

# FRONT PORCH FLORIDA

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## SOUTH IMMOKALEE



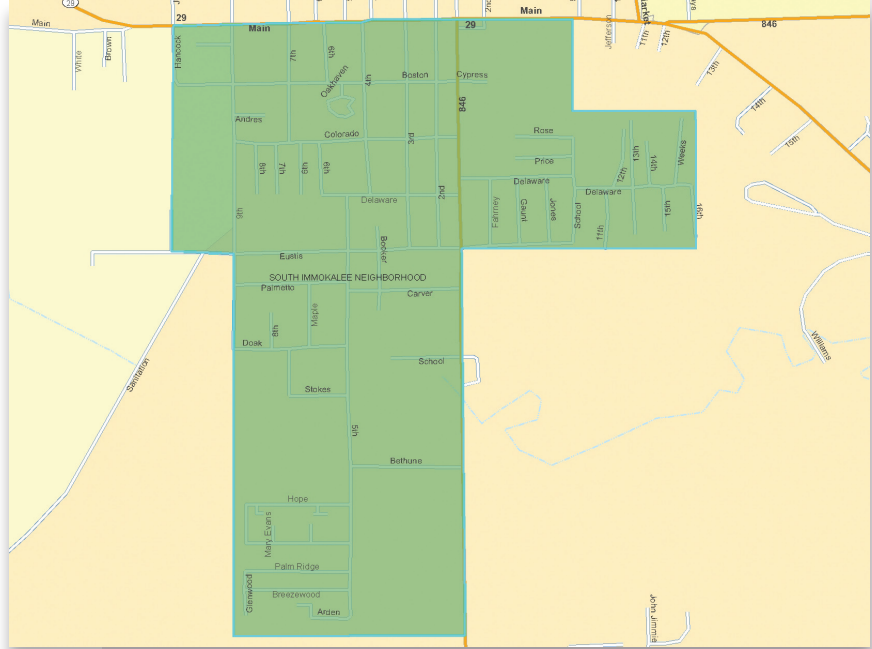


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HISTORY OF THE FRONT PORCH INITIATIVE

The Front Porch Florida Initiative (FPF) was established in 1999 to promote community revitalization by empowering local community members through technical assistance, training and by developing skills necessary to identify and acquire resources for revitalization purposes.<sup>1</sup> The Office of Urban Opportunity (OUO) was formed to simplify administration; to create strategic alliances and networks of community collaboration; to develop and forge better relationships between Front Porch communities and other public and private sector entities.

Since inception, twenty Front Porch community designations have been established across the State of Florida. The communities are located in Bartow, Bradenton, Daytona Beach, Ft.Lauderdale, Gainesville, Gifford (Indian River County), Immokalee, Jacksonville, Miami, Ocala, Opa-Locka, Orlando, Pensacola, Sanford, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Sylvania Heights (Okaloosa County), Tallahassee, Tampa, and West Palm Beach. These communities comprise some of the state’s most economically distressed urban and rural areas consisting of mostly African American residents. Front Porch Florida takes up this challenge to revitalize underserved communities that are dedicated to positive cooperation and communication to make their community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

## PERSONS

South Immokalee has a relatively equal distribution of **Hispanics (53%)**, **Blacks (40%)** and **Whites (33%)**. The Immokalee CDP is slightly less balanced with a mix of **Hispanic (70%)**, **White (37%)** and **Black (19%)**; Collier County is made up of **Whites (86%)**, **Hispanics (20%)**, and **Blacks (5%)**. Additionally, the **average age** for the South Immokalee community is slightly older (**31 years**) than the CDP (**27 years**) but significantly younger than the county (**43 years**). Finally, the **unemployment rate** for South Immokalee is higher at **14.7%** when compared to the city's and county's level of **12%** and **3.7%** respectively.

## HOUSEHOLDS

The **average household income (\$34,080)** in South Immokalee is higher than in the Immokalee CDP (**\$32,841**), but significantly lower than Collier County (**\$75,125**). However, the **family income** is lower in the community (**\$24,800**) when compared to the CDP (**\$28,193**) and county (**\$84,576**). South Immokalee household owners **receive public assistance (9.9%)** at a slightly higher rate than the CDP (**7.8%**) and a significantly higher percentage than the county (**1.5%**).

The community has a slightly lower (**92%**) percentage than does the CDP (**94%**) of **occupied housing units** and conversely, has a higher **vacancy rate (8%)**, compared to the CDP's (**6%**). The county has much lower rate (**71%**) of occupied housing units and thus a much higher vacancy rate (**29%**). Of the South Immokalee occupied units, **68%** are **rented** and **24%** **owned**; the same ratio for the city is **58%** **rented** and **37%** **owned**; the county, **17%** **rented** and **54%** **owned**. Furthermore, the **median owned home value** for the community is higher

at **\$73,510** when compared to the city's figure of **\$68,455**, but significantly lower than the county's level of **\$168,048**.

A much higher percentage (**39%**) of South Immokalee homeowners are **paying more than 30% of income on home costs** when compared to the Immokalee CDP (**22%**) and Collier County (**26%**). The community has a smaller percentage (**28%**) of those **paying more than 30% of their income on rent** when compared to South Immokalee CDP (**30%**) and Collier County (**36%**).

## POPULATION

The South Immokalee community is slightly older than the CDP, but significantly younger than the county. The community has a smaller percentage of the population in every age category including, and under **24 years of age** when compared to the CDP and county. In particular, the county has a much higher percentage of the population in every age group older than **60 years of age**.

## LABOR

South Immokalee community members use vehicles as a mode of **transportation to work** substantially less (**61%**) than the CDP (**74%**) and county (**89%**) population. Of those in the community who do use a vehicle, **33%** **carpooled** compared to **38%** in the CDP and **15%** in the county. **Public transportation** is used by **24%** of the South Immokalee population, **18%** of the Immokalee CDP population, and **2%** of the Collier County population. Finally, **25%** of the community has **no access to a vehicle**; the same figure for the CDP is **14%** and **5%** for the county.

## INCOME

The South Immokalee population has a considerably higher percentage (72%) of households **earning less than \$35,000**, when compared to the CDP (66%) and county (34%). Conversely, the community’s “middle class” (\$35,000 – \$74,999) is considerably less (20%) than that of CDP (26%) and county (36%). The community’s **median household income** is slightly below (\$21,971) the CDP (\$24,289) level, but even more so in comparison to the county (\$48,523).

South Immokalee’s **White median household income** (\$29,717) is noticeably greater than the White CDP figure (\$25,541), but much less in comparison to White household income at the county level (\$50,193). Similarly, community **Black** households earn a slightly greater level of income (\$15,808) when compared to CDP Black households (\$14,489), but much less than county Black (\$27,452) levels. **Hispanic** households in the community (\$27,509) earn slightly more than Hispanic CDP (\$26,285) households, but noticeably less than county (\$36,052) Hispanics.

