

What's the Plan Panel #2

June 30, 2016



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Opportunities and Challenges facing Cambridge

The story today

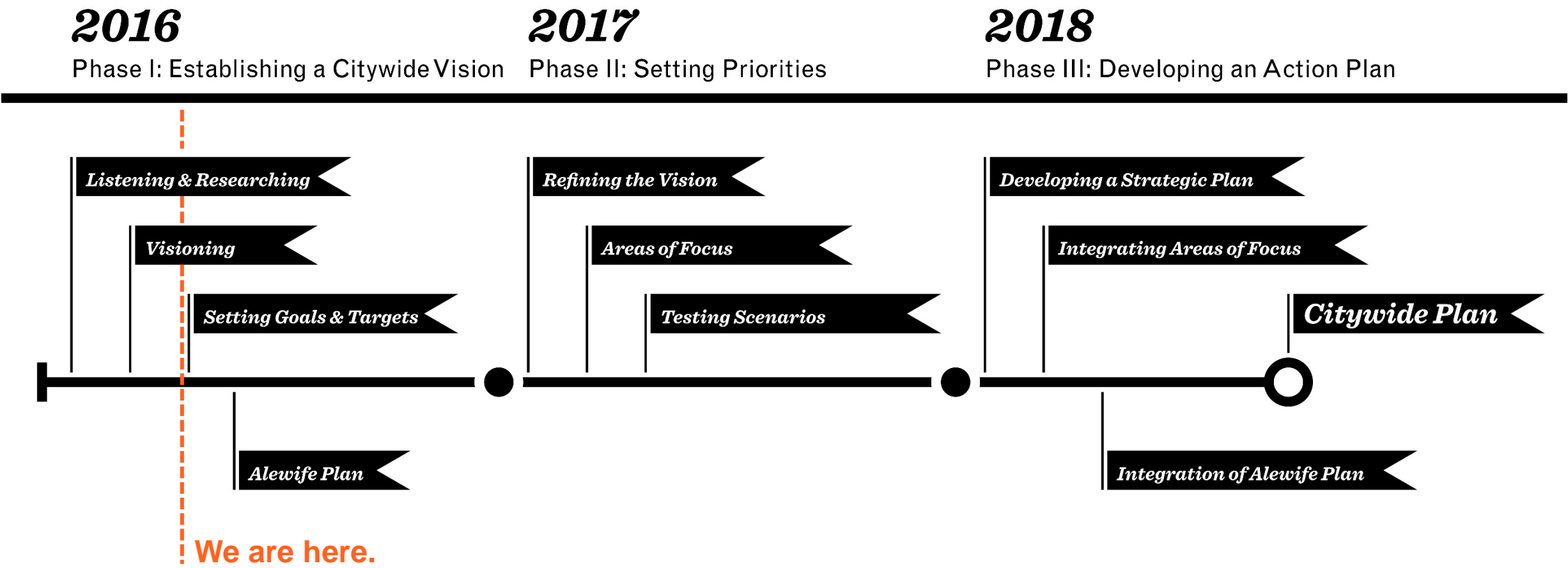
- How is Cambridge's population changing?
- What drives this change?

Opportunities and challenges

- Businesses and commercial development
- Housing and affordability
- Mobility and transportation
- Climate change and resilience
- Urban form

Discussion

Project Schedule



June-July events and process

- **Fresh Pond Day**
(June 11)
- **Citywide Visioning Workshop** (June 15)
- **Hoops 'N' Health**
(June 18)
- **Panel: Changes and Opportunities**
(June 30)
- **Alewife Visioning Workshop** (July 21)

Tell us how you Envision Cambridge

Join the Envision Cambridge team at citywide events, workshops, and a panel discussion.

Talk to us
at Fresh Pond Day
June 11, 11-3 pm
Water Department,
250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Citywide Visioning Workshop
June 15, 6:30-8:30 pm
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
School Cafeteria
102 Putnam Ave

Talk to us
at Hoops 'N' Health
June 18, 12-4 pm
Hoyt Field, near the
Riverside Health Center

Panel Discussion: Changes and Opportunities
June 30, 6-8 pm
Cambridge Public Library,
Main Branch, 449
Broadway

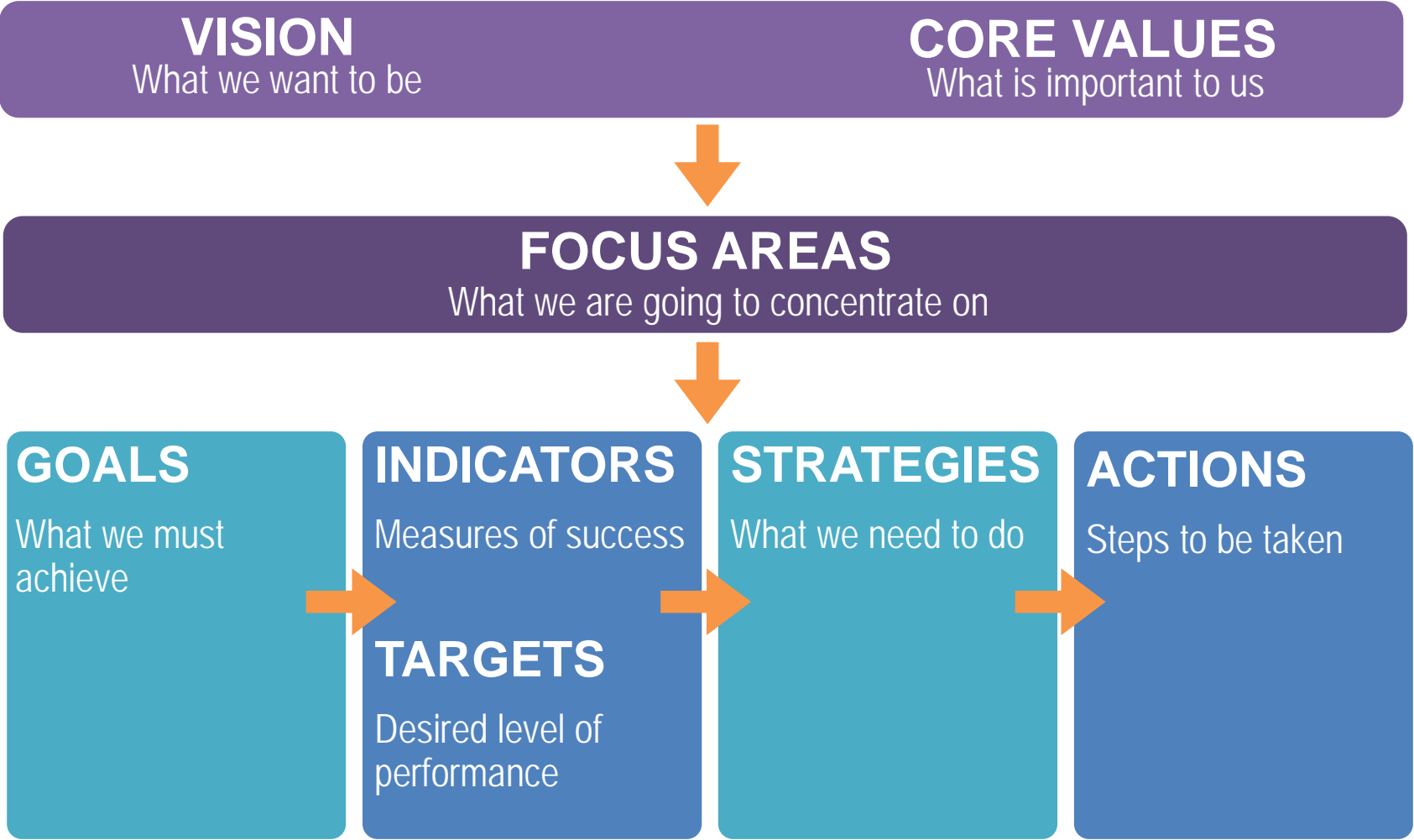
Alewife Visioning Workshop
July 21, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tobin School Cafeteria,
197 Vassal Lane

With input from those who live, work, study, and play in our city, Envision Cambridge will create a shared vision for the future of our city. The plan will result in recommendations on a broad range of topics such as housing, mobility, economic opportunity, urban form, and climate and the environment. To learn more about the project, visit www.cambridgema.gov/citywideplan

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City of Cambridge

How this leads to the citywide plan



Key planning topics are helping us uncover cross-cutting “lenses.”

