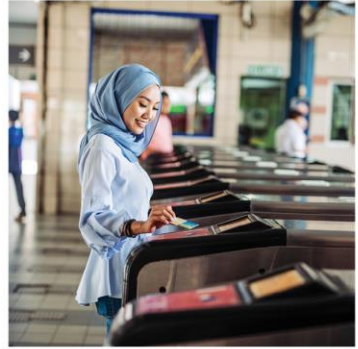




Shaping Cities for a Post Pandemic Future

St. Paul Downtown Alliance



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David Downey, President & CEO
International Downtown Association





















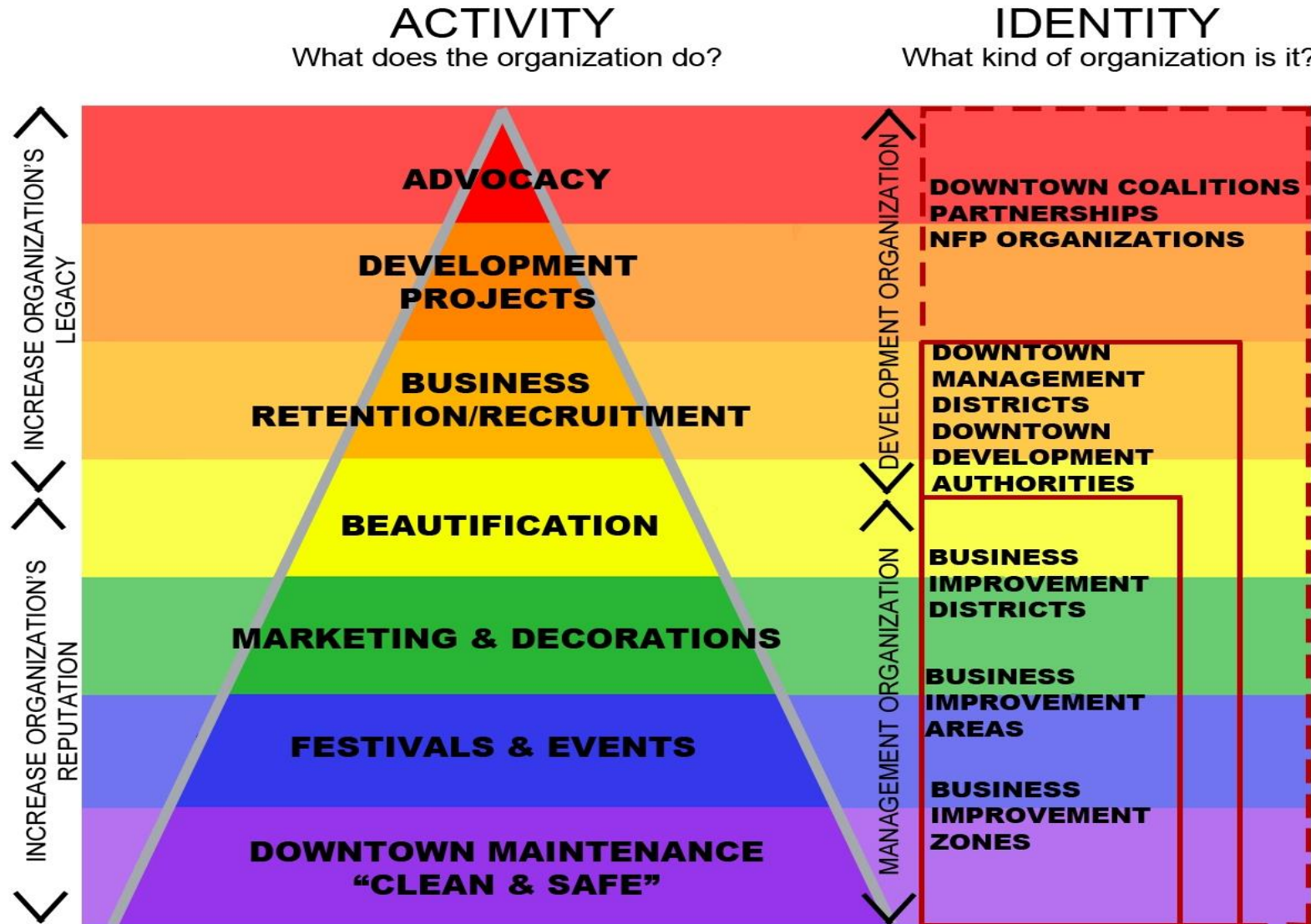
“Most city diversity is the creation of incredible numbers of different people and different private organizations, with vastly differing ideas and purposes, planning and contriving outside the formal framework of public action.



The main responsibility of city planning and design should be to develop ... cities that are congenial places for this great range of unofficial plans, ideas and opportunities to flourish.”

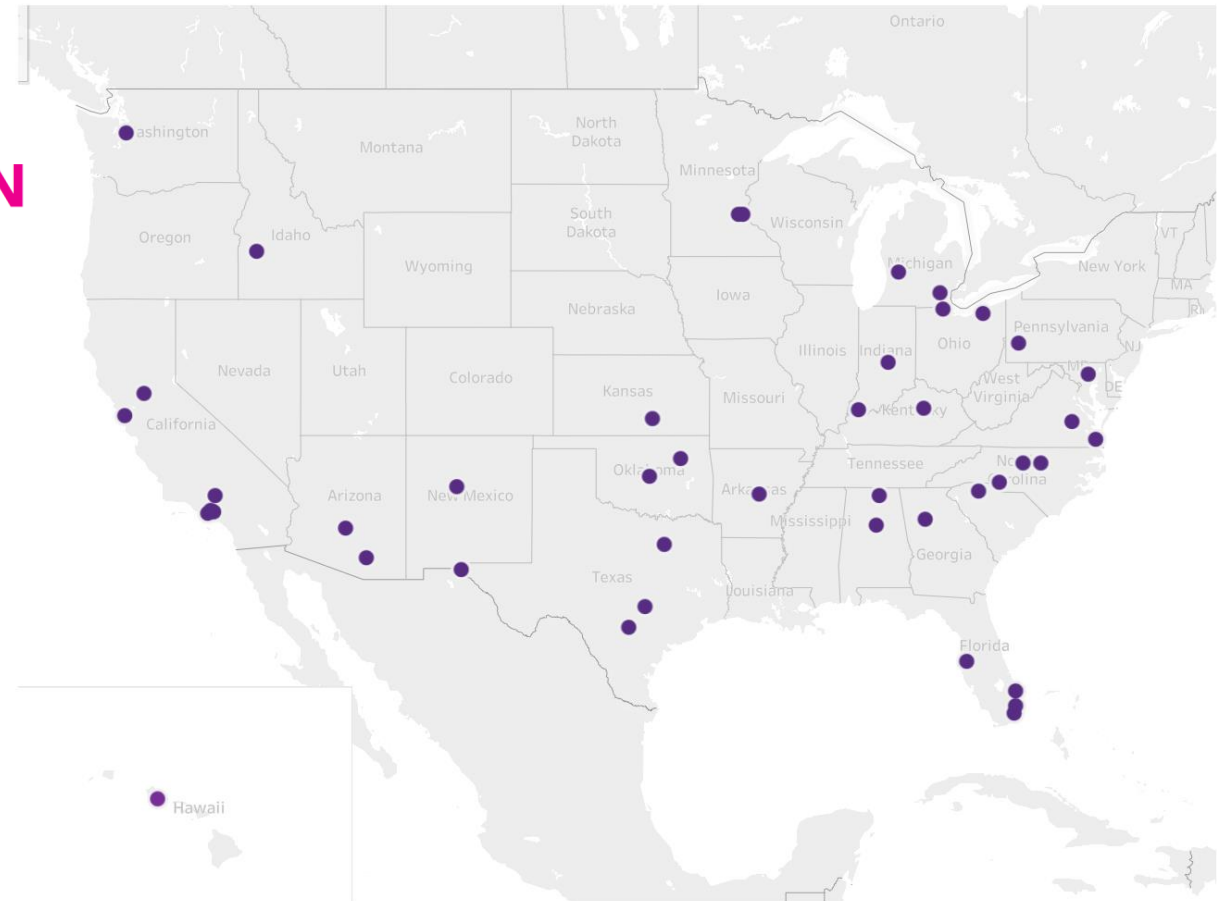
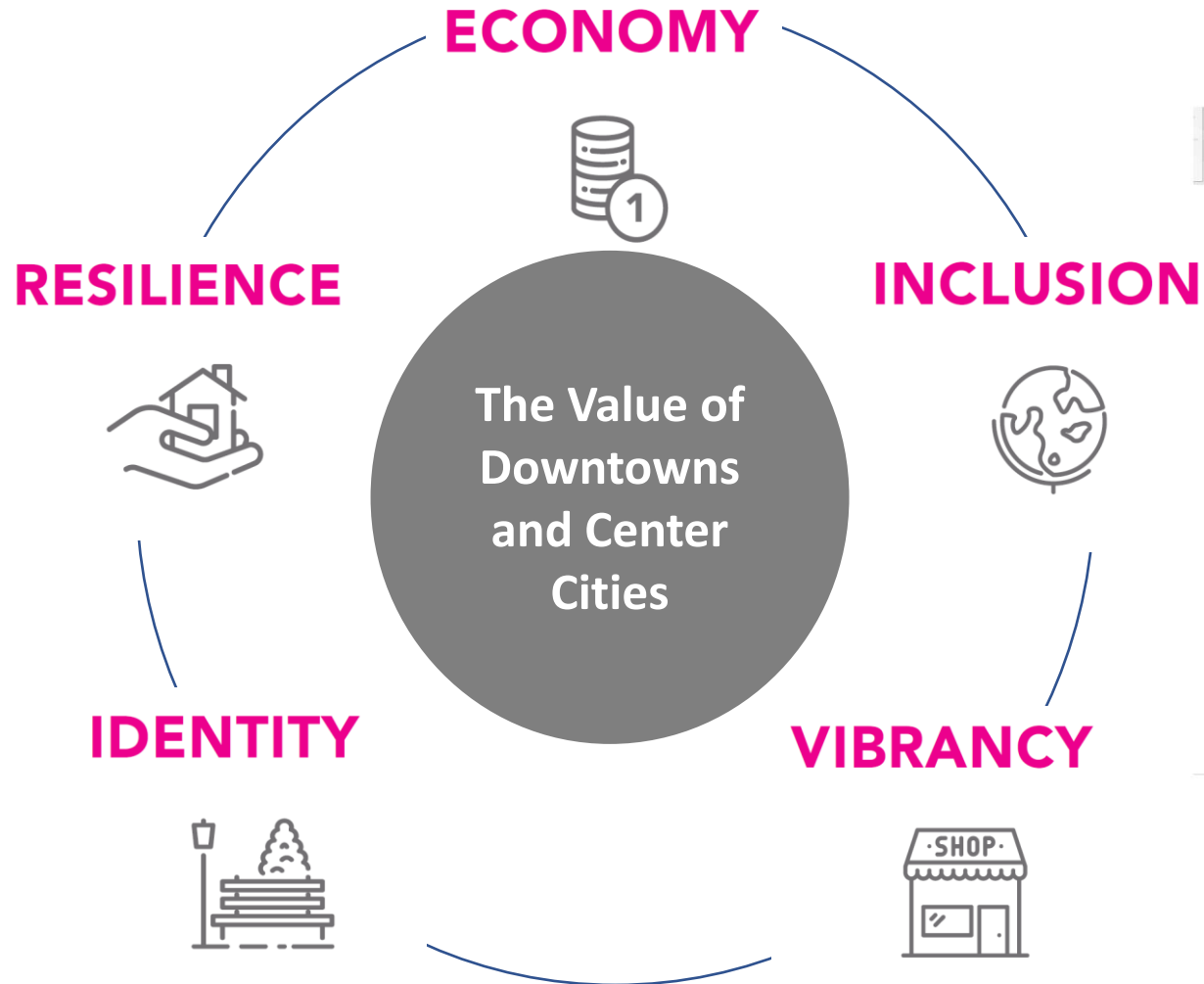
-Jane Jacobs

