

Puget Sound Trends

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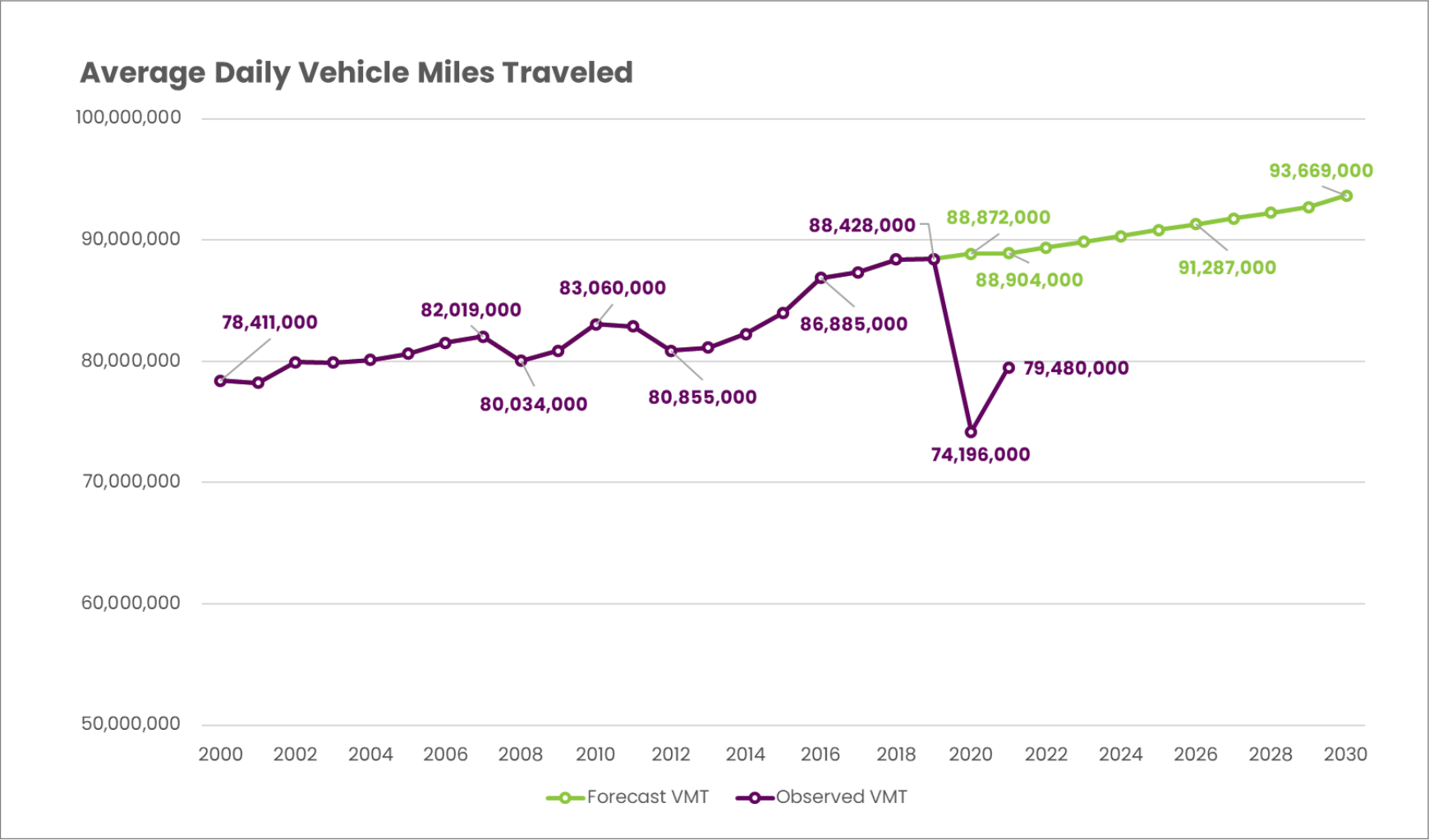
We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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Climate Trends

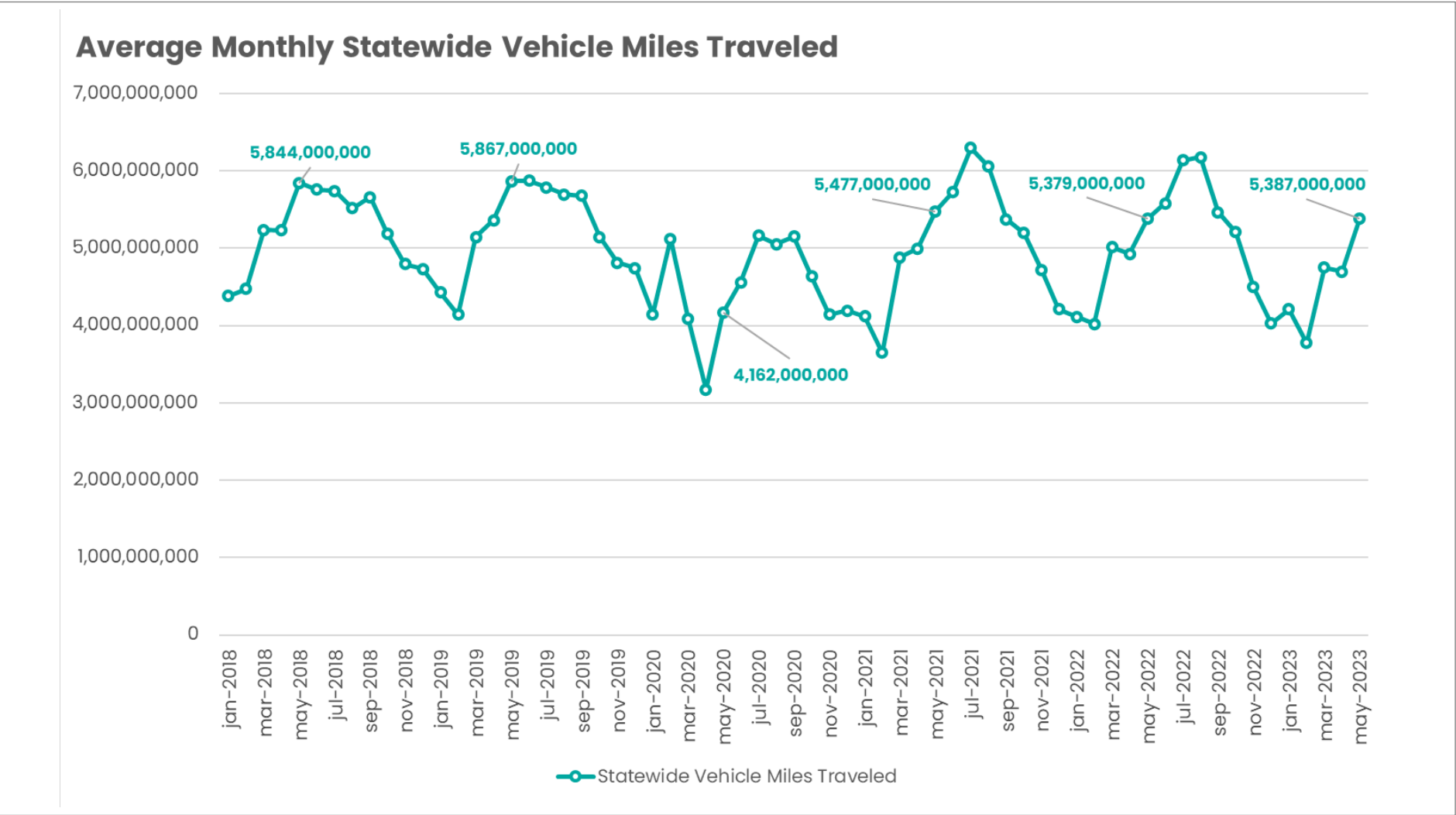


Regionwide VMT in 2021 Was Below 2019 Levels



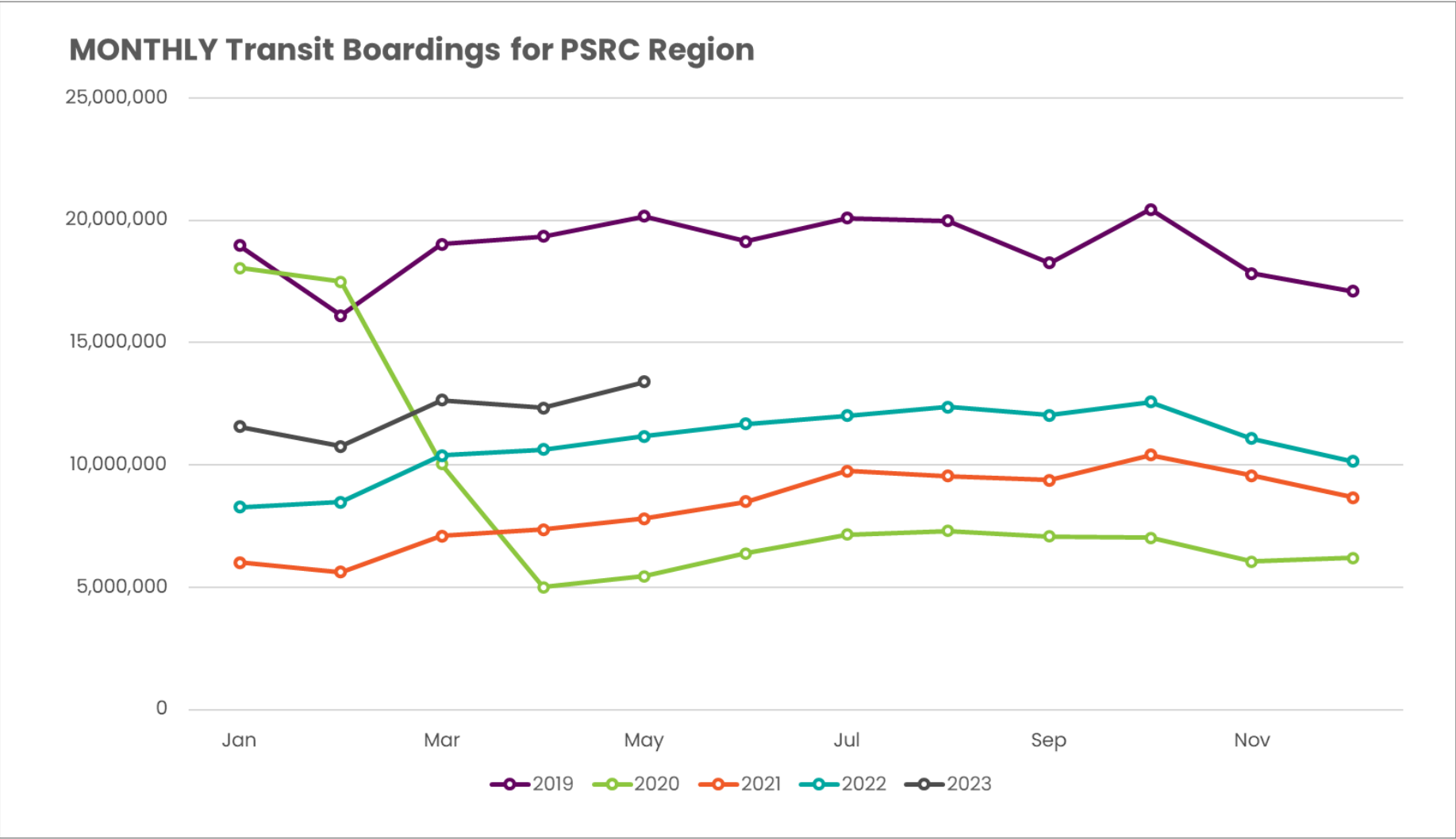
Source: Washington State Department of Transportation, Highway Performance Monitoring Section (HPMS) (<https://wsdot.wa.gov/about/transportation-data/travel-data/annual-mileage-and-travel-information>)

