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Demographics & Data Team





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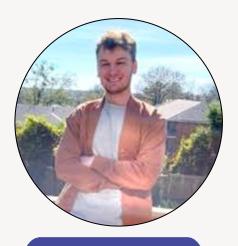
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Project Background

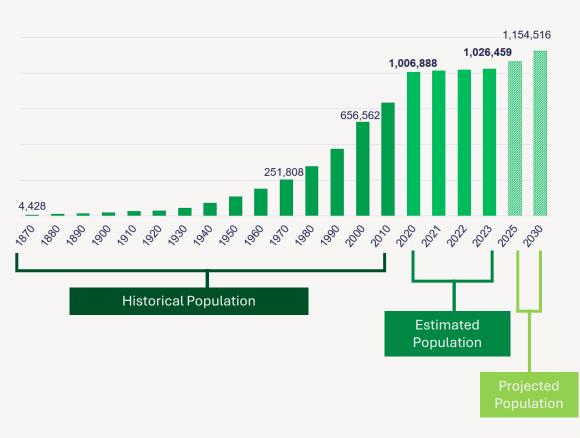
What is the DTI Forecast?



Delphi



Trends



Imagine Austin



DTI Forecast Background



- The city demographer produces city-level population projections.
- City of Austin staff identified a need for small area forecasts.
- The first DTI Forecast was produced in 2012 and updated in 2017.
- City of Austin staff further identified a need for more consistent forecasts across departments.
- Following the production of updated citywide projections using 2020 census data and new methodology, the DTI Forecast update was initiated.

DTI Project Timeline





DTI Project Kickoff

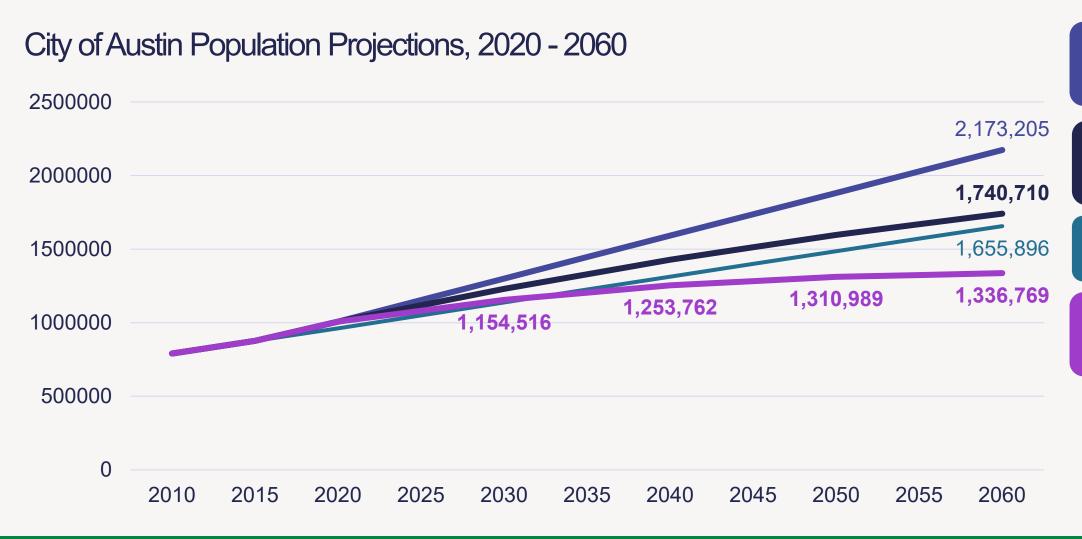
Departmental
Data Collection

Housing Unit Verification

Population Projections

Austin is projected to grow to between 1.3 and 1.7 million by 2060.





