



What Do Community Based Indicators Tell Us About Divided Baltimore?

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**BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD
INDICATORS ALLIANCE**

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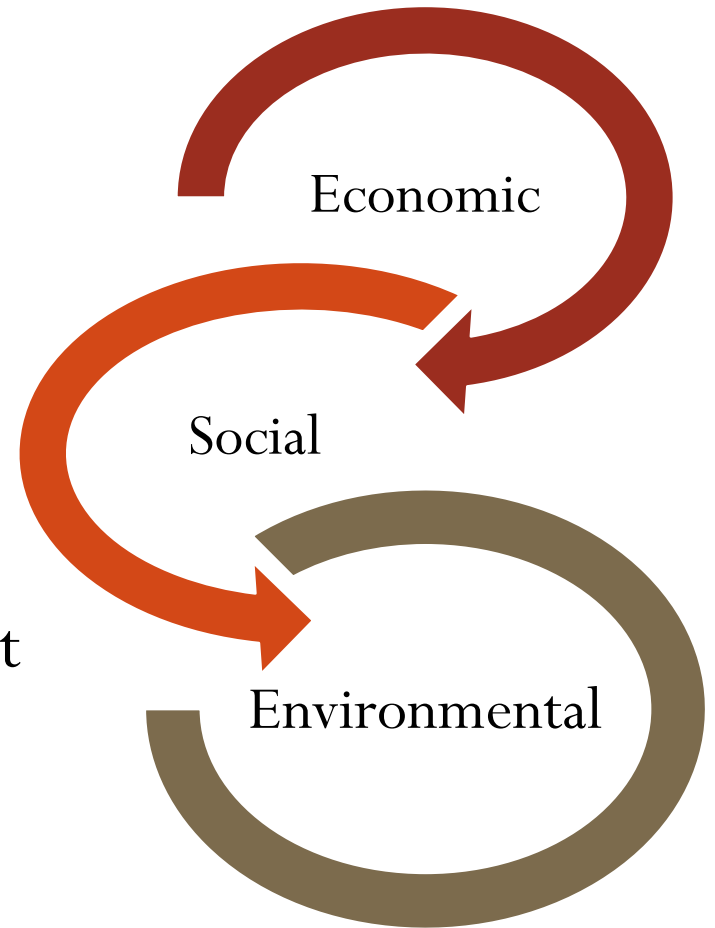
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“The Enduring Neighborhood Effect”

- Baltimore is a City of Neighborhoods
- *Durable* properties of places based on people, history, geography
- Econometrics of places: indicators that track the context for social-economic-ecological processes



Community Based Indicators

- Bits of information that, when combined, generate a picture of what is happening in a local system
- They provide insight into and ongoing monitoring of the overall *direction* of a community
- Participation from community residents and other organizations identify and construct indicators to influence policy outcomes in the public sector

Rhonda Phillips, **Community Indicators** 2003

Baltimore City

CSAs

2010 - - -

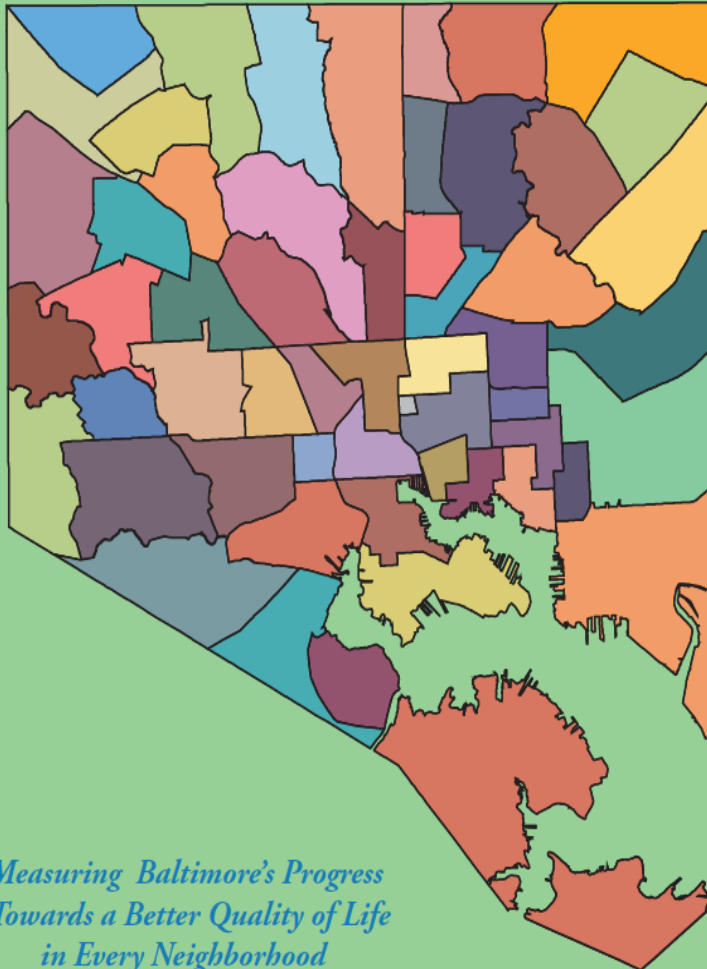
Number - 55

Based on 2010 Census boundaries

Aggregations of Census tracts
(respectful of neighborhoods)



