

Building Community Trust

How Montgomery County Supports Immigrants
and New Neighbors

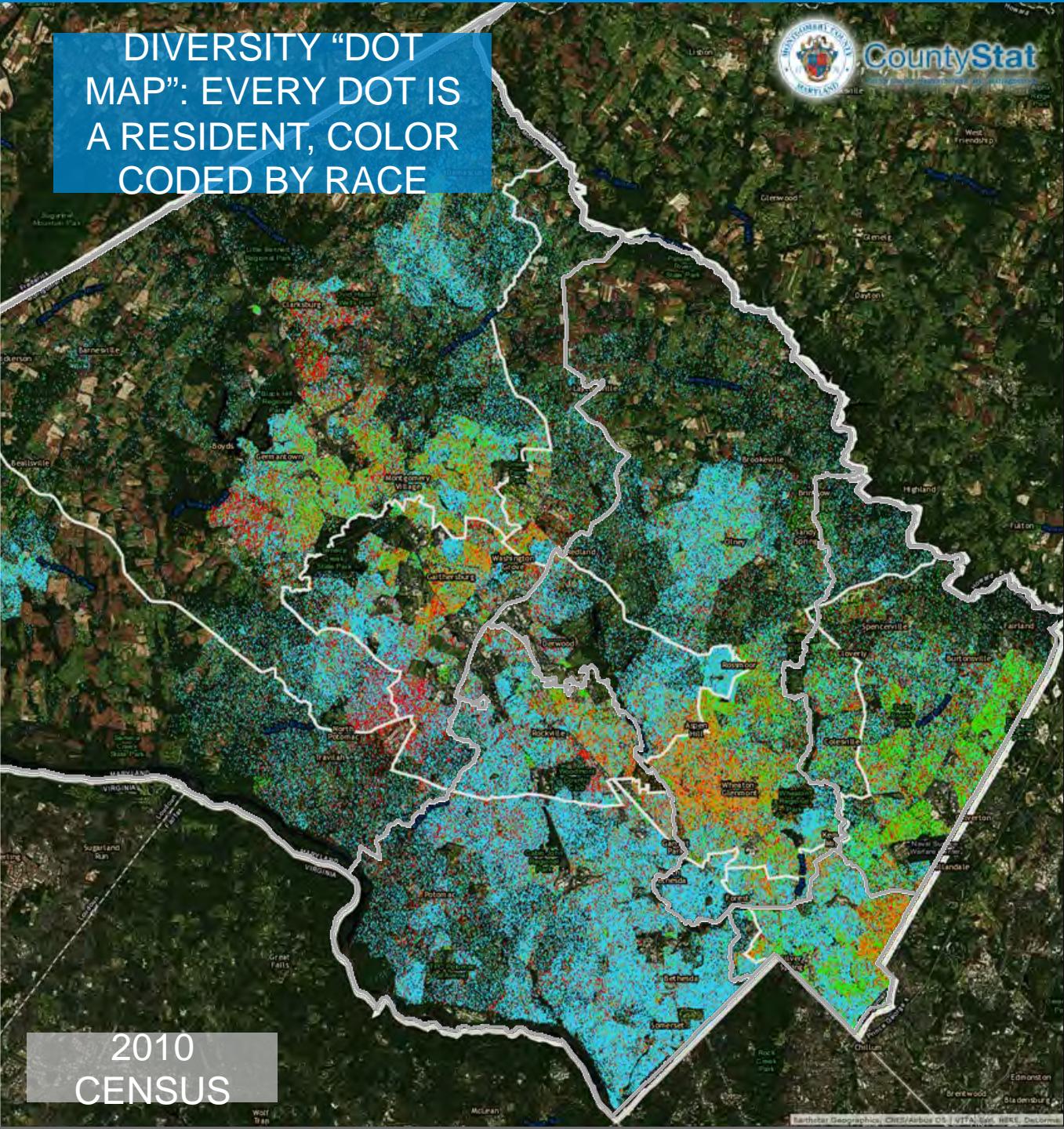
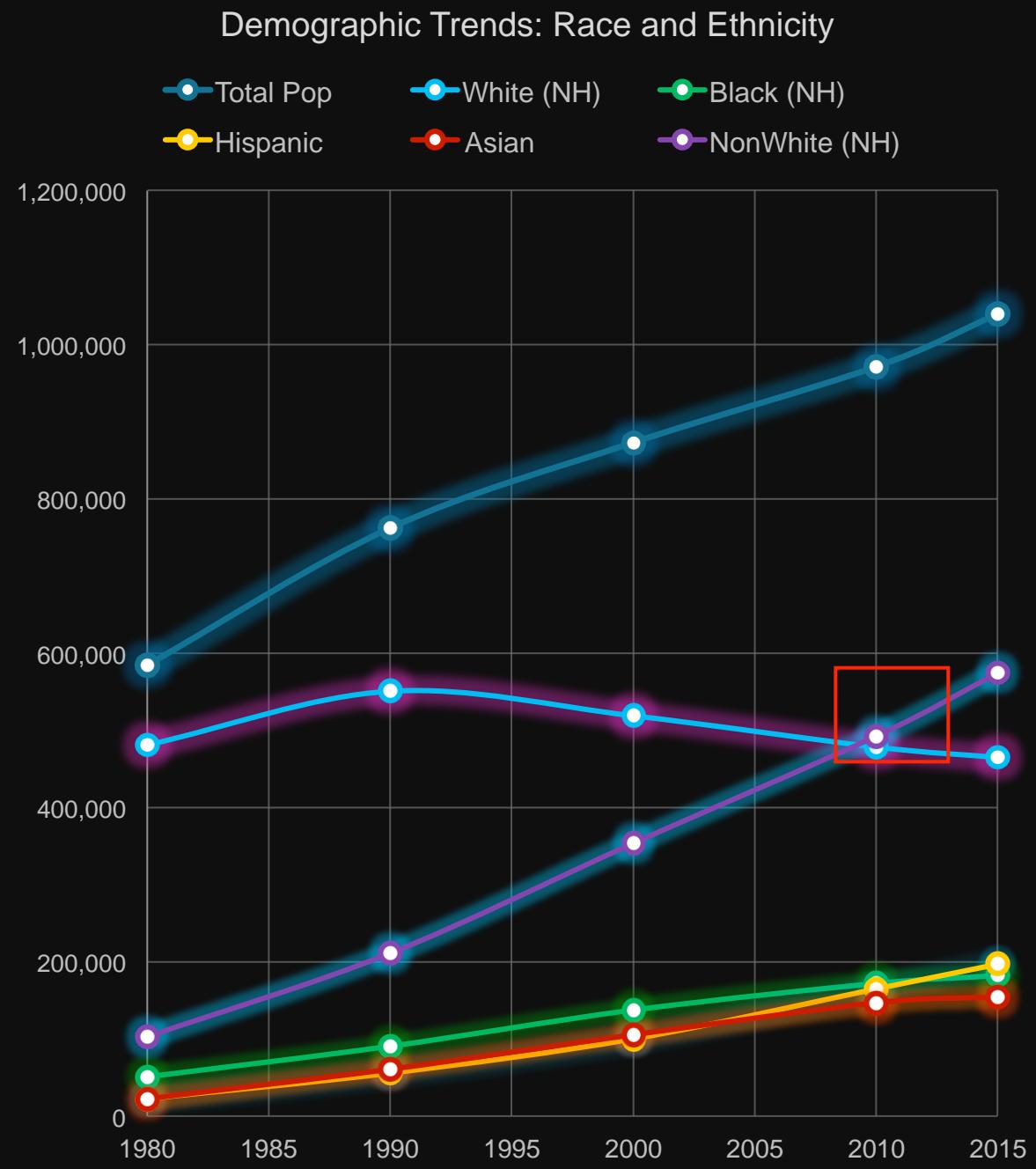