Sustainability &
Resilience

Diversity

Livability

Equity



Community Health
& Wellbeing

Lifelong
Learning

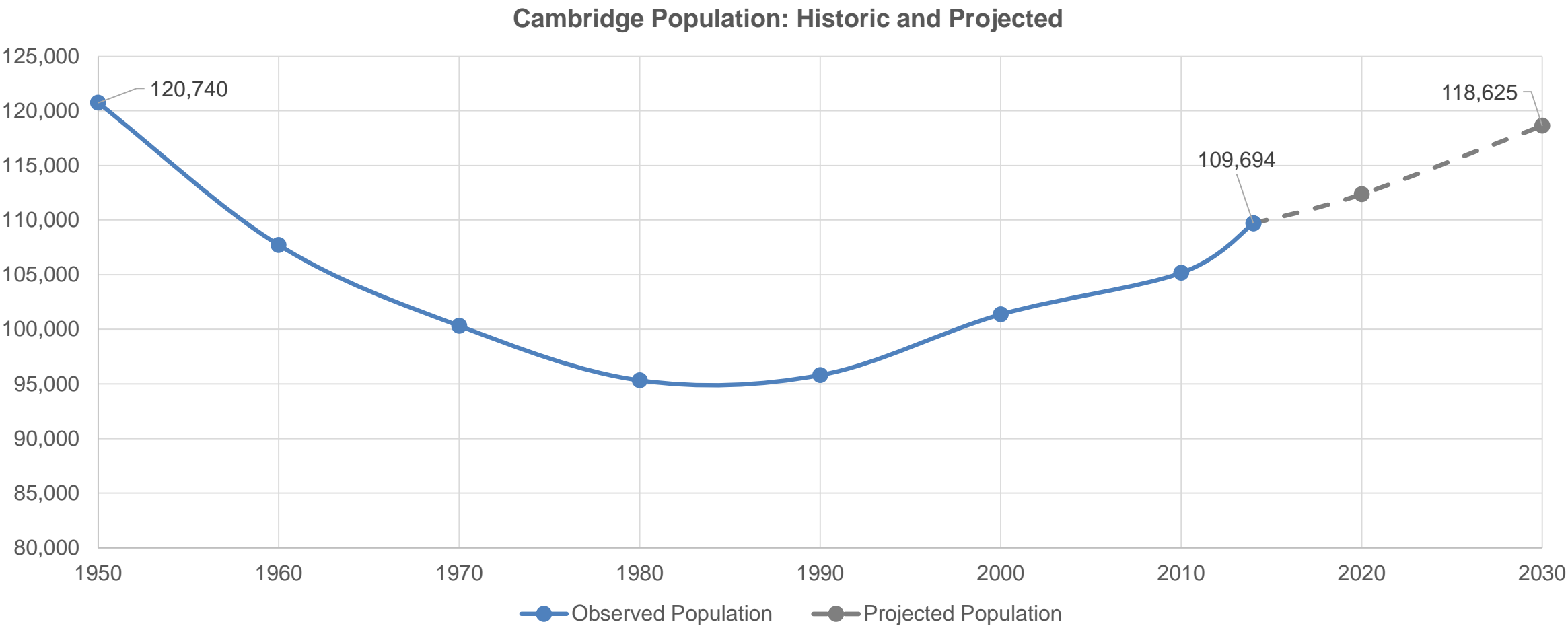
Economic
Opportunity



How is Cambridge's population changing?



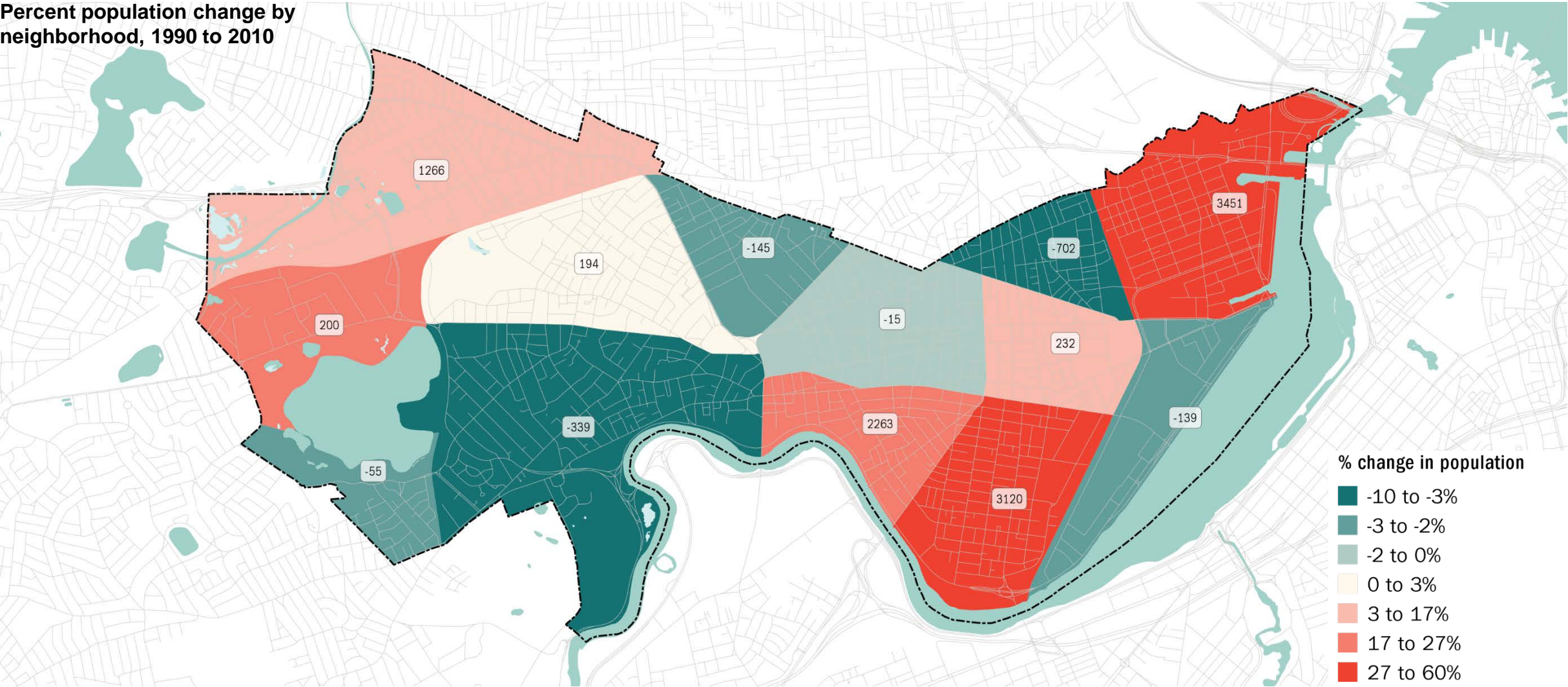
Cambridge's population is almost at its previous mid-century peak.



Source: Census 2011 Statistical Abstract; 2014 MAPC growth projections – Strong Core Scenario

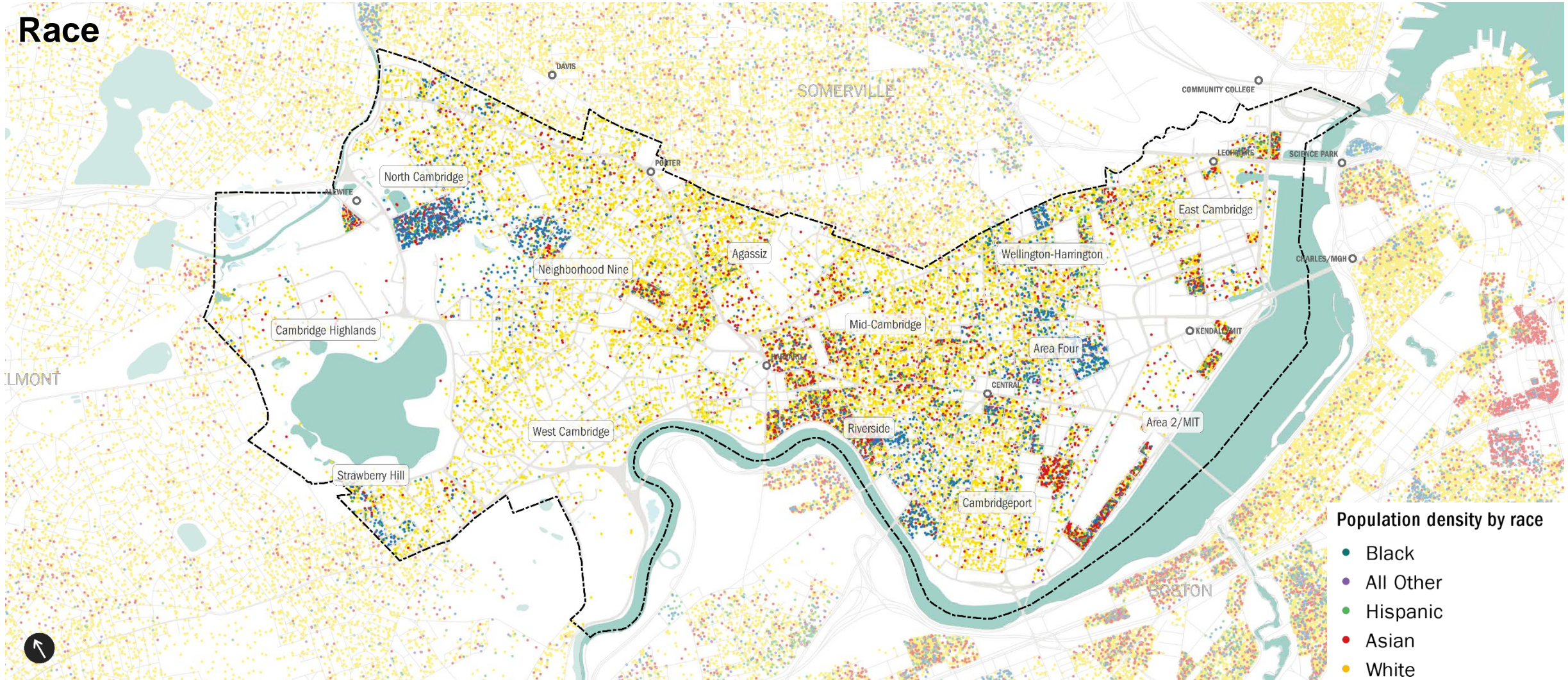
Population growth varies by neighborhood.

