

The Transit Coefficient  
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# AREAS OF EXPERTISE

## Downtown Revitalization

*Gwinnett County, GA*

*Yonkers, NY*

*Albuquerque, NM*

*Houston, TX*

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*Washington, D.C.*

## Transit-Oriented Development

*Washington, D.C. Streetcar System*

*Houston Intermodal Station*

*Charlotte, NC Transit System*

*Washington, D.C. MetroRail Extension*

## Corridor Planning

*Great Streets Initiative – St. Louis, MO*

*Great Streets Initiative – Washington, D.C.*

*Memorial Drive – DeKalb County, GA*

*Richmond Highway – Fairfax, VA*

*City of Oceanside – Oceanside, CA*

## Affordable Housing

*Terwilliger Center for Workforce Housing*

*Unidev, LLC*

*NCB Capital Impact*

## Industrial City Turnaround

*Cincinnati, OH*

*Yonkers, NY*

*Indianapolis, IN*

*Buffalo, NY*

## Metropolitan Growth Strategies

*Superstition Vistas – Arizona*

*Envision San Diego – San Diego, CA*

*Envision Utah – Wasatch Valley, UT*

## Town Centers

*Reston Town Center (DC)*

*Lenexa City Center (KS)*

*Easton Town Center (Columbus)*

## Public Private Partnerships

*Big Darby Town Center – Columbus, OH*

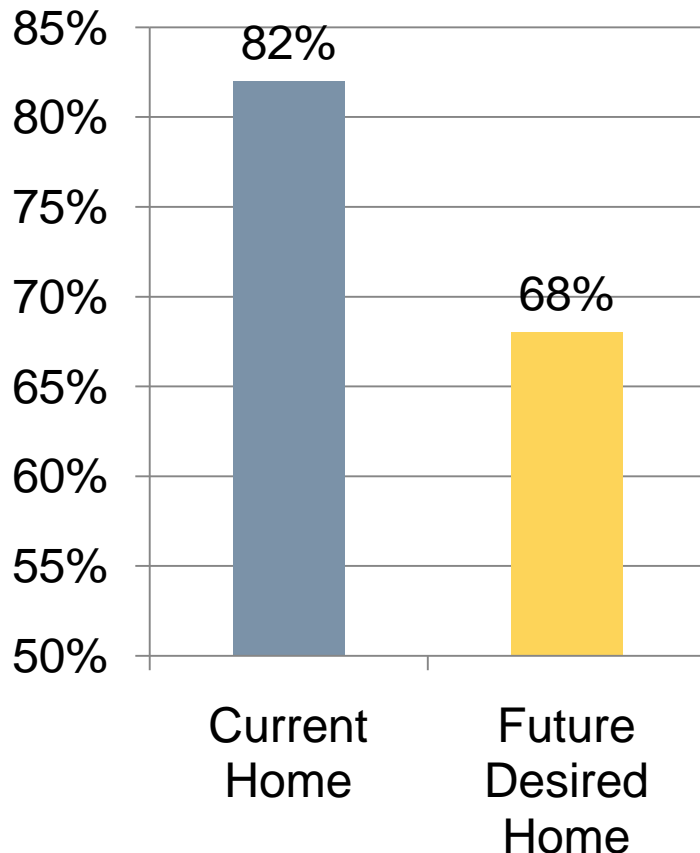
*Great Streets – St. Louis, MO*

*Mt. Vernon Square, Washington, D.C.*

# THE STORY REMAINS THE SAME

## PRE-RECESSION ~~ POST-RECESSION

### Preference for Single-Family Detached Home



- 23% of respondents 55-59 years of age most likely to purchase small-lot single family detached (14% of those 60+ and 13% of those 50-54 do, as well)
- Family and pre-family buyers distributed between increased preference for townhome or condo products and custom homes

Source: RCLCO 2007



# The NAR Survey and Transit Oriented Development

# WHAT DOES THE REALTORS SURVEY SAY?

## EXPLORING PREFERENCES FOR TRANSIT

18. In deciding where to live, indicate how important it would be to you to have each of the following within an easy walk: very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important RANDOMIZE a-j AND PUT CODES ACROSS THE TOP

(Q18a) a. Schools

(Q18b) b. Grocery store

(Q18c) c. Pharmacy or drug store

(Q18d) d. Doctors' offices

(Q18e) e. Cultural resources like libraries or theaters

(Q18f) f. Recreational facilities like swimming, golf, or tennis

(Q18g) g. A hospital

(Q18h) h. (SPLIT SAMPLE COMBINED) Public transportation by (bus/rail)

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**(Q18h\_b) h. (SPLIT SAMPLE B) Public transportation by rail**

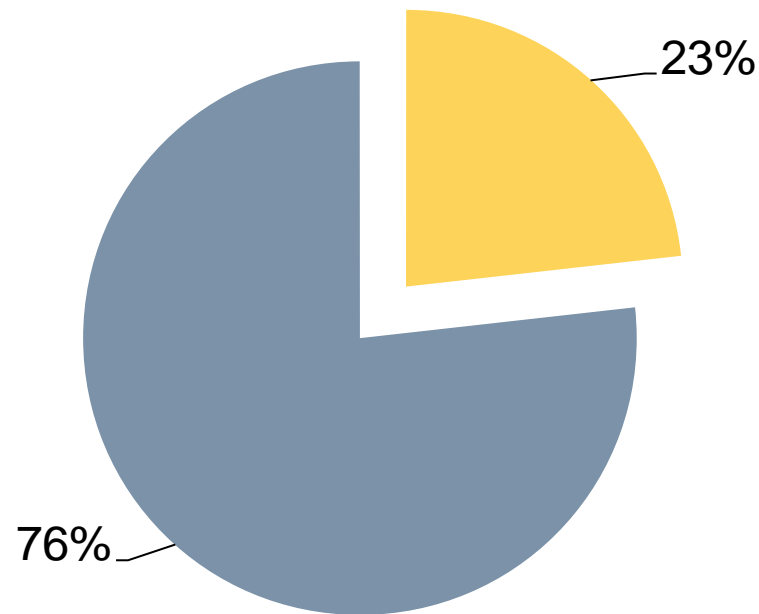
(Q18i) i. Restaurants

(Q18j) j. Church, synagogue, or other place of worship

Source: National Association of REALTORS,  
2011, RCLCO

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## ONE QUARTER OF THE MARKET WANTS FIXED RAIL TRANSIT



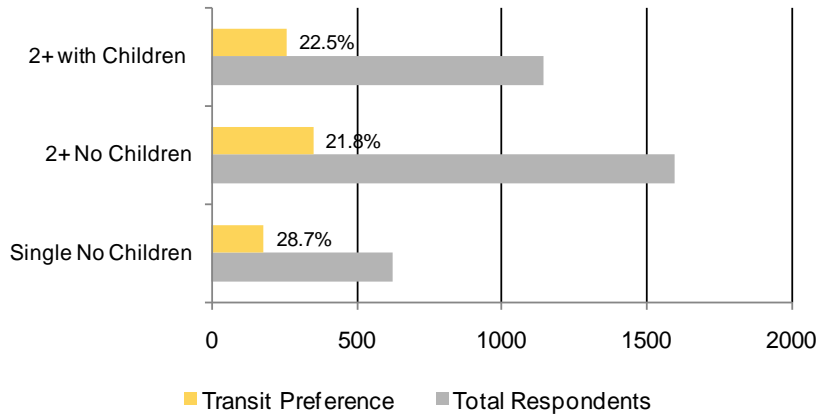
- Households with preference for Fixed Rail Transit
- Households without preference for Fixed Rail Transit

