

# Future of the Midwest



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## THE FUTURE OF URBAN LIVING

Foresight Research paper produced from a Think-Tank consultation held at St George's House, Windsor Castle in December 2018.

18 March 2019



Future of Urban Living - Foresight Research paper produced by Future IQ



THE FUTURE OF FOOD  
FEEDING THE WORLD - THE COMING FOOD REVOLUTION



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January 2015

## CITIES OF THE FUTURE ANTICIPATING TRENDS AND POSSIBILITIES



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May 2016

## THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING BUILDING THE FUTURE THROUGH AGILITY AND INNOVATION



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OF AGRICULTURE

## FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA THINK-TANK WORKSHOP REPORT

20 and 21 August, 2019



Presented by Agriculture in Western Australia - Think-Tank Workshop Report - Agriculture 2020 Conference 2019



## FUTURE OF TOURISM - THE MAINE PART 1: EMERGING TRENDS

A foresight research report examining emerging tourism trends and how they might influence destination development in the Maine Valley



## FUTURE OF MIDWEST AGRICULTURE

Scenarios of the Future

June 15-16, 2017



## THE NEXT INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION A NEW ERA - ROBOTICS, AUTOMATION AND LIFE SCIENCES

Prepared by Future IQ  
November 2017



## GLOBAL FOOD INDUSTRY SCENARIOS OF THE FUTURE SCENARIO PLANNING REPORT

February 24-25, 2016

# Macro Trends and Forces of Change Related to . . .

- Demographics, population and mass urbanization
- Energy, food, water & climate change
- Technology driving change
- Societal change







# Demographics, population and mass urbanization

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# AN URBAN WORLD

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## Urban Population

- Greater than 75%
- 50% - 75%
- 25% - 50%
- Less than 25%



1950



# AN URBAN WORLD

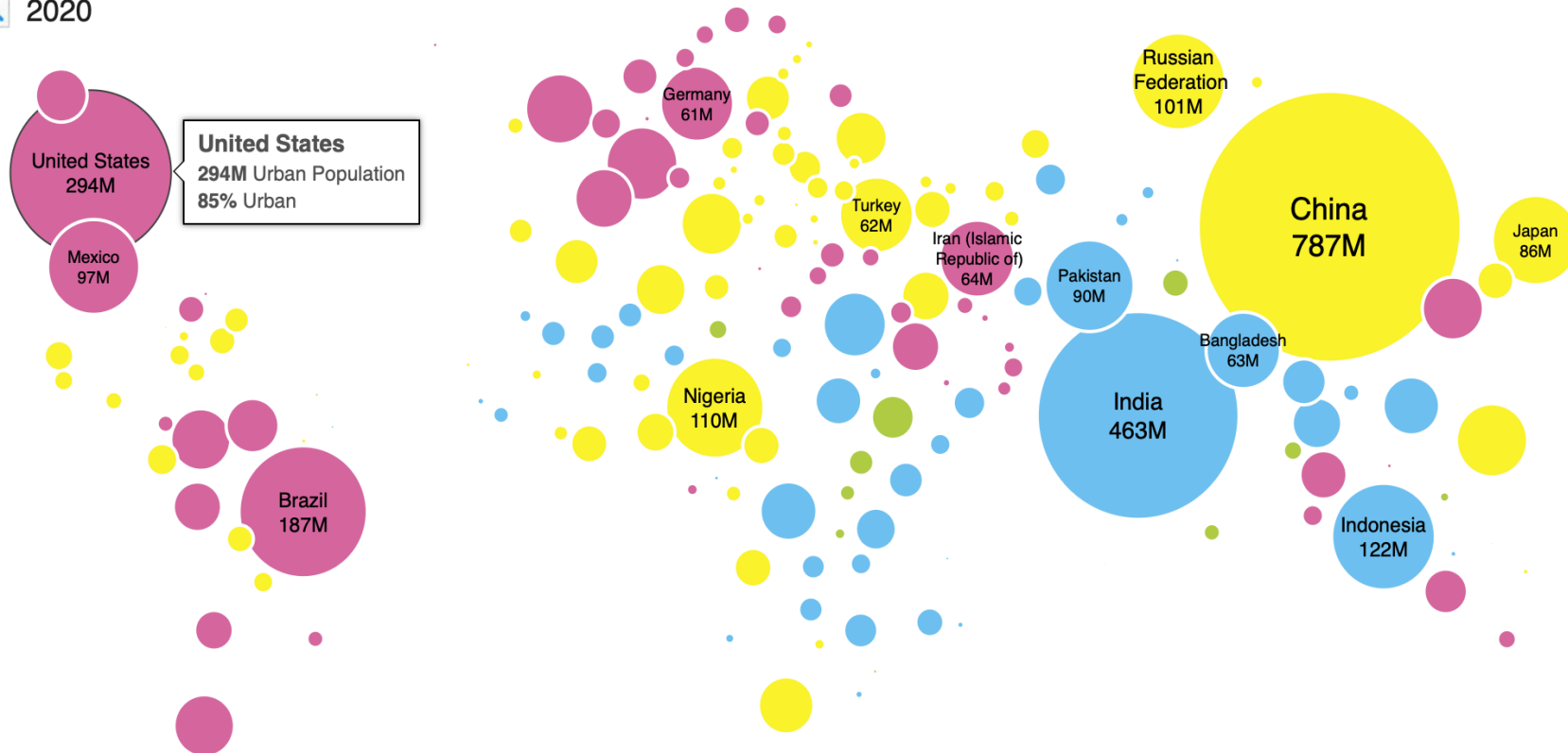
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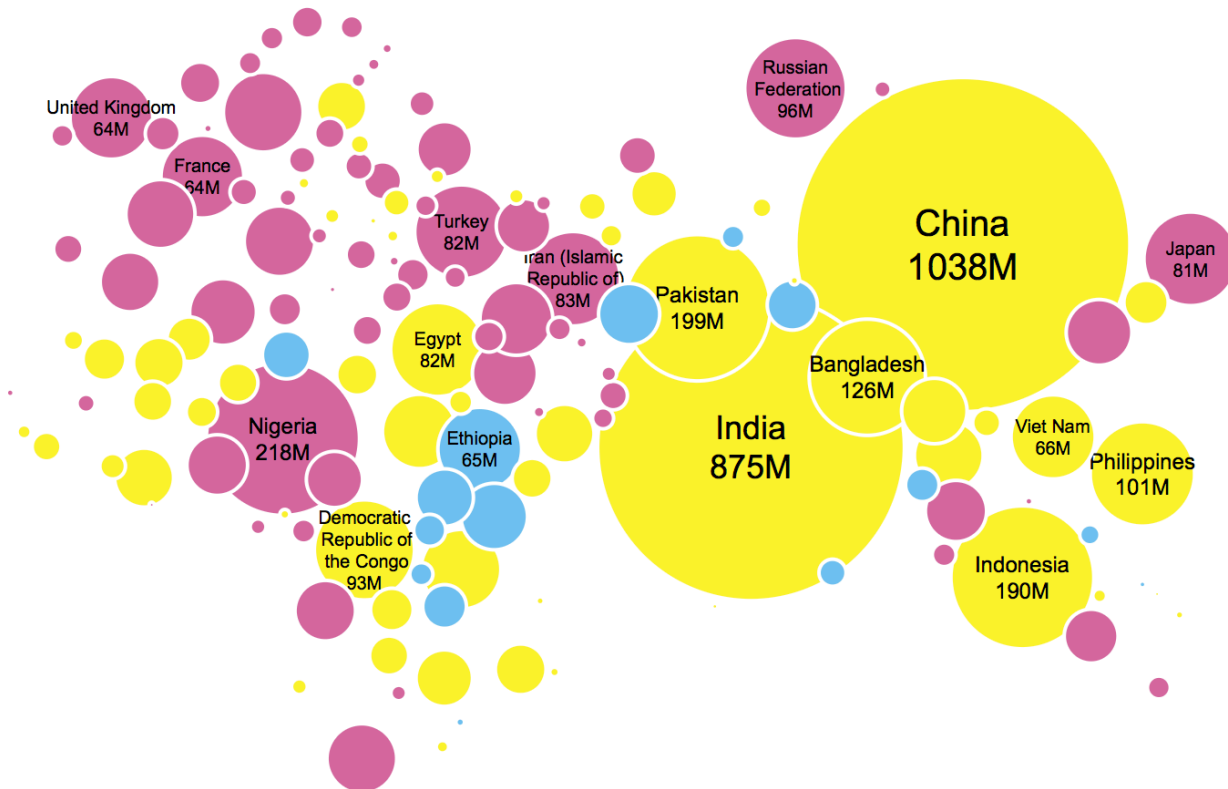
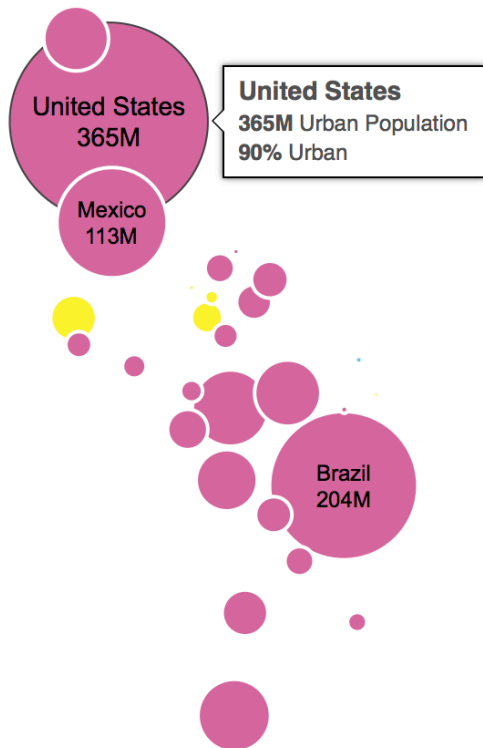
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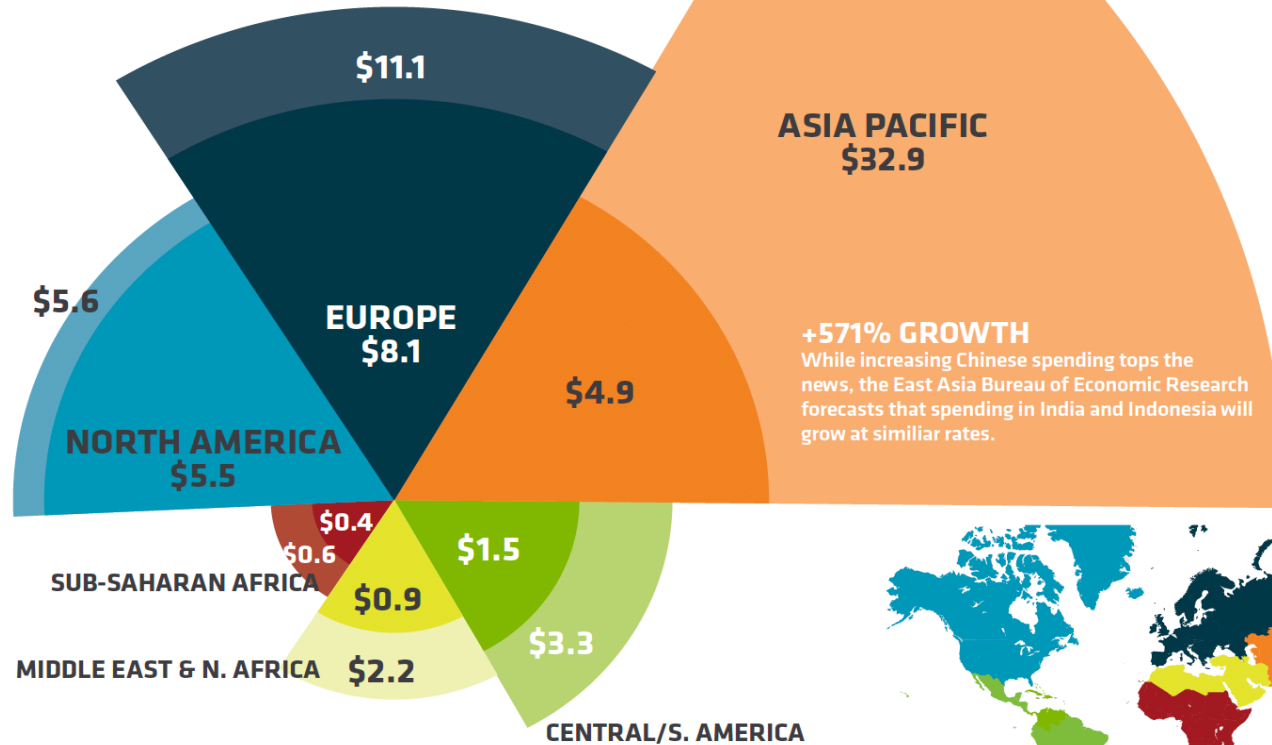




