

Demographic Projections to 2030

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Committee on the Census*

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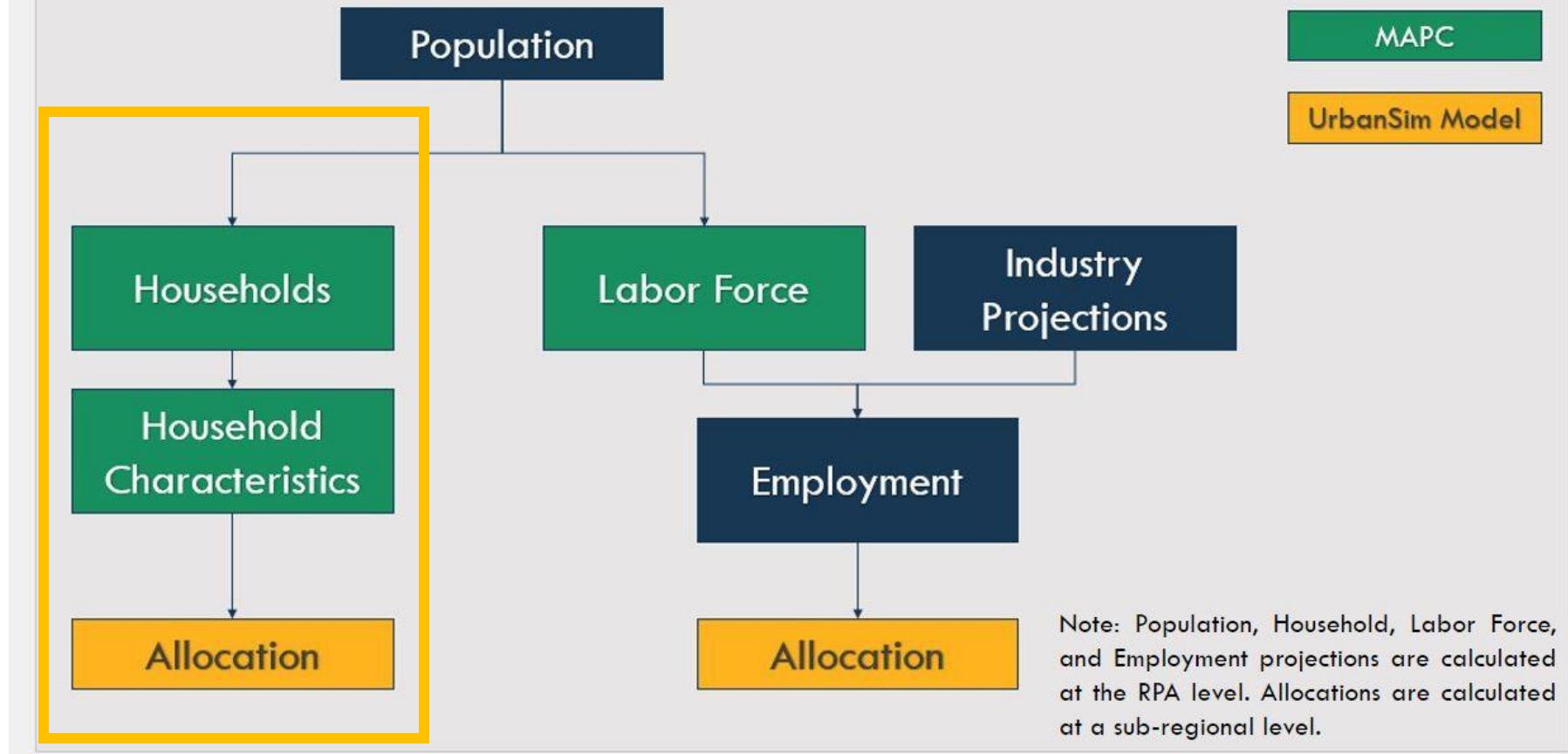


2023: A Difficult Time for Projecting the Future

2023 Long-Range Transportation Planning Projections (LRTP23)

- Population: Fluctuations in international immigration and domestic outmigration over the last decade
- Households: Housing shortage has suppressed household formation rates and families are doubling up
- Allocation: Eastern Massachusetts on the verge of major zoning changes for 175 municipalities, but not yet clear where or how large the zoning districts will be; remote work normalized, but long-term influence unclear
- Data: Delay in release of Census 2020 Demographic and Housing Characteristics files

