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**Demographic and Economic Profile of Women and Girls in  
the Washington Region**

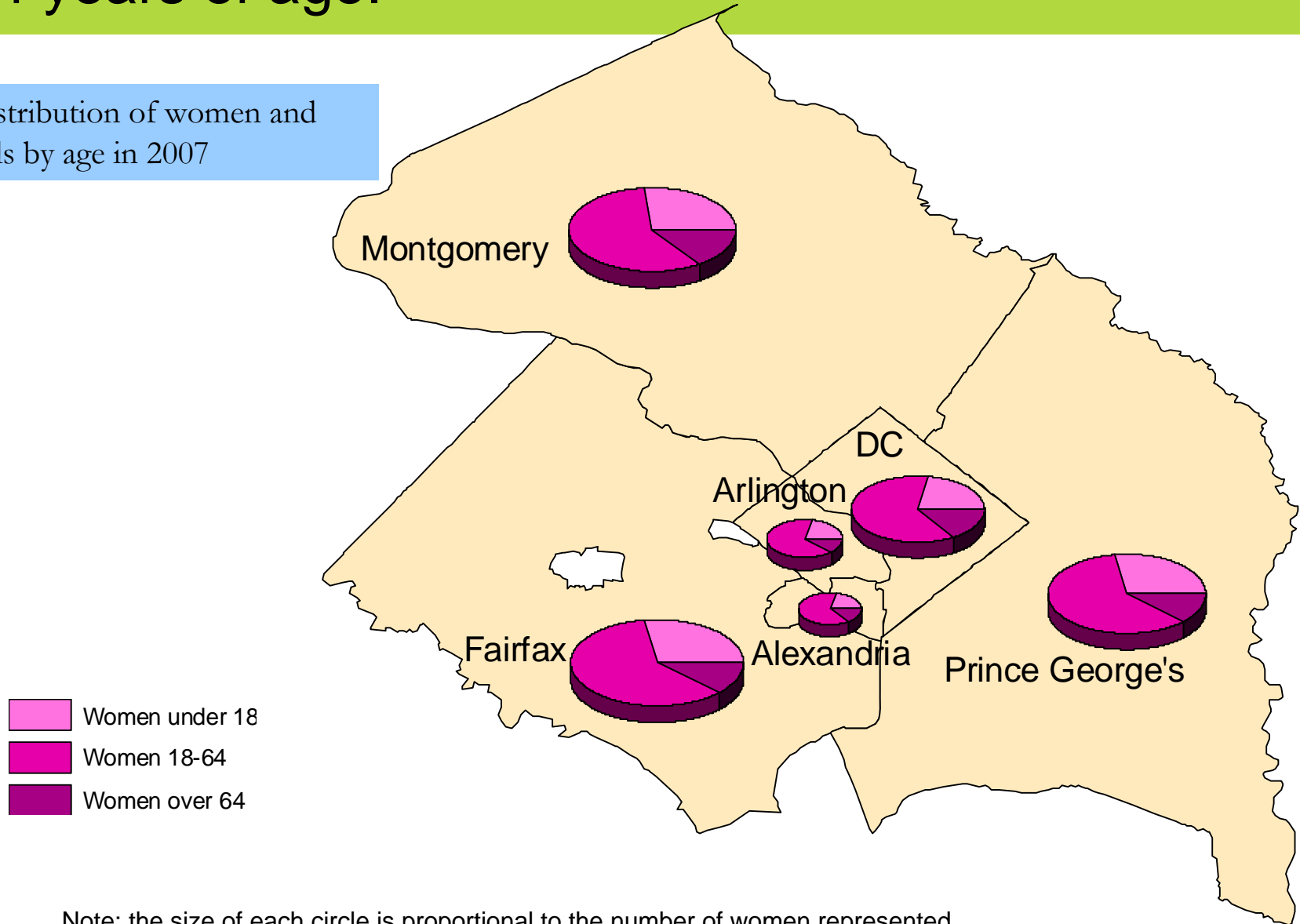
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In this presentation “region” refers to WAWF’s six jurisdictions. “Metropolitan area” refers to the larger federally defined area.



