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Census Urban Area
Comparisons, 2000 to 2010

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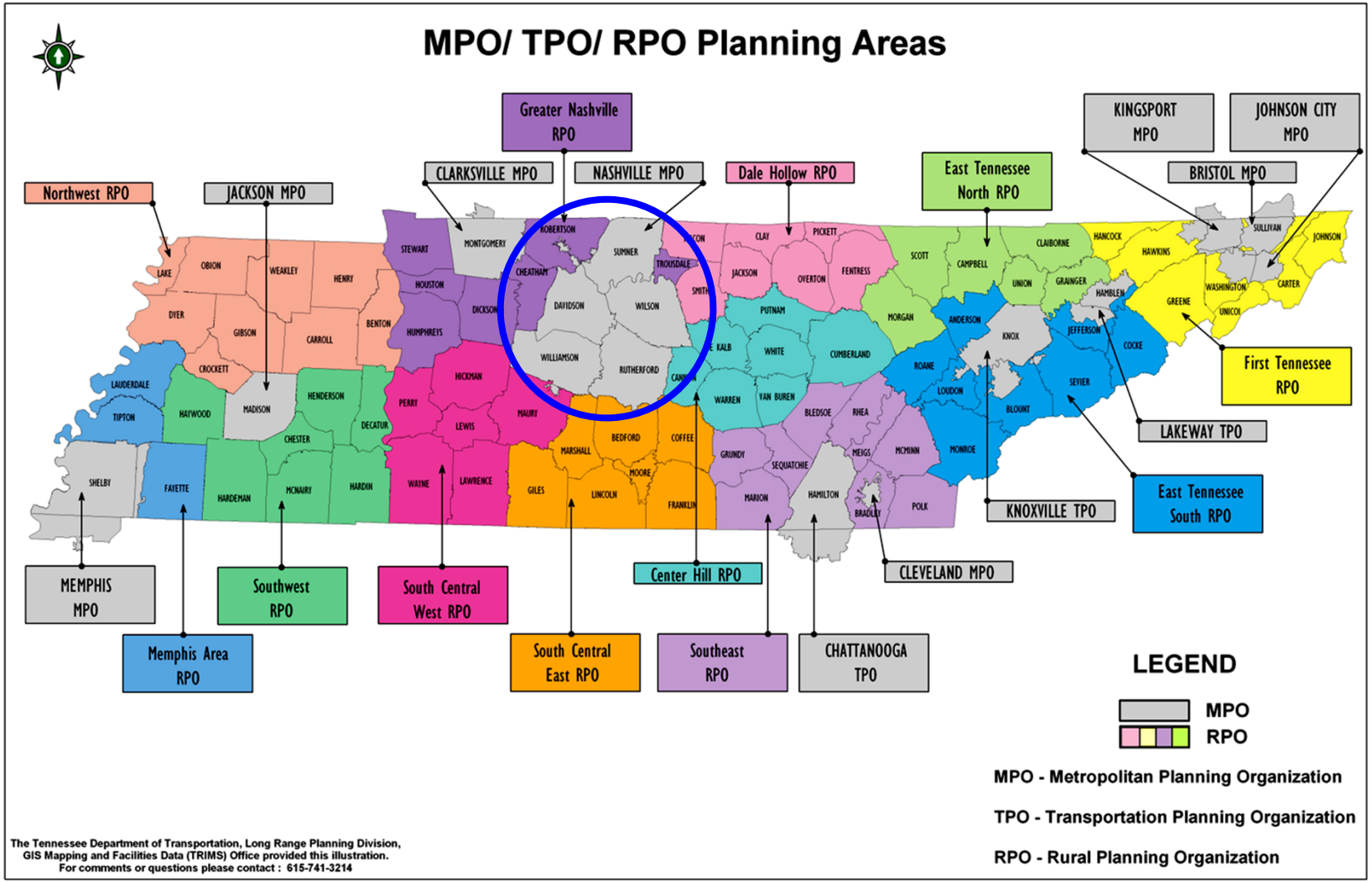
MPOs/RPOs in Tennessee



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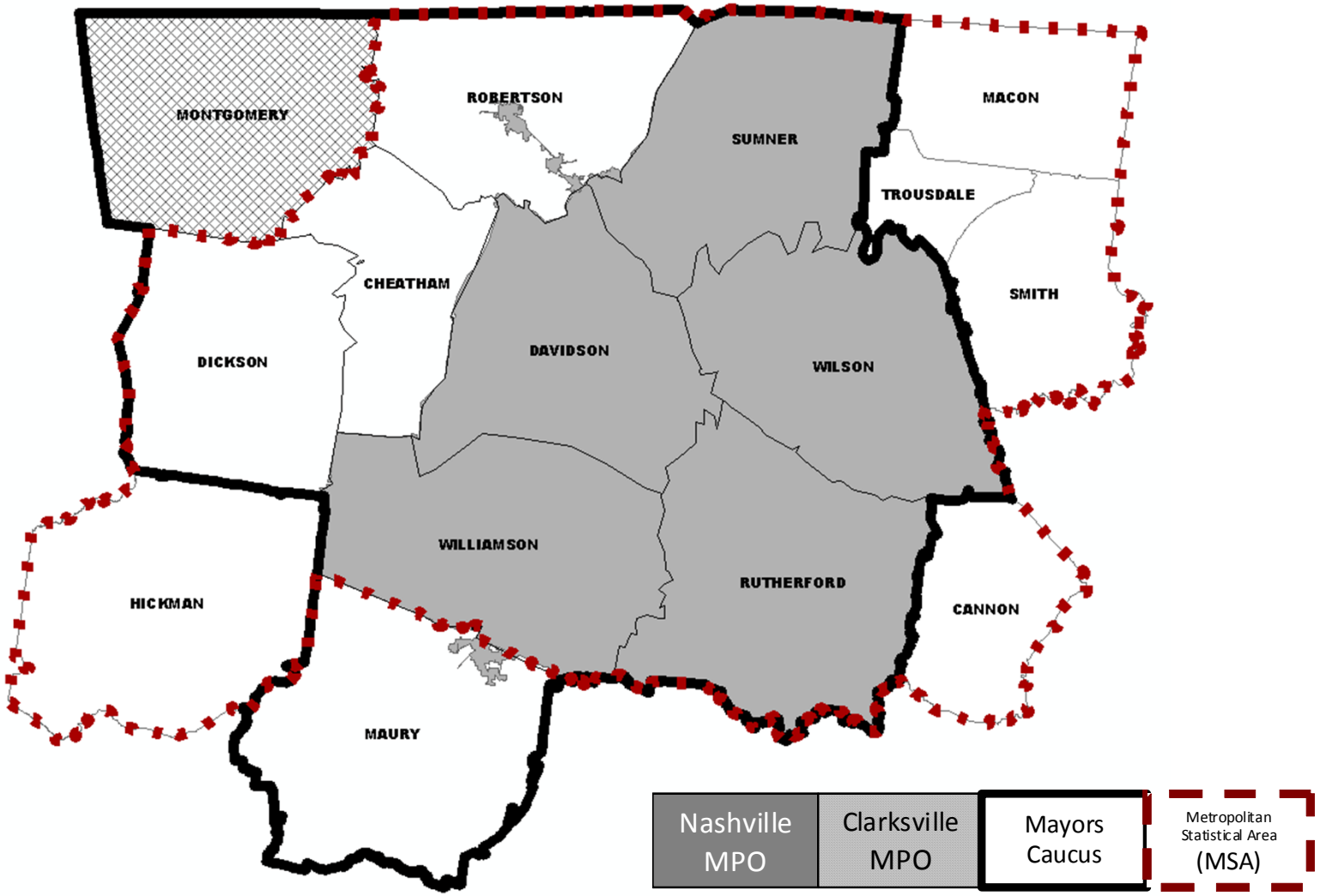
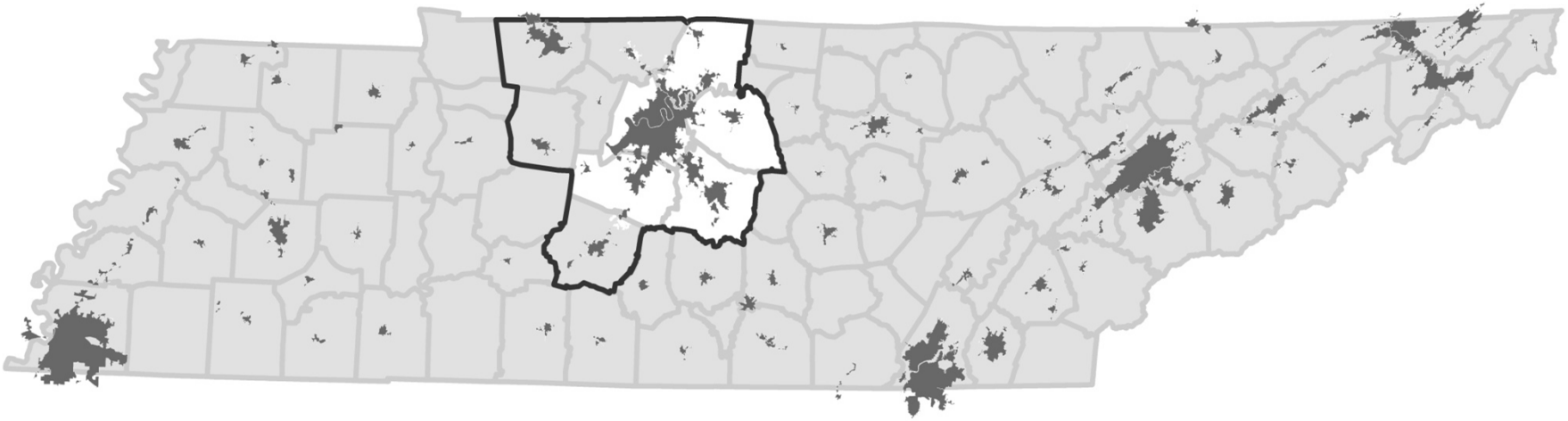


