



2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The City of Richfield is updating its Comprehensive Plan. Looking forward to 2040, this plan will guide future land use patterns, growth, and investment throughout the city over the next 20 to 25 years.

Remaining Steps in the Comprehensive Plan Update Process:

**MARCH/
APRIL 2018**

Complete Review of
Draft Plan
Update

APRIL 2018

City Council authorizes
release of document
for adjacent community
and affected agencies
review

SEPT 2018

Final review, public
hearing, and City
Council approval of
final plan update

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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is a statement of what the City of Richfield wants to become. It is a set of goals and policies designed to achieve a community wide vision.

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires local governments in the Twin Cities to prepare and adopt Comprehensive Plans. In accordance with the Act, communities are required to update their plans every ten years. This current update is due by December 2018.

Designation & Forecasts

Richfield is classified by the Metropolitan Council as an Urban Center. According to the Metropolitan Council, Urban Centers include the largest, most centrally located, and most economically diverse cities in the region. Urban Center communities are expected to plan for forecasted population and household growth at average densities of at least 20 units per acre for new development and redevelopment.

Forecast Year	Population	Households	Employment
2010	35,228	14,818	15,604
2020	37,100	15,900	16,600
2030	37,300	16,300	17,100
2040	37,700	16,700	17,500



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Public Engagement and a Vision

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Richfield has been coined as the “Urban Hometown.” This term has a special meaning to its residents and businesses. As part of the plan’s public engagement efforts, a series of questions focused on what makes Richfield a great place to live, work and play. The responses helped define what an “Urban Hometown” means to the community. This definition serves as the Comprehensive Plan’s Vision Statement. It reflects the characteristics that make Richfield a great place to live, work and play, and the community’s aspirations for the future.

Richfield, the Urban Hometown

“The Urban Hometown, is a community that reflects the characteristics of living in a close-knit community, while surrounded by the amenities and resources of a broader metropolitan area. The urban hometown feeling is rooted in the personal connections cultivated within our neighborhoods, parks, schools and streets. These connections are reinforced by quality housing, local commercial centers, recreational opportunities, and the cultural diversity found within our city. Our proximity to the Twin Cities only serves to expand the opportunities available to our residents, providing the best of both small town living and urban life. Our goal is to embrace these characteristics, and take steps to maintain and enhance the culture and community that makes us an urban hometown.”

Public Engagement



Phase One

The first phase occurred over a three-month period between April and June of 2017. This phase included pop-up events and online engagement tools. This phase served as an opportunity to “Listen” and “Discover” the community’s issues and needs.



Phase Two

The second phase occurred in September of 2017, and included an open house event to showcase draft elements of the plan.

Final Phase (Next Steps)

The final phase serves as the last opportunity to comment on the draft plan. The full draft plan is on the City’s website along with a survey/comment form. Local agencies will have six months (state law) to provide comments on the draft. The City anticipates this review to end in September of 2018. At this time, the City will hold a public hearing on the final plan.

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Social Equity

In many communities, including Richfield, there are barriers that prevent all residents from having the same opportunities to thrive. For instance, race, ethnicity, and age continue to be predictors of health, education, income, housing, and recreation. **The Comprehensive Plan's goals and policies are committed to advancing equitable opportunities for all.**

It is important to note that a focus on equity does not mean providing equal access to the same amount of resources. Equity is focused on making sure everyone has the resources they need to lead a healthy, productive life.