Percent population change by neighborhood, 1990 to 2010



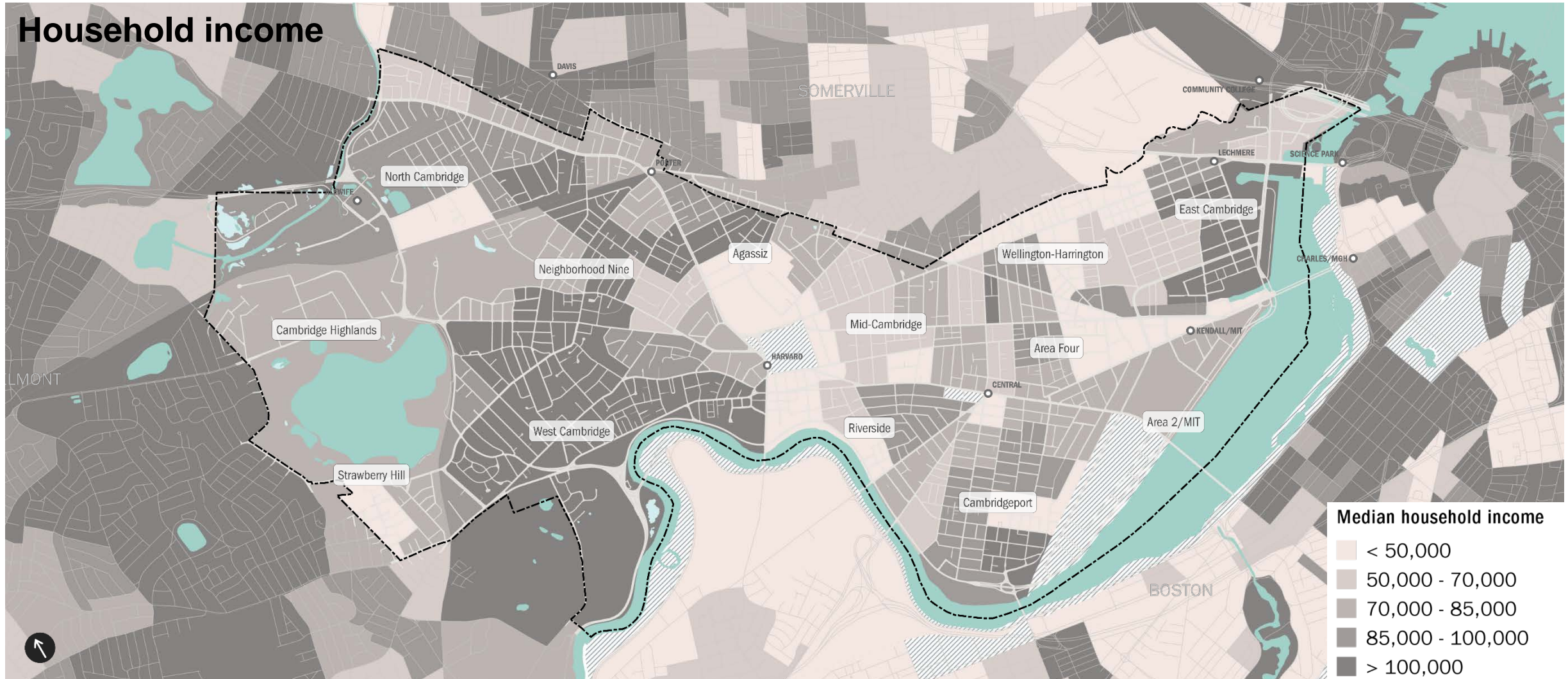
Source: U.S. Census Bureau 1990 and 2010 Population Counts

Race, income, and education levels all vary by location.



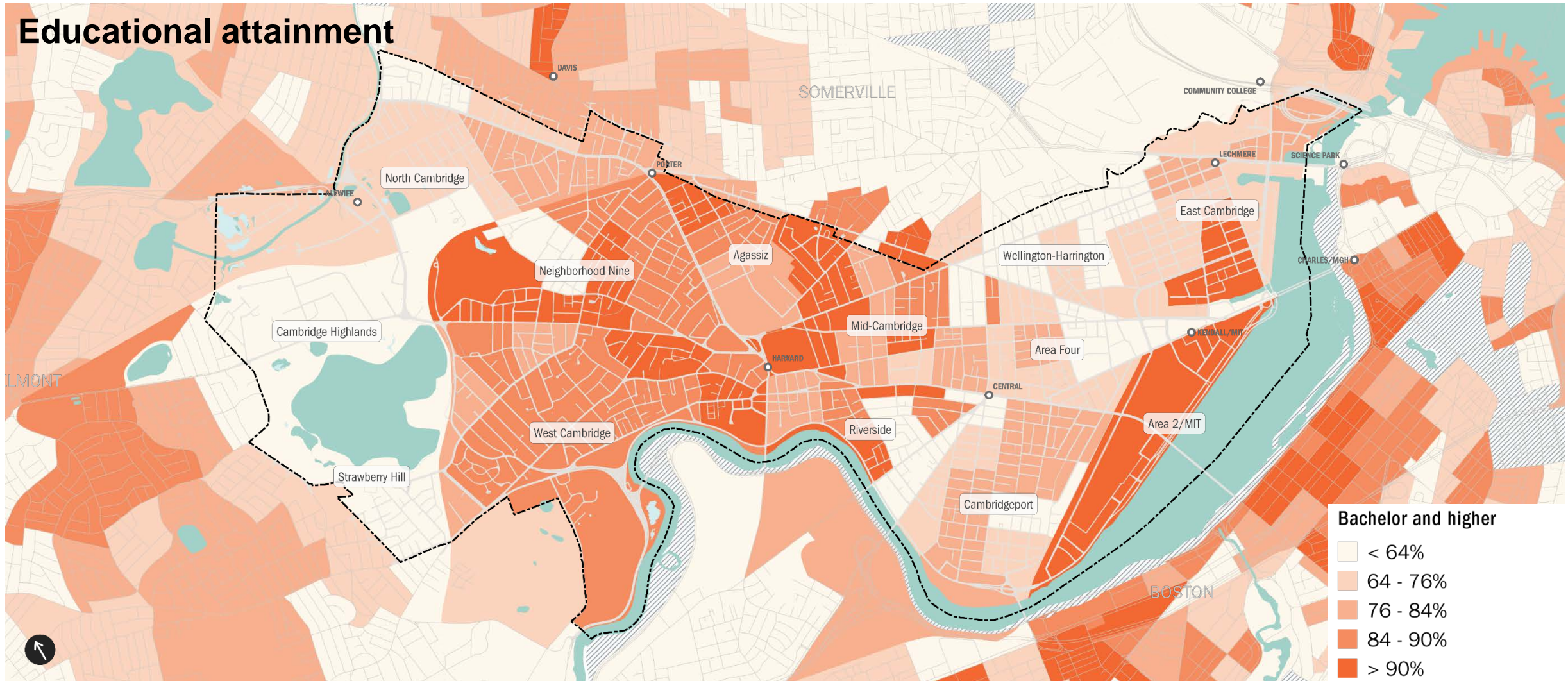
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Source: 2014 American Community Survey 5-year block group estimates

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What drives this change?

Community assets and urban form



Cambridge thrives because it is diverse, walkable, and sustainable.



Density supports a vibrant public realm.

Neighborhood vitality

Businesses (especially niche businesses) need lots of people around and fare better with more foot traffic. Density supports a diverse business ecosystem.



Cambridge's density also feels human and inviting.



What drives this change?

Economic assets and opportunity

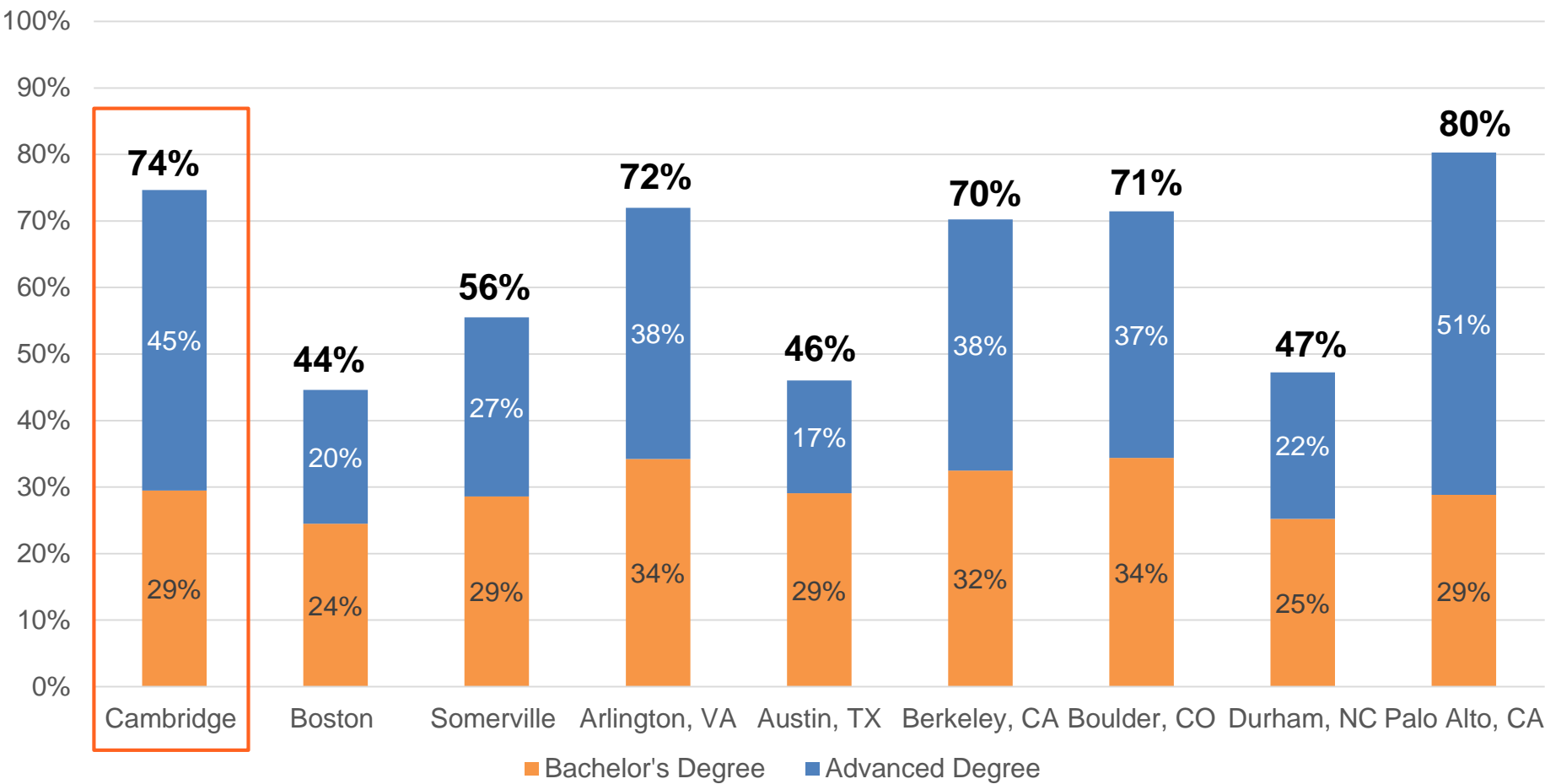


Cambridge is at the leading edge of the knowledge economy.