Census Urban Areas

- **Two Types of Urban Areas defined by Census (1880/1910)**
  - 50,000 or more people = Urbanized Area (UZA) (1950)
  - 2,500 to <50,000 = Urban Cluster (UC) (2000)
  - All other areas are considered "Rural"
- **Why does the Census Bureau Delineate Urban Areas?**
  - To provide statistical information about urban and rural areas for use by researchers and government agencies
  - Used by OMB to define the core of MSAs
- **Factors in Delineating Areas**
  - Minimum population density
  - Minimum population residing outside of group quarters
  - Airports with minimum number of passengers
  - Presence of other minimum nonresidential territory

2000 Census Urban Areas



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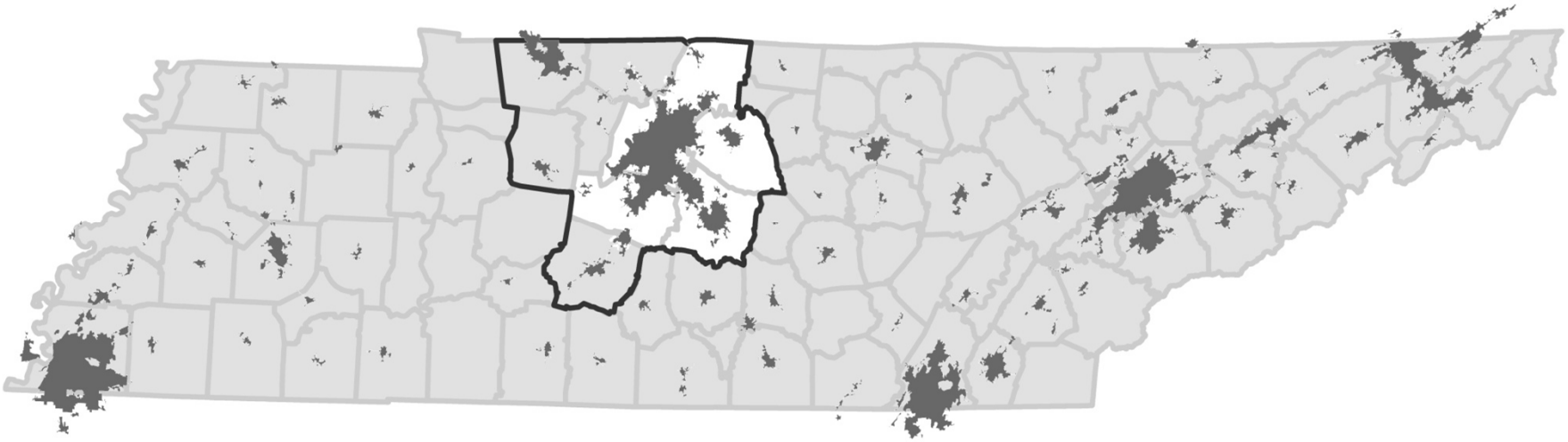

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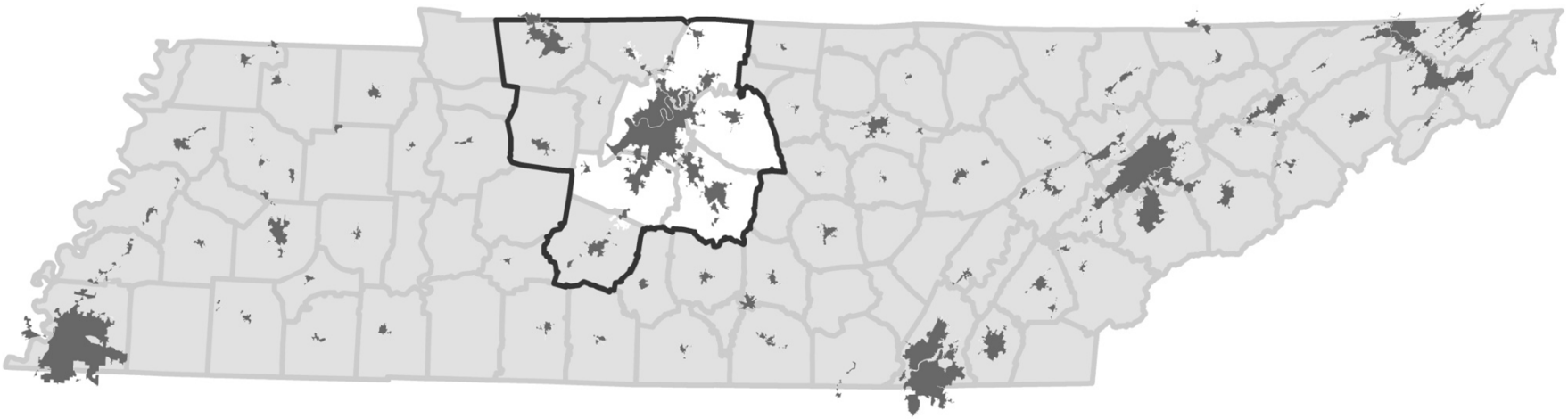

