

As S.A. grows, folks go north and west

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Despite years of effort by city leaders to revitalize San Antonio's downtown neighborhoods, thousands of residents flocked to sprawling subdivisions on the far North and West sides in the past decade, while the inner city lost residents.

The latest population figures from the 2010 census show the siren song of the outlying suburbs remains irresistible. More than 156,000 people — roughly the population of the Texas city of Pasadena — moved outside Loop 1604 between U.S. 90 and Interstate 35, according to population data analyzed by the San Antonio Express-News.

The sprawl accounted for almost half of the county's growth.

The suburban sprawl

Change in population for specific areas in and around San Antonio, 2000-2010

	2010 POPULATION	2000 POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF TRACTS
Outside Loop 1604 from Hwy 90 on the West Side to I-35 on the Northeast Side	223,750	67,260	156,490	233%	43
Inside Loop 410	672,648	667,876	4,772	1%	154
Inner city	253,333	261,151	-7,818	-3%	65

In and around downtown

Data and mapping analysis by Database Editor KELLY GUCKIAN

Source: U.S. Census

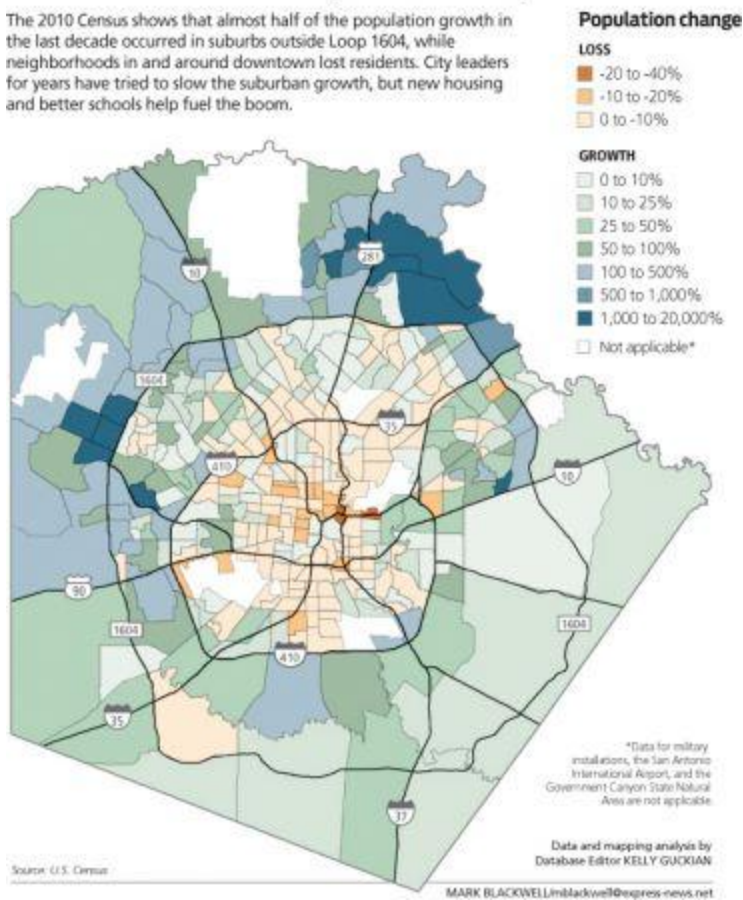


Note: Data for military installations, the San Antonio International Airport, and the Government Canyon State Natural Area are not applicable.

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Suburbs continue to boom, while inner city declines

The 2010 Census shows that almost half of the population growth in the last decade occurred in suburbs outside Loop 1604, while neighborhoods in and around downtown lost residents. City leaders for years have tried to slow the suburban growth, but new housing and better schools help fuel the boom.



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