## MIDDLE CLASS CONSUMER SPENDING

OUTER RING: 2030 IN TRILLIONS, USD

INNER RING: 2009 IN TRILLIONS, USD



Source: Kou, L. 2013. The world's middle class will number 5 billion by 2030. Quartz.  
Figures based on OECD, 2012. An emerging middle class.

## Built Environment is a Direct Reflection of the Underlying Economy



### Agriculture Economy

- 1<sup>st</sup> version of the American Dream
- “40 Acres and a Mule”



### Industrial Economy

- 2<sup>nd</sup> version of the American Dream
- Drivable Sub-urban...”See the USA in Your Chevrolet”



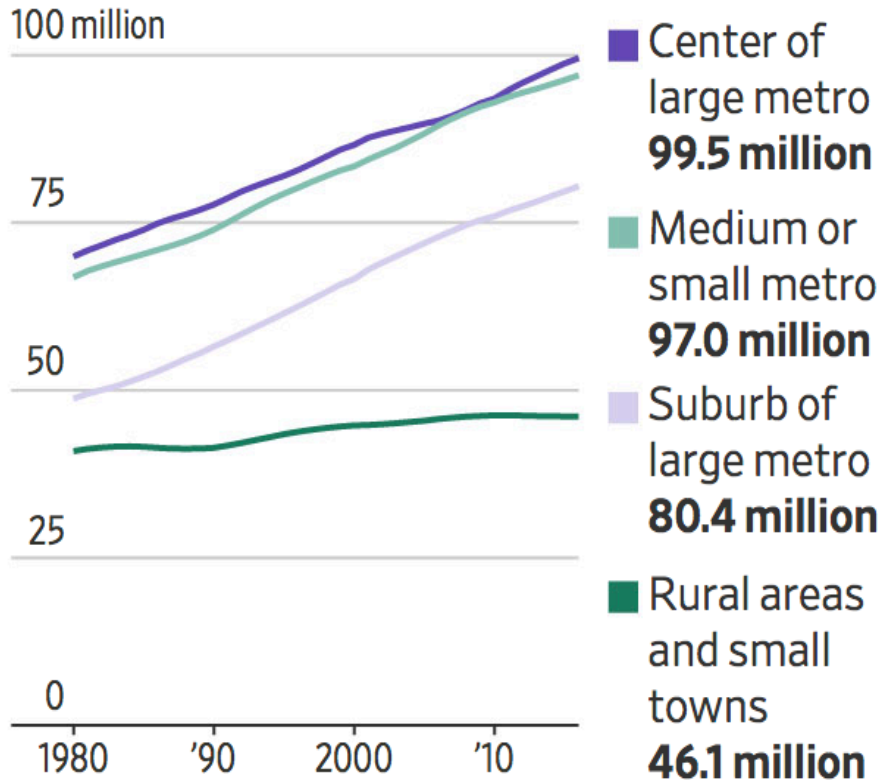
### Knowledge/Experience Economy

- Current/Future version of the American Dream
- *Option* of Walkable Urban and Drivable Sub-urban

