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To: City of Madison Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee (AHRC)

From: City of Madison Planning Division Staff

Date: August 27, 2021

Subject: Redistricting Criteria

The AHRC voted at its August 26, 2021 to direct staff to use the following criteria when drafting redistricting scenarios for the Committee to discuss:

Required Criteria

Alder districts must:

1. **Have equal population** (federal requirement). For this redistricting effort, the ideal population is 13,497 (Madison population of 269,942 ÷ 20 alder districts). The Committee directed staff to target 13,497 within a 5% margin (districts should be between 12,822-14,172).
2. **Enhance the participation of communities of color and communities that primarily use a language other than English** (federal requirement).
3. **Be compact** (state requirement).
4. **Be contiguous** (state requirement).
5. **Account for Communities of Interest** (state requirement). The Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) states that “[r]especting communities of interest in a redistricting plan means attempting to group like-minded or similar people so that they may elect a representative of their choice who reflects their common values in a manner relevant to legislative representation.” The Committee directed staff to consider:
 - a. **Neighborhoods and neighborhood associations.**
 - b. **Elementary school attendance areas.**
 - c. **College students.**
 - d. **Housing tenure/transience** (owner/renter).
 - e. **Income distribution.**

Optional Criteria

The Committee directed staff to consider the following optional additional criteria as redistricting scenarios are drafted for Committee discussion:

6. **Where practical, use major roads and other physical barriers (railroads, open space areas) as boundaries.**
7. **Ensure numerous alder districts are exposed to future population growth.**

Reference maps are attached for criteria that are underlined above.

Population By Race or Ethnicity 2020 Census Blocks

1 Dot = 5 People

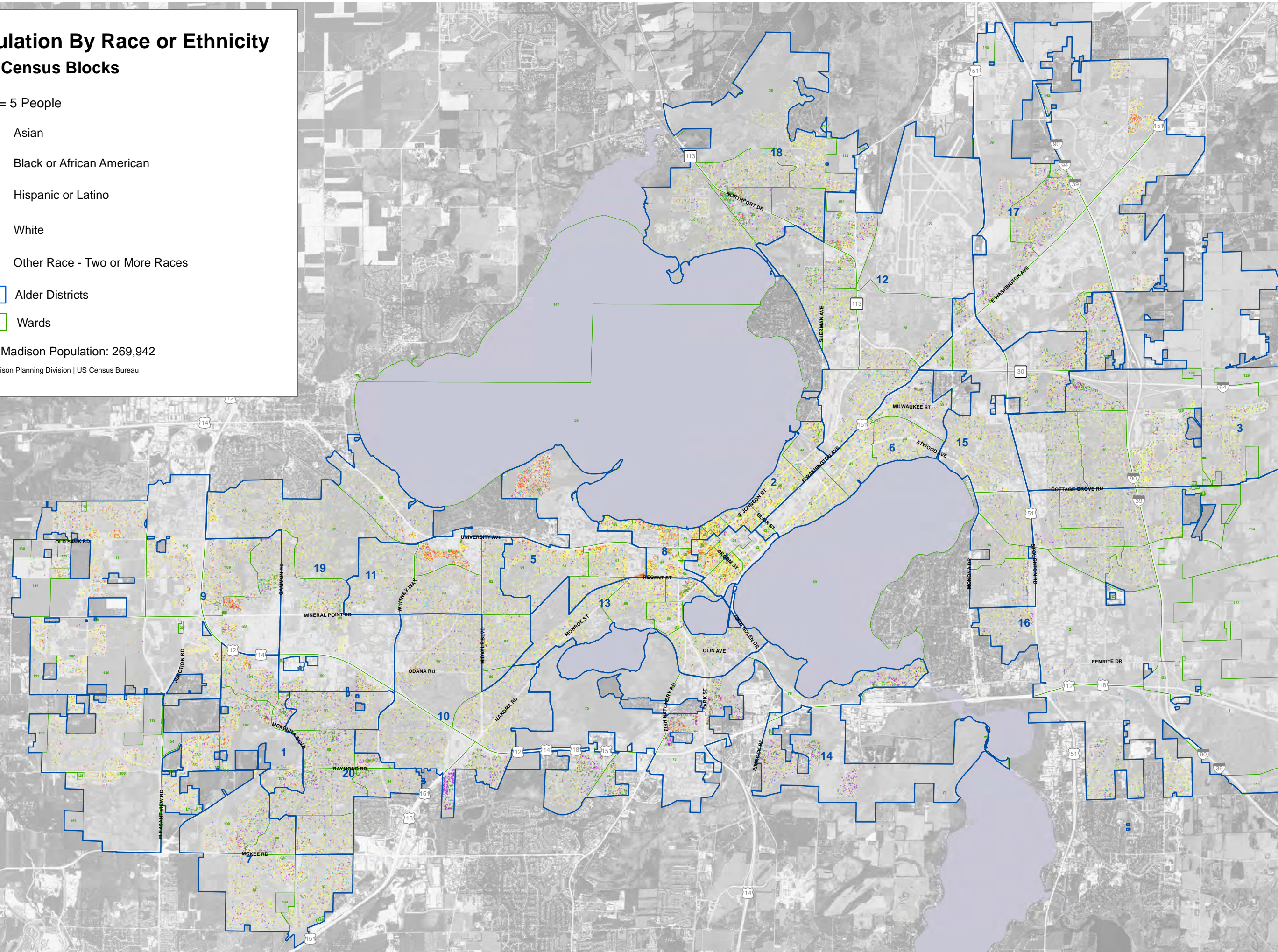
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- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White
- Other Race - Two or More Races