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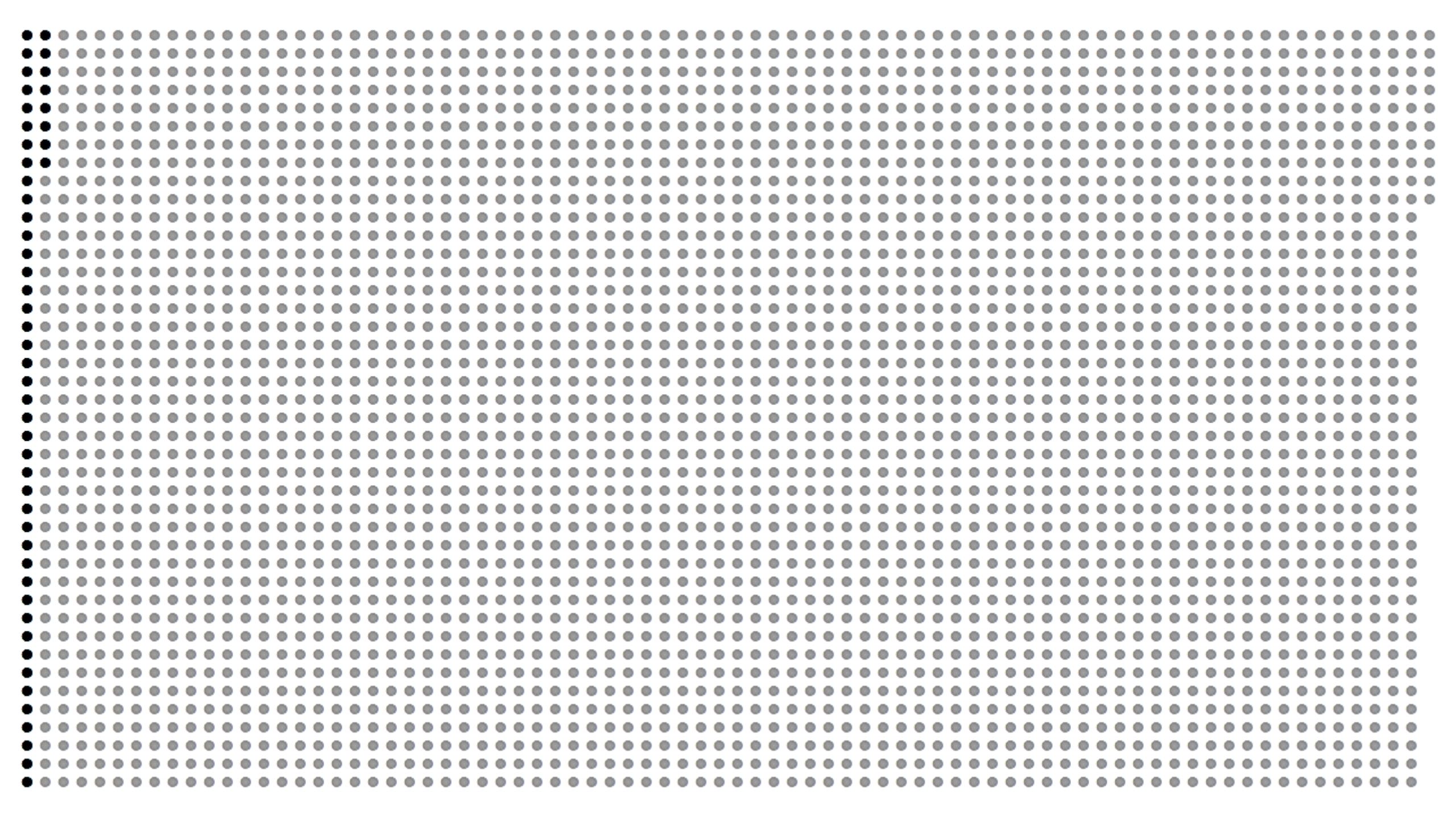


