

# The Demographics of Metropolitan Detroit

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# The Transformation of Detroit

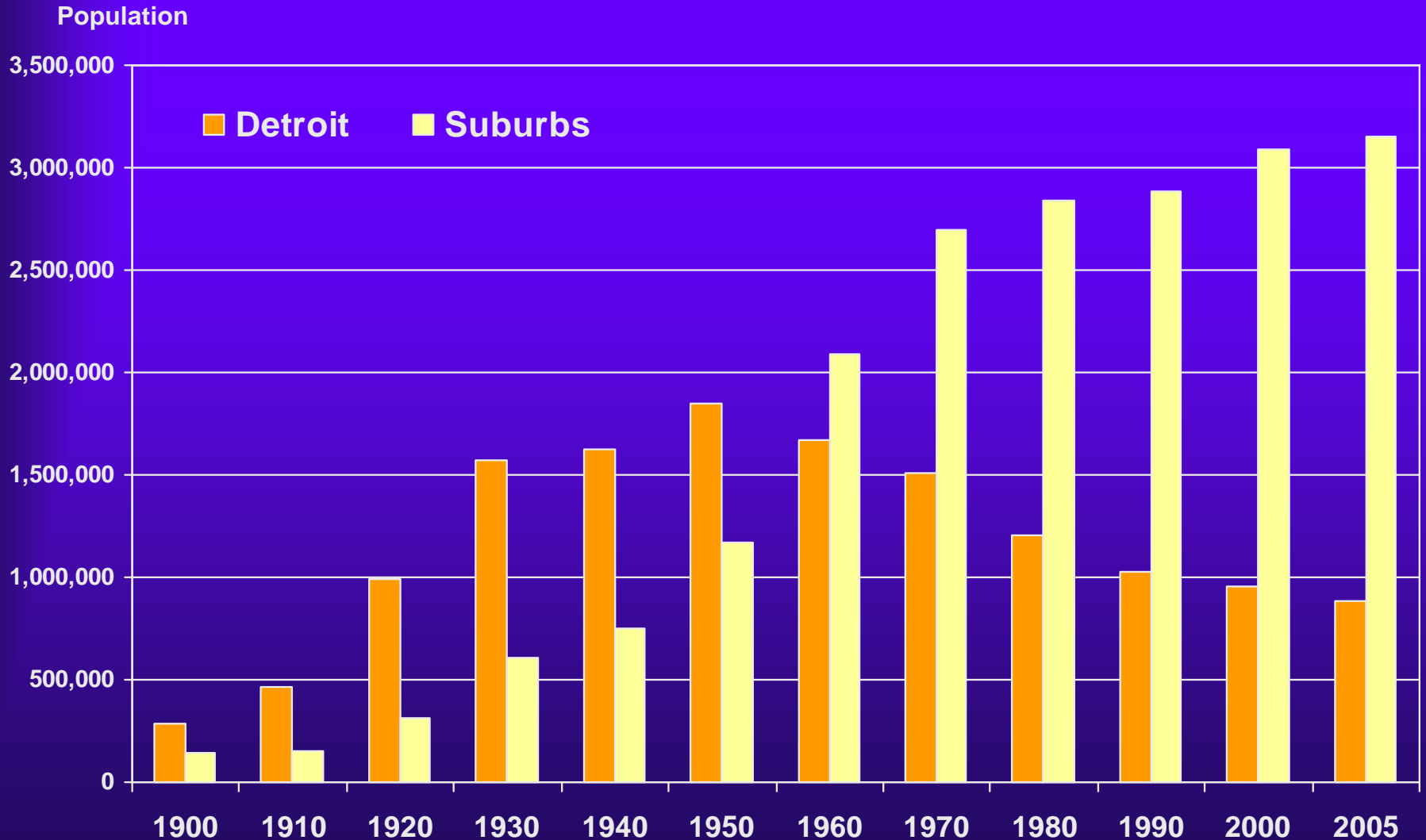
■ “No one social program or policy, no single force, whether housing segregation, social welfare programs or deindustrialization, could have driven Detroit and other cities like it from their position of economic and political dominance; there is no simple explanation for the inequality and marginality that beset the urban poor. It is only through the complex and interwoven histories of race, residence and work in the postwar era that the state of today’s cities and their impoverished residents can be fully understood and confronted.”

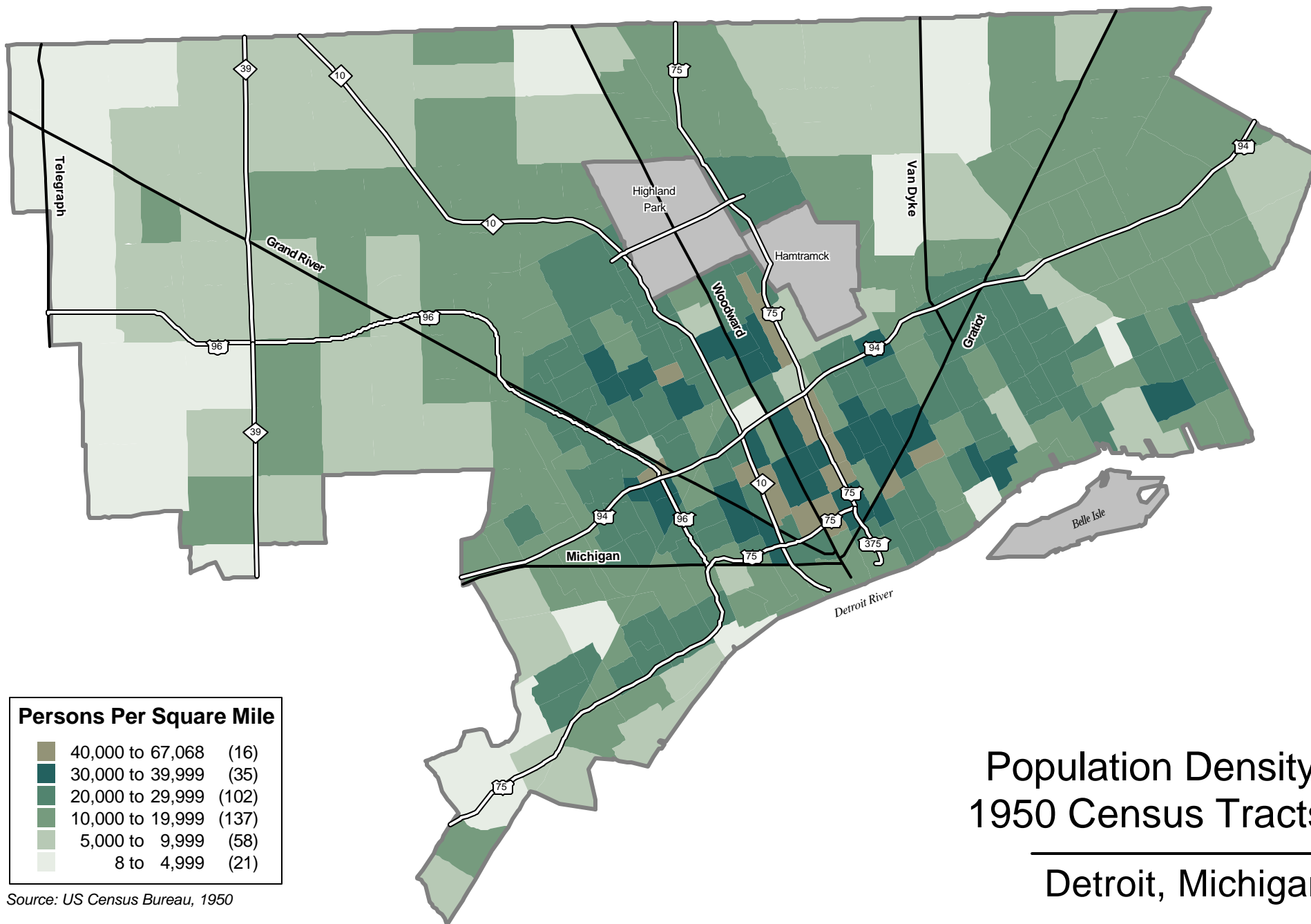
- Thomas J. Sugrue, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit*.  
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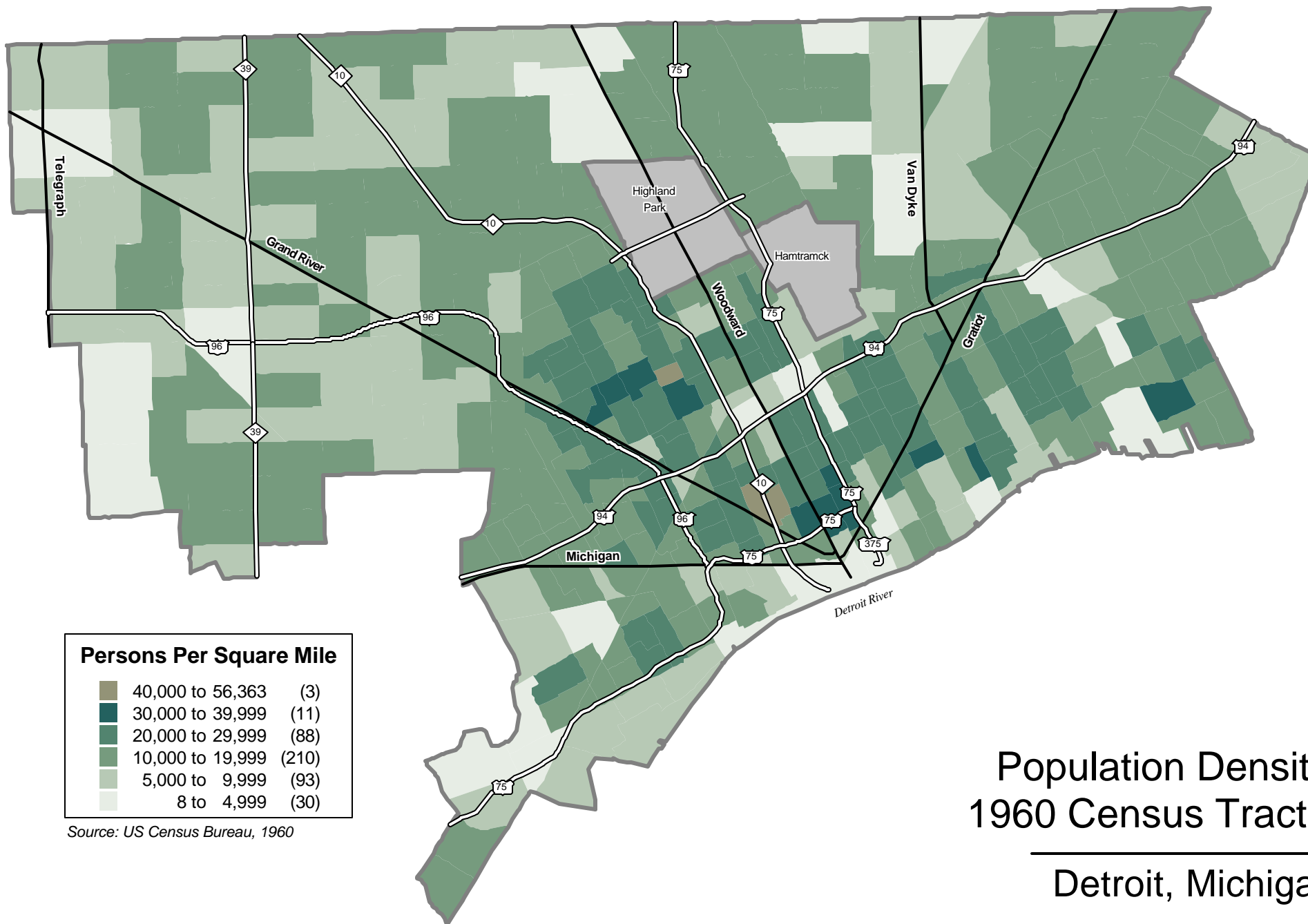
**A number of historical and contemporary policies and structural factors created today’s conditions in Detroit**