Source: National Association of REALTORS,  
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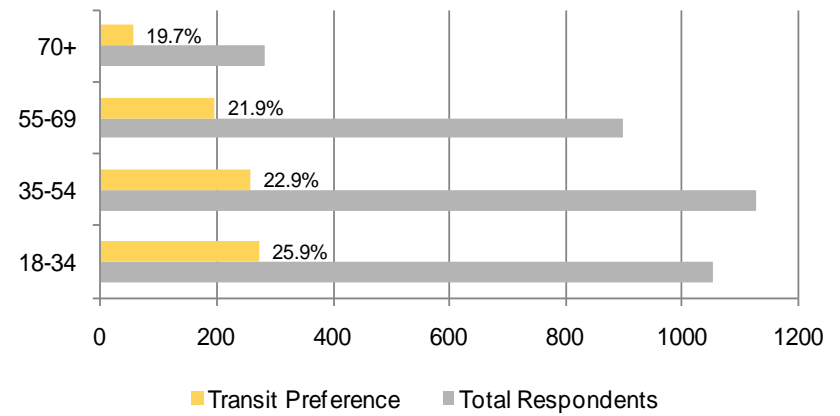
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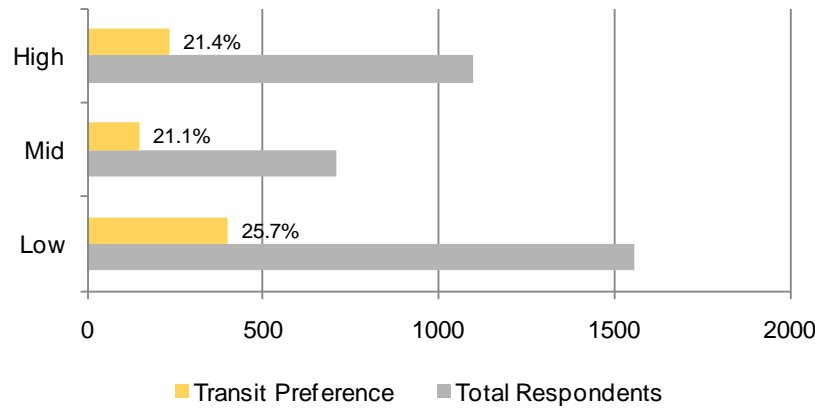
Preference by Household Type



Preference by Age Group



Preference by Income Level

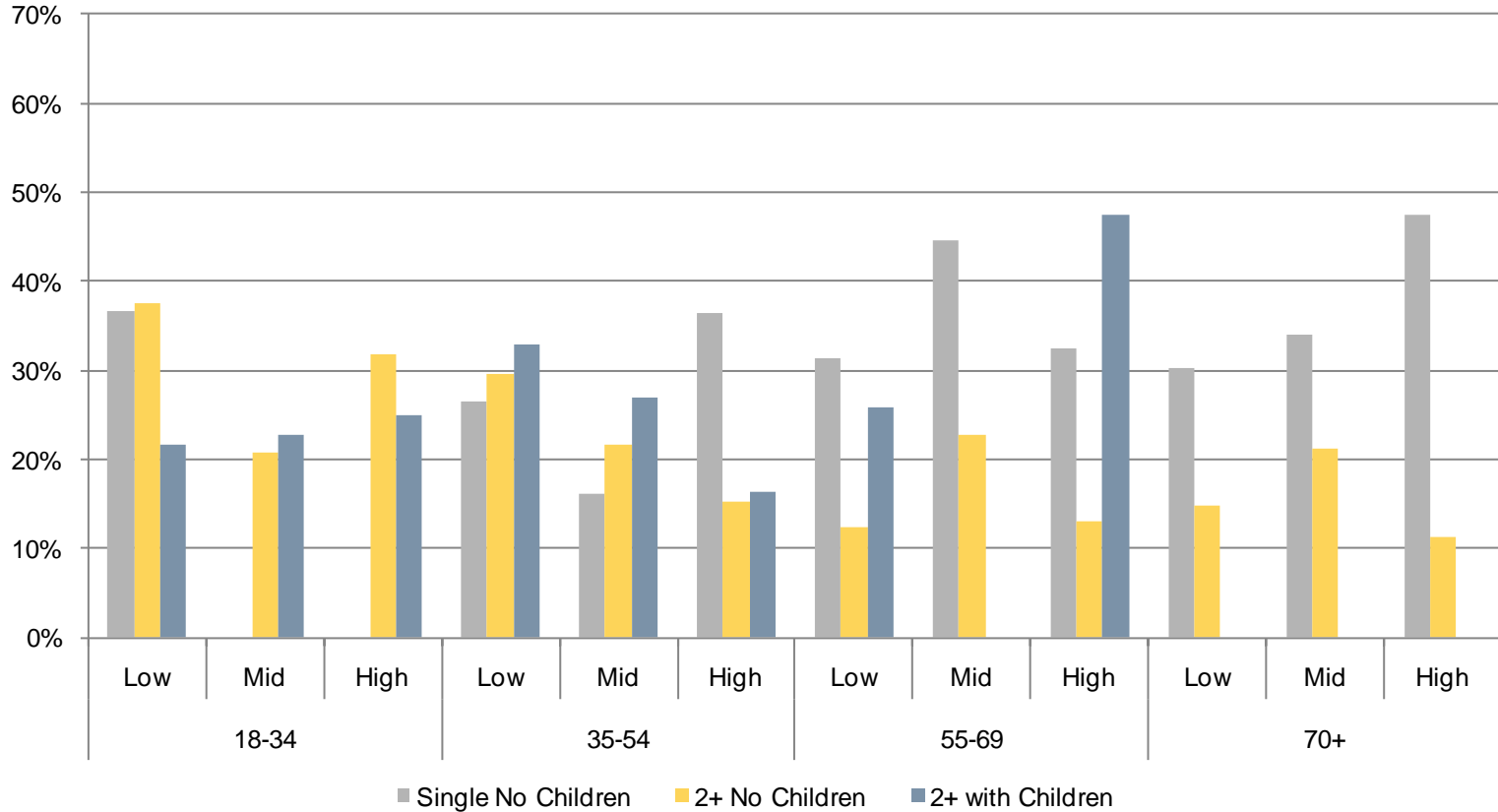


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# WHAT DOES THE SURVEY SAY?

