

# Puget Sound Trends

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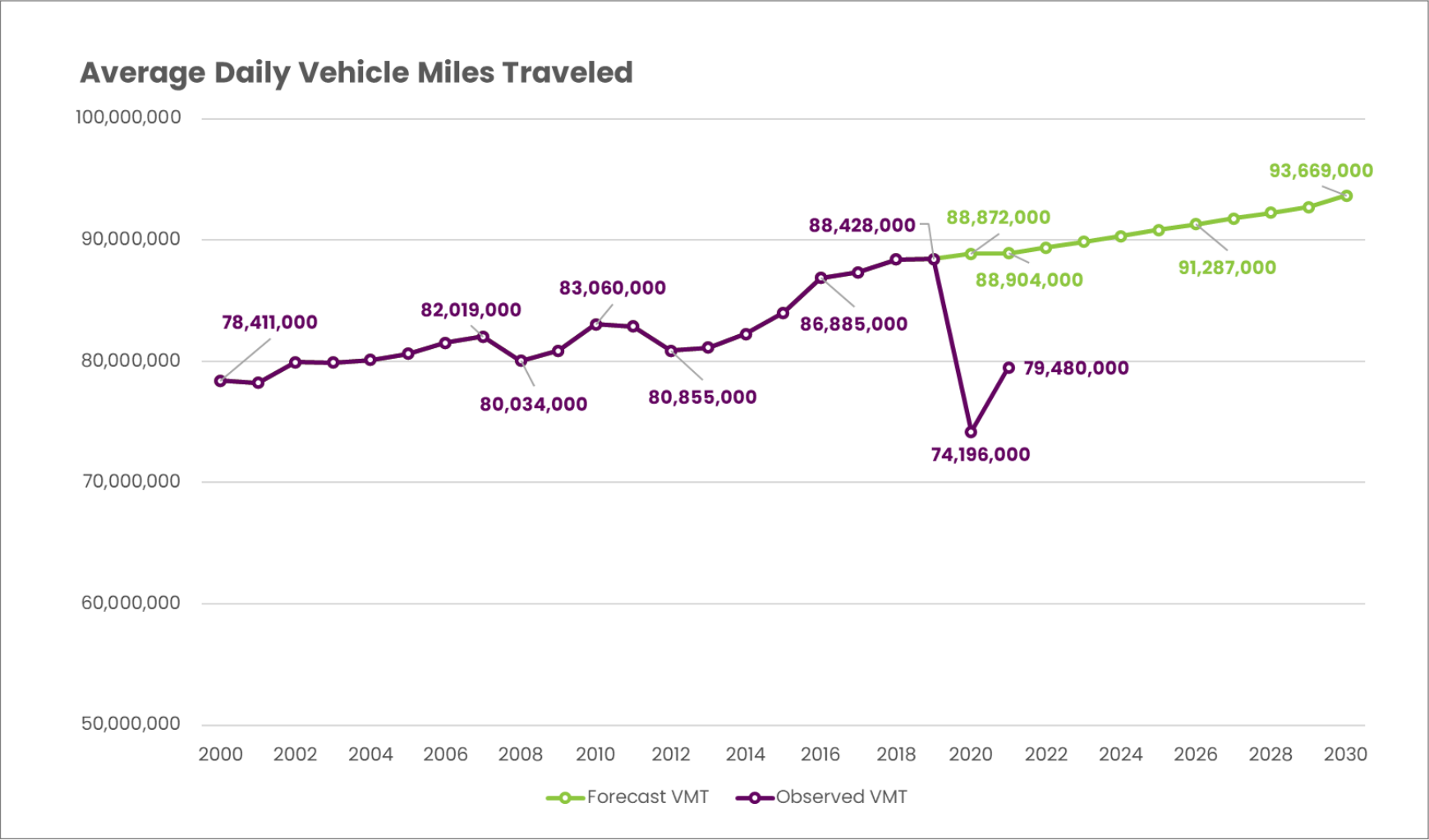
*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

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# Climate Trends

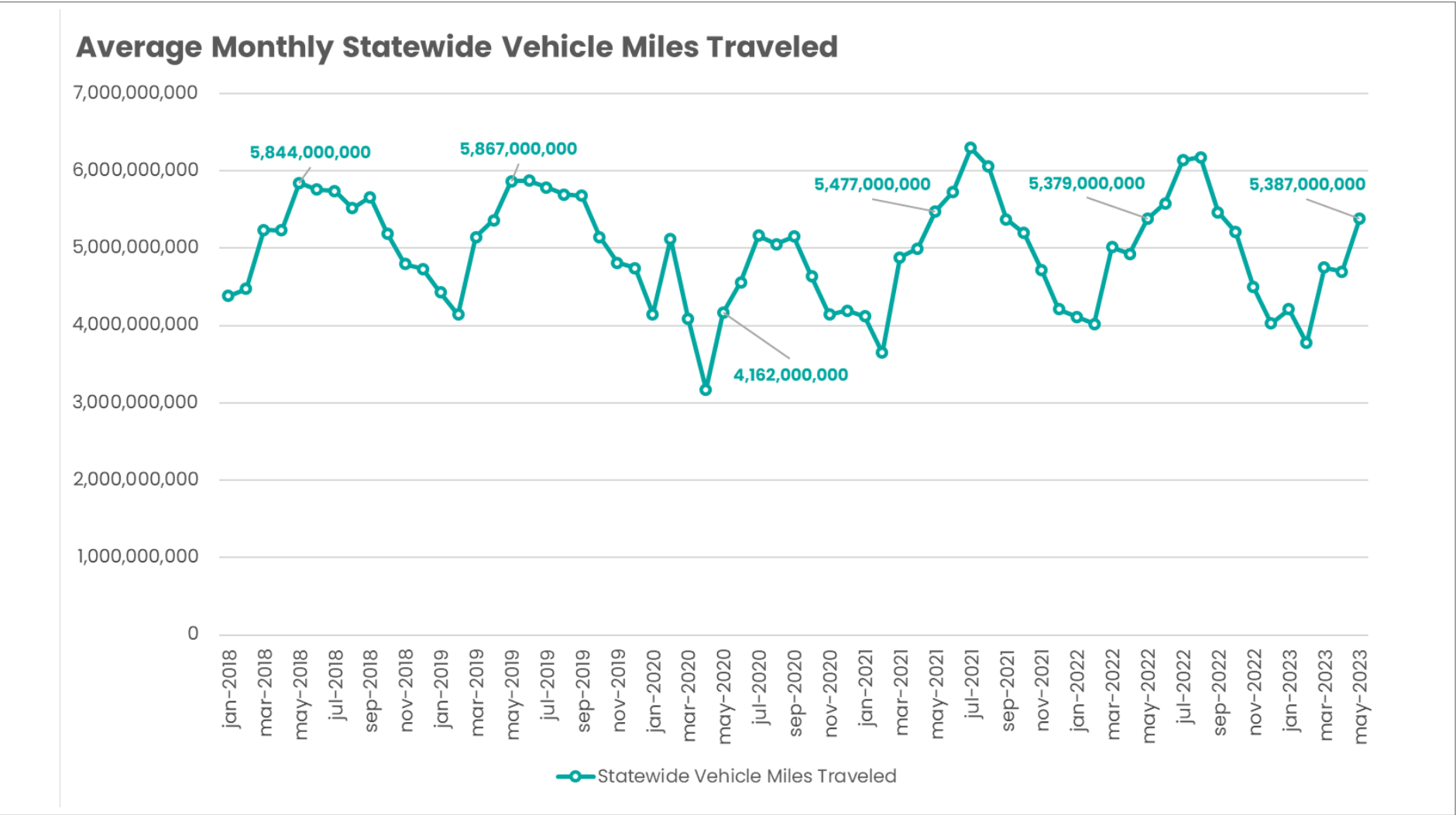


# Regionwide VMT in 2021 Was Below 2019 Levels



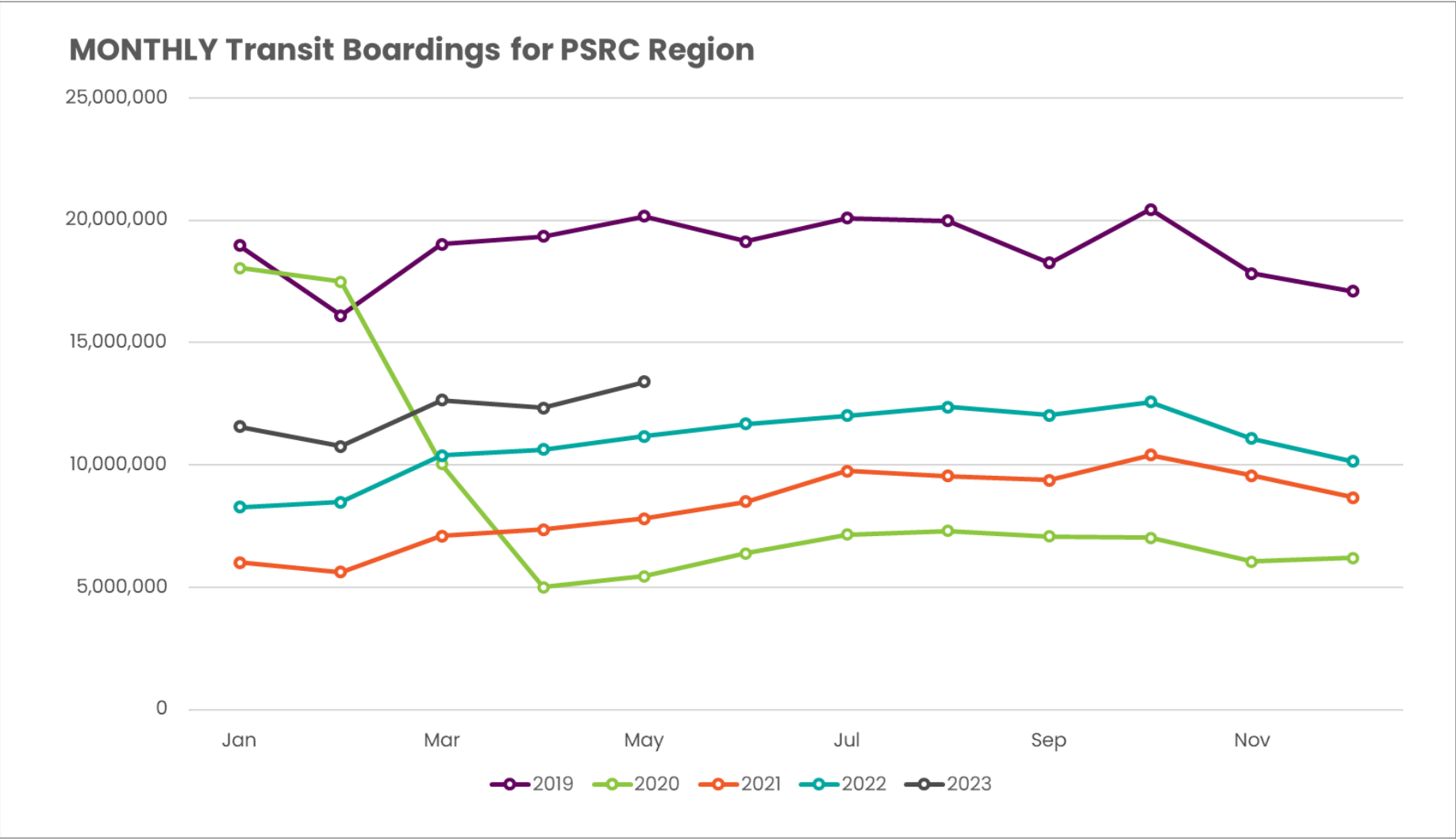
Source: Washington State Department of Transportation, Highway Performance Monitoring Section (HPMS) (<https://wsdot.wa.gov/about/transportation-data/travel-data/annual-mileage-and-travel-information>)

