

Changing Geography of Poverty and in Metropolitan America

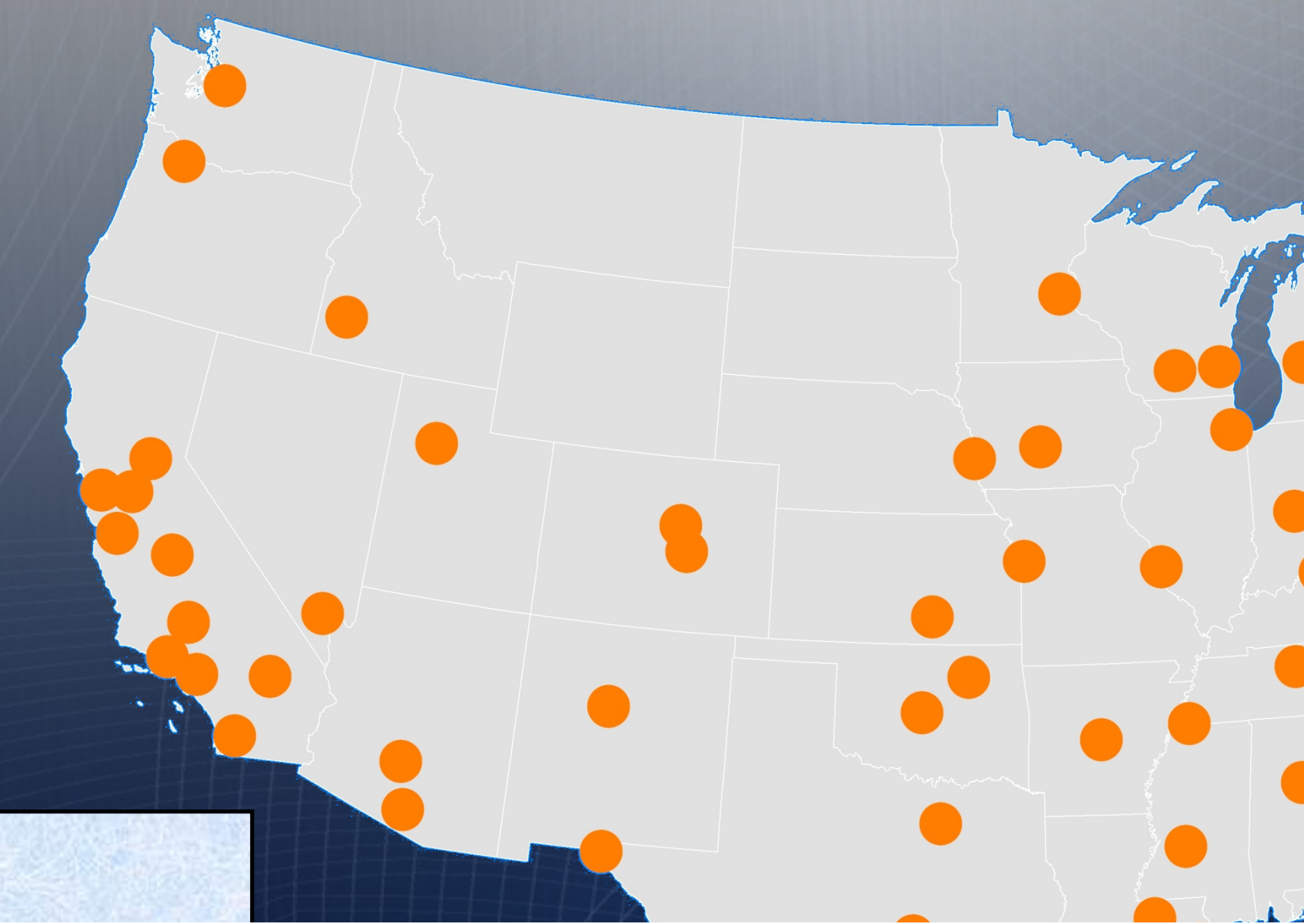


WHERE do the metropolitan poor live today

HOW might the Great Recession affect the