□ Alder Districts

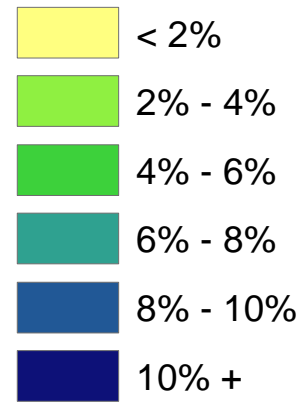
□ Wards

City of Madison Population: 269,942

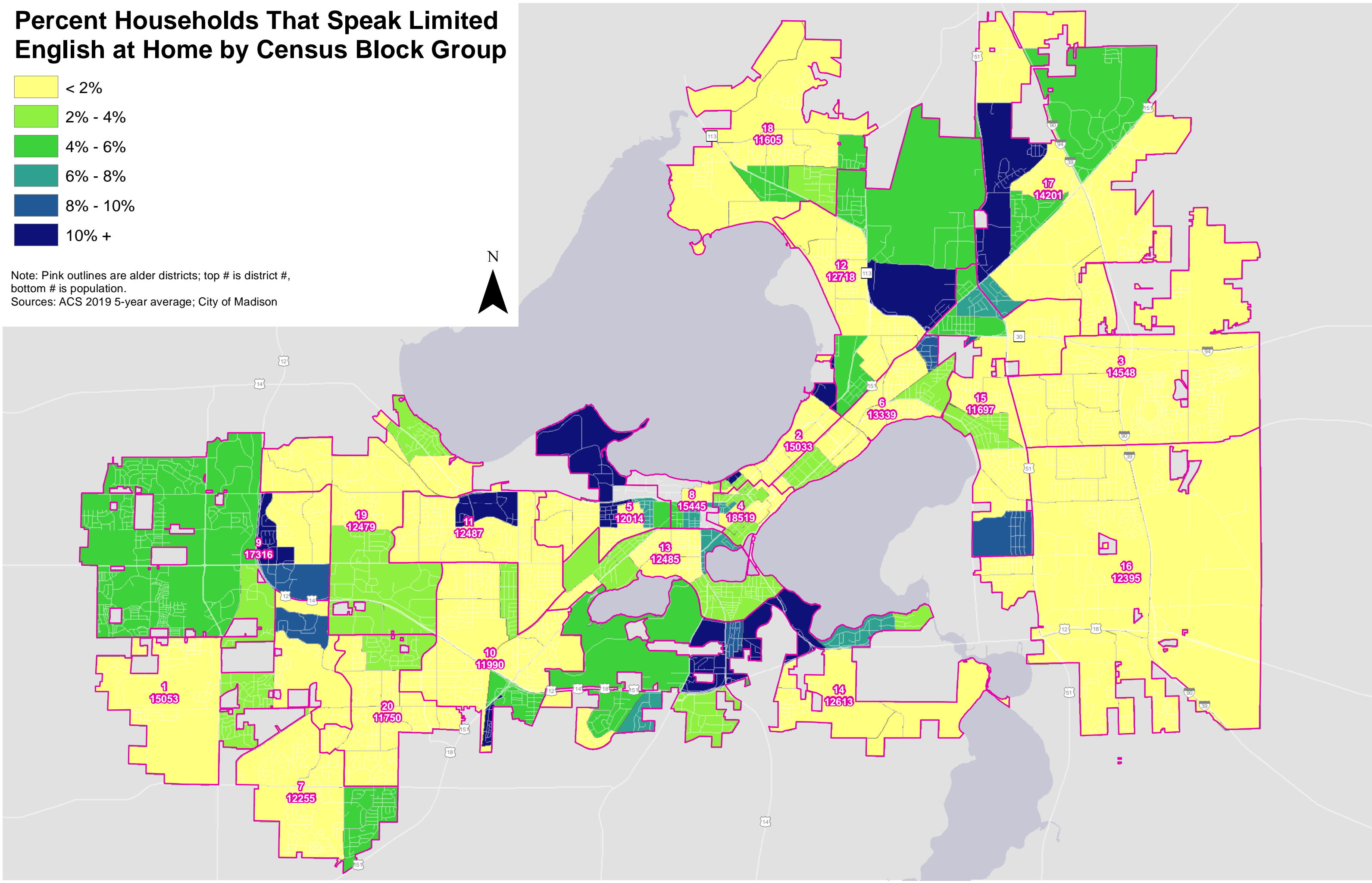
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Percent Households That Speak Limited English at Home by Census Block Group

