

# *Analyzing Demographic Data for Transportation Planning*

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# Project Background

- **Traffic study for potential improvements**
  - **Case study in San Antonio**
- **Data needs**
  - **Traffic**
  - **Speed Delay**
  - **Population and employment baseline**
  - **Origin and Destination data**

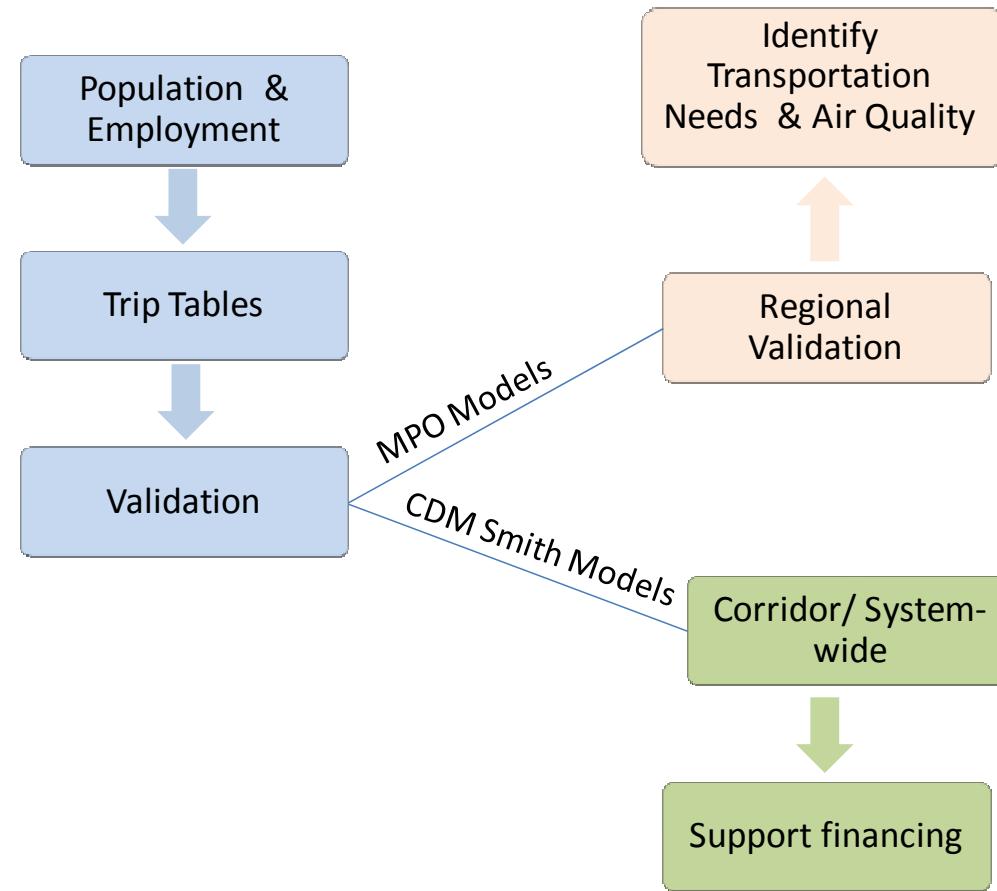
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- Population and employment are the key drivers for the trips, which in turn impacts traffic
- We are dealing with a high volume of data that needs to be reviewed, compiled and analyzed using technology
- Without digitization, manual effort takes several weeks/months

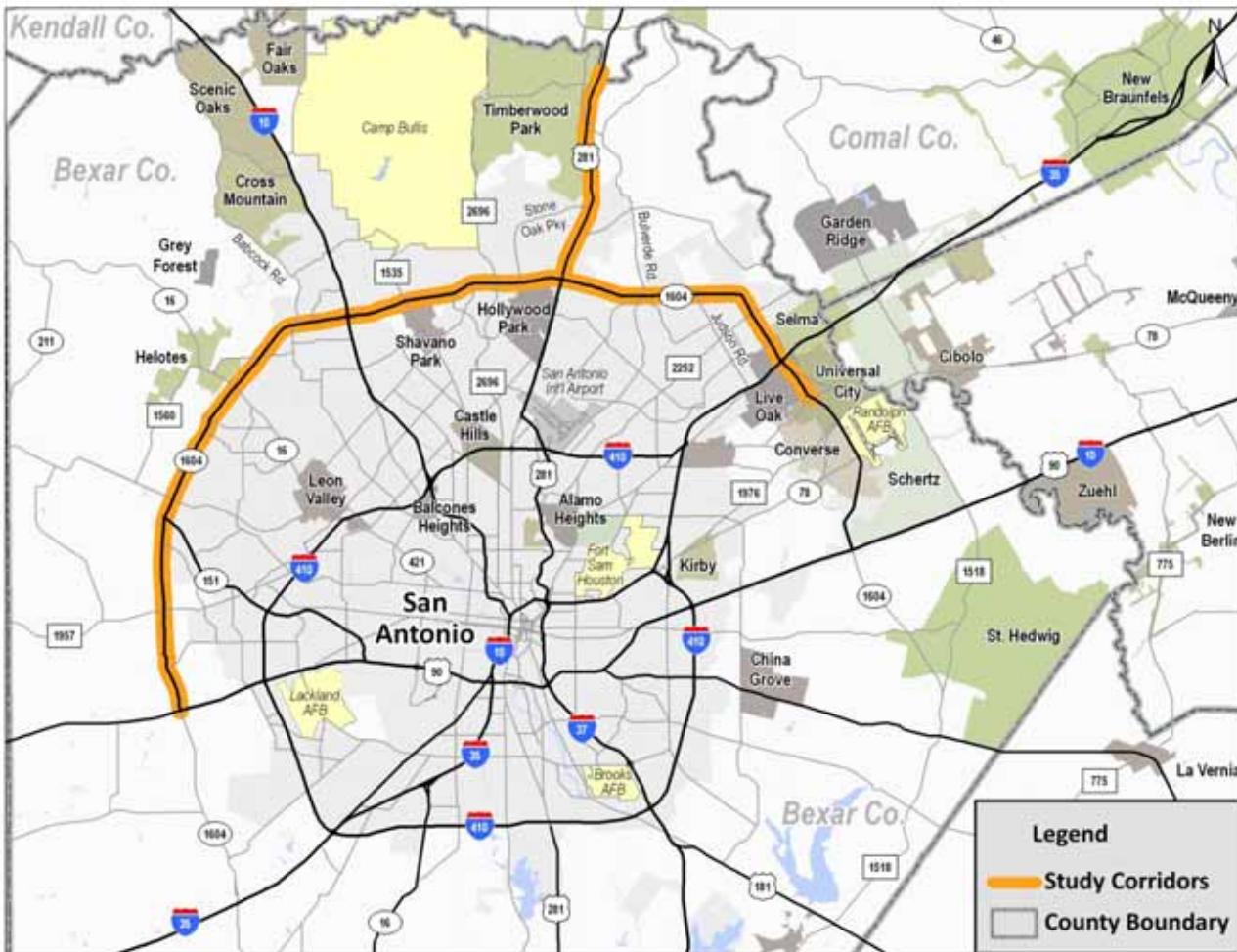
# Data Sources

- Population
  - Census 2010 data available and provides a solid baseline
- Employment
  - Different sources – MPO baseline, BLS, Workforce Commission, LEHD, Woods and Poole and MOODY's etc.
  - What is the actual employment number in your study area?

