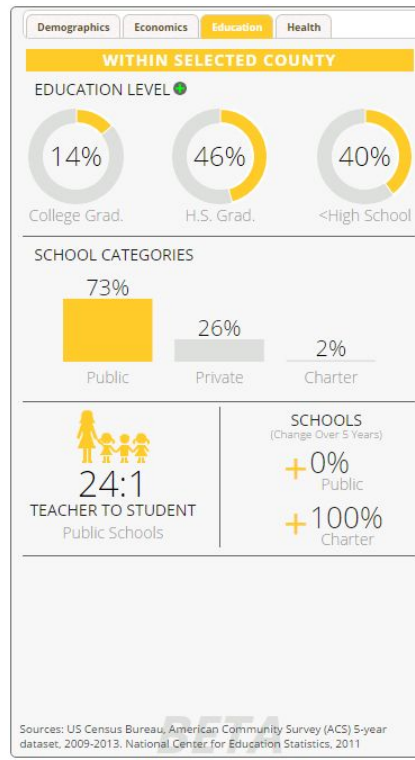
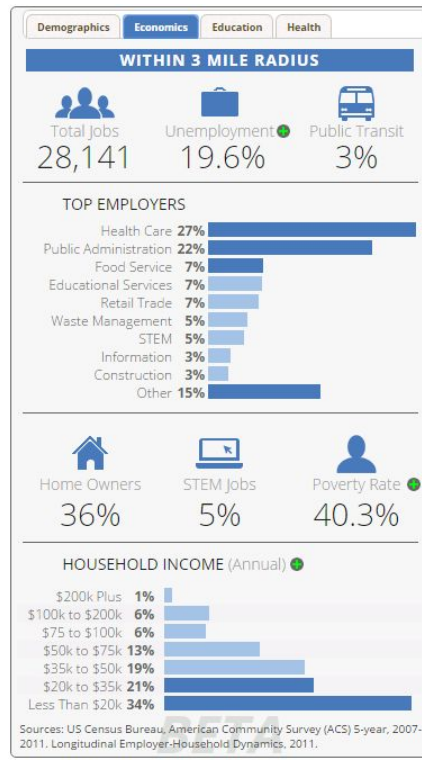
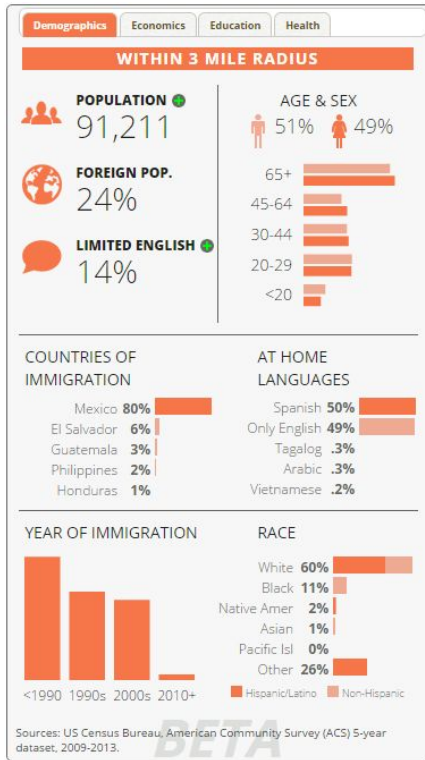


The Barrowmill Library



Community Narrative:

The Barrowmill Library sits in a high-poverty community within a larger city that is also struggling. There is long-standing generational poverty both within the city and in the rural areas around it. The area around Barrowmill is a regional center for agriculture.

Although the city is home to a university, the Barrowmill area is distant from it both in terms of miles and from the small affluent pocket around it. A significant number of families in the Barrowmill community use Spanish at home, and of that number, half speak Spanish at home exclusively. The schools in the area have an average of 75% of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. A somewhat common feature of family life in Barrowmill are strong intergenerational ties, with grandparents helping to raise grandchildren and extended families living together or in close

proximity.

Library Mission: The Barrowmill library is dedicated to providing free and equal access to information, ideas, technology and the joy of reading to educate and empower our diverse community.

Library Priorities:

The Barrowmill Library will:

1. Provide youth with the resources they need to succeed in school and to develop a lifelong love of learning and reading.
2. Provide access to the digital world through state-of-the art technologies.
3. Provide facilities that are welcoming, comfortable, and flexible.
4. Promote lifelong learning and the joy of reading.
5. Promote economic development through support of small business.

