

# Urban Geography

The study of areas which have a high concentration of buildings and infrastructure: cities. These are areas with high population densities.

# Some words to know...

**Urbanization:** the way a population shifts from rural to urban areas, and the ways society adapts to that change.

**Infrastructure:** the basic organizational structures a society uses to function (ex: roads, bridges, power grids).

‘Developed’ countries have better infrastructure

# Growth of Urban Areas

America was founded on the small town / village concept.

Some small towns grew FAST and eventually became cities.

The **urban core** serves as the downtown or central business district of a city.



# Growth of Cities!

80% of Americans live in an urban area today.

In 1950 only 64% of people lived in urban areas.

In 1850, only 30%



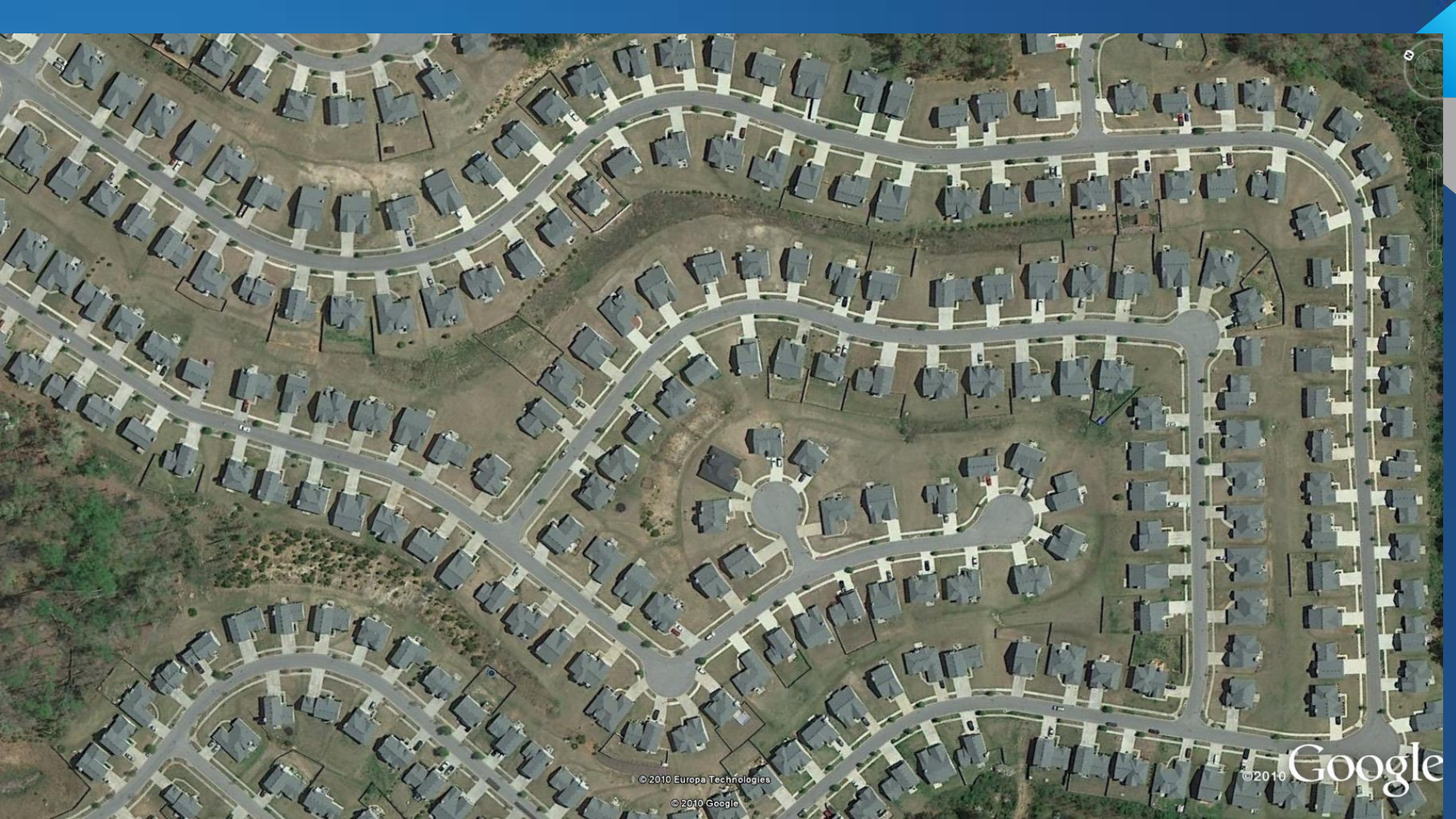
# The Suburbs

**Suburbs** : a developed area at the edge of a city that is mainly homes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKTI0wR-a7Q>







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# Warm Up: Take out Urban Geography Notes

