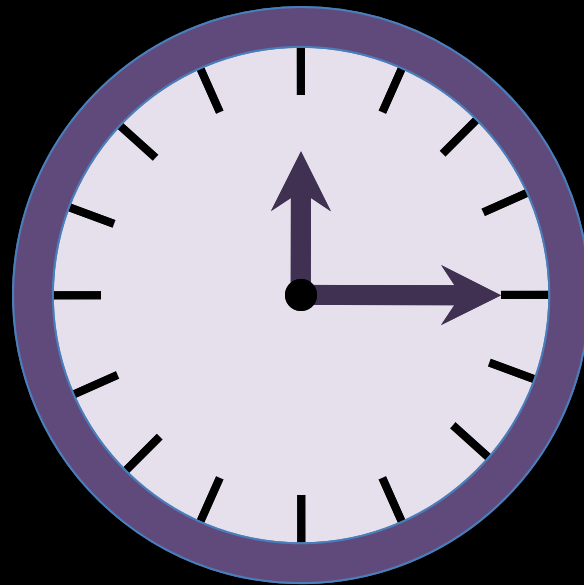


“The Pedestrian Opportunity: Solving the Challenges and Reaping the Benefits of Walkable Places”



the time is ...



...NOW

communities should
invest in walkable places
now



the pedestrian

this is who we are:

- recently descended from nomadic hunter/gatherers...
- ...who walked extensively... and burned lots of calories
- ...who experienced the world @ 2 – 3mph
- ...whose bodies were designed for collisions @ < 10 mph



we evolved as “walkers”



we are still “walkers”



human history

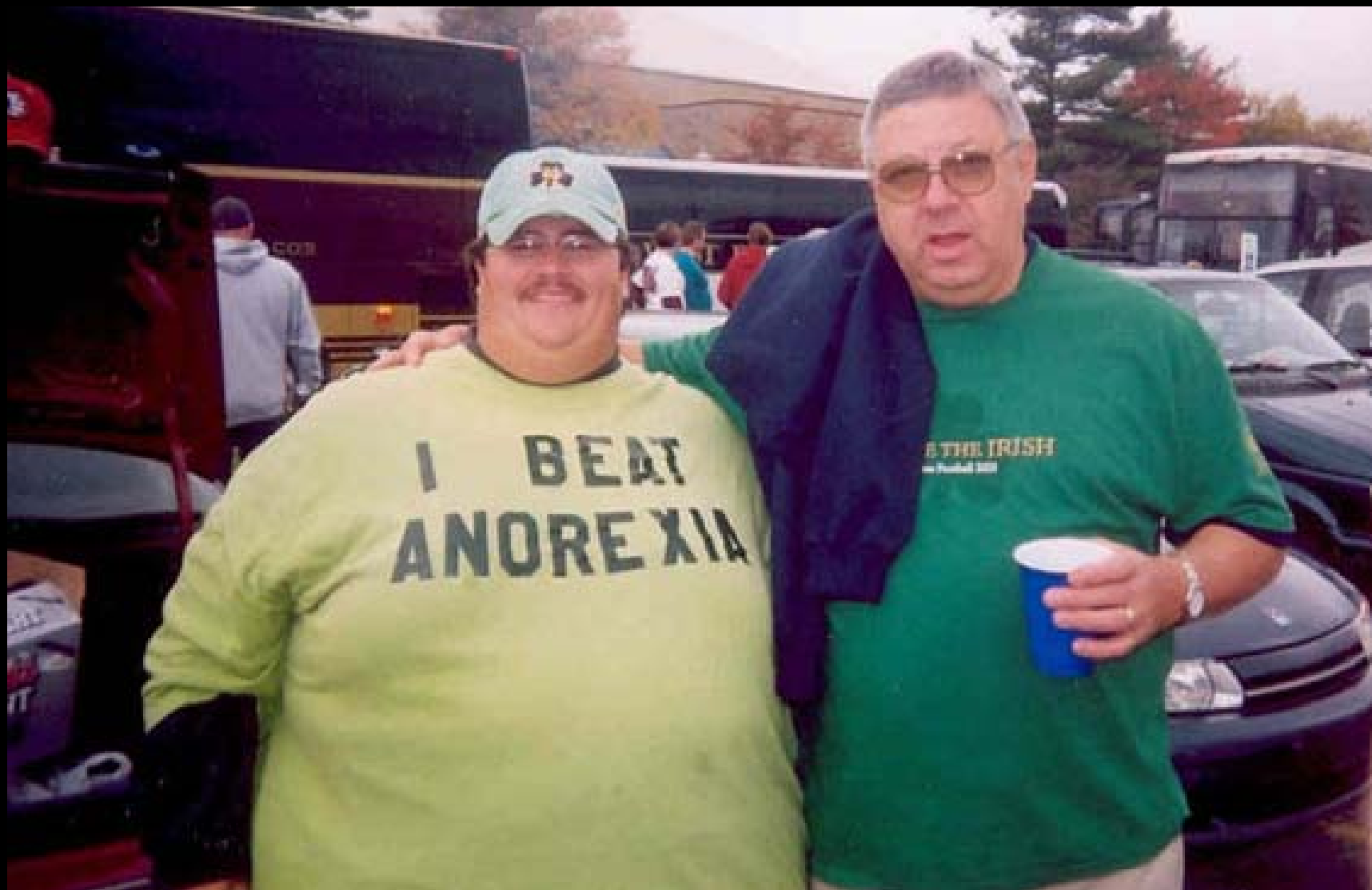


this is what we do...

...but it is not who we are.



we cannot escape our DNA...



...no matter how hard we try



why do we walk?

rambling

rambling

Redmond



rambling



Prospect, Longmont, CO



Upcountry
Maui

rambling

Prospect



rambling

Prospect



rambling

accessing

Wailuku

Enter
←

First Hawaiian Bank

accessing



Kailua



accessing



accessing

Upcountry
Maui

accessing



Redmond

strolling

Boulder



strolling

Winter Park, FL



strolling

Boulder



strolling

promenade



promenade

Boulder



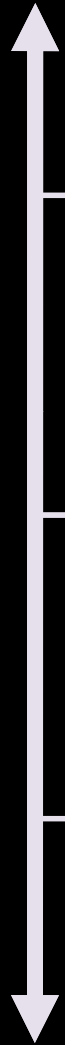
Oxford (Cornmarket)

promenade

where do we walk?

“pedestrian-friendly”





pedestrian place

great

OK

pedestrian supportive

convenient

continuous

pedestrian tolerant

safe

dangerous

pedestrian intolerant

pedestrian place

pedestrian place



Boulder

Miami Beach, FL

pedestrian place



pedestrian supportive

Mt. Vernon, IA

pedestrian supportive



Redmond



pedestrian supportive

Longmont



pedestrian supportive

Longmont - Prospect



pedestrian supportive

pedestrian tolerant

Redmond

pedestrian tolerant



Longmont



pedestrian tolerant

pedestrian tolerant

Kapalua, Maui

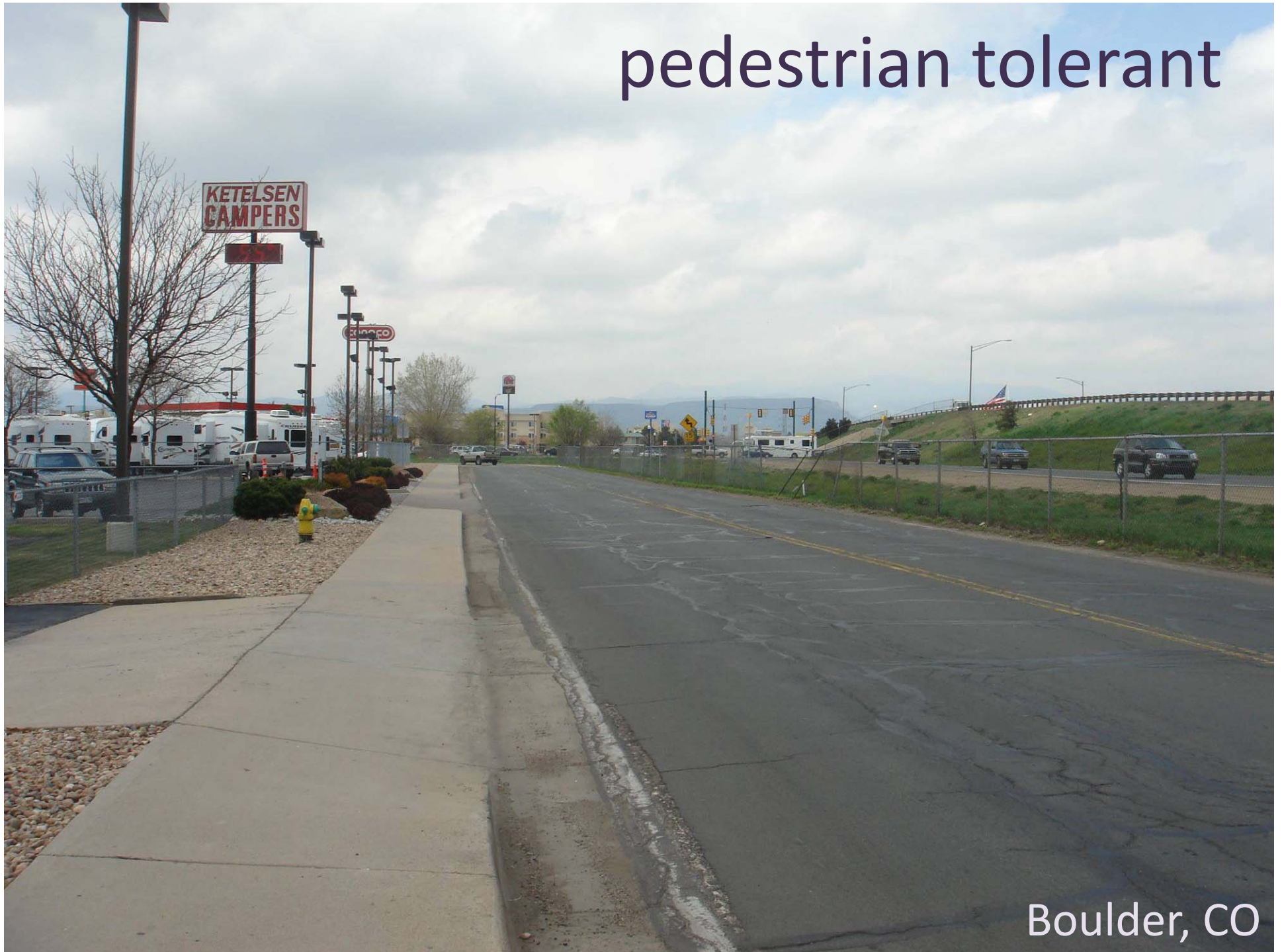


Wailuku, Maui

pedestrian tolerant



pedestrian tolerant



Boulder, CO

pedestrian intolerant

somewhere



pedestrian intolerant

somewhere

pedestrian intolerant



somewhere



pedestrian intolerant

somewhere



pedestrian intolerant

somewhere



pedestrian intolerant

Flagstaff, AZ



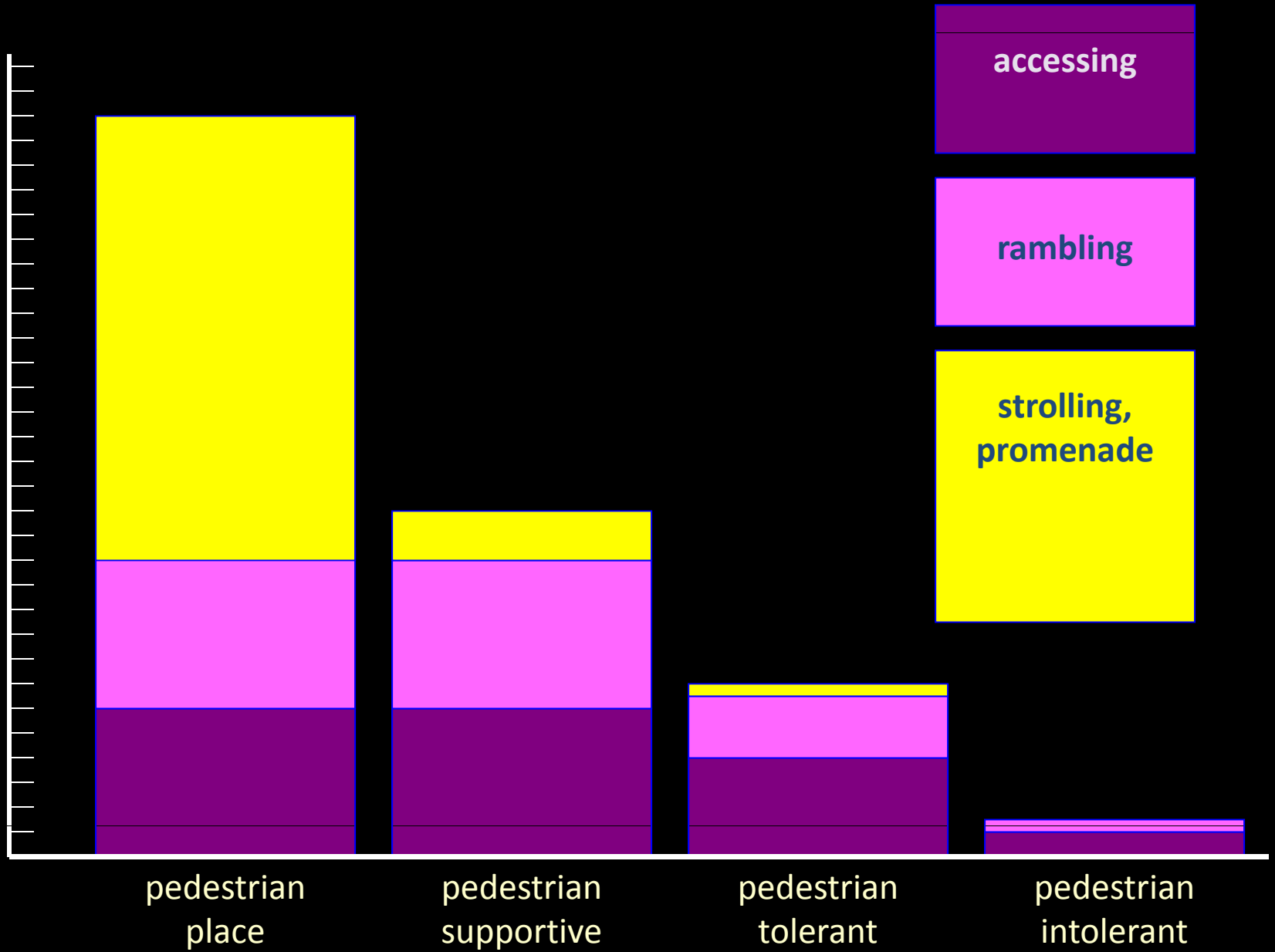
pedestrian tolerant

pedestrian intolerant



Flagstaff, AZ

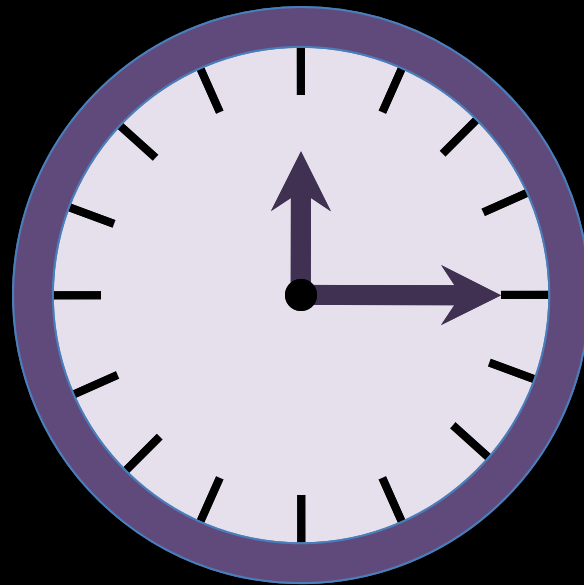
number of pedestrians



there are no cities that are entirely
“pedestrian friendly”

making progress requires setting
priorities

the time is ...



...NOW

now is the time to invest
in walkable places

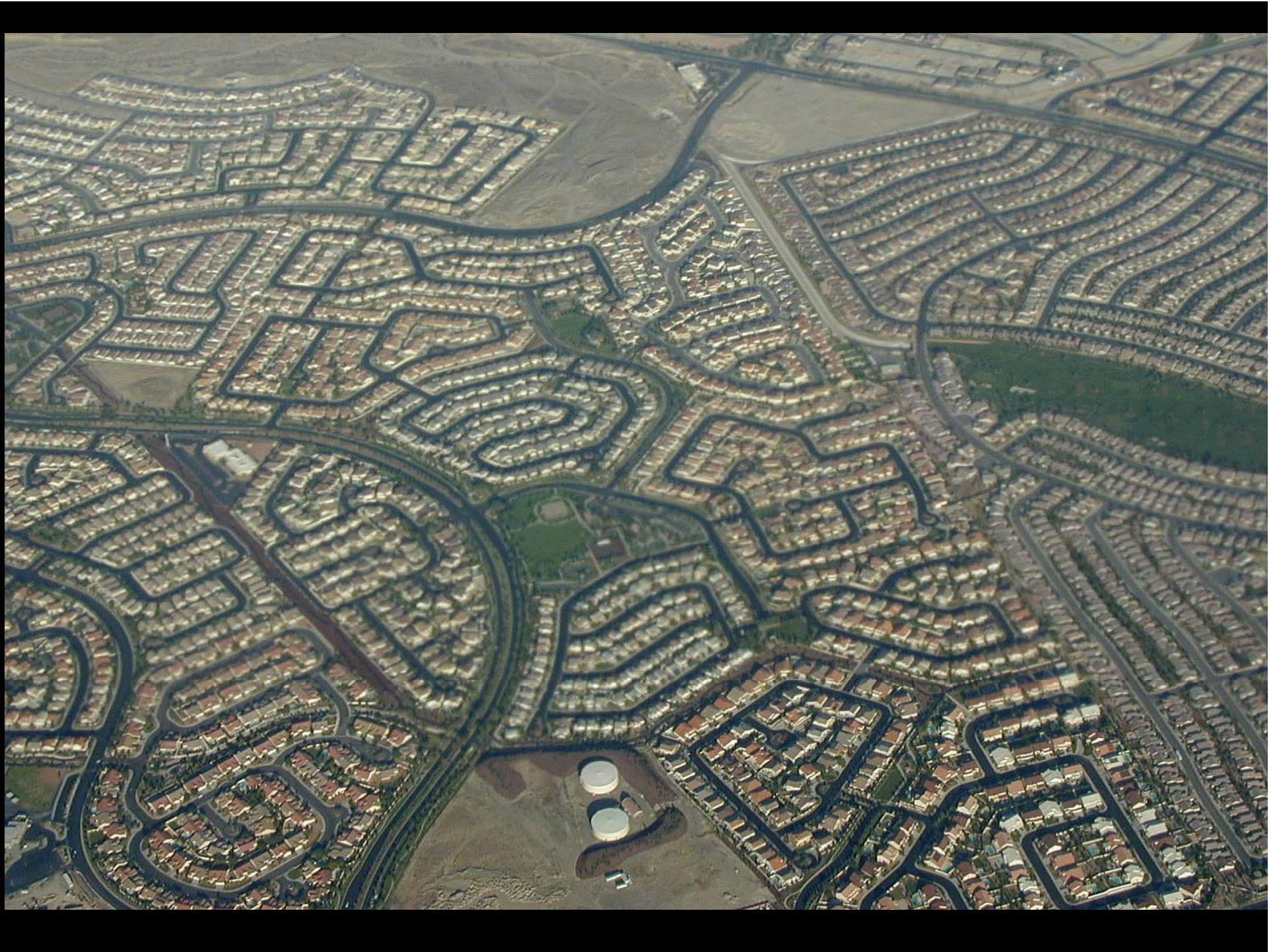
why?

five reasons...

1

size of the challenge









Hundreds of Years:

200

400

600

800

1000

Transportation Corridors

Major Roads

Rail

Pathways

Architecture

Civic

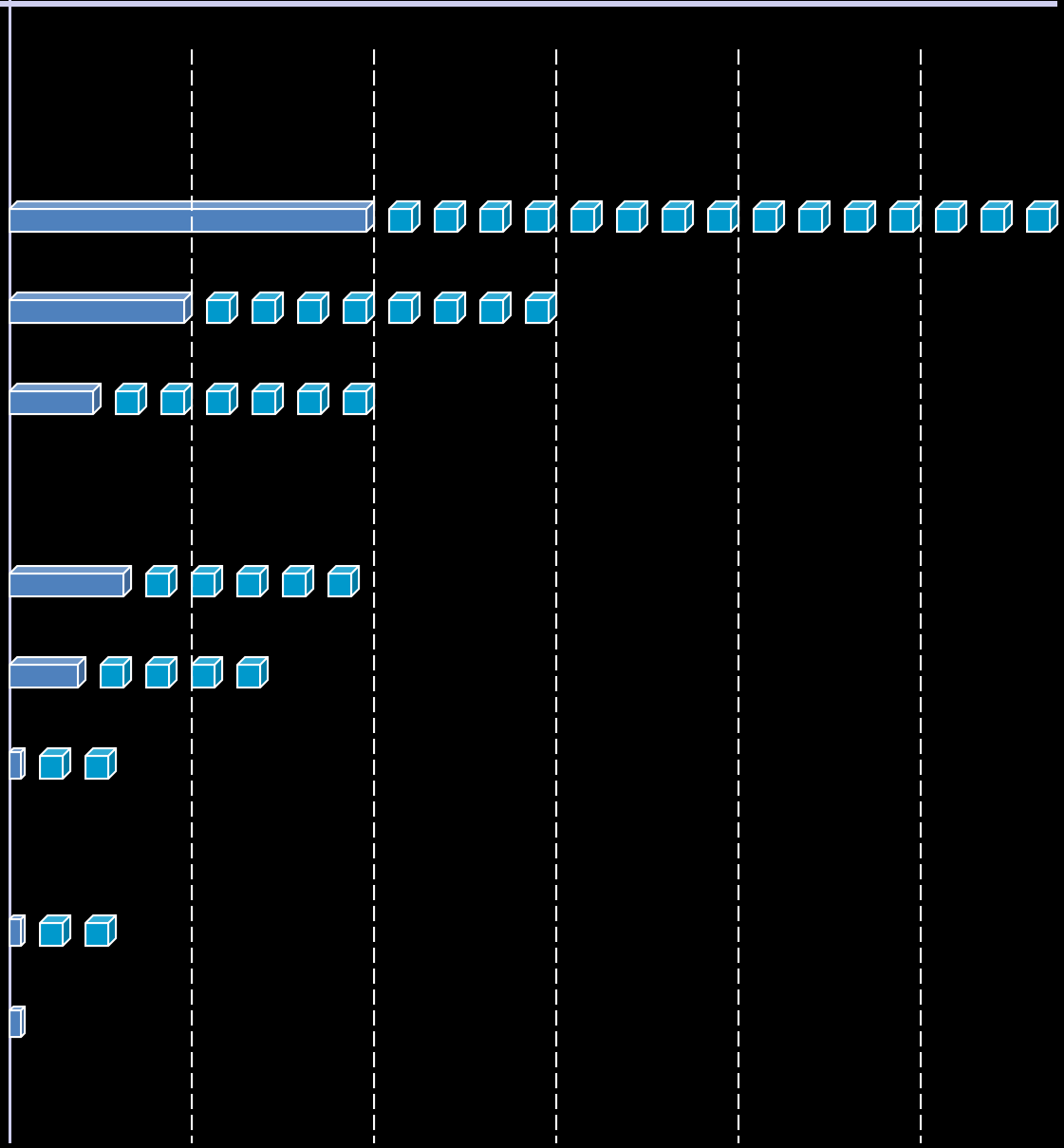
Residential

Commercial

Landscaping

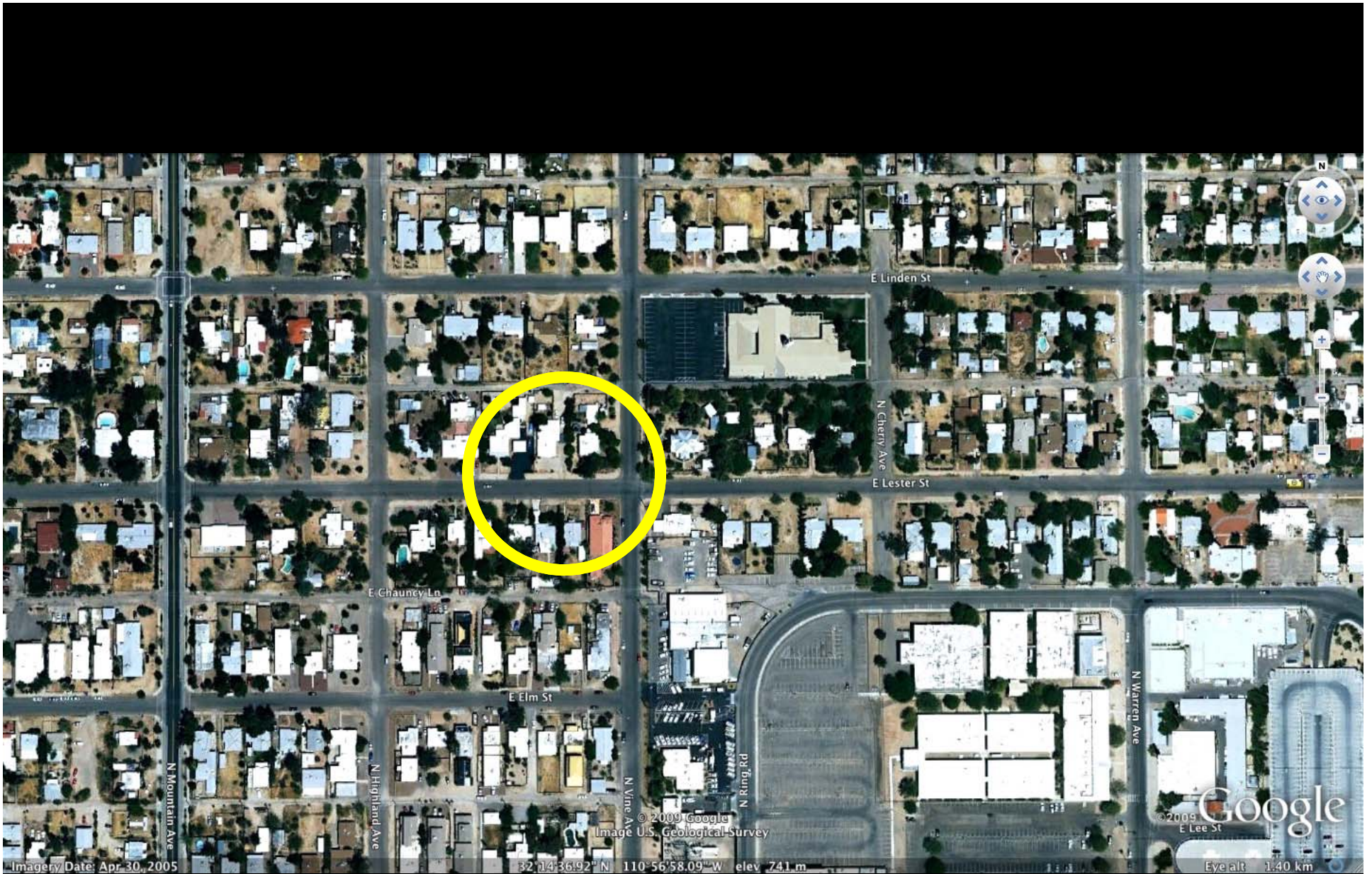
Trees

Other Plantings





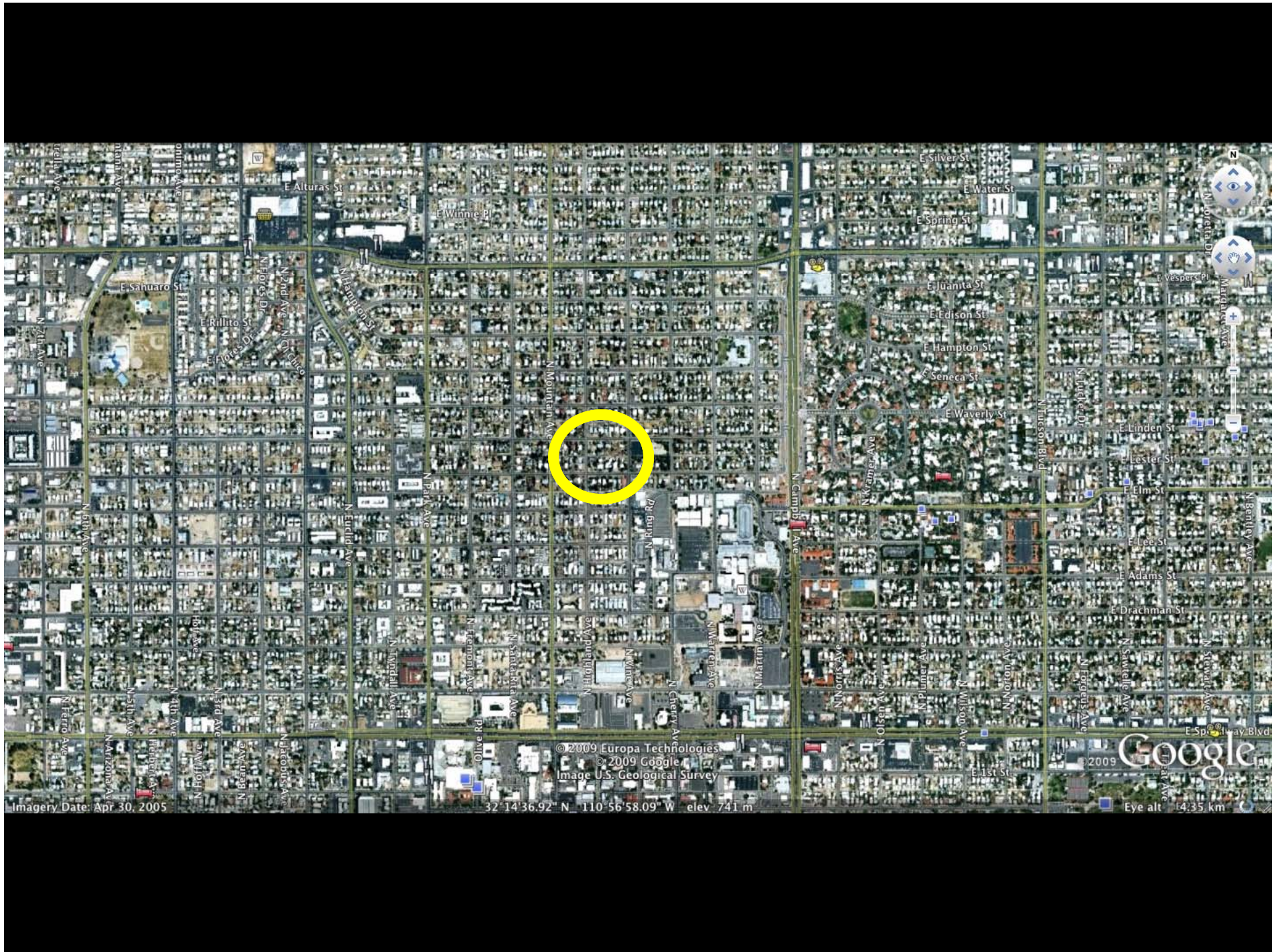
Tucson, AZ



Imagery Date: Apr 30, 2005

32°14'36.92" N 110°56'58.09" W elev 741 m

Eye alt 1.40 km



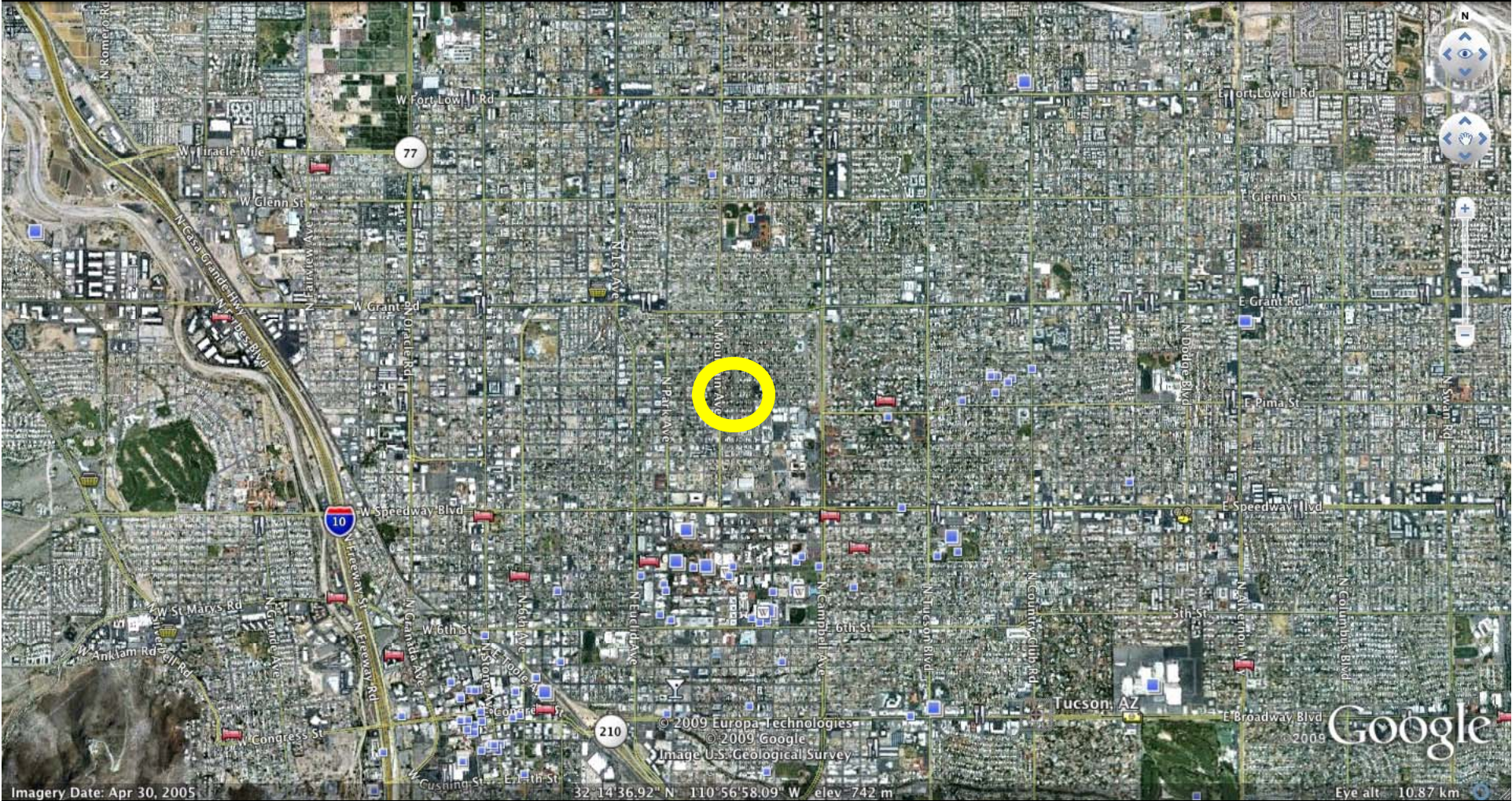
© 2009 Europa Technologies
 © 2009 Google
 Image U.S. Geological Survey

Imagery Date: Apr 30, 2005

32° 14' 36.92" N 110° 56' 58.09" W elev 741 m

2009 Google

Eye alt 14.35 km



Imagery Date: Apr 30, 2005

32° 14' 36.92" N 110° 56' 58.09" W elev 742 m

Google
2005

© 2009 Europa Technologies
© 2009 Google
Image U.S. Geological Survey

Tucson, AZ

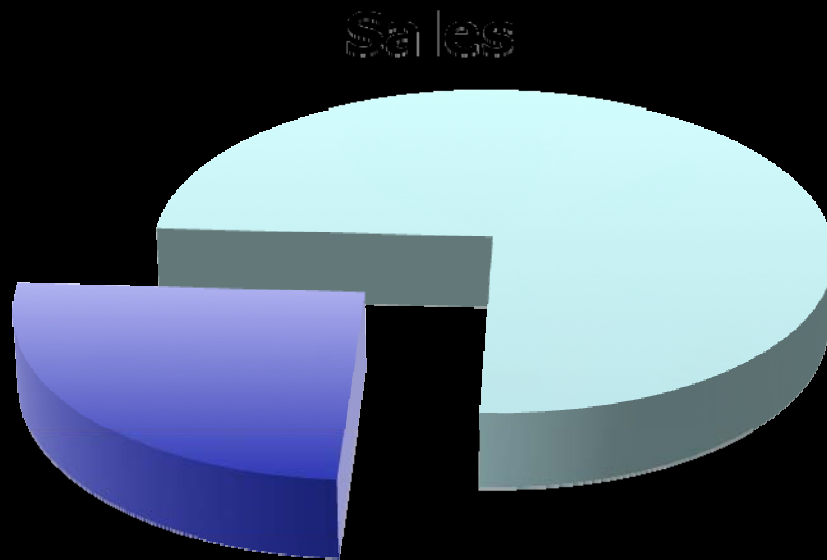
Eye alt 10.87 km

put sidewalks on both sides of
every street now

2

first and last mile

25% of all vehicle trips are less than one mile in length





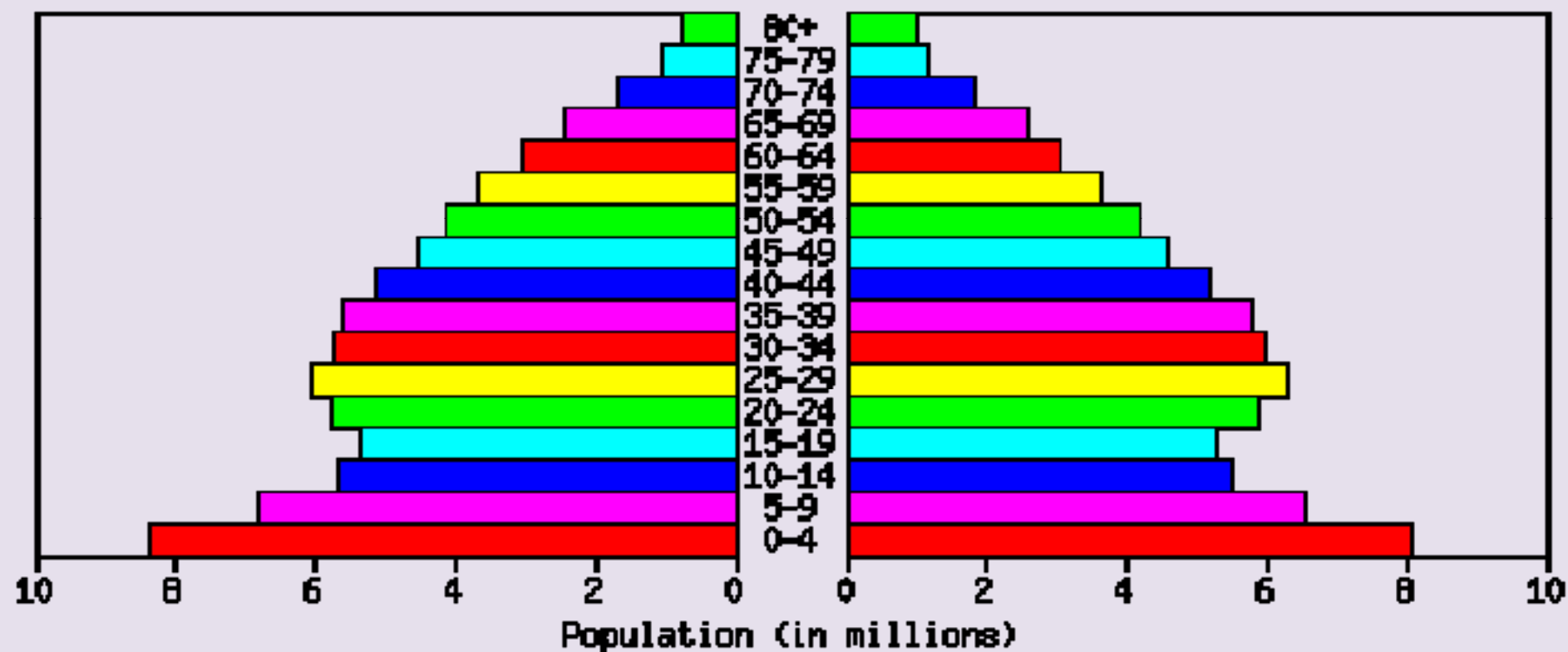
3

our elders will need
walkable neighborhoods

United States: 1958

MALE

FEMALE

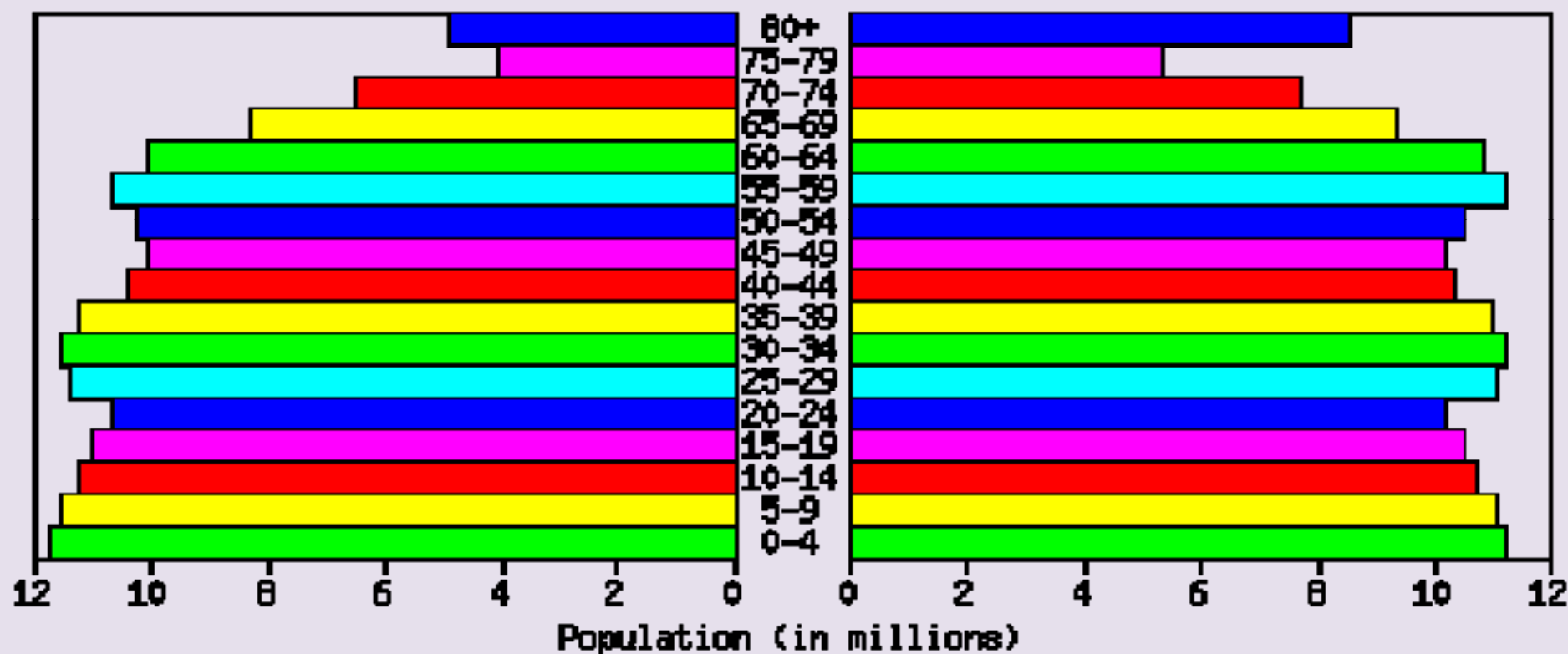


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Data Base.

United States: 2020

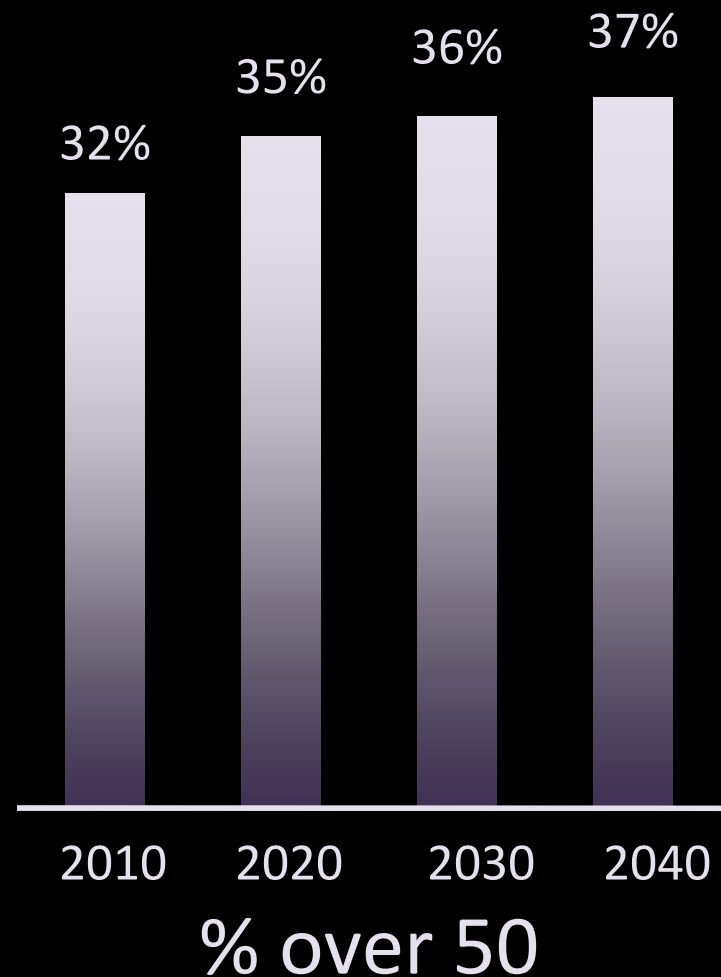
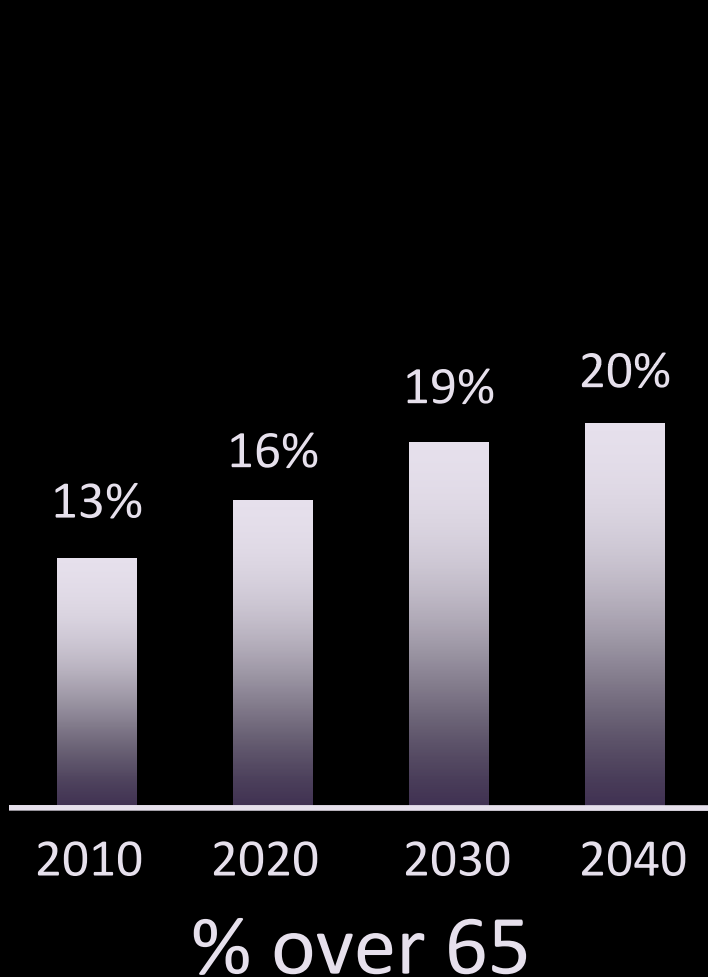
MALE

FEMALE

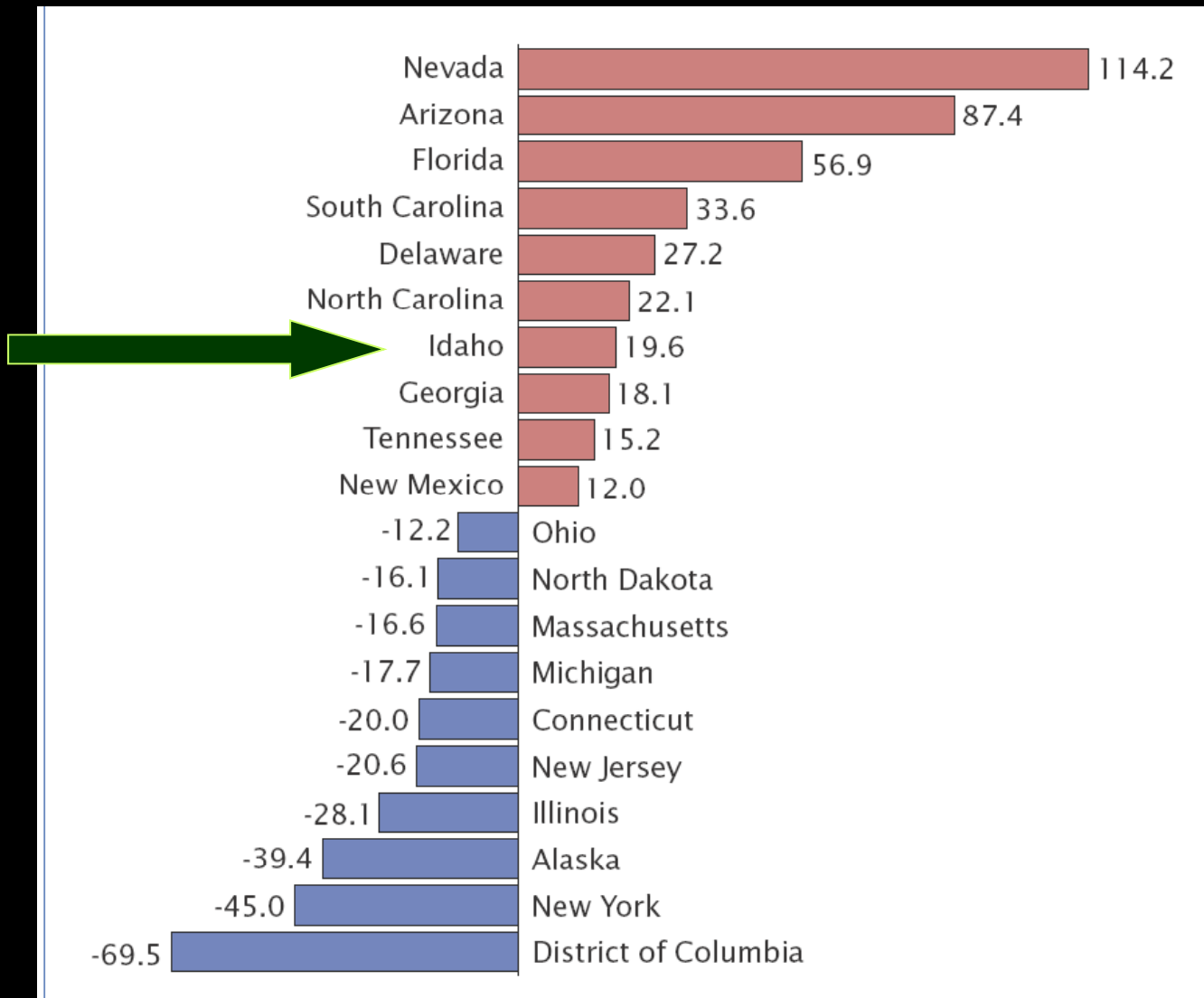


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Data Base.

aging of the US population



In-Migration – Ages 65 +



Net In-Migration
per 1,000
Population > 65

US Census Bureau

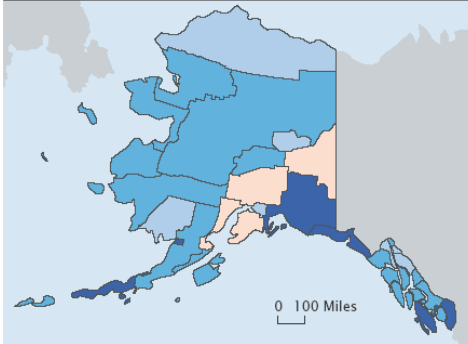
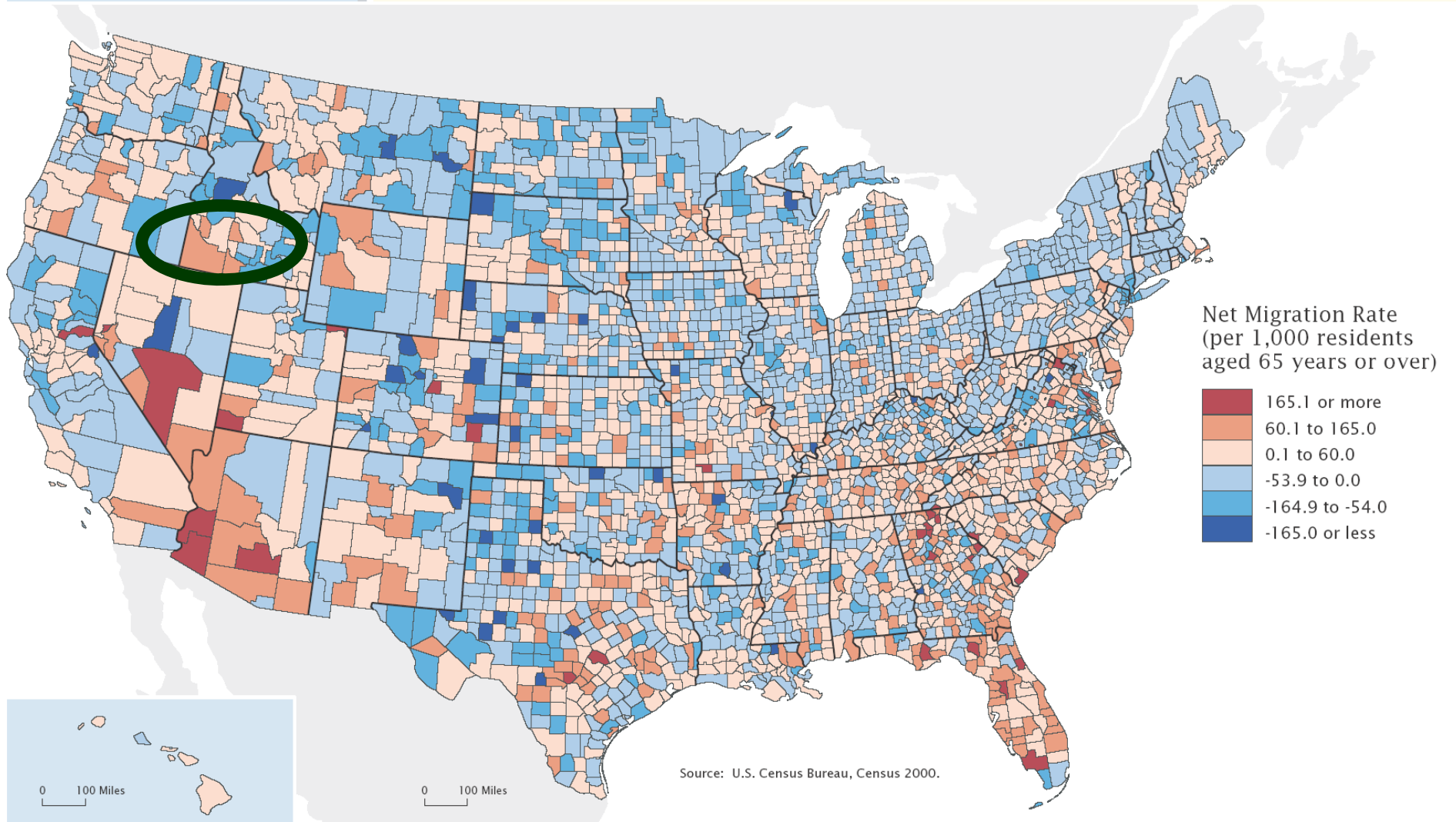


Figure 4.
 Net Migration Rates for the Population 65 Years and Over:
 1995 to 2000

(Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf)

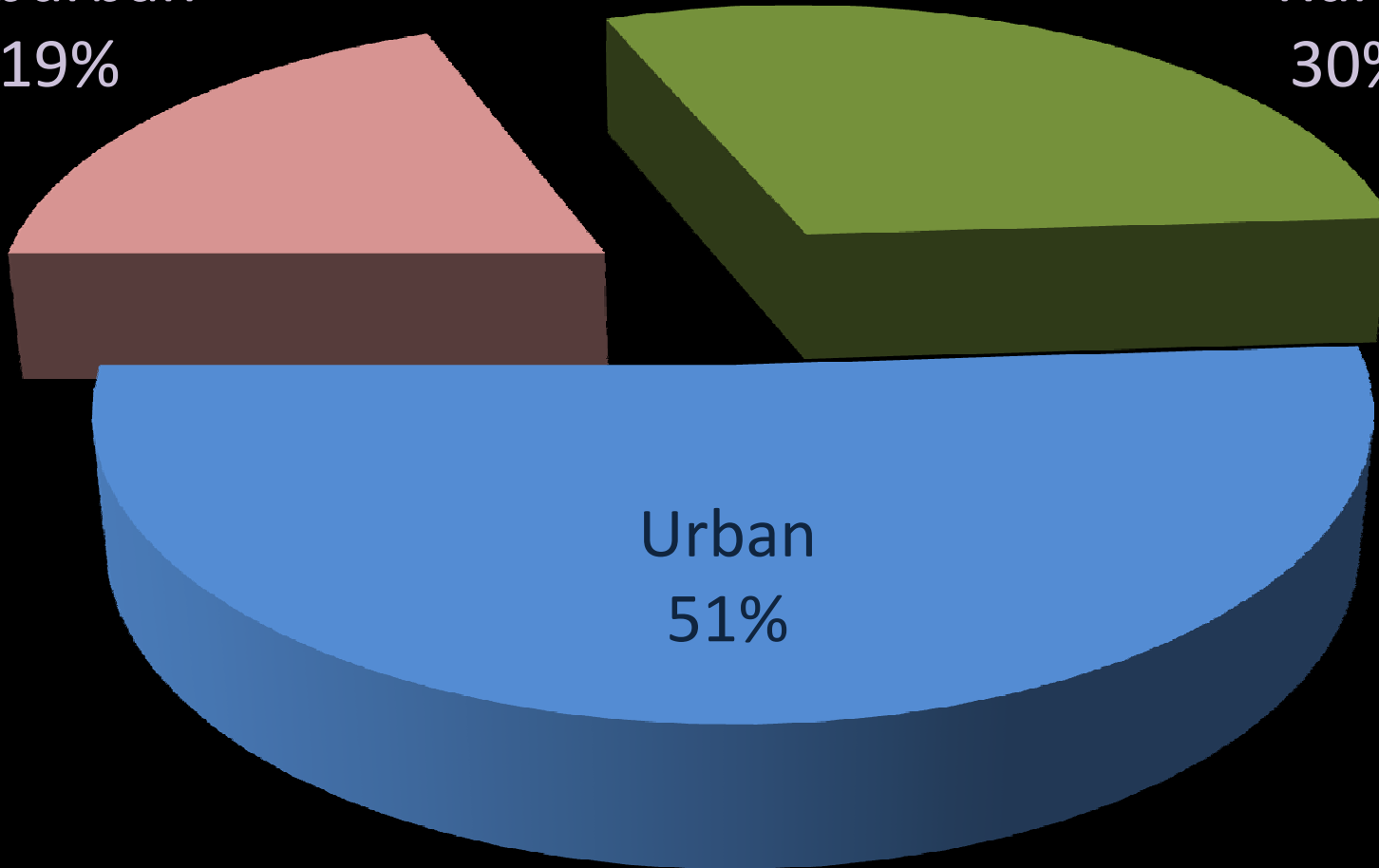


Retirement Preferences

Suburban
19%

Rural
30%

Urban
51%



Source: National Association of Realtors and Smart Growth America
American Preference Survey 2004

4 essentials: elder mobility

AARP: a livable community has...

