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What are the major trends affecting cities and suburbs?



What does this mean for state and local housing policy?

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Major demographic forces are changing the United States





The 1990s presented the strongest growth in four decades







More than 1/3 of this population growth was driven by immigration





Immigration

Despite a decade of rapid immigration, the share of the U.S. population that is foreign-born is lower now than in the 1900s



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At the same time, the US population is aging





Aging 1

Minorities, however, have younger age structures than whites



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America's New Demographic Regions





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New Sunbelt

New Sunbelt: Examples





Melting Pot

Melting Pot: Examples



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Heartland: Examples



Heartland



Hispanics are concentrated in Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Florida and isolated urban pockets





Asians are concentrated in California and isolated urban pockets





Blacks are concentrated in the South and industrial cities of the North



Source: William H. Frey
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Whites are principally concentrated in the heartland

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White share of population by county, 2000

Below 69.1% 69.1% - 85.0% Above 85.0%

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Major economic forces are changing the — United States

Deindustrialization

Globalization

Knowledge Industries

Rapid Innovation



Importing dramatically increased in the 1990s





Since 1970, the U.S. has moved from a manufacturingbased economy to one based on services





The share of U.S. investment in New Economy industries is steadily rising



Source:

Ned Hill, "Innovation and Economic Development." Presentation to the White House Office of Science and Technology and the National Governors Association





Rapid Innovation

Innovation is speeding up, with time-to-market expected to fall to just over a year by 2006

Time from research and development to market, in months, 1998, 2003, and 2006

Source:

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All these changes are placing a high premium on education and skills

Percentage of Workers with a College Degree or Higher, select occupations, 2002

Source: National Education and Attainment, National Bureau of Labor





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- 2. Regional variation is substantial
- 3. Cities and suburbs are becoming more diverse
- 4. The geography of work is changing
- 5. The geography of poverty is changing



Large cities grew faster in the 1990s than they did in the 1980s and 1970s





Several large cities gained population during the 1990s after losing population in the 1980s





Cities in growing metros grew, while those in slow growth metros generally declined

City Category	Number of Cities	City Population Change	MSA Population Change
Rapid Growth (over 20%)	14	32%	25%
Significant Growth (10 to 20%)	22	15%	22%
Moderate Growth (2 to 10%)	36	7%	13%
No Growth (-2 to 2%)	6	0%	11%
Loss (below -2%)	20	-7%	6%



Still, population is decentralizing in nearly every U.S. metropolitan area







Suburbs grew faster than cities in the 1990s





Every household type grew at faster rates in the suburbs than in cities



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Suburbs

However, First Suburbs are growing much slower than all other suburbs, at a rate comparable to cities





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In the Northeast/Midwest stagnant growth and sprawl are common



Change in Population Change in Density



In the South/Southeast, many cities are growing and spreading out



■ Change in Population ■ Change in Density



In the West, some cities are growing and densifying




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Central City Growth in the 1990s was fueled by Asians and Hispanics





If not for immigration, several of the nation's largest cities would not have grown during the 1990s





In the 1990s, immigration increased by 49% in both cities and First Suburbs





In aggregate, the racial makeup of the 100 largest cities has shifted....





In 2000, the top hundred cities became majority minority

Share of population by race and ethnicity, 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

White
Black
Hispanic
Asian
Multi-racial



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In many metro areas, the locus of immigration is shifting from the central city to the suburbs

Washington region, share foreign-born by census tract, 2000

Source: Singer, "At Home in the Nation's Capital," June 2003



Greater than 35%



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Suburbs 1

The percent of each racial/ethnic group living in the suburbs increased substantially







In addition, every minority group grew at faster rates in the suburbs than in central cities



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Now more than 1 in 4 suburban households are minority





In First Suburbs, the trend is even more pronounced, with minorities now making up one-third of the population





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Nationally, 78 percent of jobs are found over 3 miles outside the central business district; one-third are located over 10 miles away



Source: Glaeser, Kahn, and Chu, "Job Sprawl: Employment Location in U.S. Metropolitan Areas," 2001

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But the level of employment decentralization varies widely across metropolitan areas.



II What are the major trends affecting cities and suburbs?

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The number of poor people in U.S. metropolitan areas is large and has been increasing for the past two decades





Poverty rates in central cities have declined over the 1990s, while poverty rates in the suburbs have increased slightly





In fact, the share of suburban residents living in poor suburbs has increased by almost 10% in the last two decades

Share of residents living in poor, middle income, and affluent suburbs, 1980-2000

Source: Swanstrom, Casey, Flack, and Dreier, "Pulling Apart: Economic Segregation among Suburbs and Central Cities in Major Metropolitan Areas," 2004



Poor Suburb = Suburbs with per capita incomes less than 75% of its metro area Affluent Suburb = Suburbs with per capita incomes over 125% of its metro area



But the number of people living in high poverty neighborhoods declined during the 1990s