# Statewide VMT in May 2023 Neared 2019 Levels



Source: Federal Highway Administration Office of Highway Policy Information ([https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel\\_monitoring/tvt.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel_monitoring/tvt.cfm))

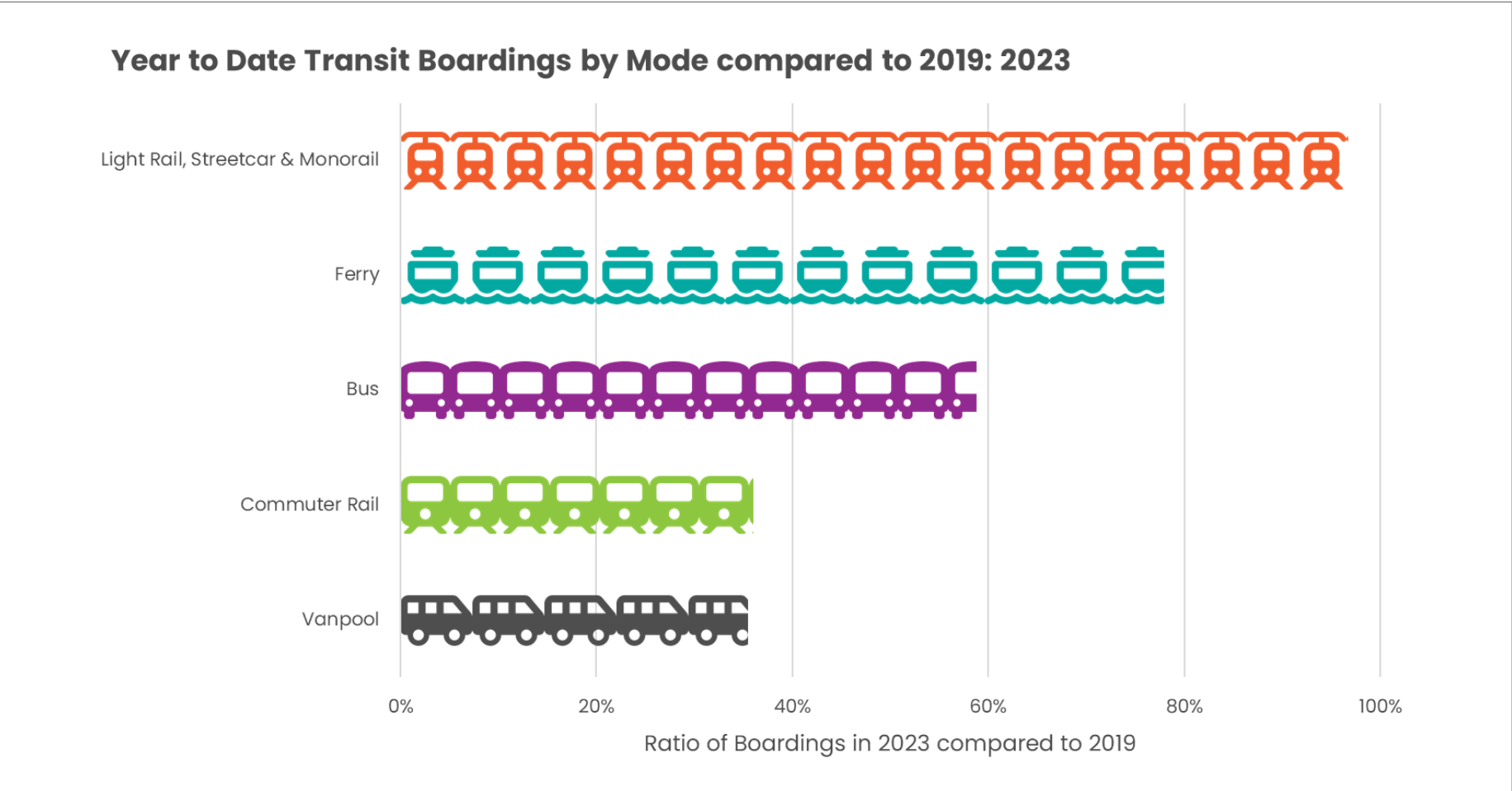
# Transit Boardings Are 65% of Pre-Pandemic Levels



Source: Federal Transit Administration National Transit Database (NTD)  
(<https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd/data-product/monthly-module-raw-data-release>)

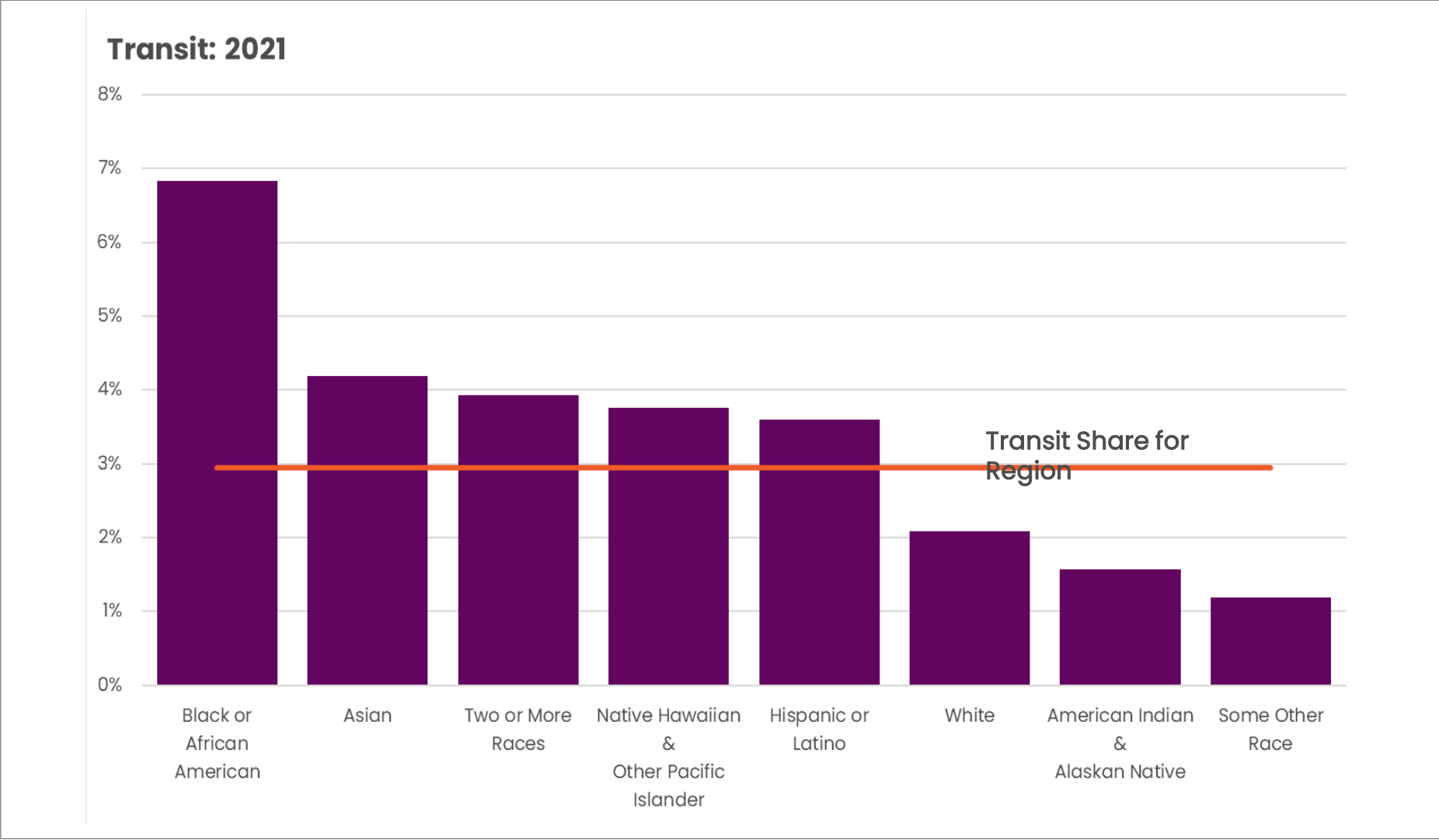
# Some Transit Modes Are Close to 2019 Levels

Differences in **capacity** along with **staffing** have impacted the growth of transit ridership



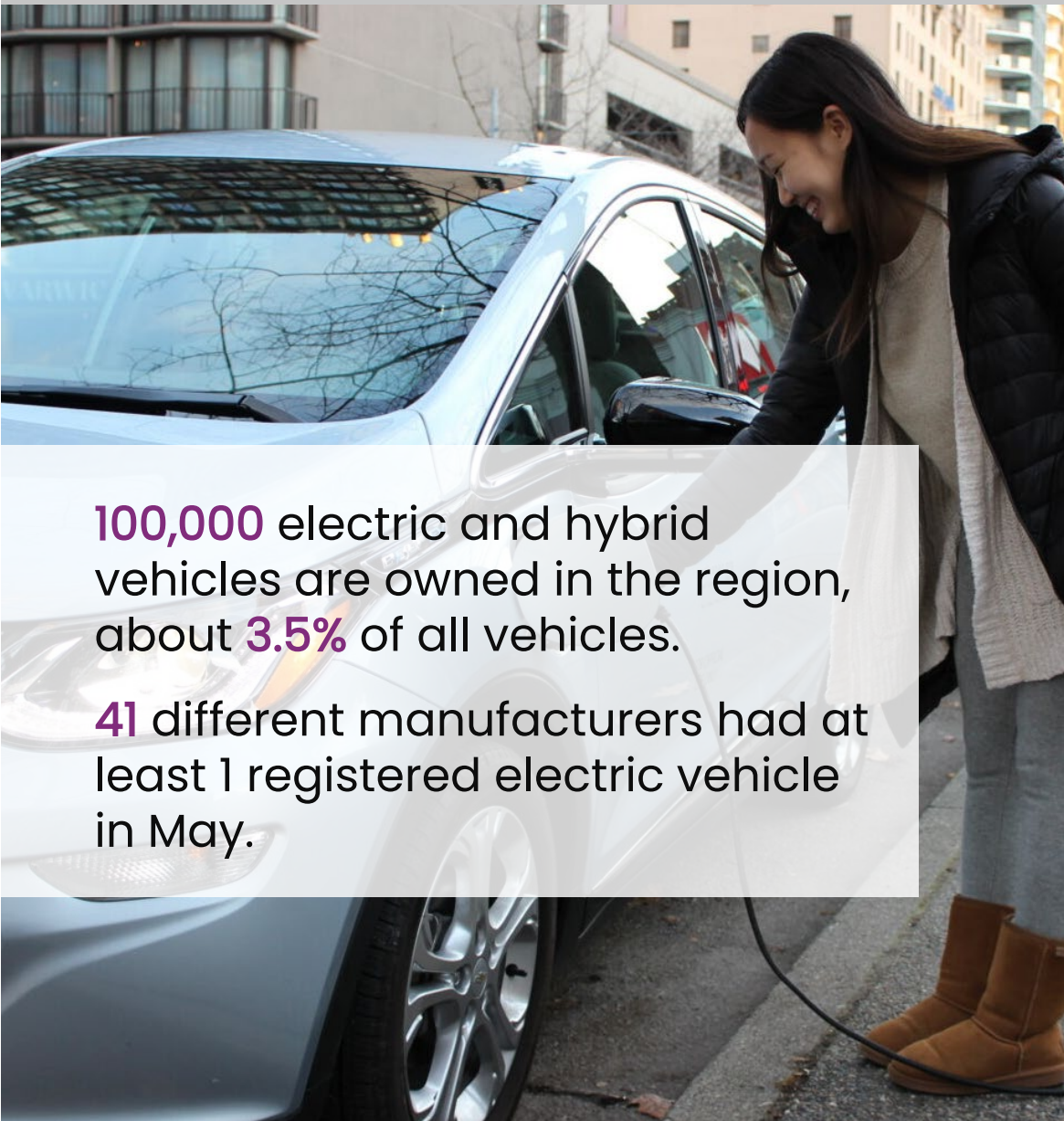
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# A Higher Share of People of Color Use Transit



Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Variable JWTRNS

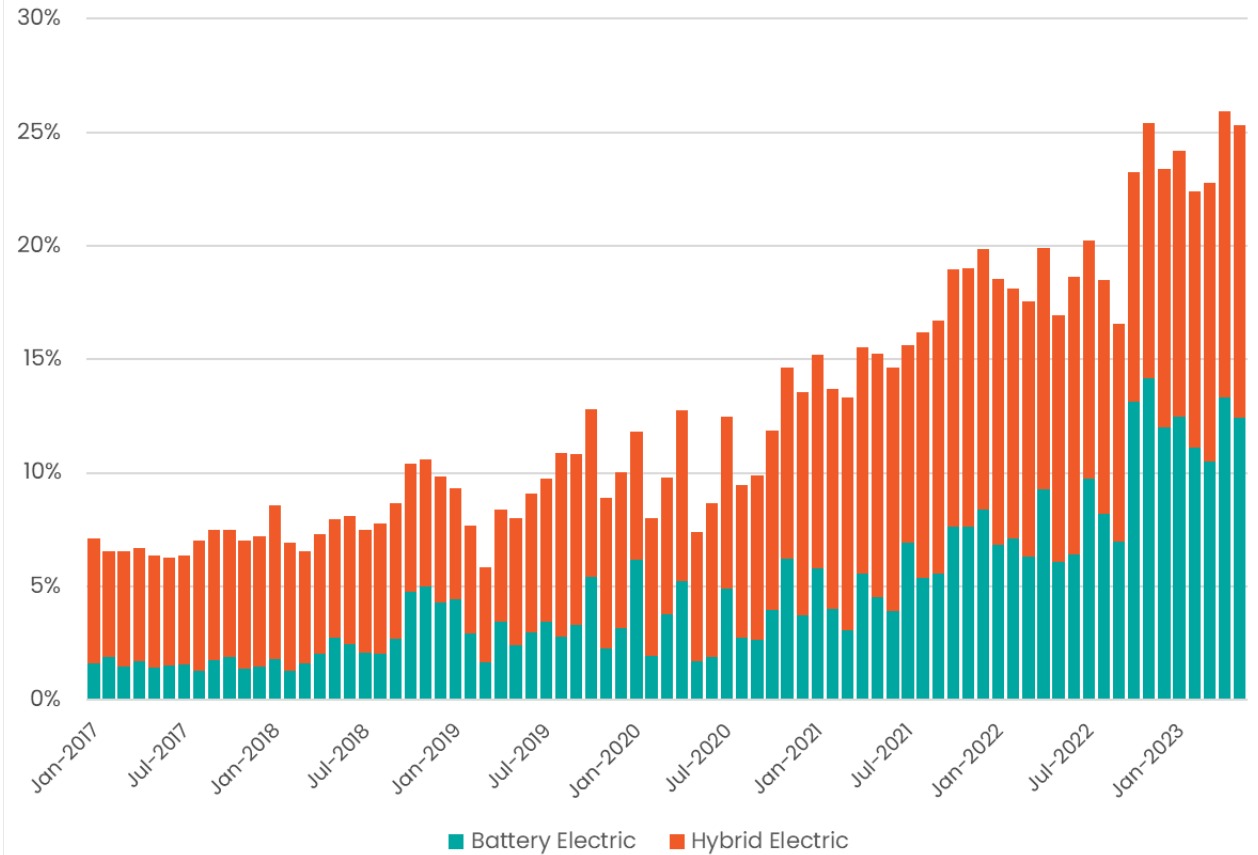
# Electric Vehicle Ownership is Growing



**100,000** electric and hybrid vehicles are owned in the region, about **3.5%** of all vehicles.

**41** different manufacturers had at least 1 registered electric vehicle in May.

## New Electric Vehicle Registrations for PSRC Region



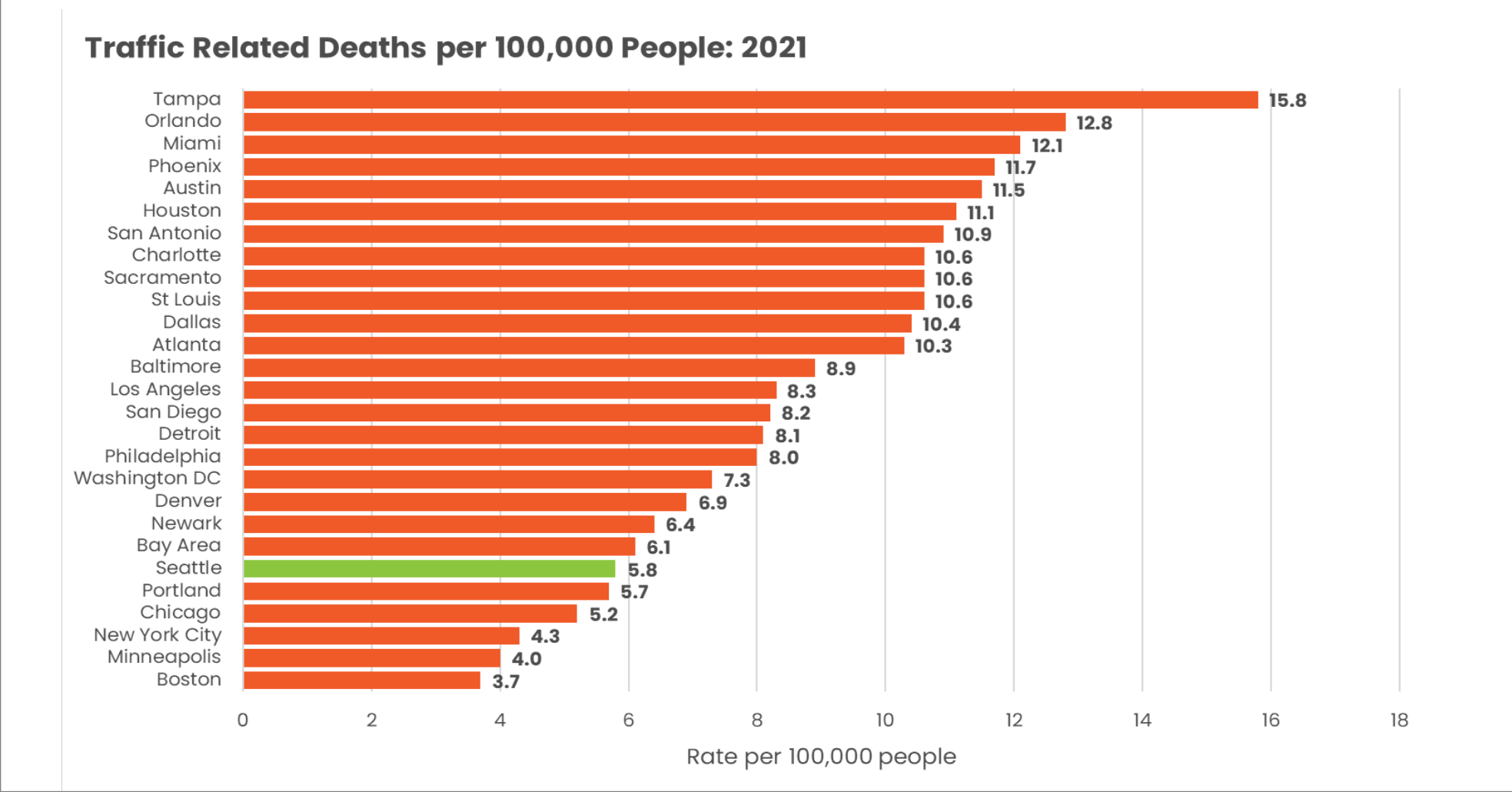
Source: Washington State Open Data Portal  
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# Safety Data Trends



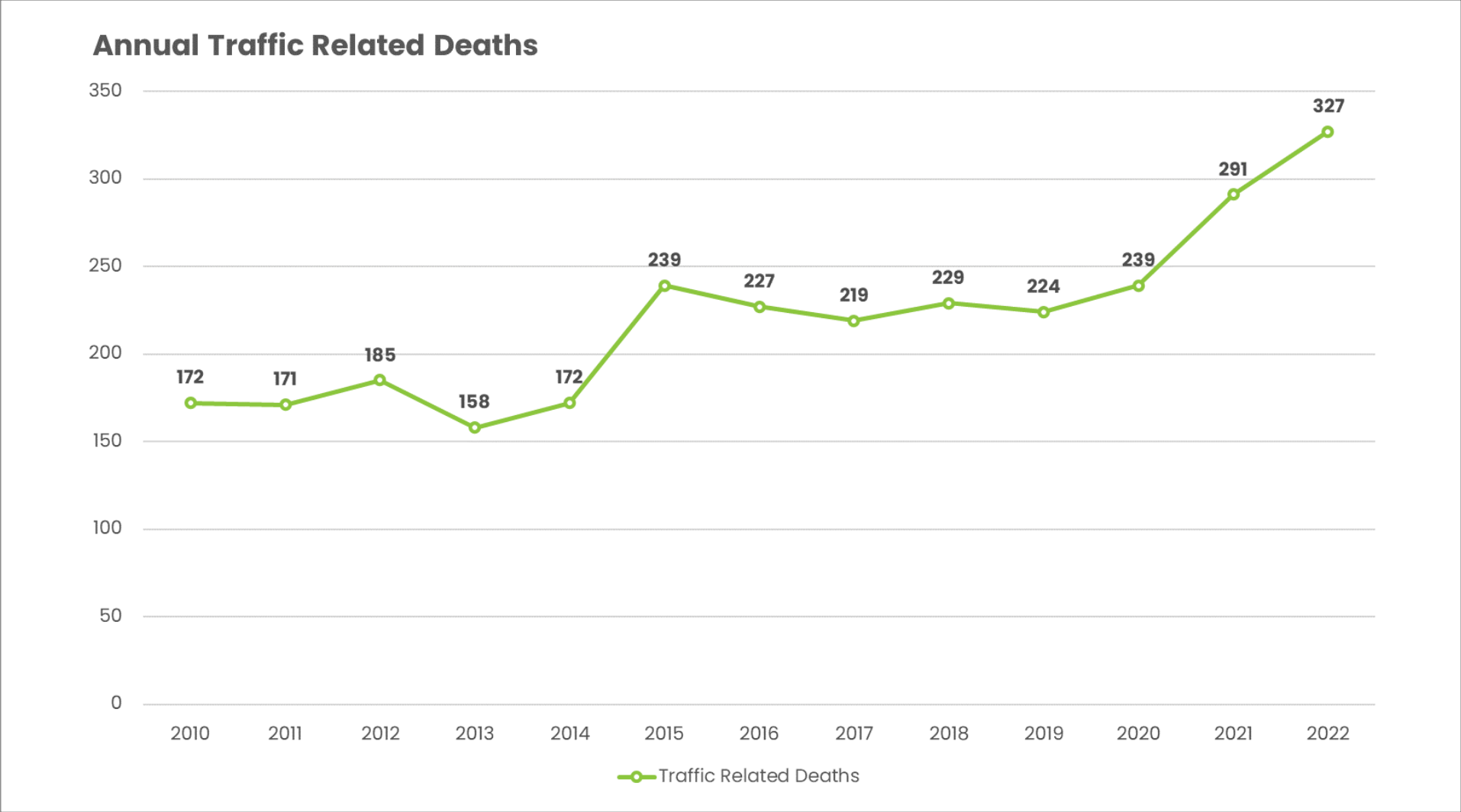
# We Are One of The “Safer” Metropolitan Regions