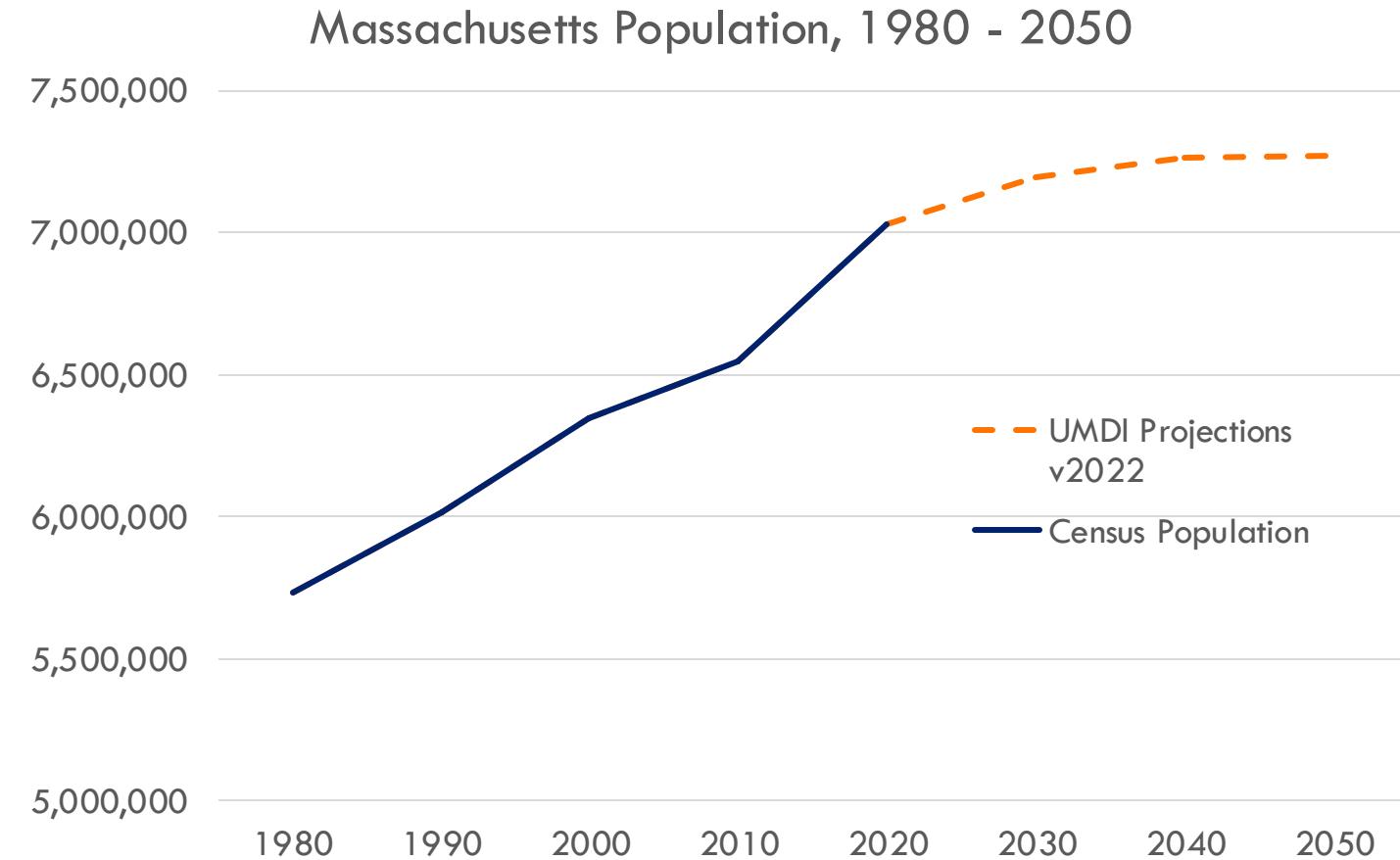
Projections Workflow



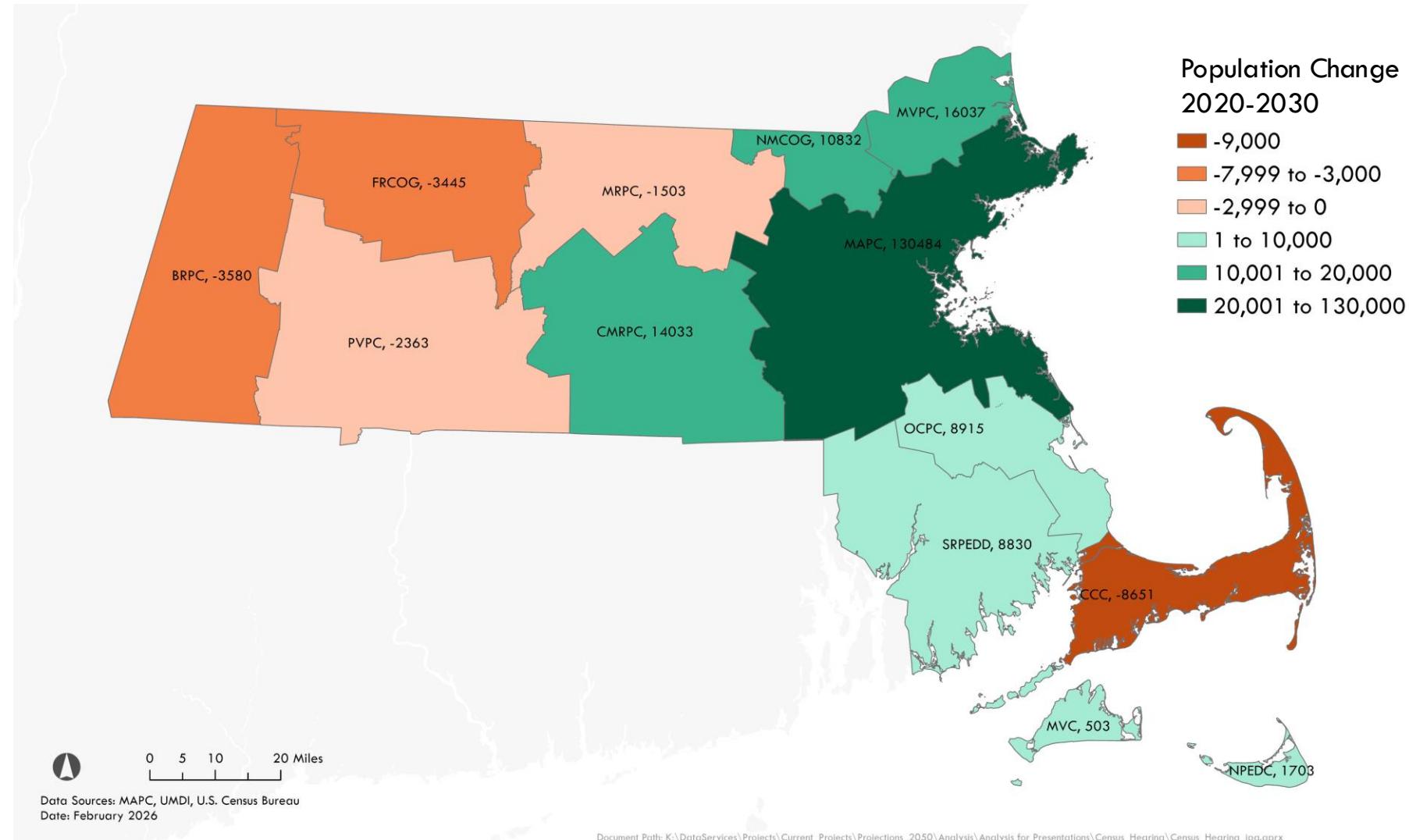
Statewide Population: Moderating Growth

LRTP23 Population
Projections:

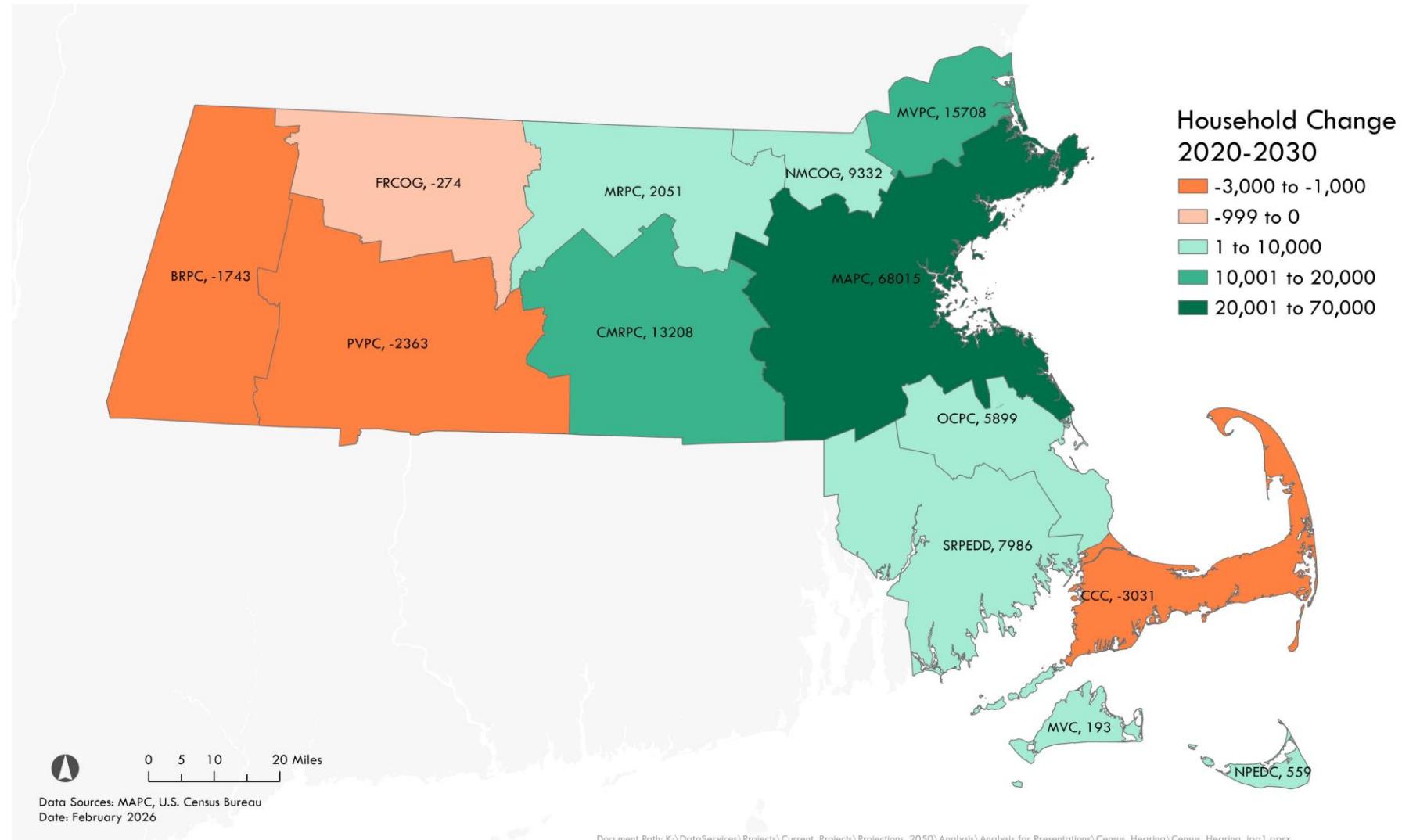
2.5% population growth
statewide from 2020 to
2030, after 7.4% growth
from 2010 to 2020.



