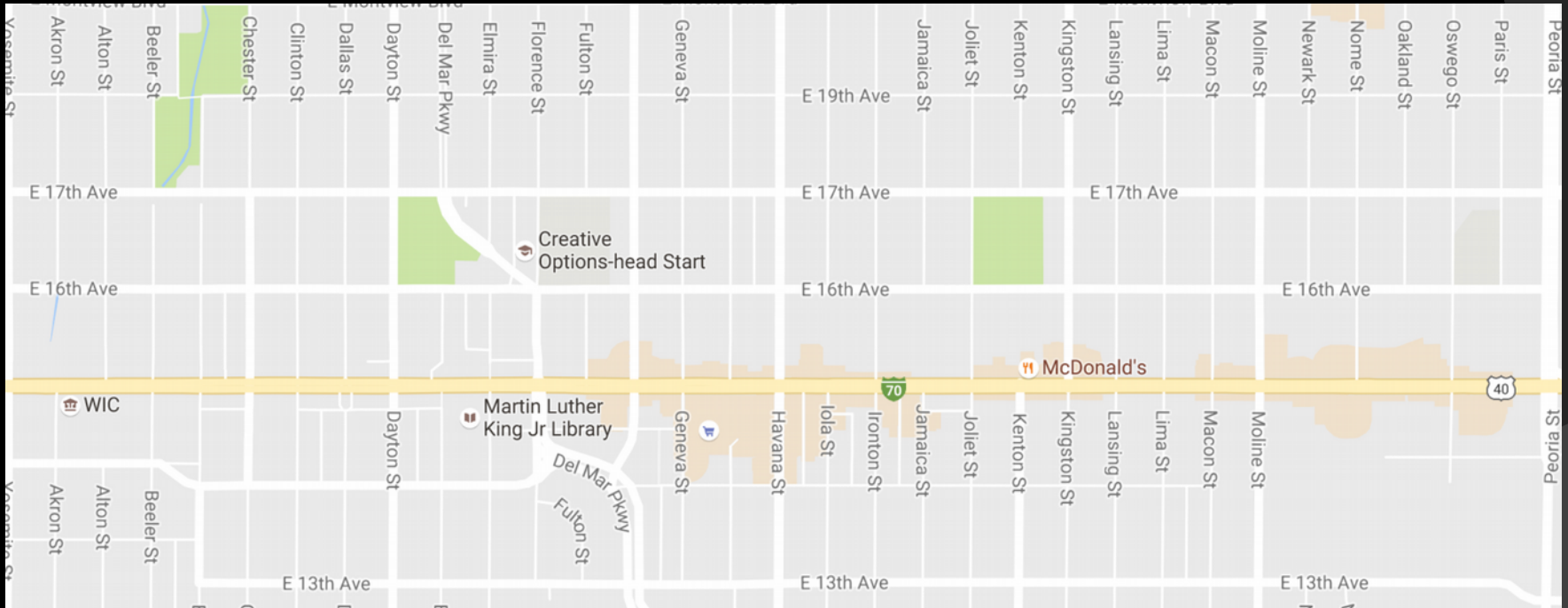
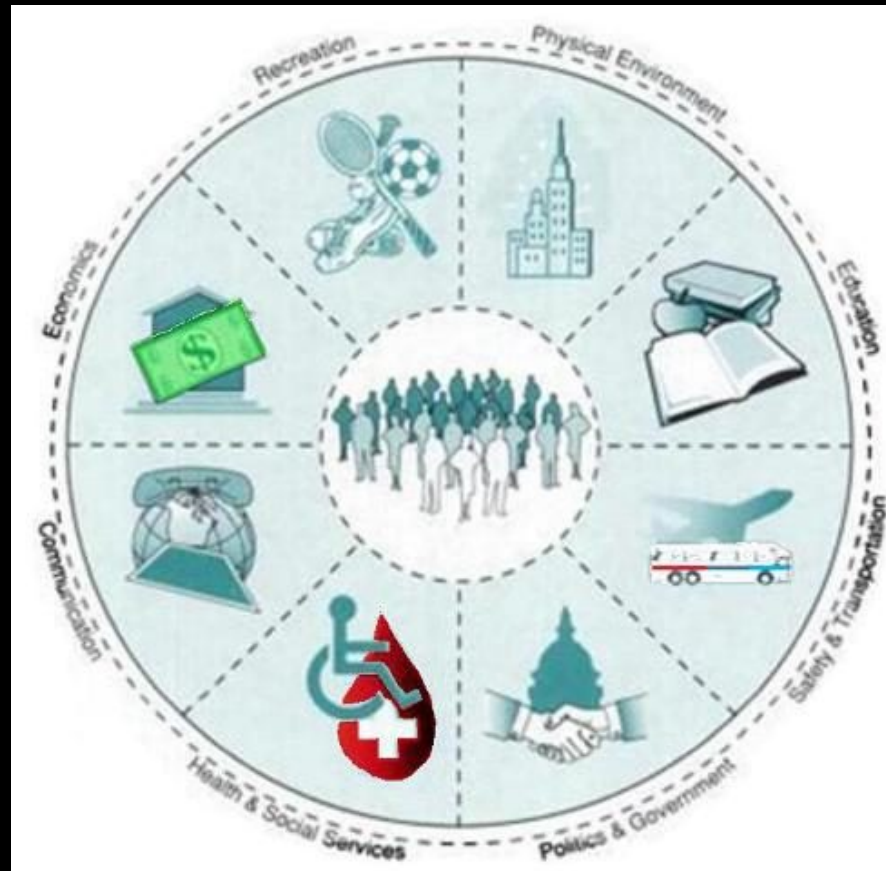