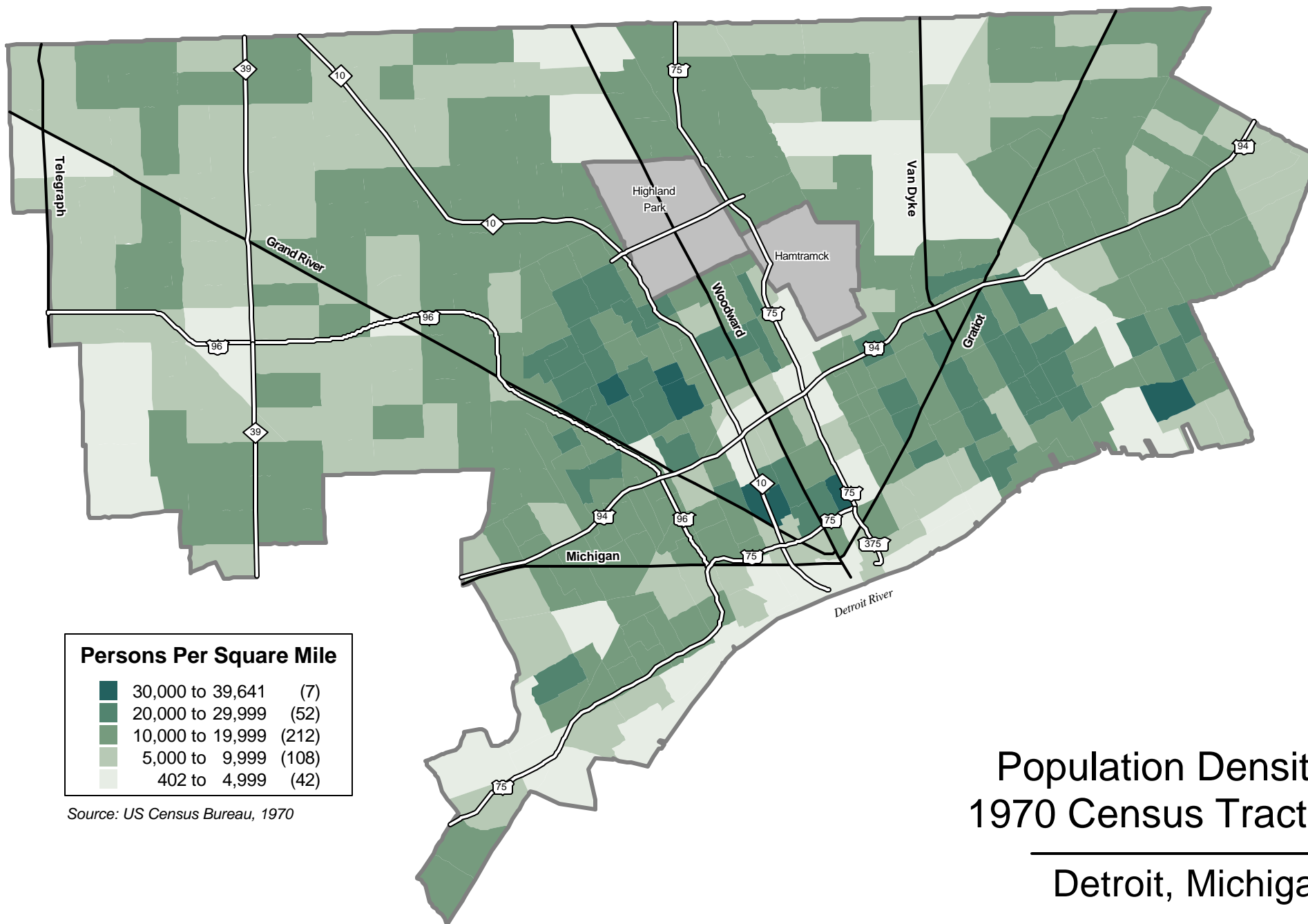


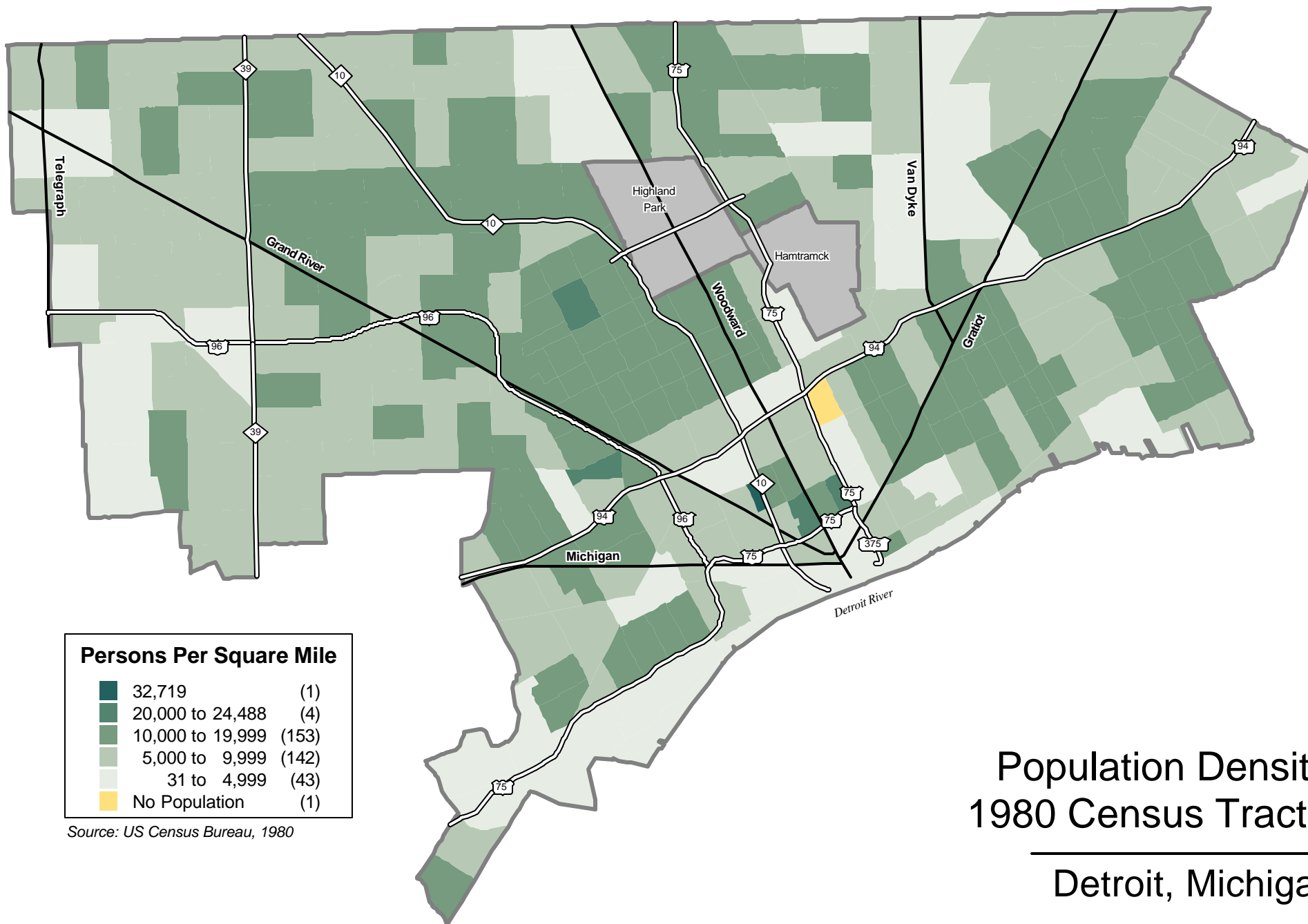
# Detroit's Population Losses Post-World War II Marked the True Beginning of the Suburbs



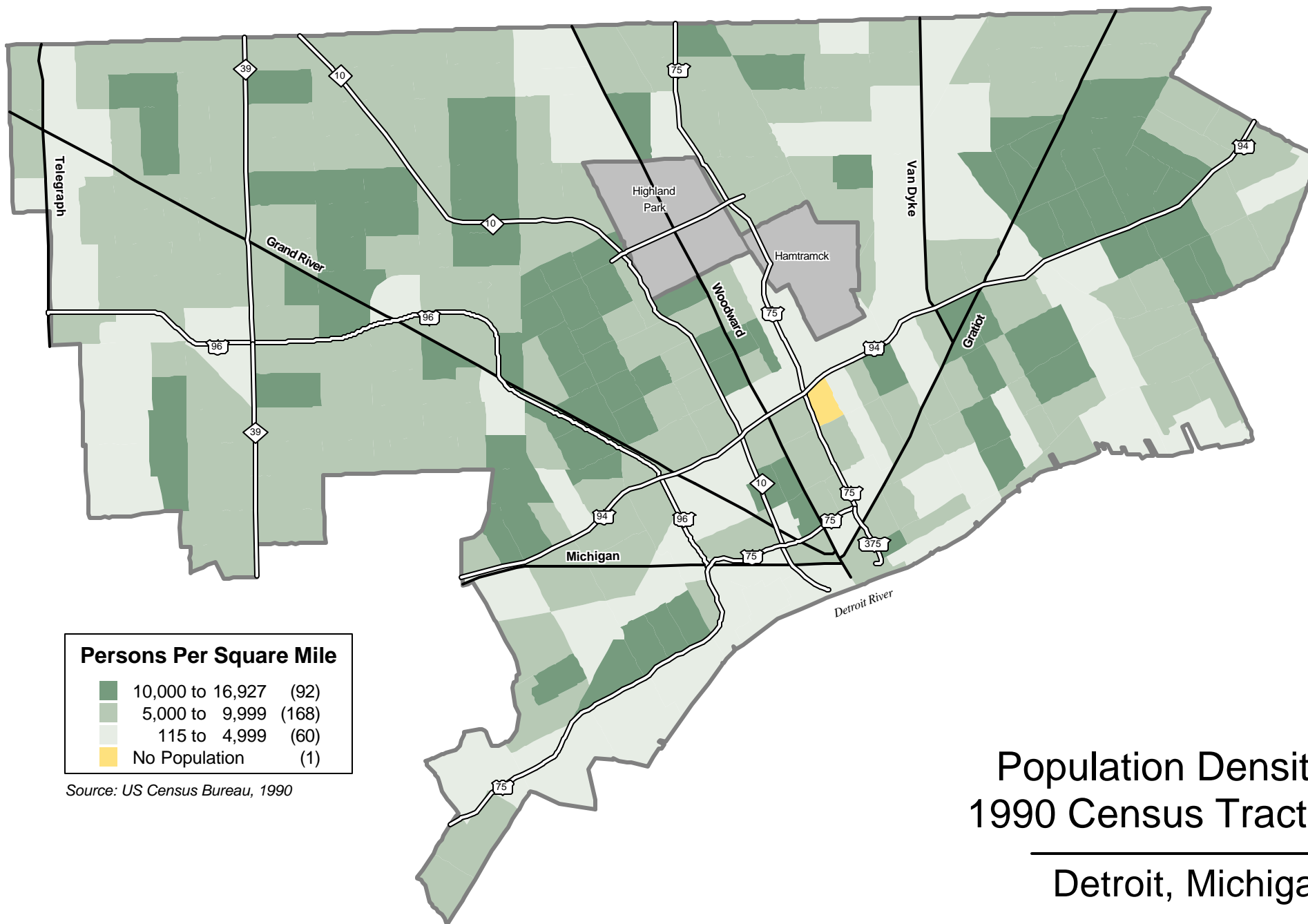




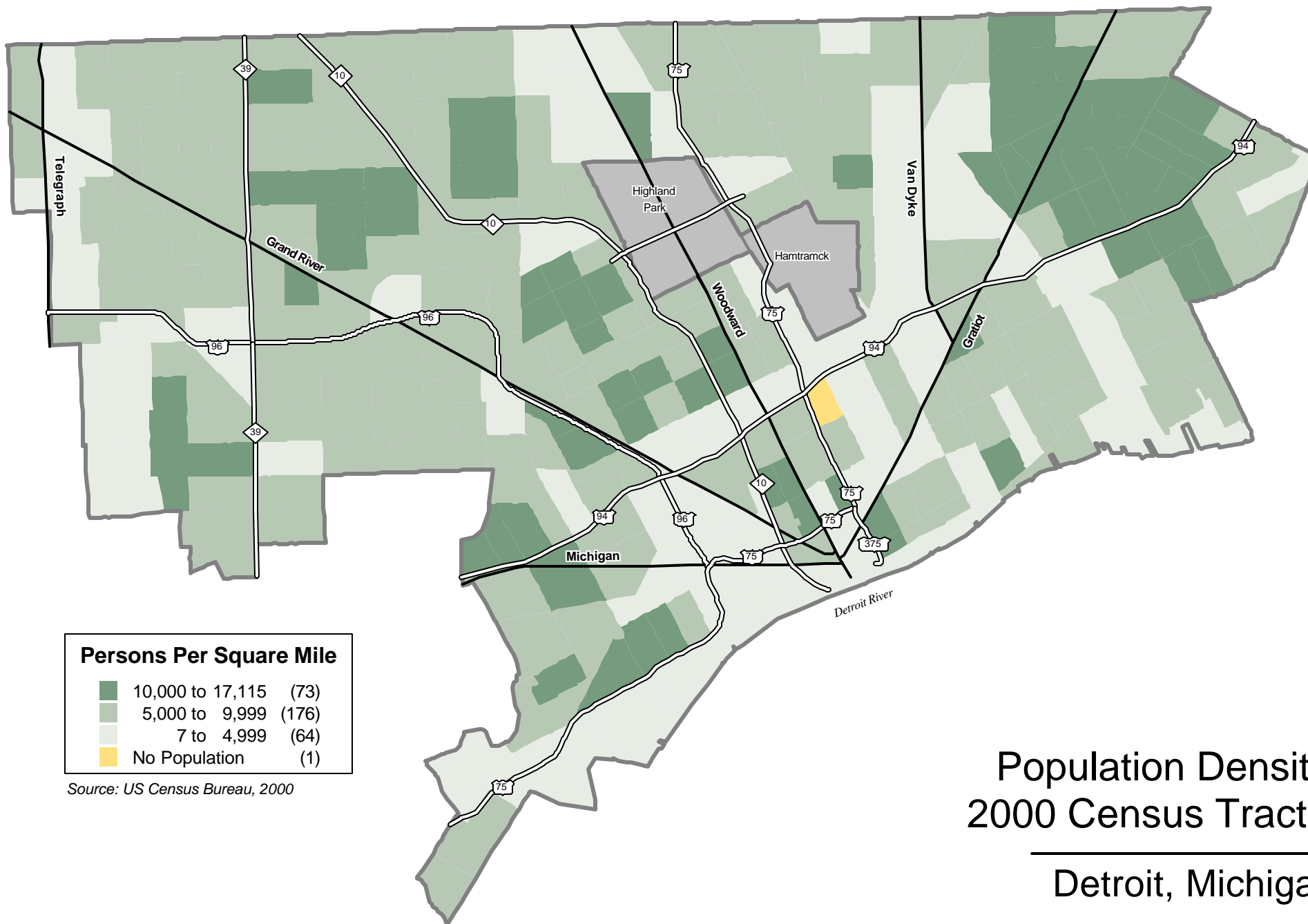












# Components of Population Change

## ◆ Start with Base Population

## ◆ Vital Statistics

- Births
- Deaths

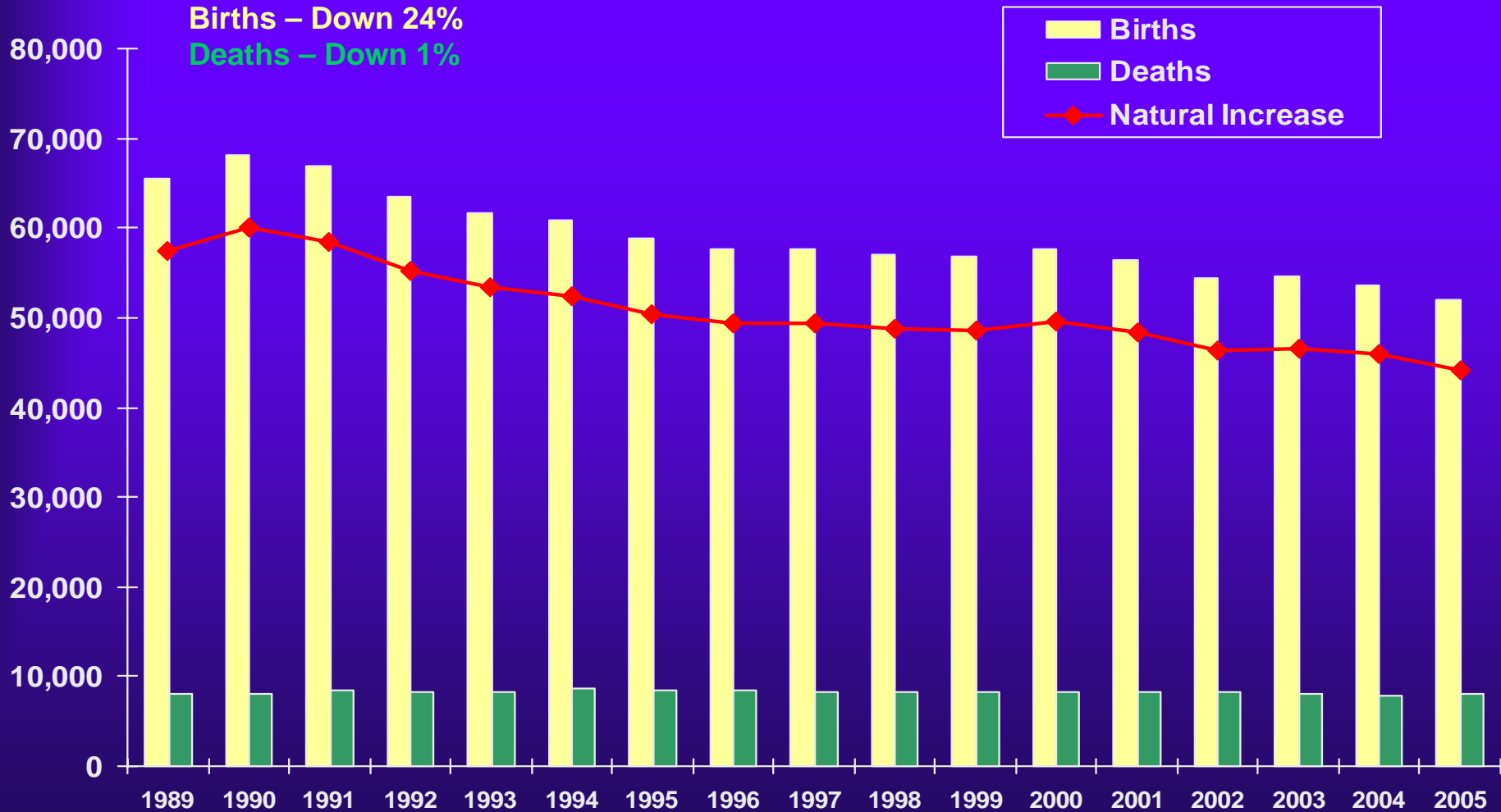
**Births minus deaths = Natural Increase**