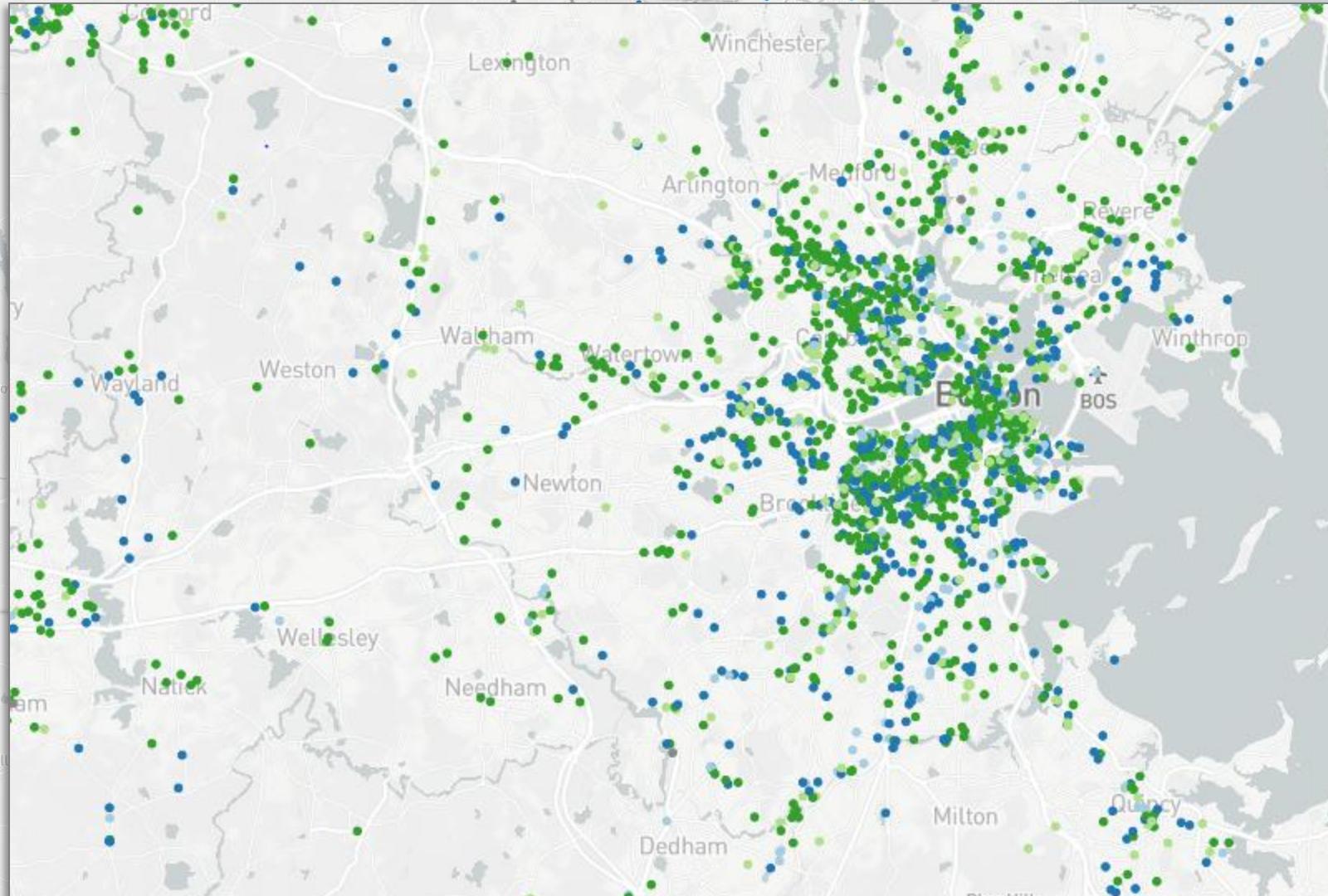
Population Growth and Decline Regionally 2020-2030