Collision Data Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) Data

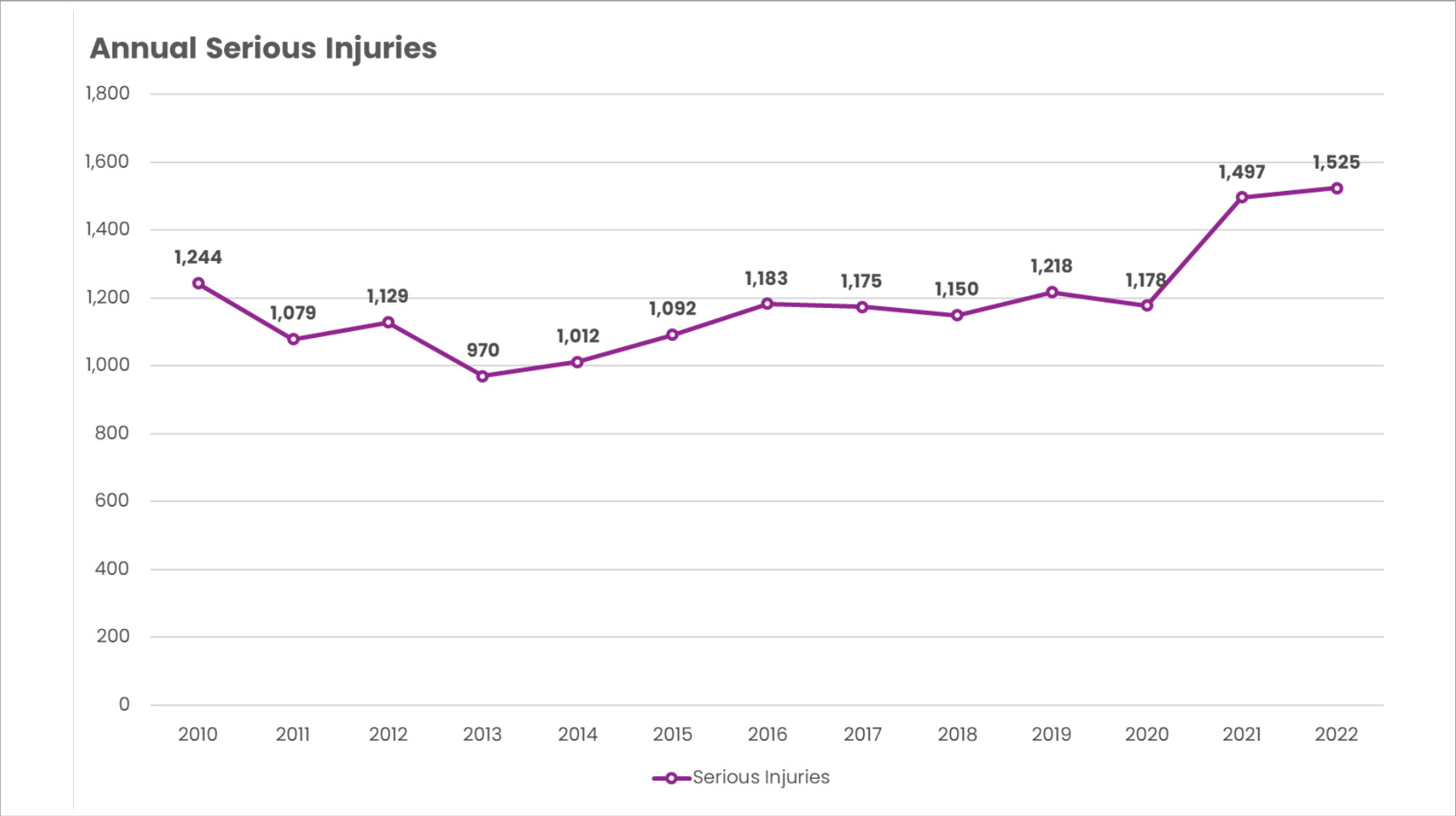
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# But Traffic Related Deaths Are Increasing



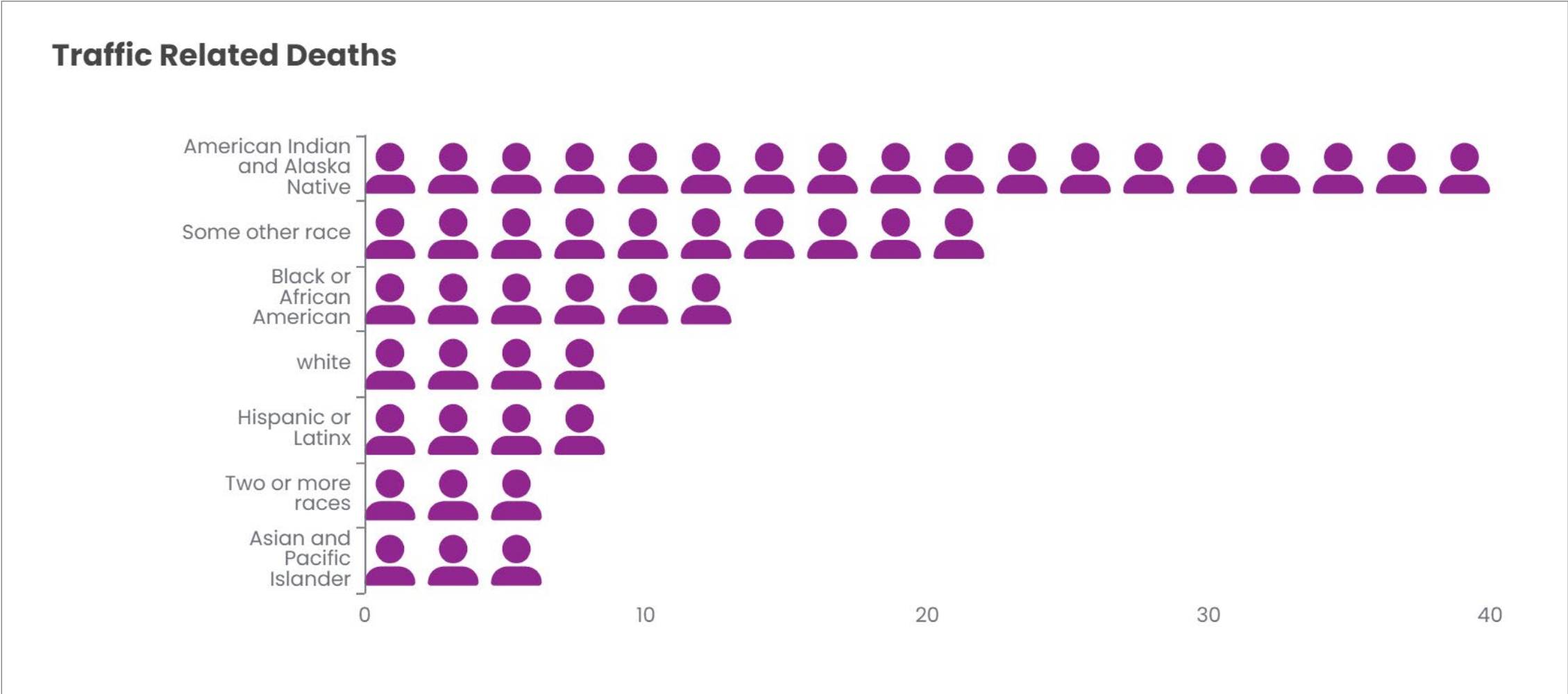
Source: Washington Traffic Safety Commission Coded Fatality Files (2022 Preliminary)

# Serious Injuries Are Also Increasing



Source: Washington State Department of Transportation, Crash Data Division, Multi-Row data files (MRFF)

# Traffic Deaths Disproportionally Impact People of Color

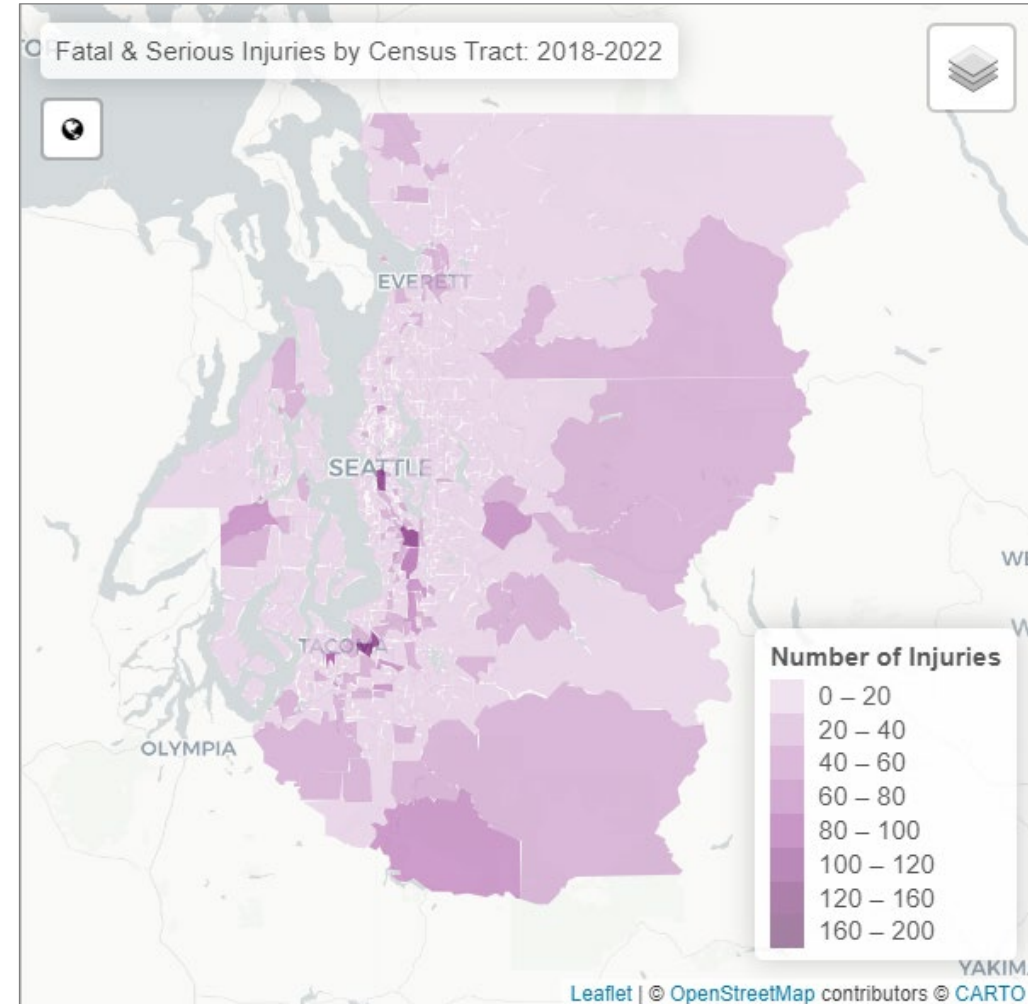


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# Every City is Affected

77 of 82 places had at least one serious or fatal collision since 2018



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Serious Injury Data Source: Washington State Department of Transportation, Crash Data Division, Multi-Row data files (MRFF)