High Migration Scenario

2010s Migration Scenario

Prior Projection

Half 2010s Migration Scenario

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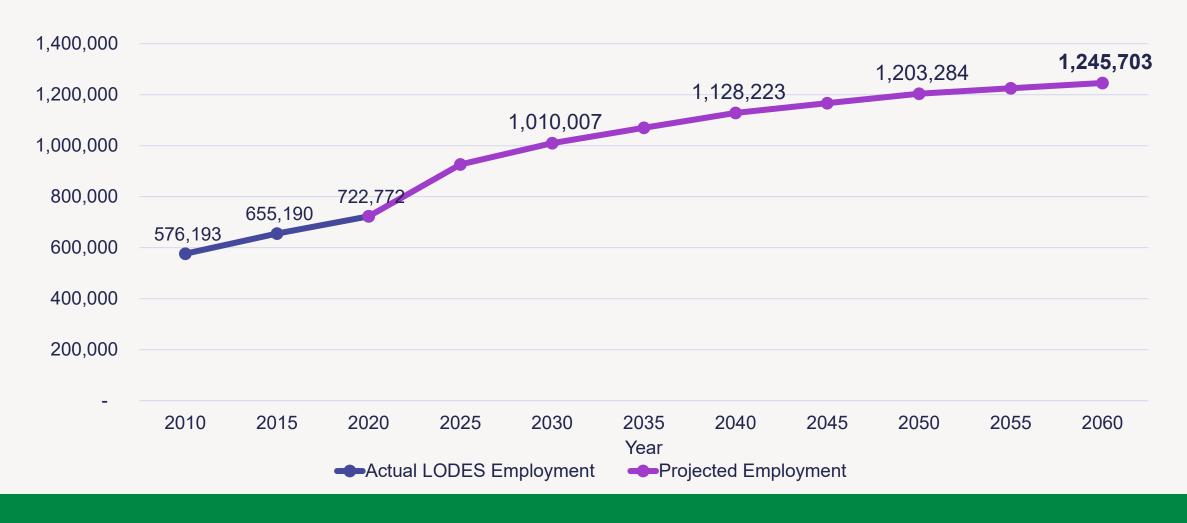
DTI Polygon Definition

Workshop Tools
Development

Employment in Austin is projected to grow to nearly 1.25 million jobs by 2060.



City of Austin Employment Projections, 2020-2060

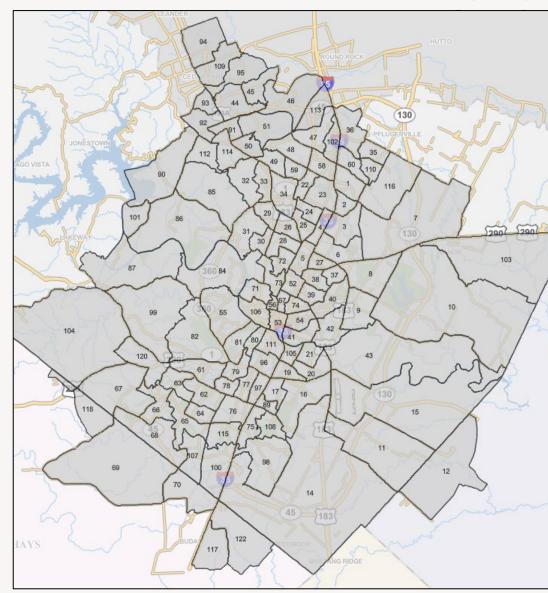


Defining Small Areas for DTI Forecast



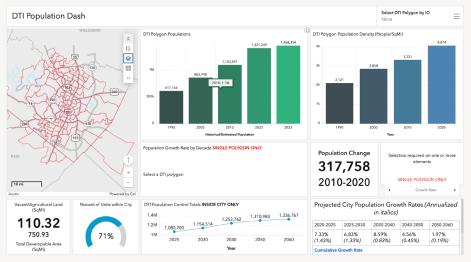
Small areas converted into DTI polygons using the following criteria:

- Build from 2020 census tract boundaries
- Cover all City of Austin jurisdictions: full and limited purpose and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)
- Aim for an average population of 10,000
- Make compact and contiguous
- Avoid splitting established neighborhoods where possible

