



# What's Driving All This Driving?

Progress, Challenges, Opportunities

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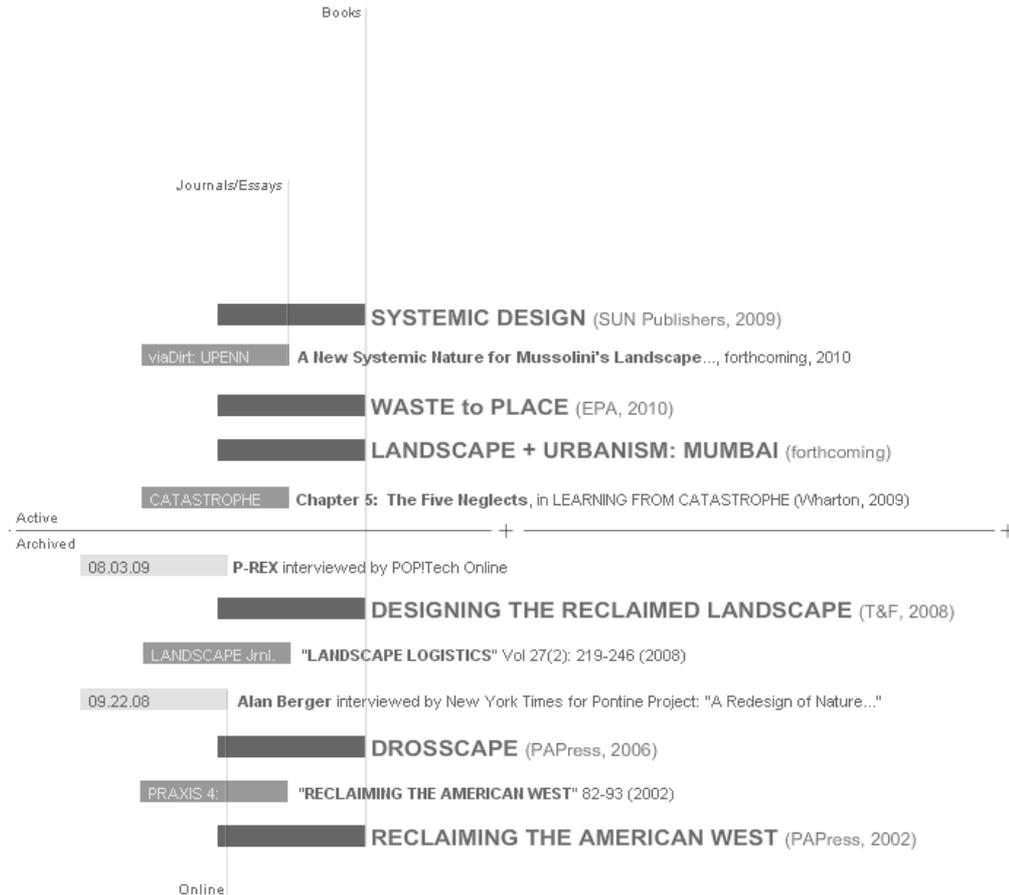


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# Outline

- Technology
- Mobility Demand
- Housing
- Employment
- Mobility Trends

# Sound Familiar?

**Era of abundant  
fuel has ended for  
good**

**Romance with car  
ending**

**Middle-class  
returns to city,  
avoids cars**

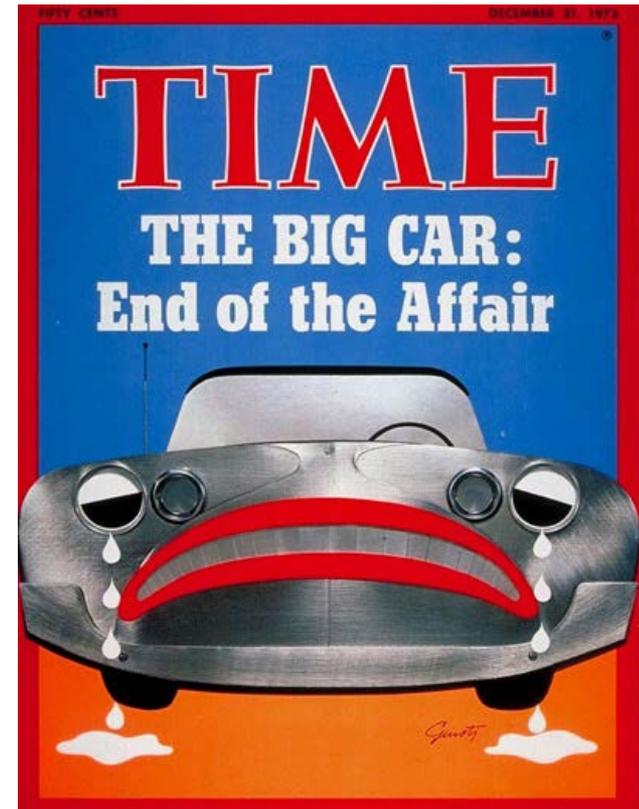
**Public  
Transportation  
Revival**

**One occupant-per-  
car must end**

# Predictions: 1973

The Painful Change to Thinking Small, Time Magazine, Dec 31, 1973

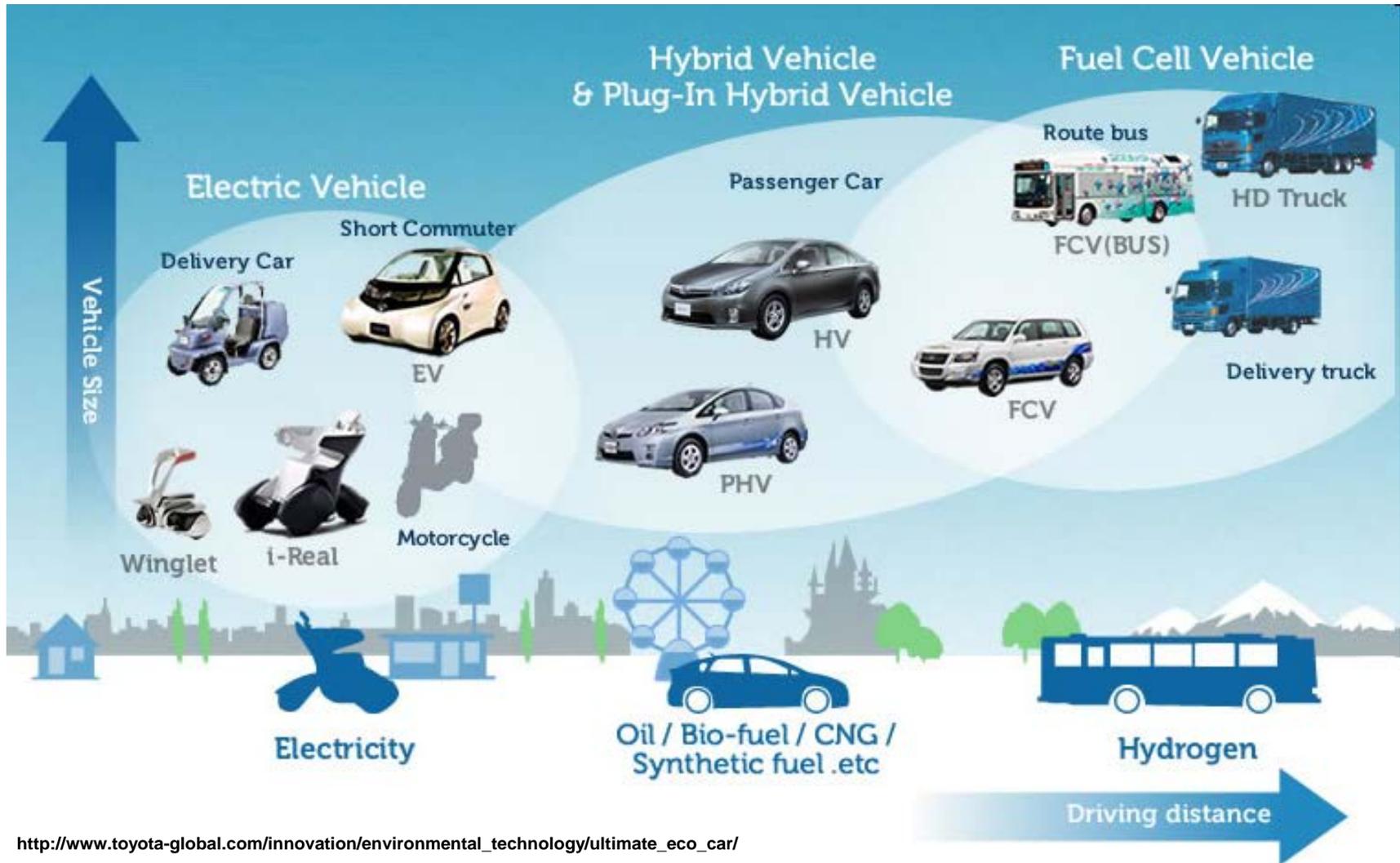
- *There have been multiplying signs that the long American romance with the big car may finally be ending.*
- *More likely, the heavy car will linger as a limited-purpose, special-use auto, but not again become the basic American vehicle*
- *Economists generally are agreed that the era of readily abundant fuel has ended for good.*
- *Public transportation will experience a revival*
- *Car pooling will have to increase...the one-occupant-per-car habit is simply too expensive to be continued.*
- *Socially, there could be a movement of middle-class whites back to the city, where they can get away from auto dependence.*



**What have we learned since then? Is it enough?**

# Technology

# Toyota's vision: The right vehicle, at the right place, at the right time



# “Prediction is very hard, especially about the future”

- Yogi Berra

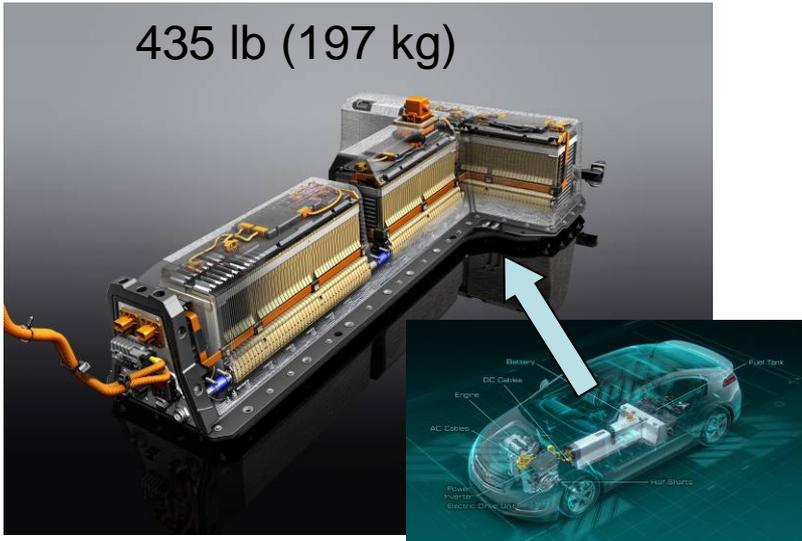
Success of any sustainable vehicle strategy highly sensitive to future events.