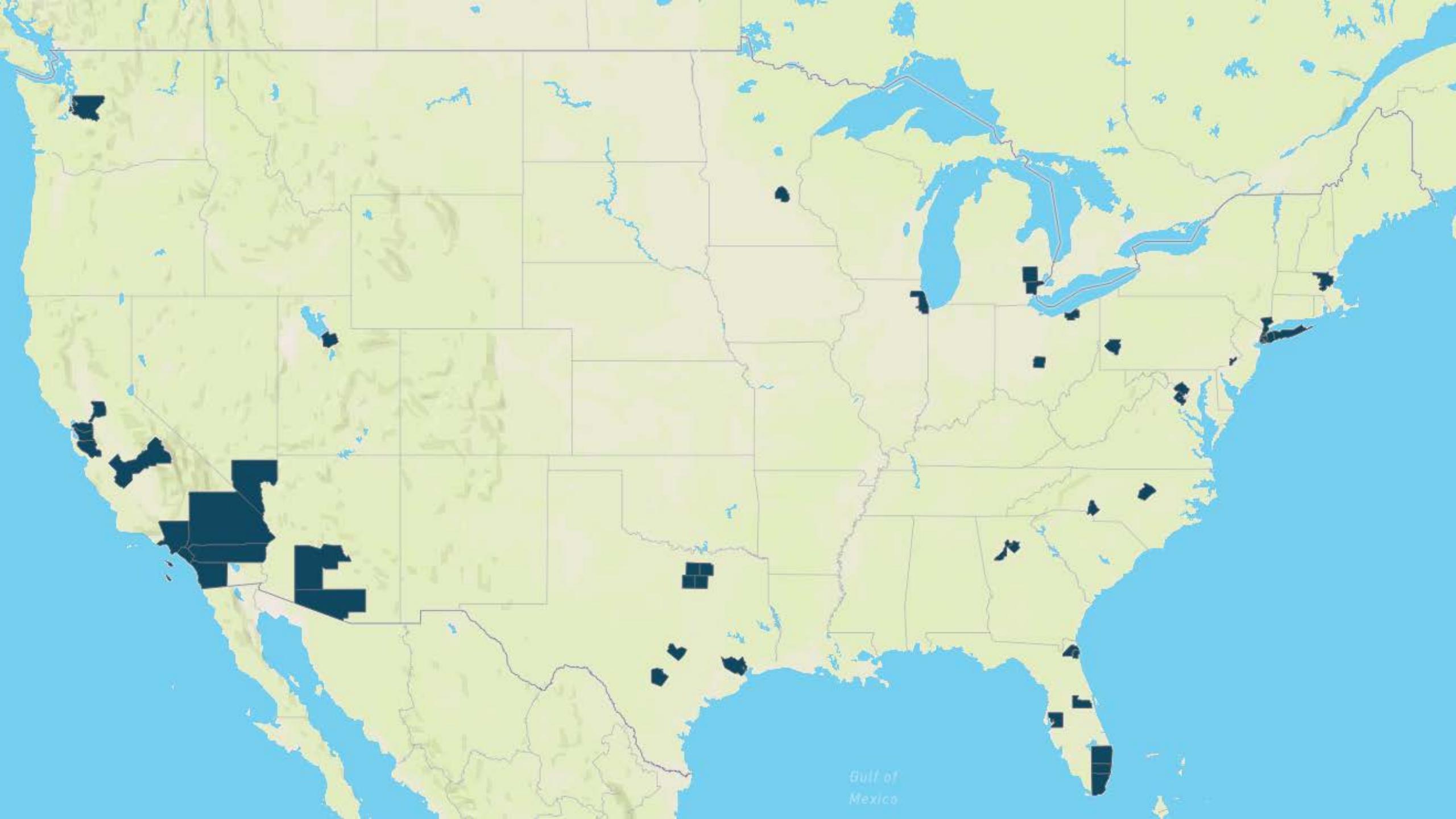
A CHANGING WORLD

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

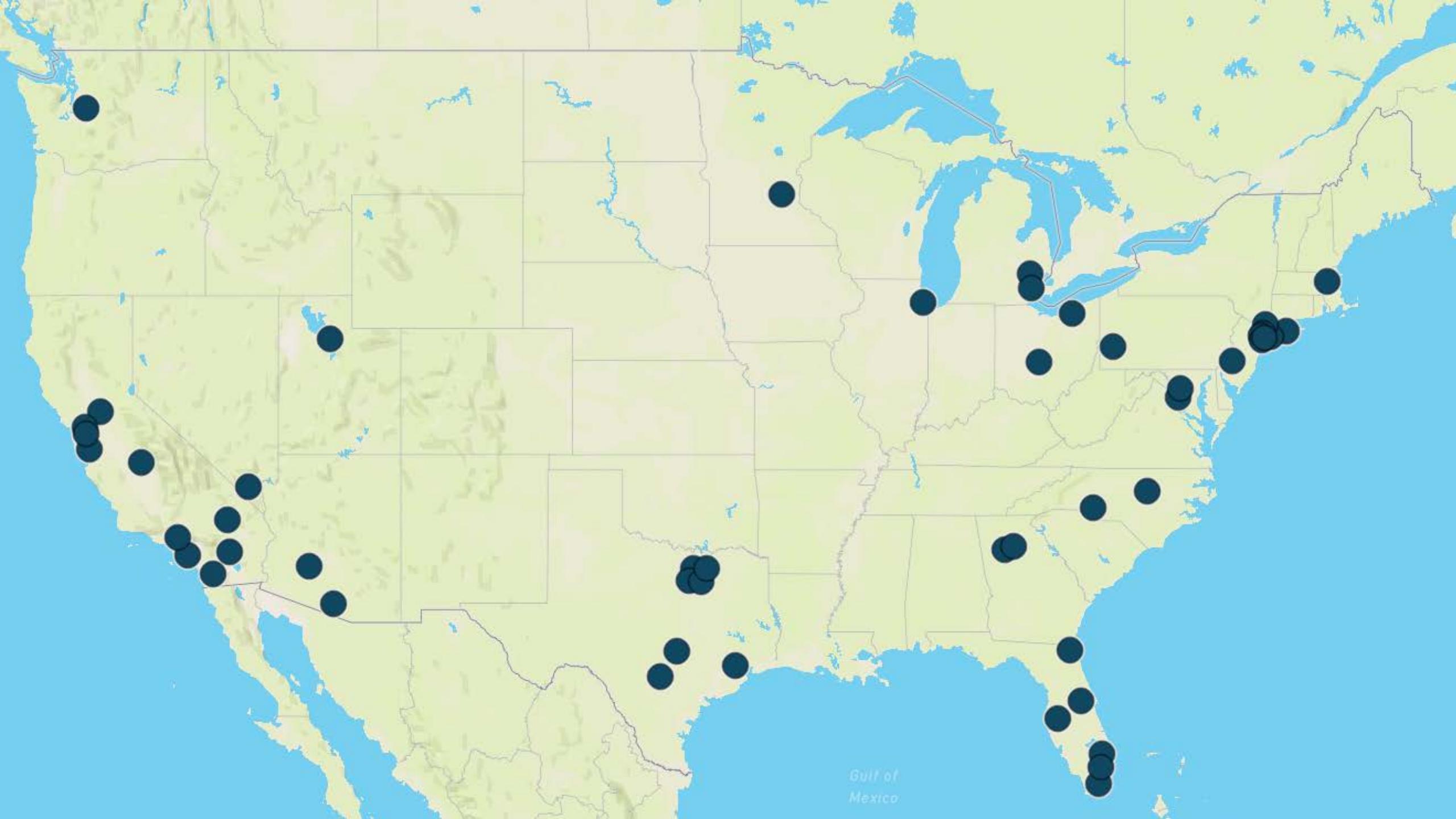