Colfax Community Network Needs Assessment



Community As Partner Framework



<http://lsngrandview.tripod.com/>

Demographics

INDICATOR	POPULATION RANGE
POPULATION DENSITY	7458 – 32,7000 PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE
AVERAGE INCOME	13TH –19TH/YOSEMITE TO PEORIA = \$20,833-\$24,847 (+/- \$1,912)
BELOW THE POVERTY LINE (Colfax to 17th)	75-100%
BELOW THE POVERTY LINE (Colfax to 13th)	25-75%

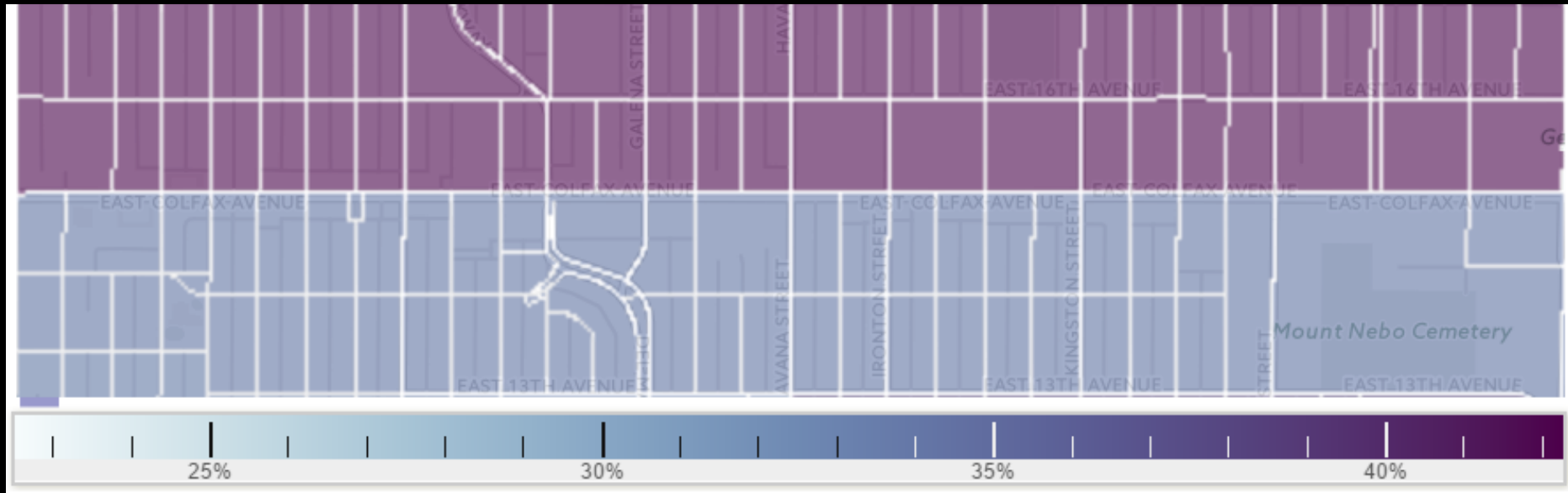
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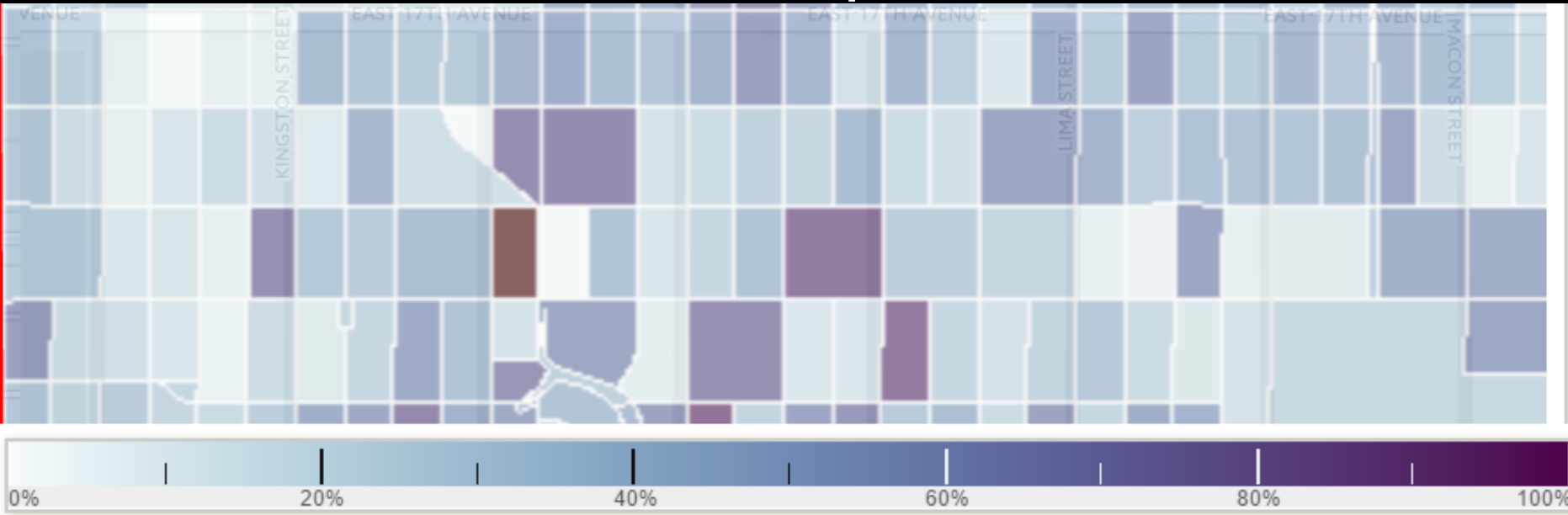
UNDER THE AGE OF 18	25-50
AGE 65 OR OLDER	0-10
NON-PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH	22-55
NON-WHITE	75-94
LACKS PRIVATE VEHICLE	10-44
INSTITUTIONALIZED	0-5
SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLD	25-50