- affordable & appropriate housing
- supportive community features & services
- adequate mobility options

...which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.





4 essentials: elder mobility

- land use mix
- pedestrian supportive environment
- connected street network
- high frequency transit service

4 essentials: elder mobility

- land use mix
- pedestrian supportive environment
- connected street network
- high frequency transit service

land use mix

4 essentials: elder mobility

supportive community features & services

1. active living
2. third places
3. convenience retail
4. provisions & services
5. family
6. shopping
7. medical
8. cultural

1. active living

- pedestrian-oriented environments
- trails, parks and open space
- gyms and exercise facilities



2. third places

- coffee shops, cafes
- bookstores, libraries
- churches
- bars
- plazas, parks
- senior centers



3. convenience retail

- corner market
- convenience store



4. provisions & services

- grocery
- bank
- cleaners



5. family

- grandchildren
- other family



6. shopping

- hardware
- clothing
- book store
- optical
- electronics



7. medical

- clinics, doctors
- hospitals
- pharmacy
- physical therapy
- opticians
- other specialists



8. cultural

- theater
- movie Theater
- museums
- symphony
- art gallery
- restaurants



destinations

	daily	weekly	monthly
1. active living	X		
2. third places	X		
3. convenience	X		
4. provisions		X	
5. family		X	
6. shopping		X	
7. medical			X
8. cultural			X

destinations

	daily	weekly	monthly
1. active living	X	should be within walking distance	
2. third places	X		
3. convenience	X		
4. provisions		X	
5. family		X	
6. shopping		X	
7. medical			X
8. cultural			X

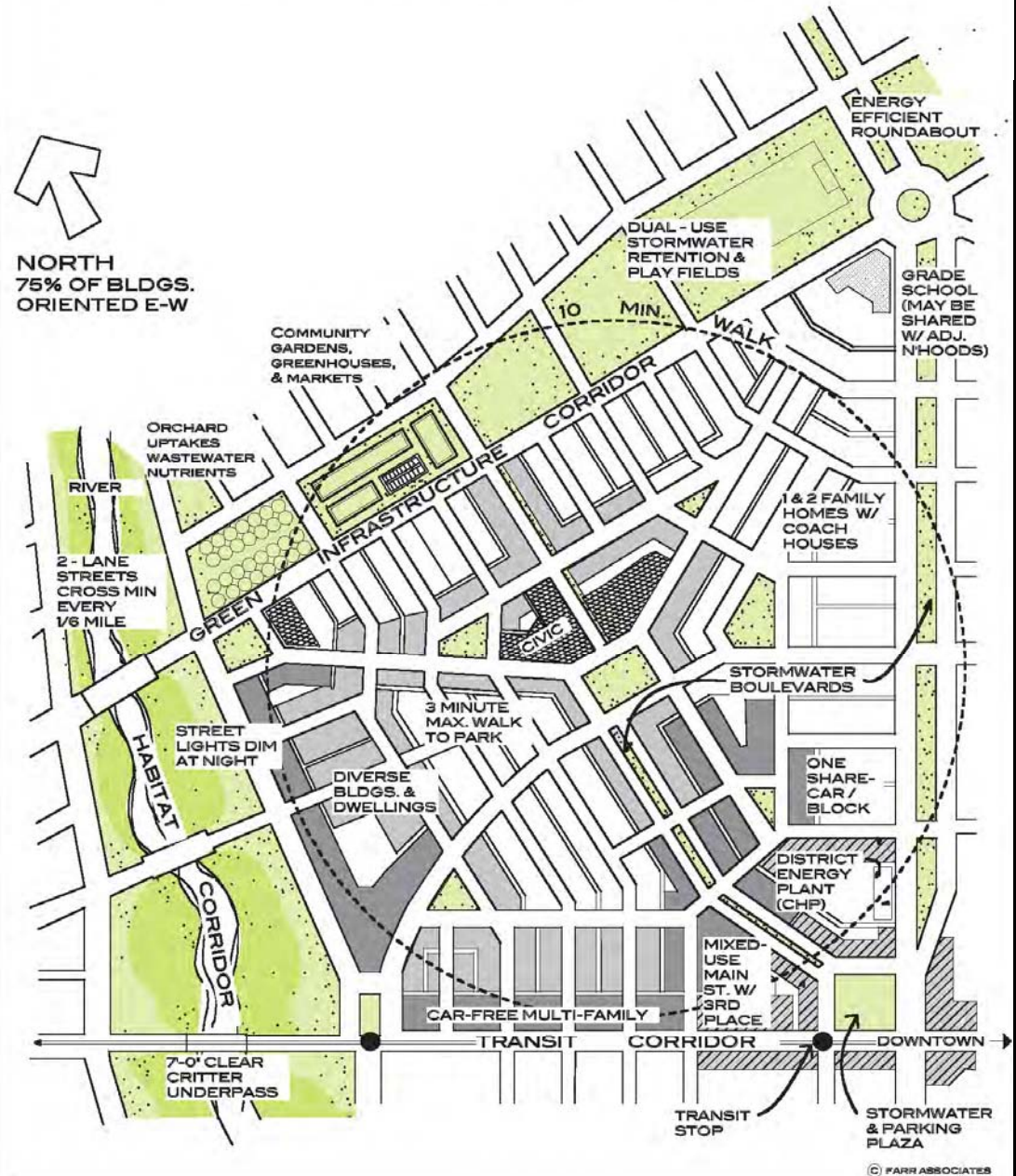
destinations

	daily	weekly	monthly	
1. active living	X			
2. third places	X			
3. convenience	X			
4. provisions		X		should be accessible by fixed route transit
5. family		X		
6. shopping		X		
7. medical			X	
8. cultural			X	

neighborhood completeness

AREA: PREFERABLY 160 ACRES, MIN. 40, MAX. 200

POPULATION: TO SUPPORT CRITICAL MASS OF WALK-TO DESTINATIONS.



A SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOOD (BUILDING BLOCKS OF A SUSTAINABLE CORRIDOR)

Portland “20-minute neighborhood”



4 essentials: elder mobility

- land use mix
- pedestrian supportive environment
- connected street network
- high frequency transit service

note: ADA & universal design



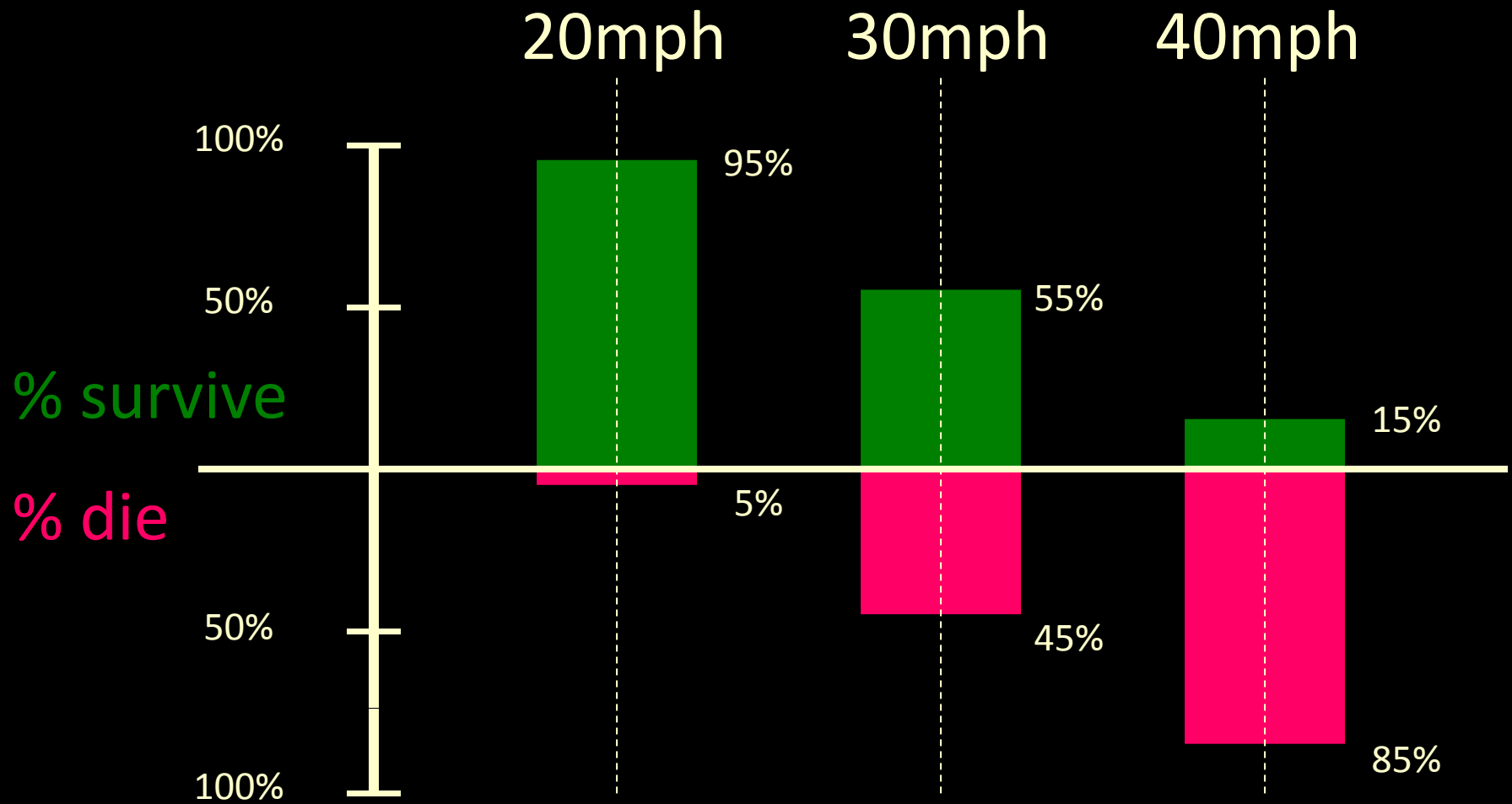
elderly walking environment factors

- safety & security
- street crossings
- universal access
- street design – scale, speed
- pedestrian realm – scale, layout
- urban design – street walls, building scale
- land use mix
- trees, canopies, awnings



