

Columbia's changing face!

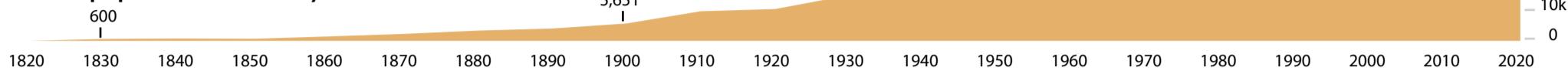
Established in 1821, the City of Columbia was home to 600 people in 1830 and now is home to over 126,254 people. Known as a peaceful city, Columbia has consistently ranked among the best cities to live in, with low crime rate, highly educated population, low cost of living, and affordable housing. From 1970 until now, the city has changed for the better in several key aspects, even though the transition process was slow.

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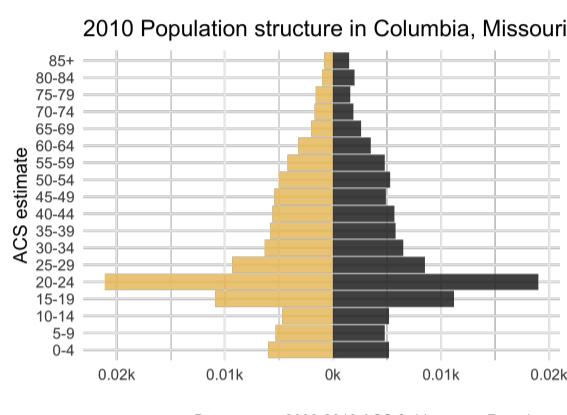
The project using data from the U.S Census Bureau (2011 - 2020 data), IHGIS (1970 - 2010 data), and the FBI (crime rate). The data may collected differently by the sources.

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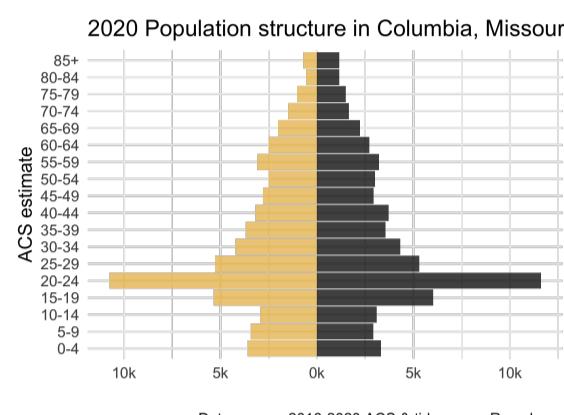
Columbia's population over the years



