Resetting the Housing Market Demographic & Economic Drivers to 2020

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Where did all that Money Go?

- \$13T home equity 2006
 - \$6T home equity 2010
- ~15%+ of homes have mortgages higher than values
- Most losses have simply vanished
- Loss of equity means
 - Less investment capital from selling/refinancing
 - Less mobility
 - Fewer second homes
 - Inability of parents to help children buy
 - Reduced retirement → More working years
 - Less tax revenue from capital gains → higher deficits

Households are Changing

Household Type	1970	2000	2030
HH with Children	45%	33%	27%
HH without Children	55%	67%	73 %
Single/Other HH	14%	31%	34%

Source: Arthur C. Nelson, Presidential Professor & Director of Metropolitan Research,
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Share of Change by Age 2010-2020

Age Group	Share of Change	
<25	21%	
25-44	21%	
45-64	11%	
65+	47%	

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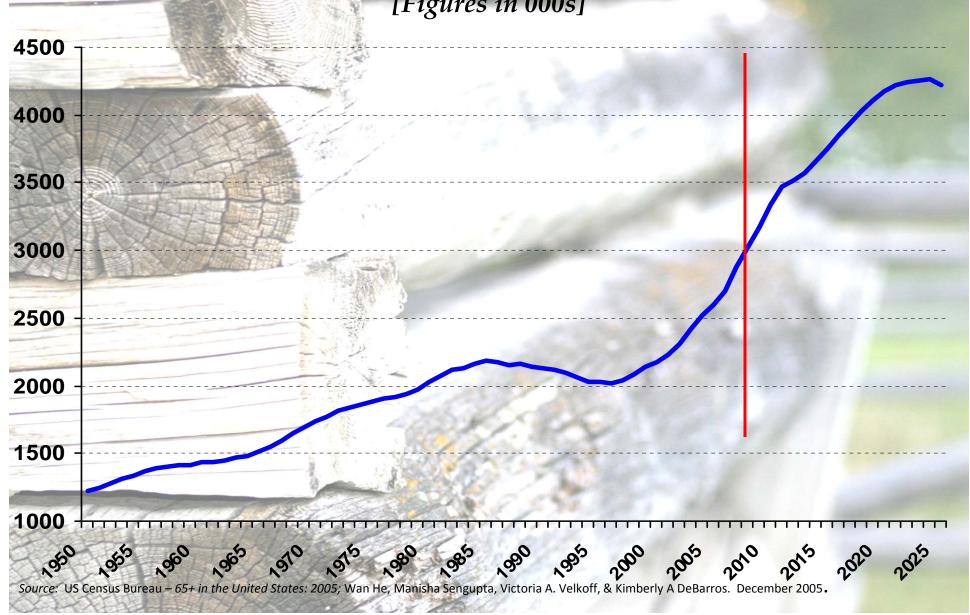
Share of Household Growth by HH Type, 2010-2020

HH Type	All
With Children	10%
Without Children	90%
Single Person	36%

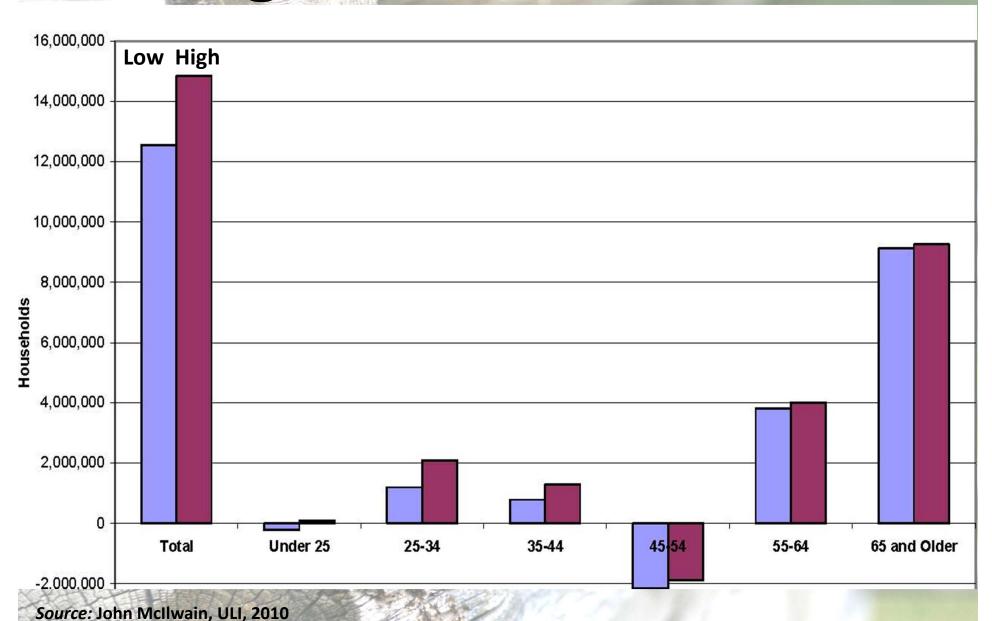
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People Turning 65 Each Year