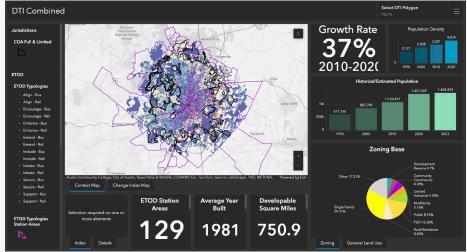


Preparing DTI Workshop Tools

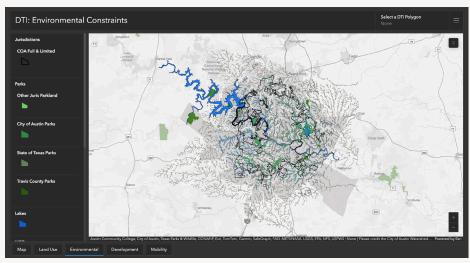




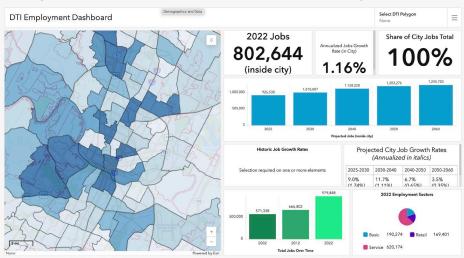
Population Trends and Projections



Propensity for Change Index



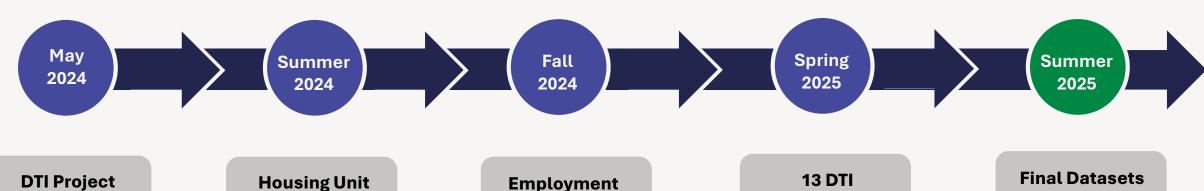
Department Data & Contextual Layers



Employment Trends and Projections

DTI Project Timeline





Kickoff

Departmental Data Collection Verification

Population Projections **Employment Projections**

DTI Polygon Definition

Workshop Tools Development

Workshops

External Partner Review

Published

Dashboard and Maps Created

Dissemination to Departments

The Delphi Process

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Fire



Twelve CoA departments were engaged for participation in discussions.





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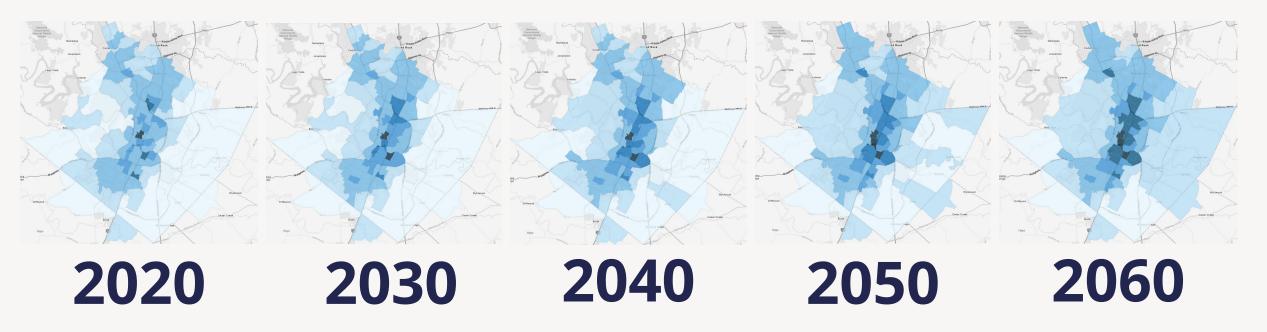
Housing