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)

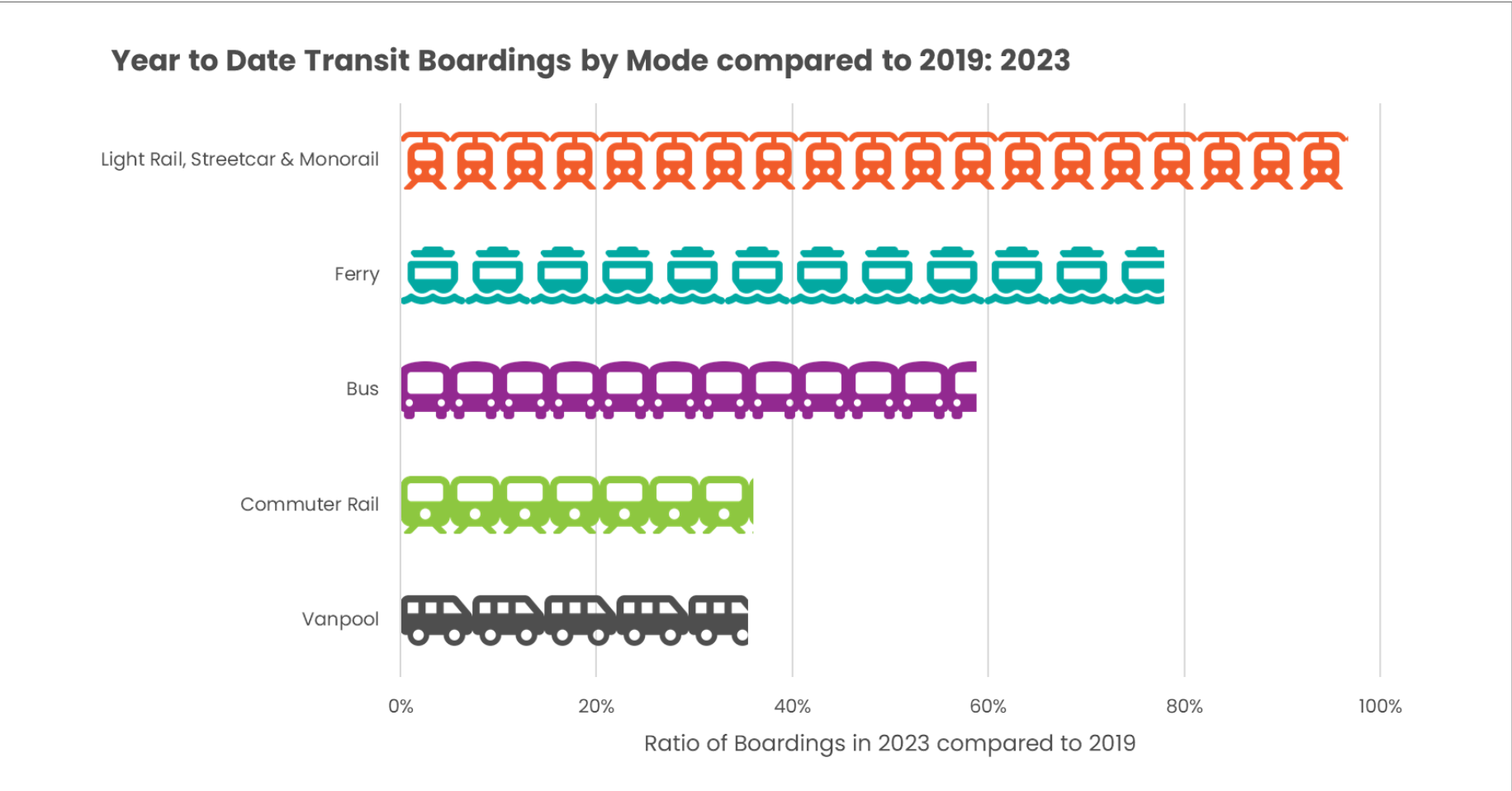
Transit Boardings Are 65% of Pre-Pandemic Levels



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

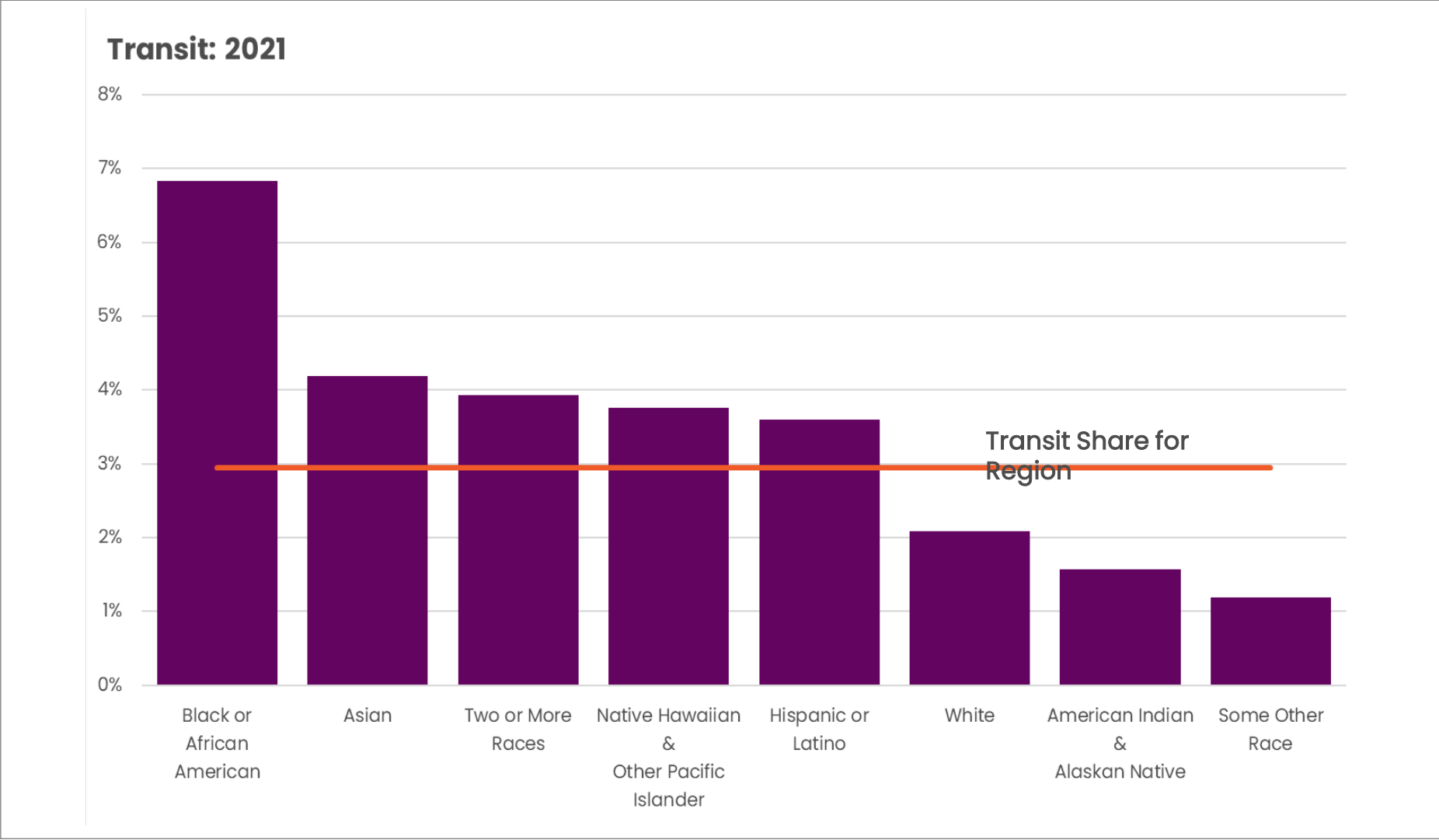
Some Transit Modes Are Close to 2019 Levels

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



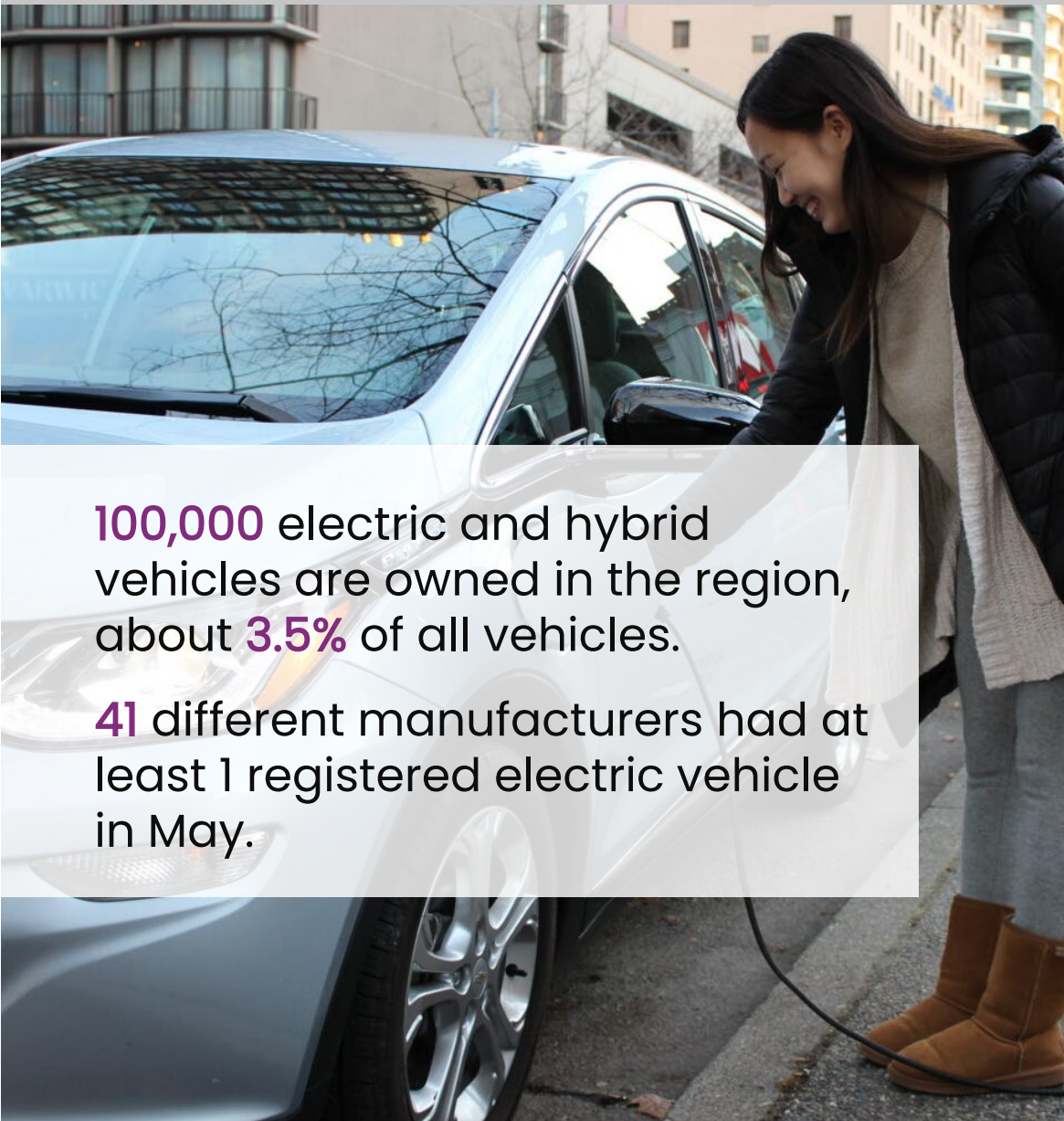
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A Higher Share of People of Color Use Transit



