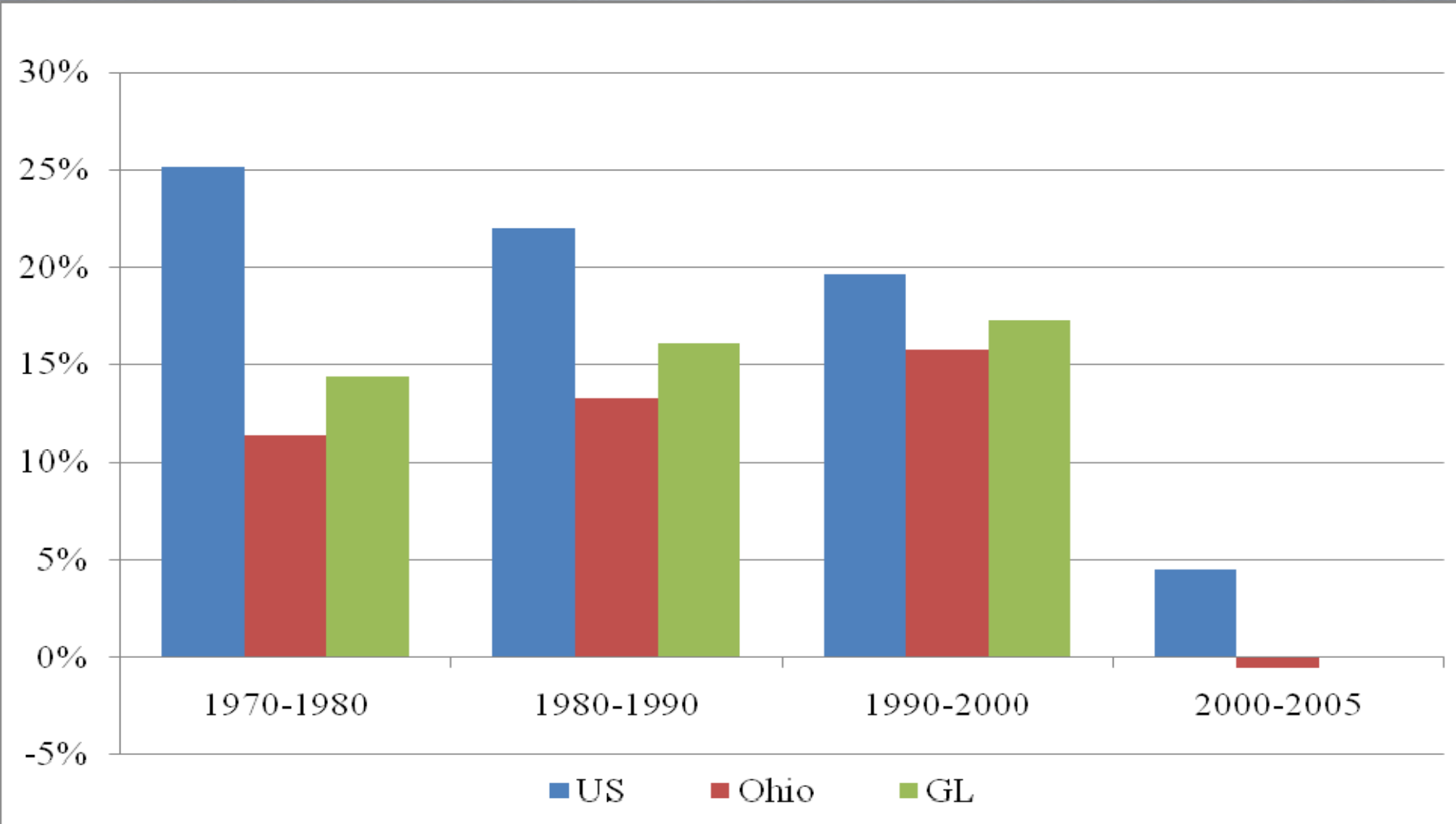


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