

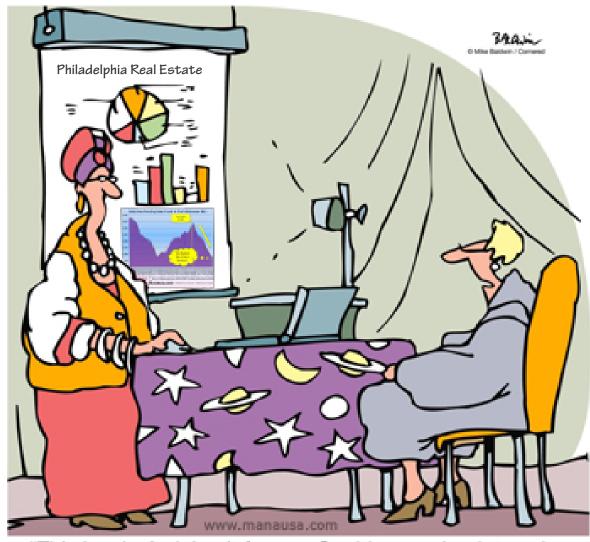
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# Greater Philadelphia Futures Group

Background September 17, 2014

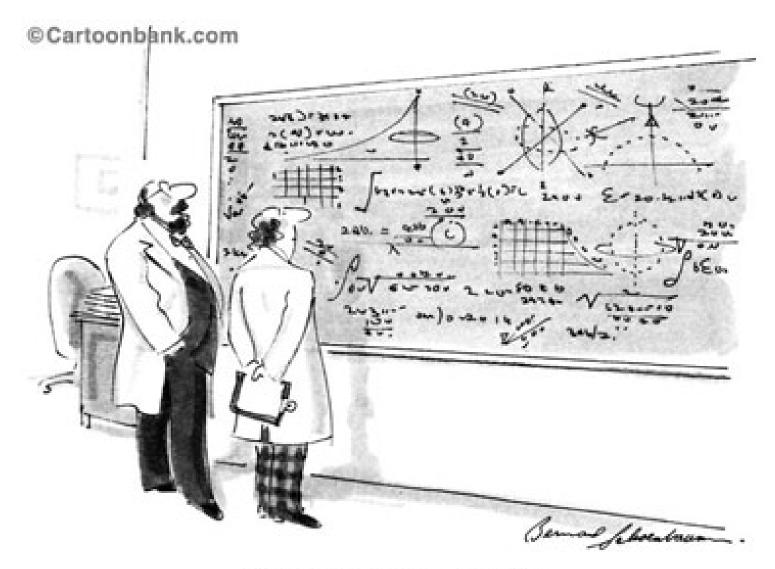






"This just isn't doing it for me. Could we go back to using the crystal ball?"



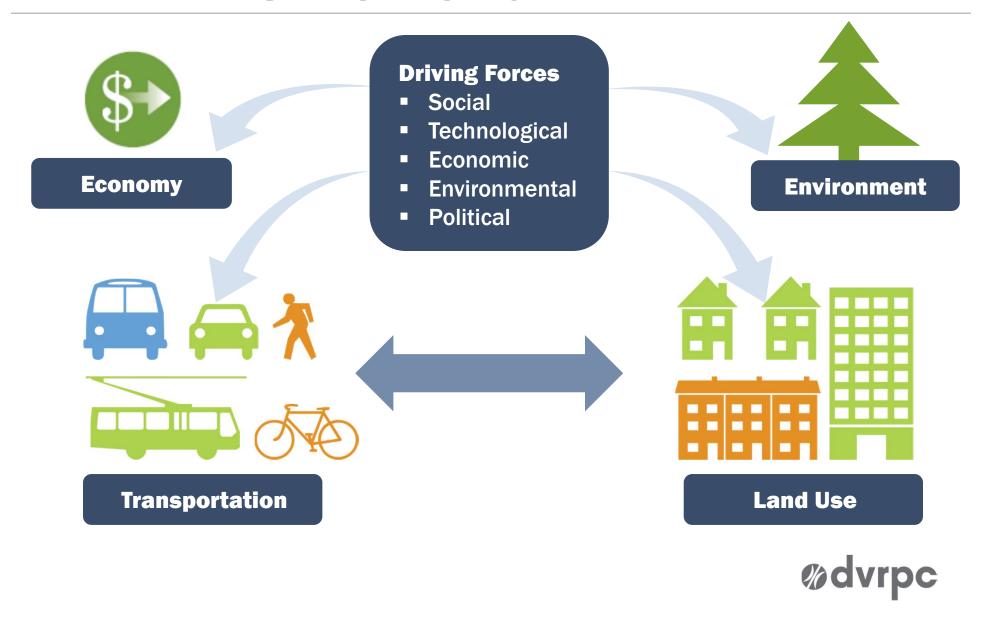


"Oh, if only it were so simple."

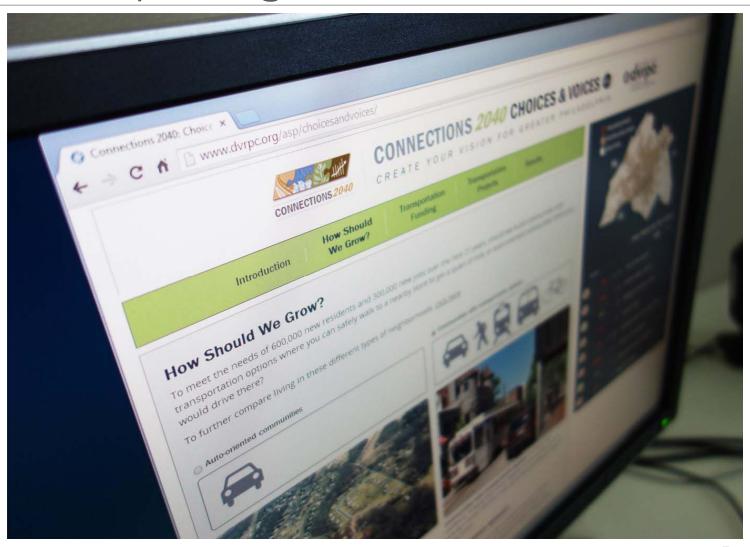
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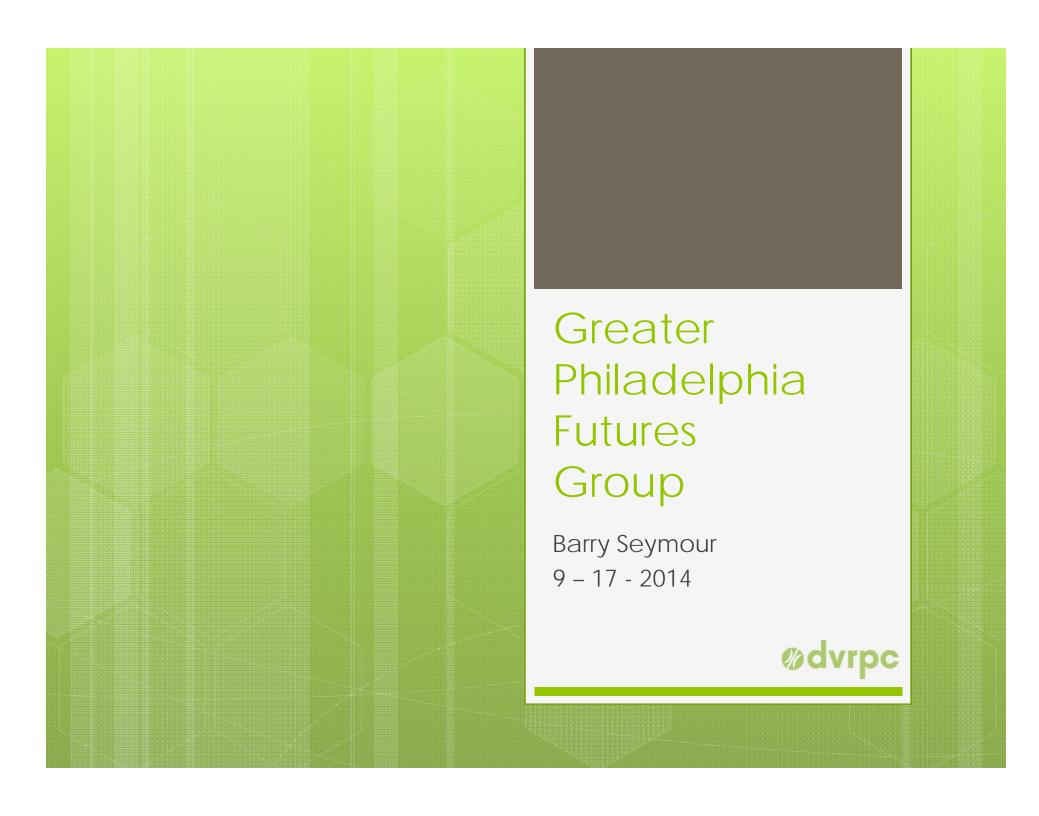