## PREFERENCES IN METRO AREAS WITHOUT RAIL TRANSIT

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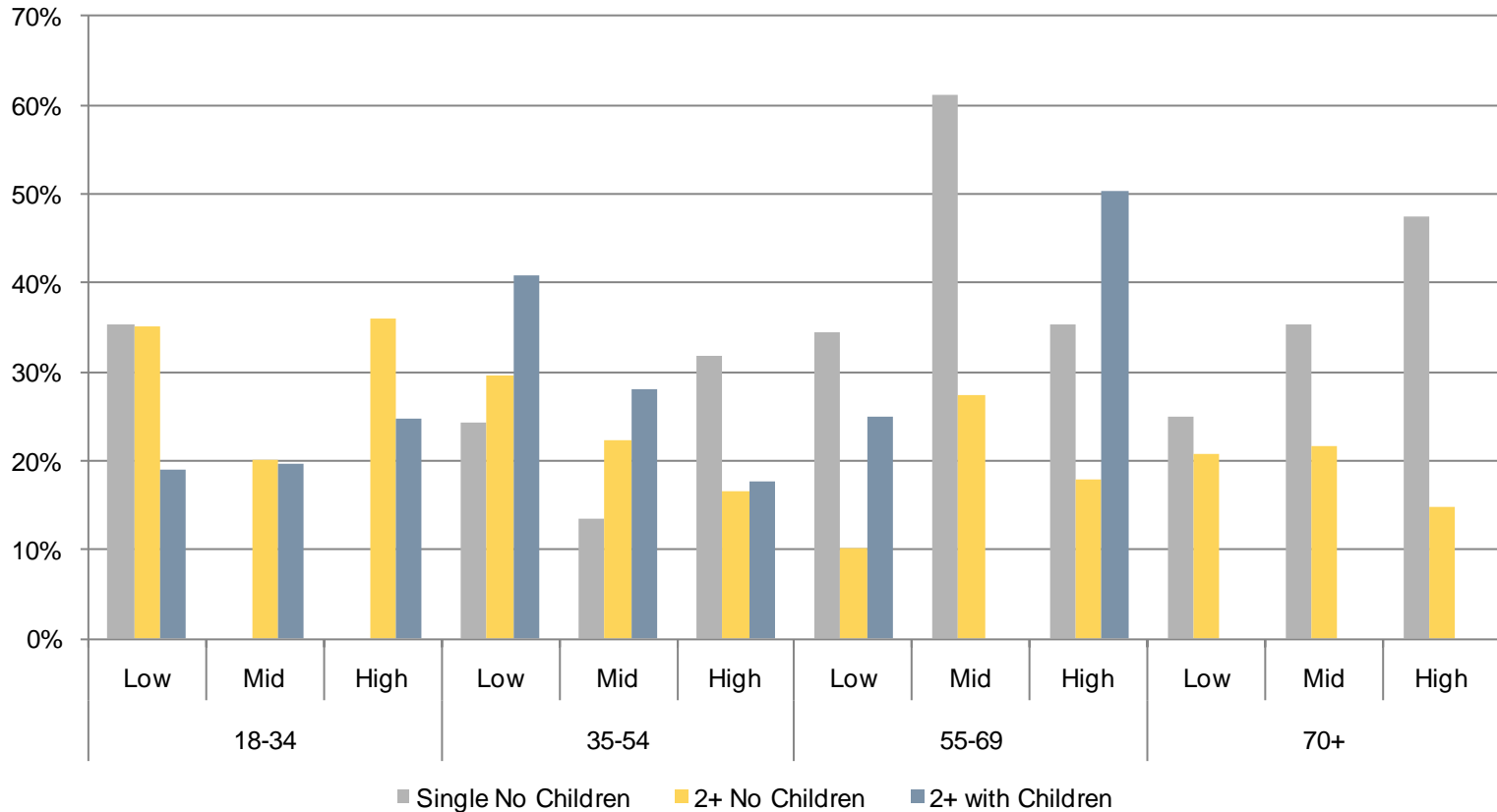


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So, Who Are These Transit People, Anyway?

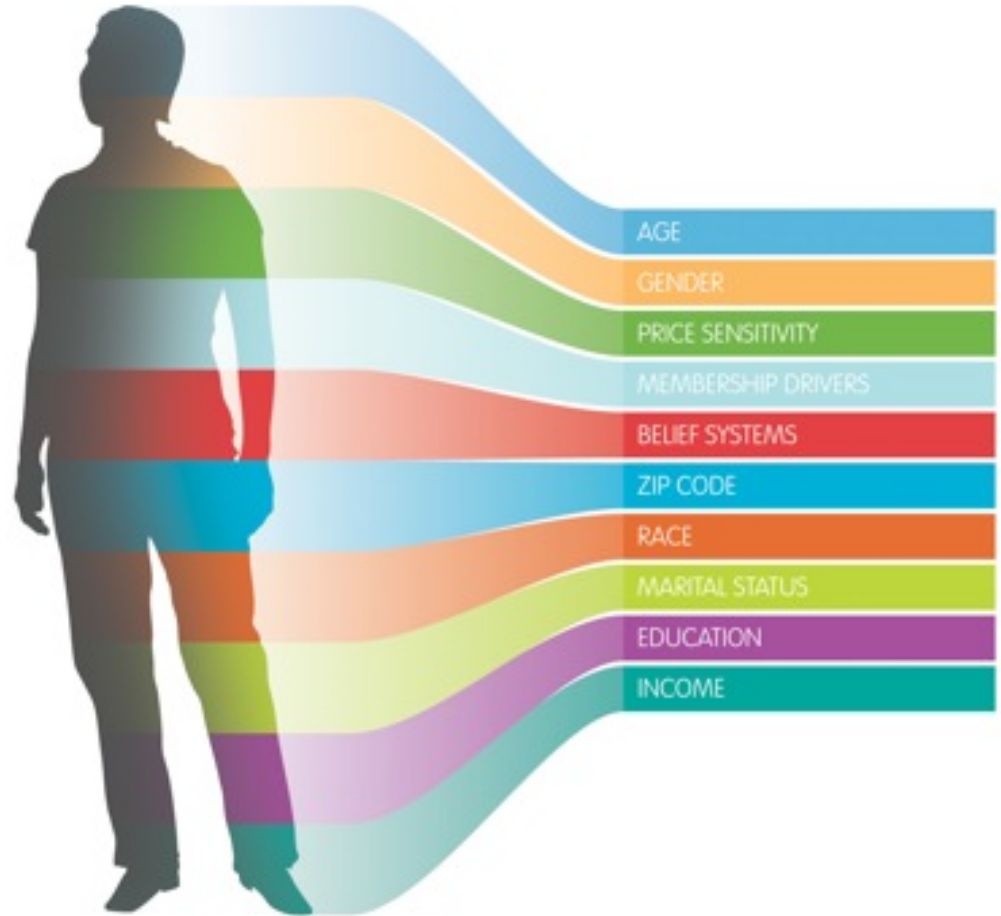
# PSYCHOGRAPHICS 101

## UNDERSTANDING THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE NUMBERS

### **Psychographic analysis**

describes categorization driven by personality, values, attitudes, interests, or lifestyles.

It can be contrasted with demographic variables (such as age and gender), behavioral variables (such as usage rate or loyalty), and firmographic variables (such as industry, seniority and functional area).