# Models purpose



# Study area



# GIS use to input Travel Demand Model

- Decision made to use GIS to analyze employment data.
- GIS utilized to analyze several different types of employment data including;
  - MPO
  - LEHD/Census
  - BLS/Workforce
- Employment Data mapped and analyzed to identify differences between datasets

# Texas Workforce Commission Data (TWC)

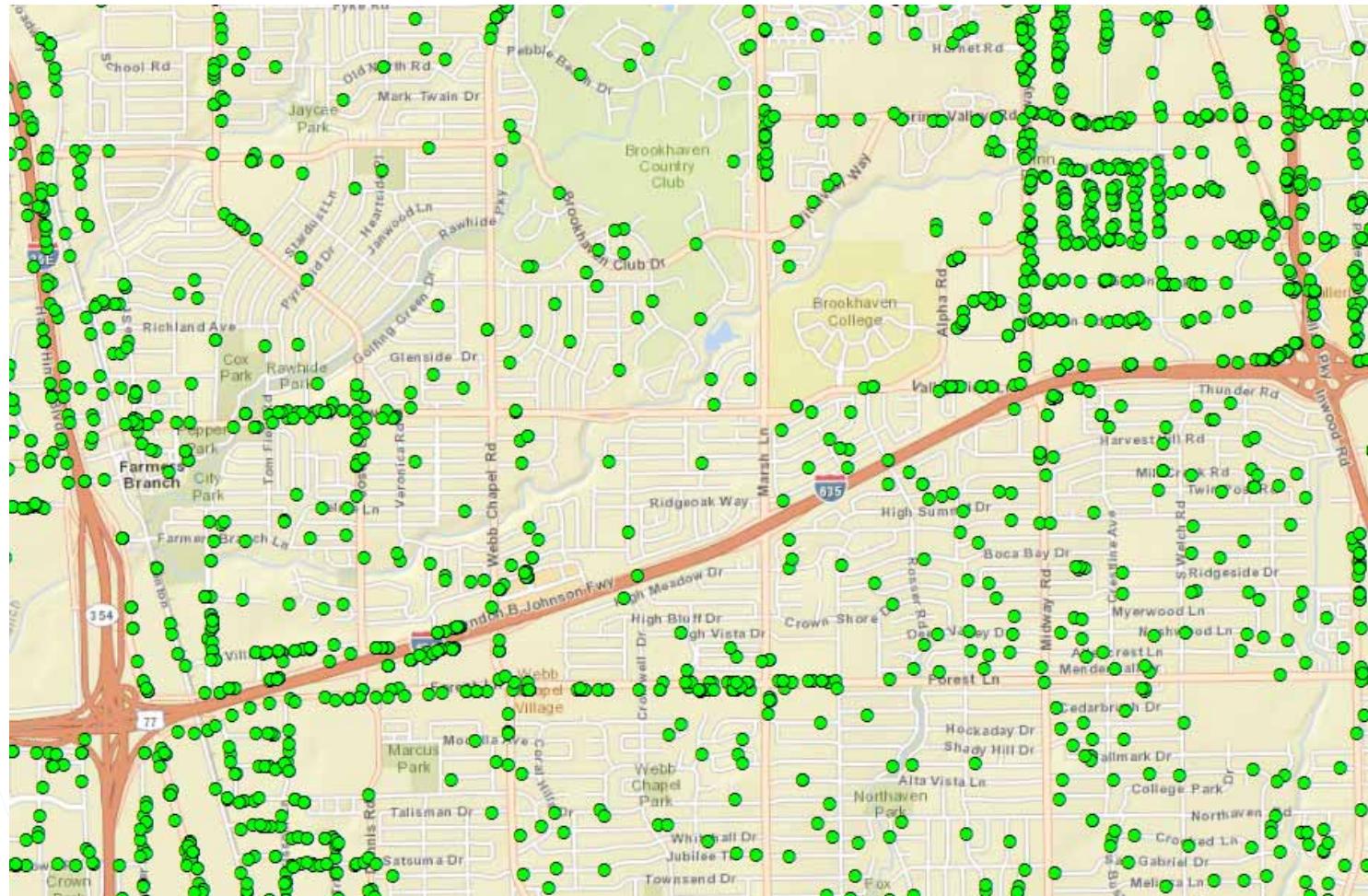
- Confidential Data
- Data must be Geocoded and aggregated to the TAZ level
- Goal is to geocode as much employment as possible - 100% not feasible
- Drawbacks
  - Corporate headquarters
  - Schools
  - Different District vs. Main Offices
  - Part time employment not included

# TWC Data Geocode

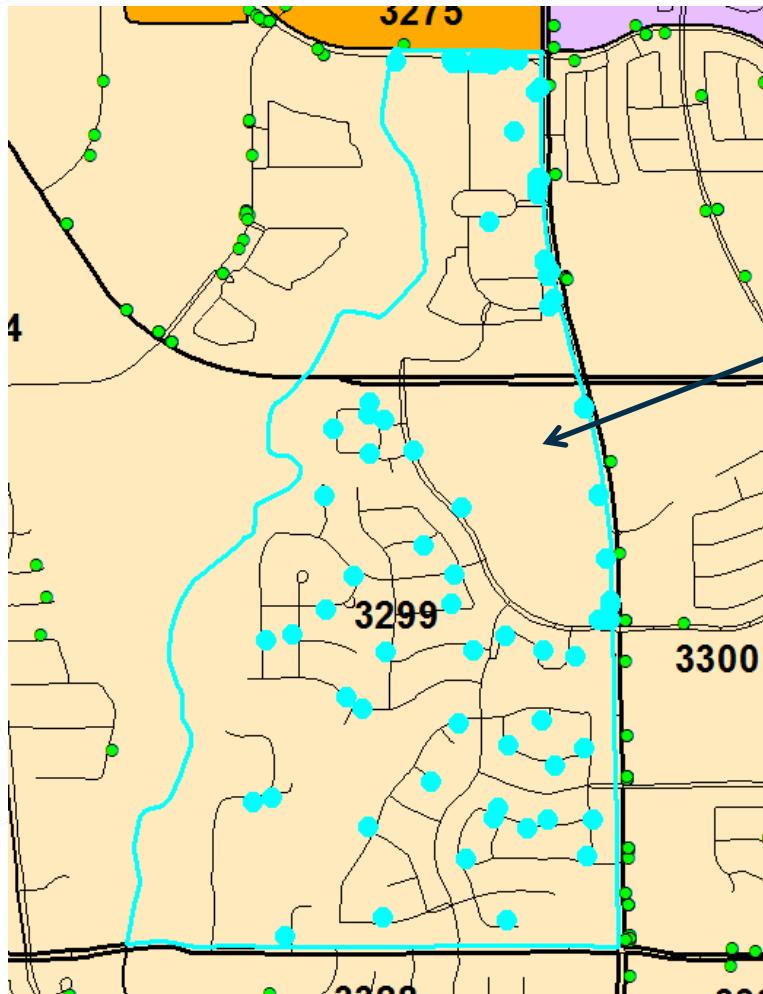
- TWC address data “scrubbed”
- Initial Geocode Performed
- Initial Geocode results were approximately 80% with a geocode score of 100
- Further data scrubbing and second geocode performed (results approximately 90% with score of 100).
- Non-matching records with high employment identified and manually researched.

PL_ADDR1
9712 SUMMER DRIVE
1000 14TH ST # 425
2681 HUNT CTY ROAD 1077
5804 COMMUNICATIONS PKWY #200
2404 ROYAL BIRKDALE LOCATION
2570 ELDORADO PKWY STE 150
5107 BRIARGROVE LN
205 W MAIN ST STE D
11536 WILD ROSE LN
1108 SUMMIT AVE #8
3857 ROLLING HILLS DR
90 AFFIRMED LANE
2504 TEAKWOOD LN
5 ESTATES ROAD/LUCAS BRANCH

# TWC Data Geocode Results



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**TAZ 3299  
Employment = 150**

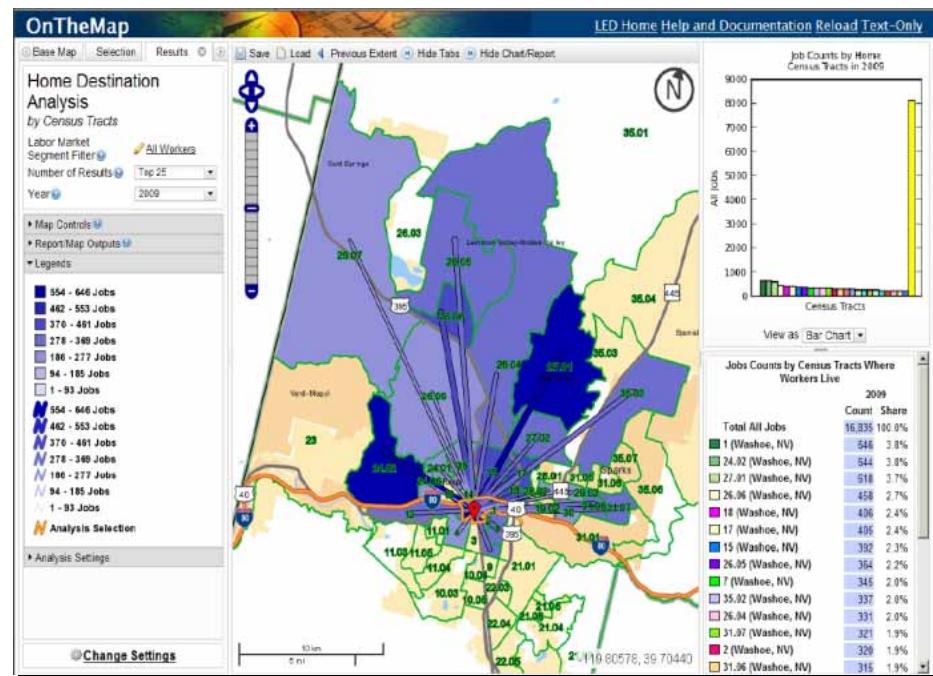
# Population Data – LEHD/Census

- **2010 Census available**
  - Block level data
  - GIS can be used to aggregate population at the TAZ level
  - Readily available
  - Environmental Justice considerations, driving age population



