

Name _____

Where to Next?

Questions to guide your in-class conversation with a partner:

- Where do I think I want to live?
- What is the cost of living where I want to live?
- What kind of job or career path am I interested in?
- What does that career pay?
- What sort of educational attainment do I need to enter that industry?

1. What things are important for you in deciding where you want to live in the future?

Using the [QuickFacts](https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045218) (<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045218>) data tool, complete the following table with data for four places where you would like to either live, work, or go to school. This can be a city, county, or state. Just go to <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts>, type in a location in the search box, and hit enter. All the data for that location will pop up on the page.

You can use **Activity Item: 15 Fastest-Growing Cities in the U.S. (Between July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018, With Populations of 50,000 or More on July 1, 2017)** to help guide your city selection, based on whether you want to live in a faster- or a slower-growing city. (You are not required to explore the cities in the activity item. This information is provided only as a reference, so you can see which cities are growing the fastest.)



	City 1: _____	City 2: _____	City 3: _____	City 4: _____
Median household income (in 2017 dollars), 2013-2017				
% of population with bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2013-2017				
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2013-2017				
Median gross rent, 2013-2017				
Population per square mile, 2010				
Persons 65 years and over, percent				
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2013-2017				

2. Based on the data you found, where do you think you want to live? Why?

3. What statistical information was most compelling to you?



4. What do you notice about the population of the city in which you'd like to live? (For example, are there more older or younger people or people with college degrees?)

5. What is the difference in the average median housing costs for rent and home ownership?

Home Extension

Take your student worksheet home and share it with an adult in your home. Ask them what influenced their decision to live in your current city and state, then tell them about what you might want to do after high school. Share that you found your data through the Census Bureau's website and ask who will be completing the 2020 Census for your household.






Word Bank and Vocabulary

Word Bank

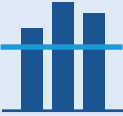



You can use the following words to help you discuss answers with your classmates and to write answers on your worksheet.

average	population	census	urban
walkability	neighborhood	education	job
affordability	rural	cost of living	career

Key Vocabulary

	Career: An occupation or job undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress
	Rural: The countryside
	Urban: A town or city
	Walkability: Whether you can walk to places in an area or must use another mode of transportation
	Population: The number of people who live in a given place
	Median: The middle point in a distribution of data



	<p>Mean: The average of a given set of data points</p>
	<p>Average: The central number in a set of data, which is calculated by dividing the sum of the values in the set by the number of items in the set</p>
	<p>Standard: The degree of wealth and material comfort available to a person or community</p>
	<p>Cost of living: The amount of money needed to sustain a certain lifestyle</p>



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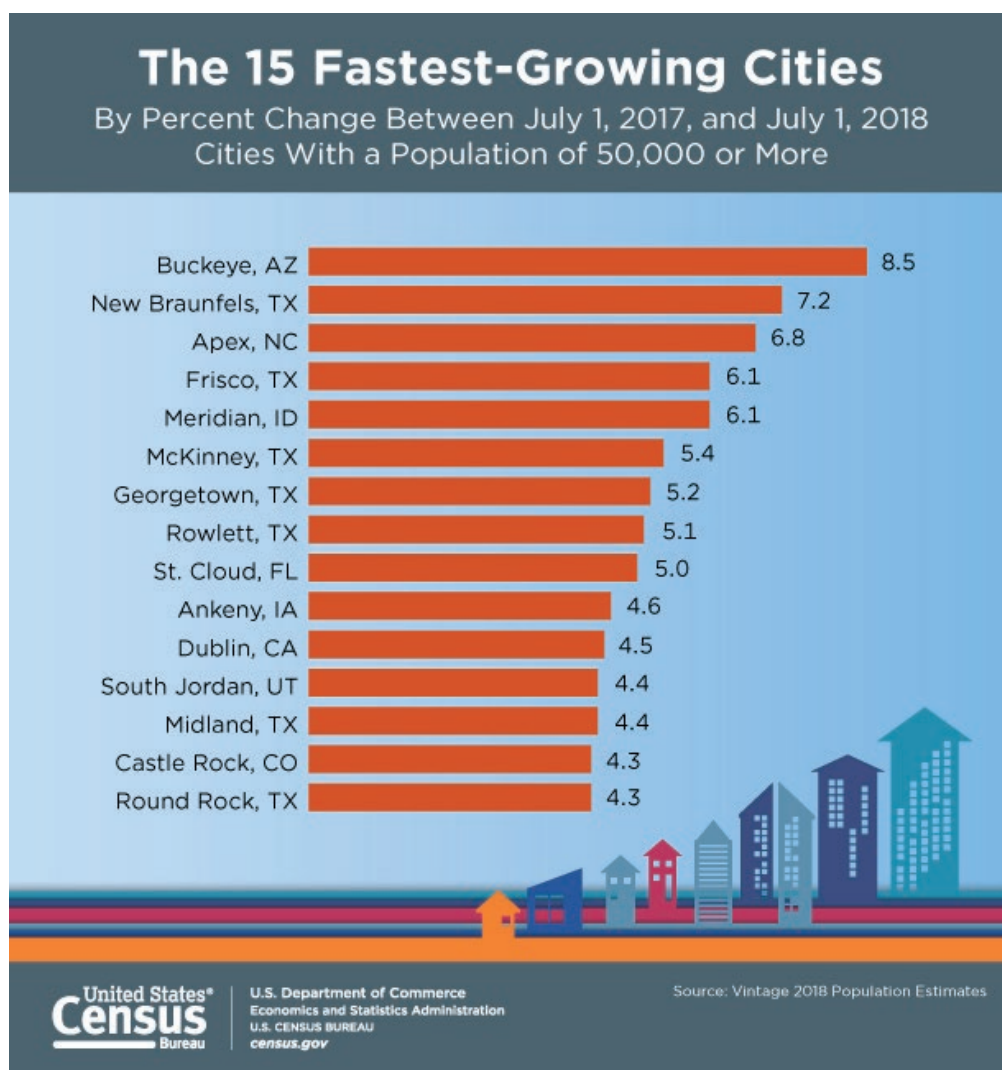
Rank	Area name	State name	Percent increase	2018 total population
1	Buckeye city	Arizona	8.5	74,370
2	New Braunfels city	Texas	7.2	84,612
3	Apex town	North Carolina	6.8	53,852
4	Frisco city	Texas	6.1	188,170
5	Meridian city	Idaho	6.1	106,804
6	McKinney city	Texas	5.4	191,645
7	Georgetown city	Texas	5.2	74,180
8	Rowlett city	Texas	5.1	66,285
9	St. Cloud city	Florida	5.0	54,115
10	Ankeny city	Iowa	4.6	65,284
11	Dublin city	California	4.5	63,445
12	South Jordan city	Utah	4.4	74,149
13	Midland city	Texas	4.4	142,344
14	Castle Rock town	Colorado	4.3	64,827
15	Round Rock city	Texas	4.3	128,739

Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 Population Estimates*

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2019/subcounty-population-estimates.html>



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Source: *The 15 Fastest-Growing Cities*

<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2019/comm/15-fastest-growing-cities.html>