## ◆ Migration

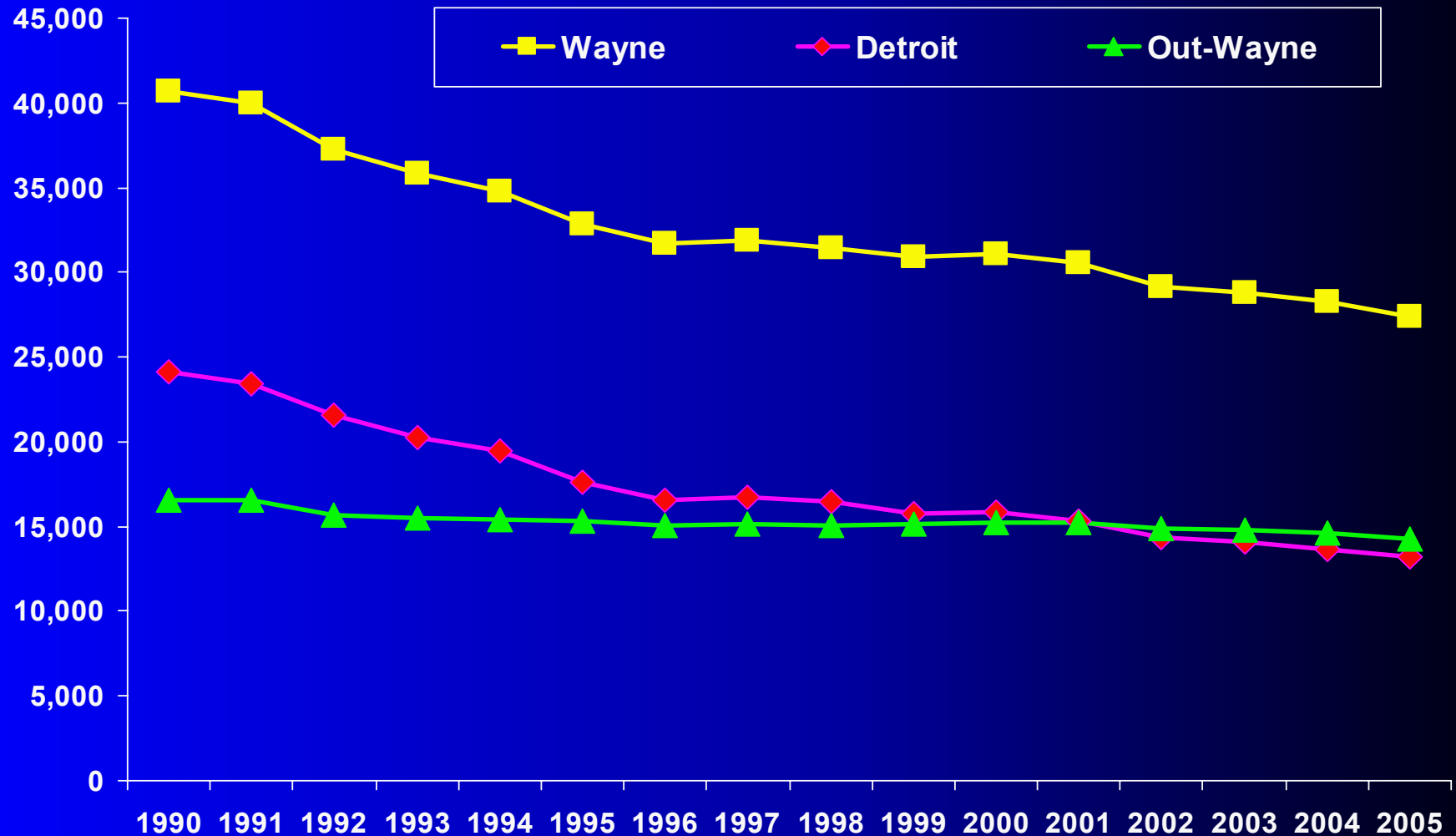
- **Net Internal Migration** - moves where both the origin and the destination are within the United States
- **Net International Migration** - in its simplest form, is defined as any movement across U.S. borders.

**Net Internal plus Net International = Net Migration**

# Tri-County Population Growth, Due to Natural Increase, Has Declined by 27 Percent Since 1990



# The Number of Births in Wayne County Has Decreased by 33 Percent in the Last 15 Years – 45% in Detroit/14% Out-Wayne

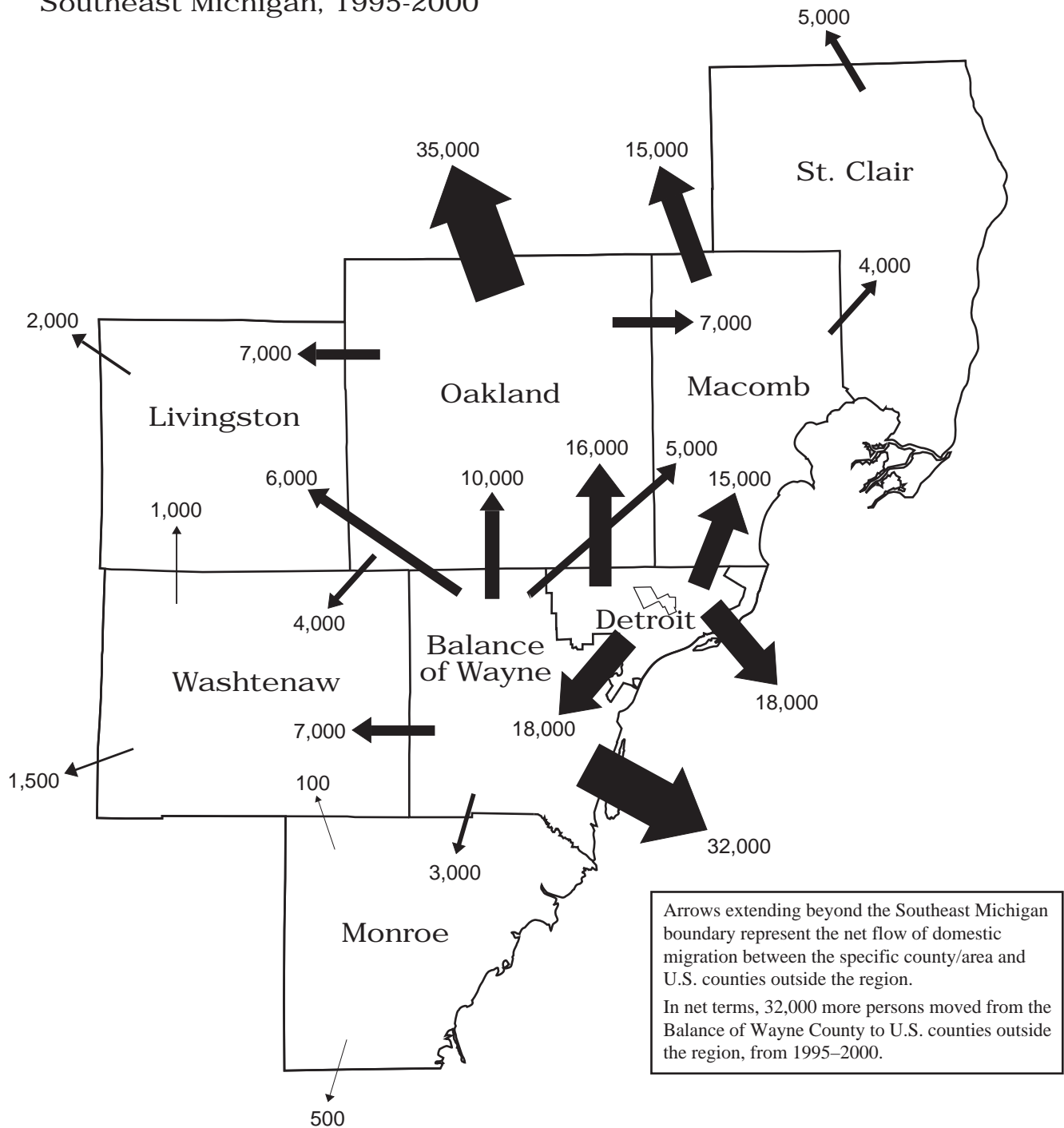


Source: MI Dept. of Community Health

# Counties in the Core of the Detroit Metro Area Experienced Domestic Out-migration in the 1990s

	<b>Net Domestic Migration</b>	<b>Net International Migration</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>-199,465</b>	<b>99,735</b>
<b>Lapeer</b>	<b>9,303</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Livingston</b>	<b>26,434</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>Macomb</b>	<b>-7,170</b>	<b>6,024</b>
<b>Monroe</b>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Oakland</b>	<b>-3,720</b>	<b>26,872</b>
<b>St. Clair</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>387</b>
<b>Washtenaw</b>	<b>-4,849</b>	<b>6,564</b>
<b>Wayne</b>	<b>-263,657</b>	<b>34,670</b>

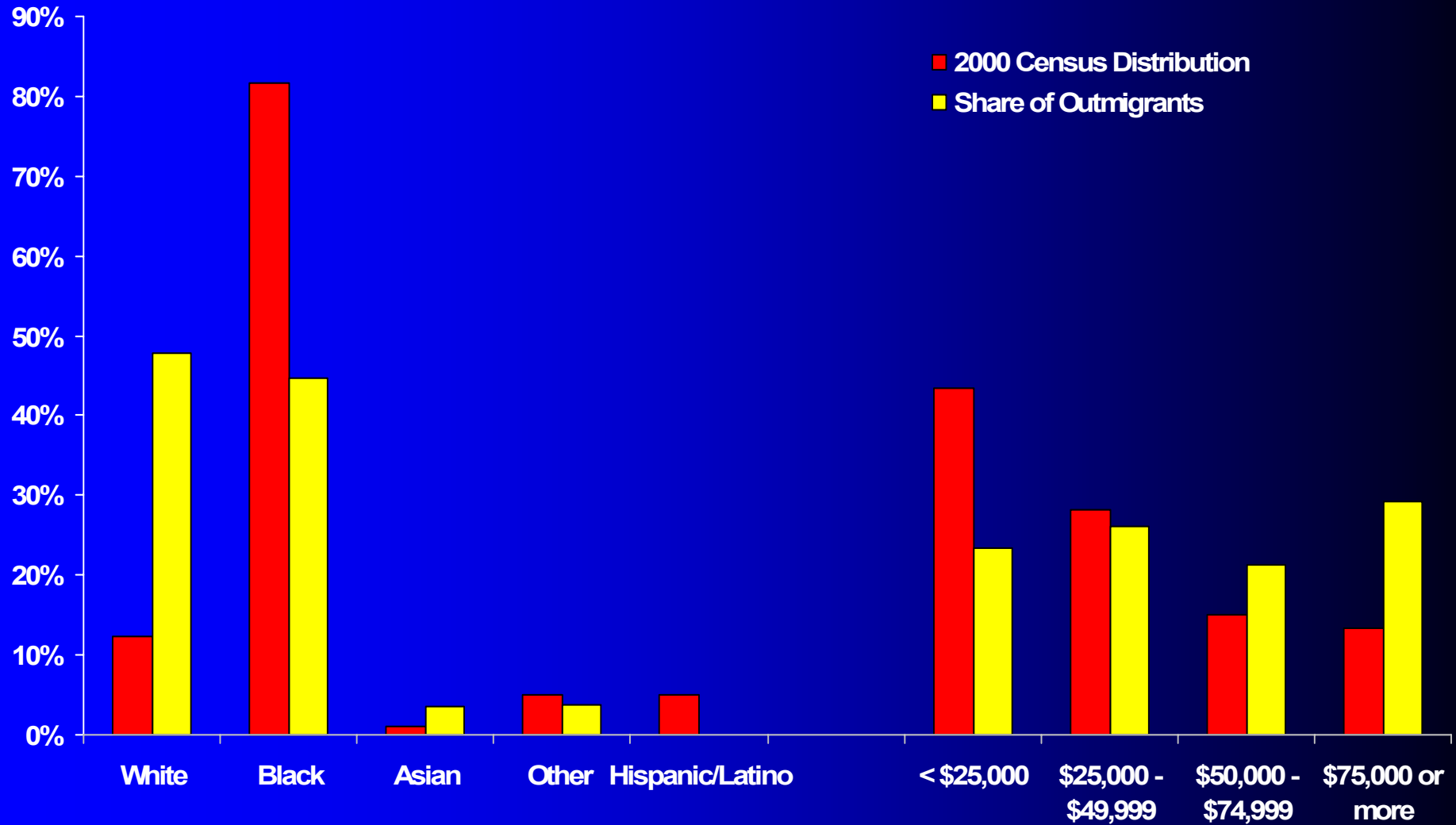
Figure 6  
Net Flow of Domestic Migration  
Southeast Michigan, 1995-2000



Note: Numbers shown represent the net flow of persons age five and older. Net flows between non-adjacent counties areas in Southeast Michigan are less than 2,000. For purposes of map clarity, these net flows are not shown.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

