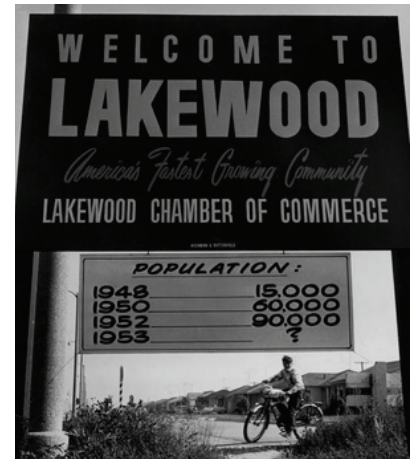
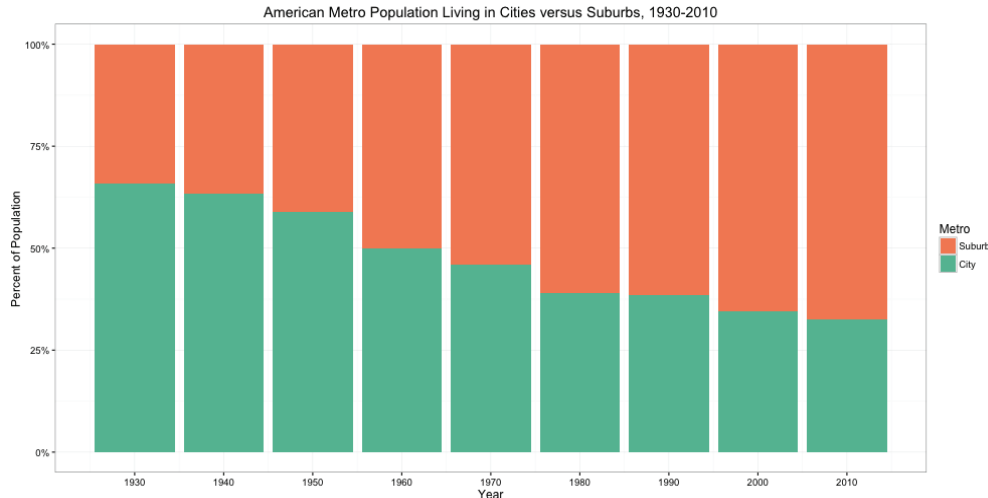


B. Postwar Suburbanization: 1945 - 1980

Context: Suburban homes became a symbol of prosperity after WWII, and the nation's suburban population exploded during this era. Contributing to suburbanization were federal housing policies like the **G.I. Bill** (1944), Cold War era defense spending, and the **Interstate Highway Act (1956)**. California became the center of the U.S. Aerospace industry after World War II, with suburbs like Lakewood, CA supporting a growing population of defense industry workers in nearby factories like Boeing and Douglas Aircraft. Like most of the nation, California suburbs developed into largely white, middle-class populations with few racial minorities. Use the Census data and images to answer the questions that follow.

Documents B. 1 - Suburbanization in California and the United States



source: <https://journeys.dartmouth.edu/censushistory>

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(U.S. Census)

(Lakewood Chamber of Commerce)

1. According to the data, in what year did the nation's suburban population pass the nation's urban population? Why did this occur?
2. Lakewood, CA (just outside of Los Angeles), was one of Southern California's first large suburbs and home to many defense industry workers and military personnel stationed in nearby bases. What happened to Lakewood's population from 1948-1953?