Honolulu

pedestrian survival rates & vehicle speed





HAWAIIAN PLAZA

FATBOY'S AMINA PIZZERIA

Island

MICHAEL'S LIQUOR

OPEN

Meadow Gold

Meadow Gold Delivery
Honolulu, Hawaii
808.521.8700
GVW 32,000

www.usps.com



SPEED
LIMIT
45

Redmond, WA





St. Louis region

ROADWAY
CORRIDOR

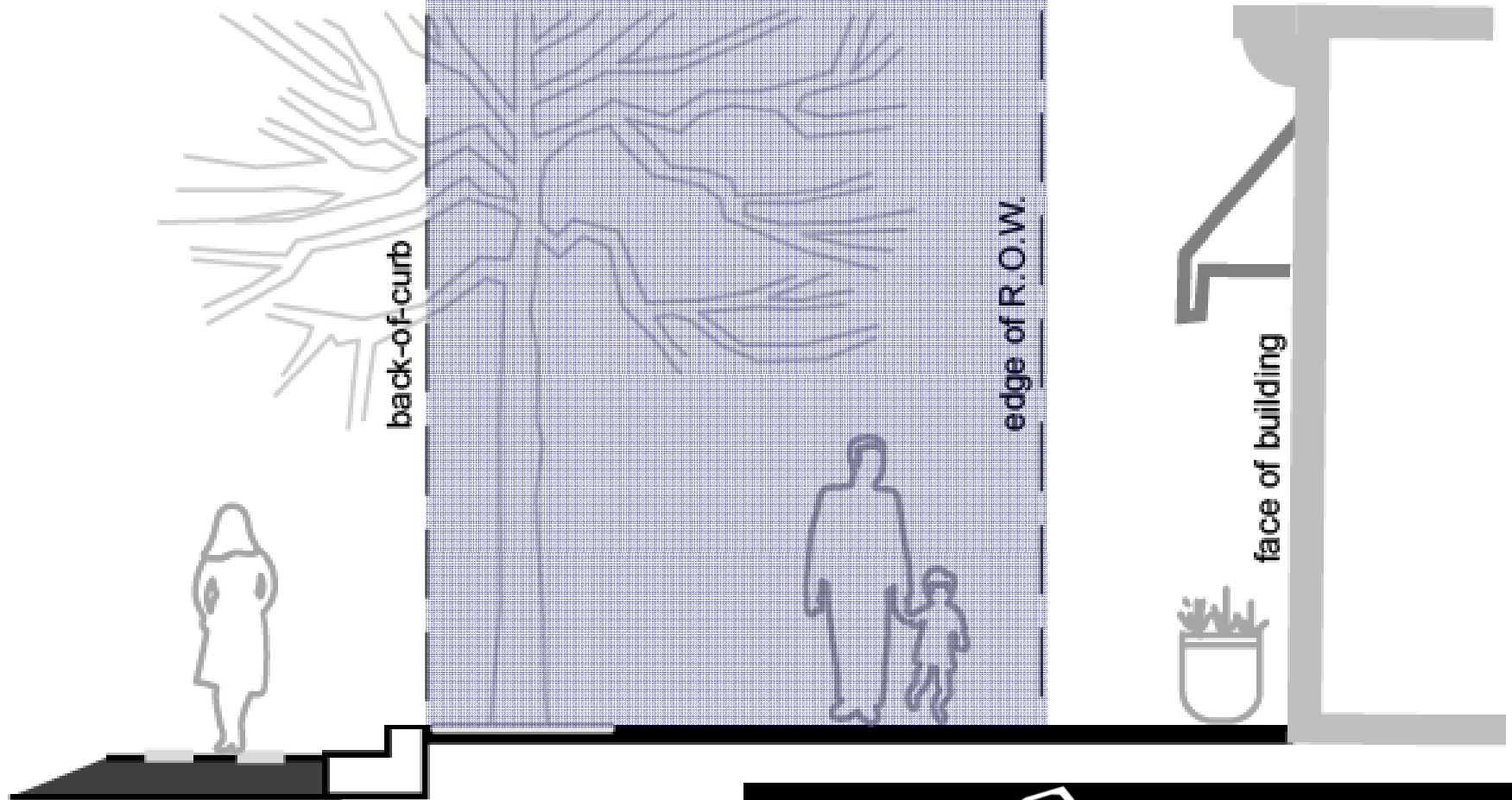
1

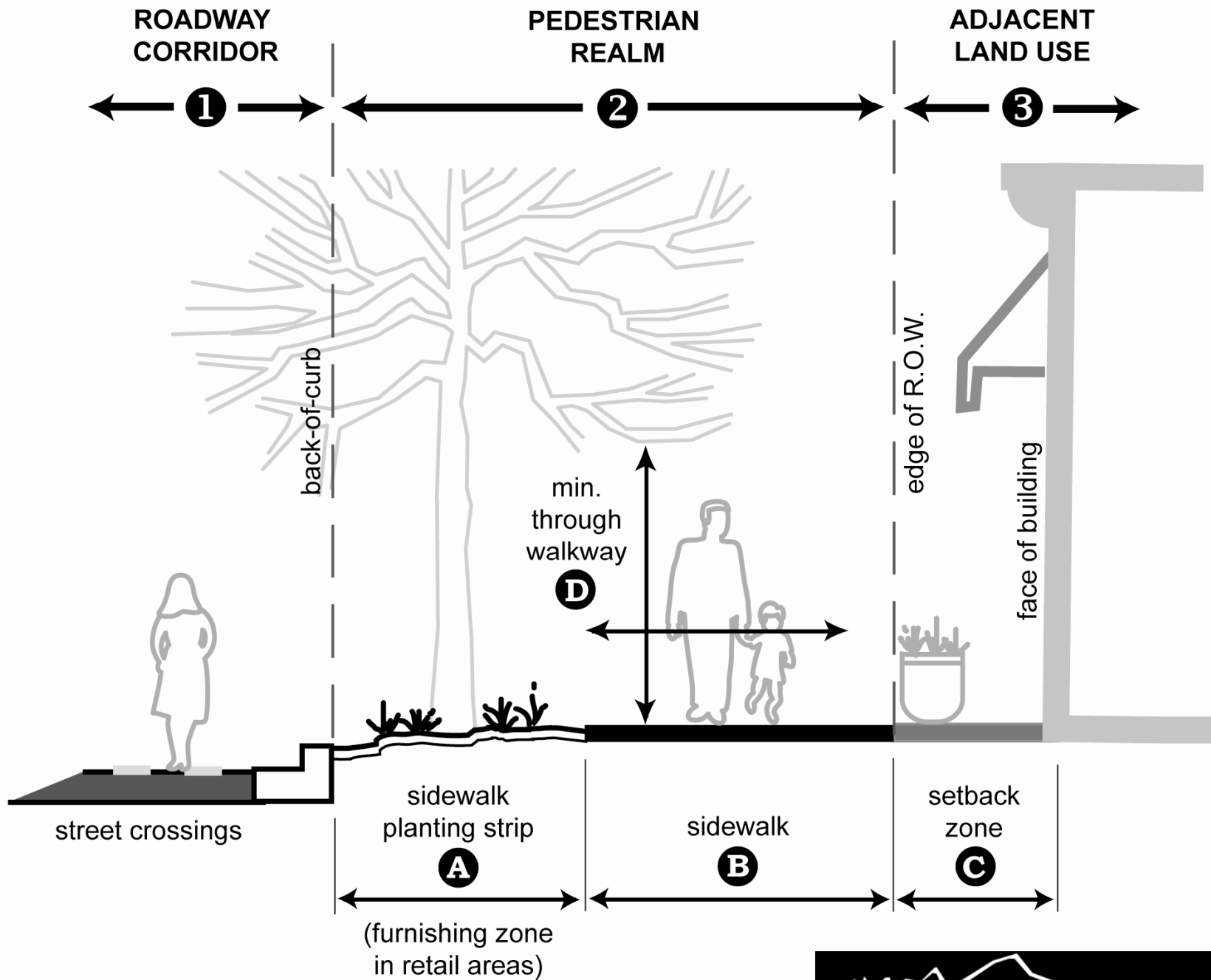
PEDESTRIAN
REALM

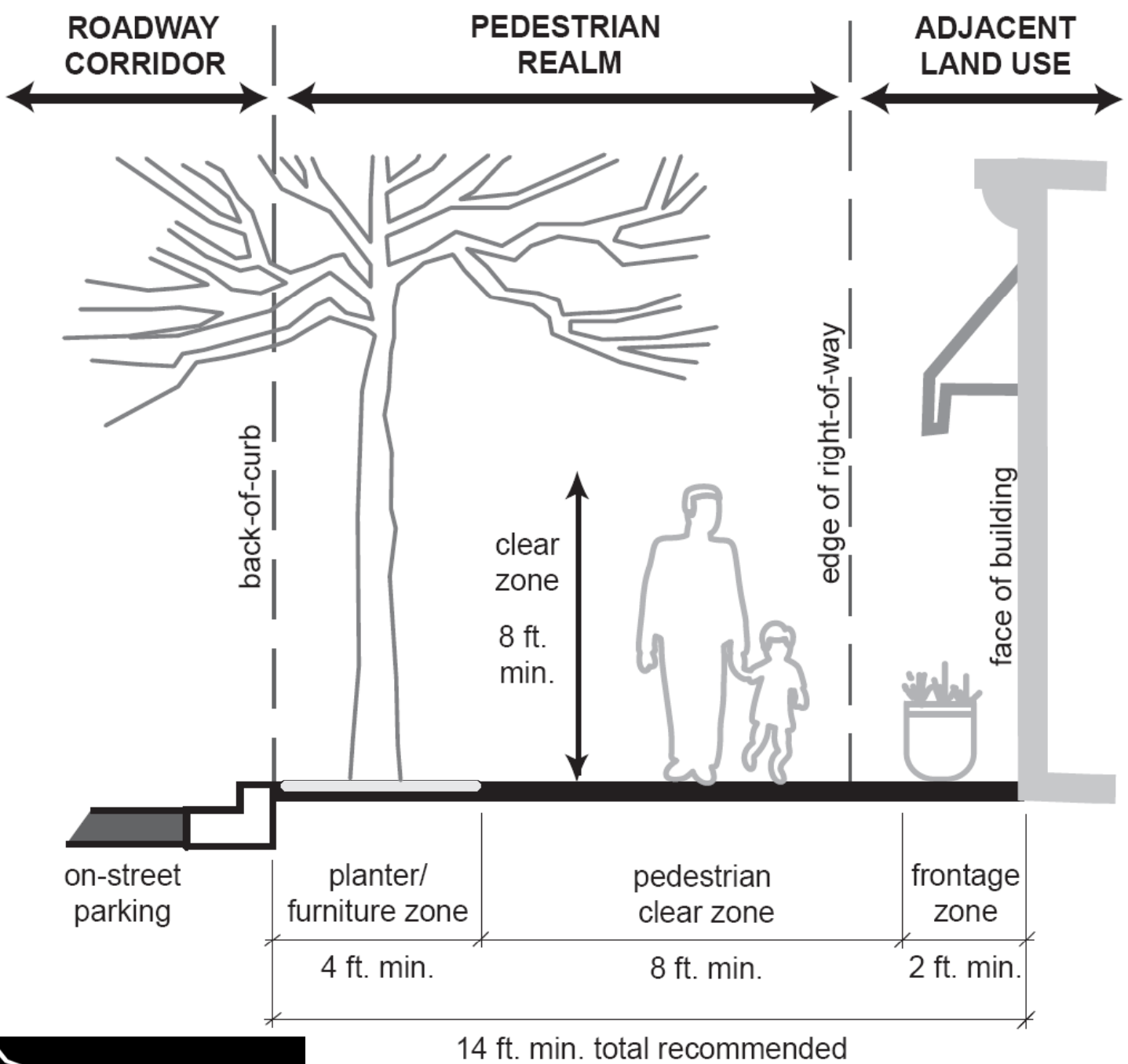
2

ADJACENT
LAND USE

3







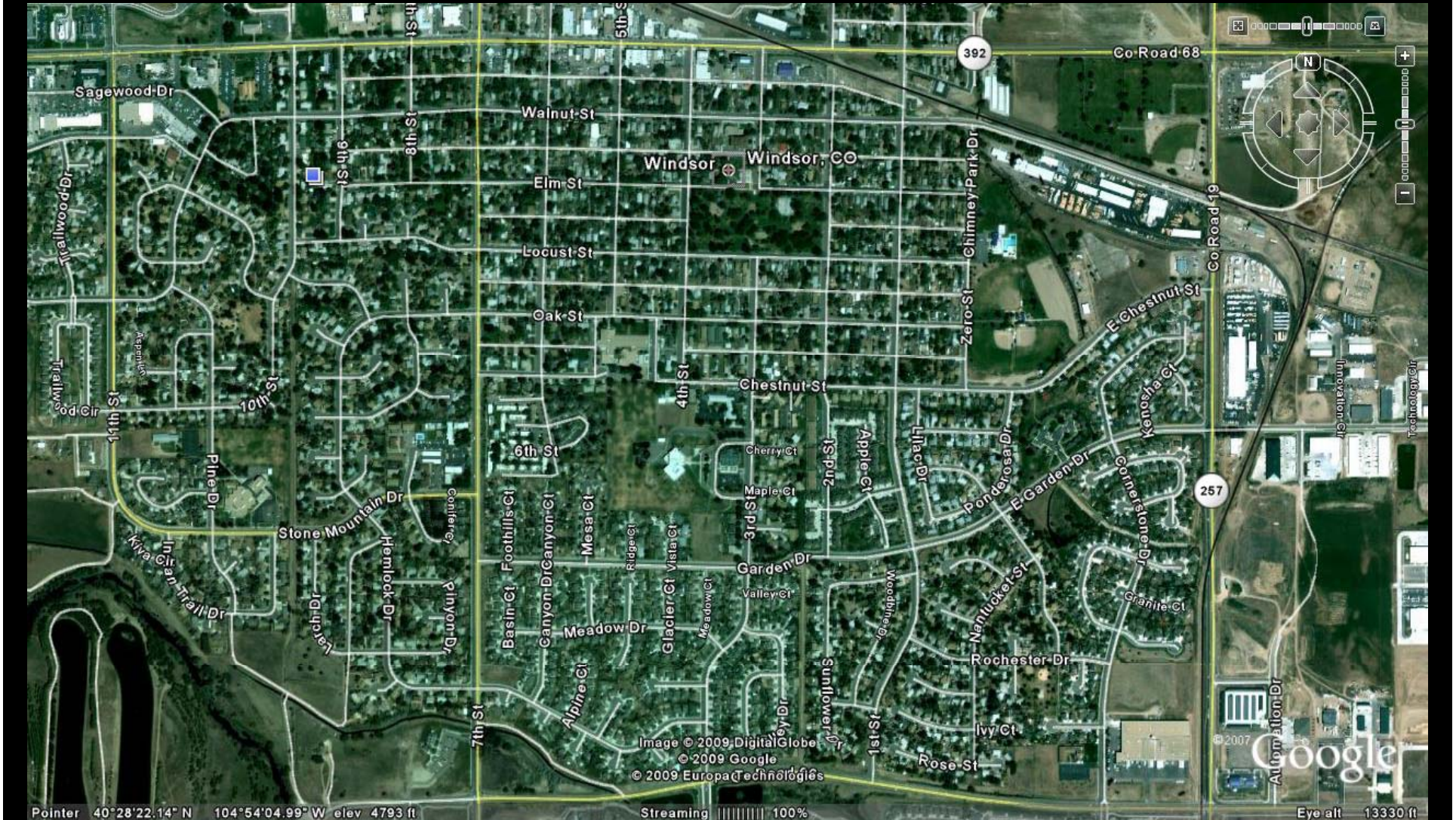




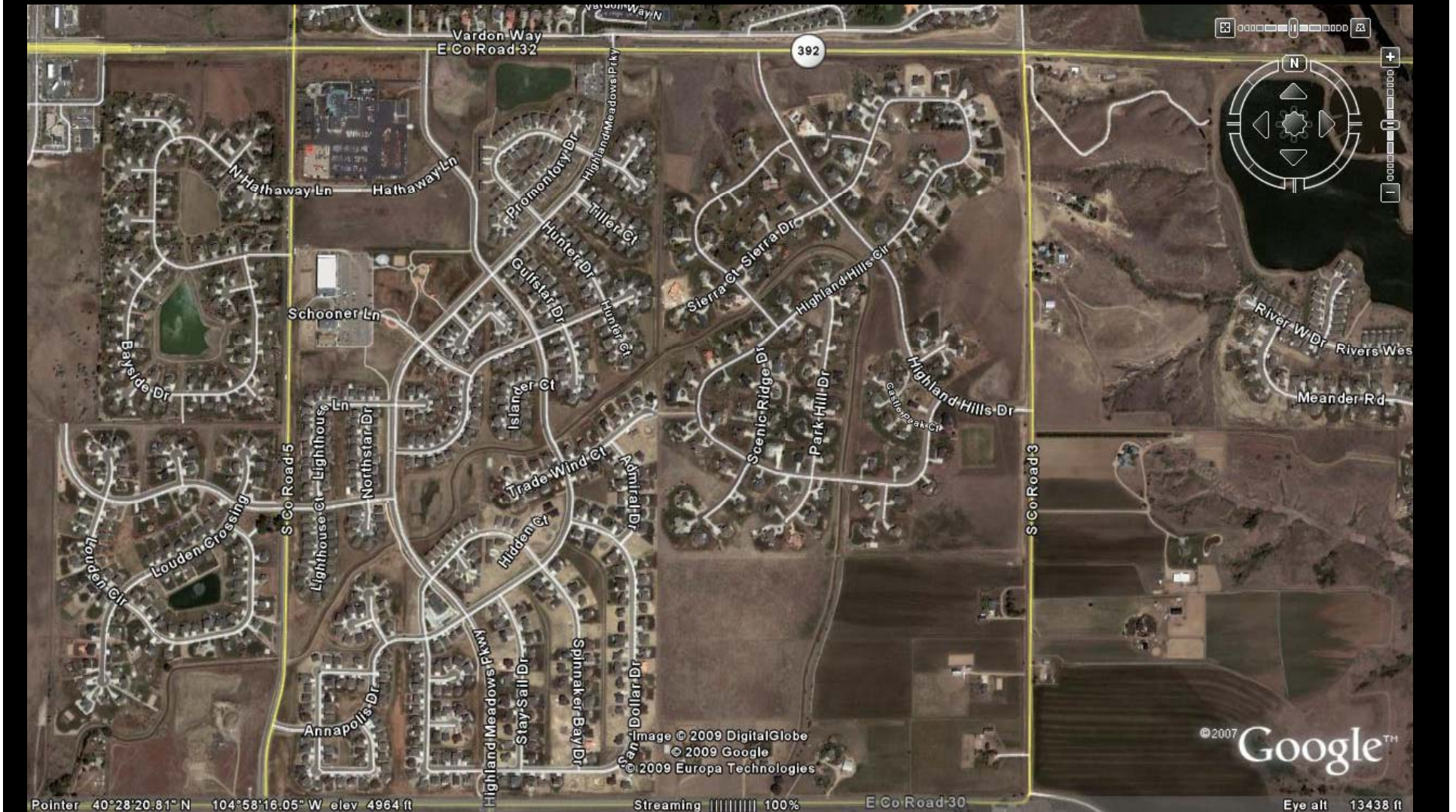
4 essentials: elder mobility

- land use mix
- pedestrian supportive environment
- connected street network
- high frequency transit service

Windsor, CO – Old Town



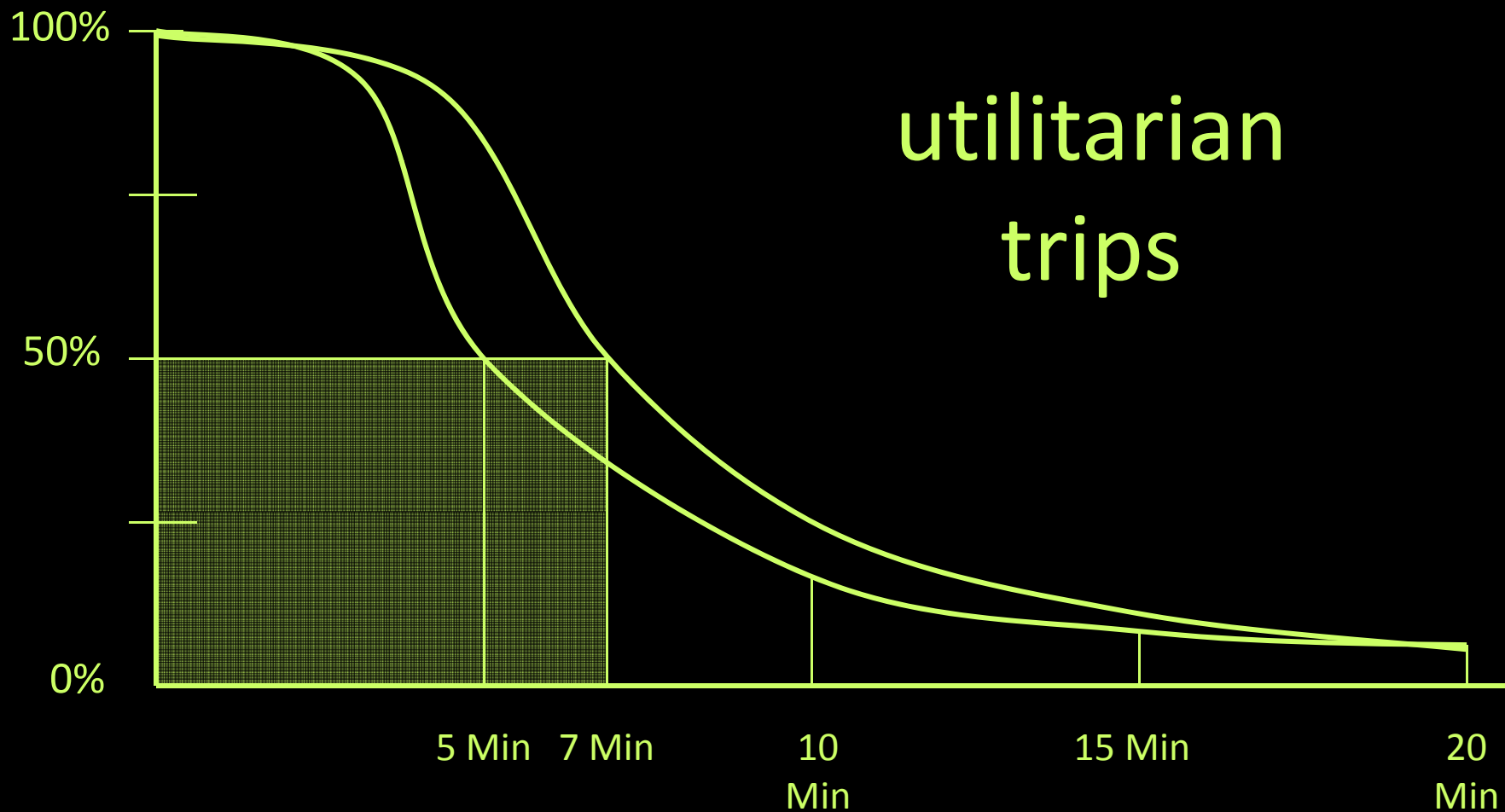
Windsor, CO – after 1990



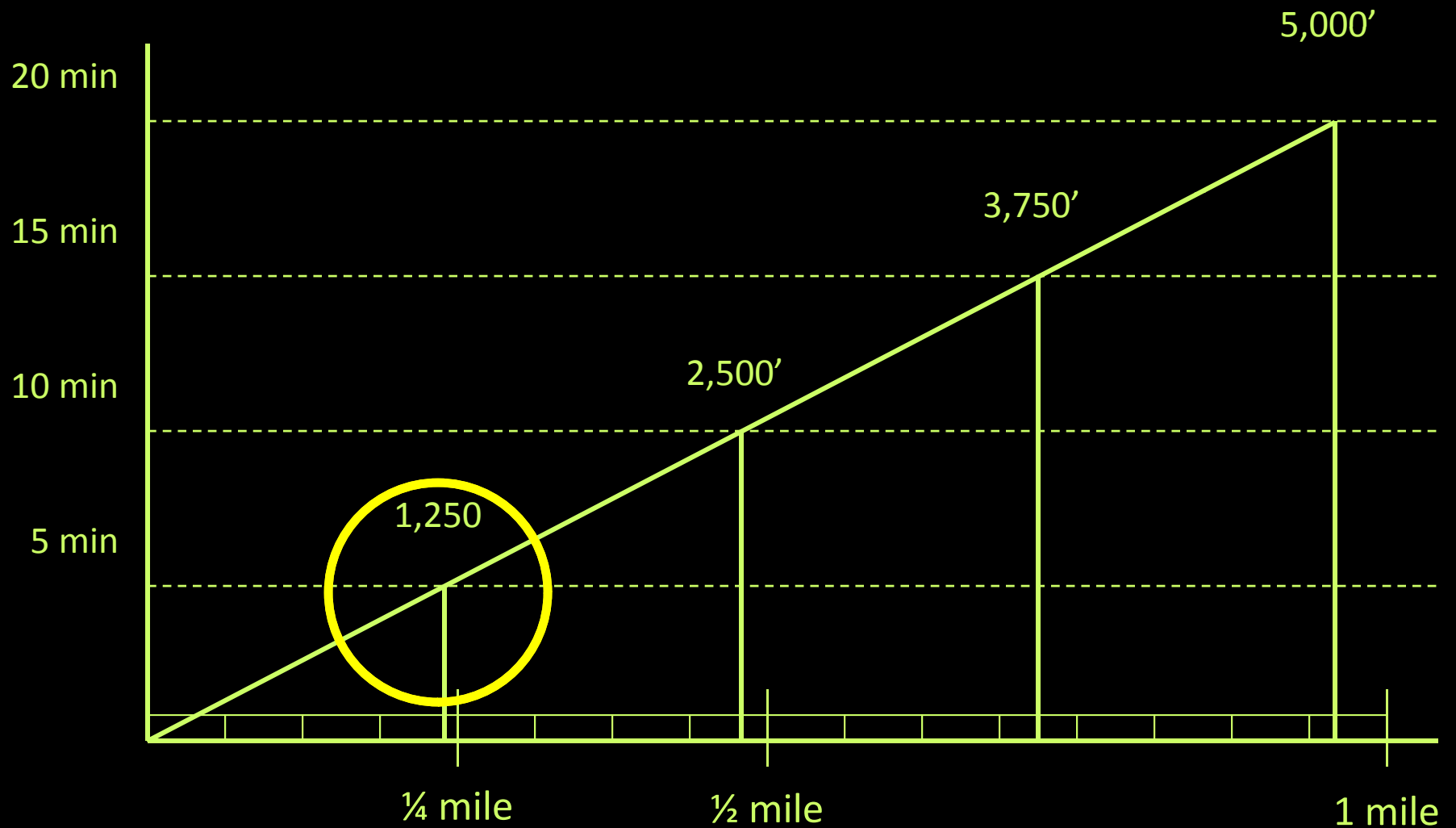


walk propensity

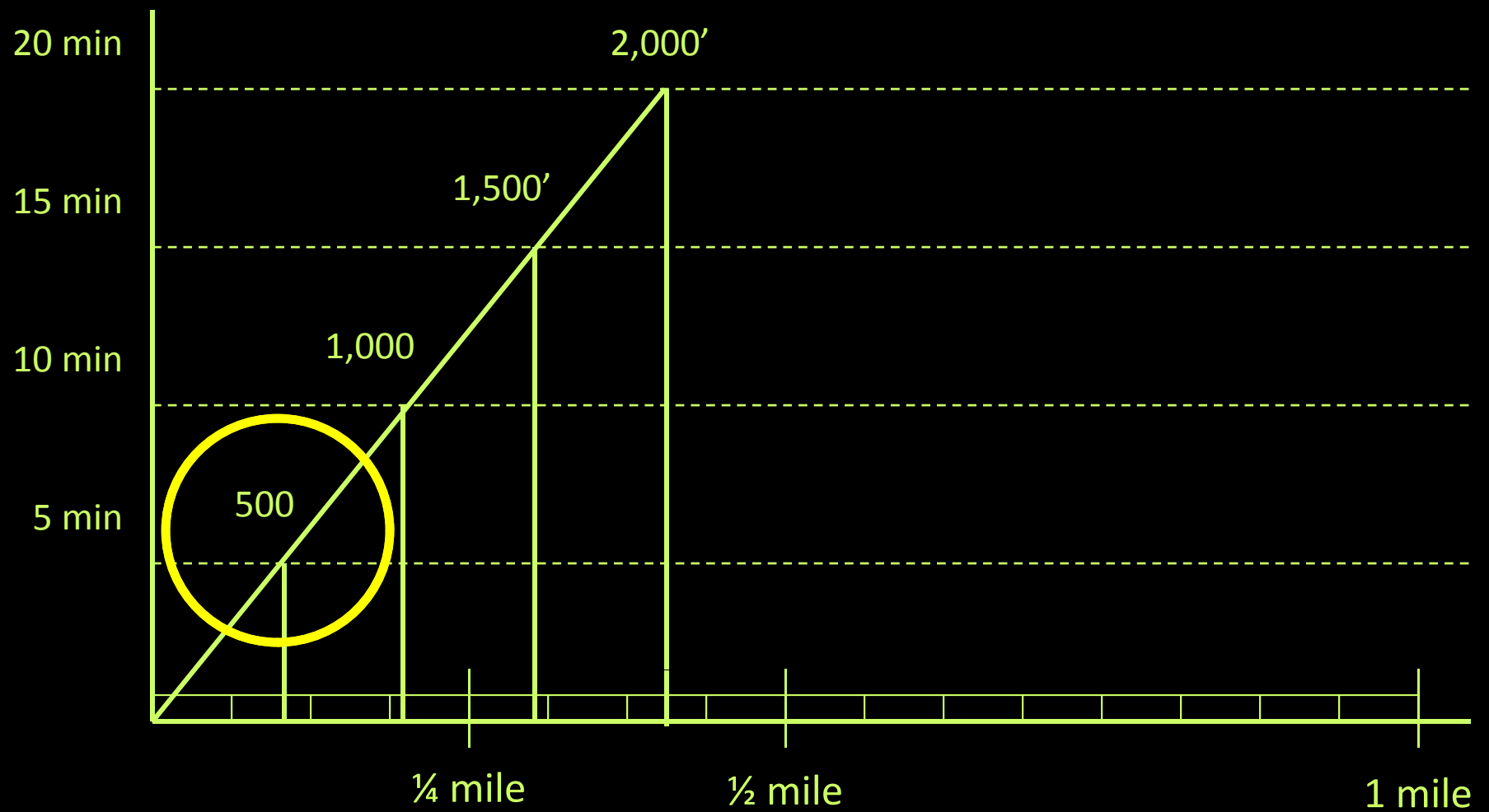
utilitarian
trips



walk distances @ 250 fpm



walk distances @ 100 fpm



path index

shortest feasible route on streets & trails

$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$

straight line distance (as the crow flies)




2100 feet

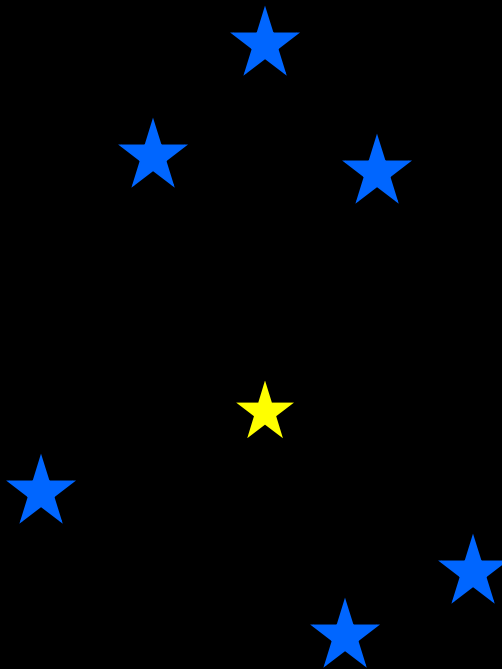
500 feet

Path Index: 4.2

5 – 7 minute walk


home

- 
1. active living
 2. third places
 3. convenience retail

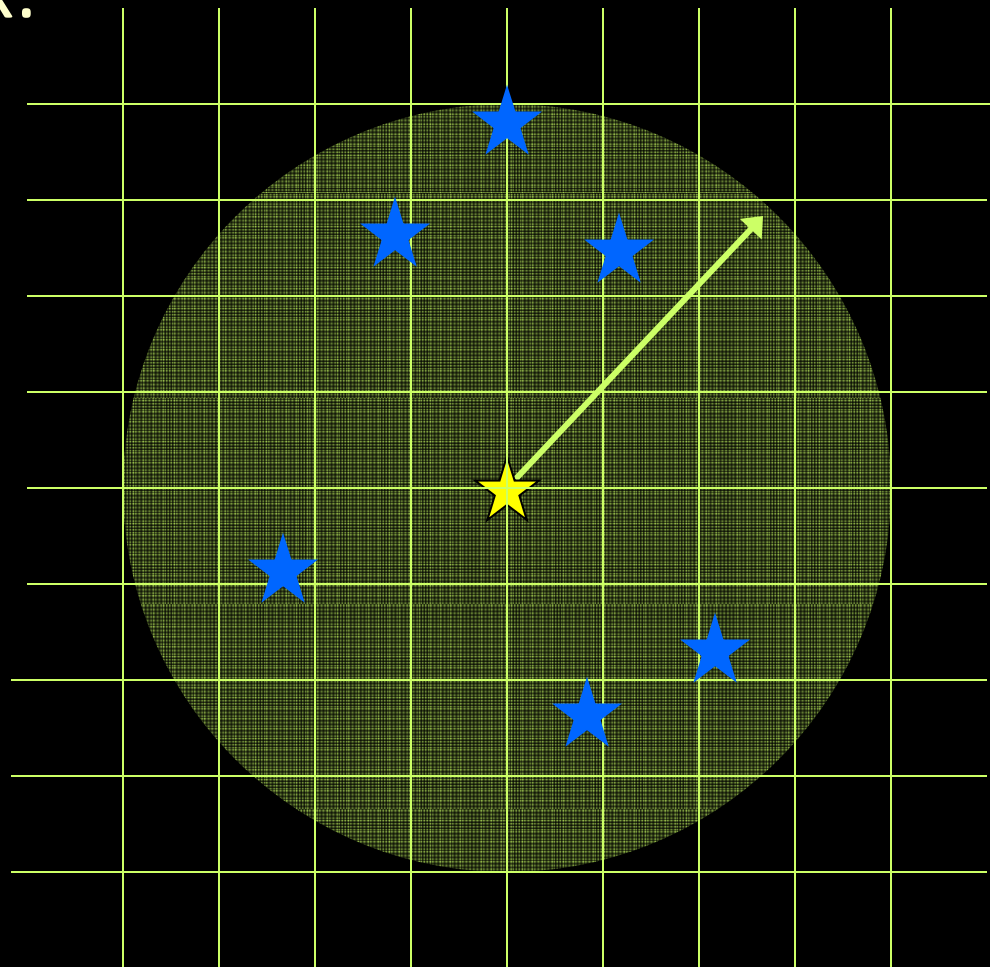


5 – 7 minute walk

path index:
1.4

★
home

- ★
1. active living
2. third places
3. convenience retail



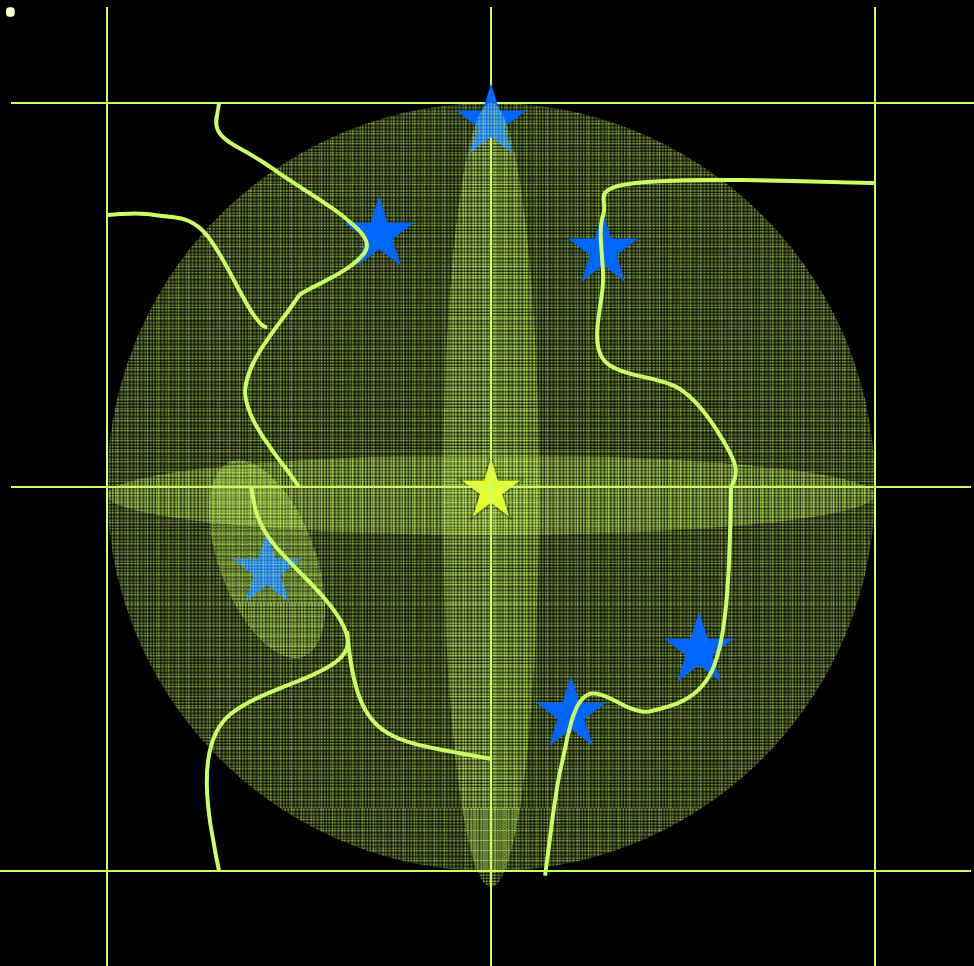
1/4 mile

5 – 7 minute walk

path index:
4.5

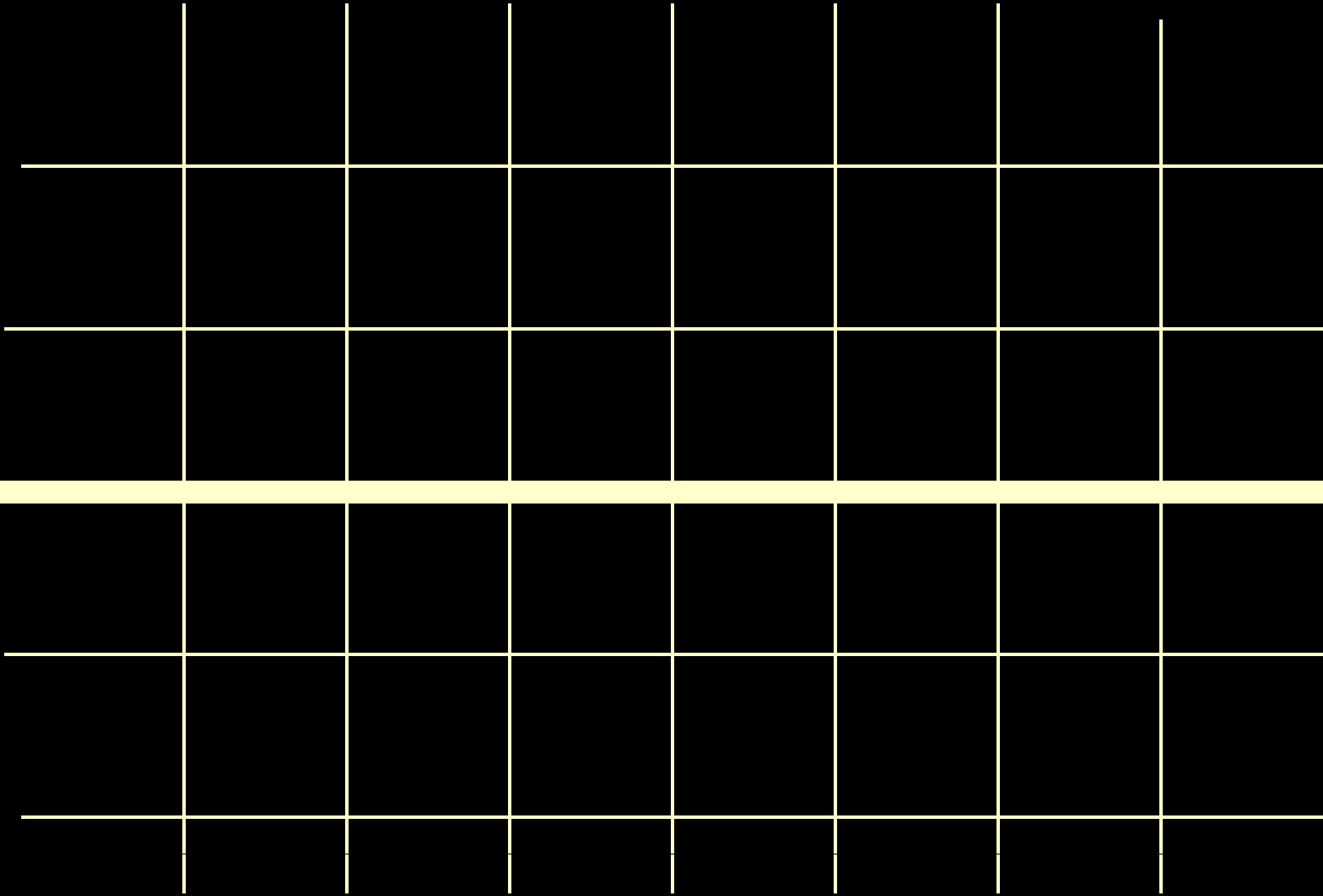
★
home

- ★
1. active living
 2. third places
 3. convenience retail



good connectivity expands the
range of walking trips, increasing
pedestrian activity

optimum block size for efficient traffic flow



330' to 528'

common connectivity standards

- intersections/square mile (min 200)
- maximum block perimeter (1400' – 1800')
- block length (330' – 528')
- links/nodes

4 essentials: elder mobility

- land use mix
- pedestrian supportive environment
- connected street network
- high frequency transit service