# The 1990s Brought a Large Out-migration of Blacks and Higher Income Households From Detroit

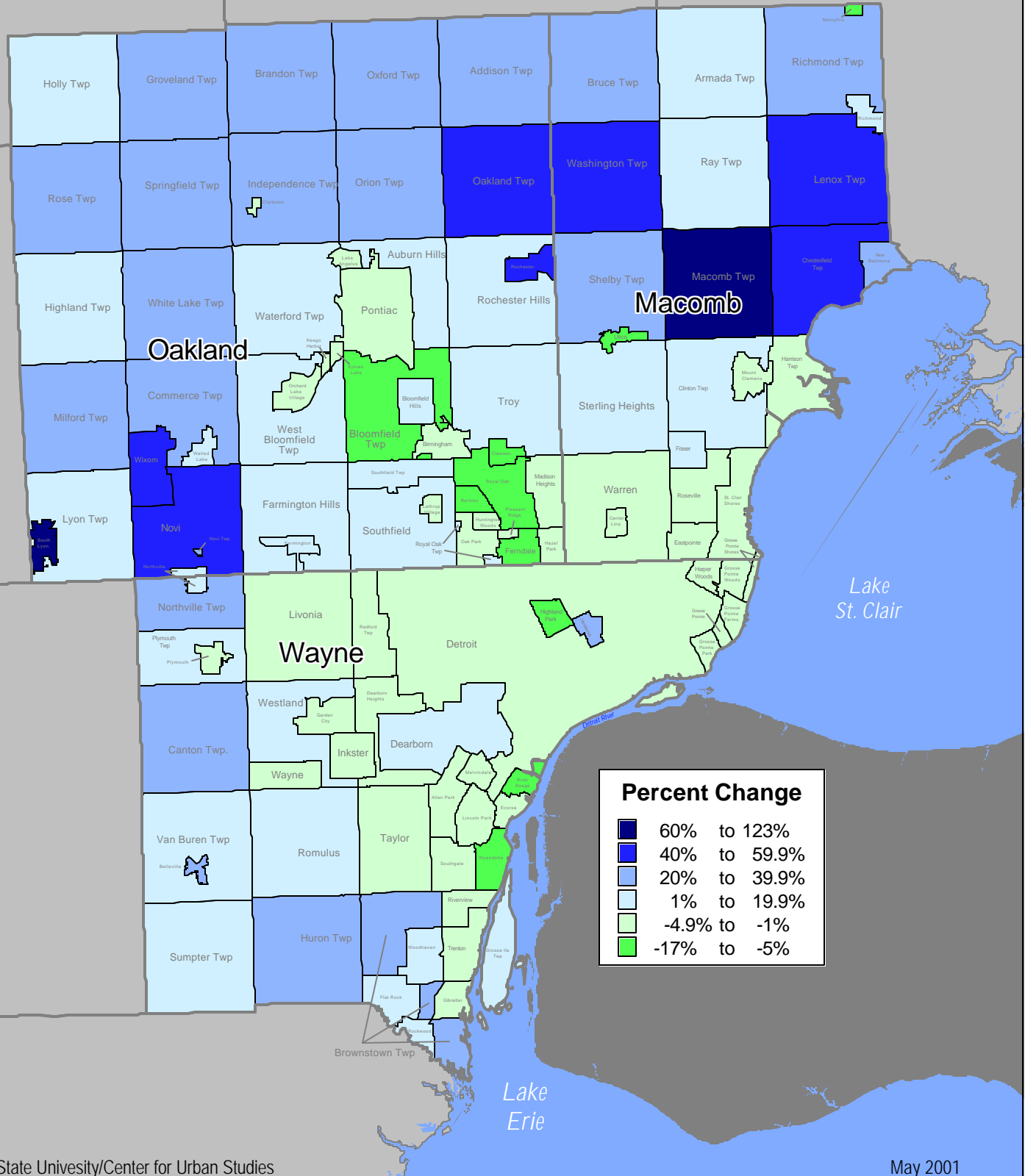


Source: MIMIC/SEMCOG Analysis of 2000 PUMS



# Metropolitan Detroit MCD's

## 1990 - 2000 Population Change

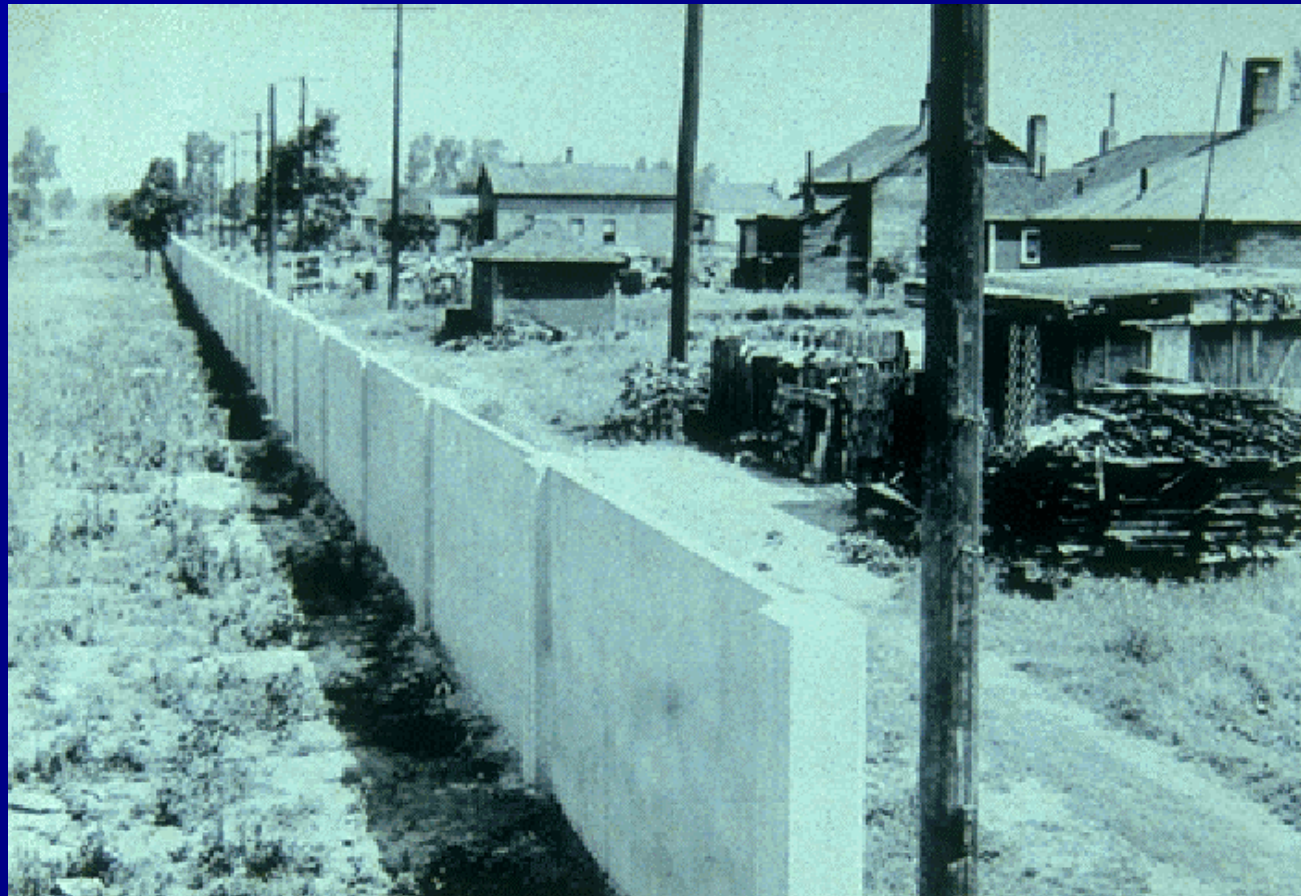


# Domestic Out-migration Continued in Michigan and the Larger Metro Counties Post-2000

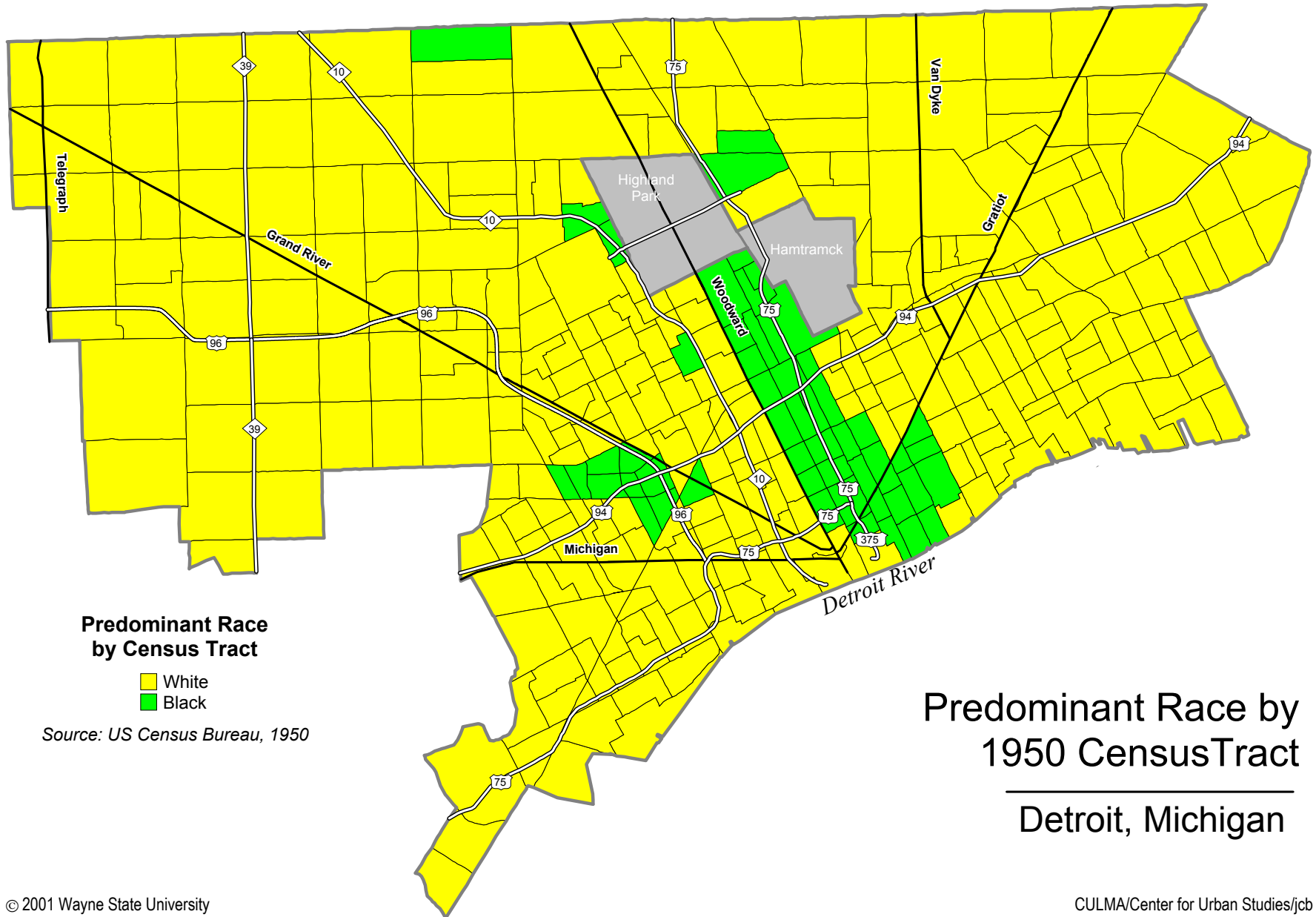
	<b>Net Domestic Migration</b>	<b>Net International Migration</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>-239,340</b>	<b>151,435</b>
<b>Lapeer</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>Livingston</b>	<b>20,597</b>	<b>1,067</b>
<b>Macomb</b>	<b>13,183</b>	<b>13,525</b>
<b>Monroe</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>751</b>
<b>Oakland</b>	<b>-49,694</b>	<b>33,103</b>
<b>St. Clair</b>	<b>3,696</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Washtenaw</b>	<b>-6,818</b>	<b>14,697</b>
<b>Wayne</b>	<b>-182,883</b>	<b>40,730</b>

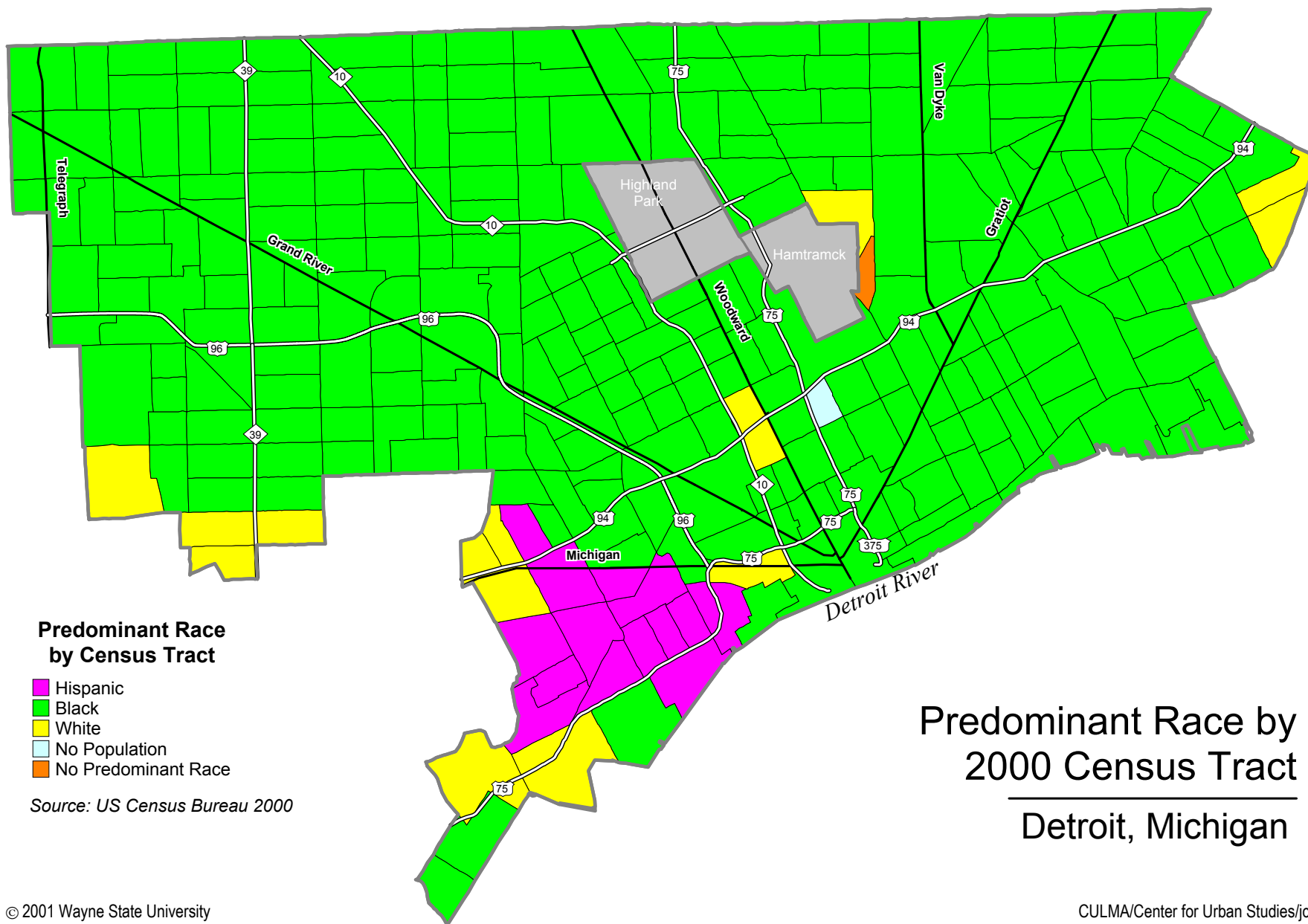
# Population Change in Detroit

- Suburbanization has stripped Detroit of much of its population
- Housing discrimination blocked access out of the city for African Americans
- Leaving the city extremely segregated



