



# Demographics and Real Estate Market Trends

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## Residential

- ▶ Master-Planned Communities
- ▶ Apartments, Condominiums
- ▶ Single-Family, Townhomes
- ▶ Active Adult Communities
- ▶ Independent, Assisted Living, CCRC
- ▶ Second Home Communities
- ▶ Affordable/Workforce Housing
- ▶ Conservation Communities

## Retail

- ▶ Lifestyle/Entertainment Centers
- ▶ Neighborhood Centers
- ▶ Regional/Super Regional Malls

## Hotel, Condo-Hotel

- ▶ Conference/Convention Hotel
- ▶ Beach, Mountain, Lake Resorts
- ▶ Casino, Marina

## Office/Industrial/Campus

- ▶ Office Parks
- ▶ R&D/Industrial
- ▶ University/Medical Campus

## Other

- ▶ Transit-Oriented Development
- ▶ Mixed-Use
- ▶ Adaptive Reuse
- ▶ Brownfield Redevelopment
- ▶ Downtown and Corridor Revitalization



# AGENDA

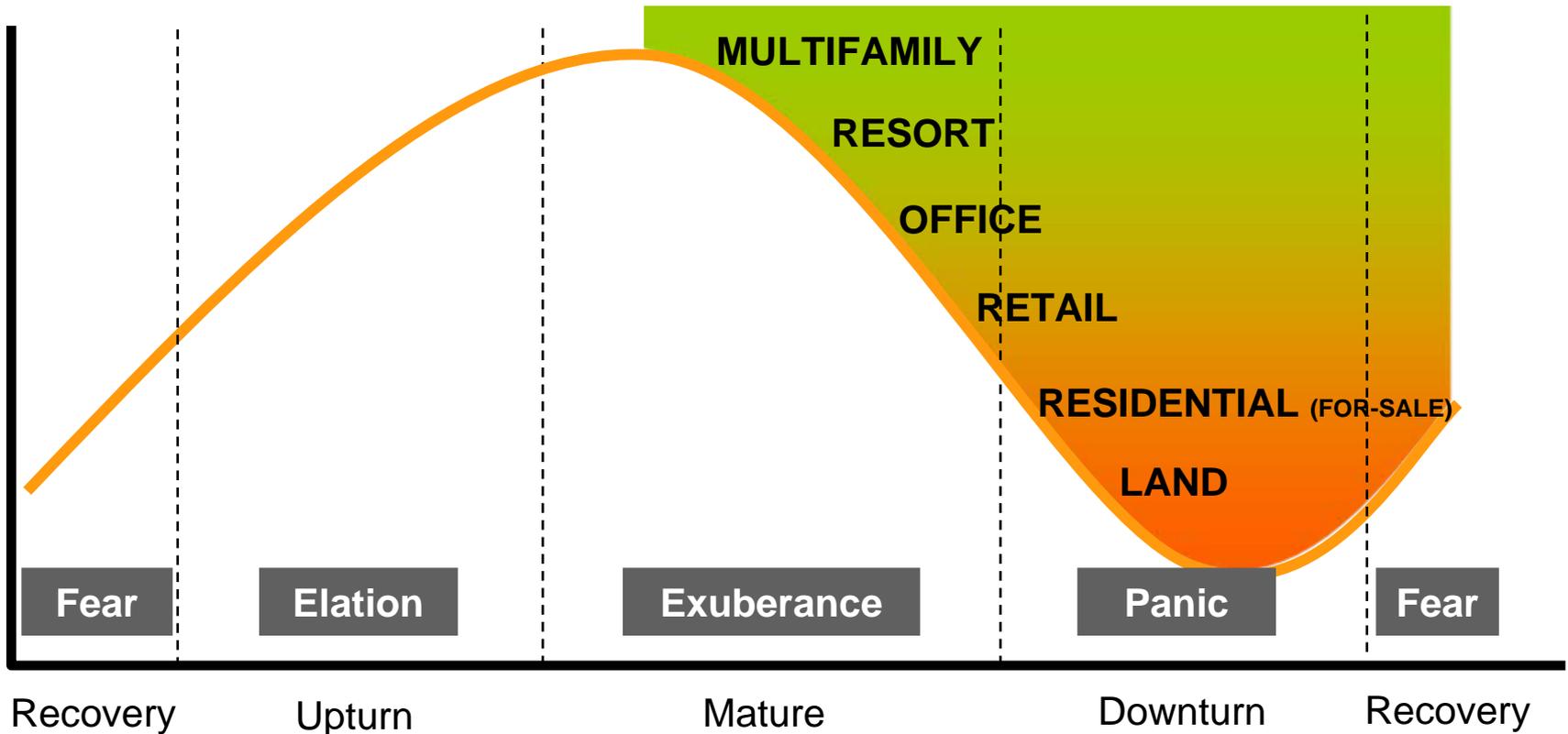
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  - Baby Boomers
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# THE CURRENT SITUATION

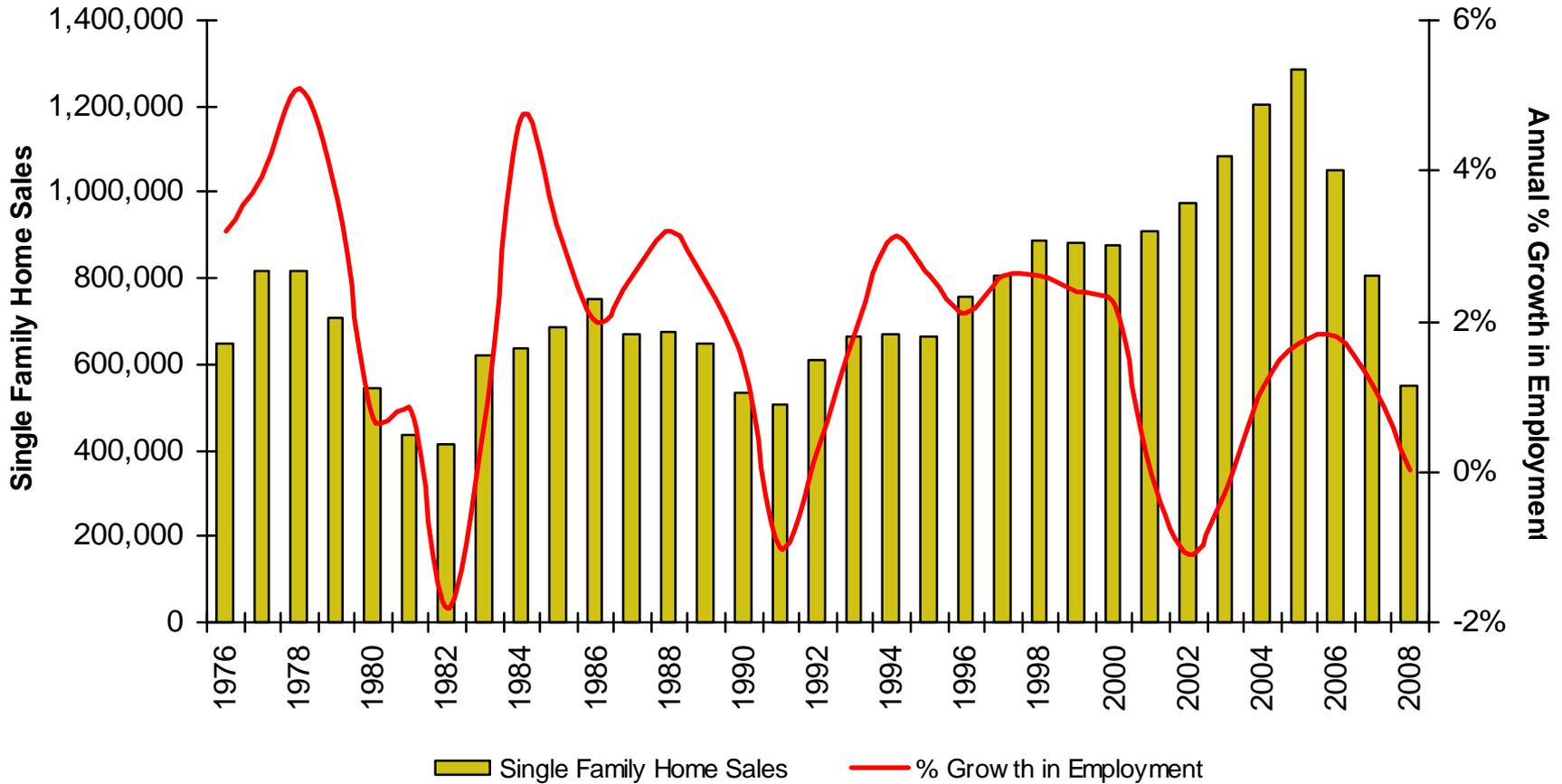
## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