Urban Place Management





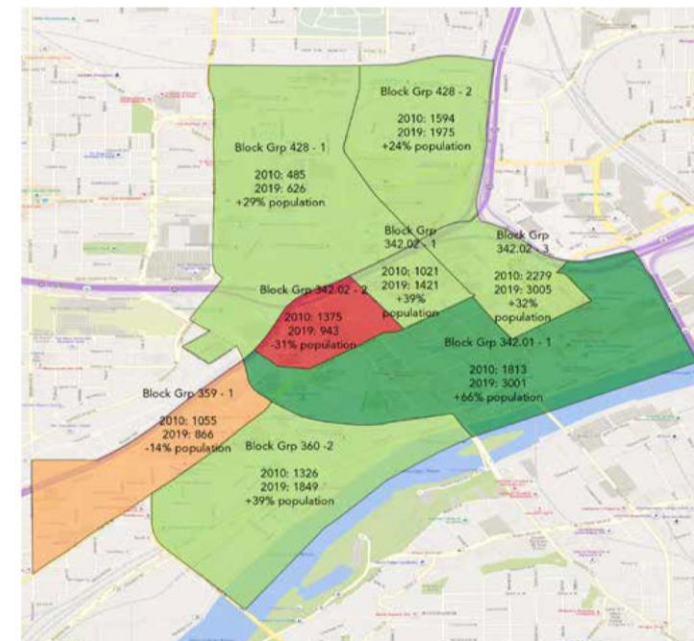
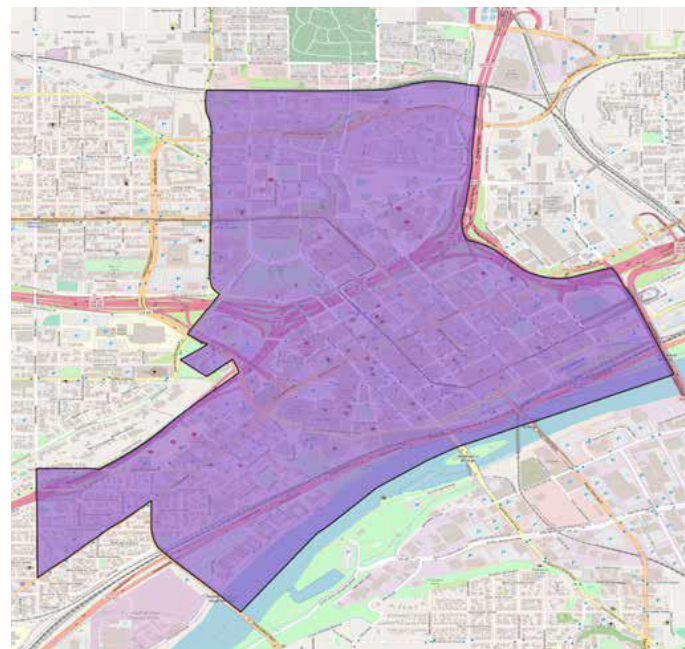
Five Principles of Downtown Value





The Value of Downtowns Comparisons

- St. Paul falls into the “growing” tier averaging
- 5% of citywide population
 - 24% of citywide jobs
 - medium-high densities and noticeable growth across many real estate categories



The Value of Downtowns: Comparisons

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DOWNTOWN SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
A 2021 IDA STUDY