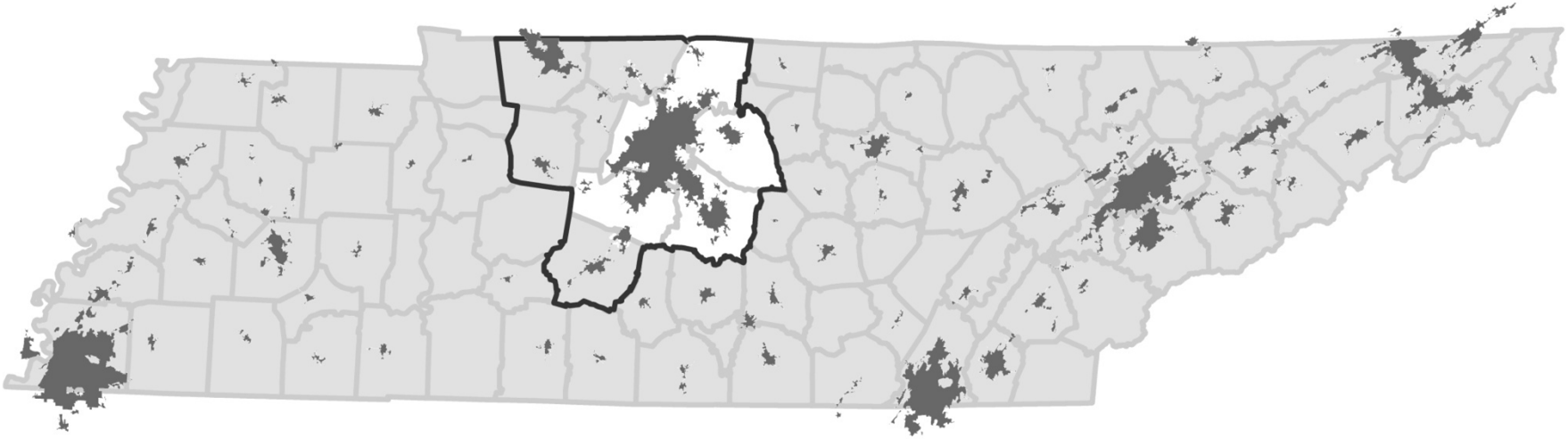

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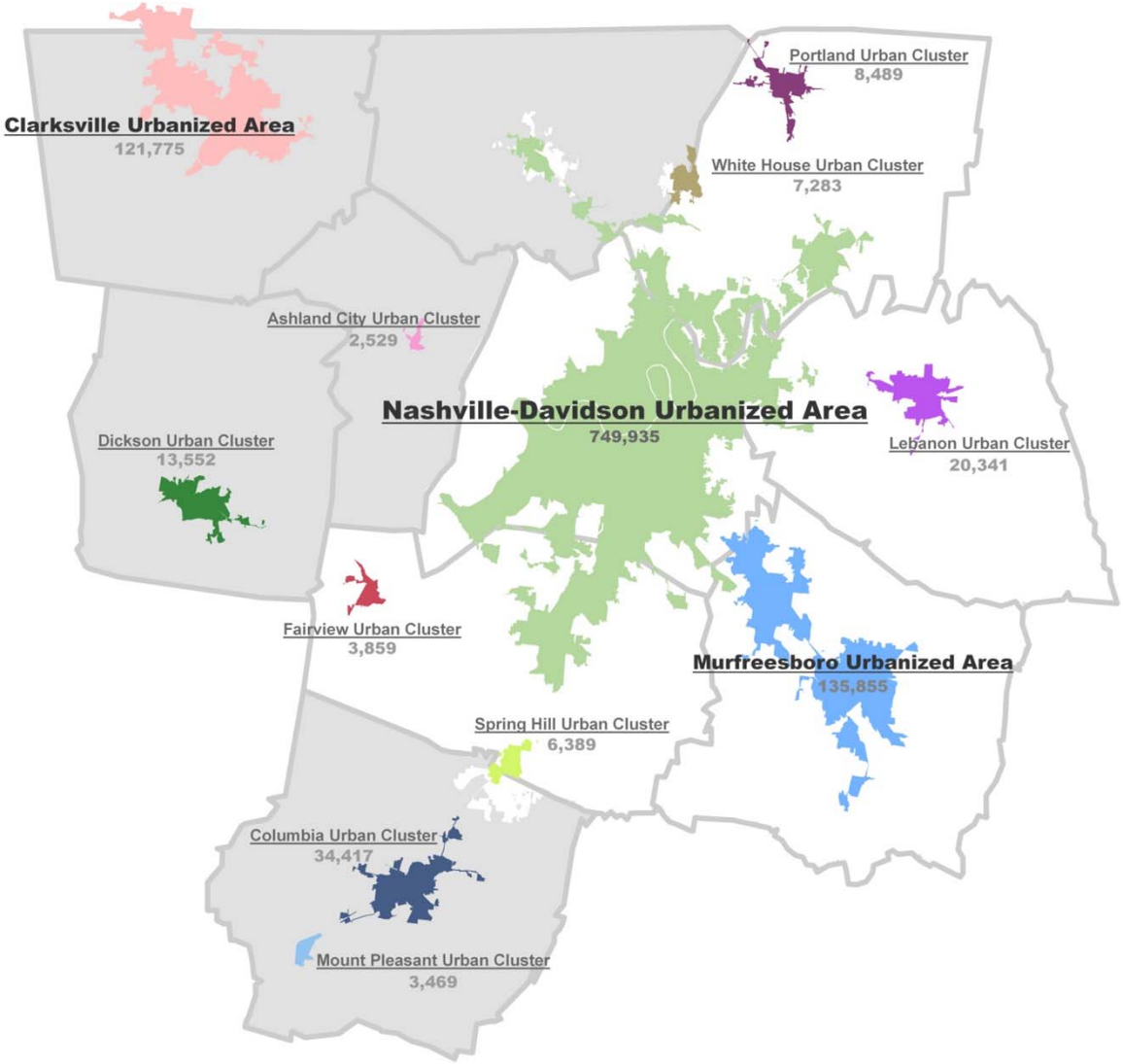

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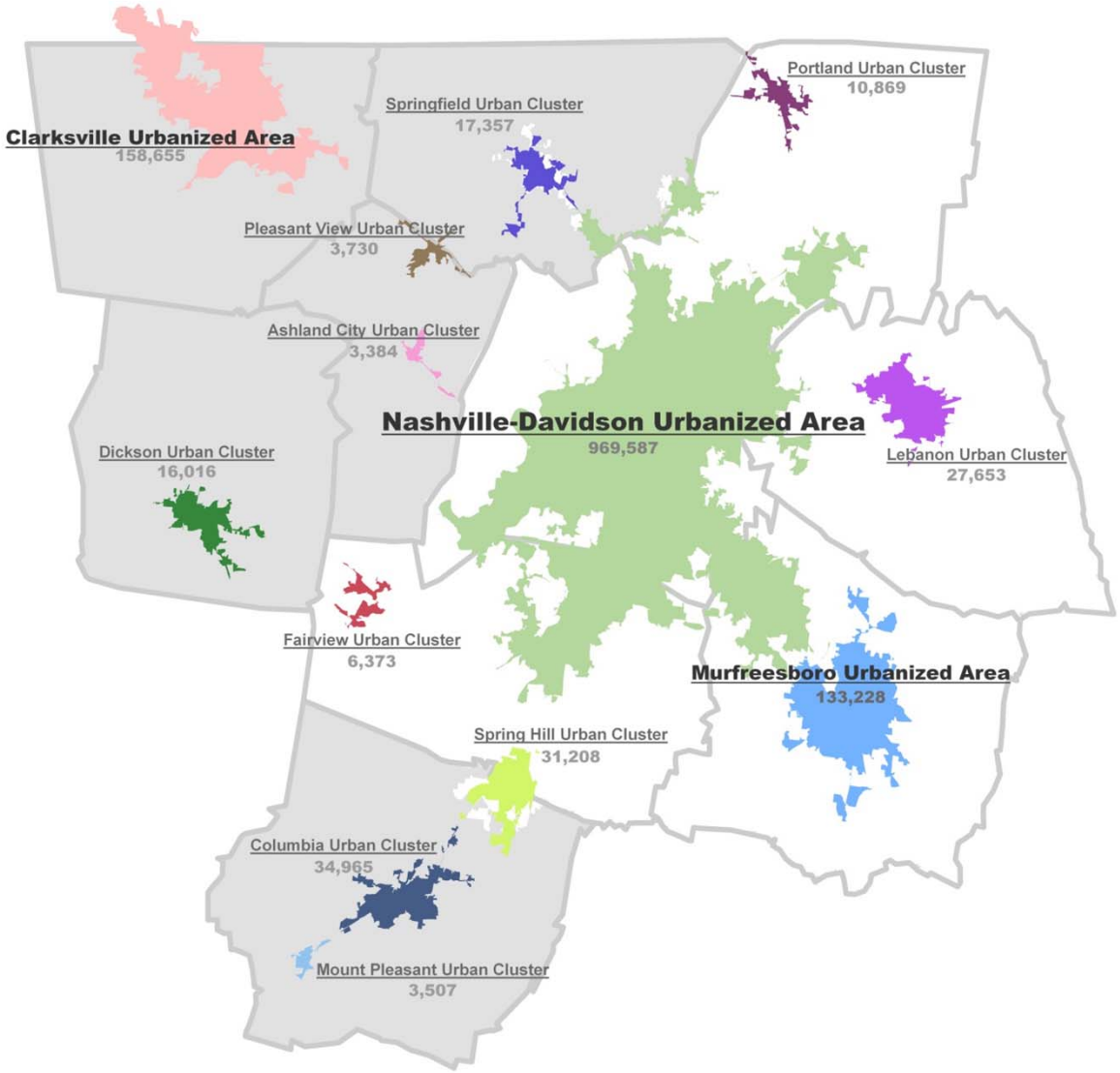