# The majority of women in the region are between 18 and 64 years of age.

Distribution of women and girls by age in 2007

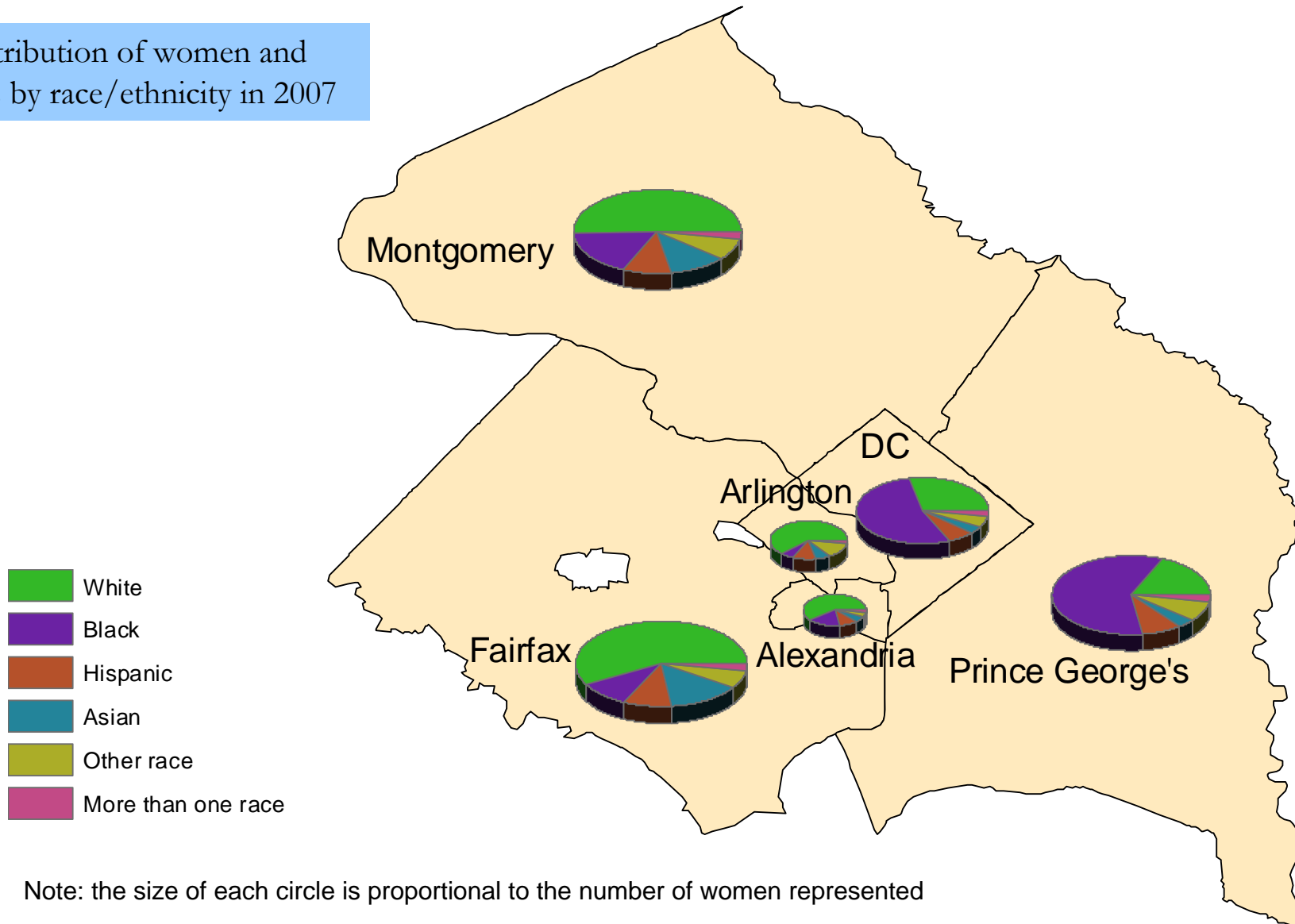


Note: the size of each circle is proportional to the number of women represented

Source: American Community Survey 2007.