Population of high-poverty neighborhoods by location, 1990-2000

Source: Paul Jargowsky, "Stunning Progress, Hidden Problems: The Dramatic Decline of Concentrated Poverty in the 1990s" 2003





Population (in thousands)

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During the 1990s, number of high-poverty tracts in Chicago dropped from 187 to 114, and there were 179,000 fewer people living in high poverty areas







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But neighborhoods of concentrated poverty have been increasing in First Suburbs





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Rethinking Affordable Housing Strategies: An Action Agenda for Local and Regional Leaders

Bruce Katz and Margery Austin Turner¹

Homing policies and programs have undergous a dramatic transformation in the part senseral decades. The graniset change has been the federal derolution of affordable homing programs to state and local leaders, often in partnerships with the private sector. This derolution, coupled with major market and demographic changes occurring in local communities, has created stills demond among state and local stakeholises for fact to help them understand "what sector" in affordable homing. To that and, the Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolisme Policy and the Urban Institute joined forces to examine the major leason from 70 years of housing policies and how those leasons can inform local approaches. This action agends, learned from the findings of that policy remites, details users principles for seccess to help state and local policymaken, advocates, practitioners, and foundations design more effective heating programs and strategies that trady meet the dimense needs of today's fimilies and commending.

Since the mid-1980s, the nation's affordable housing policies and programs have undergone a profound transformation. After decades of initiatives that were designed by Washington and administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and its predecessors, a papable shift toward state and local control has dominated federal thinking. With the enactment of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit in 1986 and the HOME program in 1990, federal policymakers essentially developed responsibility for the design and implementation of affordable housing policies to a myriad of state and local housing spencies.

As with other domestic policies, devolution remains a work in progress. Across the nation, state and local government leadern are struggling to implement federal policies—and to effectively use available resources—in communities with significantly different market conditions, residential patterns, regulatory regimes, and local goals. These leaders—and their partners in the corporate, ciric, and real estate communities—routinely ask several questions: What leasons can guide state and local efforts to design and implement effective affordable housing strategies? What affordable housing strategies have proven to be successful? In short, what have we learned from almost seven decades of trial and error in affordable housing policy?

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Seven principles for success

- 1. Make Policy Goals Explicit
- 2. Tailor Housing Strategies to Local Market Conditions
- 3. Housing Markets are Regional
- 4. Income Policy is Housing Policy
- 5. Regulatory Policy Makes a Difference
- 6. Race Matters
- 7. Implementation Matters



Principle One: Make Policy Goals Explicit

1. Preserve & expand housing stock 2. Make housing affordable and available 3. Promote racial & economic diversity 4. Help households build wealth 5. Strengthen families 6. Link housing with supportive services 7. Promote balanced metropolitan growth



Principle Two: Tailor Housing Strategies to Local Market Conditions

Goal	Strong Market (Wilmington)	Weak Market (Pittsburgh)
Preserve and Expand Stock	1	7
Make Housing Affordable	2	1
Promote Diversity	3	5
Help Build Wealth	6	6
Strengthen Families	5	4
Link Supportive Services	4	3
Promote Balanced Metro Growth	7	2

Priorities vary depending upon the type of market



Principle Three: Housing markets are regional— Housing policies should be, too

Private Sector Jobs, 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Zip Code Business Patterns





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Housing markets are regional—Housing policies should be, too

Do not cluster affordable homes in low-income neighborhoods, especially in the core

Enable low-income households to live closer to employment centers and better schools



Aim for this...



...instead of this

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Principle Four: Income Policy is Housing Policy

Percent of filers claiming the EITC varies widely across Pennsylvania

Percent of filers claiming the EITC, Tax Year 2001







Income policy is housing policy

• Local leaders can impact household incomes and, by extension, housing affordability

• Raise the incomes of working families through earned income tax credit, nutrition assistance, health care, and child care

Think of affordable housing as workforce housing



Principle Five: Regulatory Policy Makes a Difference

- Building Codes
- Zoning Ordinances
- Rent Controls
- Development Fees
- Land Use Regulations
- Design Requirements
- Subdivision Requirements
- Parking Requirements



Policy Response

 Eliminate or moderate regulatory barriers to affordable housing production

 Identify and get rid of regulations that are exclusionary or unnecessary

 Provide incentives for private developers to produce more affordable housing

 Create inclusionary housing policies to improve supply of affordable housing



Principle Six: Race matters

• Implement policies that do not reinforce patterns of segregation and discrimination

• Be aware that "color blind" policies may not work as intended if segregation and ethnic inequalities are ignored





Principle Seven: Implementation Matters

Housing policy needs to be implemented in an integrated, accountable and sustainable fashion



Integrated



Accountable



Sustainable



Implementation matters

• Housing programs should connect directly with other neighborhood interventions (e.g., schools)

 Hold implementing agencies accountable through performance measures

 Economic integration is the principle vehicle for sustainability

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