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Census Demographics

*Housing & Community
Development*

*Children & Family
Health*

Crime & Safety

*Economic & Workforce
Development*

Education & Youth

Arts & Culture

Sustainability

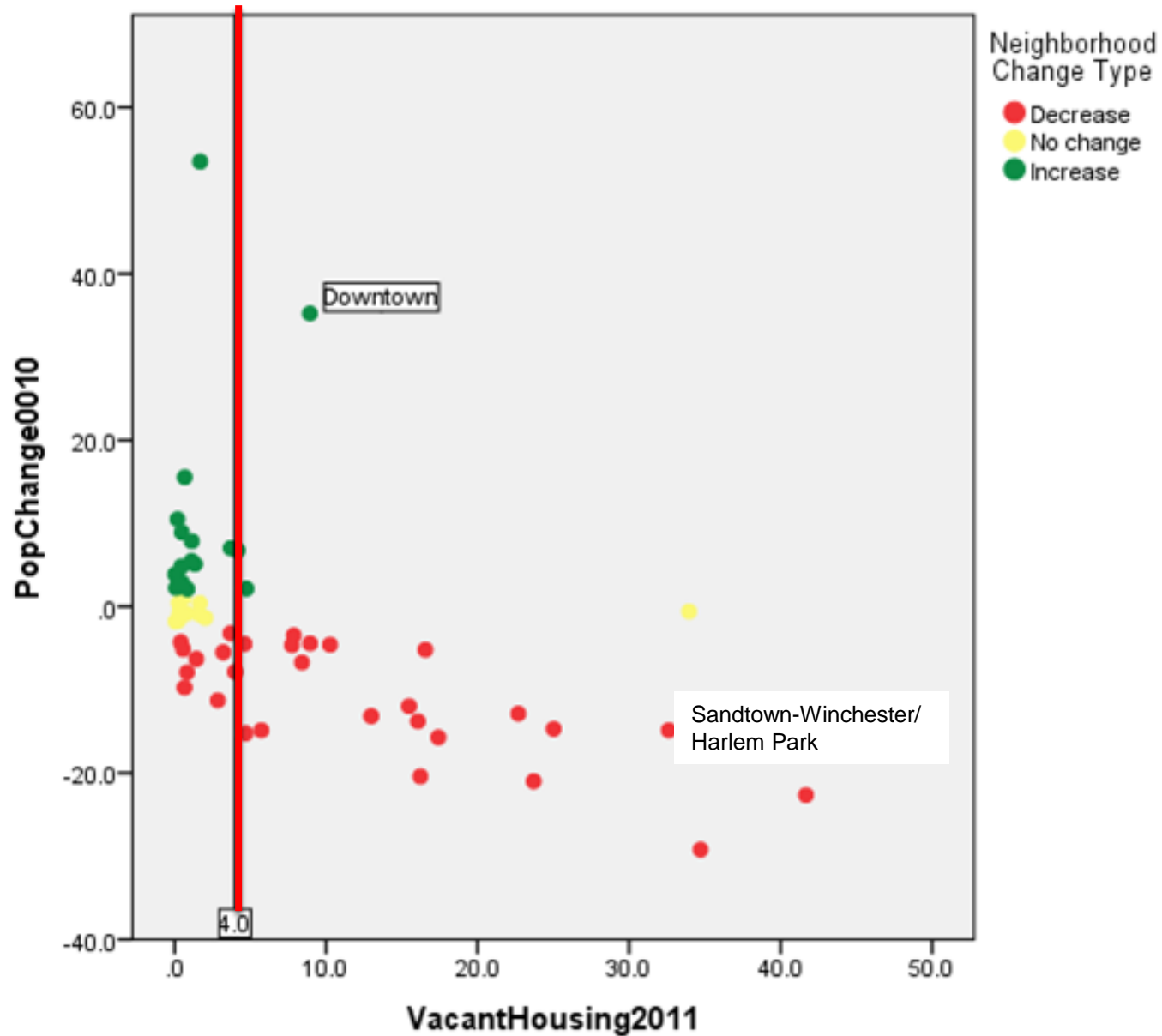
*Measuring Baltimore's Progress
Towards a Better Quality of Life
in Every Neighborhood*

Justice

Population Decline

- Baltimore City lost 330,000 between 1950 and 2010.
- Reasons for population loss different in different decades based on local, regional, national and global forces
- Most people/media attribute the loss to crime and poor education

Population Change & Vacant Housing



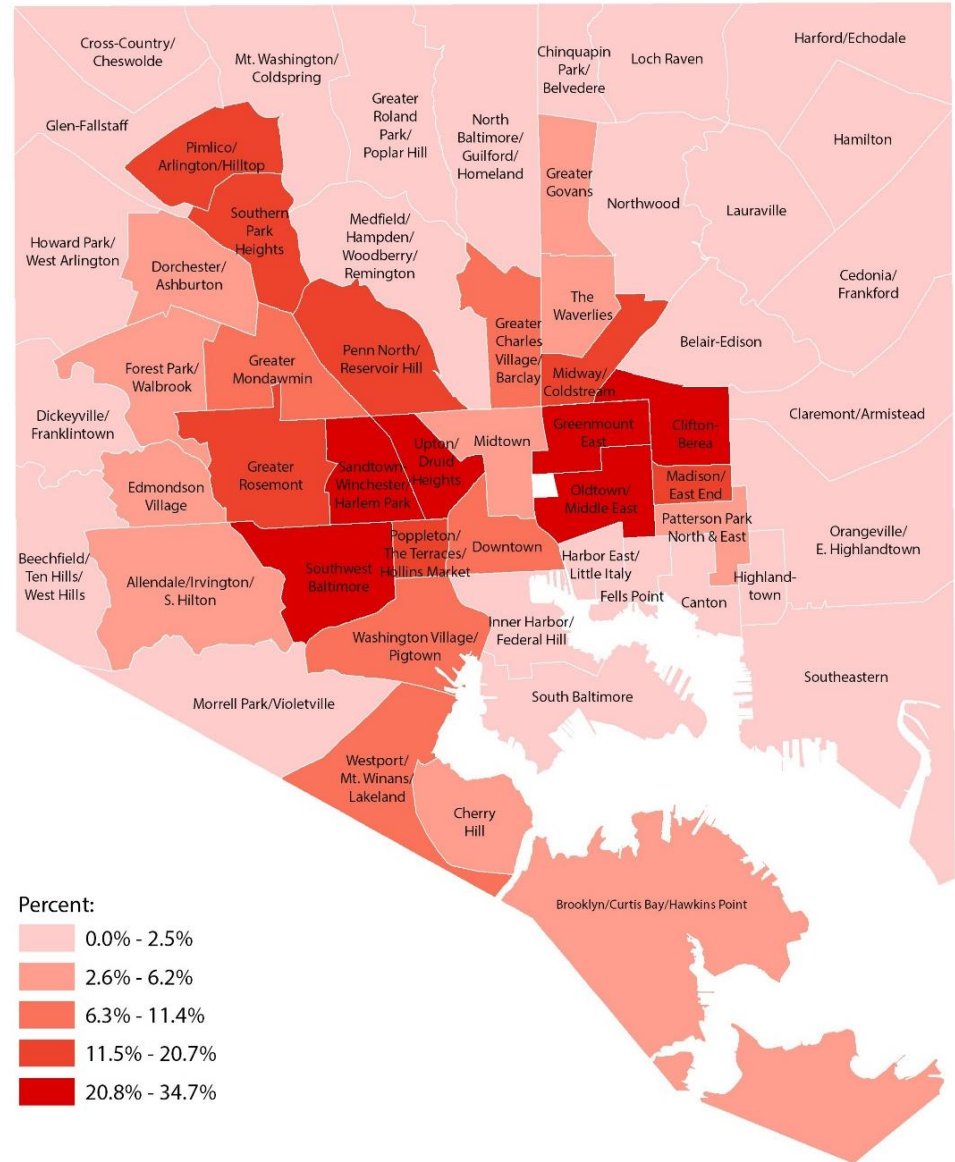
Vacant & Abandoned Housing

8% of City residential properties have a vacant house notice

Highest CSAs:

1. Oldtown/Middle East (34.7%)
2. Sandtown Winchester/Harlem Park (34.3%)
3. Upton/Druid Heights (33.7%)

Percent of Properties that are Vacant and Abandoned, 2013



Assistance for Needy Families

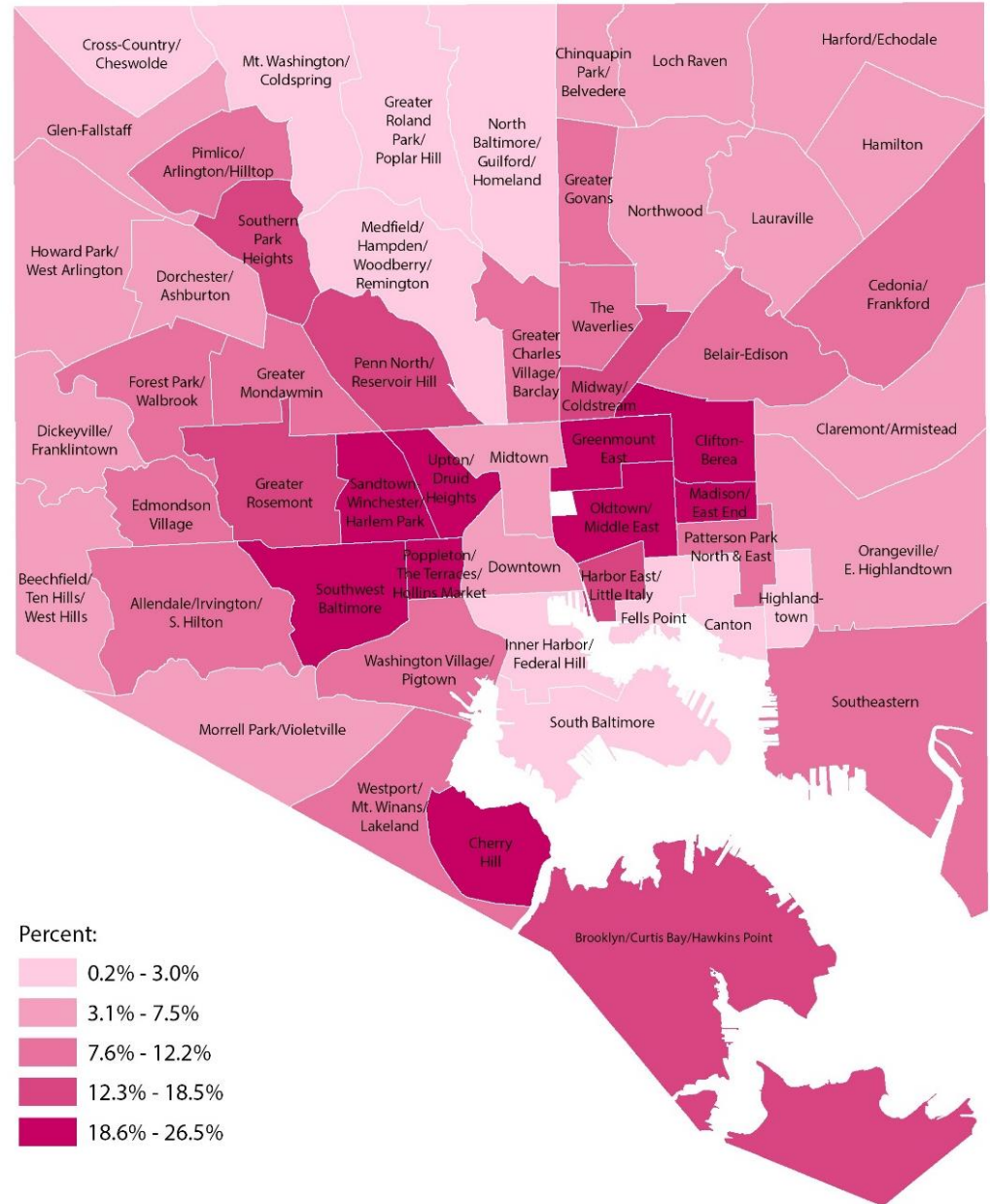
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Highest CSAs:

1. Madison/East End (26.5%)
2. Clifton Berea (24.1%)
3. Poppleton/Hollins Market (23.8%)

Sandtown Winchester/
Harlem Park

Percent of Families Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), 2013



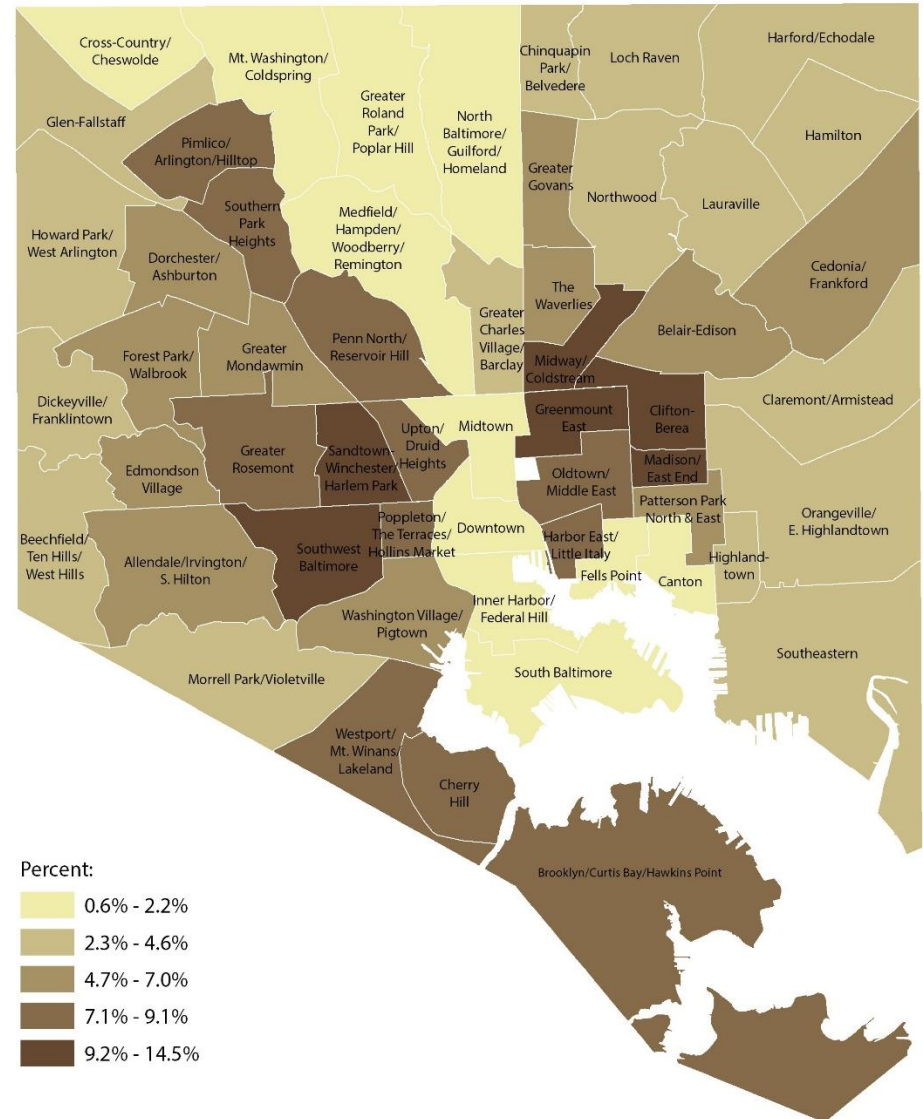
Percent of adult population under community supervision