**Bullish excesses pave the way to bearish corrections.**



# THE NATIONAL HOUSING MARKET MISSED THE LAST ECONOMIC DOWNTURN: NOT THIS TIME

**Number of New Single Family Home Sales Compared to Employment Growth in the U.S.**  
1976 – 2008 <sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> 2008 figure is annualized for employment growth, and projected for new home sales.  
SOURCE: NAHB; BLS, US Dept of Labor

# DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS CRITICAL TO SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITIES AND LONG-TERM PLANNING

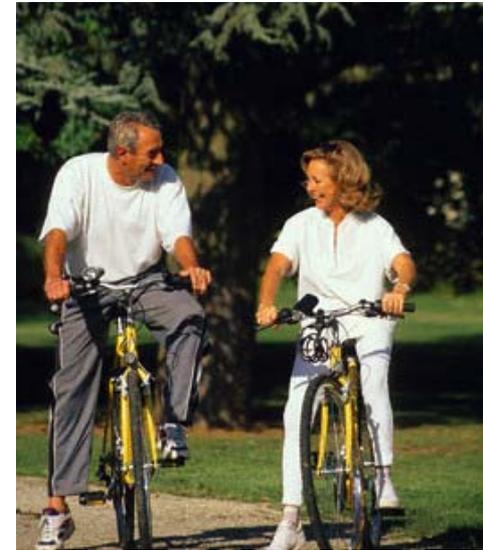
## Opportunities For Under-Served Niches

- ▶ What demographic segments are growing and how do their preference differ from the products offered?
- ▶ What locations are the most highly valued by the key demographic segments?
- ▶ How do the demographic segments and where they are in their lifestyle intersect with each land use, i.e. rental apartments?



## Critical Juncture for Long-term Planning

- ▶ Use this time to make great decisions about how and where we develop
- ▶ Anticipate the market and plan for changing preferences
- ▶ Be ready for the “right” market audiences when the market recovers



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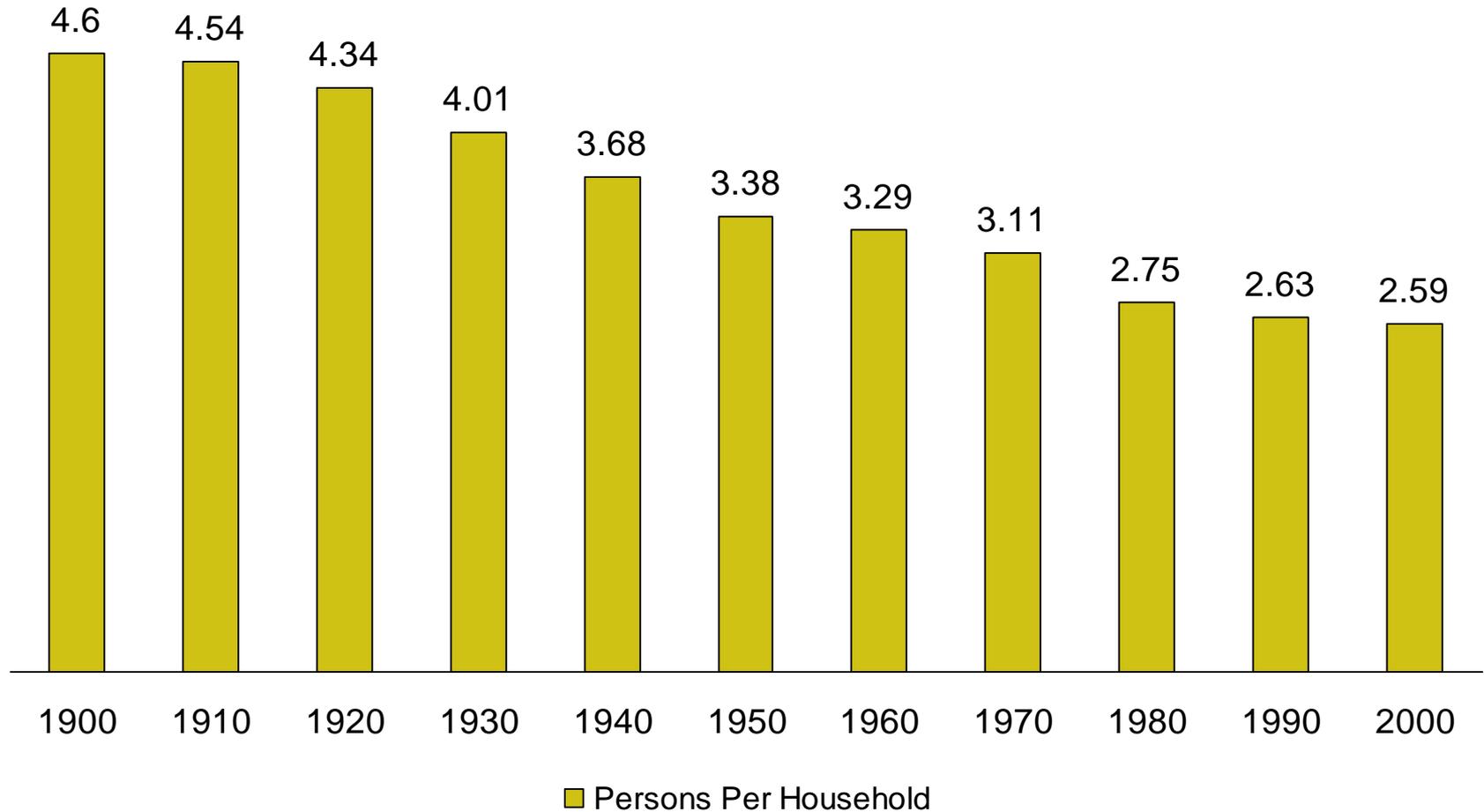
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# HOUSEHOLD SIZE SHRINKING

