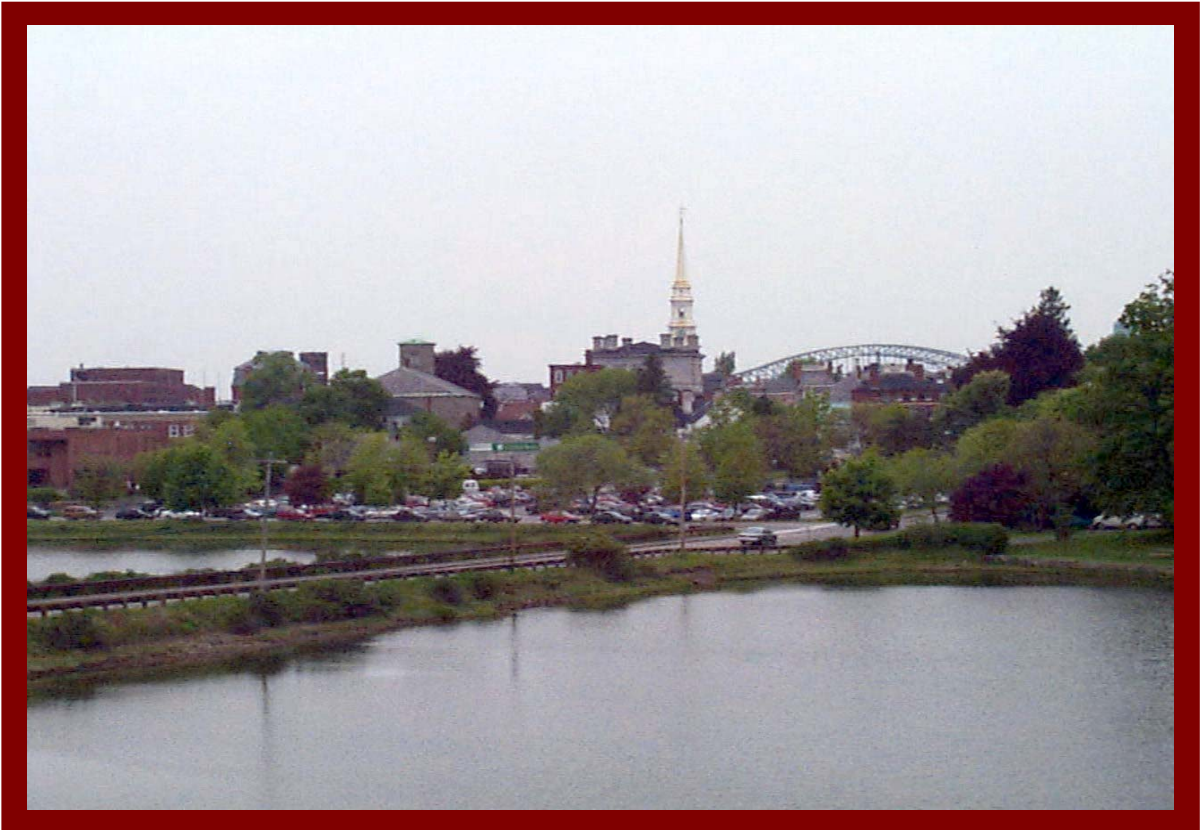

U.S. CENSUS DATA COMPARISON

**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NH
1990 vs. 2000**



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SUMMARY

The publication of the 2000 decennial census provides an opportunity to examine how the Portsmouth population has changed from 1990 to 2000. Demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau for Portsmouth, New Hampshire for 1990 and 2000 is used in this document to illustrate these changes. Individuals interested in more detail regarding the demographics of Portsmouth can explore the U.S. Census Bureau's website at www.census.gov.

One very influential change was the closure of Pease Air Force Base (PAFB) in July of 1990. At that time, 20% of the City's population lived on PAFB and its closure resulted in their transfer. In the 1990s, PAFB was converted into Pease International Tradeport, a world class commercial business park with no residential property.

In 1990, the PAFB population was fairly homogeneous in terms of education, age, mobility and income in comparison to the balance of Portsmouth. Most adults living at PAFB had a high school education, however, few had gone to college. A large number of the households living at PAFB were young families with children. In nearly all of the households, one wage earner was employed at PAFB and the unemployment rate was negligible. Few households lived in poverty. Households living in the balance of the City were much more diverse in terms of all socioeconomic characteristics except race. PAFB residents were much more racially diverse than residents in the rest of Portsmouth.

Some of the trends that are apparent in a comparison of the 1990 data with the 2000 data are highlighted below. A data sheet and charts with more detailed information are provided after the highlights.

- Portsmouth's population decreased by nearly 20% from 25,725 in 1990 to 20,784 in 2000. This decrease is a direct consequence of the conversion of PAFB to a commercial Tradeport.
- In-migration to Portsmouth from outside of Rockingham County declined sharply. In 1990, 41% of all households had moved to Portsmouth from outside of Rockingham County within the last 5 years compared with an in-migration rate of 28% in 2000. This decrease can be attributed to the closure of PAFB and the relocation of the military households at PAFB who tended to move more frequently than non-military households can.
- Over the past decade, the proportion of residents over 25 years of age grew. In 1990, two-thirds of Portsmouth residents were 25 years and older; by 2000, over three-quarters of Portsmouth residents were 25 years and older. The relocation of the residents at PAFB, who tended to be younger families with children, was a factor in this shift in age.

- In 1990, fewer than three in ten residents 25 years or older were college graduates, while by 2000, over four in ten of these residents were. This rise can be attributed in part to the relocation of PAFB personnel who were less likely to hold a bachelor's degree than those in the balance of the City.
- The commuting time to work for Portsmouth workers over 16 years old increased from 1990 to 2000. In 1990, 14% of Portsmouth workers over 16 years old commuted more than 30 minutes to work, however, by 2000, 21% of these workers had a commute time longer than 30 minutes.
- Portsmouth's median family household income increased from \$34,344 in 1990 to \$59,630 in 2000. (A family household includes the head of the household and one or more people who are related by birth, marriage or adoption.)
- Over the decade, median household income rose from \$30,591 in 1990 to \$45,195 in 2000. (A household is any group of individuals who own or rent a home; therefore, family households are included within the household category.)
- Between 1990 and 2000, the rate of homeownership increased from 42% in 1990 to 50% in 2000. This rise was the result of an increase in the number of owner occupied units and the loss of nearly 1,200 renter occupied units at PAFB.
- In 1990, 6% of Portsmouth's population lived in households in which the household income was below the federal poverty threshold; in 2000, the proportion had risen to 9%.
- The number of homeowners paying a high portion of their income for housing costs rose slightly from 1990 to 2000. In 1990, 15% of Portsmouth homeowners paid over 35% of their income for housing costs while, in 2000, nearly 18% of Portsmouth homeowners paid over 35% of their income for these costs.
- Renters paid a higher proportion of their income for housing costs than homeowners in 1990 and in 2000. In 1990, 20% of renters paid over 35% of their incomes for housing costs, and this proportion had increased to 23% by 2000.