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

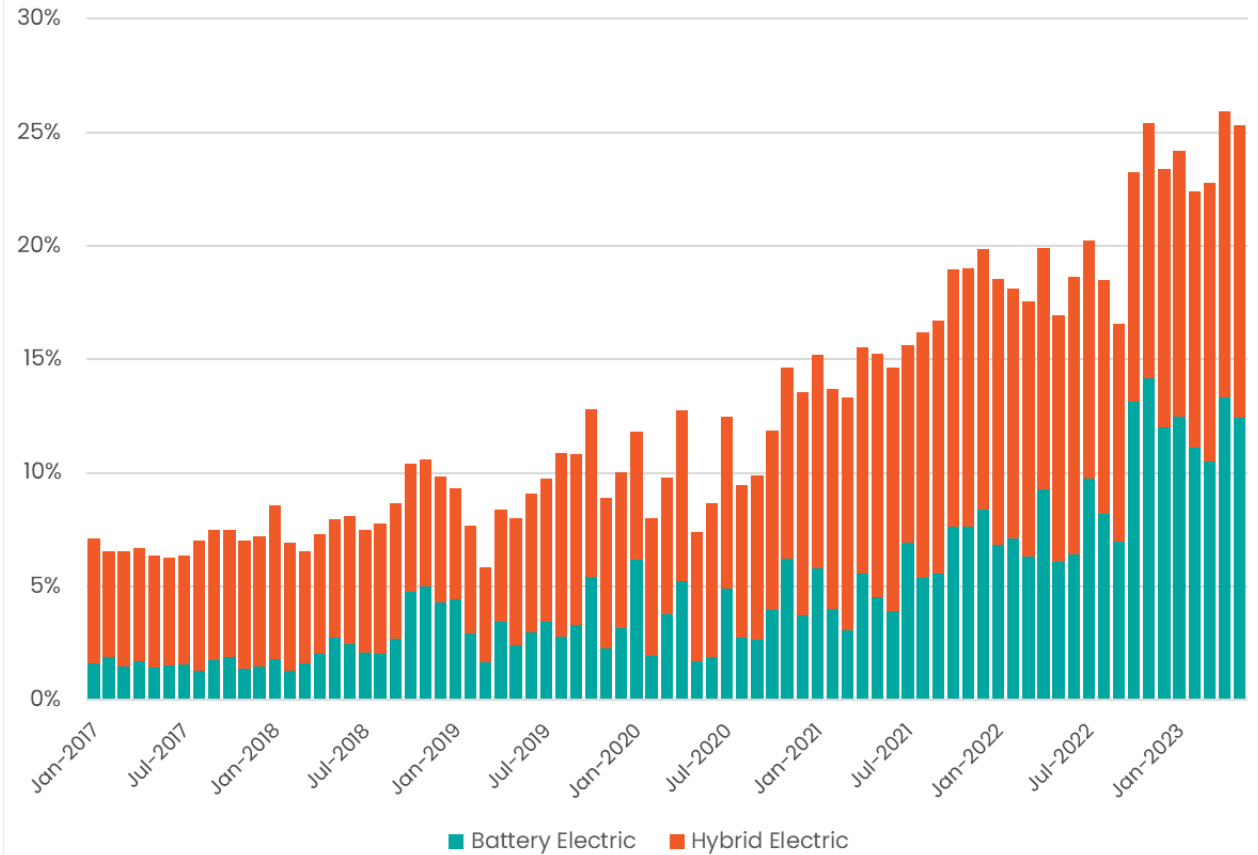
Electric Vehicle Ownership is Growing



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

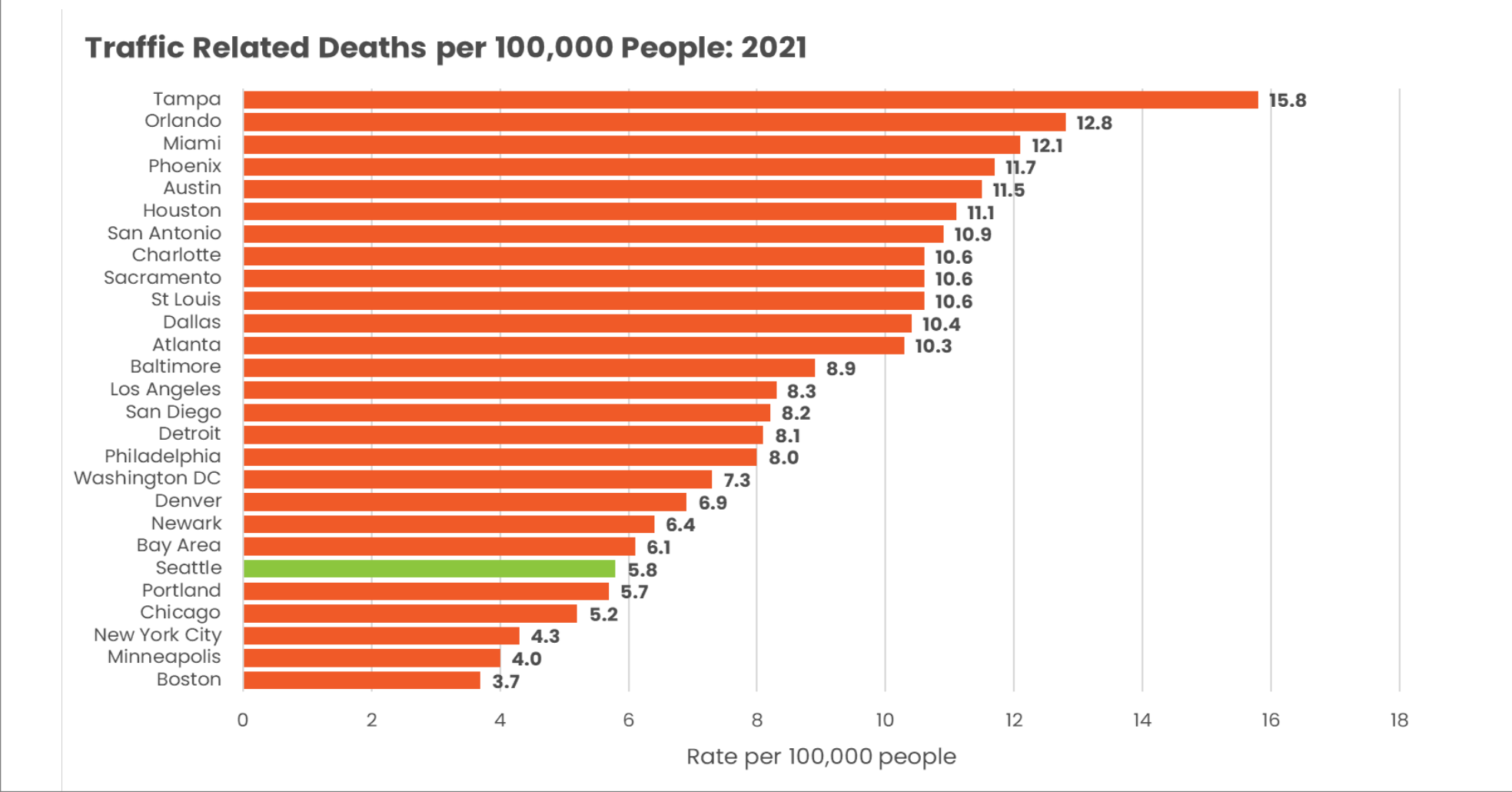


Source: Washington State Open Data Portal
(<https://data.wa.gov/Transportation/Title-Transactions-by-Month/u4cd-bc3x>)

Safety Data Trends



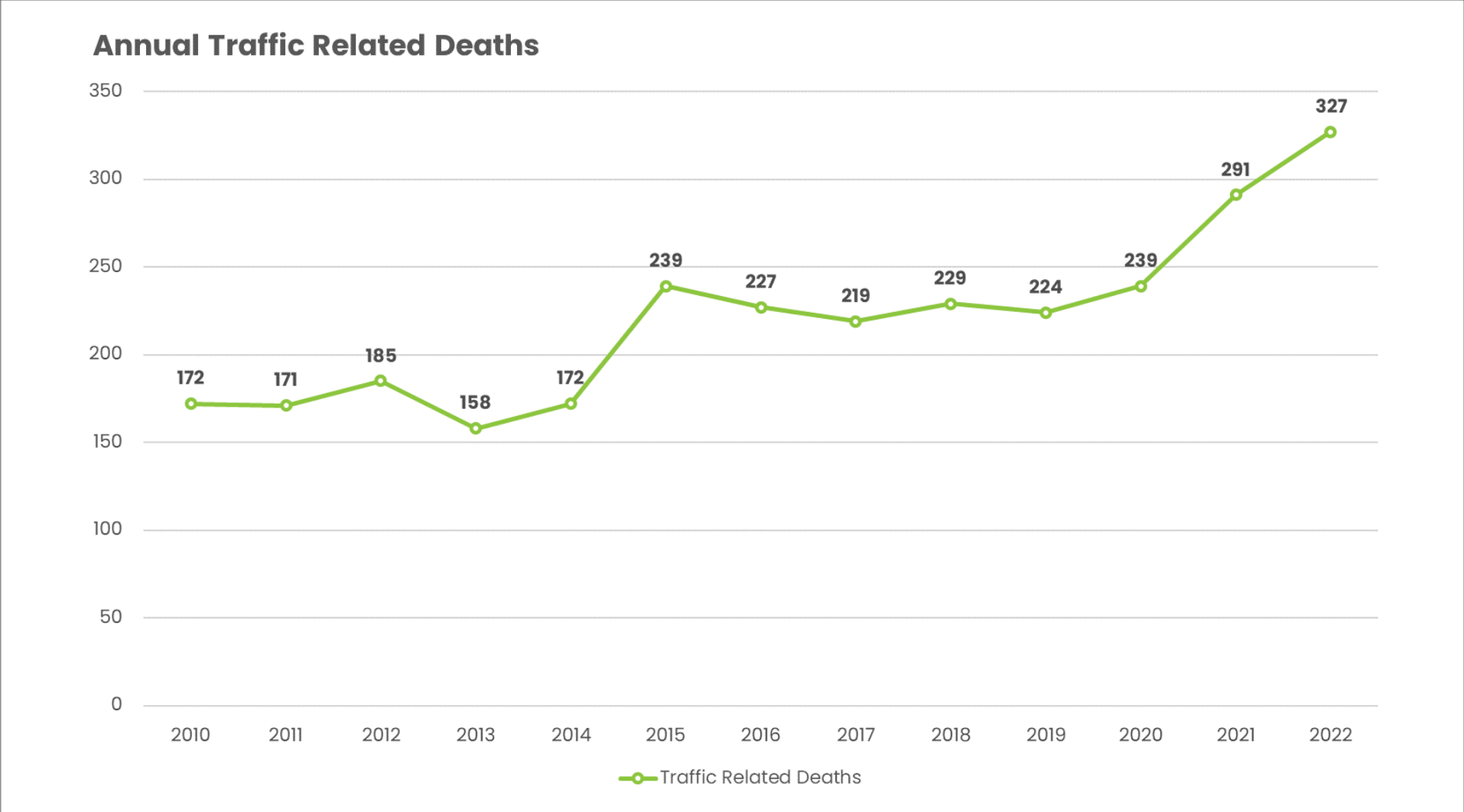
We Are One of The “Safer” Metropolitan Regions



