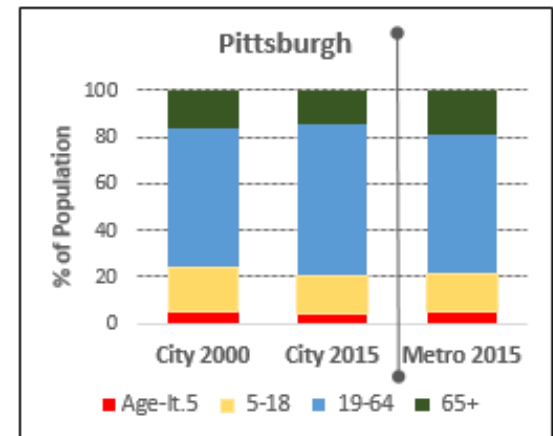
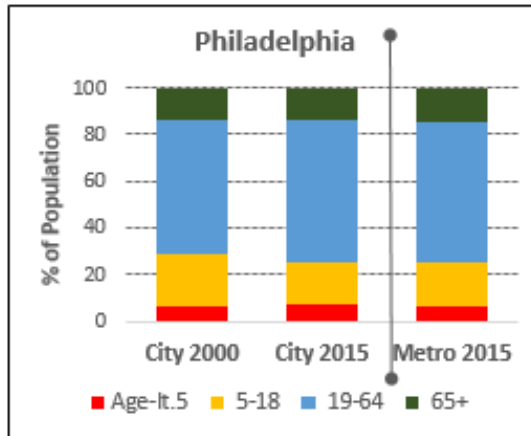
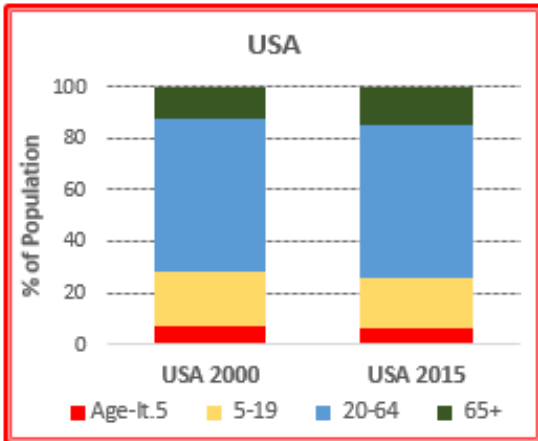
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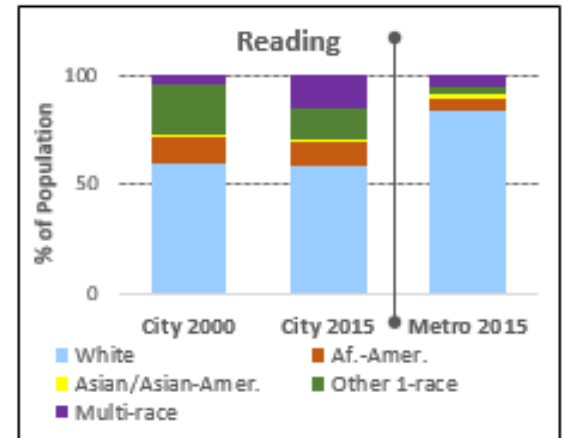
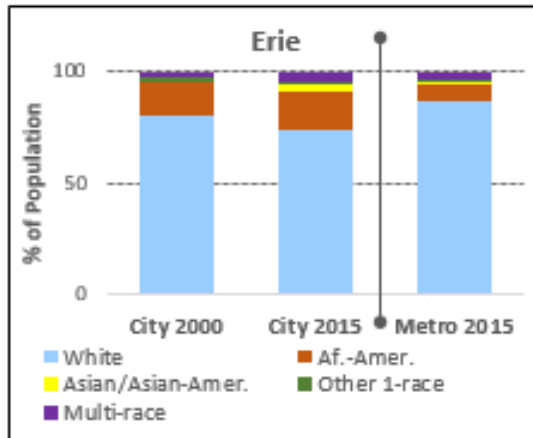
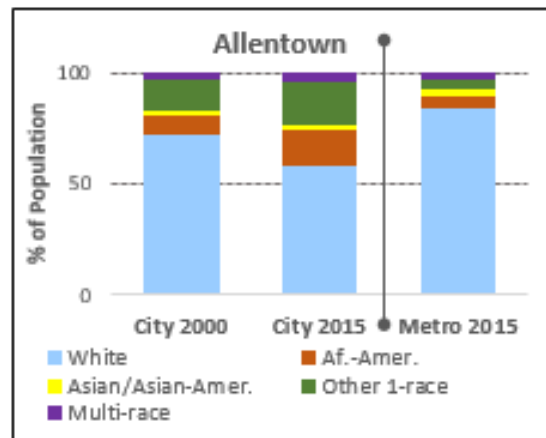
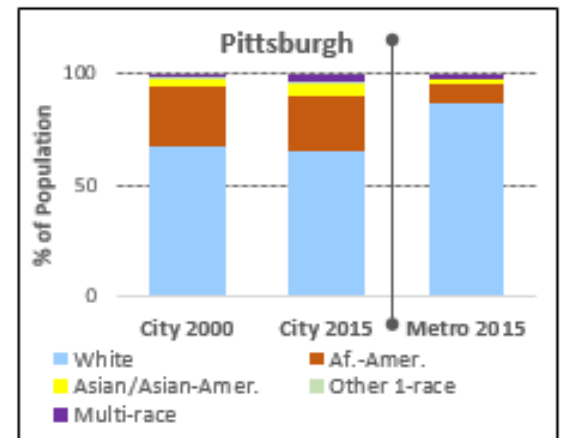
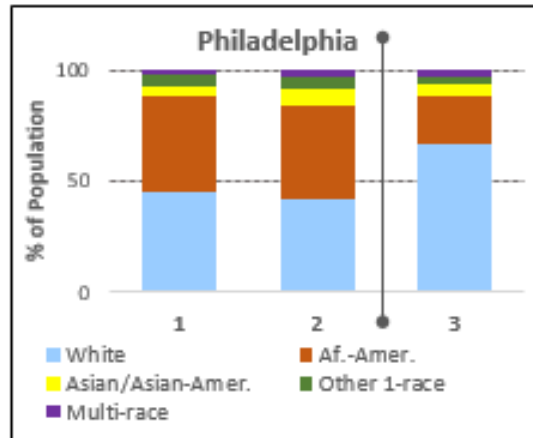
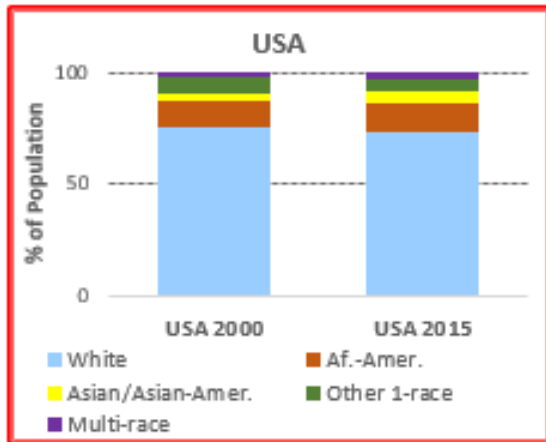
National Trends

Measure	2000–2015 Trend	2015–2025F?	Responsive to Policy?