**Urban Sprawl** – the rapid, often poorly planned spread of development from an urban area outward into rural areas.

**Brainstorm with a partner:  
what are negative effects of  
urban sprawl?**



Urban  
Sprawl

Los Angeles





# Great Sprawl of China



# Urban Sprawl

Nairobi,  
Kenya

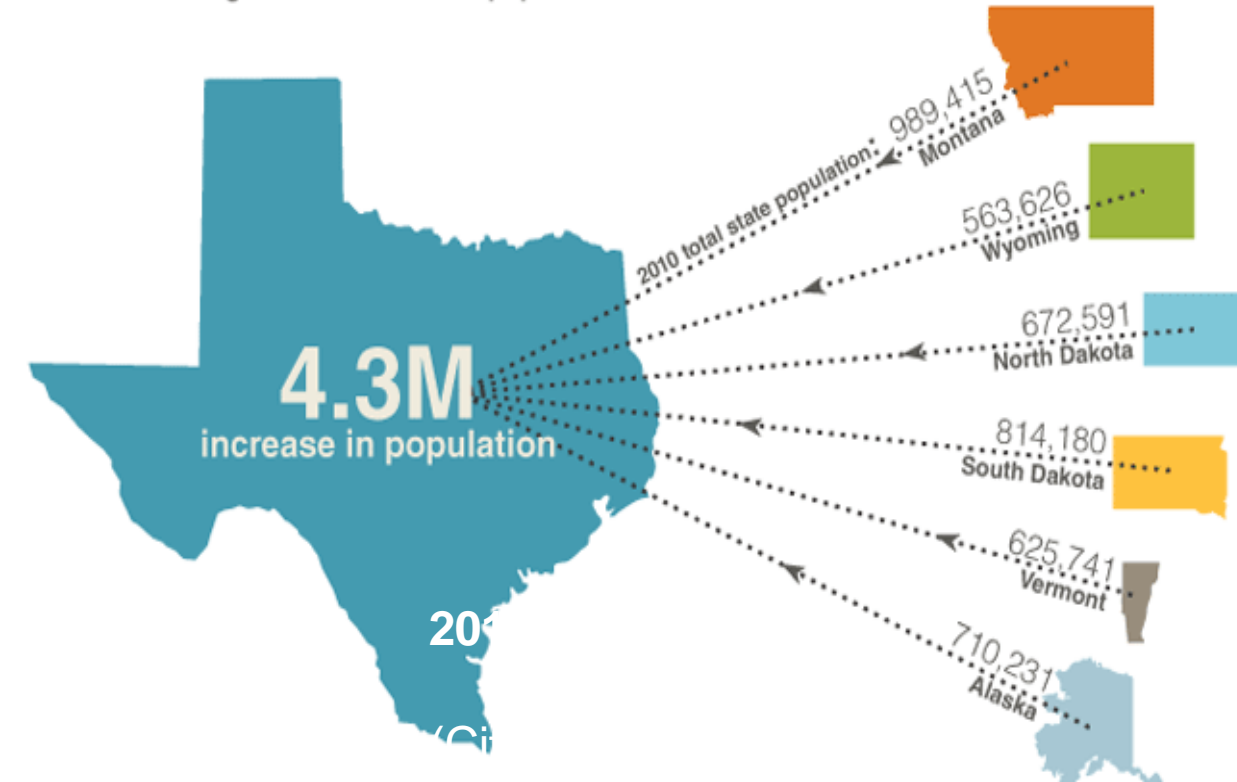
(Africa)





# The state's population increased 4.3M since 2000.

That's like adding the combined 2010 populations of six states.