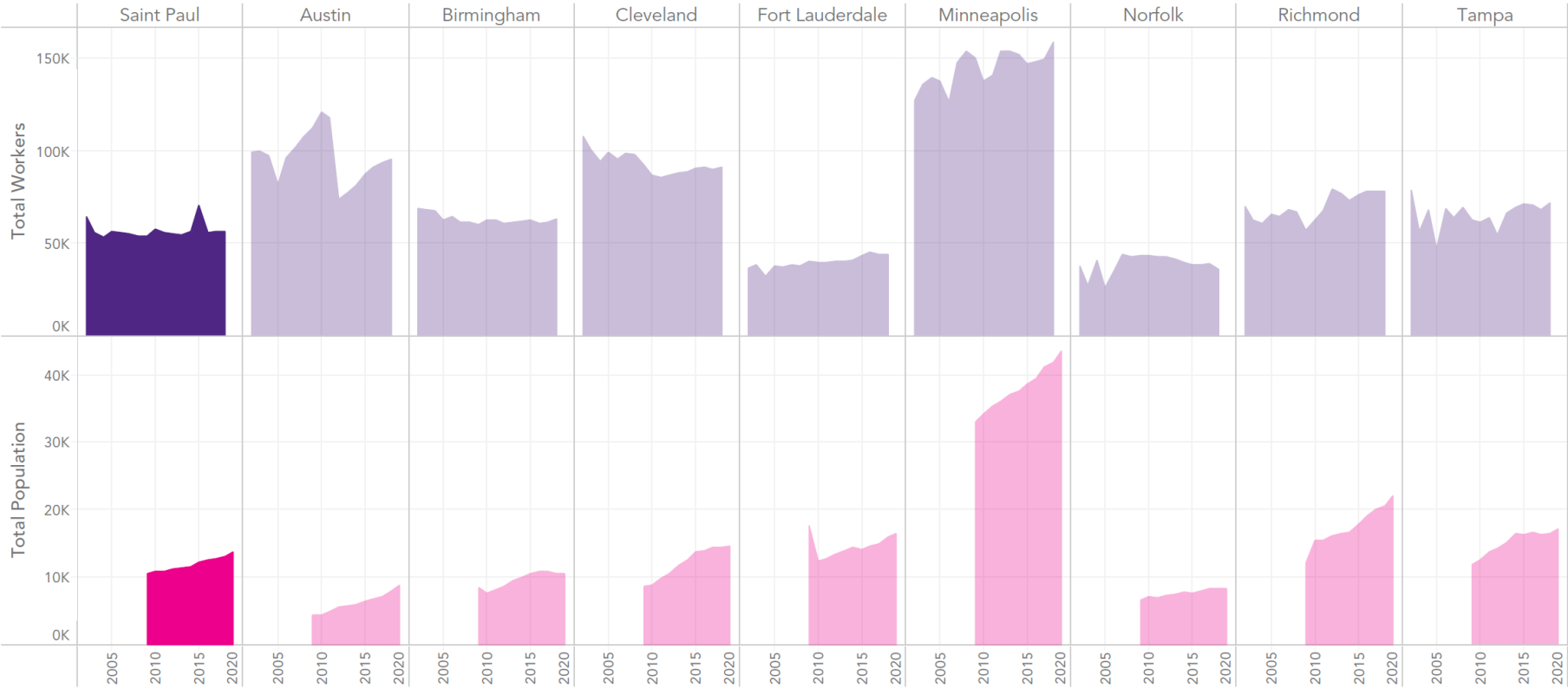
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The Value of Downtowns Comparisons

Study Area Worker and Resident Population Change Over Time Across Peers



Saint Paul, MN
Austin, TX
Birmingham, AL
Cleveland, OH
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Minneapolis, MN
Norfolk, VA
Richmond, VA
Tampa, FL

Source: Worker data from On the Map (2002–2018); Resident Population from U.S. Decennial Census (2010) and American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (2009–2019)



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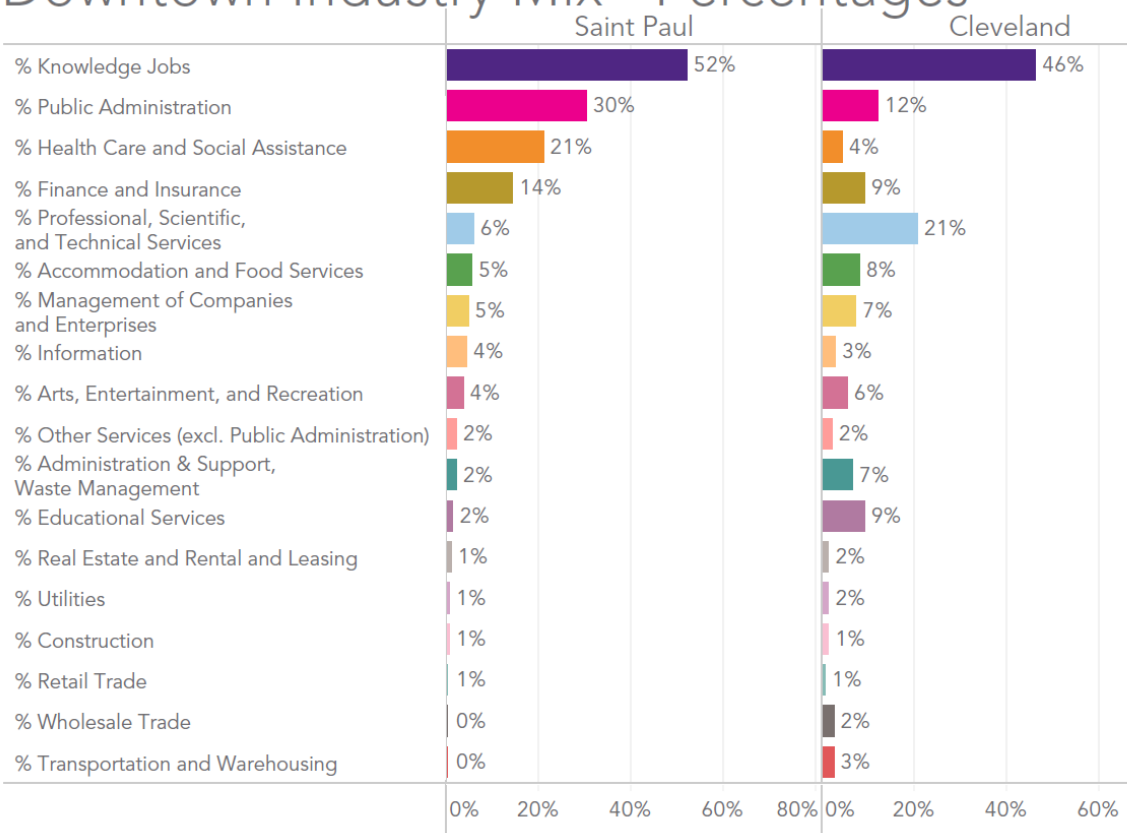
Employment

	DOWNTOWN SAINT PAUL	GROWING AVERAGE	COMPARISONS GROUP AVERAGE	STUDY AVERAGE
GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT (2002–2018)	-12%	38%	7%	19%
CITYWIDE JOBS	34%	24%	33%	25%
CITYWIDE KNOWLEDGE JOBS	44%	27%	39%	28%
CITYWIDE CREATIVE JOBS	72%	34%	44%	33%
RESIDENTS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER	58%	57%	60%	49%



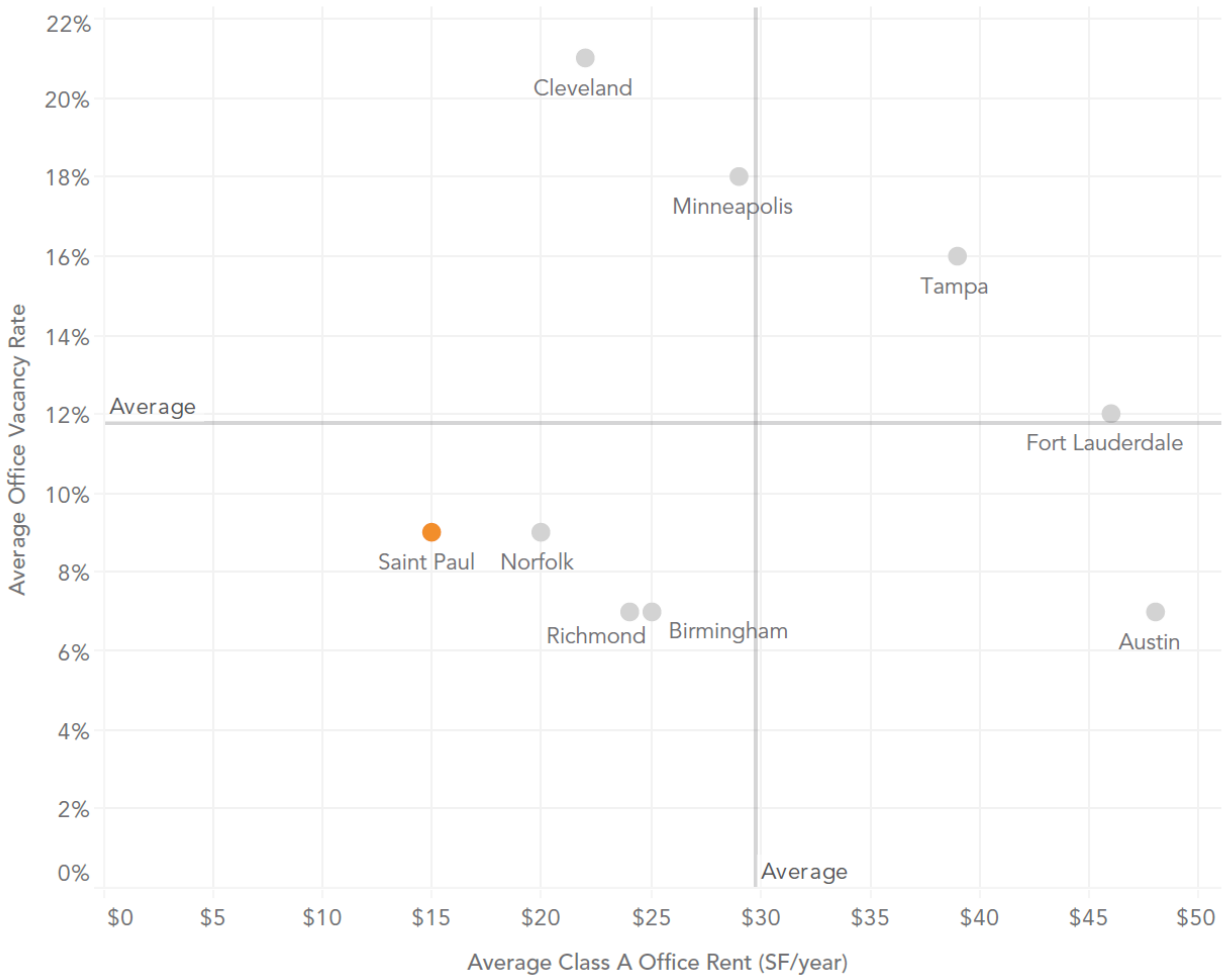
The Value of Downtowns Comparisons

Downtown Industry Mix - Percentages



Source: LEHD On the Map (2018)