Age Mix	Fewer kids, more seniors	Likely to continue	No
Racial Diversity	Broadening	More multi-racials	No
Pct. Latino	Rising	Slower growth	No
Immigrant Share	Stable	Stable	Somewhat
Household Diversity	Away from traditional families	Likely to continue	Somewhat
Educational Attainment	Rising	Likely to continue, but more slowly	Somewhat
Homeownership Rates	Decreasing	Near bottom?	Somewhat
Housing Cost Burdens	Increasing (a lot)	Absent policy, likely to continue	Yes
Poverty Rates	Increasing	May have maxed out; will they now decline?	Somewhat

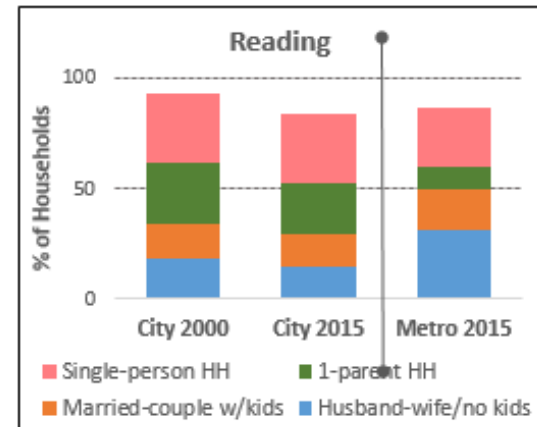
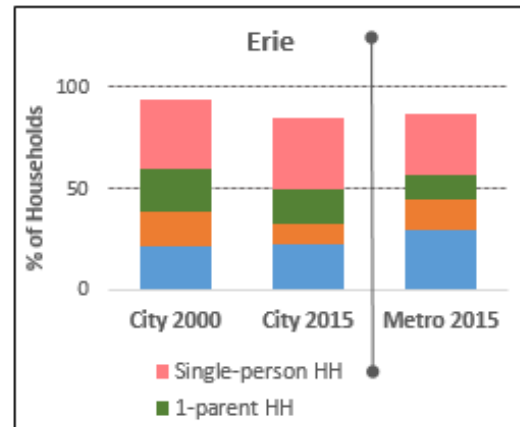
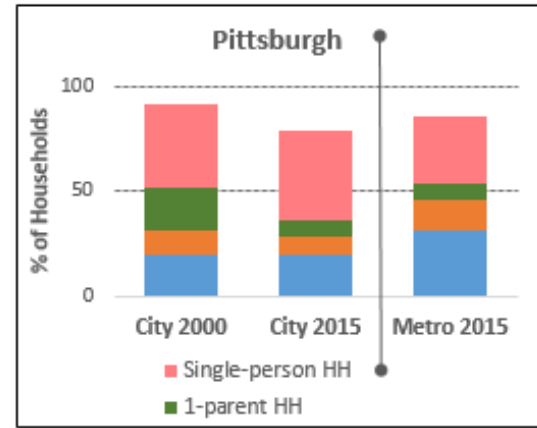
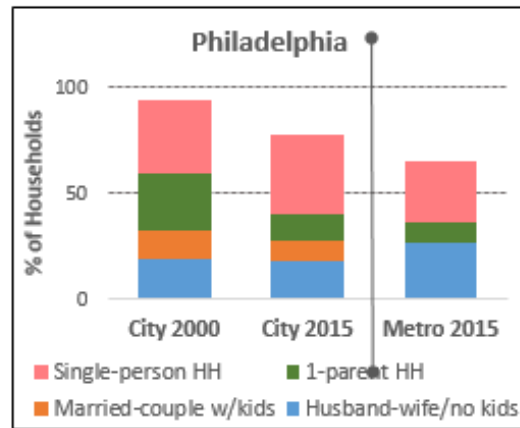
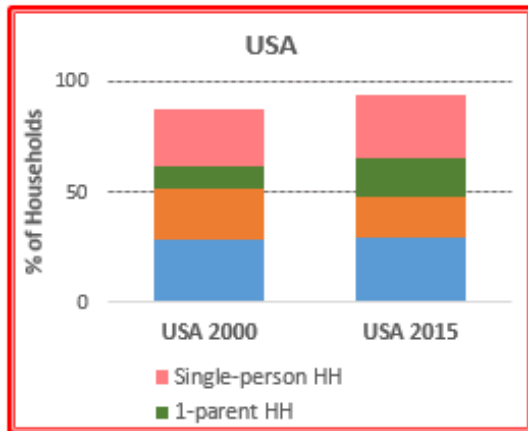
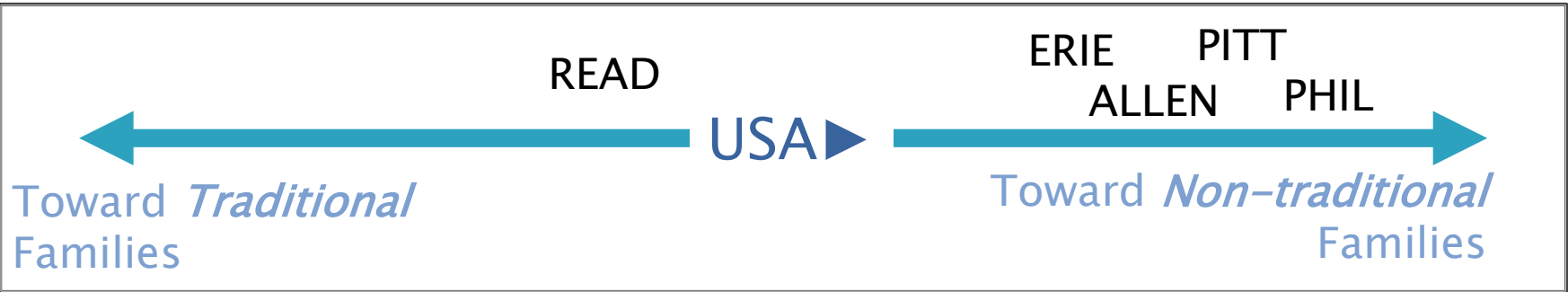
An Aging Population



More Asians/Asian-Amer. & Multi-Racials



Increasing Household Diversity



Rising Educational Attainment

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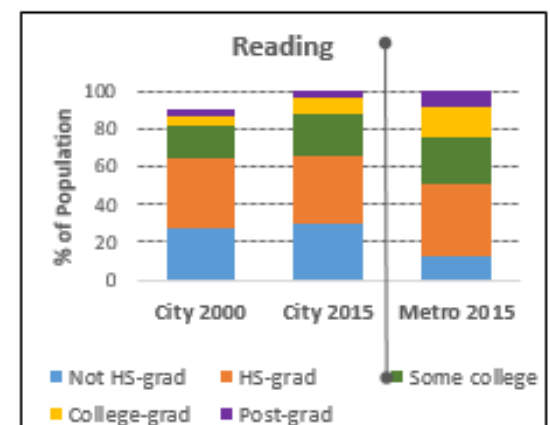