# TRANSIT-ORIENTED CONSUMER SEGMENTS

## LIKELY SUSPECTS ARE YOUNG, SINGLE, MOBILE

### 08 Laptops and Lattes



L4 Solo Acts  
 U1 Principal Urban Centers I  
 Singles; Shared  
 38.1  
 Upper Middle  
 Prof/Mgmt  
 Bach/Grad Degree  
 Multiunit Rentals  
 White

Foreign travel  
 Trade stocks/bonds/funds online  
 Shop at Banana Republic  
 Watch Independent Film Channel  
 Leased last vehicle

### 22 Metropolitans



L3 Metropolis  
 U3 Metro Cities I  
 Singles; Shared  
 37.1  
 Middle  
 Prof/Mgmt  
 Some College; Bach/Grad  
 Single Family; Multiunits  
 White

Visit zoo; museum  
 Have personal line of credit  
 Go roller-blading  
 Listen to classical, news/talk radio  
 Own/Lease station wagon

### 27 Metro Renters



L4 Solo Acts  
 U1 Principal Urban Centers I  
 Singles; Shared  
 33.6  
 Middle  
 Prof/Mgmt  
 Bach/Grad Degree  
 Multiunit Rentals  
 White; Asian

Travel by plane frequently  
 Track investments online  
 Surf Internet/Shop online  
 Watch *Style*; read fashion magazines  
 Rent car from Avis

### 16 Enterprising Professionals



L2 Upscale Avenues  
 U3 Metro Cities I  
 Mixed  
 32.4  
 Upper Middle  
 Prof/Mgmt  
 Some College; Bach/Grad  
 Multiunits; Townhome  
 White; Asian

Practice yoga  
 Trade stocks/bonds/funds online  
 Shop online  
 Read computer magazines  
 Own/Lease Honda

### 23 Trendsetters



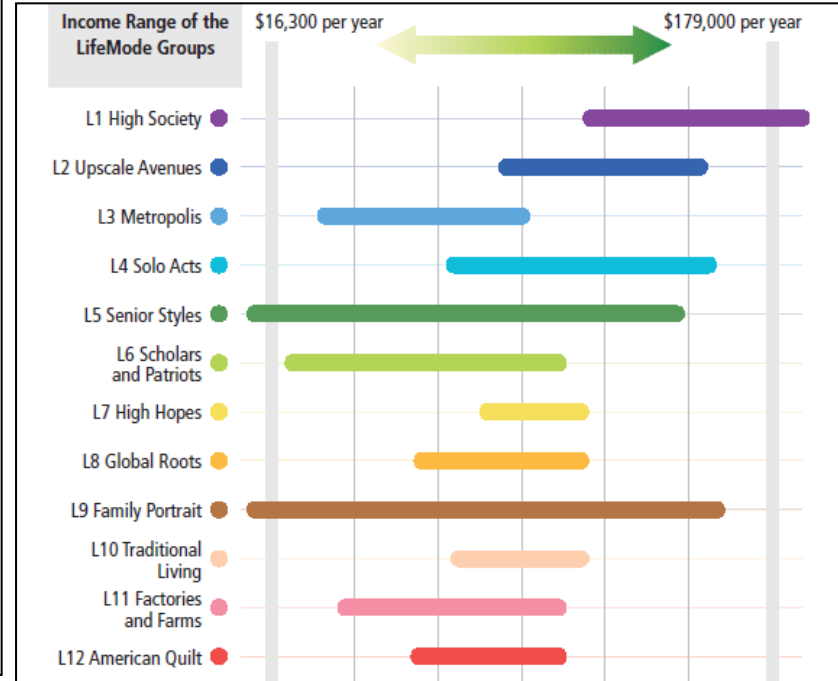
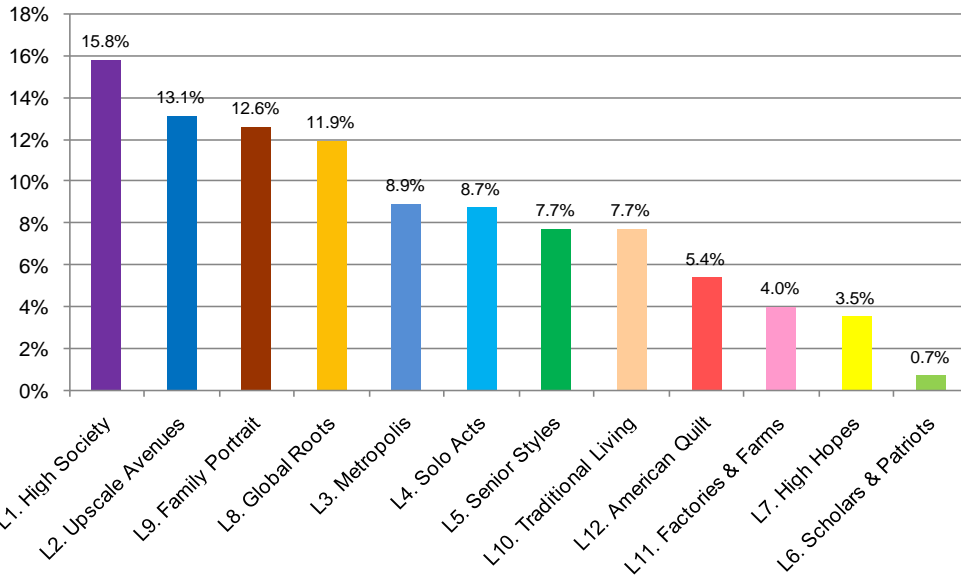
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 Singles; Shared  
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 Middle  
 Prof/Mgmt  
 Some College; Bach/Grad  
 Multiunit Rentals  
 White; Asian; Hispanic

Practice snorkeling, yoga  
 Use Fidelity brokerage firm  
 Own latest electronics—MP3s, plasma TVs  
 Watch *Access Hollywood* on TV  
 Own/Lease Toyota

Source: ESRI

# TRANSIT-ORIENTED CONSUMER SEGMENTS BUT ACTUAL SEGMENTS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT

Tapestry Segment Response %



One quarter of the total TOD demand comes from non-traditional sources - *SUV drivers who live beyond the traditional “urban” areas who have bought into a transportation trap.*


How likely will we be in luring back into higher-density environs that transportation modeling suggests is transit-supportive?

# TAPESTRY SEGMENTATION BY LIFEMODE

## “HIGH SOCIETY”: TOP SURVEY RESPONDENT CATEGORIES


**01 Top Rung**

Segment Code .....01  
 Segment Name .....Top Rung  
 LifeMode Summary Group .....L1 High Society  
 Urbanization Summary Group .....U3 Metro Cities I




**02 Suburban Splendor**

Segment Code .....02  
 Segment Name .....Suburban Splendor  
 LifeMode Summary Group .....L1 High Society  
 Urbanization Summary Group .....U7 Suburban Periphery I




**04 Boomburbs**

Segment Code .....04  
 Segment Name .....Boomburbs  
 LifeMode Summary Group .....L1 High Society  
 Urbanization Summary Group .....U5 Urban Outskirts I




**03 Connoisseurs**

Segment Code .....03  
 Segment Name .....Connoisseurs  
 LifeMode Summary Group .....L1 High Society  
 Urbanization Summary Group .....U3 Metro Cities I




**05 Wealthy Seaboard Suburbs**

Segment Code .....05  
 Segment Name .....Wealthy Seaboard Suburbs  
 LifeMode Summary Group .....L1 High Society  
 Urbanization Summary Group .....U3 Metro Cities I




**06 Sophisticated Squires**

Segment Code .....06  
 Segment Name .....Sophisticated Squires  
 LifeMode Summary Group .....L1 High Society  
 Urbanization Summary Group .....U7 Suburban Periphery I



**07 Exurbanites**

Segment Code .....07  
 Segment Name .....Exurbanites  
 LifeMode Summary Group .....L1 High Society  
 Urbanization Summary Group .....U7 Suburban Periphery I



### LIFEMODE SEGMENT L1: HIGH SOCIETY

Affluent and well-educated

Represent approximately 12% of US households

Generate nearly 25% of total US income

Professional/management positions

Most households are married couple families living in affluent neighborhoods, with a median home value of \$320,000