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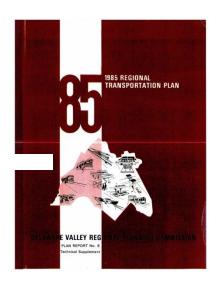
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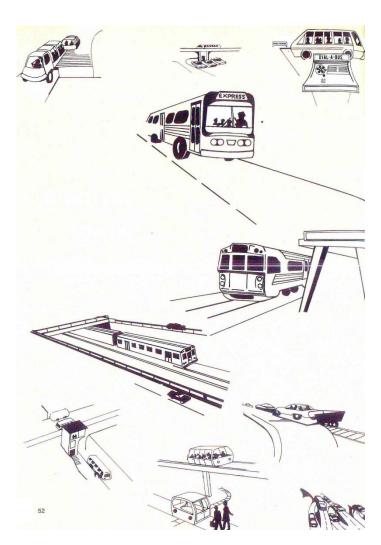




"We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims."

- R. Buckminster Fuller





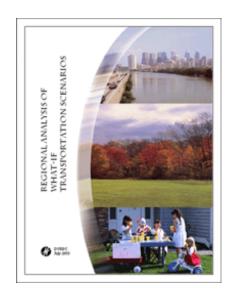


## **Previous Planning Scenarios**

Transportation Investments Land Use Development "What-If" Drivers









### **Forecasting**

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."

- Abraham Lincoln



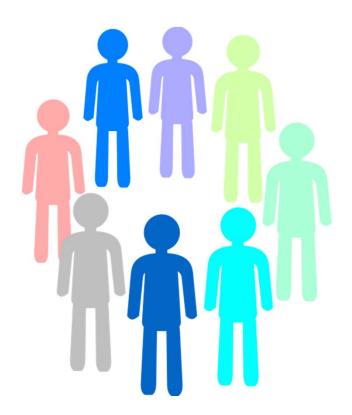


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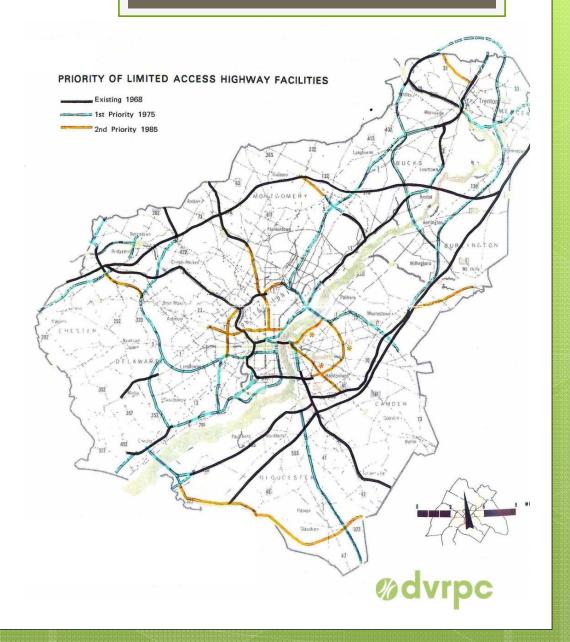
2013 Population

5,688,000



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MISS:
Highway
Network
Vision
Circa 1960s



# 3 Key Factors for Successfully Predicting the Future

- Some basic training in probabilistic reasoning is useful
  - Comparisons are important as a starting point
  - Historical trends can help
  - Average the opinions of different experts
  - Mathematical models should be taken into account
  - Predictable biases exist and can be allowed for

Source: The Good Judgment Project



## 3 Key Factors for Successfully Predicting the Future

- 1) Some basic training in probabilistic reasoning is useful
- 2) Actively open-minded people make better forecasters
- 3) Teams of good forecasters produce better results than individuals

Source: The Good Judgment Project



## "Never make Predictions, especially about the Future."

Casey Stengel



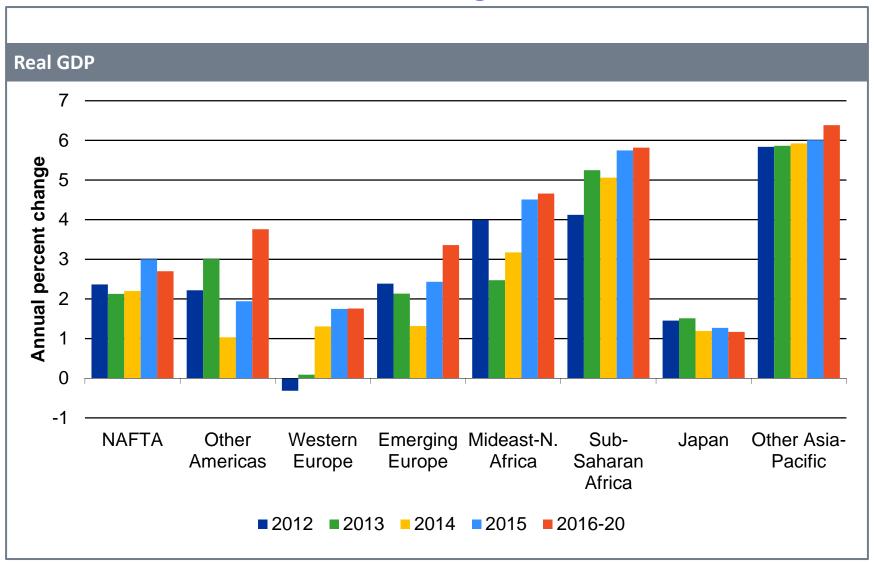
## Global and US Economic Trends that Will Affect the Greater Philadelphia Region



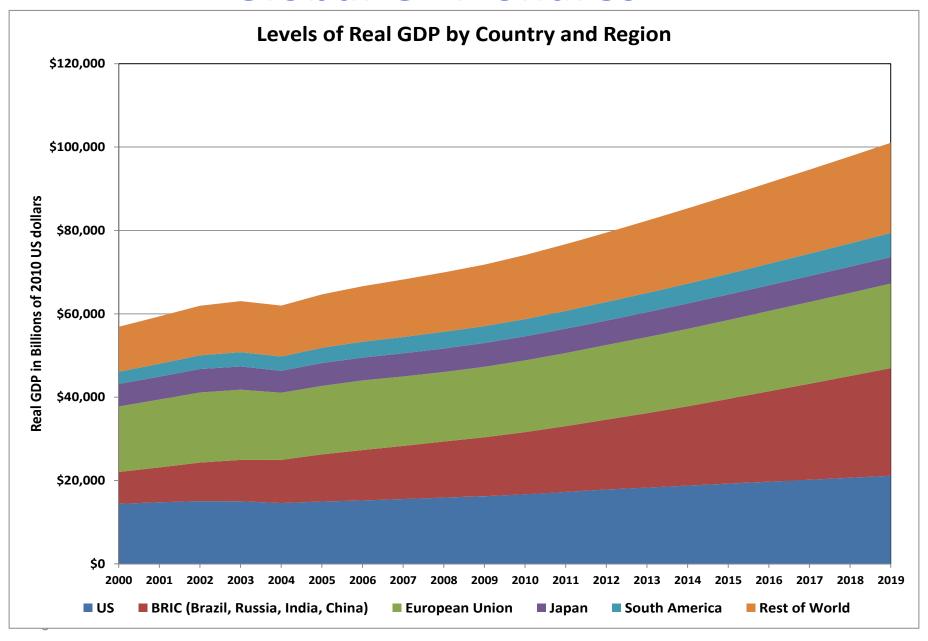
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## Asia-Pacific (excluding Japan) and Sub-Saharan Africa will achieve the fastest growth in real GDP