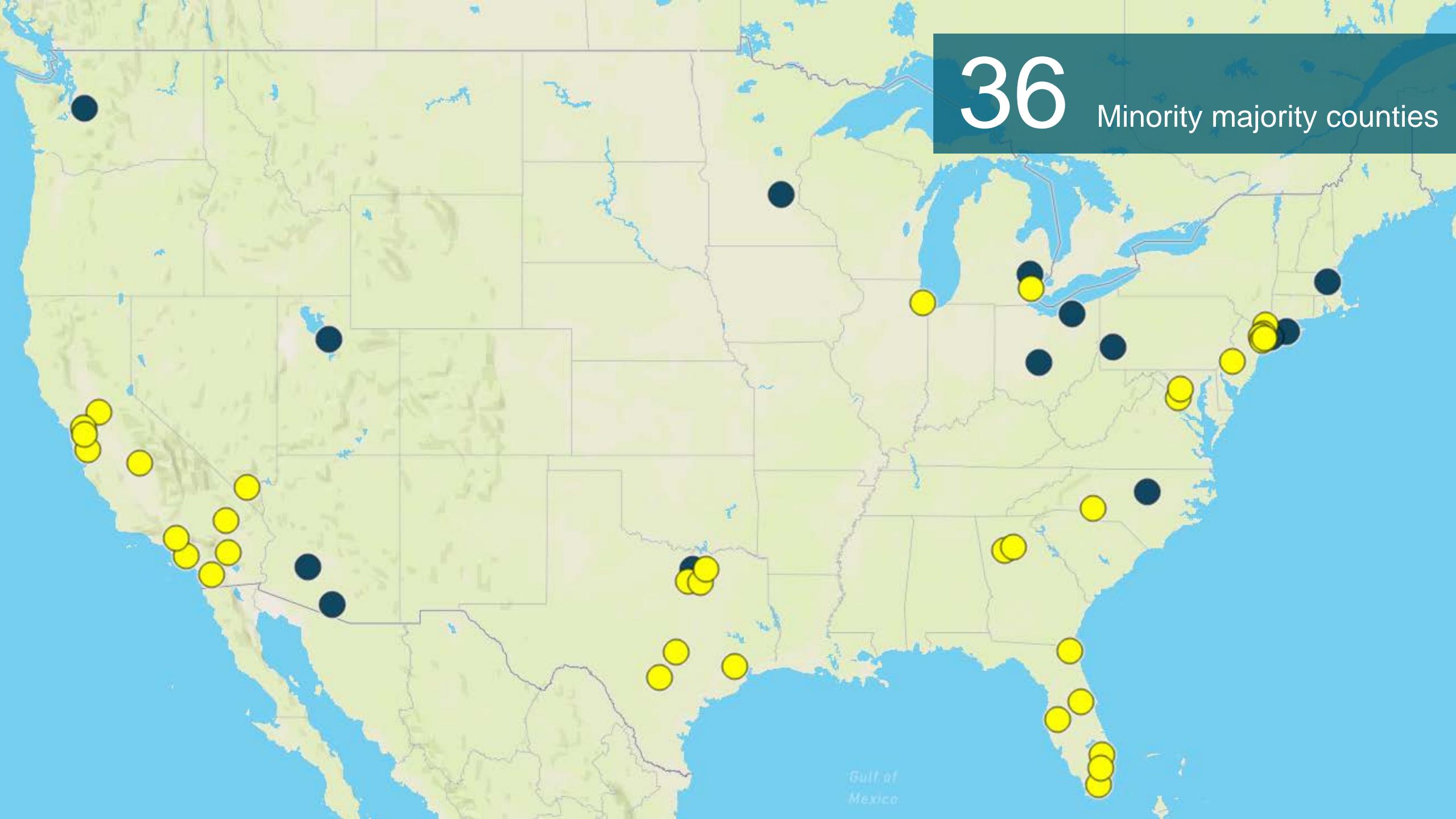






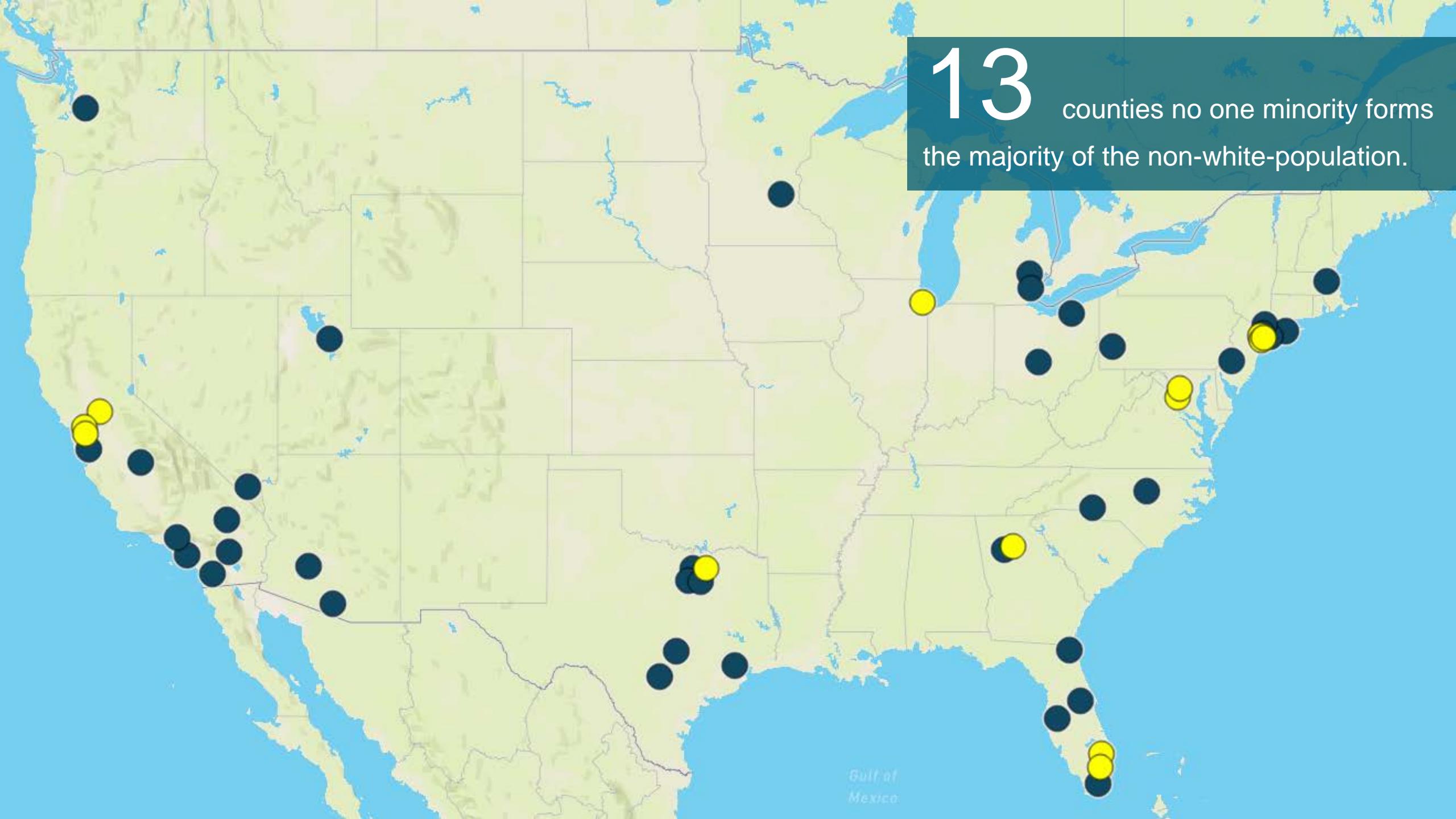
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Minority majority counties