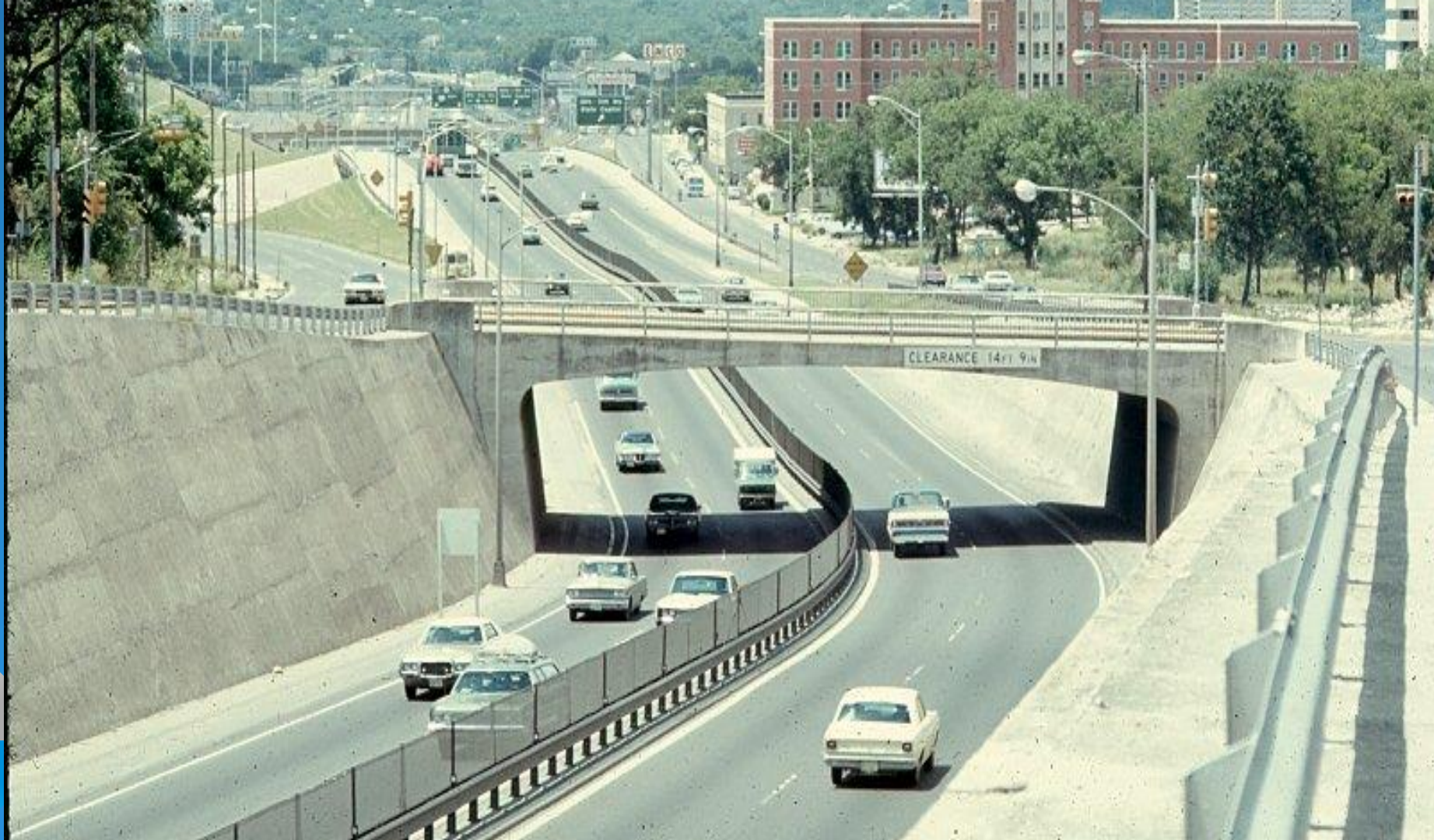


Austin has grown because of:

- State Capital of Texas
- UT
- Music industry
- Technology industry
- Conventions

... What else?







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State Capitol  
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# New Urbanism

**New Urbanism** - is an urban design movement which promotes walkable neighborhood. Jobs, public transportation, restaurants, & fun.

<http://www.npr.org/2015/02/12/385474414/with-porches-and-parks-a-texas-community-aims-for-urban-utopia>



Mueller Community, Austin





BuildingATX









# A few more...

**Urban renewal:** a program of redeveloping land in an inner city area, often in an effort to improve the area.

**Gentrification:** a controversial term for the arrival of wealthier people in an urban area, a related increase in rent, and changes in the area's character and culture.

# So, why does this matter to us?

Recall what we talked about last week.

- Why was I35 built?
- What is changing about East Austin?
- Who is this a problem for?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ti6RnKI\\_REw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ti6RnKI_REw)





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**Some of the historic homes could be demolished**

*Rainey Street Historic District*  
*April 8, 2013*













# Activity!

So, we are going to look at some sources in order to evaluate what is currently happening in East Austin.

Use the back of your notes. Write in **COMPLETE SENTENCES**. I will be taking this for a grade.

Take **one source at a time** back to your seat. You may listen to music.

**KEEP IN MIND...Is East Austin experiencing gentrification or urban renewal? Or Both?!**



# The Gentrification Cycle

WORKING-CLASS MINORITIES  
DISPLACED BY HIPSTERS



HIPSTERS DISPLACED BY TECHIES



TECHIES DISPLACED BY BANKERS



BANKERS DISPLACED BY INTER-  
NATIONAL OLIGARCHS WHO DON'T  
BOTHER TO ACTUALLY LIVE THERE



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Is East Austin experiencing gentrification or urban renewal? Or Both?!

\$3.50?! LAST WEEK  
YOUR COFFEE WAS  
ONLY 50 CENTS.

BUT NOW OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD'S  
BEEN GENTRIFIED.



Think back to 8th grade history:

**What is the Indian Removal Act?**

**What is Manifest Destiny?**

**Flyers posted on East 7th St. & Pedernales St. --->**