**Per capita income** for South Immokalee’s **White** population (\$7,498) is marginally lower than CDP (\$7,686) levels, but drastically lower than county (\$34,421) levels. **Black** community members (\$9,534) earn more than in the CDP (\$7,840), but less than county (\$11,287) Blacks. Similarly, **Hispanics** in the community (\$9,629) earn more than CDP (\$7,689) Hispanics, but less than county Hispanics (\$11,638).

## POVERTY

The South Immokalee community has a slightly higher **percent of population below the poverty level** (42%) than the CDP (40%), and significantly higher percentage in comparison to the county (10%). There is a lower percentage of community **Whites** (33%) below the poverty level

in comparison to the CDP (35%), but not the county. Similarly, community **Blacks** (44%) have a lower percentage below the poverty level when compared to the CDP (53%), but much higher figure than the county figure (30%). Community **Hispanics** on the other hand, have a higher (43%) percentage than both the CDP (38%) and the county (23%). Finally, community **families with children under 18 below the poverty line** are considerably lower (2%) than the CDP’s level (13%), but equal to the county’s figure (2%).

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

In general, residents of South Immokalee are attaining slightly higher levels of education than in the CDP, but lower levels in comparison to the county. South Immokalee has a slightly higher or equal percentage of every category over and including **high school graduate**, making up 29% of the population (compared to 23% for the CDP); the same figure for the county is 82%. Finally, both the community (72%) and CDP (76%) population is not graduating high school (**9th to 12th grade/ no diploma and below**) at anywhere near the level of the county (18%).

## INDUSTRY

A breakdown of **industry employment** reveals the South Immokalee community and the CDP have an overwhelming reliance on **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**; the county lacks significantly in this industry. Furthermore, the community employs a larger amount of **Wholesale Trade**, as well as a slightly higher level of **Accommodation and Food Services** activities than does the CDP or county. Finally, the county has a significantly higher percentage of **Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing** and **Professional and Related Services** activities.

Persons	South Immokalee Community		Immokalee CDP		Collier County	
		%		%		%
<b>Total Population</b>	4,820	% base	19,410	% base	251,377	% base
Male	2,777	58%	11,034	57%	125,618	50%
Female	2,044	42%	8,376	43%	125,759	50%
White	1,603	33%	7,201	37%	215,705	86%
Black or African American	1,921	40%	3,641	19%	11,673	5%
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	2,569	53%	13,670	70%	49,252	20%
<b>Average Age</b>	31.7		27.7		43.7	
<b>Population 16 yrs and over By Employment Status</b>	3,715	% base	13,506	% base	206,955	% base
Employed	1,946	52%	7,152	53%	105,436	51%
Unemployed	334	9%	977	7%	4,004	2%
Civilian participation rate	61.40%		60.20%		52.90%	
Unemployment rate	14.70%		12.00%		3.70%	

Households	South Immokalee Community		Immokalee CDP		Collier County	
		%		%		%
<b>Average Income</b>						
Household	\$34,080		\$32,841		\$75,125	
Family	\$24,800		\$28,193		\$84,576	
<b>Total Households</b>	1,214		4,644		103,126	
With public assistance income	121	9.90%	363	7.80%	1,551	1.50%
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	1,269	% base	4,929	% base	144,536	% base
Vacant	103	8%	274	6%	41,563	29%
Occupied	1,166	92%	4,655	94%	102,973	71%
Owner occupied	301	24%	1,801	37%	77,829	54%
Renter occupied	865	68%	2,854	58%	25,144	17%
<b>Owner occupied units</b>	301	% base	1,801	% base	77,829	% base
Average owned home value	\$74,677		\$76,663		\$259,155	

Median value of owned homes	\$73,510		\$68,455		\$168,048	
Percentage of owners paying more than 30% of income on home costs	39.50%		22.30%		26.50%	
<b>Renter occupied units</b>	865		2,854		25,144	
Average monthly gross rent	\$387		\$408		\$820	
Percentage of renters paying more than 30% of income on rent	28.50%		30.30%		36.30%	

Population	South Immokalee Community		Immokalee CDP		Collier County	
		%		%		%
<b>Population by Age</b>	4,820	% base	19,410	% base	251,377	% base
Under 5 years	411	9%	1,980	10%	13,300	5%
5 to 9 years	402	8%	1,838	9%	14,808	6%
10 to 14 years	237	5%	1,677	9%	13,371	5%
15 to 19 years	478	10%	2,244	12%	13,150	5%
20 to 24 years	402	8%	2,066	11%	11,391	5%
25 to 34 years	988	20%	3,262	17%	28,288	11%
35 to 44 years	674	14%	2,868	15%	34,222	14%
45 to 54 years	586	12%	1,713	9%	29,479	12%
55 to 59 years	127	3%	487	3%	15,240	6%
60 to 64 years	148	3%	438	2%	16,772	7%
65 to 74 years	282	6%	563	3%	35,060	14%
75 to 84 years	65	1%	205	1%	20,842	8%
85 years and over	21	0%	69	0%	5,454	2%

Labor	South Immokalee Community		Immokalee CDP		Collier County	
		%		%		%
<b>Workers 16 years or older by Transportation to Work</b>	1,910	% base	6,874	% base	103,068	% base
Car, truck, or van	1,172	61%	5,057	74%	92,081	89%
Drove alone	548	29%	2,420	35%	76,730	74%
Carpooled	624	33%	2,637	38%	15,351	15%
Public transportation	451	24%	1,250	18%	1,964	2%
Bicycle, walked, other means	272	14%	481	7%	4,005	4%

<b>Household with no Access to a Vehicle</b>	475	25%	955	14%	4,999	5%
<b>Average travel time to work</b>	33.3		34		24	