Large Community Events - PICK ONE

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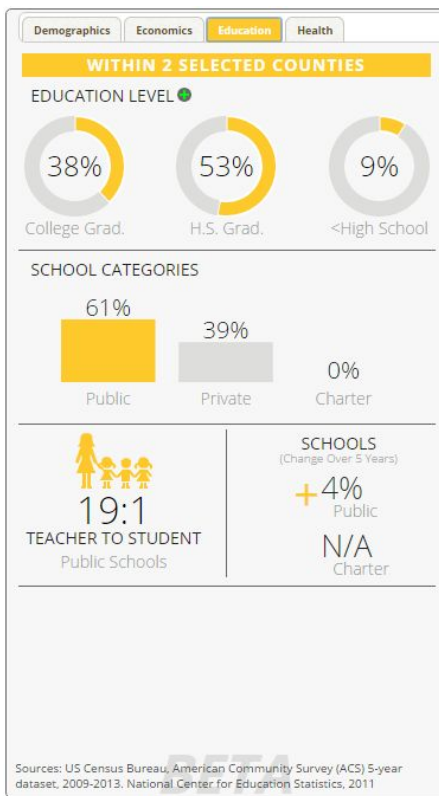
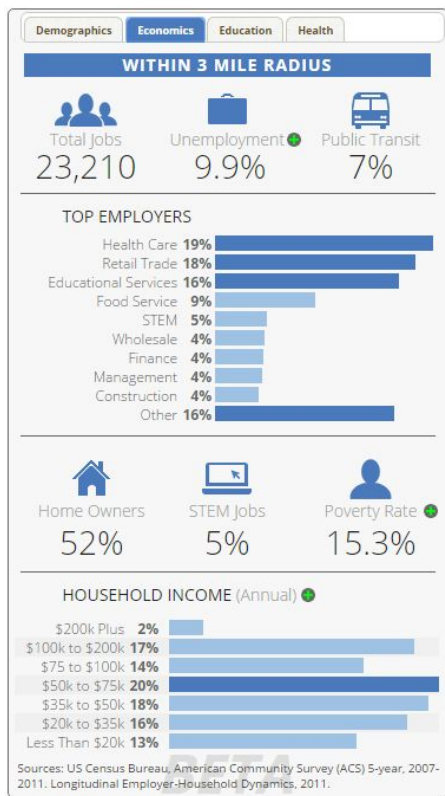
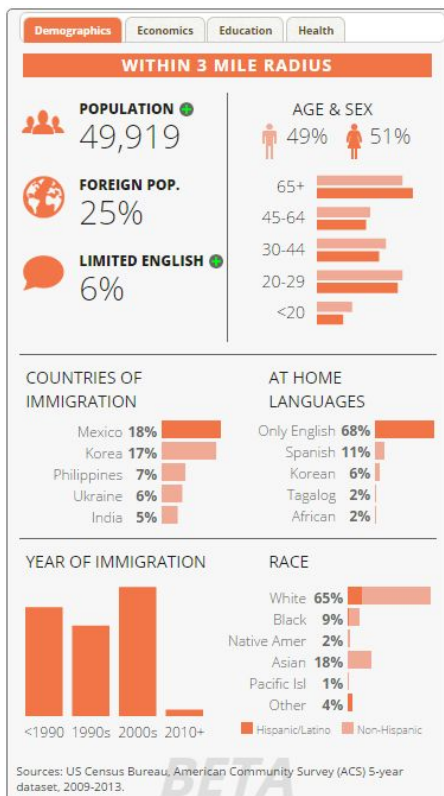
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Activity #2: Goals and connection ideas

The Whitelake Library



Community Narrative:

The Whitelake Library serves a community in transition from a legacy natural resources economy to a "new economy" based on retail, health care, and the technology jobs in nearby cities. The City of Whitelake is attractive to commuters and families due to its proximity to two large urban centers and its suburban feel. Following a national trend of increasing suburban poverty, there are also significant numbers of low-income households who have moved from the cities in search of affordable housing. These households are more diverse than their more affluent neighbors and contribute to the over 100 languages spoken by children in the school district.

Library Mission: Connecting our diverse community with library resources that enrich, enlighten and entertain.

Library Priorities:

The Whitelake Library will:

1. Provide open, equal and free access to information in accordance with the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights."
2. Deliver timely, confidential and customer-oriented service to meet the informational, recreational and educational needs of the community.
3. Promote lifelong learning by encouraging all children and adults in their enjoyment of reading and discovery.
4. Contribute to the region's economic vitality by assisting individuals, businesses and government as they pursue better jobs and economic growth.

Listen to the entire community in pursuit of the Library's Mission.