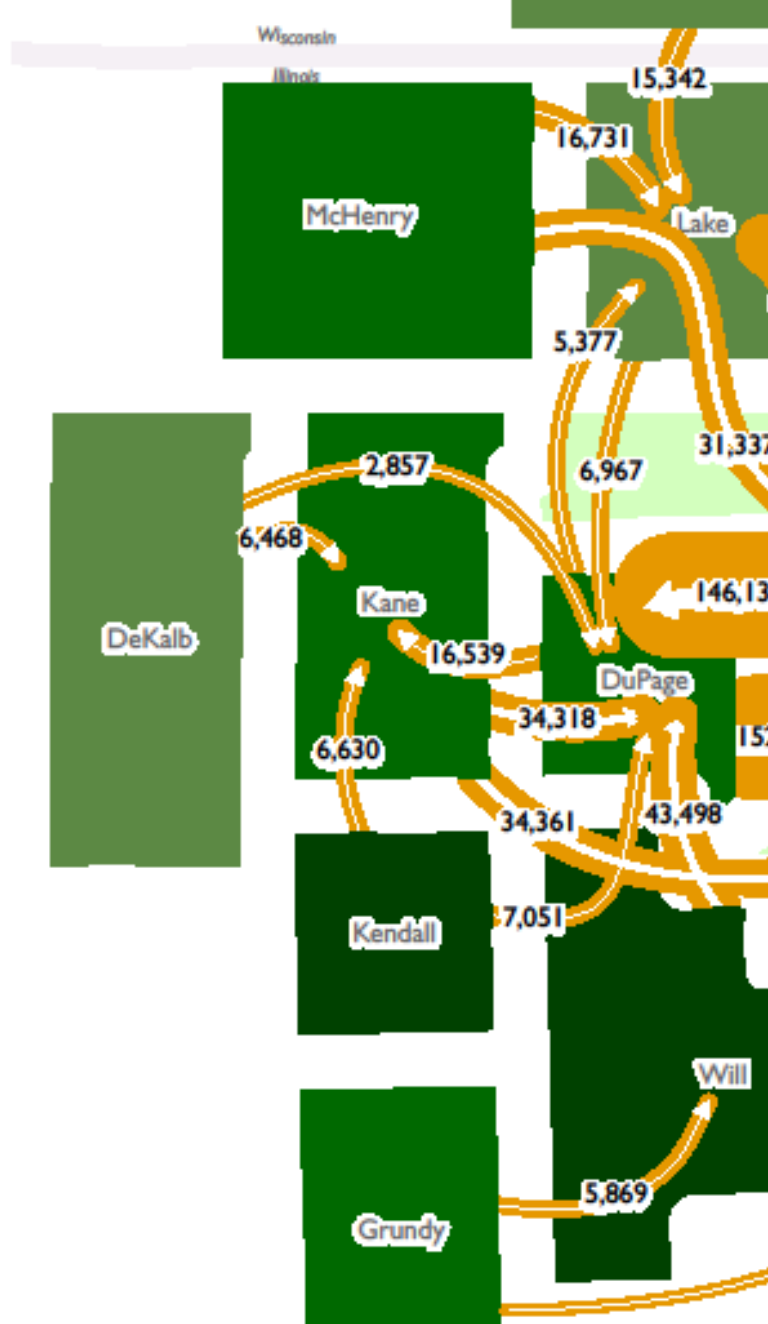
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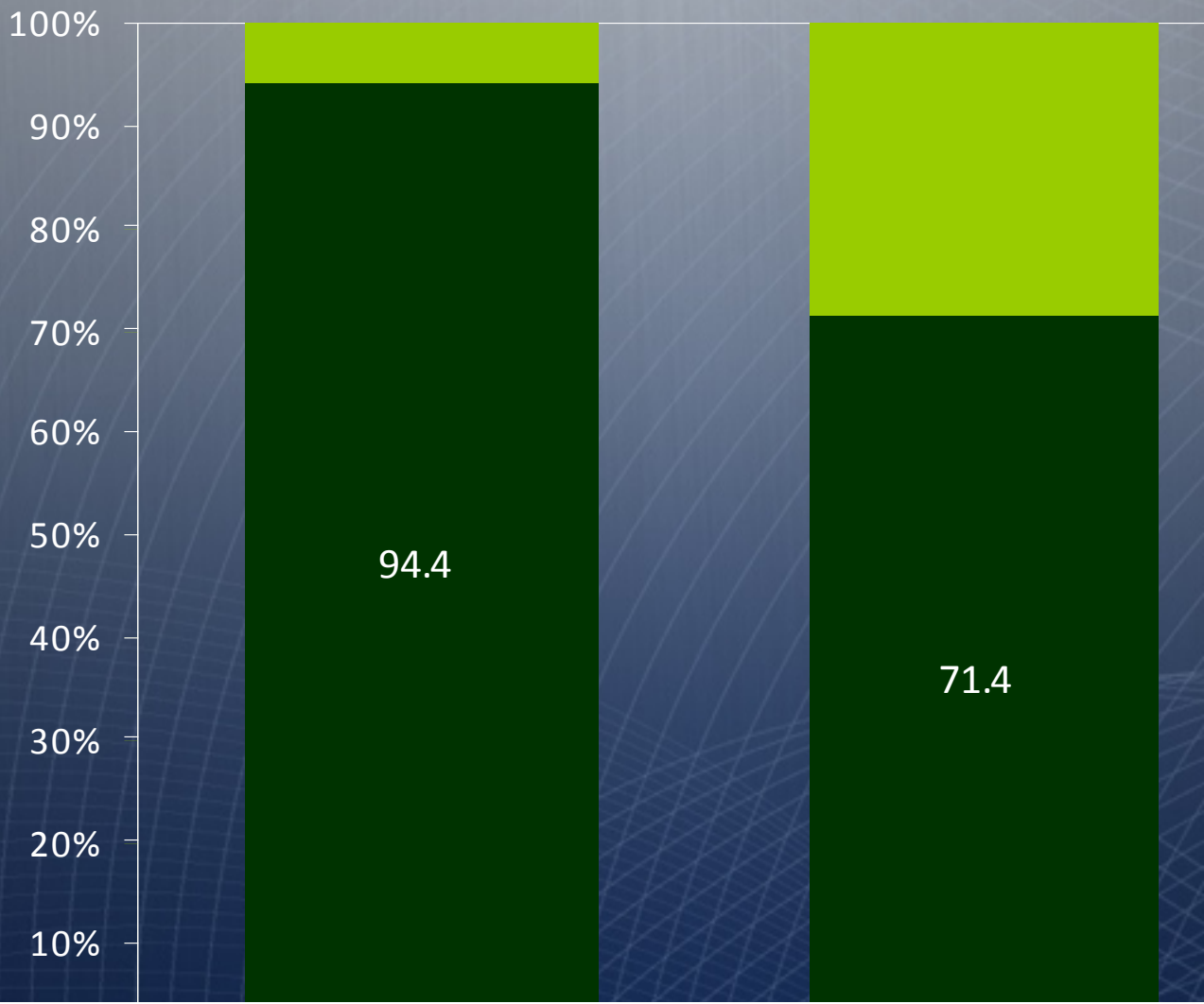