**Built  
Environment  
reflects  
underlying  
economy**

# Changing geographic distribution of American society

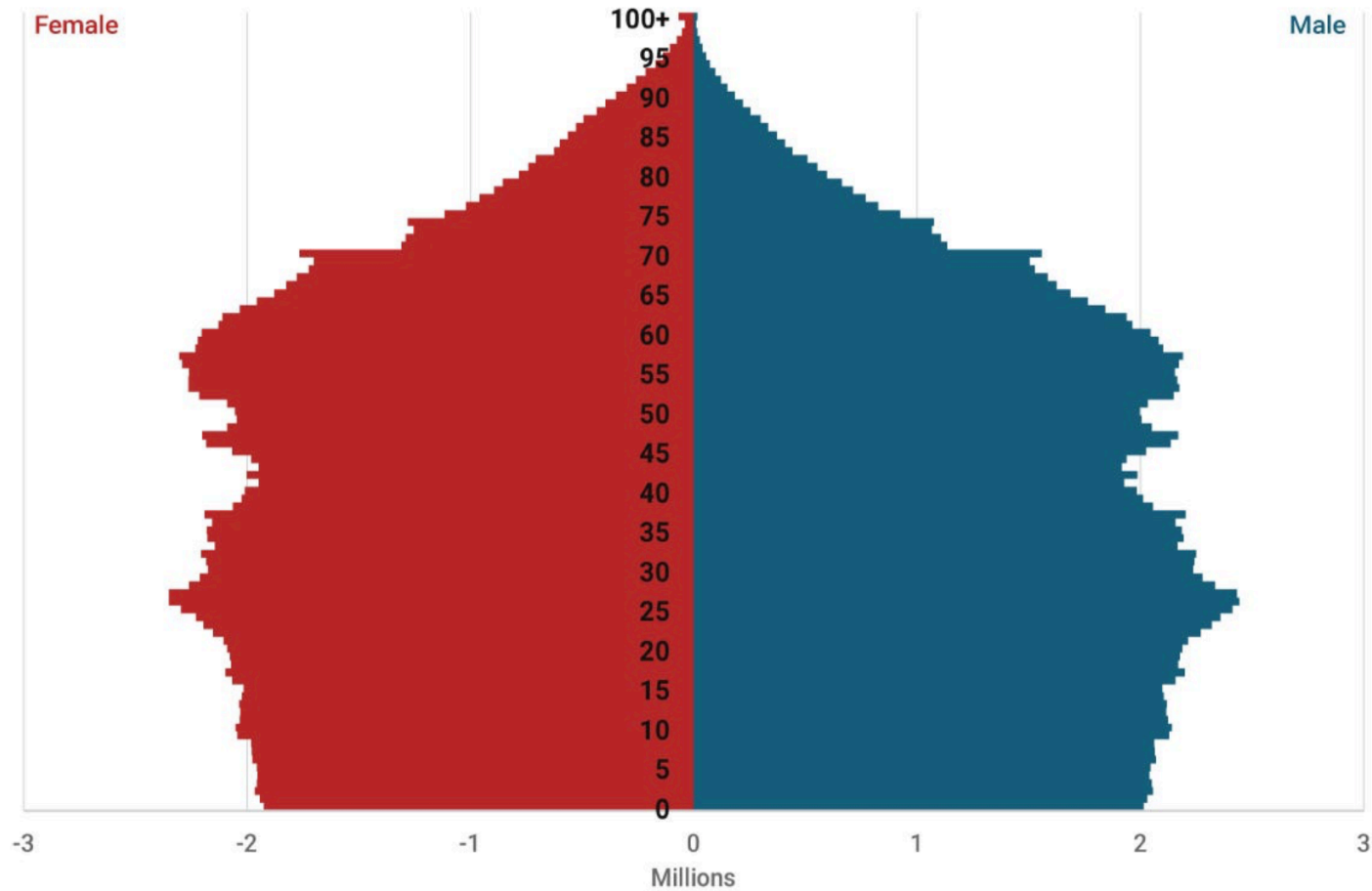
## Total U.S. population



Source: Census Bureau



# US population by age and sex, 2017

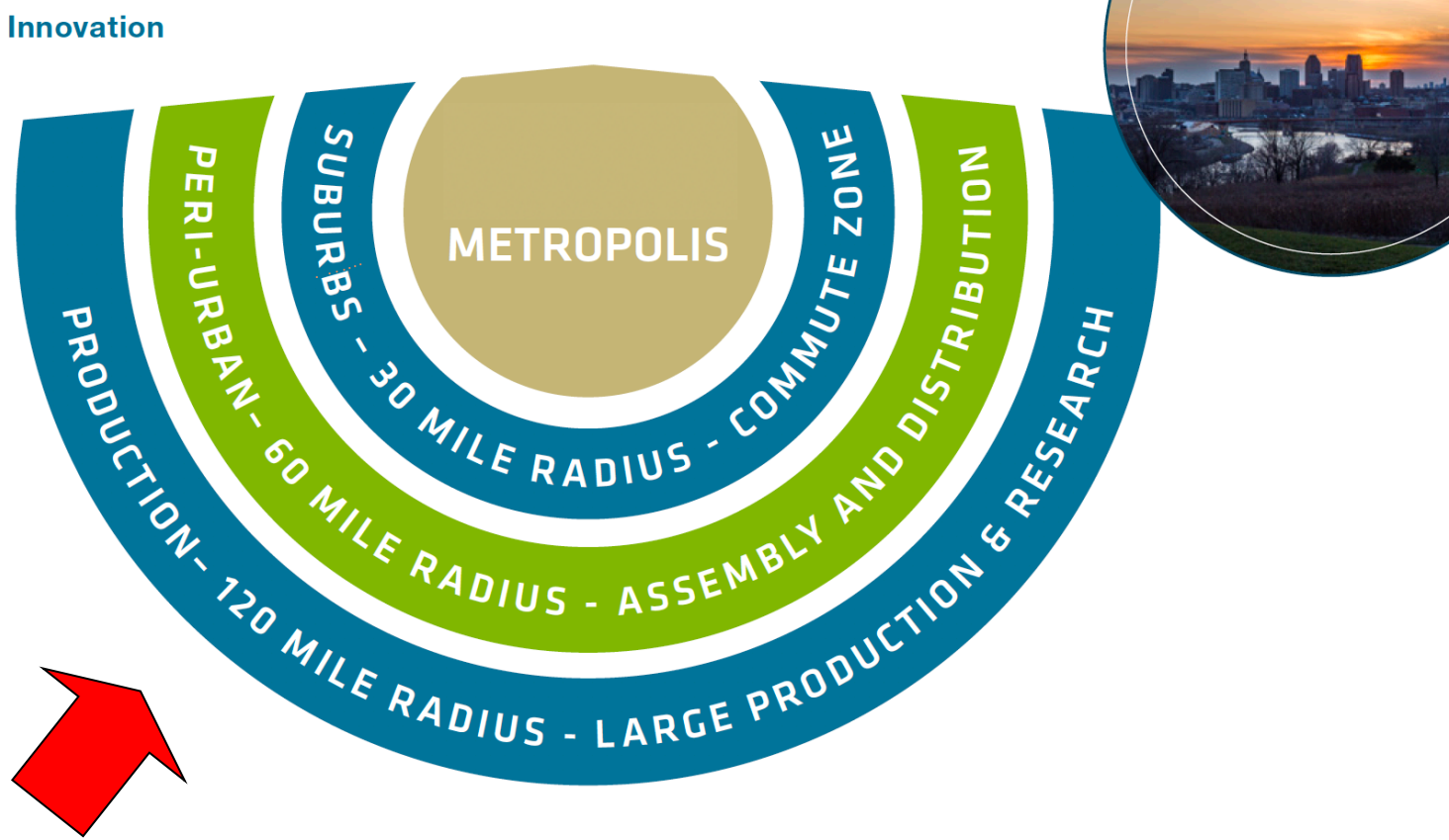


Source: US Census Bureau. Population estimates are for July 1, 2017.

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**What does this mean for industries and  
clusters around Twin Cities?**

# Demographics, population and mass urbanization



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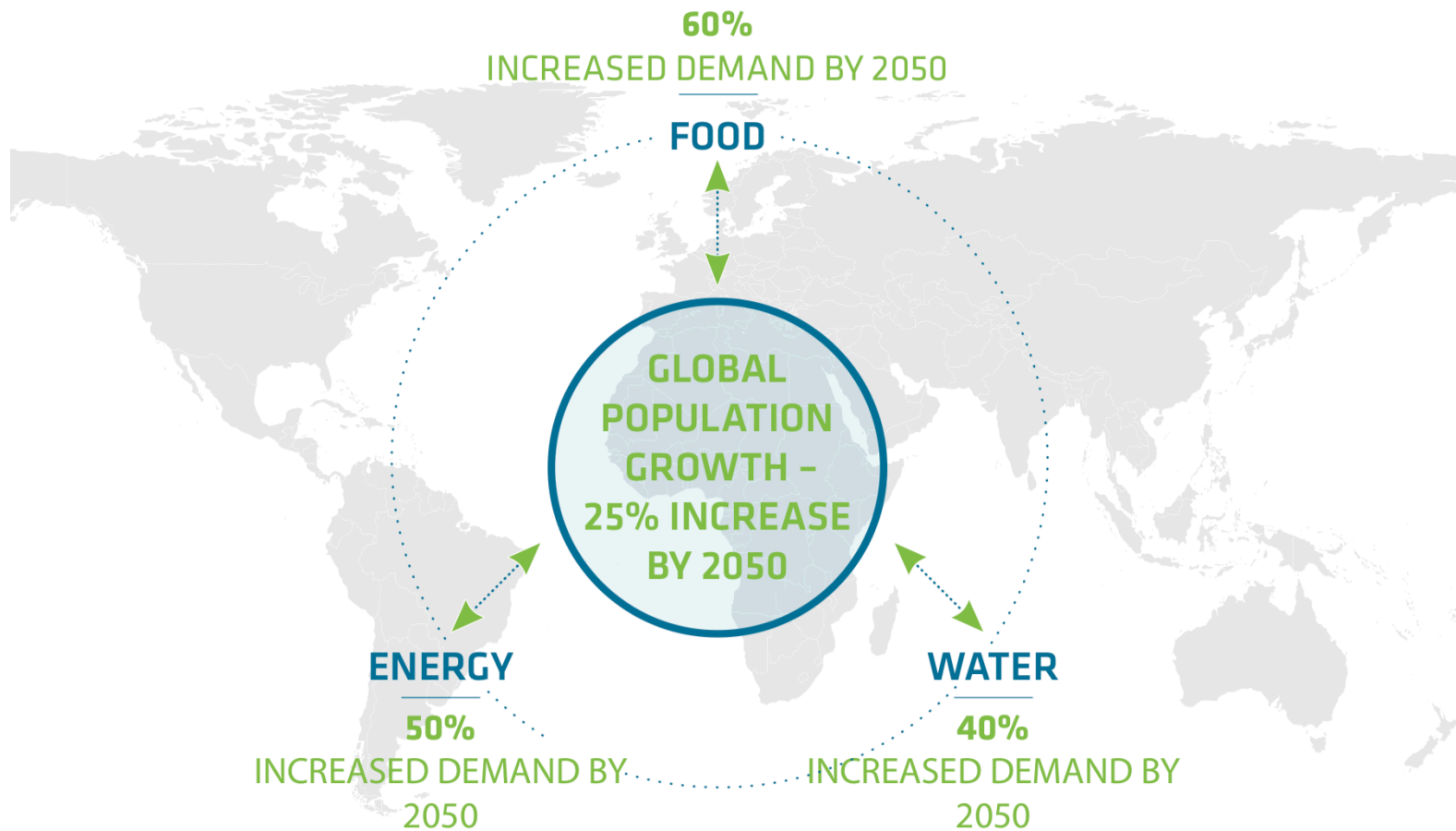
**What does mass  
urbanization mean for the  
future social and economic  
fabric of the Mid-West and  
Minnesota?**





# Energy + Water + Food + Climate Change





# FRESH WATER

- Nearly 450 million people in 29 countries now face severe water shortages
- As much as 2/3 of the world population could be water-stressed by 2025
- Half the world's rivers and lakes are seriously polluted



- Irrigation uses 70% of the world's fresh water
- Water scarcity will be the chief constraint to increased food production
- The threat to water resources stands as one of the major crises facing the planet

***Midwest USA has 20% of global freshwater resources***





**2 BILLION**

PEOPLE DON'T GET ENOUGH VITAMINS AND MINERALS

**795 MILLION**

PEOPLE DON'T GET ENOUGH CALORIES

**161 MILLION**

CHILDREN ARE CHRONICALLY UNDERNOURISHED

WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM WITH  
**UNDERNUTRITION**

WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM WITH  
**OVERWEIGHT & OBESITY**