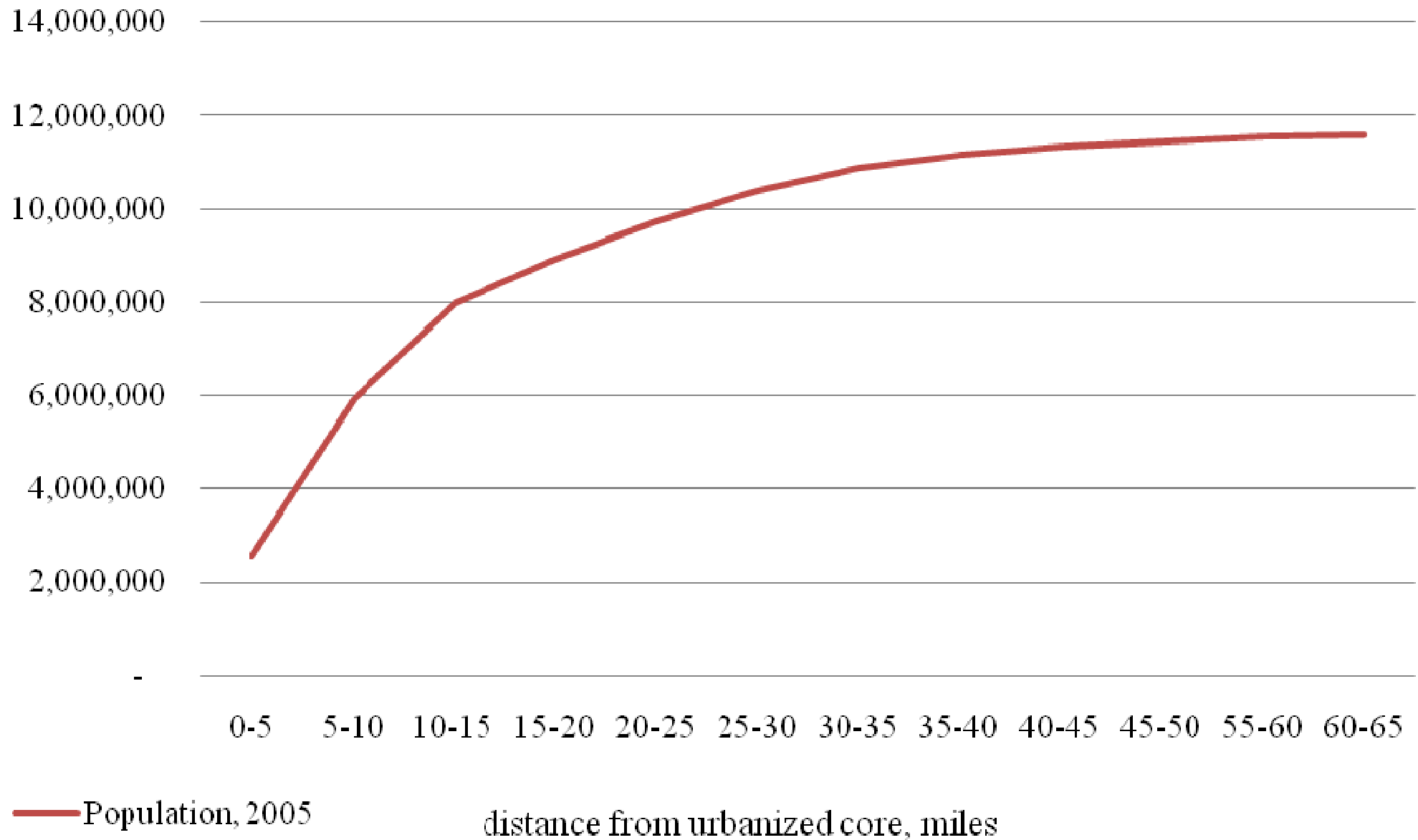
The State Role in Revitalizing  
Ohio's Core Communities



