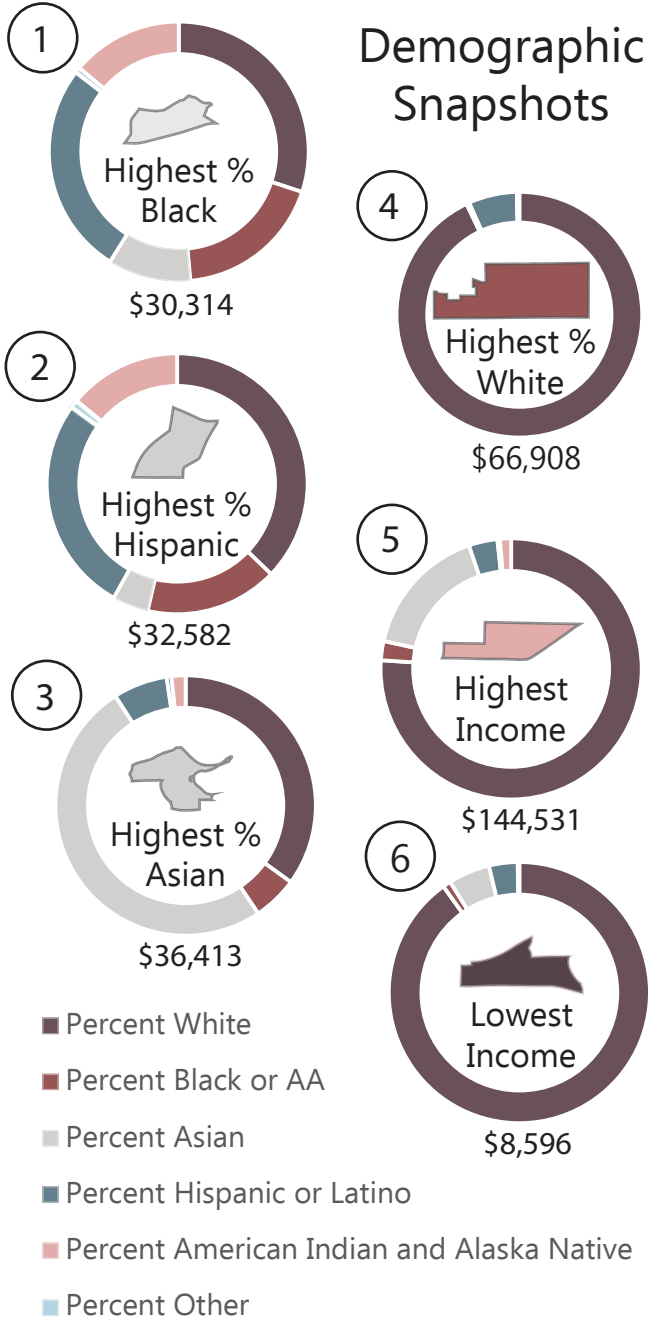
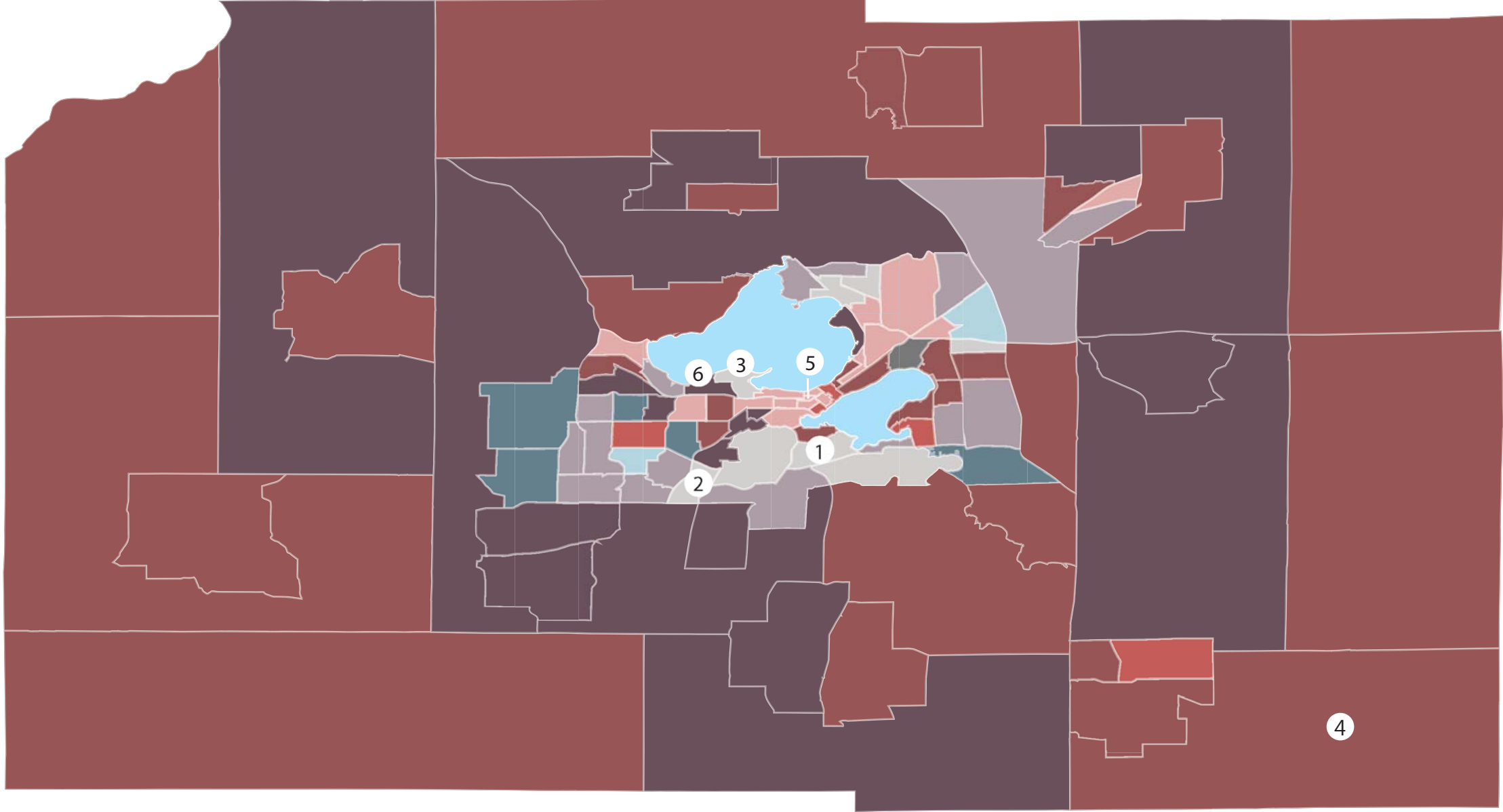