Office Rent and Vacancy (Most Current Data Year)





The Value of Downtowns Comparisons



Residents

	CORE DOWNTOWN SAINT PAUL	DOWNTOWN SAINT PAUL	GROWING AVERAGE	COMPARISONS GROUP AVERAGE	STUDY AVERAGE
% OF CITYWIDE POPULATION	2.7%	4.5%	5%	6%	5%
% OF CITYWIDE 25-TO-34-YEAR-OLDS	4.6%	6%	6%	9%	7%
RESIDENT GROWTH AVERAGE 2000–2019	55%	35%	61%	61%	40%
DENSITY RESIDENTS / ACRE	21	13	9.7	13	11.7
DIVERSITY INDEX	58.6	66.5	59.8	62	62.8



The Value of Downtowns Comparisons



Income and Housing

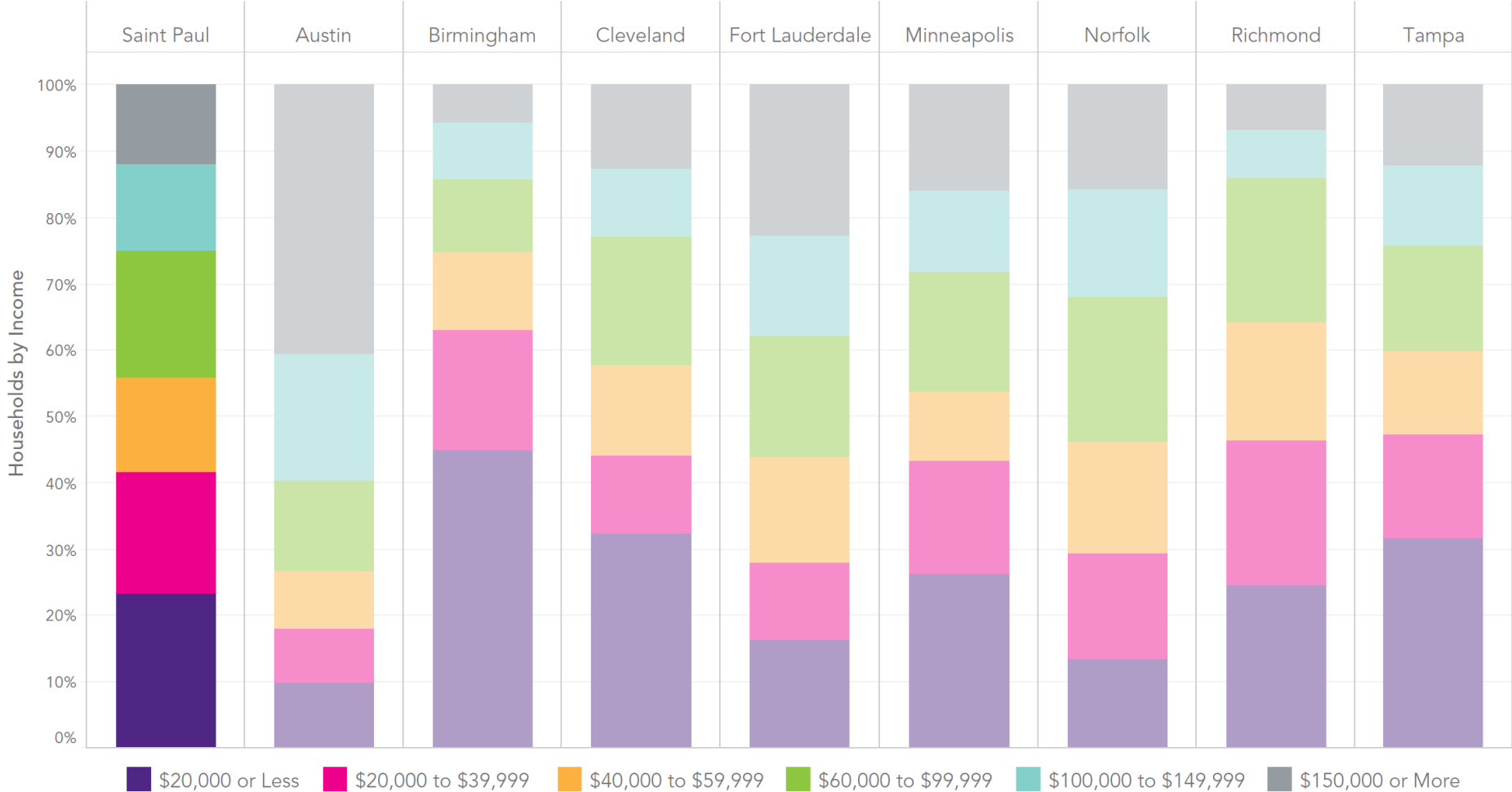
	DOWNTOWN SAINT PAUL	GROWING TIER AVERAGE	COMPARISON GROUP AVERAGE	STUDY AVERAGE
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$51,614	\$57,778	\$65,213	\$50,298
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$1,111	\$1,325	\$1,356	\$1,156
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$220,813	\$461,379	\$318,790	\$367,228

Source: American Community Survey (2015–2019)