One of least ethnically diverse groups, but one of the fastest growing

Travel extensively

Source: ESRI

# TAPESTRY SEGMENTATION BY LIFEMODE

## “UPSCALE AVENUES”: TOP SURVEY RESPONDENT CATEGORY

<p><b>09 Urban Chic</b></p> <p>Segment Code .....09                  Segment Name .....Urban Chic                  LifeMode Summary Group .....L2 Upscale Avenues                  Urbanization Summary Group .....U3 Metro Cities I</p> 
<p><b>10 Pleasant-Ville</b></p> <p>Segment Code .....10                  Segment Name .....Pleasant-Ville                  LifeMode Summary Group .....L2 Upscale Avenues                  Urbanization Summary Group .....U3 Metro Cities I</p> 
<p><b>11 Pacific Heights</b></p> <p>Segment Code .....11                  Segment Name .....Pacific Heights                  LifeMode Summary Group .....L2 Upscale Avenues                  Urbanization Summary Group .....U1 Principal Urban Centers I</p> 
<p><b>13 In Style</b></p> <p>Segment Code .....13                  Segment Name .....In Style                  LifeMode Summary Group .....L2 Upscale Avenues                  Urbanization Summary Group .....U7 Suburban Periphery I</p> 
<p><b>16 Enterprising Professionals</b></p> <p>Segment Code .....16                  Segment Name .....Enterprising Professionals                  LifeMode Summary Group .....L2 Upscale Avenues                  Urbanization Summary Group .....U3 Metro Cities I</p> 
<p><b>17 Green Acres</b></p> <p>Segment Code .....17                  Segment Name .....Green Acres                  LifeMode Summary Group .....L2 Upscale Avenues                  Urbanization Summary Group .....U10 Rural I</p> 
<p><b>18 Cozy and Comfortable</b></p> <p>Segment Code .....18                  Segment Name .....Cozy and Comfortable                  LifeMode Summary Group .....L2 Upscale Avenues                  Urbanization Summary Group .....U8 Suburban Periphery II</p> 

### LIFEMODE SEGMENT L2: UPSCALE AVENUES

Above-average earnings and well-educated;  
“years of hard work”

Prefer several distinct types of housing, and includes a mix of renters and some homeowners

Characterized by prosperous domesticity

Median net worth of \$182,330

Buy new cars

Take domestic vacations and save and invest earnings

Source: ESRI



# Implications

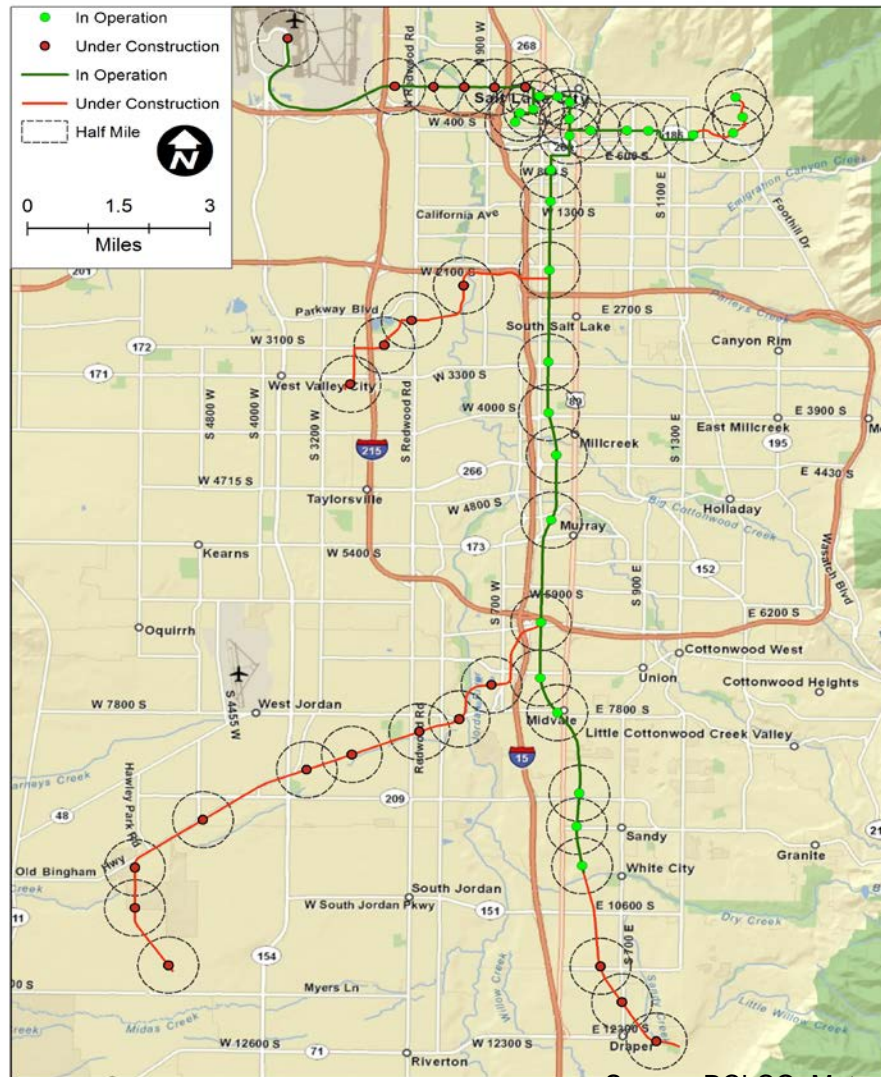
# IMPLICATIONS AND QUESTIONS

1. Are we undercounting the overall demand for transit-oriented environs?
2. What are our regional transportation network expansion plans? Are they sufficient?
3. What are the neighborhoods, areas, and regions that make the most sense for additional transit service?
4. Are transit opponents the majority, or just a very vocal minority?



What about Jobs?