5.3% of adult population was on parole or probation

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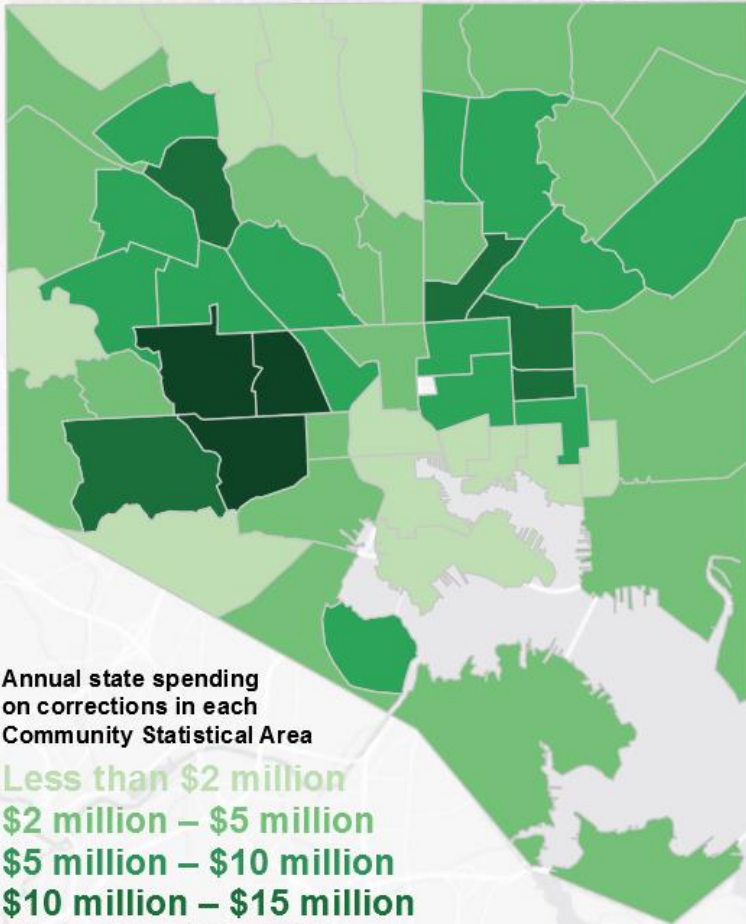
1. Madison/East End (14.5%)
2. Greenmount East (11.1%)
Southwest Baltimore
3. Clifton-Berea (10.9%)
4. Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park (10.4%)

Percent of the Adult Population that is on Parole or Probation, 2013



The Right Investment?

MARYLAND TAXPAYER SPENDING ON CORRECTIONS IN BALTIMORE



Annual state spending on corrections in each Community Statistical Area

- Less than \$2 million
- \$2 million – \$5 million
- \$5 million – \$10 million
- \$10 million – \$15 million
- More than \$15 million

THE COST TO INCARCERATE ONE PERSON FROM BALTIMORE

COULD BUY 1 MONTH OF HOUSING FOR 30 FAMILIES

\$37,000/yr

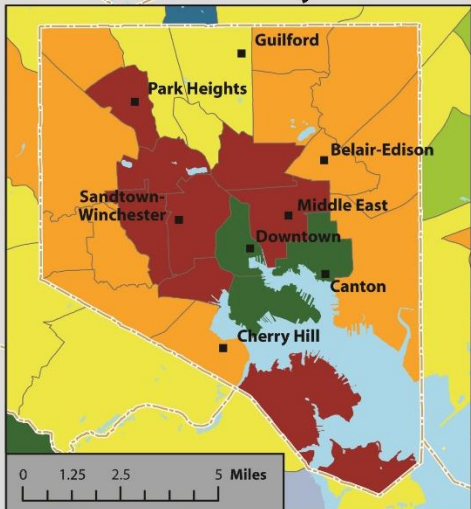
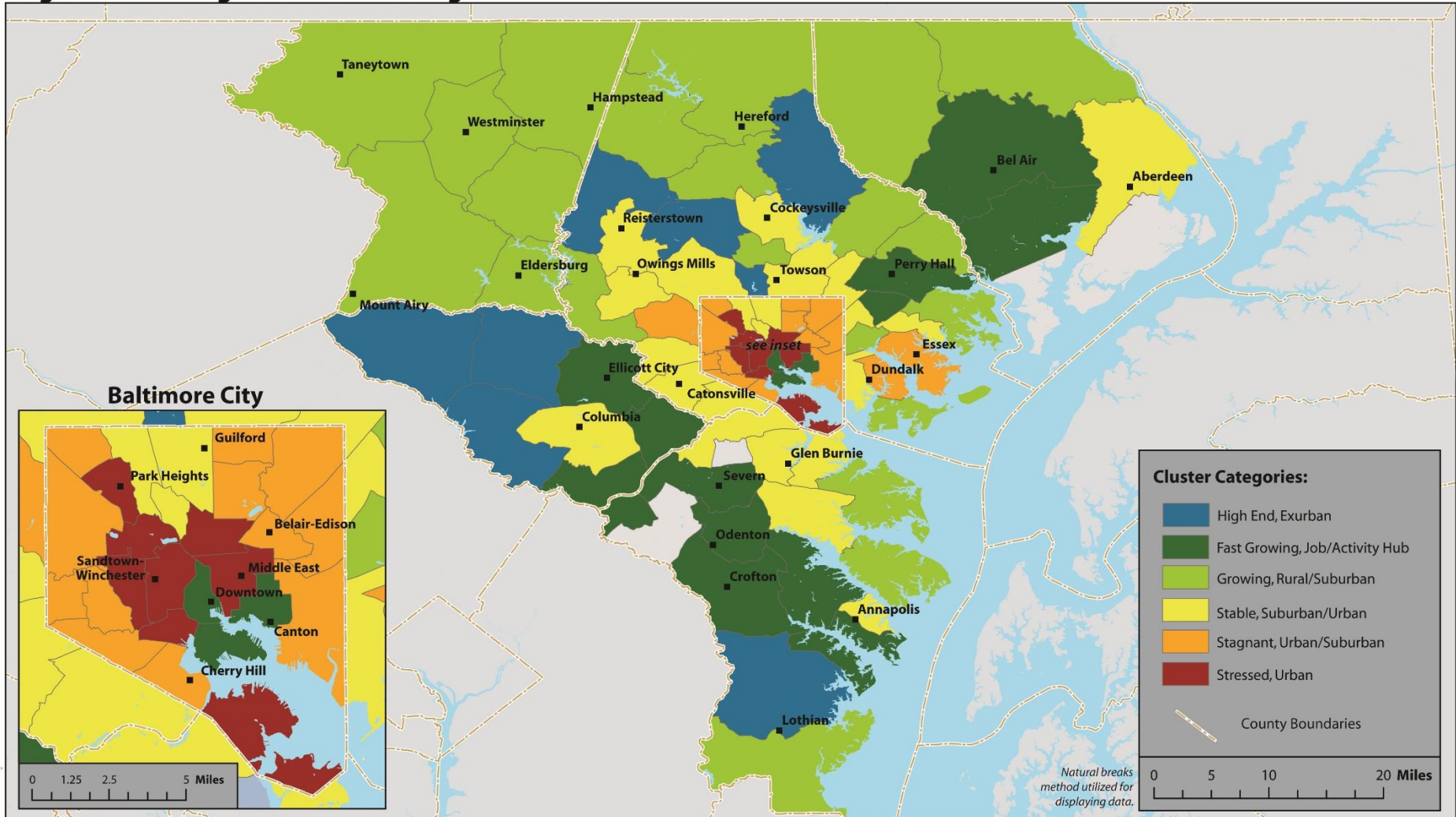