In sum, Portsmouth households in 2000 are older, better educated, more likely to be homeowners and more likely to have lived within Rockingham County for over 5 years than were Portsmouth households in 1990. However, during this decade, the poverty rate increased, as did the number of households who pay a higher portion of income for housing costs.

**CENSUS DATA COMPARISON
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH 1990 vs. 2000**

DATA SHEET OF U.S. CENSUS DATA*

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 1990 and 2000.

	Portsmouth	
	1990	2000
General Demographic Characteristics		
Total population	25,925	20,784
Percent male	49.3%	48.6%
Percent female	50.7%	51.4%
Total number of households	10,329	9,875
Total number of family households	6,309	4,862

Age		
Under 5 years	2,071	1,009
5 - 17 years	3,743	2,556
18 - 24 years	3,095	1,495
25 - 44 years	9,950	7,526
45 - 64 years	3,914	4,814
65 years and over	3,152	3,384
Average household size	2.39	2.04
Average family household size	2.99	2.75

Income		
Median household income	\$30,591	\$45,195
Median family household income	\$34,344	\$59,630
Per capita income	\$15,557	\$27,540
Percent of population in poverty	6.7%	9.3%

*Data sources are U.S. Census STF 1 (100-percent data) and STF 3 (sample data). There may be very slight variances between certain totals. See www.census.gov for more information.

	1990	2000
Migration		
Percent of population that moved to Portsmouth in the last 5 years from a different county, state or abroad	40.7%	28.3%
Percent of population that resides in the same house as they did 5 years before	39.9%	47.5%

Labor Characteristics		
Civilian population 16 years and older	13,181	12,235
Percent that is unemployed	5.9%	2.9%
Percent of population 16 years and older in the armed forces	13.5%	0.5%

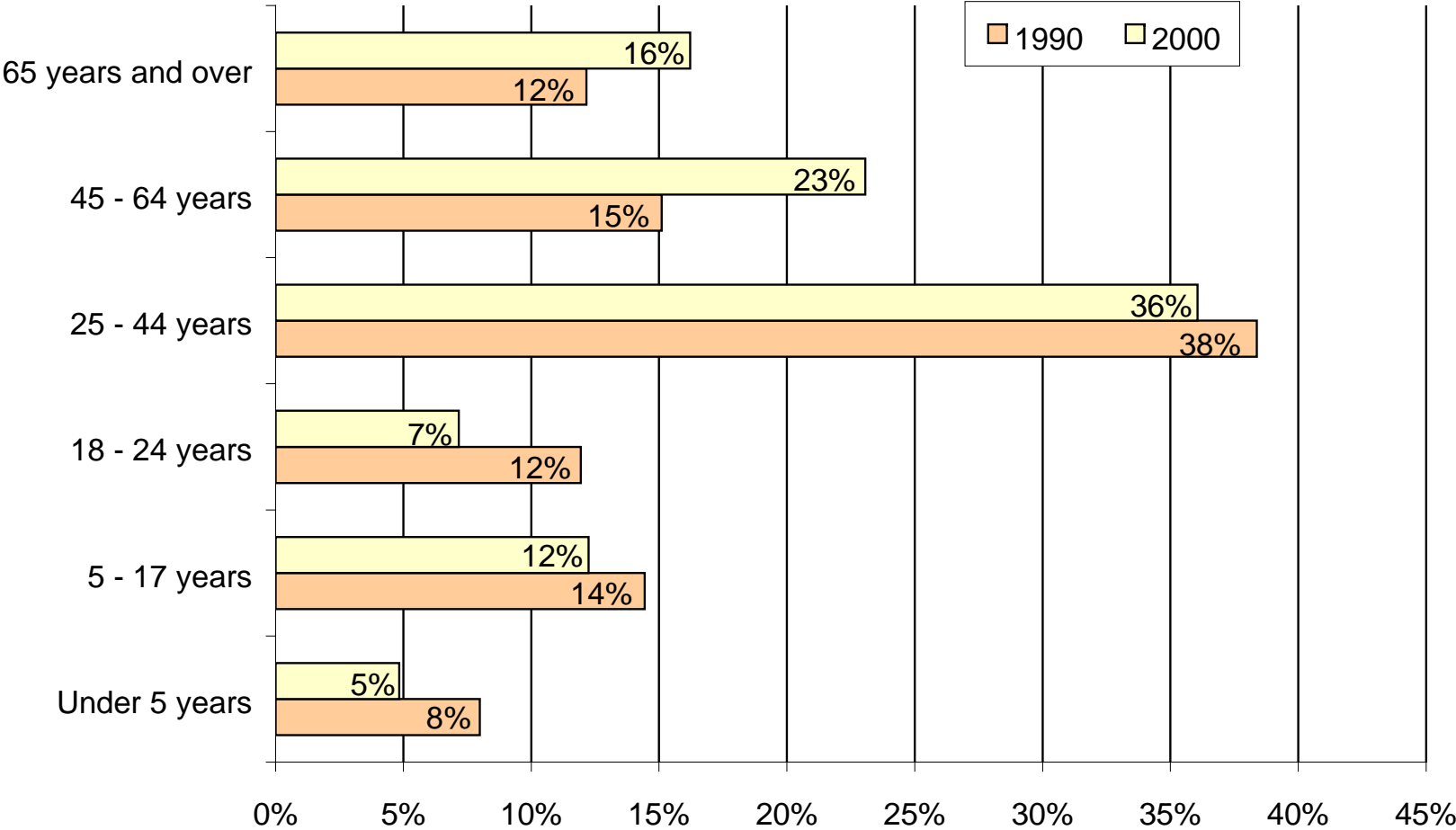
Education		
Persons 25 years and older	17,007	15,911
Percent of population with a high school degree or higher	88.8%	91.4%
Percent of population with a bachelor's degree or higher	26.6%	41.9%

Commuting to Work (Workers 16 Years and Older)		
Public transportation (including taxicab)	1.3%	1.5%
Drove alone	75.4%	80.5%
Carpooled	11.8%	6.4%
Walked or worked at home	10.3%	10.3%
Other means	1.3%	1.3%