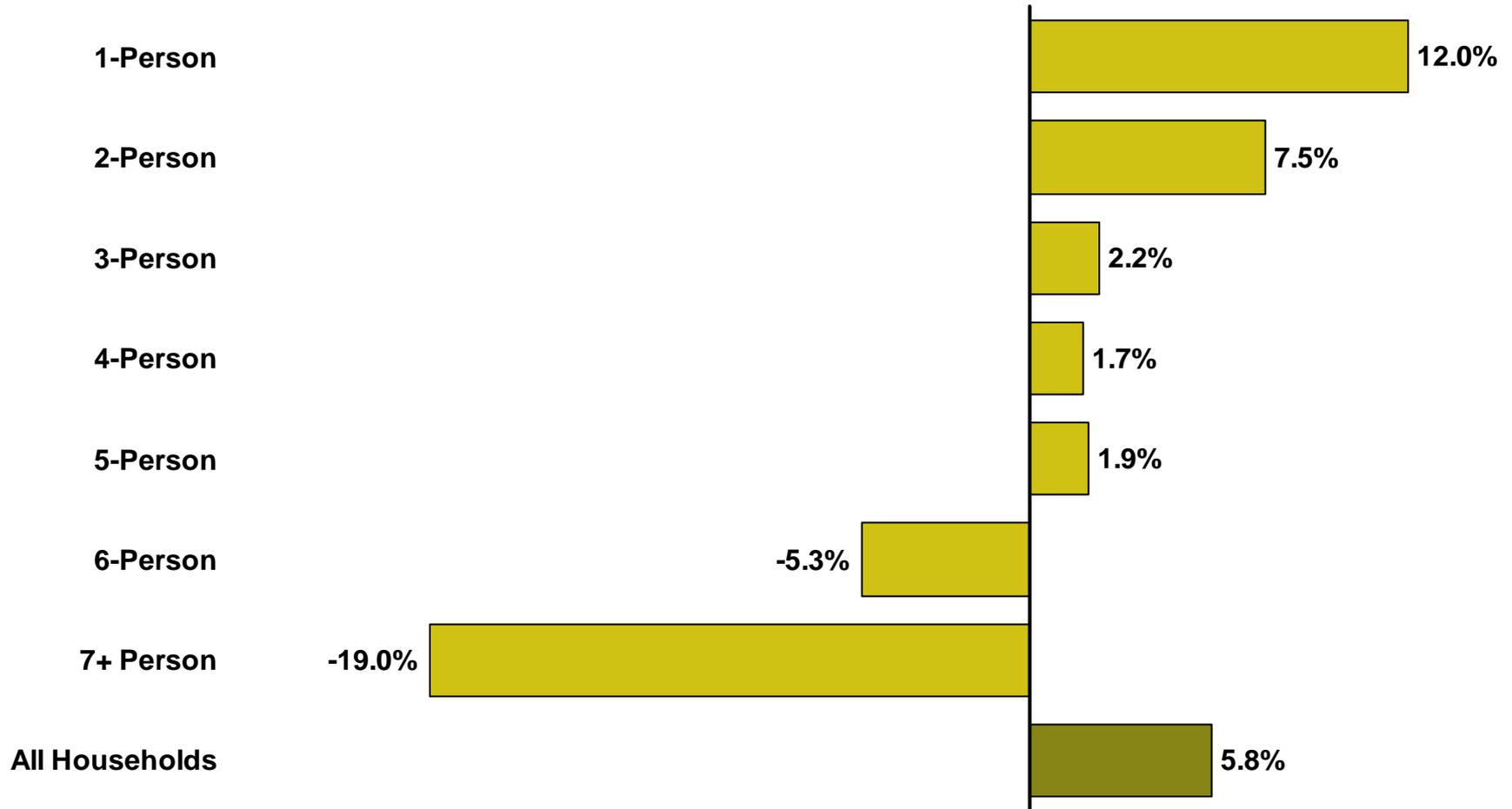
## NATION GROWING ON BACKS OF SMALLER HOUSEHOLDS



SOURCE: US Census

# DECREASING HOUSEHOLD SIZES BODE WELL FOR FUTURE LOWER MAINTENANCE DEVELOPMENT

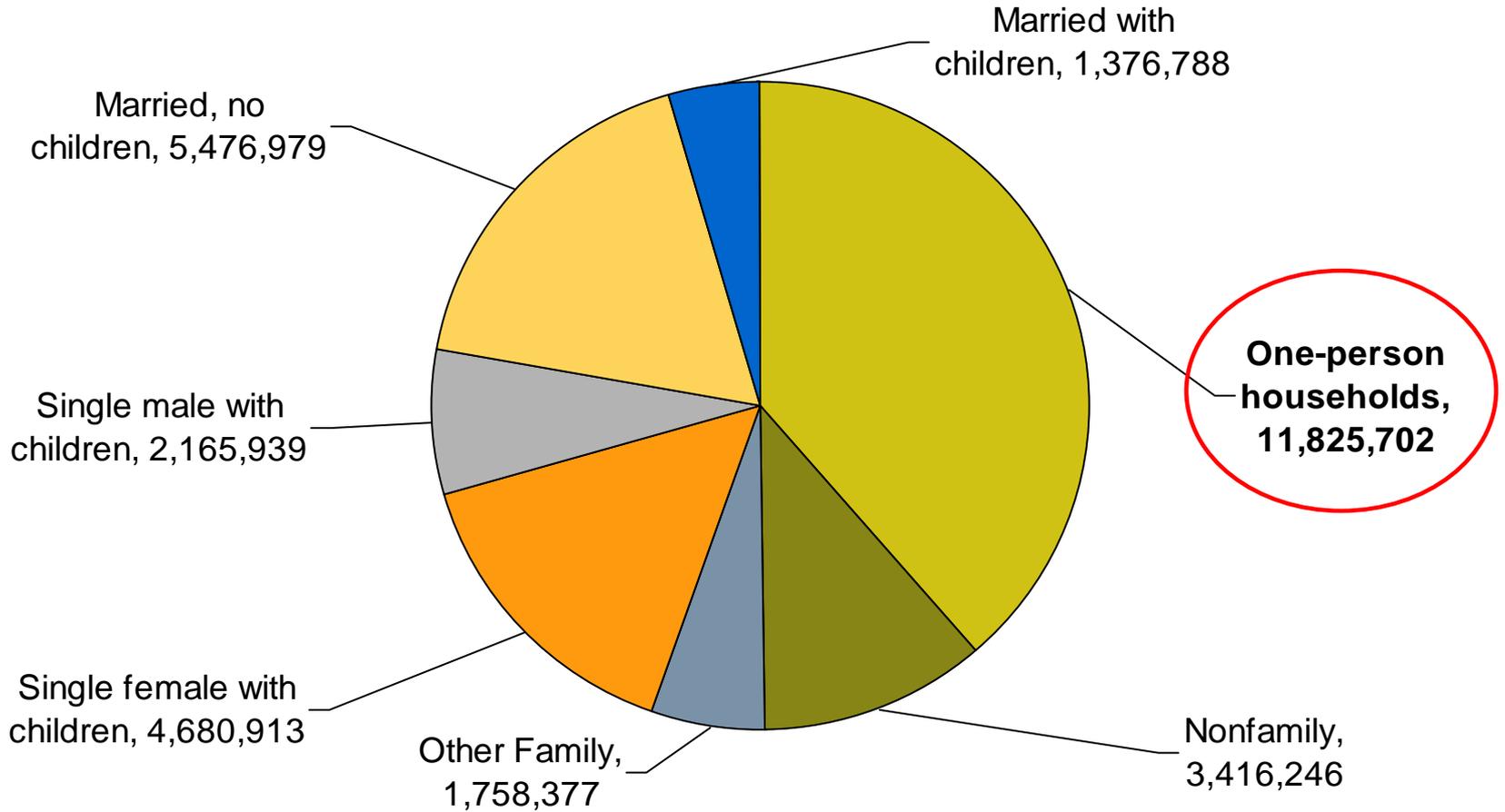
## Household Growth by Household Size United States, 2000–2006



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

# > 85% GROWTH IN HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT CHILDREN DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD LANDSCAPE BY 2025

## Absolute Change in Households, United States 1980–2025



SOURCE: US Census

# GENERATIONS: GEN Y MAKES UP THE LARGEST SHARE OF THE U.S. POPULATION, FOLLOWED BY BABY BOOMERS, AND GEN X

| GENERATION   | BORN           | 2008 AGE | 2007 % OF NATION | 2007 # OF PEOPLE |
|--------------|----------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Eisenhowers  | Before 1946    | 62+      | 17%              | 51M              |
| Baby Boomers | 1946 – 1964    | 43 – 62  | 27%              | 75M              |
| Generation X | 1965 – 1978    | 30 – 42  | 18%              | 52M              |
| Gen Y        | 1979 – 1996    | 12 – 29  | 27%              | 80M+             |
| Gen Z?       | 1996 and After | 0 – 12   | 10%              | 30M              |

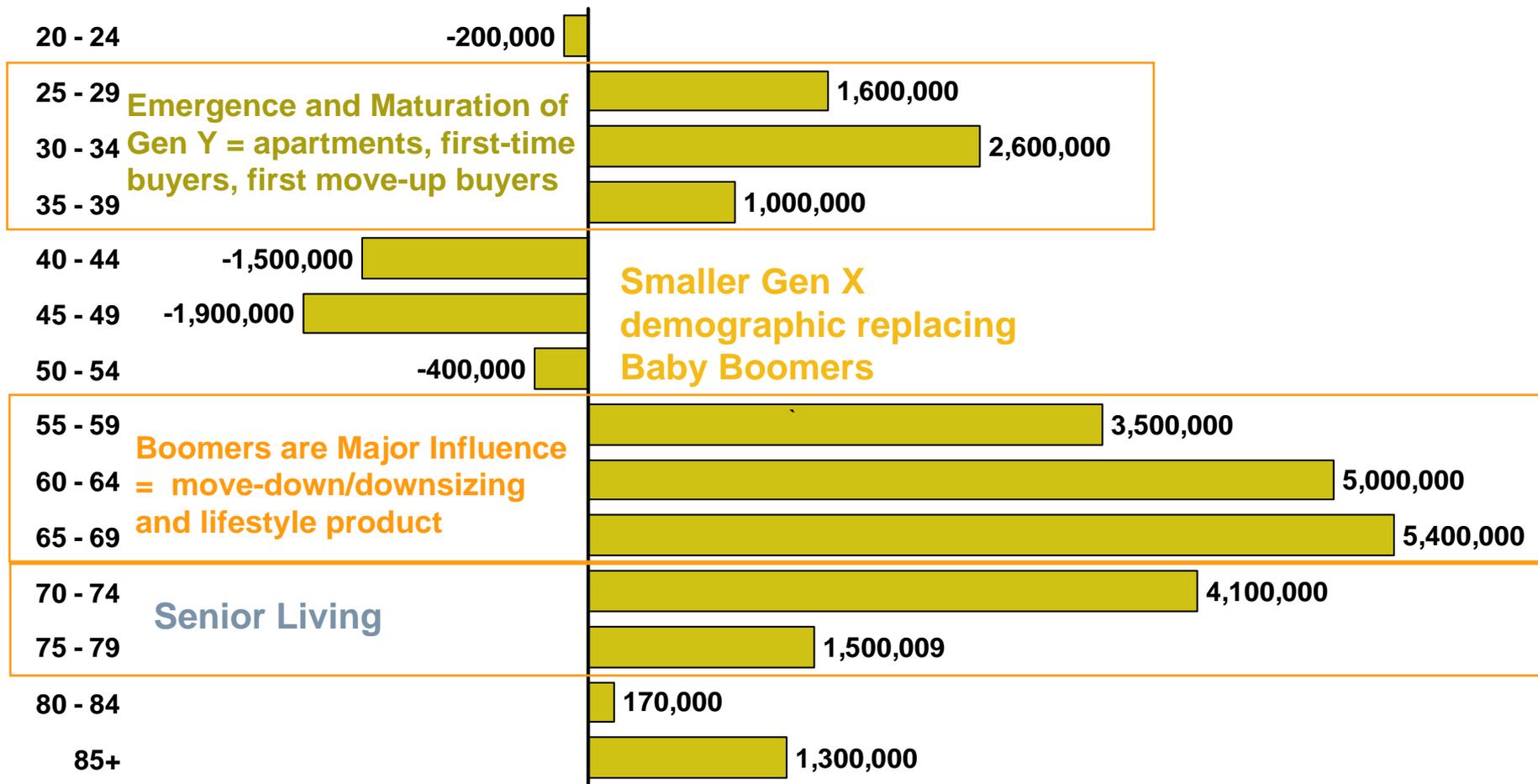
SOURCE: Claritas, National Center for Health Statistics, RCLCO