# A majority of the women in the region are minorities.

Distribution of women and girls by race/ethnicity in 2007

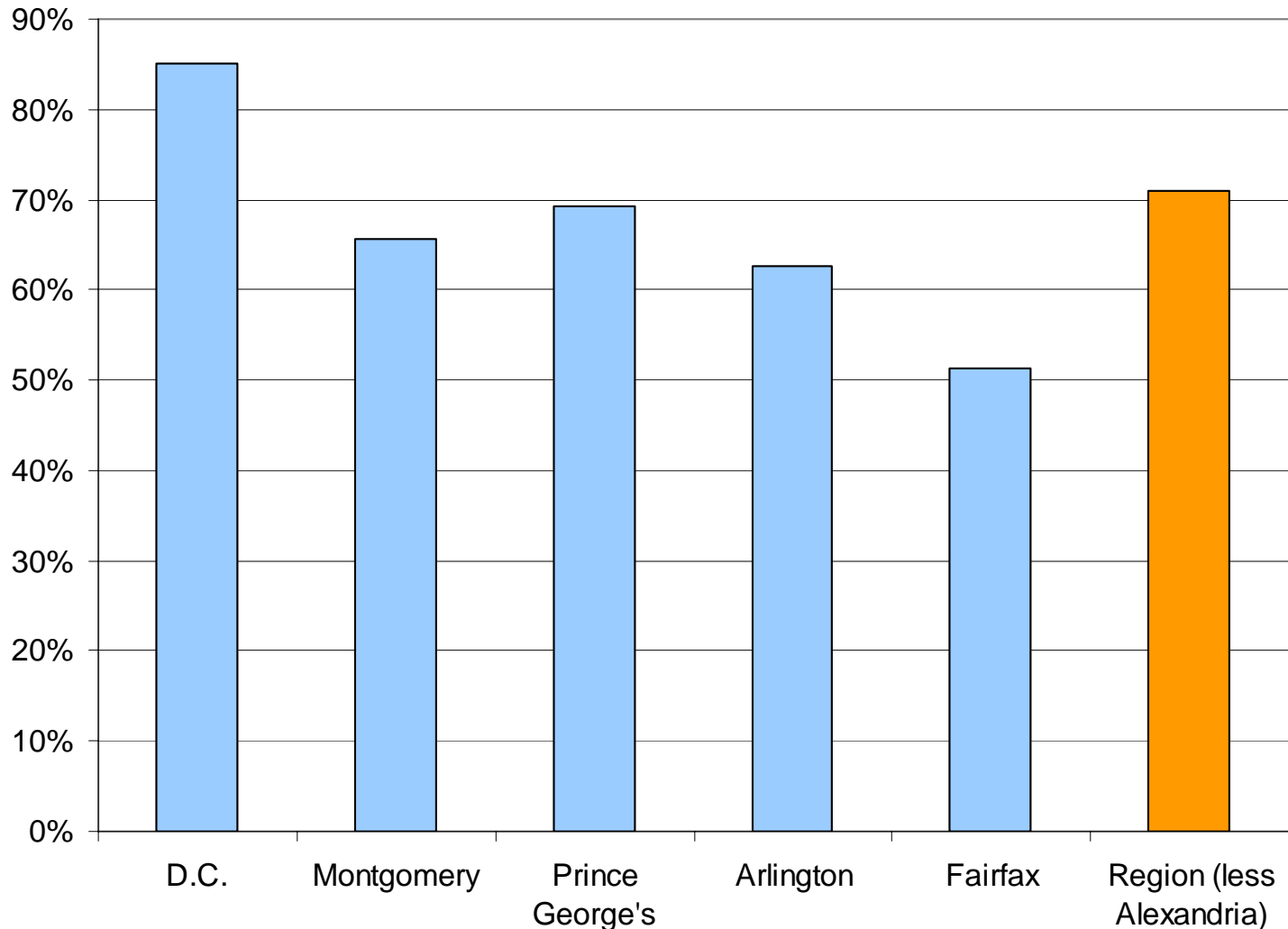


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Source: American Community Survey 2007. No data available on American Indian or Pacific Islander for most jurisdictions.