- Well-to-wheels: Speed of grid “going green”: CCS, renewables, etc.
- Gas Price
- Battery improvement rate
- Future government policies/regulations

# Batteries Have a Long Way to Go

## Chevy Volt Battery

435 lb (197 kg)



≈ 37 mi ≈

10-12 hr charge (L1)

3-4 hr charge (L2)



\$3.50

6 lb (2.7 kg)

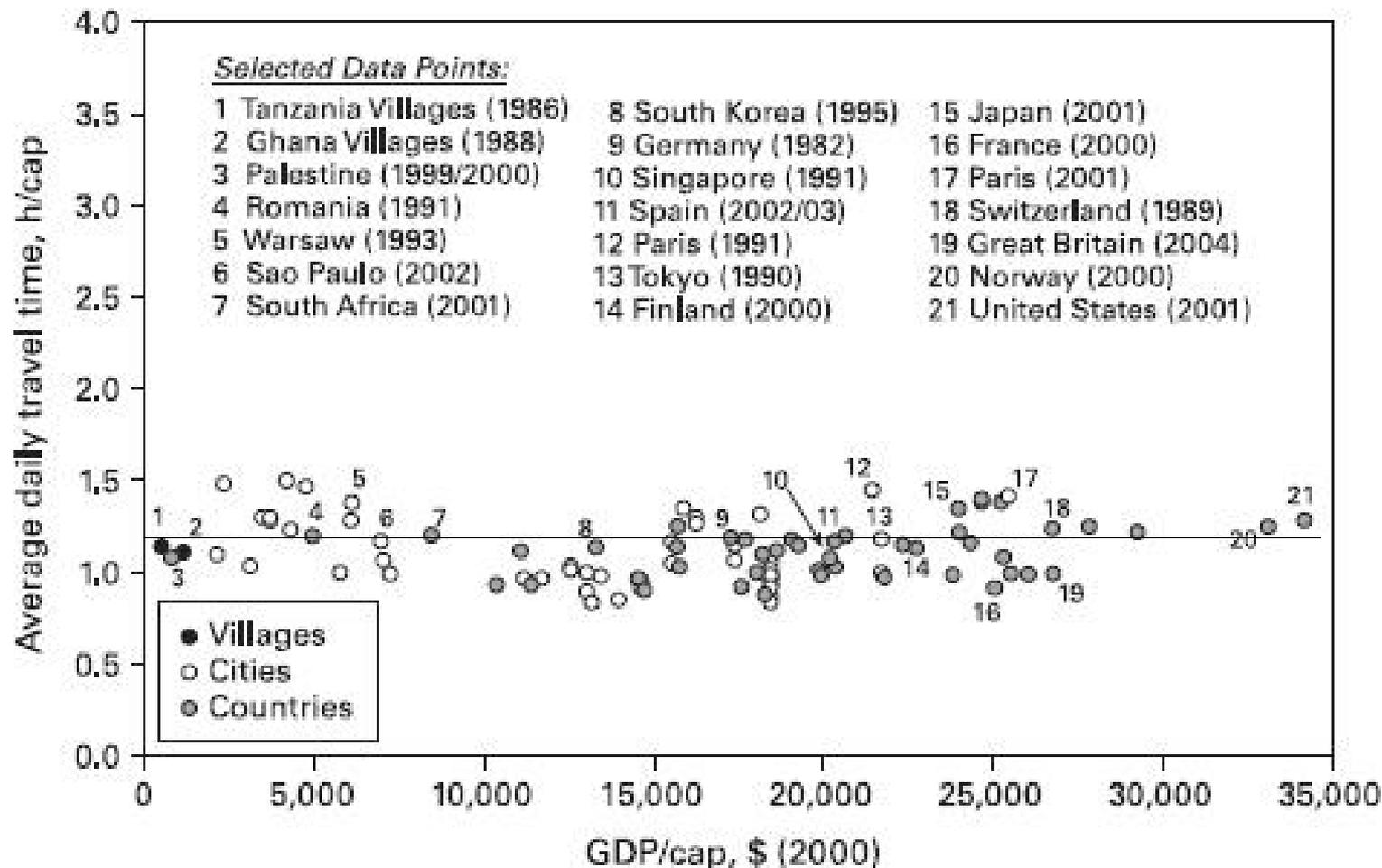
Compared to the same range of gas, the battery is  
**75 times heavier**  
**1000 times more expensive**

# Cost drives adoption rates

- Which would you buy (in 2004)?
  - 2004 Corolla           \$13.5k       34 MPG
  - 2004 Prius            \$20.5k       46 MPG
- At time, criticism from both sides, i.e. industry observers (bad value trade-off) and environmentalists (not green enough).
- But, over 2M Prii sold, saved millions of tons CO<sub>2</sub>

# Mobility Demand

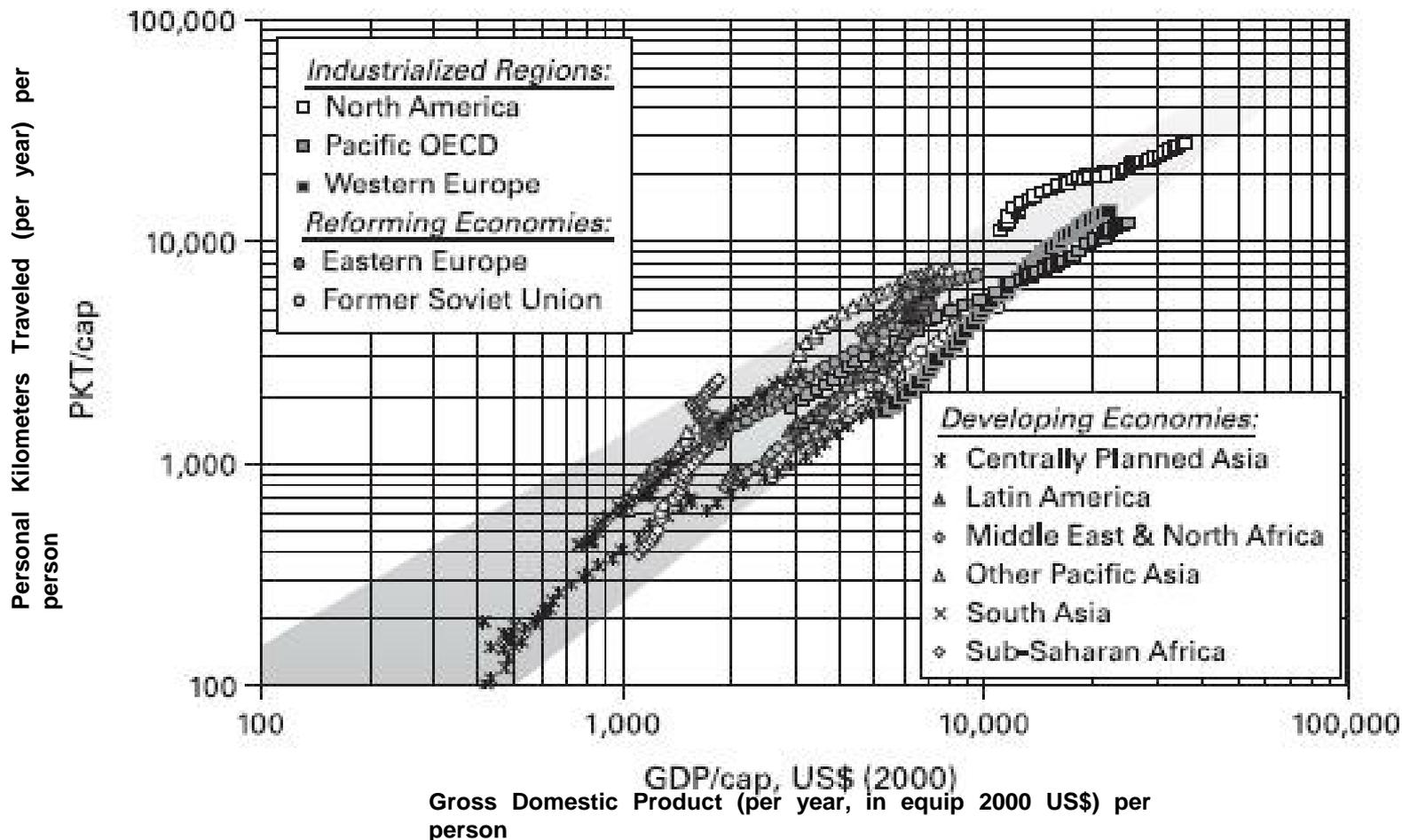
# Across cultures and decades, people travel approx. 1.2 hrs/day



Confidential

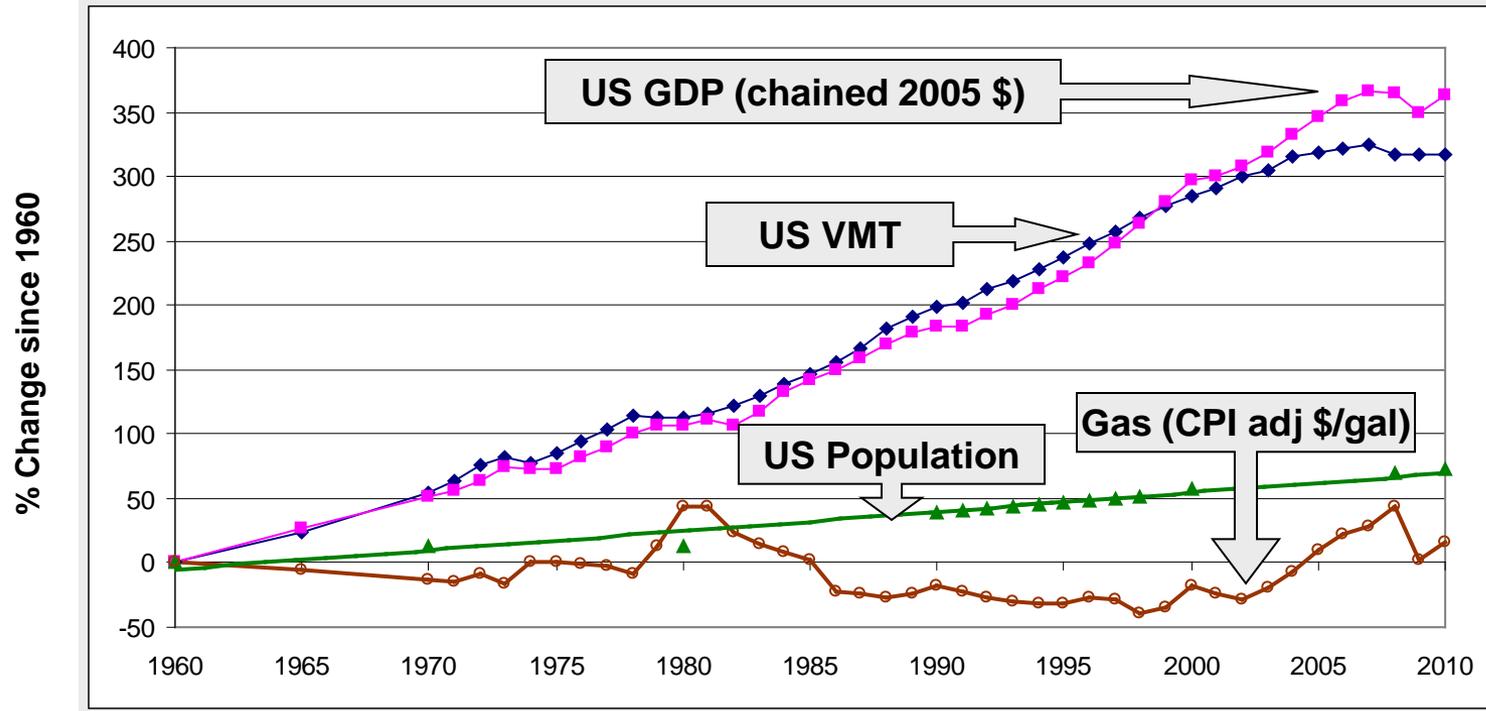
Average daily travel time in hours per person as a function of GDP per capita. Source: updated dataset of Schäfer, A., D.G. Victor, 2000. *The Future Mobility of the World Population*, *Transportation Research A*, 34(3): 171-205.