# Population Data - LEHD/Census

- LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics
- Compiled from federal administrative records
- Covers 90% of all U.S. workers
- Easily downloaded
- Quality Assurance Performed



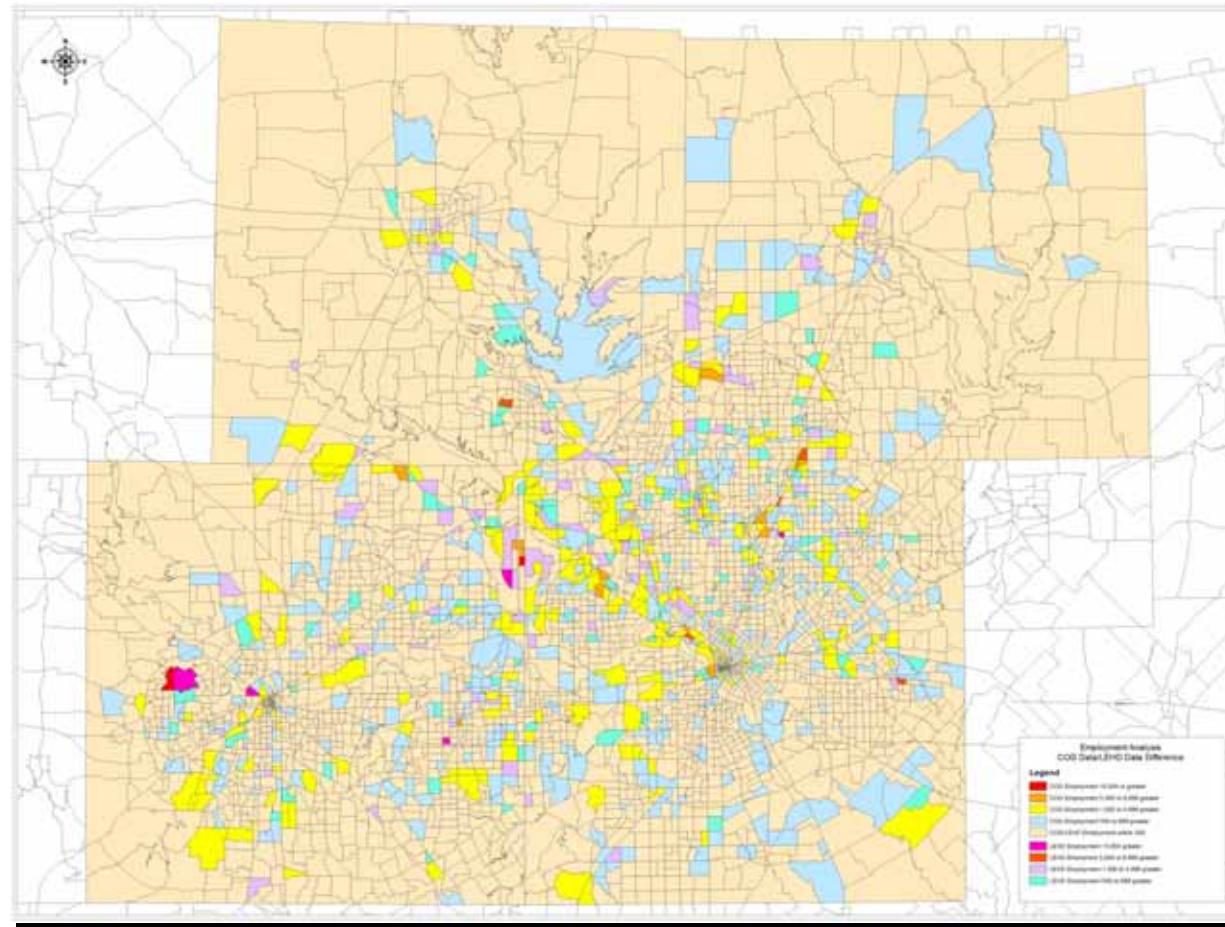


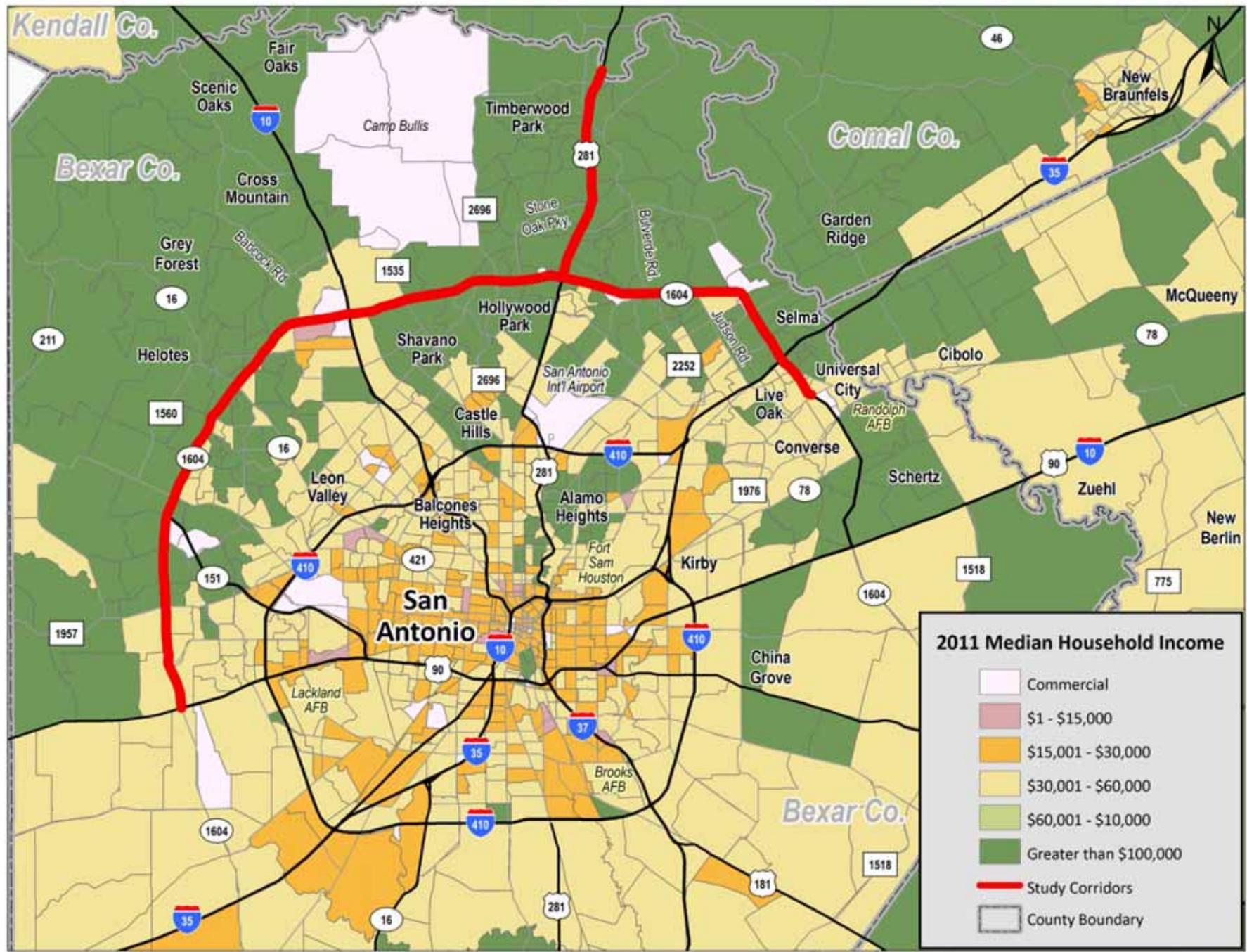
# Comparing and Analyzing Employment Data

