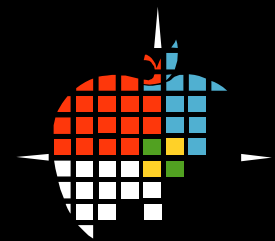


English Proficiency and the Eligible Voter Pool

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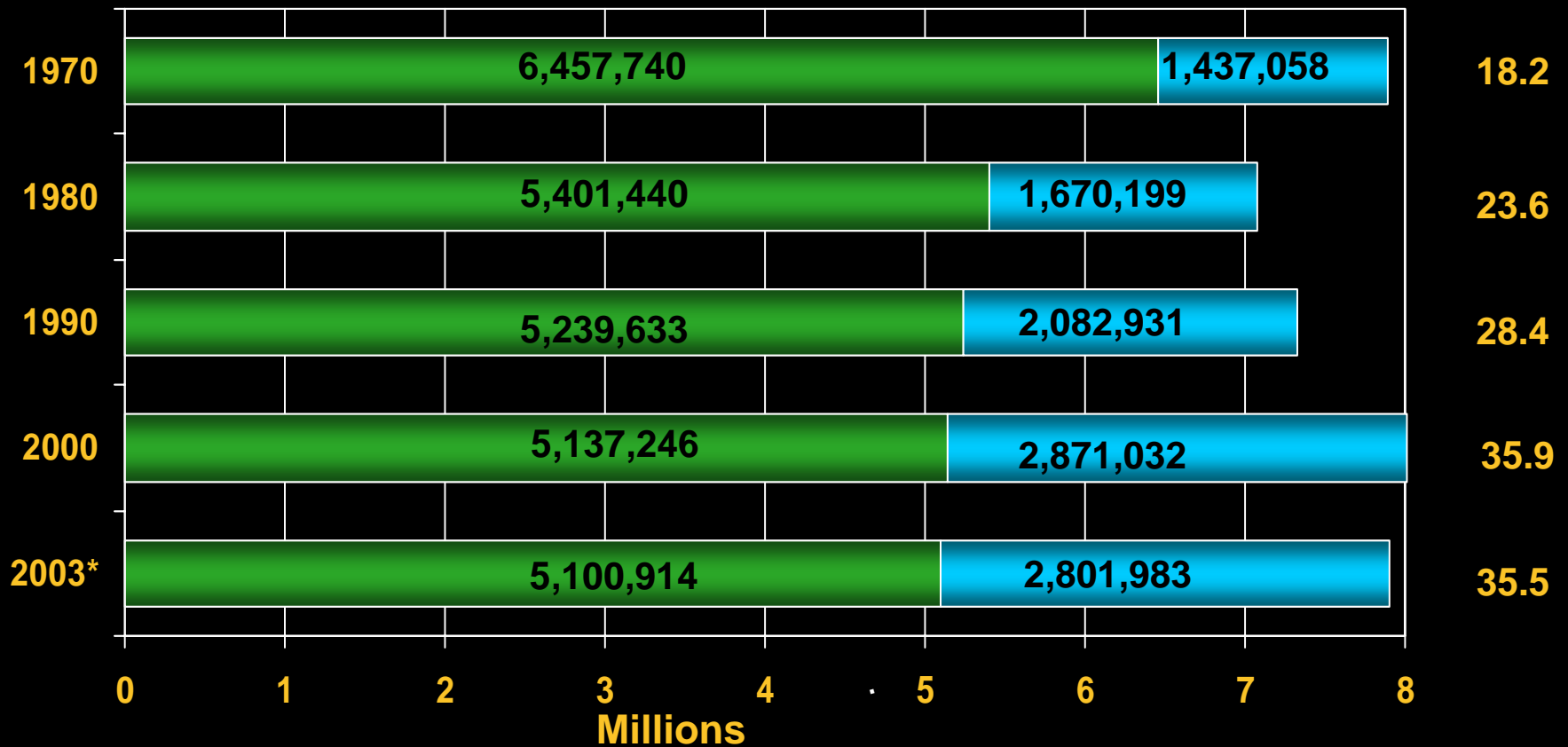
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Total Population by Nativity New York City, 1970–2003