DTI Forecast: Population

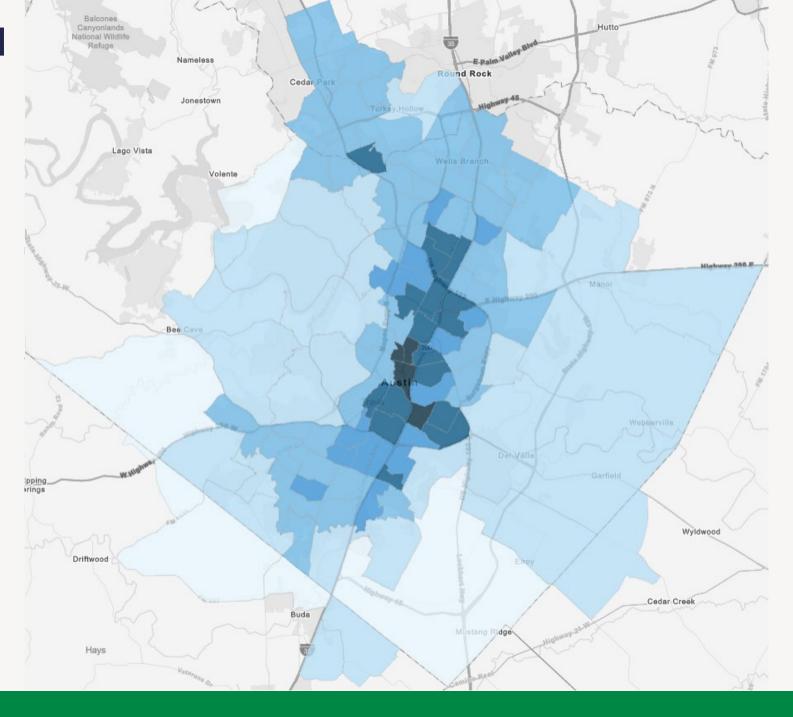
Austin's population is projected to densify in the core