# Historically, wealth and travel distances have increased nearly 1:1



Passenger kilometers traveled (PKT) per capita over per capita GDP (in purchasing power parity) for eleven world regions and the world between 1950 and 2005. Source: updated dataset of Schäfer, A., 1998. The Global Demand for Motorized Mobility, *Transportation Research A*, 32(6): 455-477.

# Vehicle Miles Traveled vs. Economy



Slope of New  
CAFE Standard  
(MPG) 2012-25

(sources: GDP: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, chained 2005 dollars; Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): "Highway Statistics 2009" Table VMT-421, FHWA; Population: US Census; Gas Price: "Short Term Energy Outlook" US Energy Information Administration, annual prices scaled by US Consumer Price Index (CPI) in 2008)

**Fifty years of US Travel and Economic Trends. Note how closely the VMT and GDP are correlated.**

# My Observations

- These data suggest two things
  - Historically, more income equals more travel, regardless of any other factor (culture, geography, etc.) Trend is valid for US.
  - People do not want to spend more of their day “wasting time” with travel
  - People do not want to spend more money in order to further reduce travel time
- In other words, travel time seems to have an upper and lower bound

# Housing

# Where We Live...

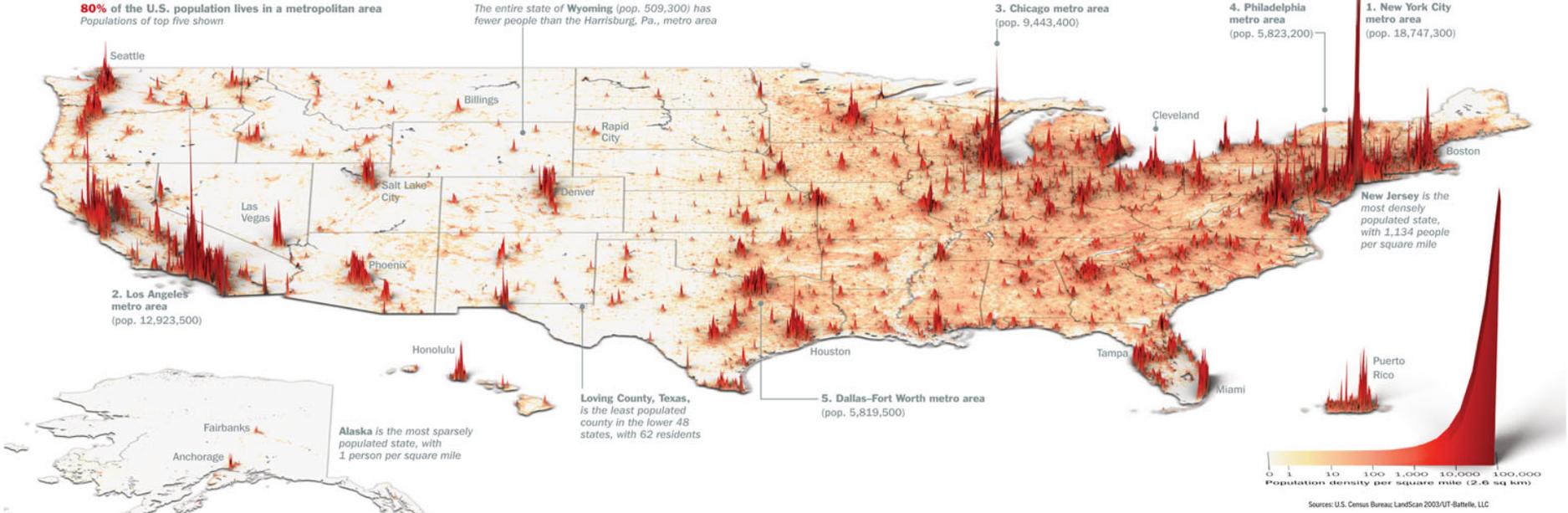
Unlike many developed countries, the U.S. keeps growing. We are also moving south and west. But compared with China or India, the nation is a vast prairie

Our families are getting smaller—with one vital exception. Compared with those of Europe and Japan, the U.S. population is younger and more colorful because of the continued arrival of immigrants and their higher-than-average birthrates. Of the 100 million Americans who will join us in the next 37 years, half will be immigrants or their children. In the next few decades, 97% of the world's population growth will occur in the developing world; the U.S. is the largest developed country in the world that is still growing at a healthy clip. That matters, strategically, economical-

Ala.; Possum Trot, Ky.; or Lonelyville, N.Y. But they are all probably close to someone's idea of paradise. —By Nancy Gibbs

80% of the U.S. population lives in a metropolitan area  
Populations of top five shown

The entire state of Wyoming (pop. 509,300) has fewer people than the Harrisburg, Pa., metro area



## 2000 Census

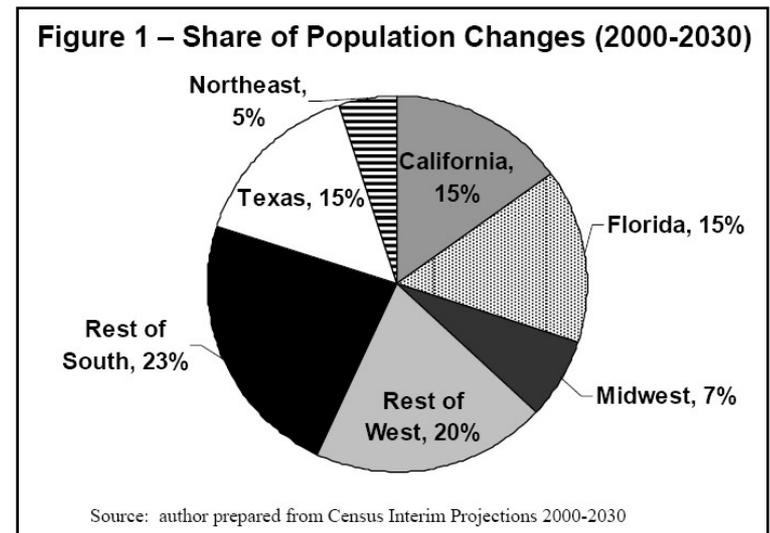
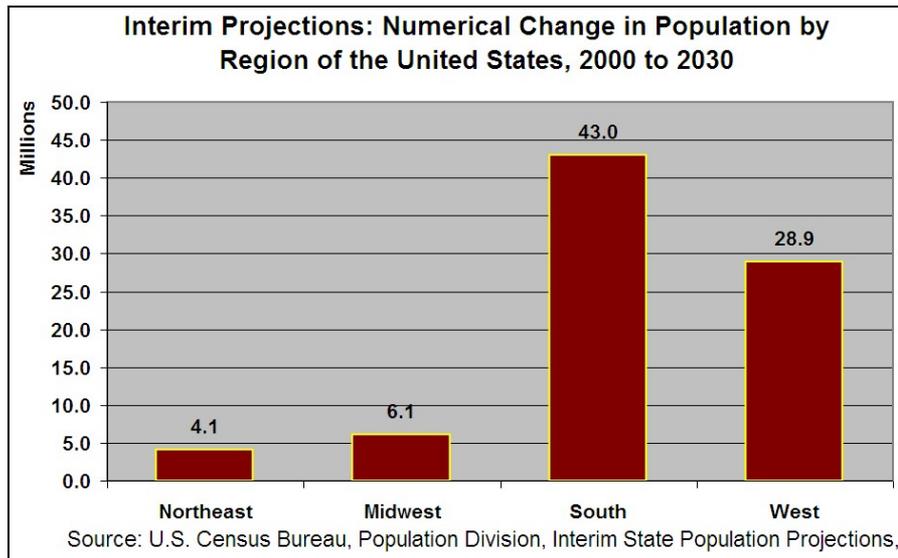
Joe Lertola,  
This map of U.S. population density appeared in Time magazine Oct. 30, 2006 issue.  
<http://www.joelertola.com/grfx/population/pop.html>