# Most children in poverty live in woman-headed households, particularly in the District

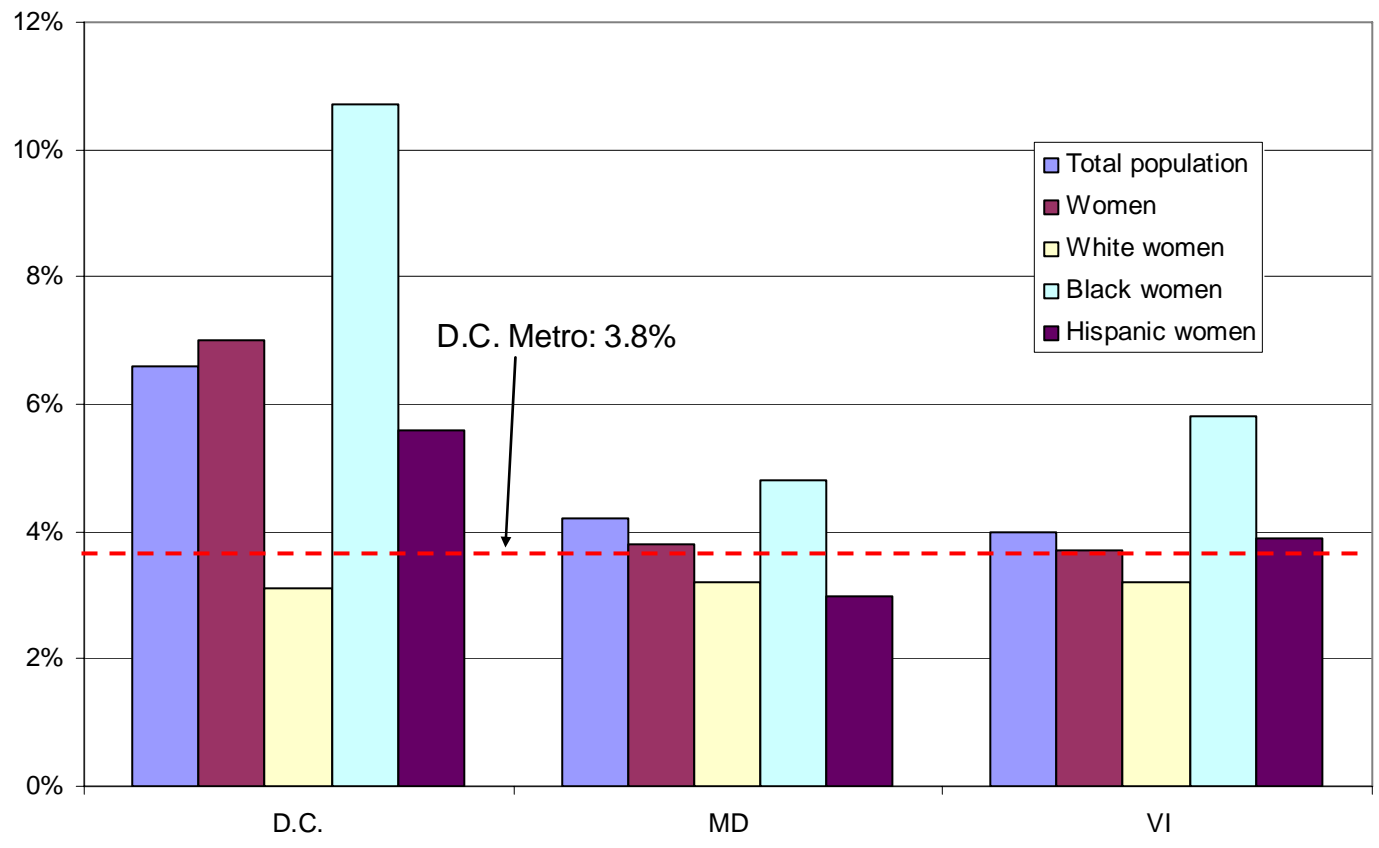
Percent of families below poverty with children that are woman-headed



Source: American Community Survey 2005-2007 3 year estimate. No data is available for Alexandria.