### **Global GDP Shares**



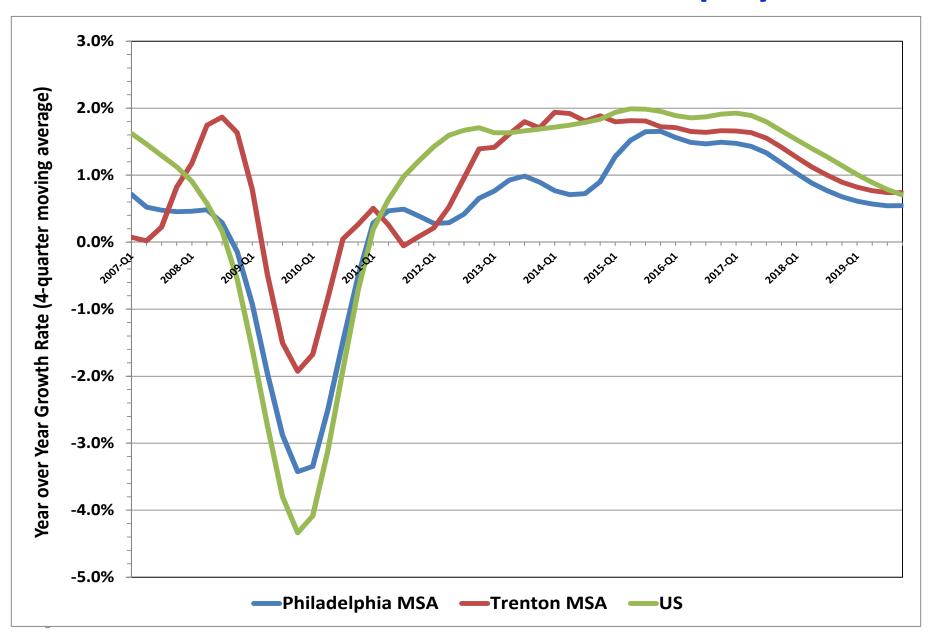
### **Global Outlook**

- Real Global GDP Growth (in US\$) is forecast at:
  - 2.8% in 2014
  - 3.4% in 2015
  - 3.7% in 2016; averaging 3.7% thereafter
- Among developed countries the US is leading the way, Europe and Japan are slowing or contracting
- In emerging markets China leads with some weakness, India is recovering, but Brazil and Russia are in trouble
- Global economic news is good, but not great
- Commodity prices steady, world oil prices gradually higher over the next 5 years
- Businesses are cautiously optimistic, investment slowly rising
- Geopolitical risks, especially in oil-producing countries remain a concern
- Macroeconomic policies, especially timing, are keys in US, Eurozone, and Japan

### **US Outlook**

- 2014q3 growth remains strong, due to pickup in homebuilding, a drop in imports, and robust capital spending.
  - Rises 3.7% in 2014q3, 3% in 2014q4,
- Real GDP growth is projected to pick up in 2015 and 2016, led by strengthening private-sector investment.
  - 2.9% in 2015. 3.1% in 2016 & 2017
- Homebuilding will rise in 2014–16 as supply catches up with demand.
  - Starts to exceed million, high % of multi-family. Sales up.
- Consumers will cautiously increase spending due to gains in employment, personal income, and household wealth.
- Capital spending will accelerate in 2014–15 in response to global market growth, replacement needs, and technological advances.
  - Real business fixed investment will increase 5–6% annually.
- Net exports will restrain US economic growth in 2014–18 and support growth in 2019–24.
- Interest rates will rise through mid-2017.
- Inflation will stay relatively mild.

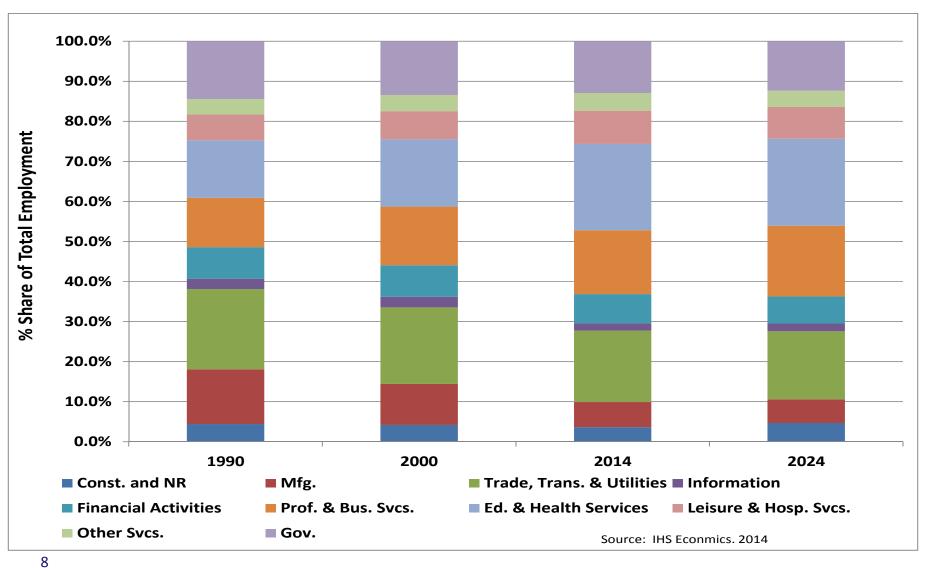
### **Growth Rates in Total Non-Farm Employment**



# Economic Forecasts – Average Annual Growth Rates

	2000 to 2014			2014 to 2019		
Measure	Phila. MSA	Trenton MSA	US	Phila. MSA	Trenton MSA	US
Real GDP/GRP	1.4%	2.6%	1.8%	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%
Non-farm Employment	0.1%	1.1%	0.4%	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%
Real Personal Income	1.6%	1.2%	1.9%	3.2%	3.2%	3.7%
Population	0.4%	0.4%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%

### **Change in Economic Structure**



### **Global Growth Factors Affecting GPR**

- Quality of Institutions government, non-profits
- Hard connectivity and infrastructure, including goods movement efficiency, digital infrastructure. Can we make the necessary investments?
- Soft Connectivity and human capital: health and primary education, training and higher education, digital infrastructure, entrepreneurial networks
- Demographics aging population, slowing population & labor force growth and low LFPR
- Rising inequality can we provide jobs for all?
- Financing, availability of capital

Sources: World Economic Forum, 2014. "The Competitiveness of Cities". Robert Gordon, 2014. "The Demise of U.S. Economic Growth: Restatement, Rebuttal and Reflections", NBER working paper 19895

### **Global Growth Factors Affecting GPR (cont.)**

- Sustainable competitiveness: "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."
  - Energy, implications of global warming
- Governance and the regulatory environment: trend towards transparency, predictability, timeliness and reasonable cost
- Indebtedness: can governments afford to provide essential services and infrastructure? Student debt?
- **Technology and Innovation**: where will the next productivity enhancing technologies come from?
- Attractiveness of urban areas with high qualities of life will continue
  - Decreasing reliance on autos

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## Thank you!