Population



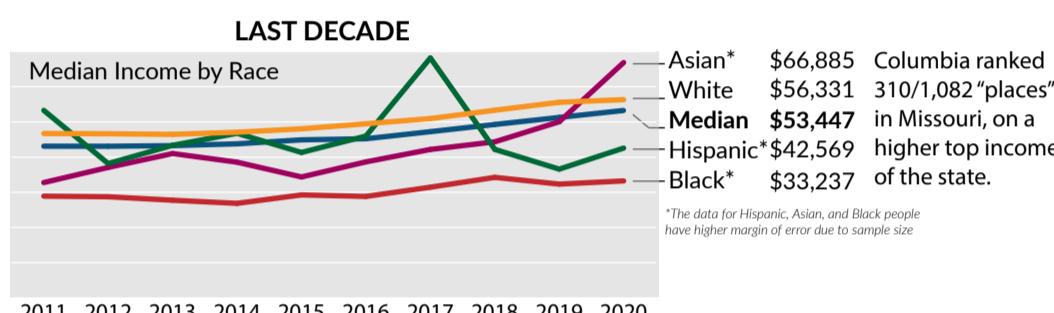
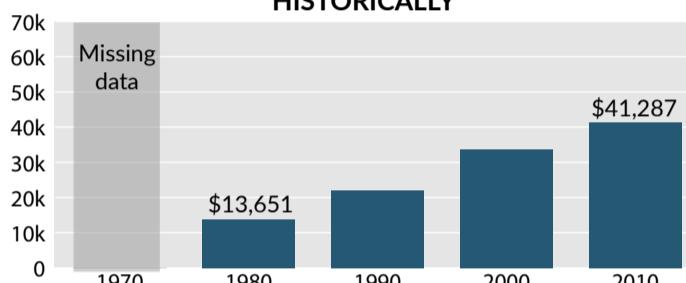
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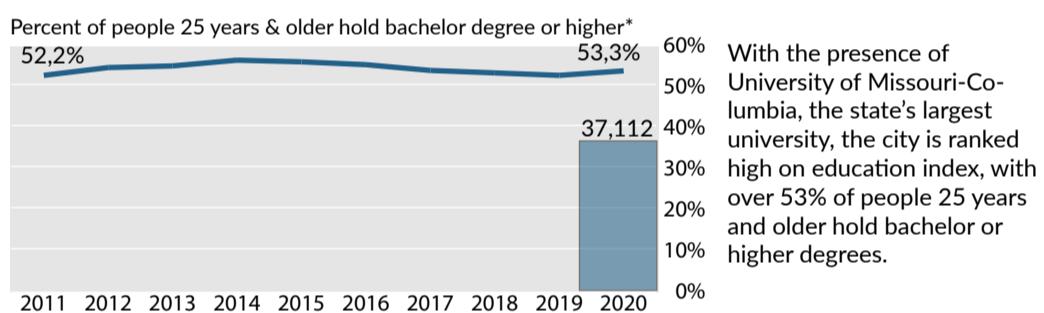
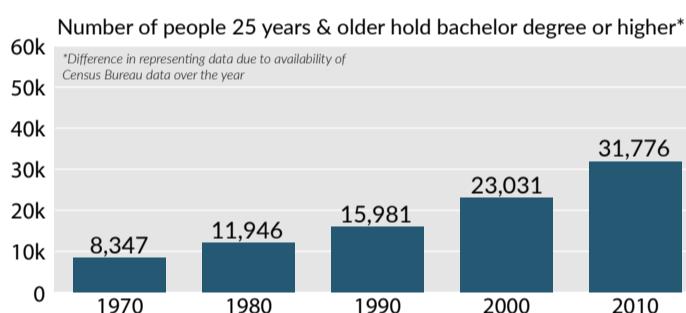
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The population structure of Columbia didn't change much last decade. As a college town, the city's population is dominated by students in their 20-24. In 1970, white people accounted for 92.1% of Columbia's population. Even though the rate dropped slowly to 72.49% in 2020, the city is not yet a promising place for other races to find their opportunities.

Median Income

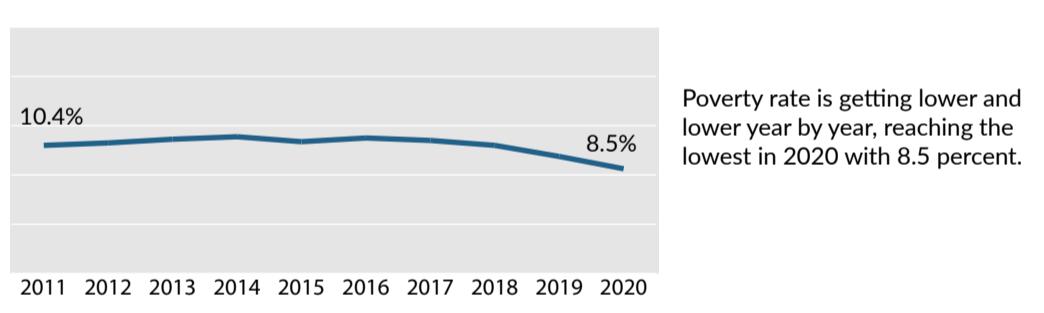
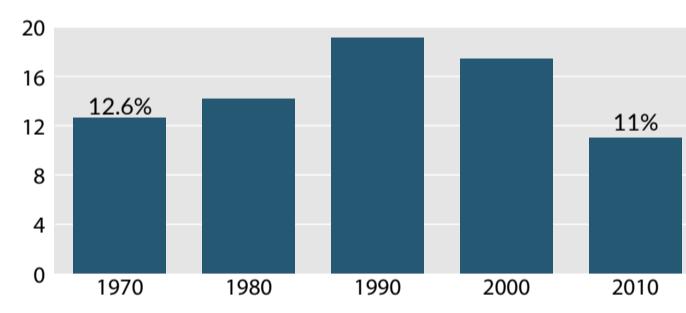