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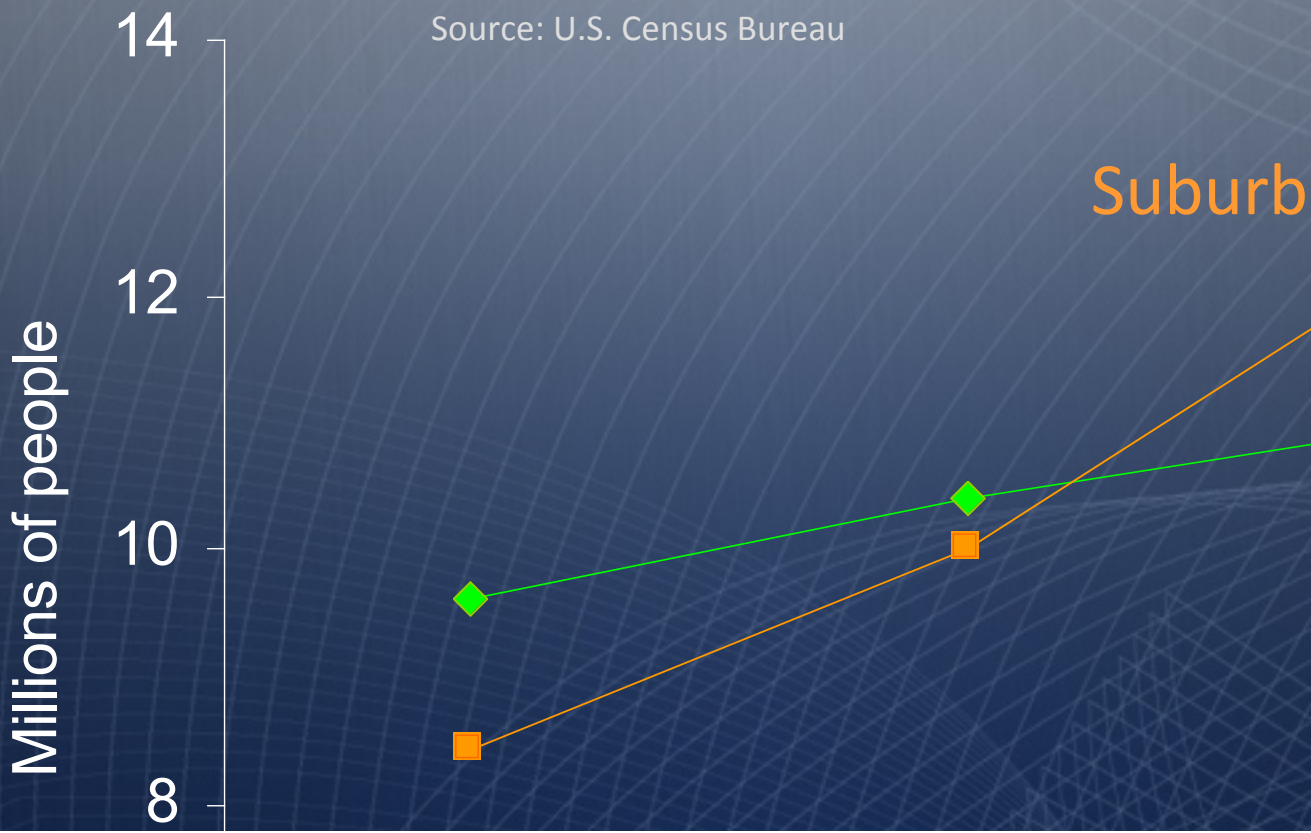
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In 2008, the official poverty thresh