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### Climate Change in Greater Philadelphia

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
 Sarah Wu
 September 17, 2014



#### **Greenworks Climate Initiatives**

#### **MITIGATION**

Energy-Efficient Capital Investments

Energy Load Demand Management

Greenworks Loan Fund

GHG Working Group & Carbon Disclosure Project

Greenhouse Gas Inventories

**Smart Meters** 

**Energy Efficiency Fund** 

EnergySense and Smart Ideas

Recycling

Integrated Utility Bill
Management System

EnergyWorks

City Car Management Plan

LED Traffic Lights

**LEED Legislation** 

Greenworks Rebate Fund

Weatherization Assistance Program

Solar/PV Projects

Green2015

**Cool Roofs Ordinance** 

Plant One Million, TreePhilly

Green Streets, Alleys, Roofs, Parking

Air Management Services Smog Reduction Plan

Anti-idling ordinance

Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled & Bicycle Commuting

Hybrid Diesel Buses

#### **ADAPTATION**

Green City, Clean Waters

Rain Gardens

Heat Alert System

Heat Emergency Cooling Locations

Heat Education Campaign

Water Quality Standards

**Emergency Plans** 

Percy Street Porous Pavement

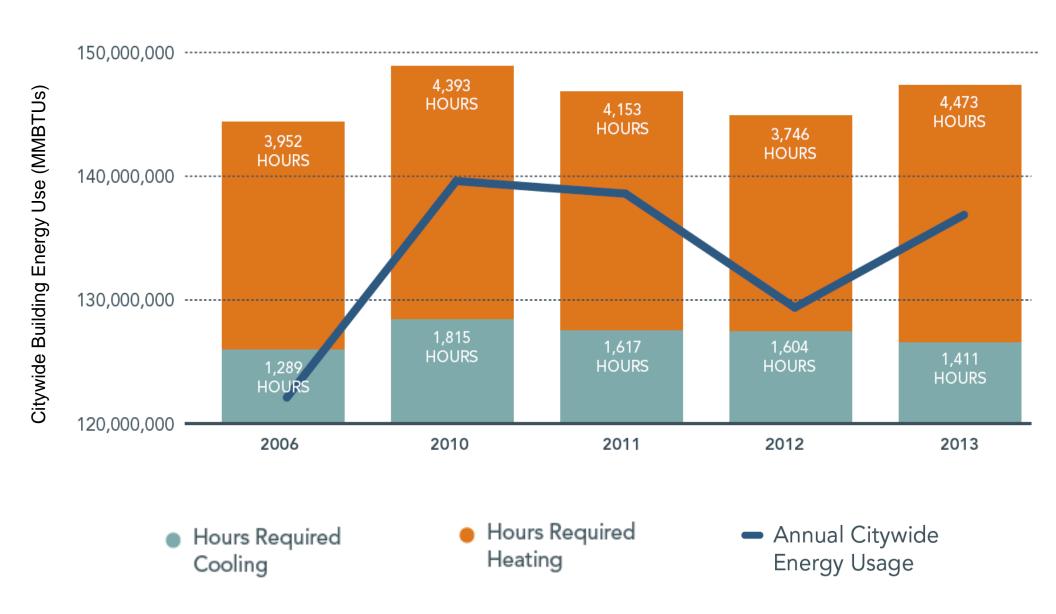
Stream Restoration

Get Healthy Philly

Resilient Infrastructure: South Street and 40th Street Bridge

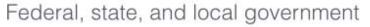


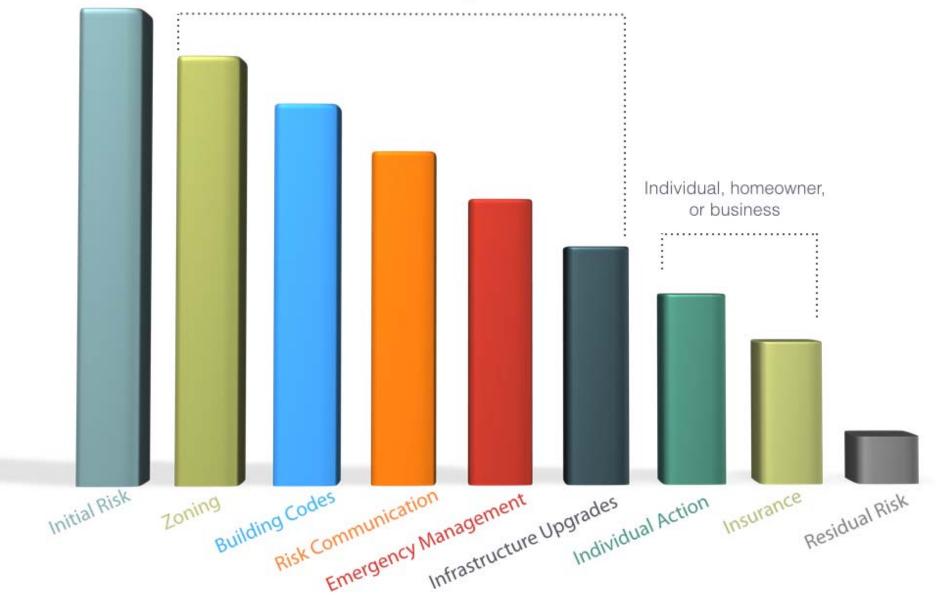
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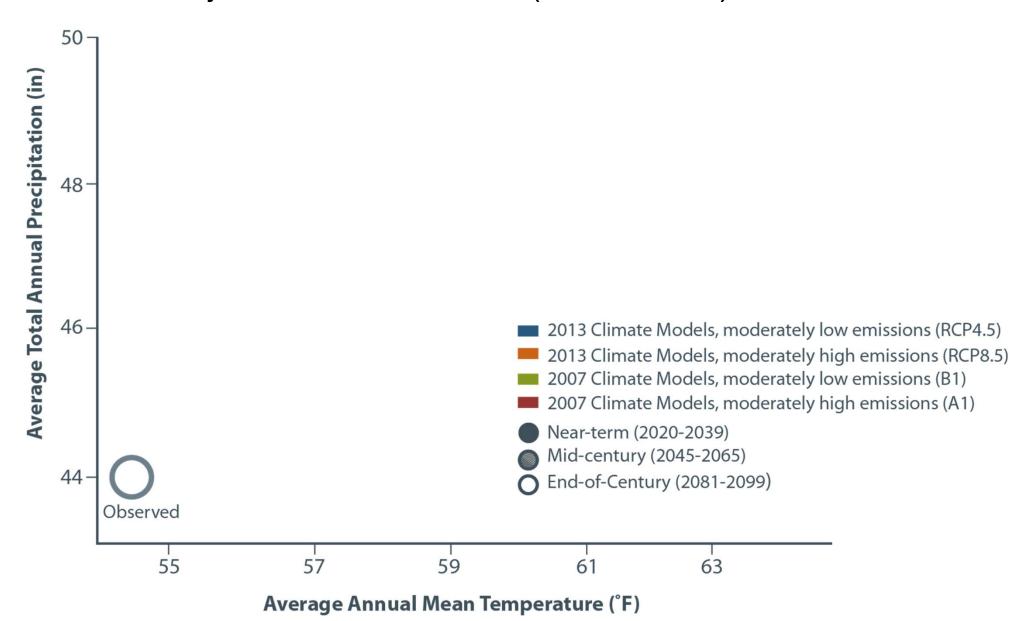
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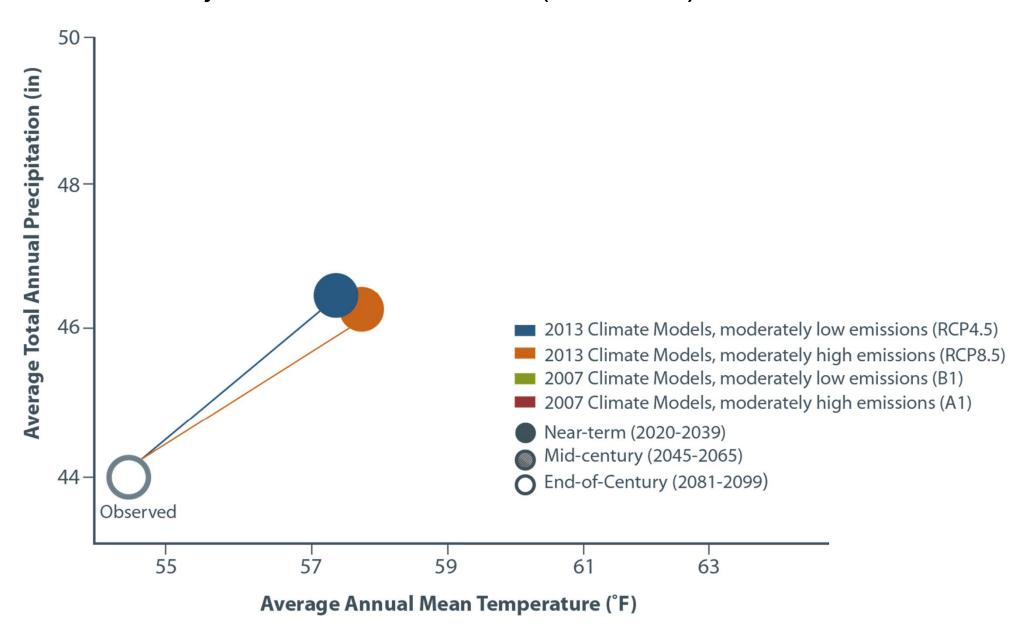