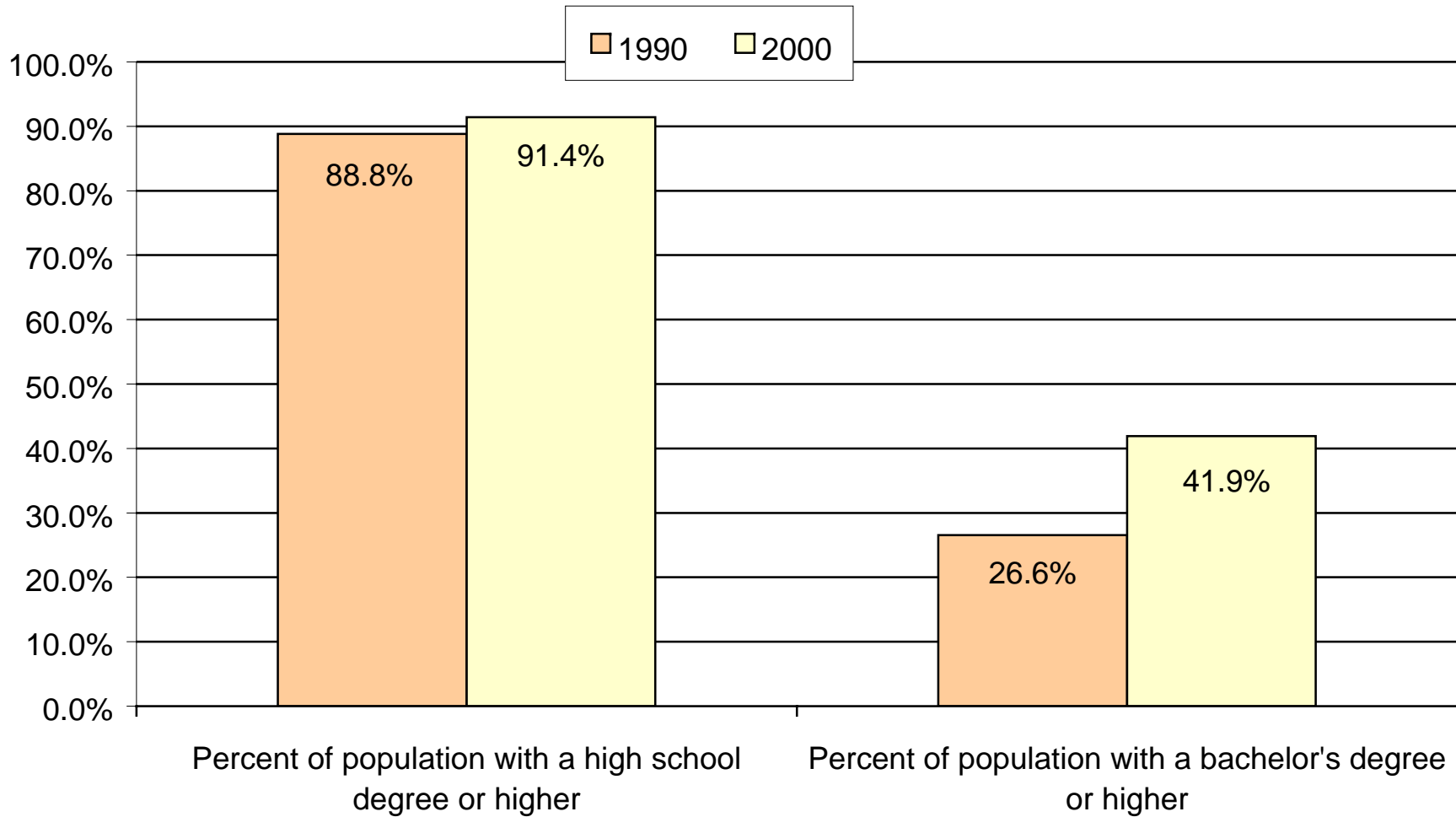
	1990	2000
Travel Time To Work		
Number of workers 16 years and older who did not work at home	13,672	11,146
Travel time of less than 10 minutes	35.9%	27.2%
Travel time from 10 to 29 minutes	50.0%	51.9%
Travel time from 30 to 59 minutes	9.3%	12.3%
Travel time of 60 or more minutes	4.7%	8.5%
Average travel time to work (minutes)	15.5	21.5

Housing Characteristics		
Total number of housing units	11,369	10,186
Percent of housing units that are vacant	9.1%	3.1%
Percent of housing units that are owner-occupied	41.9%	50.0%
Percent of housing units that are renter-occupied	58.1%	50.0%
Average owner-occupied household size	2.44	2.27
Average renter-occupied household size	2.35	1.81
Percent of homeowners who pay more than 35 percent of their income for housing costs	15.4%	17.5%
Percent of renters who pay more than 35 percent of their income for gross rent	20.3%	23.1%