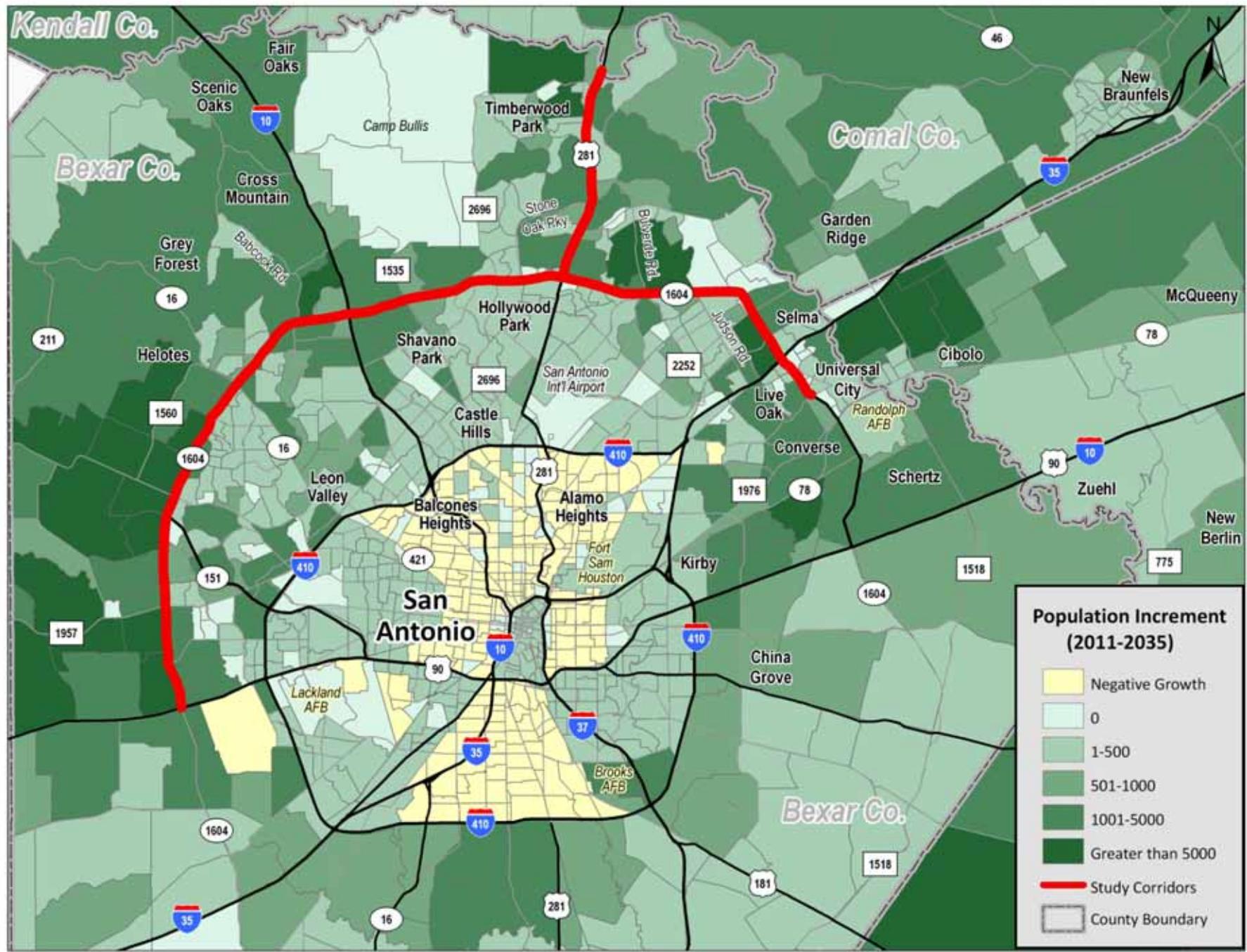
- Once all employment source have been mapped data is analyzed and compared using GIS tools
- Identify anomalies and large discrepancies between data sources
- Further analysis completed on areas where employment differs by more than 20%