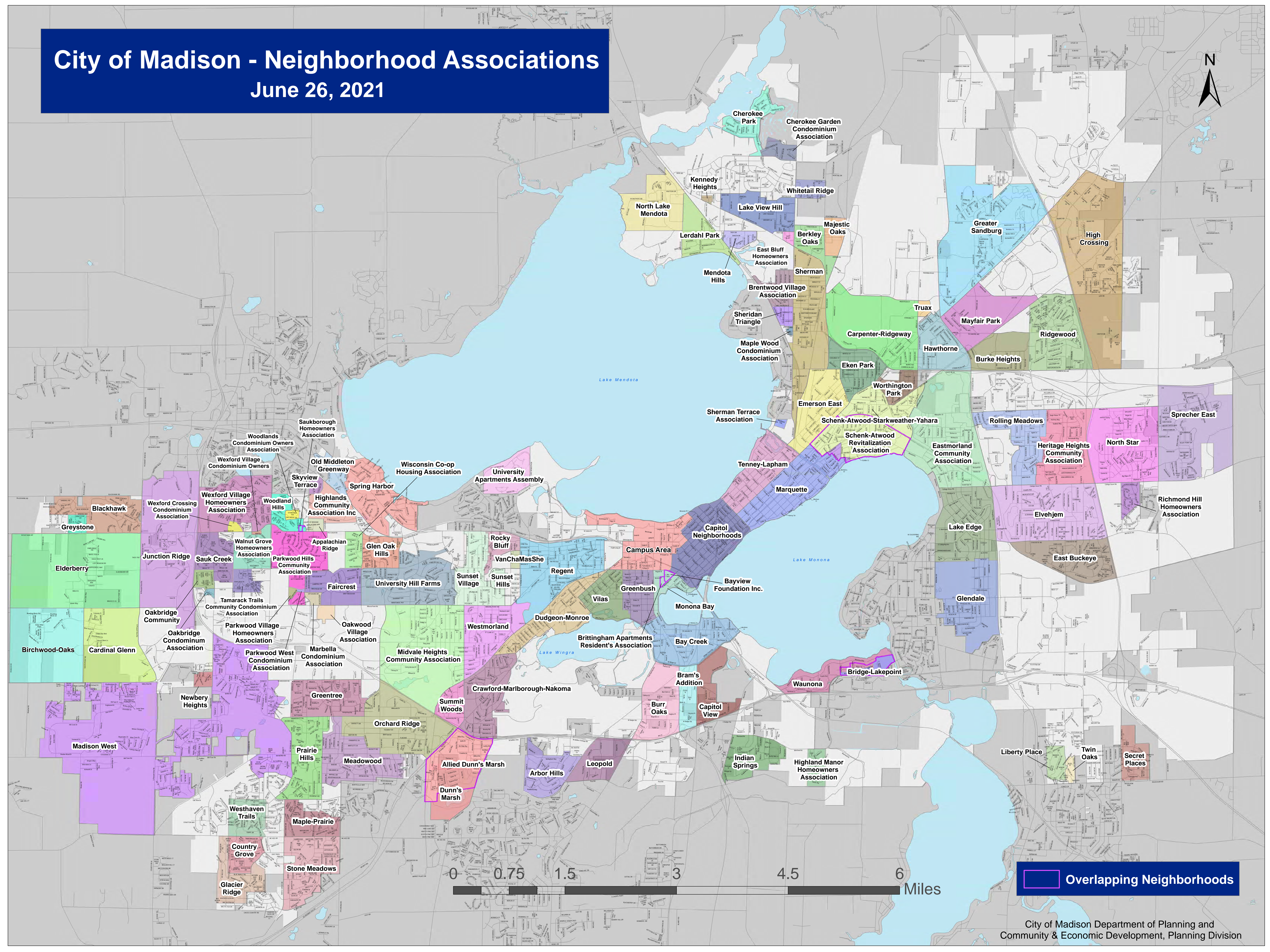


Note: Pink outlines are alder districts; top # is district #, bottom # is population.
Sources: ACS 2019 5-year average; City of Madison