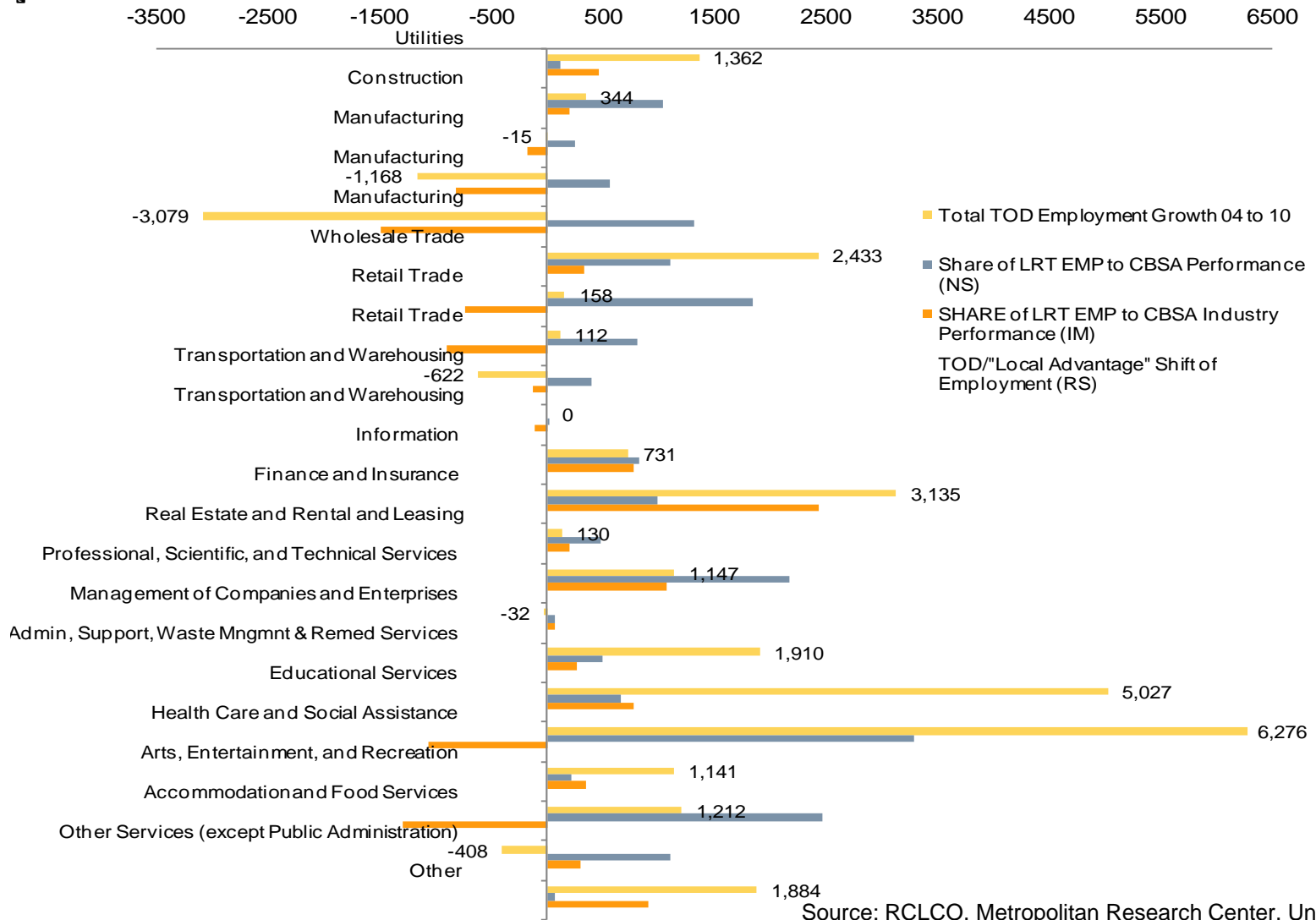
# SALT LAKE CITY/OGDEN JOB CREATION WITHIN 0.5 MILE OF TRAX STATIONS



Source: RCLCO, Metropolitan Research Center, University of Utah

# SHIFT SHARE ANALYSIS: SALT LAKE/OGDEN CBSA

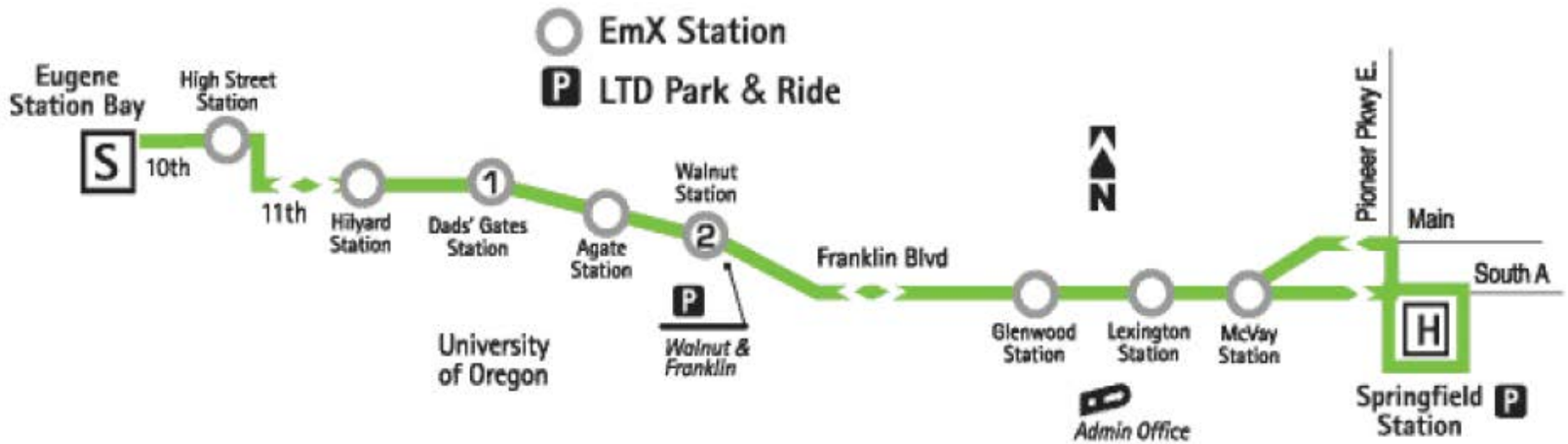
## TOD CAPTURED MORE THAN 20% OF TOTAL JOB GROWTH



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# SHIFT SHARE ANALYSIS: EUGENE, OREGON