The Value of Downtowns Comparisons

Percent of Households by Income

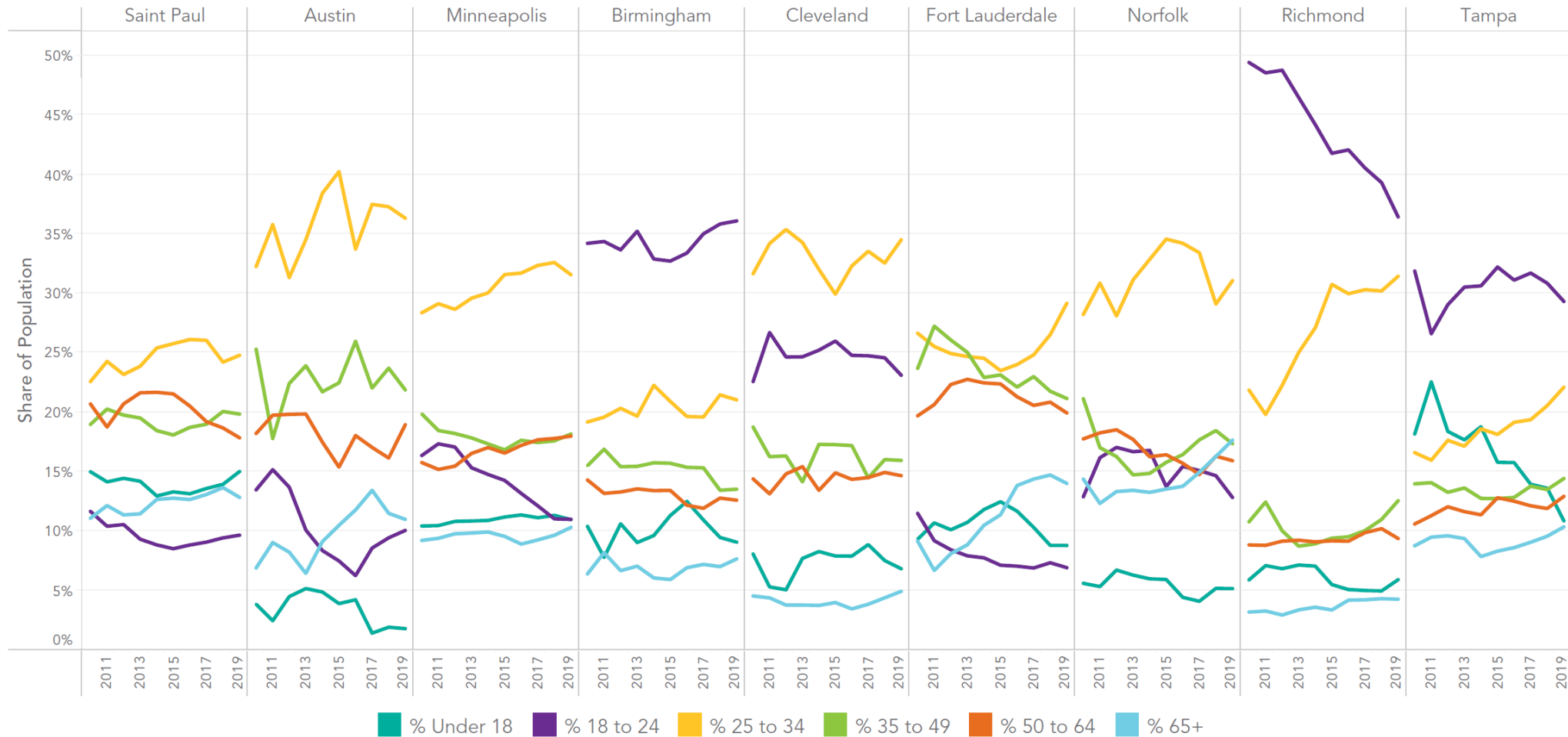


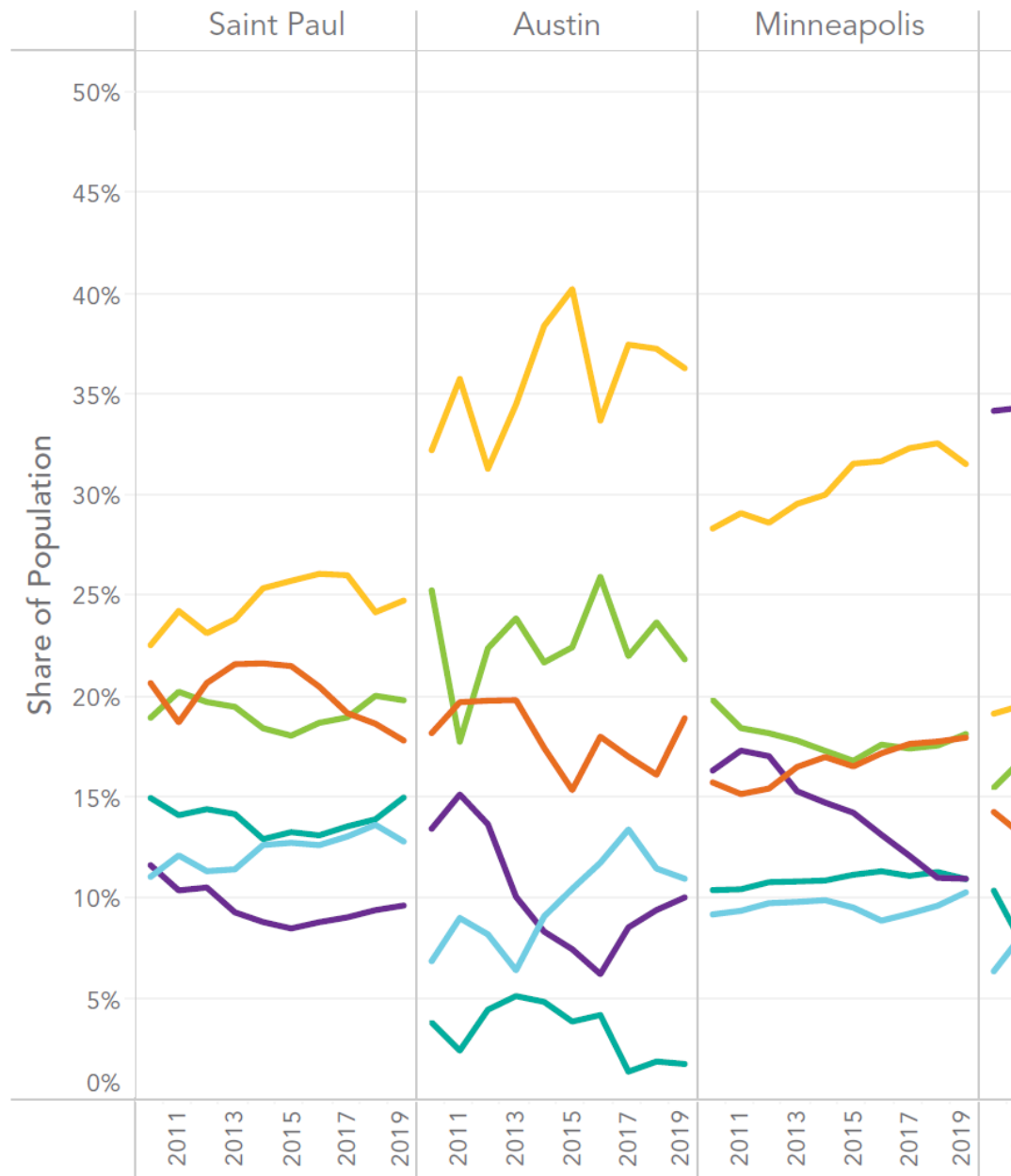
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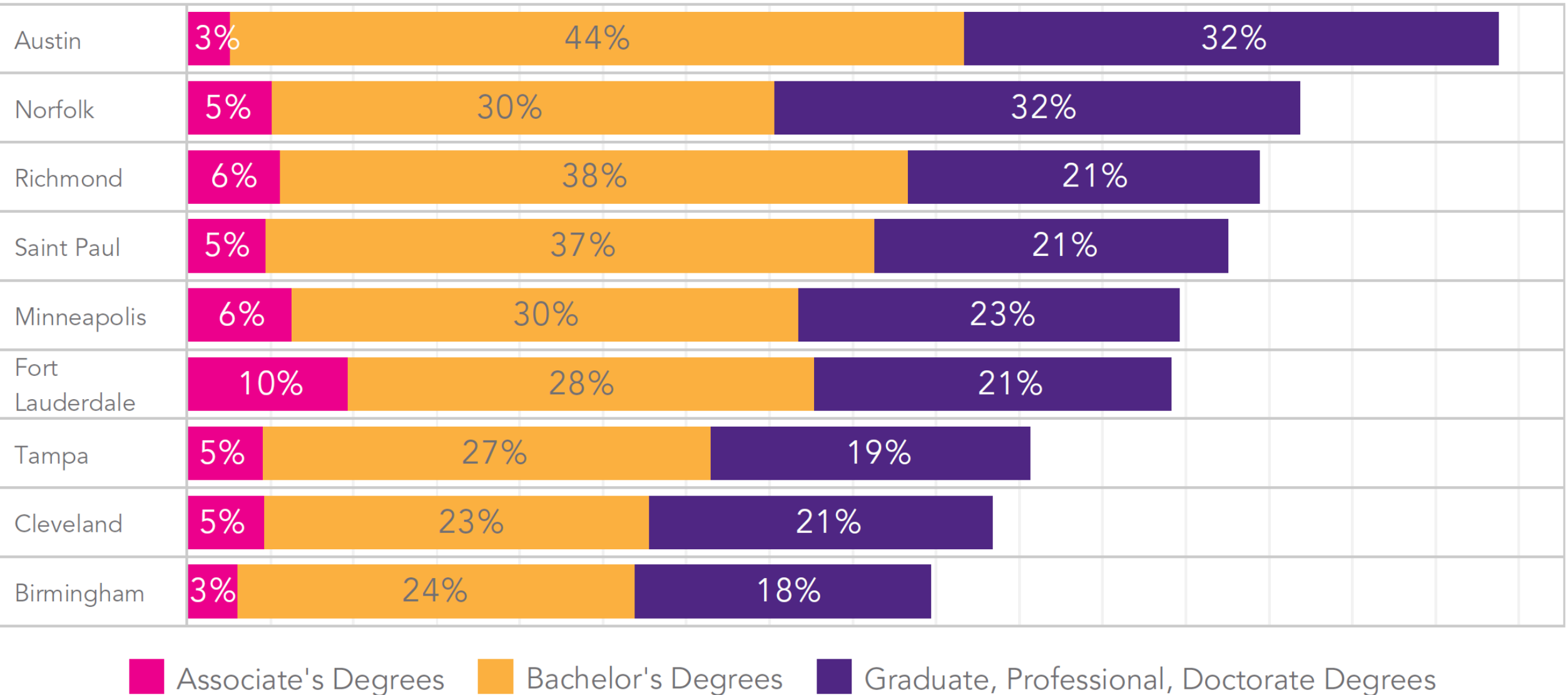
Percent of Residents by Age Over Time





