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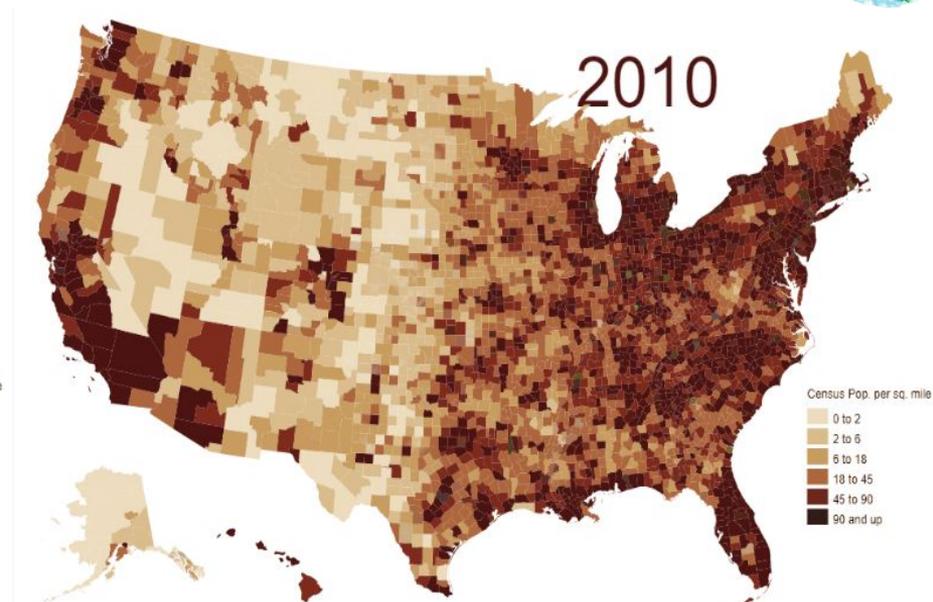
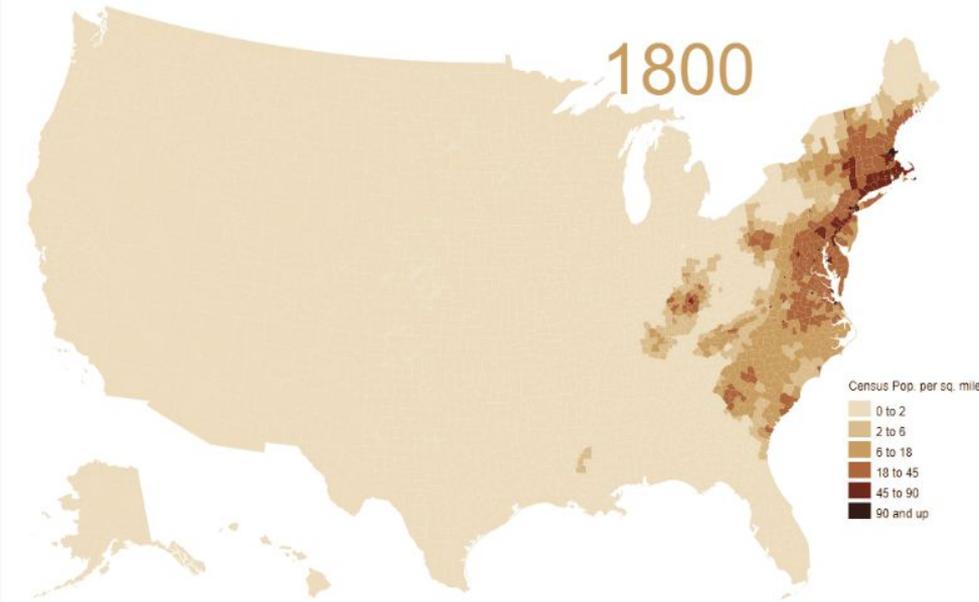
Intro. to Urban Geography



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The Origin & Influences of Urbanization Topic 6.1