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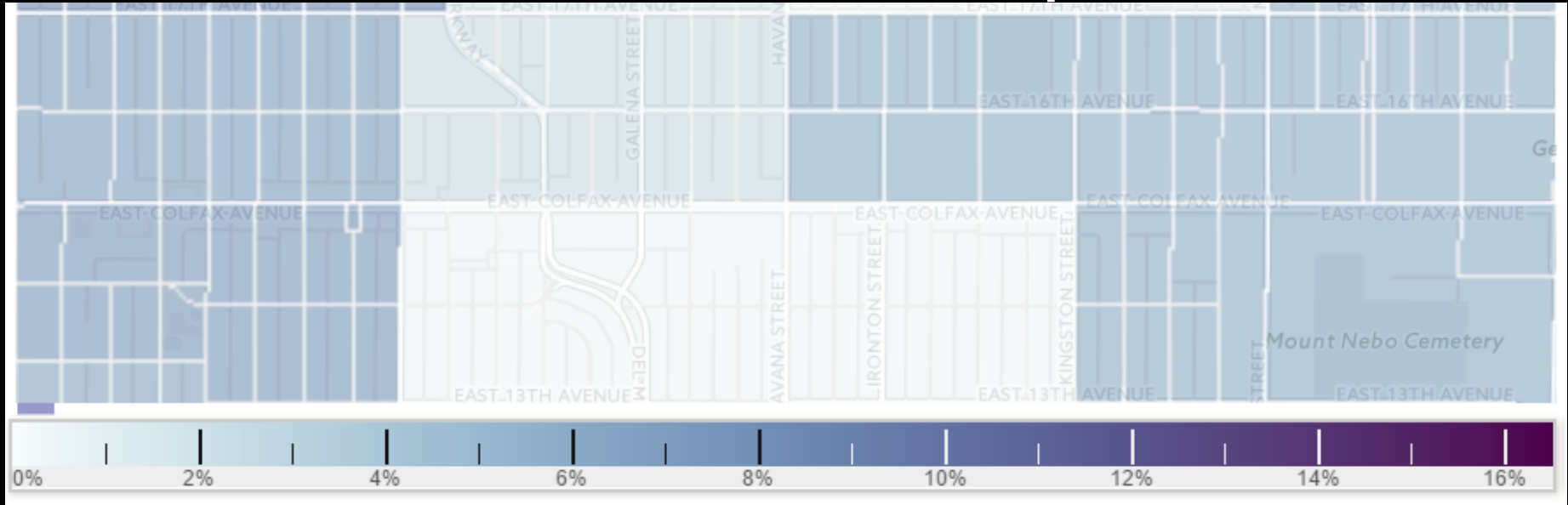
% of Foreign Born Residents