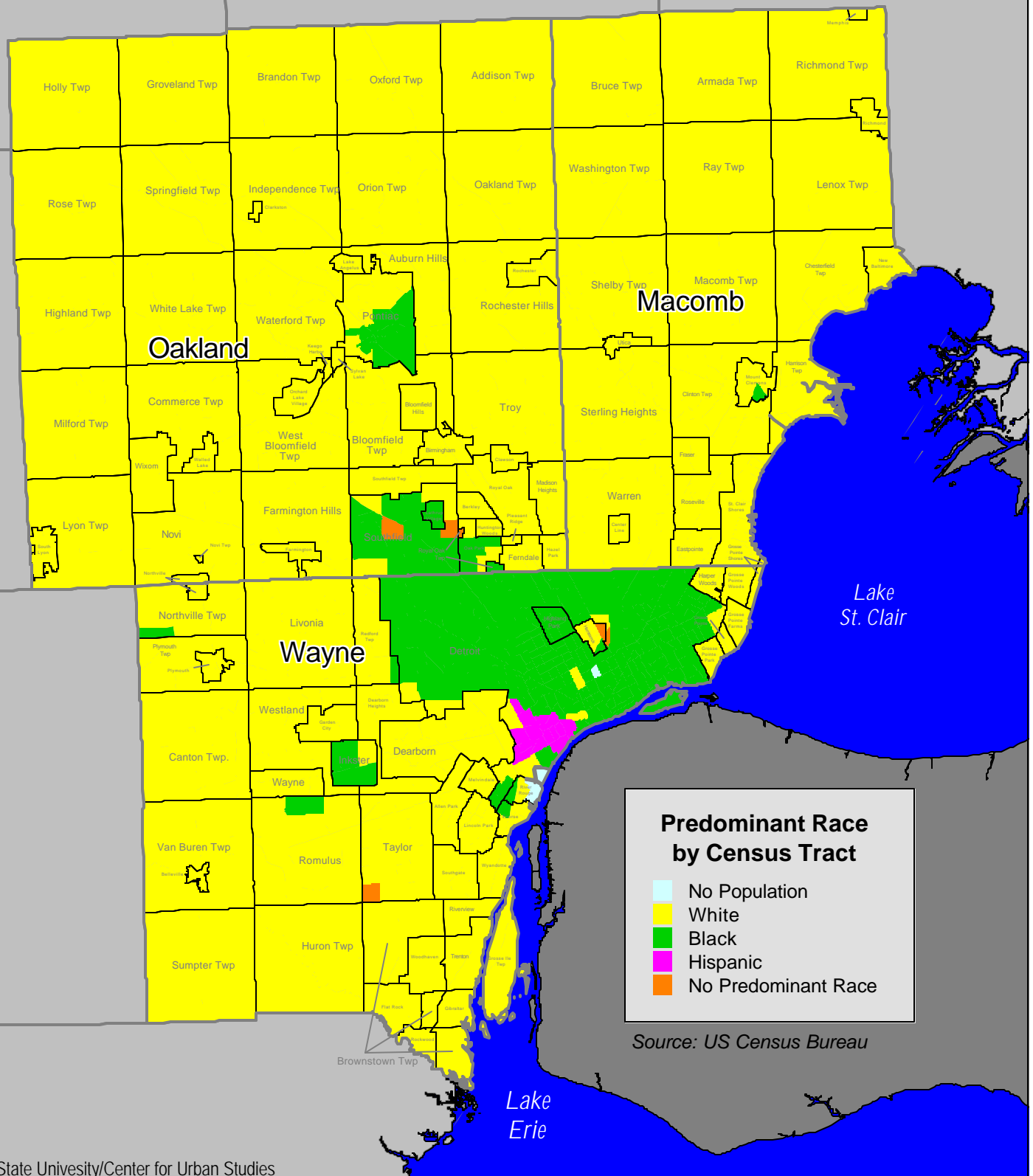
**The six foot high concrete “wailing wall” built to segregate African Americans from a White housing development.**





# Predominant Race by 2000 Census Tract\*

## Metropolitan Detroit Area





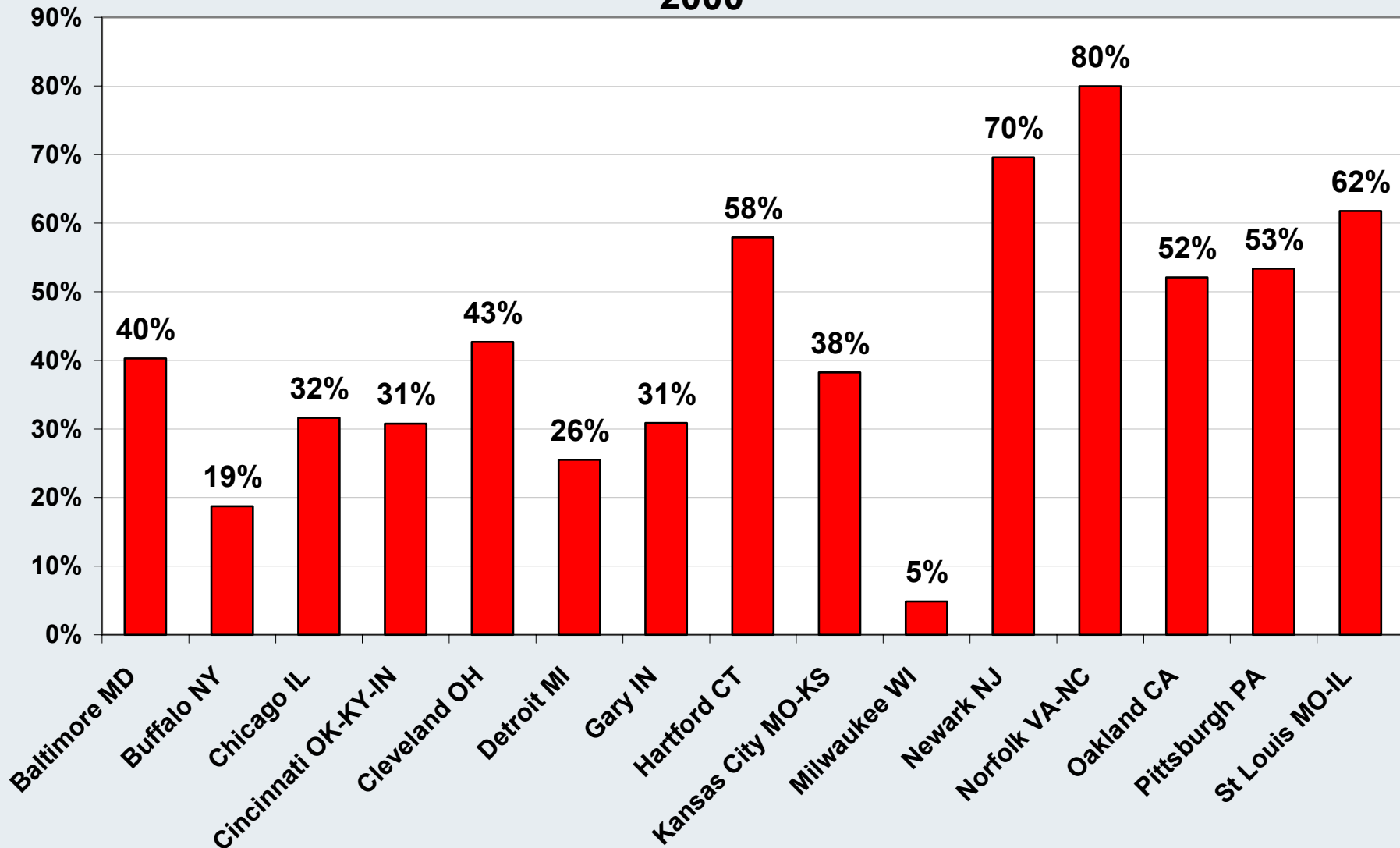
# Black – White Segregation – Ranking of U.S. Metro Areas (out of 318)

Rank	Metro	Rank	
1	Gary, IN	14	Cincinnati, OH
2	<b>Detroit, MI</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Benton Harbor, MI</b>
3	Milwaukee, WI	21	Youngstown-Warren, OH
4	New York, NY	30	Dayton, OH
5	Chicago, IL	36	Toledo, OH
6	Newark, NJ	<b>41</b>	<b>Grand Rapids-Musk., MI</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Flint, MI</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Jackson, MI</b>
8	Buffalo, NY	<b>76</b>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
9	Cleveland-Lorain, OH	<b>143</b>	<b>Lansing-East Lansing, MI</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Saginaw-Bay-Mid, MI</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>Kalamazoo–Battle Crk, MI</b>

Source: 2000 Census



## **% of Region's African American Households in Suburbs in 2000**

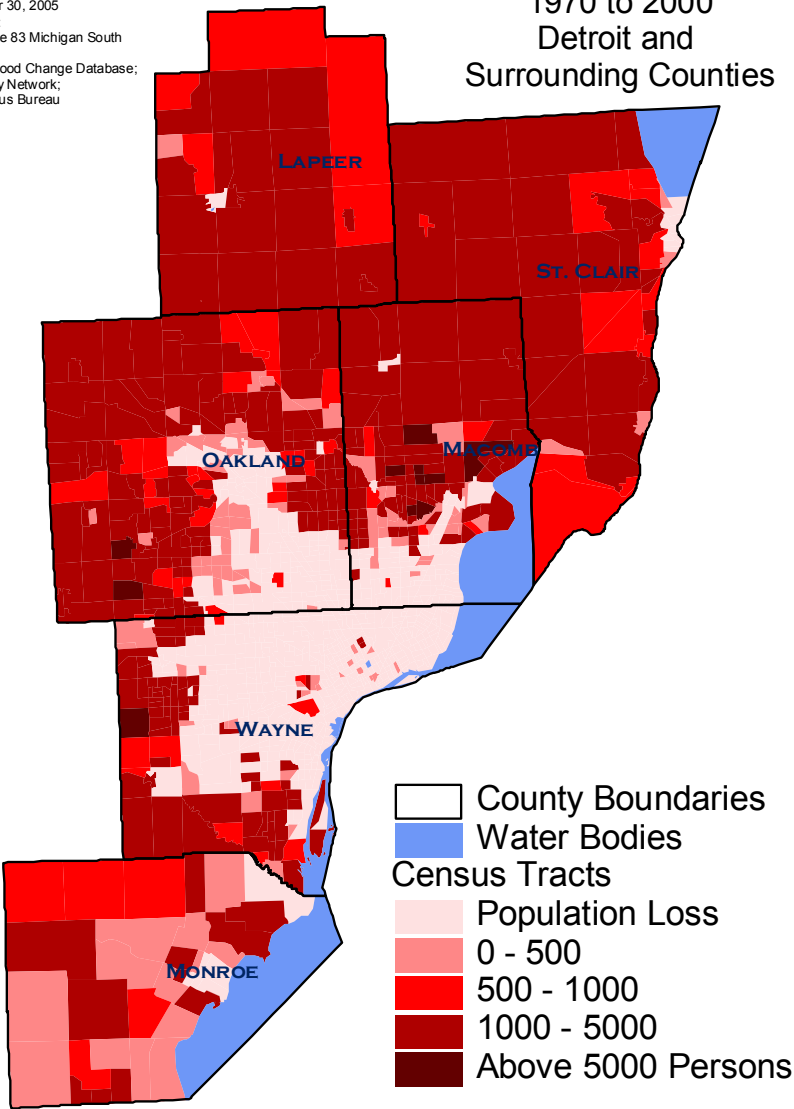


**Source: U.S. Census Data and Mumford Center Data**

Whites have moved throughout the region since 1970, while African Americans have moved primarily to concentrated areas adjacent to the City of Detroit.