\$1,250 ea.

JusticePolicy.org/TheRightInvestment

Map of Regional Housing Submarkets

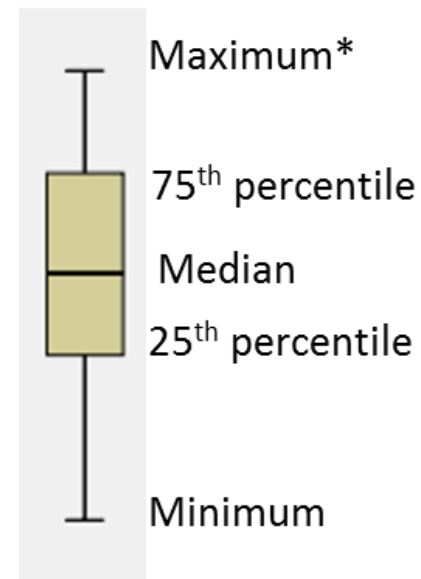
Regional Planning Districts - Housing Clusters



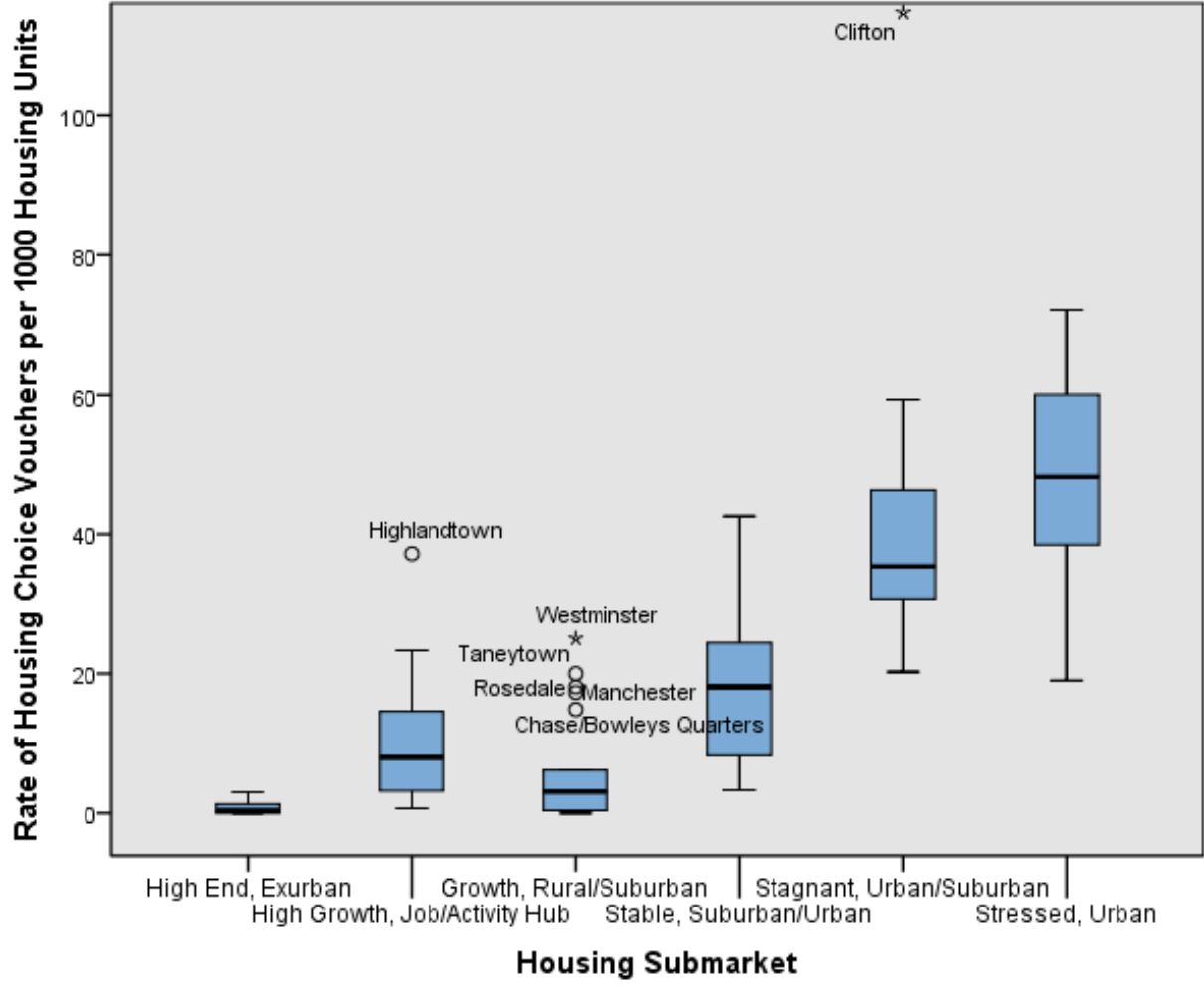
Baltimore Regional Housing Submarkets

- High End, Exurban
- Fast Growing, Job/Activity Hub
- Recent Growth, Rural/Suburban
- Stable, Suburban/Urban
- Pivotal, Urban/Suburban
- Stressed, Urban