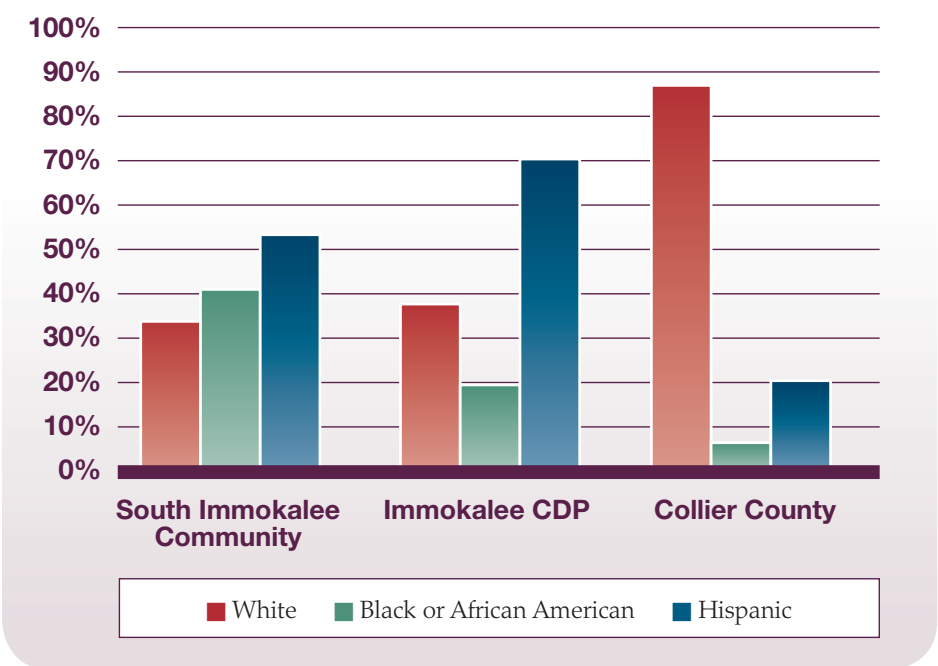
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		%		%		%
<b>Households by 1999 Income Level</b>	1,214	% base	4,644	% base	103,126	% base
Less than \$20,000	586	48%	1,996	43%	15,915	15%
\$20,000 to \$34,999	289	24%	1,084	23%	19,618	19%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	137	11%	717	15%	17,627	17%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	111	9%	532	11%	20,016	19%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	62	5%	209	5%	11,263	11%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12	1%	67	1%	9,387	9%
\$150,000 or more	18	1%	39	1%	9,300	9%
<b>Average household income</b>	\$34,080		\$32,841		\$75,125	
<b>Median household income</b>	\$21,971		\$24,289		\$48,523	
<b>Median Household Income by Race of Householder</b>						
White	\$29,717		\$25,541		\$50,193	
Black or African American	\$15,808		\$14,489		\$27,452	
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	\$27,509		\$26,285		\$36,052	
<b>Per Capita Income by Race</b>						
White	\$7,498		\$7,686		\$34,421	
Black or African American	\$9,534		\$7,840		\$11,287	
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	\$9,629		\$7,689		\$11,638	
<b>Average family income</b>	\$24,800		\$28,193		\$84,576	

Poverty	South Immokalee Community		Immokalee CDP		Collier County	
		%		%		%
<b>Percent of group below the poverty level</b>						
Total persons	42%		40%		10%	
<b>By Age</b>						
Under 5 years	6%		10%		9%	
5 years	3%		3%		2%	
6 to 11 years	9%		13%		11%	
12 to 17 years	9%		13%		10%	
18 to 64 years	67%		58%		57%	
65 to 74 years	3%		1%		5%	
75 years and over	3%		2%		5%	
<b>By Race</b>						
White	33%		35%		8%	
Black or African American	44%		53%		30%	
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	43%		38%		23%	
<b>Total Families</b>	847	% base	3,725	% base	71,823	% base
Below the poverty level:						
With related children under 18 years	17	2%	481	13%	1,606	2%

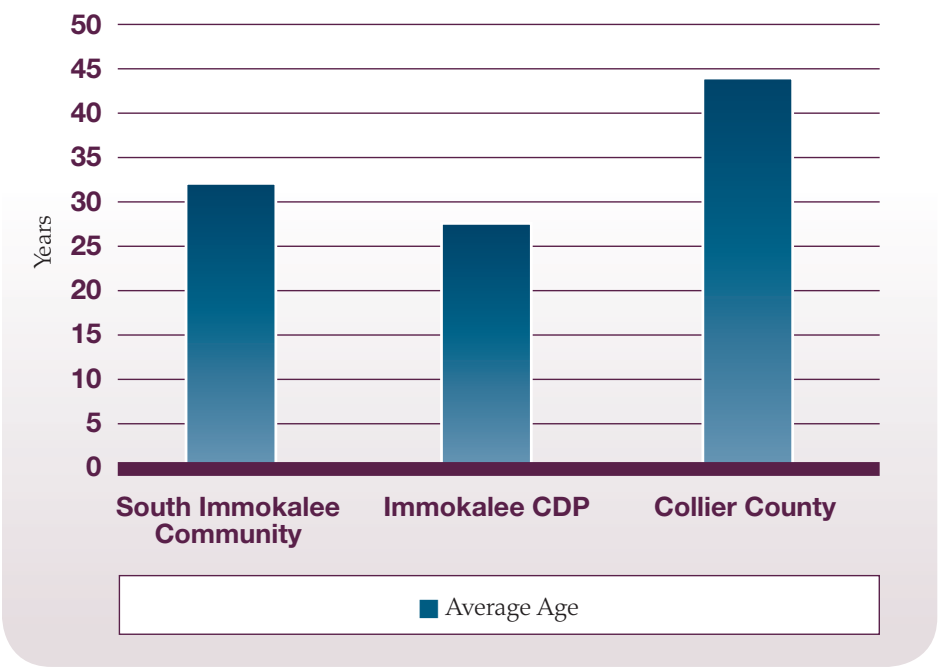
Educational Attainment	South Immokalee Community		Immokalee CDP		Collier County	
		%		%		%
<b>Population 25 years or older</b>	2,891	% base	9,605	% base	185,357	% base
Less than 9th grade	1,591	55%	5,351	56%	14,918	8%
9th to 12th grade/no diploma	487	17%	1,951	20%	18,904	10%
High school graduate	485	17%	1,559	16%	48,643	26%
Some college, no degree	120	4%	376	4%	40,388	22%
Associate degree	45	2%	132	1%	10,747	6%
Bachelor's degree	141	5%	193	2%	33,700	18%
Graduate/professional degree	21	1%	43	0%	18,057	10%

Industry	South Immokalee Community		Immokalee CDP		Collier County	
		%		%		%
<b>Employed Population 16 years or older by Industry</b>	1,946	% base	7,152	% base	105,436	% base
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	388	20%	2,182	31%	3,593	3%
Mining	0	0%	5	0%	122	0%
Construction	237	12%	964	13%	13,626	13%
Manufacturing	56	3%	179	3%	3,854	4%
Wholesale trade	234	12%	585	8%	3,261	3%
Retail trade	174	9%	573	8%	15,332	15%
Transportation and warehousing	36	2%	74	1%	2,989	3%
Utilities	0	0%	49	1%	576	1%
Information	18	1%	29	0%	1,649	2%
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	24	1%	141	2%	10,090	10%
Professional and related services	147	8%	457	6%	11,581	11%
Educational services	43	2%	157	2%	5,434	5%
Health care and social assistance	154	8%	444	6%	9,499	9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	61	3%	252	4%	5,190	5%
Accommodation and food services	239	12%	593	8%	9,728	9%
Other services	57	3%	278	4%	5,392	5%
Public administration	78	4%	190	3%	3,520	3%
<b>Top 3 Employers by Industry</b>	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting Accommodation and food services Construction		Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting Construction Accommodation and food services		Retail trade Construction Professional and related services	