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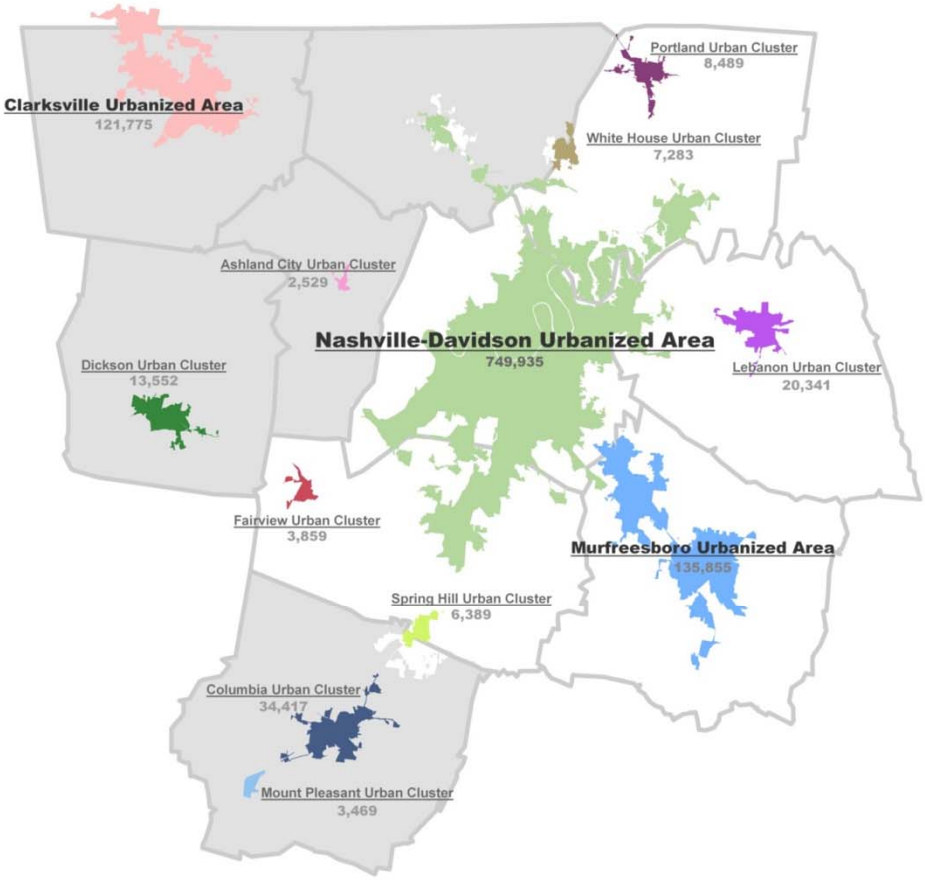
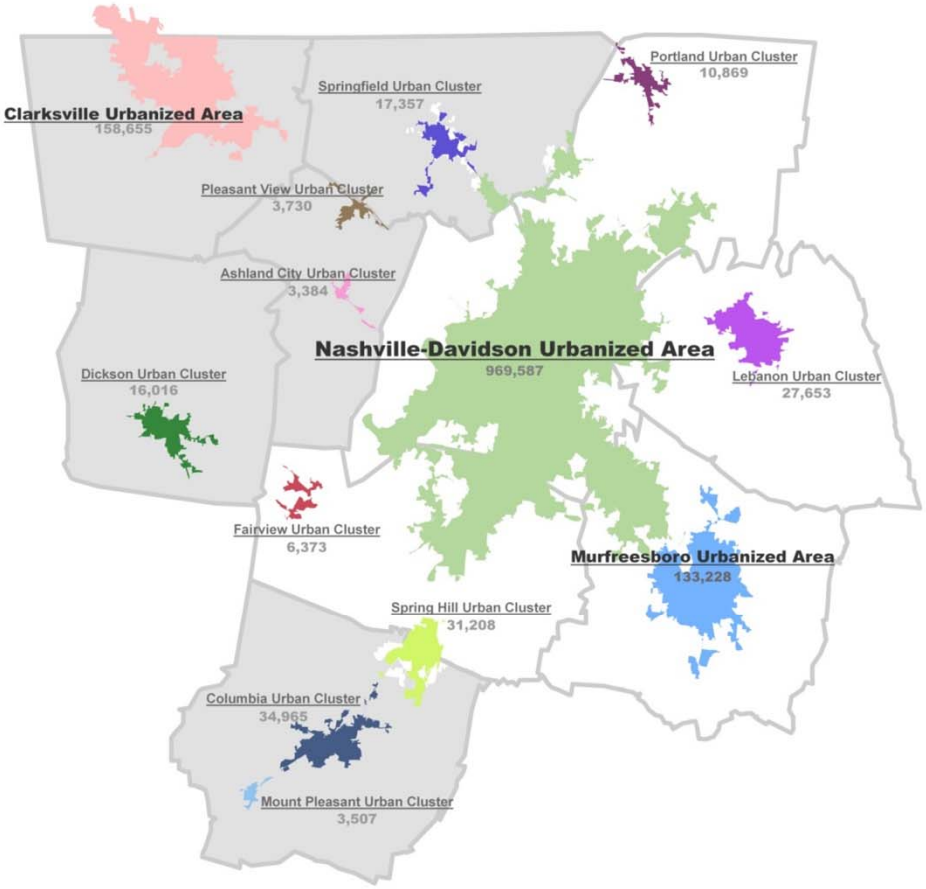




Key Changes from Census 2000

- **Nashville-Davidson Urbanized Area**
  - Merged with the old White House Urban Cluster
  - Taken on former Murfreesboro UZA areas around LaVergne and Smyrna
  - Redrawn to exclude the Springfield area
  - Now includes portions of six counties
- **Murfreesboro Urbanized Area**
  - Redrawn to exclude the areas around LaVergne and Smyrna
- **White House Urban Cluster**
  - Merged with the Nashville-Davidson UZA
- **Springfield Urban Cluster**
  - Delineated from the Nashville-Davidson UZA
- **Spring Hill Urban Cluster**
  - Grew substantially to become third largest UA in MPO area