### Climate Projections: Observed (1961-2000)



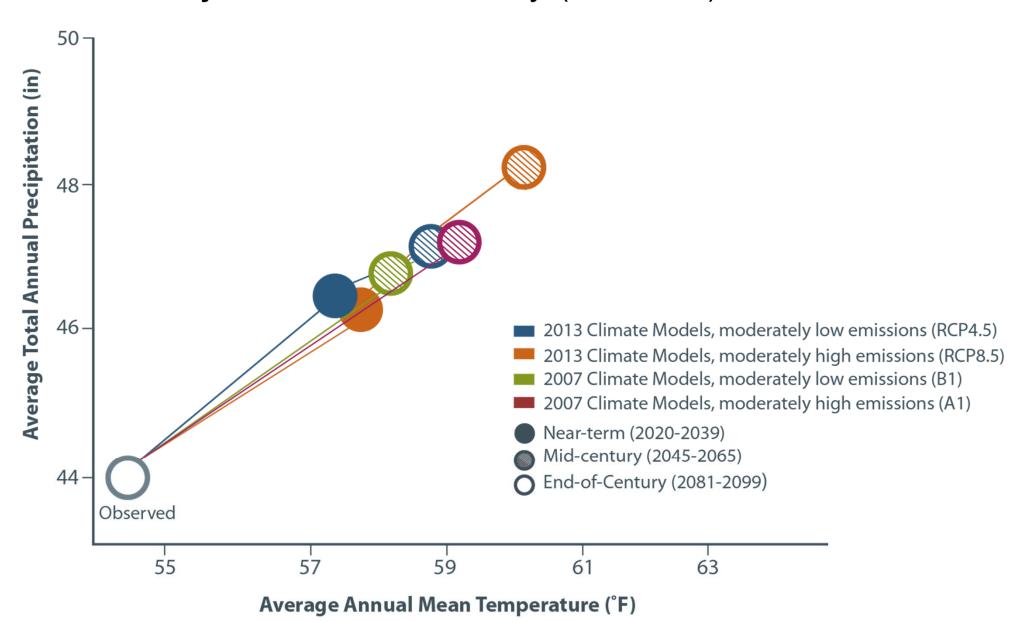


### Climate Projections: Near Term (2020-39)



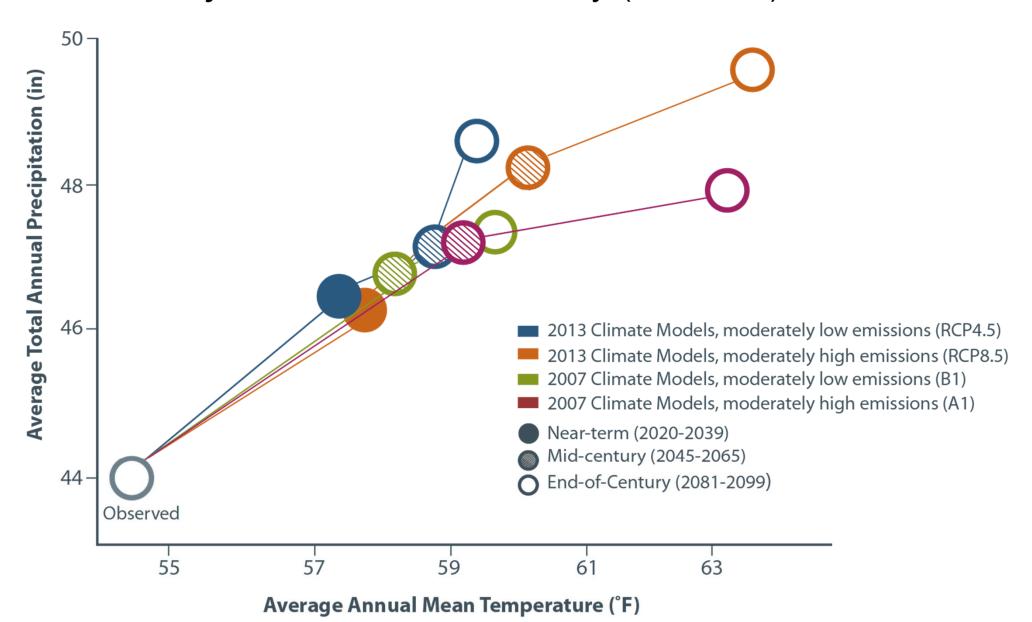


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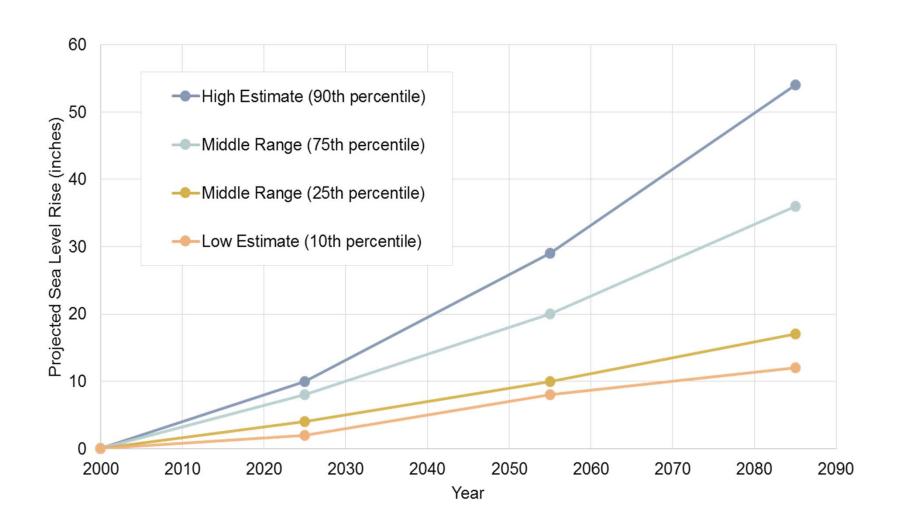