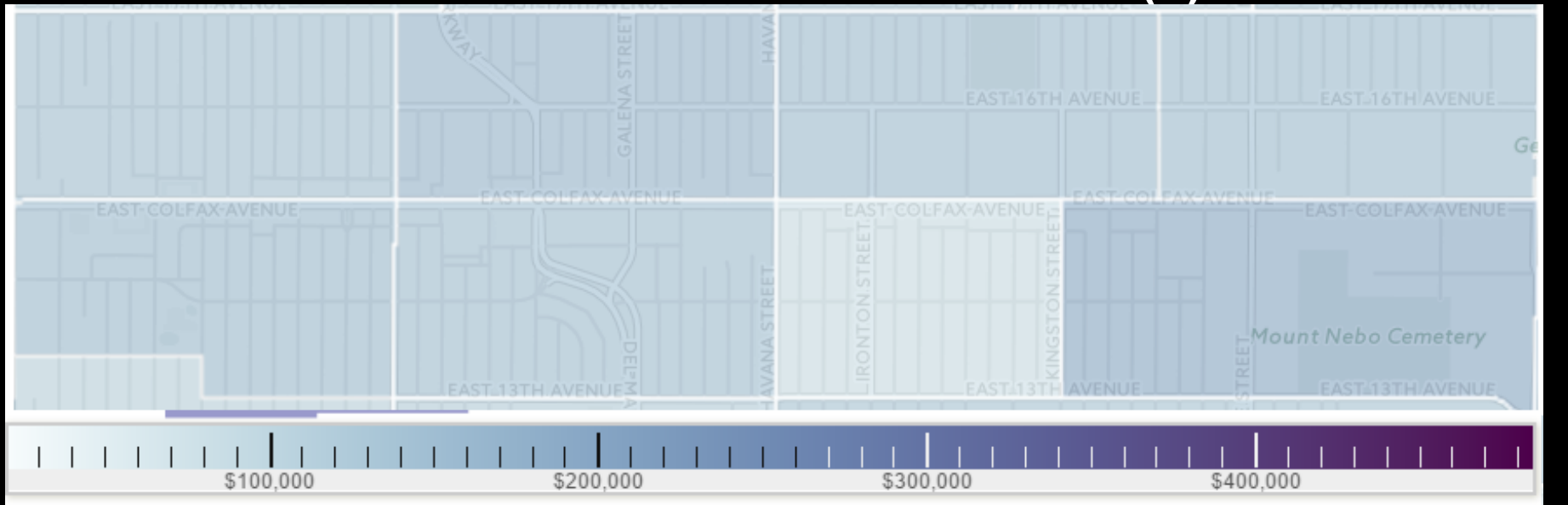
% of White Population



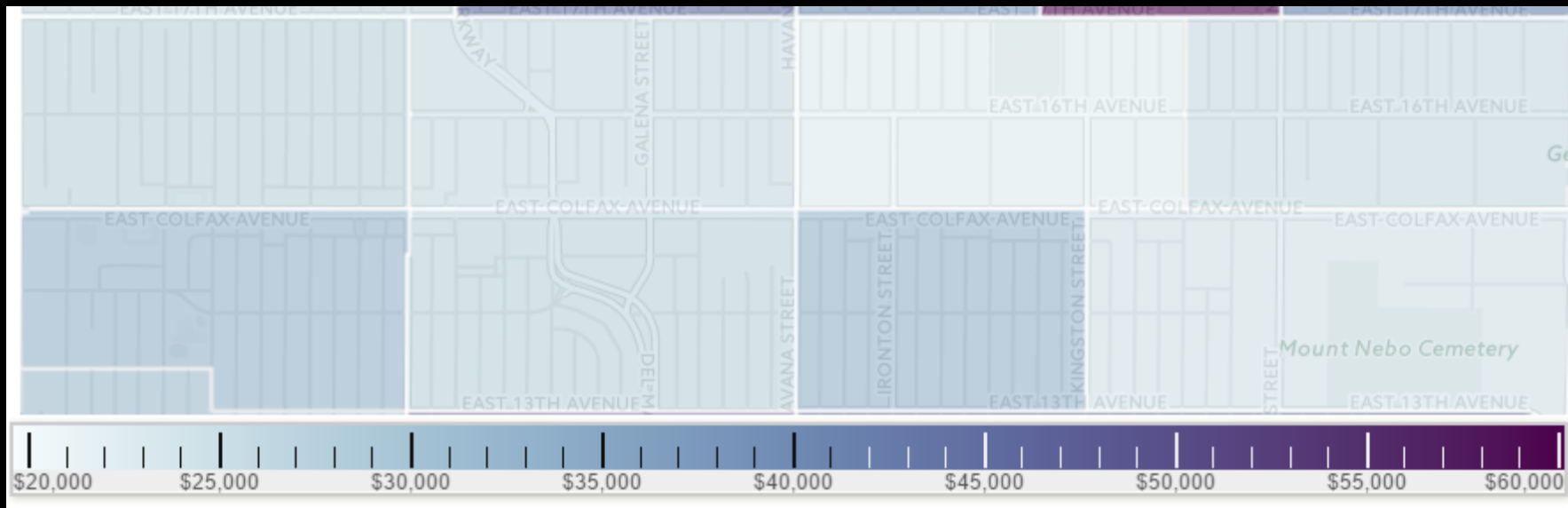
% with Marital Status of Separated



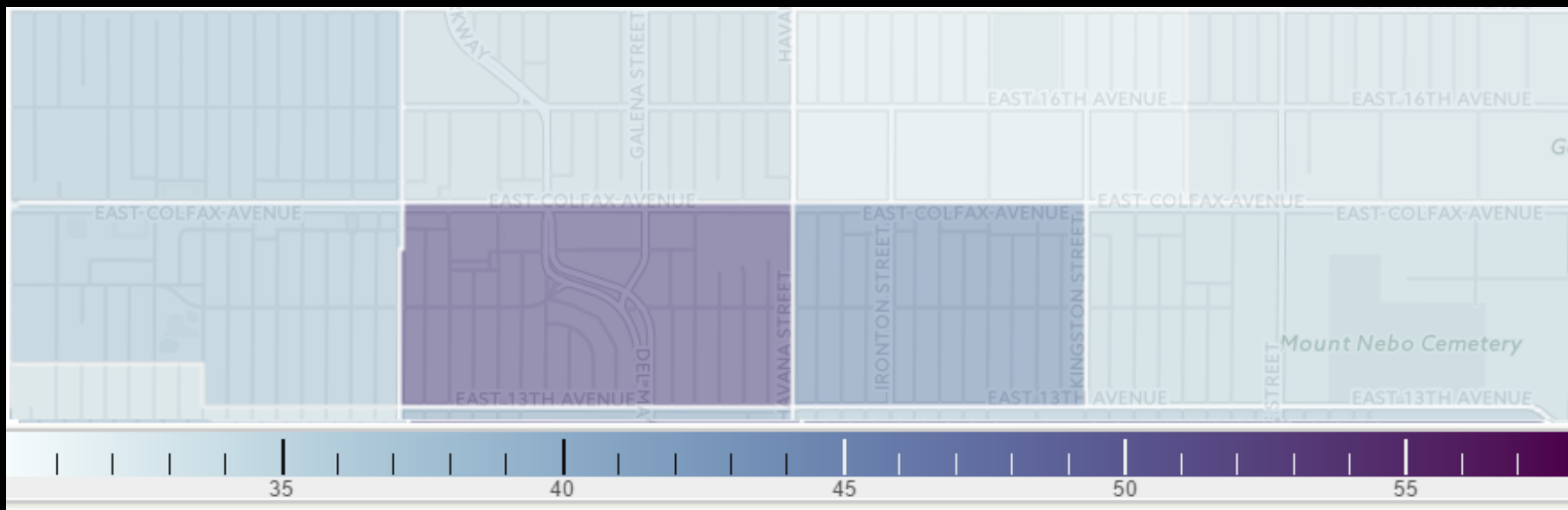
Median House or condo Value (\$)