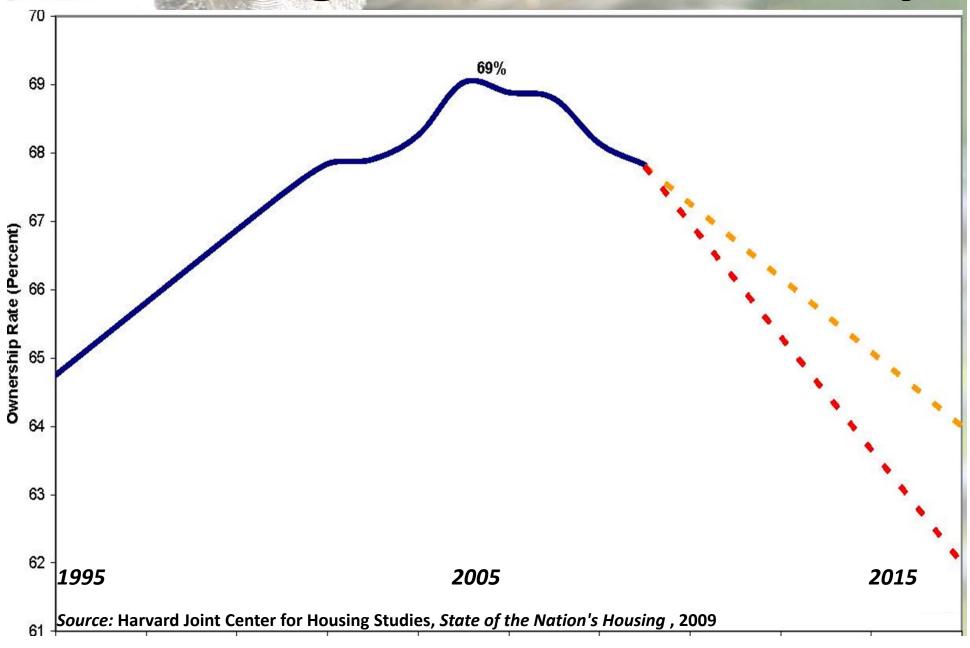
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Change in HHs 2010-2020