# Moving South and West



Mean Center of United States Population  
1790-2000

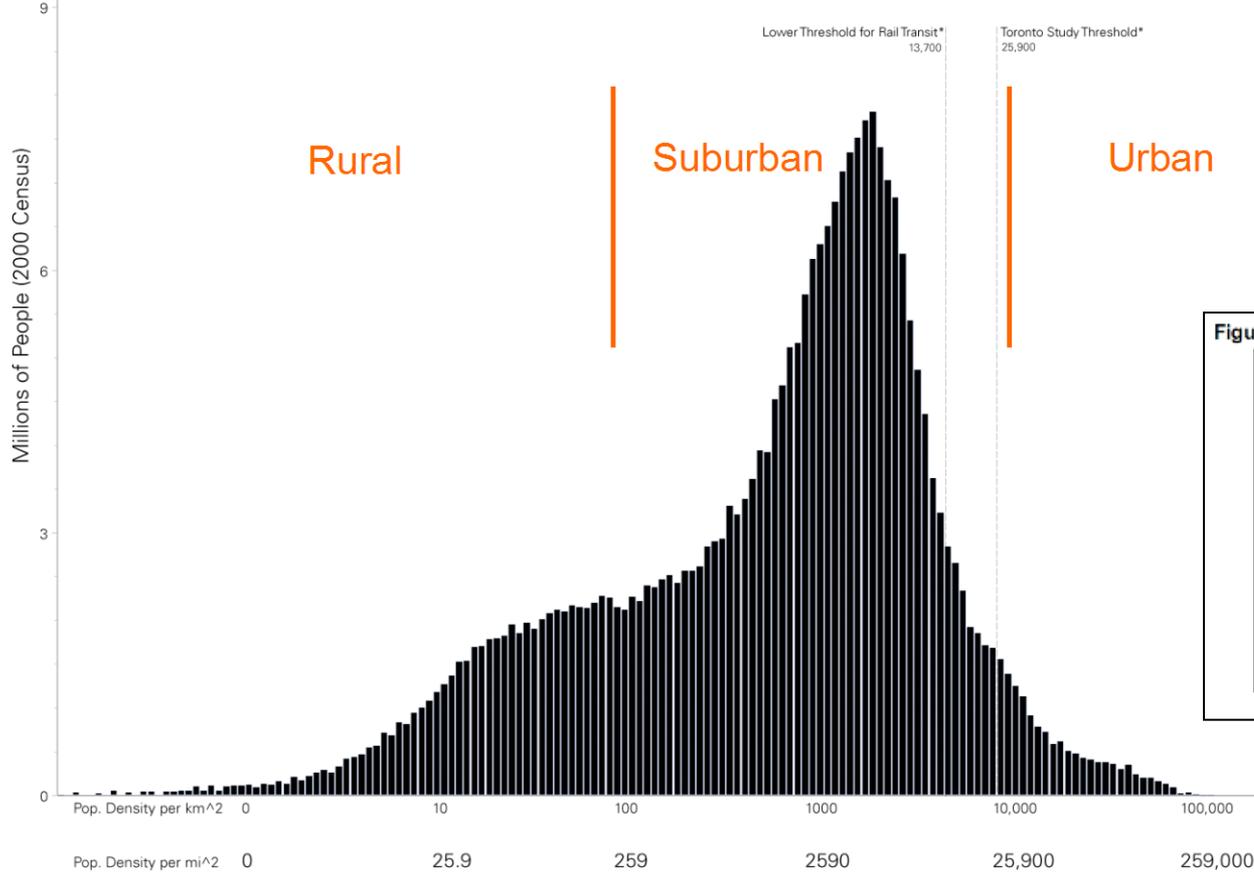
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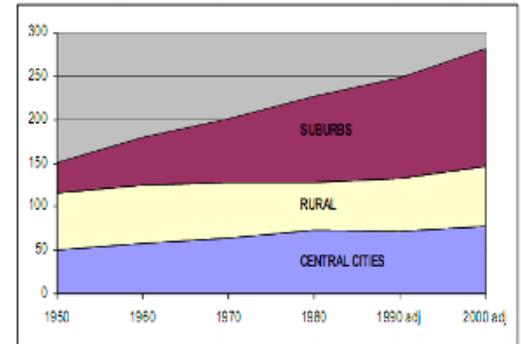
More new residents in Florida than Northeast and Midwest combined.  
(Same is True for Texas. Same is true for California)

# Americans Mostly Live in Suburb-level Density

## Histogram-US Population Density (2000)



### Figure 2 – Long Term Population Trends by Geographic Area



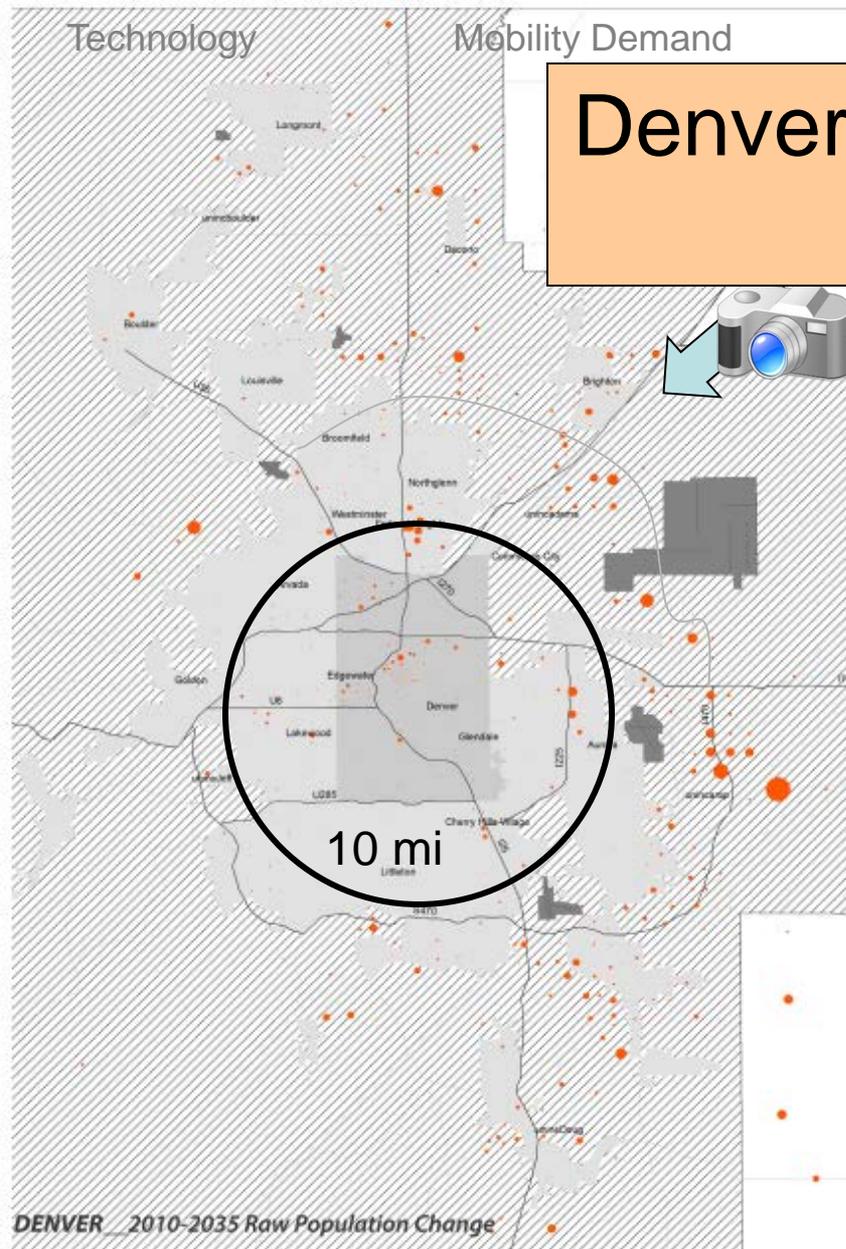
Source: *Commuting in America II*, NAS, TRB

\*Data on the x-axis transformed to logarithmic scale to condense the density bins. Data represents the 2000 Census population in blockgroups.  
 Thresholds based on various studies, most from 1980s, that designate needed densities required for operation of transit systems. Lower threshold includes bus and light rail, while Toronto study focused on rapid transit alone.  
 Various limiting factors other than density may cause authorities to reject mass transit systems such as rights-of-way, property rights, financing difficulties, etc.

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**Clearly, the “high-density” culture is rare in the US**

# Denver Population Density Change 2010-2035



- Growth is strong in periphery
- New Housing is located to provide convenient access to highway

DENVER 2010-2035 Raw Population Change



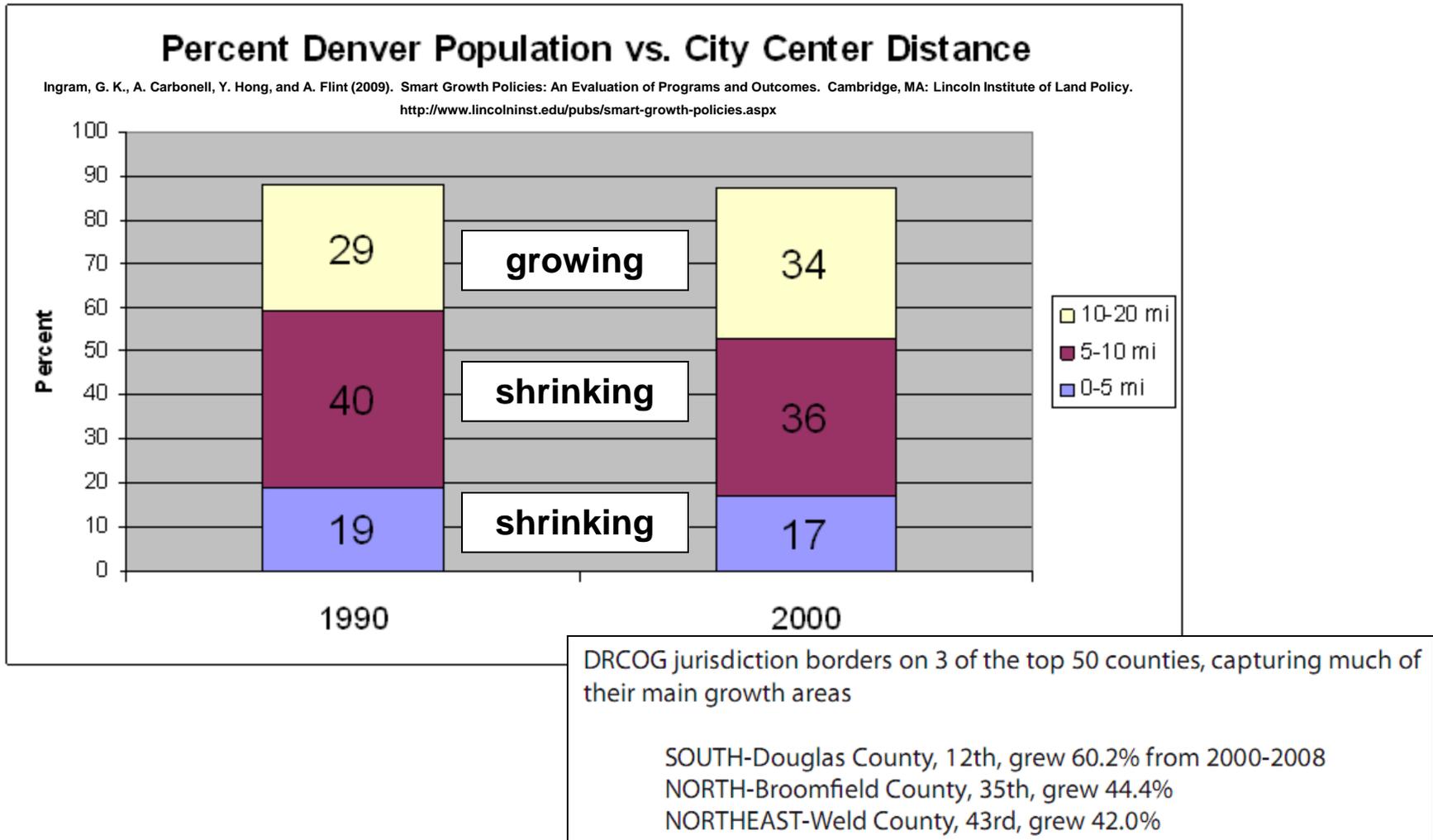
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Data: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)