Percent
Foreign-born



*Household population only

■ Native-Born

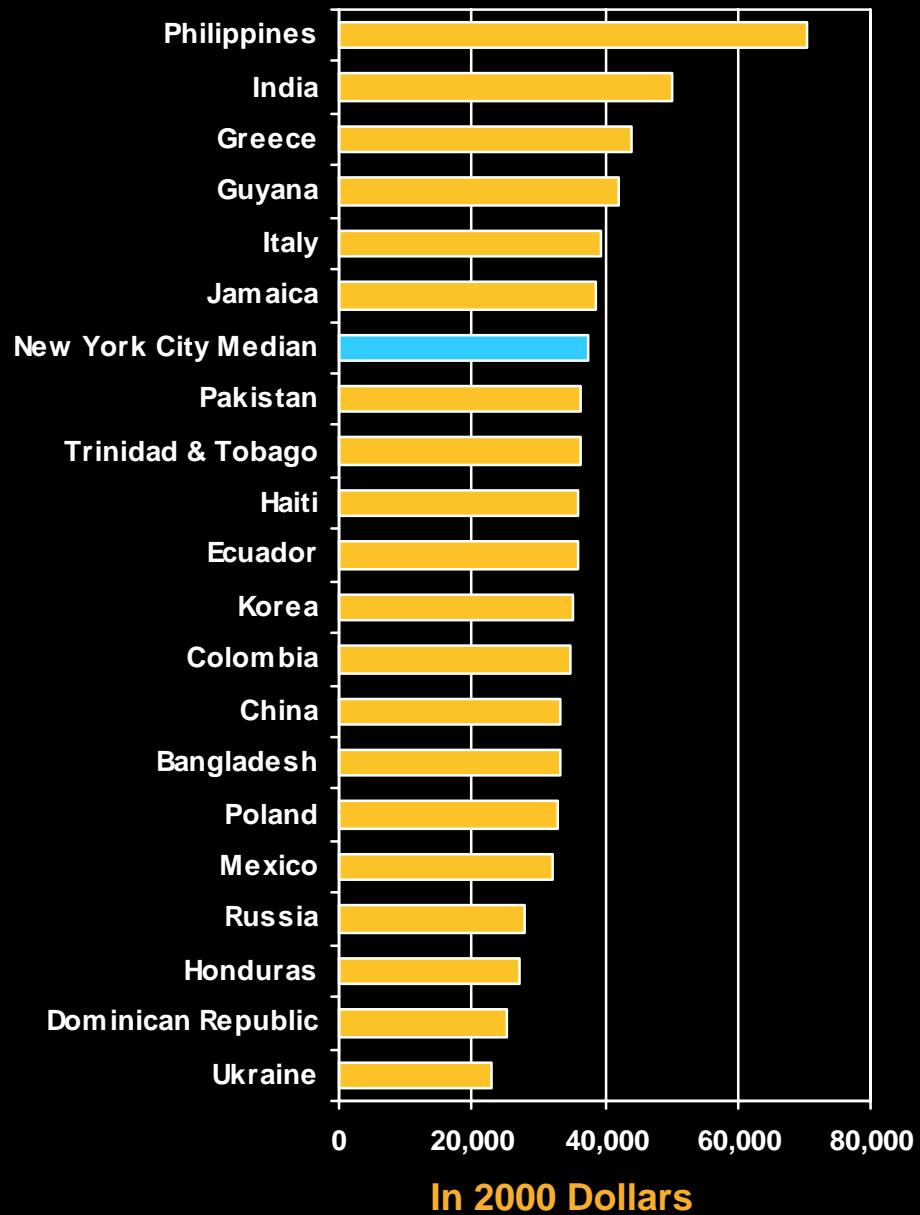
■ Foreign-Born

Foreign-born Population by Country of Birth New York City, 1990 and 2000

	2000		1990	
	Rank	Number	Rank	Number
Total, Foreign-born	—	2,871,032	—	2,082,931
Dominican Republic	1	369,186	1	225,017
China	2	261,551	2	160,399
Jamaica	3	178,922	3	116,128
Guyana	4	130,647	6	76,150
Mexico	5	122,550	17	32,689
Ecuador	6	114,944	10	60,451
Haiti	7	95,580	7	71,892
Trinidad & Tobago	8	88,794	12	56,478
Colombia	9	84,404	8	65,731
Russia	10	81,408	*	*
Italy	11	72,481	4	98,868
Bangladesh	17	42,865	42	8,695