- Employment data compared to population and demographic data.

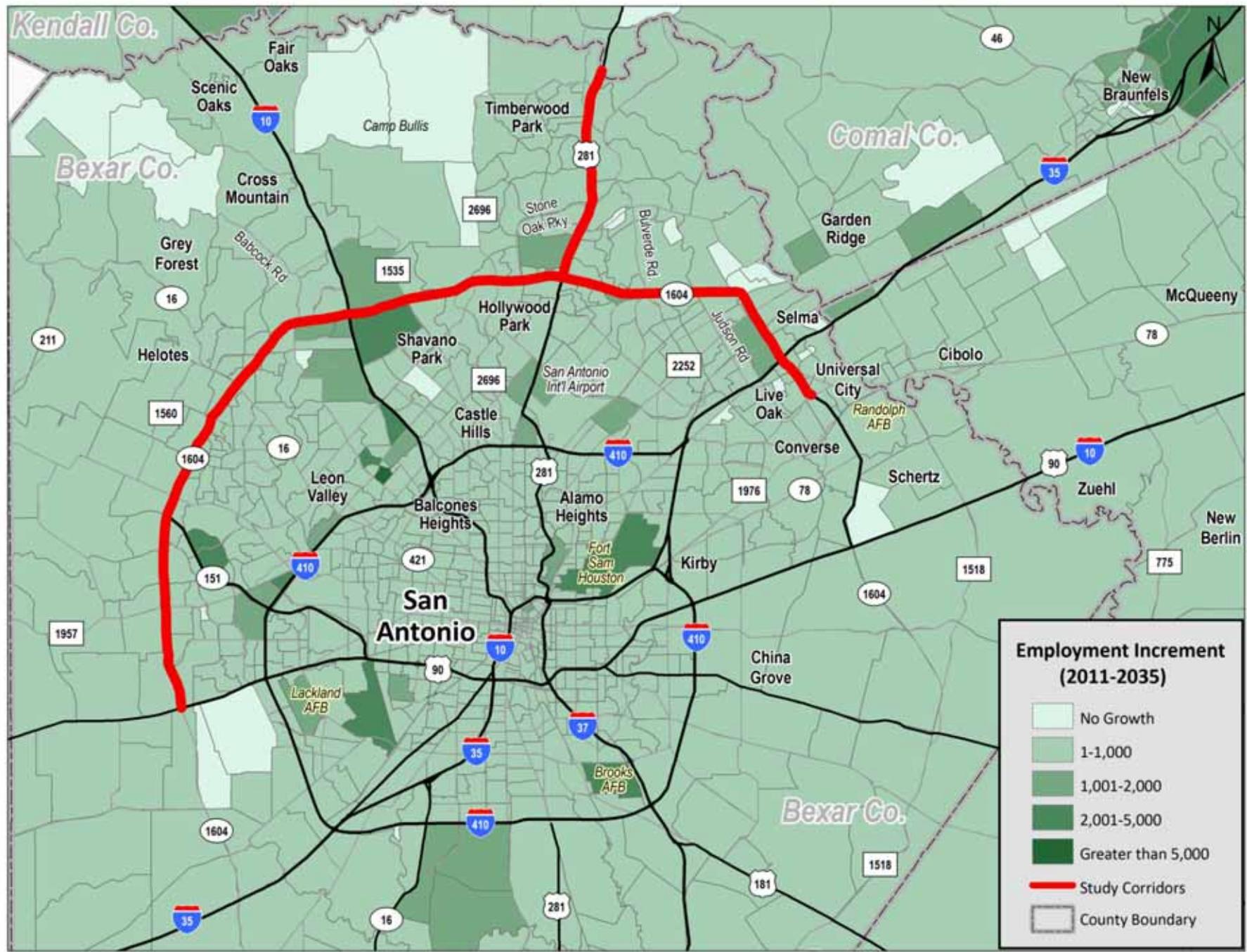
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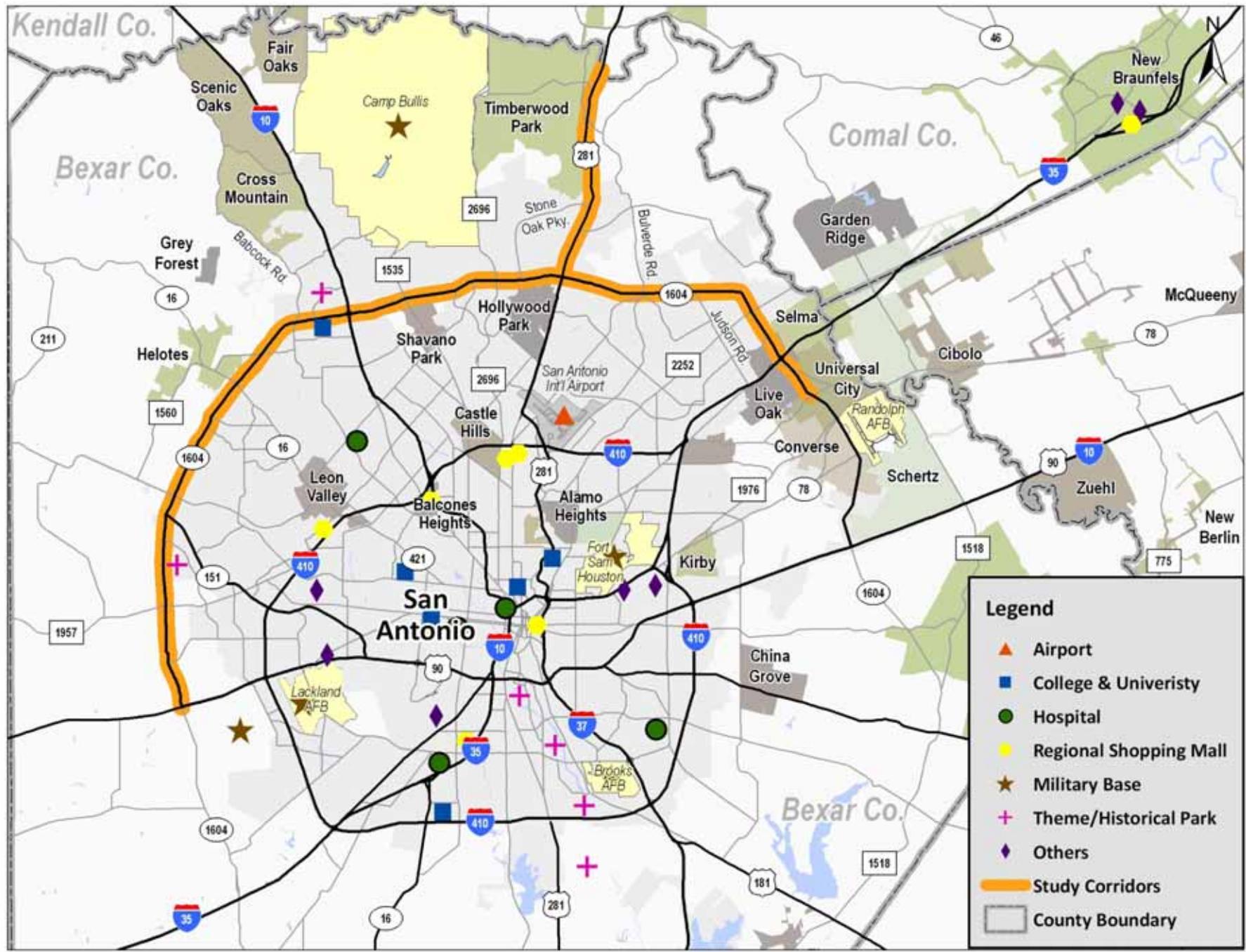
- Major differences between data sources