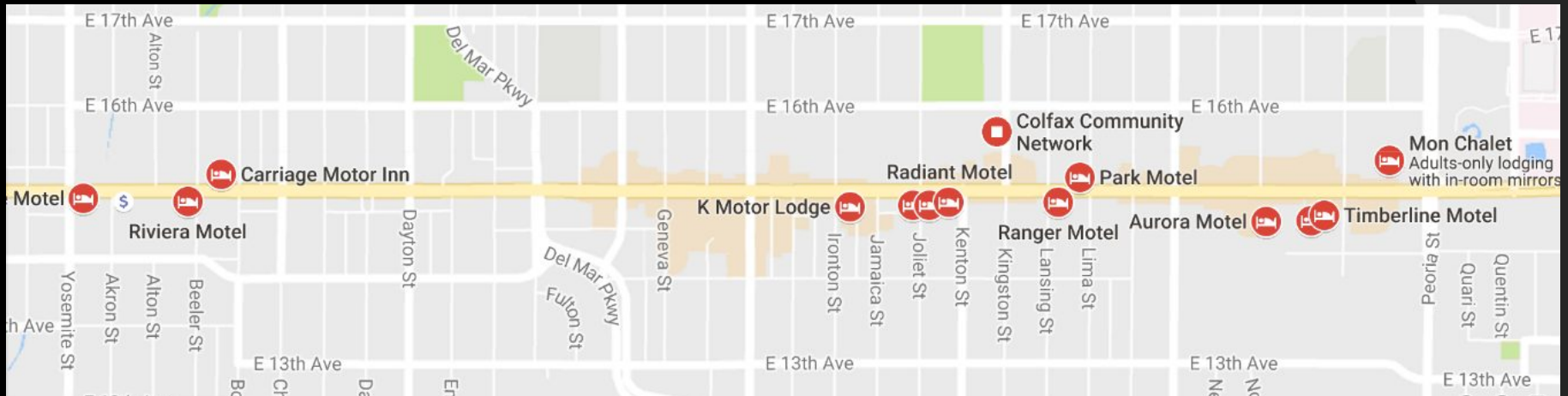
Median Household Income



% of Income Spent on Rent



Housing



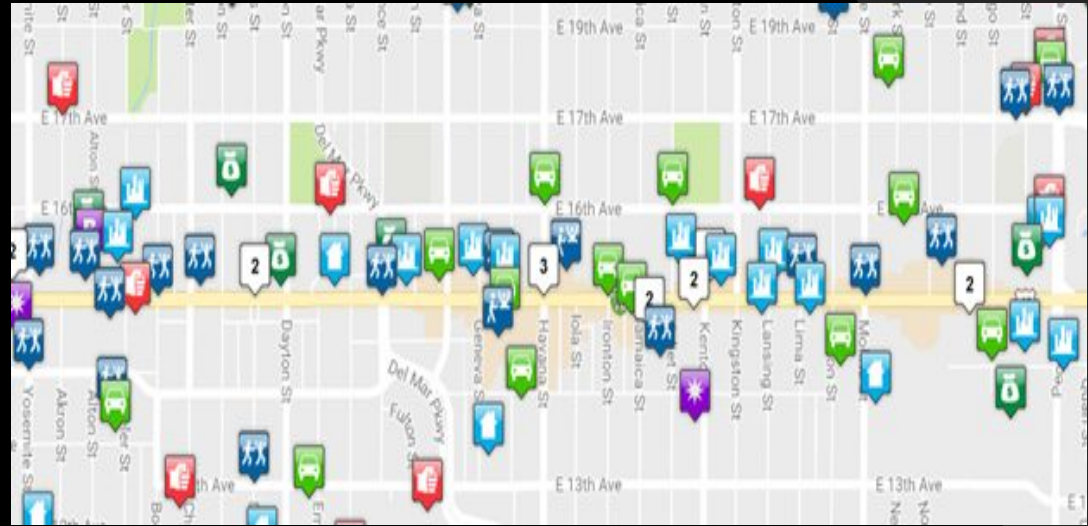
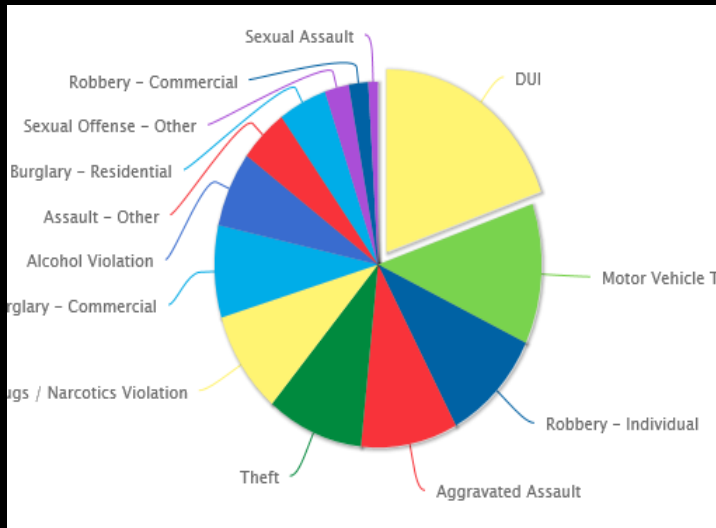
- Single family homes
- 12 motels
- Comitis Crisis Center and Aurora Warms the Night
- The median sales price for homes in Aurora: **\$279,000**
- The median rent per month for apartments in Aurora: **\$1,825**