■ % Under 18
 ■ % 18 to 24
 ■ % 25 to 34
 ■ % 35 to 49
 ■ % 50 to 64
 ■ % 65+

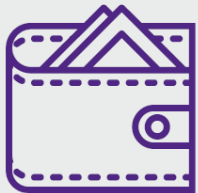
Percent of Residents by Education



Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (2015–2019)



The Value of Downtowns Comparisons



Retail

	DOWNTOWN SAINT PAUL	GROWING TIER AVERAGE	COMPARISON GROUP AVERAGE	STUDY AVERAGE
% CITYWIDE RETAIL SALES	12%	10%	14%	11%
RETAIL SALES PER SQUARE MILE	\$181M	\$302M	\$246M	\$390M
RETAIL BUSINESSES PER SQUARE MILE	134	230	198	263

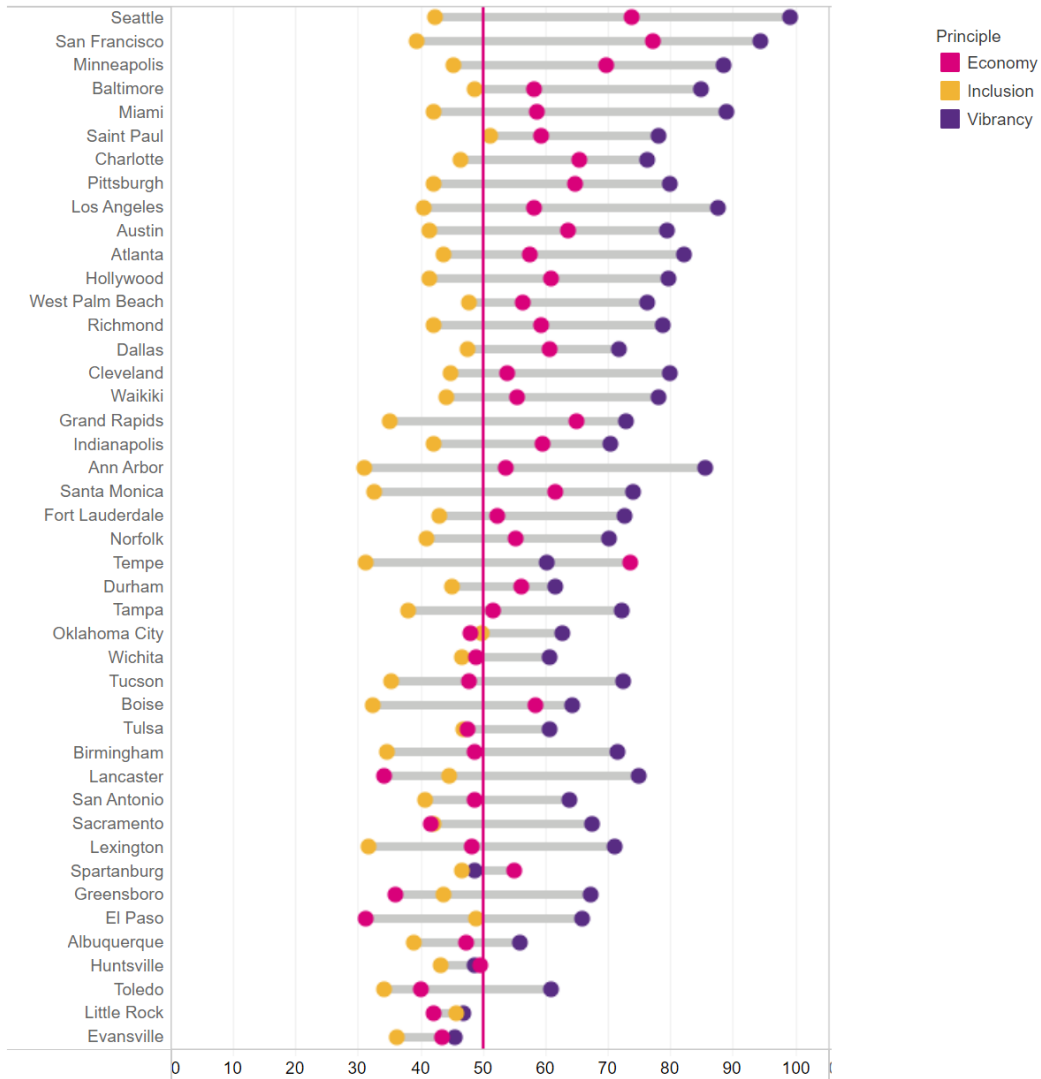


Hotels

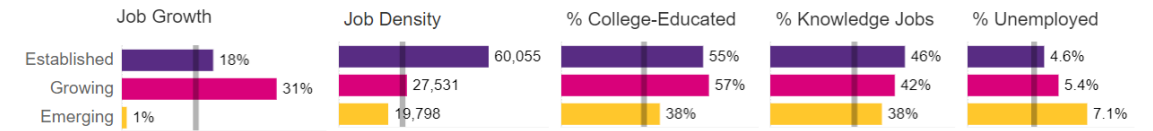
	DOWNTOWN SAINT PAUL	GROWING TIER AVERAGE	COMPARISON GROUP AVERAGE	STUDY AVERAGE
HOTELS	8	35	40	21
HOTEL ROOMS	1,572	3,699	5,639	4,599



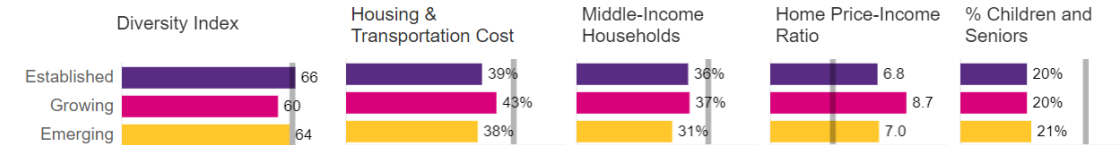
IDA Vitality Index



ECONOMY



INCLUSION



VIBRANCY



*The gray line in each chart shows the national or regional average to which each metric is indexed.

Established Districts

Baltimore
Fort Lauderdale
Miami
Minneapolis
Pittsburgh

Richmond
San Francisco
Seattle
Waikiki

Growing Districts

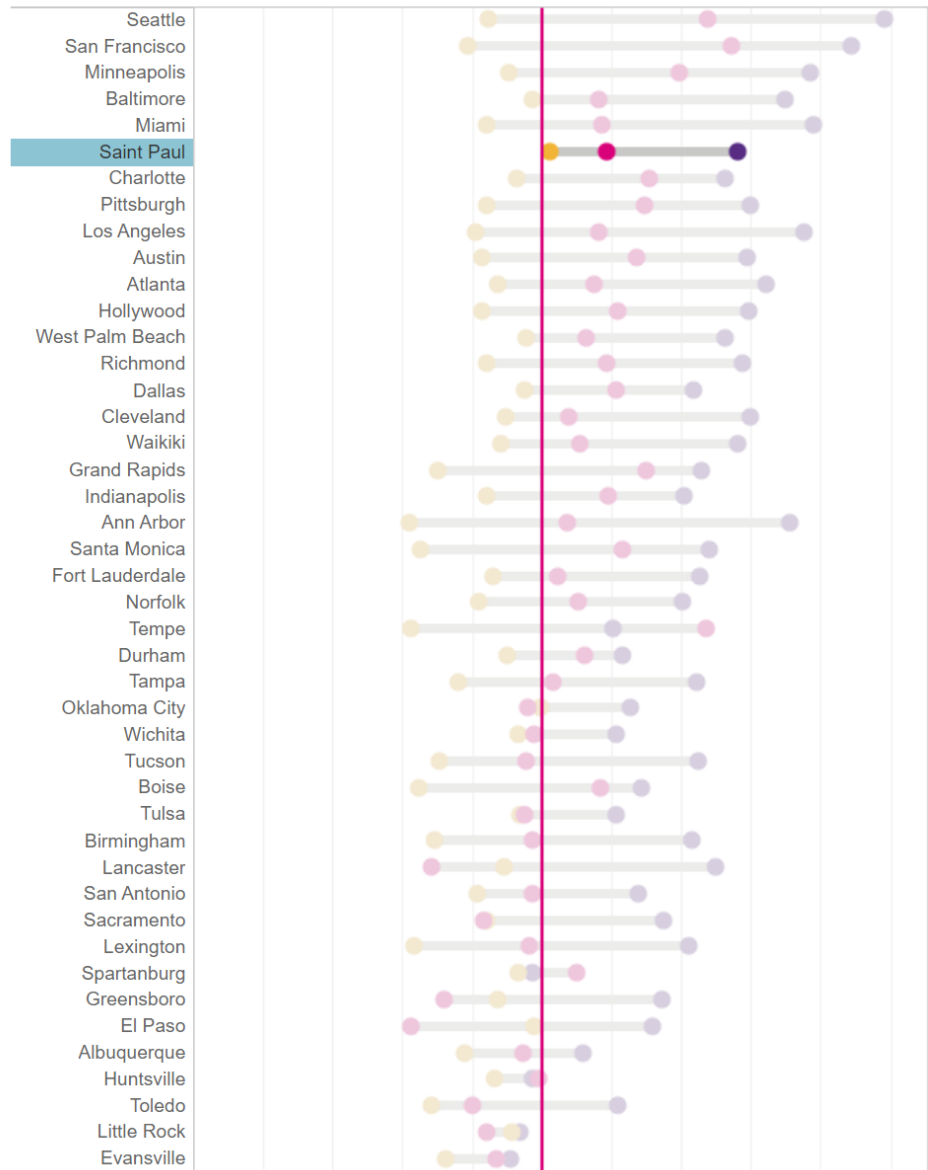
Ann Arbor
Atlanta
Austin
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Huntsville
Indianapolis