Household Growth and Decline Regionally 2020-2030

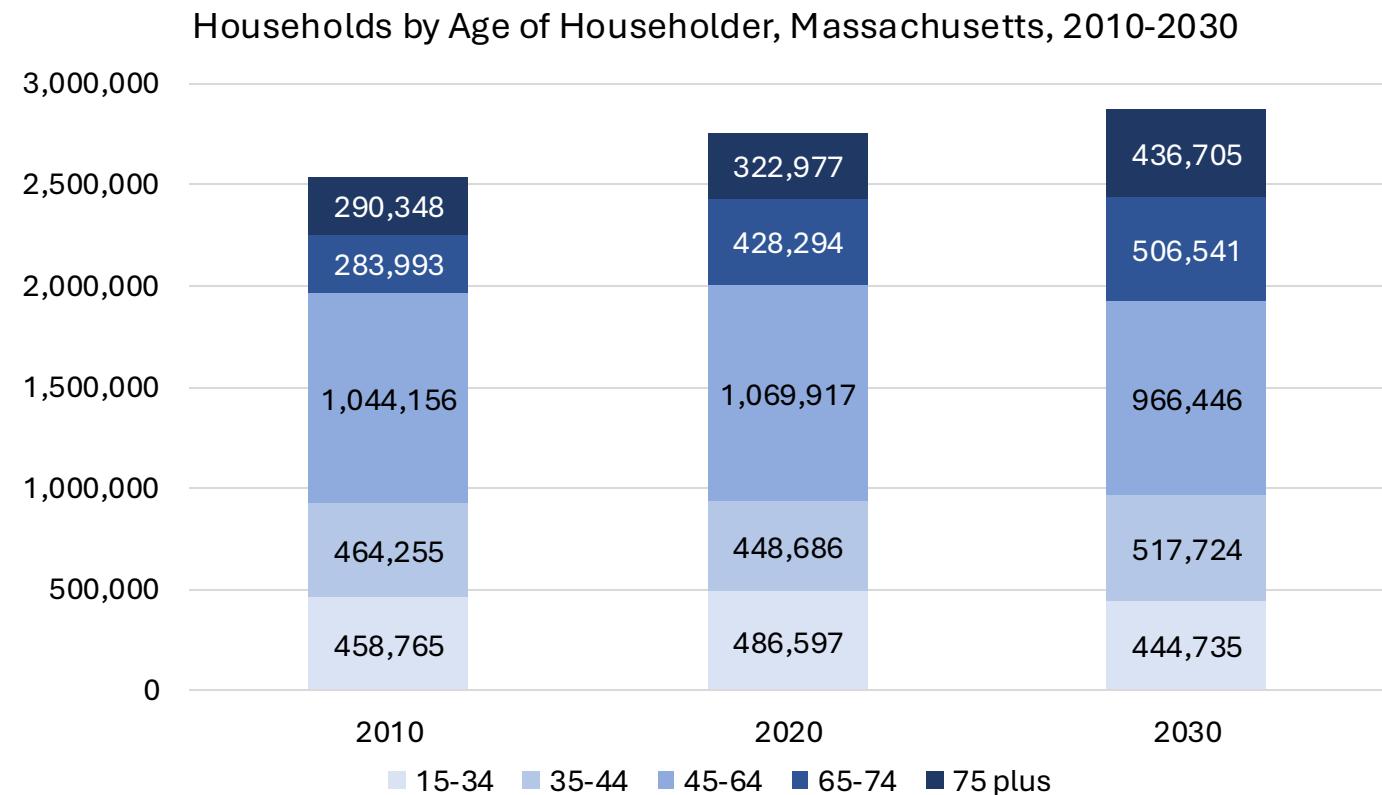


MAPC has data on >2,400 developments constructed, under construction, planned, or projected 2021-2030 statewide