# LIFE STAGE INFLUENCES HOUSING CHOICE: GEN Y MOVES TO HOME OWNERSHIP IN NEAR FUTURE

|             | STUDENT HOUSING | SINGLE & ROOMMATE RENTAL | RENT AS COUPLE / 1 <sup>ST</sup> HOME | YOUNG FAMILY OWN | MATURE FAMILY OWN | EMPTY-NESTER DOWNSIZE OWN | RETIREE SENIOR HOUSING |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>2008</b> | Gen Y           | Gen Y                    | Gen X                                 | Gen X            | Baby B            | Baby B                    | Eisen Baby B           |
| <b>2010</b> | Gen Y           | Gen Y                    | Gen Y                                 | Gen X<br>Gen Y   | Baby B<br>Gen X   | Baby B                    | Eisen Baby B           |
| <b>2015</b> | Gen Y           | Gen Y                    | Gen Y                                 | Gen Y            | Gen X             | Baby B                    | Eisen Baby B           |
| <b>2020</b> | Gen Z           | Gen Y                    | Gen Y                                 | Gen Y            | Gen X<br>Gen Y    | Gen X<br>Baby B           | Baby B                 |

# DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS FAVOR MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT

## Projected Total Population Growth by Age 2008–2018



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

# GENERATION Y AND BOOMERS INFLUENCE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

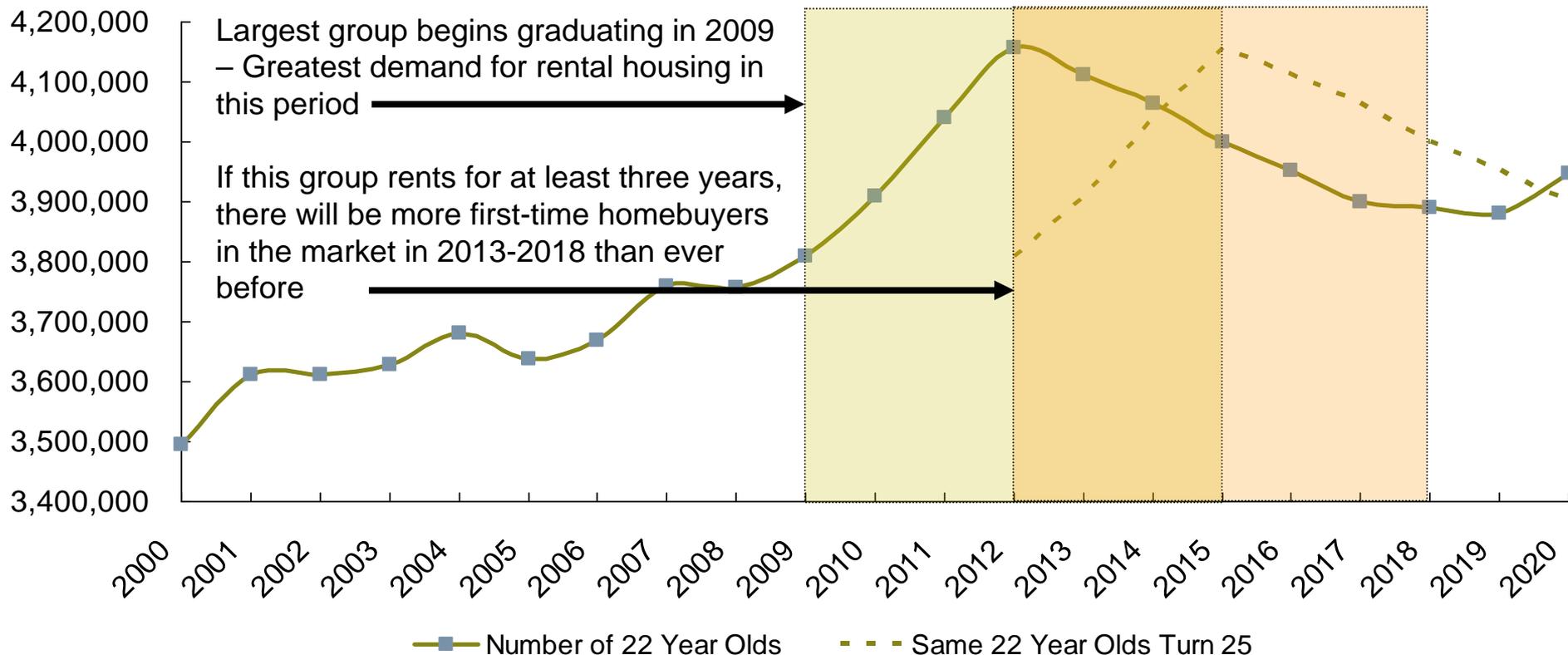
- ▶ **Gen Y will be the key demographic to focus on for multifamily and starter housing over the next 10 years**
  - Large number entering the rental market starting in 2009 and thereafter
  - Becoming first-time homebuyers in 2012 and thereafter
- ▶ **Baby Boomers are larger in numbers than Gen Ys but reduced turnover with age diminishes demand; still a major force**
  - Discretionary purchase
  - Can stay put in a housing downturn
  - Have more options (in terms of product, location, and setting) than Gen Y
  - Significant impact on senior housing long term



# WAVE OF GEN Y WILL BEGIN ENTERING THE RENTAL MARKET IN 2009; FOR-SALE IN 2012

## RCLCO Consumer Research shows:

- ▶ 41% of Generation Y plan to rent for at least three years
- ▶ 77% of Generation Y plan to live in an Urban Core



NOTE: Number of 22-year olds is based upon birth rate and does not factor in death rates and migration.

SOURCE: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# GEN Y REPRESENTS THE GREATEST MAGNITUDE AND SPENDING POWER



- ▶ **Over 80M Gen Y's today (1979-1996)**
  - ~75M Baby Boomers (1946-1964)
  - 1.6x more Gen Y's than Gen X's
- ▶ **Represent almost 30% of today's population**
  - Baby Boomers represent 25% of today's population
- ▶ **Over 35% of Gen Y HH's earn above \$75,000**
  - 40% of Baby Boomers do, as well
- ▶ **Overall, it is estimated that Generation Y influences "as much as half of all spending in the U.S. economy"**
  - They represent \$1.6 trillion in earning power

SOURCE: Harris Interactive and the U.S. Census

# INTEREST IN CLOSE-IN NEIGHBORHOODS IS HIGHEST



SOURCE: RCLCO consumer research

- ▶ Overall, for those who are moving, the most interest is for close-in neighborhoods
  - Interest in close-in neighborhoods is followed by urban locations
- ▶ Those in the Northeastern United States have the least interest in moving to urban locations and prefer more close-in suburban locations
  - Most interest in cities is in the Southern region
    - Of those moving to cities, most are choosing to do it in the South
- ▶ Much of this is likely due to affordability issues; this bodes well for further development of urban cores in southern cities