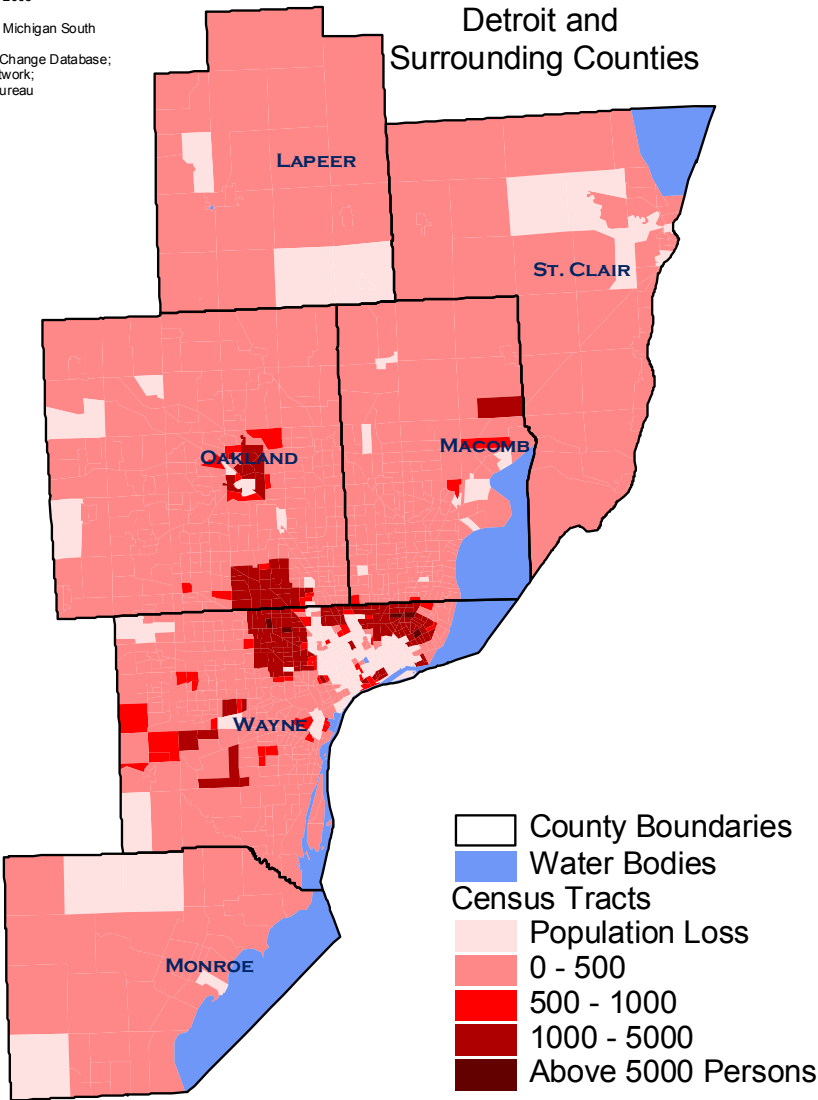
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White Population Change  
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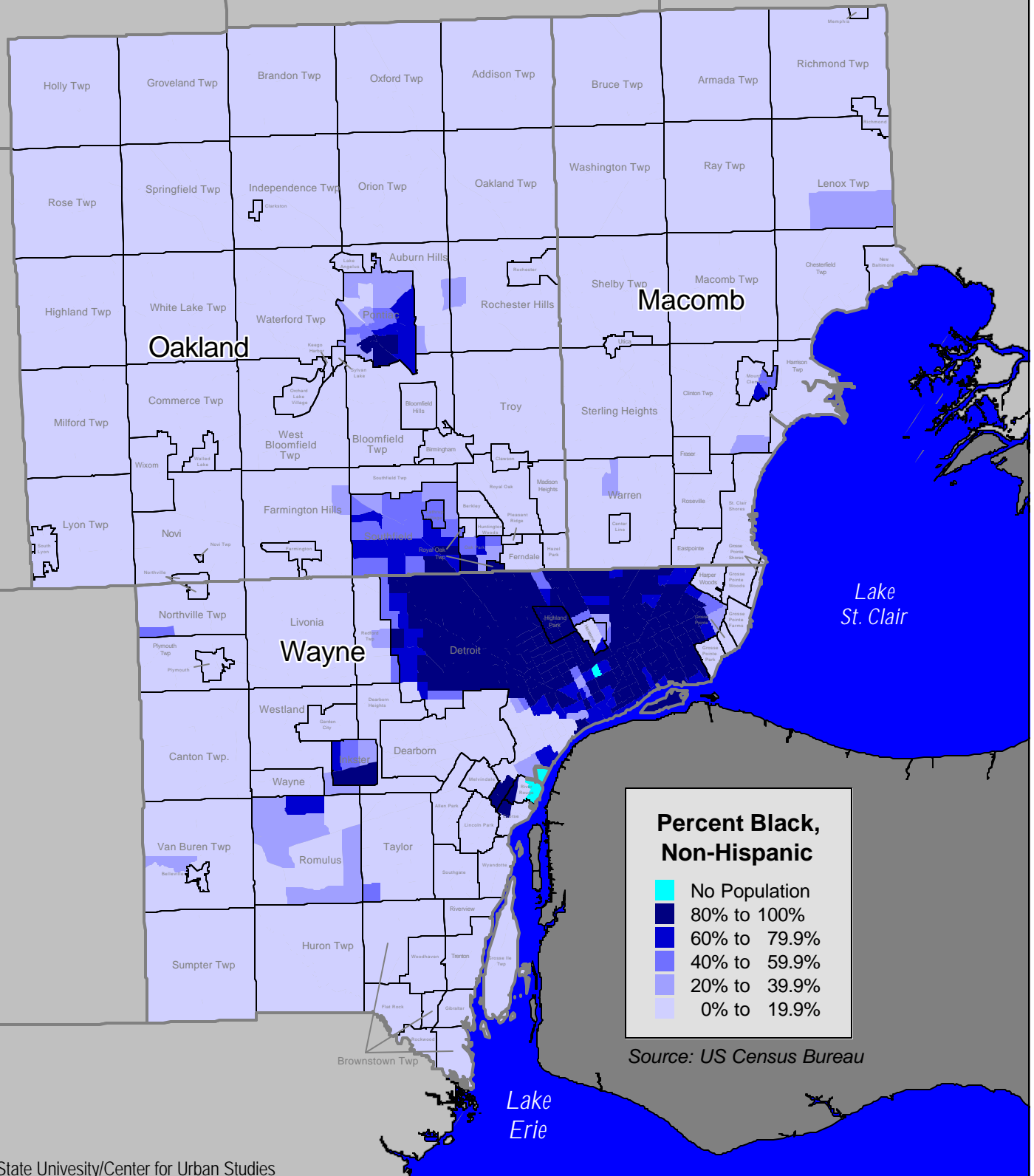
African American Population Change  
1970 to 2000  
Detroit and  
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# The Movement of Minorities to the Suburbs Marked the Decade of the 1990s

	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Multi & Other
Livingston	38,343	48	460	979	1,448
Macomb	34,402	10,838	8,005	4,457	12,841
Monroe	9,203	378	115	1,033	1,620
Oakland	13,452	42,907	24,827	9,369	19,692
St. Clair	14,999	439	205	1,035	1,882
Washtenaw	12,095	7,992	8,779	3,108	7,414
Out-Wayne	- 44,235	21,866	12,970	8,007	26,672
Detroit	- 112,357	- 2,563	1,219	18,694	18,664

# Black Population by 2000 Census Tract Metropolitan Detroit Area



# The Growth of African-Americans in the Suburbs

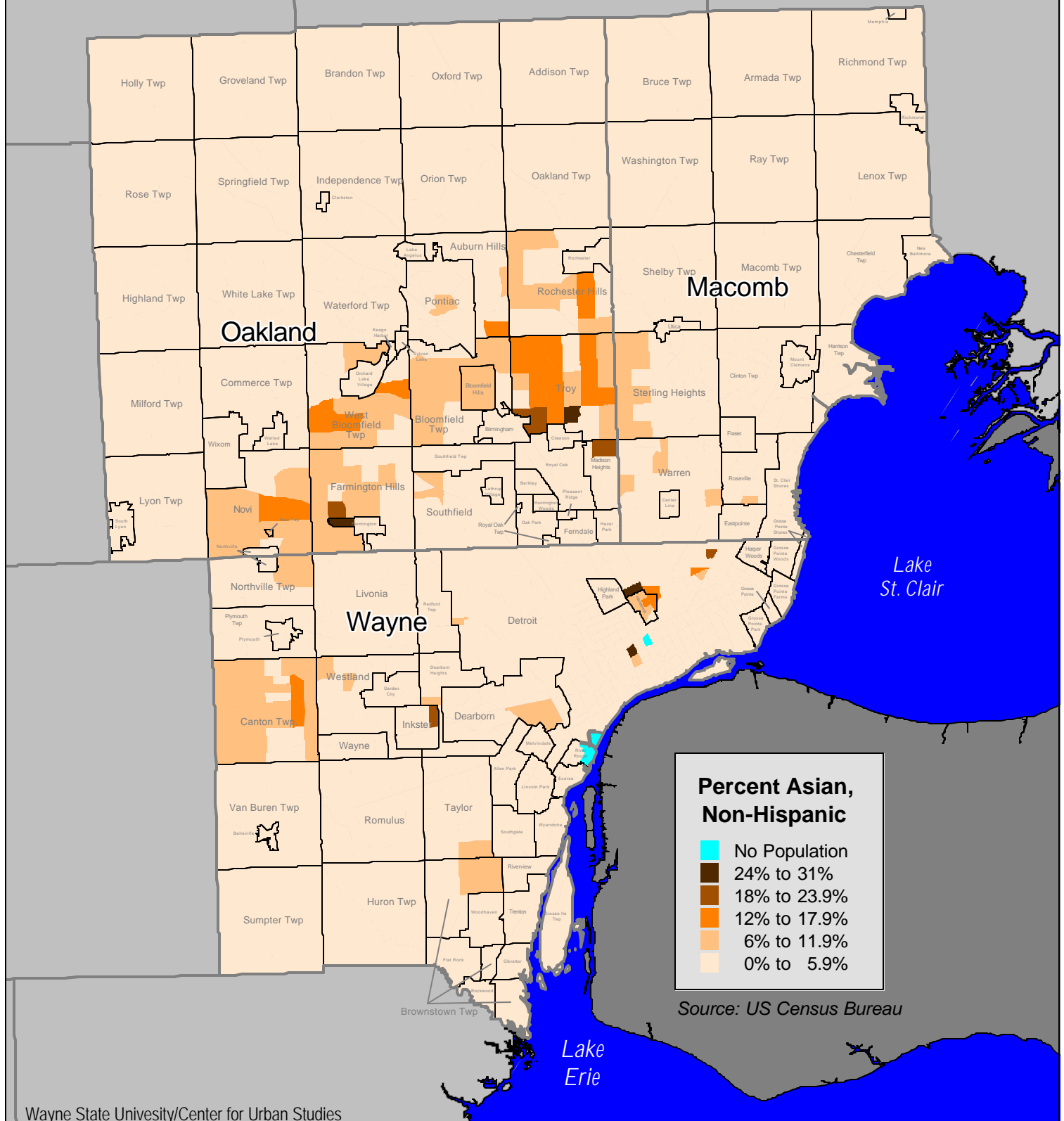
Community	Total Pop Chg	1990	Added
Southfield	2,568	21,871	20,388
Farmington Hls	7,459	1,421	4,260
Redford twp	-2,765	362	4,021
Oak Park	-669	10,385	3,237
Westland	1,878	2,802	3,021
Taylor	-4,943	2,956	2,765
Warren	-6,617	1,033	2,643

# The Growth of African-Americans in the Suburbs

Community	Total Pop Chg	1990	Added
Canton twp	19,326	1,155	2,279
W. Bloomfield twp	10,344	1,065	2,262
Eastpointe	-1,206	87	1,507
Waterford twp	6,458	691	1,356
Harper Woods	-649	132	1,317
Sterling Heights	6,661	466	1,136

# Asian Population by 2000 Census Tract

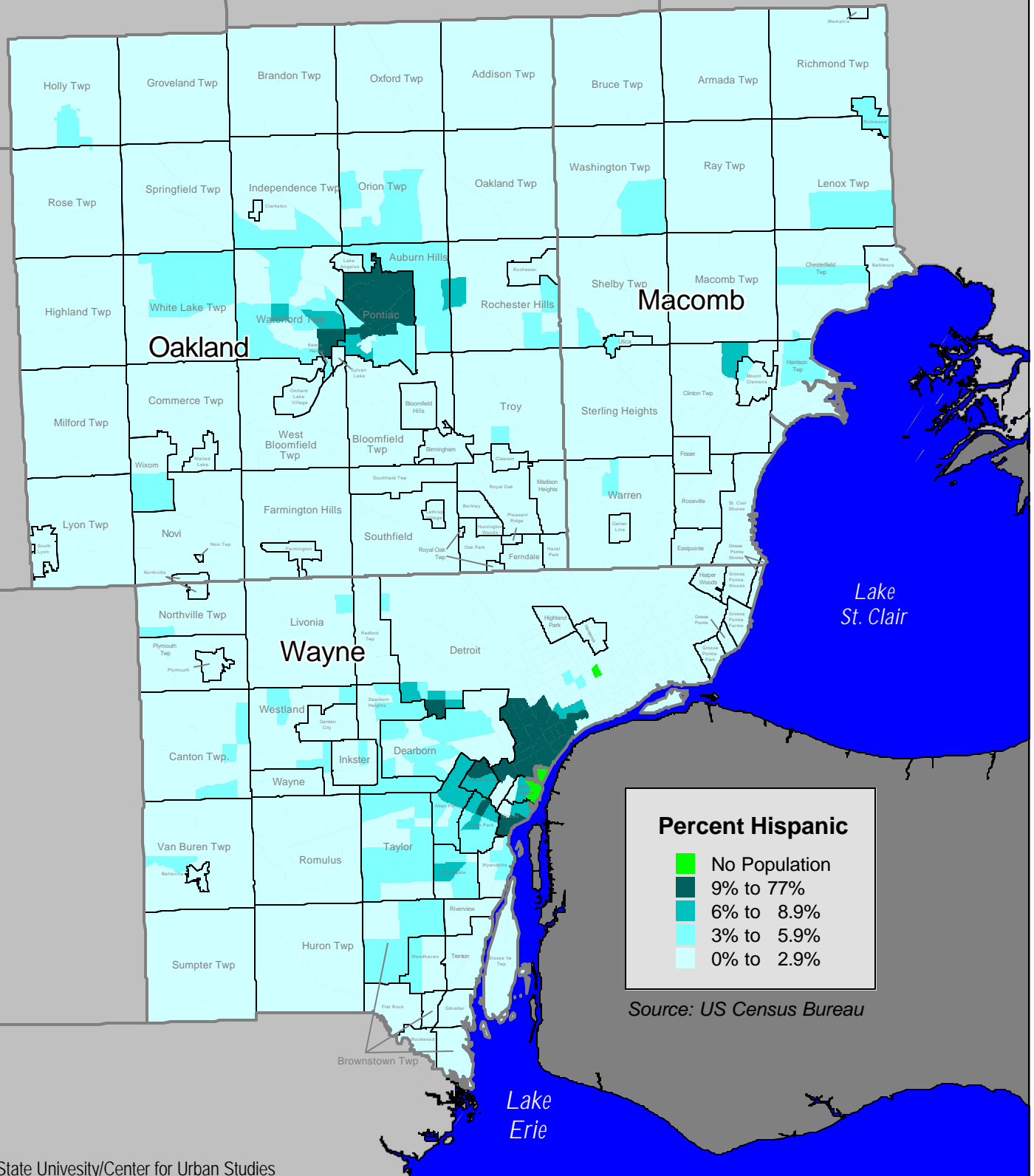
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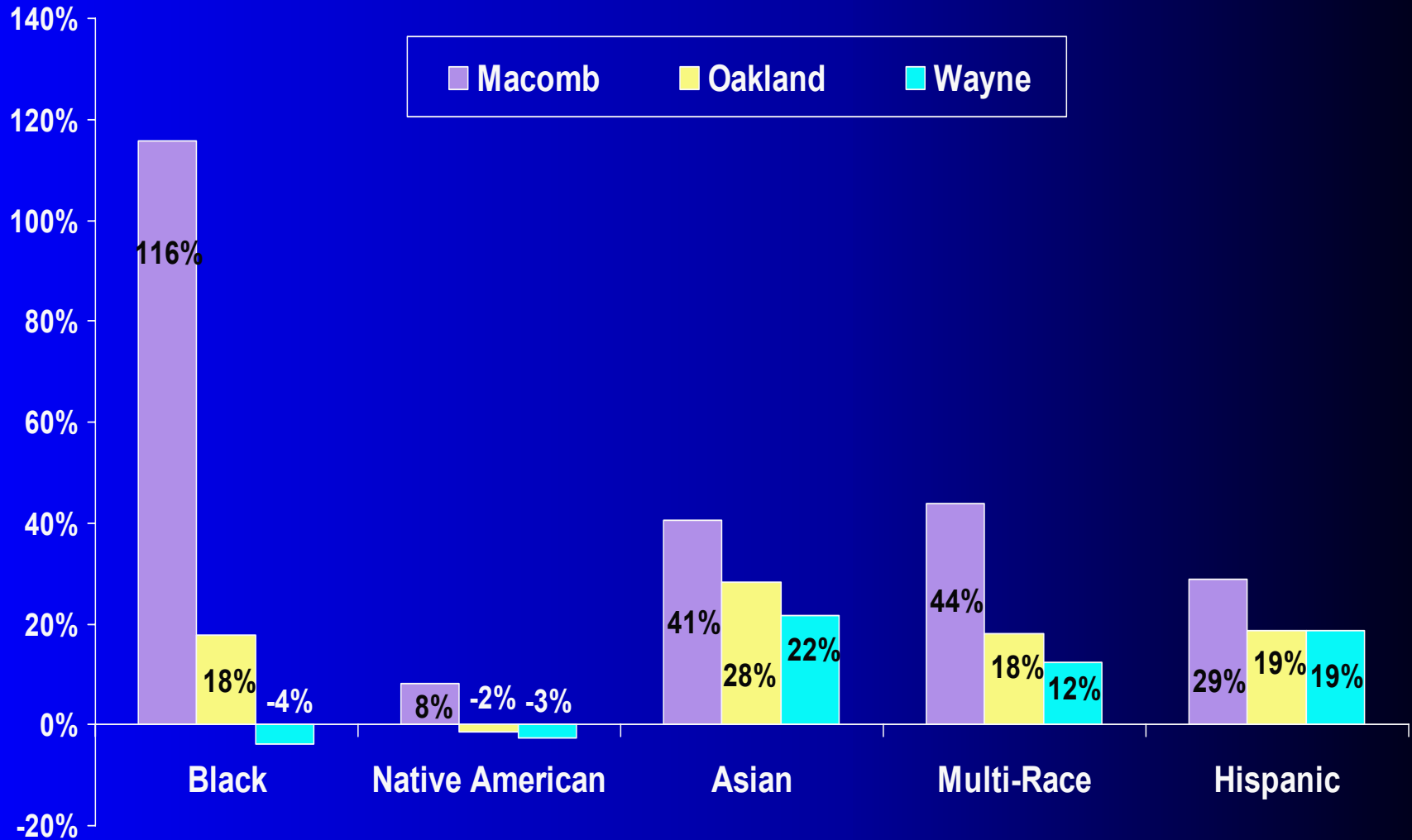