# Percentage Change in Total Employment in the U.S., Ohio and the Great Lakes (less OH)

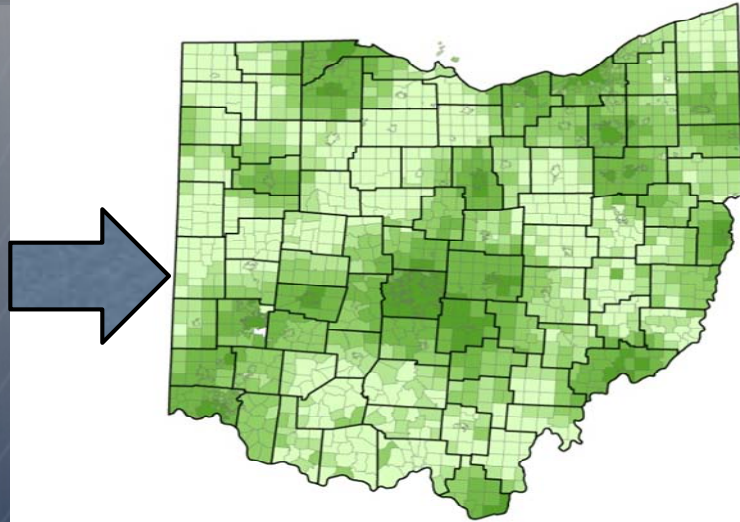


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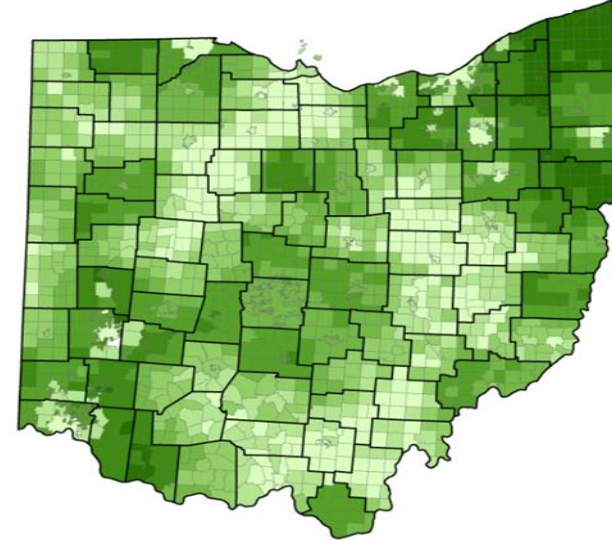


# Ohio Shares a Common Future

## Percent of Ohio Workers Commuting to...

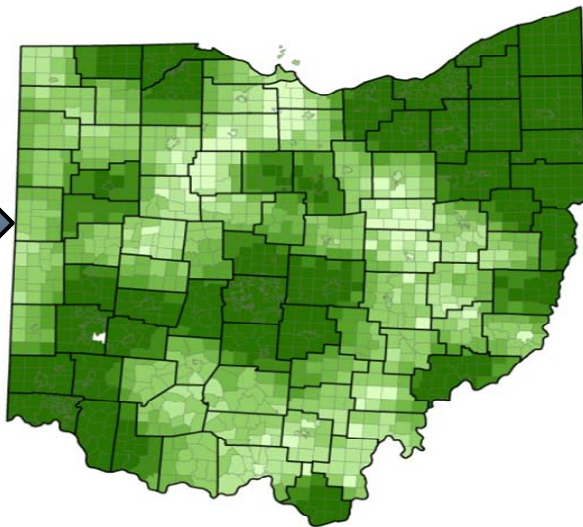
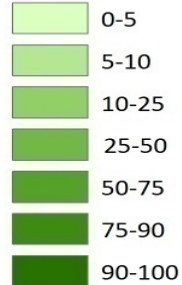