Age City of Portsmouth 1990 vs. 2000

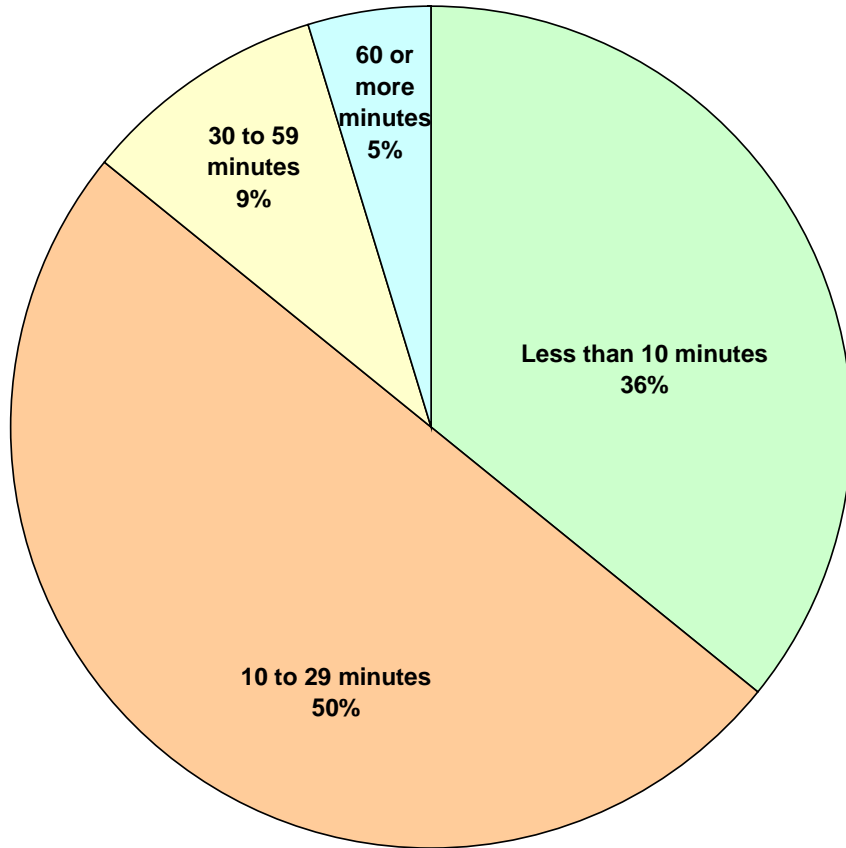


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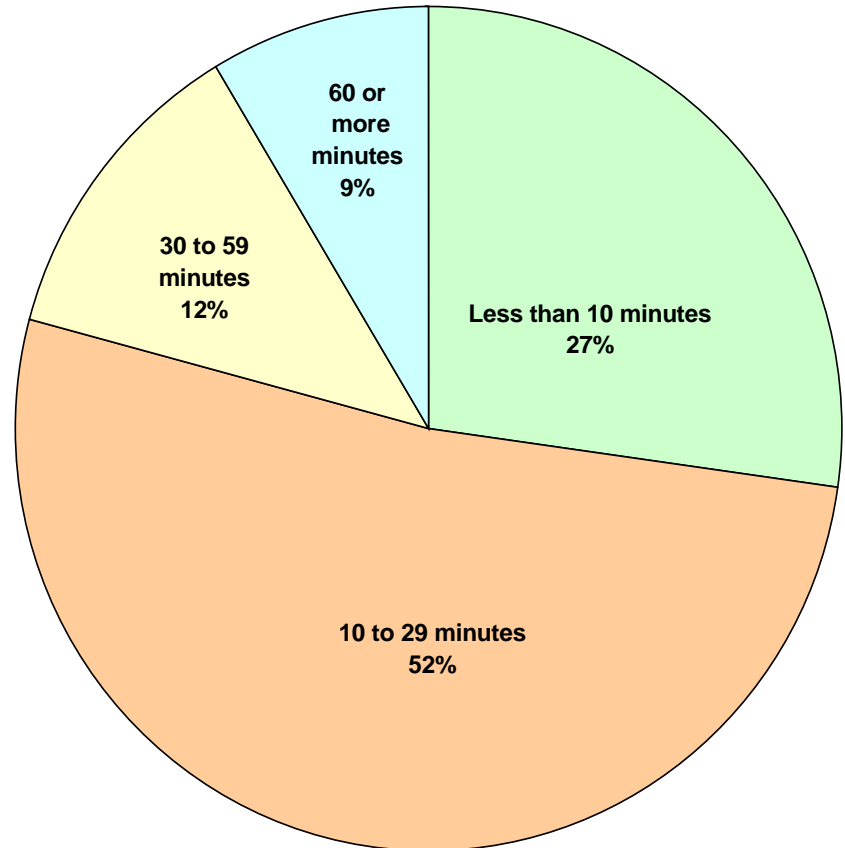