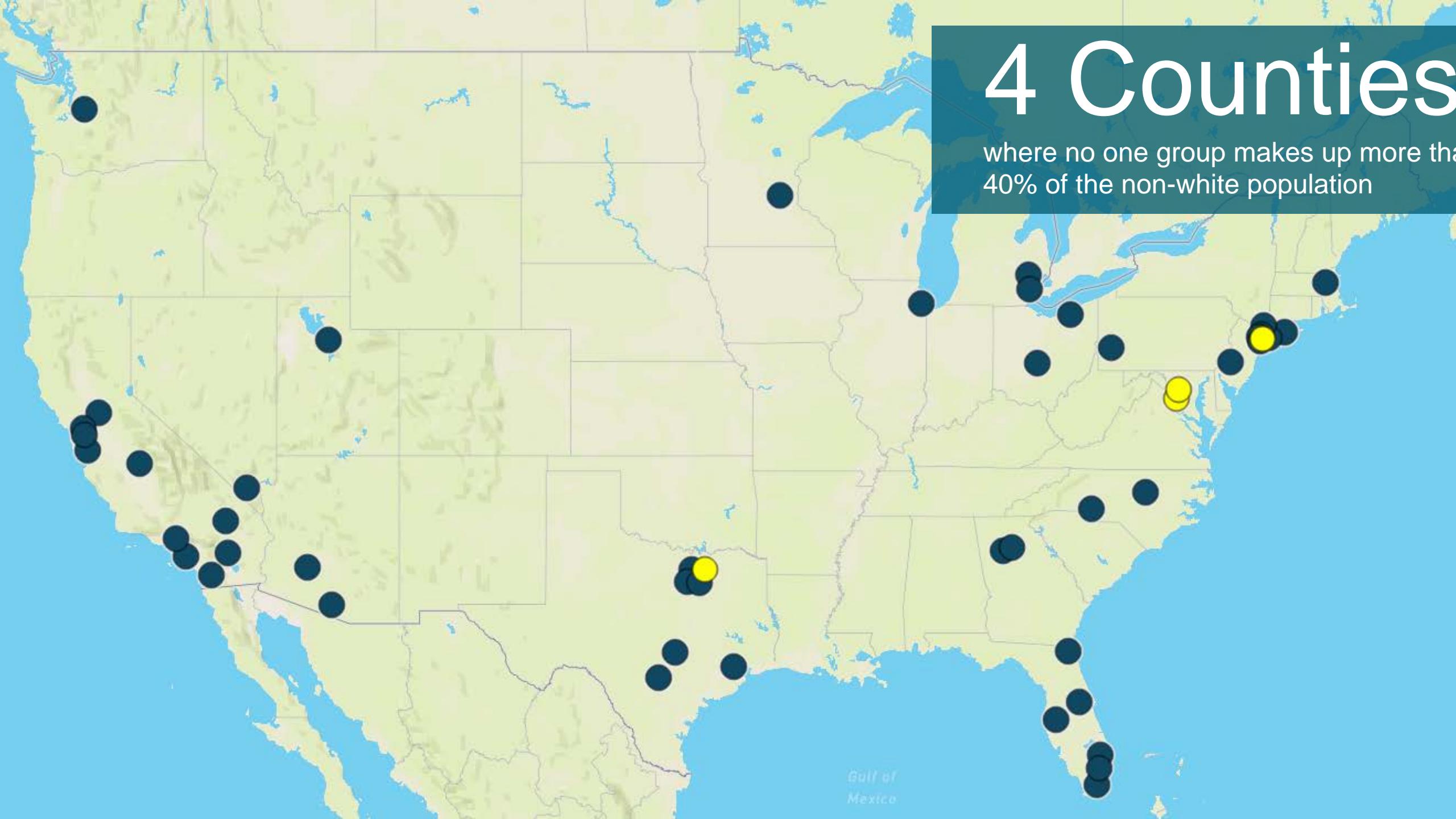


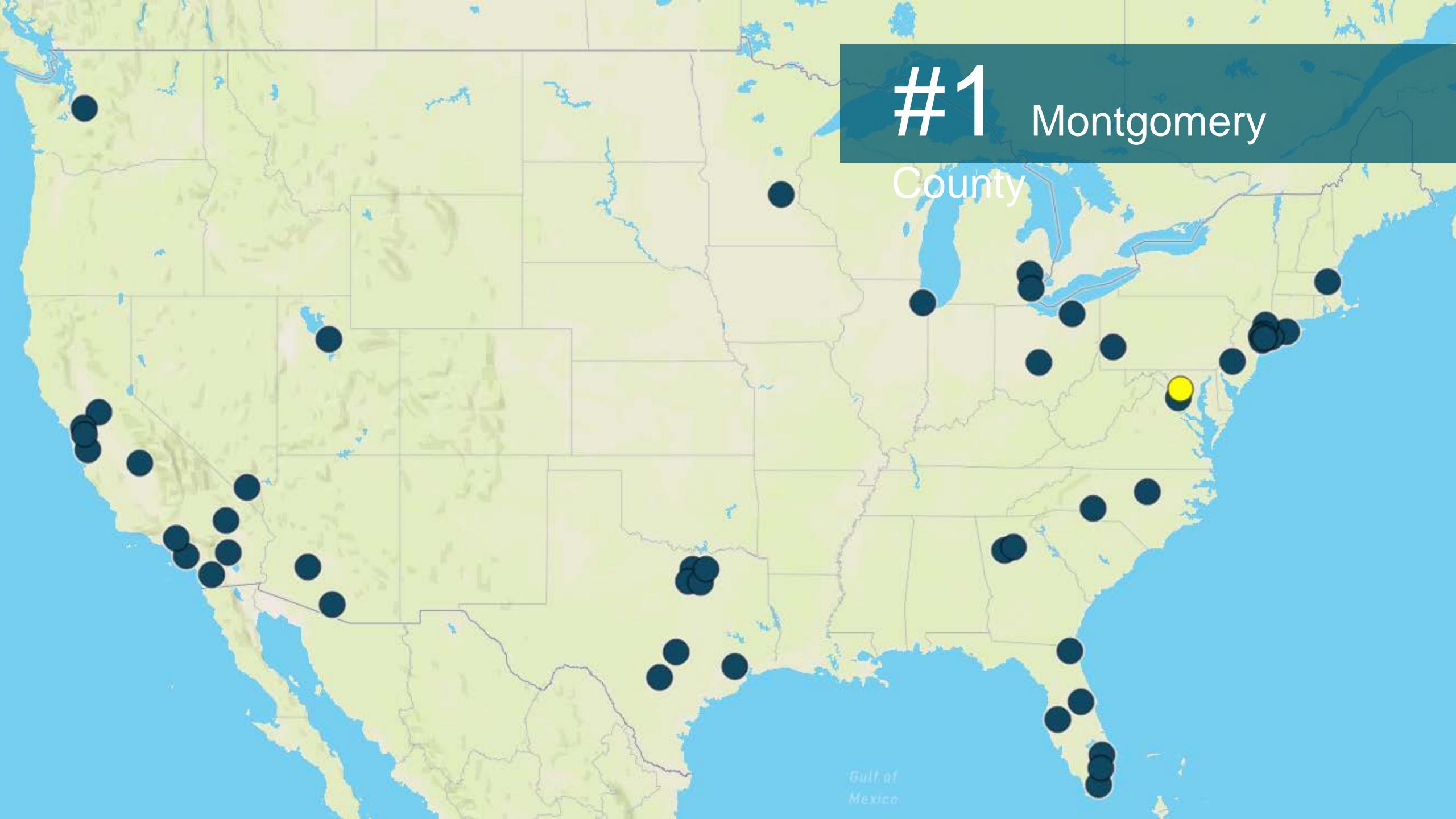
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counties no one minority forms
the majority of the non-white-population.