a. To a MSA, central place

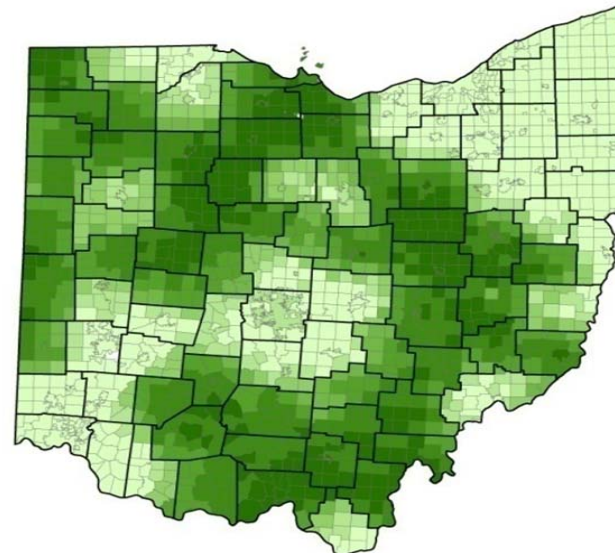


b. To a MSA, non-central place

Percent of Workers



c. To an MSA



d. To an Non-MSA

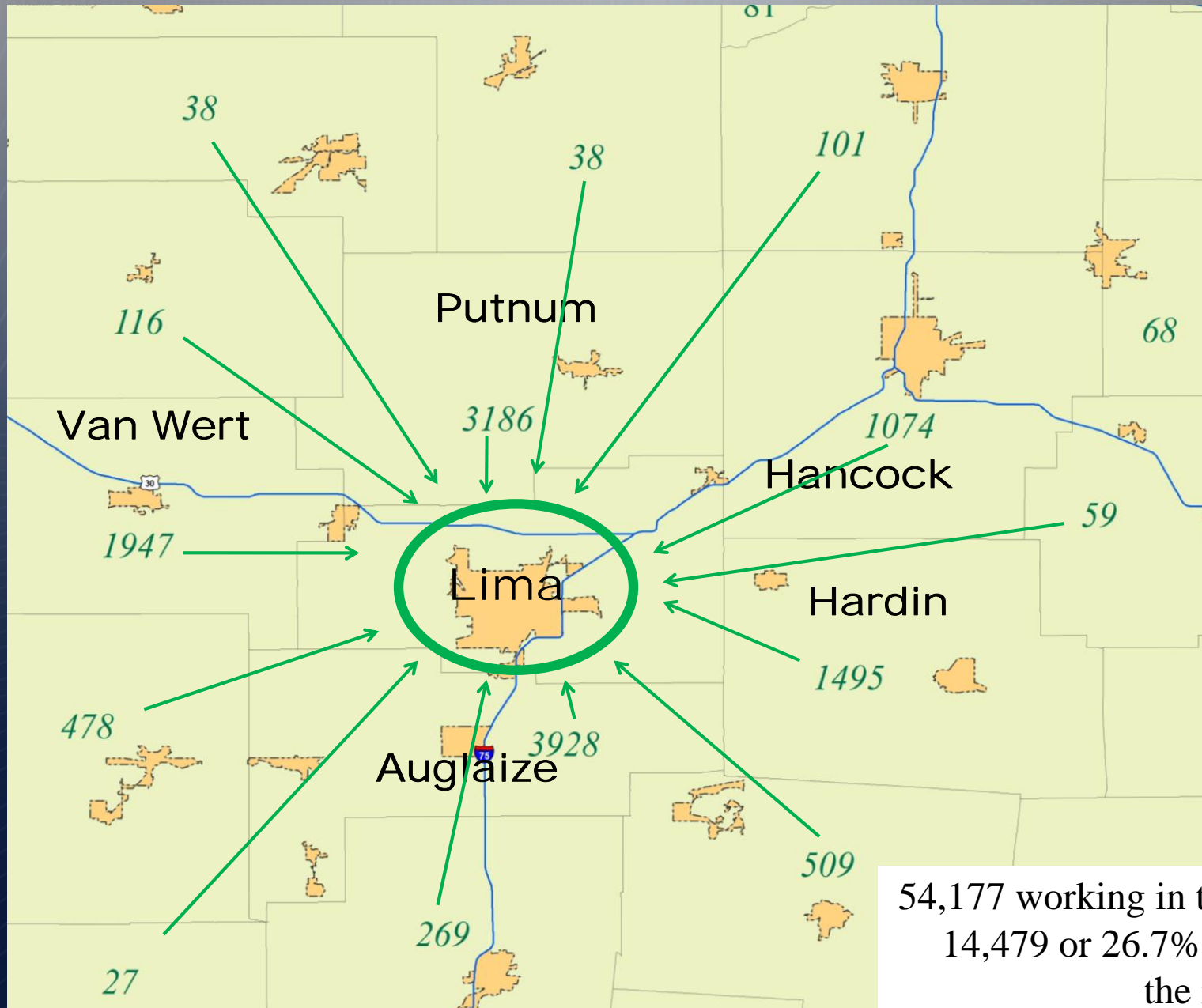
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Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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# Lima/Allen County In-Commutate Pattern, 2000




## Regions are not just for the 3 C's



# Why Does Ohio Need Regional Approaches?

-  Ohio has become so interconnected. It is pointless to separate rural & urban; suburban and central city. We are all in this together.
-  Commuting for employment, economic development, land-use planning, transportation extend across regions.
-  Public services and infrastructure provision are regional issues.
-  Shared service delivery means collaboration and regional approaches save tax money.

# Why Does Ohio Need Regional Approaches—cont.

-  Fewer duplicative services, less gov't overhead & reduced destructive tax poaching would lower costs.
-  Maybe the biggest gain from regionalism is local gov't would be more transparent and accountable.
-  The punch line is Ohio does not control its weather or the national economy, etc. but it can have the most effective local & regional governance to be globally competitive.

# Recommendations





***1. Local governments should more effectively share revenue so that entire regions receive the benefits and pay the costs of development. The Metropolitan Council from Minnesota is one model to follow.***



***2. Streamline local governments and create more effective regional planning & economic development authorities. The state gov't study commission is one way to begin a critical assessment for an Ohio solution.***



# Recommendations—cont.

-  **3. Ohio can incentivize reform: As a way to “grease the wheels,” consider more effective state revenue sharing with Ohio’s regions only after they have undergone needed reforms for effective regional governance.**
  
-  **4. Provide state infrastructure funding on a regional basis. Funds should be prioritized to projects that make entire regions more competitive rather than scattering money among individual communities.**