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Residents per square mile

1800 - 6.1

1850 - 7.9

1900 - 21.5

1950 - 42.6

2000 - 79.6

2017 - 92.2

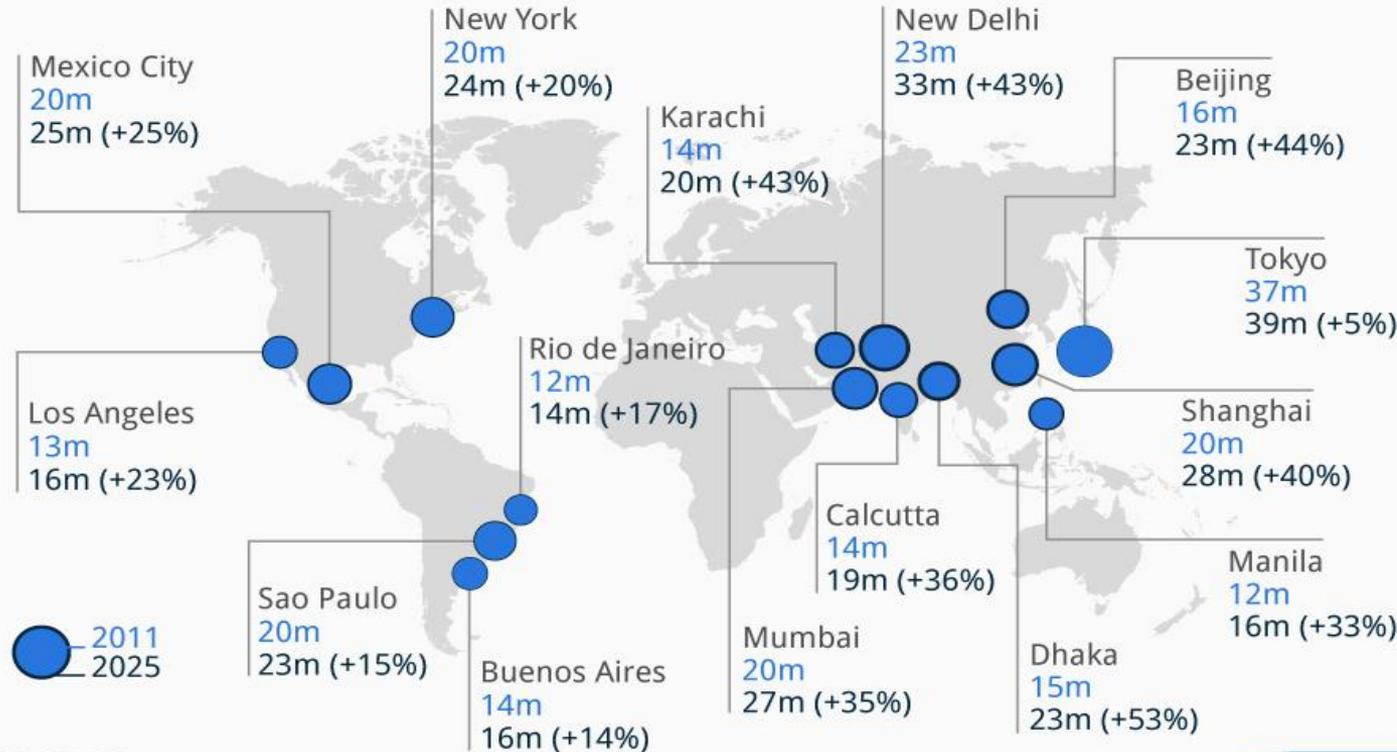
1. Compare population distribution--pattern, density, & concentration--in 1800 and 2010.
2. Explain how each of the following influenced urbanization of the US:
 - a. changes in transportation & communication
 - b. population growth
 - c. migration
 - d. economic development
 - e. government policies

Cities Across the World Topic 6.2



The World's Megacities Are Set for Major Growth

Population growth of the world's top 15 megacities (millions, 2011-2025)



1. Of the world's 15 largest cities in 2011, how many were megacities (pop. >20 m)?
2. How many are projected to be megacities in 2025?
3. Are megacities/megacities more common in LDCs or MDCs? What challenges are associated with this pattern?

IDEAS FOR SLIDES

SLIDE 1 source: http://www.itchyfeetcomic.com/2018/10/omnimappus-europeus.html#_XkTEBGhKIUk

Use this lighthearted visual to introduce the urban unit. You could also use it to introduce urban models. Discussion questions: What qualities of cities as opposed to suburban or rural areas are reflected in the comic? How would a map of every American city be similar? different? What might explain those similarities & differences? You can find the American version by the same artist here:

http://www.itchyfeetcomic.com/2018/10/omnimappus-americanus.html#_XkTD4WhKIUI

SLIDE 2 source: <https://vividmaps.com/animated-map-population-density-u-s-1790-2010/> Use this slide to discuss the origin & influences of urbanization. For an animation of the growth of cities on a global scale, see

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2016/dec/01/how-cities-took-over-the-world-a-history-of-globalisation-spanning-4000-years> An

excellent video examining the role of site & situation in the origin, function, & growth of cities can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PWWtqfwacQ>. The video also introduces the concepts of threshold & range (although it doesn't use those specific terms).

SLIDE 3 source: statista.com Megacities have 10 million+ people, and metacities (new to the CED) have 20 million+ people. Use this slide to introduce the concept and the idea that the largest, fastest-growing cities are increasingly located in countries that are in the periphery & semiperiphery.



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