Implications of Changes

- **Urban Areas are basis of Federal Formula Funds**
  - FHWA Surface Transportation Program (STP)
  - FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307)
  - FTA JARC (5316) and New Freedom (5317) Programs
  - FHWA & FTA Metropolitan Planning Funds
  - Many others….
- **Urban Areas over 50,000 required to be part of an MPO to participate in the federal transportation program**
- **Urban Areas over 200,000 are defined as a Transportation Management Agency(TMA)**
  - Federally-defined suballocation amounts
  - Additional planning requirements
  - Cannot use federal funds to operate transit services

Next Steps

- No appeal process for Census definitions
- Evaluate changes to determine if new areas are required to be a part of an MPO
- Work with TDOT to define the Federal Aid Urban Area boundary for the purposes of defining the federal functional classification system
- Evaluate other factors that affect the MPO planning area and board representation

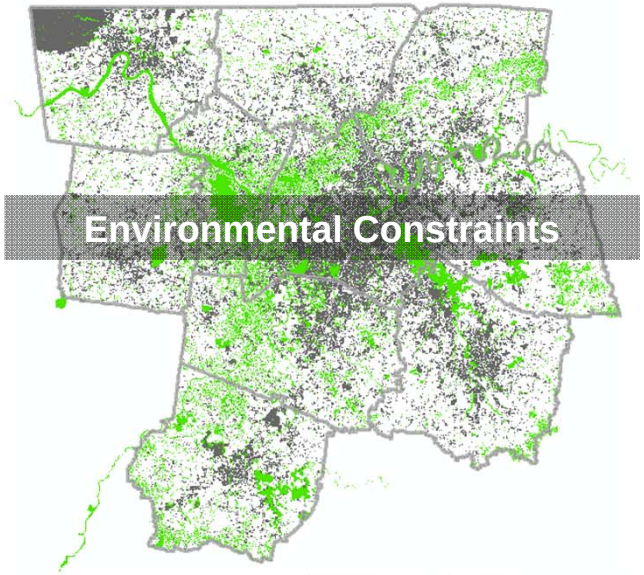
What Determines the MPO Planning Area

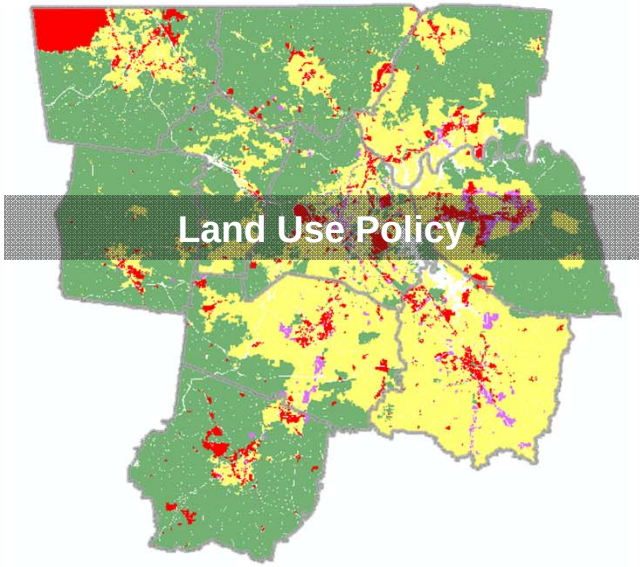
MPO Planning Area Considerations

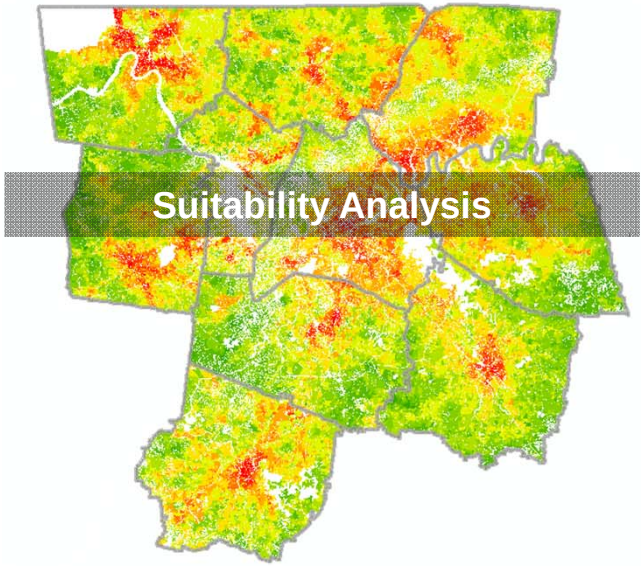
- US Census designations for Urban Areas over 50,000 in population
- Areas adjacent to an existing urbanized area that is expected to urbanize over the next 20 years
- Commuter sheds/ Travel patterns
- Alignment/ Coordination with regional economic development efforts
- Conformity with national air quality standards