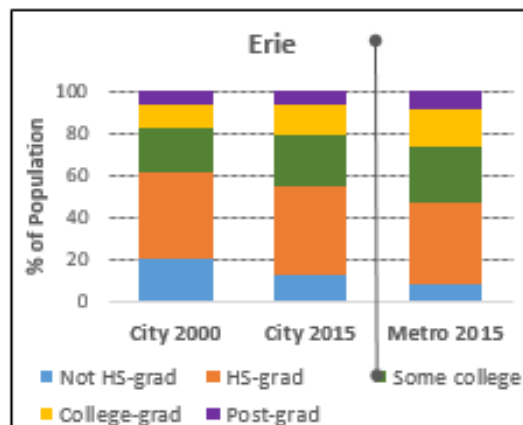
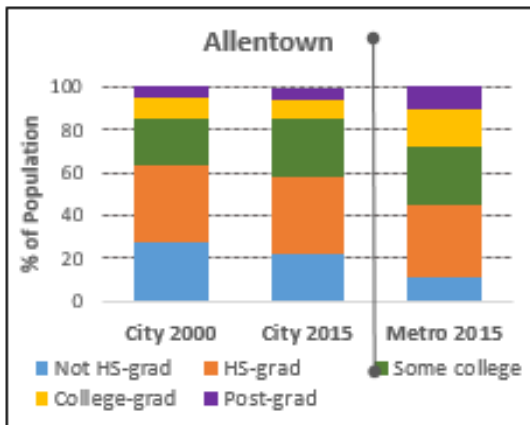
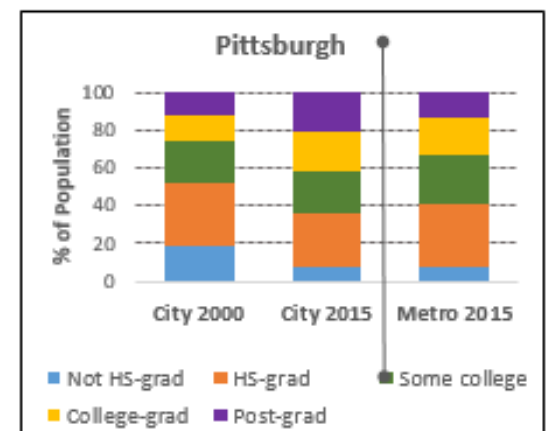
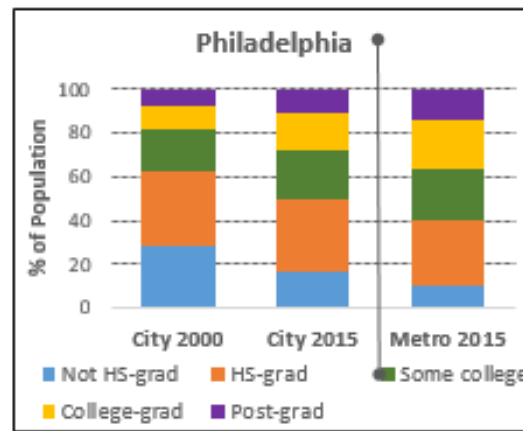
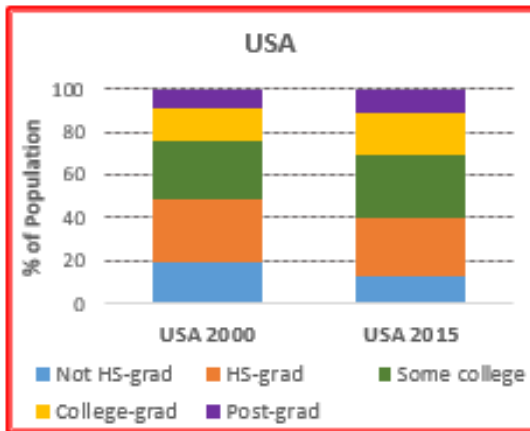
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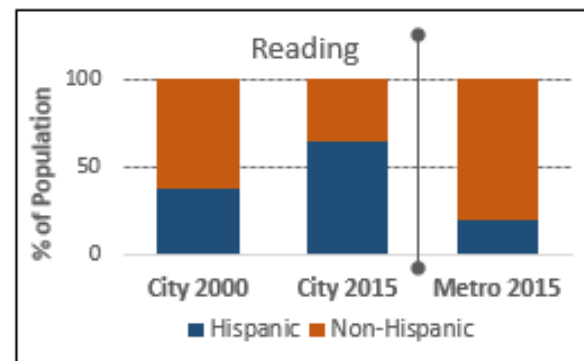
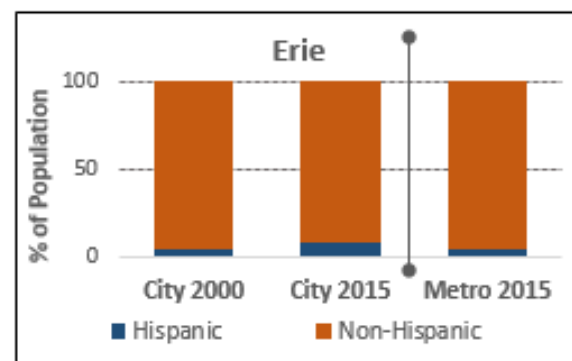
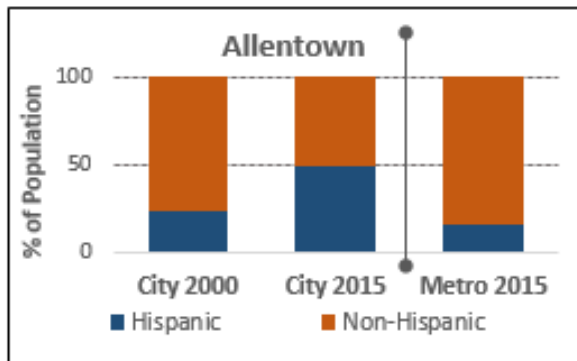
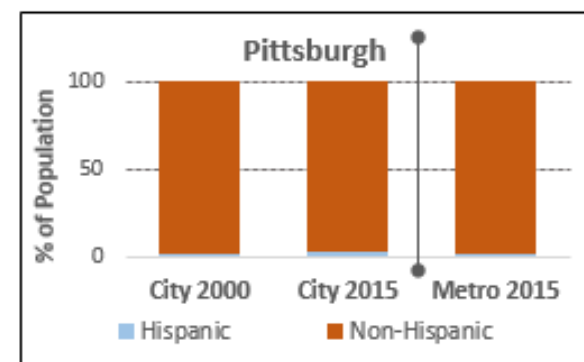
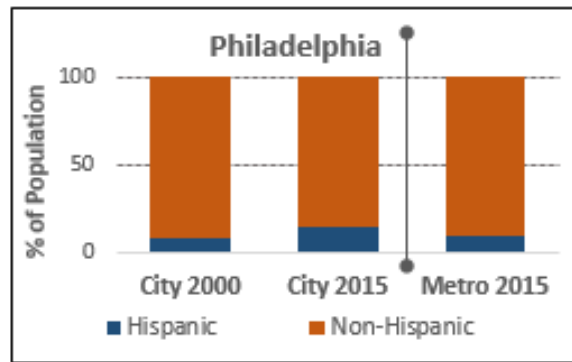
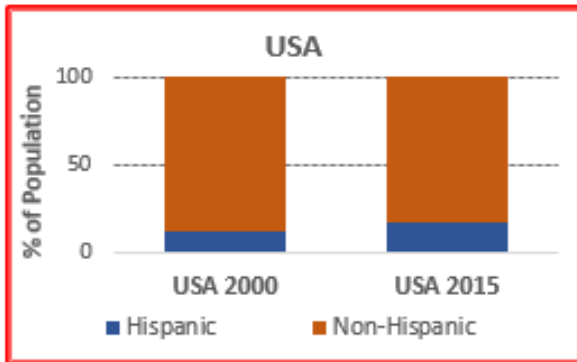