City of Madison - Neighborhood Associations

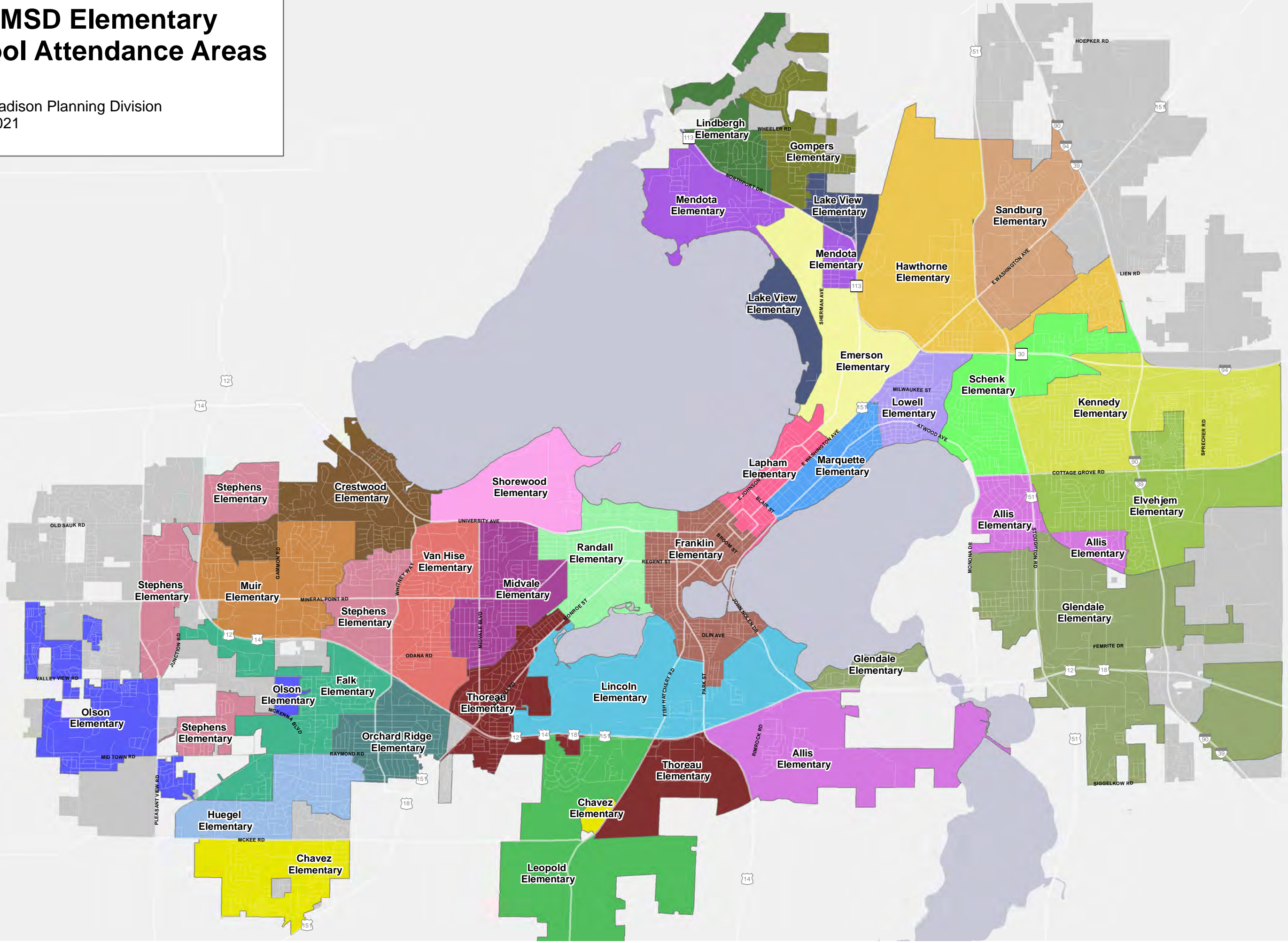
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 Overlapping Neighborhoods

MMSD Elementary School Attendance Areas

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Campus Housing

Housing Type (# of Units Labeled)

