#### A Snapshot of the Built Environment

- Urban Situation
  - U.S. 80% urban
  - Even Missour-ah is 70% urban





### **Next Few Minutes**

- Overview
  - Geography
  - Data
  - Examples



Open (!) to Questions

# Dichotomy

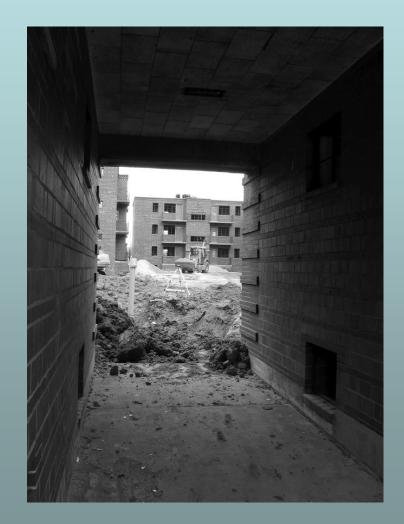
- Geography
  - Complex
    - Accuracy
    - Depends on user
  - New technology
    - GPS
    - Personal/private?
- Data
  - Old paradigm
  - Only constant is change





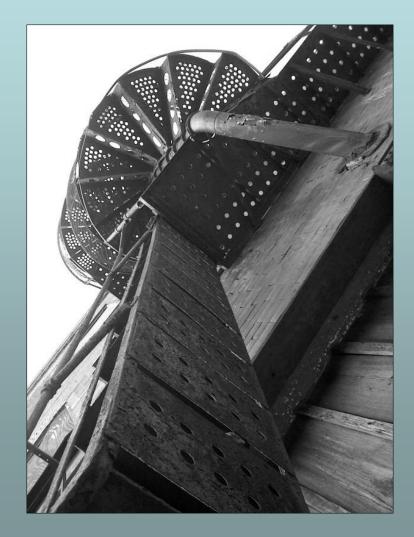
# Geography

- Experts- out of my league
  - Geographers
  - Demographers
  - Data centers
- The rest of us
  - Librarians
  - iPhone users
  - Where 2.0
  - Neogeography



#### Data

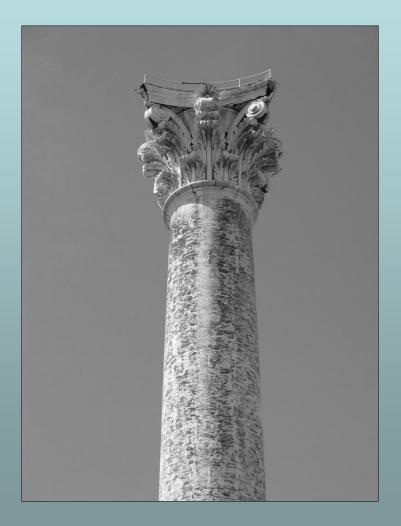
- Less is more NOT
  - Rolling survey
  - Demand for constant updates
  - Accuracy
  - Funding
  - Private v Public
  - Pay to play



### More Data

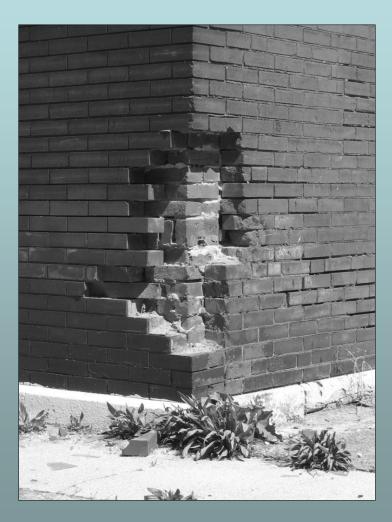
#### Census

- Best over time
- Changing definitions
- Complex
- Easy access
- No health data
- No crime data
- And no religion too
  - My apologies to John Lennon



## More Data

- Not your father's Census
  - Many data sources now include "geographic identifiers"
    - BLS
    - HUD
    - DOJ
    - DOD
    - EPA
    - DATA.gov
    - ETC...