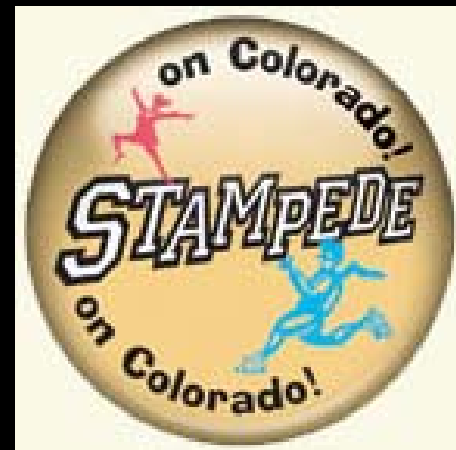
high frequency transit networks

- peak service < 15 minute headways
- network of routes
- accessible vehicles
- easy access to stops and stations

boulder community transit network



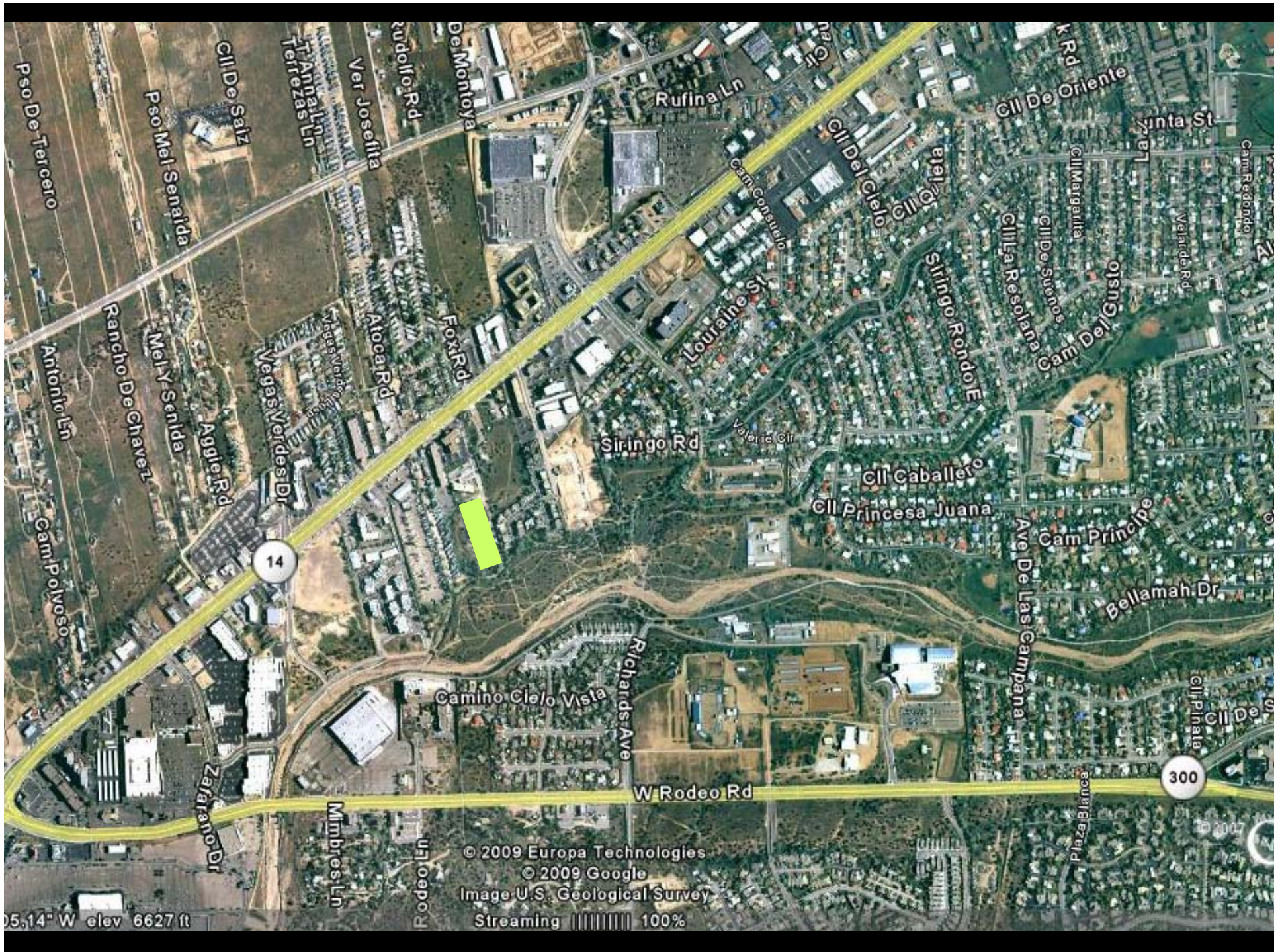
community transit network



Portland, Oregon

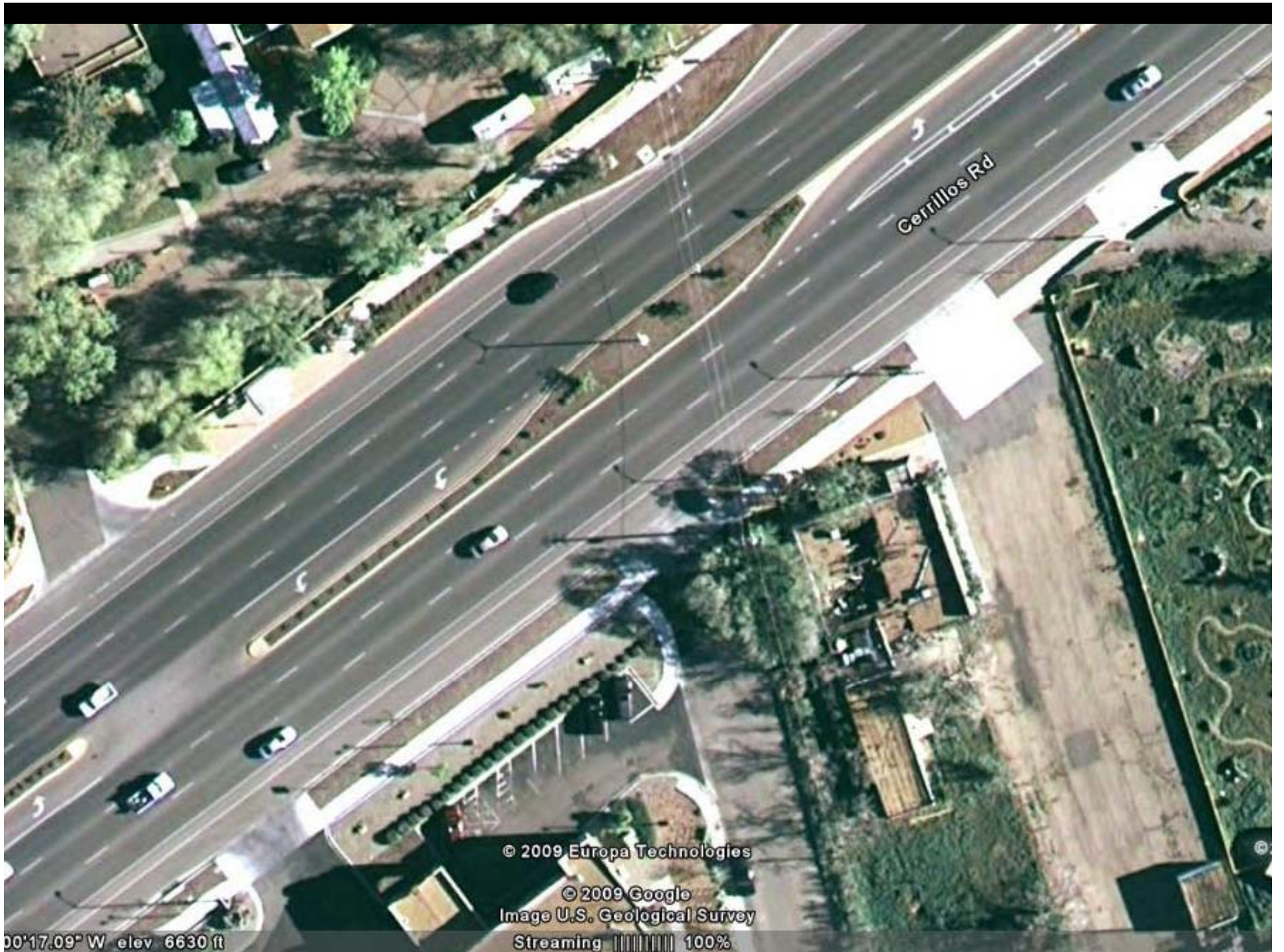


example: Santa Fe “Elder Grace”



05.14" W elev 6627 ft

© 2009 Europa Technologies
© 2009 Google
Image U.S. Geological Survey
Streaming 100%



© 2009 Europa Technologies

© 2009 Google
Image U.S. Geological Survey

Streaming ||||| 100%

00°17.09' W elev 6630 ft



mobility criteria: ElderGrace

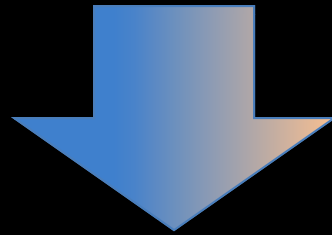
- mixed use development pattern – limited
- pedestrian supportive environment - no
- connected networks – no
- high frequency transit network - no

elders



- spend money
- cost money
- read newspapers
- vote
- belong to AARP

elder mobility



“universal mobility”

4

placemaking builds value



WHITE PAPER

Driven to the **Brink**

How the Gas Price Spike Popped the
Housing Bubble and Devalued the Suburbs

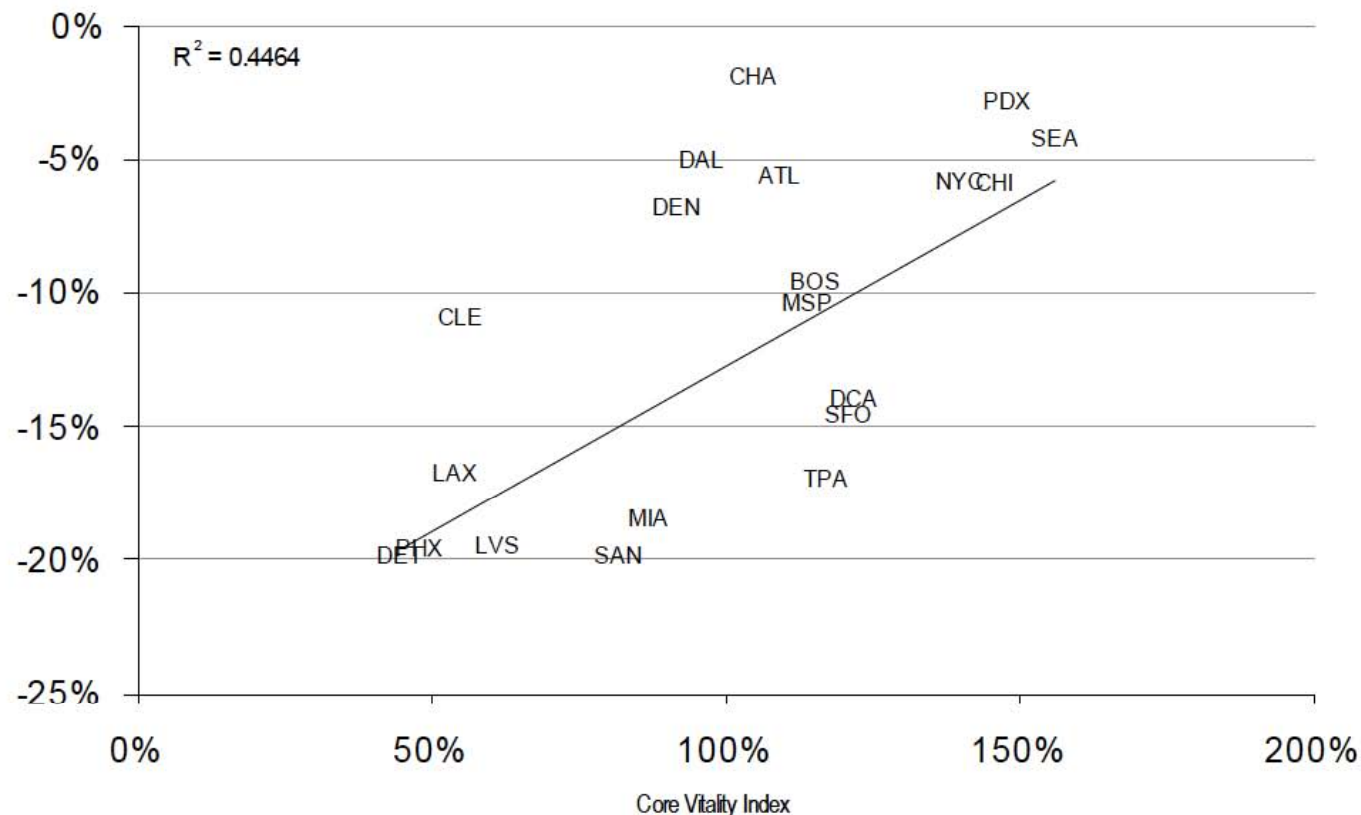
Joe Cortright, May 2008

CEOs for Cities

core vitality & annual housing price change

Core Vitality Strongly Related to Housing Price Change

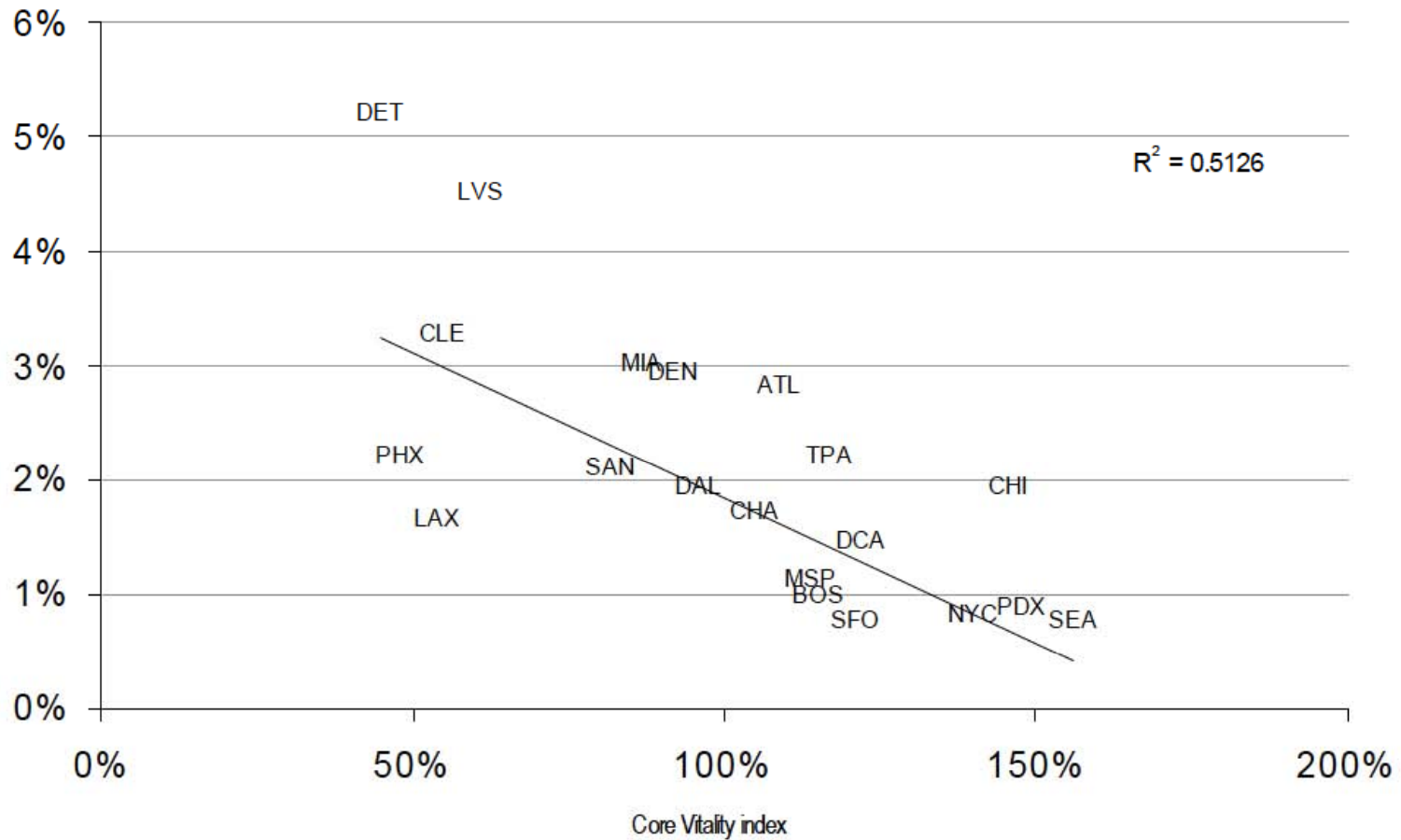
Housing Price Change, Annual, through Fourth Quarter 2007



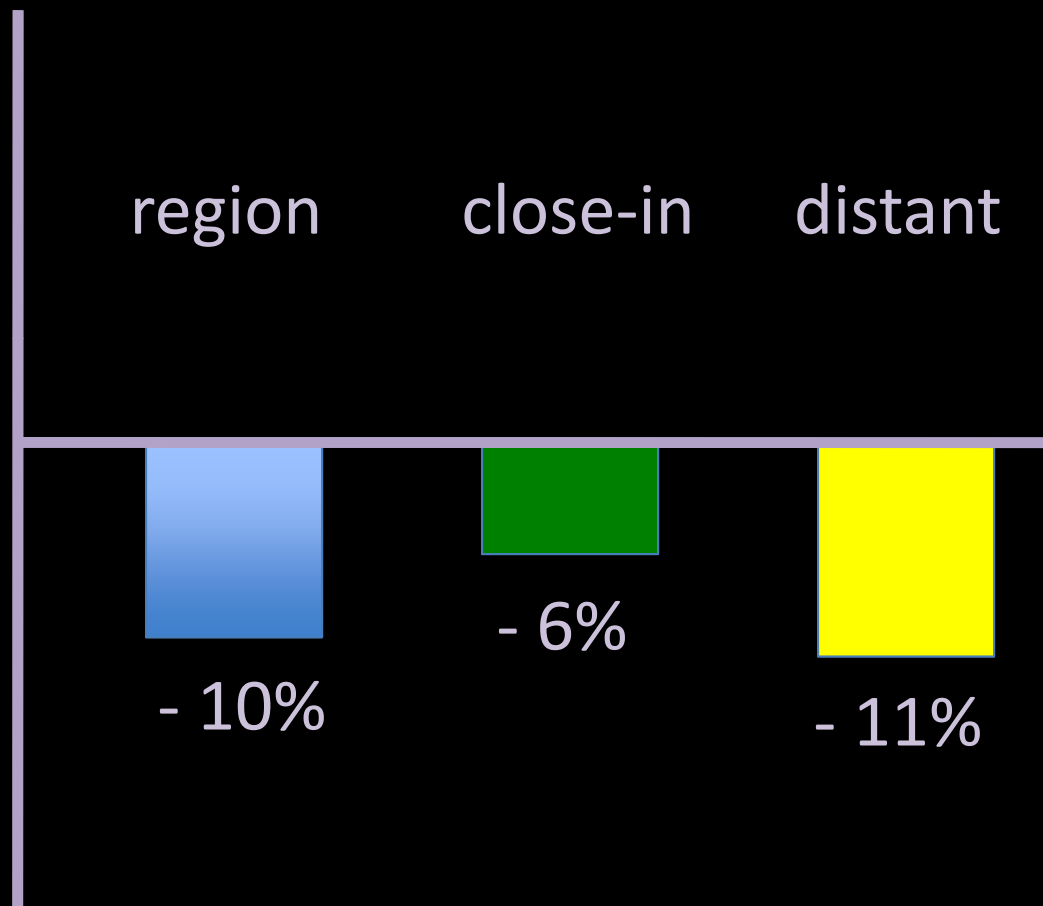
core vitality & foreclosures

Core Vitality Strongly Related to Foreclosures

Foreclosure Rate (Per 1,000 Households)



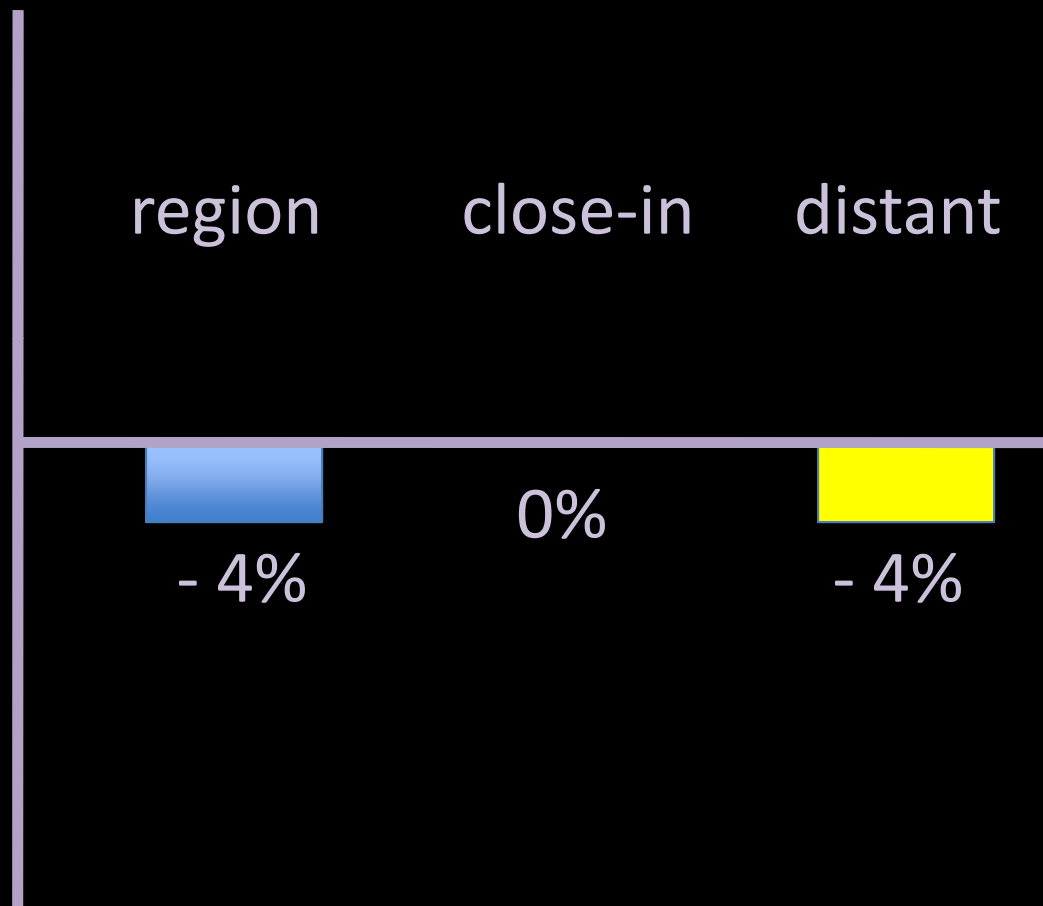
effect of location on housing value



Los Angeles

4th quarter 2006 – 4th quarter 2007

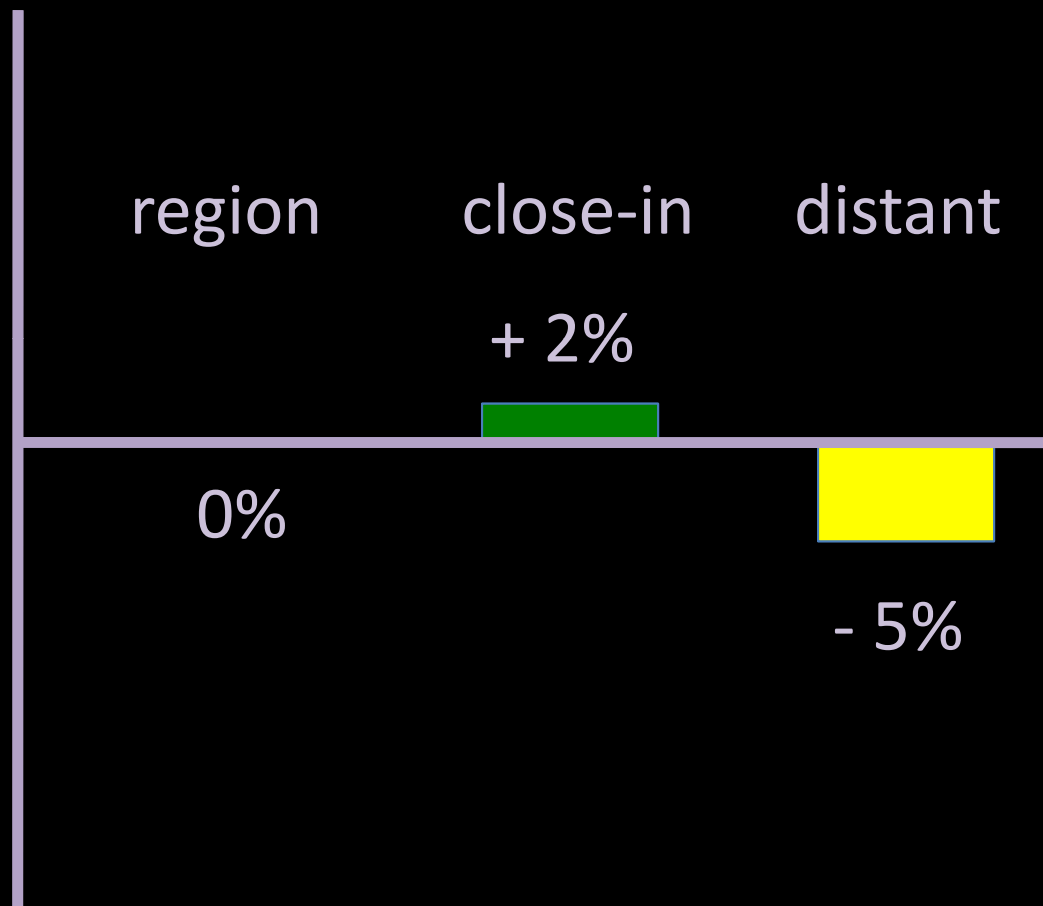
effect of location on housing value



Chicago

4th quarter 2006 – 4th quarter 2007

effect of location on housing value



Pittsburgh

4th quarter 2006 – 4th quarter 2007

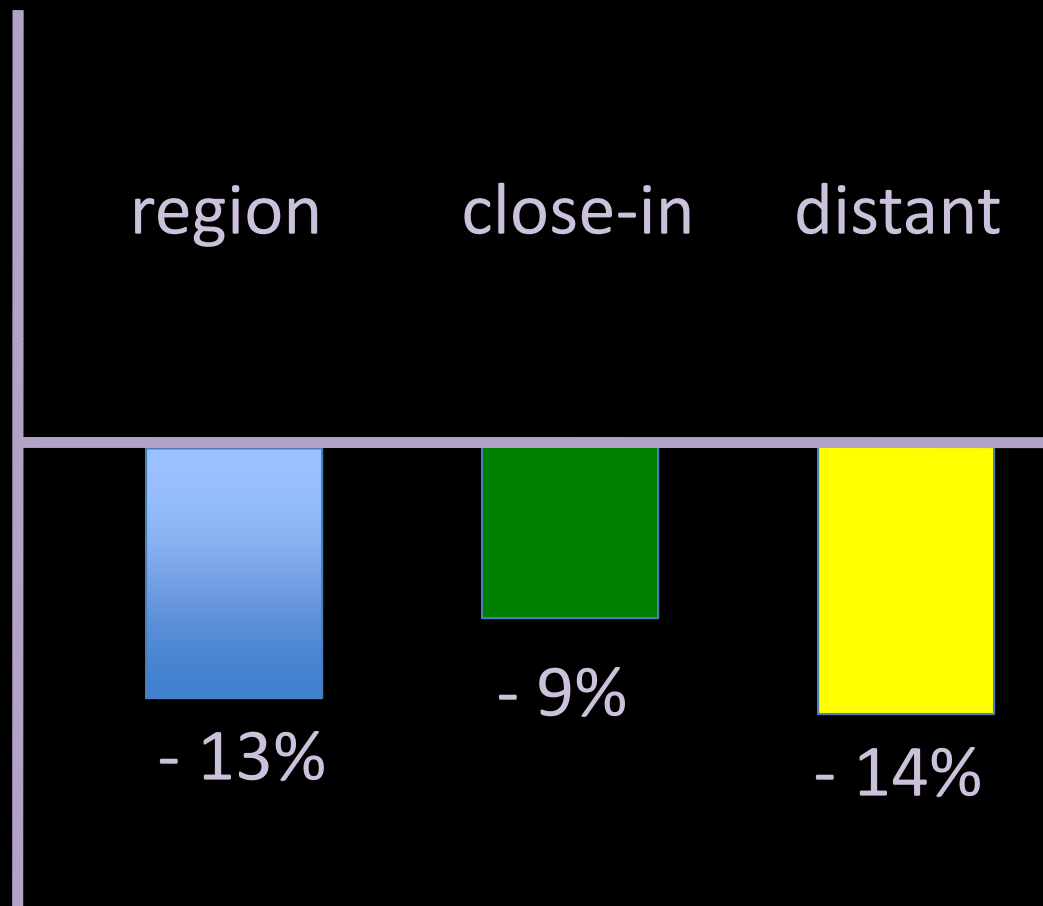
effect of location on housing value



Portland

4th quarter 2006 – 4th quarter 2007

effect of location on housing value



Tampa

4th quarter 2006 – 4th quarter 2007

Walking the Walk

How Walkability
Raises Home Values
in U.S. Cities

Joe Cortright, Impresa, Inc.,
for CEOs for Cities
August 2009

CEOs
FOR CITIES
INSPIRE · CONNECT · SUCCEED

Walkability and House Value*

City	Walkability Premium
Austin, TX	+ \$24,871
Dallas, TX	+ \$4,278
Fresno, CA	+ \$7,427
Phoenix, AZ	+ \$18,689
Sacramento, CA	+ \$34,345
San Francisco, CA	+ \$32,837
Seattle, WA	+ \$19,789
Tucson, AZ	+ \$10,841