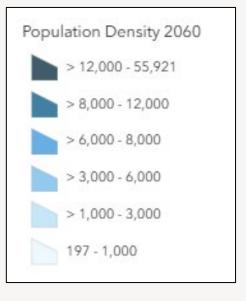
Forecasted Population Density



Forecasted Population Density 2060



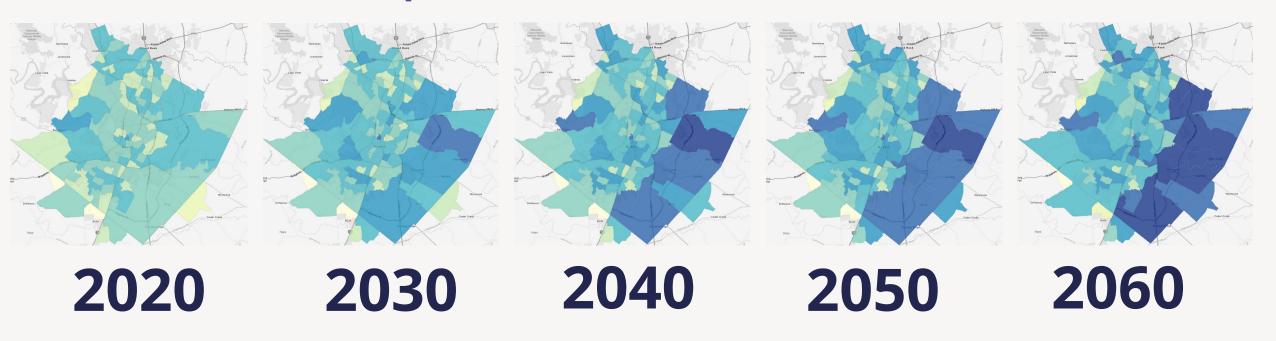




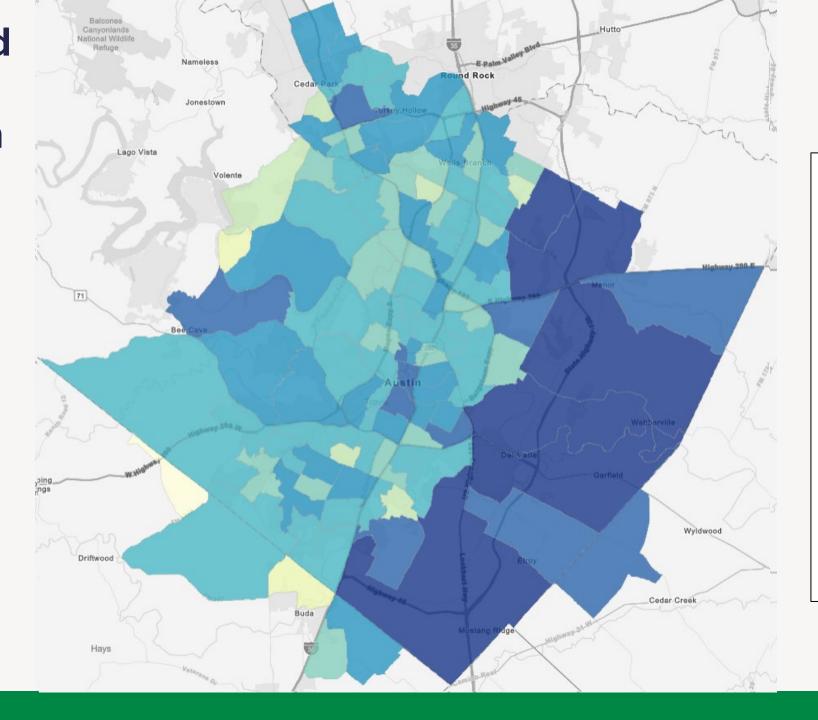
Austin's population is projected to grow by over 300,000 and expand farther East