Cambridge has a particularly educated workforce.

Educational Attainment vs. Peer Cities



Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Residents and jobs in 2014

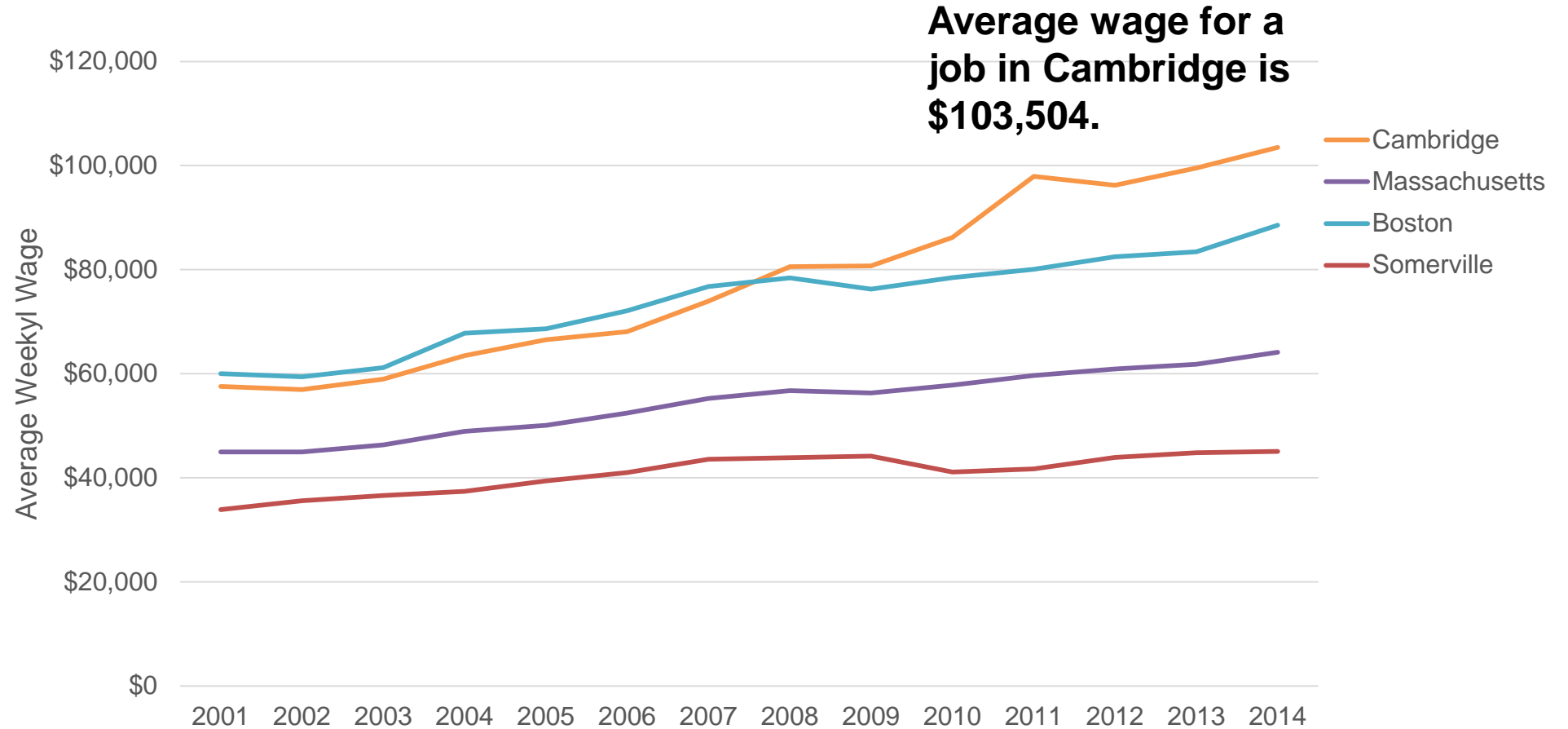
- **110,000** people living in the city
- **63,000** people in the labor force (able to work)
- **112,000** jobs in the city

- **12%** of people working in Cambridge for their primary job also live in Cambridge
- **28%** of people living in Cambridge also work in Cambridge for their primary job

Source: 2010-2014 ACS Data, 5-Year Estimates, Mass Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development, U.S. Census Bureau Center for Economic Studies

Wages have grown faster in Cambridge than in its neighbors.

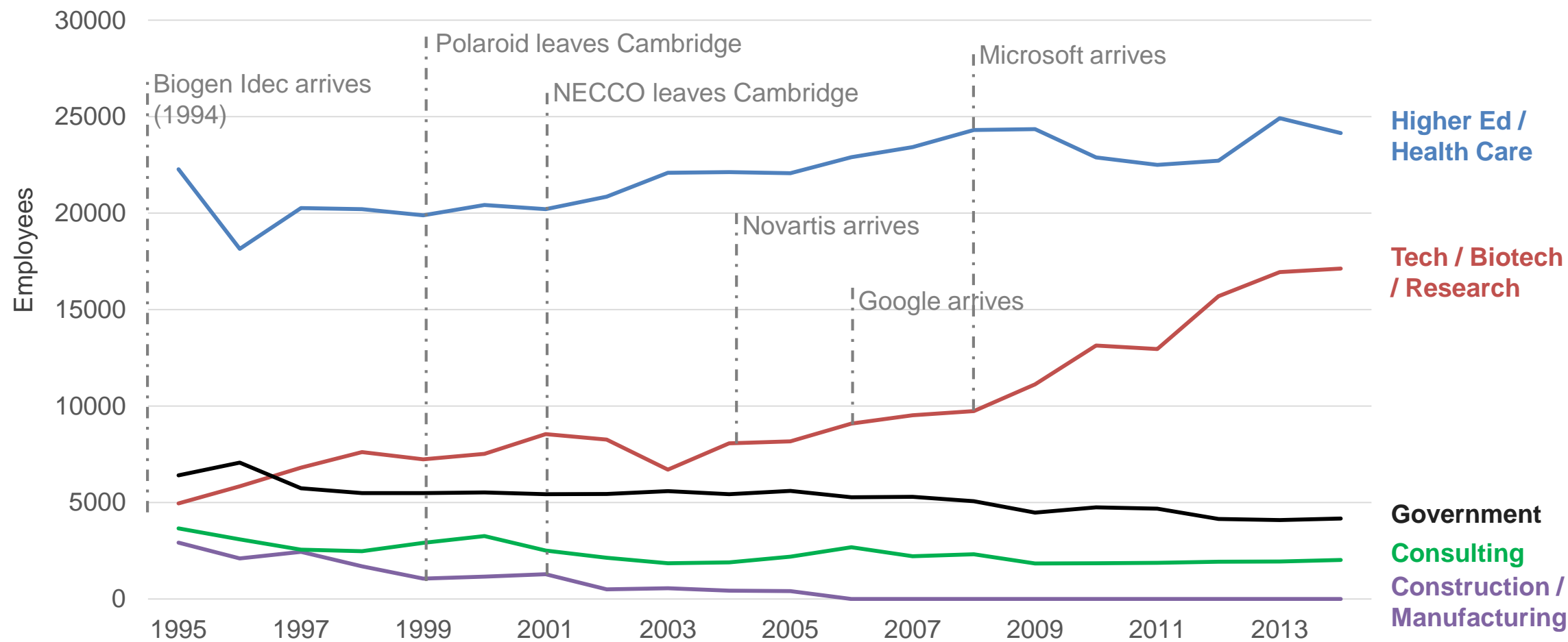
**Average Annual Wage,
2001–2014**



Source: Mass Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development

The largest employers are increasingly in tech and biotech.