**1.9 BILLION**

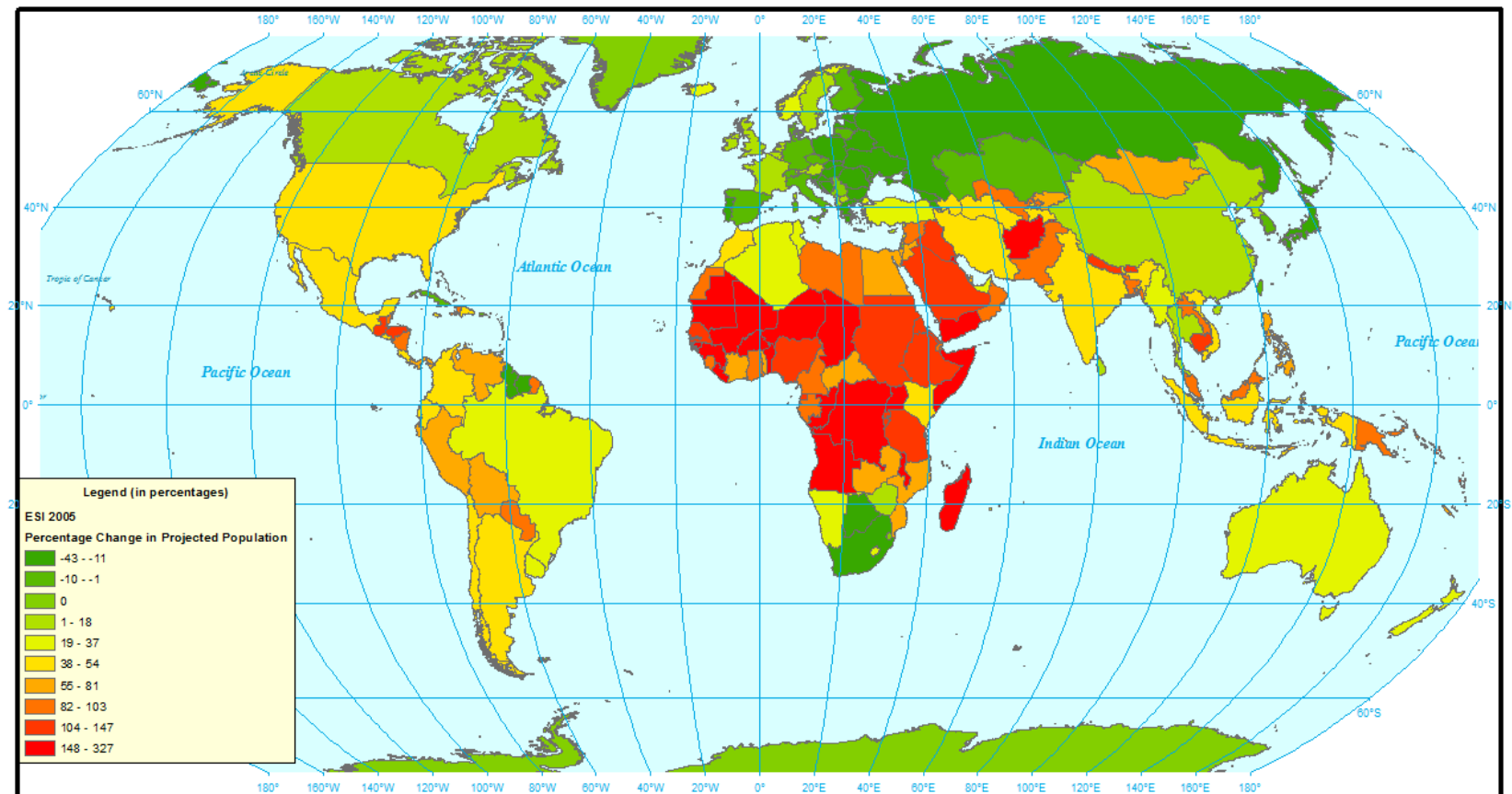
ADULTS ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE

**1 in 12**

ADULTS HAVE DIABETES

**42 MILLION**

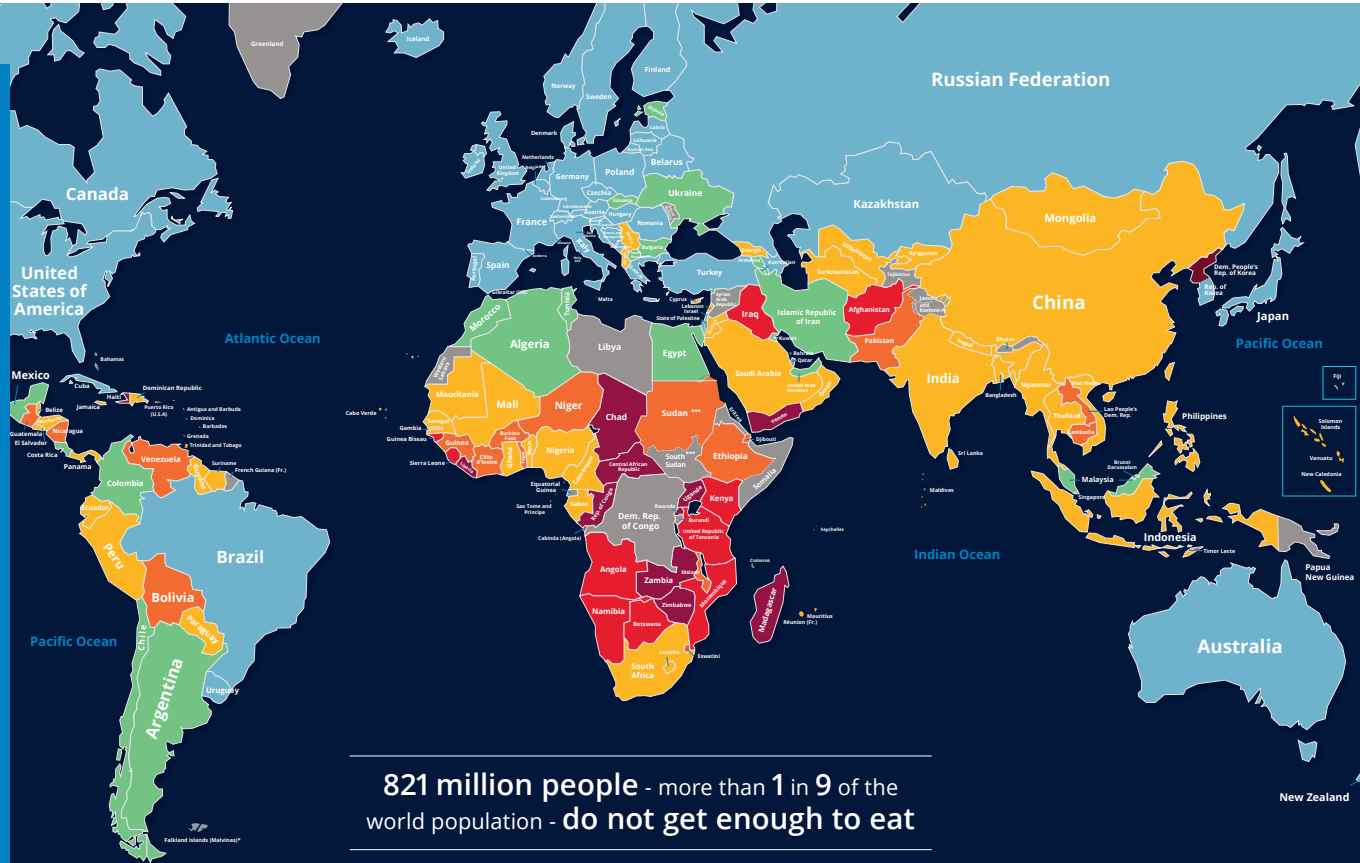
CHILDREN ARE OVERWEIGHT



## Percentage Change in Projected Population 2004-2050

Robins on Projection  
Central Meridian: 0.00





<2,5% <5% 5-14,9% 15-24,9% 25-34,9% >35% DATA NOT AVAILABLE

Prevalence of undernourishment in the total population (percent) in 2016-18

Global  
hunger is  
emerging  
critical  
issue

Undernourishment is defined as the condition in which an individual's habitual food consumption is insufficient to provide the amount of dietary energy required to maintain a normal, active, healthy life. The indicator is reported as the prevalence of undernourishment (PoU), which is an estimate of the percentage of individuals in the total population that are in a condition of undernourishment. To reduce the influence of possible estimation errors in some of the underlying parameters, national estimates are reported as a three-year moving average. Source: FAO, IAC, UNICEF WFP and WHO, 2019. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019. Subsequent against economic slowdowns and downturns. Rome, FAO. Further information is available at <https://www.fao.org/state-of-food-security-nutrition/2019/state-food-security-and-nutrition/world-and-subregional-average-reports/en>