4 Counties

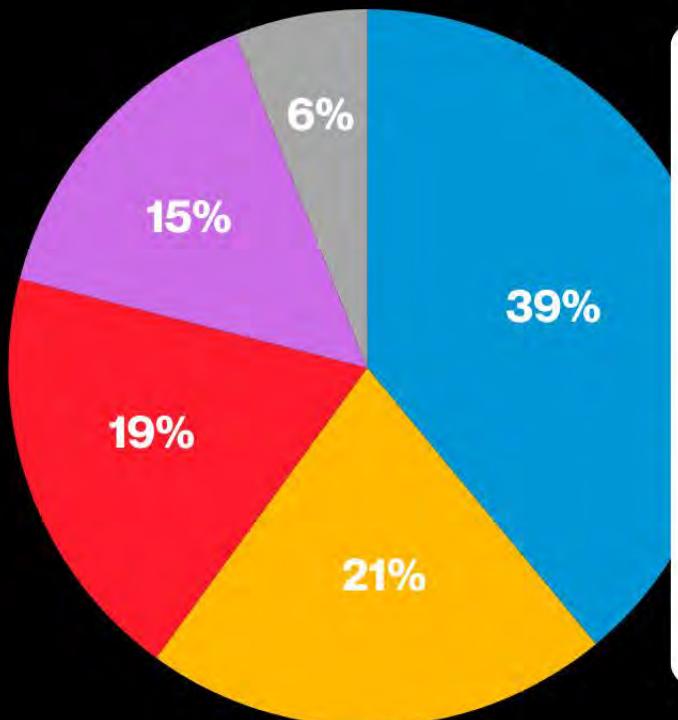
where no one group makes up more than
40% of the non-white population





Montgomery County is the most diverse County in the U.S.

Did you know of 3,400 Counties in the U.S. we rank the highest?



The majority of County residents are members of racial and ethnic minority groups

- White
- Latino
- Black
- Asian
- Multiple / Other



366,786 Total Foreign-Born Population

Approximately 1 in 3 residents in Montgomery County.





Montgomery County, Maryland has immigrants from many countries, including:

37% Latin America

37% of the county's immigrant residents ages 16 and older are from Latin America



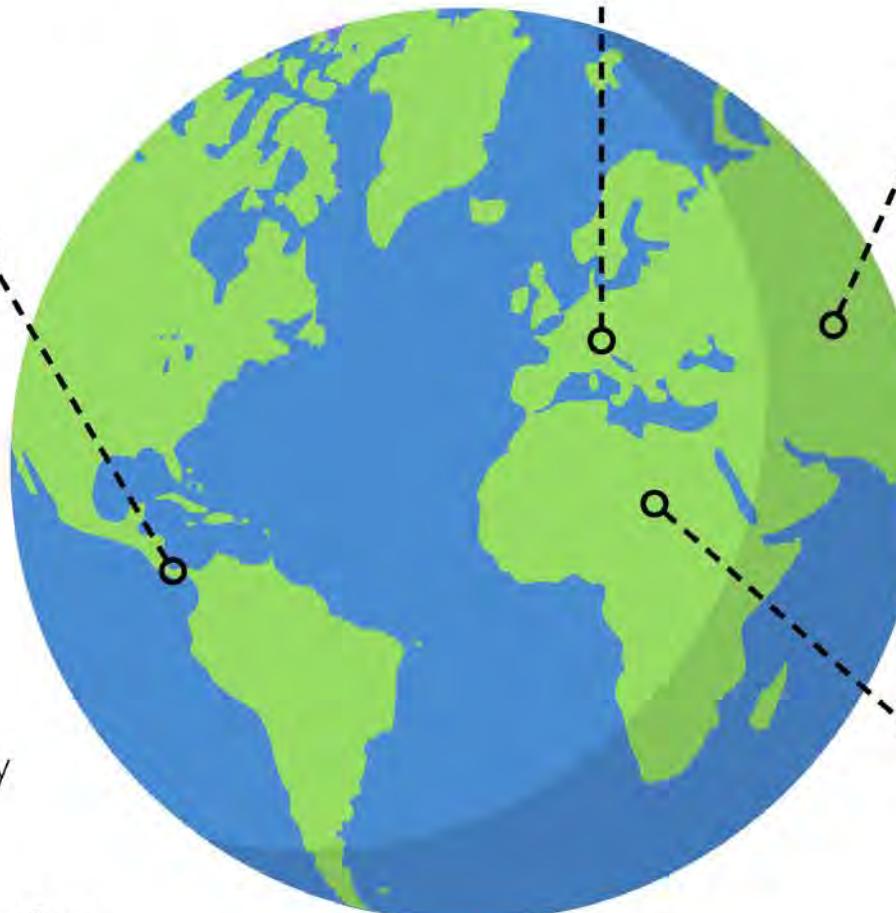
11.7% El Salvador

11.7% of immigrants to Montgomery County are from El Salvador



4% Guatemala

4% of immigrants to Montgomery County are from Guatemala



10% Europe

10% of the county's immigrant residents ages 16 and older are European

37% Asia

37% of the country's immigrant residents ages 16 and older are of Asian origin



4.7% China

4.7% of immigrants to Montgomery County are from China



6.3% India

6.3% of immigrants to Montgomery County are from India

16% Africa

16% of the county's immigrant residents ages 16 and older are of African origin



4.7% Nigeria

4.7% of immigrants to Montgomery County are from Nigeria

#YouBelong Campaign

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languages spoken by MCPS
students, preparing them to lead
in our global economy.



43%

residents speak a
language other
than English at
home.



Montgomery County Public Schools, 2023 Annual report

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS



#YouBelong Campaign

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I STAND WITH IMMIGRANTS”

“Our County is made up of immigrants—diversity is not just something we celebrate; it is who we are. Immigrants have a proud history in this County, and are integral to its success. You belong here.”
– Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive



WHAT IS THE COUNTY’S POLICY?



TRUST ACT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 135-19 & BILL 35-25 Promoting Community Trust – Immigrant Protections Act





TRUST ACT- PROHIBITS



- Asking about immigration status (unless required by law)
- Threats
- Conditioning benefits, services, and opportunities
- Use of County resources (for CIVIL detainees)



TRUST ACT- PERMITS



- Asking for immigration status if required by law
- Honoring judicial warrants or orders



ATTENTION ATENCIÓN



MONTGOMERY COUNTY STRIVES TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION OR CITIZENSHIP STATUS.

EL CONDADO DE MONTGOMERY SE ESFUERZA POR BRINDAR SERVICIOS ESENCIALES A LOS MIEMBROS DEL PÚBLICO, INDEPENDIENTEMENTE DE SU ESTATUS MIGRATORIO O DE CIUDADANÍA

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
DOES NOT CONSENT TO THE CONDUCT OF CIVIL
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS ON THESE
PREMISES.**

EL CONDADO DE MONTGOMERY **NO AUTORIZA** LA REALIZACIÓN DE OPERATIVOS CIVILES DE CONTROL MIGRATORIO EN ESTAS INSTALACIONES

Maryland Values Act and the Promoting Community Trust Order No. 135-19

Documents are available via SharePoint.