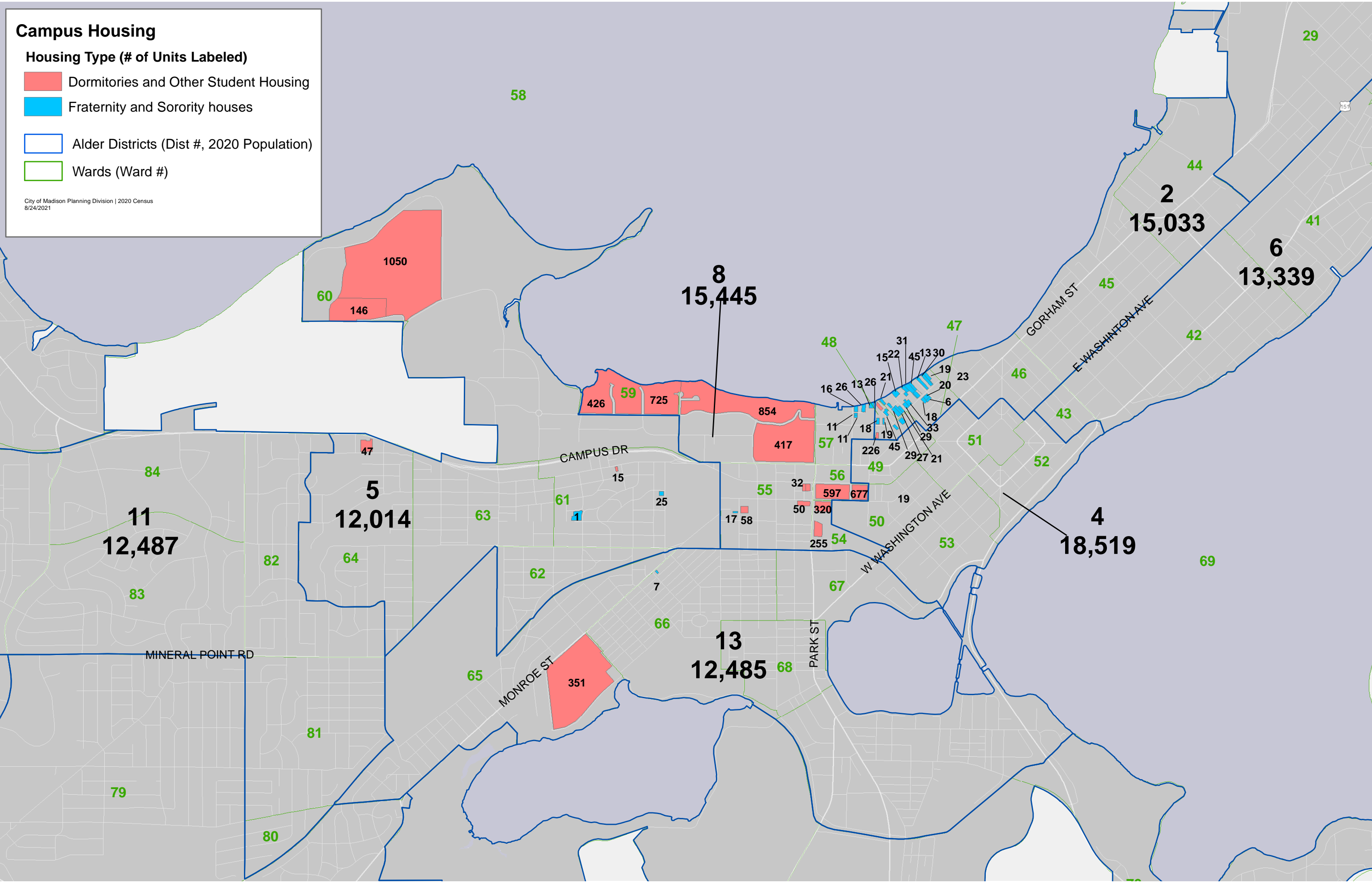
■ Dormitories and Other Student Housing

■ Fraternity and Sorority houses

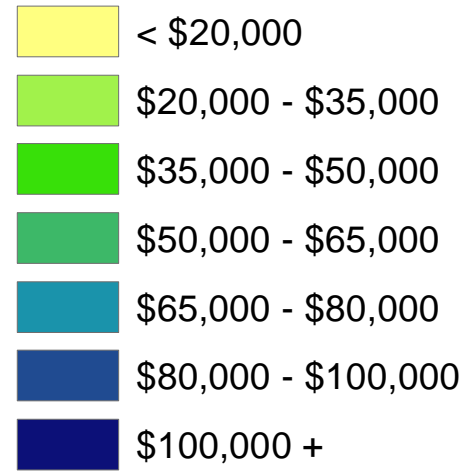
Alder Districts (Dist #, 2020 Population)

Wards (Ward #)