* difference in house value: citywide median WalkScore compared to 75 percentile and above

elders



creative class



same housing market: mixed-use, transit-served, walkable neighborhoods with embedded pedestrian places

5

you cannot afford further
delay

household economics

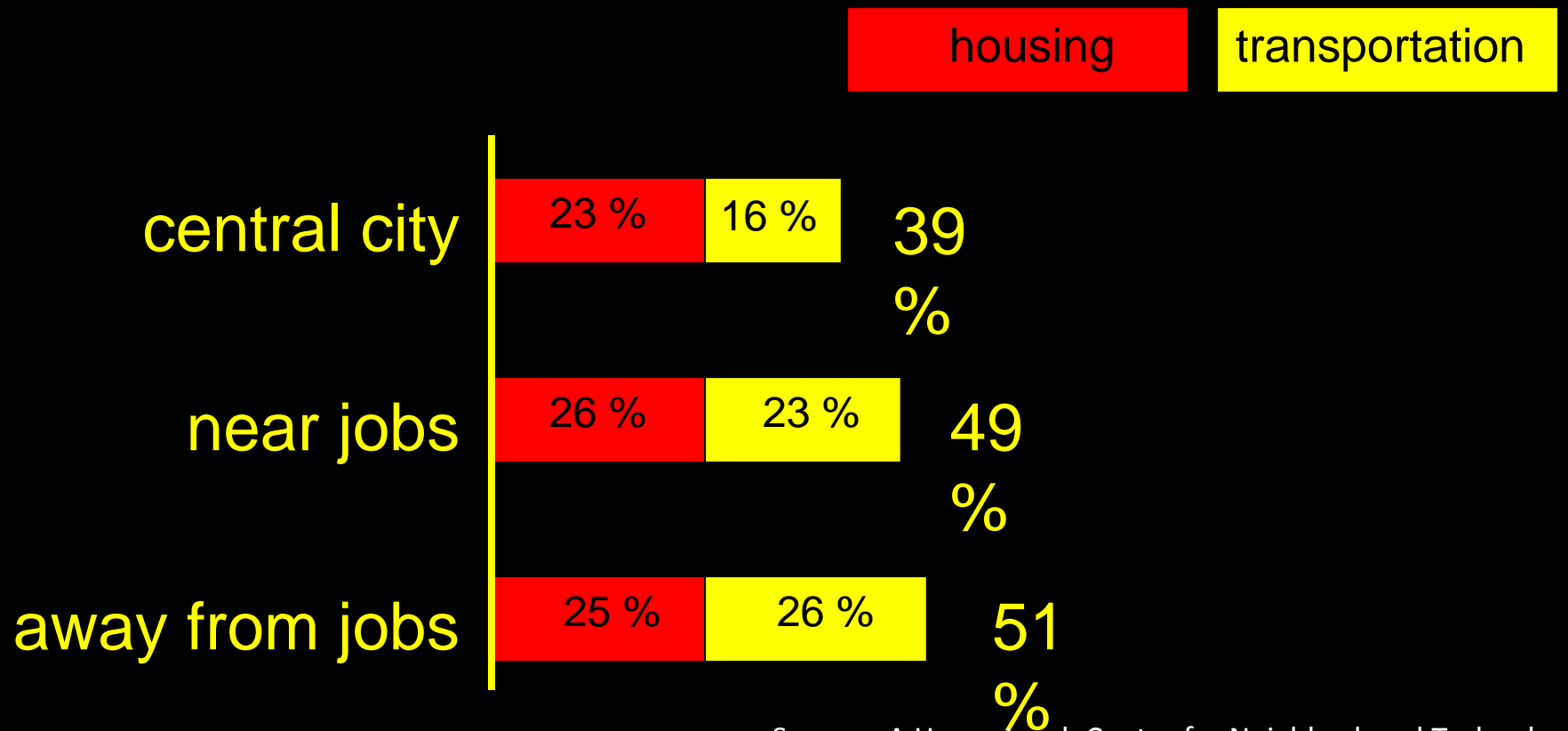
Sales

- 
- available for:
- food
 - health care
 - education
 - consumer expenditures
 - recreation
 - savings

- needed for:
- housing
 - transportation

share of family income spent on housing & transportation

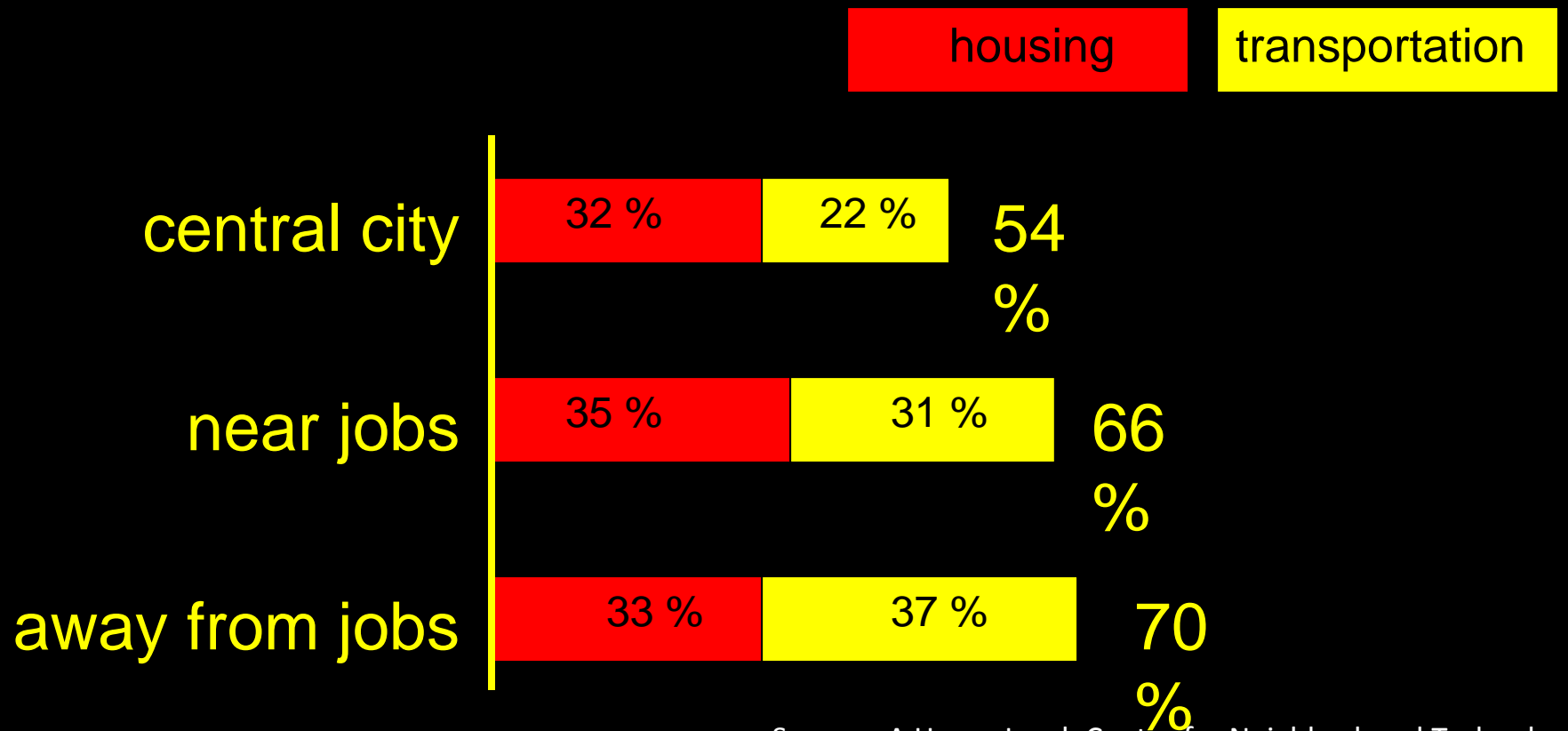
family income = \$35,000 - \$50,000



Source: A Heavy Load, Center for Neighborhood Technology

share of family income spent on housing & transportation

family income = \$20,000 - \$35,000



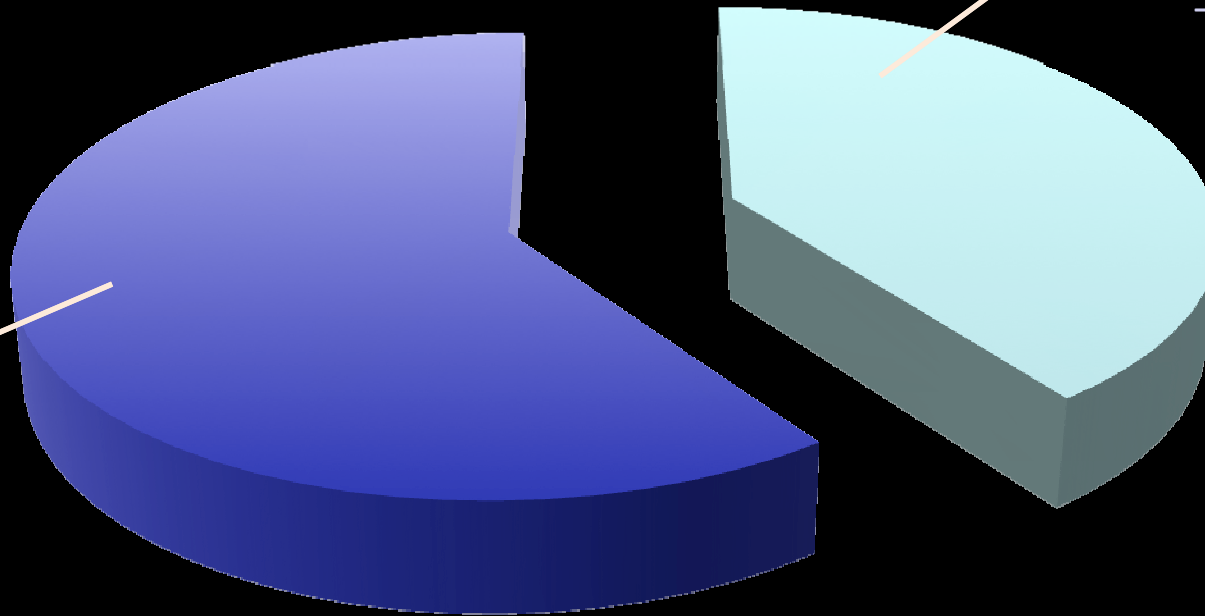
Source: A Heavy Load, Center for Neighborhood Technology

household economics

Sales

- available for:
- food
 - health care
 - education
 - consumer expenditures
 - recreation
 - savings

- needed for:
- housing
 - transportation



household economics

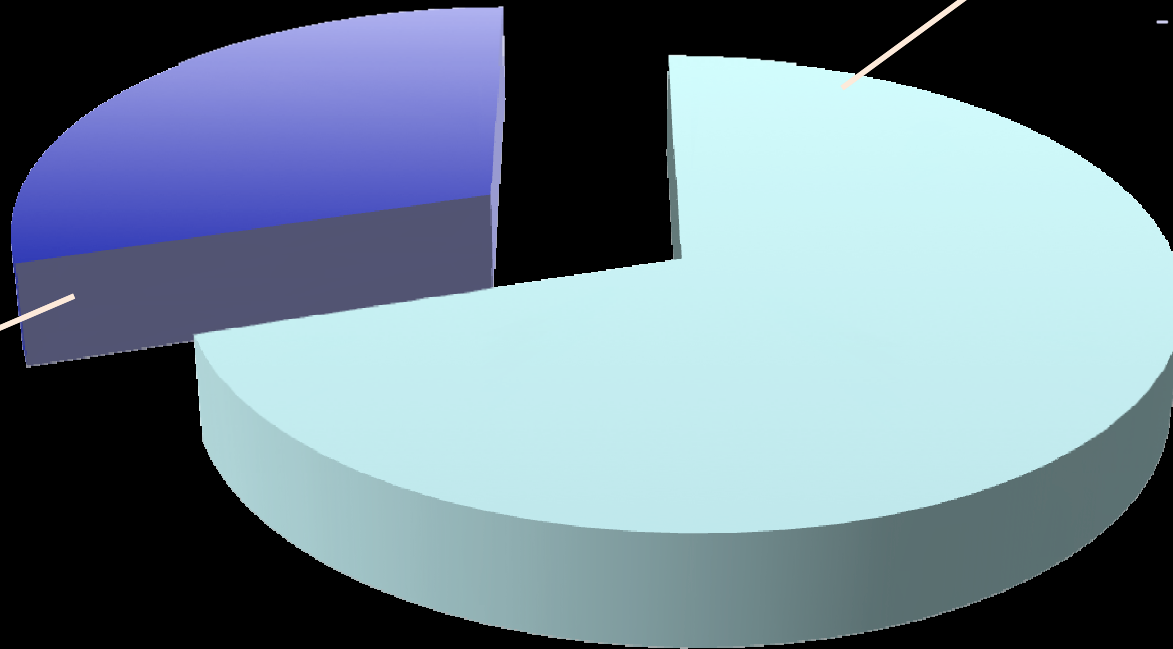
Sales

needed for:

- housing
- transportation

available for:

- food
- health care
- education
- consumer expenditures
- recreation
- savings



impact on local micro economics

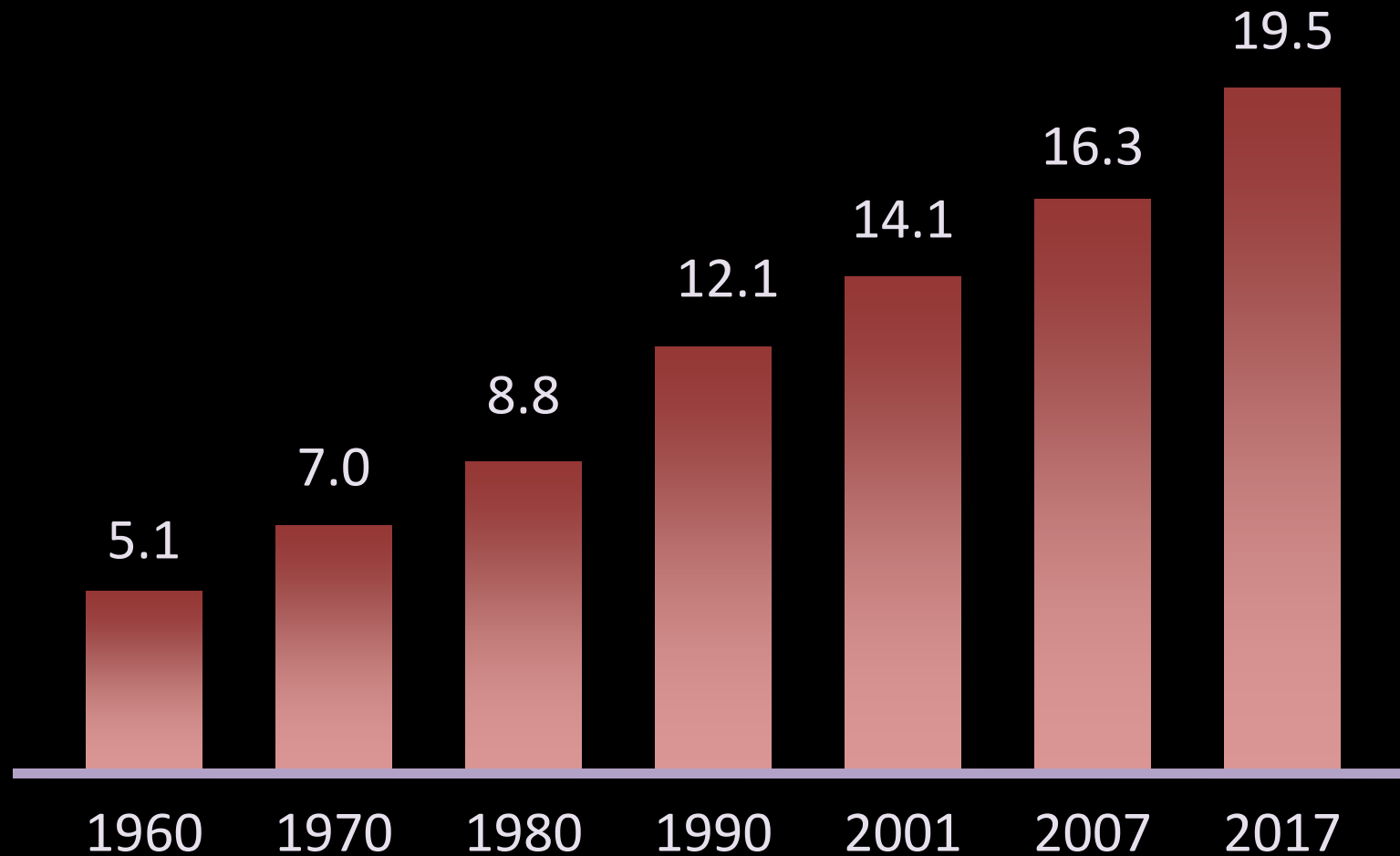
Available for:

- food ...shop for cheaper, less nutritious foods
- health care ...less insurance, less preventive care
- education ...less higher education
- consumer expenditures ...less shopping, sales tax
- recreation ...less sports activity, less exercise

available for:

- food savings ...lower savings rate, higher cost of capital
- health care
- education
- consumer expenditures
- recreation
- savings

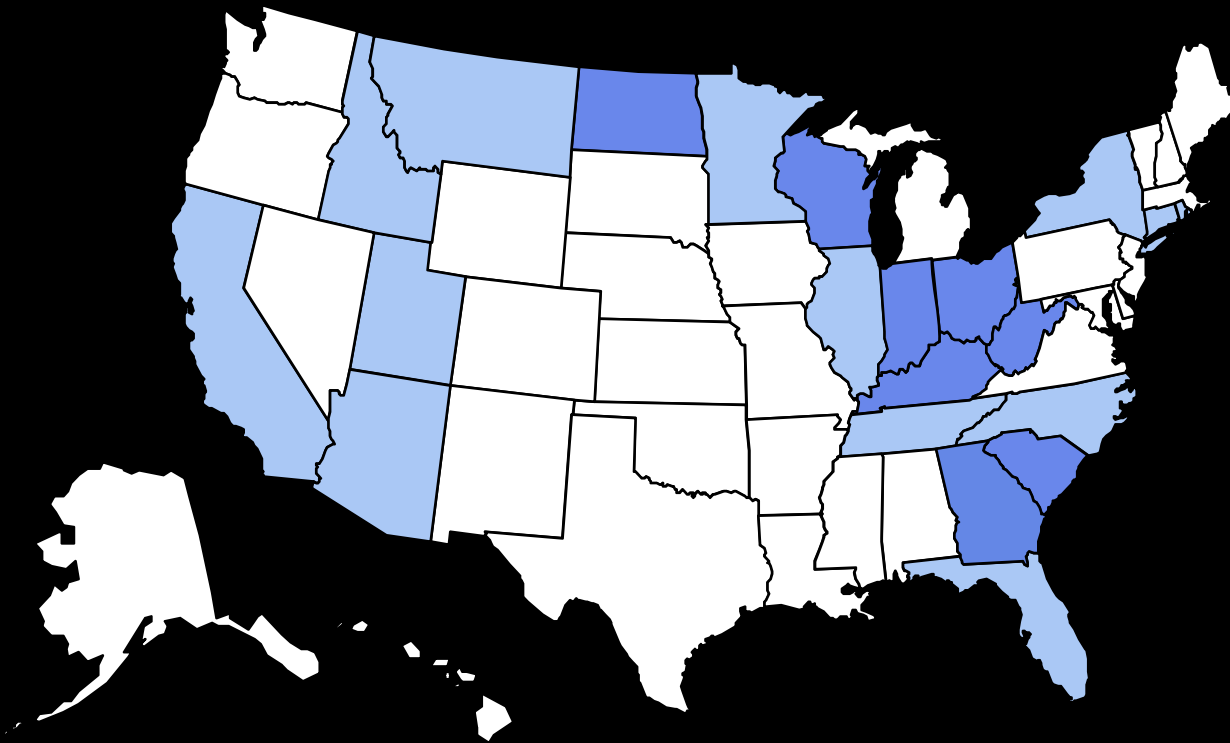
US health care costs as % of GDP



Source: Keehan, et al, Health Affairs, March/April 2008, 27: 145 - 155

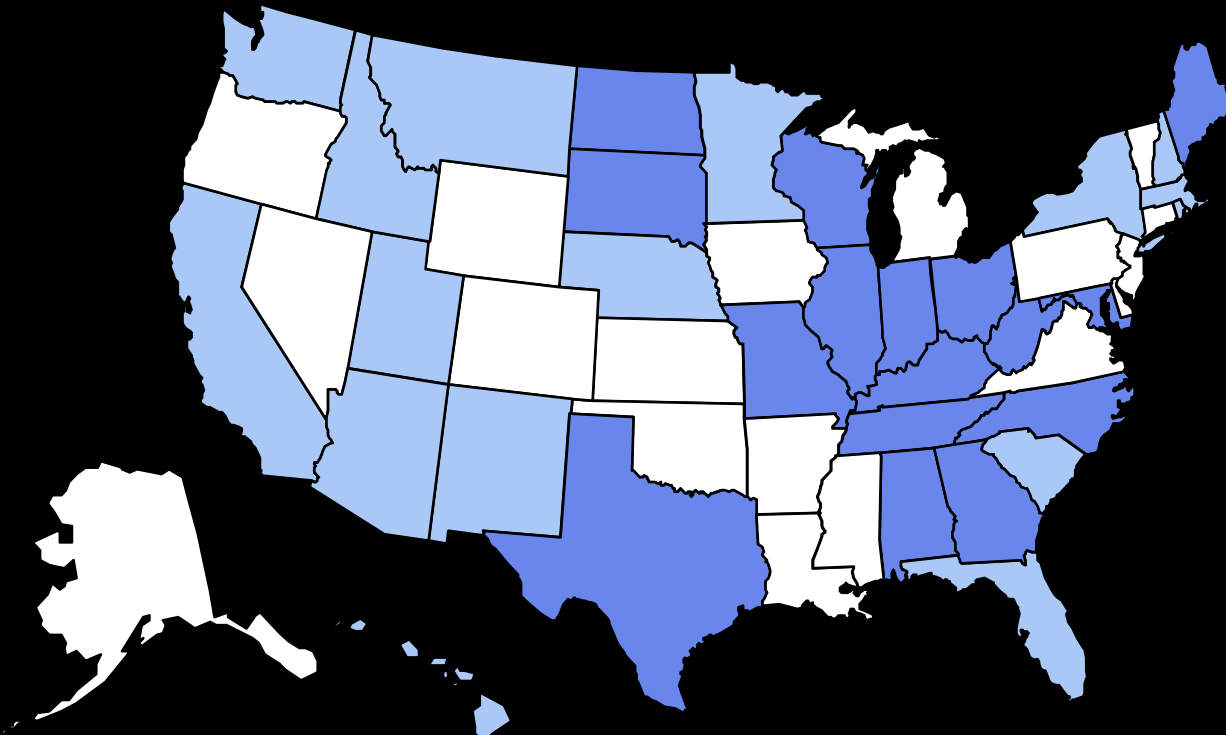
1985

Obesity Trends Among U.S. Adults



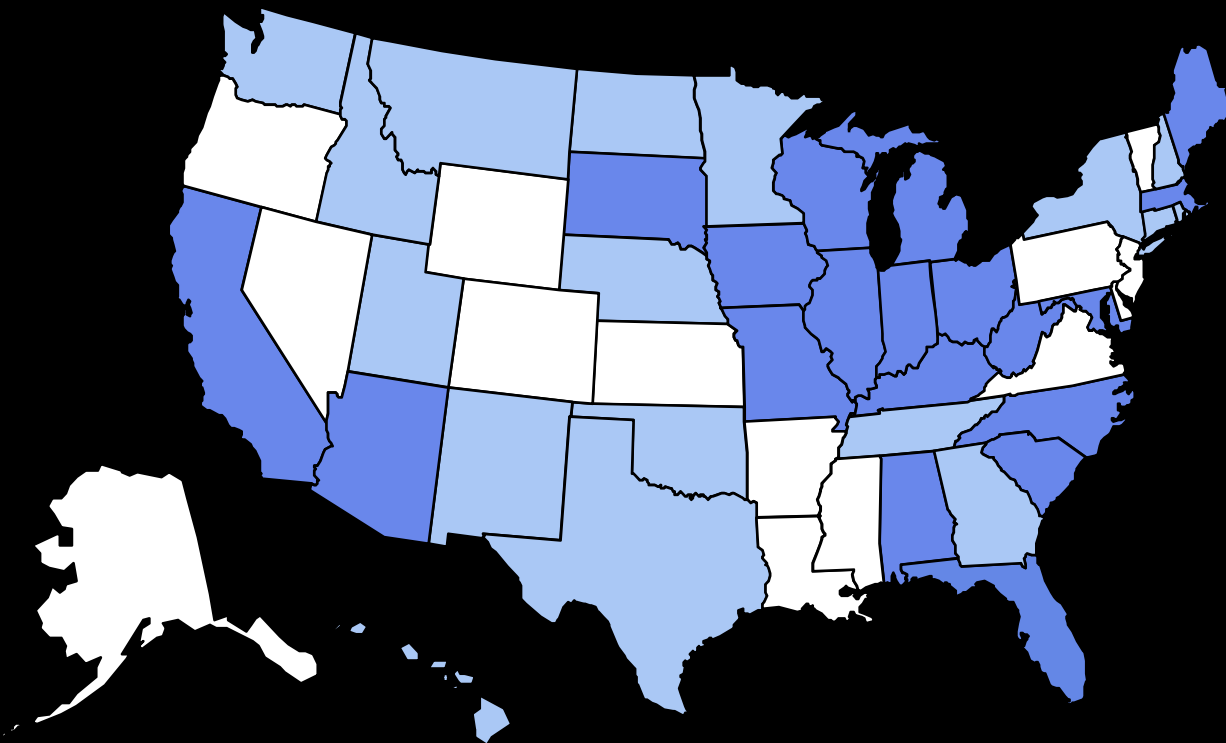
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14%

1987



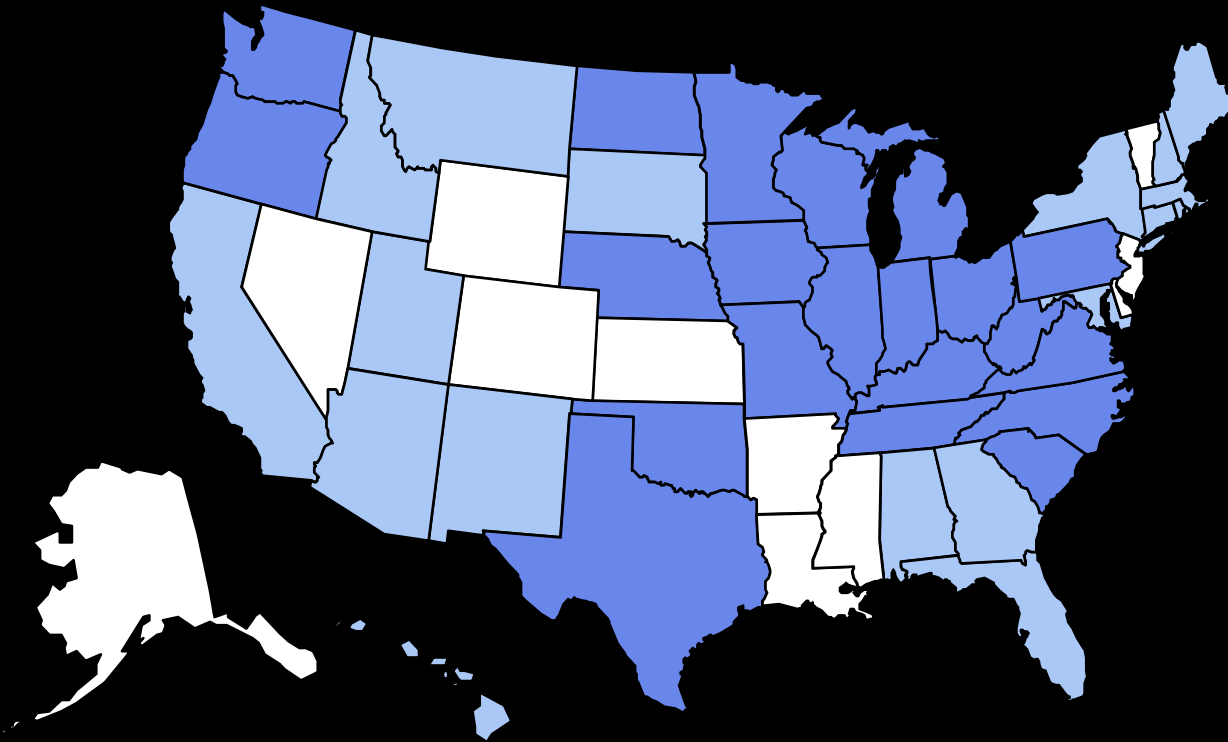
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14%