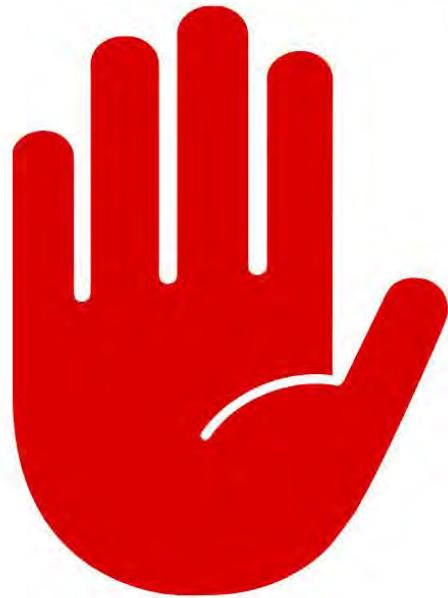
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ESPACIO PRIVADO



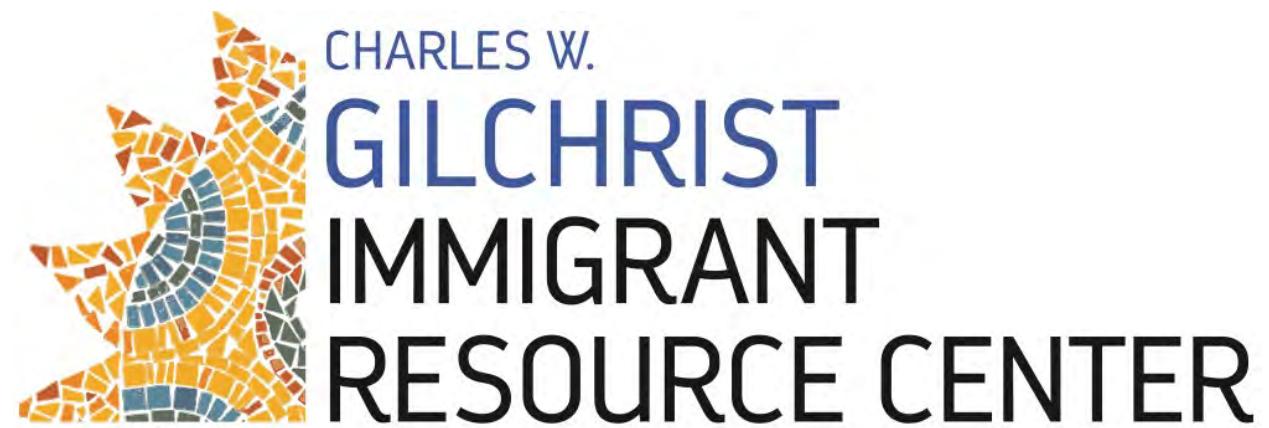
**ONLY AUTHORIZED COUNTY STAFF
OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
ACCOMPANIED BY AUTHORIZED
COUNTY STAFF PERMITTED**

**SOLO SE PERMITE EL ACCESO AL PERSONAL AUTORIZADO DEL
CONDADO O A MIEMBROS DEL PÚBLICO ACOMPAÑADOS POR DICHO
PERSONAL**

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Citizenship and Immigrant Support Resources



[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/
gilchrist/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/)



Gilchrist Center Information & Referral Services

Wheaton (Westfield South Building)

- 240-777-4941
- Mon - Thurs: 9 am – 5 pm

East County (East County Regional Service Center)

- 240-777-8406
- Tuesdays: 9 am – 5 pm
- Thursdays: 9 am – 1 pm

Gaithersburg (2nd Floor of Gaithersburg Library)

- 240-777-4960
- Tuesdays & Thursdays: 3 pm – 8 pm
- Wednesdays & Fridays: 10 am – 3 pm



The screenshot shows the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center website. At the top, there is a logo of a person holding a globe, followed by the text "Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center" and "Welcome. Connect. Together We Thrive." Below this is a search bar with the placeholder "Search Gilchrist Site" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a "Translate" button with a dropdown menu labeled "Select Language". A blue navigation bar at the bottom contains links for "Classes", "Get Help", "Citizenship", "Immigrant Resources", "Volunteer", "About Us", and "Contact Us".

Gilchrist Center Information & Referral Services

We are here to help you in 3 convenient ways.

Call us

Call our Information & Referral Line at 240-777-4940, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5pm.

Walk in

Walk in to one of our locations - no appointment needed.

Visit online

Visit our [Get Help](#) page to see our many online resources.

Immigrants and other newcomers to the County often have a wide variety of needs, but don't know where to go for help. The Gilchrist Center serves as a welcome center and gateway to help people navigate the many services Montgomery County has to offer, so they can get the help they need. Each of our sites has extensive information about local government and nonprofit resources that can help all County residents connect with food assistance, health care, legal services, housing information, job-related resources, and get help with other needs.



Citizenship and Immigrant Resource Corners

Libraries with Citizenship Corners:

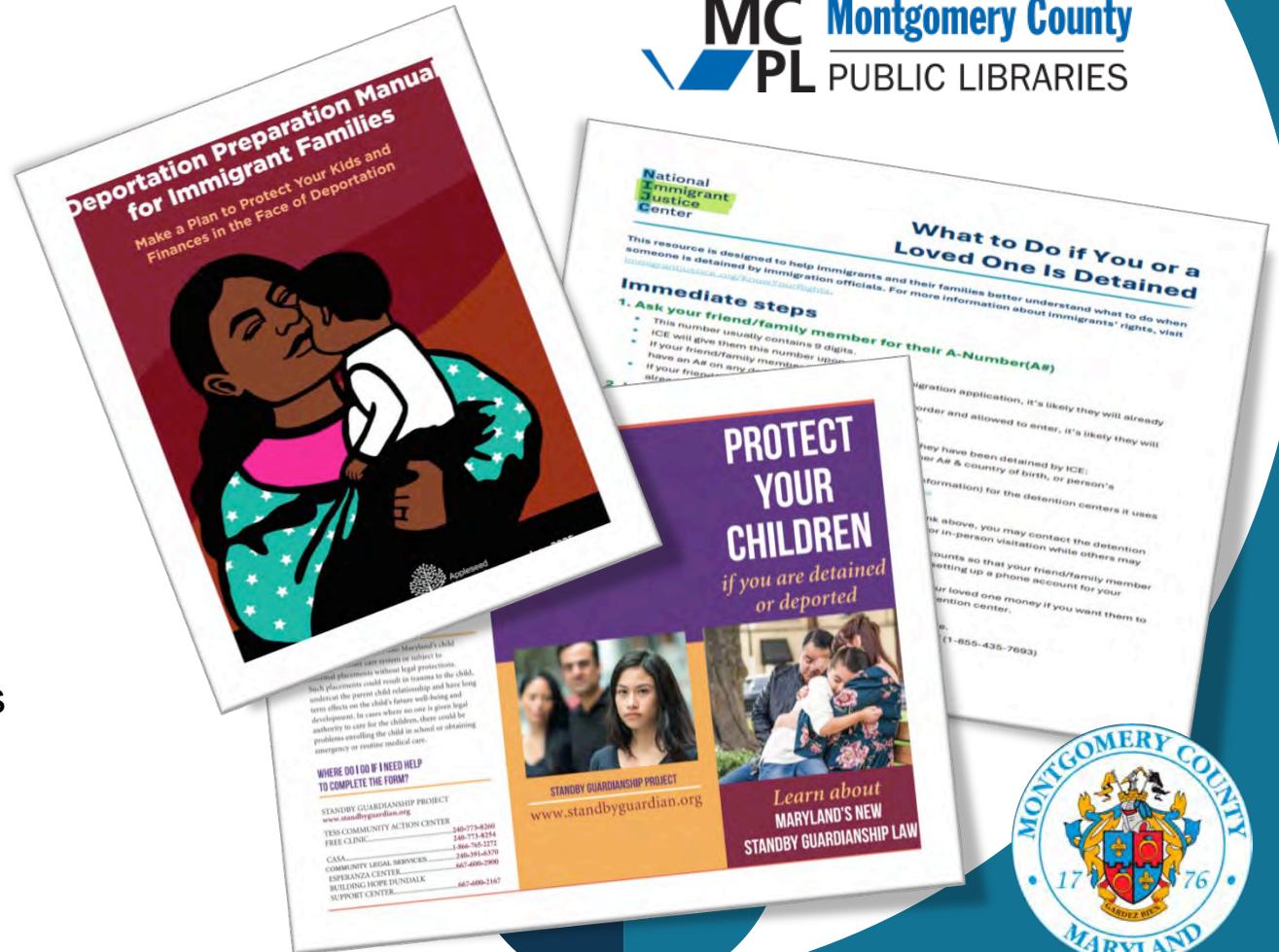
- Aspen Hill
- Brigadier General Charles E. McGee (Silver Spring)
- Damascus
- Gaithersburg
- Germantown
- Long Branch
- Rockville Memorial
- Twinbrook
- Wheaton
- White Oak