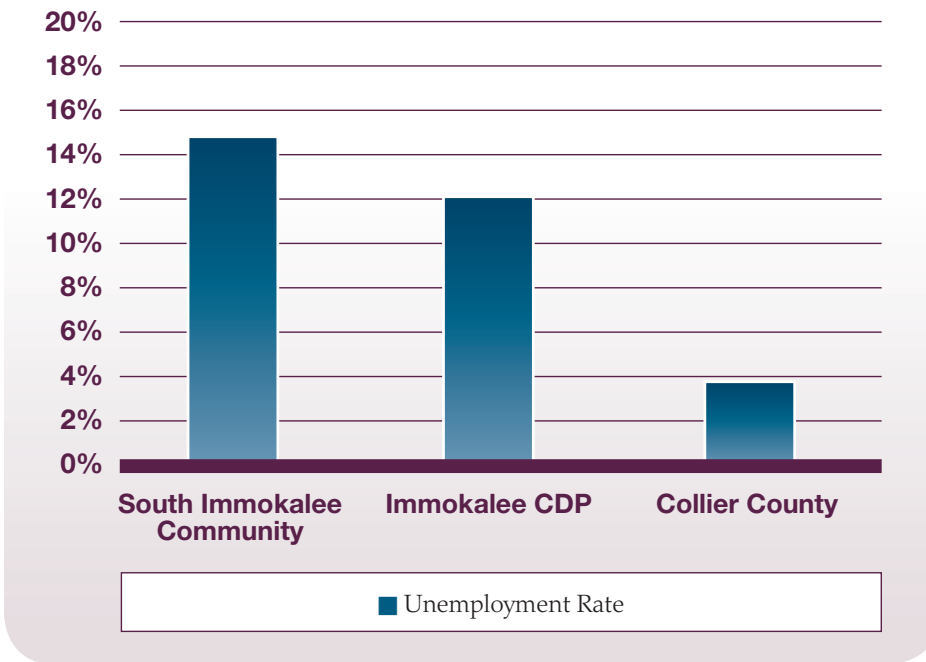
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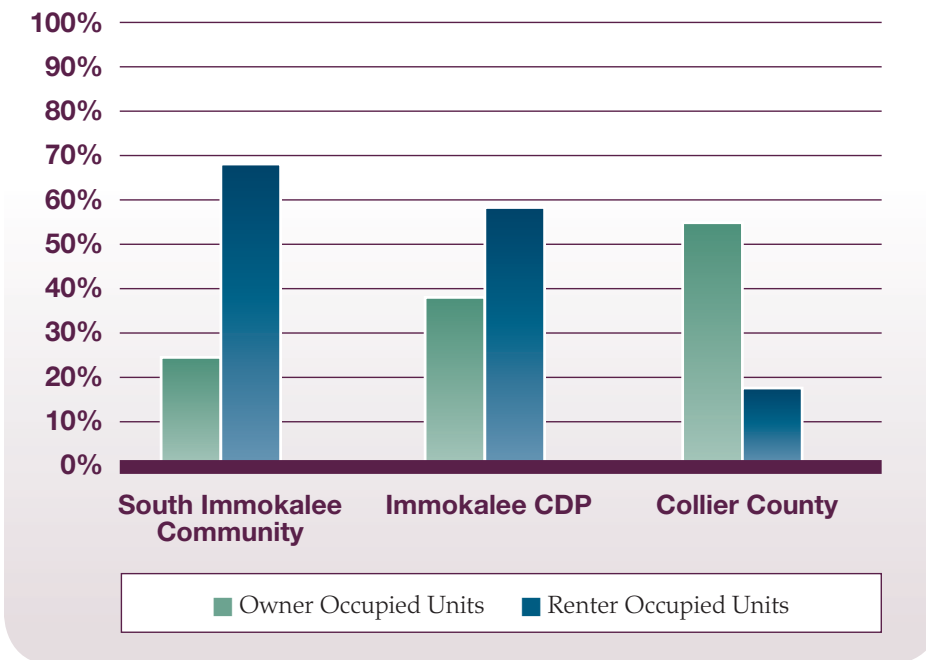
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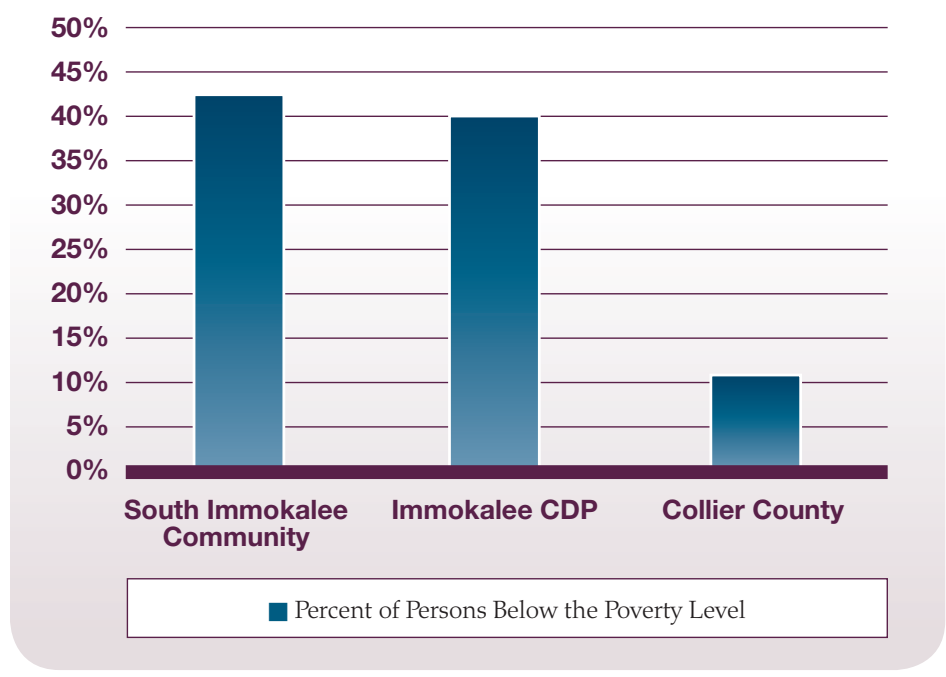
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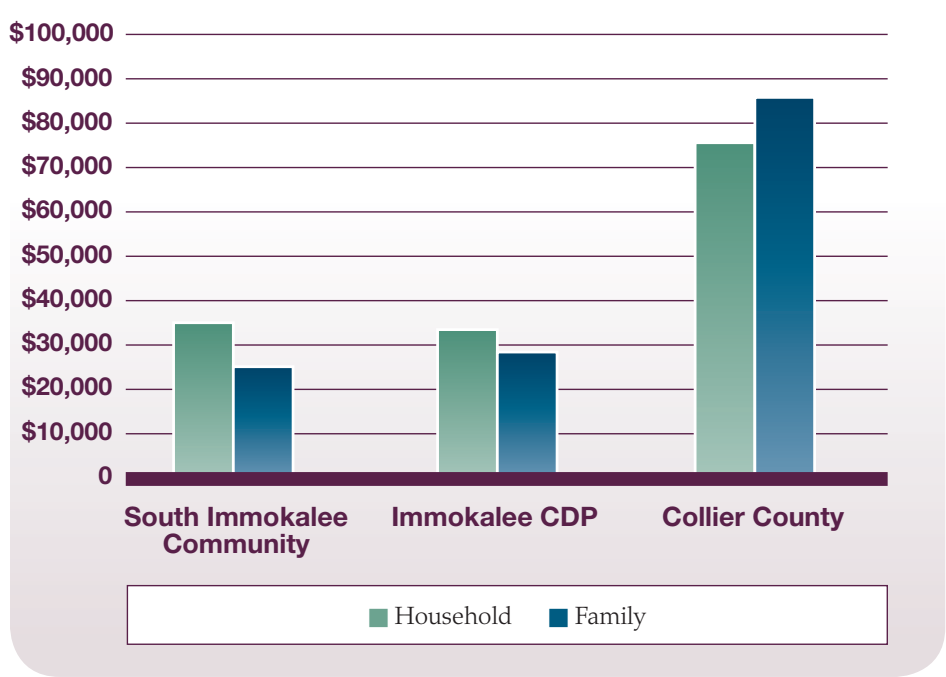