In MD, VA, and D.C. female unemployment is similar to overall unemployment. However, African American women experience much higher rates of unemployment compared other women and the metropolitan average.

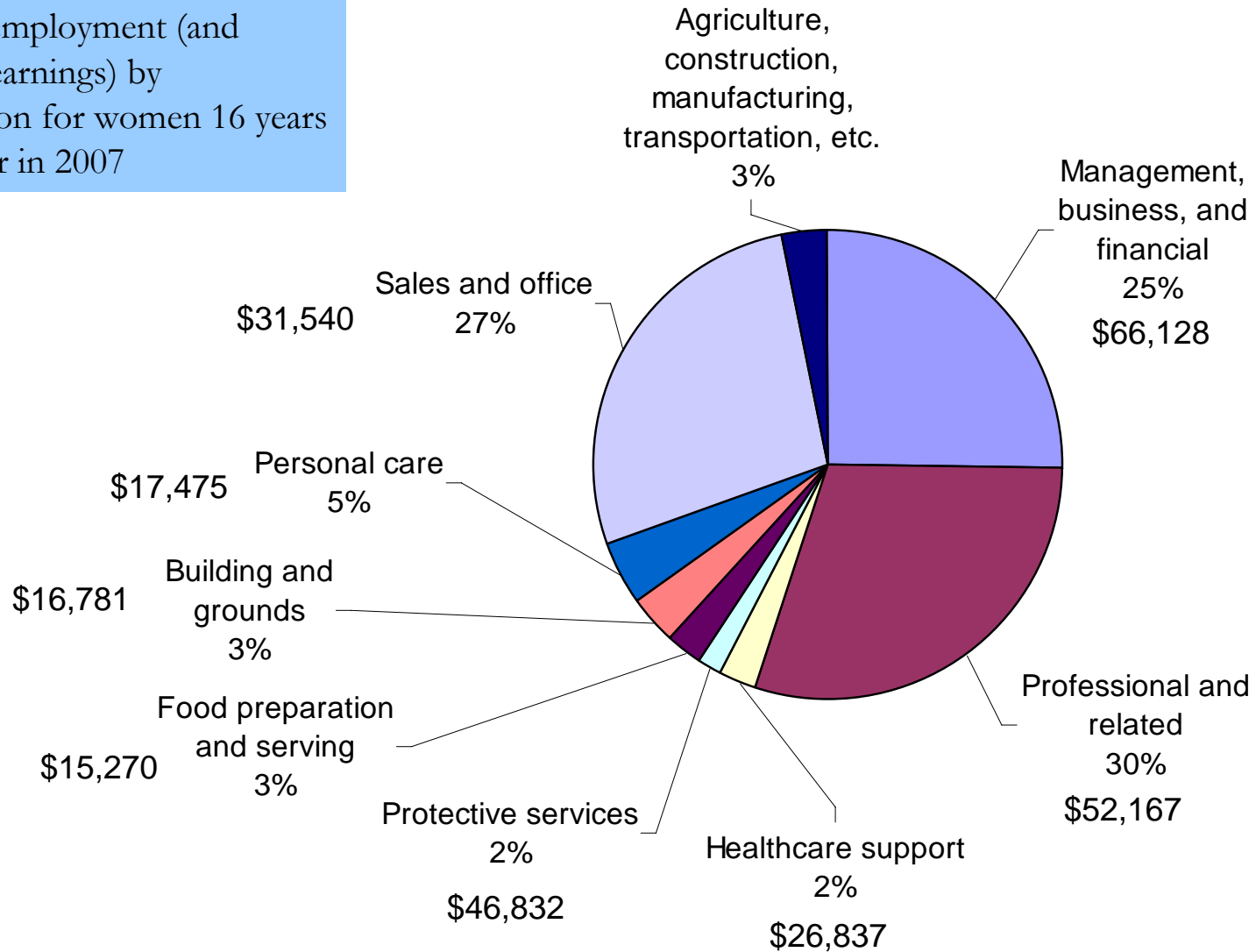
Average state unemployment rate in 2008 (16 years and older)



Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment by gender is only available at the state level.

