***Suburbanization of Jobs***

In recent years, lower wage jobs relocated to suburban locations given relatively cheap and developable land in the suburbs. But higher-end bedroom communities typically lack housing that is affordable to entry-level and low-income labor force

As a result, number of jobs within the typical commute distance for residents fell by 7%

**Disparate Impacts**

This effect is even more pronounced for residents in high-poverty and majority-minority neighborhoods.

So given these trends of increasing mismatch between jobs and housing, do public housing programs reduce this gap?

**Shrinking Cities**

In the context of PA, we have two large cities that are shrinking in population.

Pittsburgh and Scranton have seen their population decline by 54% and 39% between 1950 and 2010, creating disinvestment and abandonment.

So housing subsidy programs like LIHTC are critical and can channel resources into distressed communities and increase neighborhood vitality.

**LIHTC**

Today, LIHTC is the largest resource for creating affordable housing in the United States.

**1987 - 2013**

**Subsidized more than 40k housing development projects and 2.6m households**

It now accommodates more households than public housing.

**QUESTION**

I’m interested in the distribution of LIHTC projects in relation to job opportunity in PA.

Are housing investments located in areas with employment opportunities? How has this relationship changed over time, as socioeconomic conditions change?

**AUDIENCE**

My goal is to improve siting of LIHTC development projects so my target audience would be:

State agencies, as they are responsible for allocating tax credits

Housing and social justice advocacy groups so they can better understand the impacts of location of LIHTC developments

Members of the public, to improve the dialogue regarding housing subsidy programs

**VIZ**

Location of Good jobs, just like housing that is affordable, is not static over time. So visualizations can help us see how these change over time.