1988



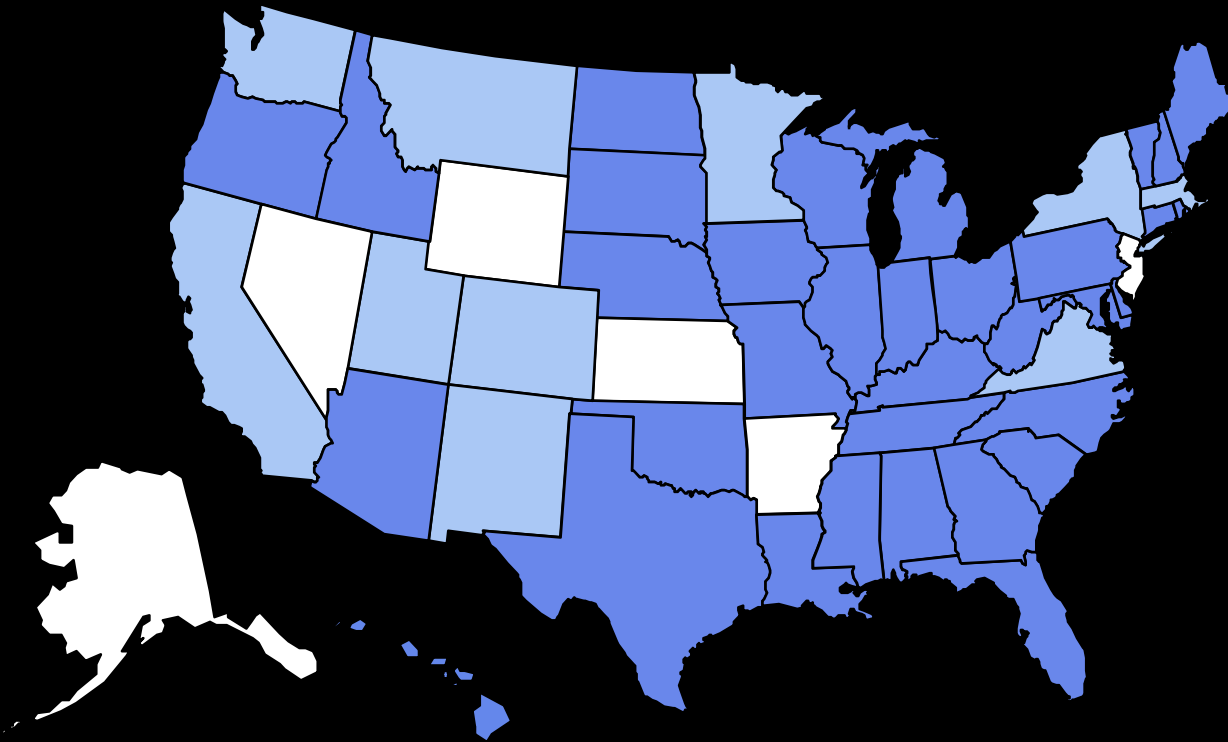
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14%

1989



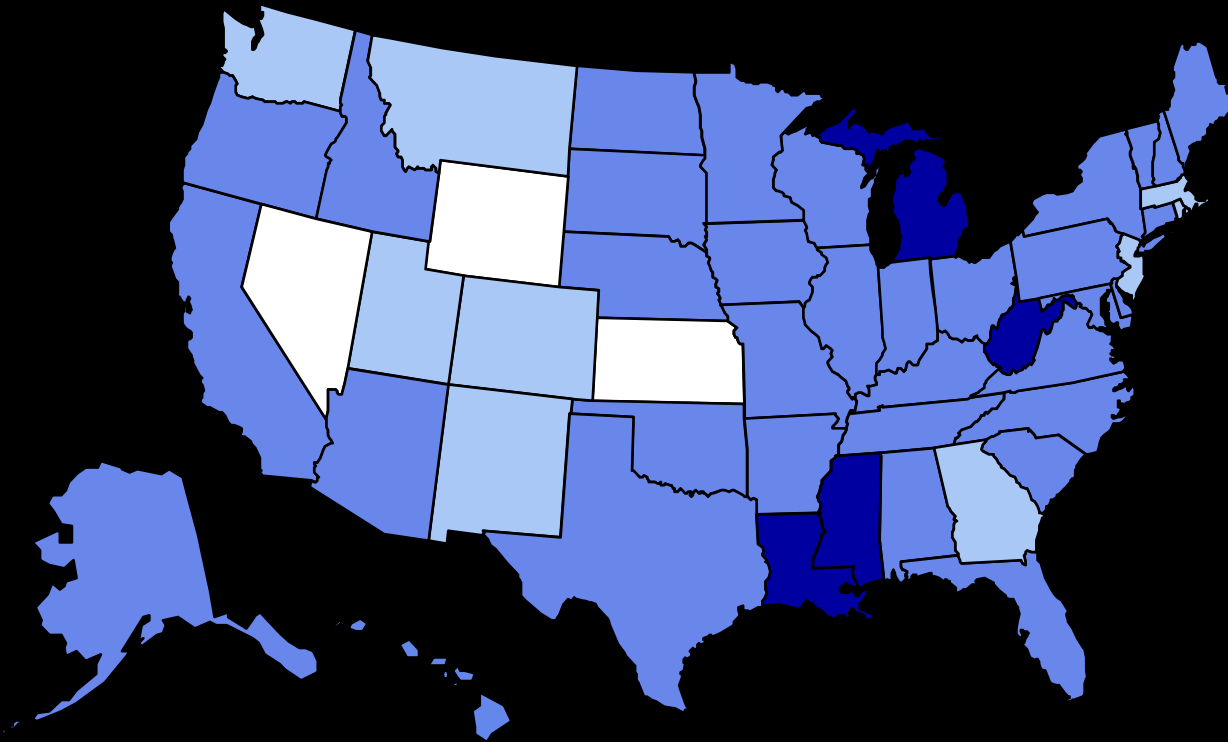
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14%

1990



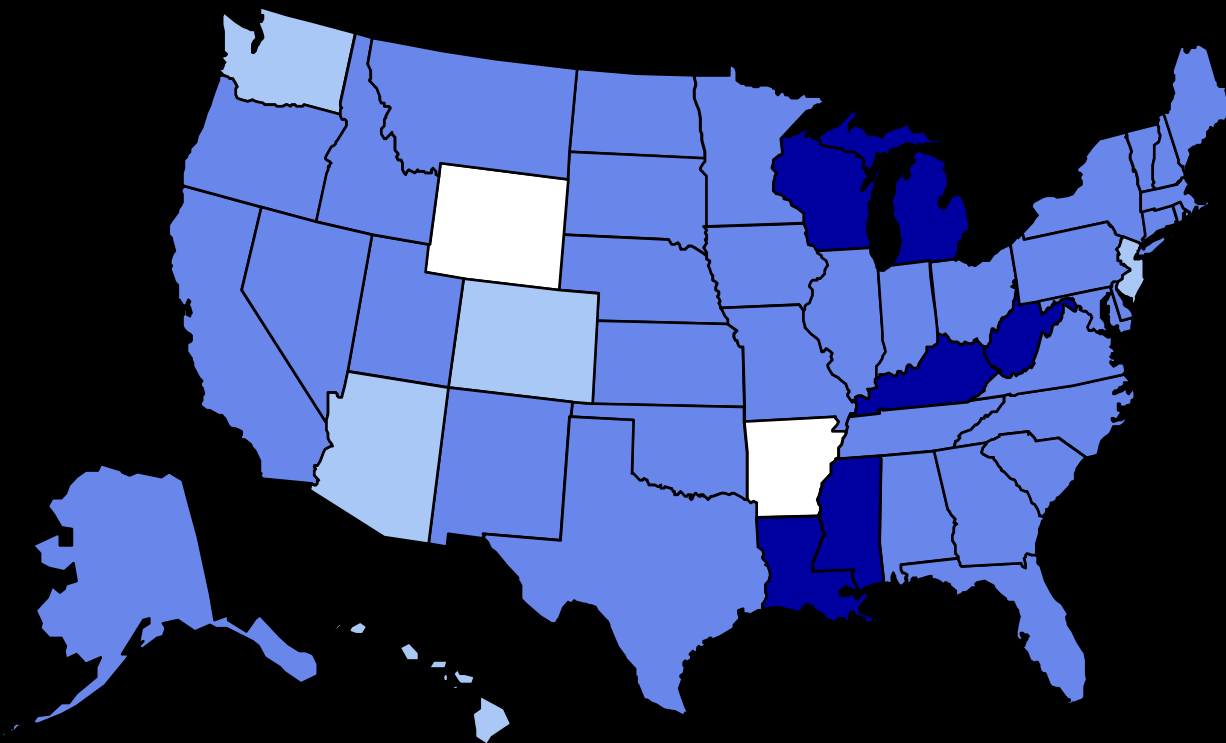
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14%

1991



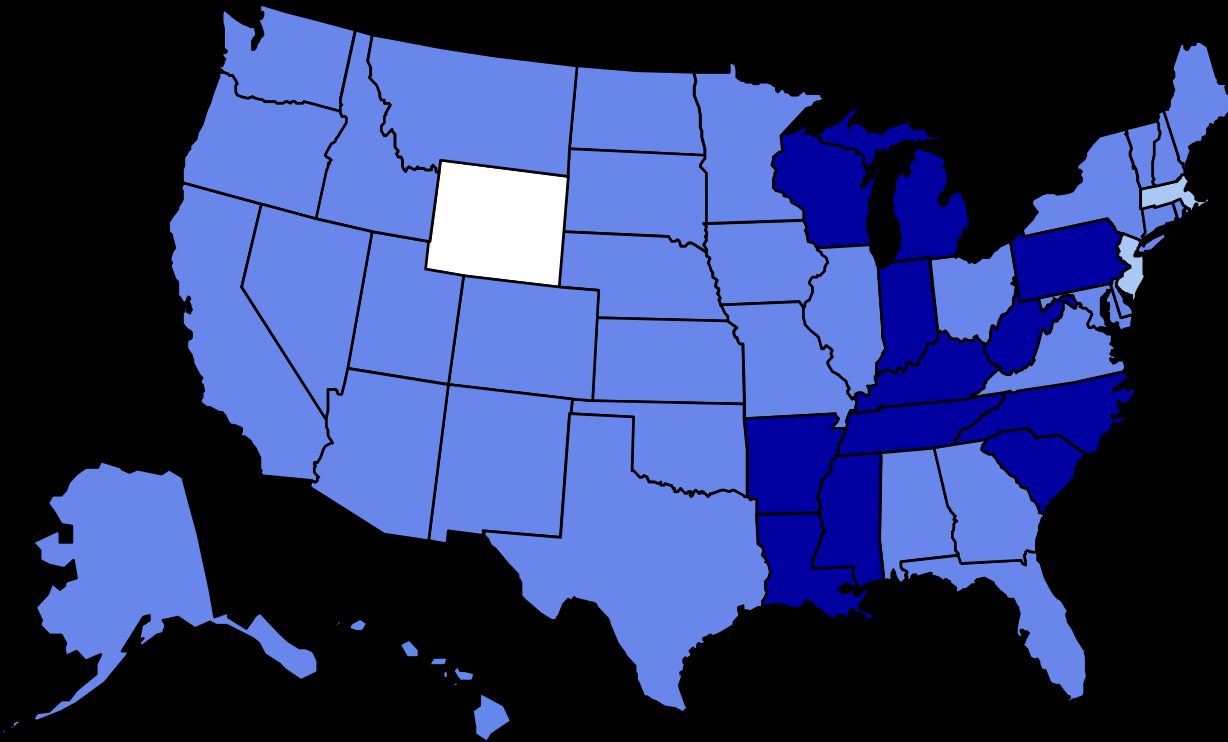
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19%

1992



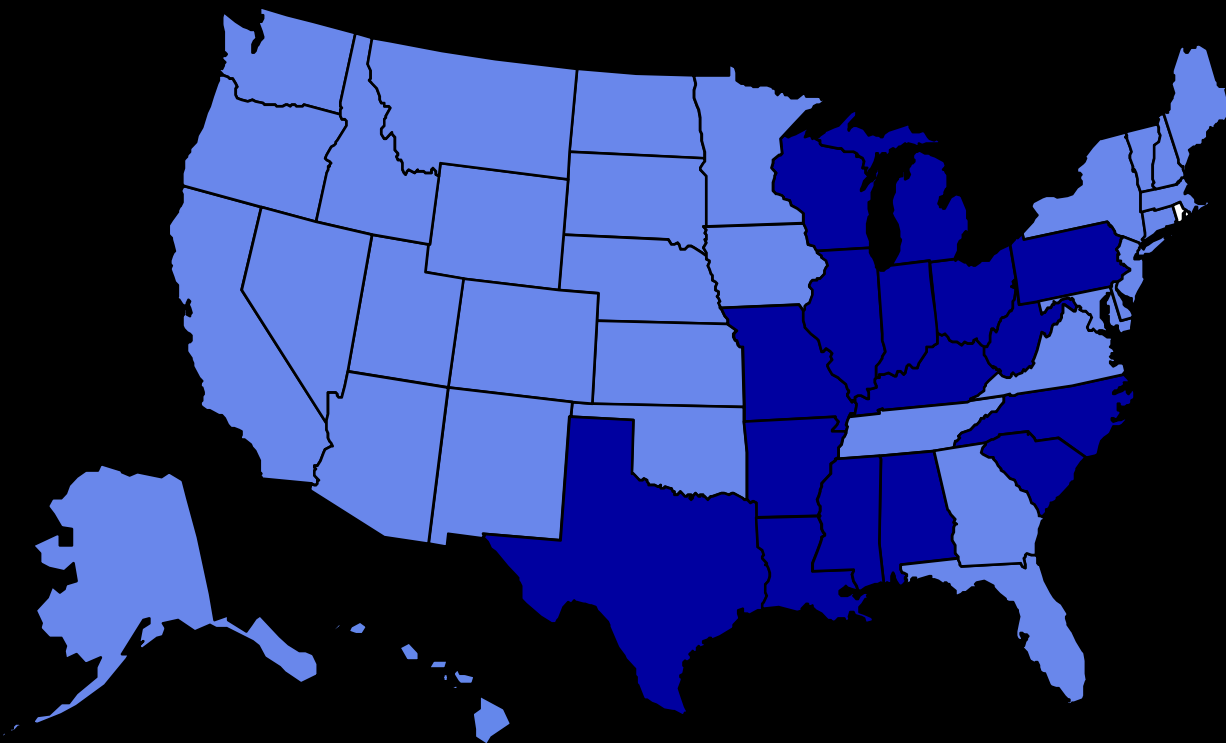
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19%

1993



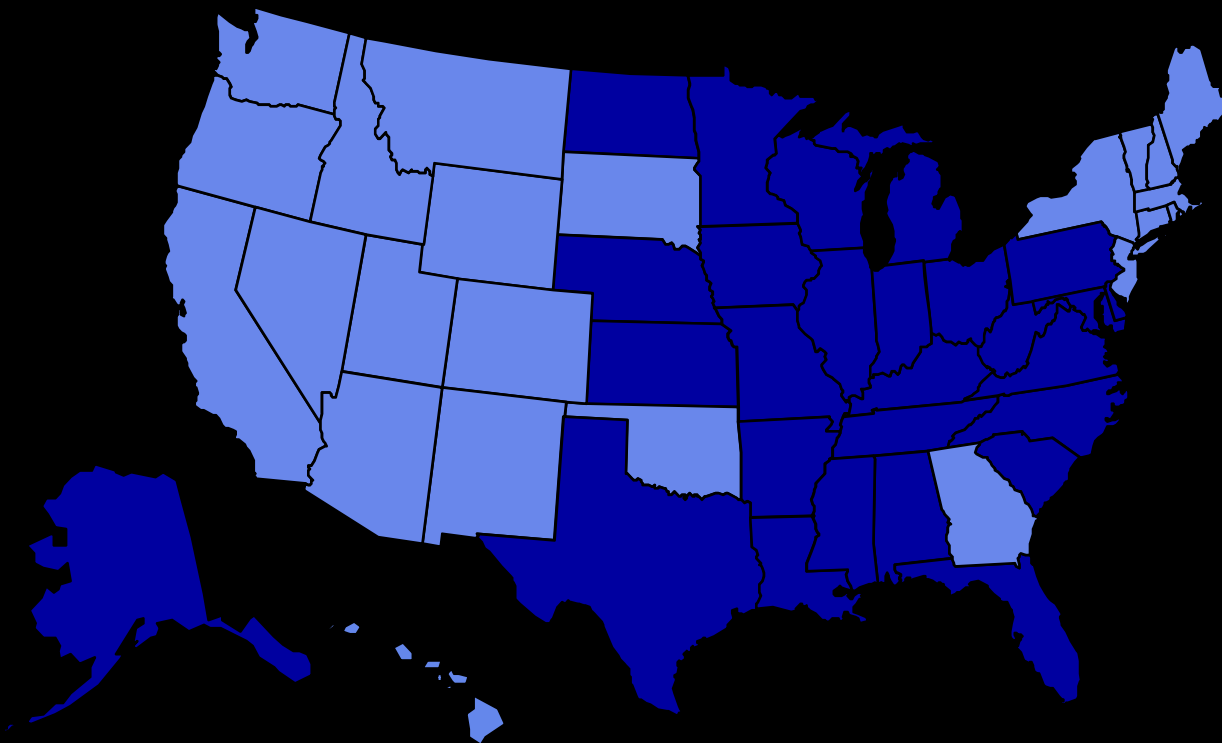
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19%

1994



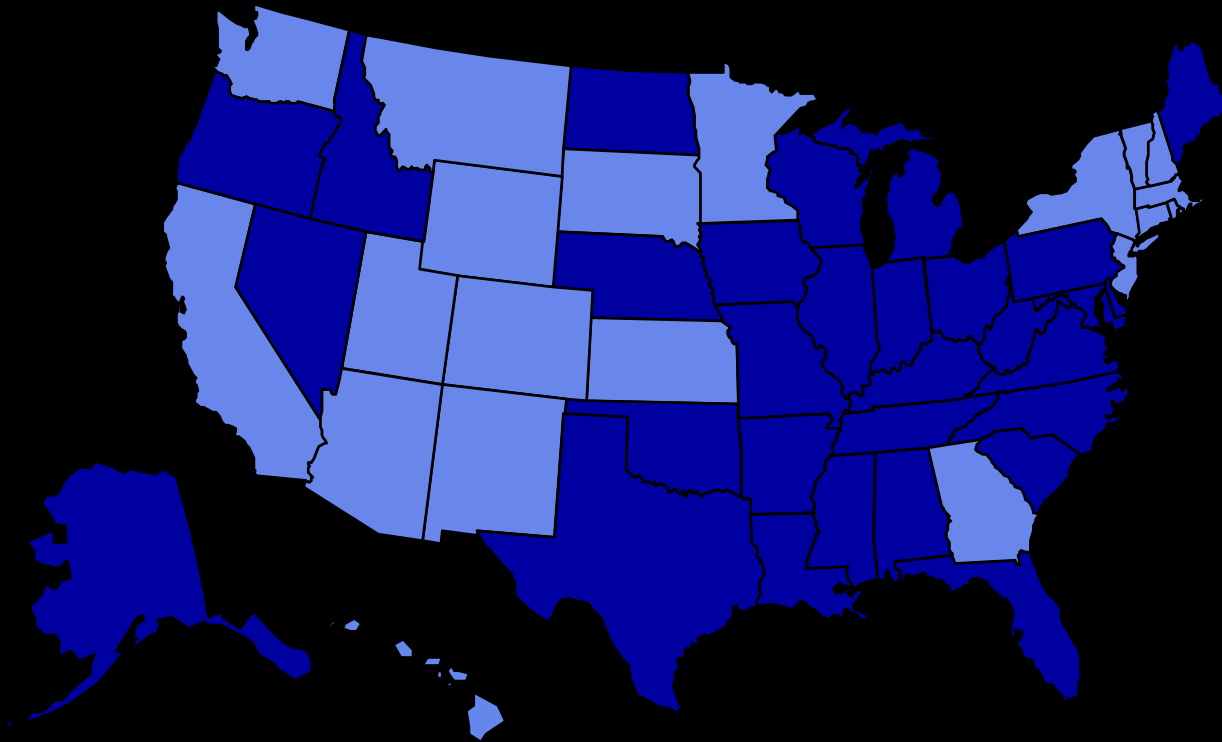
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19%

1995



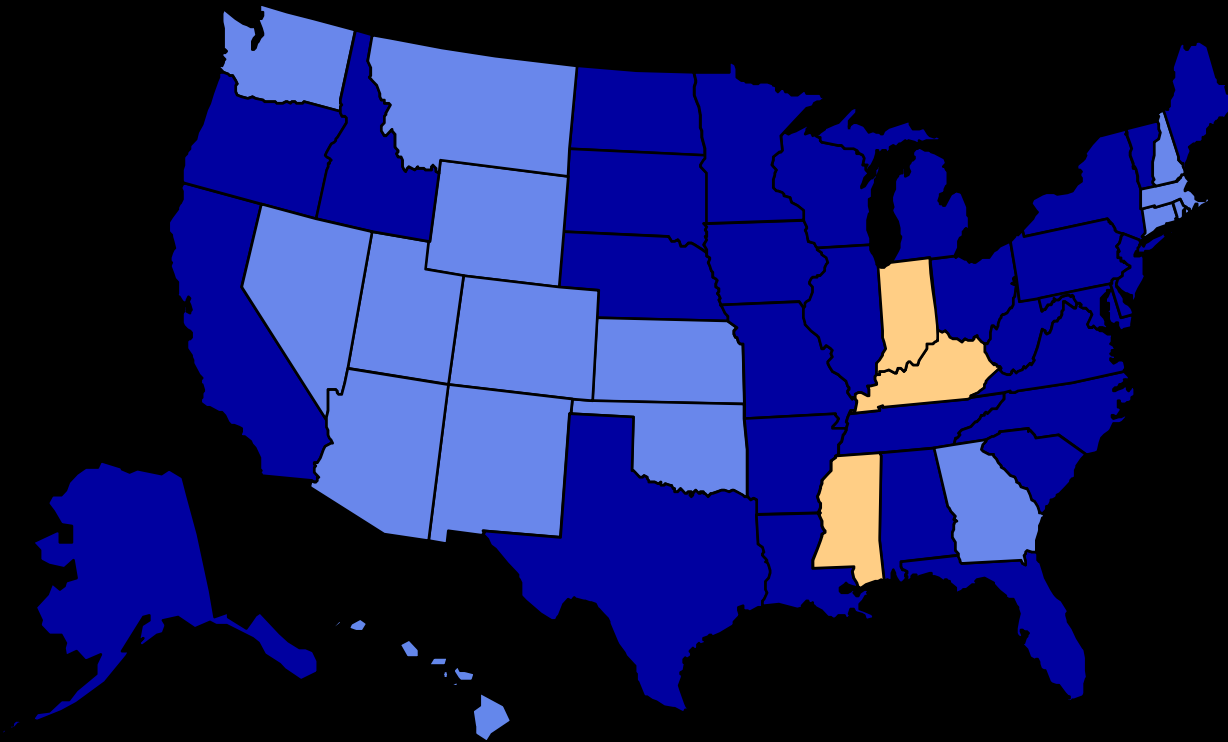
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19%

1996



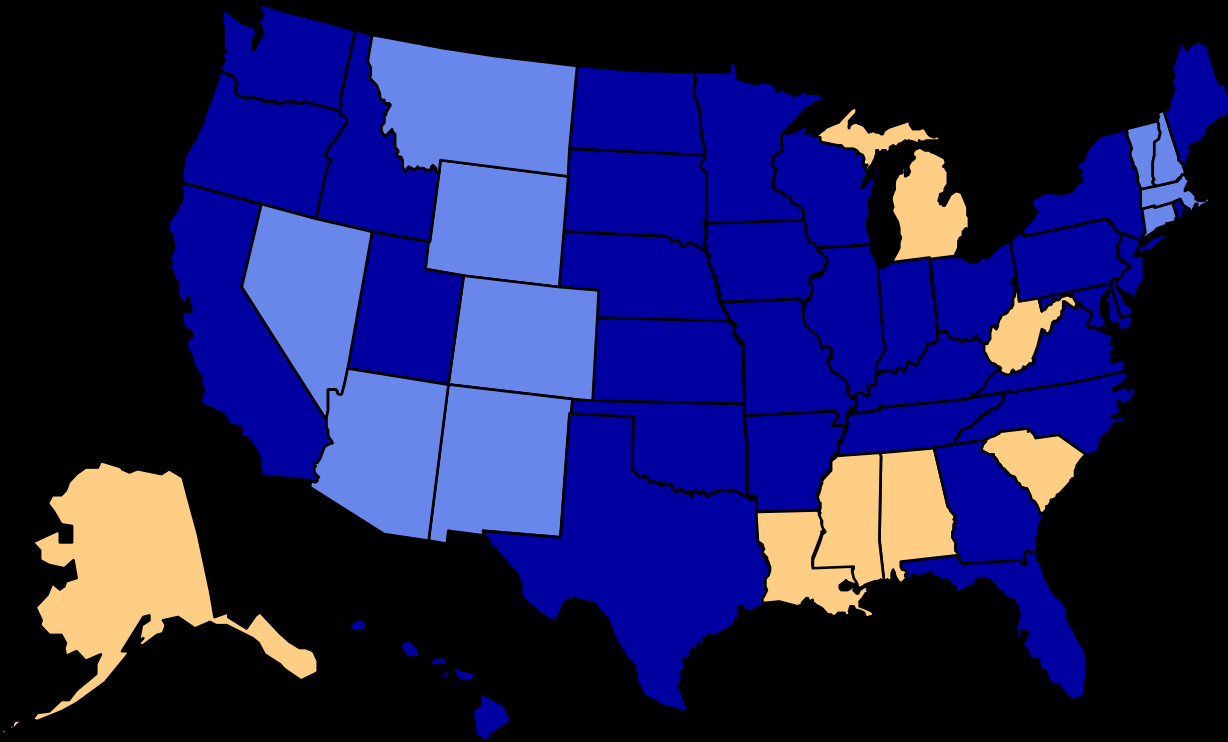
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19%