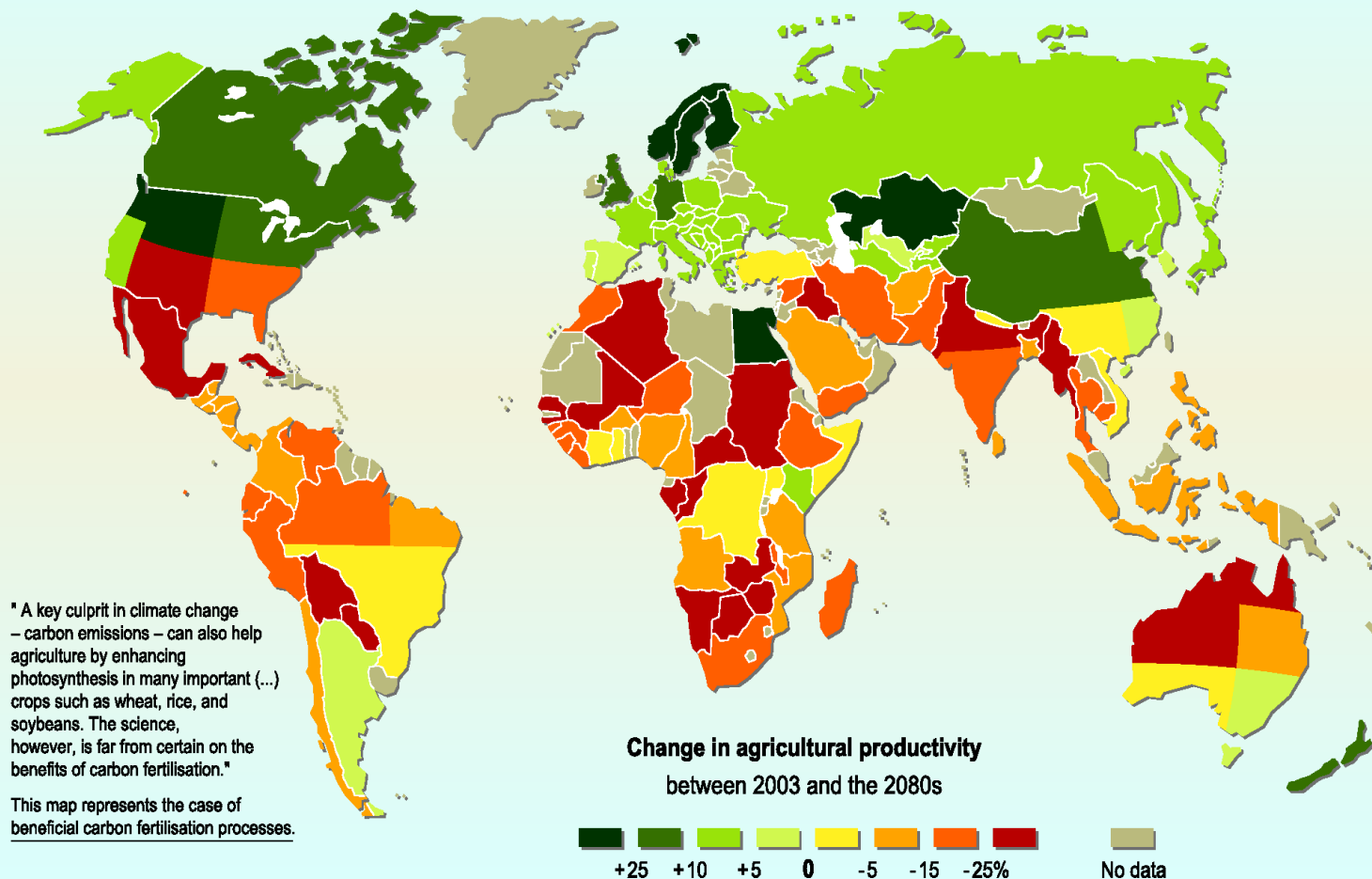
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\*\* Detailed line representation according to the Law of Canada in January and October agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

\*\*\* The boundary between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is shown for reference only and does not represent an official boundary.

— International Boundary    ..... Armistice or International Administrative Line    - - - - - Other Line of Separation    - - - - - Special boundary line

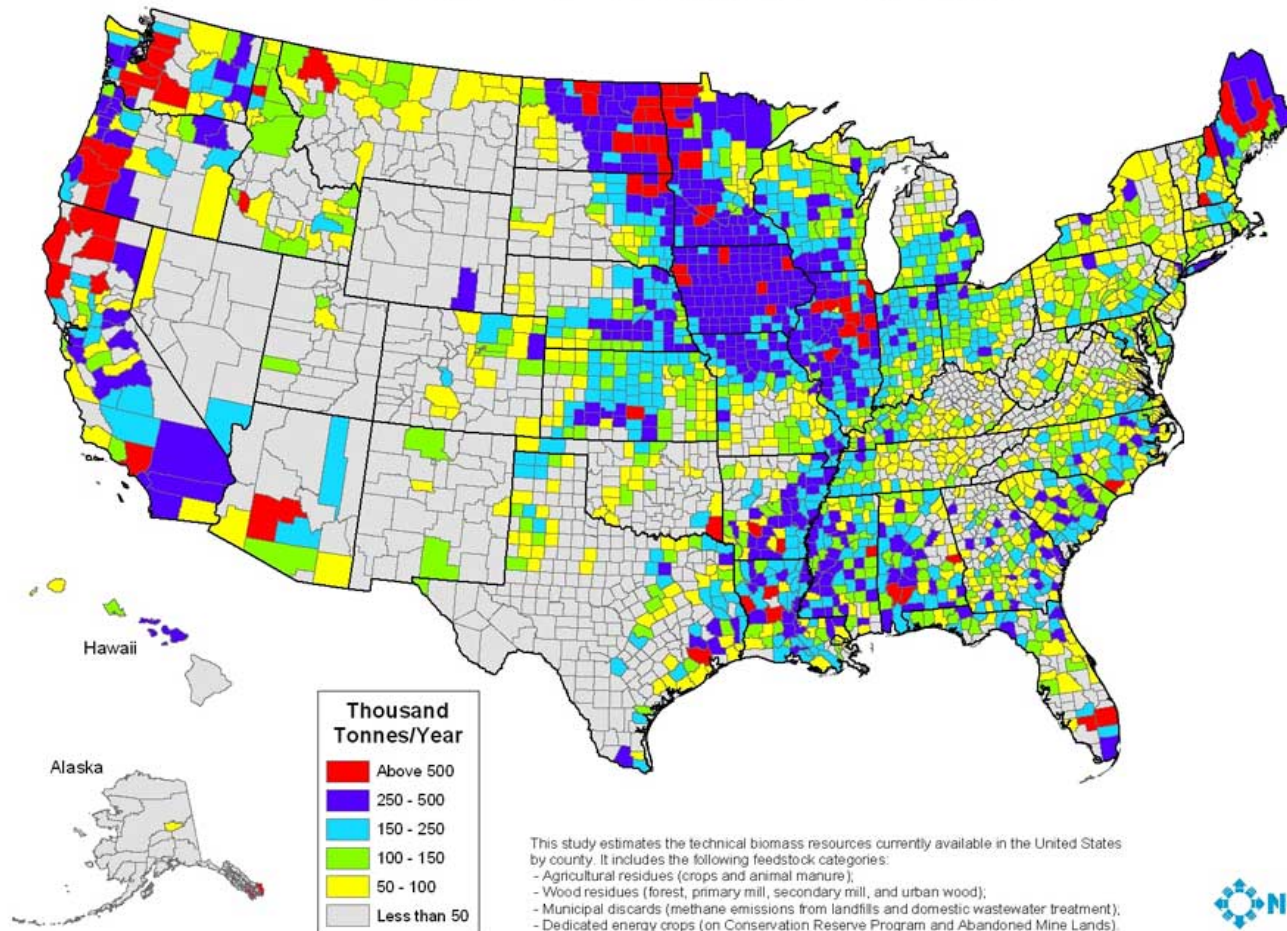
# Projected impact of climate change on agricultural yields



‘Winners  
and losers’



## Biomass Resources Available in the United States





# Energy + Food + Water + Climate Change



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**Are we reaching an  
ecological and societal  
tipping point? - and what  
radical disruption, or  
accelerated change will this  
bring to global food  
systems?**



# Technology and the speed of change

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# What makes this industrial revolution different?

- Machine learning / Artificial Intelligence
- Converging technologies
- Exponential impacts



1.0

◆ **1780 – Mechanisation**  
Industrial production based on machines powered by water and steam