Physical Environment

- "Neighborhood" feel to side streets off Colfax
- Culturally diverse stores and restaurants
- Improvements for pedestrians

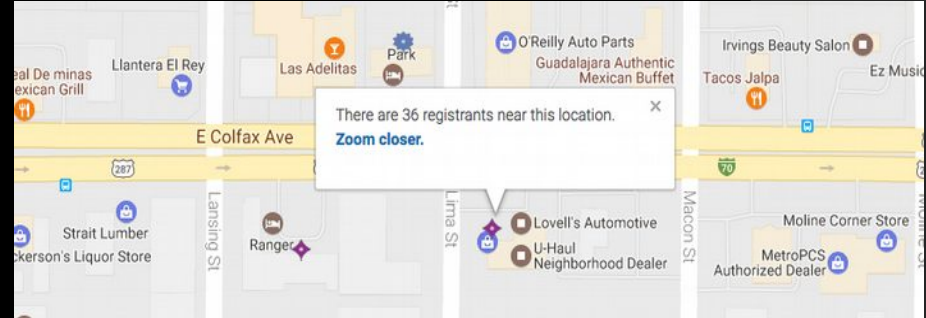
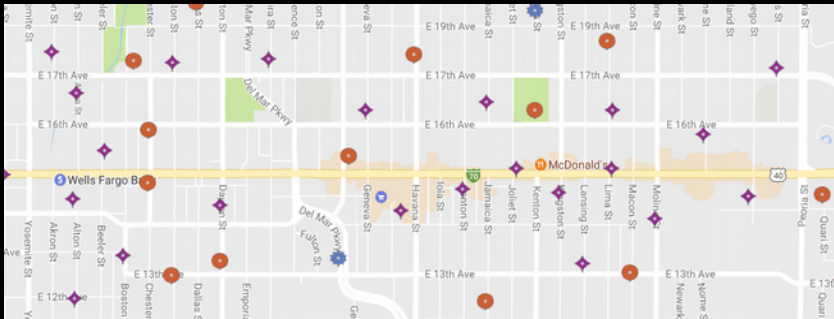
(Data compiled by driving around the CCN)

Crime and Safety



- Crime is concentrated on Colfax strip and appears to be fueled by alcohol, drugs, and opportunity for property/possessions.
- Data parallels anecdotal evidence collected by interviews "what we see primarily is drug and alcohol related crime and domestic disputes/violence."
- **Interventions to consider:** increasing police presence, parking laws and enforcement, increased security measures, alcohol tax, utilizing community clinics for addiction education and treatment, clean needle exchanges, safe drug zones, shelter/housing programs for homeless, and increase in minimum wage.

Crime and Safety



- High density of sex offenders on Colfax with clusters of registered offenders every few blocks. Some near churches, parks, and hotels who may be housing children.
- These crimes include sexual assault on a child, molestation, and child pornography.
- Severity of crime or exact location not always known.
- **Items to consider:** transparency in proximity of such offenders to high risk populations (children) and accountability of landlords in vetting residents.

<https://www.colorado.gov/apps/cdps/sor/search/search-map>

Safety in Specific Population

- Homeless: Mental health challenges, increasing veteran presence due to VA in Aurora, drug and alcohol addiction
- Refugees: From many different parts of the world, High population density in living areas, may distrust local authorities/ social programs, Strong family support, low socioeconomic status
- Hotels: Cheaper and easier housing, crime, might not be up to safety or hygiene standards, eyesore, bedbugs
- African American: Many single mother households, not as much social support network, may be some gang activity
- Hispanic: Falling demographic, more family support, may be some gang activity
- General: drug and alcohol addiction, some gang, smoking, easy access to drugs among youth

Economics

Strengths:

- Low rent allows for more family "Ma and Pa" type businesses, many different ethnic restaurants, hair salons, braiding, market places, and shared shop spaces.
- Low rent is attracting specialty shops bringing in people from other parts of town (Mu Brewery, Jubilee Coffee).
- New light rail can increase economic activity.