1997



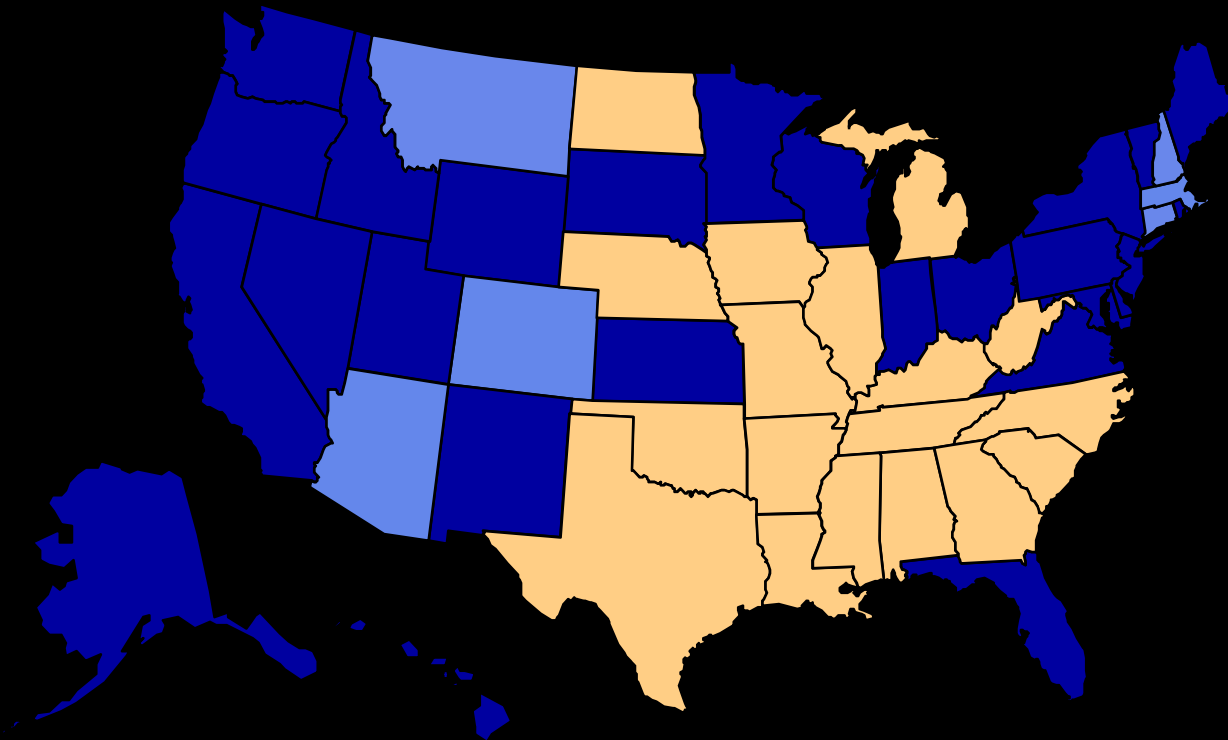
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19% ■ ≥20%

1998



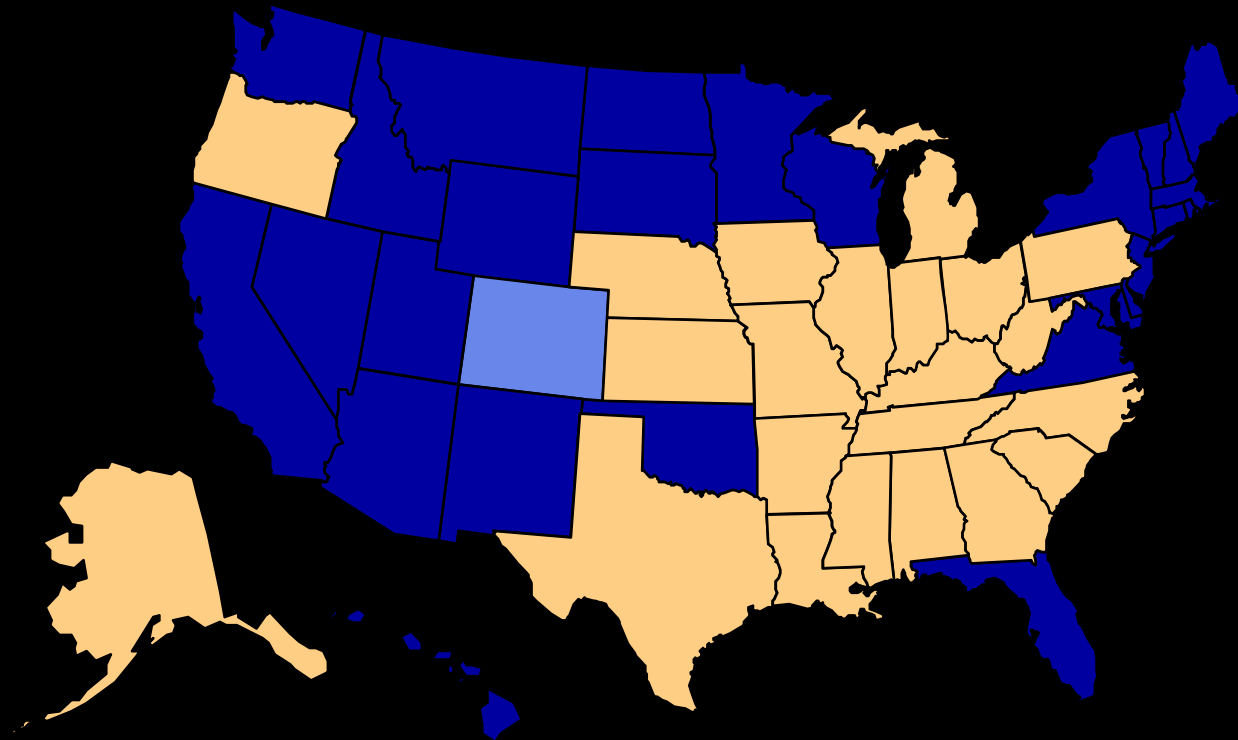
No Data <10% 10%–14% 15%–19% ≥20%

1999



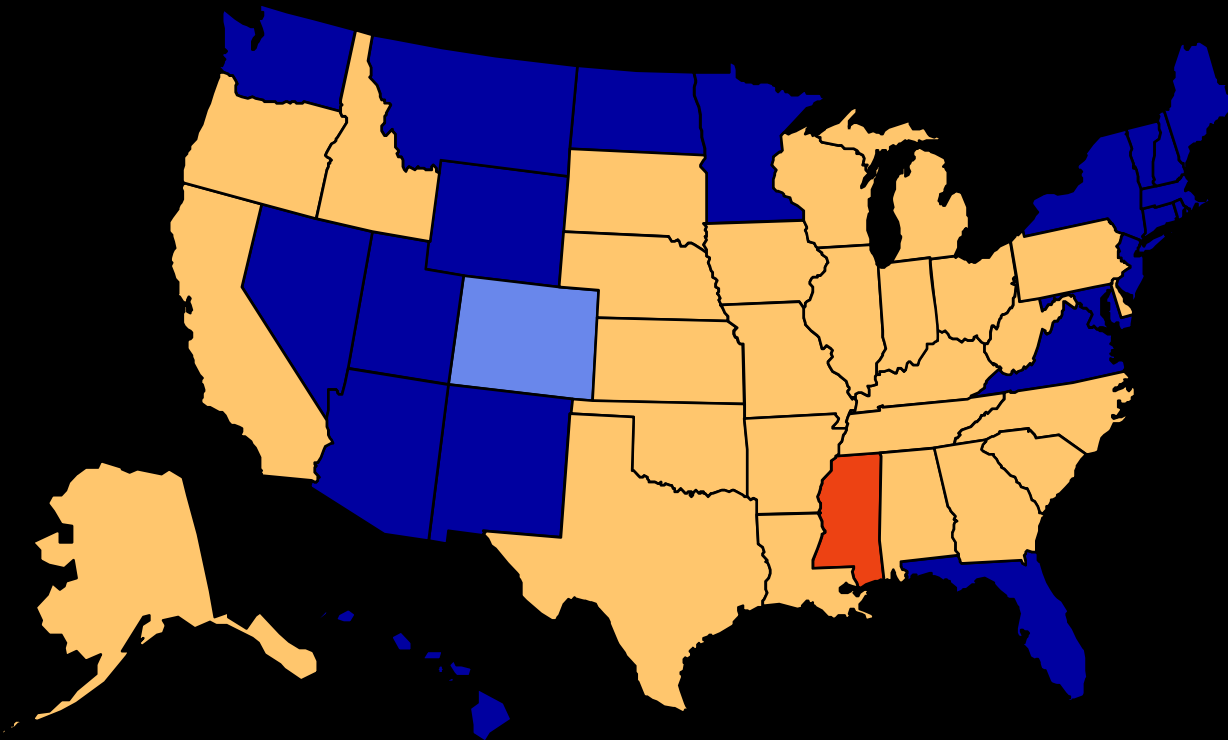
No Data <10% 10%–14% 15%–19% ≥20%

2000



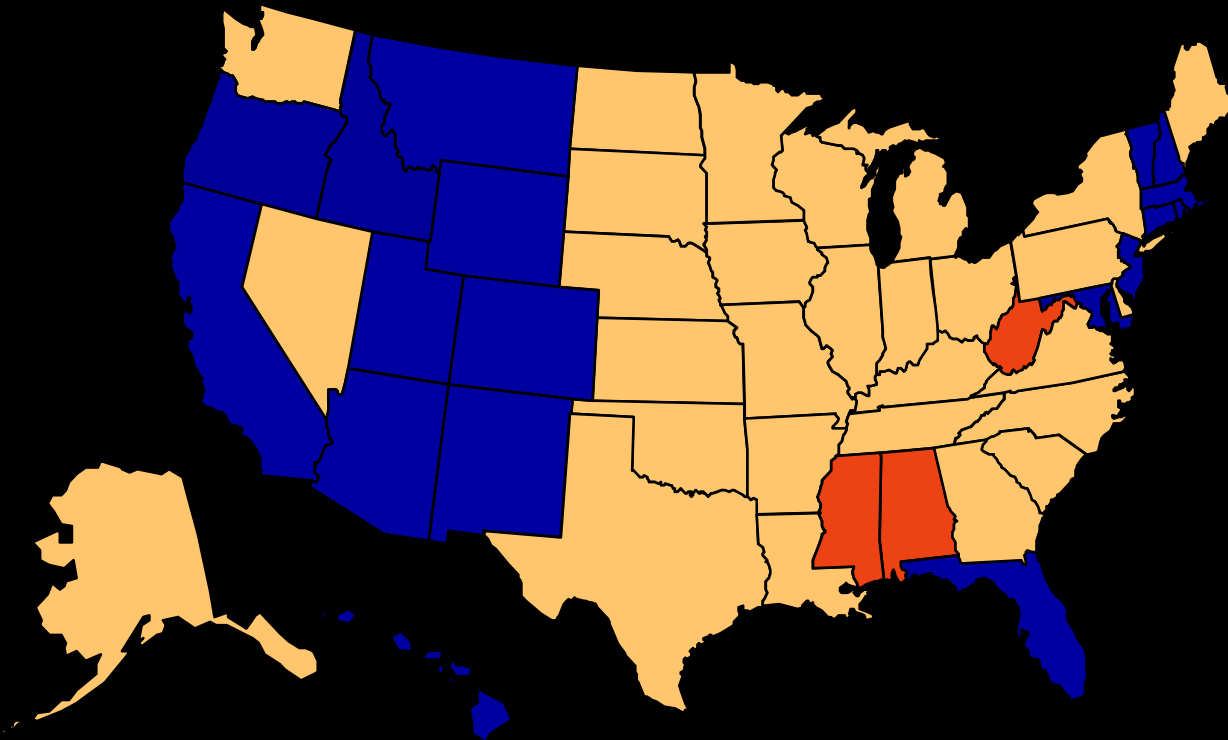
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19% ■ ≥20%

2001



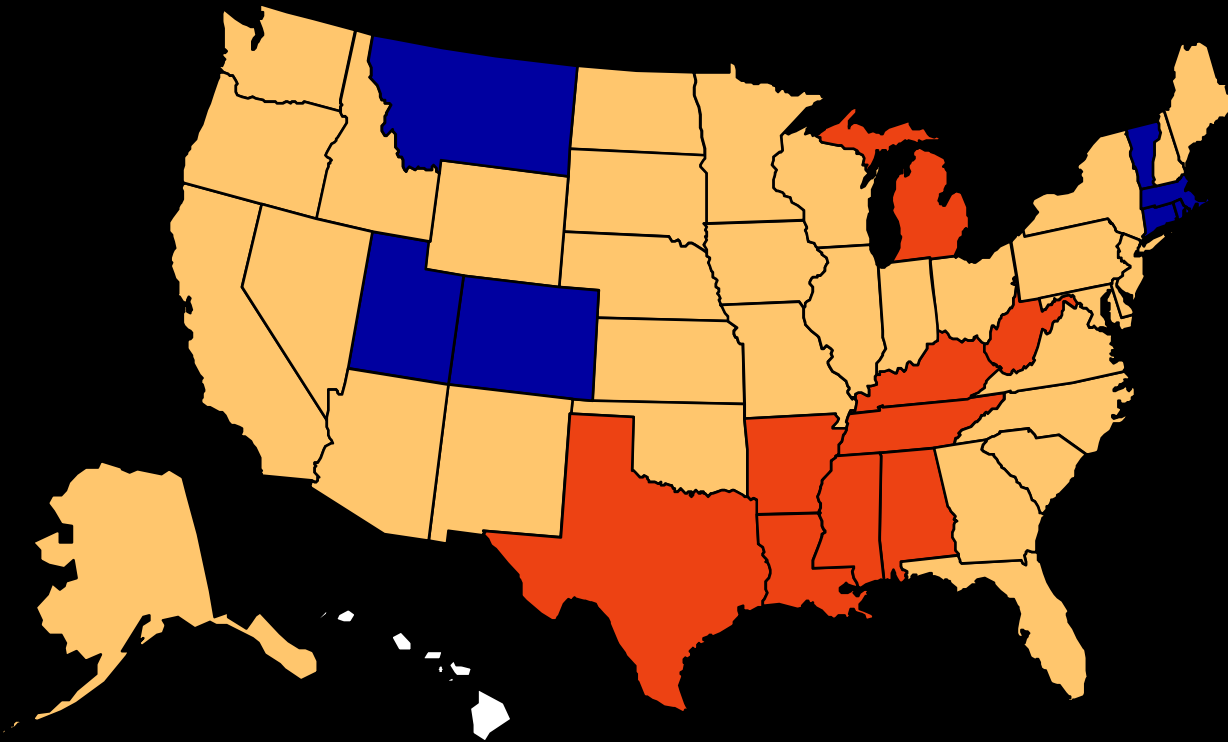
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19% ■ 20%–24% ■ ≥25%

2002



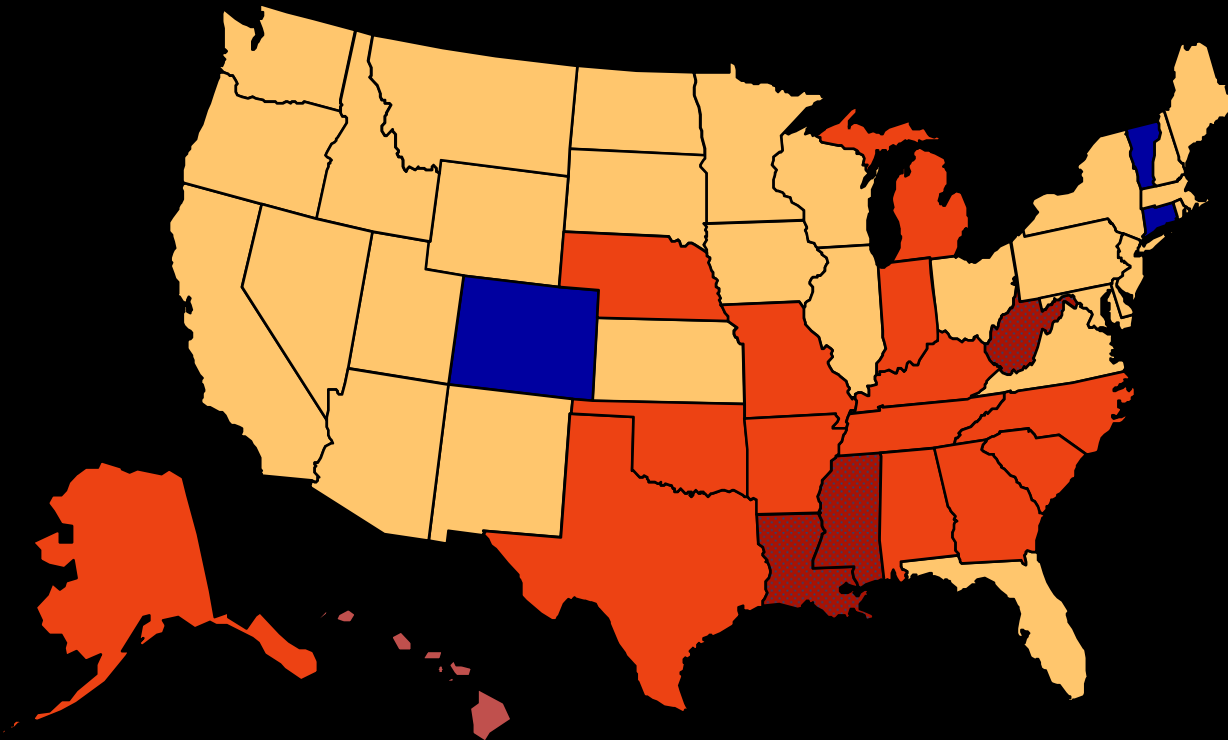
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10%–14% ■ 15%–19% ■ 20%–24% ■ ≥25%

2004



No Data <10% 10%–14% 15%–19% 20%–24% ≥25%

2005



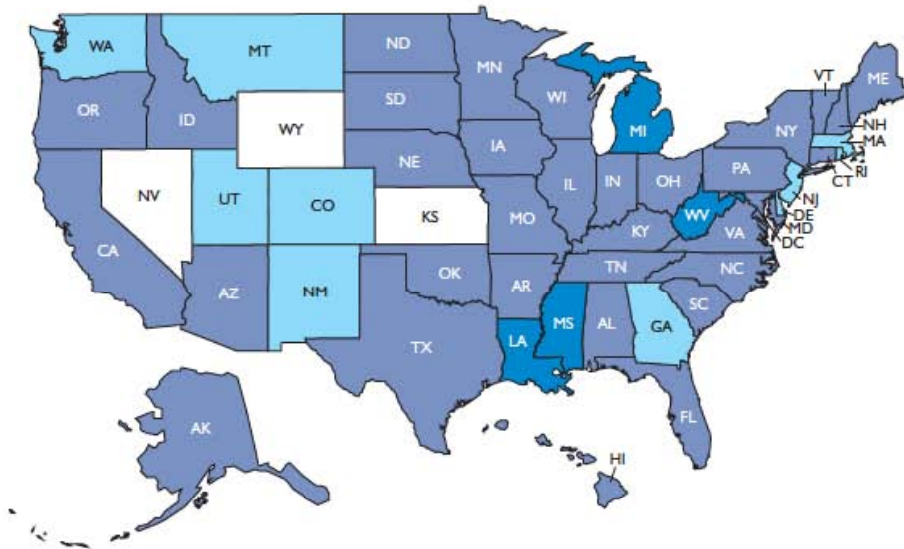
■ No Data ■ <10% ■ 10-14% ■ 15-19% ■ 20-24% ■ 25-29% ■ ≥30%

OBESITY TRENDS* AMONG U.S. ADULTS

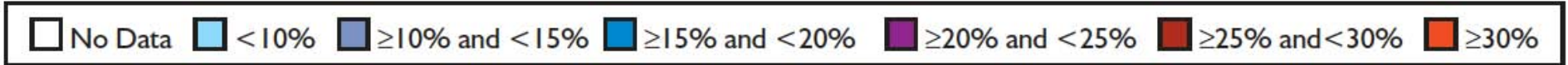
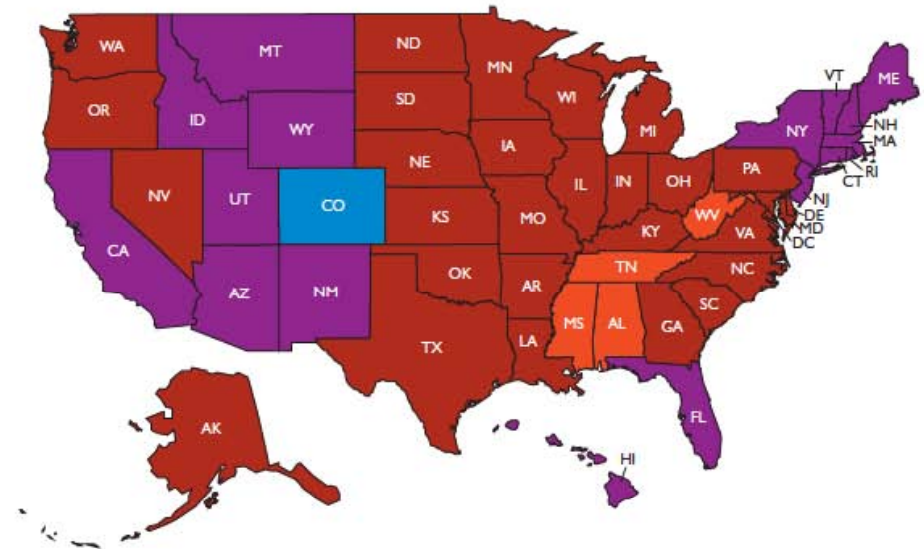
BRFSS, 1991 and 2006-2008 Combined Data

(*BMI >30, or about 30 lbs overweight for 5' 4" person)

1991



2006-2008 Combined Data

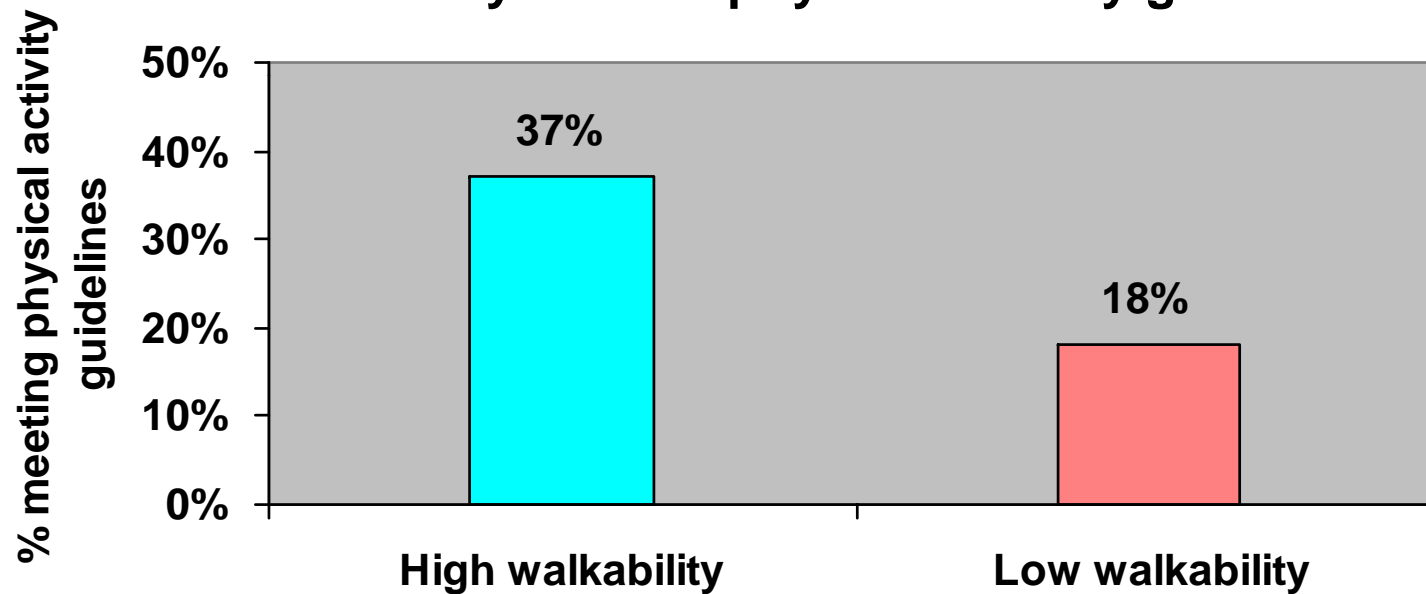


Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC.

obesity costs the US economy \$147
billion annually

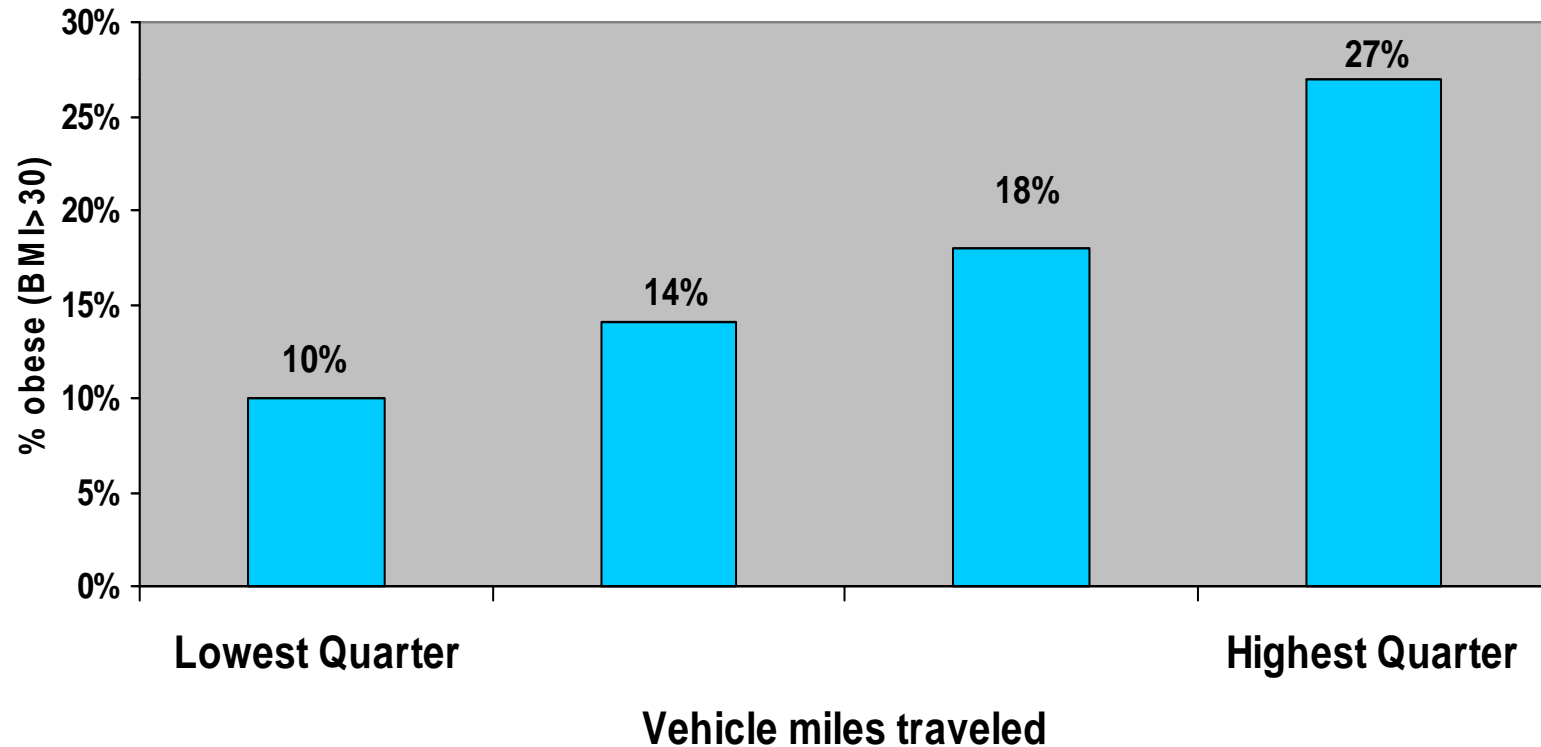
ongoing research

Residents of walkable neighborhoods were more likely to meet physical activity guidelines



ongoing research

Driving is a risk factor for obesity



ongoing research

States with the Highest Rates of Physical Inactivity

Rank	State	Percentage of Adult Physical Inactivity (Based on 2006-2008 Combined Data, Including Confidence Intervals)	Obesity Ranking
1	Mississippi	31.8% (+/-0.9)	1
2	Kentucky	30.4% (+/-1.0)	7
3 (tie)	Louisiana	30.3% (+/-0.9)	8
3 (tie)	Oklahoma	30.3% (+/-0.8)	6
5	Tennessee	29.8% (+/-1.2)	4
6	Alabama	29.5% (+/-1.0)	2
7	Arkansas	28.8% (+/-0.9)	10
8	Texas	28.4% (+/-0.9)	14
9	West Virginia	28.3% (+/-1.0)	3
10	New Jersey	26.7% (+/-0.8)	42

*Note: For rankings, 1 = Worst Health Outcome. 1 = Highest Rates of Physical Inactivity.

the urban design of US cities is one
of the major factors causing the
health care crisis



...NOW

communities should
invest in walkable places
now

why

1. size of the challenge
2. first and last mile
3. our elders will need walkable neighborhoods
4. placemaking builds value
5. you cannot afford further delay

questions for you

- what is the WalkScore of your home?
- does your city/town have pedestrian level of service criteria? are they used?
- how much of Idaho's federal STP (surface transportation program funding) is dedicated to improving pedestrian facilities?
- what are your city's/town's five highest priority pedestrian projects?
- where will the mixed-use, transit-served, walkable neighborhoods be located in your city/town?
- what % of grade school children in your city/town walk or ride bikes to school?

thanking you

www.charlier.org



Charlier Associates, Inc.