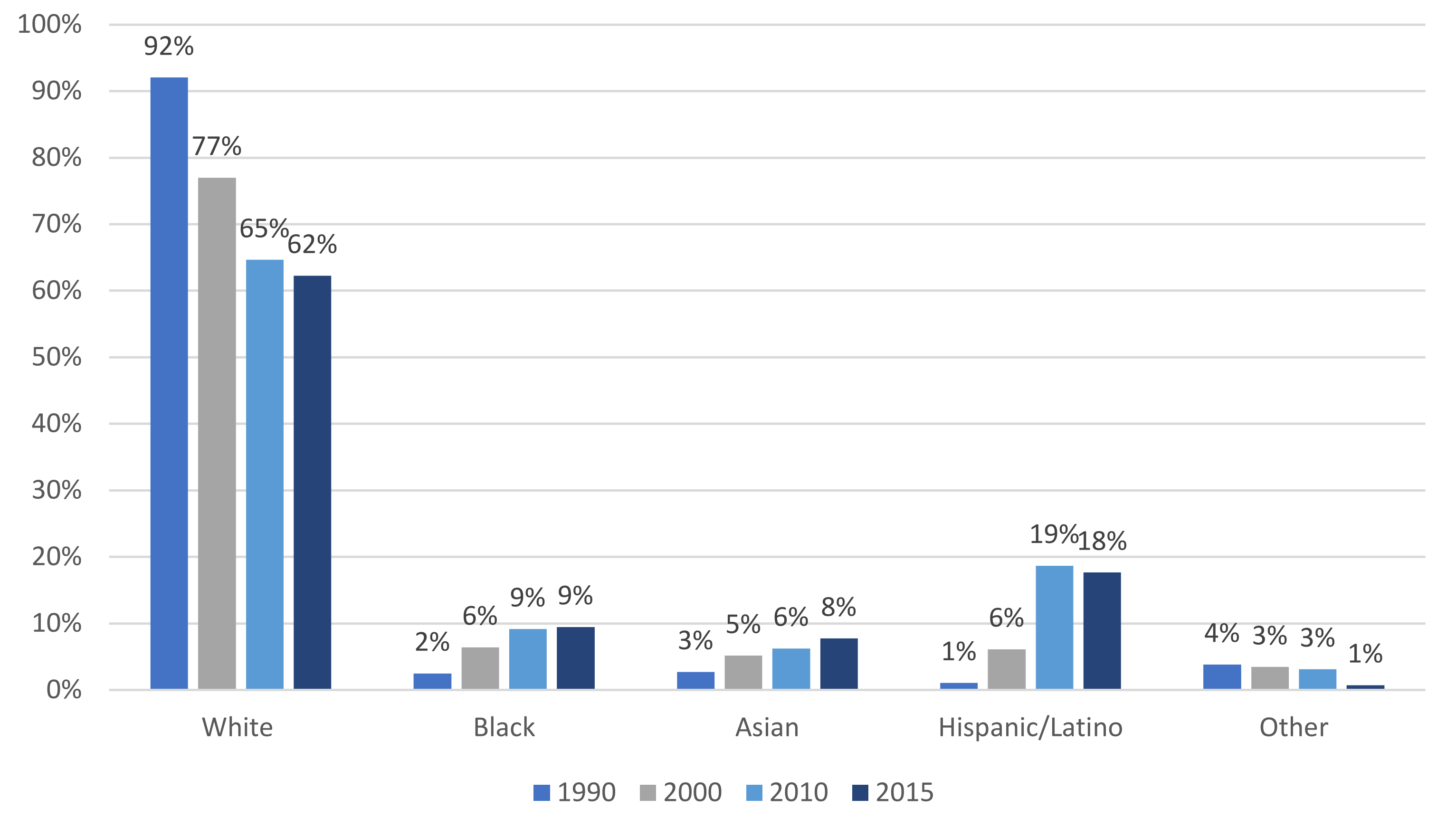
Diversity Overview

Richfield has seen significant increases in immigrant populations over the last two decades. In 1990, 92% of Richfield identified themselves as “white only” (non-Hispanic/Latino). Today, 62% of Richfield’s population identify as “white only,” slightly more than Minneapolis (60%). This trend is likely to be one of the defining elements of Richfield over the next decade. Richfield’s ethnic diversity will shape the city’s housing demands and the delivery of services, such as, recreation opportunities, multiple language materials and communications, school programming, and retail services.

Not shown in these numbers is the racial disparity in owner- versus renter-occupied units. Of the owner-occupied units, 87% are owned by persons identifying themselves as white, non-Hispanic/Latino. Only 3.1% of homes are owned by persons identifying as black and only 3.9% as persons identifying as Hispanic or Latino. This compares to population percentages of 9% and 18% respectively.

Once again, there is also a significant racial disparity hidden beneath the poverty number. Of Richfield’s white, non-Hispanic/Latino population, only 7.3% live at or below poverty level. Black and Hispanic/Latino populations experience poverty at much higher rates: 20.3% and 30.4%, respectively.

Richfield's Diverse Population (1990 - 2015)



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