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

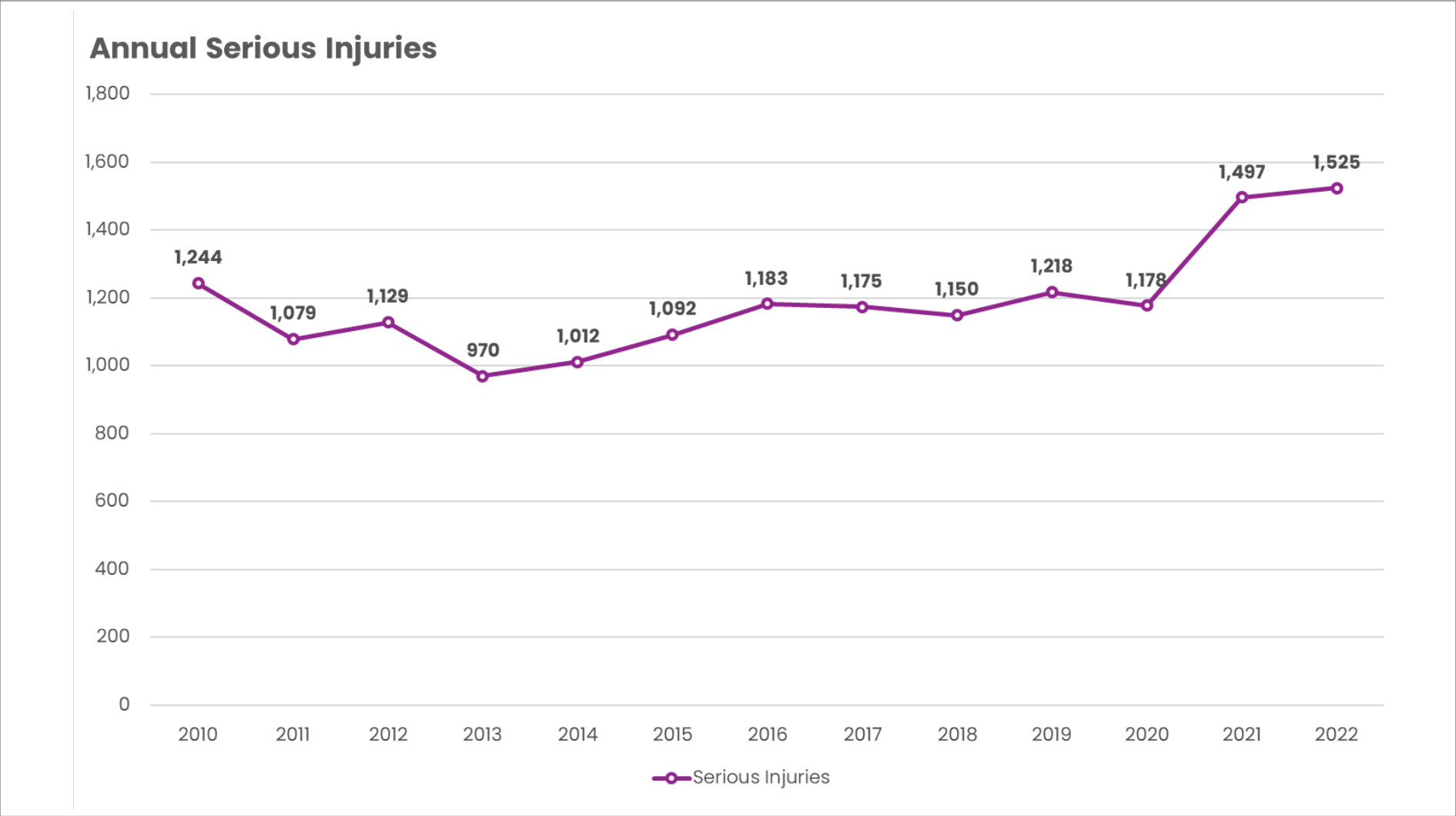
Population Data Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data Table B03002

But Traffic Related Deaths Are Increasing



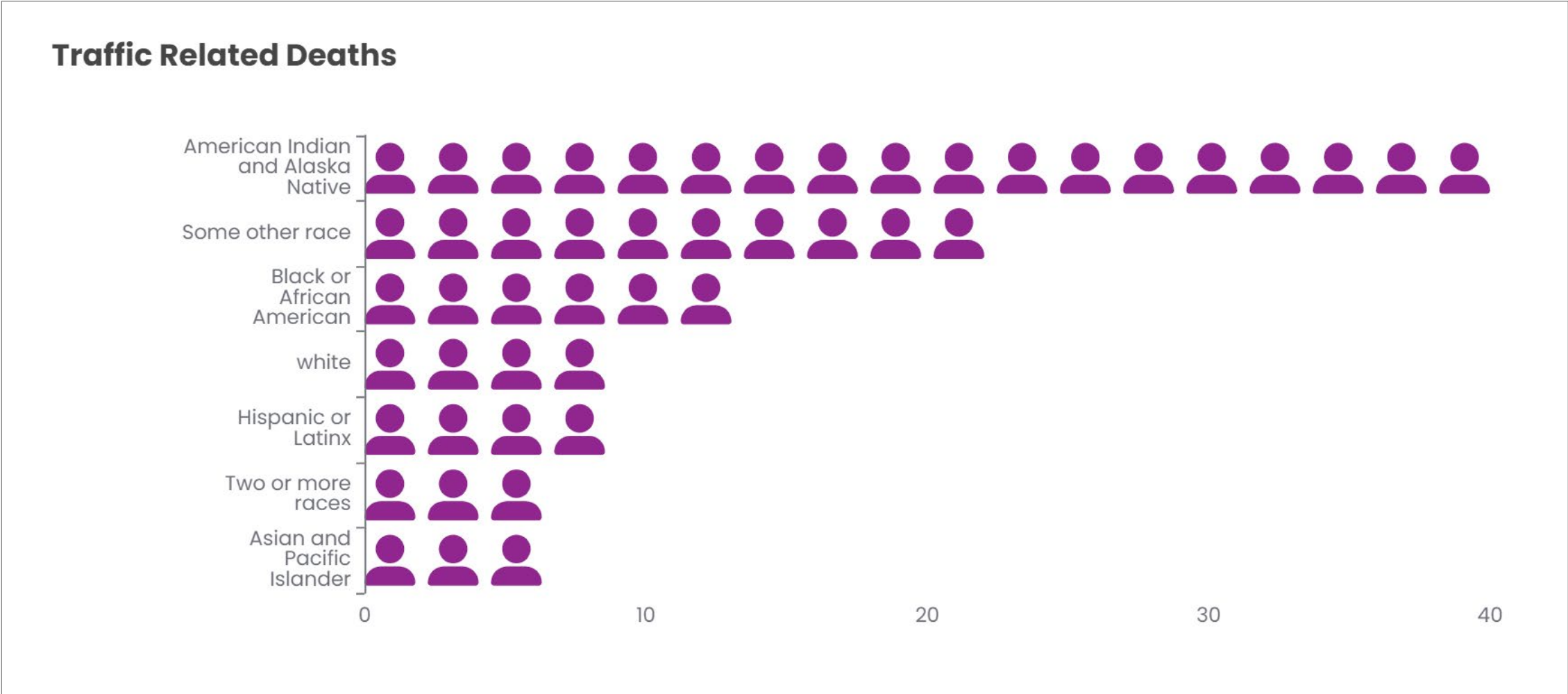
Source: Washington Traffic Safety Commission Coded Fatality Files (2022 Preliminary)

