

# Regional trends

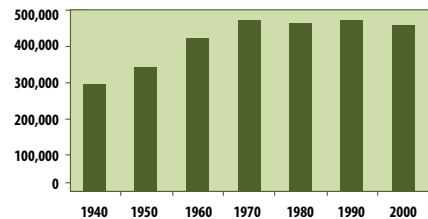
## CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

- Steady population
- Fewer persons per household
- More households
- More vehicles per household
- Fewer transit and walking trips

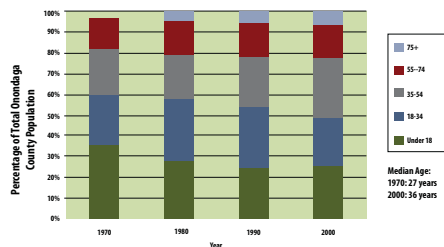
It all adds up to more cars!



### Onondaga County Population 1940-2000



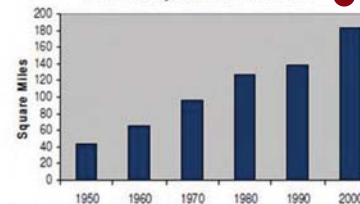
### Age Breakdown of Onondaga County Population 1970-2000



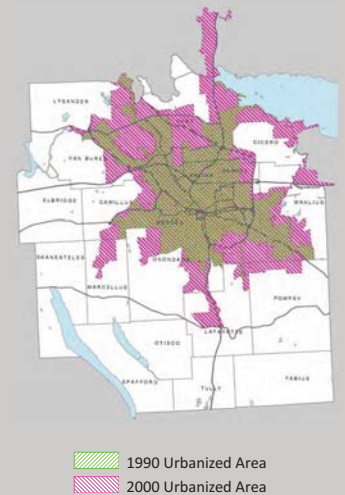
## EXPANDING URBANIZED AREA

- Urban land increased 92% since 1970
- 50 square miles added in the 90s alone
- City out-migration accelerated
- Rural towns began to suburbanize

### US Census Syracuse Urbanized Area



### Syracuse Urbanized Area 1990 & 2000



## UPS AND DOWNS IN THE REGION

### Towns 1970-2000

Population up 35,000  
Households up 44,000  
Housing Units up 47,000

### City of Syracuse 1970-2000

Population down 50,000  
Households down 8,000  
Housing Units down 3,600

## IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE

- Regionally, vehicle miles traveled are rising
- Average commute time has risen to 20 minutes
- Increased trend toward suburban growth
- Average rural lot size less than 8 units per acre
- Home size up 40%