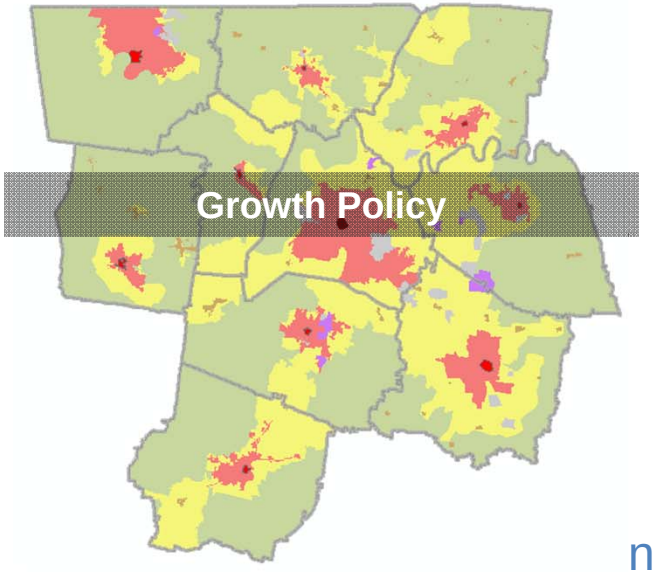
Urbanizing Areas

Market and Policy Driven Forecasting

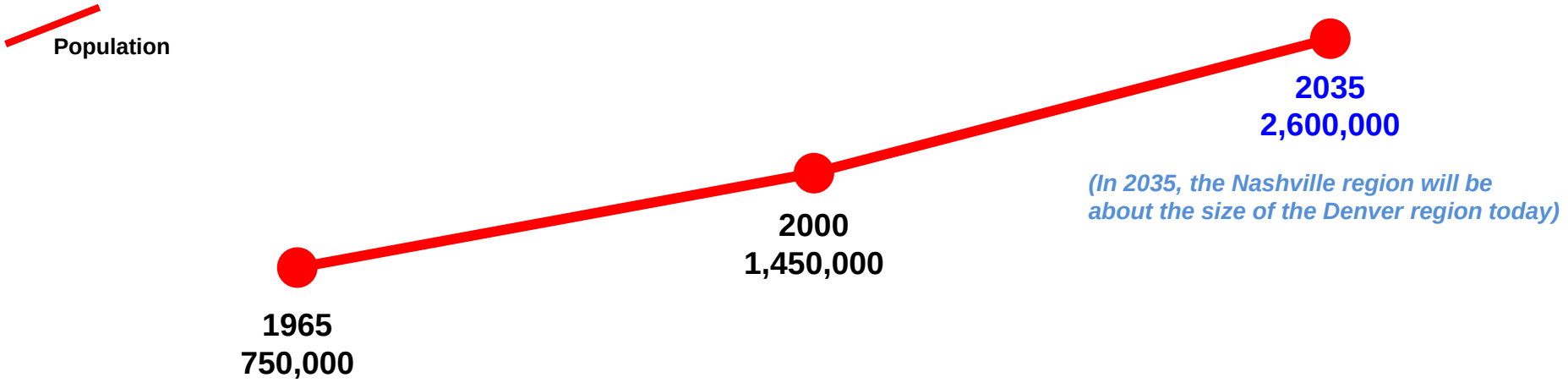


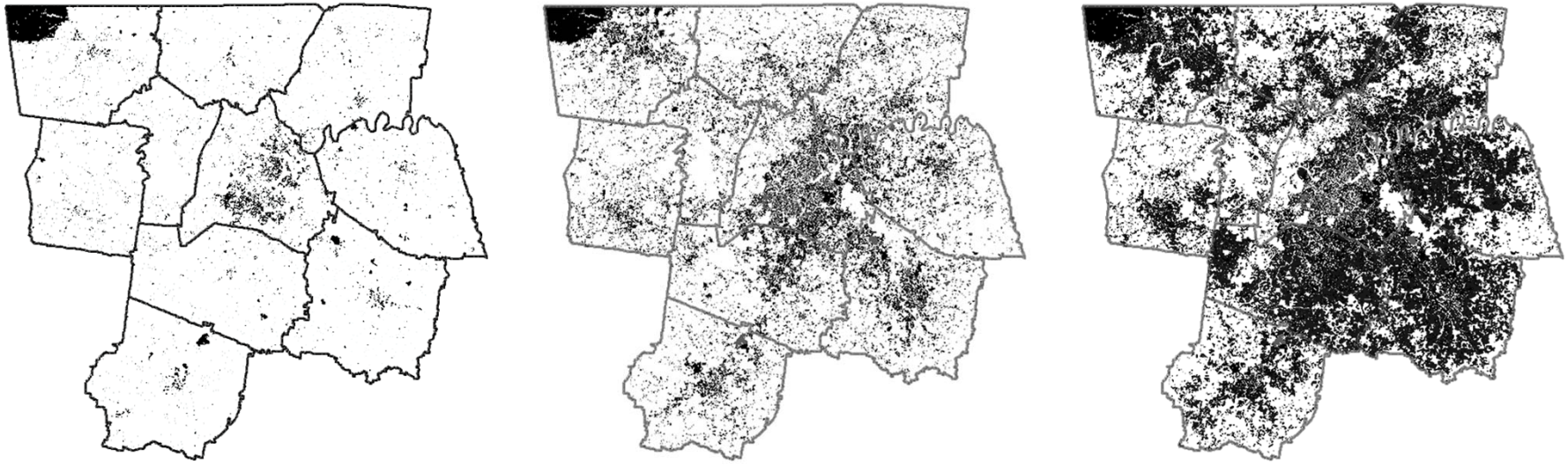






Development Pattern, 1965-2035





Properties affected by development

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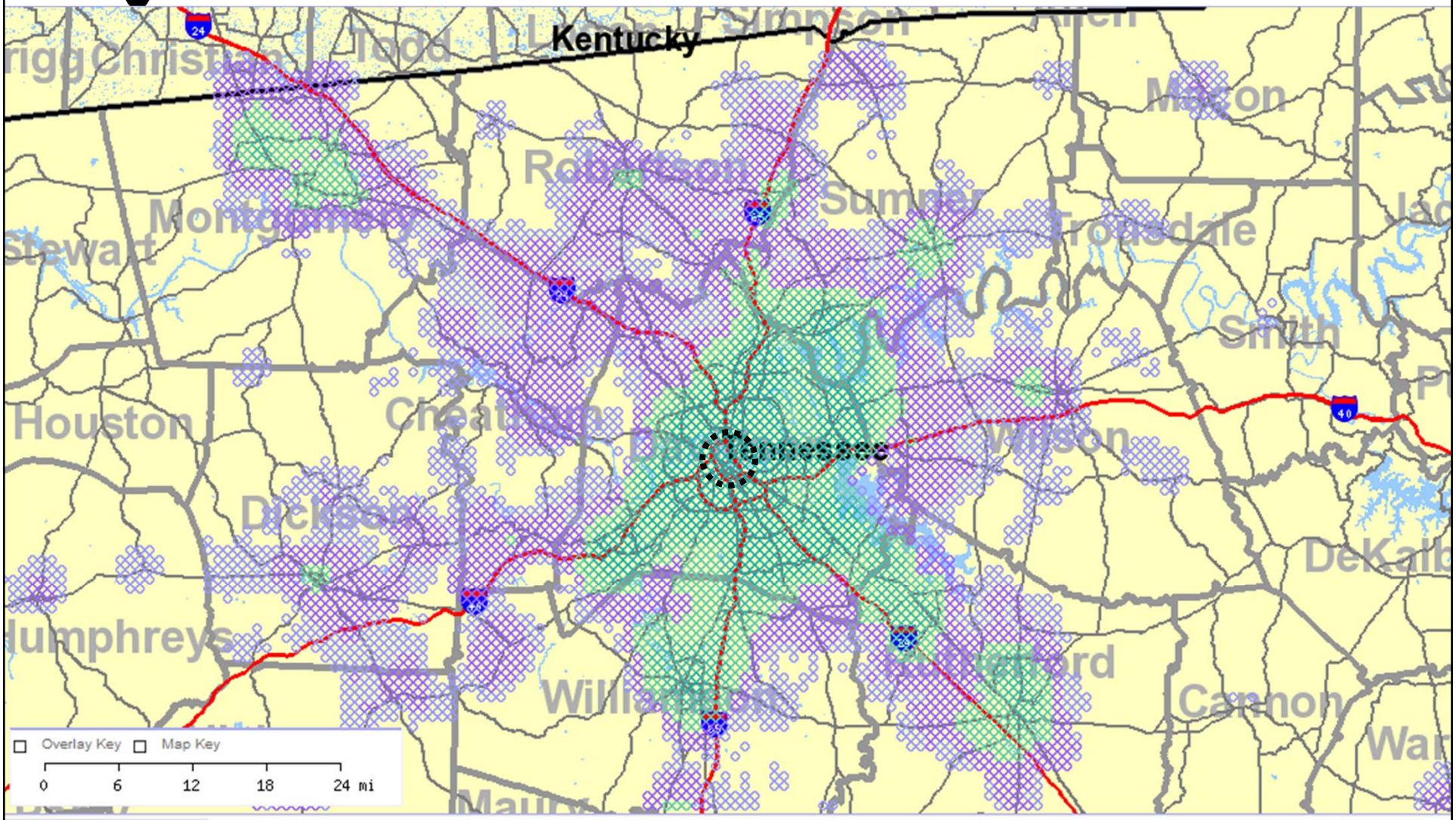
Commuter Sheds