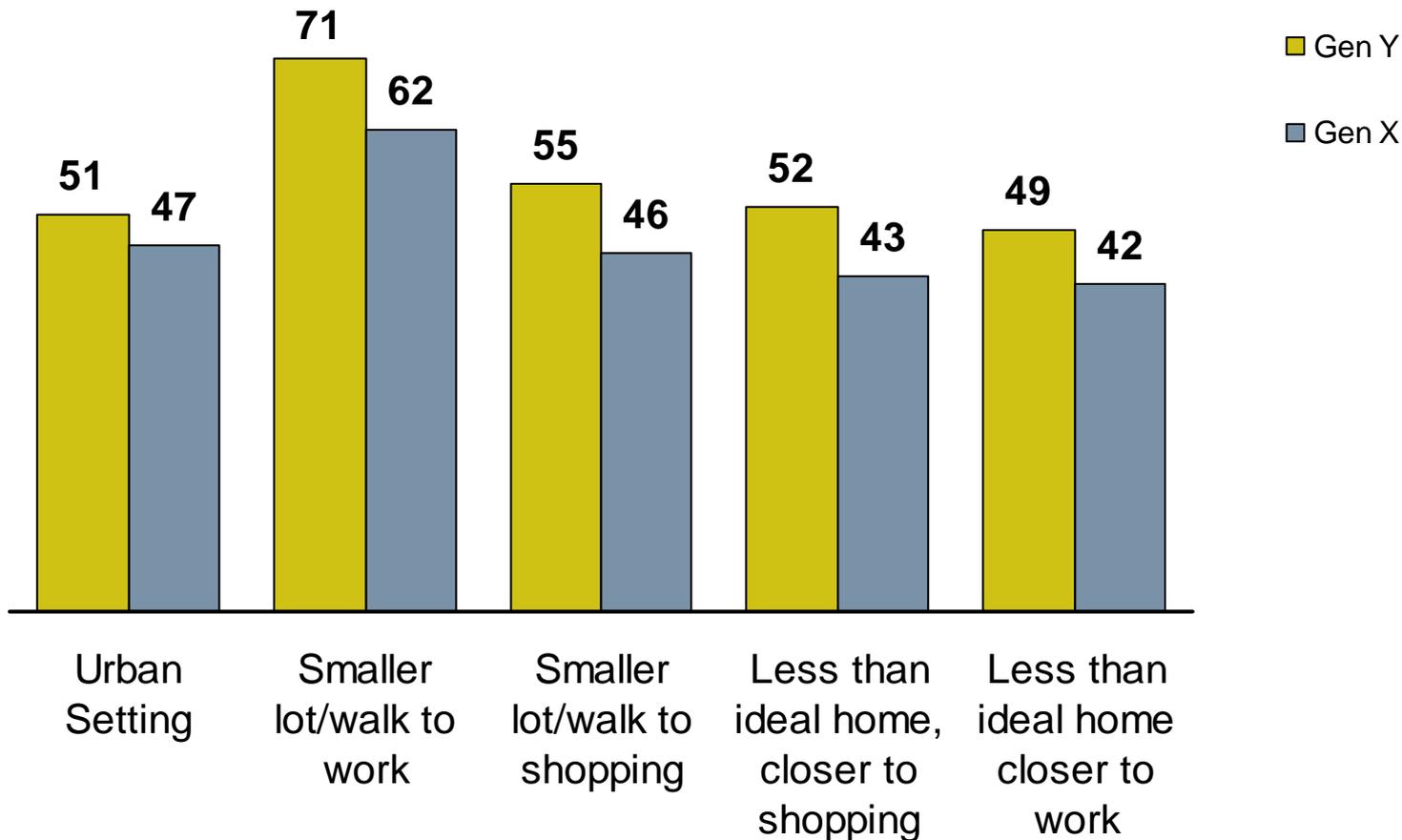
# GEN X AND GEN Y ARE KEY TO ATLANTA'S GROWTH – AND THEY REALLY LIKE ATLANTA

|                                       |                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| How Many?                             | <b>Gen Y: 80 Million</b><br><i>(Boomers: 75 Million)</i>              |
| Most preferred area of the U.S.?      | <b>The South</b>                                                      |
| Most preferred location in the SE?    | <b>Atlanta</b>                                                        |
| Top 3 metros preferred nationally?    | <b>1) NYC</b><br><b>2) LA</b><br><b>3) Atlanta</b>                    |
| What are they doing in the RE market? | <b>Currently renting.</b><br><b>Increasingly buying homes in 2010</b> |
| Where do they want to go?             | <b>Intown areas, close to work, mixed-use envs.</b>                   |

Source: RCLCO Consumer Research

# TRADE-OFFS FOR GEN X AND GEN Y INCLUDE MORE FOCUS ON COMMUNITY RATHER THAN HOME

**Generational Tradeoffs (%)**



SOURCE: RCLCO Consumer Research

# GEN Y WILL PAY FOR WALKABLE, MIXED-USE



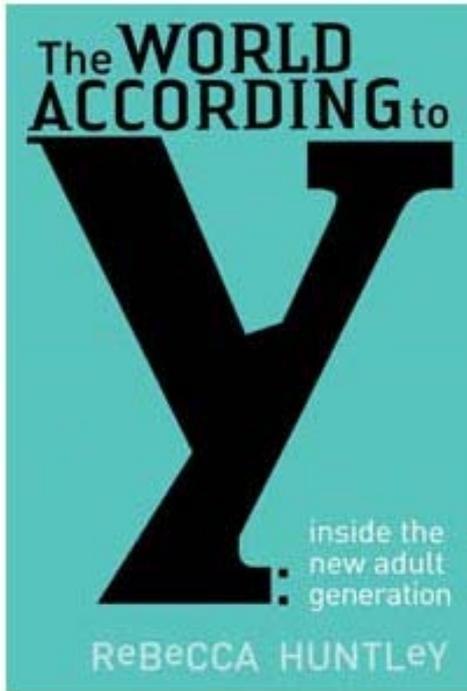
## WALKABILITY:

- ▶ Driven by convenience, connectivity, and a healthy work-life balance to maintain relationships
- ▶ **1/3 will pay more** to walk to shops, work, and entertainment
- ▶ 2/3 say that living in a walkable community is important
- ▶ More than 1/2 of Gen Y would trade lot size for proximity to shopping or to work
- ▶ Even among families with children, one-third or more are willing to trade lot size and “ideal” homes for walkable, diverse communities
- ▶ Even in the suburbs the majority of Gen Y prefer characteristics of urban places, particularly walkable environments



SOURCE: RCLCO consumer research

# FAMILY CHANGES AND NEEDS



## ▶ *Family Changes:*

- 70% do not believe they have to move to the suburbs once they have kids;
- Only half are confident they will need a single-family home once they have kids;
- Improving schools is the highest priority for more than half of Gen-Y; and

## ▶ *Needs:*

- Diversity is key. Gen Y wants diversity in housing types, styles, groups of people, and household composition.
- Over half report that having a community and home designed to meet certain "green" objectives plays an important role in their purchase or renting decision.

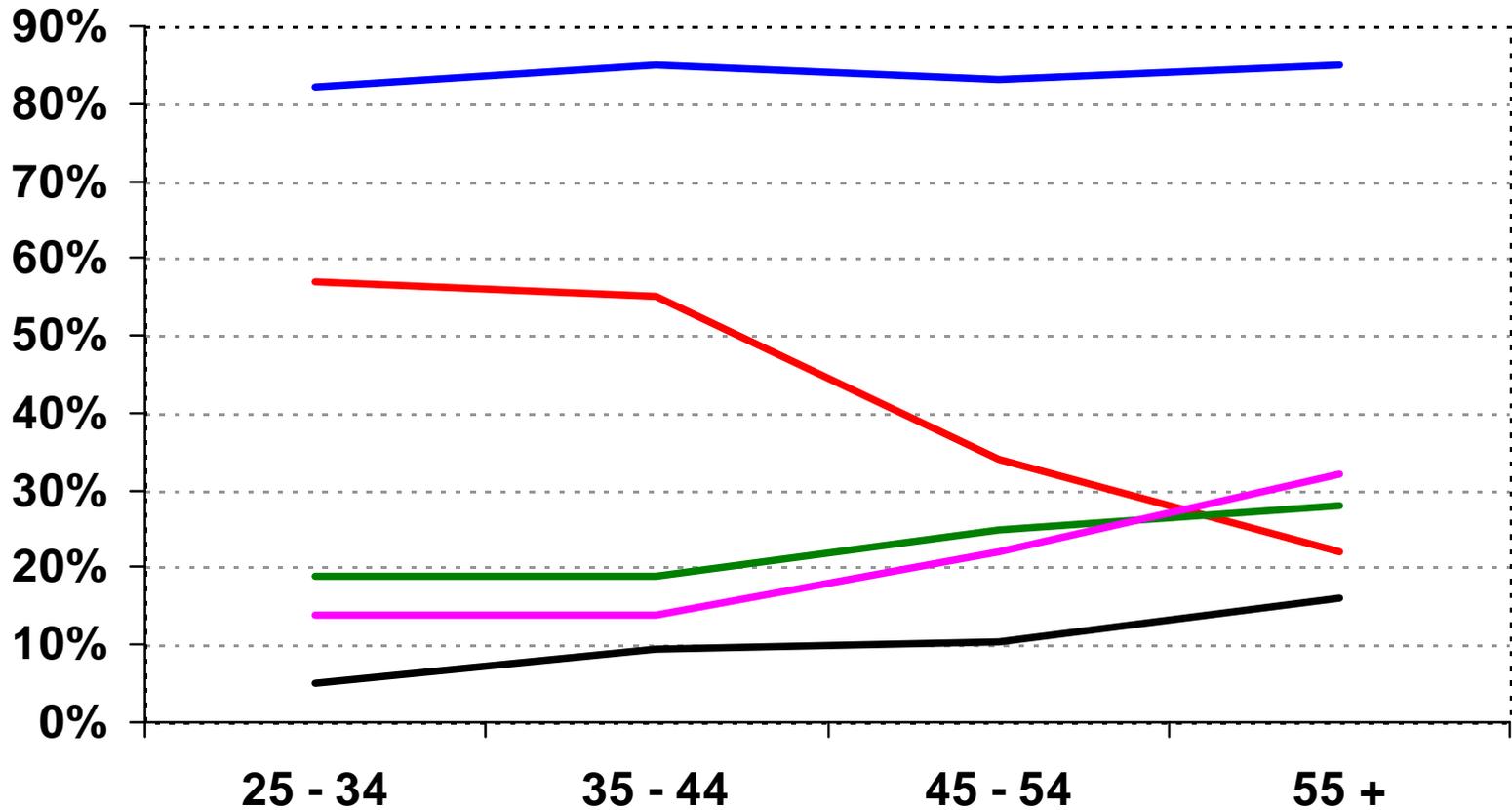
# LIFESTYLE AND LOCATION IS REQUIRED FOR WORK-LIFE BALANCE



- ▶ Work-life balance or work-life blend is important to Gen Y
  - Their work will blend with other parts of their lives—they'll work from home, enroll their kids in their company's in-house day care, and enjoy portable careers
- ▶ Gen Y's are multitaskers
  - They'll do what it takes to get the job done, and they'll probably do it in less time, but not at the expense of balance
- ▶ As a result, it is easy to understand why almost 50% of Gen Y will choose a less-than-ideal home if they can walk to work
  - This allows them shorter commutes and more “me time”