- ★ * Extreme Outlier (3 box-lengths from the median)
- * Outlier (1.5 box-lengths from the median)

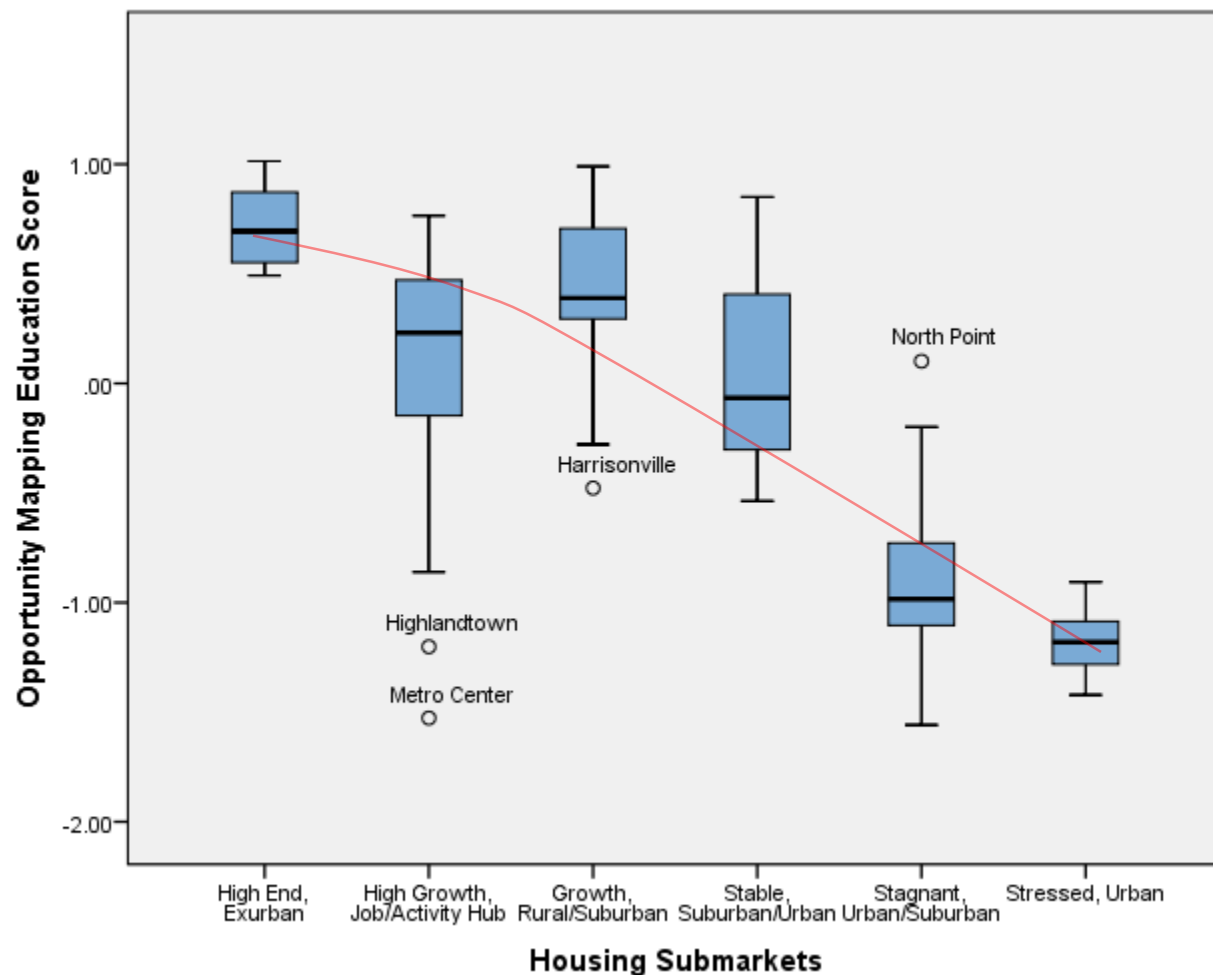


Distribution of Housing Choice Voucher Rates by Submarket



- The rate of housing voucher use is highest in the region's *Stressed* and *Pivotal* submarkets.