Expanded Citizenship and Immigrant Resource Corners

Library Locations with Citizenship Corners:

- **Know Your Rights**
 - Red Cards
 - What to Do if You or a Loved One Is Detained (Guide)
- **Family Preparedness**
 - Standby Guardianship Brochure
 - Preparedness Packets
- **Immigration Legal Services**
 - Pro Bono Program brochure
 - Resource list
 - Immigration legal services fraud resources
- **Immigration Agency Contact Info**



Direct County Services

- Outreach/Navigation
- Emergency support
- Intensive Case Management (ICM)
- Legal clinics: Immigration related consultation and assistance.
- Workforce development
- Health Care access
- Mental health services
- Family safety planning (i.e. guardianship, custody and emergency contact planning)
- School coordination
- *Direct legal representation is NOT is not directly provided through County services, but we can connect community to partners.





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Call CASA's raid hotline at

1-888-214-6016

To report any ICE encounters

What's an ICE encounter look like?

ICE stopping someone
ICE conducting what looks like a raid
ICE pulling someone over



Llame a la línea directa de redadas de CASA

1-888-214-6016

Para informar cualquier encuentro con ICE

¿Cómo es un encuentro con ICE?

ICE deteniendo a alguien
ICE realizando lo que parece una redada
ICE deteniendo a alguien



Appelez la hotline de Raid de CASA au

1-888-214-6016

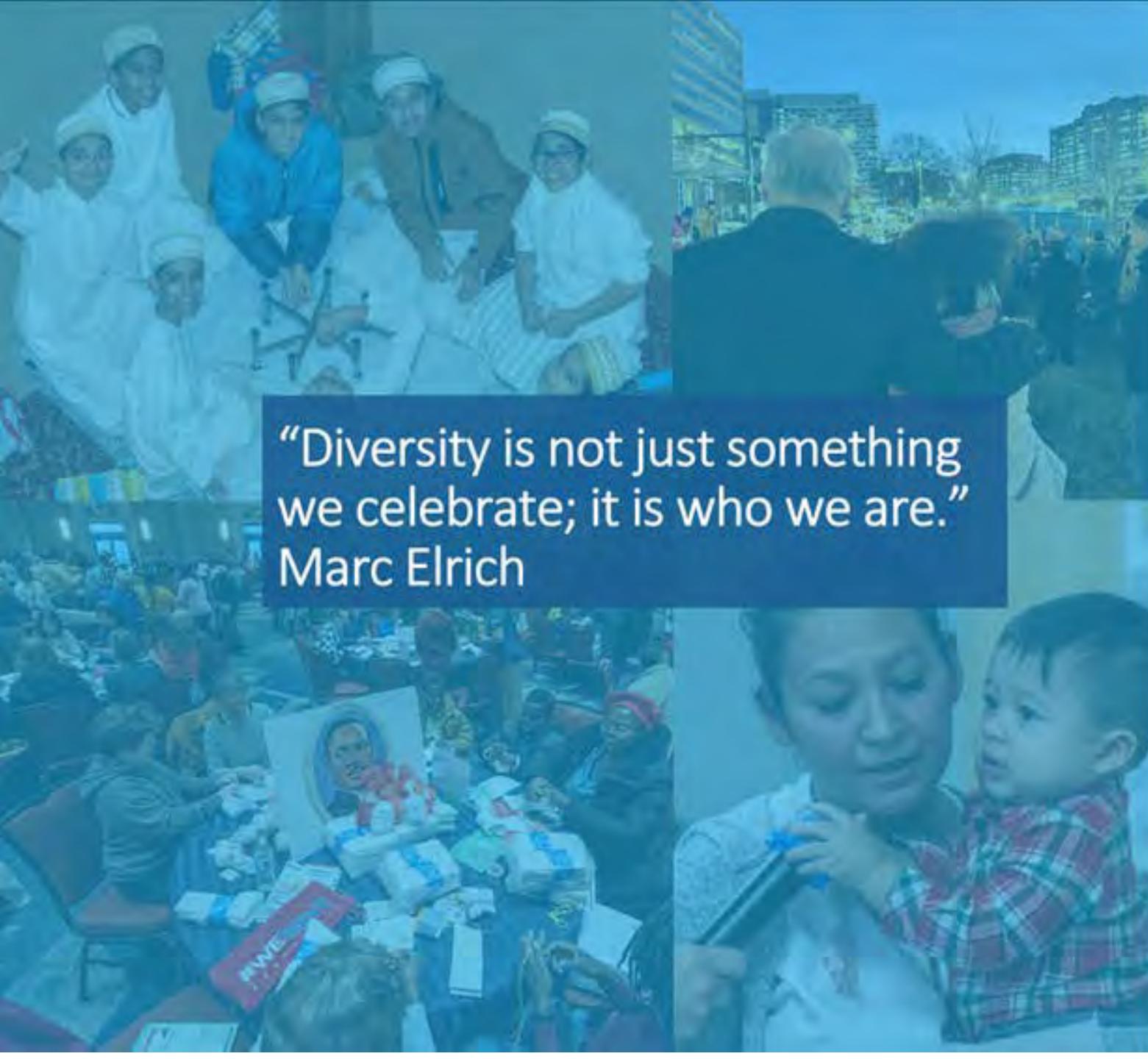
Pour signaler toute rencontre avec ICE

À quoi ressemble une rencontre avec ICE?

ICE arrête quelqu'un
ICE mène ce qui ressemble à un raid
ICE arrête quelqu'un



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“Diversity is not just something we celebrate; it is who we are.”

Marc Elrich

Thank you.