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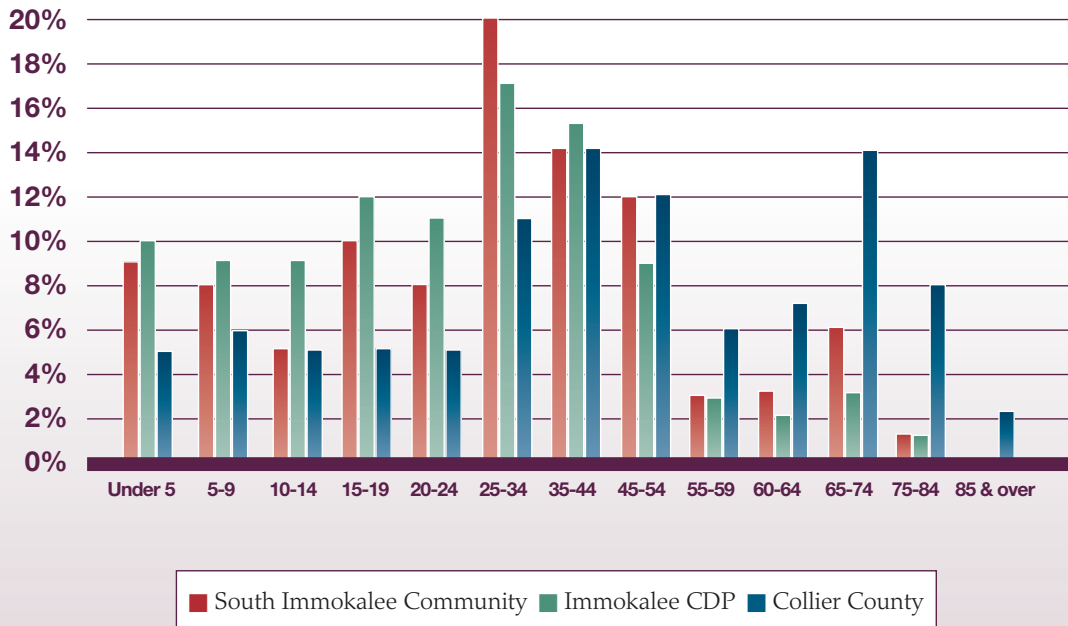
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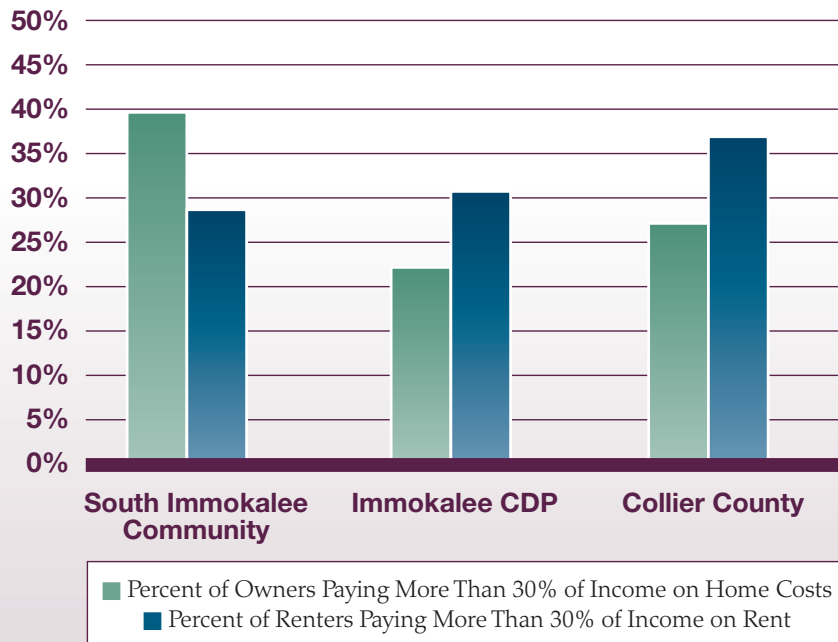
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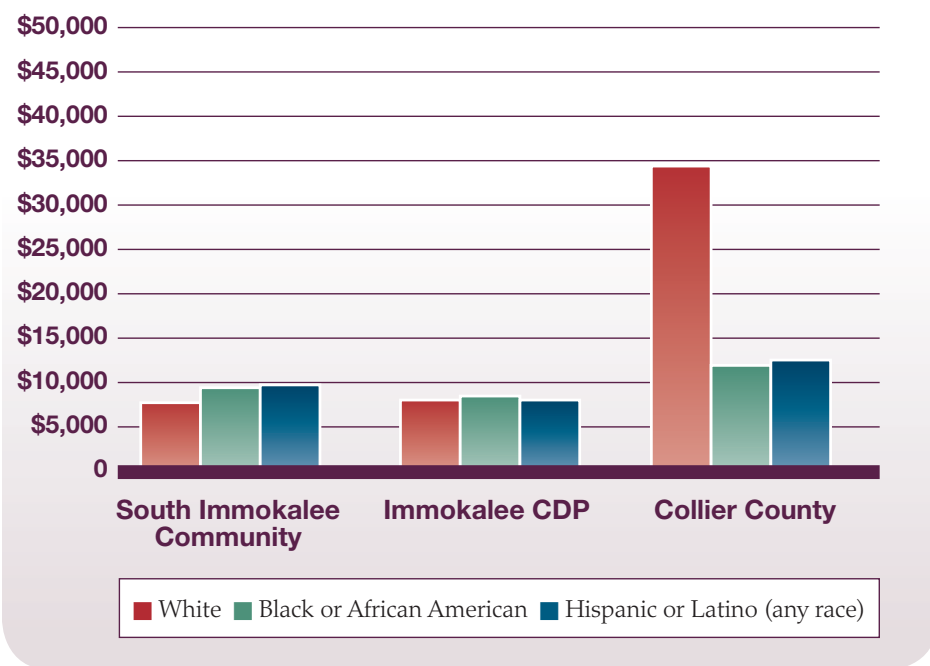
