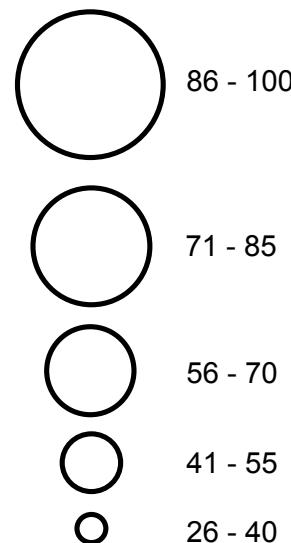


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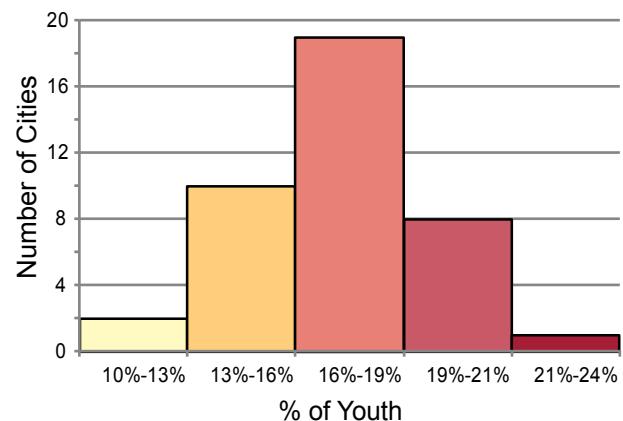
% of Population with Walkable Park Access*



*Defined by the Trust for Public Land as the "ability to reach a publicly owned park within a half-mile walk on the road network, unobstructed by freeways, rivers, fences, and other obstacles."

- Train transit
- Major roads
- All major parks at the national, state, regional, and local levels

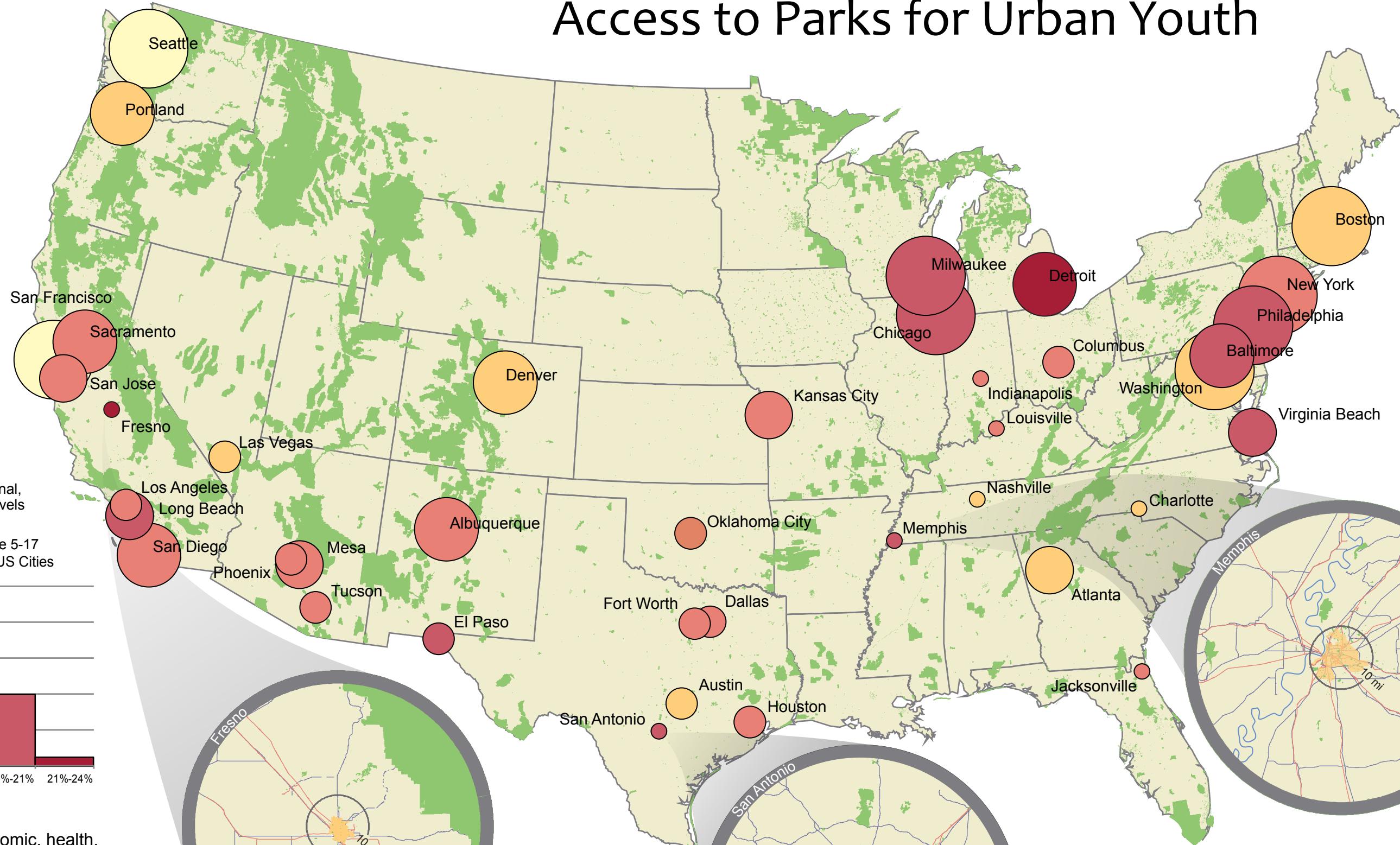
Percentage of Youth Age 5-17 in the 40 Most Populous US Cities



Access to parks is tied to economic, health, ecological and social benefits. Today, young people spend most of their time indoors with electronics. Park access for youth is more critical than ever for encouraging healthy cognitive and physical development and for fostering environmental awareness. Access to parks is of particular concern for urban youth. While some of our nation's most populous cities have excellent access to parks for their large numbers of young people, others are not so successful.

In which major cities do we need more parks for our large youth populations?

0 250 500 Miles



Urban parks are one way to give young people access to outdoor play. Another way is to facilitate connections to the abundance of parks and public lands outside of urban centers. Within 50 miles by train or road, urban youth could play in far more outdoor places.

Cartographer: Rebecca Summer
Main Map: Data Source: ESRI; Trust for Public Land, 2012 City Parks Facts
Projection: Equidistant Conic. Central Meridian: 96°W. Latitude Of Origin: 39°N
Inset Maps: Data Source: ESRI. Projection:Azimuthal Equidistant

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