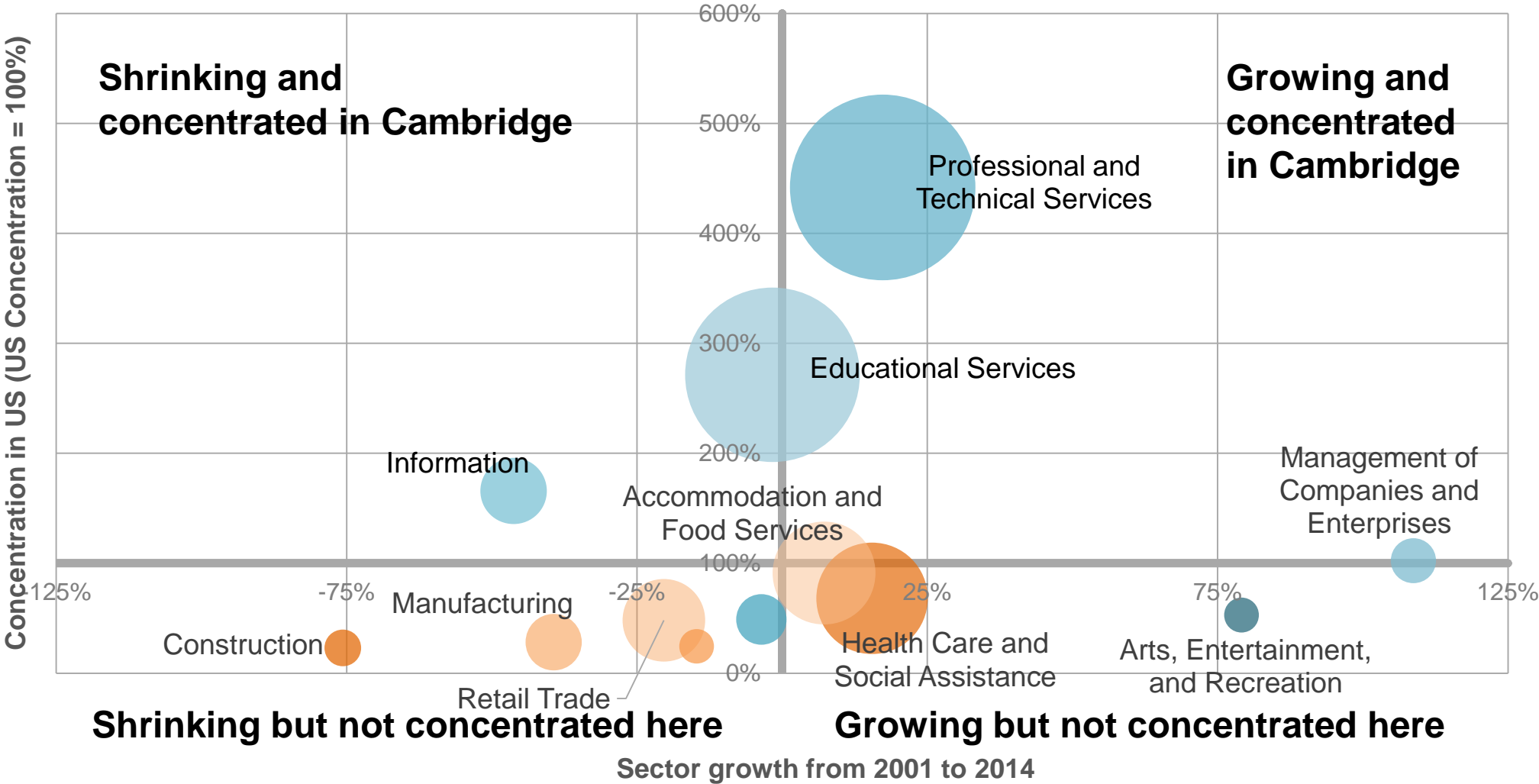
Cambridge's Top Employers by Sector by Number of Employees



Source: City of Cambridge, Top 25 Employers, 1995-2014

Knowledge economy sectors are concentrated and growing quickly.

Sector Growth,
2001-2014 and
Location Quotient,
2014



Source: Mass Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development & U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

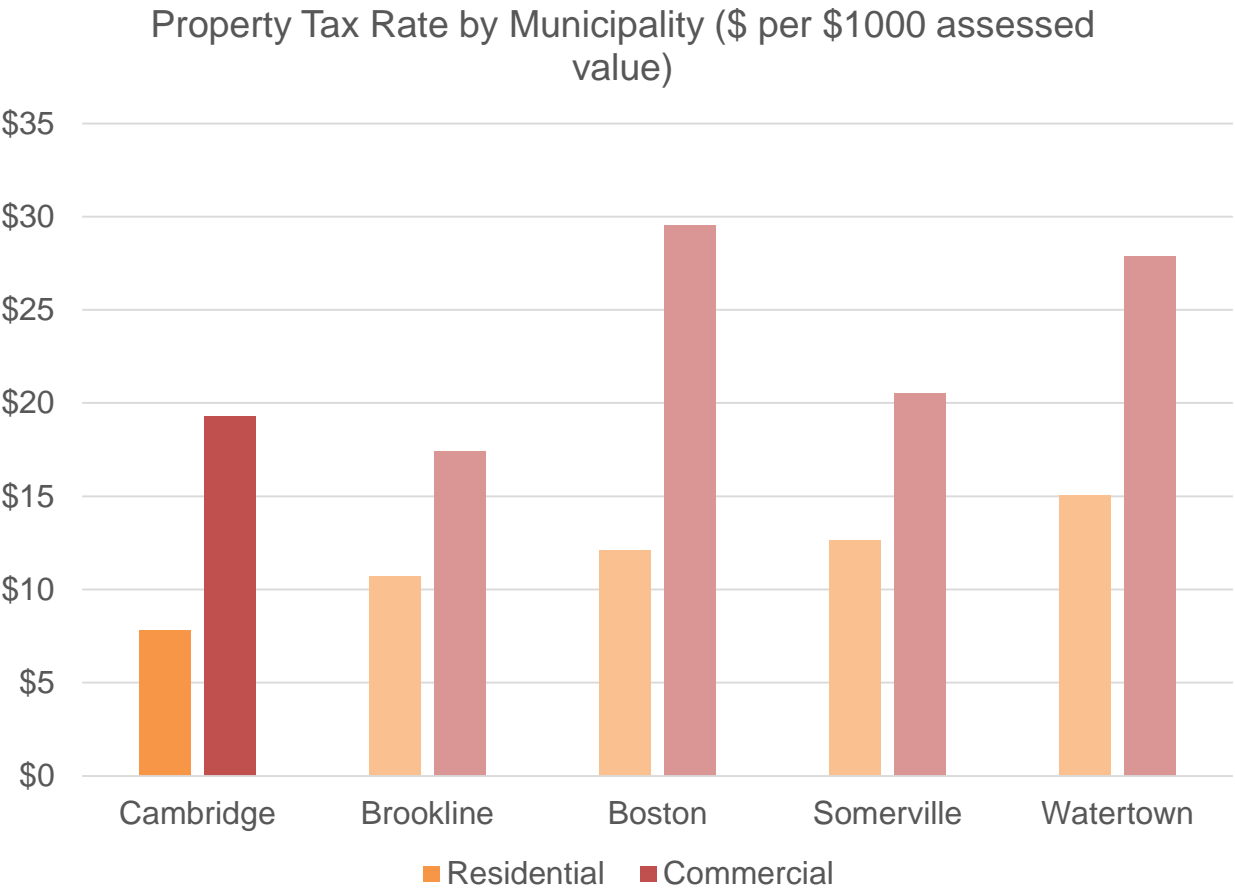
Businesses and commercial development



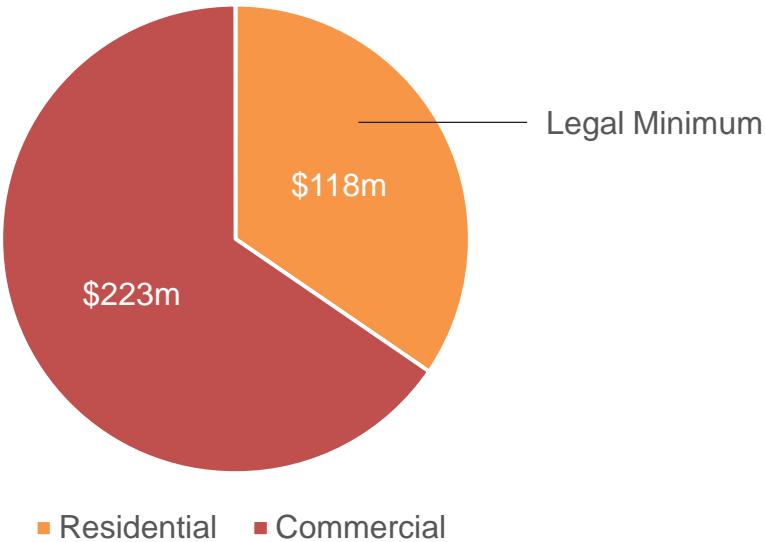
Knowledge economy firms drive up commercial rents for everyone.



Commercial taxes fund city services and reduce residential taxes.