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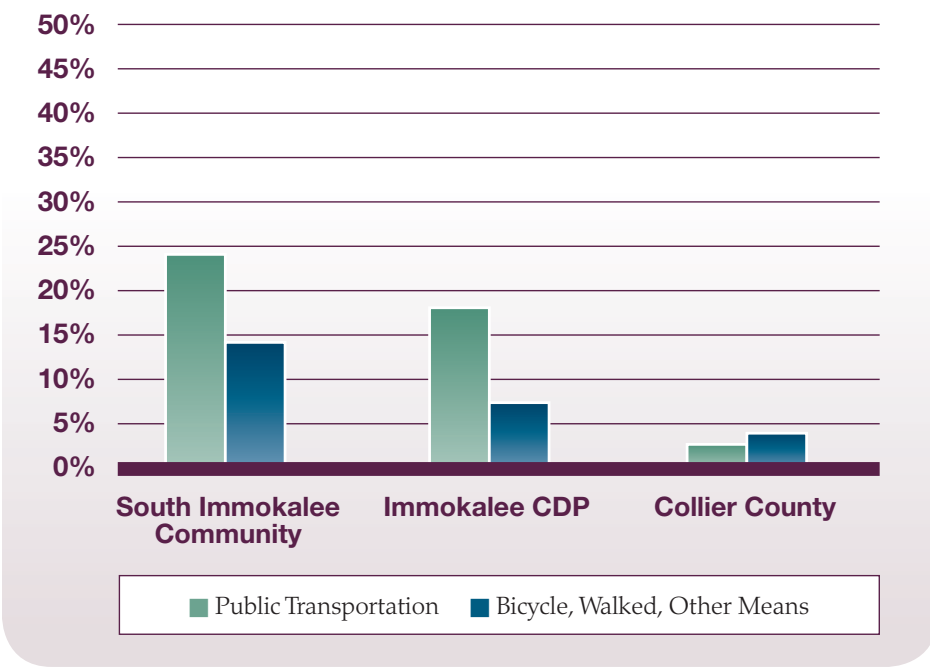
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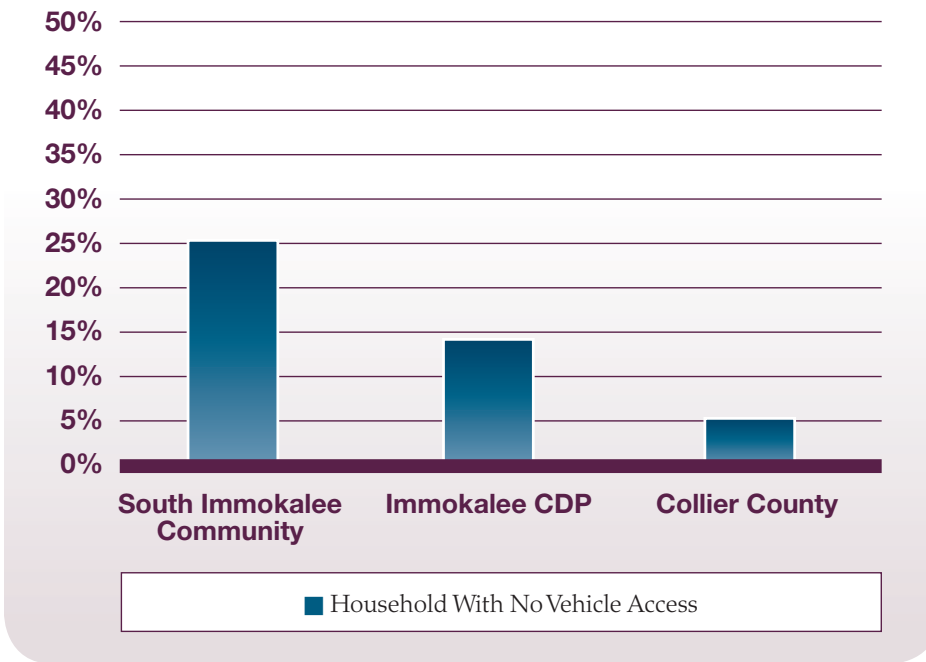
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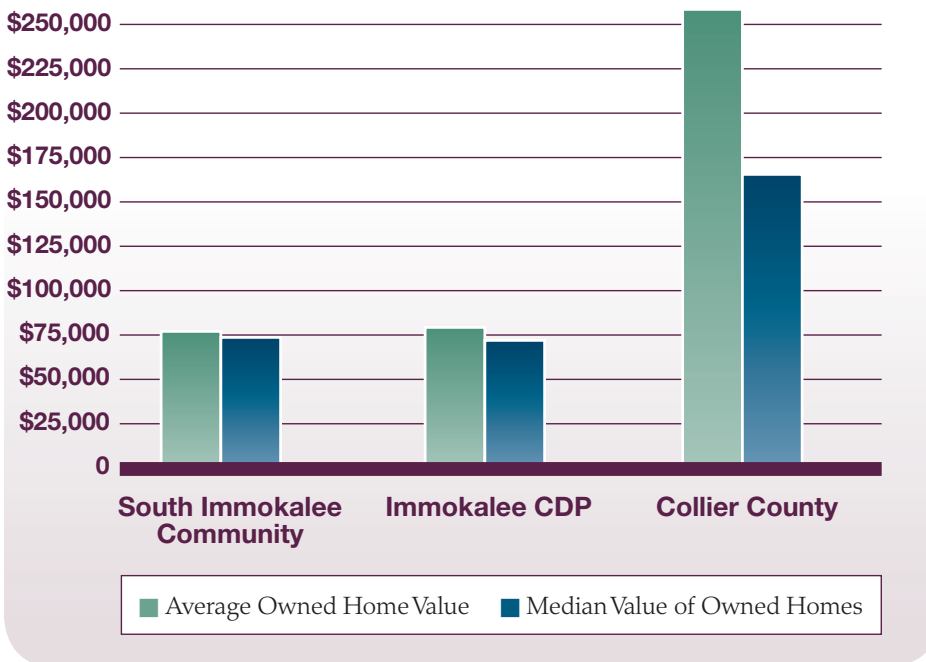
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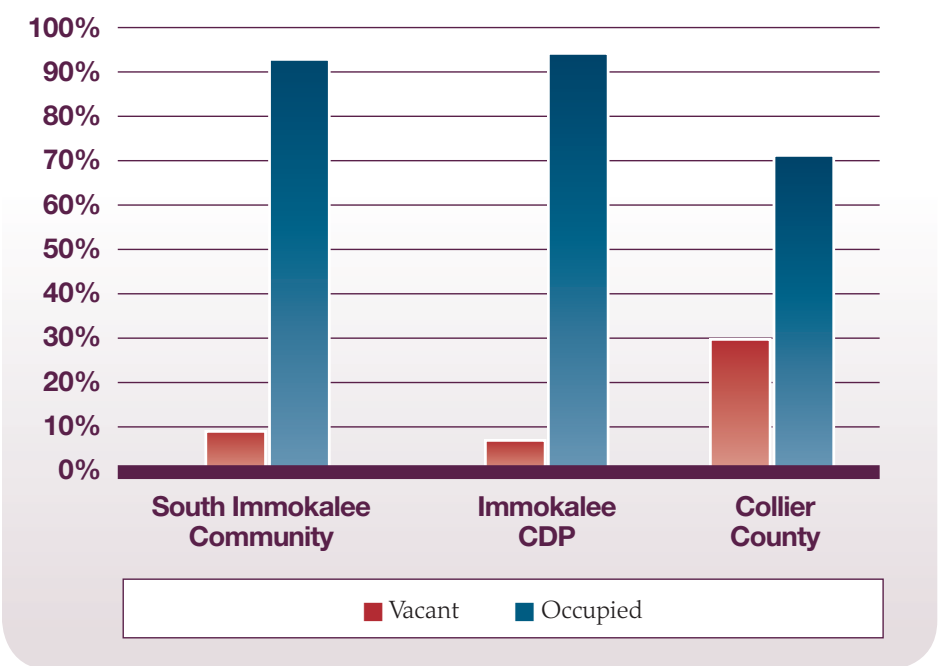