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Norfolk
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Santa Monica
Tempe
West Palm Beach

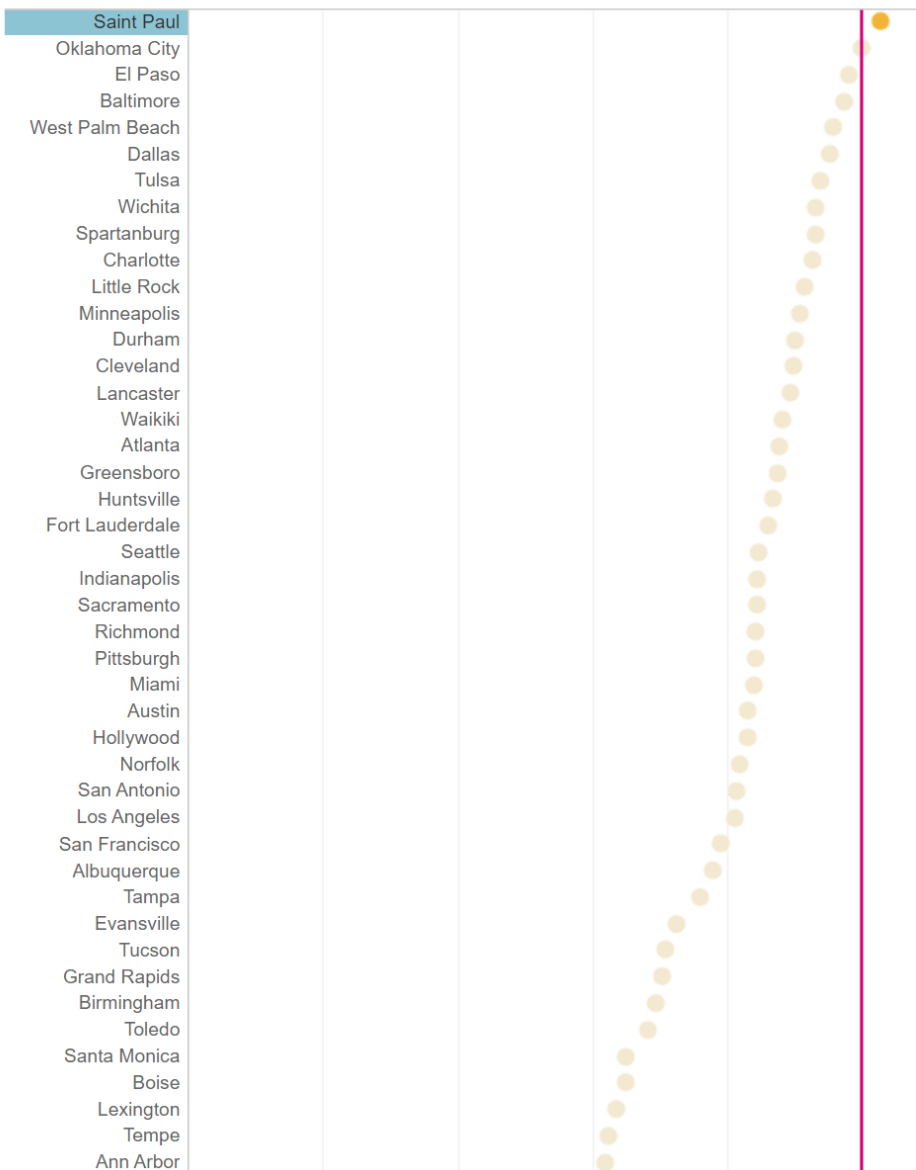
Emerging Districts

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Evansville
Grand Rapids
Greensboro
Hollywood
Lancaster