# Denver Population is Decentralizing (by %)

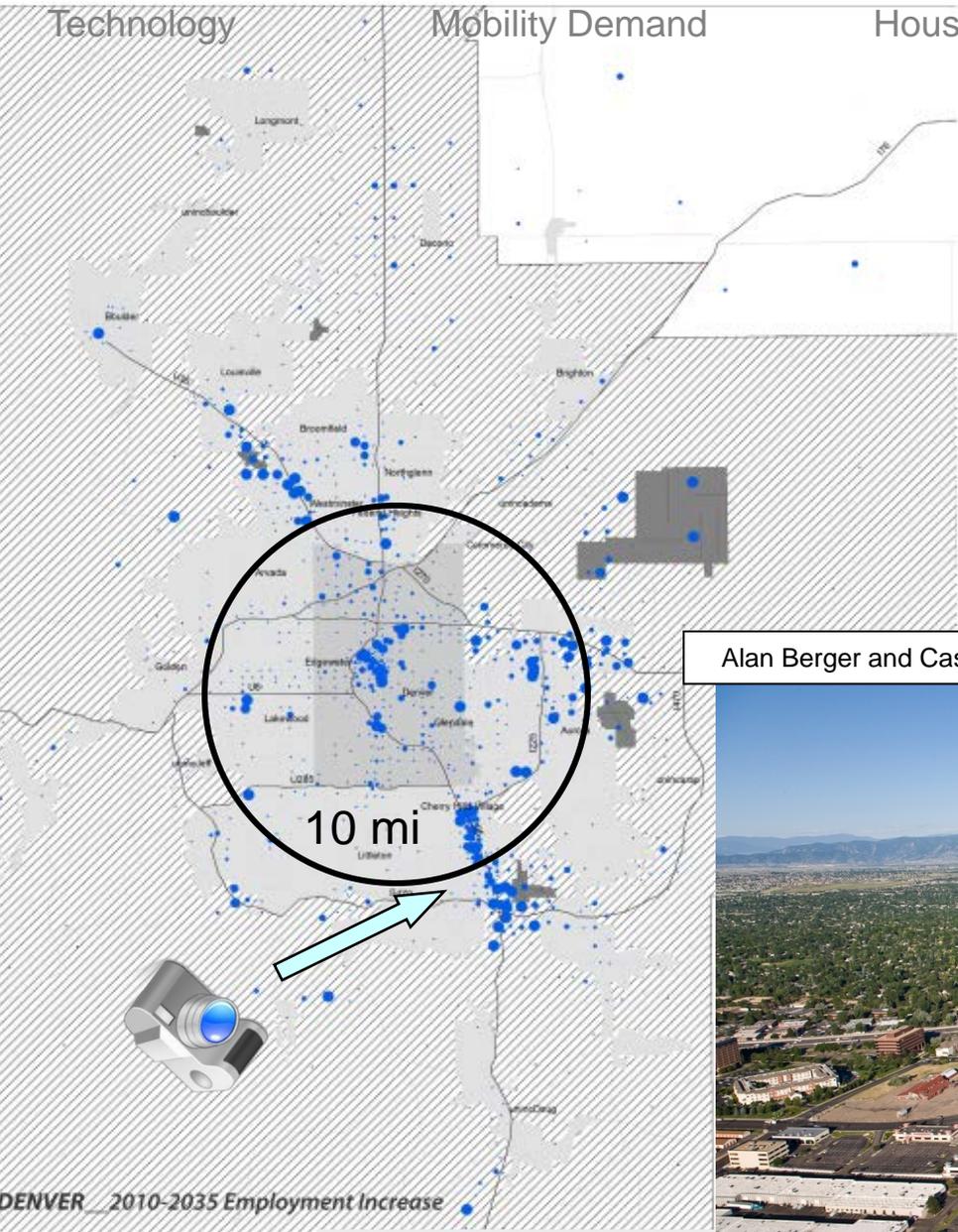
Selection criteria for Denver is on slides [44](#), [45](#)



# Employment

# Denver 2010-2035 Employment Increase

Predicted Growth  
Strongly Tied to Highway  
(and Airport)



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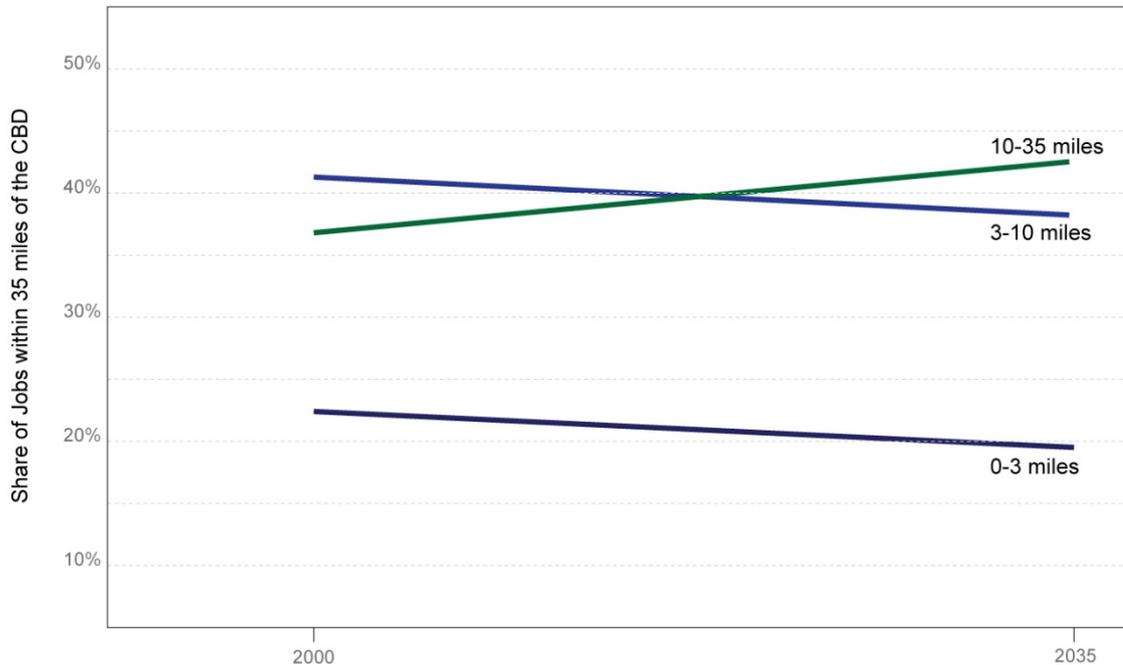
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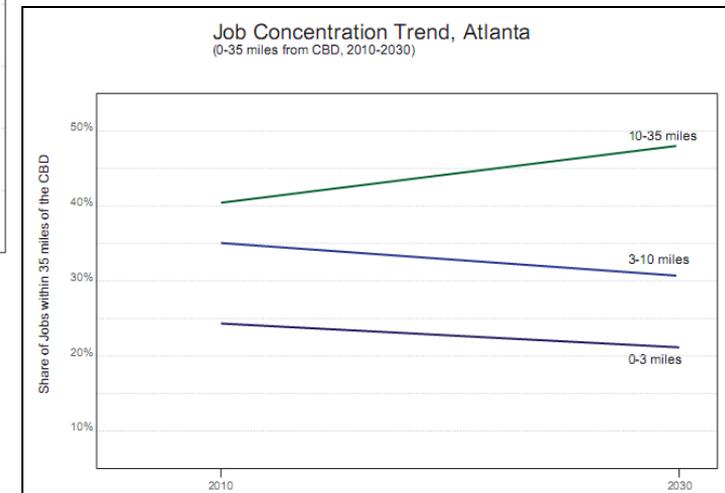
# Denver 2010-2035 Employment Regional Share

Job Concentration Trend, Denver  
(0-35 miles from CBD, 2000-2035)



- Majority of jobs will soon be > 10 mi from Central Business District (CBD)
- Outer suburbs only region growing in share of jobs.

*for comparison*



In Atlanta, trend is even stronger

# Compare Atlanta to Denver

	Atlanta	Denver
Population (2007)	5279k	2464k
Population Growth (2000-2007)	24%	13.1%
New Urbanized land between 2000-2035 (mi <sup>2</sup> )	275	190
Fraction of jobs 10-35 mi from city in 2035	49%	43%
Fraction Commuters using Mass Transit (2000)	2.6%	2.1%
Current Fraction VMT on Freeway+Expressway	39%	44%
Current Fraction VHT on Arterials	44%	31%

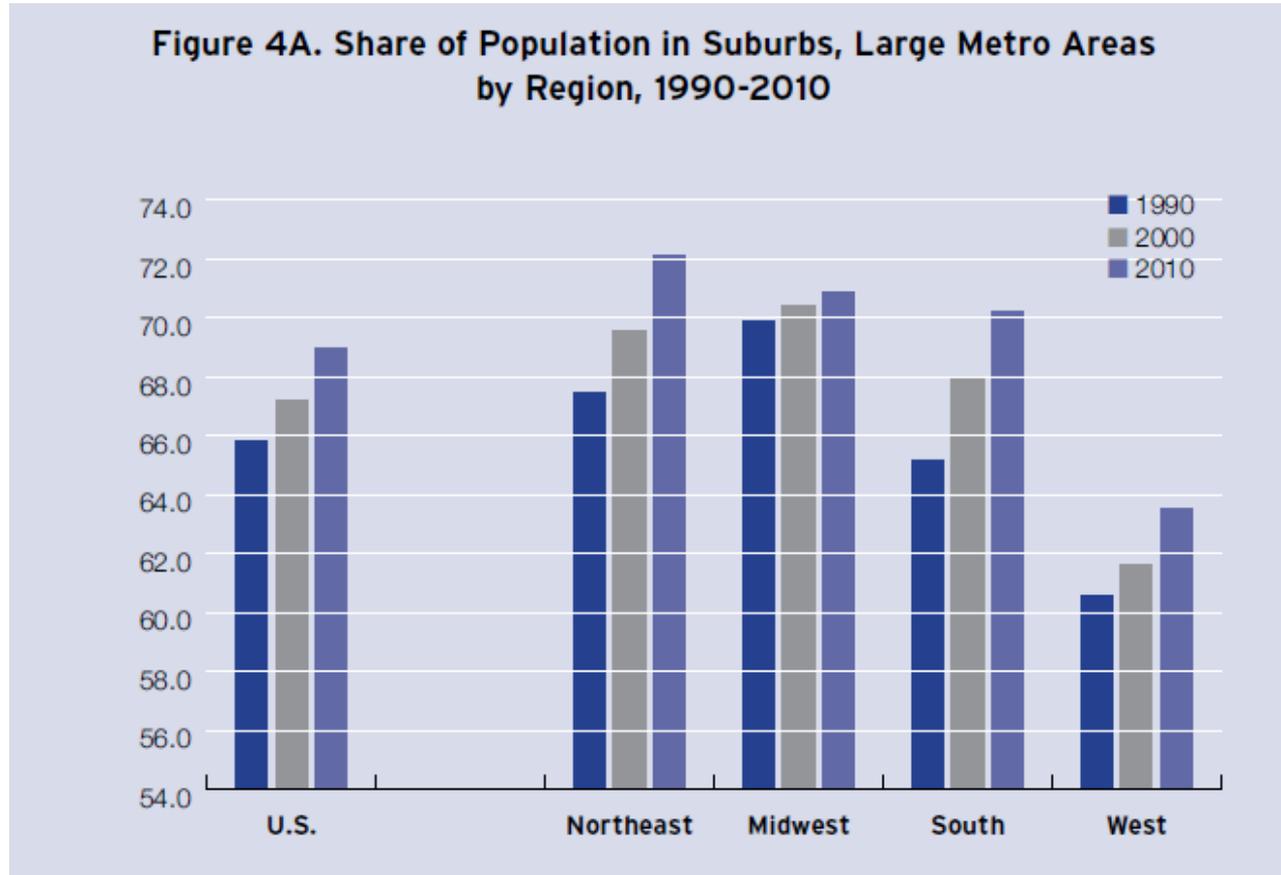
## Similar:

1. Large Edge Growth
2. Over 43% jobs 10-35 mi from city (2035)
3. Negligible Mass Transit

## Different:

1. Atlanta 2x in population and growth
2. Atlanta already overwhelms highways, must heavily rely on arterials

# Suburbs are growing in every US Region



**US Suburbs share of population grows the last 20 yrs, in every region. [Source: W. Frey, Brookings Inst., 2012]**

# Observation: Emerging Image of US Driver

The attributes and trends of the US driver:

1. Drives more as wealth increases (Slides [16](#), [22](#))
2. Lives in suburbs, works in suburbs, drives between suburbs. (Slides [8](#), [9](#), [10](#), [11](#), [12](#), [13](#), [25](#), [57](#), [63](#), [75](#)). These suburbs are moving further from metro center. (Slides [58](#), [59](#))
3. Commutes alone by car (Slides [14](#), [15](#), [71](#))
4. Commute distance is increasing (Slide [26](#))
5. Drives an increasing fraction of miles on non-stop roads (e.g. highways) (Slides [38](#), [48](#))
6. Despite lower price, mostly ignores mass transit (unless it provides a convenience/time advantage) (Slides [14](#), [71](#))
7. Lives in the South and West of US, where the above conditions are especially strong. (Slides [6](#), [7](#), [80](#), [82](#))

*Due to frequent updates to this presentation, the above slide numbering may be wrong. A version with correct numbering can be found at <https://sites.google.com/a/laberteaux.org/motm/>*

# Intentionally Provocative Question (my opinion only): For USA, where should we focus our efforts?

HERE? *last-mile problem*



OR HERE? *many-mile problem*



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# Backup Slides

# Why Denver?

## Selection Criteria (1/2)

- A) Top 100 Metropolitan Area by population: *Rationale: Vast majority of the American economy found within this set (75% of U.S. economy, 62% of population, 9.2% growth from 2000-2008)*
- B) Located in South or West regions: *Rationale: Growth potential is at least triple that of North or Midwest (South and West grew at 12% from 2000-2008, East and Midwest only 3%)*
- C) Metropolitan Area, not Micropolitan Area: *Rationale: Growth in Metros is twice that of Micros (9.2% for Metros vs. 4.5% for Micros from 2000-2008)*
- C) Should not be limited on more than 1 side geographically: *Rationale: Oceans, mountains, geographical limitations for expansion can exert strong natural controls on urbanization that will not be typical of the overall set*

# Why Denver?

## Selection Criteria (2/2)

- E) Not an outlier in terms of growth/size/etc. *Rationale: New York City and Los Angeles have economies of scale unlike other metros. Might include metrics like “Gross Metropolitan Product” that ensures the chose metro acts like a typical metro in economic performance (ie, not too focused on retirement or one single industry for its projected growth)*
- F) Regional government entity and coordination *Rationale: Because we are looking at entire metropolitan areas which mark a census definition and overlap multiple political entities, we need to find a representative area that coordinates different city data across a major portion of a metropolitan area.*
- G) Data Availability *Most metros will not have data on outlying areas, which are critical for this analysis.*

Outcome: Criteria a-f produced only two candidates: Denver-Aurora and Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, but **Denver-Aurora** had clearly the largest available data, and was the final choice.

# Why Atlanta?

## Criterion 1

Top 100 Metropolitan Areas in population *(Atlanta is 9th)*

## Criterion 2

Located in the South or West regions *(Atlanta is in the South region)*

## Criterion 3

Metropolitan Area, not Micropolitan *(Atlanta is a Metropolitan Area)*

## Criterion 4

Not limited geographically (0-1 sides) *(Atlanta is unrestricted on all sides)*

## Criterion 5

Growth/size outlier *(Atlanta shows largest absolute growth from 2000-2007 of all Metros)*

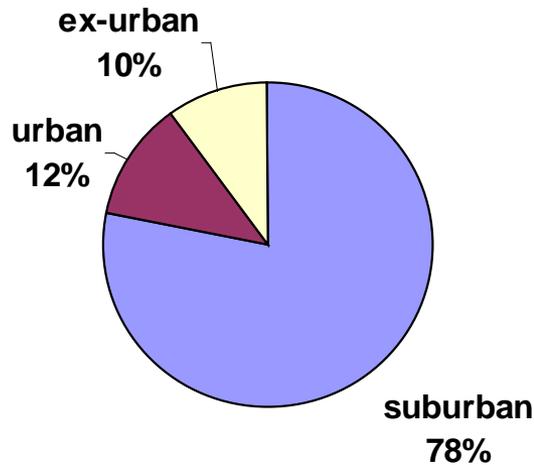
## Criterion 6

Regional government entity/coordination *(Atlanta Regional Commission, ARC, active)*

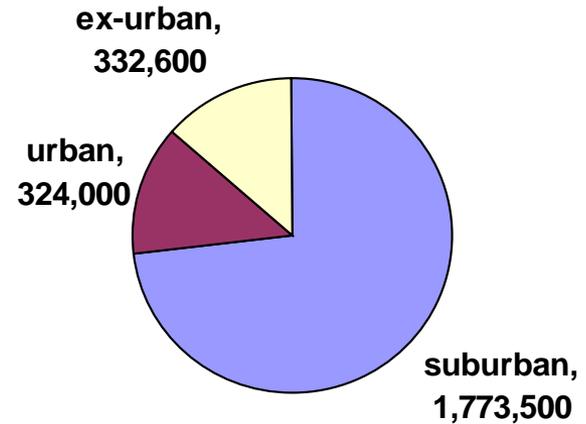
## Criterion 7

Data Availability *(ARC maintains comprehensive dataset and projections)*

# Atlanta population growth remains primarily suburban



1980-2000

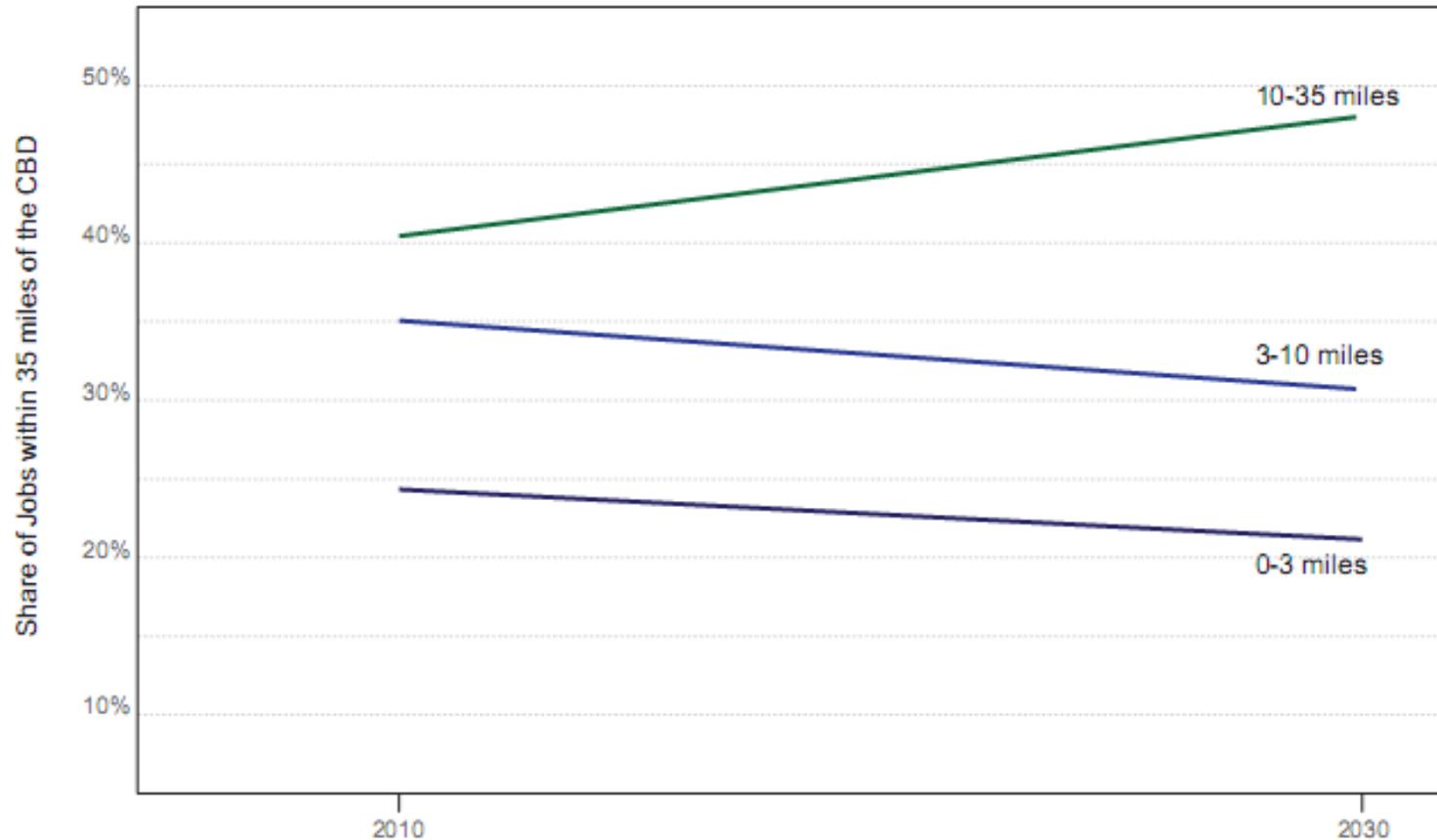


2000-2030 (est)