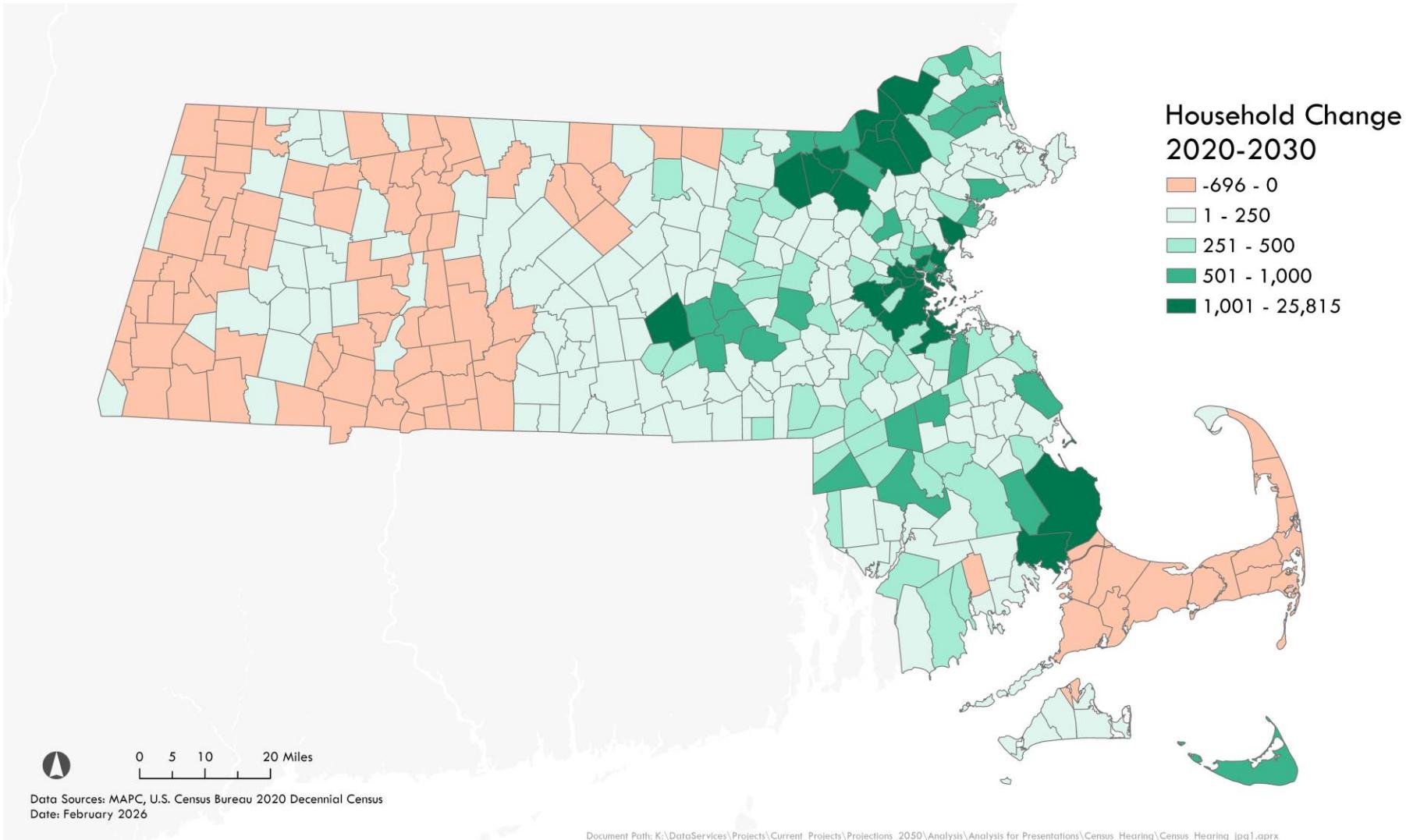


Projected Household Characteristics

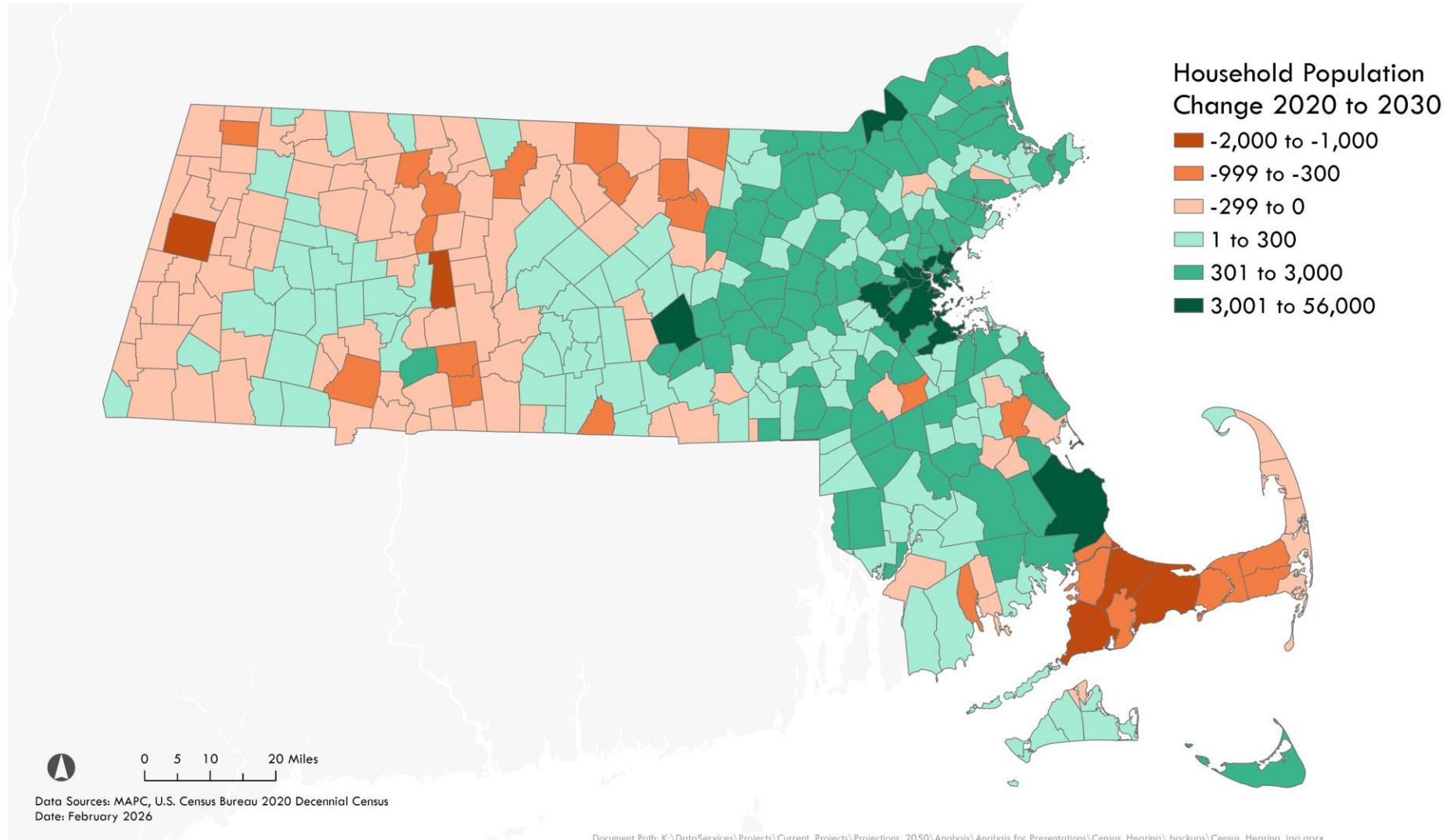
- Fewer households headed by someone under-35 due to population cycles and suppressed household formation rates
- Over-65 households grow by 64%, compared to total household growth which is only 13%
- Households living alone will increase 10%, while households with children will only grow 2.5% and multiple adult households with no children only 1.4%