- \$14,840 for one parent with one
- \$17,346 for one parent with two
- \$21,834 for two parents with tw

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

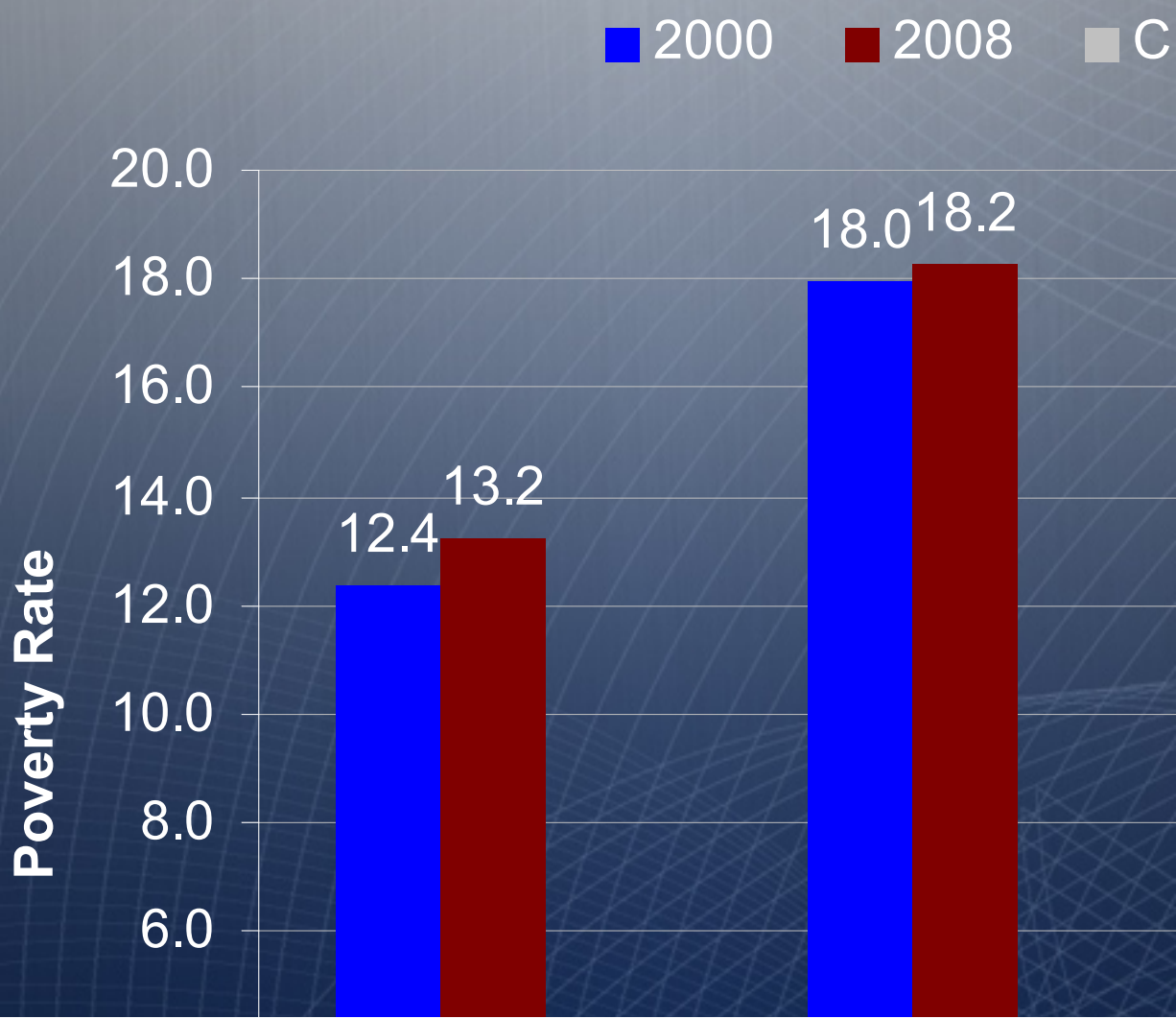


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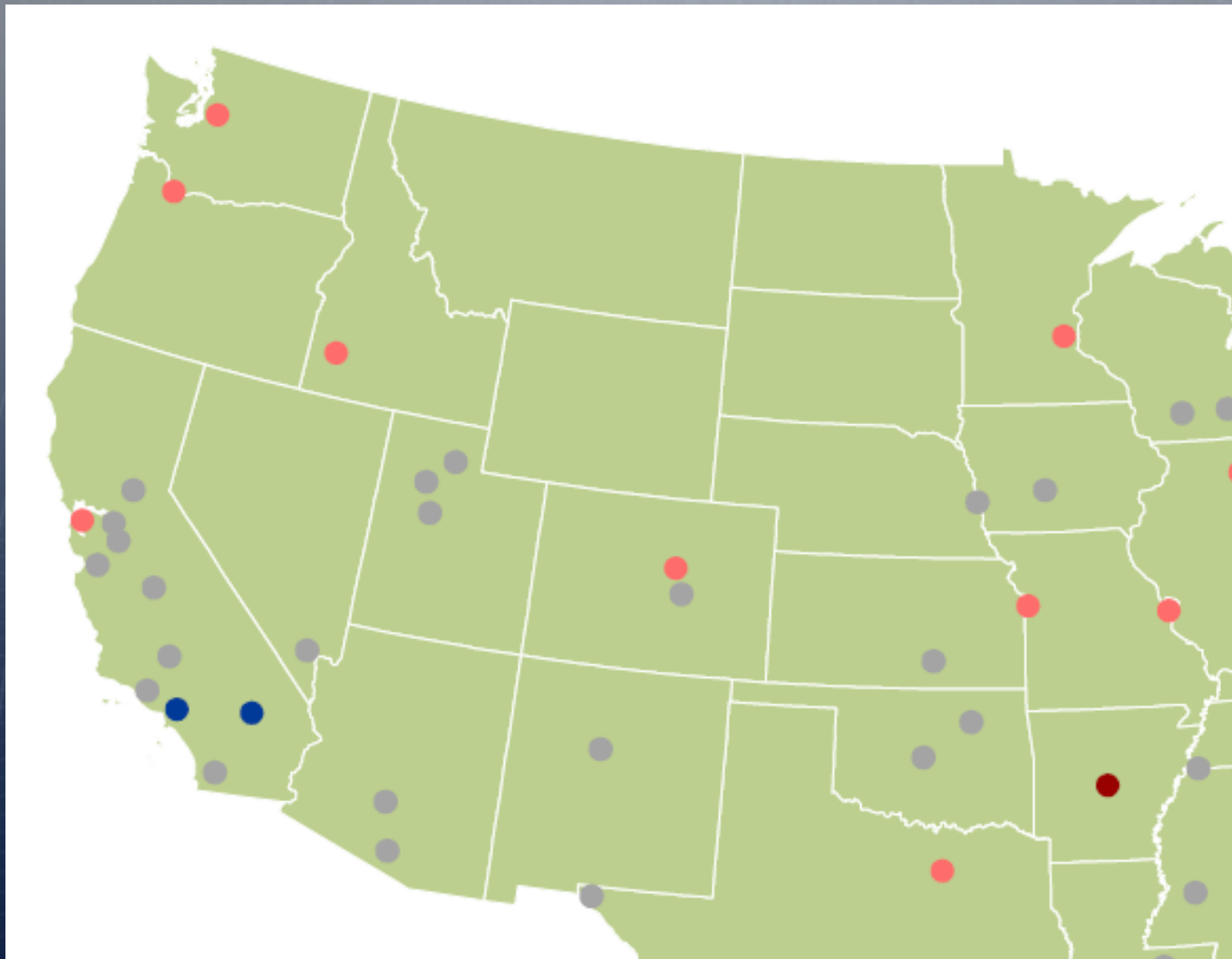