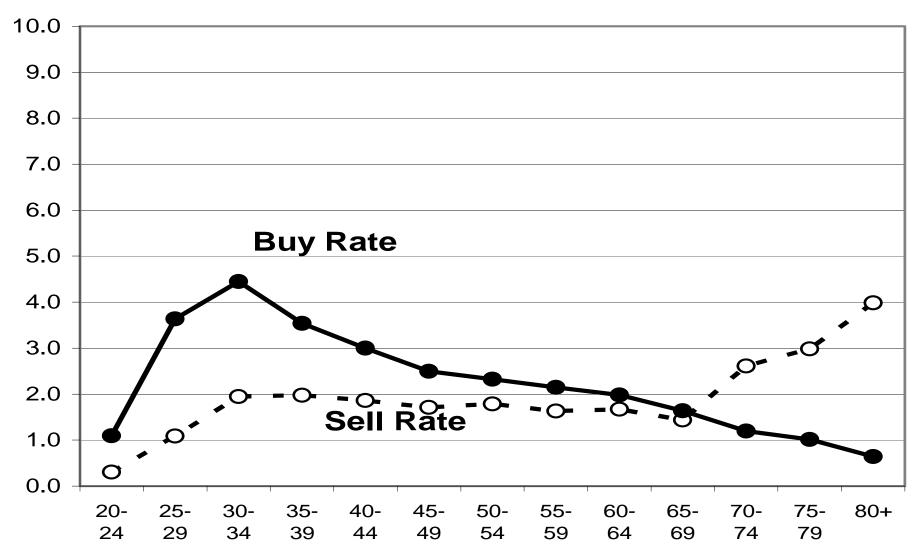


Declining Home Ownership



Buy-Sell Rates by Age Cohort

AHS

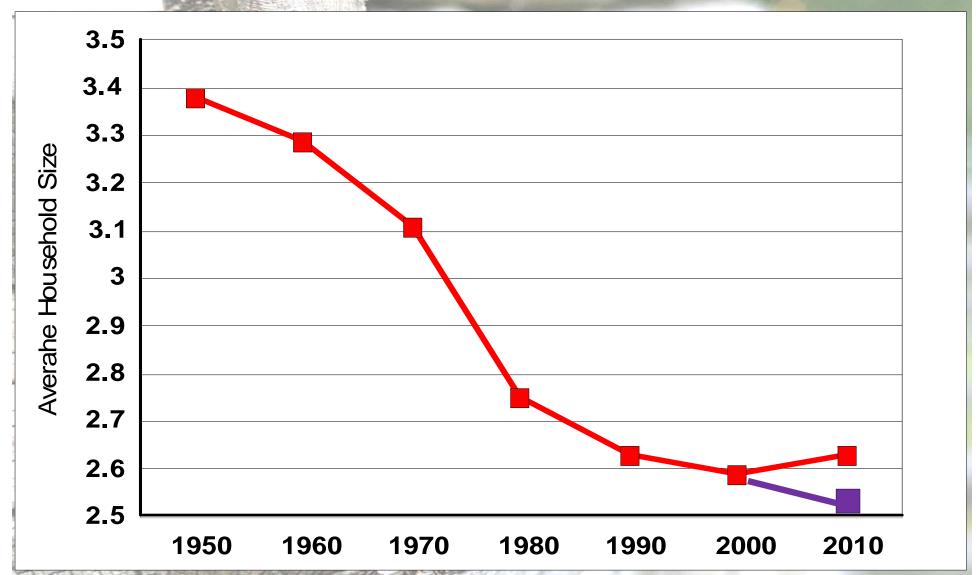


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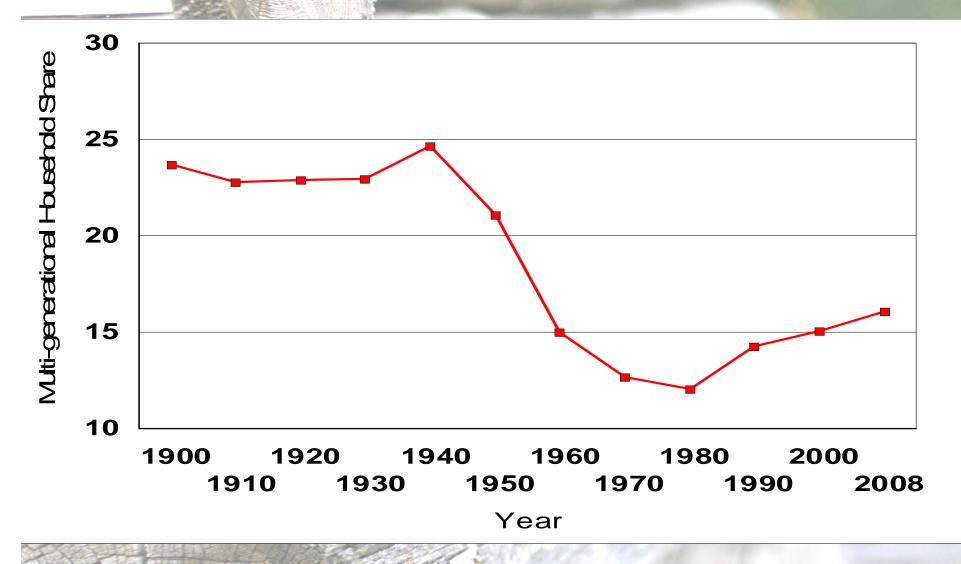
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The Ringer: Increasing HH Size