# Hispanic Population by 2000 Census Tract

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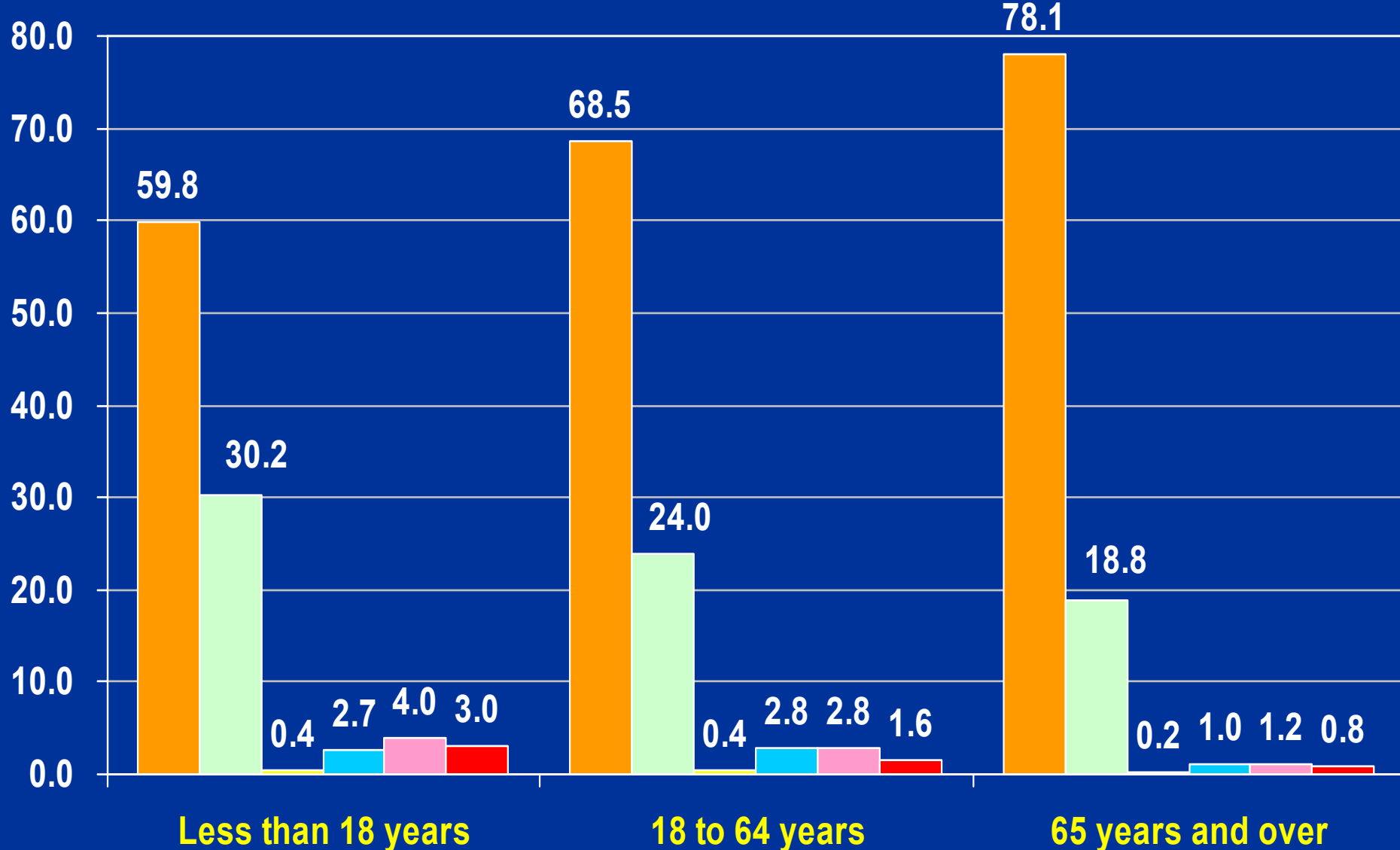
# The Growth and Movement of Persons of Color Throughout the Region Has Increased Since 2000



Source: Census Bureau Estimates

# Southeast Michigan in 2000

% of Population



■ Caucasian

■ Black

■ Native

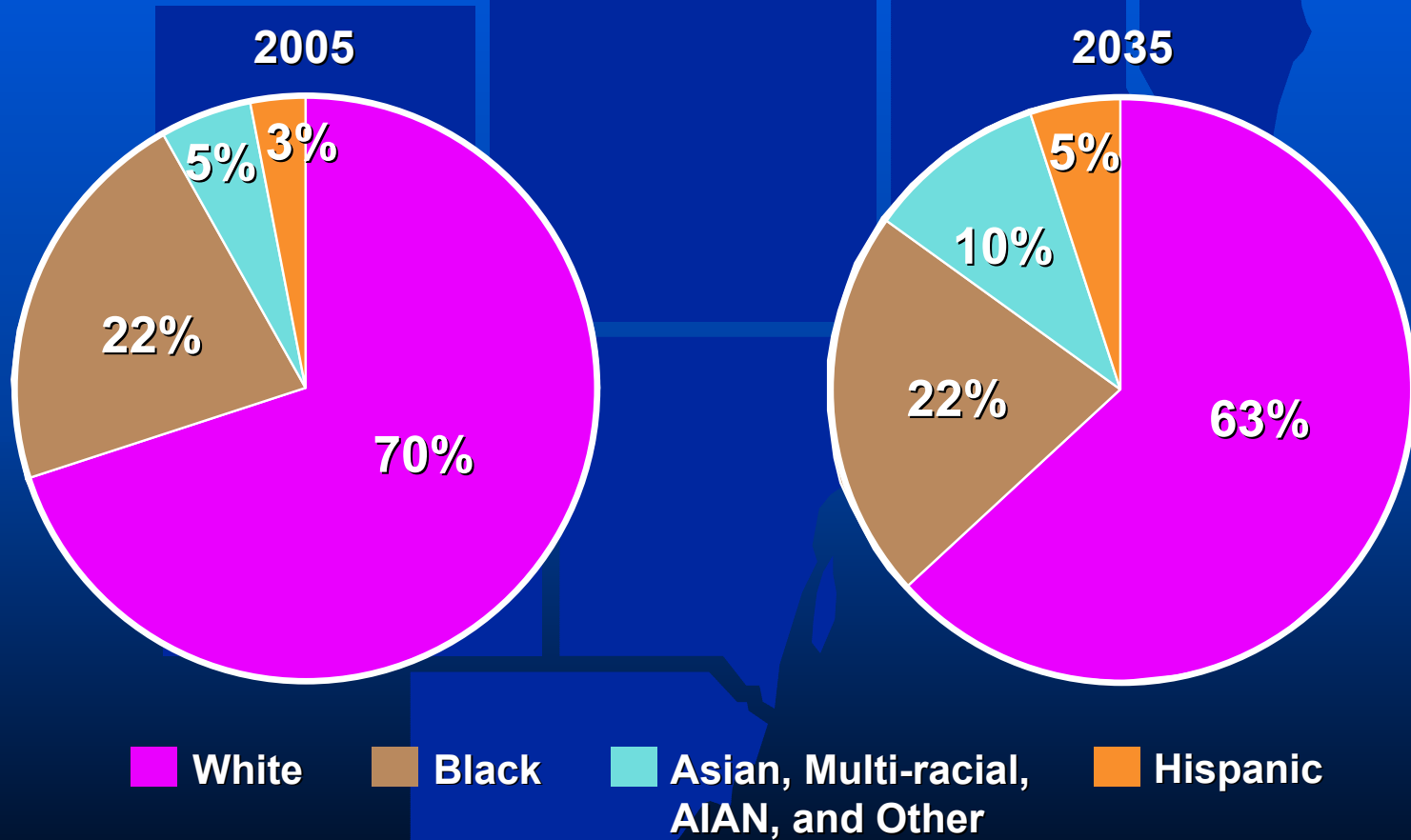
■ Asian

■ Hispanic

■ Other

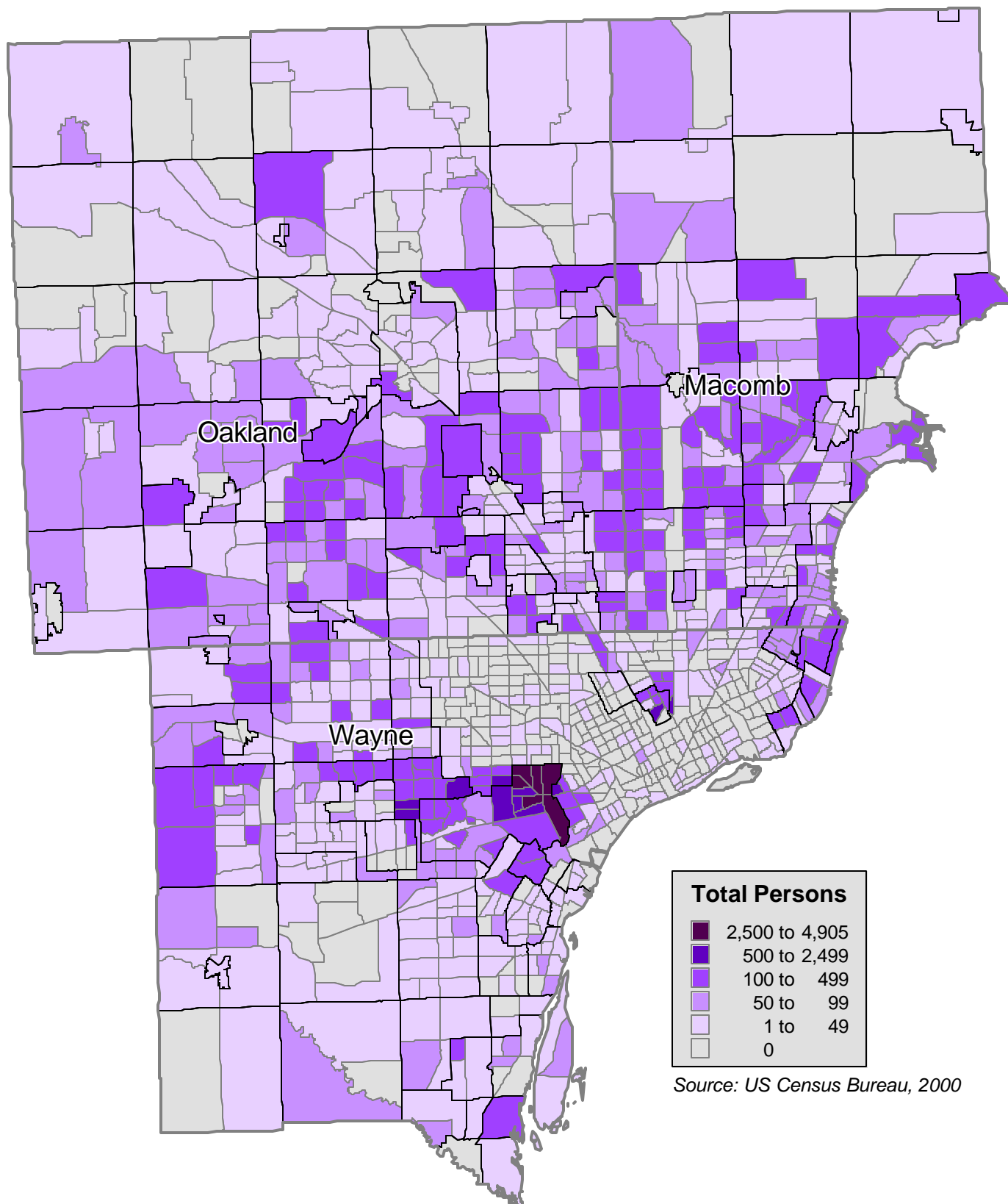
# Race and Hispanic Origin

## Southeast Michigan, 2005 and 2035



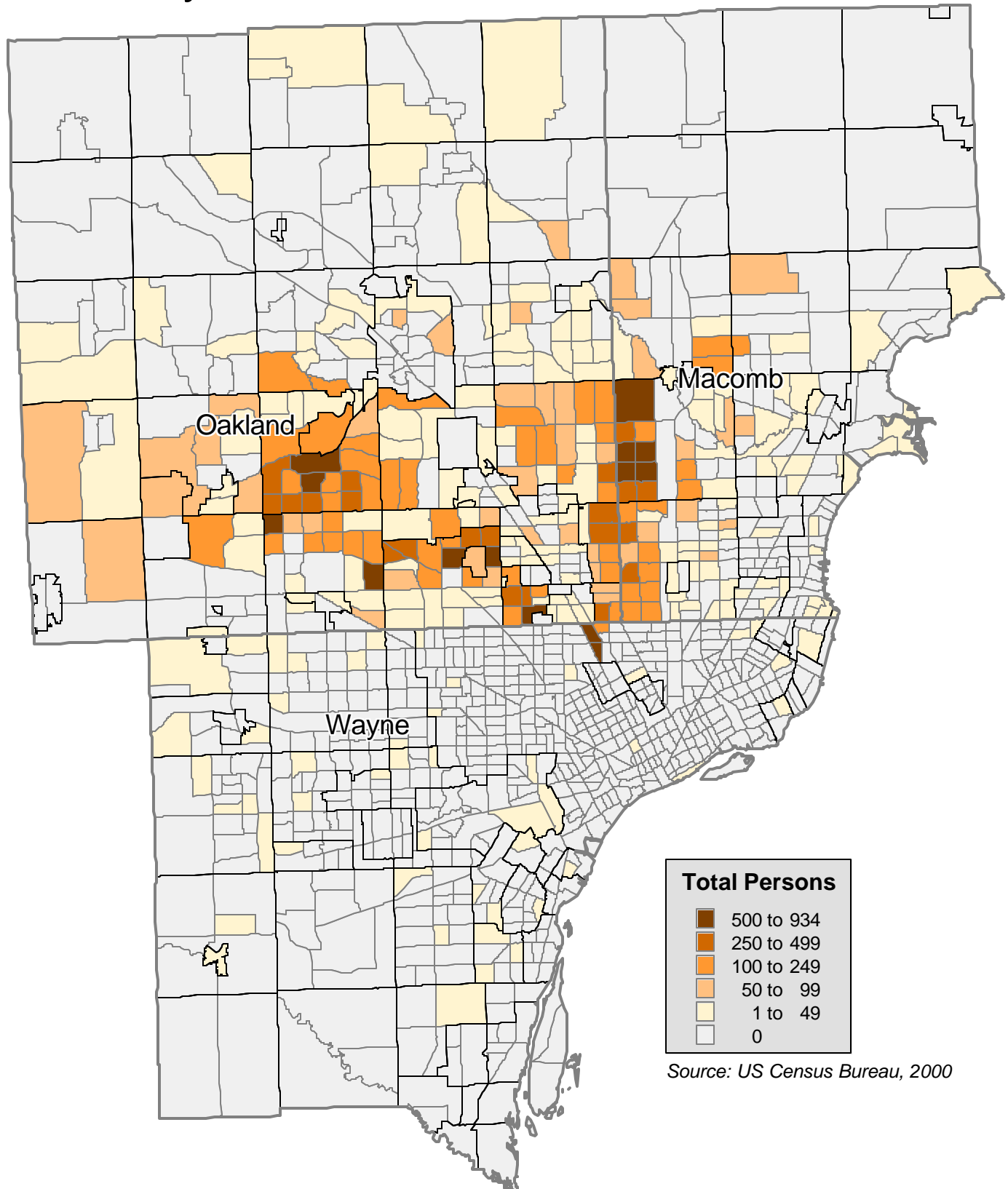
# Persons of Arab Ancestry

## Tri-County Detroit Area



# Persons of Assyrian, Chaldean or Syriac Ancestry

Tri-County Detroit Area



# Arab Americans and Chaldeans, While Not Officially Recognized As Minorities, Represent An Important Segment in the Diversity Landscape of Metro Detroit