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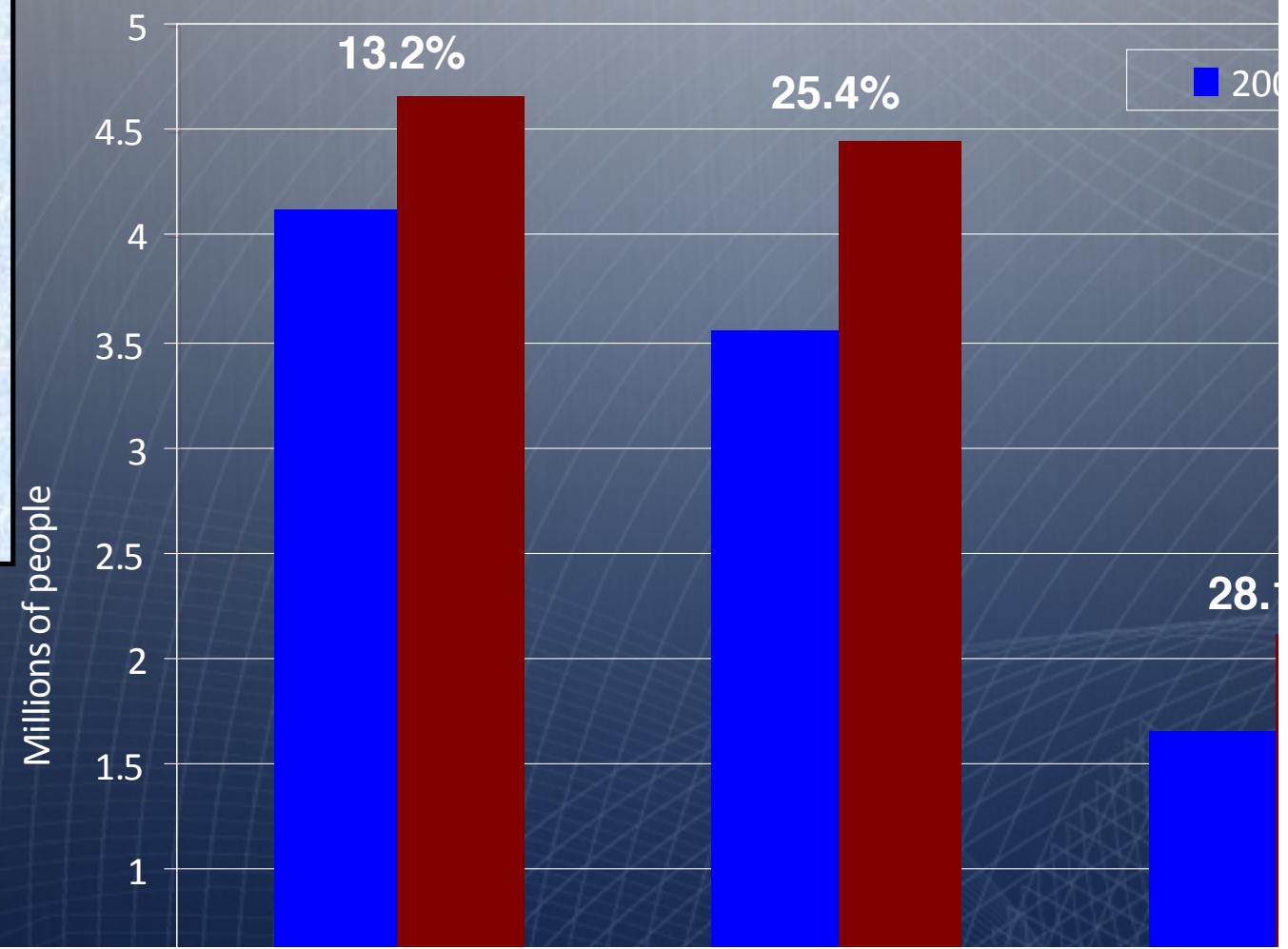
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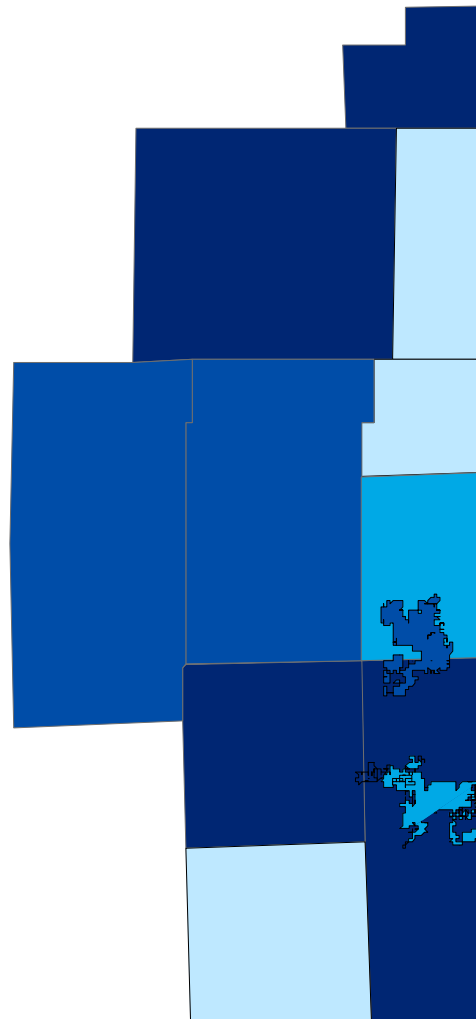
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Increases in their poor populations that