# Most Collisions Occur Near Transit and Schools

Traffic related deaths and serious injuries occur everywhere – but happen at higher levels near transit stops and schools. A smaller share of collisions occurred near High-Capacity Transit station areas and Regional Centers – the places where VISION 2050 directs most of the future growth.



**78%** of all traffic related deaths and serious injuries happened within 1000' of a transit stop

**91%** of all traffic related deaths and serious injuries happened with ½ mile of a school

**37%** of all traffic related deaths and serious injuries happened in high-capacity transit areas and Regional Centers

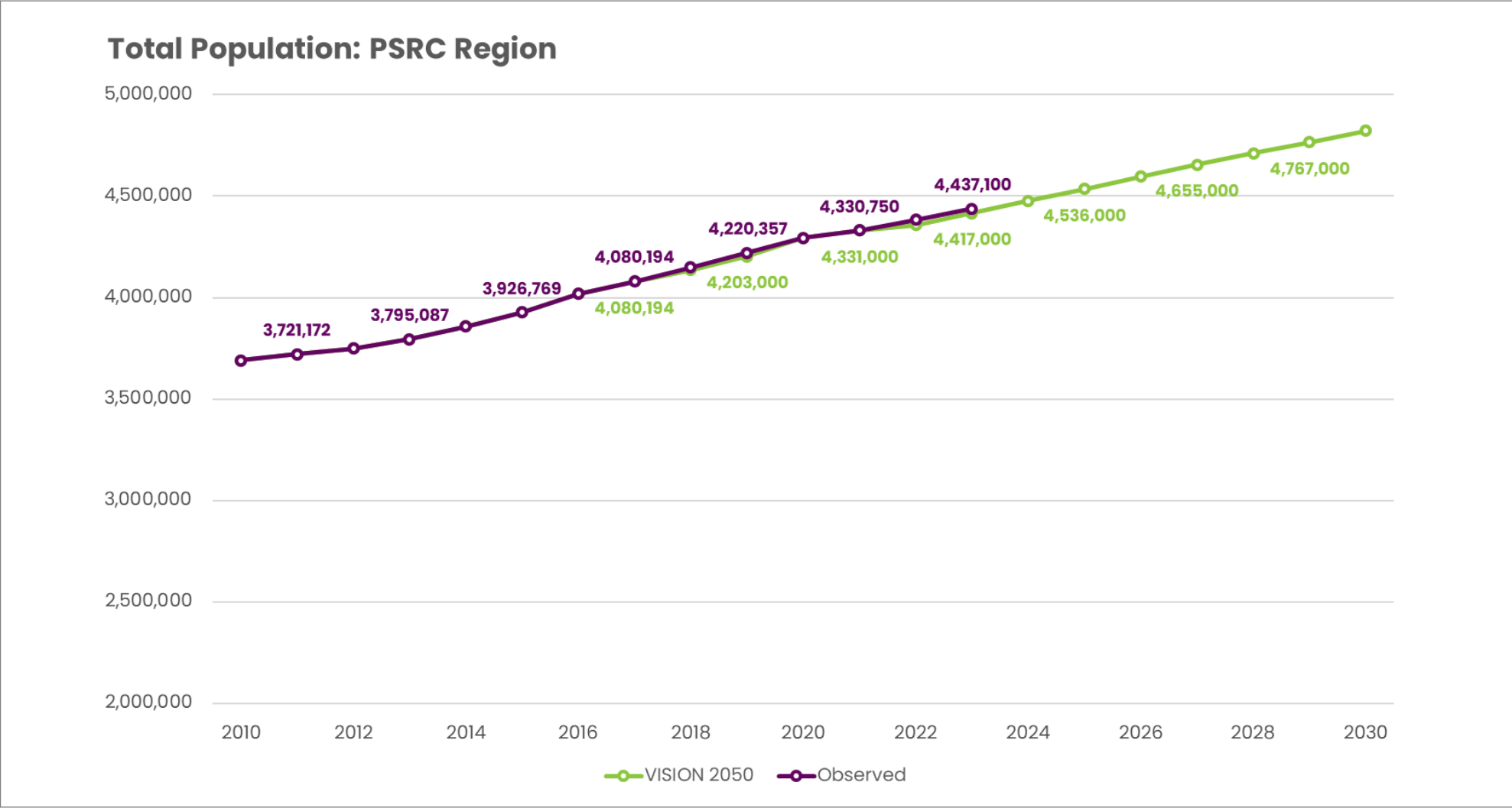


# Growth Trends





# We Are Still a Growing Region



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management  
([https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/dataresearch/pop/april/ofm\\_april\\_population\\_final.xlsx](https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/dataresearch/pop/april/ofm_april_population_final.xlsx))

# 65% of Growth Since 2010 Has Been in Our Largest Cities



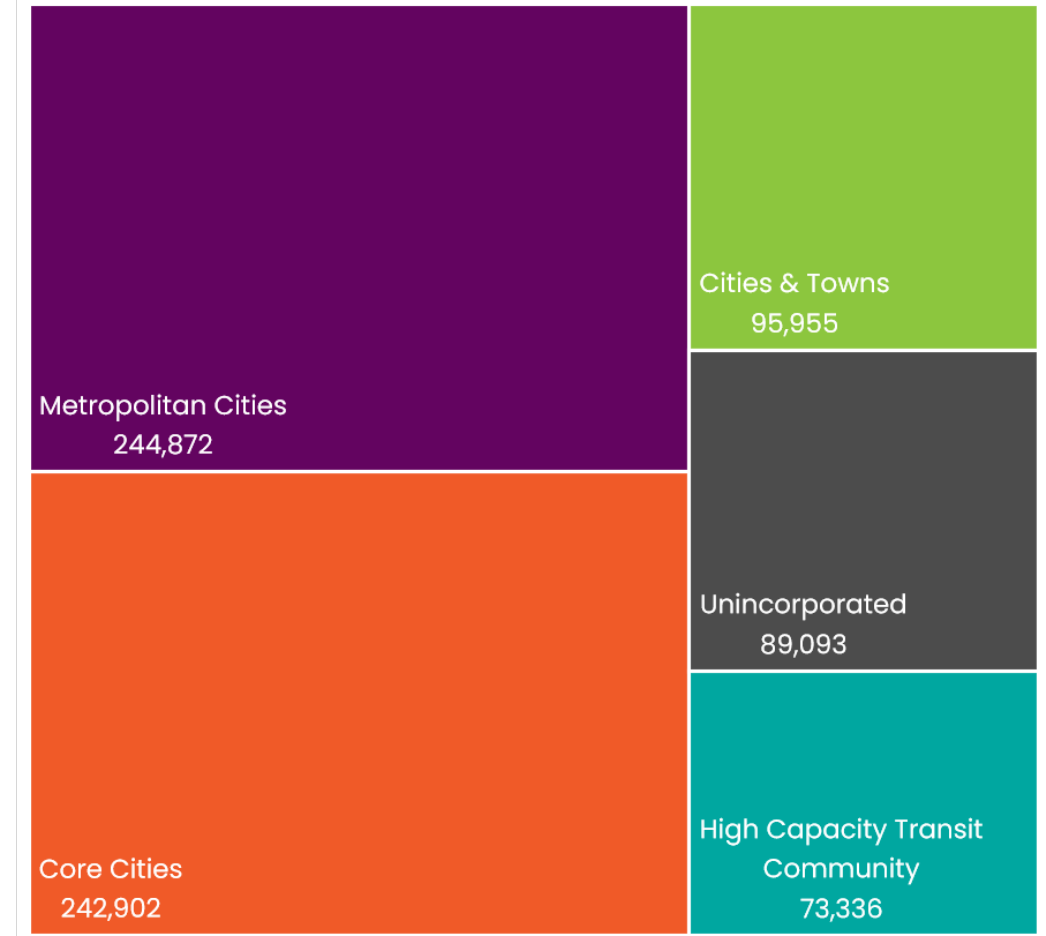
Between 2022 and 2023:

**31%** of the Regional Population growth occurred in **Seattle**, almost 17,000 people

**Black Diamond** had the fastest rate of change at **12%**, adding over 700 people.

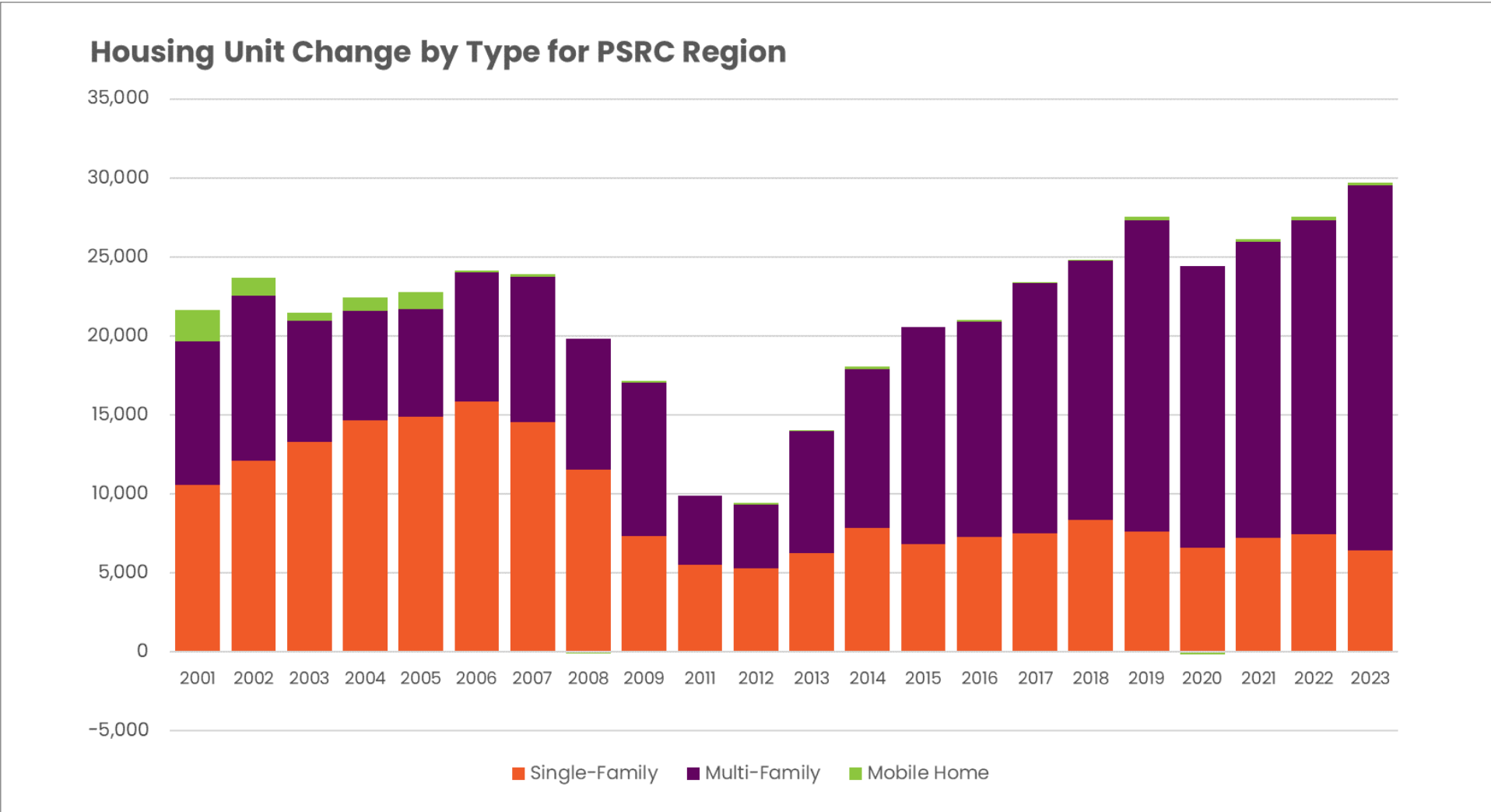
**27** cities had a growth rate of at least 1.2%, the average annual growth rate estimated between 2018 and 2050 in VISION 2050

Population Growth: 2010 to 2023



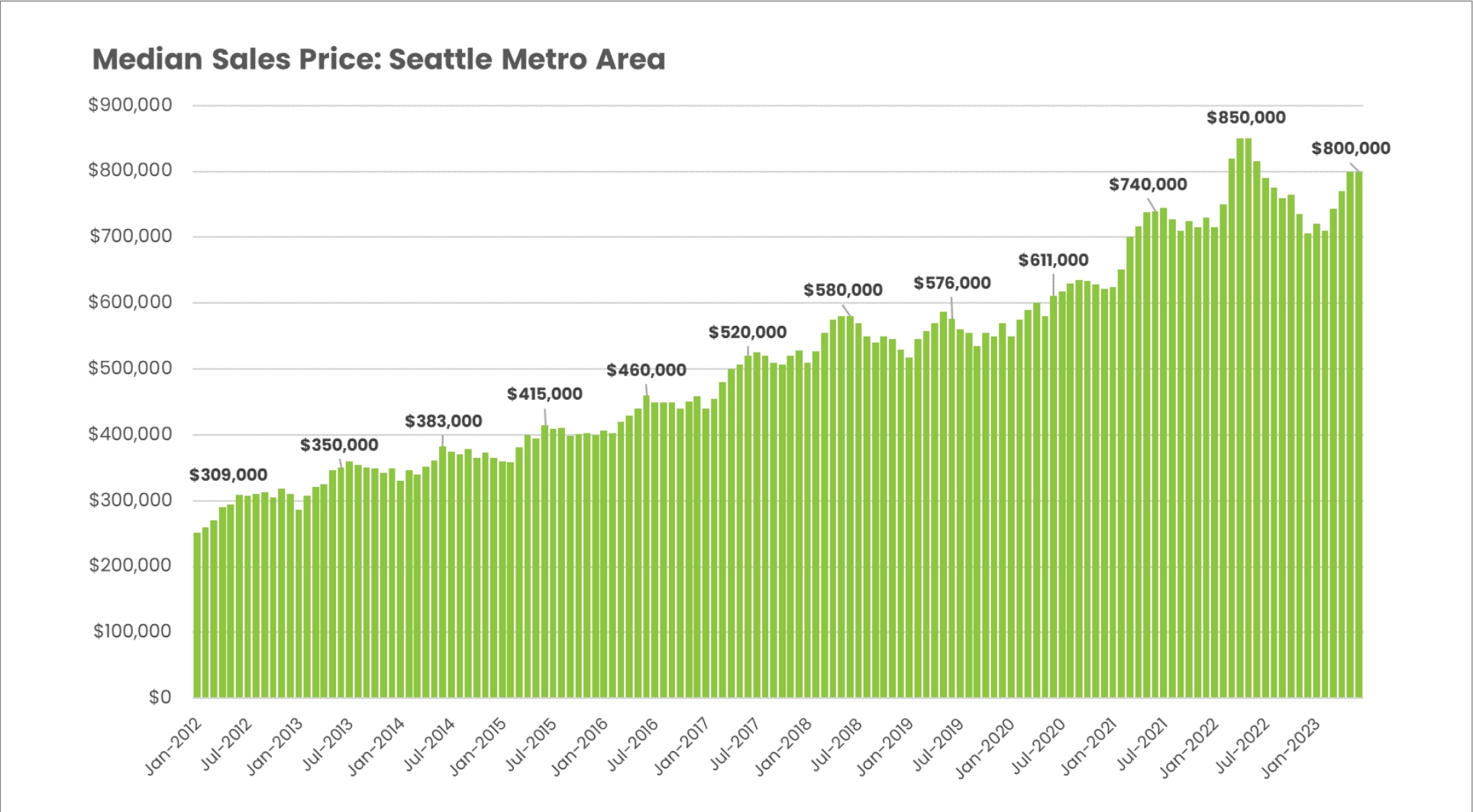
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# Housing Production is At a 20-Year High



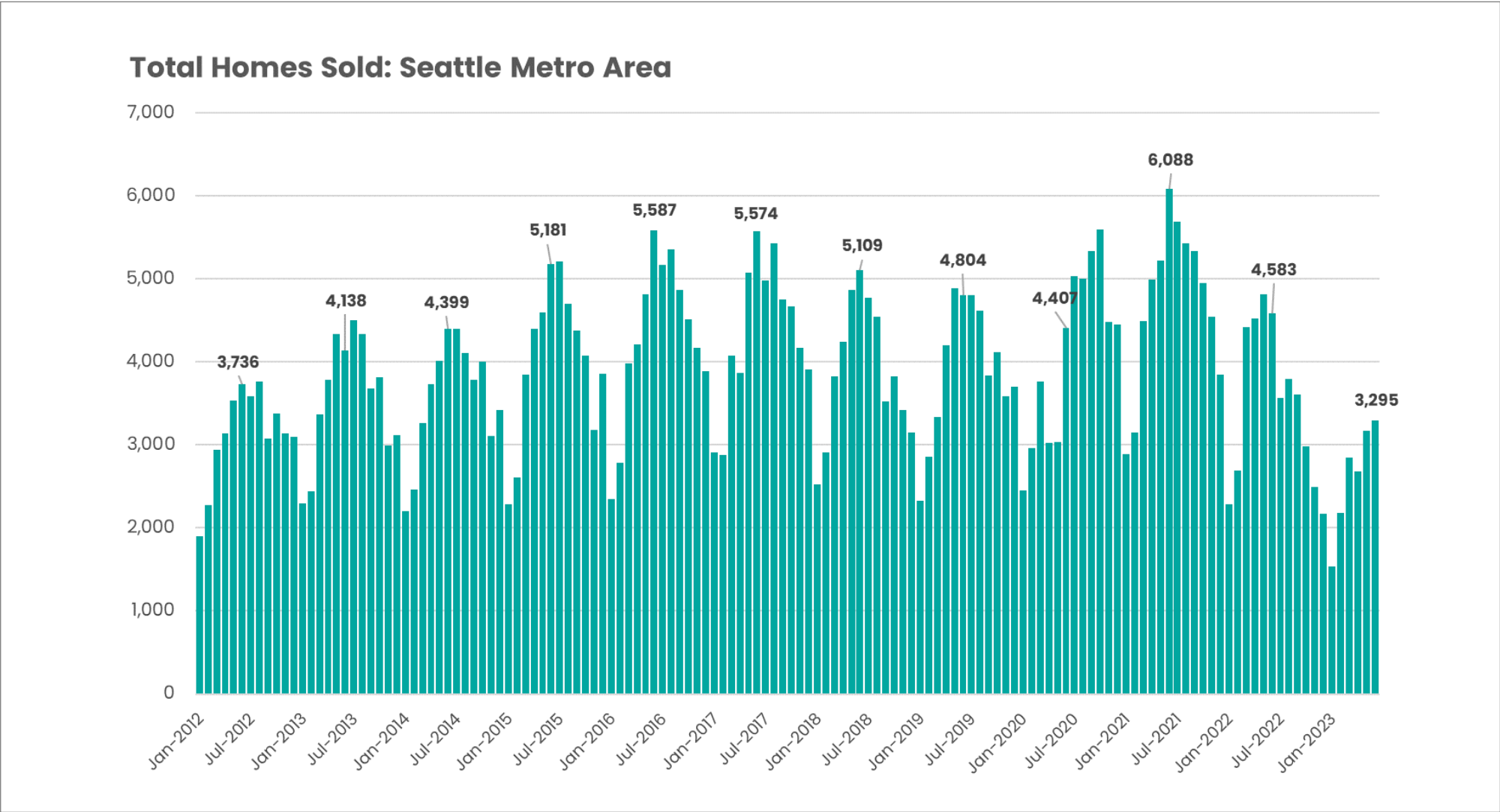
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(<https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/historical-estimates-april-1-population-and-housing-state-counties-and-cities>)