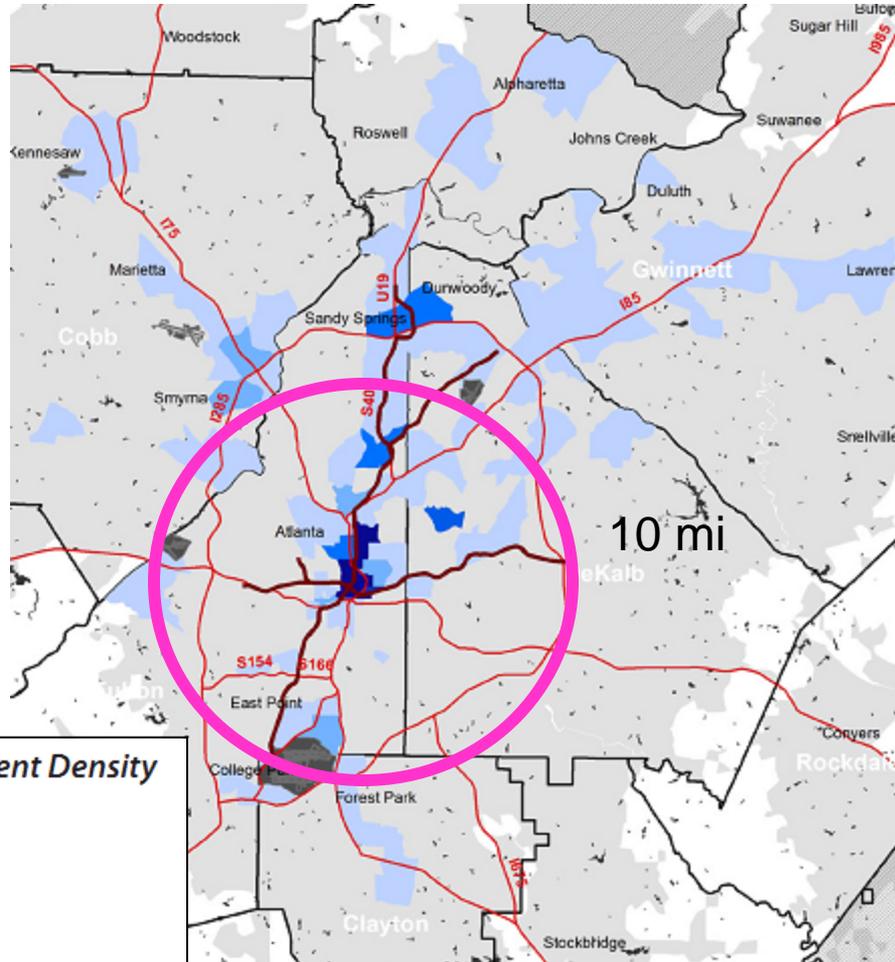
Regional Breakdown [urban, suburban, ex-urban (distant suburb)] of new population in Metro Atlanta

# Distribution of Employment in Metro Atlanta

Job Concentration Trend, Atlanta  
(0-35 miles from CBD, 2010-2030)

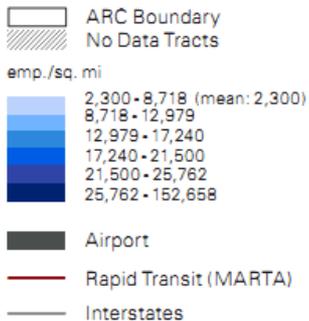


# 2010 Employment Density-Atlanta



All blue areas  
have above-  
average  
employment  
density

## ATLANTA\_2010 Employment Density



# Atlanta-Commute by car

ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION ON-BOARD  
SURVEY (2010)

**63.6**

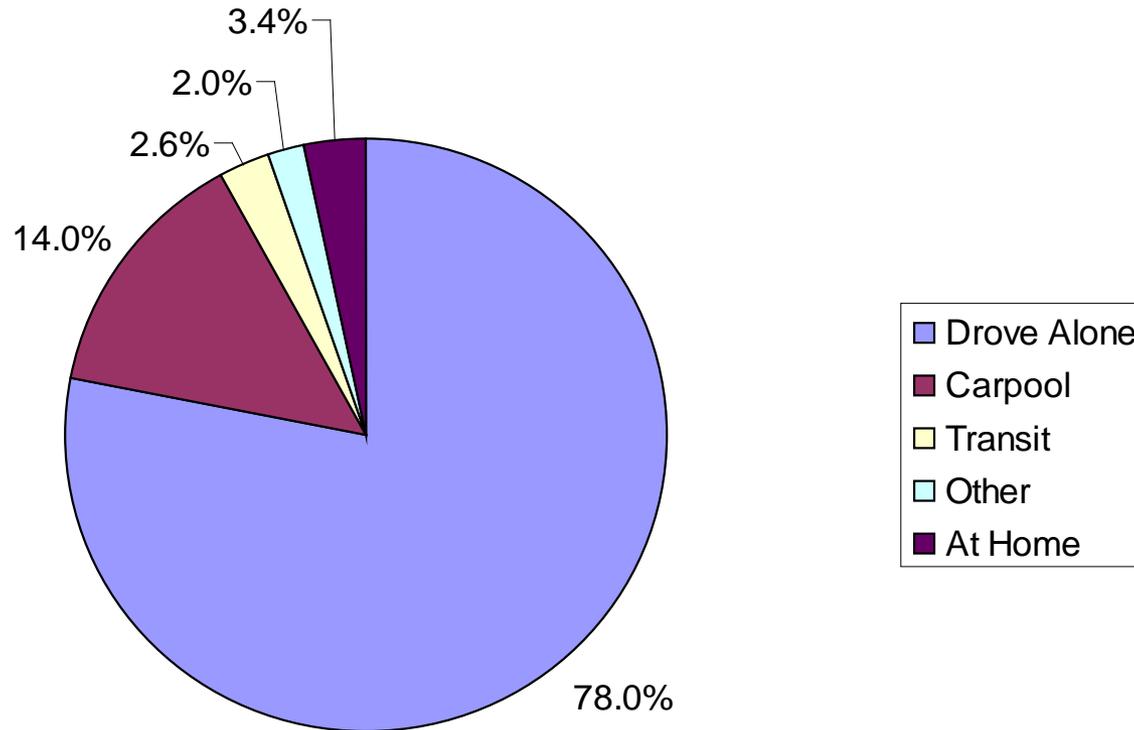
Percent of Transit Riders who had no vehicle available

**80**

Percent of Workers drove alone in Atlanta, 2000

*(FHWA/USDOT. Journey to Work Trends in the United States and its Metropolitan Areas, 1960-2000. Publication No. FHWA-EP-03-058. 2003.)*

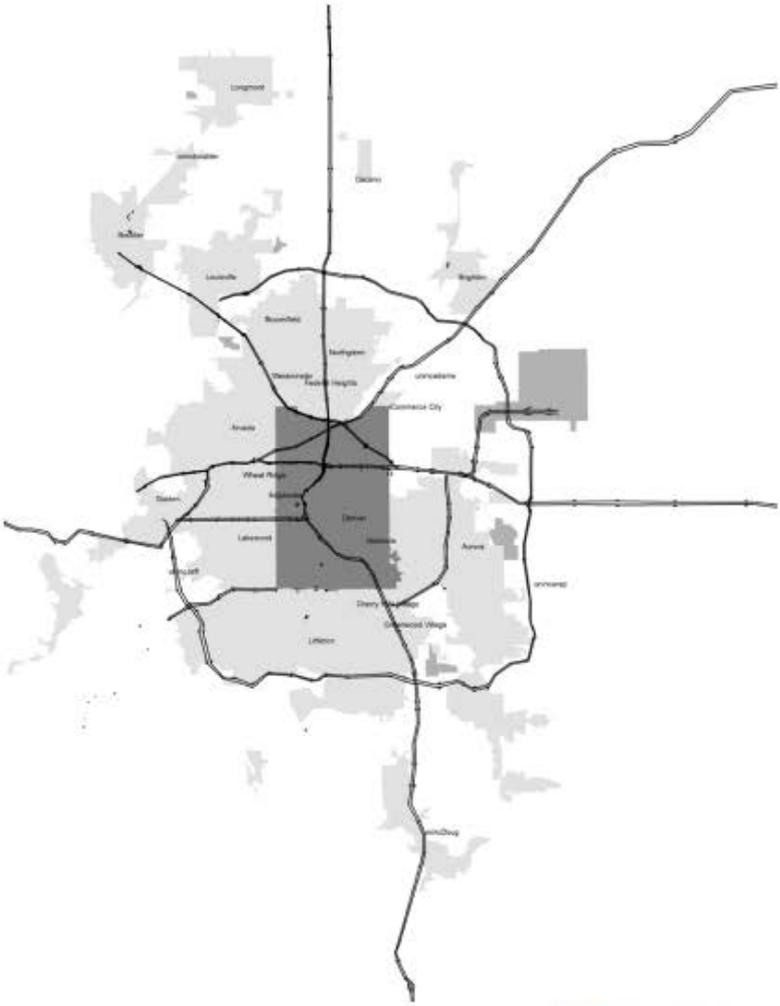
# Atlanta-Car Commute Dominates



Atlanta-Transportation Method for Workers (2000)

**Car 92%**  
**Transit 2.6%**

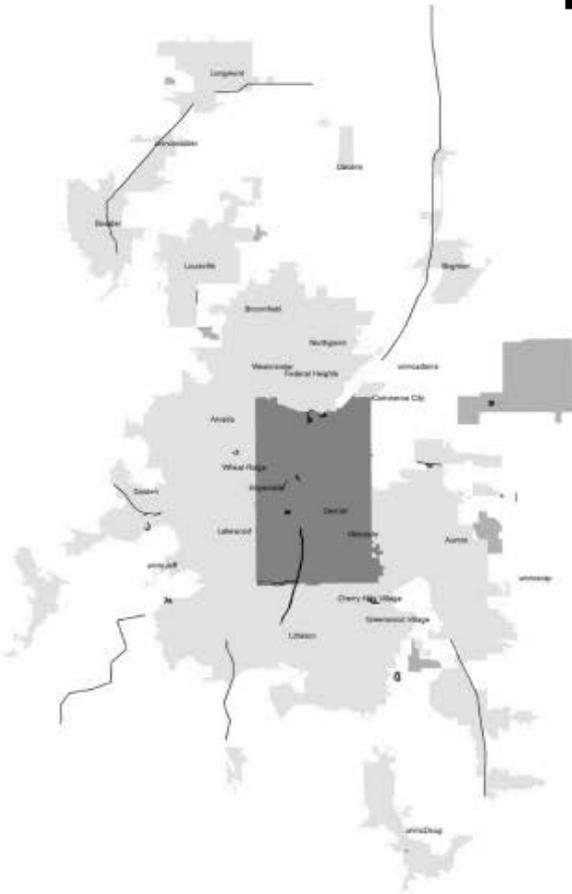
# “Non-stop” driving



**Freeways**

24% VHT / 38% VMT

Most critical in terms of Miles Traveled (see pg. 41)