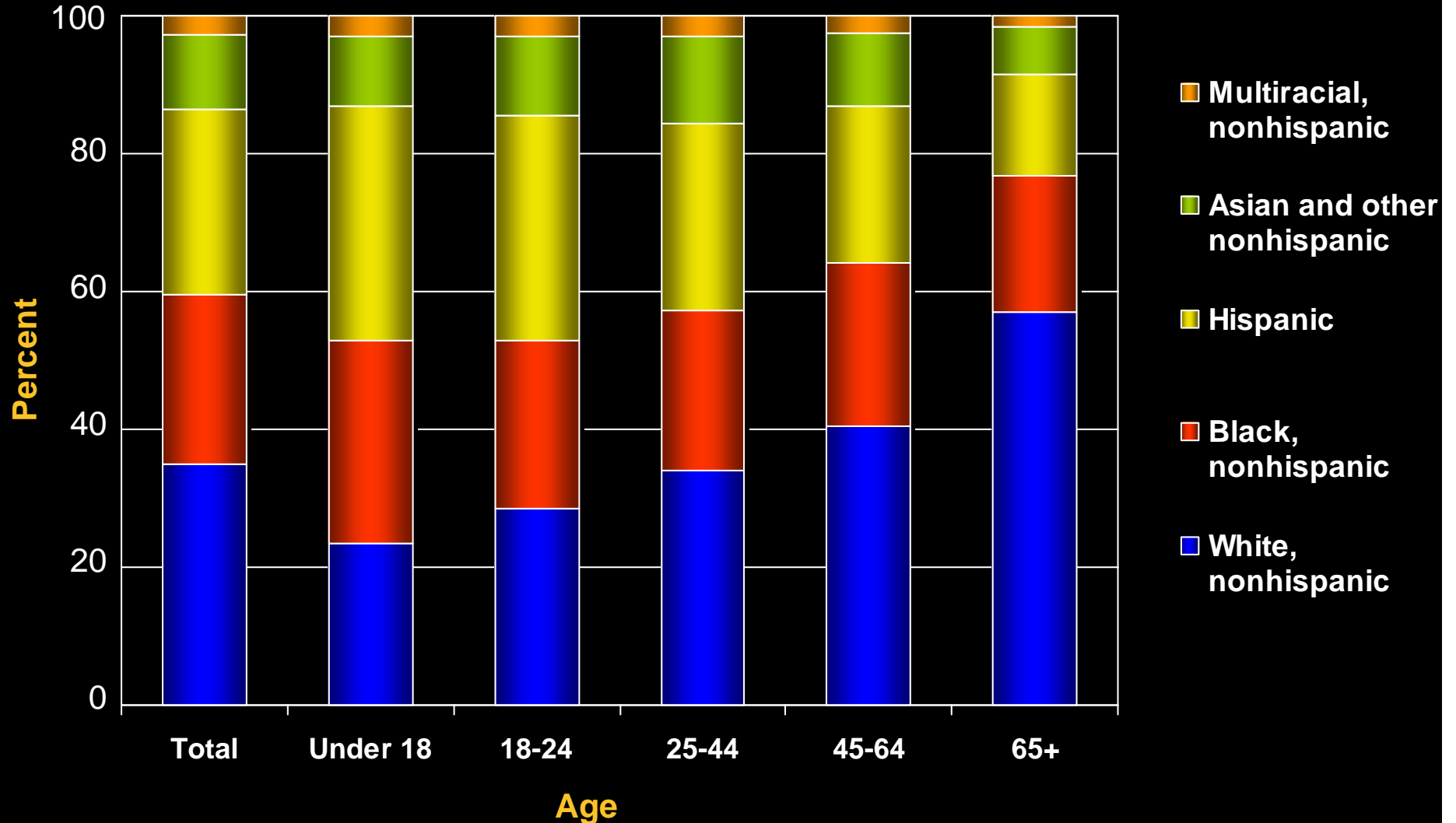
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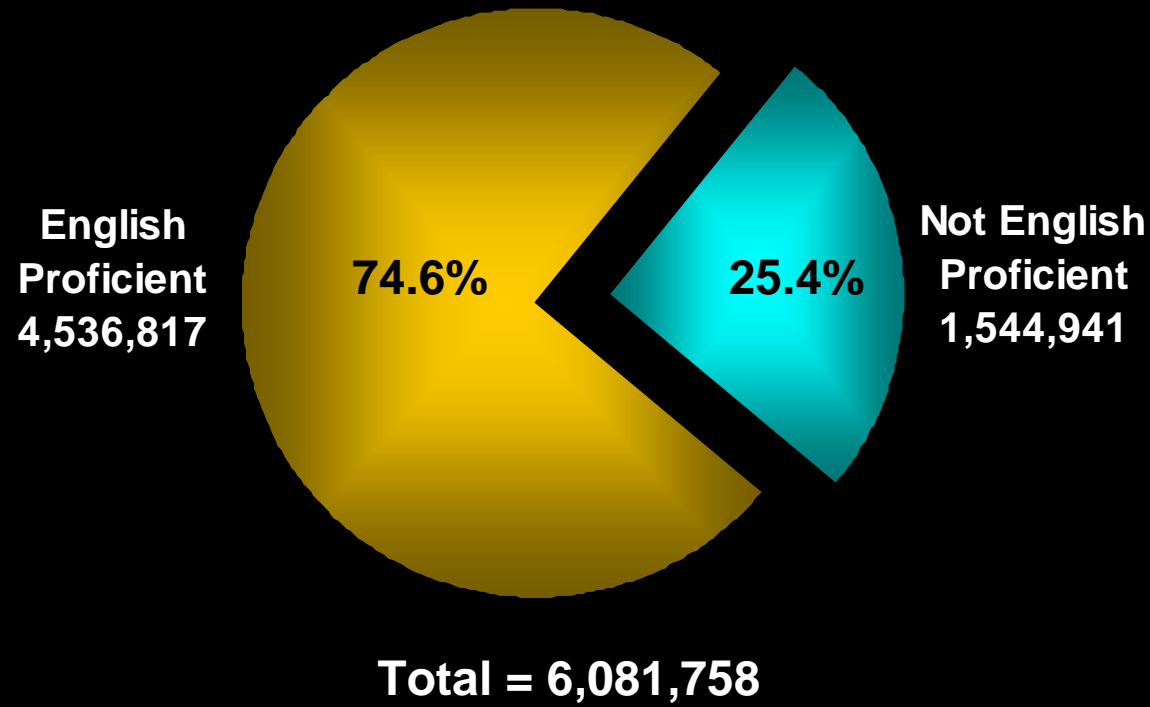