Opportunity Through Education



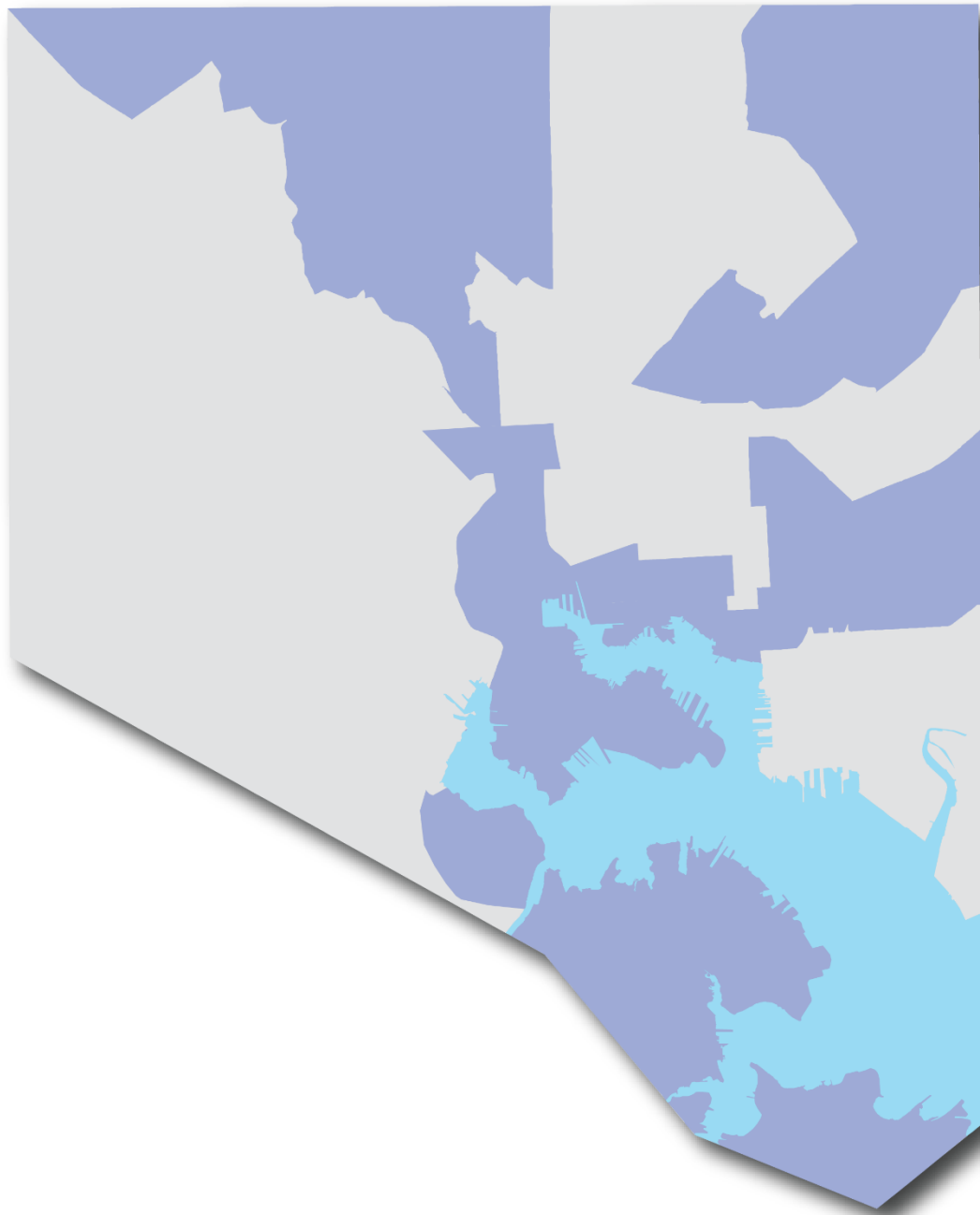
- Education opportunity scores steadily decrease from the *High End* to the *Stressed* submarkets.

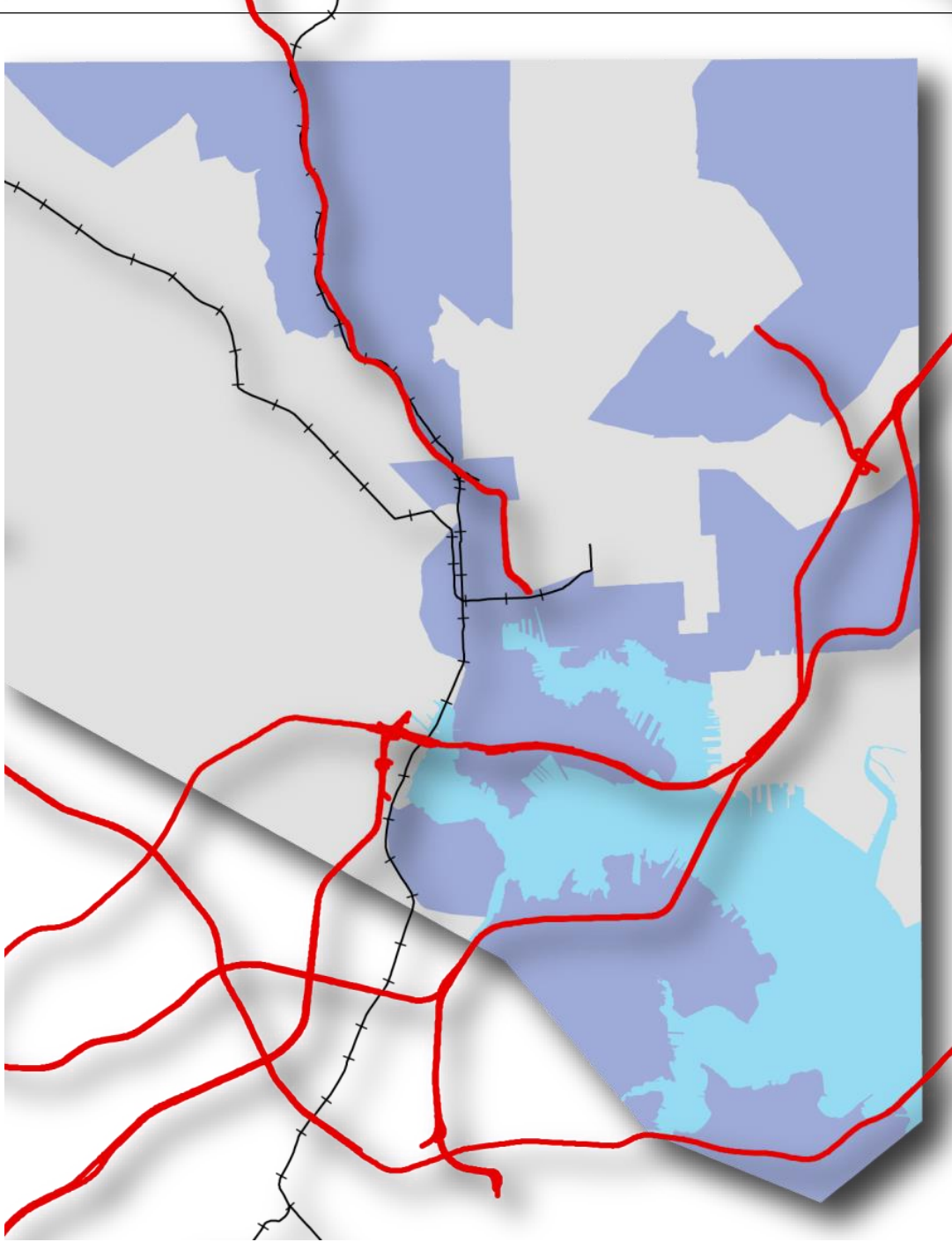
Equity

What is Regional Equity?

