Latinxs in the Midwest: Kansas City’s Placemaking

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Latinxs in the Midwest

• Demographics and migration matter
• History and political economy matter
Percent Change in Hispanic or Latino Population by County: 2000 to 2010

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf1.pdf)
% Change in Latinx Population in Midwest States, 2000-2010

Rogelio Sáenz. “Latinos and the Changing Demography of the Heartland: Implications for the Future of the Midwest”
Latinxs in Missouri

MISSOURI: PLACE OF BIRTH (HISPANIC) IN THE UNITED STATES ESTIMATES 2010-2015

2015

Born in MO: 91,966
Born in other US states: 68,655
Foreign born: 71,926
Latinxs in Kansas City

- History and political economy matter
- Placemaking: Bad, Good, Better
- Community activism matter
Latinos are leading the region’s growth

The Latino and Asian populations had the fastest growth in the past decade, while the white population had the slowest growth.


- White: 5%
- Black: 11%
- Latino: 78%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 61%
- Native American: 8%
- Other: 51%

Latino population growth was mainly due to births among U.S.-born Latinos, and vice versa for the Asian population.


- Foreign-born Latino: 43%
- U.S.-born Latino: 57%
Demographics

People of color are driving growth throughout the region

Significant growth in the Latino population throughout the region

10. Percent Change in the Latino Population by Census Block Group, 2000 to 2010

- Decline
- Less than 54% increase
- 54% to 104% increase
- 105% to 200% increase
- 201% or more increase

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Geolytics.
Note: To more accurately visualize change, block groups with a small populations (50 or fewer people in either 2000 or 2010) were excluded from the analysis. Excluded block groups are shaded in white.
Global Capitalist Accumulation

Monopolistic SSA (1870-1930s)
Keynesian SSA (1940s-1970s)
Neoliberal SSA (1980s-)

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Cultural
Political
Economic
Ideological

History and political economy matters

Growth
Instability
Stagnation
Crisis

PLACEMAKING
The monopolistic social structure of accumulation
1900–1930s: Segregation

Map of Kansas City, KS, and Kansas City, MO - circa 1900

Map of Kansas City, Kansas, circa 1900, from the 10th edition of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Track workers circa 1920s
Source: Kansas Humanities Council
The Keynesian SSA of the postwar period: 1940s–1980s

Placemaking: Racialized urban programs

- Racial and residential segregation
- Top-down planning
- Urban renewal
- Community resistance and social services

Southwest Trafficway Circa 1950s
Source: http://www.linecreekloudmouth.com/blog/2013/09/southwest-trafficway-circa-1950s.html

Guadalupe Centers
Source: http://guadalupecenters.org/home/who-we-are/
The Neoliberal SSA: 1980s–

Placemaking:
Accumulation by dispossession and gentrification

- Neoliberal urbanism
- Community activism and planning
Conclusion

— Demographics and migration matter
— History and political economy matter
— Placemaking: Bad, Good, Better
— Community activism and culturally sensitive planning matter
Thanks!