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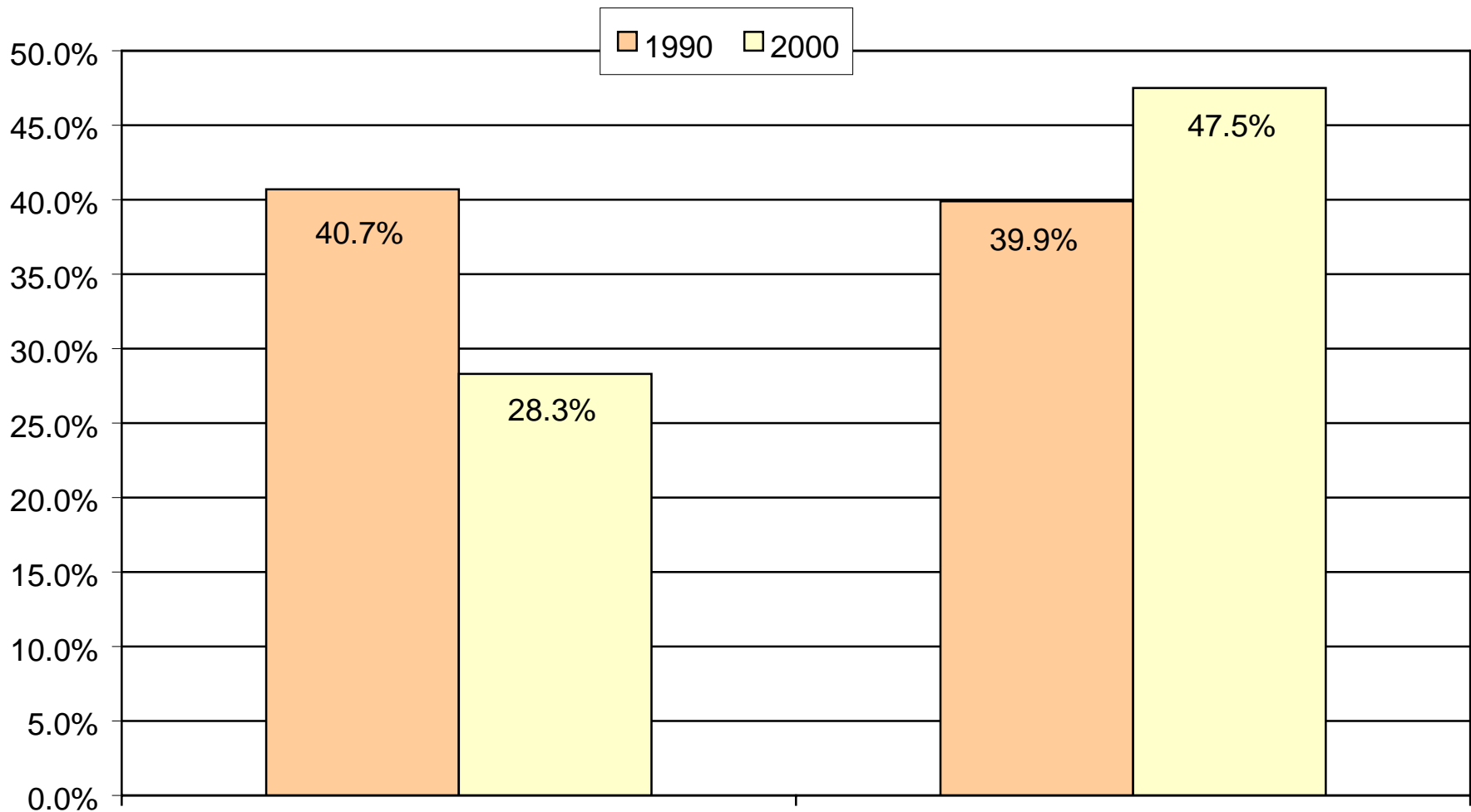
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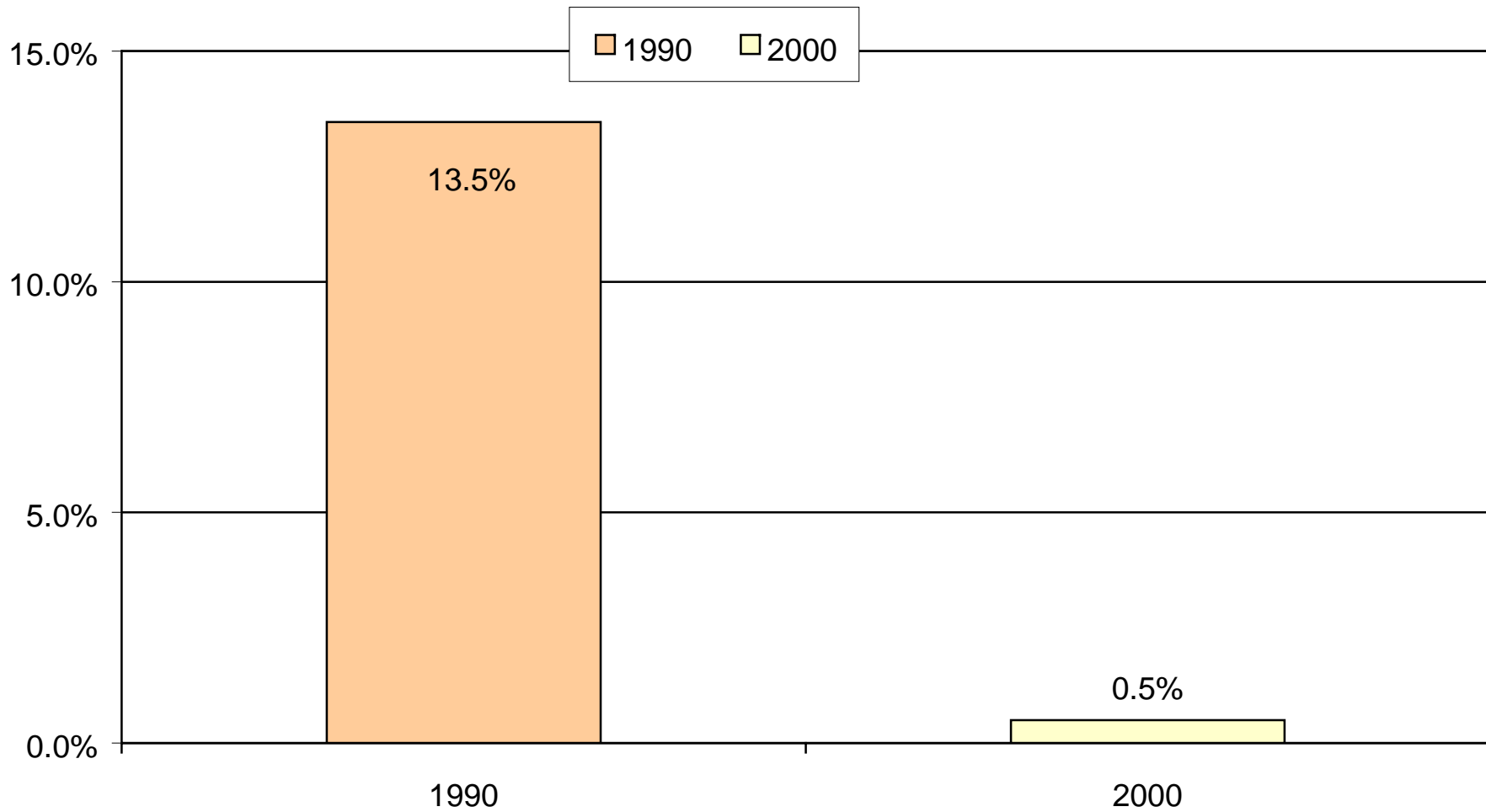
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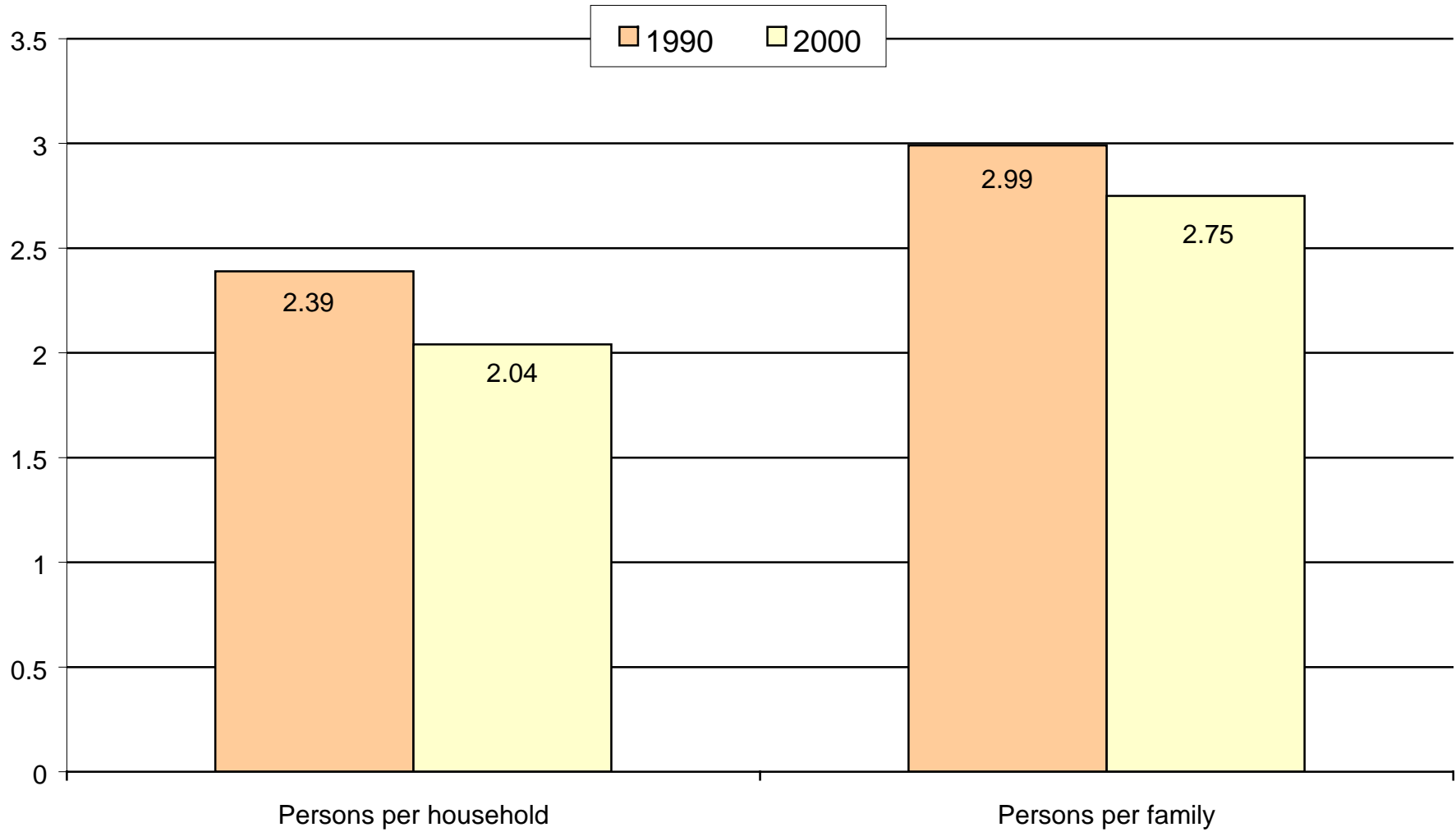
