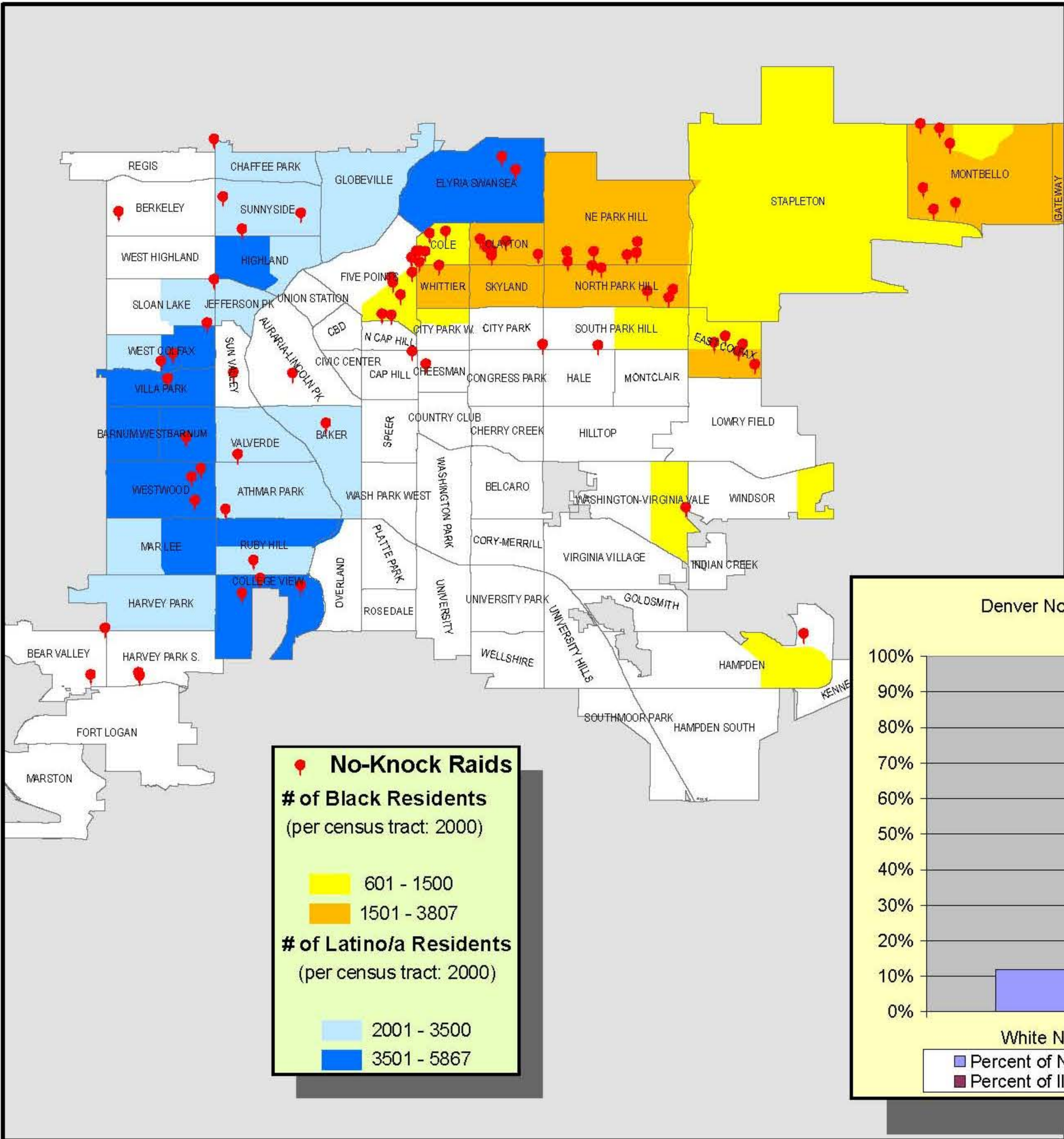


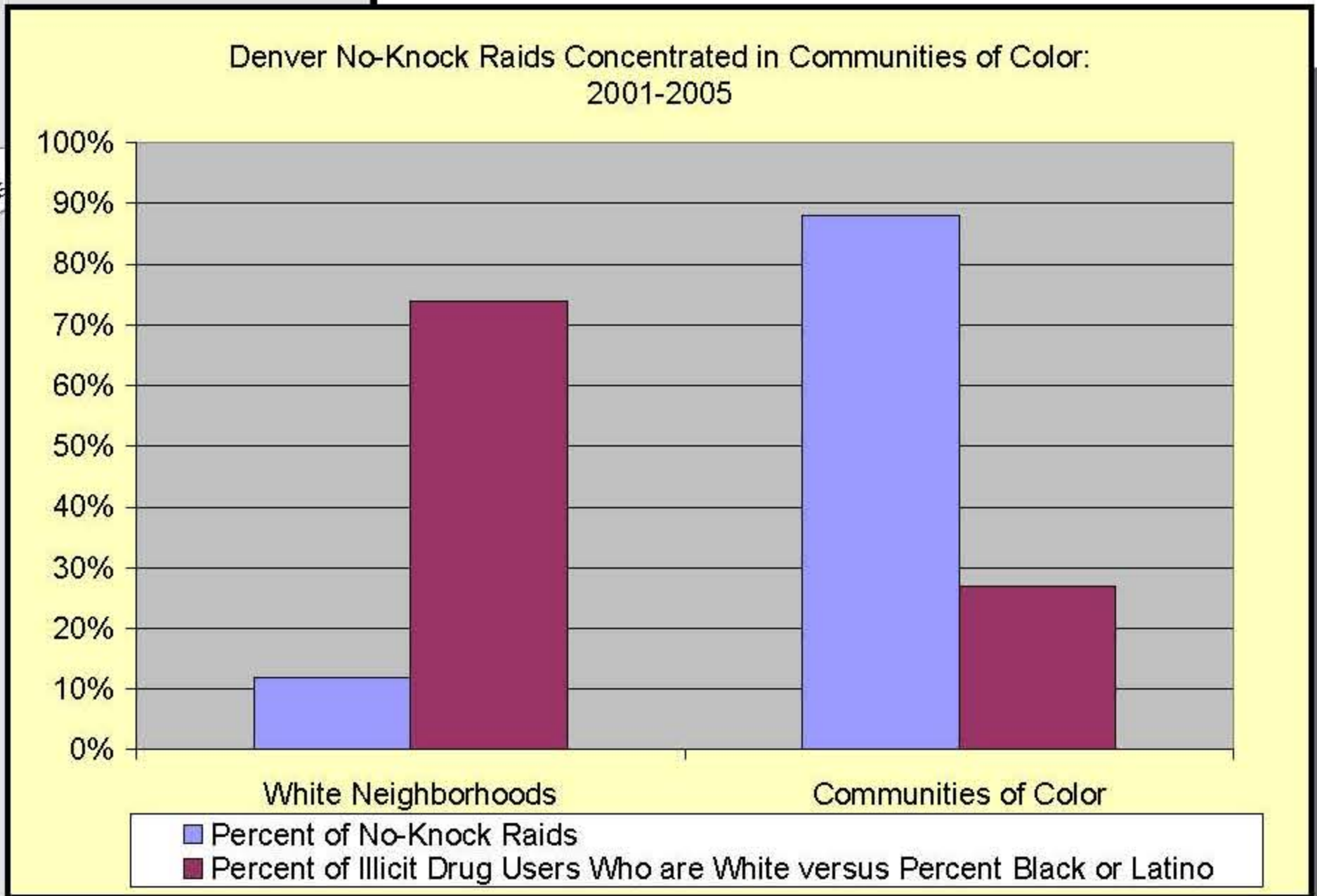
# Denver No-Knock Police Narcotics Raids Concentrated in Communities of Color (2001-2005)



"Immediate Entry Warrants" (e.g., No-Knock Raids) by the Denver police reflect racial bias in America's War on Drugs.

The 2004 National Survey on Drugs and Mental Health shows that over 70% of illicit drug users are white, and about 13% of drug users are black. Nevertheless, 35% of those arrested, 58% of those convicted, and 74% of those imprisoned for drug possession are black. A Rocky Mountain News study showed that white residents were targeted in only about 14% of all "No-Knock" raids in 1999. The report revealed that several raids were based on weak informant tips, turned up few drugs and netted no arrests. Only 49% of the raids resulted in any felony charges, and only two raids resulted in any prison time for a suspect.

"People often feel these raids do not take place in white middle class neighborhoods and, by and large, that is accurate," notes Hoover Institution scholar Joseph McNamara.



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"Communities of Color" defined as census tracts with at least 600 Black or 2000 Latino residents (as shaded on map).