Change in poor population by city, Chicago 2000 to 2007

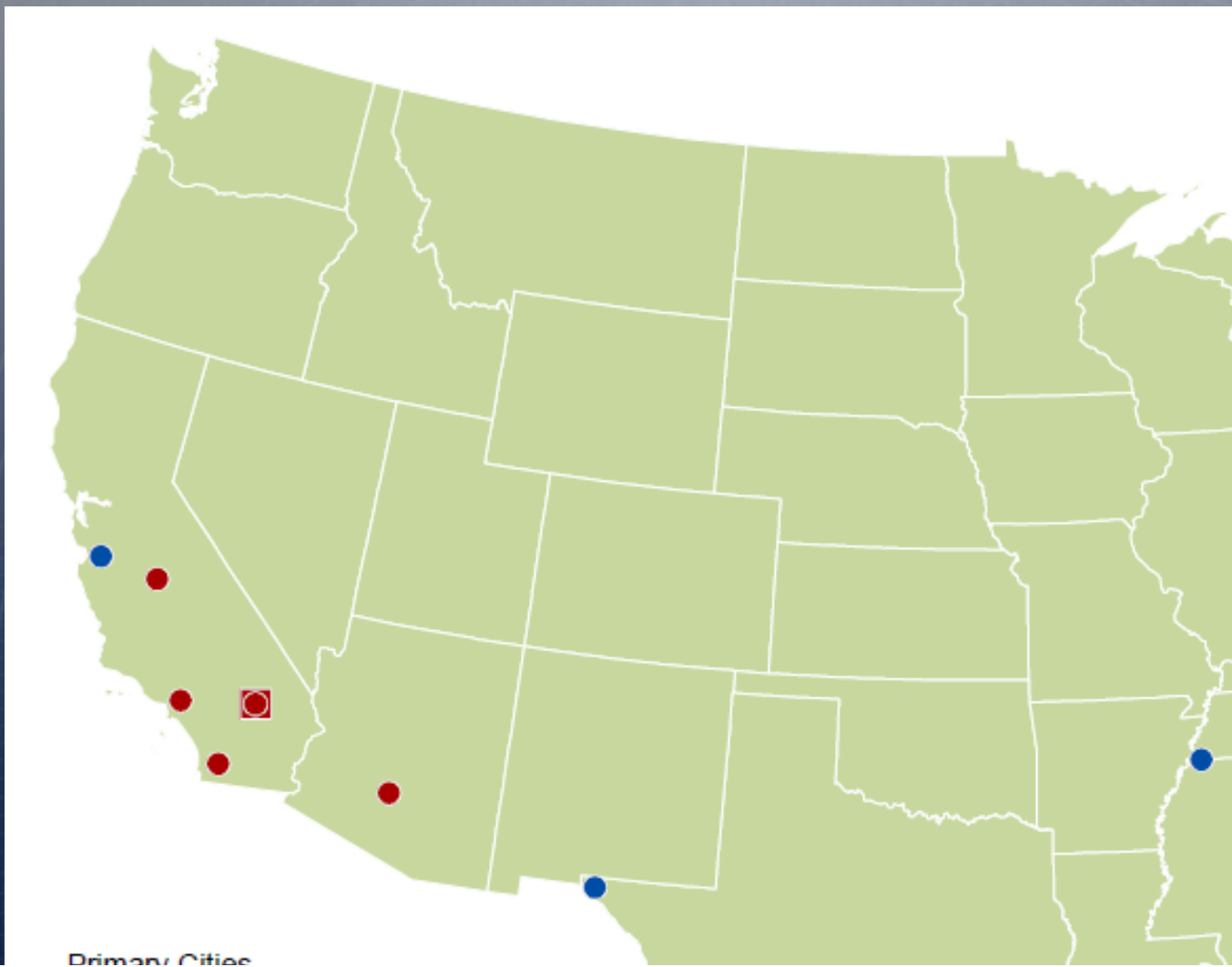
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...and dominated the lists of metro areas experiencing declines in 2008 due to the effects of the housing crisis