Education



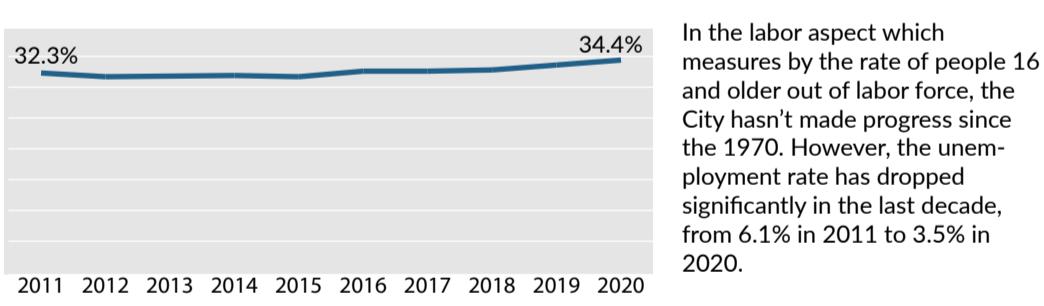
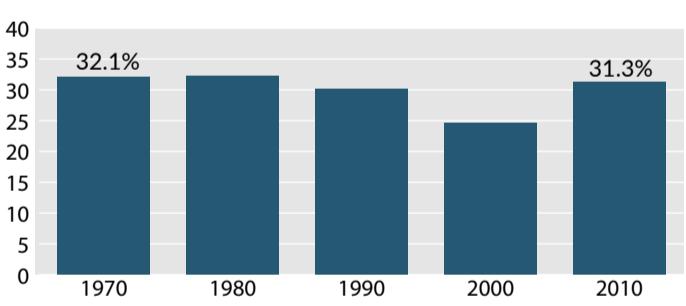
With the presence of University of Missouri-Columbia, the state's largest university, the city is ranked high on education index, with over 53% of people 25 years and older hold bachelor or higher degrees.

Poverty rate



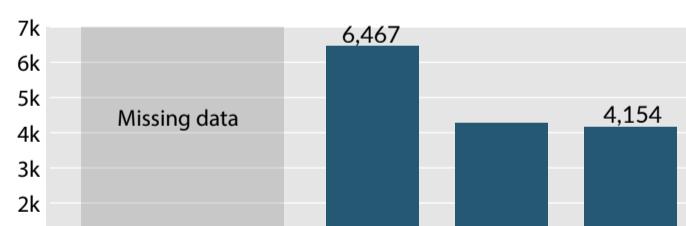
Poverty rate is getting lower and lower year by year, reaching the lowest in 2020 with 8.5 percent.

People 16 years & older not in labor force



In the labor aspect which measures by the rate of people 16 and older out of labor force, the City hasn't made progress since the 1970. However, the unemployment rate has dropped significantly in the last decade, from 6.1% in 2011 to 3.5% in 2020.

Crime Rate



Known as a peaceful city, Columbia's crime rate per 100,000 people in 2020 has dropped half the number of 1990. However, the number of cleared cases also decreased year by year. The rate of cleared cases in 2020 was 32.6%, but in 2020 was 16.3%, a really low rate.