Cambridge Property Tax Levy by Property Type



Source: City of Cambridge Budget, Fiscal Year 2016

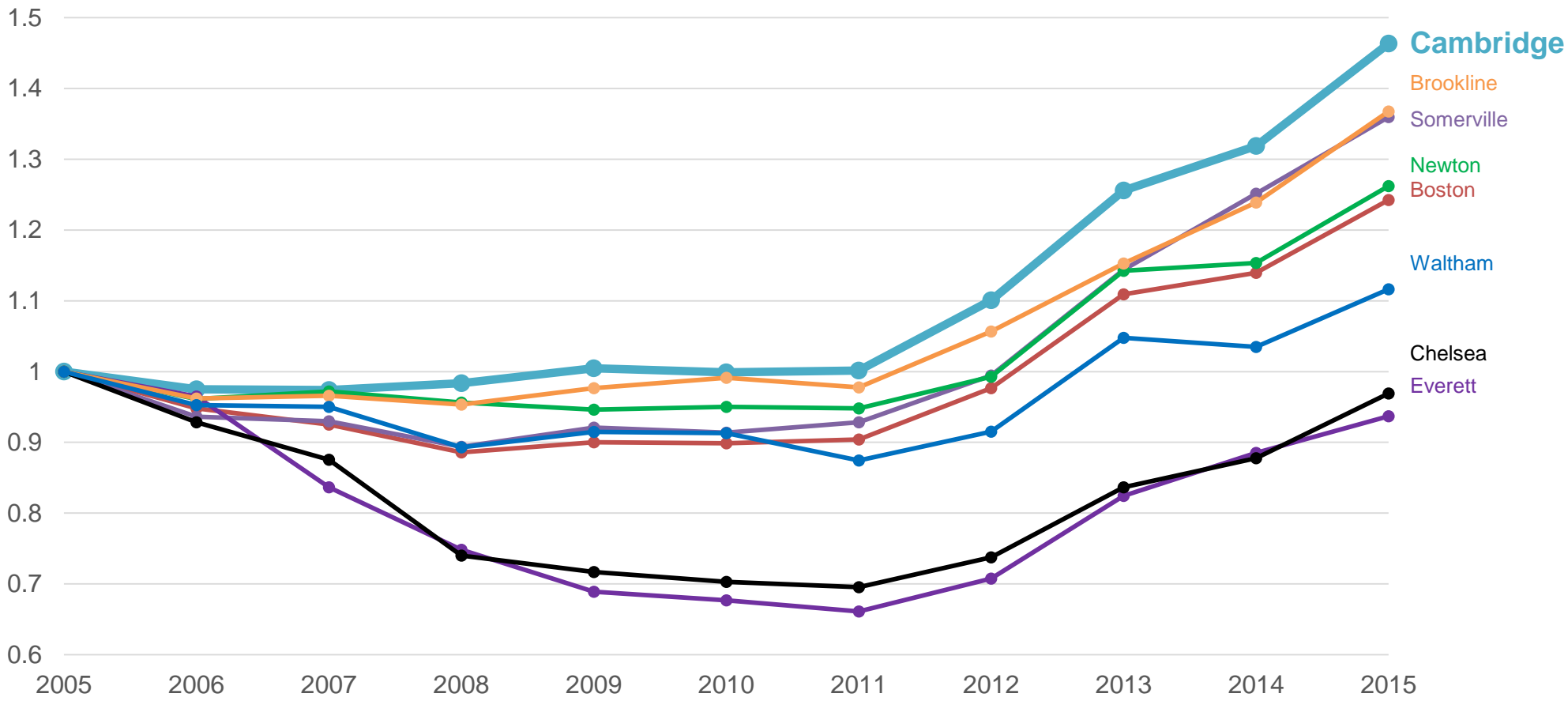
Housing and affordability



In Cambridge, home prices have risen faster than in its neighbors.

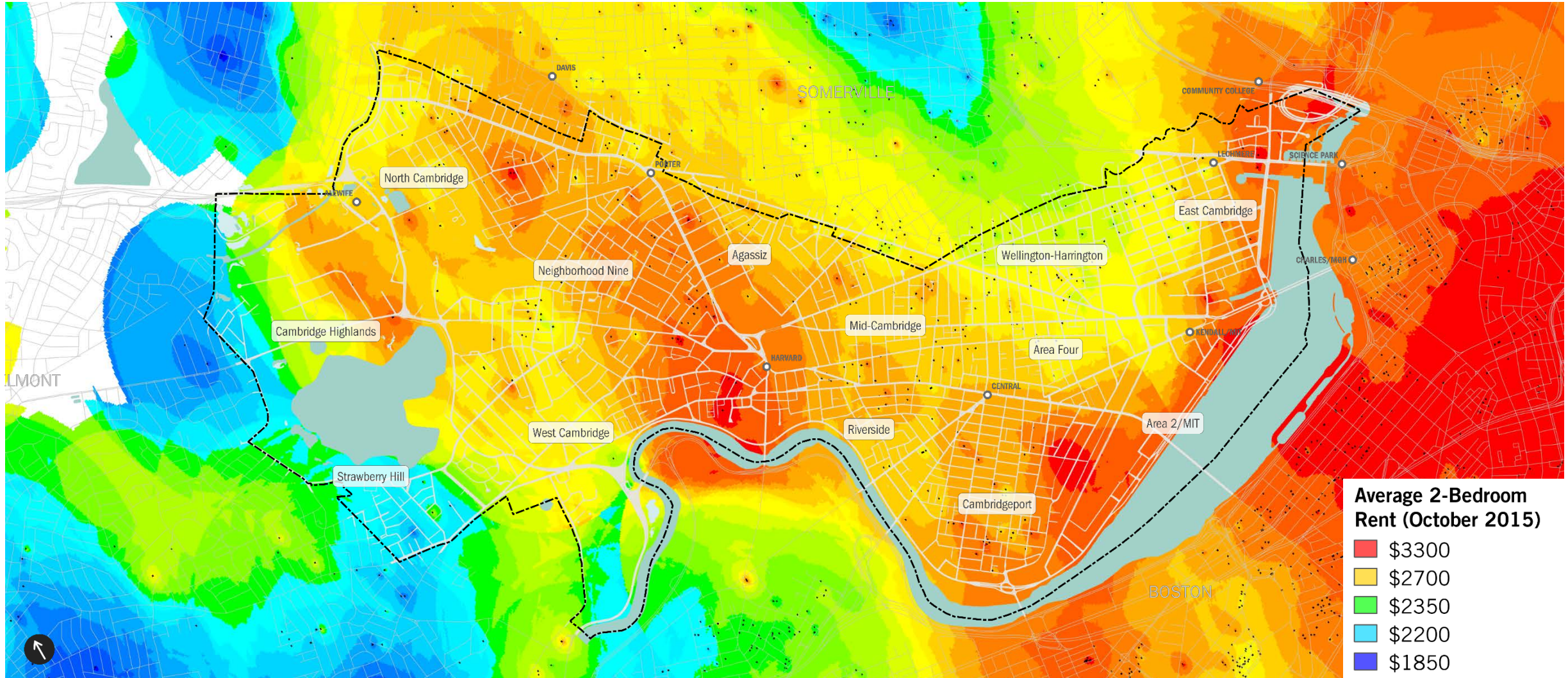
Surrounding
Communities: Median
Home Prices (2005=1)

A rapid rise in prices
threatens to displace
current and potential
residents with low- and
middle-range incomes.



Source Zillow Time Series, December 1996-2015. Includes single-family, condominium, and cooperative.

Cambridge also has some of the region's highest rents.



Source: Padmapper data

Beyond current measures, how else can we relieve pressure?

Cambridge seeks to tie building boom to affordable housing



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF/FILE MAY 2015

Cambridge leaders are hoping to harness the building boom underway in Kendall Square to raise millions of dollars for more lower-priced apartments across the city.