Consistent Educational Attainment

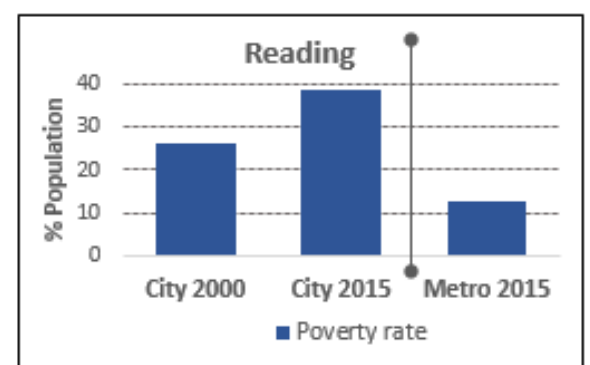
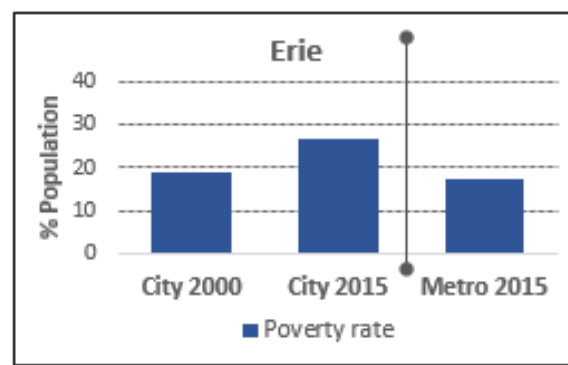
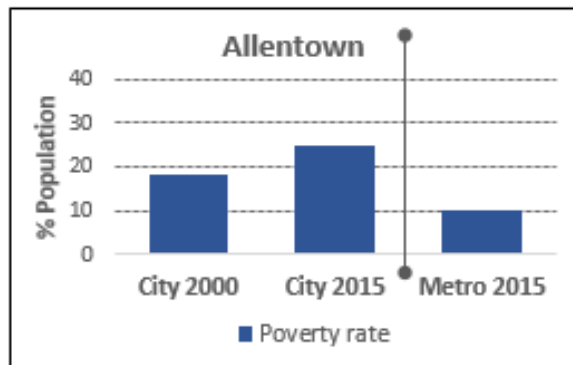
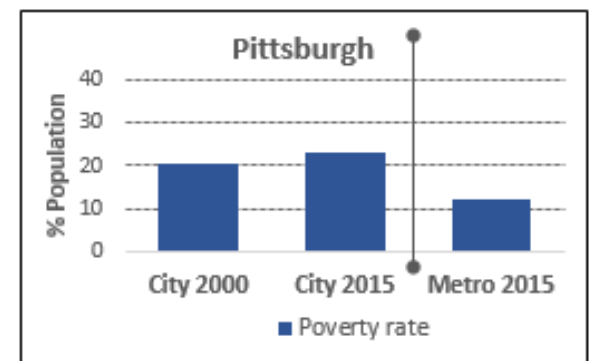
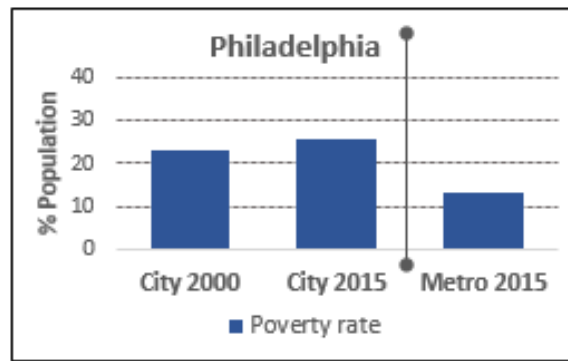
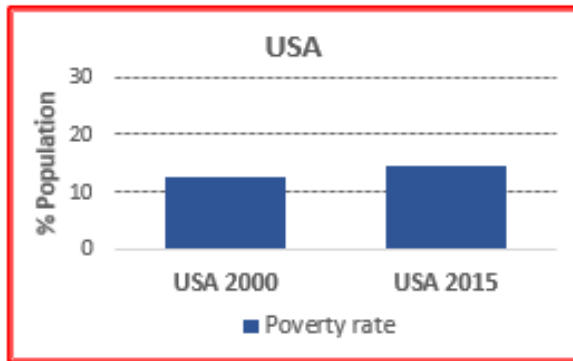
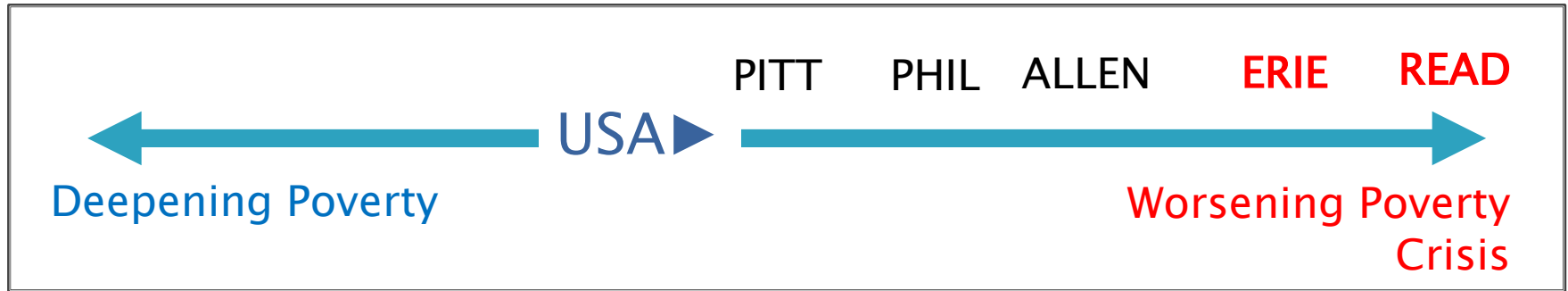
More College Attendees & Grads



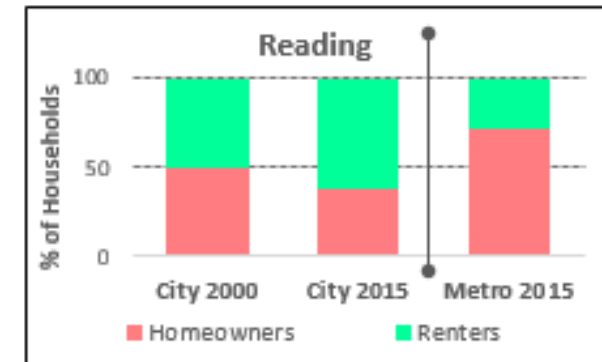
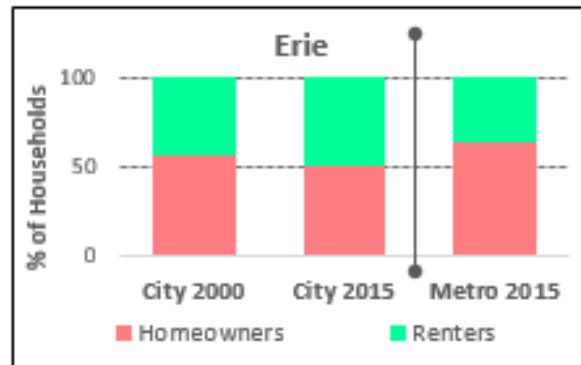
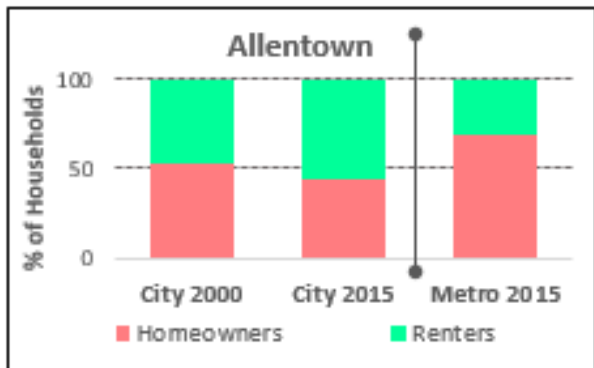