Age by Race/Hispanic Origin New York City, 2000

Total Population: 8,008,278 1,940,269 803,012 2,631,301 1,695,839 937,857



Population 18 & Over by English Language Proficiency & Citizenship Status New York City, 2000



	Number	Percent
Not English Proficient, 18 and Over	1,544,941	100.0
Eligible Voter Pool	751,469	48.6
Native-Born	252,261	16.3
Naturalized Citizen	499,208	32.3
Non-Citizen	793,472	51.4

Top Languages Spoken by Eligible Voter Pool that is not English Proficient New York City, 2000

	Number	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Eligible Voter Pool not English Proficient	751,469	100.0	
Spanish	388,119	51.6	51.6
Chinese*	93,669	12.5	64.1
Russian	56,938	7.6	71.7
Italian	38,141	5.1	76.8
French Creole**	25,323	3.4	80.1
Korean	17,256	2.3	82.4
Yiddish	15,909	2.1	84.5
All Other Languages	116,114	15.5	100.0

* Includes Chinese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Fuchow, Formosan and Wu

** Haitian-born persons who indicated "French" as their language were removed from this category and put into "French Creole"

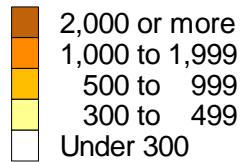
Spanish Speakers who are not English Proficient New York City, 2000