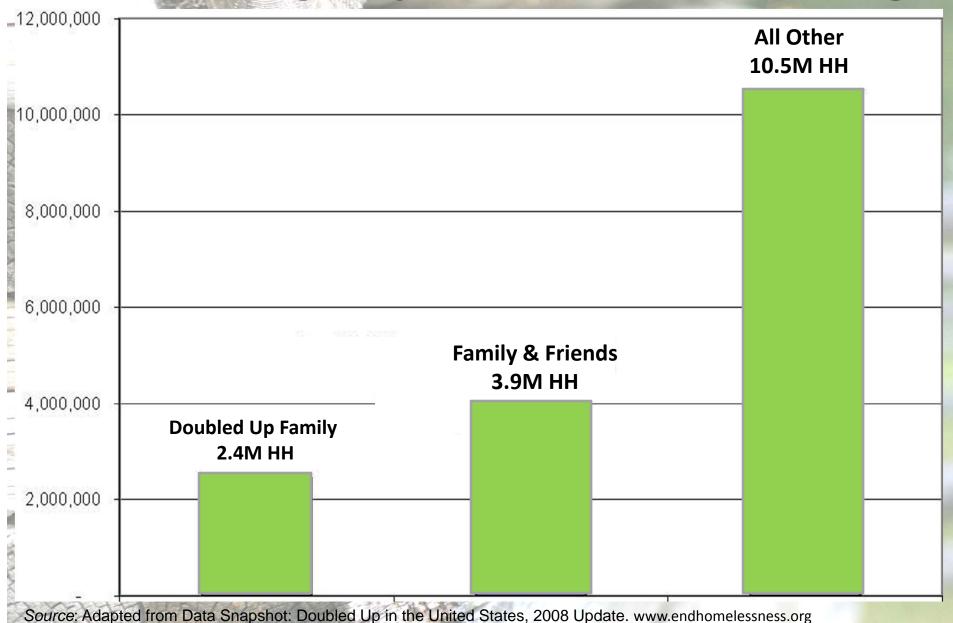
Source: Based on American Community Survey; Arthur C. Nelson, Presidential Professor & Director of Metropolitan Research, University of Utah.

Multi-Generational Households



Source: Adapted from The Return of the Multi-Generational Family Household (Pew) by Arthur C. Nelson, Presidential Professor & Director of Metropolitan Research, University of Utah.

Doubling-Up: 14% and Rising



Higher HH-Size = Excess Supply

Scenario	Figure
Population 2010 (April 1)	309.0M
Units Needed @ 2.52 HH Size, 2010a	127.3M
Units Needed @ 2.63 HH Size, 2010a	122.0M
Difference Between HH Sizes	(5.3M)

a This figure is based on total units needed excluding seasonal and migrant farmworker units and assuming the 2000 Census vacancy rate based on vacant rental and for sale units (3.7%).

Source: Census for 2000; Arthur C. Nelson for 2010.

New Housing Market Realities

- Sub-prime mortgages are history
- Alt-A mortgages problematic
- FHA-like conventional mortgages king
- "Jumbo" loans expensive
- Demand for \$1million+ homes has tanked
- Meaning
 - Smaller homes → but more people per unit
 - Smaller lots -> more attached units
 - More renters → including doubled-up renters

Tenure & Unit Change 2010-2020

Multifamily Share 2010

30%

Multifamily Share 2020

36%

MF Share of New Unit demand 2010-20

50%

Source: Arthur C. Nelson, Presidential Professor & Director, Metropolitan Research Center, University of Utah



Crystal Ball

Supply Demand Change Scenario Change House Type 2010-20 2020 2010-20 2010 2020 **Attached** 41M 56M 15M 50M 9M 37M 9M Small Lot 28M 54M 26M60N Large Lot 65M

Source: Arthur C. Nelson, Presidential Professor & Director, Metropolitan Research Center, University of Utah

Housing 2020

- A decade of resetting housing.
- Household size steady at 2.62 or increasing.
- Seniors unable to sell:
 - Rent their homes; double-up; abandon?
- Multi-generational households.
- Conversion of McMansions into informal multifamily affordable housing.
- Non-related families may double-up illegally.
- We don't really understand where we're headed.

Time to Get a Grip

- Regional fair share allocations with teeth
- Accessory apartments by right
- Enough land zoned for MF to meet needs
- Eliminate the condo financing fiasco
- Remove blood tests from zoning codes
- Remove minimum house sizes from zoning codes.
- Enable multi-family conversions of McMansions.
- Replace impacts fees and general taxes for public facilities with special district-like assessments (but that's another lecture).