Transportation is Regional Issue



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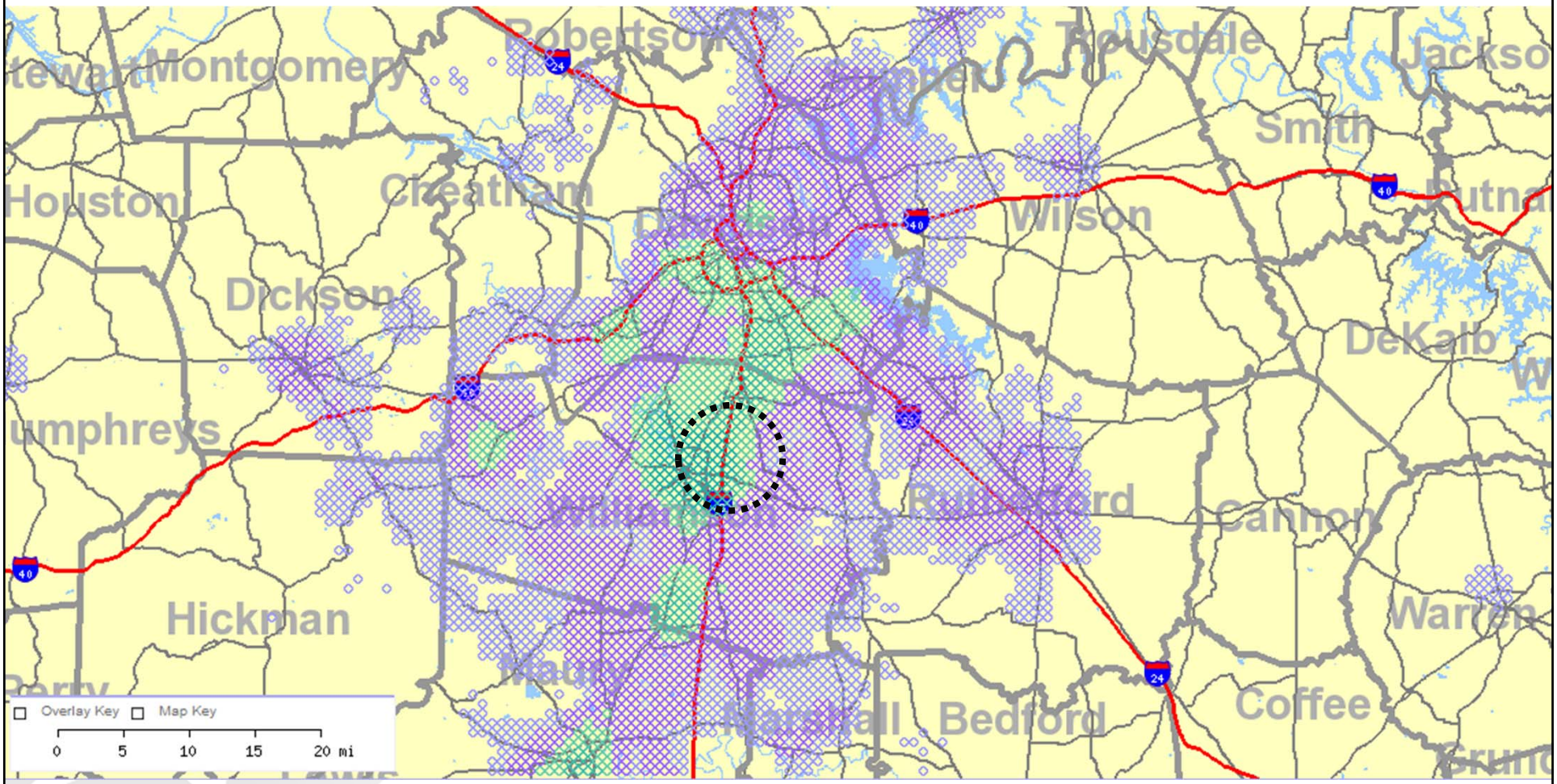

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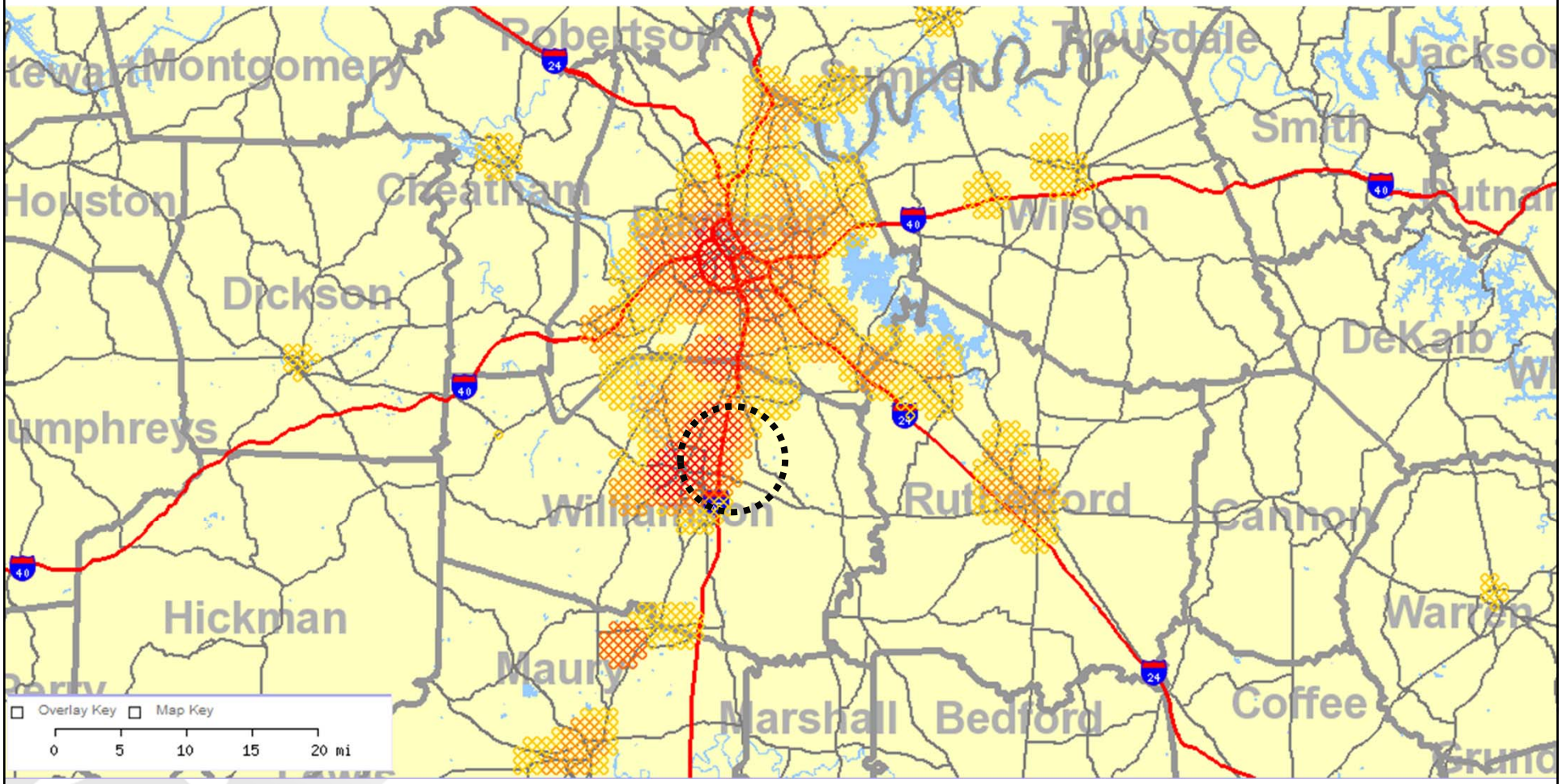