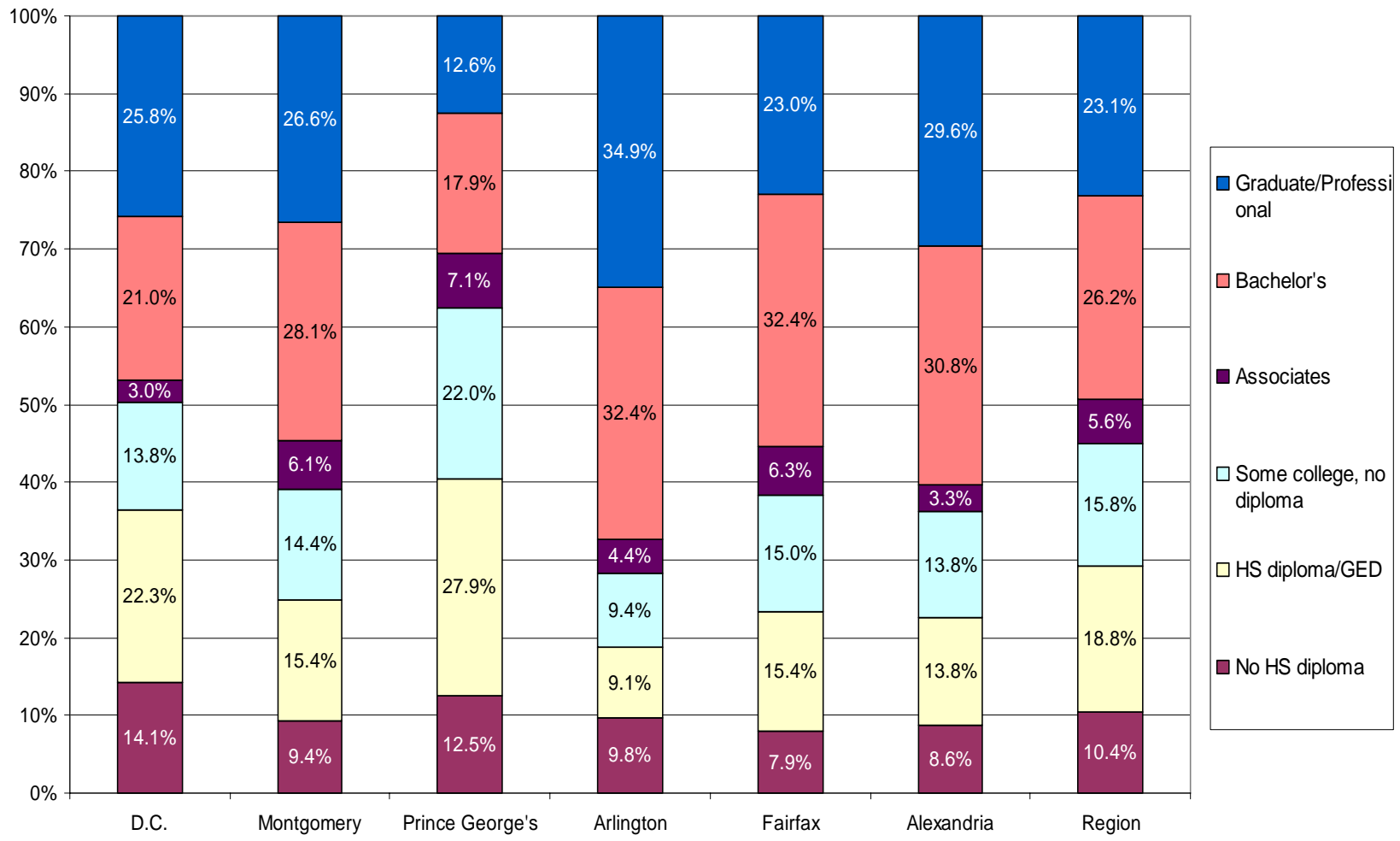
# Median earnings among women across all occupations in the Washington metropolitan area was \$40,488

Female employment (and median earnings) by occupation for women 16 years and older in 2007



# The dominance of management and professional occupations among women in the region corresponds to their high level of educational attainment.