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

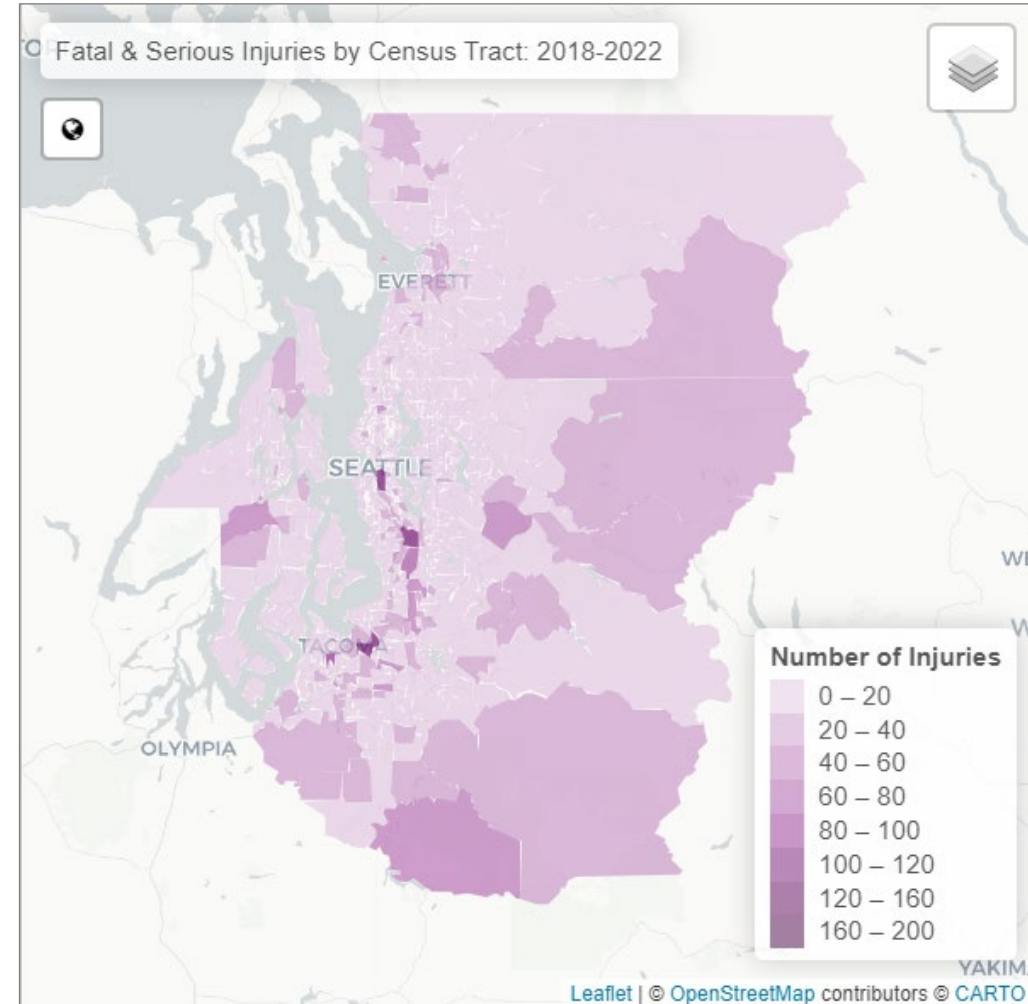


Fatal Collision Source: Washington Traffic Safety Commission Coded Fatality Files (2022 Preliminary)

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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

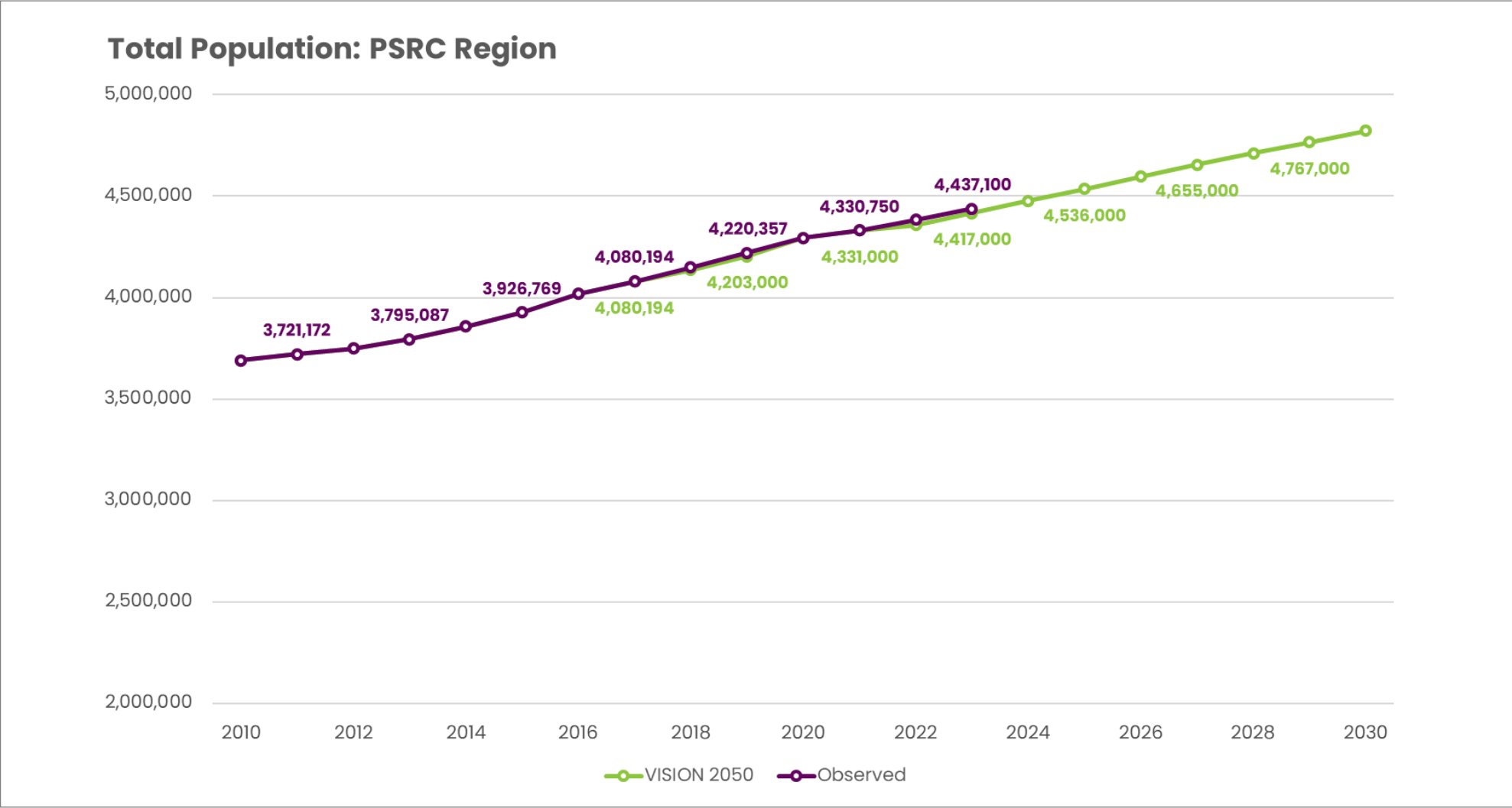
37% of all traffic related deaths and serious injuries happened in high-capacity transit areas and Regional Centers



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)

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

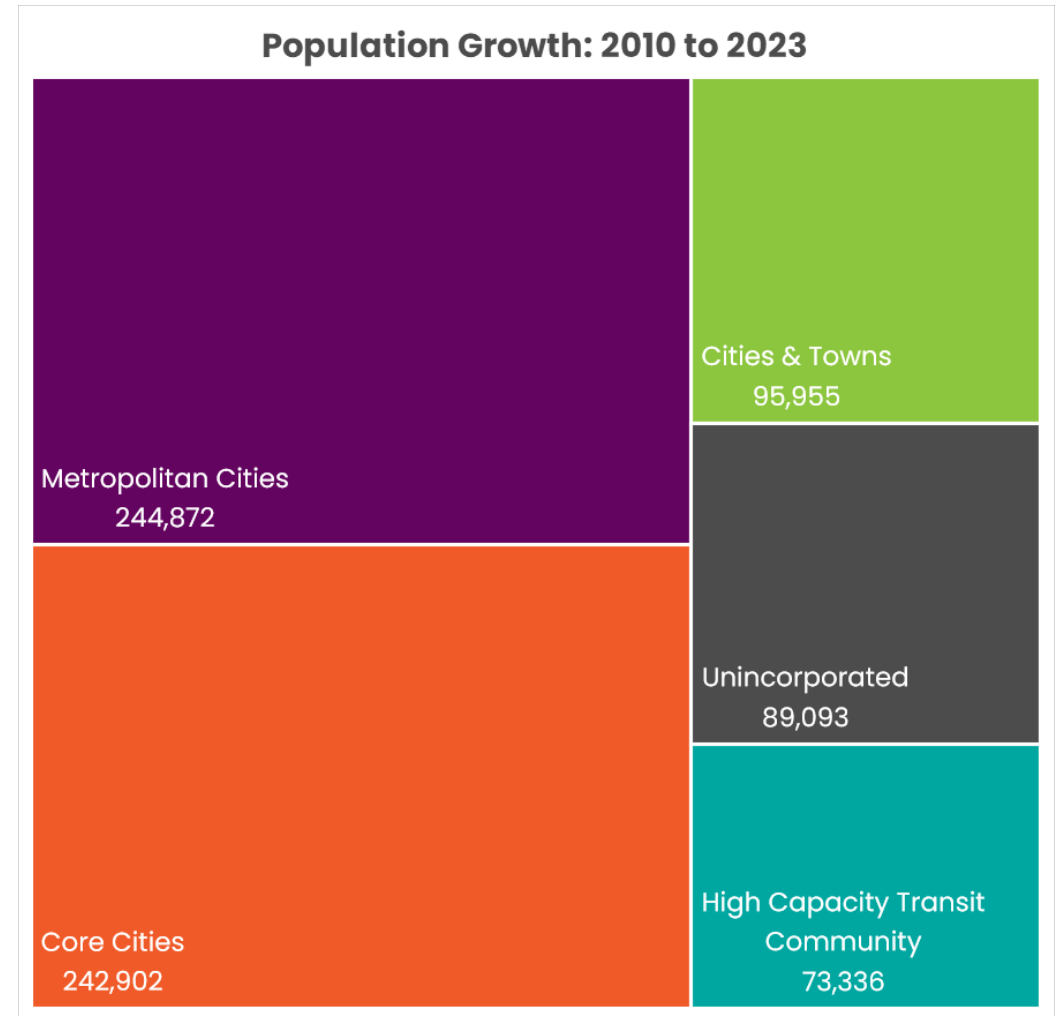


Between 2022 and 2023:

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

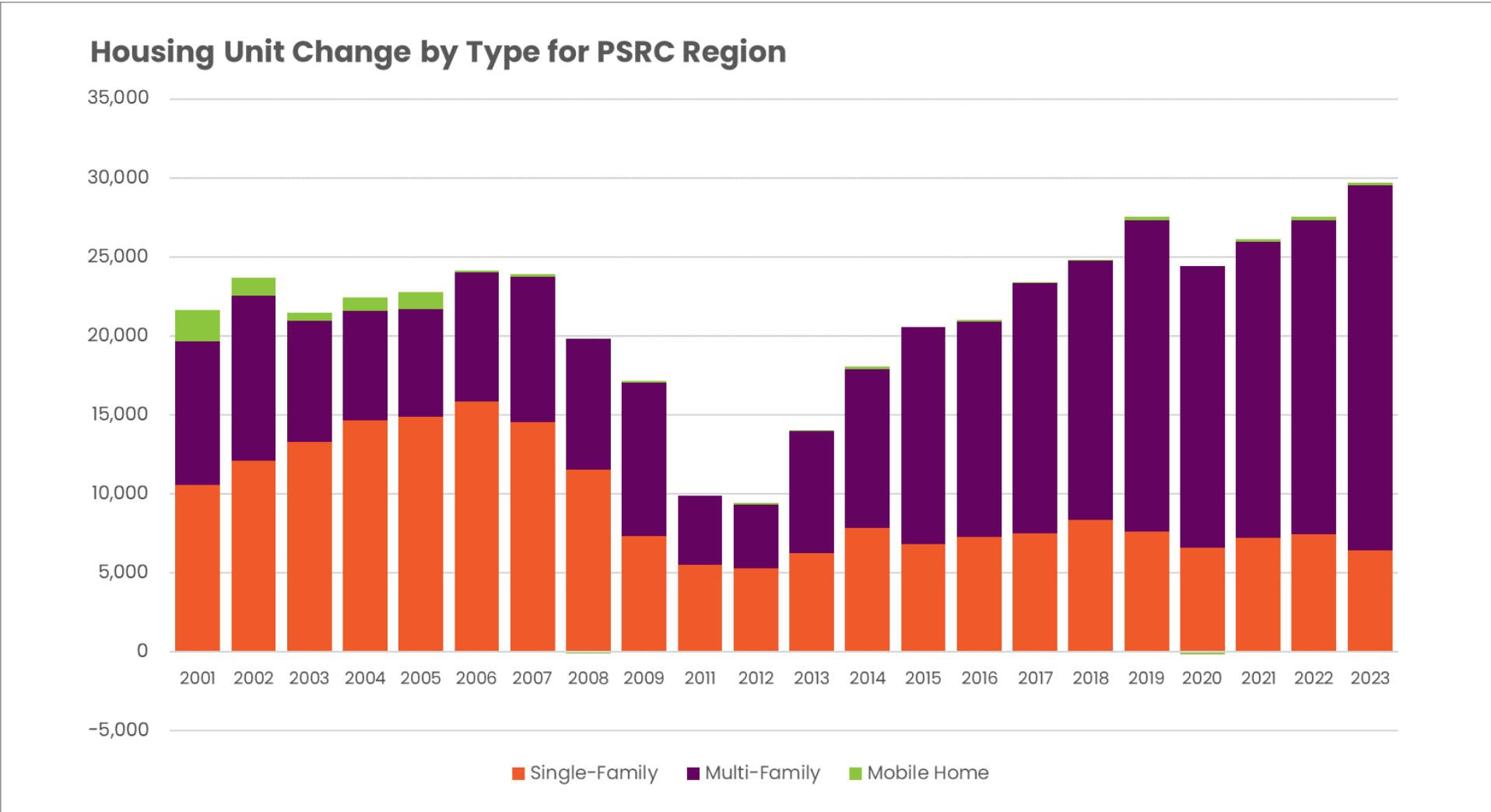
Black Diamond had the fastest rate of change at **12%**, adding over 700 people.

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



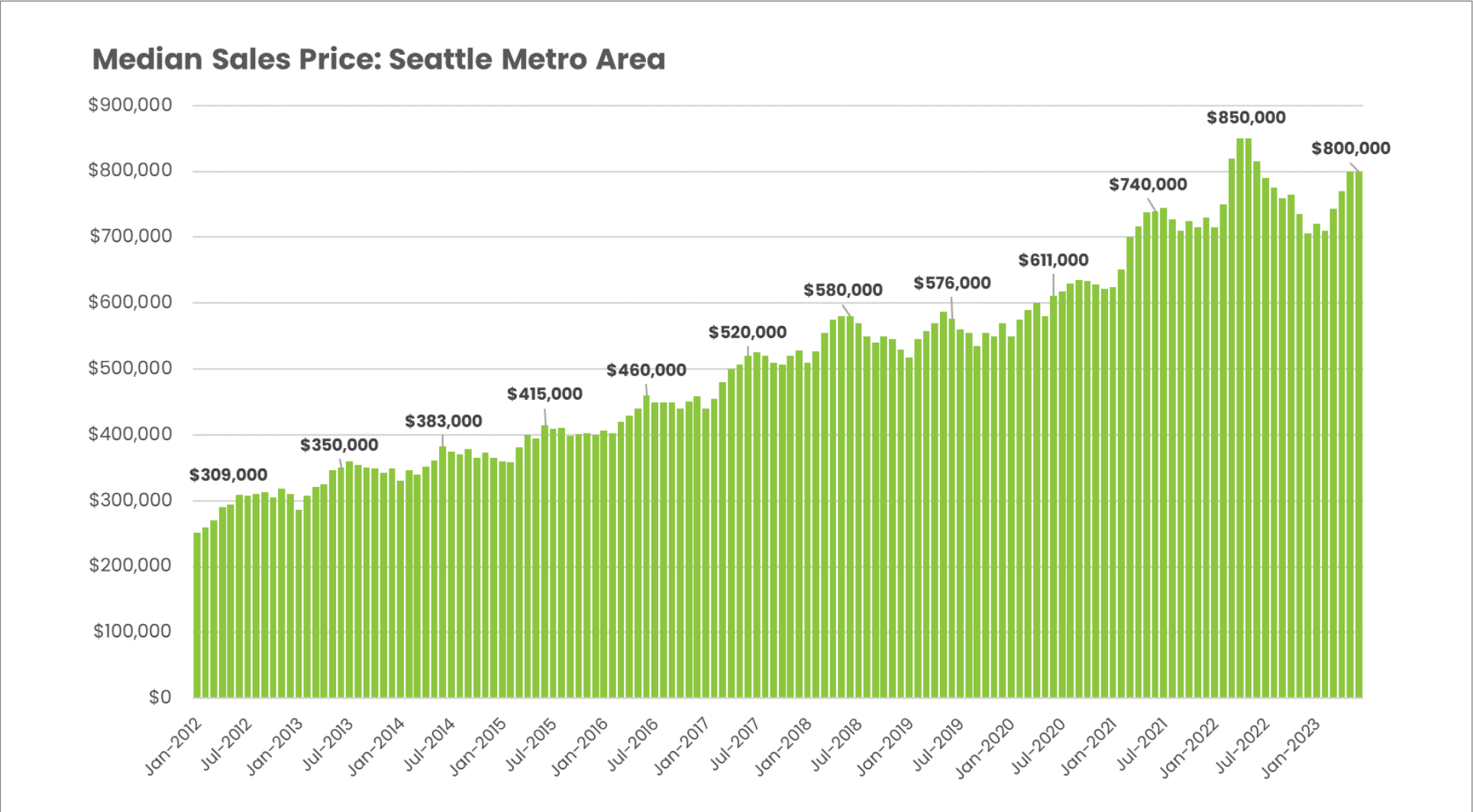
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management
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Housing Production is At a 20-Year High



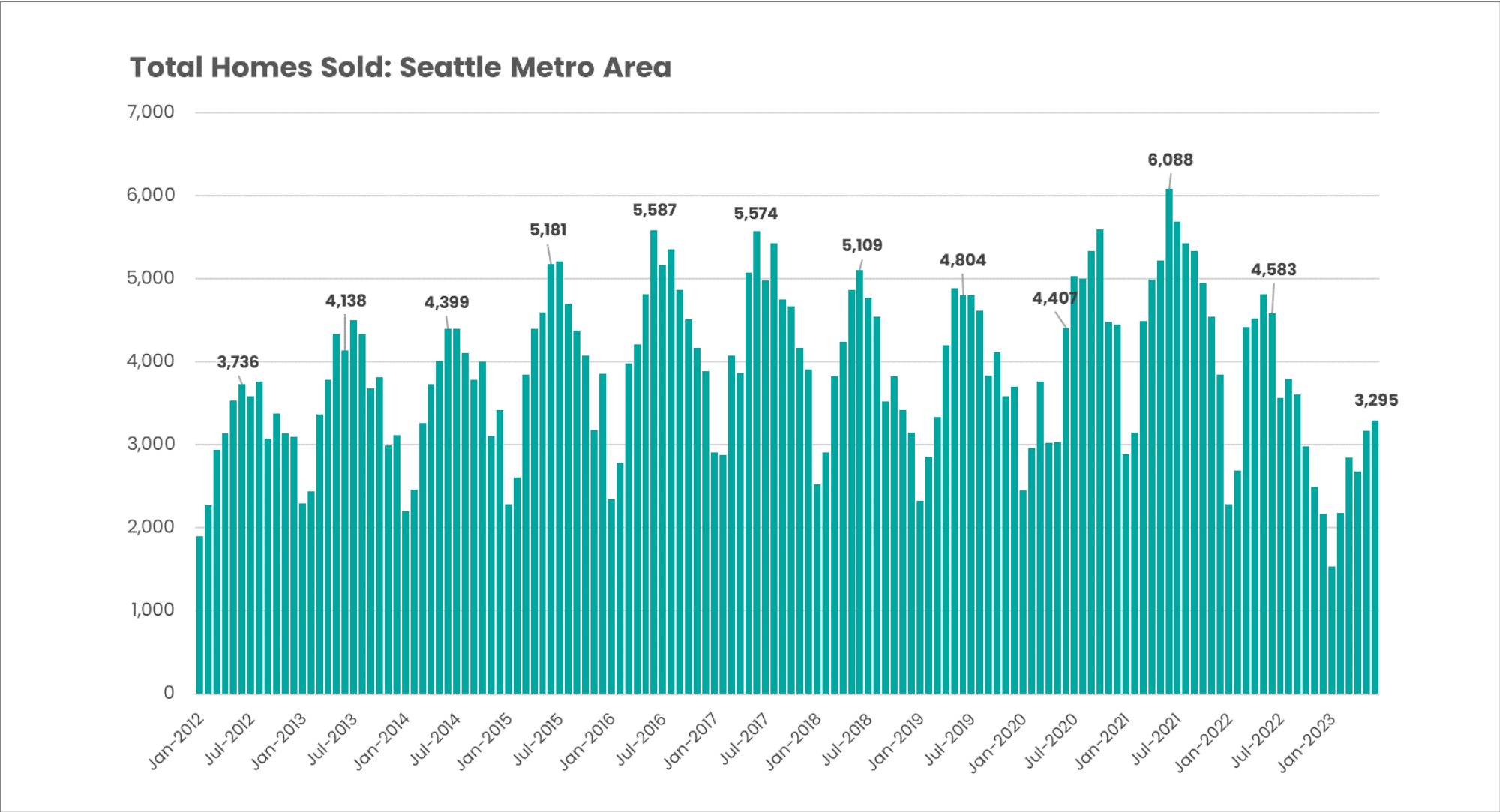
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Home Prices Are Down Slightly From All-Time Highs