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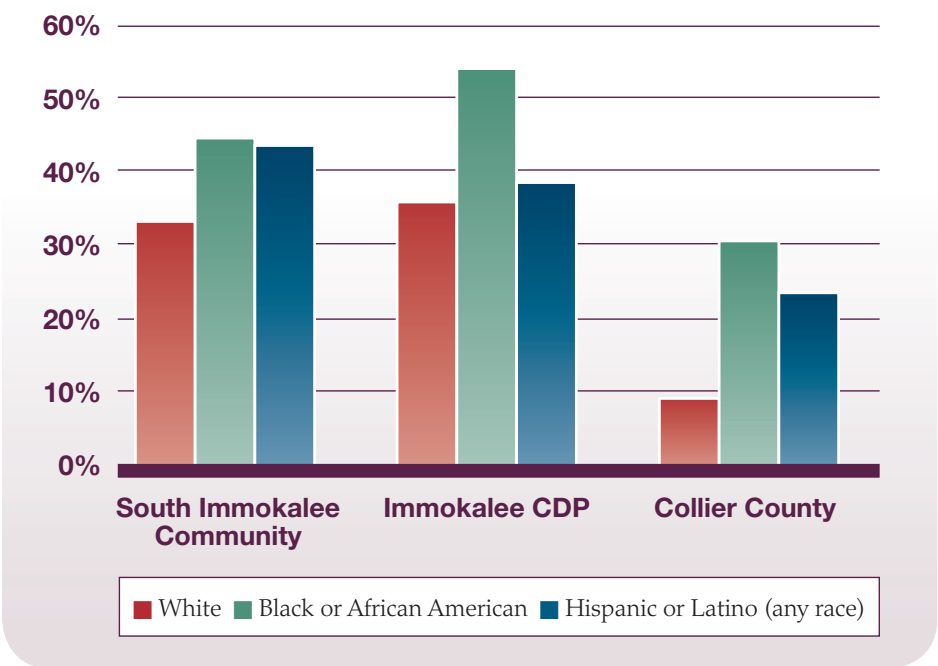
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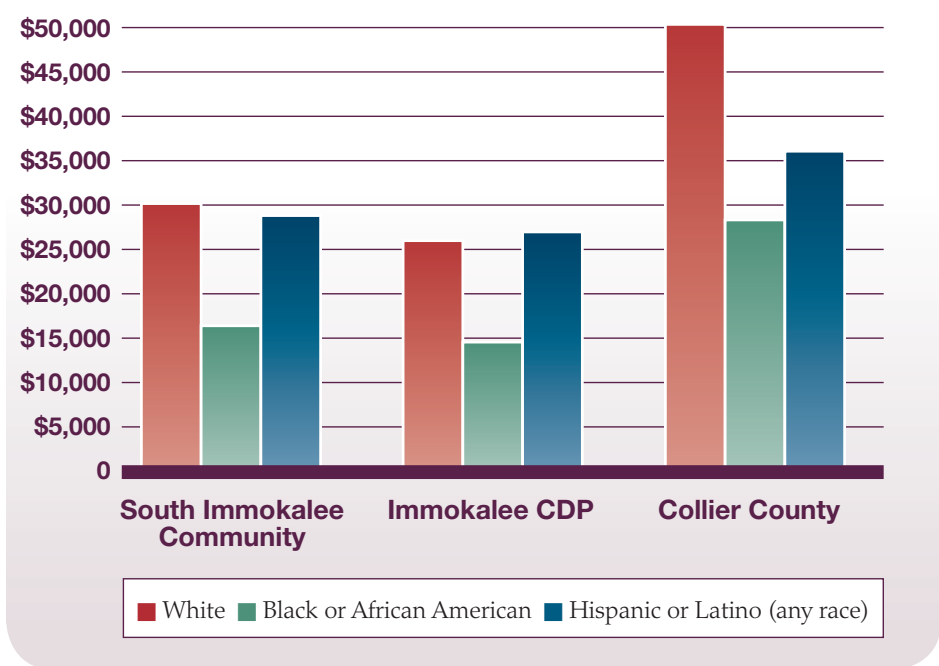
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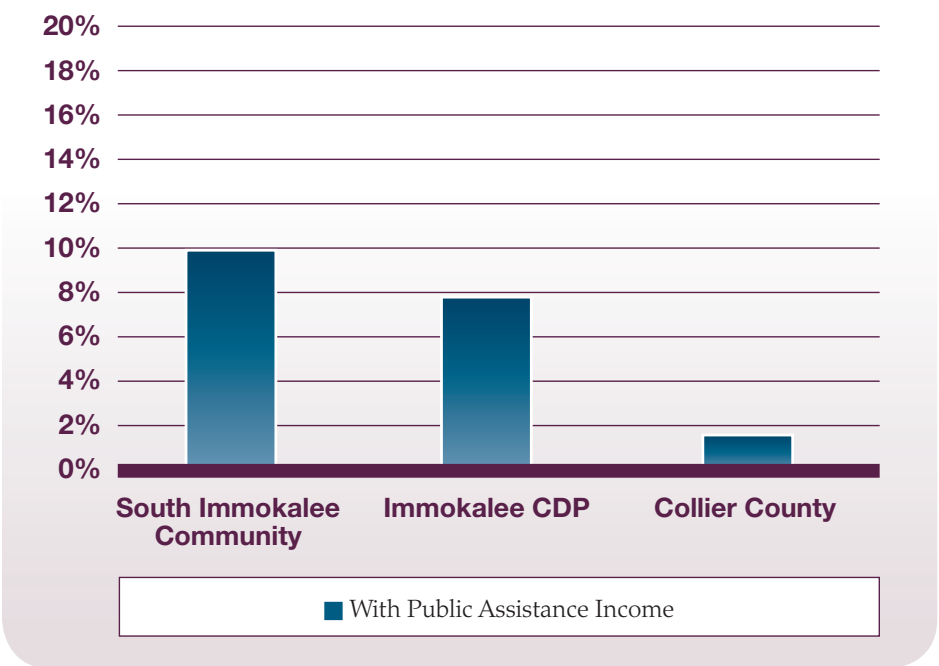