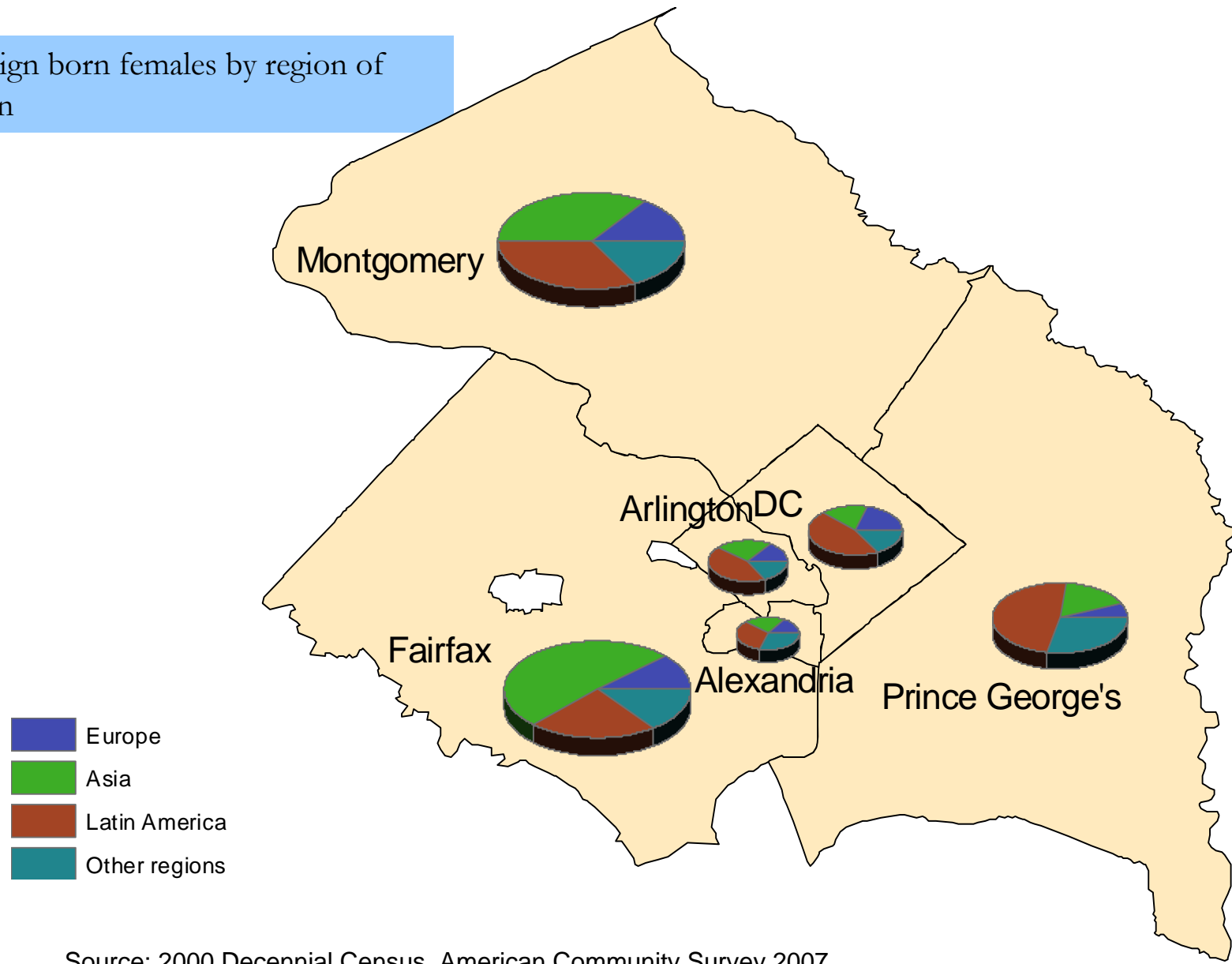
Educational attainment of women age 25 and older in 2007



Source: American Community Survey 2007

# 23.4 percent of females are foreign-born, up from 20.6 percent in 2000

Foreign born females by region of origin



Source: 2000 Decennial Census, American Community Survey 2007

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