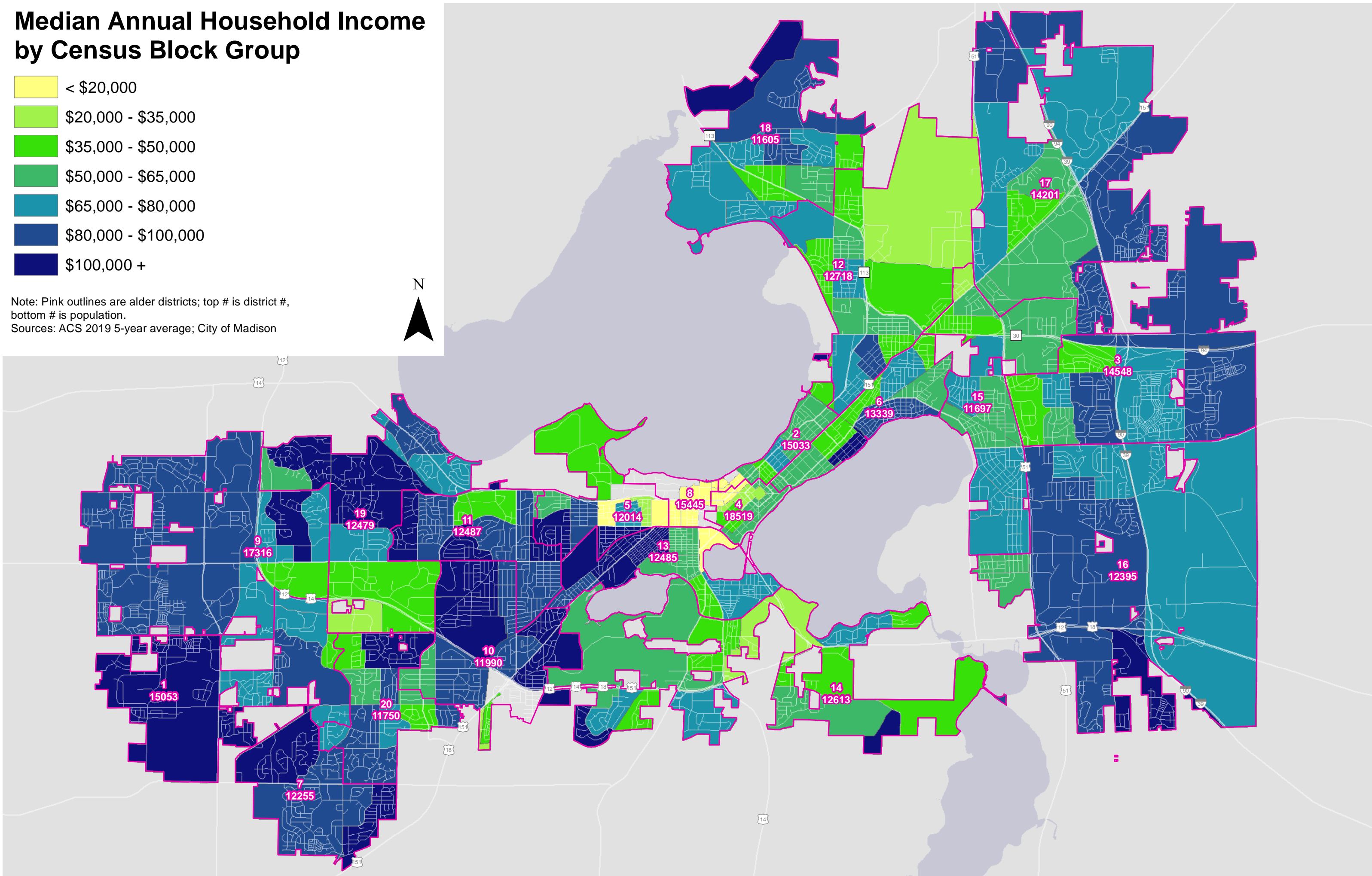
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Median Annual Household Income by Census Block Group



Note: Pink outlines are alder districts; top # is district #, bottom # is population.
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Current Alder Districts with Parks and Major Streets