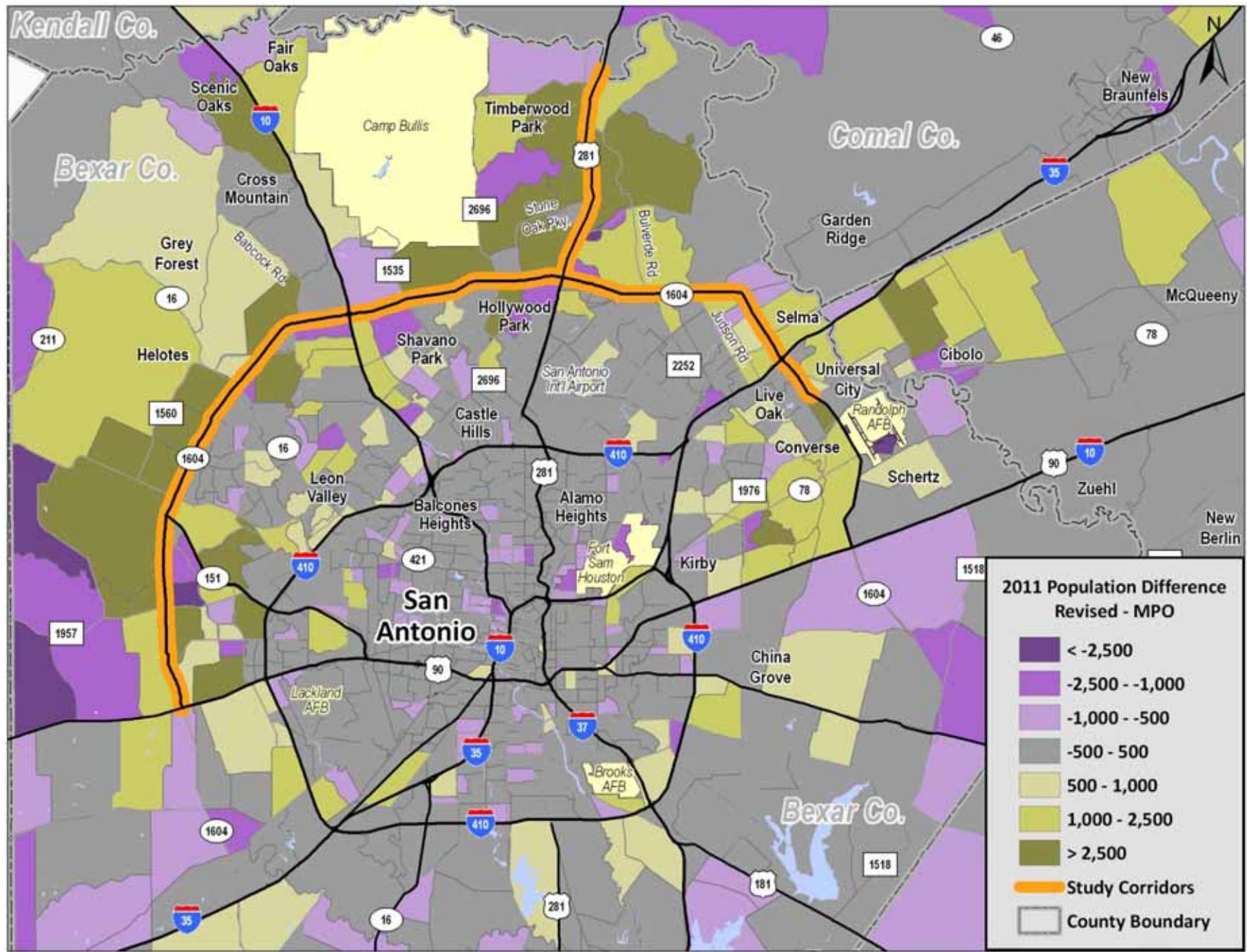


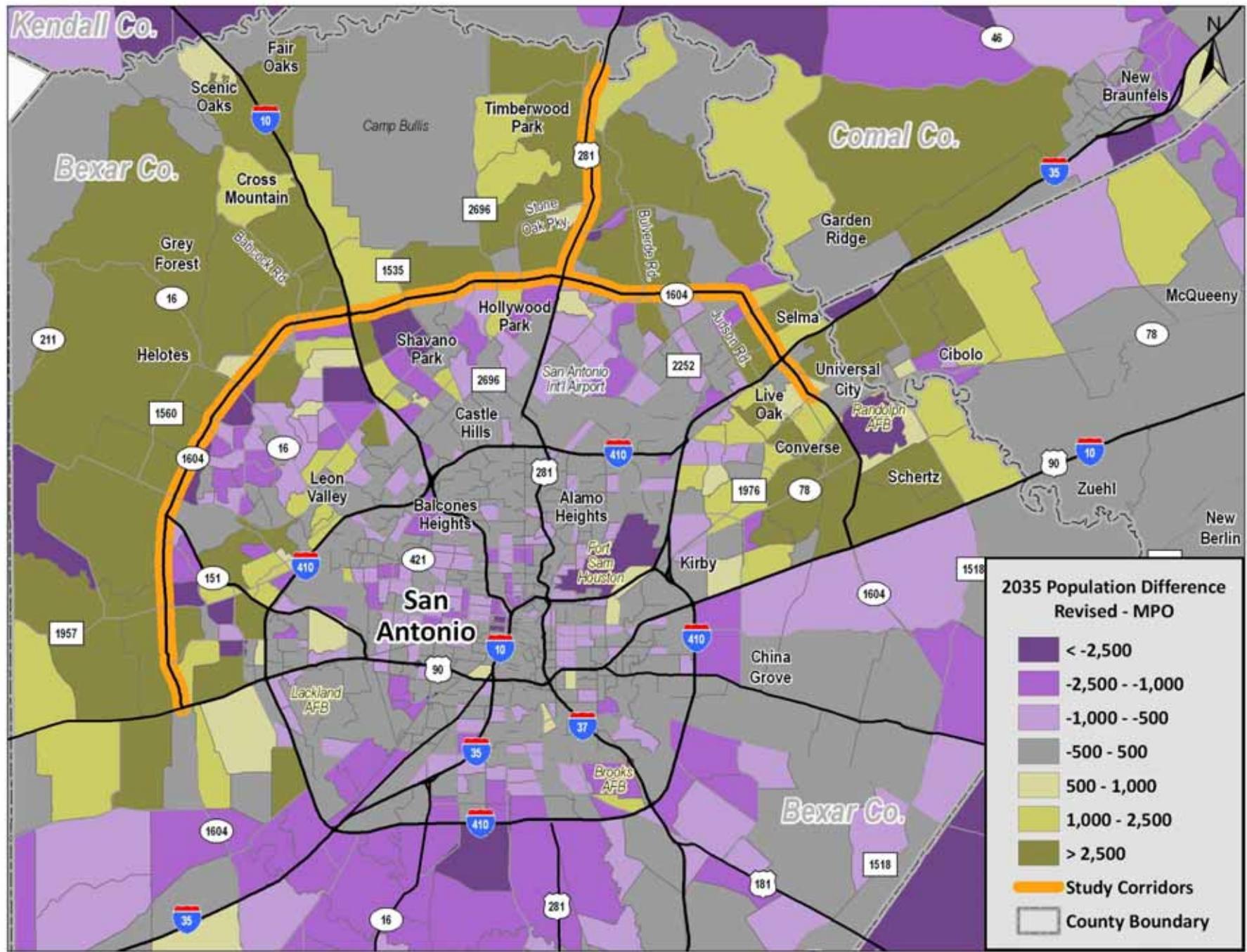


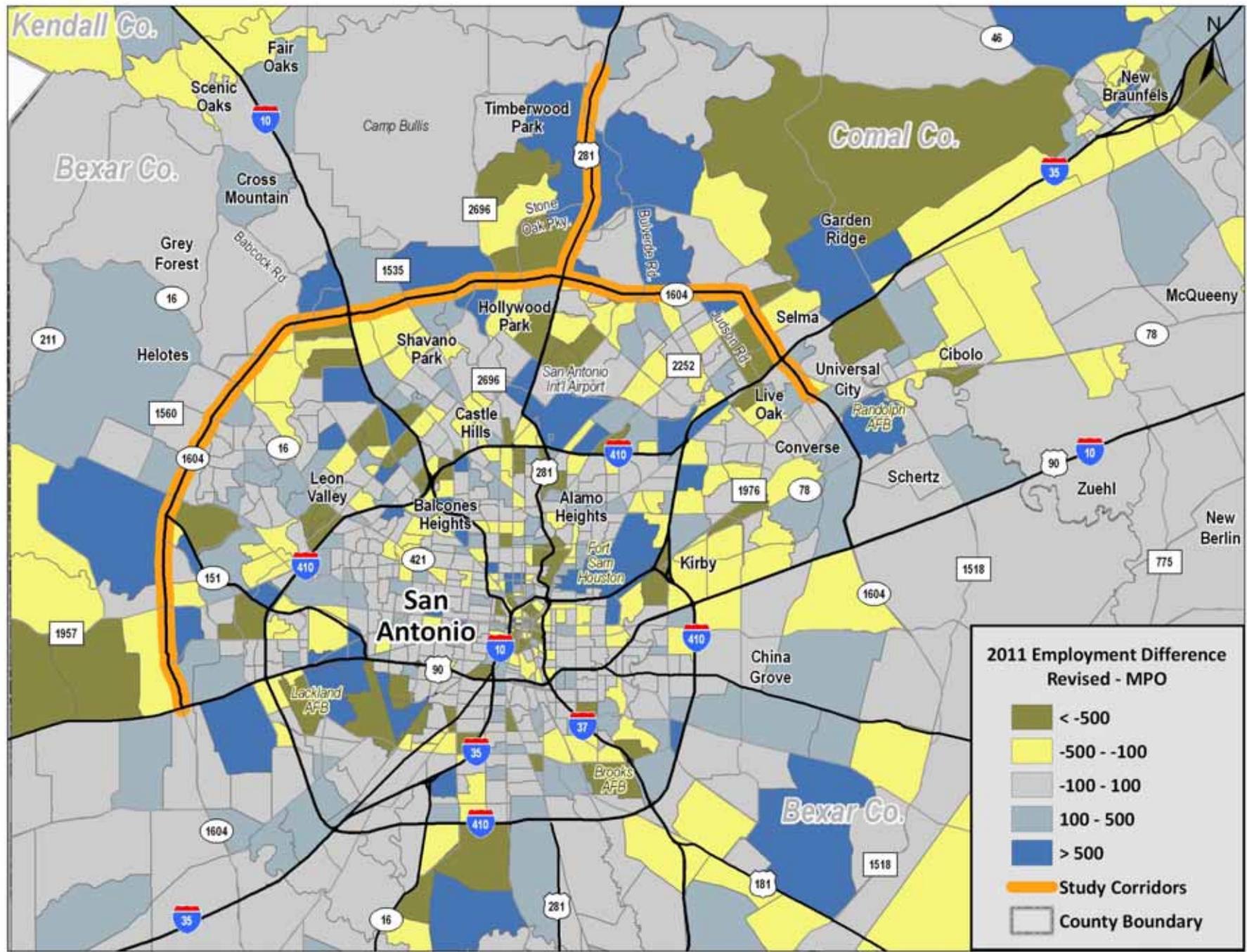


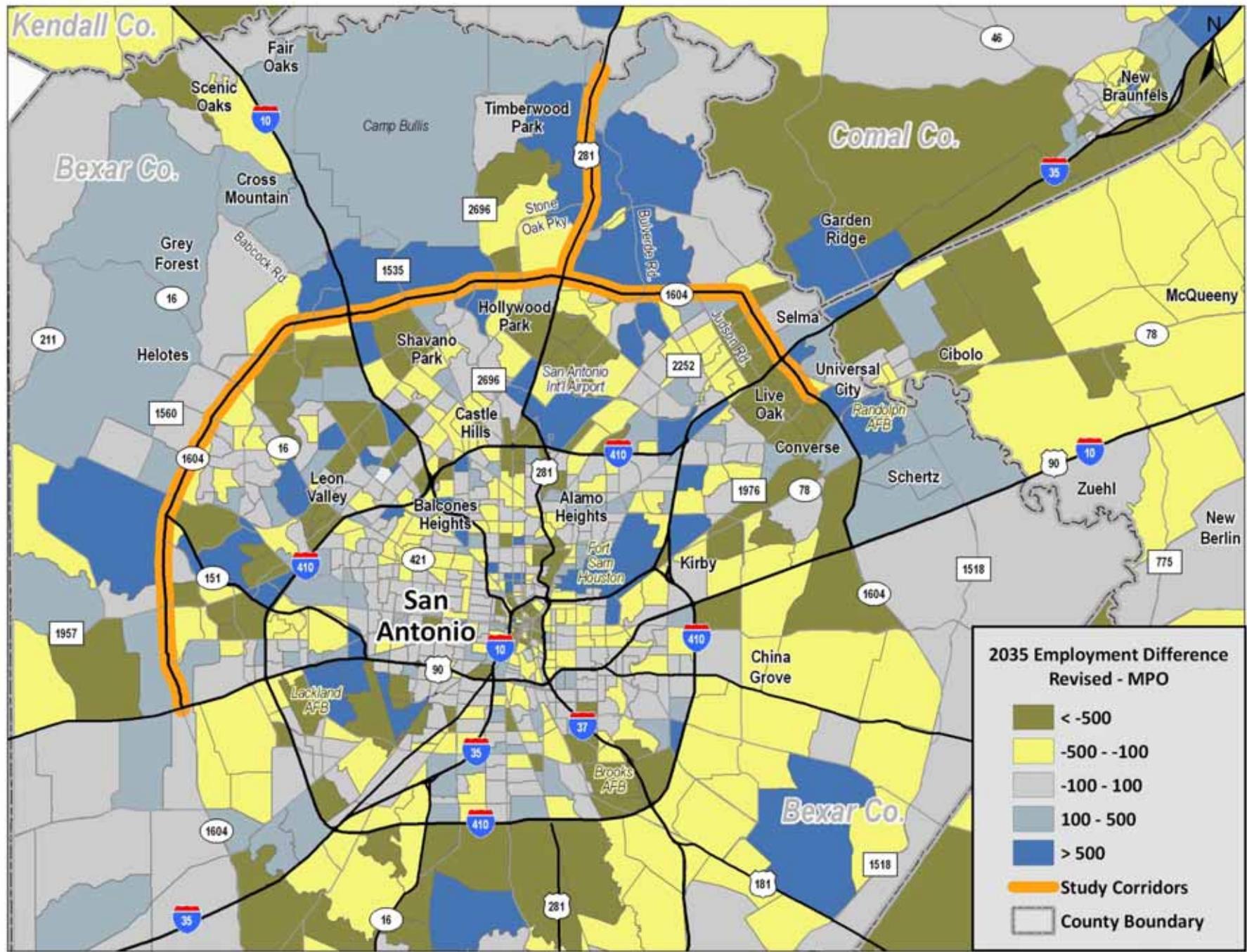
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