By Tim Logan | GLOBE STAFF JULY 24, 2015

Final Report

Cambridge Inclusionary Housing Study



March 27, 2016

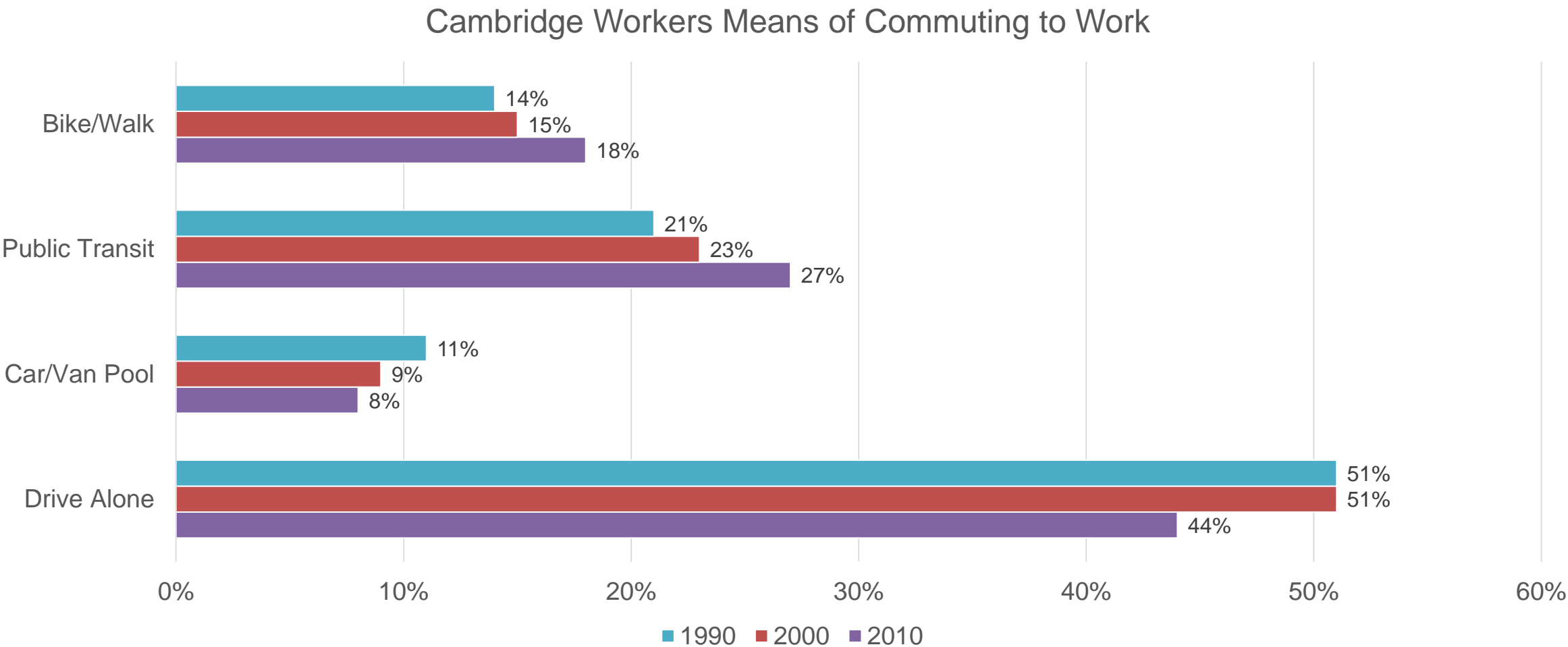


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Mobility and transportation

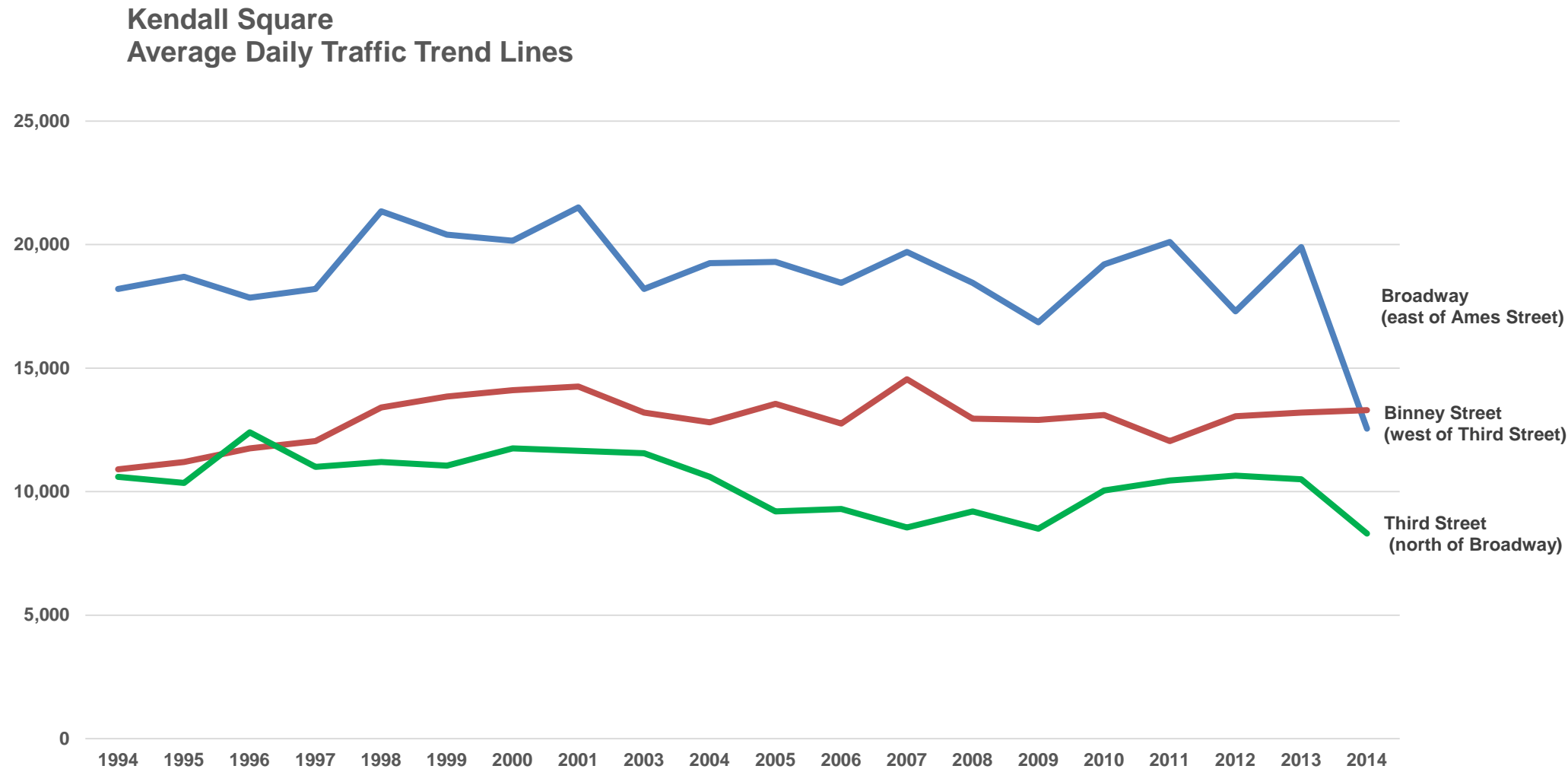


Cambridge continues to improve its share of sustainable modes.



Source: Decennial Census 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2010, 1-year estimates

Despite larger development, traffic in Kendall Square has dropped.

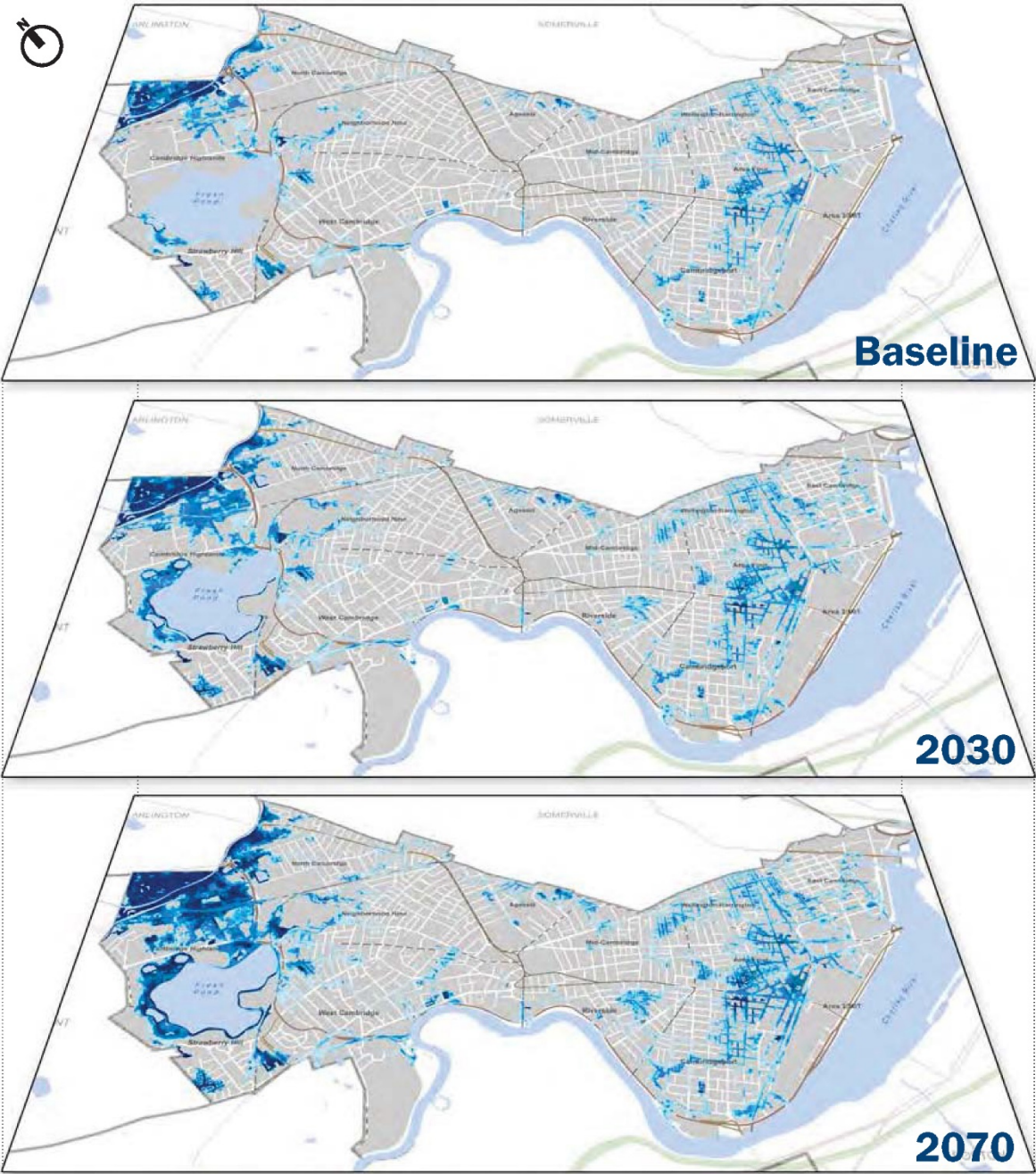


Source: Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

Climate change and resilience



Flooding is a risk across Cambridge, especially in Alewife.