Municipal Household Growth and Decline 2020-2030



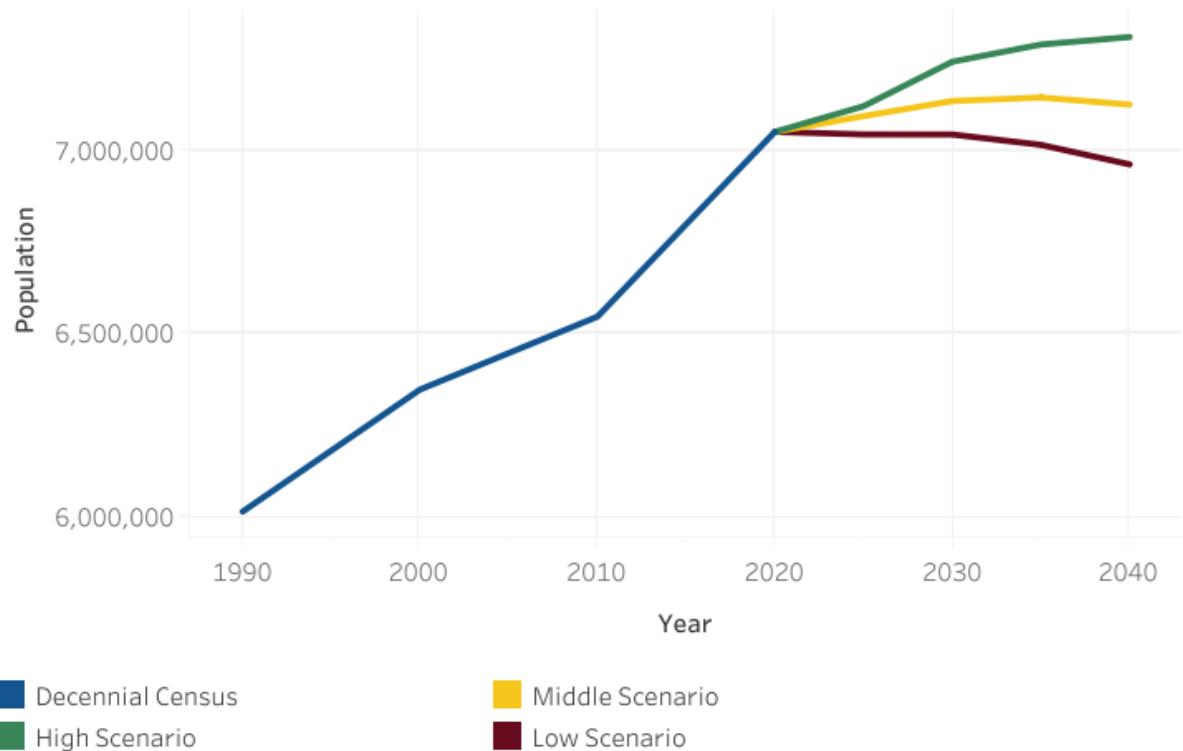
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EOHLC Statewide Housing Plan Scenarios

- Updated and enhanced population projection scenarios for EOHLC's 2024 Statewide Housing Plan show a range of possible futures.
- Middle scenario shows population growth of only 1.2% by 2030, about half the growth of LRTP23.
- MAPC will be allocating the middle scenario to the municipal level for the 2028 Long-Range Transportation Plan in FY2027.

Population Change Scenarios, 2020-2040
Region: All Ages: All



Thank you

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