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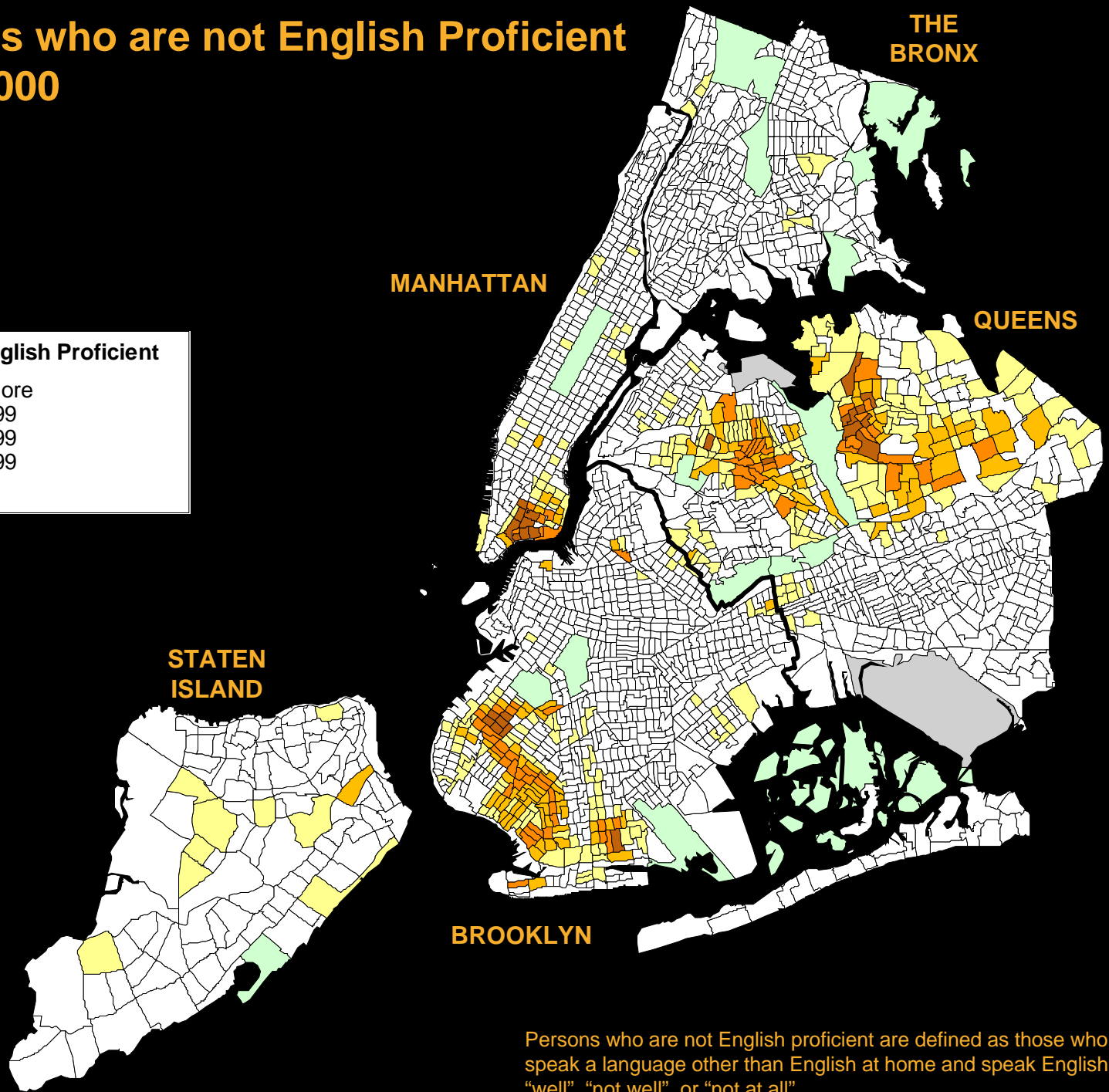
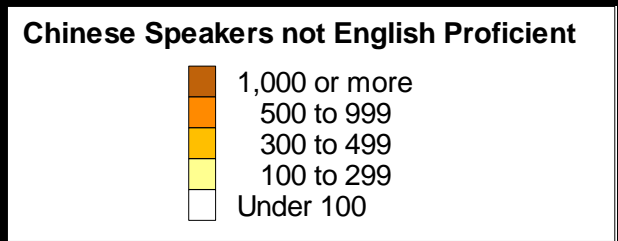