2.0

◆ **1870 – Electrification**  
Mass-production using assembly lines

3.0

◆ **1970 – Automation**  
Automation using electronics and computers

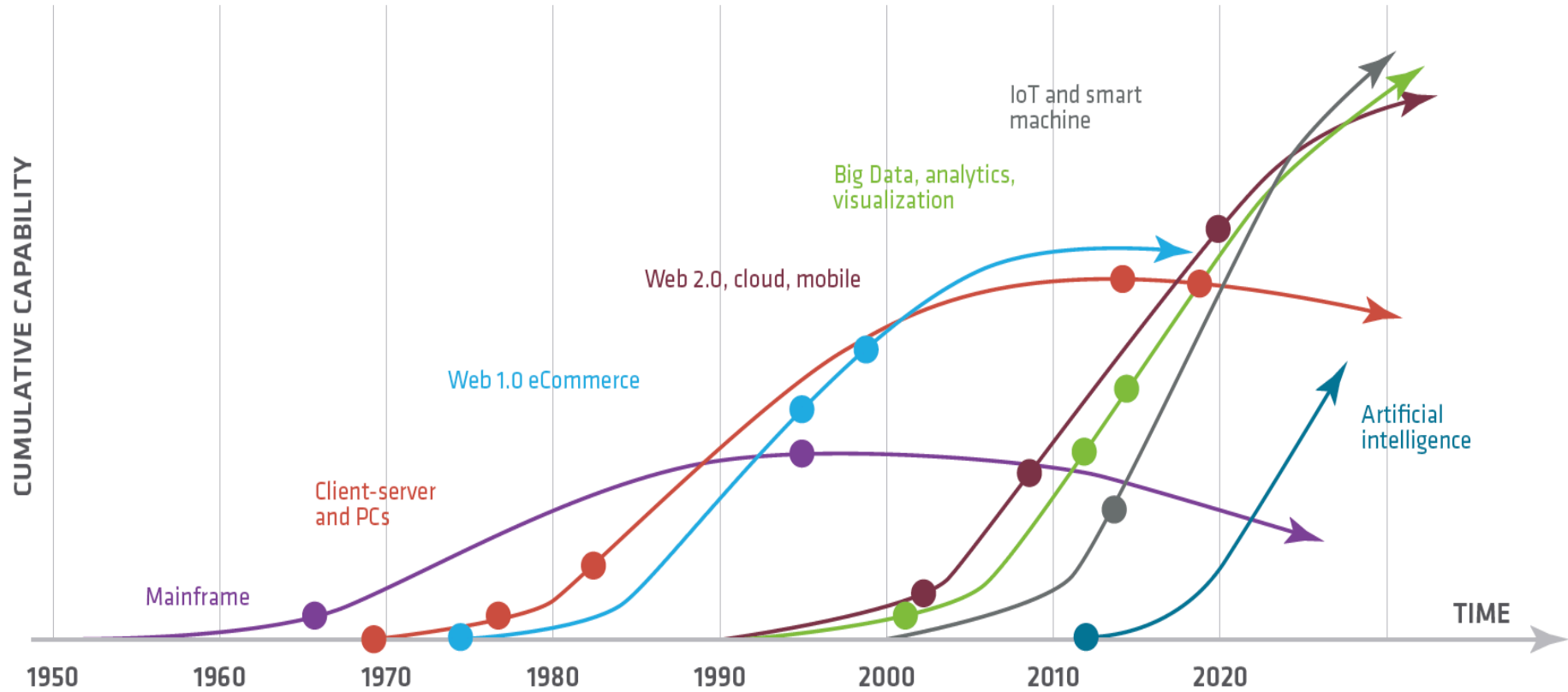
3.5

◆ **1980 – Globalisation**  
Offshoring of production to low-cost economies

4.0

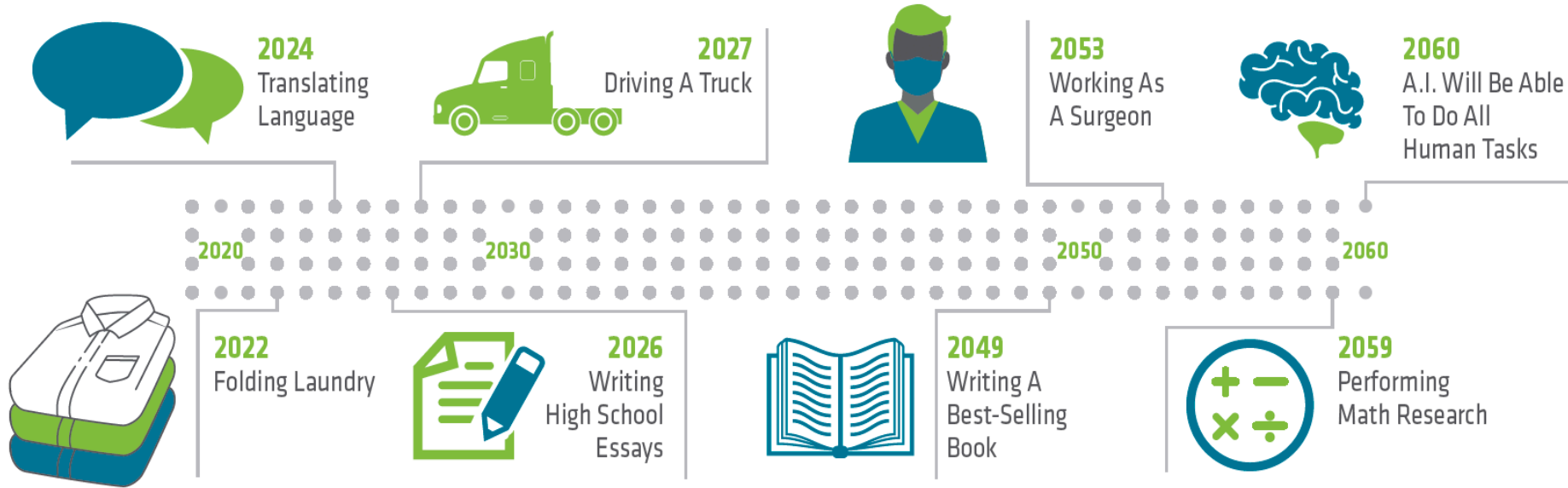
◆ **Today – Digitalisation**  
Introduction of connected devices, data analytics and artificial intelligence technologies to automate processes further

## THE INCREASING CAPABILITY OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



# When will AI outperform people?

AI WILL LIKELY OUTPERFORM HUMANS AT...



Source: 'You Will Lose Your Job to a Robot—and Sooner Than You Think': Kevin Drum, Mother Jones, November / December Issue, 2017. (adapted from 'When will AI exceed human performance? Evidence from AI Experts', Oxford and Yale University 2017)<sup>12</sup>

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Source: New Yorker Oct 23, 2017, and Max Planck Research 2009



# Rapid systemic change and technology integration

Adapted from: Source: Deloitte. 2014. Industry 4.0 Challenges and solutions for the digital transformation and use of exponential technologies

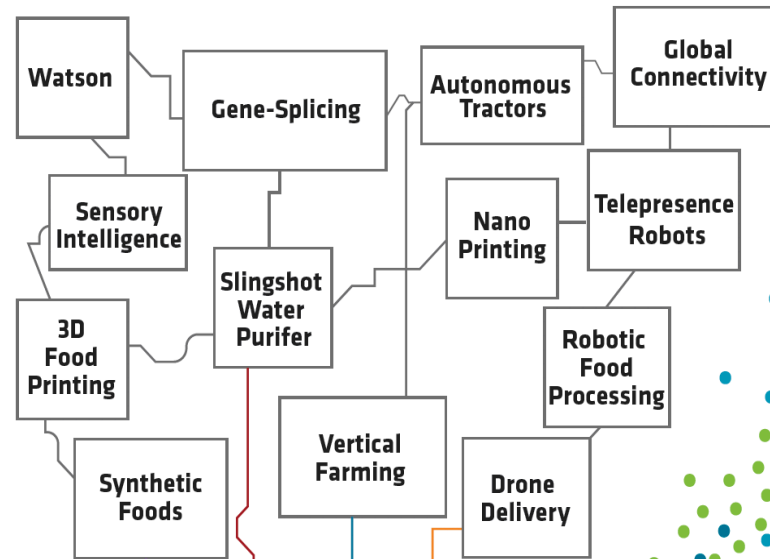
SPEED OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

EXPONENTIAL TECHNOLOGIES

**Technological Development**  
Moore's Law: The power of chips, bandwidth and computer doubles appr. every 18 months.

**The Human Factor**  
Technological dev. feeds and enables various trends in society: Democratisation, Social Connection, DIY, Decentralisation.

Biotech  
Neurotech  
Nanotech  
New Energy & Sustainability  
ICT & Mobile Technology  
Sensing  
3D Food Printing  
Artificial Intelligence  
Robotics  
Drones



FROM LINEAR TO EXPONENTIAL GROWTH TRAJECTORY



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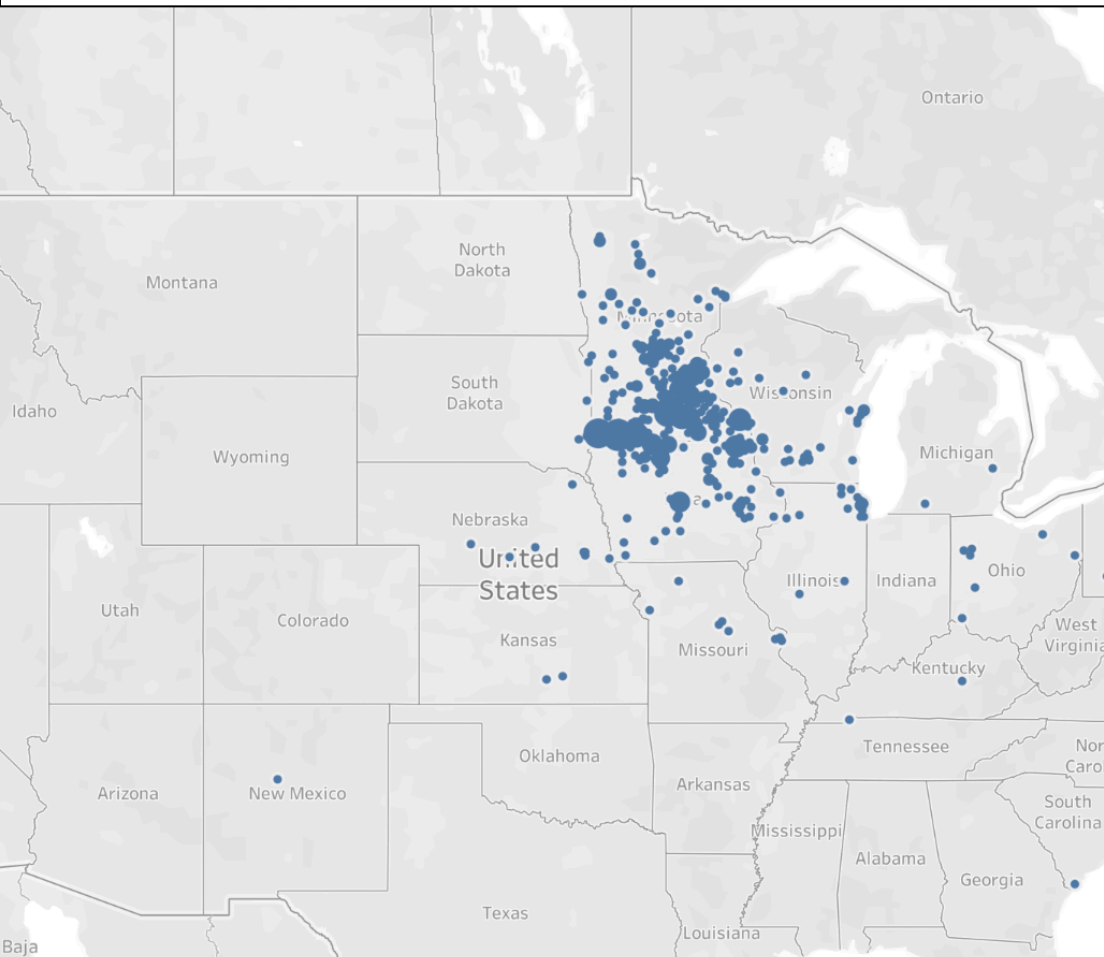
**How do we invest enough  
(*and fast enough*) in the  
right priorities, to stay  
competitive in an  
exponential world?**