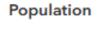
Forecasted Total Population



Forecasted Total Population 2060







Population by Decade

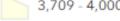
Population 2060

Total Population 2060



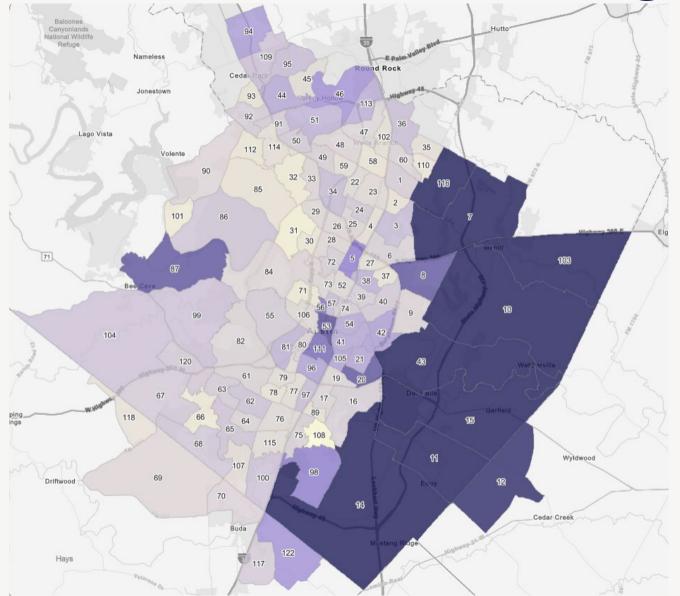


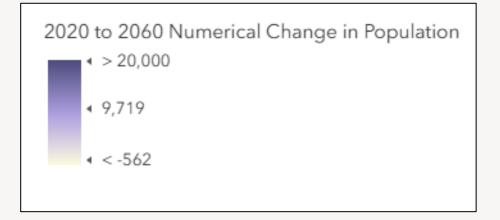




Forecasted Numeric Change in Population, 2020-2060

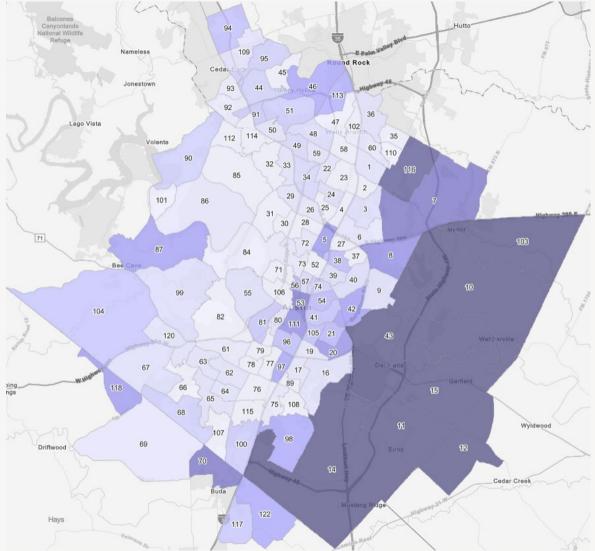


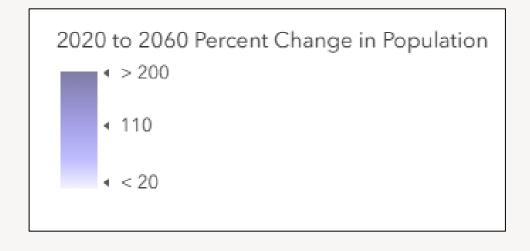




Forecasted Percent Change in Population,





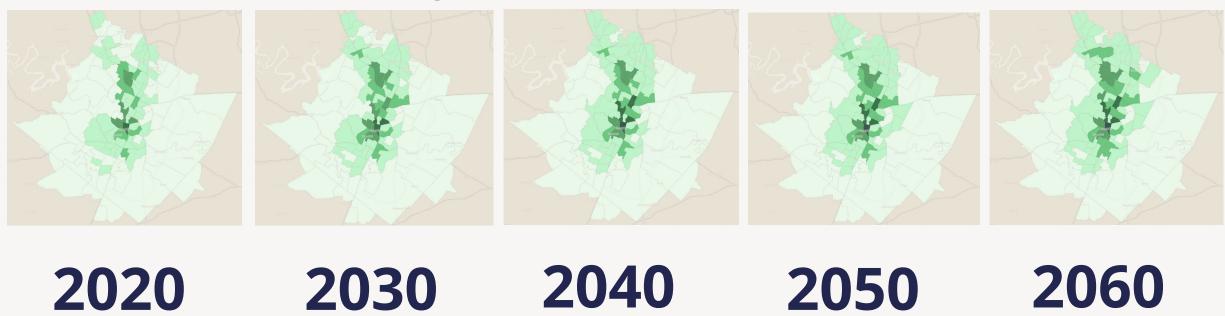


DTI Forecast: Employment

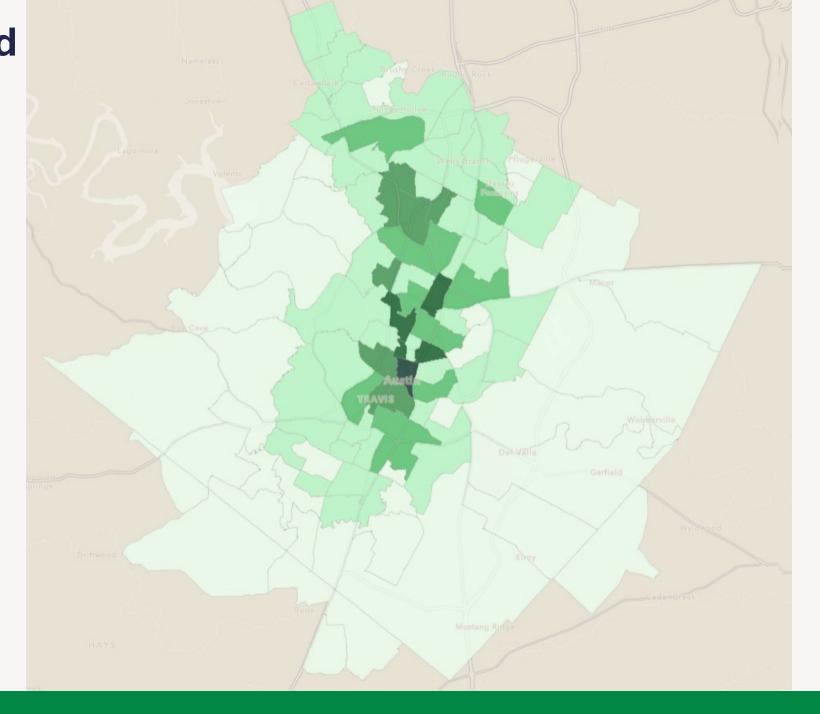
Downtown and other existing job hubs are forecasted to grow as new employment centers emerge