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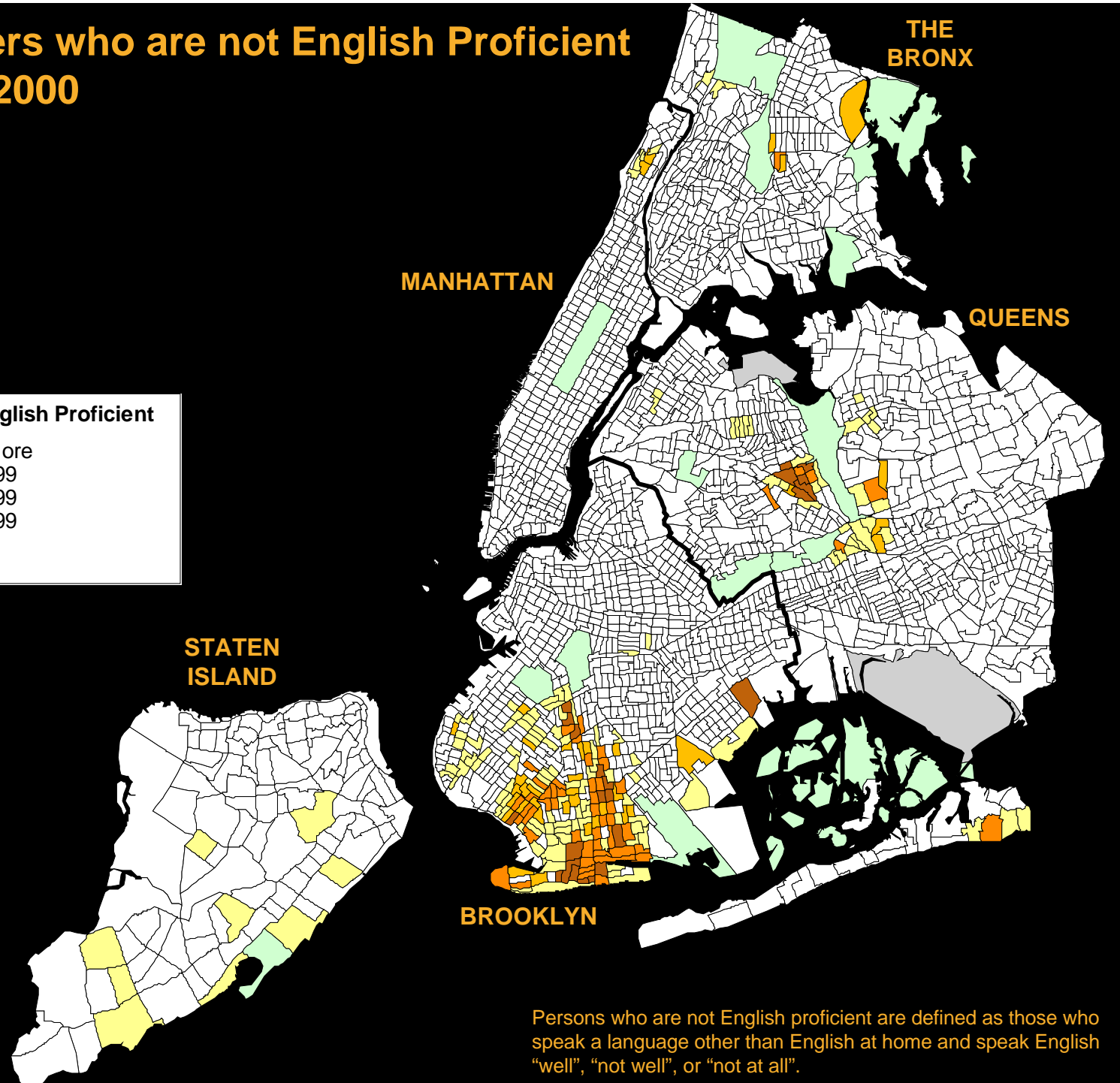
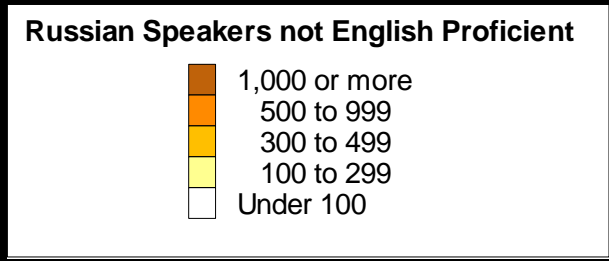
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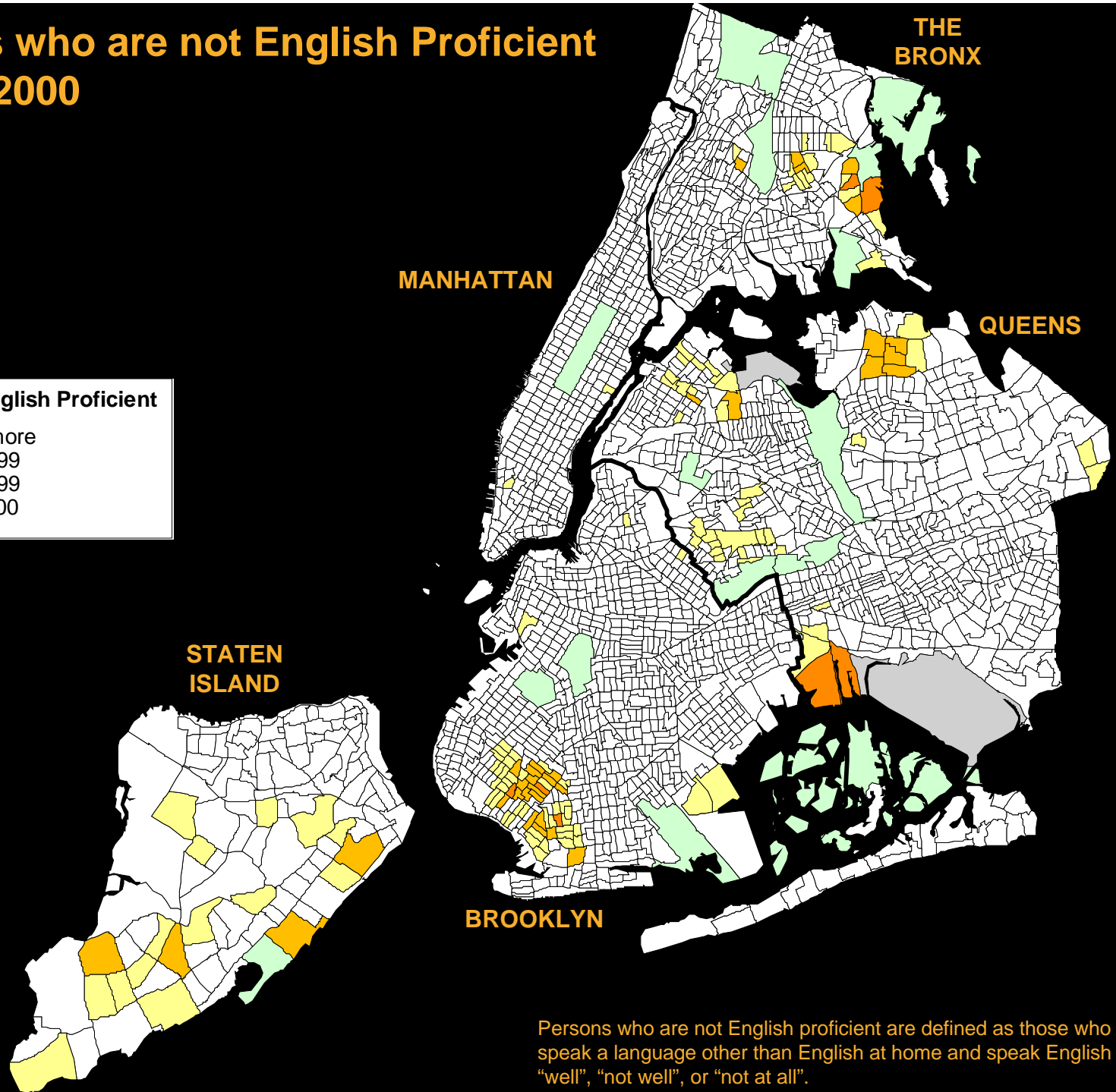