Inland Flooding – 100-year 24-hour storm

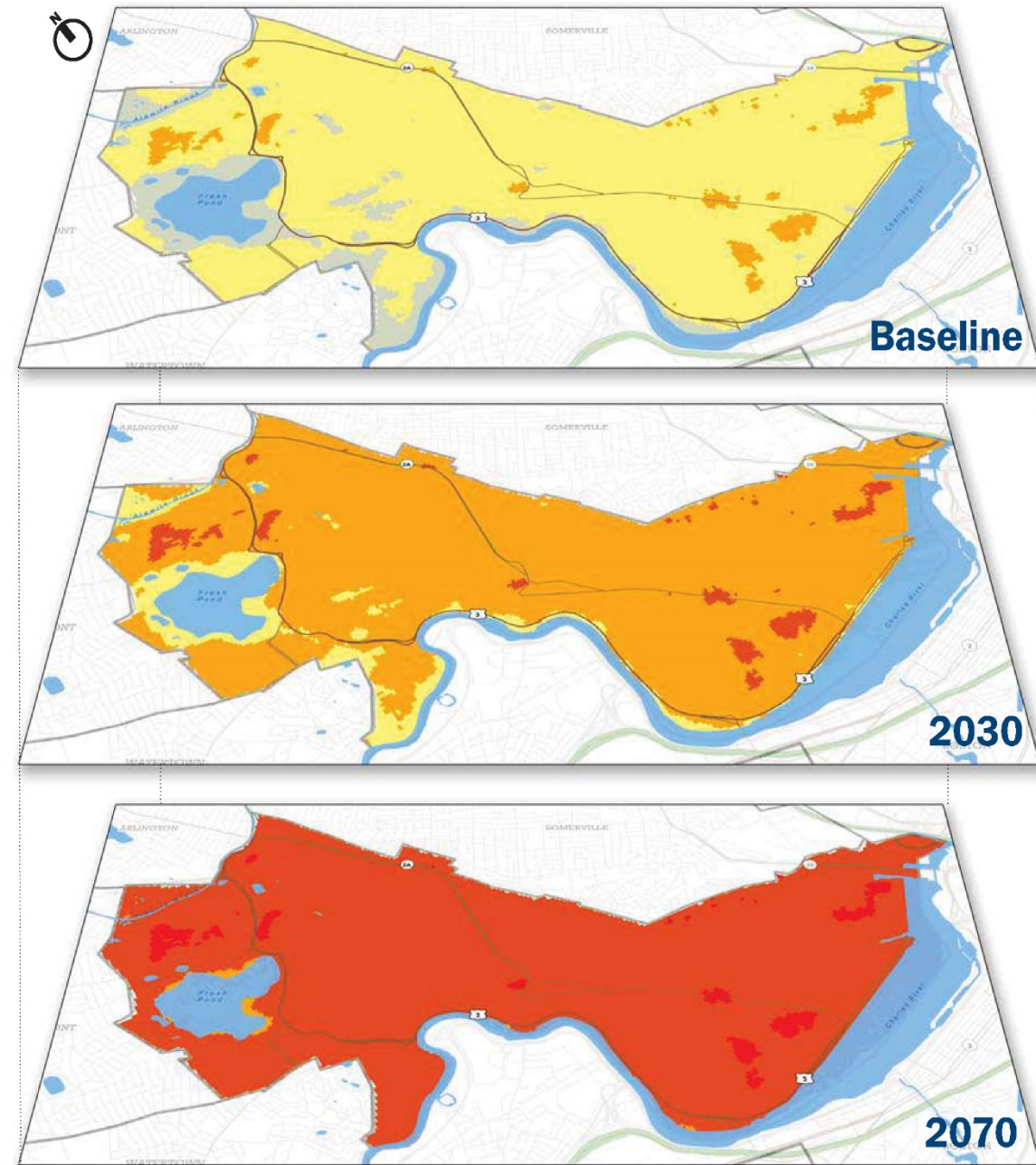
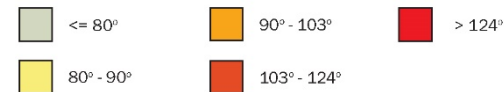
(Source: CCVA / Kleinfelder with MWH, VHB data)

The city is increasingly vulnerable to heat waves in the future.

Heat Island / Heat Index

(Source: CCVA / Kleinfelder with ATMOS data)

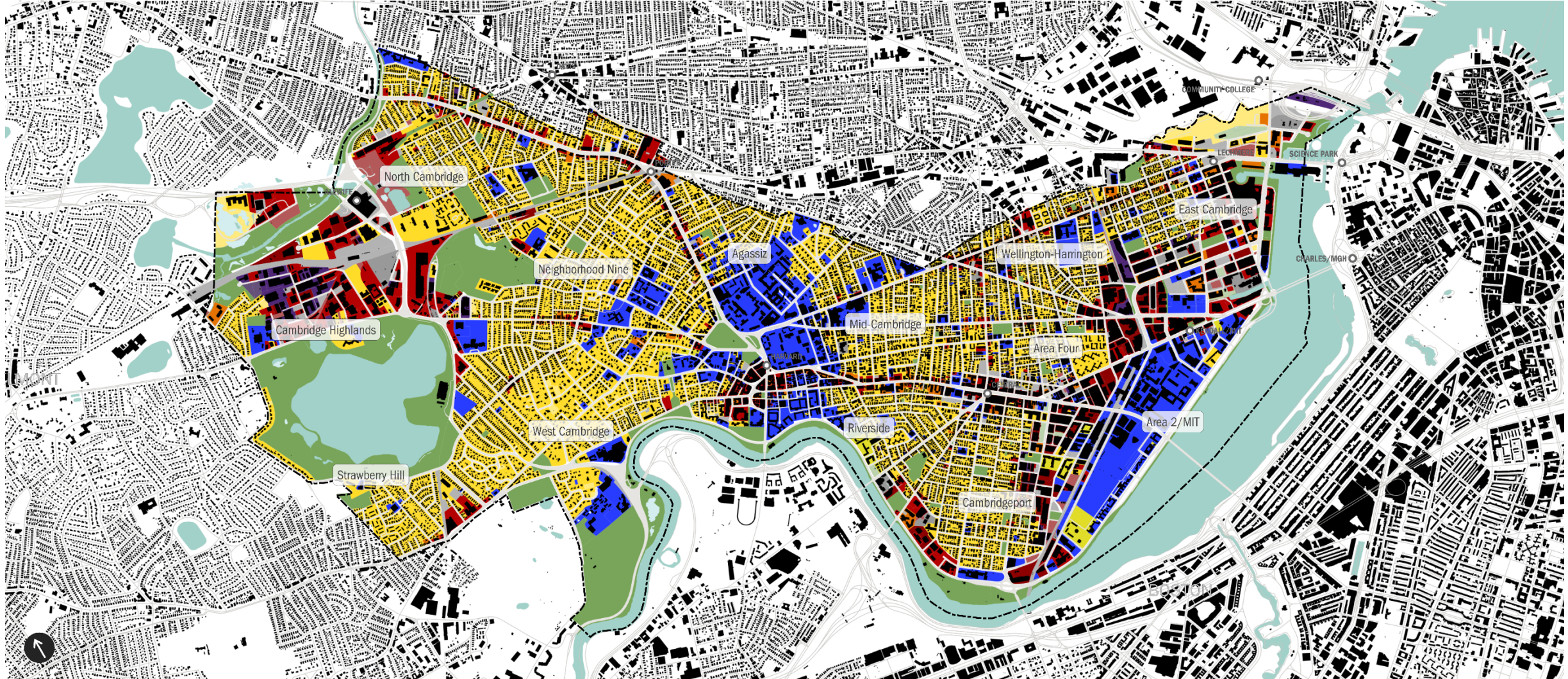
Estimated Heat Index (°F)



Urban form

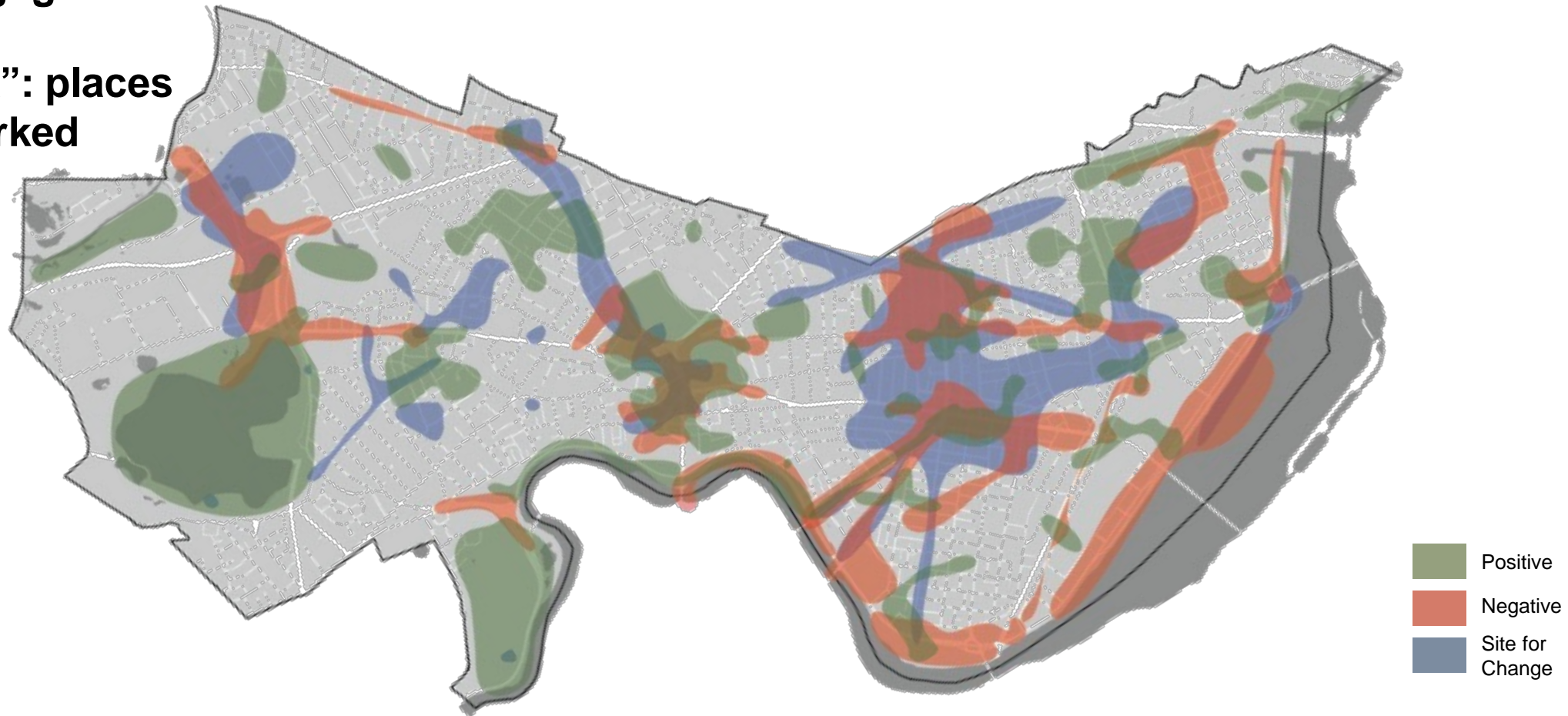


The city is compact, memorable, and organized.



Residents' impressions of the city line up with physical maps.

**Mobile Engagement
Station**
“Feedback”: places
people marked



Modern construction and program types affect the city's character.



Discussion



As Cambridge faces growth and change, how do we best support livability, diversity, sustainability, and equity?