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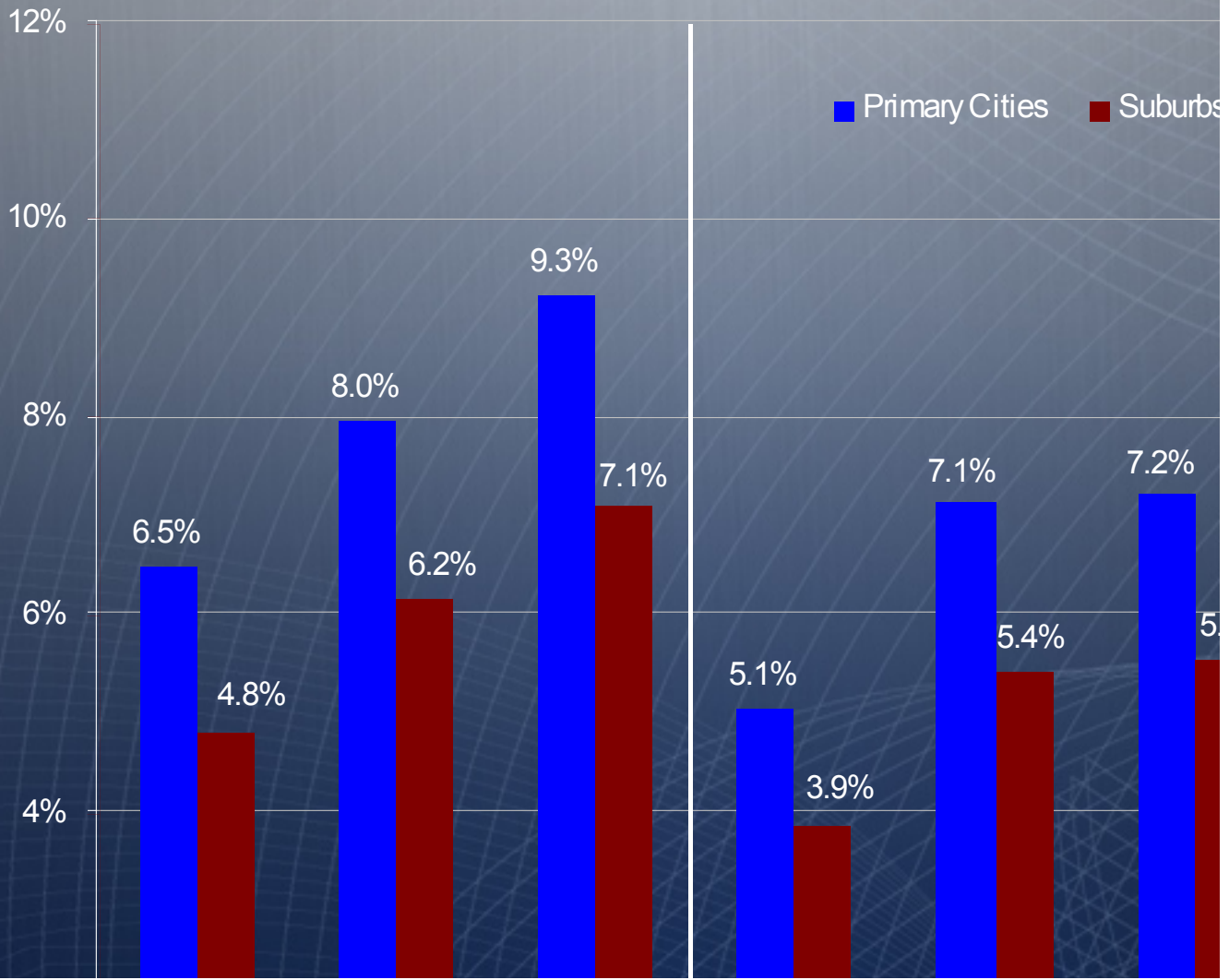
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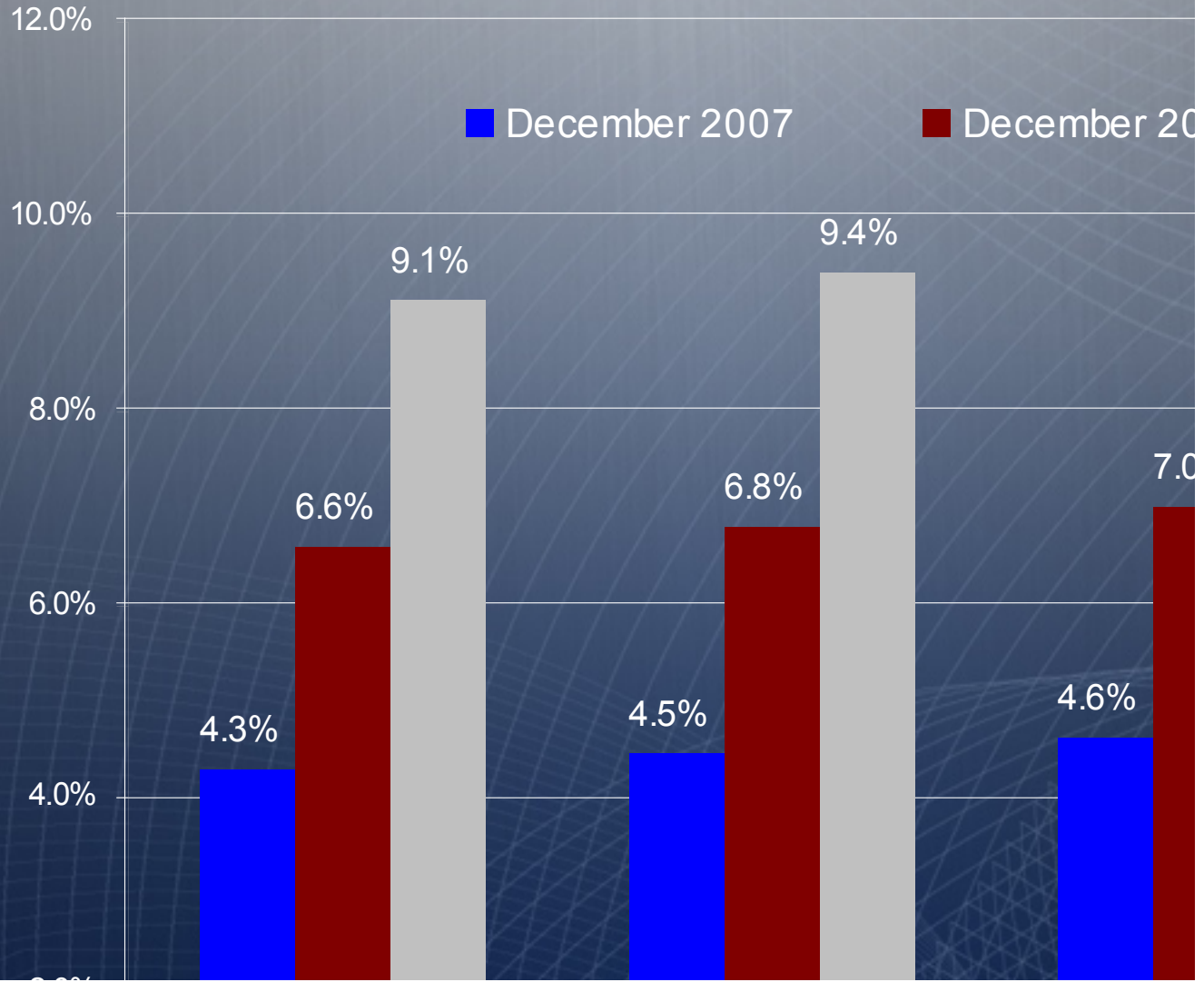
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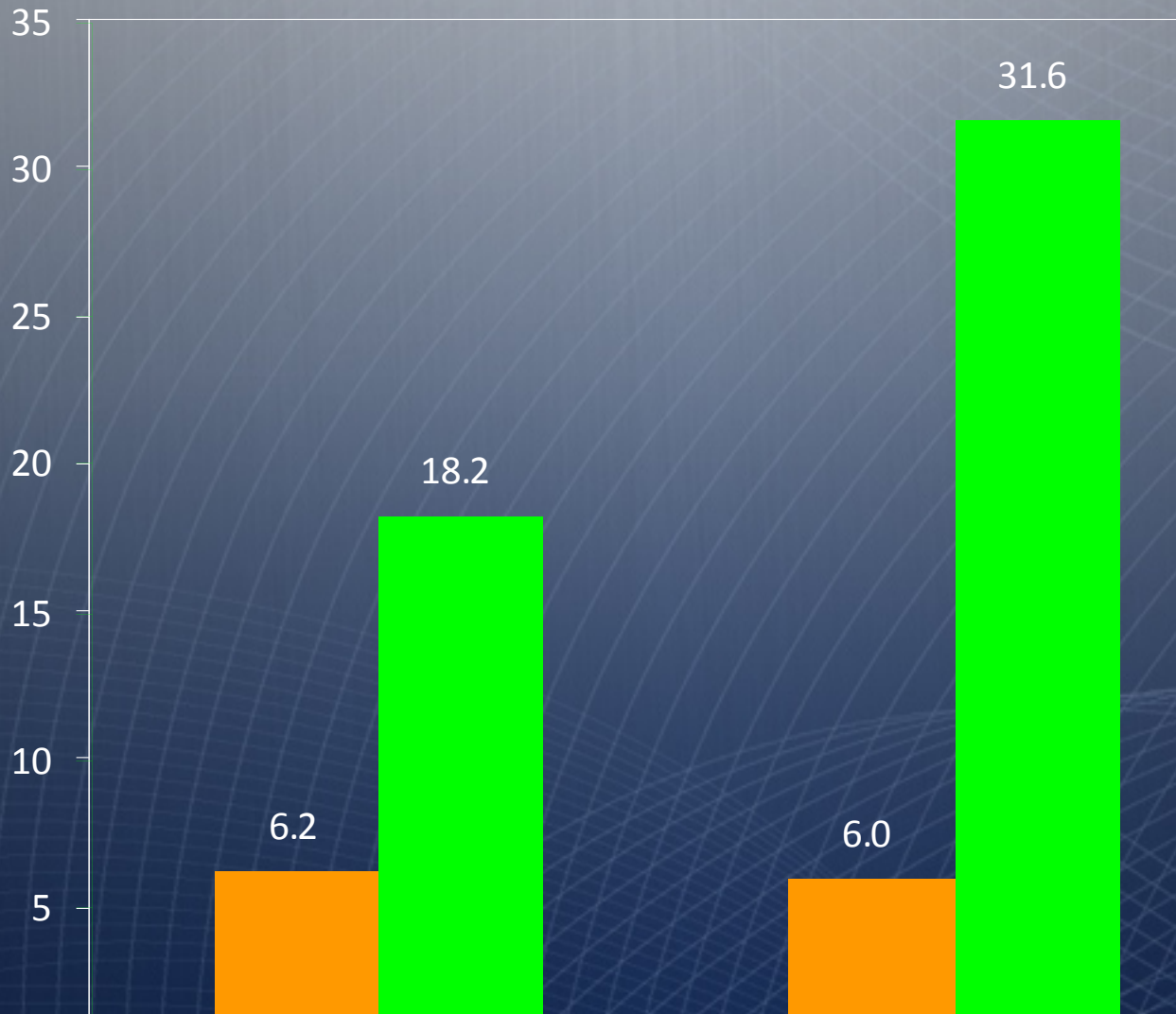
Unemployment rate, all suburbs, West metro 2000-01 and 2008-09
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Transportation—A need for place-based solu

SAFETEA-LU allocated \$38.6 billion for highways in 2009.

were explicitly tied to connecting people and jobs

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Housing—Moving toward more regional stra

Both the Administration's and HUD's FY2011 budget call f

housing choice vouchers to 'enhance housing choice for re

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Safety Net—Removing barriers to access

Agencies should identify additional flexibility in federal stat

access for harder-to-reach-families. For example, reducin