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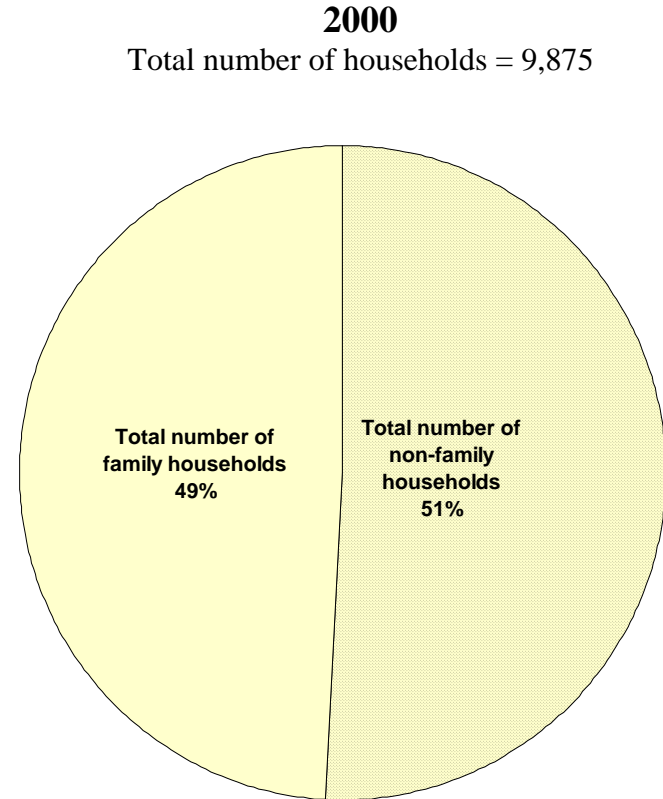
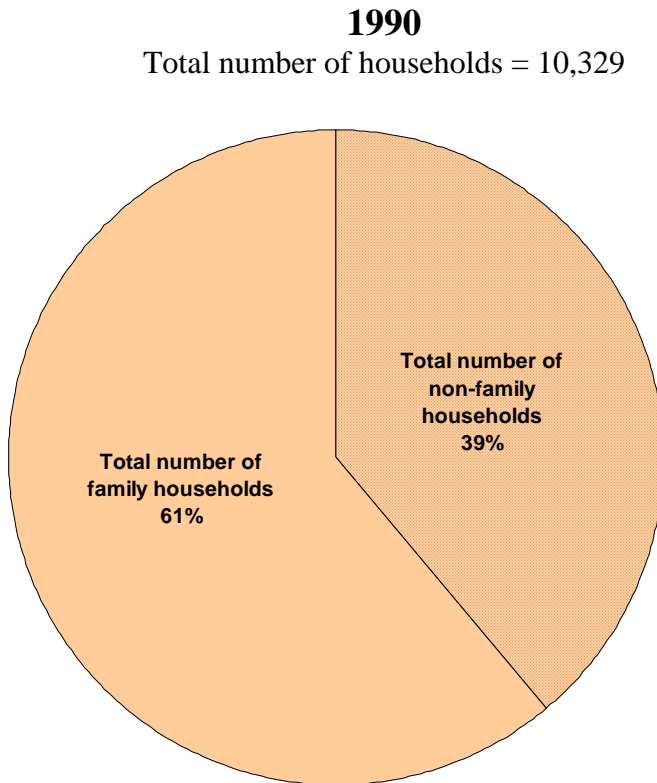
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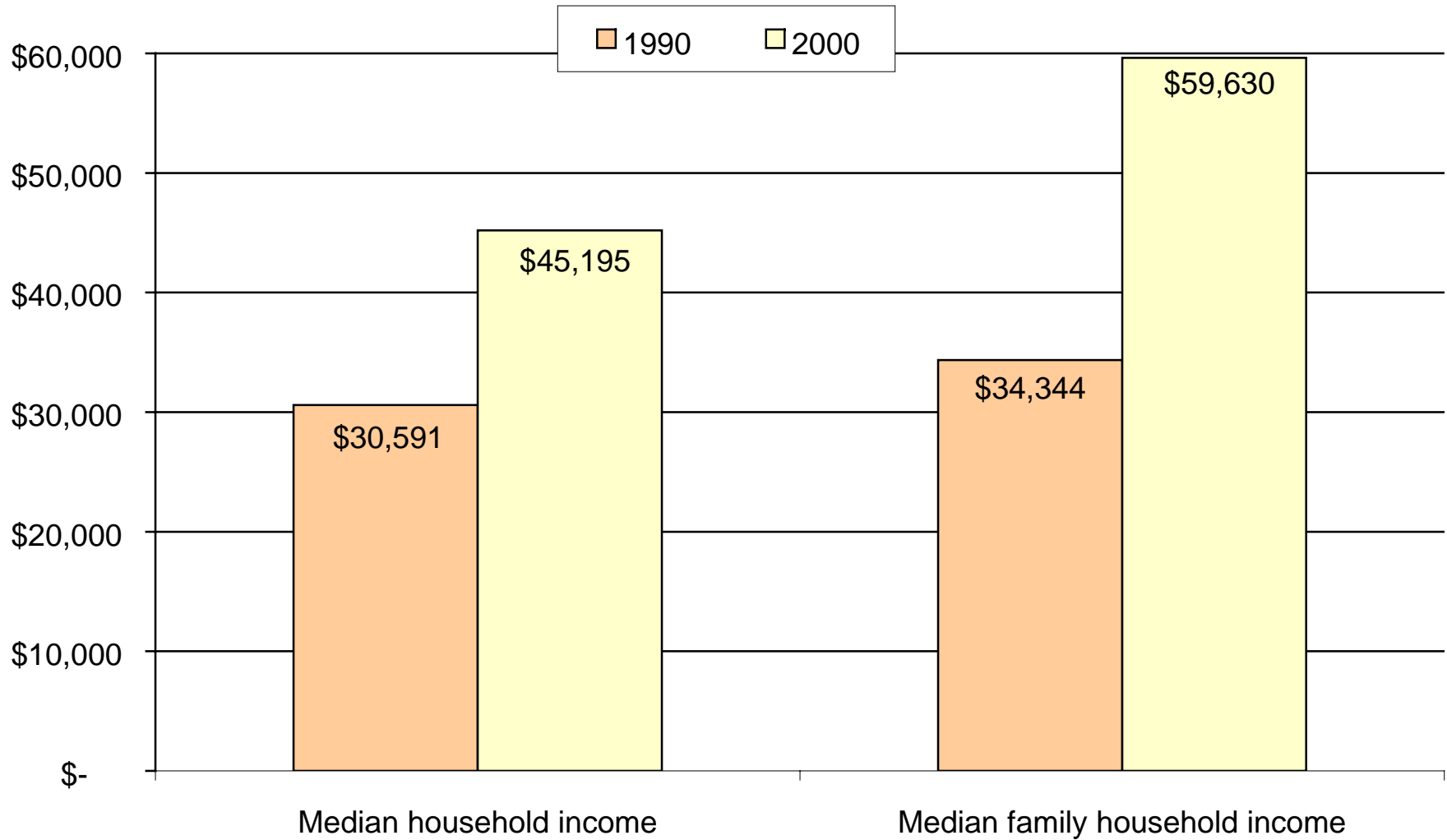