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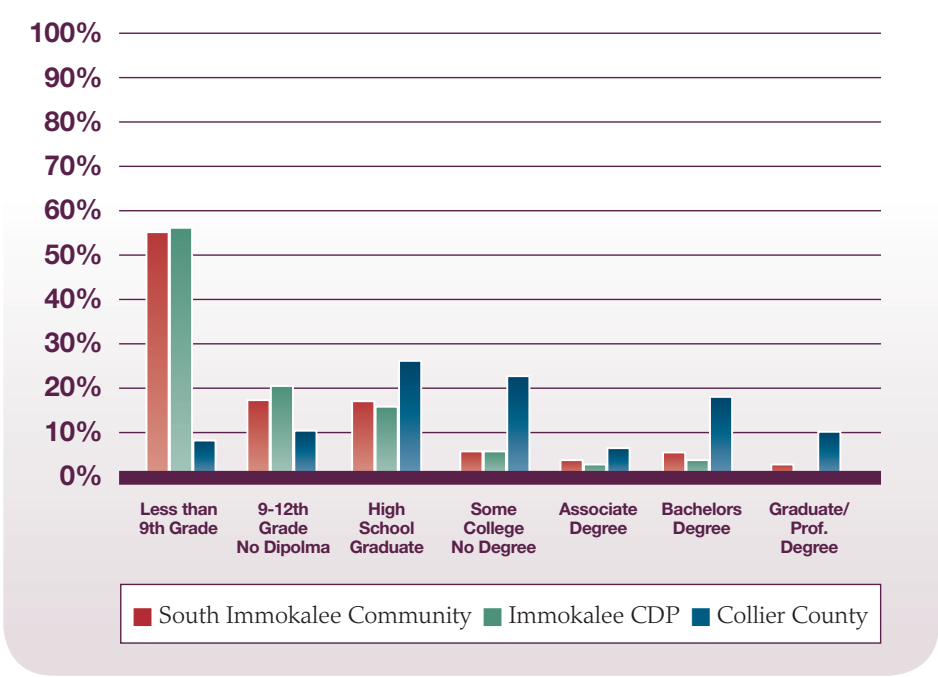
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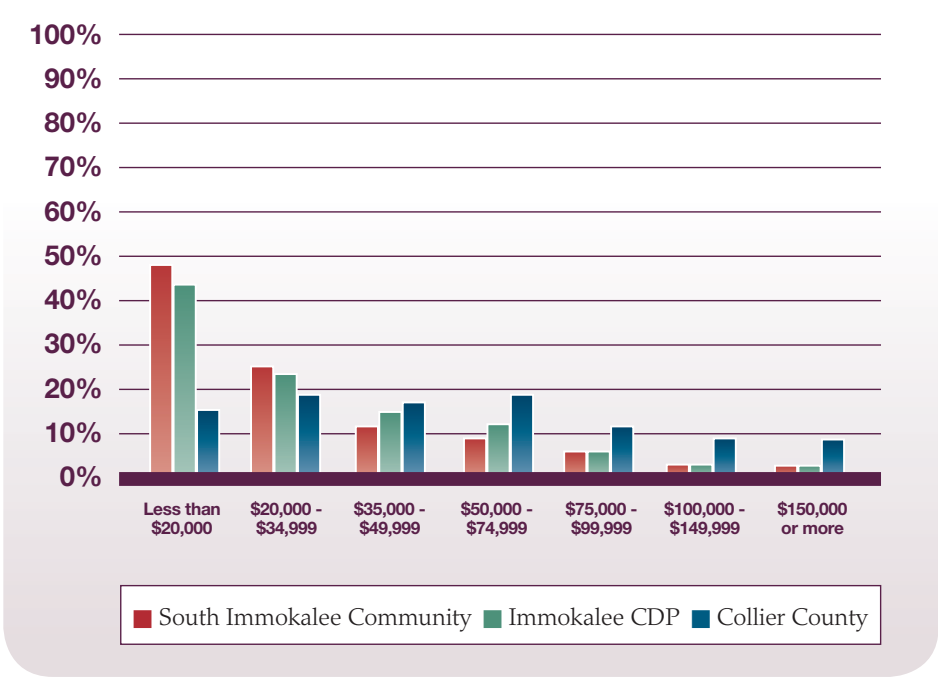
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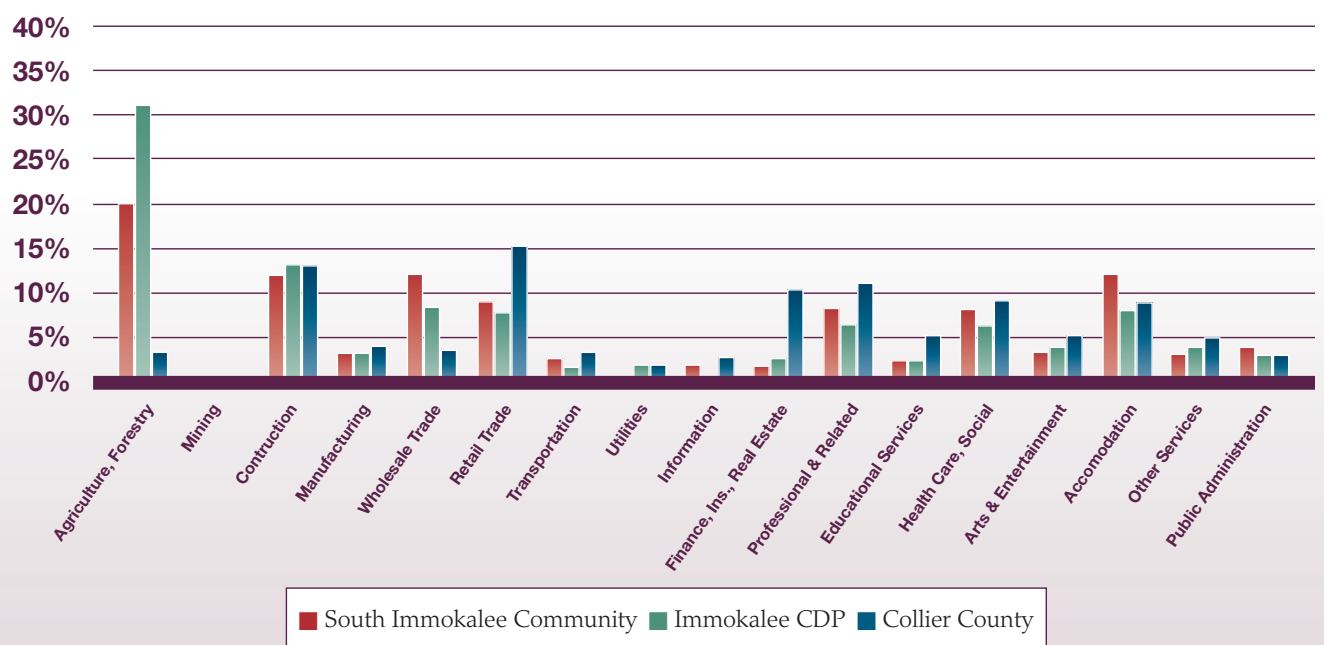
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