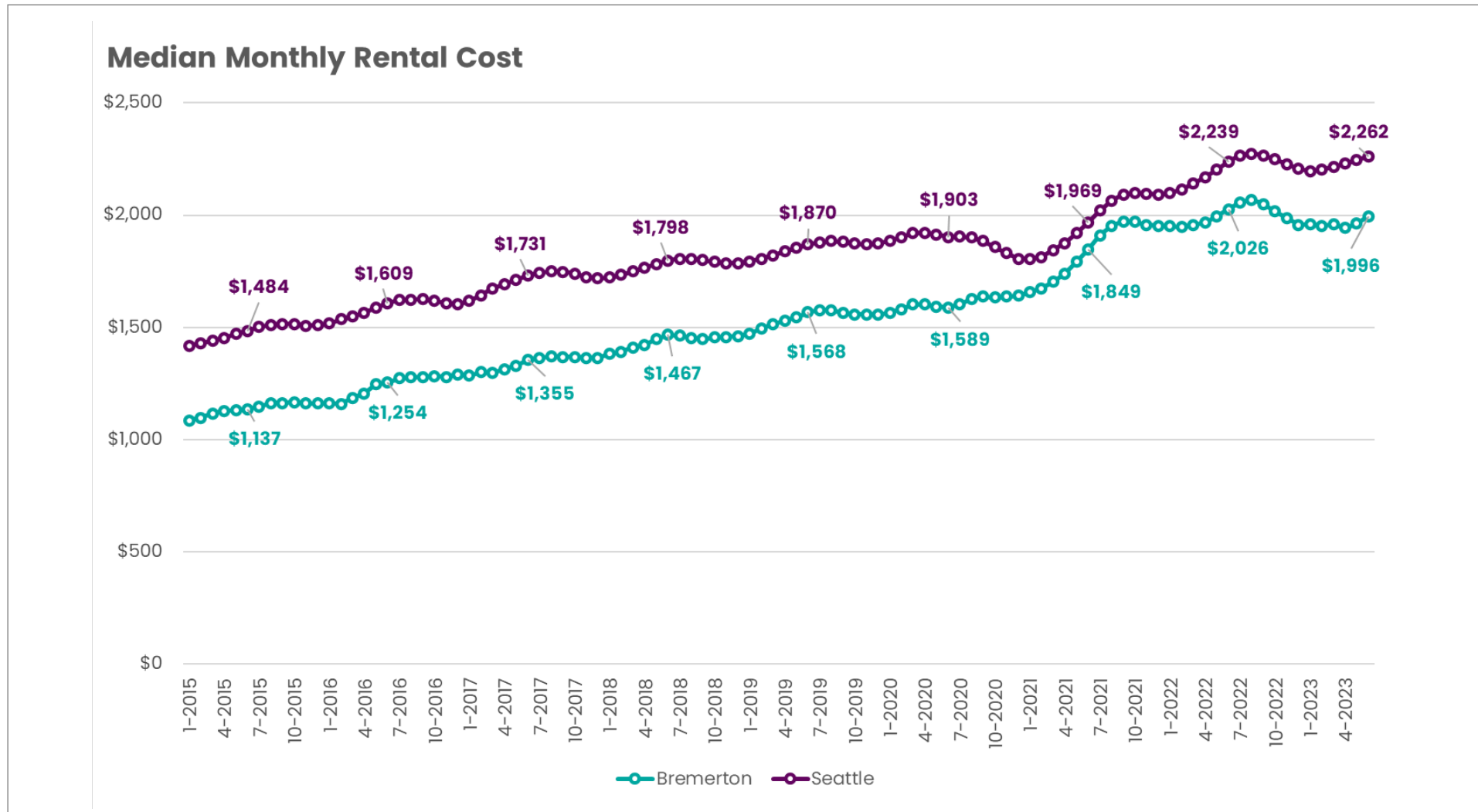
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Home Sales Are Driving Costs



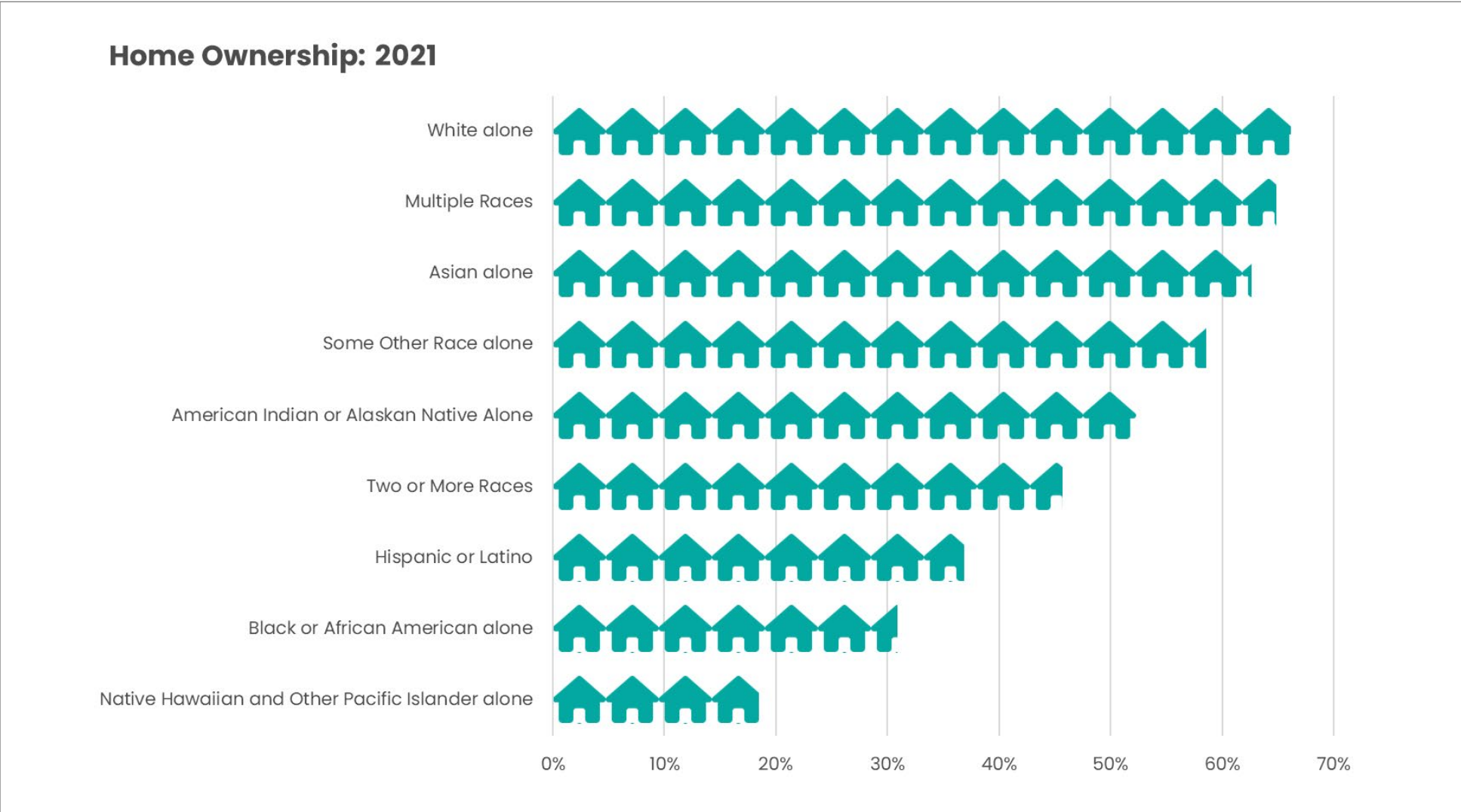
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Rental Costs Continue to Climb



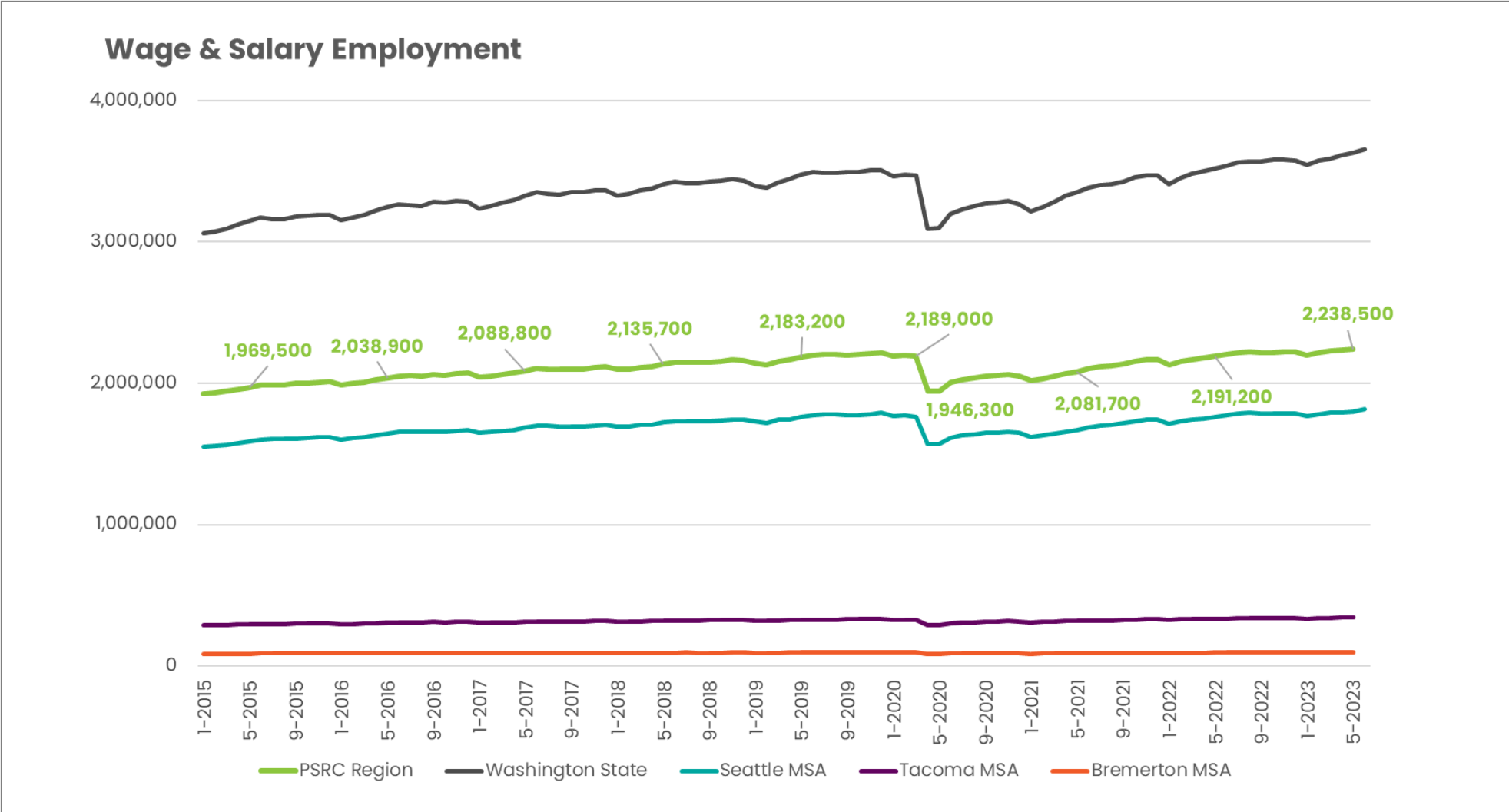
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There Are Noticeable Disparities in Home Ownership