Family Households* vs. Non-Family Households City of Portsmouth 1990 vs. 2000

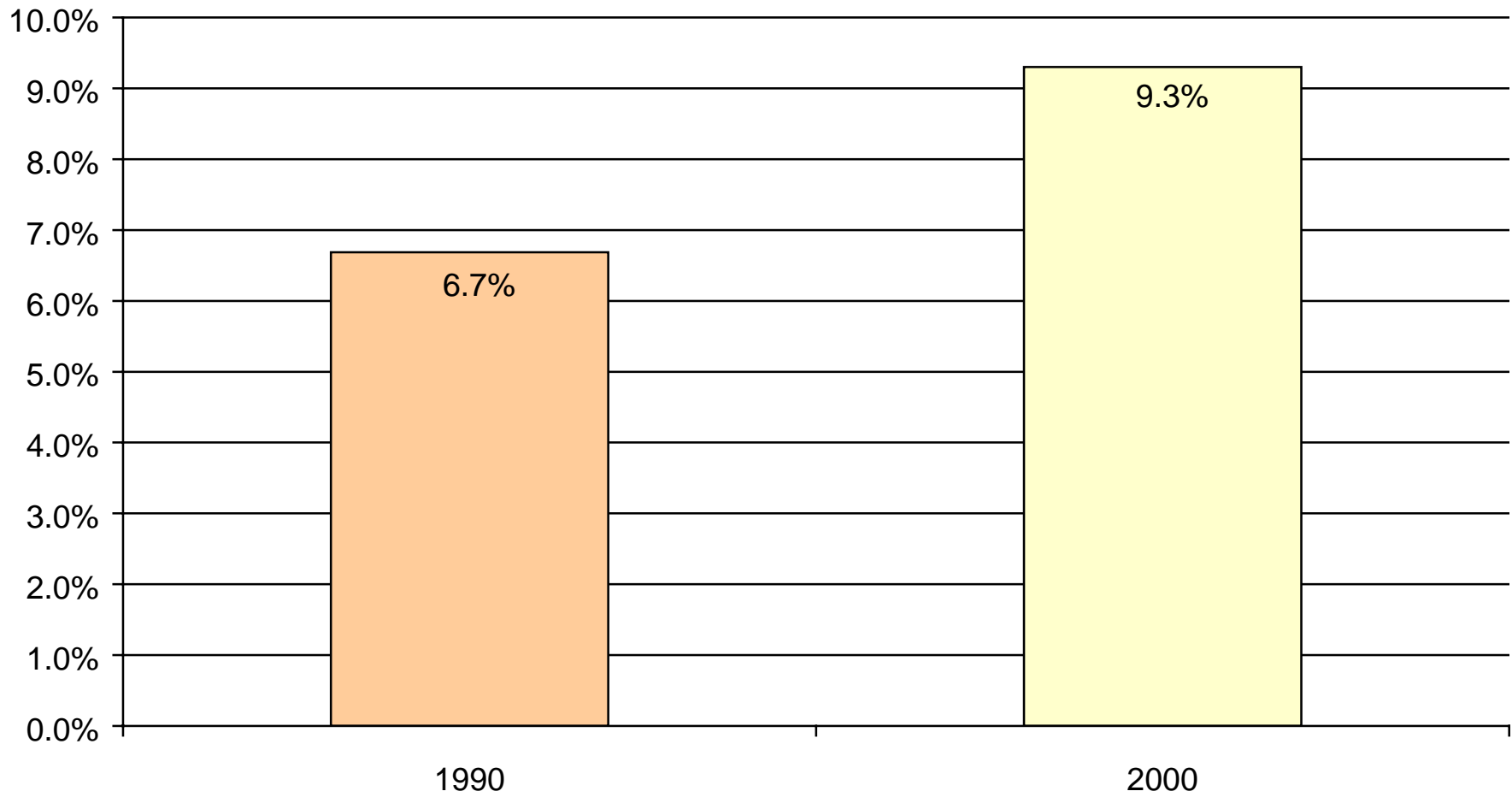


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- A family household includes the head of the household and one or more people who are related by birth, marriage or adoption. A non-family household is any group of individuals, excluding families, who own or rent a home.