SOURCE: Franciscan Skemp Health Care and Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center

# HOME PURCHASE CRITERIA CHANGE WITH AGE



— Crime Rate      — School District      — Highway Access  
— Location of Shopping      — Public Transportation

# AT THE MACRO LEVEL, BOOMER RETIREES FALL INTO TWO BROAD GROUPS...

## Those interested in Age Oriented Lifestyles (Up to 19%\*)

- ▶ Still don't consider themselves "elderly" – prefer to be "hip"
  - Give new meaning to the word "active" in terms of amenities
- ▶ Demand lifelong learning opportunities and other types of engagement
- ▶ Expect to be healthier than their parents during retirement

## Those preferring Multi-generational communities (75%\*)

- ▶ Aware of and don't mind large Master Planned Communities (MPCs), but existing models don't meet unique preferences, e.g. smaller, more intimate neighborhoods, variation in products
- ▶ Enables them to live near their children, cultural activities, universities and schools, restaurants and urban rituals.
- ▶ They are less civic and sociable, less attracted by large clubhouses and busy group schedules. They want ownership and personal control over their stuff.
- ▶ Most want plenty of untamed space — or at least access to it. They care deeply about the "myth" and "story" underlying their community.

\*SOURCE: 2003 Baby Boomer Report by Del Webb

# AT THE MICRO LEVEL, BOOMERS ARE ACTUALLY VERY SPLINTERED

Baby Boomers are not comprised of a monolithic group, but permutations within...

- Age:
  - Leading edge reaching 60,
  - Trailing edge in their 40's
- Household Composition:
  - Singles
  - Second/Third Families
  - Young families
  - Mature families
  - Empty Nesters
  - “Never Nesters”
  - Multi-generational families
- Psychographics:
  - Innovators,
  - Thinkers and
  - Achievers
- Lifestyle:
  - Private and Passive to
  - Active and Social

# MAJORITY OF CURRENT PLANNED COMMUNITIES OFFER A PRE-DEFINED LIFESTYLE, TURNING OFF BOOMERS-RETIREES...

## **MPC interest decreases as households mature...**

- Amenities and marketing are “family focused”
- Established MPCs not widely recognized as having a “nature conscience”, a highly important community theme for mature buyers
- Housing too often “mass-produced”, aiming for the middle of the market and lacking unique attributes.
- Production builders lack allowance for individual expression sought by experienced home buyers
- Floor plans not always designed with aging audience in mind, just adjusted if buyers happen to be older
- Successful MPCs tend to sprout in quality school districts, not necessarily locations desirable for aging households

# COMMUNITY MODELS ARE CHANGING...

|                            | PAST                                                                                   | PRESENT                                                                                  | FUTURE                                                                                             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Generation</b>          | The Greatest Generation (1911-1924)<br>G.I. Generation (1900-1924)                     | The Silent Generation (1925-1945)                                                        | The Baby Boomer Generation (1946-1965)                                                             |
| <b>Community Type</b>      | Active Adult Community                                                                 | Age-Targeted/<br>Active Adult Community                                                  | Multigenerational Community                                                                        |
|                            |       |        |                 |
| <b>Location</b>            | Primarily in Sunbelt states including - AZ, CA, FL & TX                                | Prevalent in traditional Sunbelt states and at the periphery of major metropolitan areas | Diversity in locations from secluded country locations to dense urban settings.                    |
| <b>Retirement Focus</b>    | Forbearers unlikely to have provided a model of retirement; Easy and affordable living | Flexibility and freedom in schedule to pursue interests                                  | Health, well being and personal enrichment; redefining mature; Who said anything about retirement? |
| <b>Perspective</b>         | Solitary passage; age segregated                                                       | Our time; retirement from work only; cocooning                                           | Intergenerational; back to a simpler life; personal authenticity                                   |
| <b>Financial Resources</b> | Social Security, Modest Home Equity                                                    | Social Security, Declining Pension Funds, 401-K, Greater Home Equity                     | Primary Income, 401-K, Significant Home Equity?, Inheritance                                       |

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| <b>Mindset</b>                   | Accepted aging as natural part of life cycle;<br>Lucky to be alive                                                     | A well deserved respite                                                                                                            | Unlikely to accept aging as a fact of life; Not winding down but rewinding                                                                              |
| <b>Lifestyle</b>                 | Passive                                                                                                                | Passive to Active                                                                                                                  | Active                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Major Focus</b>               | Lifestyle driven                                                                                                       | Primarily lifestyle driven with greater consideration for product                                                                  | Heavy emphasis on product and how product will fit into lifestyle; community that is consistent with my values                                          |
| <b>Product Type</b>              | Basic small single-story attached or detached home on small low- or no-maintenance lot;<br>Value box, little variation | Small single-story attached or detached home on small low or no maintenance lot;<br>Higher quality, mass produced product          | Increasingly varied from intown condominiums to large country estate. Customization (jewel boxes), high level finishes, bigger homes appear to prevail. |
| <b>Key Amenities/ Activities</b> | Golf, Shuffleboard, Clubhouse, Pools, Bingo                                                                            | Eateries, Learning/Business Center/Clubhouse, Social/Entertainment, Fitness Center, Parks, Golf, Pools, Trails, Lakes, Team Sports | People places/Third Places, Town Centers, Learning Centers, Well Being Venues, Nature & Water (Active and Passive)                                      |
| <b>Model</b>                     | Del Webb's Sun City Concept                                                                                            | Shea's Trilogy Concept                                                                                                             | <b>Opportunity to create definitive concept</b>                                                                                                         |

# AGING BOOMERS HOUSING PREFERENCES

- ▶ Aging boomer preferences are more easily addressed in multi-generational (multiple life stages) communities than conventional subdivision design which tends to be focused on one particular lifestyle
  - 11% of retiring suburbanites currently relocating to urban locations that are generally more multi-generational
- ▶ Boomers have made “third places” like Starbucks, B&N, their “community centers”
  - Must capture in community design - village center or town center
  - 70% say they will continue working in retirement
- ▶ As boomers age will seek communities that facilitate:
  - Making new friends and enjoying an active social life
  - Being close to essential services
  - Low-maintenance property that frees them to travel, socialize and pursue new interests
  - Amenities that support them in their refusal to truly “let go”
    - Grocery stores, banks, parks, restaurants, health, fitness facilities
    - Executive office space in a village center for “second” or “third” career, small business, etc.