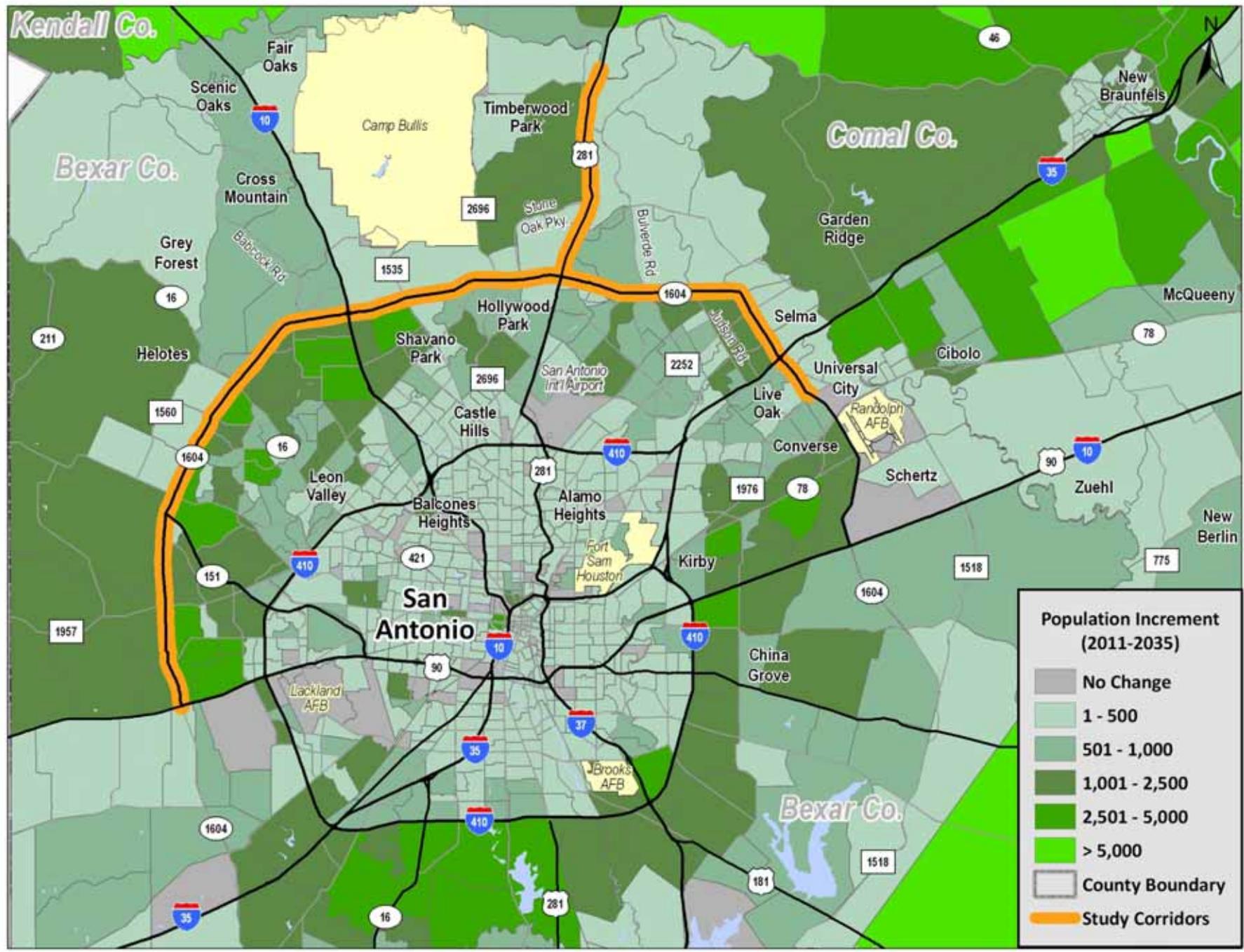
- Airport
- College & University
- Hospital
- Regional Shopping Mall
- Military Base
- Theme/Historical Park
- Others
- Study Corridors
- County Boundary