Forecasted Job Density



Forecasted Job Density 2060



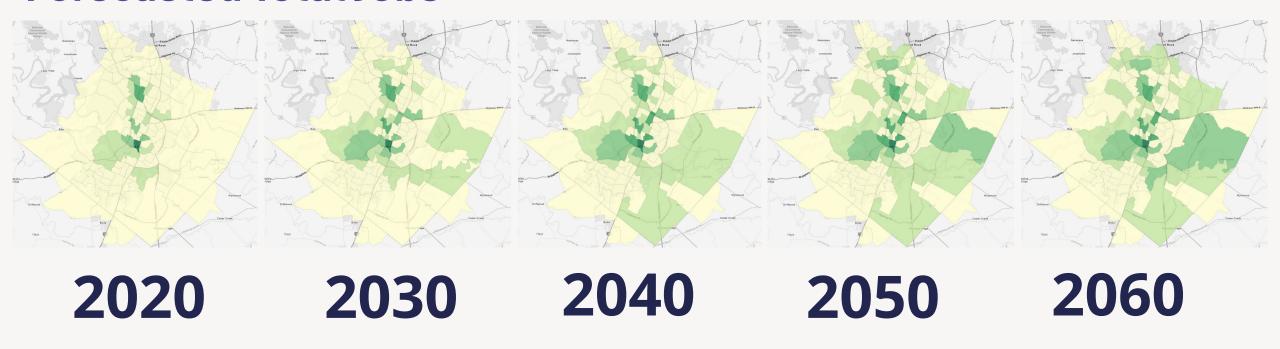




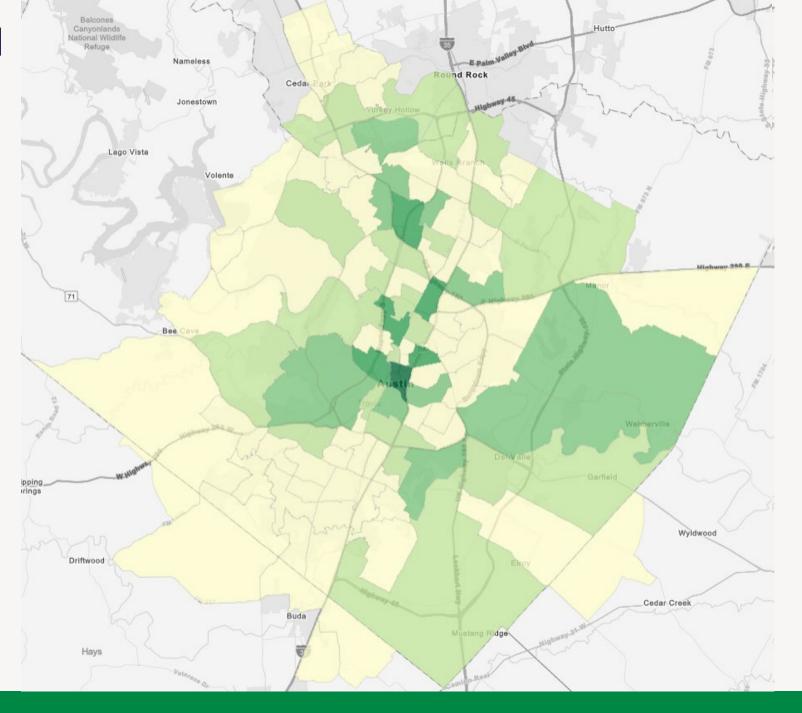
Austin is projected to add over 500,000 jobs by 2060