# Home Prices Are Down Slightly From All-Time Highs



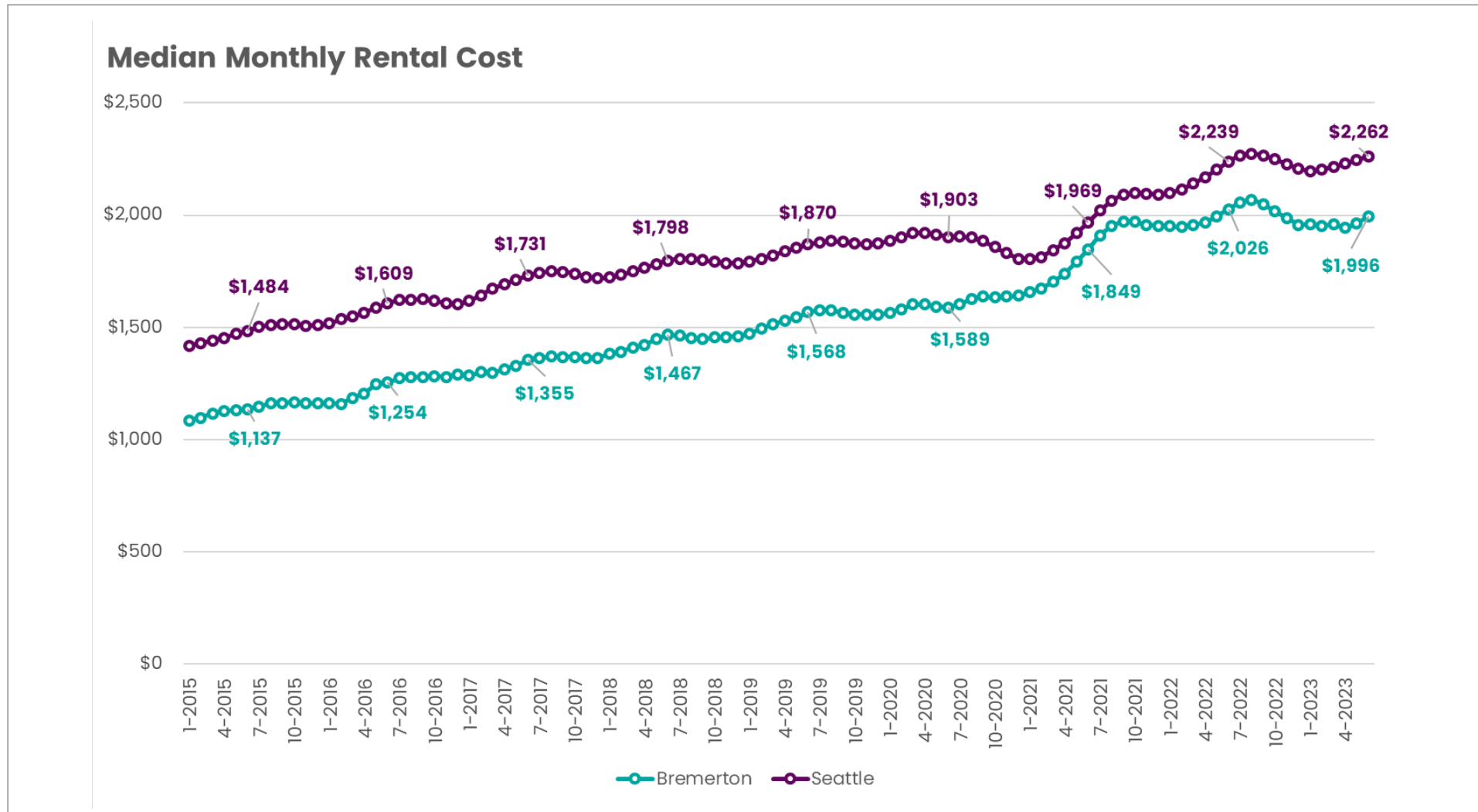
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# Home Sales Are Driving Costs



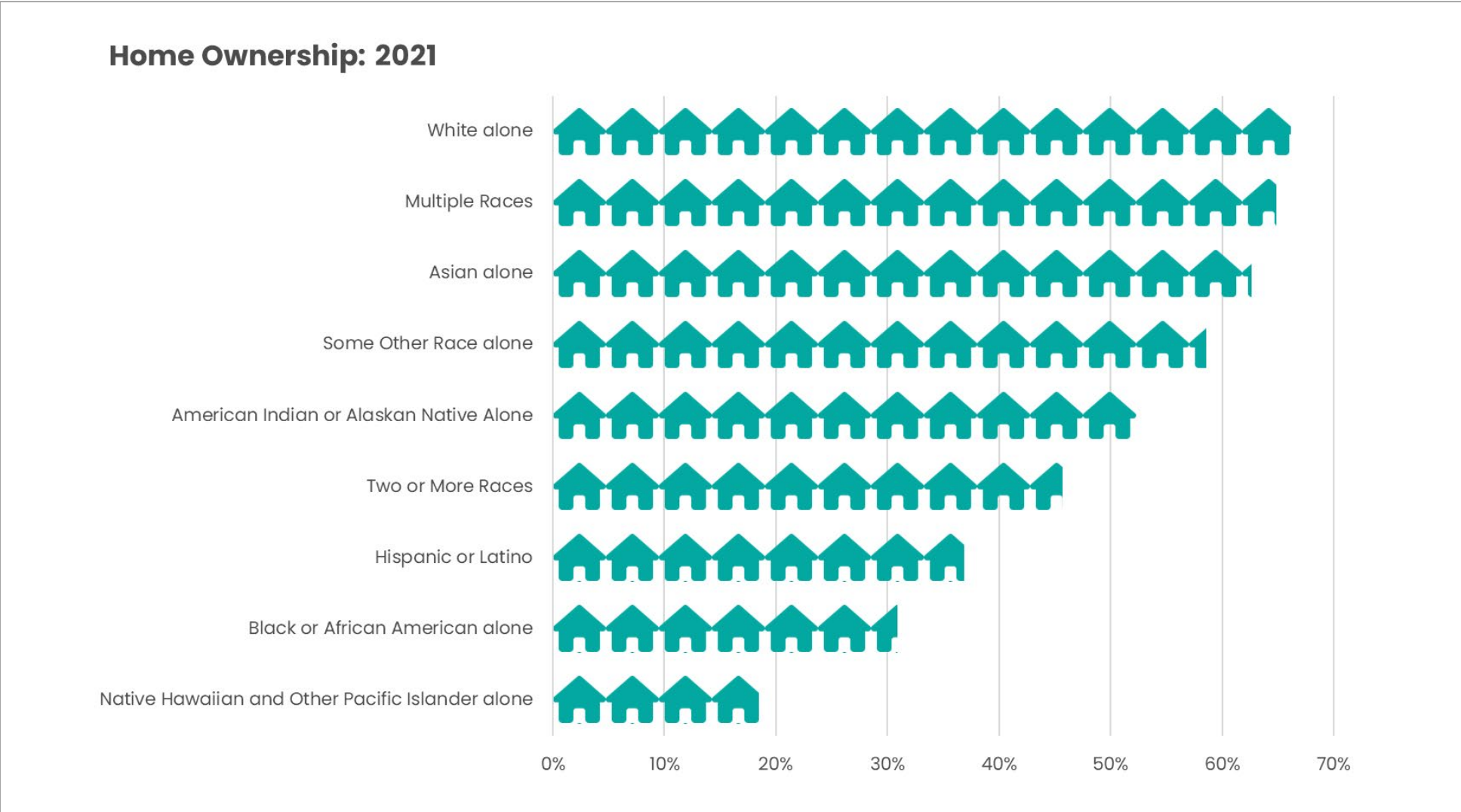
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# Rental Costs Continue to Climb



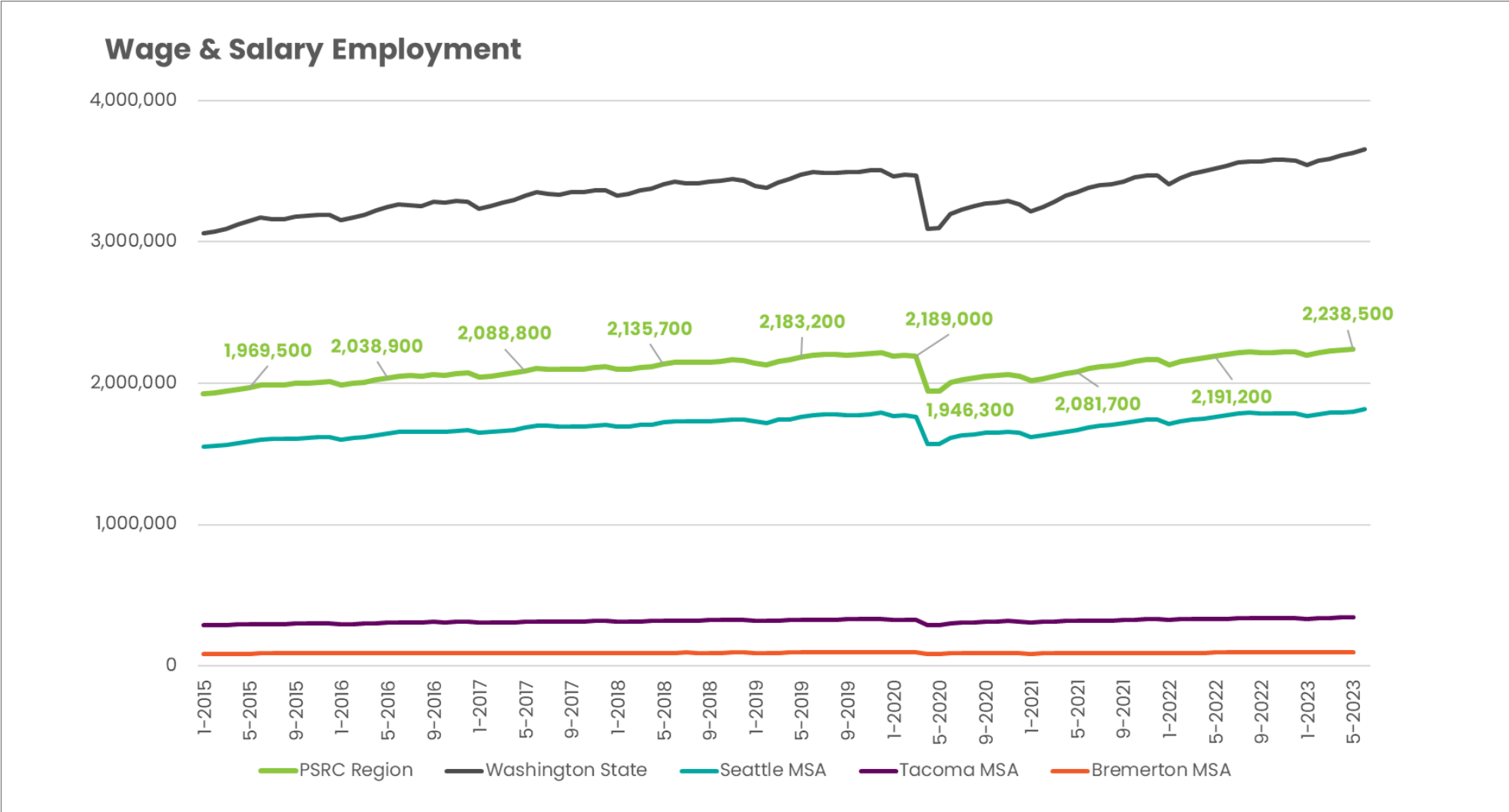
Source: Zillow  
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# There Are Noticeable Disparities in Home Ownership



Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Variable TEN

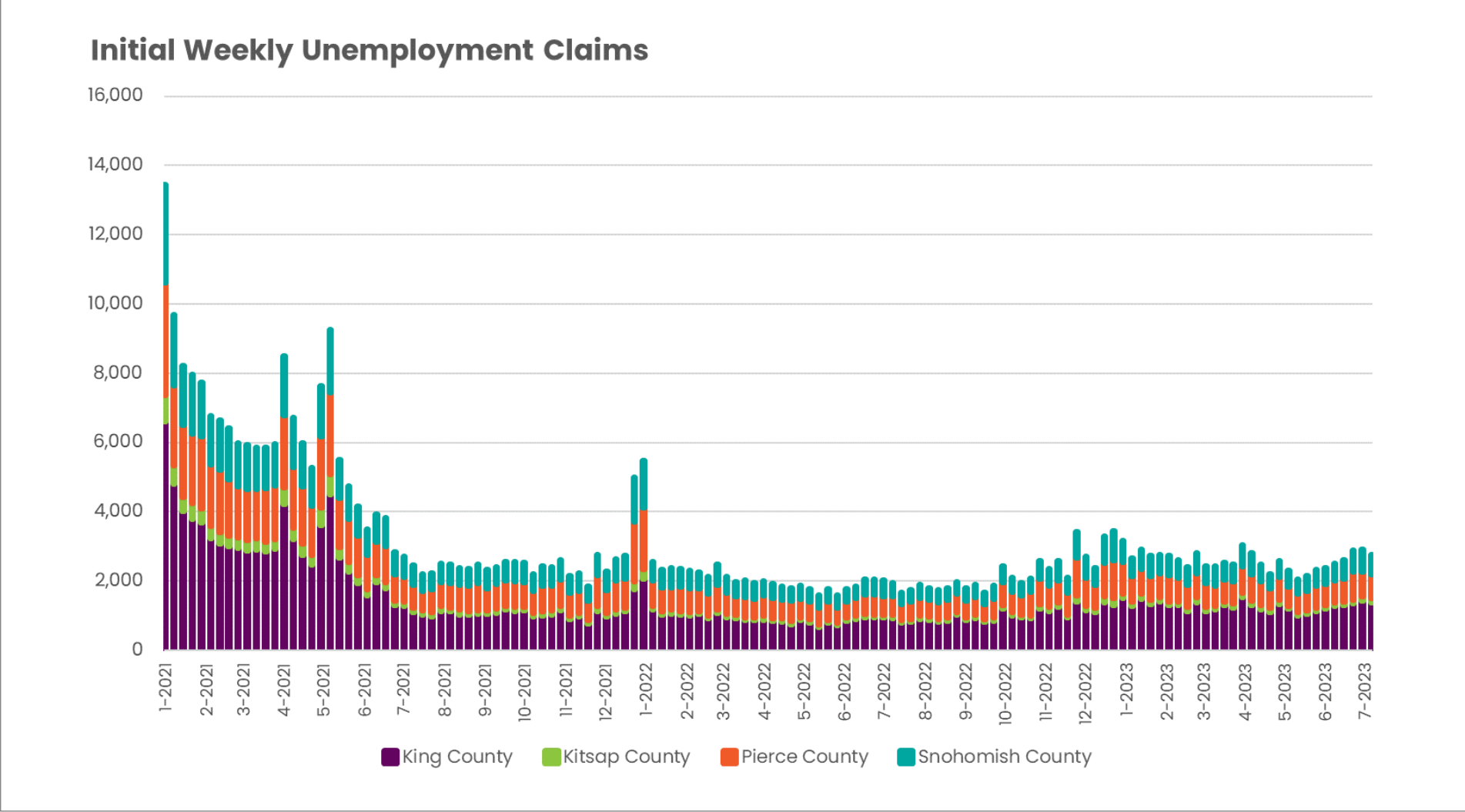
# Jobs Are Above Pre-Pandemic Levels



Source: Employment Security Department Washington State (<https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/employment-estimates>)

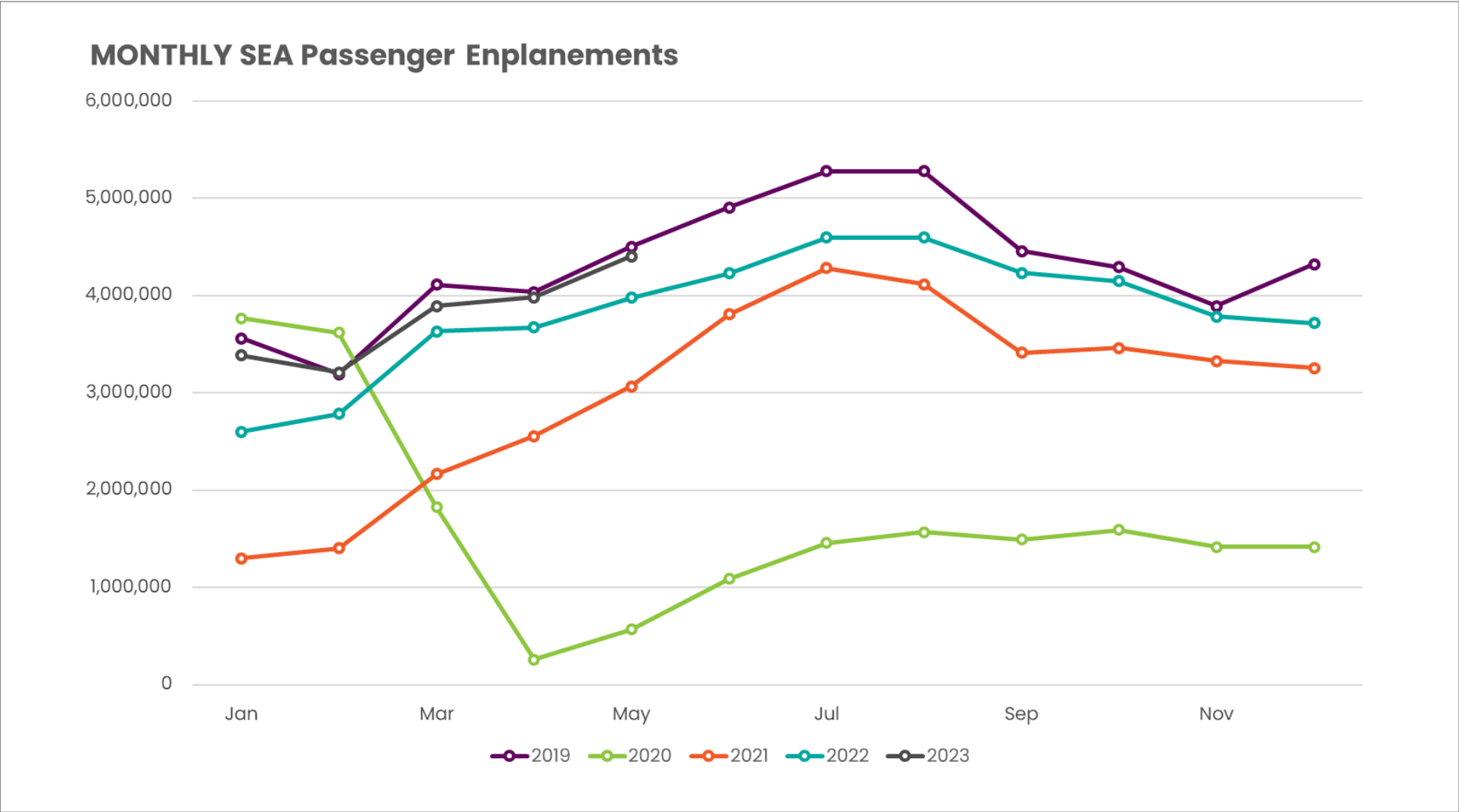


# Unemployment Claims Are Steady



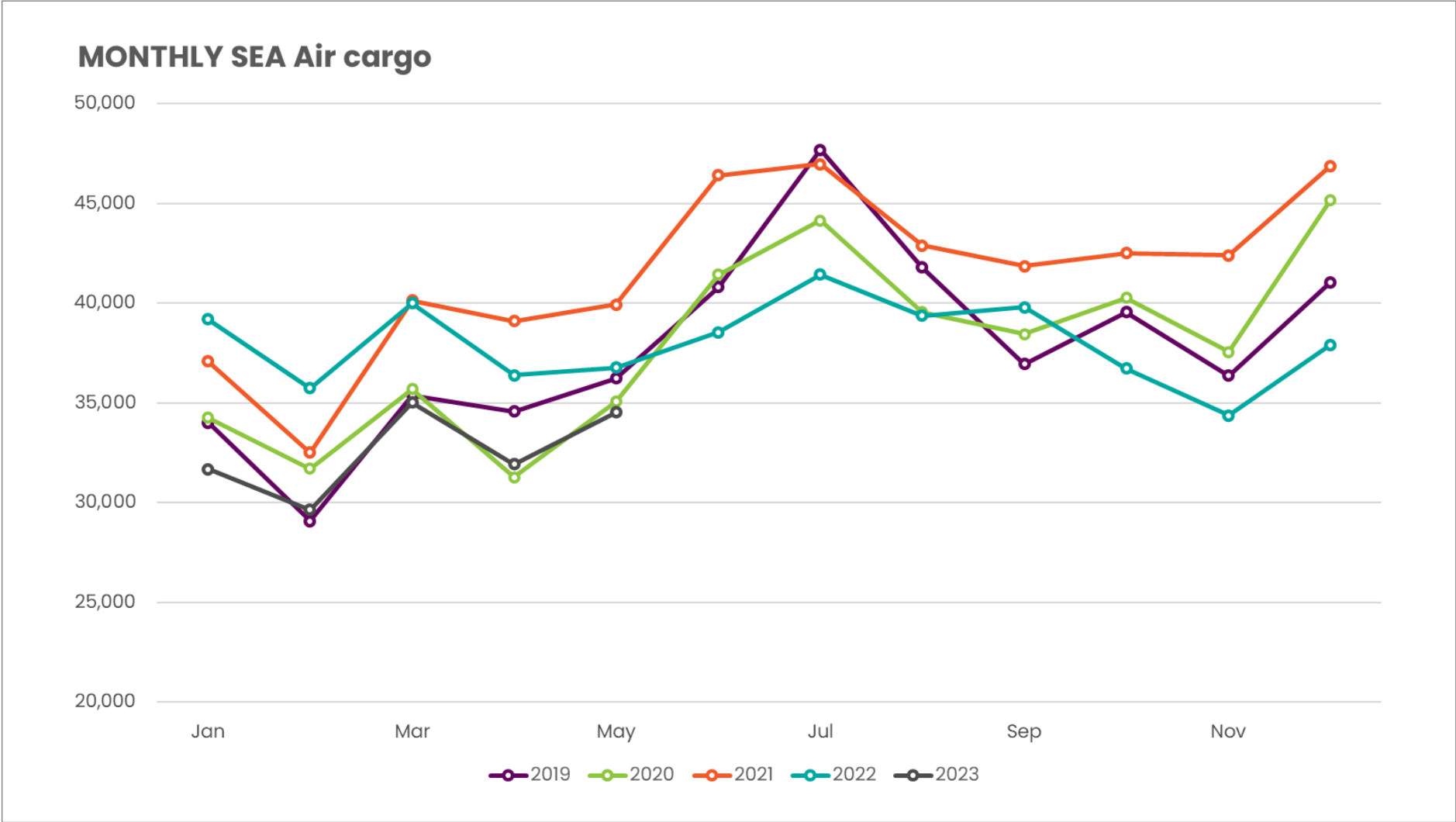
Source: Employment Security Department Washington State  
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# Passengers Have Returned to The Airport



Source: Port of Seattle Airport Statistics  
(<https://www.portseattle.org/page/airport-statistics>)

# Air Cargo is At 2020 Levels



Source: Port of Seattle Airport Statistics  
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# Thank You!

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