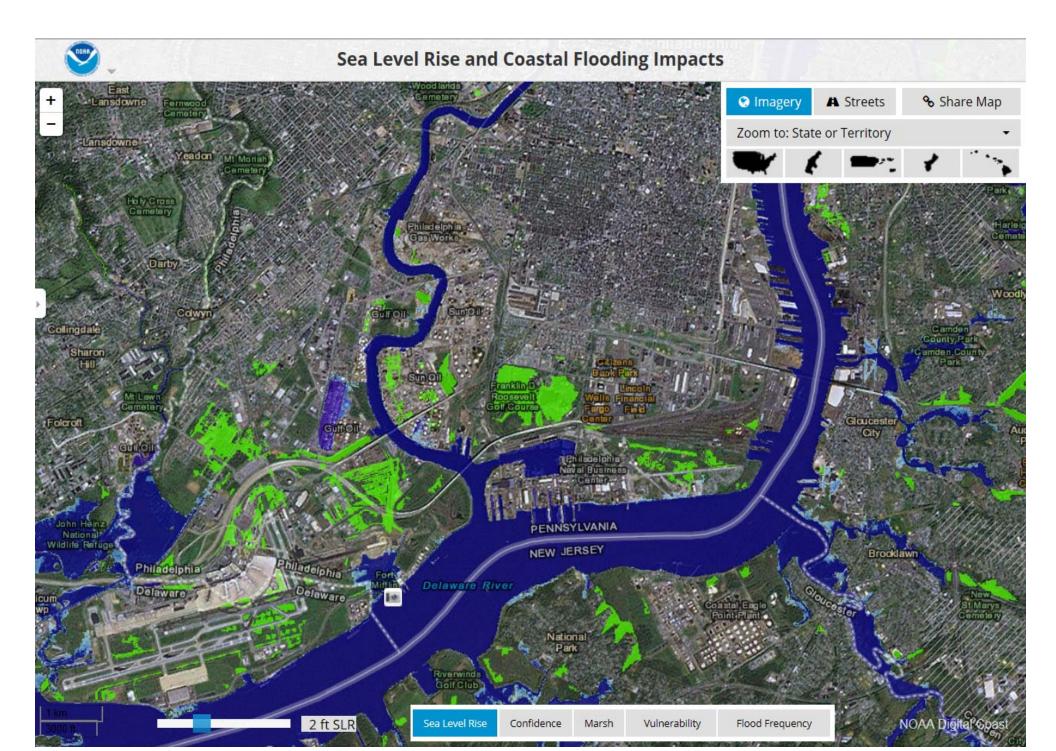
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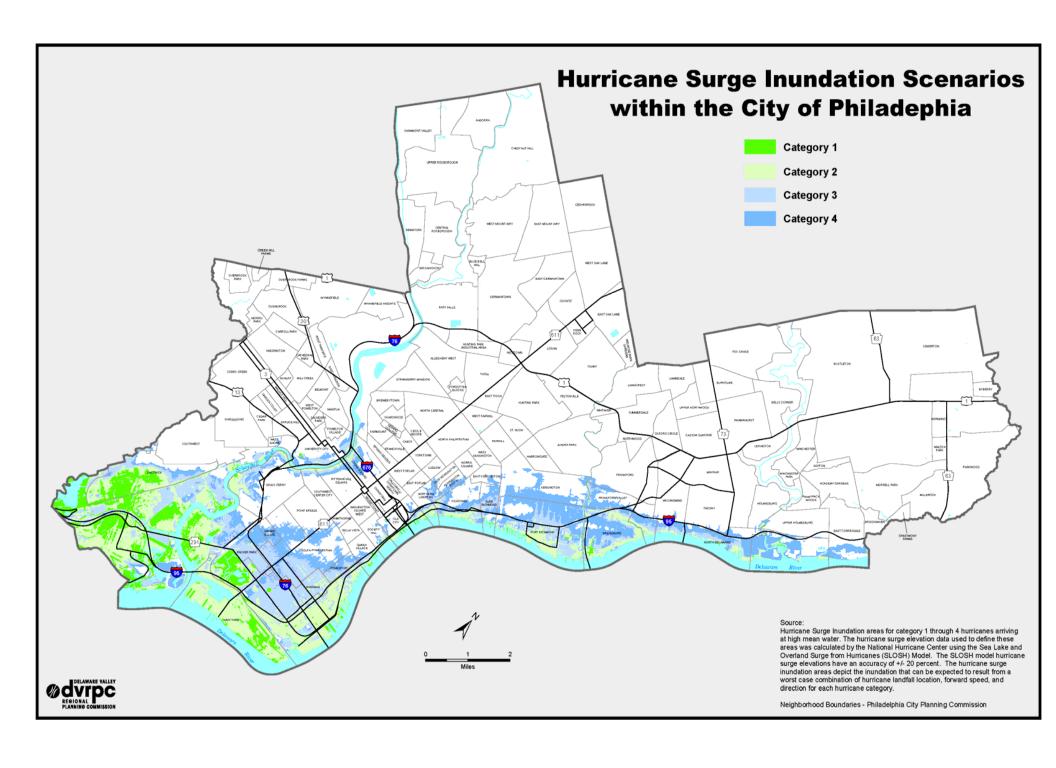




### Climate Projections: Sea Level Rise







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# **Changing Demographics**

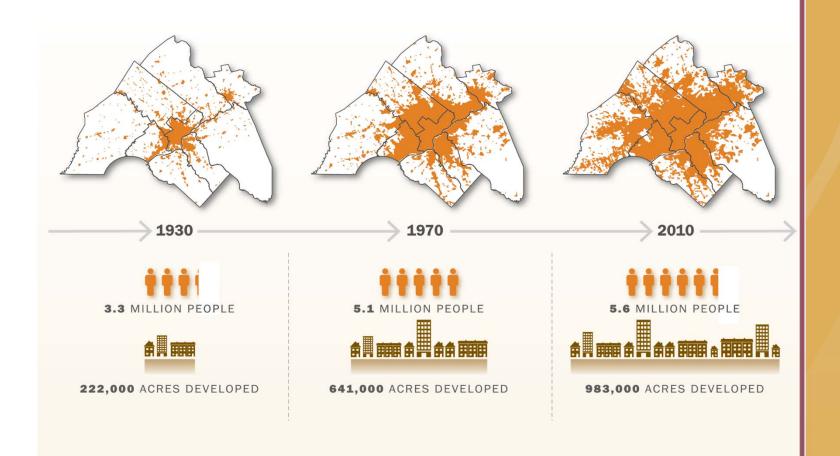


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# **Regional Development Pattern**



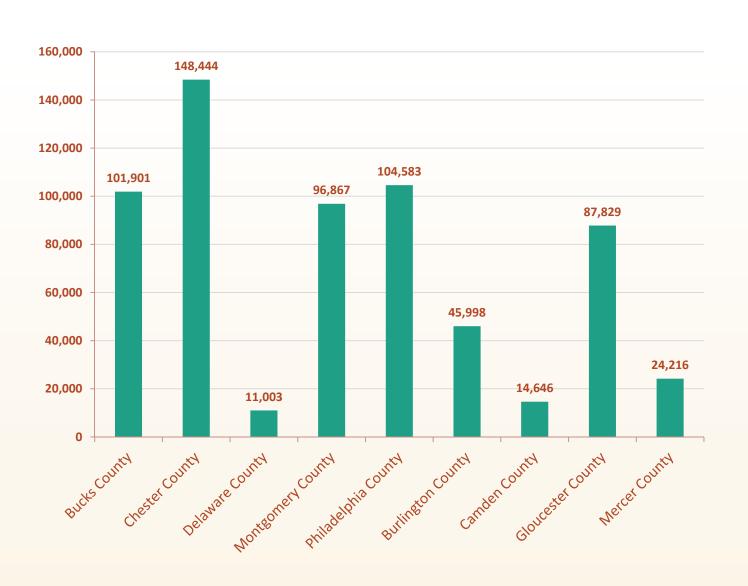


## Regional Population, 1930-2040



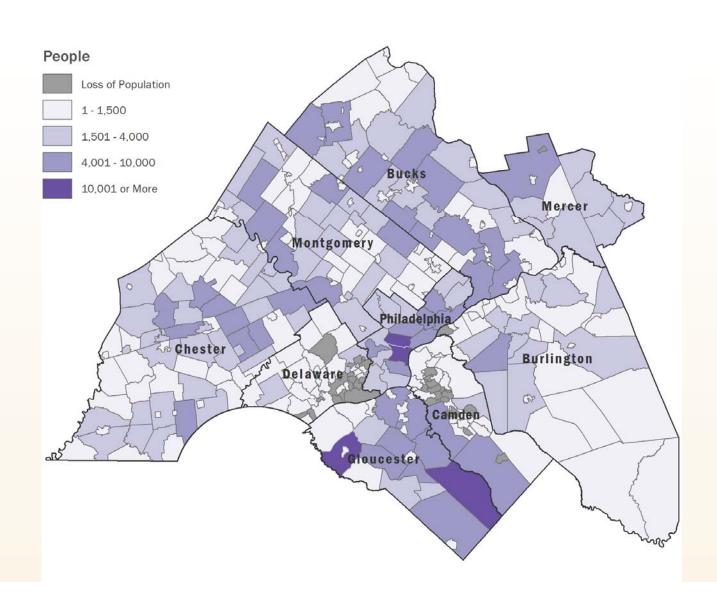


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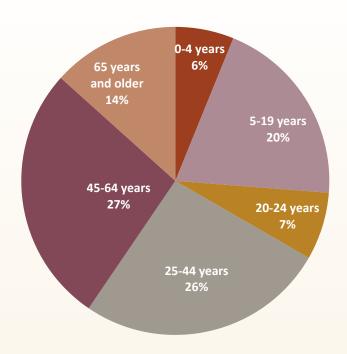
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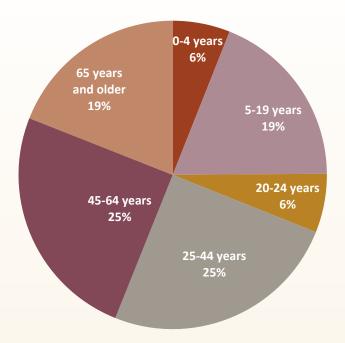