Achieving regional equity means considering both **people and place**. A competitive and inclusive region is one in which members of all racial, ethnic and income groups have opportunities to live and work in all parts of the region...and are included in mainstream regional life. It is also one in which **all neighborhoods** are supported to be vibrant places with choices for affordable housing...decent transit that connects people to jobs and healthy, sustainable environments

~Conversation on Regional Equity, 2006, Edging Toward Equity: Creating Shared Opportunity in America's Regions. Santa Cruz: University of California, Center for Justice, Tolerance and Community





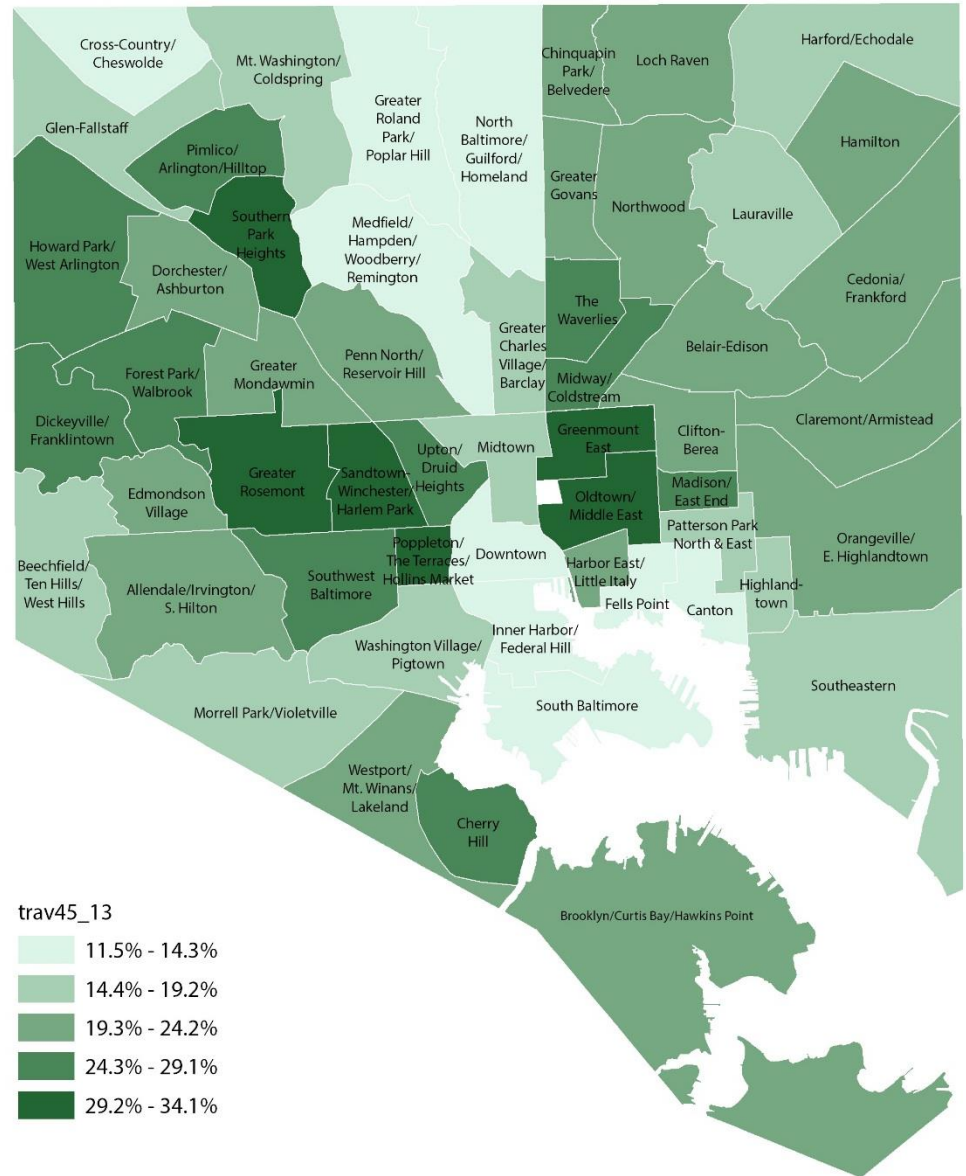
Accessibility

20.2% of City Residents commute more than 45+ minutes

Highest CSA:

1. Sandtown-Winchester/ Harlem Park (34.1%)
2. Greater Rosemont (33.6%)
3. Greenmount East (31.2%)
4. Oldtown/Middle East (30.8%)

Percent of the Population that Travels More than 45 Minutes to Work, 2009-2013



Grow Baltimore

What made you want to live where you live?

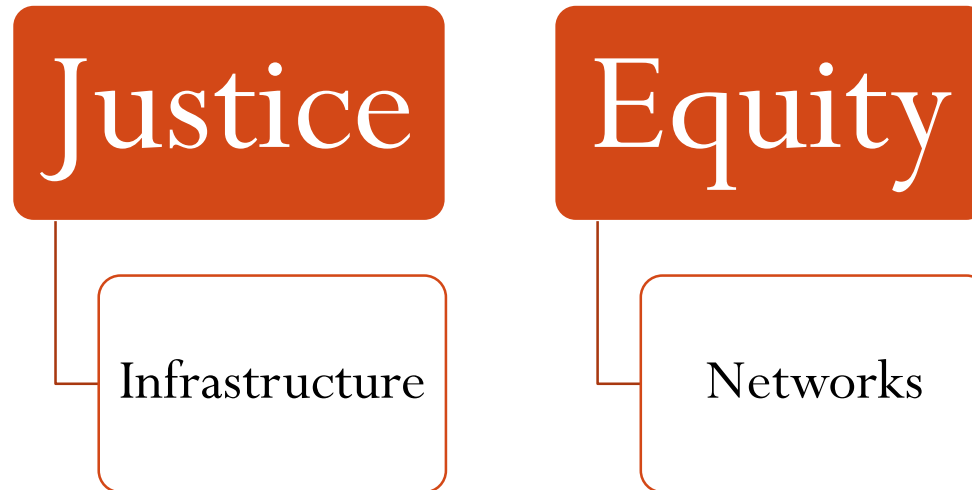
A word cloud of reasons for moving to Baltimore. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with the most prominent words in the center and smaller words towards the edges. The words are in shades of blue and purple.

good public school
lower taxes
lower insurance
activities for kids trees
house features house accessibility
lower home cost pool planned community
drivability racial diversity parks
cleaner streets privacy green space
transportation no rats parking grass
space family friendly
access to thoroughfare
quiet neighborhood
sense of community
convenient amenities

Source: Focus Group of Movers out of Baltimore 2014, Schaefer Center,
University of Baltimore

Conclusions

- Vacant and abandoned housing is an **Environmental Justice** issue
- **Regional Equity** requires focusing on accessibility for everyone in every neighborhood



What Can You Do?

- Consider both people and place—Look at the context in which we work around justice and equity
- Come together as a city to address vacant housing
 - All property owners
 - Elected officials, city agencies, foundations
- Look at policies that keep our most vulnerable populations “stuck” in high vacancy neighborhoods
- Access to work via reliable transportation is the most critical factor for social mobility and overcoming poverty



Questions?

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