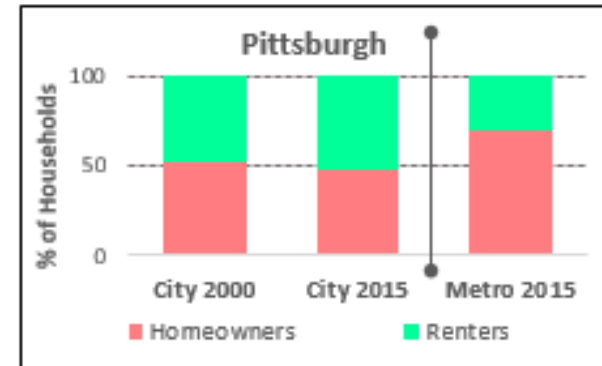
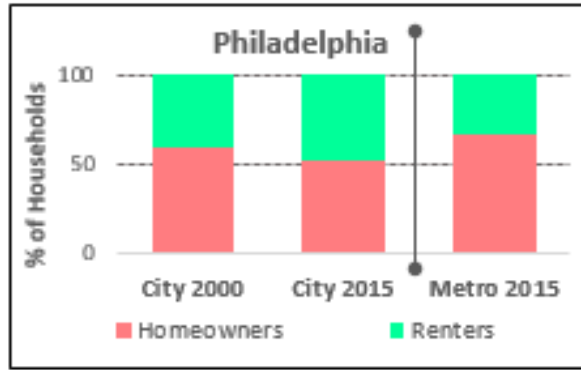
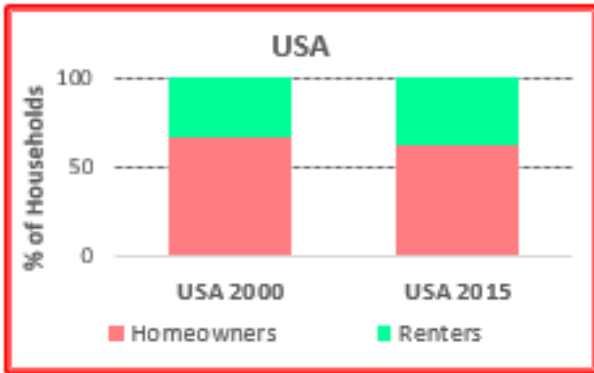
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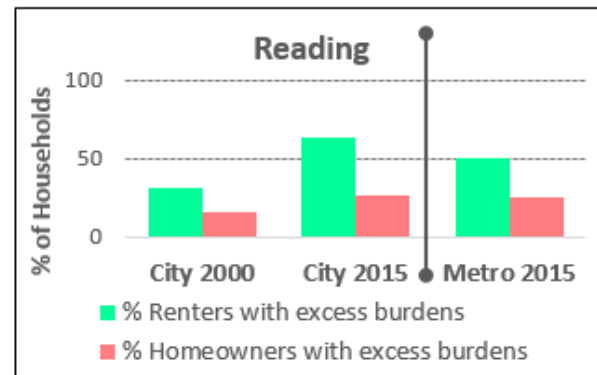
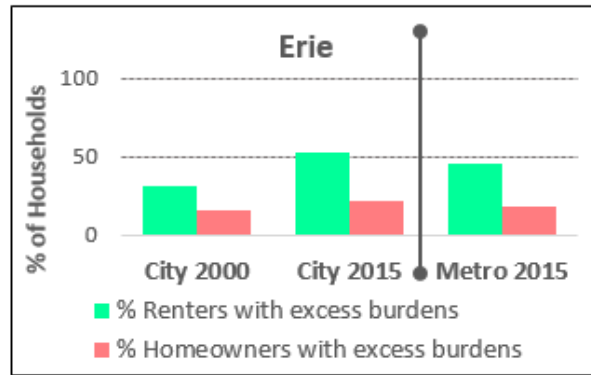
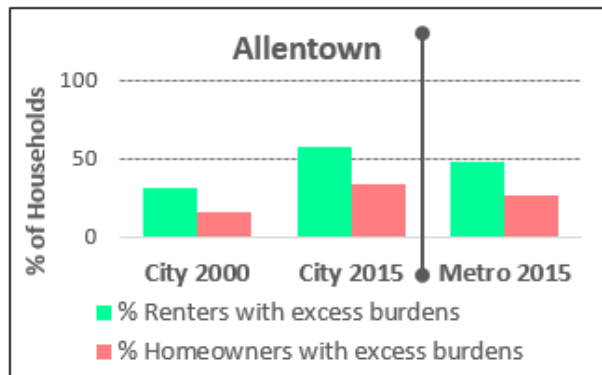
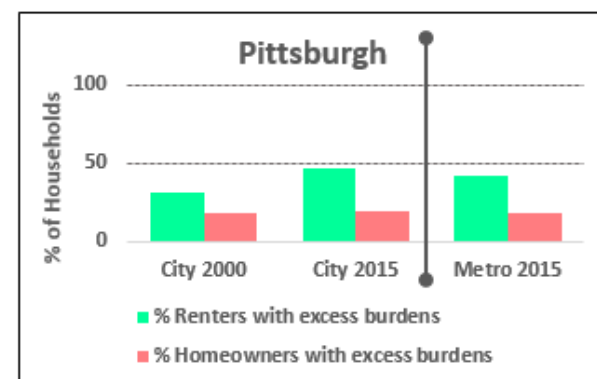
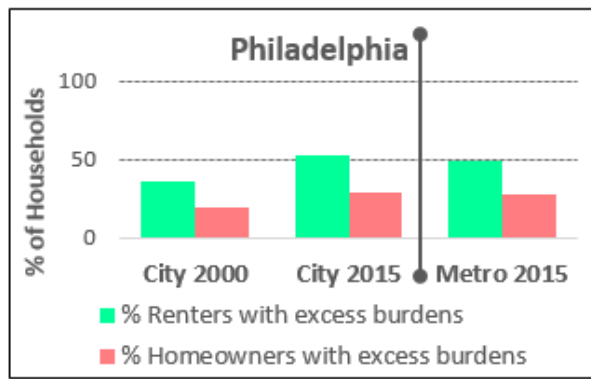
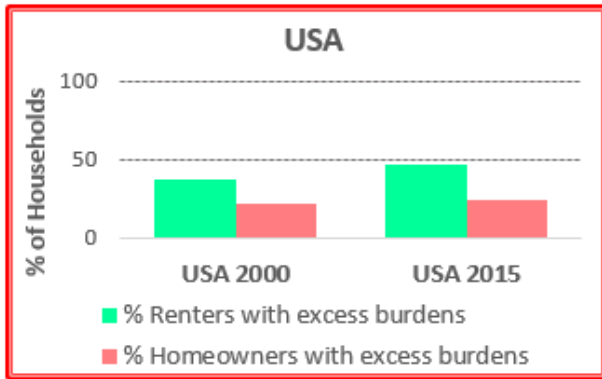
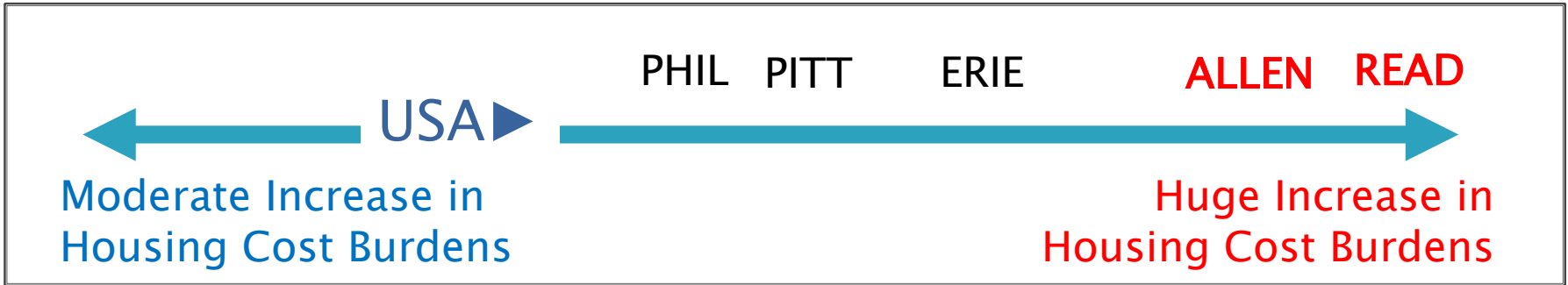
Alarming Increases in Poverty, especially in Core Cities



A Legacy of the GFC: Falling Homeownership



Spiraling Rents and Housing Cost Burdens



Summary and Speculation

City	2000–2015 Trends	Challenges for the Next Ten Years
Philadelphia	Previous decline finally reversing as young professionals are coming back.	Extend prosperity outward from Center City without encouraging gentrification backlash
Pittsburgh	Longstanding population decline has finally leveled off, but population is aging, and not growing more diverse	Encourage greater demographic diversity (age, race, HH type) among Pittsburgh residents
Allentown	Population growth spillover from NYC metro, ► housing affordability declining	Capitalize on continued population growth to improve urban services and promote homeownership
Erie	Declining population and prosperity	Build on historic buildings and neighborhood assets to attract new residents
Reading	Foreign-born in-movers are poorer and less well educated than past residents.	Expand educational opportunities available to new residents