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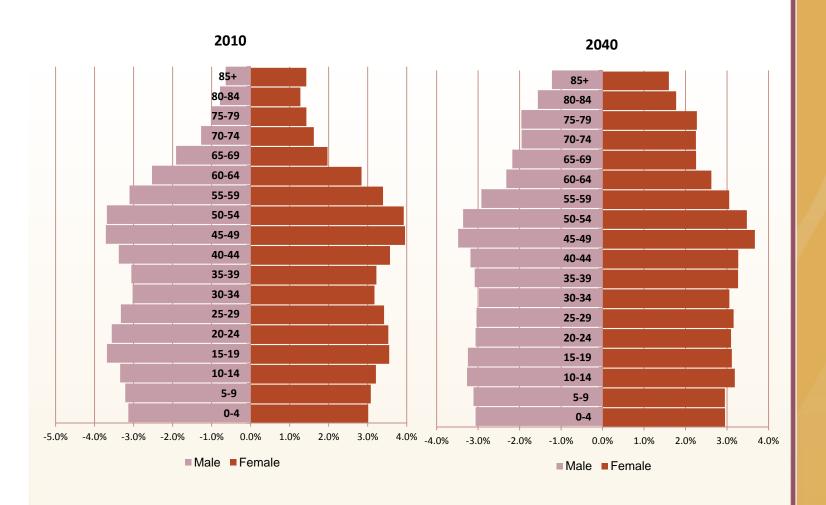
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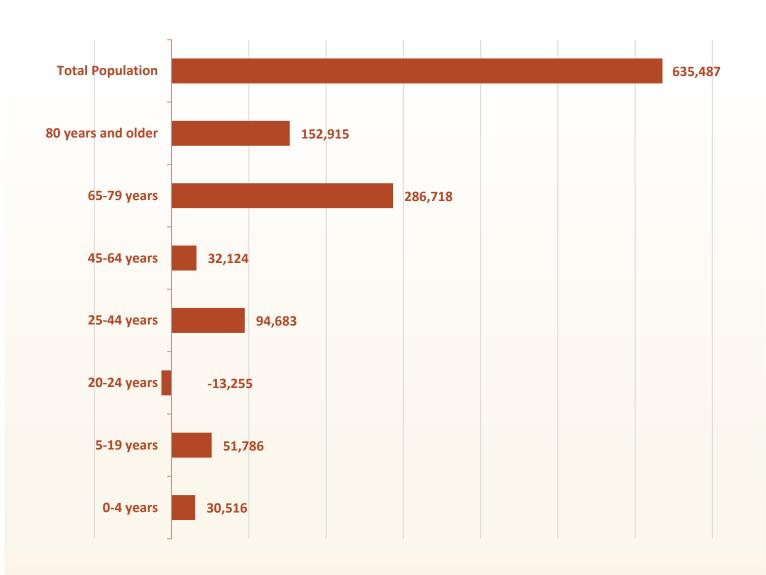


# Population by Age Cohort



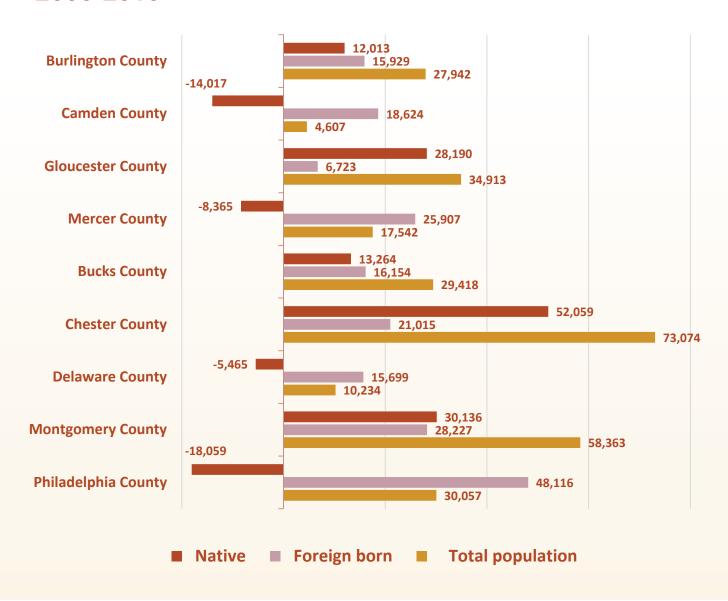


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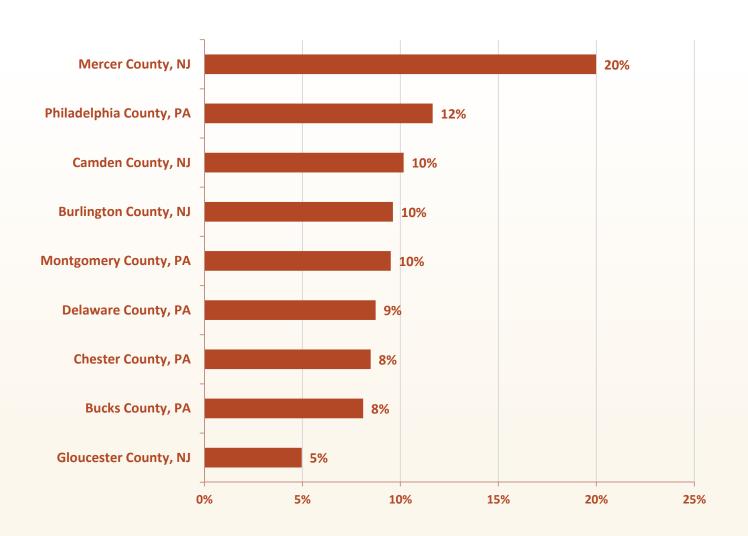