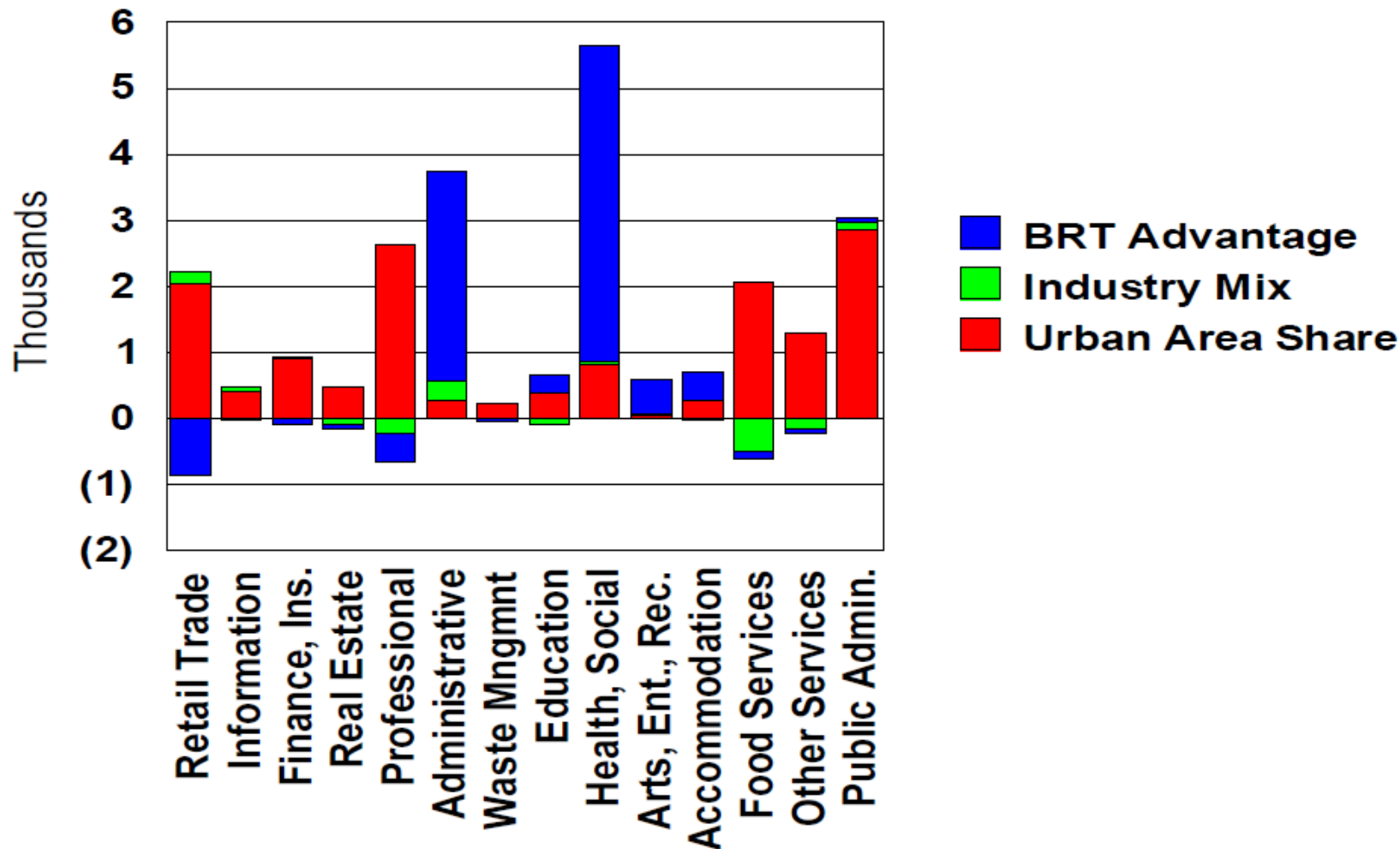
## EMPLOYMENT GROWTH WITHIN 0.5 MILE OF BRT STATIONS



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## Applications to the D.C. Metro Area

# DC/MD/VA METRO AREA 1/2 MILE FROM METRO STATION DATA

Station	Population	Households	Median Income	Businesses	Employees
Addison Road/Seat Pleasant	2,427	779	\$69,914	82	605
Anacostia	8,130	2,616	\$24,353	34	188
Archives-Navy Mem'l	3,237	1,990	\$57,444	2,928	85,084
Arlington/Cemetery	2,392	1,334	\$78,972	65	1,037
Ballston-MU	15,473	8,837	\$95,075	970	25,011
Benning Road	8,581	3,778	\$37,954	156	1,723
Bethesda	7,273	4,220	\$82,897	2,872	39,897
Braddock Road	8,394	3,856	\$100,948	985	9,593
Branch Ave	1,208	390	\$68,418	76	2,159
Brookland-CUA	6,073	1,826	\$50,799	318	3,389
Capitol Heights	1,344	530	\$57,847	34	208
Capitol South	6,638	3,903	\$72,410	745	13,334
Cheverly	13,969	4,460	\$48,779	318	3,279
Clarendon	11,173	5,718	\$112,820	999	11,525
Cleveland Park	8,055	5,380	\$83,963	306	3,679
College Park/U of Md	2,476	969	\$58,359	762	6,615
Columbia Heights	34,897	5,380	\$44,008	168	1,514
Congress Heights	7,372	2,086	\$24,509	96	3,085
Court House	17,768	10,041	\$89,384	1,119	15,996
Crystal City	10,237	6,157	\$87,439	869	16,804
Deanwood	5,785	2,142	\$42,843	110	2,636
Dunn Linton/Mezfield	4,543	1,923	\$84,655	346	6,410
Dupont Circle	18,508	12,870	\$76,409	6,374	86,665
East Falls Church	4,212	1,676	\$148,382	172	1,319
East Falls Church	13,439	8,283	\$81,923	1,053	14,339

Line	Station	Population	Households	Median Income	Businesses	Employees
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650,201</b>	<b>302,669</b>		<b>96,071</b>	<b>1,775,706</b>
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>7,560</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>\$67,687</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>20,648</b>

Forest Glen	4,853	1,770	\$53,355	170	500
Fort Totten	7,156	3,130	\$61,130	81	1,000
Francis-Schomburg	1,228	635	\$88,347	96	1,491
Gallery Pl-Chinatown	9,044	4,932	\$33,155	4,140	106,452
Georgia Ave/Petworth	17,819	6,172	\$44,884	519	4,821
Glenmont	3,973	1,330	\$69,306	52	420
Greenbelt	12,198	608	\$54,201	658	9,231
Grosvenor-Strathmore	4,725	2,977	\$76,779	91	853
Huntington	2,719	1,194	\$89,307	131	2,198
Judiciary Sq	7,798	4,137	\$31,998	3,430	95,805
King Street	5,871	3,109	\$116,468	1,088	11,494
Landsow	4,424	1,520	\$42,894	121	2,289
Largo Town Center	1,759	908	\$49,279	415	5,658
L'Enfant Plaza	2,646	1,705	\$52,971	735	30,238
McPherson Sq	12,507	7,105	\$45,355	7,638	138,465
Medical Center	1,346	416	\$120,890	330	3,311
Metro Center	2,950	2,065	\$51,682	5,093	117,666
Minnesota Ave	9,249	4,056	\$35,069	169	2,348
Morgan Boulevard	4,247	1,285	\$63,796	71	1,251
M Vernon Sq - 7th St/Convent	20,390	10,039	\$42,116	3,034	55,055
Navy Yard	4,755	2,359	\$38,894	292	9,447
Naylor Road	6,801	3,080	\$44,225	62	404
New Carrollton	502	165	\$50,873	170	3,571
New York Ave	7,468	2,750	\$43,713	604	11,010
Pentagon	1,991	1,334	\$78,972	309	6,596
Pentagon City	10,240	6,272	\$80,359	456	8,845
Potomac Ave	8,926	3,987	\$59,919	529	5,597
Prince George's Plaza	4,265	1,604	\$55,790	387	4,260
Rhode Island Ave	7,469	3,078	\$37,304	314	5,043
Rockville	4,997	2,189	\$63,674	962	8,936
Ronald Reagan Washinton N	4,275	2,579	\$91,455	514	9,511
Rosslyn	8,871	5,452	\$72,113	1,300	25,127
Shady Grove	1,786	855	\$109,458	196	3,019
Shaw-Howard Univ	17,558	6,884	\$46,624	924	11,333
Silver Spring	13,306	7,608	\$58,150	1,587	19,164
Smithsonian	-	-	-	446	20,340
Southern Ave	5,686	2,162	\$41,897	107	1,996
Stadium/Armory	9,583	3,367	\$50,882	145	1,609
Sully	3,815	1,438	\$55,956	93	498
Takoma	5,534	2,365	\$79,164	363	2,995
Tenleytown-AU	5,023	2,216	\$129,726	399	4,855
Twinbrook	4,860	2,113	\$68,507	552	12,394
U S/African-Amer Civil War M	21,888	10,215	\$53,638	1,143	12,372
Union Station	8,742	3,630	\$53,530	1,271	27,539
Van Dorn Street	887	363	\$88,347	14	2,351
Van Ness-UDC	8,145	5,003	\$96,747	73	4,957
Venning/Farfax-GMU	6,019	2,287	\$93,301	133	1,888
Virginia/Square-GMU	12,625	6,625	\$97,141	811	16,048
Waterfront/SEU	12,640	7,428	\$46,428	514	17,442
West Falls Church/VT/UA	2,320	1,065	\$121,194	179	1,438
West Hyattsville	8,200	3,147	\$46,675	156	889
Wheaton	6,132	2,269	\$66,813	759	6,575
White Flint	3,478	1,942	\$90,349	85	15,256
Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams M	12,347	7,970	\$90,292	567	7,297
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# MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1/2 MILE FROM METRO DATA