**Expressway**

4% VHT / 6% VMT

Freeway  
+Expressway =  
44% VMT

# Other Regional Differences

MSA Name		Workers			Jobs		
		1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Atlanta	Area wide	1,033,088	1,542,948	2,060,632	1,011,212	1,583,146	2,120,887
	Central	24.4	20.4	18.7	43.8	36.1	33.8
	Suburban	68.9	72.8	73.1	51.6	59.5	61.2
	Ex-urban	6.7	6.8	8.2	4.6	4.4	4.9
Chicago	Area wide	3,575,803	3,922,295	4,218,108	3,535,802	3,949,498	4,263,429
	Central	63.8	60.4	56.2	69.5	65.1	59.9
	Suburban	31.8	35.1	38.8	26.9	31.2	36.2
	Ex-urban	4.4	4.5	5	3.6	3.7	3.9
Denver	Area wide	859,989	1,026,847	1,346,025	843,345	1,038,584	1,366,376
	Central	28.2	22.5	20.7	46	36.4	31.8
	Suburban	65.6	71.4	72.9	48.8	58.2	63
	Ex-urban	6.1	6	6.4	5.2	5.4	5.2
Minneapolis	Area wide	1,081,772	1,344,797	1,595,550	1,062,619	1,361,205	1,628,481
	Central	45	41.7	38.1	53.4	51.9	49.6
	Suburban	46.7	49.2	51	41.4	42.4	43.8
	Ex-urban	8.3	9	10.9	5.2	5.7	6.7
Portland	Area wide	704,392	861,141	1,105,133	689,559	860,743	1,107,079
	Central	37.1	33.3	30.3	50	43.9	39
	Suburban	45.5	49.4	52.3	33.7	39.8	45
	Ex-urban	17.4	17.3	17.4	16.3	16.3	16

- Atlanta (South) and Denver (West) are growth areas, with Denver most typical. Suburbs dominate.
- Chicago and Minneapolis (Midwest) have higher fraction at city center.
- Portland (Northwest Coast) has very high fraction of Ex-urban.

**We should not generalize,**  
especially outside  
South and West.

Table 3.9 Percent Distribution of Metropolitan Area Population in Concentric Rings, 1990 and 2000

0- to 5-Mile Ring				0- to 10-Mile Ring				0- to 20-Mile Ring			
	1990	2000	Change		1990	2000	Change		1990	2000	Change
<b>SMART GROWTH STATES</b>											
Portland	28	24	-4	Portland	66	62	-4	Jacksonville	91	91	0**
Jacksonville	25	20	-5	Jacksonville	58	50	-8	Portland	89	89	0**
Baltimore	22	18	-4	Orlando	54	48	-6	Orlando	83	81	-2
Orlando	21	16	-5	Baltimore	44	39	-5	Newark	78	77	-1
Newark	16	15	-1	Newark	40	40	0**	Miami*	76	75	-1
Miami	15	12	-3	Camden	36	34	-2	Camden	70	72	2
Camden	14	13	-1	Miami	36	31	-5	Tampa	68	68	0**
Tampa	10	9	-1	Washington (MD)	31	29	-2	Washington (MD)*	68	66	-2
Ft. Lauderdale	9	8	-1	Ft. Lauderdale	29	26	-3	Baltimore*	67	65	-2
Washington (MD)	1	1	0**	Tampa	27	26	-1	Ft. Lauderdale*	67	69	2
<b>Average</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>OTHER SELECTED STATES</b>											
Austin	29	23	-6	San Antonio	67	59	-8	San Antonio	93	91	-2
San Antonio	29	24	-5	Austin	60	52	-8	Denver	88	87	-1
Richmond	25	22	-3	Denver	59	53	-6	Indianapolis	85	85	0**
Indianapolis	23	18	-5	Indianapolis	58	51	-7	Richmond	84	84	0**
Denver	19	17	-2	Richmond	57	52	-5	Austin	84	83	-1
Houston	11	9	-2	Washington (VA)	39	28	-11	Houston	81	78	-3
Fort Worth	11	9	-2	Houston	35	31	-4	Washington (VA)	75	69	-6
Dallas	10	8	-2	Dallas	31	27	-4	Dallas*	75	71	-4
Washington (VA)	9	8	-1	Fort Worth	31	28	-3	Virginia Beach	74	71	-3
Virginia Beach	6	5	-1	Virginia Beach	24	24	0**	Fort Worth*	62	60	-2
<b>Average</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-2</b>

\*Ring overlaps with rings in another metropolitan area.

\*\*The number appears as zero because of rounding.

Notes: All rings are measured from the CBDs of the metropolitan areas as defined by the 1982 Census of Retail Trade.

Metropolitan area names are shortened for simplicity and are listed in descending order based on 1990 census data in each ring and in each set of states.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (1996; 2006b).

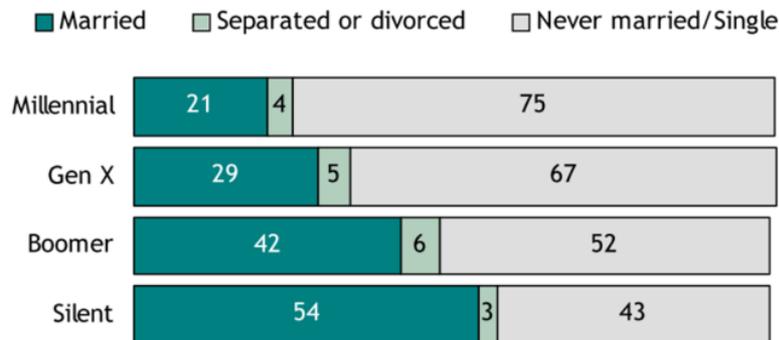
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# Gen Y: Life-cycle effect is delayed

- *Life-cycle effect* describes the effect that people's priorities change at different stages of their lives.
- Compared to previous generations, Gen Y's transition to married/family life is delayed.

## Marital Status When They Were 18-28

% by generation

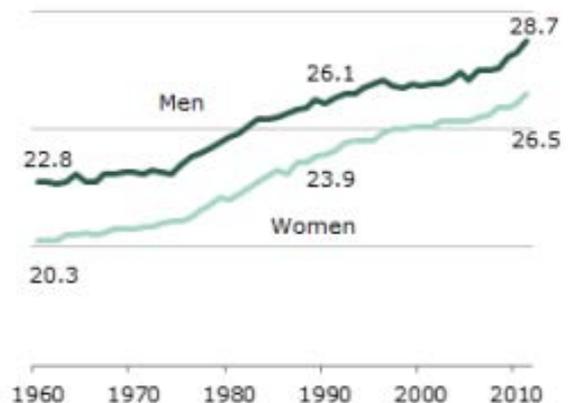


Source: Pew Research Center tabulations from the March Current Population Surveys (1963, 1978, 1995 and 2009) for the civilian, non-institutional population

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## Median Age at First Marriage, 1960-2011

in years

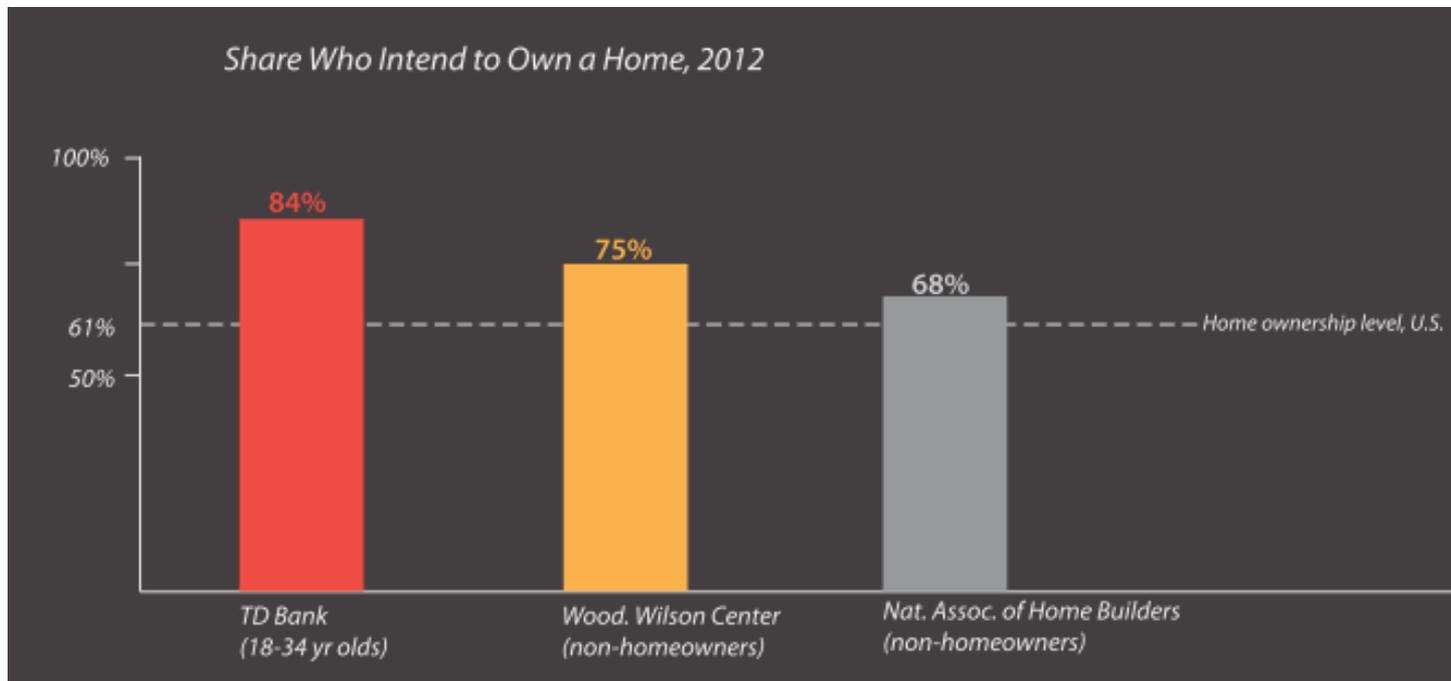


Source: Current Population Survey, March and Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

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# Gen Y: Still want Homes

- TRI-NA reviewed several respected surveys
- Conclusion: Gen Y thinks owning a house is important, and plan to do so



# Gen Y: Still want a Family

- Conclusion: Gen Y thinks marriage and having a family is important, and plan to get married and have children.

## How Millennials View Marriage and Children

*% saying they...*

■ Want   ■ Not sure   ■ Don't want

**Do you want to get married?**



**Do you want to have children?**



Note: Based on ages 18-29, unmarried and without children, n=305.