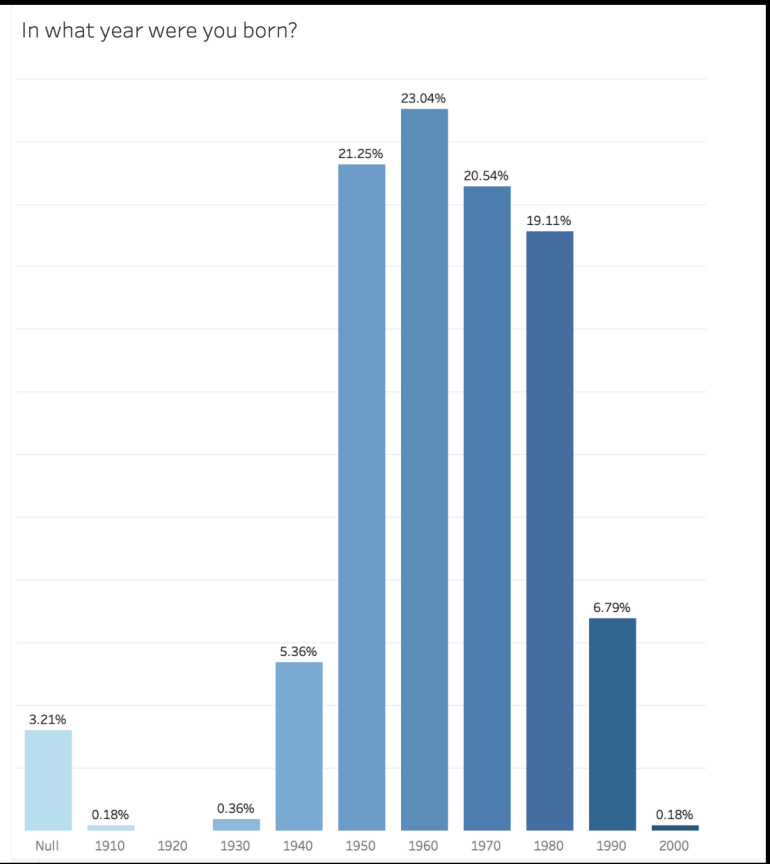
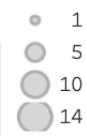
# Future of Midwest Survey



# Future of Midwest Agriculture survey

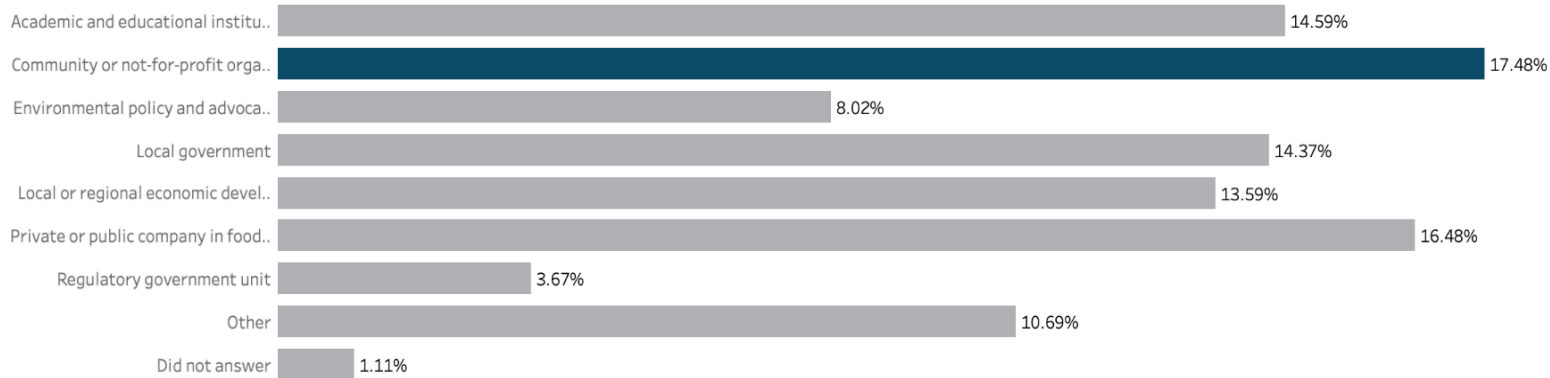


Number of Records



# Profile of respondents

Select all below that match your organizational mission.



Collector  
(All) ▼

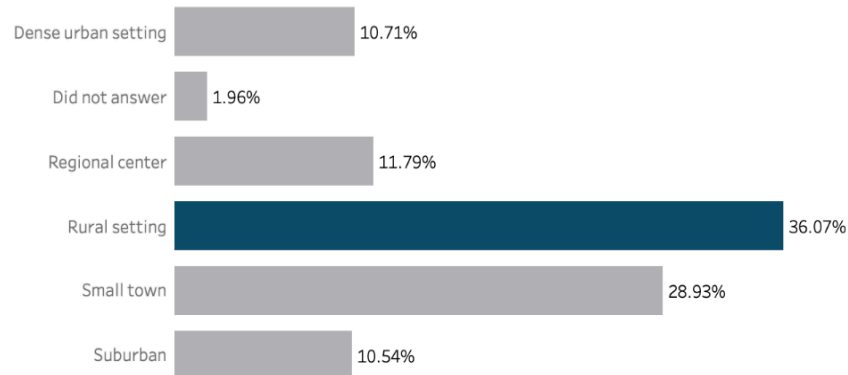
Year of Birth Range  
(All) ▼

Gender  
(All) ▼

In which broad category of topics do you identify yourself as being most interested?



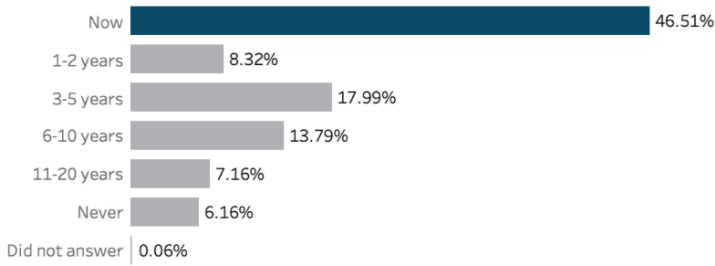
Which best describes where you currently live?



# Time to impact

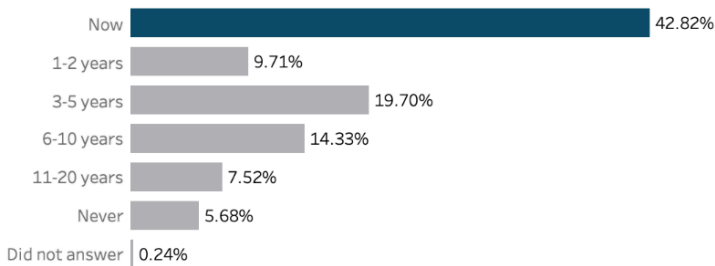
When do you think the following factors will significantly change YOUR life?

Factor: All  
Scale: Now to Never



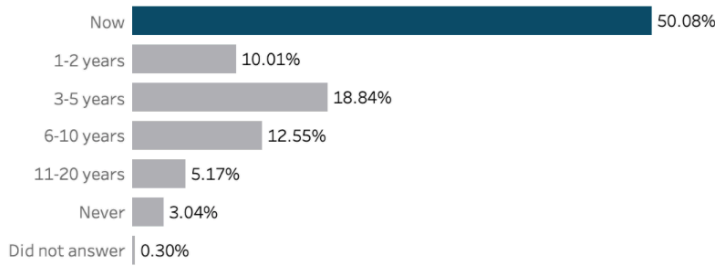
When do you think the following factors will significantly change the environment in the Midwest?

Factor: All  
Scale: Now to Never



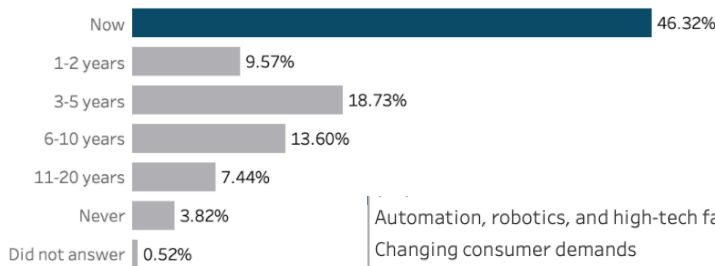
When do you think the following factors will significantly change the agricultural industry in the Midwest?

Factor: All  
Scale: Now to Never



When do you think the following factors will significantly change rural communities in the Midwest?