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	Bethesda	7,273	4,220	\$82,108	2,872	39,897
	Forest Glen	4,853	1,962	\$82,355	170	4,263
	Friendship Heights	9,514	5,086	\$101,368	1,154	19,807
	Glenmont	3,973	1,330	\$69,306	52	420
	Grosvenor-Strathmore	4,725	2,977	\$76,779	91	853
	Medical Center	1,346	416	\$120,890	330	3,311
	Rockville	4,997	2,168	\$63,674	982	8,926
	Shady Grove	1,786	855	\$109,458	196	3,015
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	White Flint	3,478	1,942	\$90,346	855	15,256
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,243</b>	<b>32,946</b>		<b>9,600</b>	<b>132,882</b>
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>\$82,480</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>11,074</b>

9.3% of Montgomery County households live within 1/2 mile of fixed rail transit

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# VIRGINIA

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	East Falls Church	4,212	1,676	\$148,382	172	1,319
	Eisenhower Ave	3,228	1,553	\$112,289	297	5,335
	Franconia-Springfield	1,228	635	\$88,347	96	1,491
	Huntington	2,719	1,194	\$89,307	131	2,198
	King Street	5,871	3,109	\$116,468	1,098	11,494
	Pentagon	1,991	1,334	\$78,972	309	6,596
	Pentagon City	10,240	6,272	\$80,359	456	8,845
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	Rosslyn	8,871	5,452	\$72,113	1,300	25,127
	Van Dorn Street	887	363	\$88,347	144	2,351
	Vienna Fairfax-GMU	6,019	2,287	\$93,301	133	1,888
	Virginia Square-GMU	12,605	6,953	\$97,141	811	16,048
	West Falls Church VT/UVA	2,320	1,065	\$121,194	179	1,438
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134,446</b>	<b>72,368</b>		<b>10,993</b>	<b>180,026</b>
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>6,722</b>	<b>3,618</b>	<b>\$96,348</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>9,001</b>

13.3% of Northern Virginia households live within 1/2 mile of fixed rail transit

SOURCE: RCLCO, CLARITAS

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY 1/2 MILE FROM METRO DATA

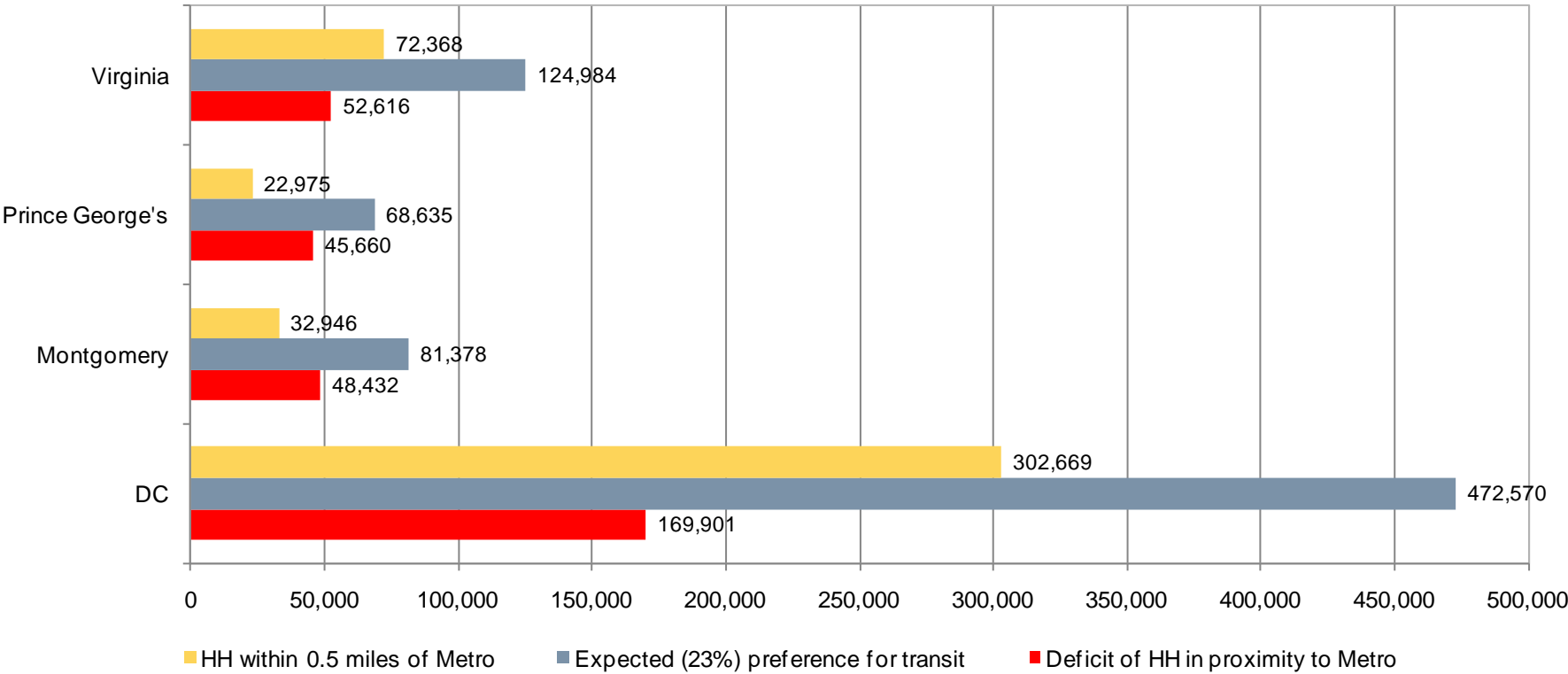
Line	Station	Population	Households	Median Income	Businesses	Employees
	Addison Road Seat Pleasant	2,427	779	\$69,914	82	605
	Branch Ave	1,208	390	\$68,418	76	2,159
	Capitol Heights	1,344	530	\$57,847	34	208
	Cheverly	13,969	4,460	\$48,779	318	3,279
	College Park-U of Md	2,476	869	\$58,359	762	6,615
	Greenbelt	12,198	608	\$54,201	658	9,231
	Landover	4,434	1,550	\$42,899	124	2,260
	Largo Town Center	1,759	908	\$49,279	415	5,658
	Morgan Boulevard	4,247	1,285	\$63,796	71	1,251
	Naylor Road	6,801	3,080	\$44,225	62	404
	New Carrollton	502	165	\$50,873	170	3,571
	Prince George's Plaza	4,265	1,604	\$55,790	387	4,260
	Southern Ave	5,686	2,162	\$41,897	107	1,996
	Suitland	3,815	1,438	\$55,956	88	498
	West Hyattsville	8,200	3,147	\$46,675	156	889
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,331</b>	<b>22,975</b>		<b>3,510</b>	<b>42,884</b>
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>\$53,927</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>2,859</b>

7.7% of Prince George's County households live within 1/2 mile of fixed rail transit

SOURCE: RCLCO, CLARITAS

# DC/MD/VA METRO AREA

## DEFICIT IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH PROXIMITY TO METRO



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