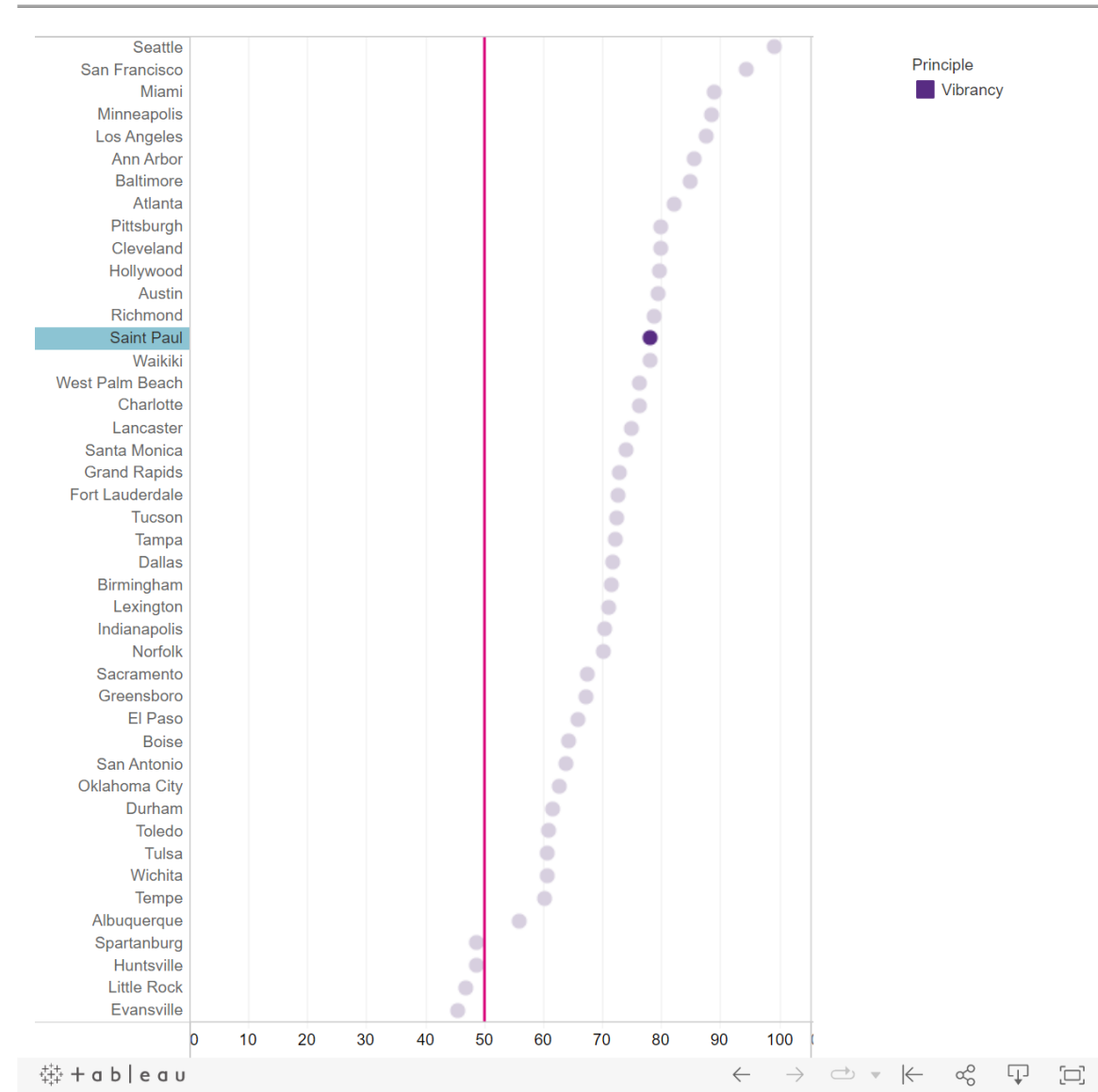
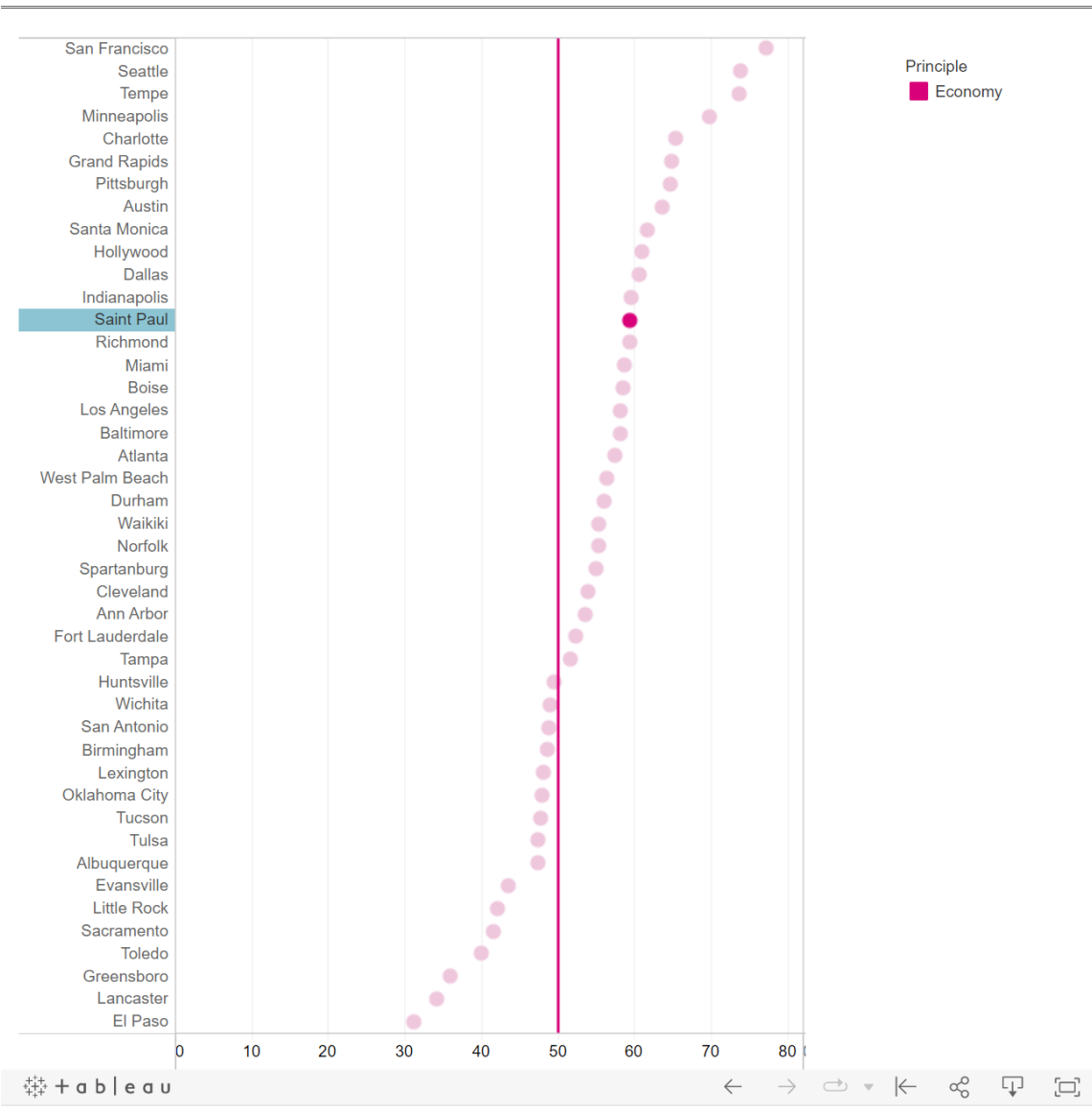
Little Rock
Oklahoma City
San Antonio
Spartanburg
Tampa
Toledo
Tucson
Tulsa
Wichita



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Conclusions to Consider

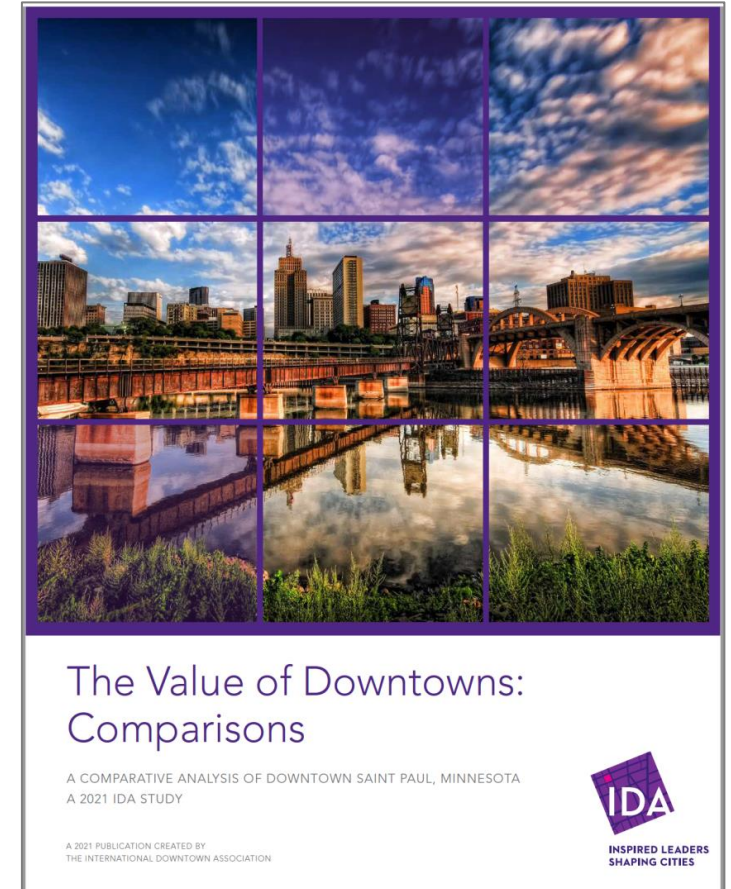
Downtown Saint Paul is **poised for stronger growth** with lower vacancies and new development projects in the pipeline.

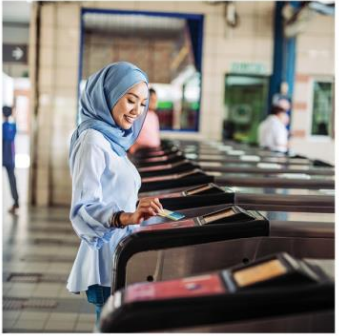
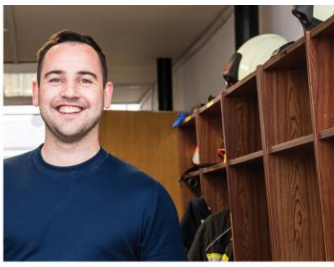
Younger, more educated residents have led downtown growth

Downtown's become **more vibrant attracting both residents and employers** looking to locate somewhere active and special.

Downtown is inclusive, with a demographic breakdown doesn't skew toward a single race or income bracket any more than anywhere else in the city or region.

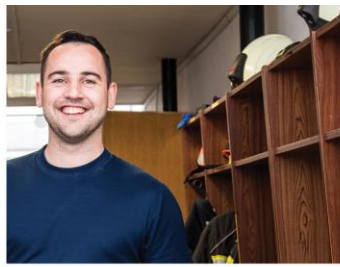
Downtown is a **competitively priced market** for commercial space and housing in a thriving region.





Shaping Cities for the Future

1. Lead Downtown Messaging and Serve As a Trusted Source
2. Make Public Space Adaptations Permanent
3. Recover with Equity At the Forefront
4. Facilitate the Return to the Office
5. Leverage This Crisis For the Next Decade of Transformation



Thank You!



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