Median Income City of Portsmouth 1990 vs. 2000

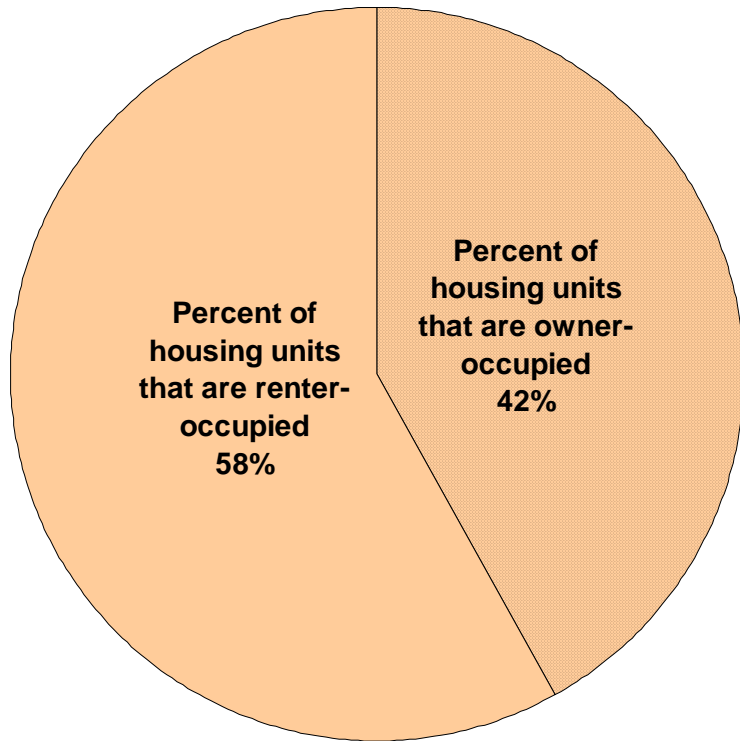


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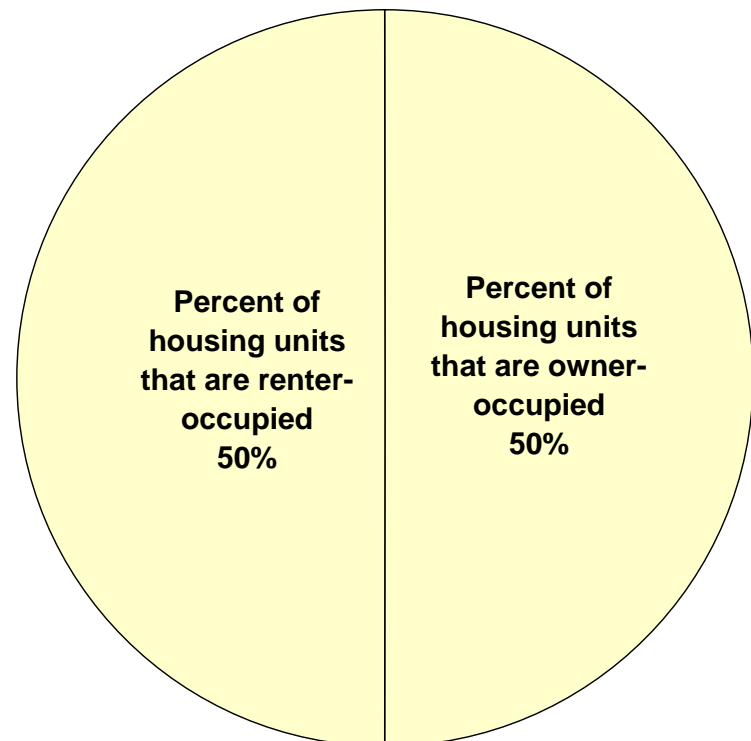


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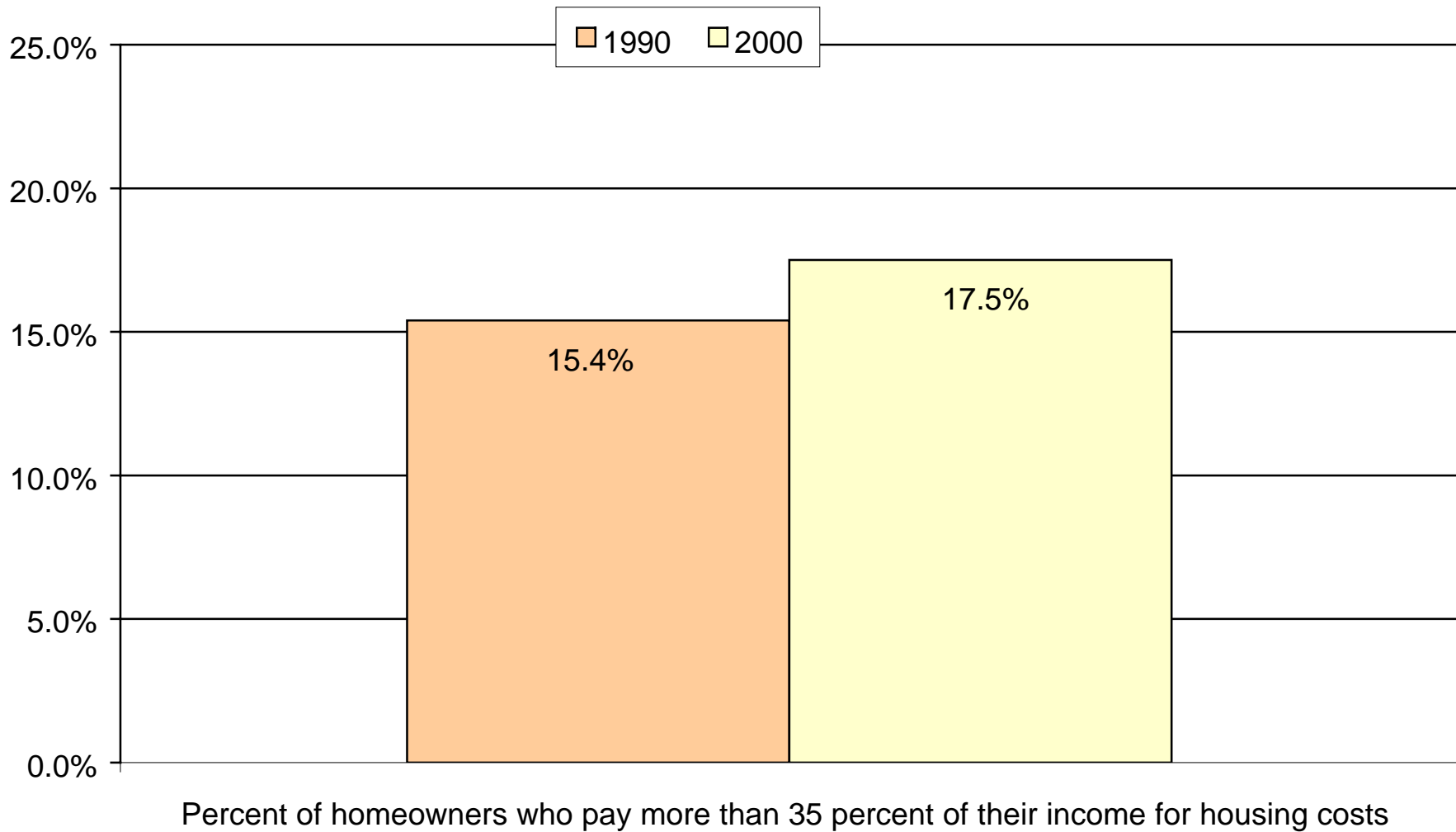
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Homeowner Housing Expense City of Portsmouth 1990 vs. 2000



Renter Housing Expense City of Portsmouth 1990 vs. 2000