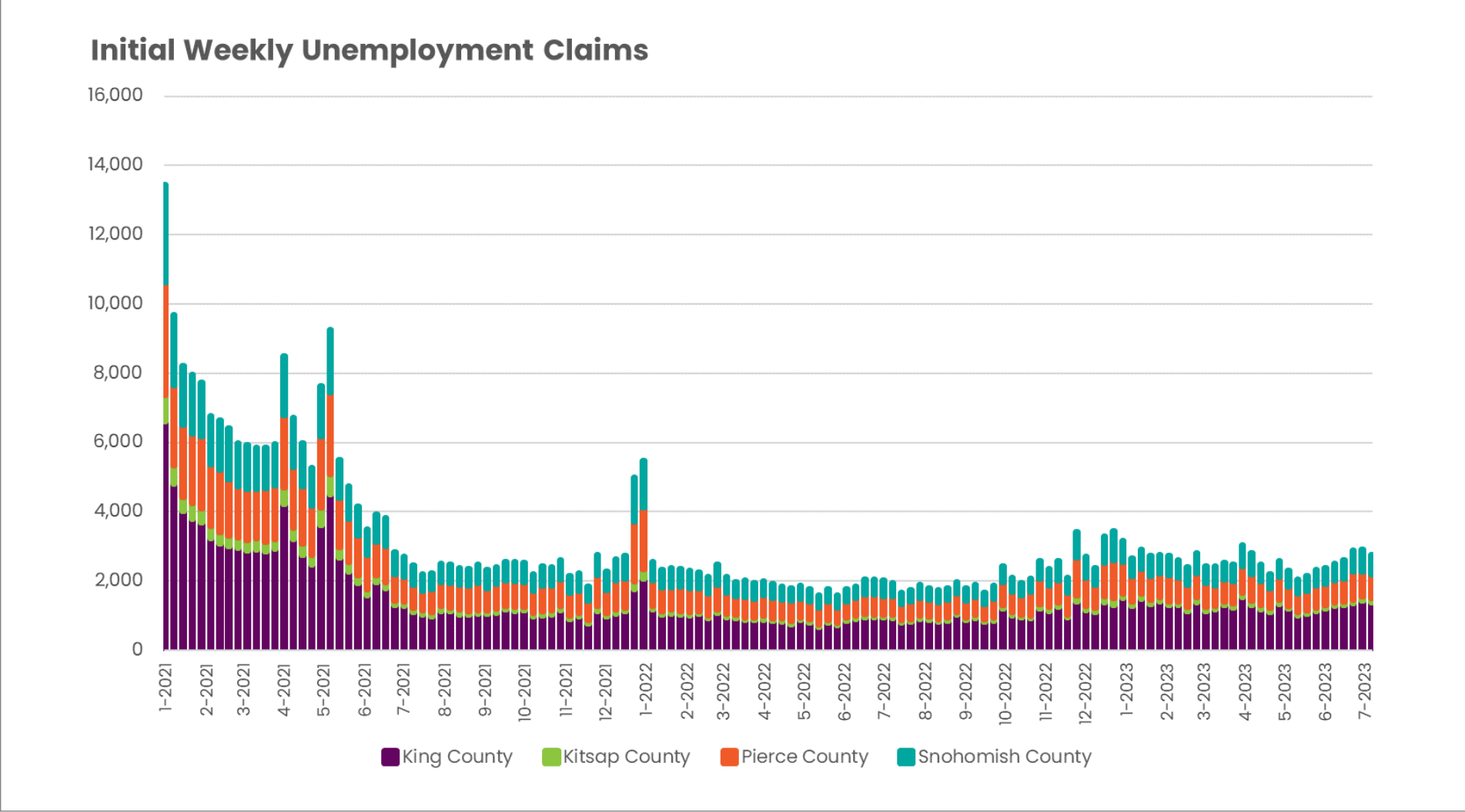
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Jobs Are Above Pre-Pandemic Levels



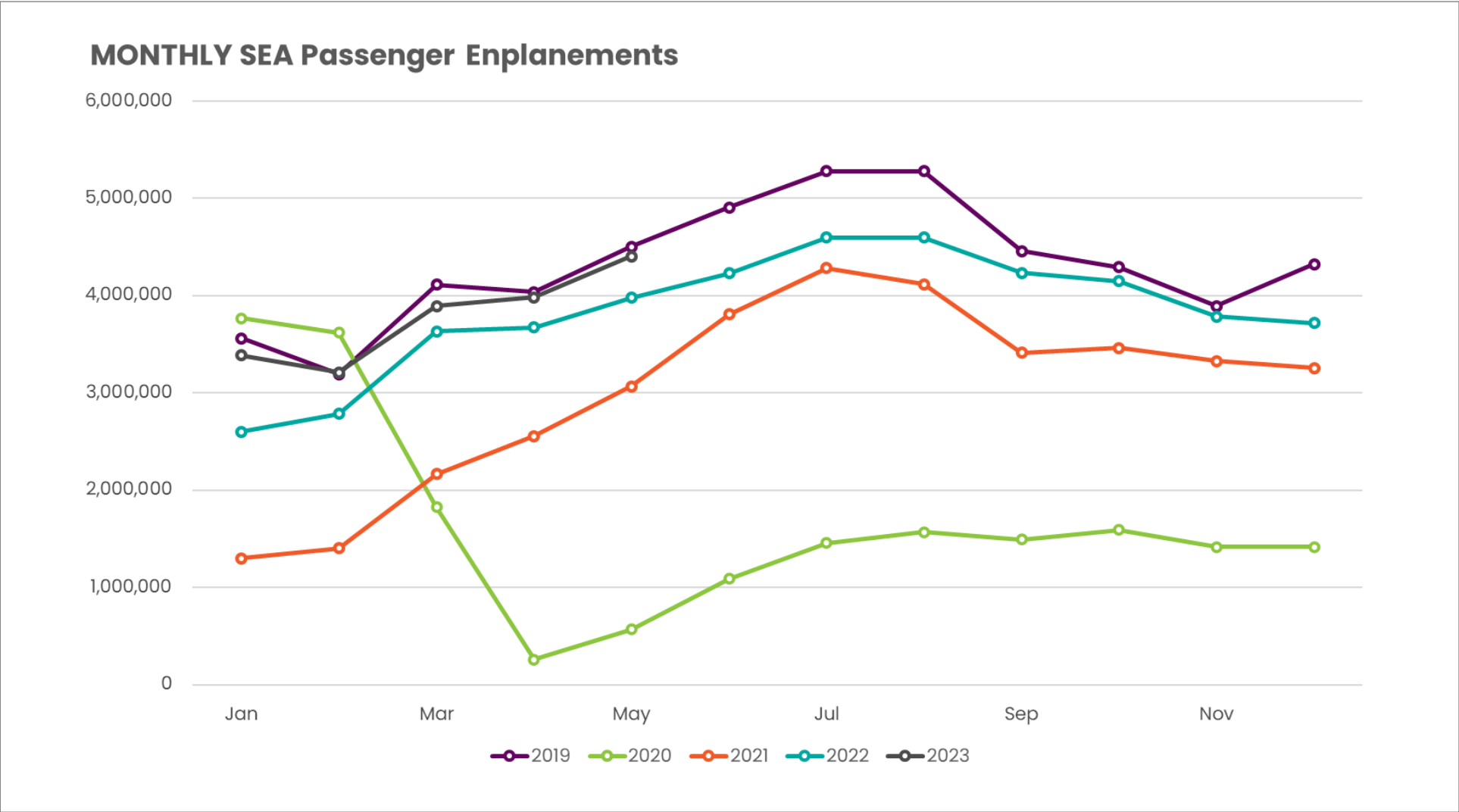
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Unemployment Claims Are Steady



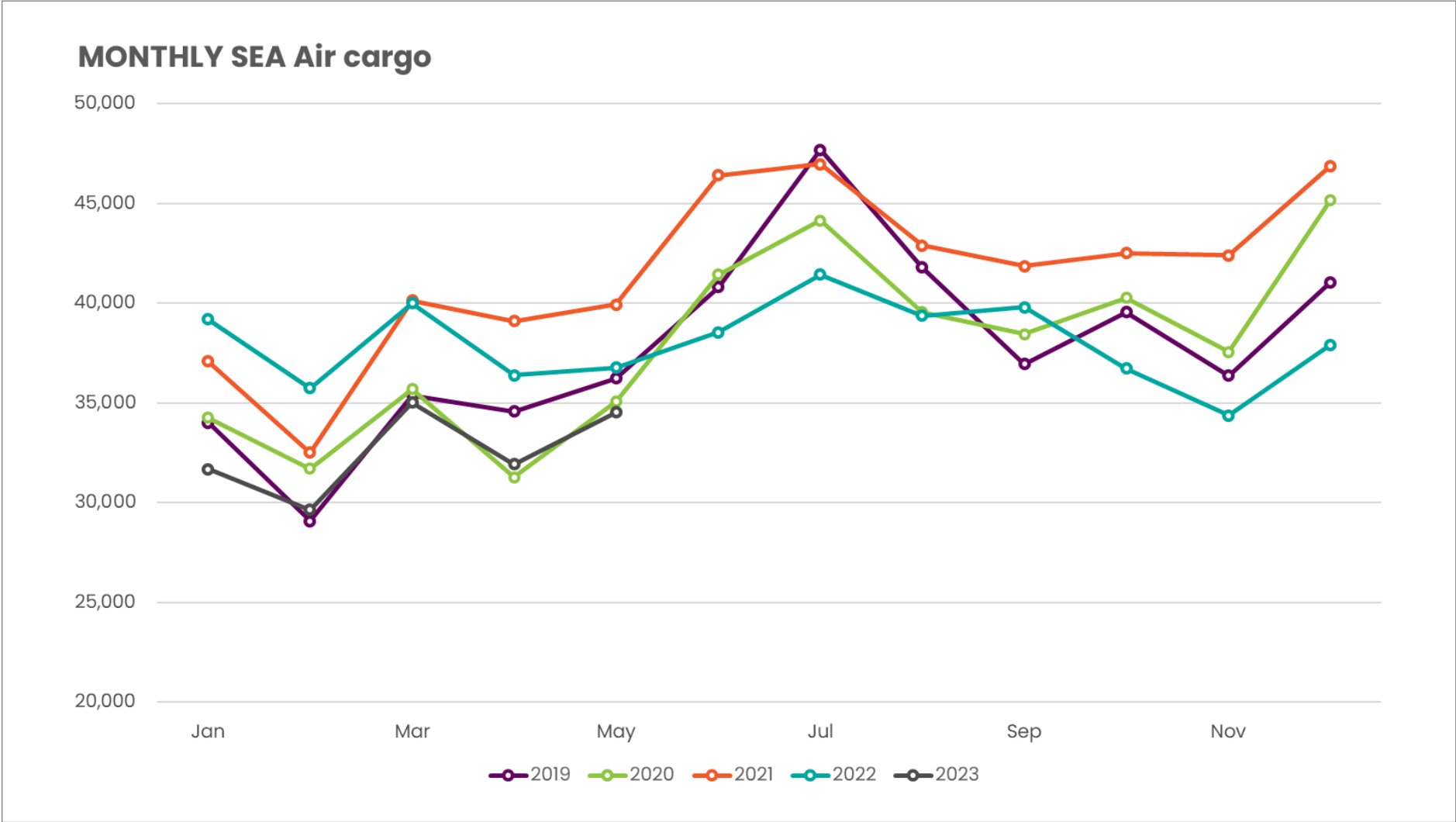
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Passengers Have Returned to The Airport



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

Air Cargo is At 2020 Levels



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Thank You!

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