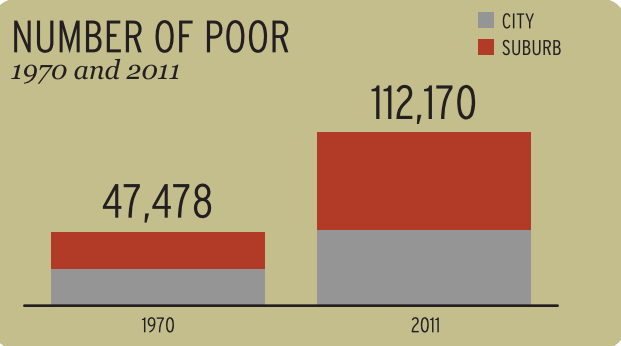


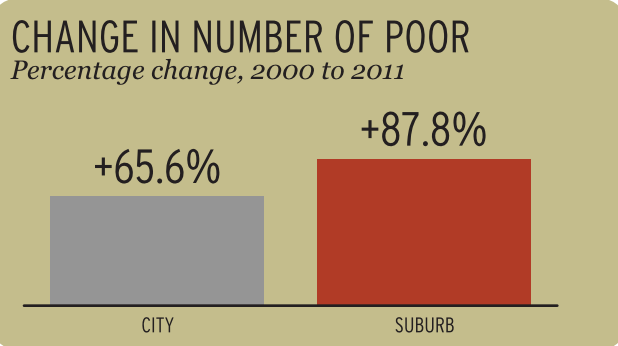
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Grand Rapids, MI Metro Area Profile

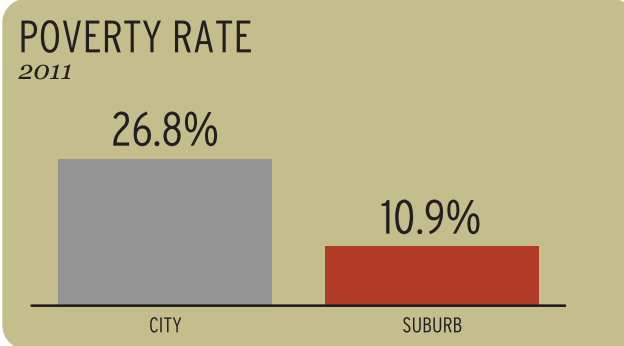
NUMBER OF POOR
1970 and 2011



CHANGE IN NUMBER OF POOR
Percentage change, 2000 to 2011



POVERTY RATE
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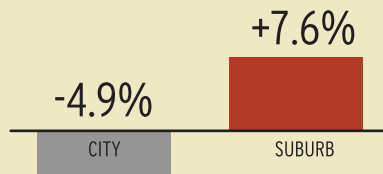


DRIVING FORCES

A number of factors help shape poverty trends over time:

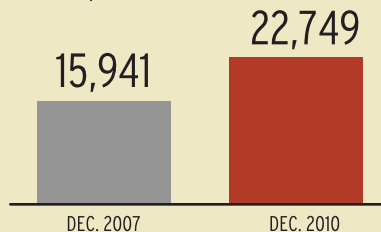
Population Change

Percentage change, 2000 to 2010



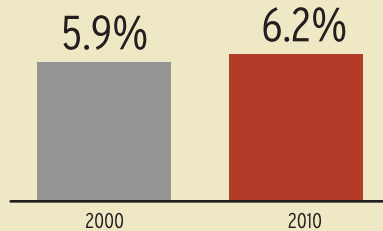
The Economy

Suburban unemployed population, Dec. 2007 and Dec. 2010



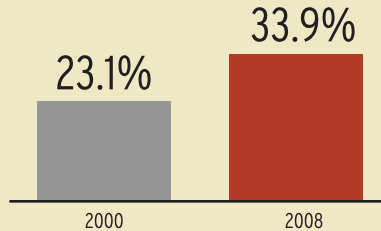
Immigration

Share of suburban poor who are foreign-born, 2000 and 2010



Housing

Share of housing choice voucher recipients in suburbs, 2000 and 2008

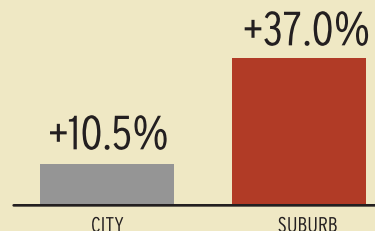


IMPLICATIONS

Shifting poverty affects existing services and infrastructure like:

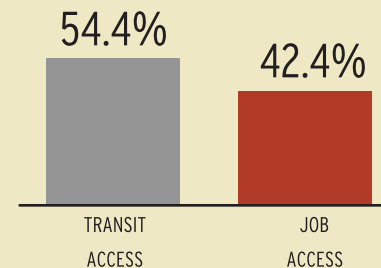
Schools

Percentage change in students receiving Free and Reduced Price Lunch, 2005-06 to 2009-10



Transportation

Share of residents in low-income suburbs with transit access, and share of jobs accessible via transit within 90 minutes



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