Weaknesses:

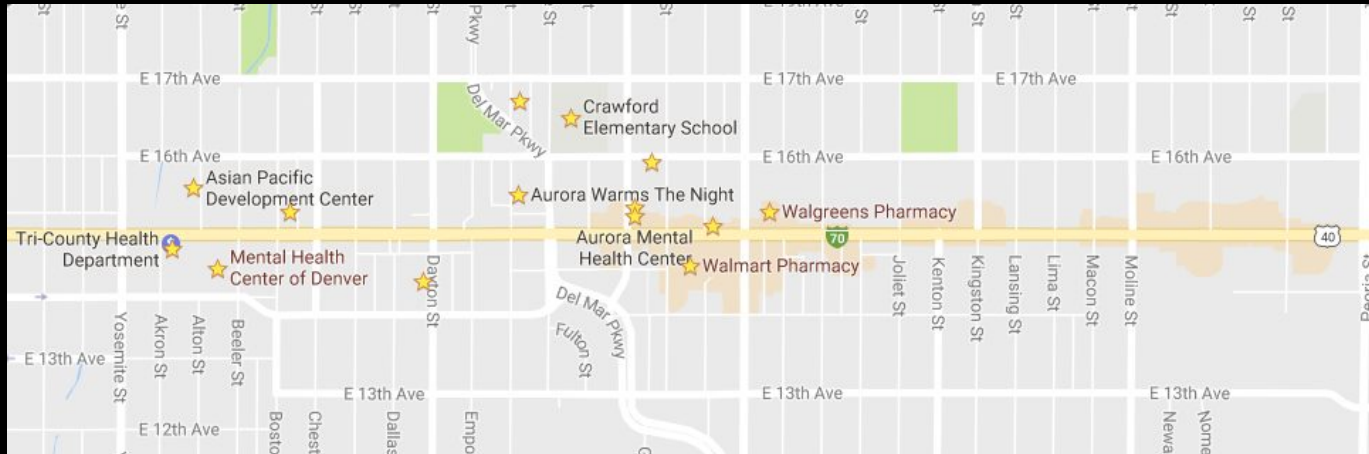
- Lots of homelessness and unemployment.
- Failed businesses and vacant commercial properties.
- Improper gentrification can kick people out of homes, lose aspects of community that make this area special.

Transportation

- 25% growth in number of travelers along corridor
- The Colfax Corridor Connection recently approved the "Rapid Bus Transit"
 - Throughout the corridor there will be new buses, stops and ticketing systems
 - Buses will run every 5 minutes
 - In the Denver portion of Colfax there will be dedicated bus lanes during peak hours



Health Services



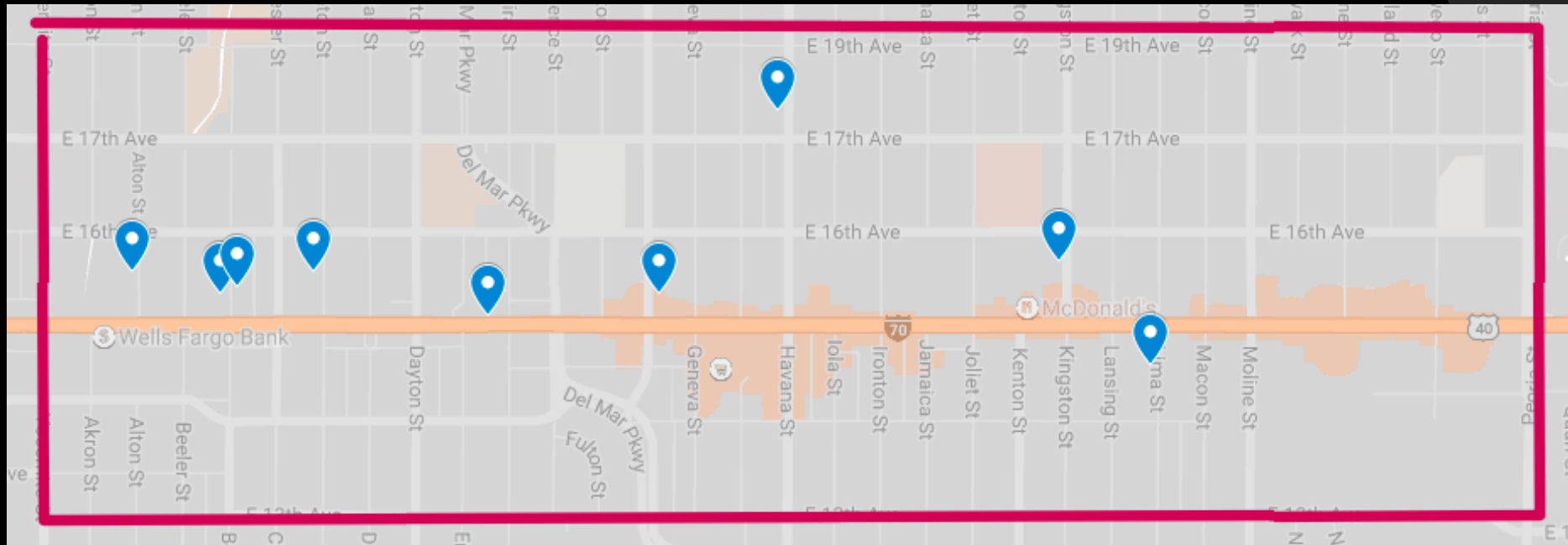
- Many necessary health services are available in this area and are easily accessible
 - Pharmacy-3, Dental-5, Vision-2, Primary Care/Clinic-5, Pediatrics-2, Mental Health-3, Immunizations-6, Women's Health-4, Refugee/Immigrant Health-3
- Many services provide care for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid
 - Sliding scales are available at multiple locations as well
- For consideration: an Urgent Care facility with imaging in the community in order to avoid the trip and costs of the ED