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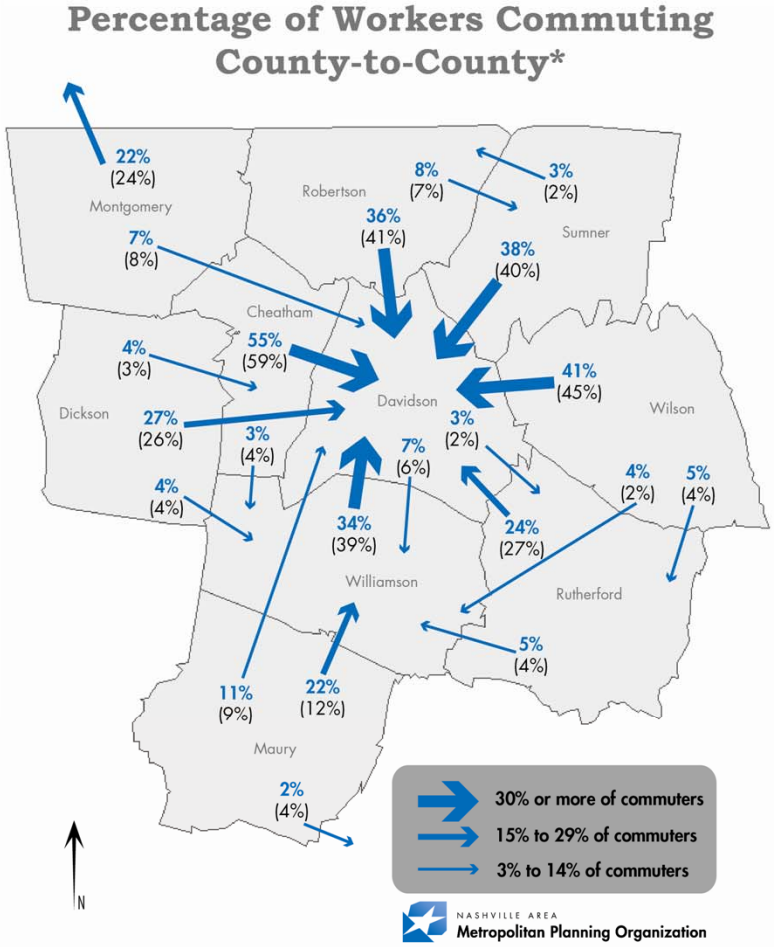
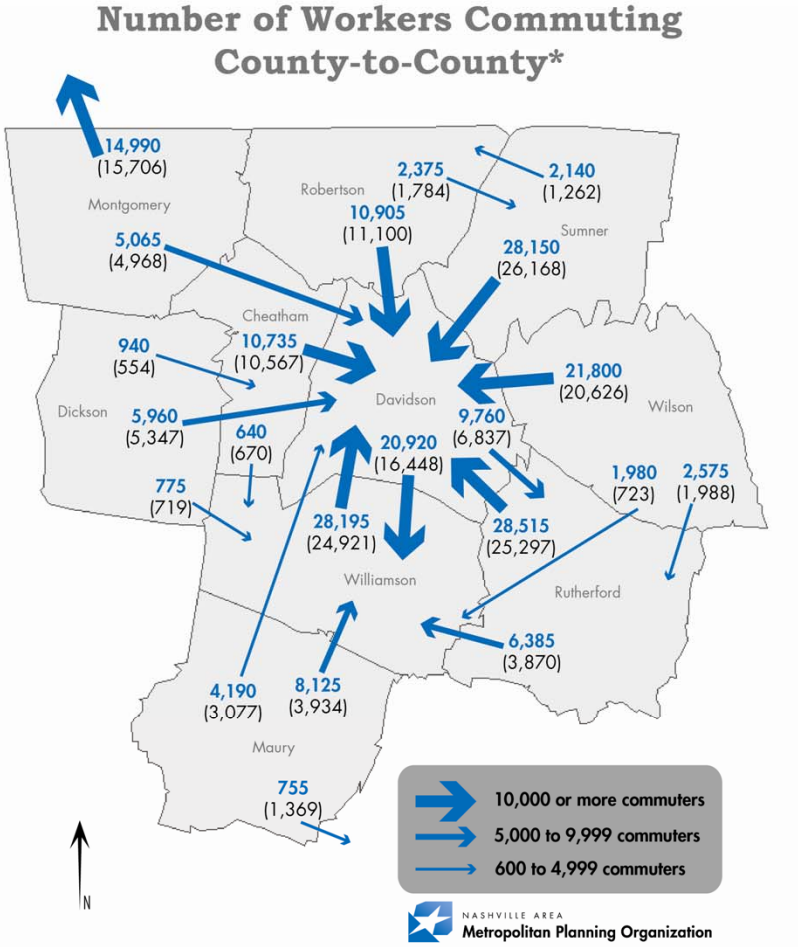
2000/2010 Census Journey-to-Work





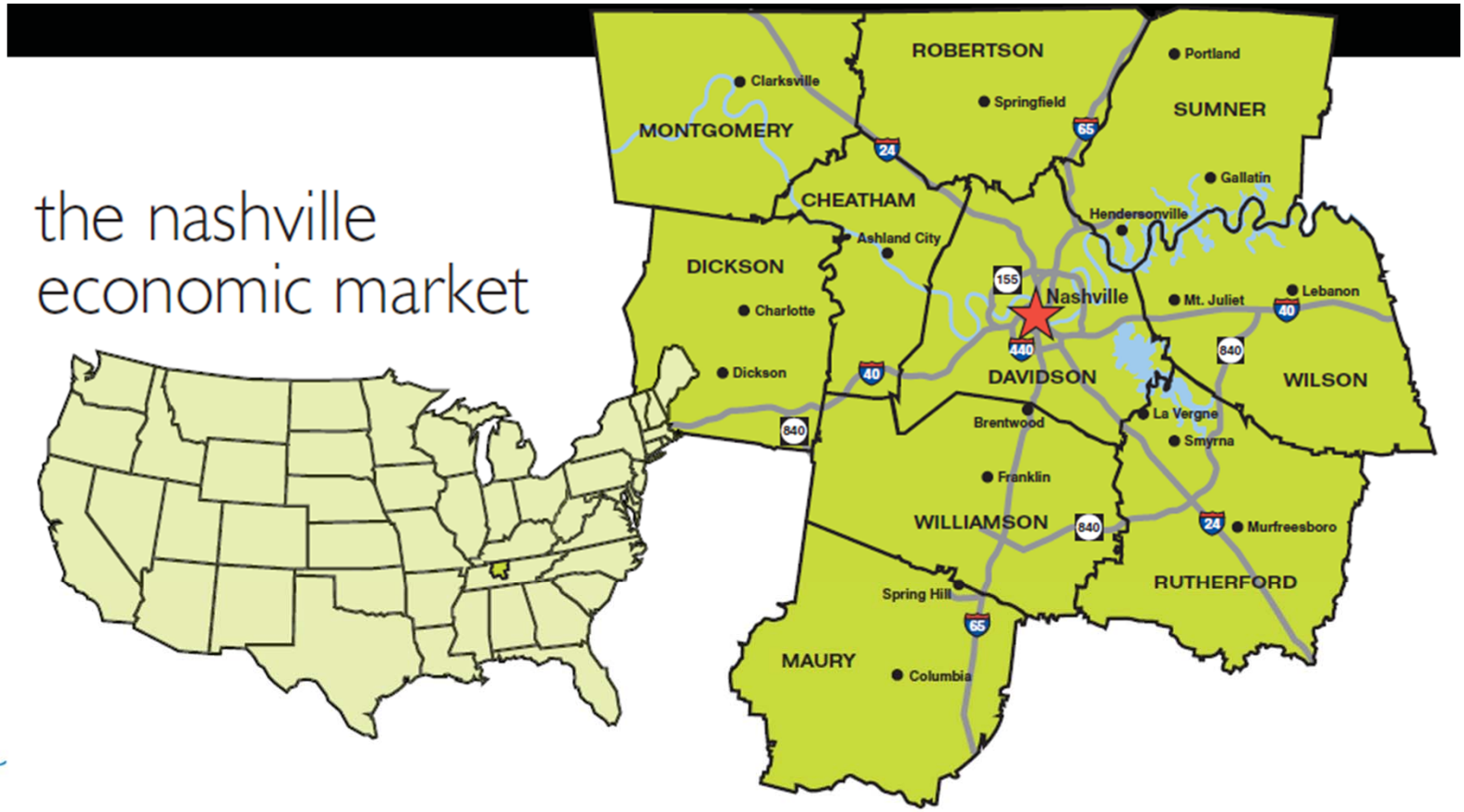
* 2006-2008 American Community Survey data in blue (2000 Census data in parentheses). Shows all flows of 3% or greater.

Source: CTPP Full Data Release September 2010. US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2006-2008 3-year estimates.

Economic Development

Partnership 2020

Partnership 2020 program is the region's leading economic development initiative for recruiting new businesses to Nashville, including relocating firms and local expansions. The program originated as Partnership 2000 in 1990.



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Discussion

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- What geographic region do you think the MPO should represent and why?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of MPO planning area expansion?
- What process should we establish for inviting adjacent areas to join the MPO?
- How do we ensure adequate coordination in the meantime?