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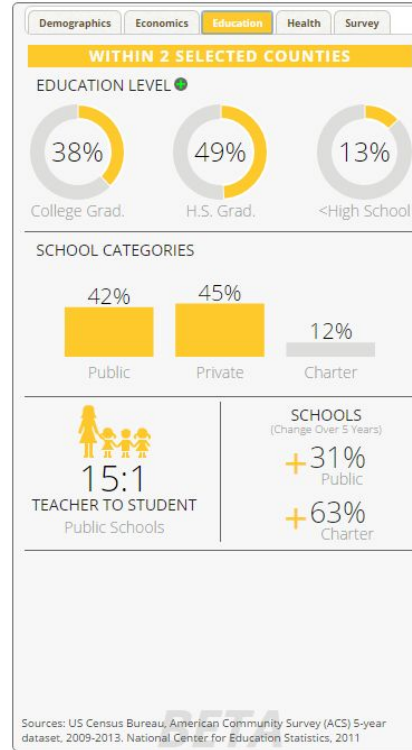
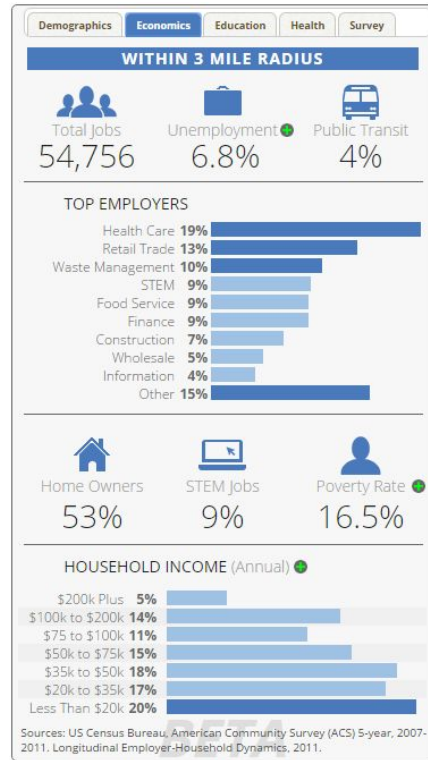
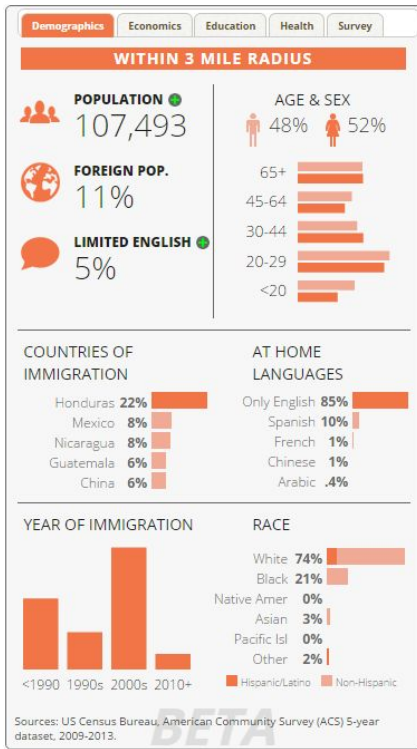
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The Merribridge Library



Community Narrative:

Merribridge is a suburb of a large southern city which until the last decade was primarily white. Over the last decade, Blacks and Whites have moved into Merribridge in equal numbers, seeking housing after a natural disaster in and around the larger city. Because of these and other patterns, Merribridge is more diverse than ever before.

Although there is a relatively high education level compared to the rest of the state and unemployment is on par with other areas, there is still a large pocket of poverty. Another feature of the community is the high number of private parochial schools, which most of the children living in poverty don't have access to. Public schools have proportionally larger numbers of children who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Library Mission: To provide free, open, and equal access to ideas and information to all members of the community. To open doors to a world of ideas, information, and imagination, thereby enhancing the economic, social, and cultural vitality of our diverse community.

Library Priorities:

1. The Merribridge Library builds valued relationships with our users so they can grow in knowledge and wisdom. We're here to spark curiosity and growth. We guide patrons to an unparalleled collection of stories, books, computers, CDs, Internet resources, services, and programs.
2. Our library is the knowledge commons for our communities. The building itself reflects the community. The staff's passion to have the library change lives is expressed in the arrangement and presentation of materials and services. It is at the library that relationships are formed among staff, patrons, and ideas. Creating this bond helps forge a healthy, vibrant, informed, and economically viable community.
3. Convenience for patrons drives our service. We seek to understand what patrons need. Libraries are strategically located and designed with an eye toward patron self-sufficiency. Resources are organized and delivered to reduce barriers. Technology gives access beyond that which can be provided in person or in print. And always, library staff are here to help.