Racing to Economic Equality: Income and Racial Disparities in Dane County

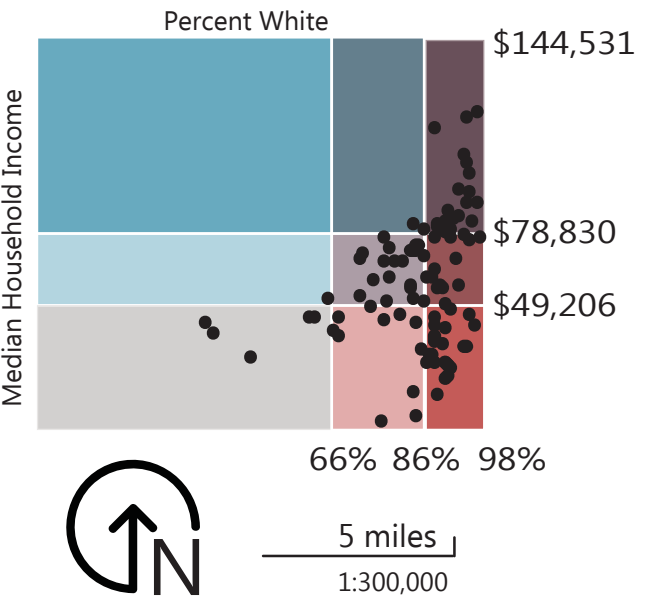
Minority groups in Dane County face disproportional challenges because of their race, both financially and otherwise. 85% of Dane County's population identifies as non-Hispanic white, leaving little room for diversity and a lot of room for racial disparities for minority groups. On the other hand, 6.5% of Dane County identifies as non-Hispanic black and Hispanic, Asian, and Native American make up the remaining few percent. As a relatively small percentage of the population, these people face startling disparities when it comes to opportunities and quality of life.



For example, **54%** of Madison's black population reported living in poverty in 2011, compared to **9%** of white people. This disparity is even more stark when looking at children: **75%** of Dane County's children lived in poverty in 2011, compared to **5%** of impoverished white children. This dire statistic may be attributed - at least in part - to the fact that black people in Dane County are **5 times** more likely to be unemployed.

While the Asian and Hispanic communities in Dane County have been less studied, a recent survey shows **29%** of Hispanics feel they are treated differently at work because of their race; this number jumps to **60%** for black people who feel racial discrimination in the workplace.

People identifying as Asian present more varied trends because the multitude of cultural identities that falls under "Asian" contributes to a wide spectrum of demographics. However, those identifying as Asian reported having a median household income of about \$40,000 compared to whites' \$63,000. For Hispanics and blacks, the gap widens even further, with median incomes of \$33,400 and \$20,600, respectively.



Information from 2010 U.S. Census; Race to Equity Report
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