	2000 Census Count	Estimate Range *
Total Arab	93,817	281,451 – 328,360
Egyptian	2,169	6,507 – 7,592
Iraqi	10,170	30,510 – 35,595
Jordanian	2,098	6,294 – 7,343
Lebanese	44,329	132,987 – 155,152
Palestinian	3,327	9,981 – 11,645
Syrian	6,326	18,978 – 22,141
Other Arab	25,398	76,194 – 88,893
Chaldean	32,651	97,953 – 114,279

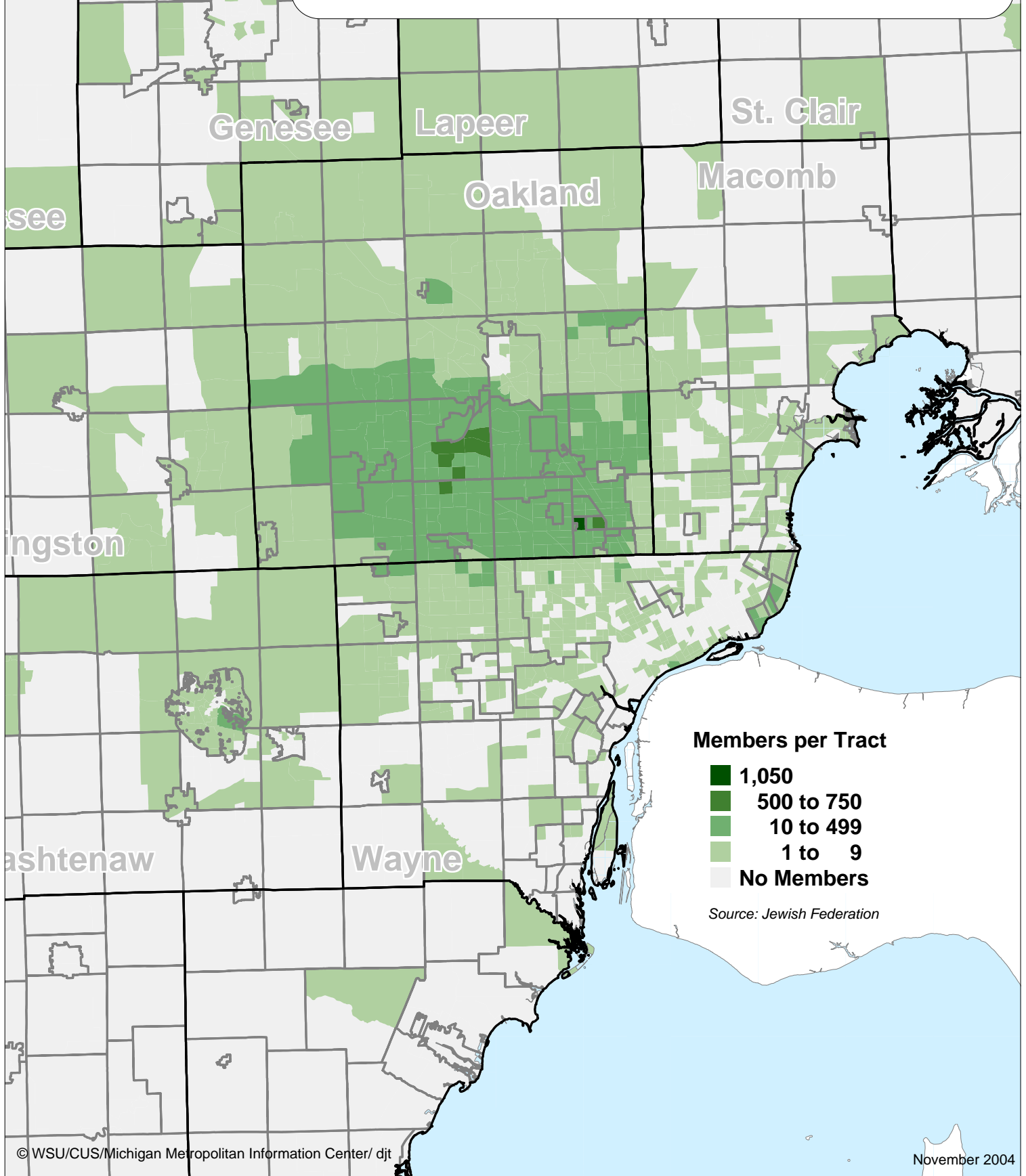
Source: 2000 Census

\* The Arab American Institute estimates an undercount factor of 3.0 – 3.5.



# 2004 Jewish Federation Membership by Census Tract

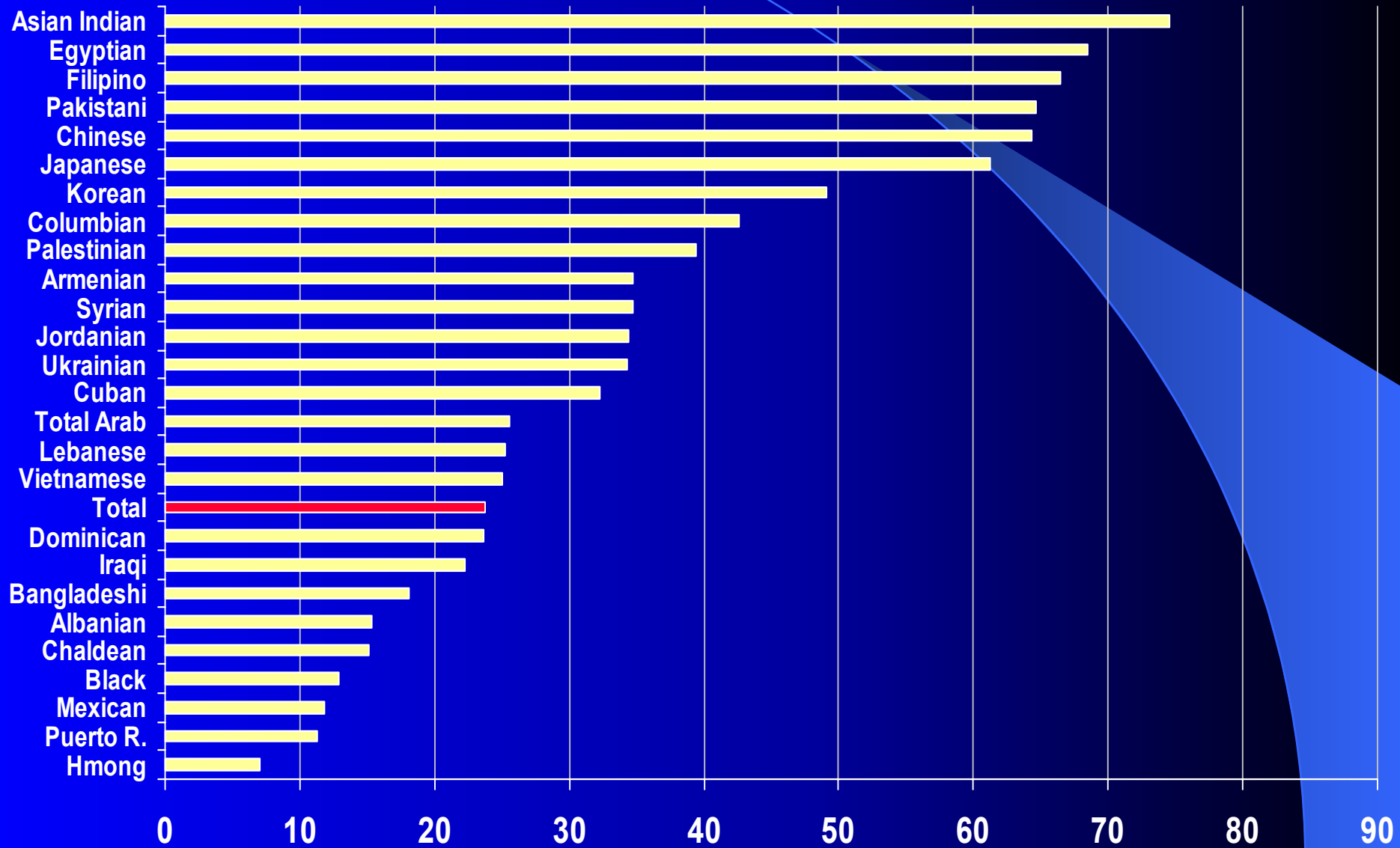
## *Southeast Michigan*



# New Immigrants Had a Large Impact on Southeast Michigan in the 1990s

	Arrived in 1980s	Arrived in 1990s	% of Total Foreign Born
Livingston	333	1,535	33
Macomb	7,119	23,760	34
Monroe	329	940	34
Oakland	20,364	53,009	45
St. Clair	411	1,245	28
Washtenaw	10,101	18,914	57
Wayne	27,177	66,105	48

# College Graduation Rates Range Widely Across Racial and Ethnic Groups



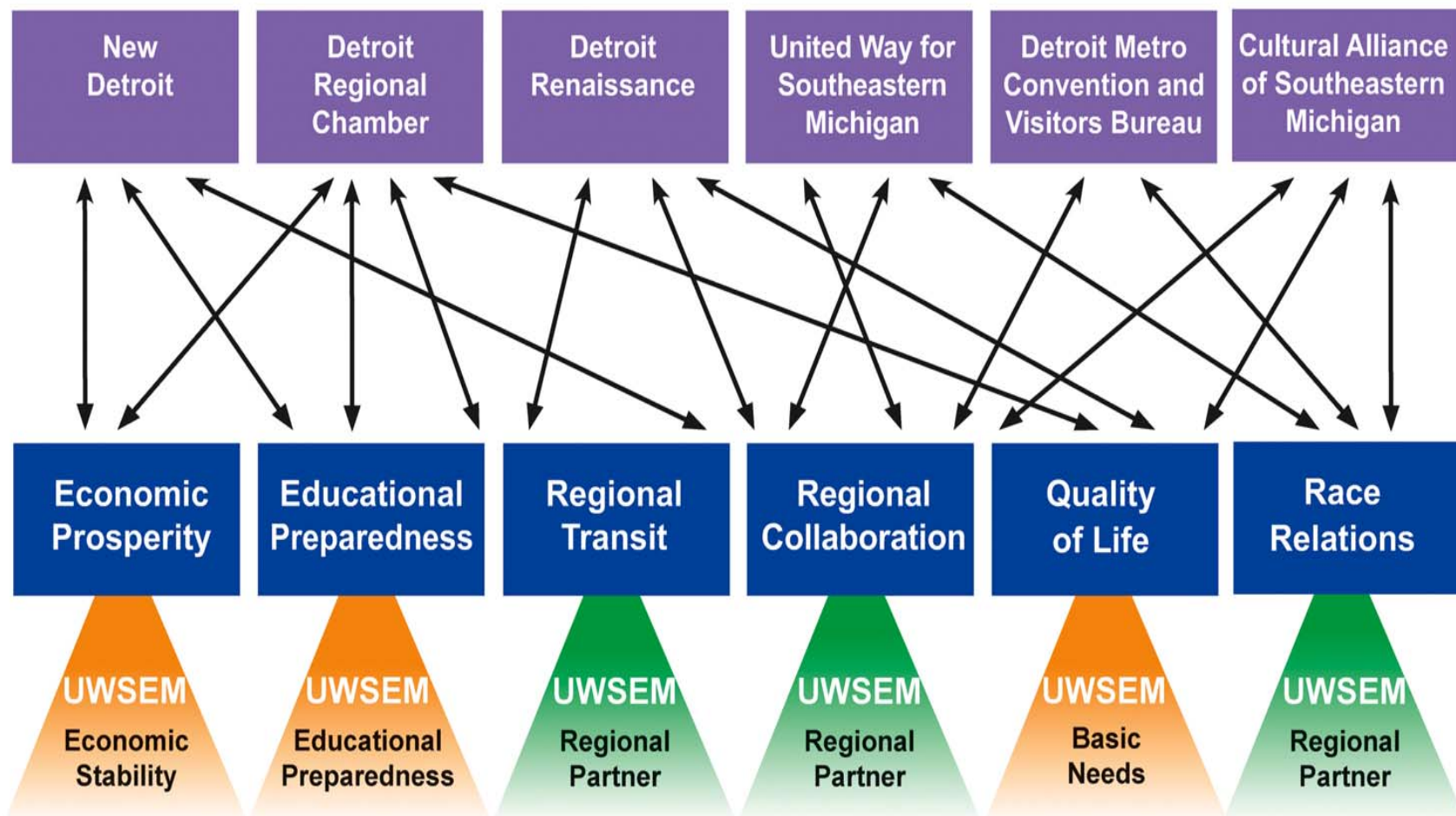
# What Has Accompanied These Changes?

- Concentrated poverty in the City
- Abandonment, disinvestment and vacancy in the City of Detroit
- Extreme segregation
- Greater land consumption with declining population
- Shifting of employment activities to the suburbs
  - The suburbs have about 85% of the region's retail establishments and 87% of the jobs
- Impacts on the economic health of the entire Detroit region

Suburban Job  
Centers in Detroit



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