Religious and Social Services

- Colfax Community Network
- Asian Pacific Development Center
- Treasure House of Hope
- Boettcher Boys and Girls Club
- Restoration Outreach Programs
- It Takes a Village
- Aurora Community Connection
- Aurora Interfaith Community Services
- A La Source Refugee Ministry
- Many churches
- Community members gather in homes and community centers
(K. Lyle, personal communication, November 28, 2016)

Information gathered by driving around community, interviews, and web searches for clarification
Lyle, K. (2016, November 28). Personal interview

Community Resources



Recreation - Parks/Libraries

- There are four parks and two libraries within the geographic location.
 - General's Park , City Park, Montview Park, and Spencer Garret Park
 - All are very modernized
 - General's Park has a very nice pond
 - Most include updated playgrounds, structured restrooms, picnic areas, and drinking fountains
 - Most include open grass areas and sports fields/basketball courts
 - City Park includes a large skate park (Dayton Skate Park)
 - Martin Luther King Library and Hoffman Library
 - Info2go is a book mobile program that helps bring the library to the community
 - Both have access to WiFi
 - MLK - has a cafe attached, after-school programs for kids, teens, and family
 - Hoffman - has "Kids Eat Free Program"
- **Comments:**
 - Parks are very well kept and seem safe for children
 - Only two libraries in the area, so access may be an issue.
 - Difficult to find Hoffman Library and difficult to get any information about it online



General's Park



City Park



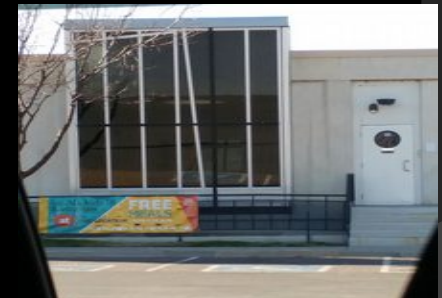
Martin Luther King
Library



Montview Park



Spencer Garrett
Park

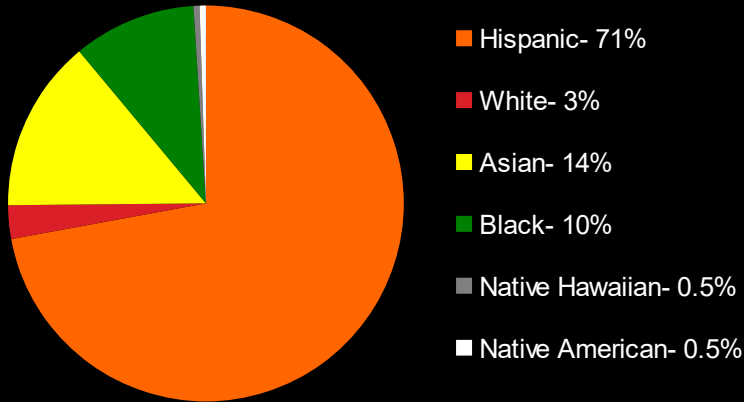


Hoffman Library

Education



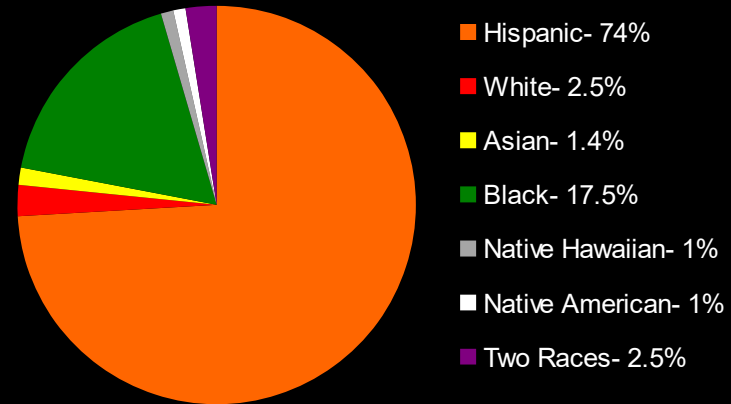
Crawford Elementary



<http://aurorak12.org/docs/schools/data/crawford-2014.pdf>



Paris Elementary



<http://public-schools.startclass.com//15646/Paris-Elementary-School>

- Current Programs:
 - Colfax Community Network
 - After school care and extra learning opportunities
 - Parent-child education
 - Crawford and Paris Elementary
 - No before/after school services

Strengths of Area

- Diversity of the population
- Pride in culture
- Historical area
- Parks
- Education
- Family/neighborhood feel
- Current economic development
- Plentiful health resources
- Vast number of available religious and social services

Areas for Consideration

- Gentrification
- Crosswalks, stop signs, and stop lights
- Aesthetics and curb appeal
- Cultural empowerment and education
- School-based resources for child health
- Health education
- Smoking education

Social Determinants of Health

- **Neighborhood and Built Environment**
 - IVP-33: Reduce physical assaults: 21.3 (2008) -> 19.2



Thank you!

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