# SUMMARY—BOOMERS VALUES AND PRODUCT PREFERENCES

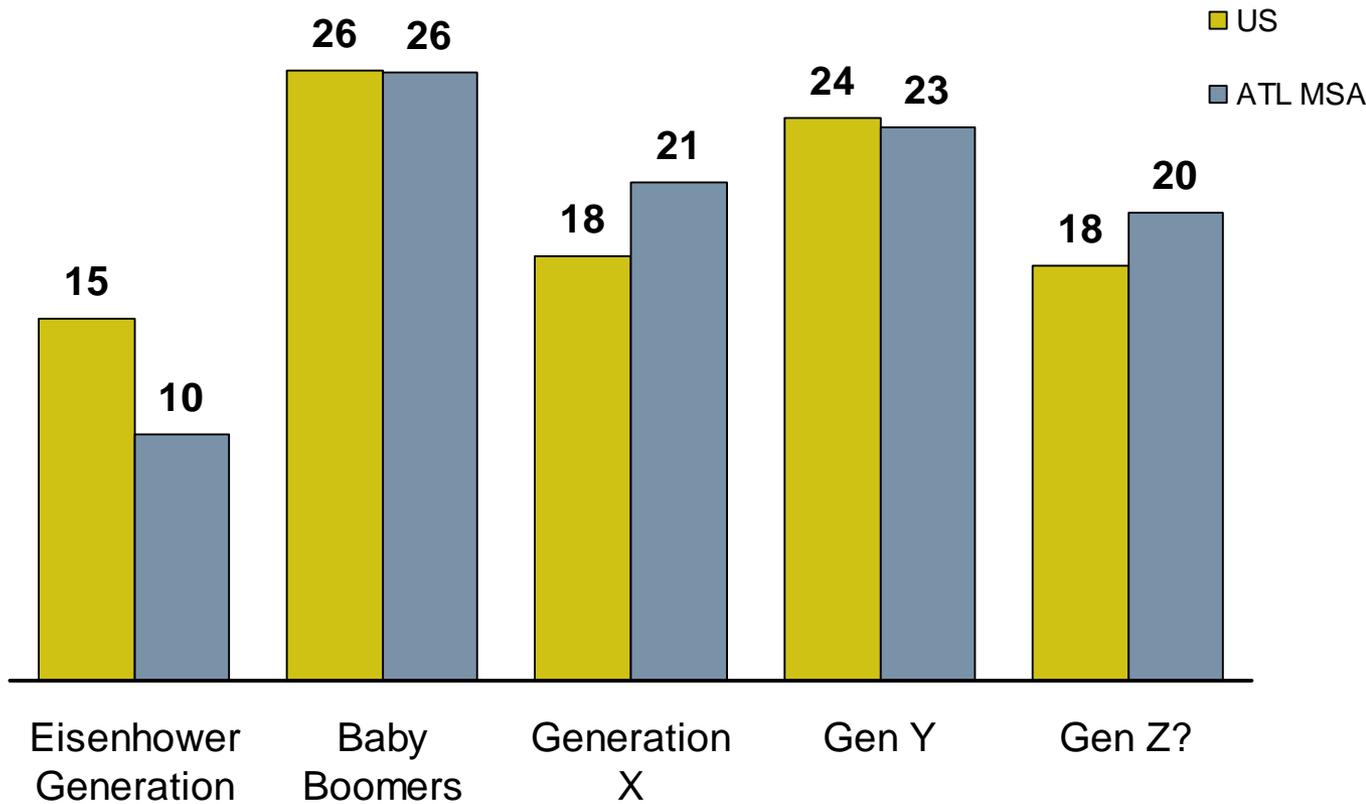
|                     | 40'S MATURE FAMILIES                                                                                          | 40'S NEVER NESTERS/<br>EMPTY NESTERS                                                                                          | 50'S EMPTY & NEVER NESTERS, SOME OLDER FAMILIES                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Key Values</b>   | Privacy<br>Safety<br><br><u>Achievers</u><br>Prestige<br><br><u>Thinkers</u><br>Nature<br>Green<br>Technology | More Lifestyle-Oriented<br>Self-Focused<br><br>Social Outlets--Hiving<br>Work-Focused                                         | Greater Choice & Selection<br>Pursuing Own Interests in Life<br><br>Third Places/Main Streets<br>Cultural Access<br><br>Greater Activity Choice                        |
| <b>Key Products</b> | Green & Nature<br>Privacy<br>Multi-Generational<br><br>Value Lot Sizes<br>Single-Family Detached              | Multi-Generational<br>Stronger Lot/Home Orientation<br>Views<br><br>Lower-Maintenance Products<br>Greater Attached Preference | Multi-Generational<br>Nature & Age-Oriented<br>Smaller Scale<br>Choice--Home, Village, Amenities<br><br>Unique Housing Concepts<br>Attached Products<br>TND Preference |

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# FEWER OLDER, MORE GEN X AND YOUNGEST DEMOGRAPHICS IN ATLANTA METRO



*Fewer retirees in Atlanta than in Nation but moving in.*

*Impact of Baby Boomers moving to retirement – enough retirement housing?*

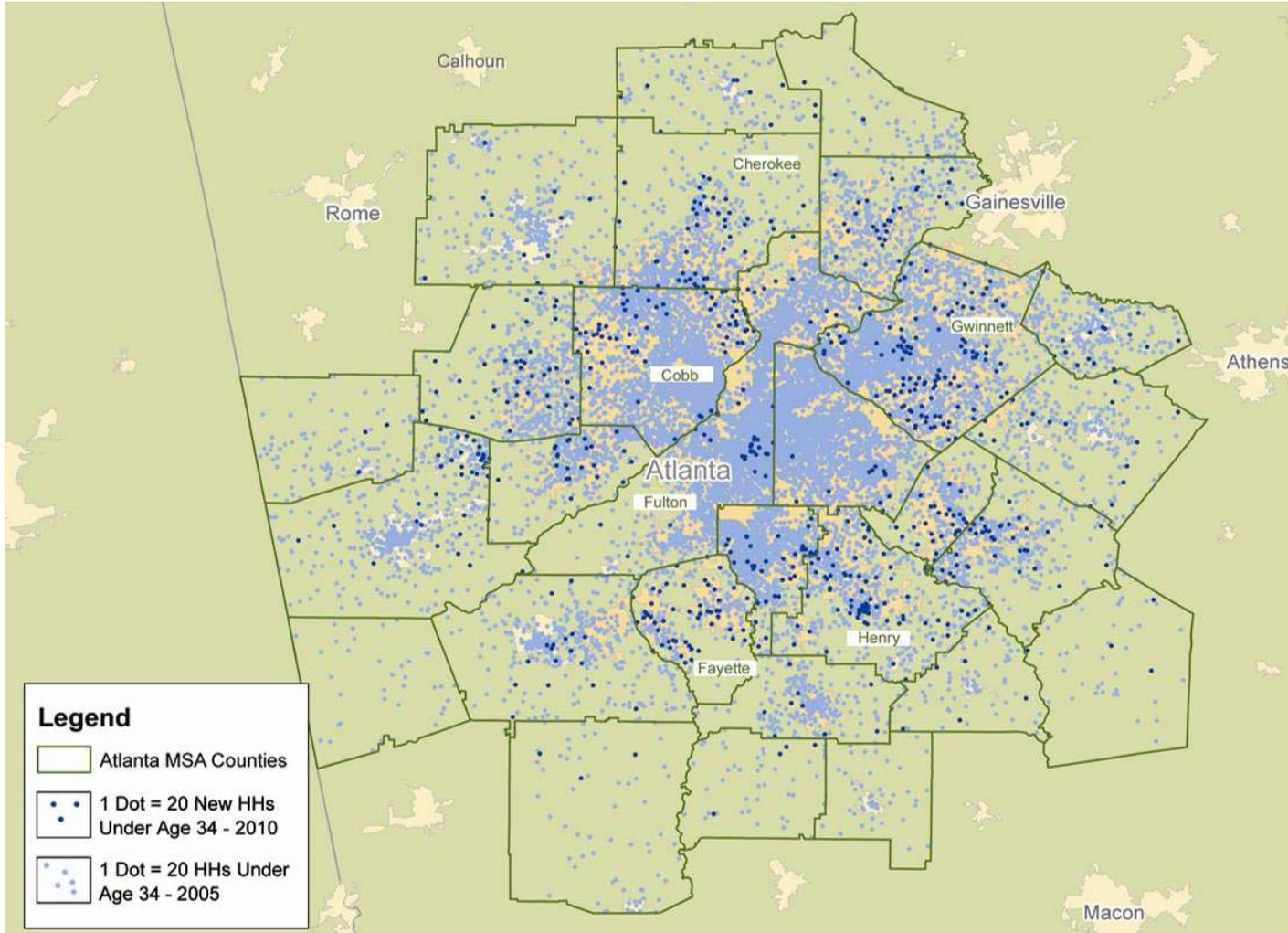
*Gen X is bigger influence in Atlanta than other markets*