## More Geography

#### New sources

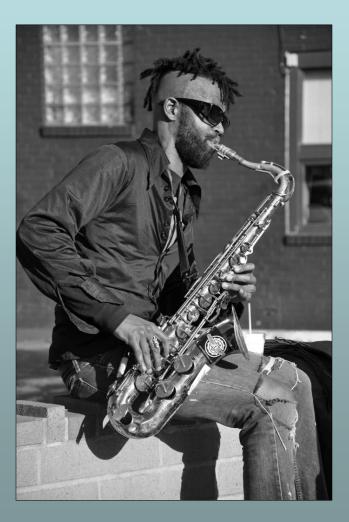
(other than Census)

- Define your "accuracy"
- Radius and other nonlinear measures
- More "allocation" required
- Point source or not
- Currency



# Pay to Play

- Private providers
  - Claritas
  - Google
  - GeoLytics
- Quasi-governmental
  - Local and county
  - Agencies
  - Organizations
- Validity and reliability



# More Pay to Play

- Software
  - Easy is the new hard
  - More demands
  - "Anyone" can make a map
- Updating
  - No one budgets for updates
  - No one budgets for historical preservation



## Urbanistas

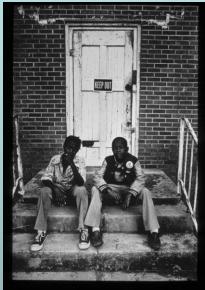
- Mashups
  - New research questions
  - New services
  - New processes
  - New problems
    - Privacy
    - Vulnerability
    - Elitist





## More Urbanistas

- Urban complexities
  - Inner cities
  - Ring suburbs
  - Exurbs
- Everybody (?) has:
  - GPS phone
  - Web site
  - Blog
  - Twitter





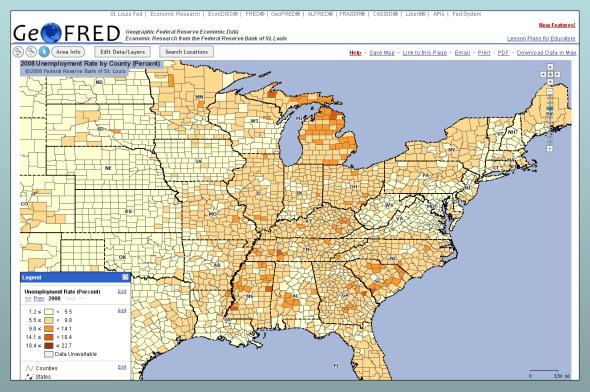


- Research
- Public good
- Entrepreneurial



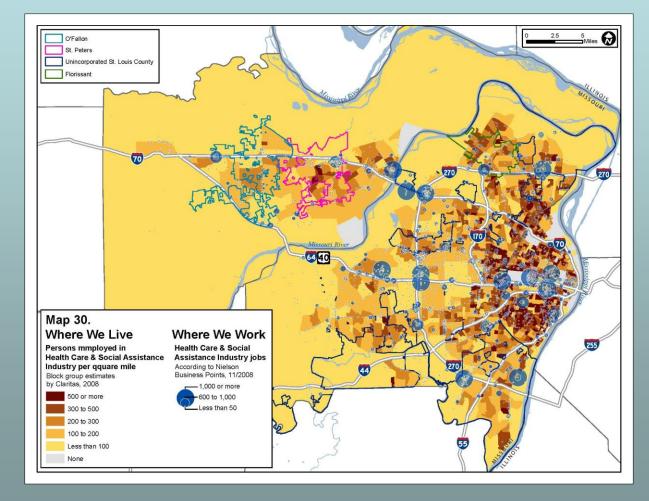
#### DATA.gov – Brand new from Uncle Sam

Public good



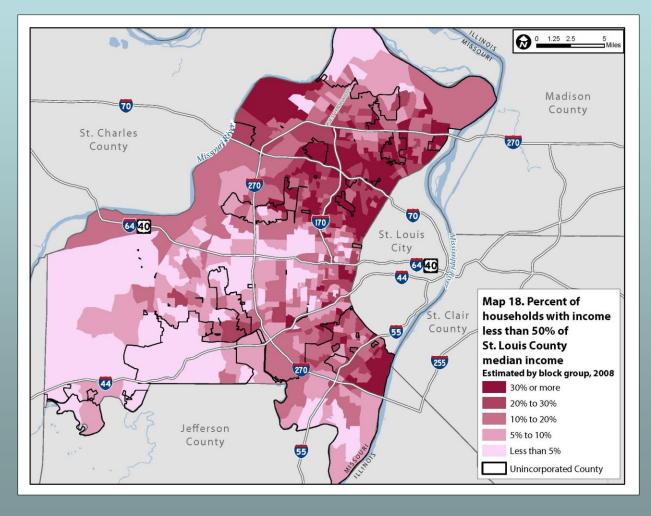
GeoFred – The St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank

Research



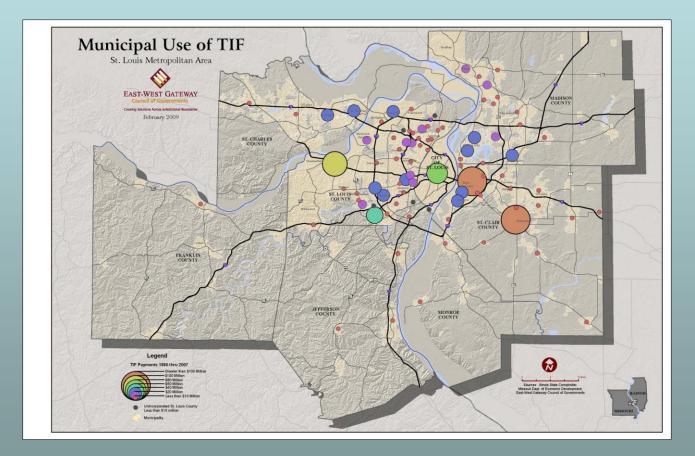
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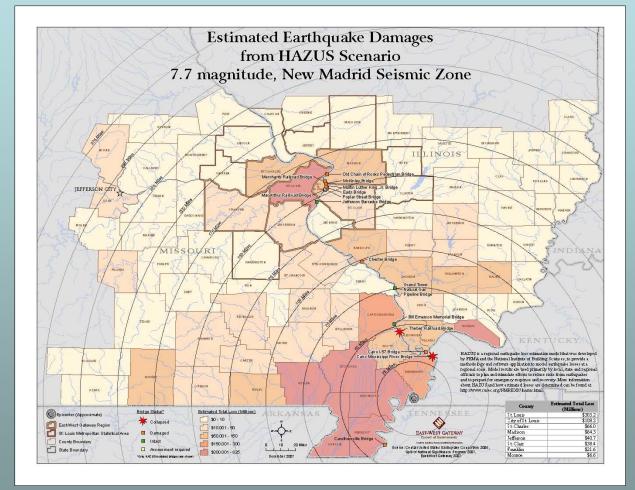
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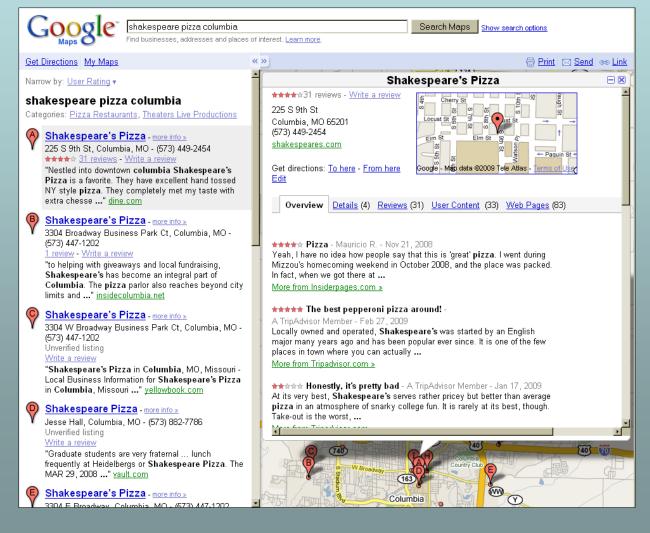
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#### Entrepreneurial

My stomach is growling...



#### Entrepreneurial

Our starting point this morning...

#### our stores

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<u>Drive to store</u> Drive from store

Send to mobile Invite a friend to meet here Upcoming events near here



#### Microsoft Virtual Earth

#### Where do we go from here?



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