



Towards a geography of justice: Rural sustainability and the promise of public education

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Rural schools define and sustain
rural communities.

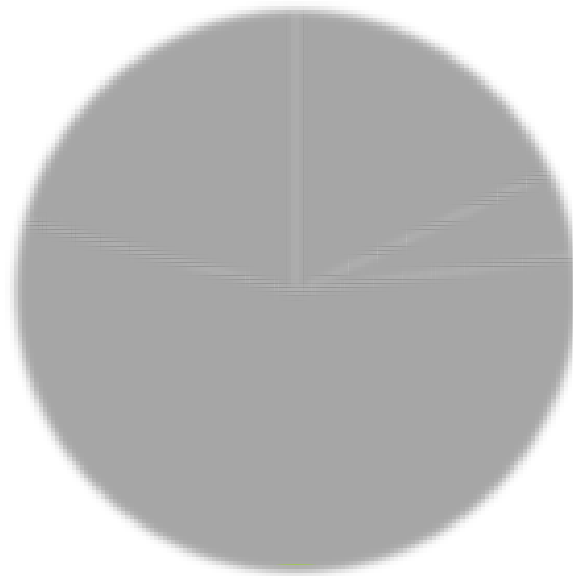
- economies
- social fabric
- culture
- political power

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The urgency of *this* moment

Non-metropolitan population growth 2000-2010



white

black

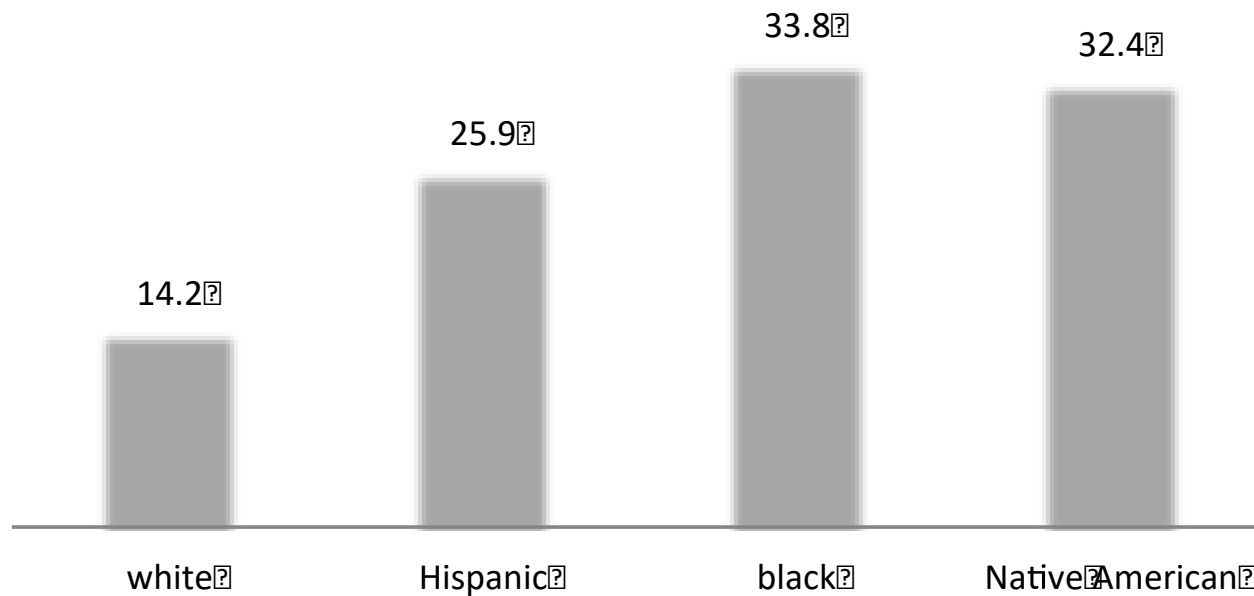
Hispanic

Native, Asian, or API,
multi-racial



2 More Black Churches Burn, This Time in Rural Mississippi, and Investigators Flood In

Rural poverty rates



Source: Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture, 2015

But it doesn't have to be this way.



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Delight senior-day countdown





Earle High School

What can we do?

1) Lead for equity.

2) Organize to advocate for spatially equitable policies.



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