# Native versus Foreign Born Population Change, 2000-2010

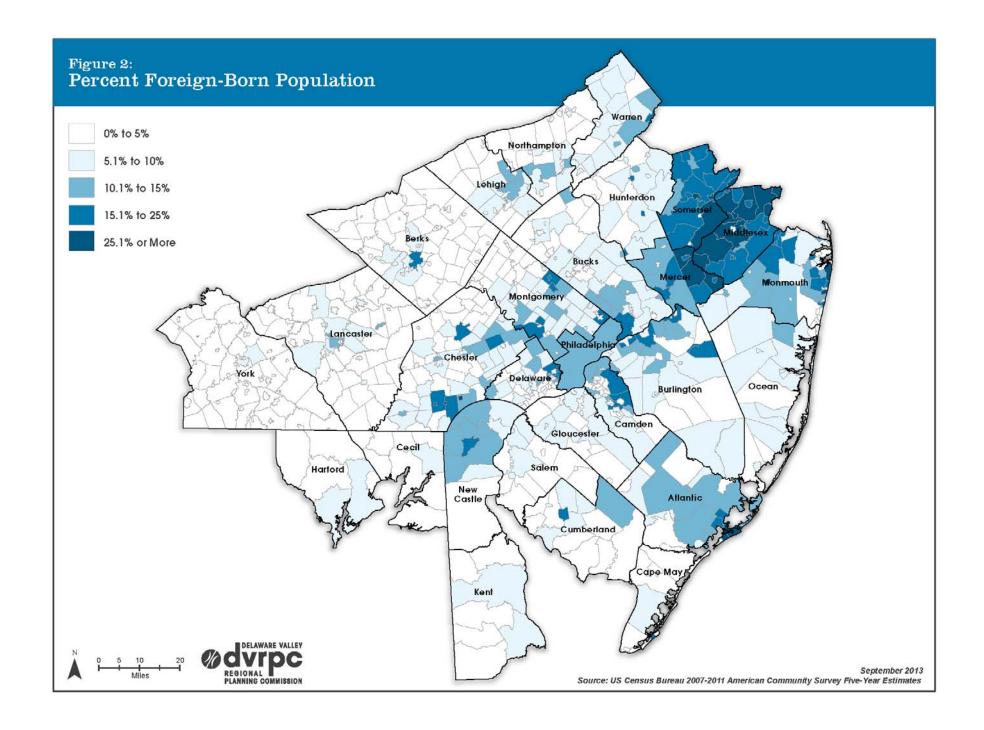




# Percent Foreign-Born by County, 2011

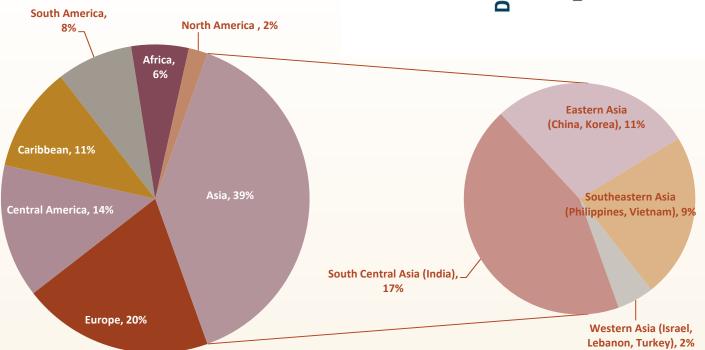






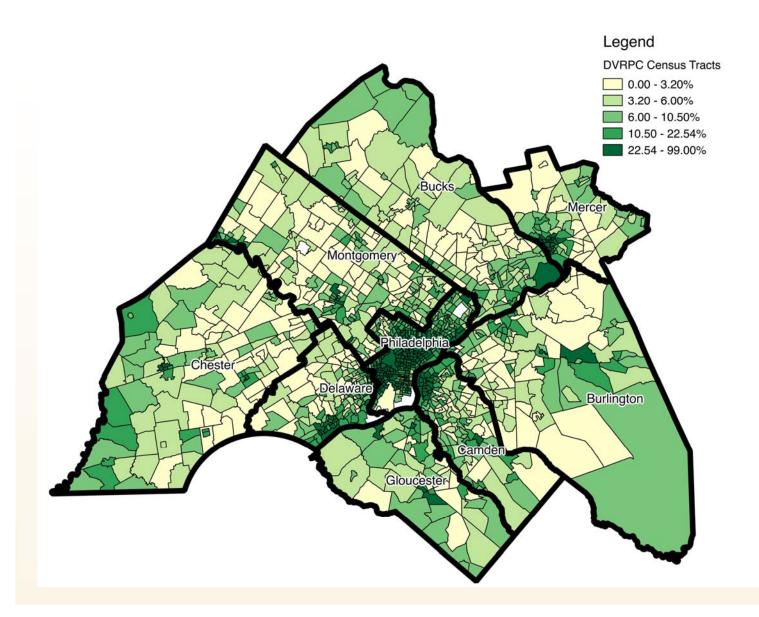
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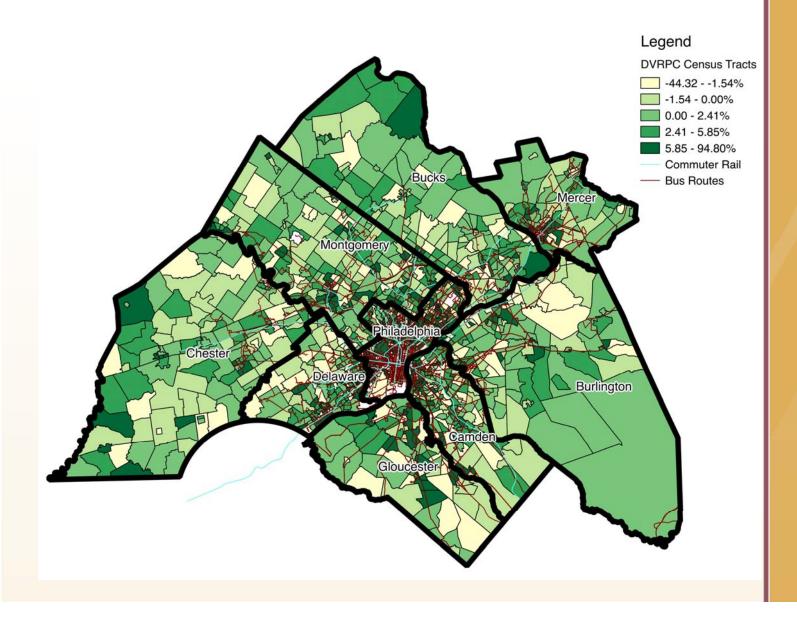


## Poverty by Census Tract, 2012





# Change in Poverty, 2000-2012





# Thank You! Questions? Comments?



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### PLANNING FOR CARS THAT DRIVE THEMSELVES



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### **DARPA CHALLENGE**

2004: No teams' autonomous vehicles completed 150-mile challenge

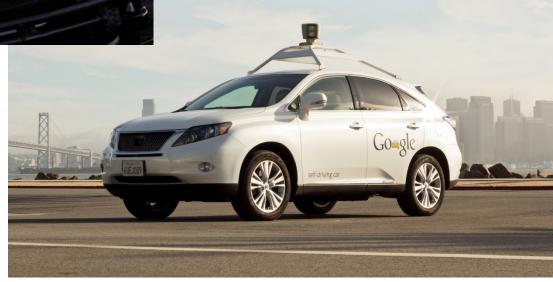
2005: Six teams completed the challenge (including teams from Stanford, CMU, Upenn, and MIT



### **Existing Technology**



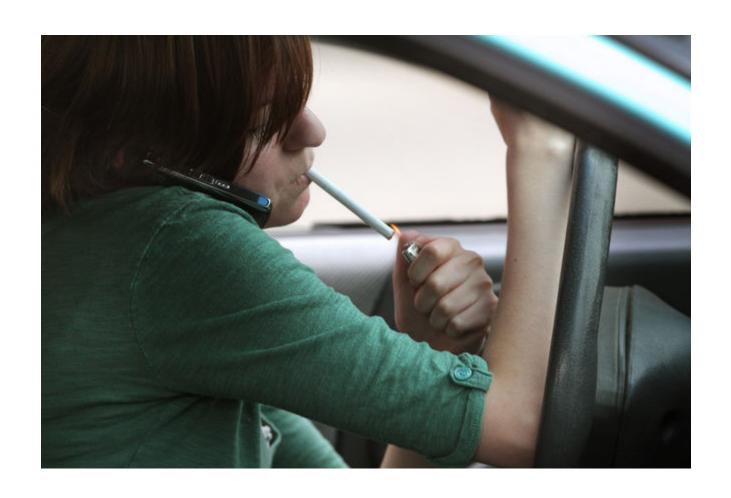




### When will technologies be market-ready?



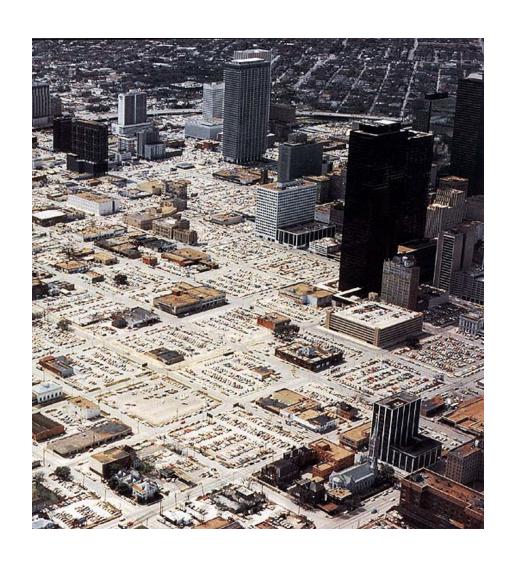
## **Primary Impacts: Safety**



### **Primary Impacts: Congestion and VMT?**



### **Primary Impacts: Urban Form?**



### **Primary Impacts: Shared Vehicles?**



### **Current Issues: Legal Challenges**

Areas allowing testing of autonomous vehicles:

- California
- Nevada
- Florida
- Washington, DC

#### CARS TECHNICA / ALL THINGS AUTOMOTIVE

# California DMV says Google's autonomous car tests need a steering wheel

State isn't ready to approve Google's cars without a backup control system.



### Summary

- Technology is here (but expensive)
- Prices are likely to fall
- Mass-marketing likely within the next 20 years
- Legislation is likely to support (particularly due to safety)
- Direct impacts on safety and road capacity
- Uncertain impacts on VMT, congestion, and urban form