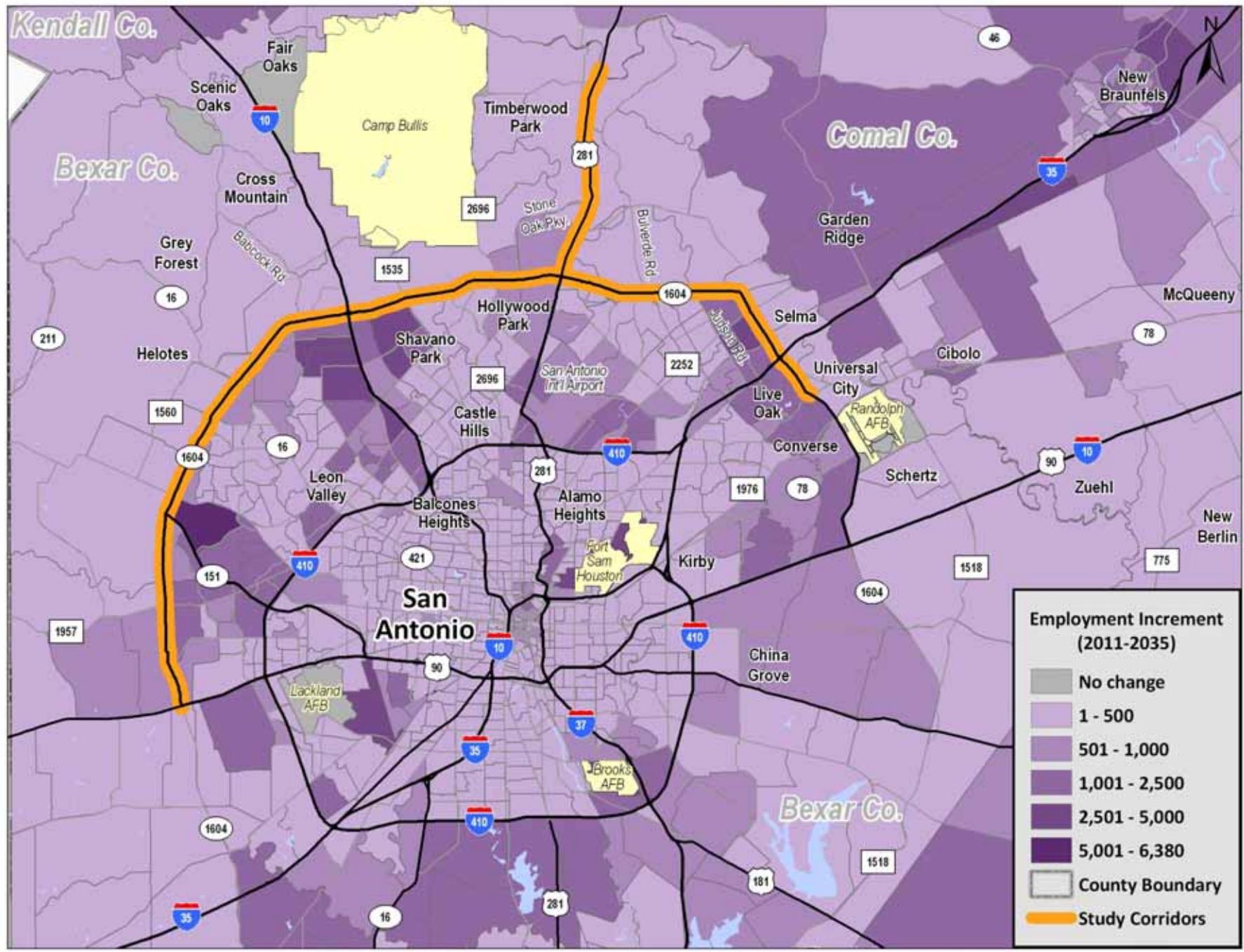






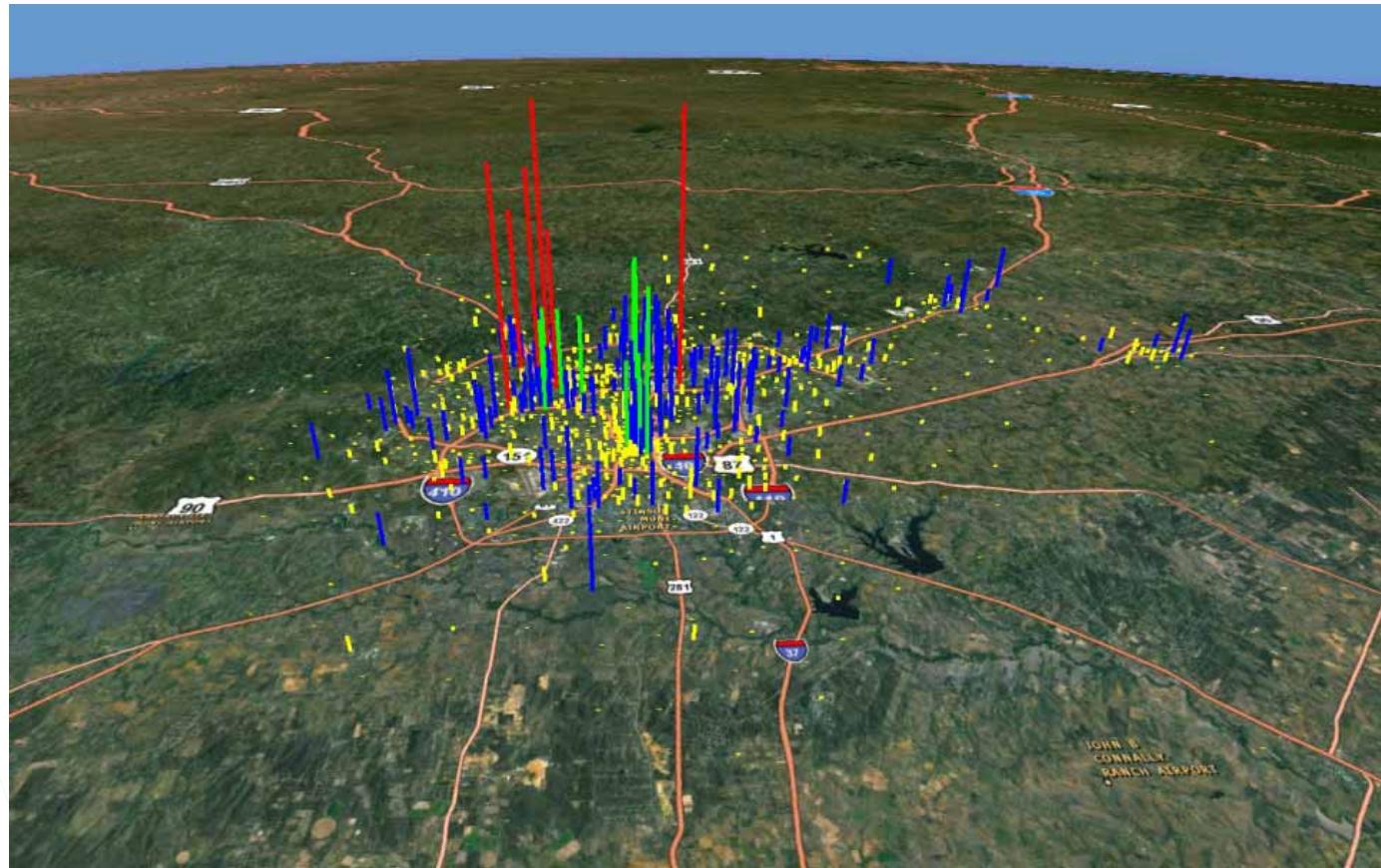






# Population Data

- **3D Map of Employment for Study Area**



# Develop base year and future year estimates

- Gives us population
- Employment data compared and anomalies identified
- Further analysis completed on areas where employment differs by more than 20%
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# Model inputs

- **Demographic results included;**
  - **Table with all employment information**
  - **SIC Code Analyzed to breakdown service, employment, retail and analyzed against MPO**
  - **Population and employment by age, household income**

**All of this Demographic data feeds in developing Trip Tables  
Model runs**

# Baseline vs. Risk profile

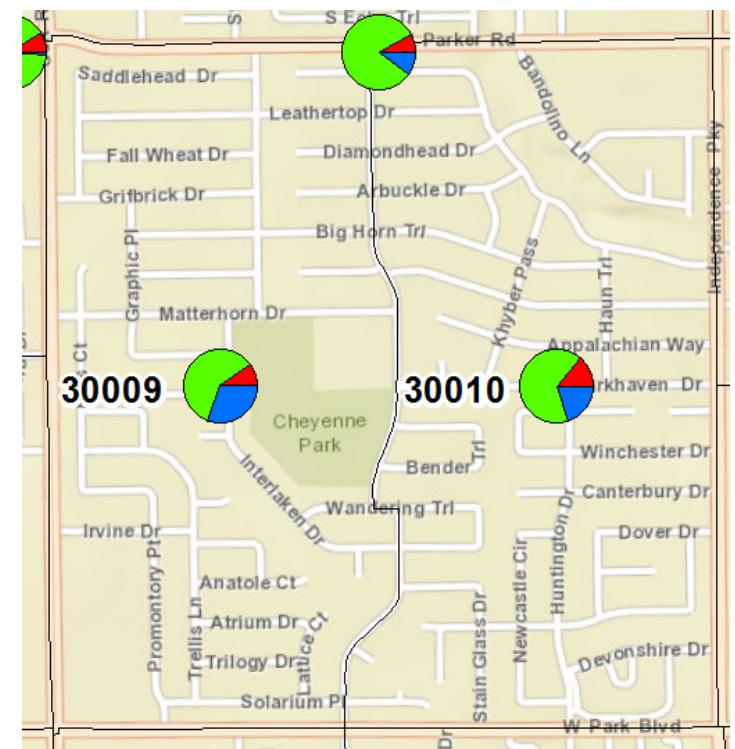
- **GIS used for:**
  - Proximity to transit
  - Proximity to school
  - Proximity to special generators such as stadium, universities, airports, hospitals
  - TAZ build out
  - Summed up to the county level

# GIS Played Essential Role in this Project

- Able to visualize employment information.
- Able to analyze data from many different sources.
- Identify discrepancies between datasets

# Other Uses

- Build Out Analysis
- Hydraulic Modeling Support
- Municipal Applications
  - Redistricting
  - Schools, Wards, Precinct boundaries
  - Service Areas



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