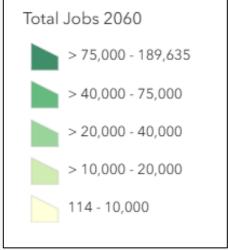
Forecasted Total Jobs



Forecasted Total Jobs 2060

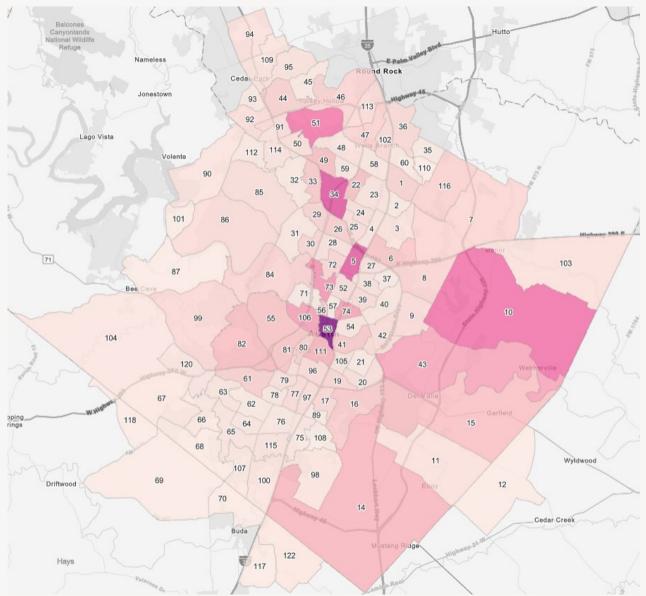


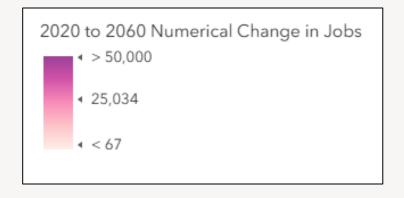




Forecasted Numeric Change in Jobs, 2020-2060

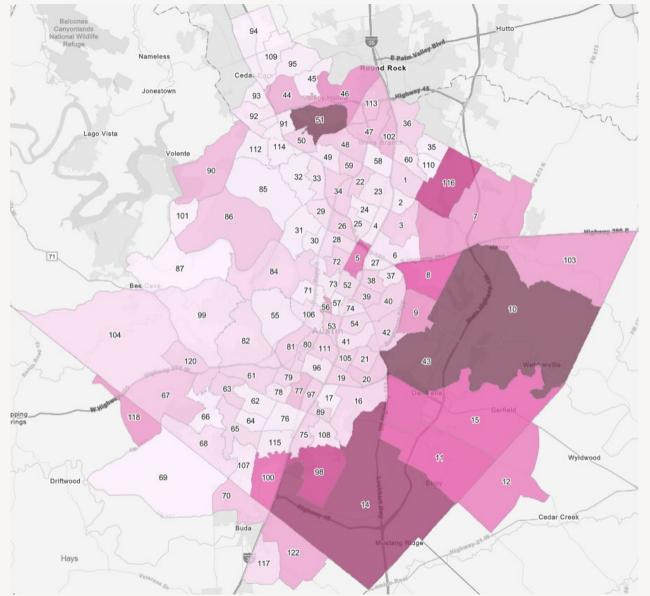


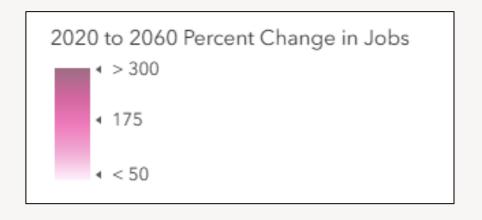




Forecasted Percent Change in Jobs, Balconses 2020-2060







Population along light rail corridor forecasted to grow by nearly 100,000 with increased density Aus



DTI Data

Use Cases and Resources

DTI Forecast Use Cases



Here are just a few ideas:

- District planning
- Water demand projections
- Metrics for monitoring infrastructure goals
- Transit planning
- Strategic planning for housing production
- Displacement mitigation
- And more!

Visit our DTI Forecast Storymap Collection!



Collection

Delphi, Trends, and Imagine Austin (DTI) Forecast, 2020-2060

Population and Employment Forecast

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Get started

The Delphi, Trends, and Imagine Austin (DTI)
Forecast is a small-area population and jobs forecast
for the decades 2020 – 2060. The forecast was
created by a multi-department working group
facilitated by the Demographics and Data Division in
the Planning Department and is intended as a
resource for city staff and leadership, community
and business organizations, and other members of
the public to use for understanding potential future
growth in the city.

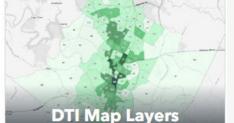
DTI stands for Delphi, Trends, and Imagine Austin and speaks to a three-pronged approach: 1. *Delphi* refers to the <u>Delphi method</u>, developed by the Rand Corporation in the 1950s to forecast future trends in the context of high uncertainty. The method brings together subject matter experts to participate in













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