Factor: All  
Scale: Now to Never



Collector  
(All) ▼

Change Factor  
(All) ▼

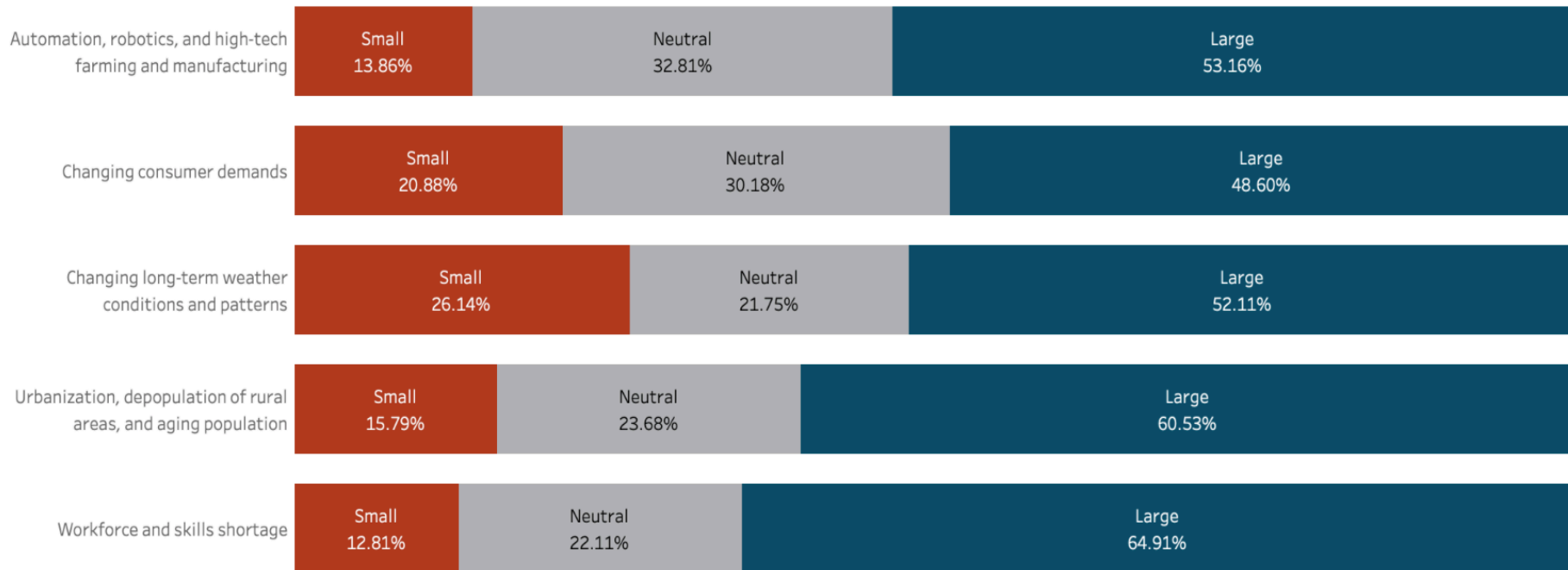
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Gender  
(All) ▼

- Automation, robotics, and high-tech farming and manufacturing
- Changing consumer demands
- Changing long-term weather conditions and patterns
- Urbanization, depopulation of rural areas, and aging population
- Workforce and skills shortage

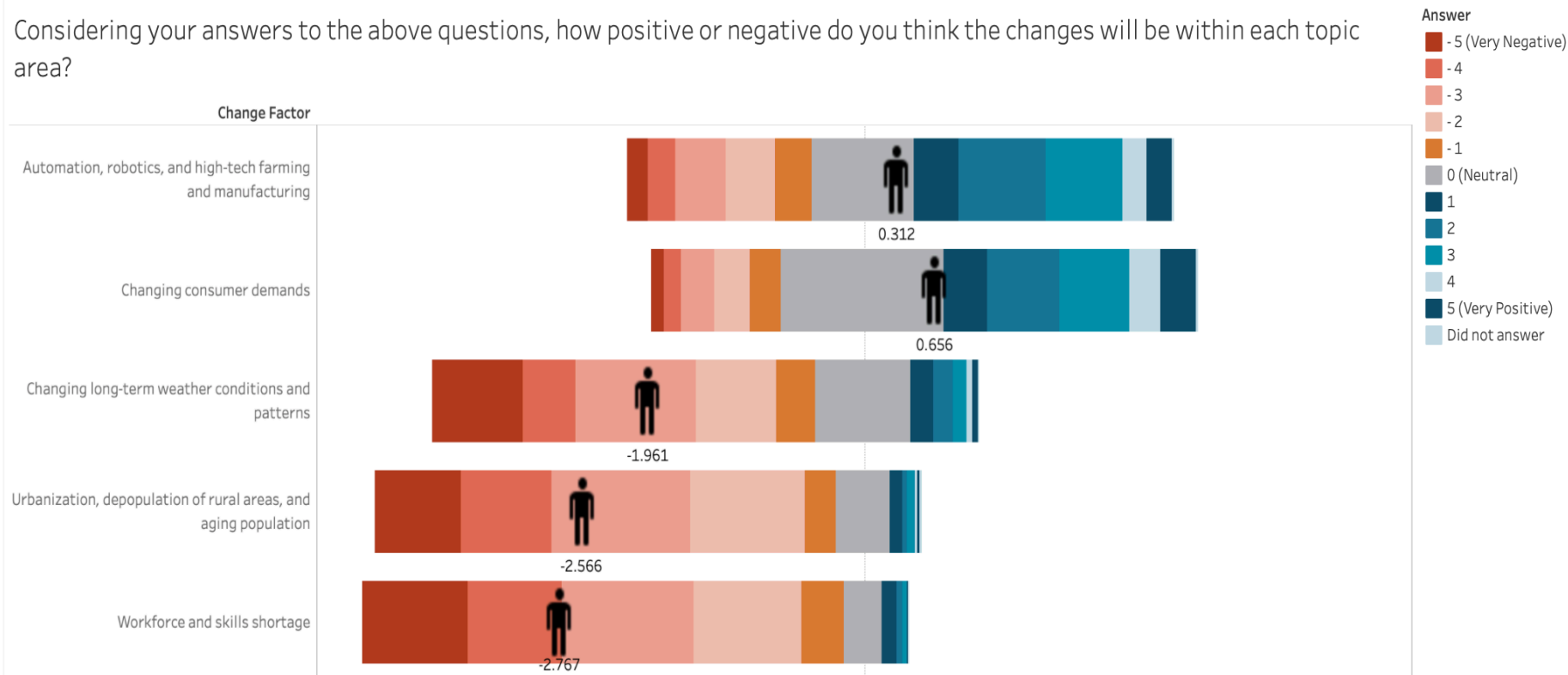


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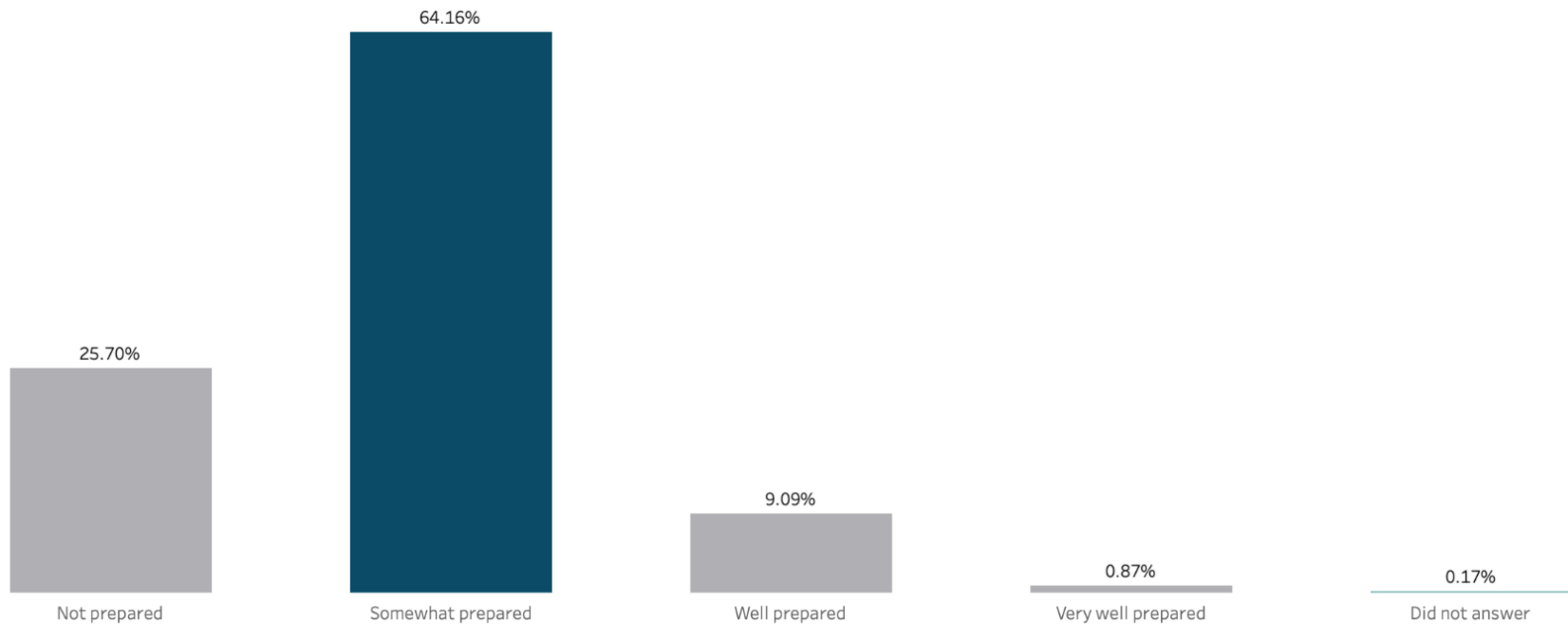


# Nature of impact

Considering your answers to the above questions, how positive or negative do you think the changes will be within each topic area?



# Preparedness



## Summary and observations

- Change is disrupting life now
- Impacts are large
- Impacts are mostly negative
- People are generally not prepared

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***How do we help regions, communities and industries build “future intelligence” (foresight capability) and collaborative systems, in order to anticipate and respond?***

# Thank you

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