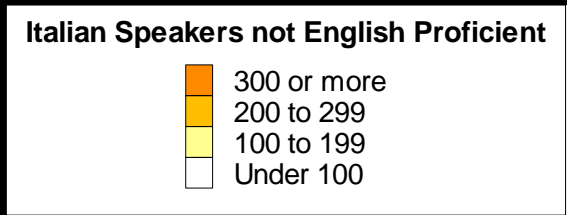
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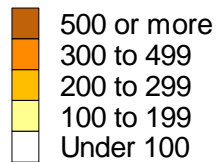
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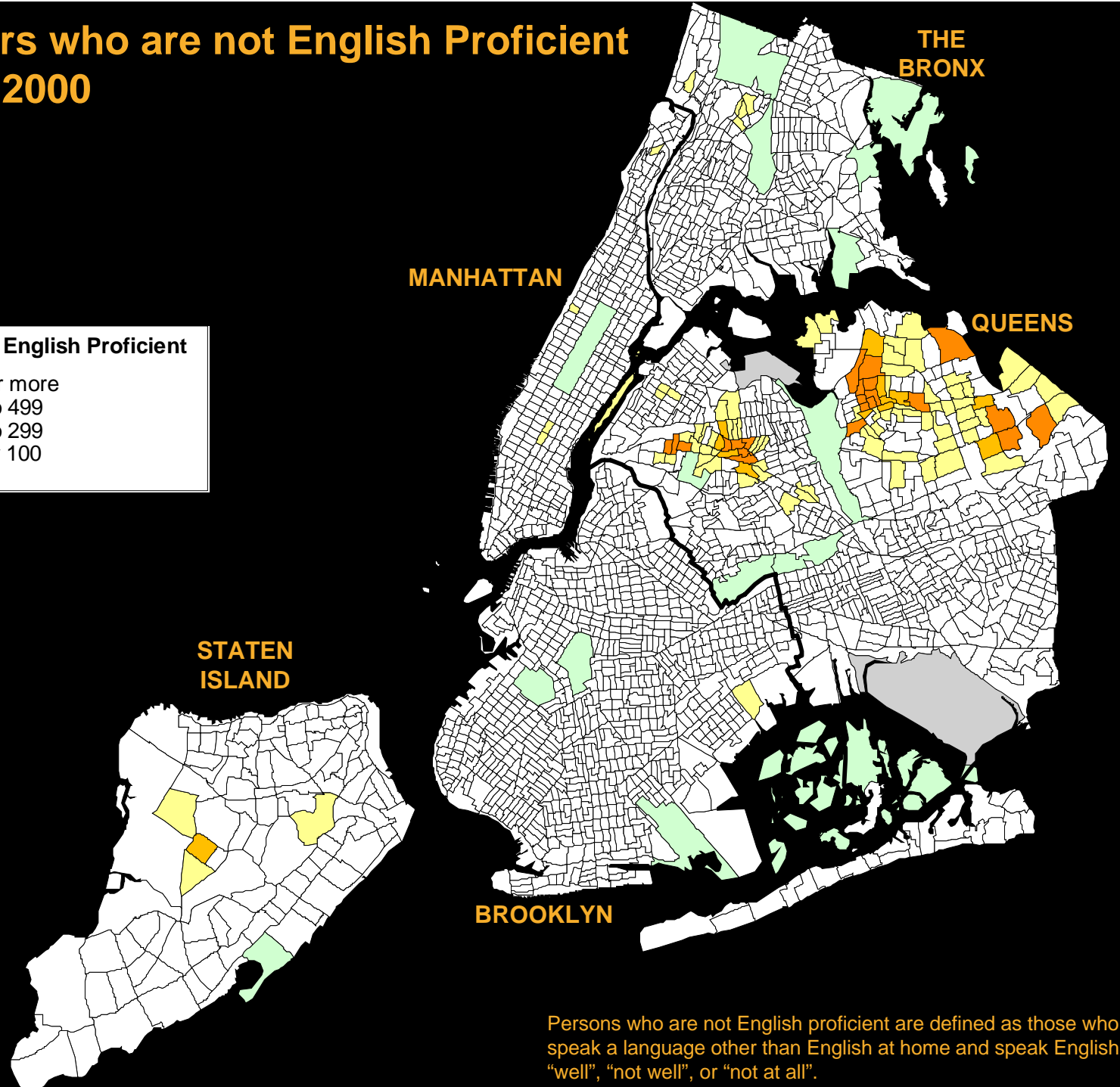
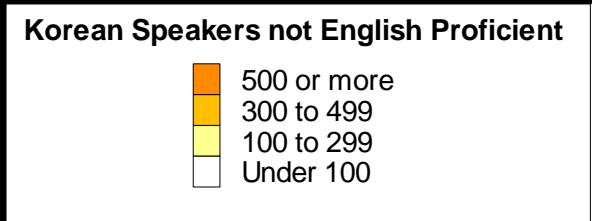


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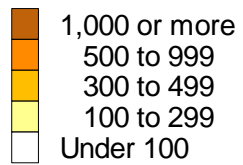
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