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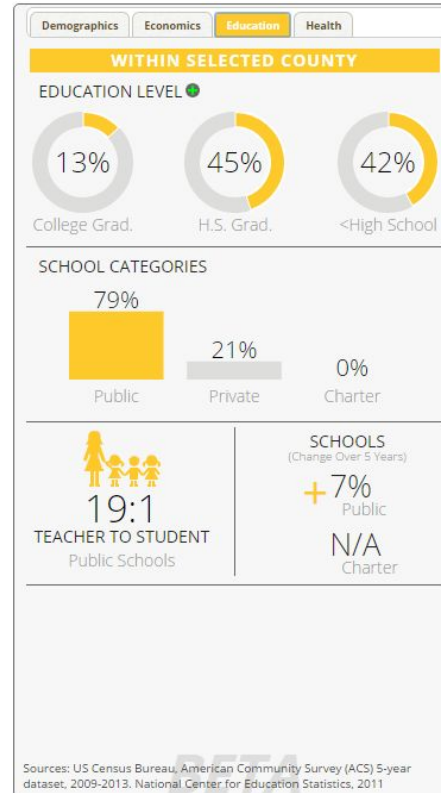
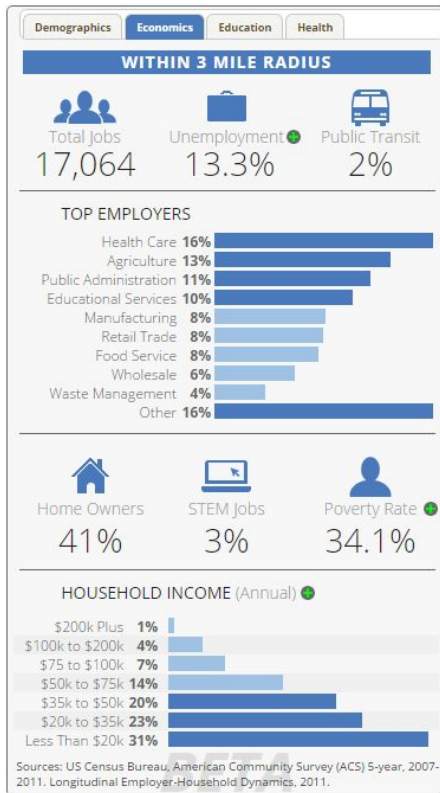
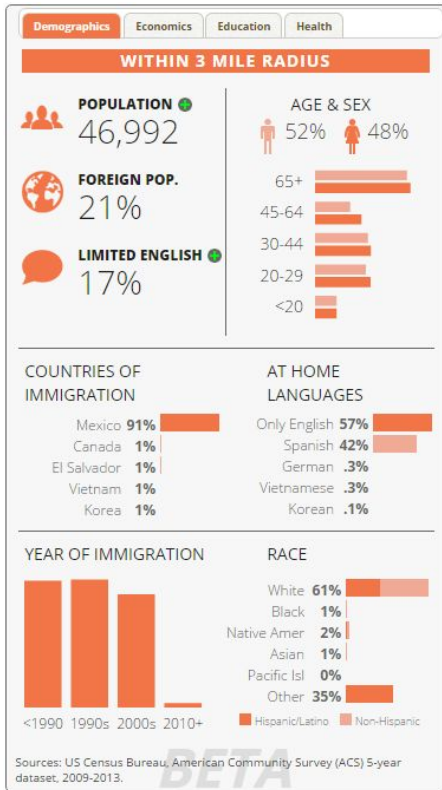
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The Freyden Library



Community Narrative:

Freyden City Council just elected its first Hispanic council members in 2015, despite the large minority of residents who identify as Hispanic (44%) and have populated the area for decades. The city is divided, with higher percentages of residents who identify as Hispanic and higher concentrations of poverty on the east end of town, and the opposite on the west end. There is also significant disparity in community investment.

This city east of the Cascade mountains has seen rapid population growth over the last 20 years, due to both migration primarily from Mexico, as well as people moving from other parts of the state. The top employment category in the region around Freyden is agriculture and related manufacturing.

Mission: To open doors to a world of ideas, information and imagination, enhancing the economic, social, and cultural vitality of our diverse community.

Strategic Priorities:

1. Early Learning matters: Serve as the foremost community resource for early learning information and programming for parents and caregivers.
2. Inspire Critical Thinkers: Build programs and resources that encourage K-12 students to increase their knowledge and skills in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) disciplines.
3. Create Opportunity: Provide a pathway of programs and resources for teens and adults that contribute to the academic and economic vitality of Freyden by supporting college exploration, career development, adult literacy and small business.
4. Read: Promote and support the enjoyment of reading for all ages by offering materials that are accessible in many formats and programs that engage avid and inspiring readers.
5. Discover Freyden: Connect the pieces of Freyden's history and diversity into a vibrant picture that establishes Freyden as a unique place.

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