SOURCE: American Community Survey, 2007 Estimates

# YOUNGEST HOUSEHOLDS HAVE CLUSTERED IN THE "CORE" COUNTIES

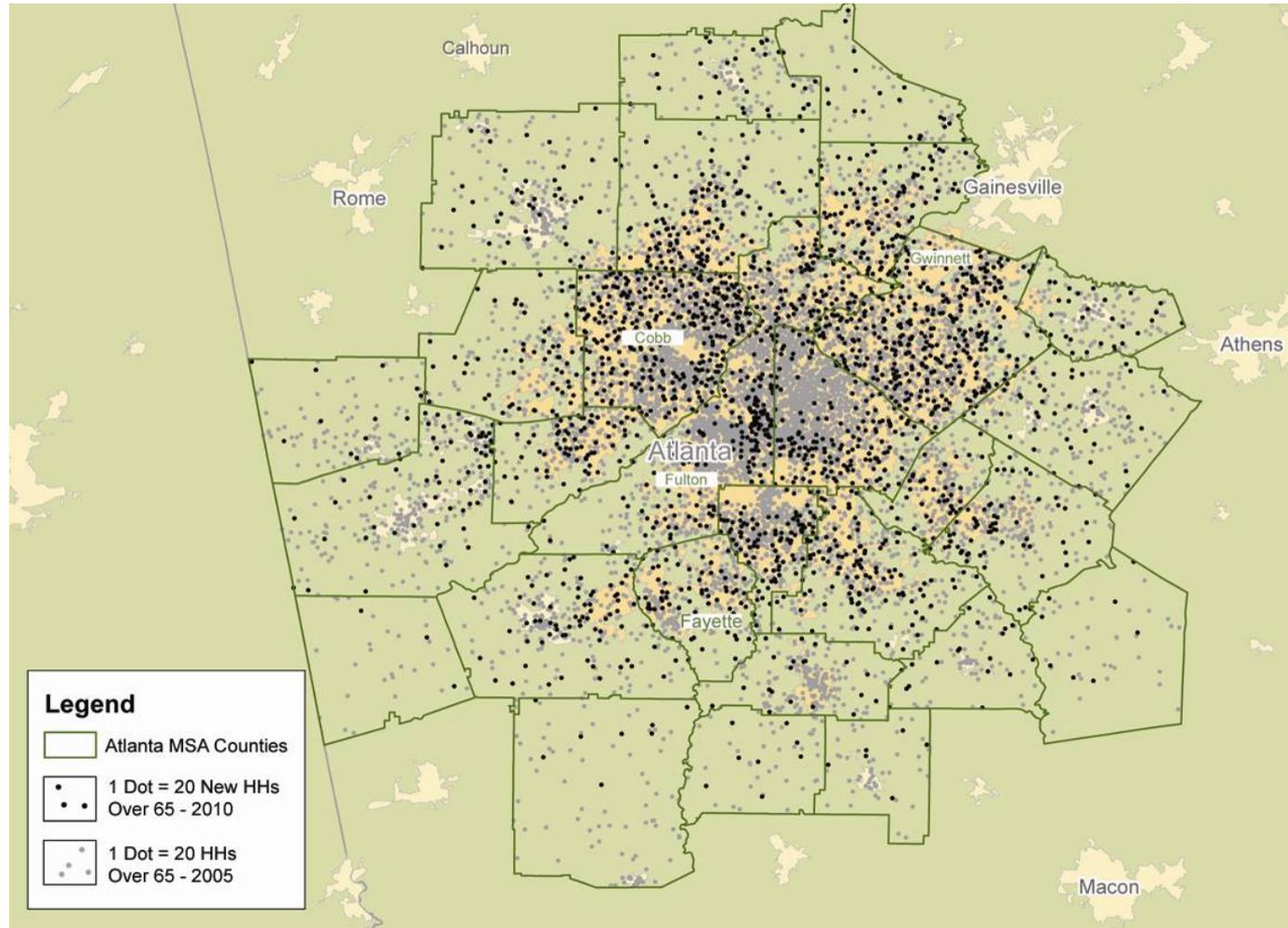
## GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE REGION

### CONCENTRATION AND GROWTH OF HOUSEHOLDS 35 AND YOUNGER



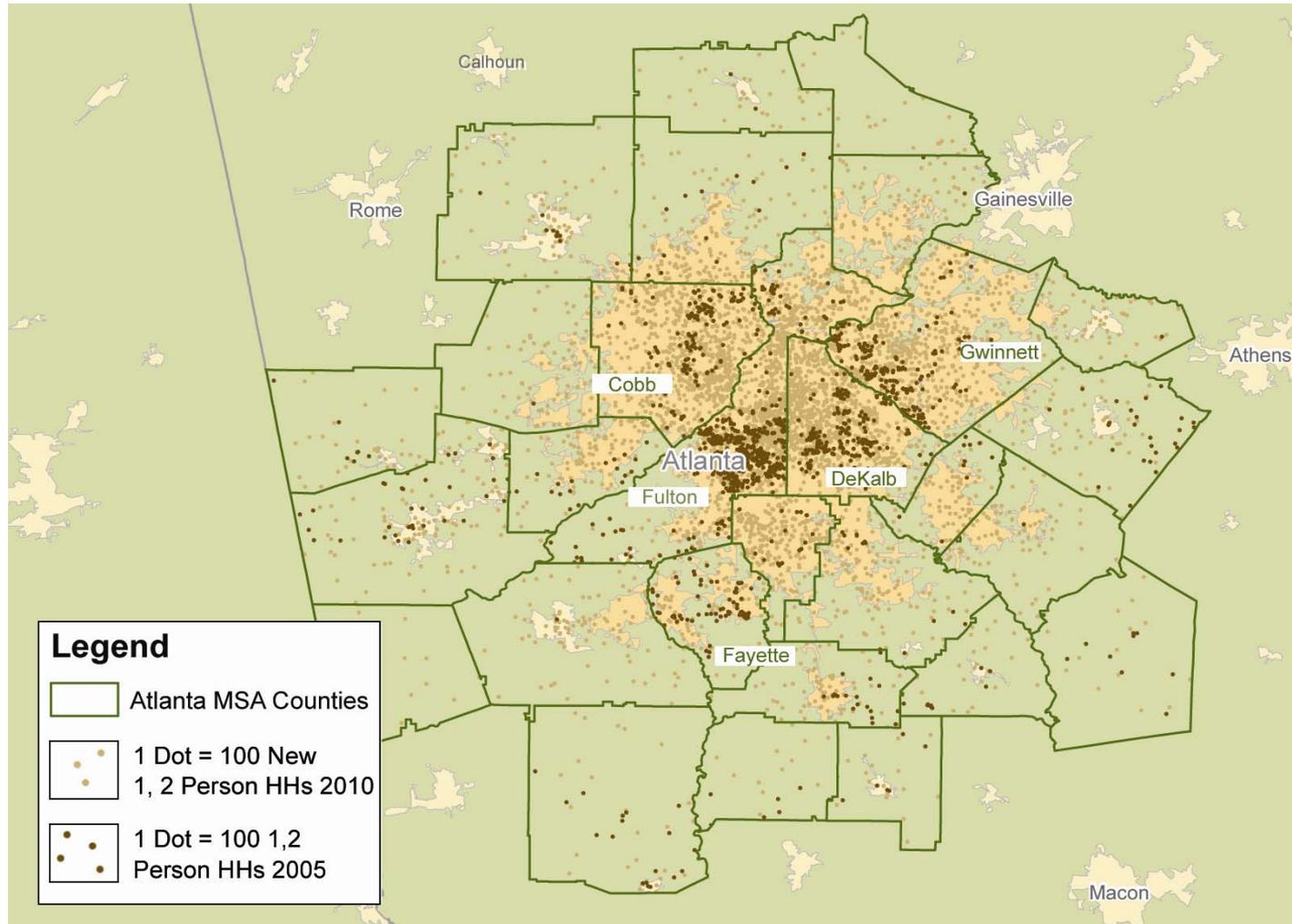
# HOUSEHOLDS 65+ GROWING THROUGHOUT THE REGION ARE THE SUBURBS READY?

## CONCENTRATION AND GROWTH OF HOUSEHOLDS 65 AND OLDER



# GROWTH IN SMALLER HOUSEHOLDS CLUSTERING NEAR JOB CENTERS

## CONCENTRATION AND GROWTH OF 1- AND 2-PERSON HH



# IMPLICATIONS

## DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

- ▶ Real estate development industry historically slow to adapt and adopt new technologies
- ▶ Demand for housing does not dissipate when innovative products are lagging in the marketplace
- ▶ Housing is a fundamental basic need so households can't be as choosy as with other products
  - *Buyers consume what housing is available rather than what housing is ideal*
- ▶ There is an existing and growing market segment that prefers smart growth
  - *At least a third of the market prefers these types of developments*
    - *1/3 of 2.0M units annually = 600,000 units (1.6M SFD x 30% = 480,000)*
      - ❖ We're not producing anything near that



# IMPLICATIONS GEN Y



- ▶ Intown areas and inner suburbs will remain on an upward trajectory
- ▶ Diversity, walkability and proximity to jobs will be keys to site selection and premiums
- ▶ Renters will represent a steady stream of demand
  - Gen Y will shift toward homeownership in 2018
- ▶ Product types will remain smaller and affordable and should have focus on design over size
- ▶ Suburbs will need to evolve to remain attractive to Gen X/Y and Boomers
  - More walkable areas, including new and existing town centers
  - MPCs with greater variety of product and higher connectivity

# IMPLICATIONS

## BOOMERS

### Create opportunities to re-create/rewind, not wind down

42% of Boomers would like to do things much differently if given chance

- ▶ Array of amenities that maintain physical health
- ▶ Address well-being & health concerns through programming and amenities
- ▶ Create social interaction opportunities
  - Third places, town centers
- ▶ Emphasize nature
  - Being a “healing developer” & living right by the land
- ▶ Create new learning opportunities and potential to continue working via technology
- ▶ Provide varied product opportunities and *multigenerational* setting

**But do not use age references as the dominant marketing strategy**



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