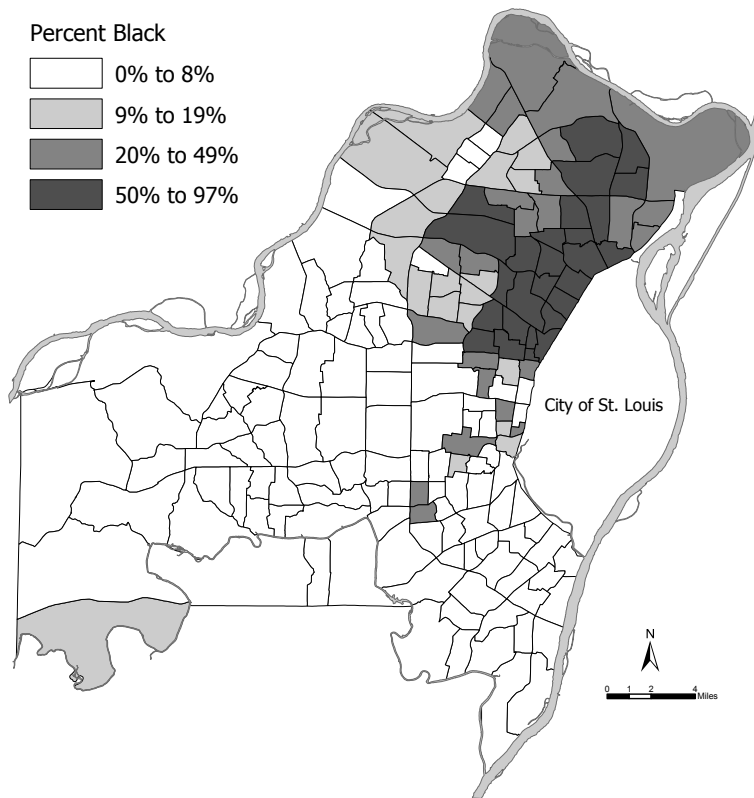


Racial Characteristics by Census Tract



Percent Black by Census Tract, 2000

Countywide data from the 2000 Census show increasing racial diversity in St. Louis County, but geographic concentrations within the County are also evident. Overall, the white population declined by over 55,000, while the African-American population increased by nearly 54,000. The African-American population is most concentrated in near North County and in the Black Jack and Spanish Lake areas. Central County communities including Richmond Heights, Rock Hill and Kirkwood have census tracts of greater than 20 percent African-American population.

The Asian population had the largest percentage increase countywide, gaining 8,584 persons or 61

percent. The Asian population shows some degree of concentration with census tracts having 5 to 10 percent Asians in West County areas of Maryland Heights, Creve Coeur and Town and Country and in parts of University City, Clayton and Richmond Heights.

Note: Racial data from the 2000 Census are not directly comparable to data from previous Censuses, because in 2000 persons were able to select more than one race on the Census questionnaire. Numbers quoted in the paragraph above are based on respondents who selected only one race. In St. Louis County 12,830 persons or 1.3 percent of the population selected more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census, 2000.