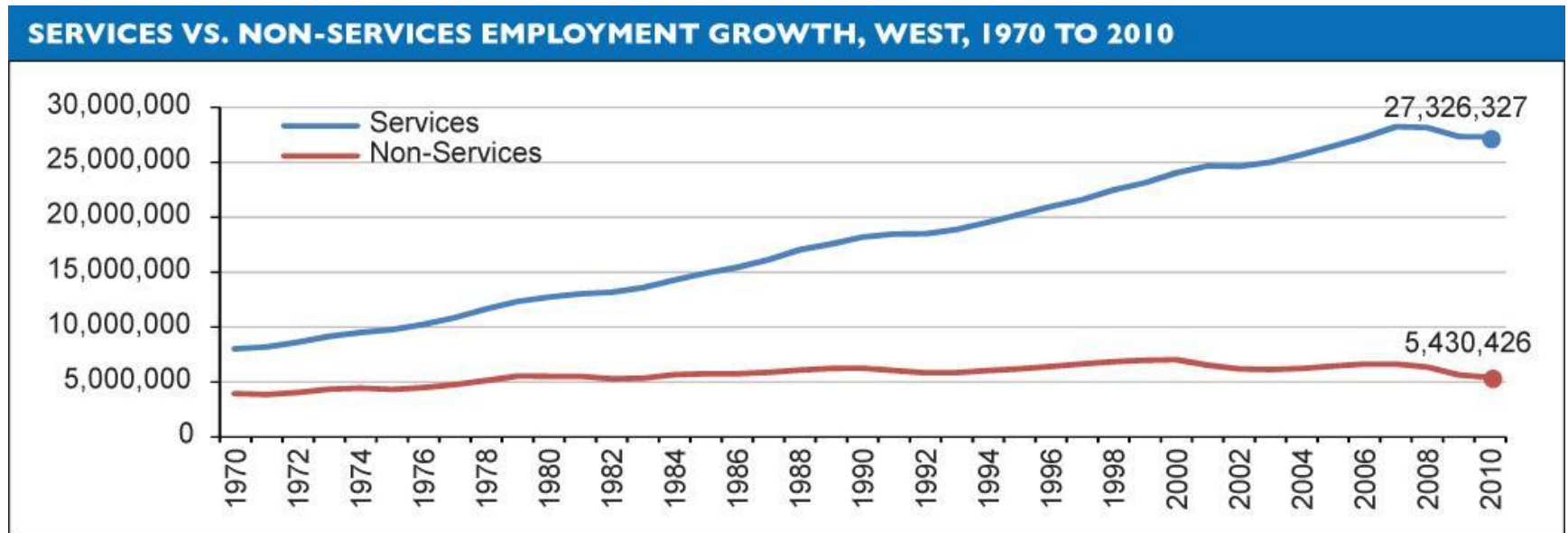
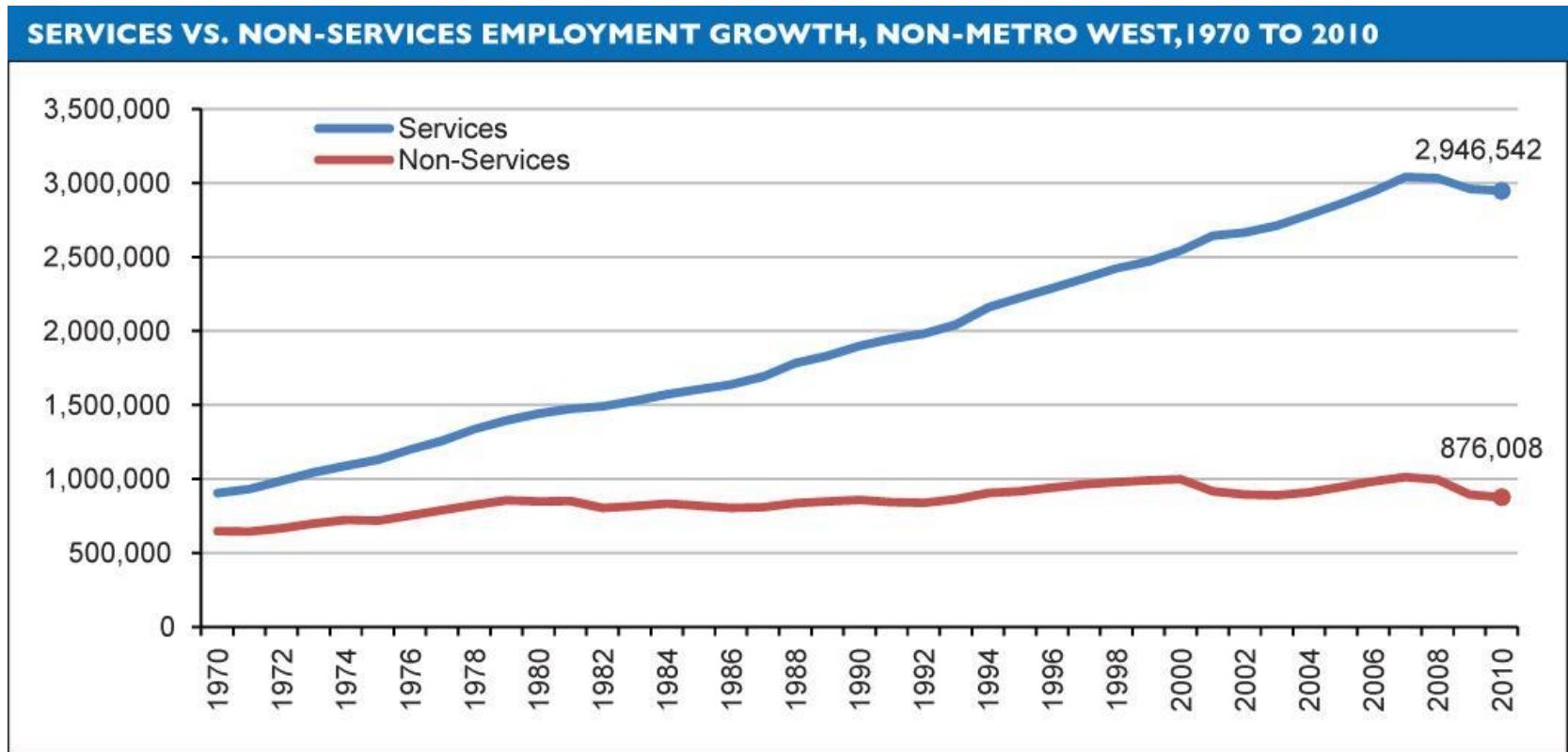


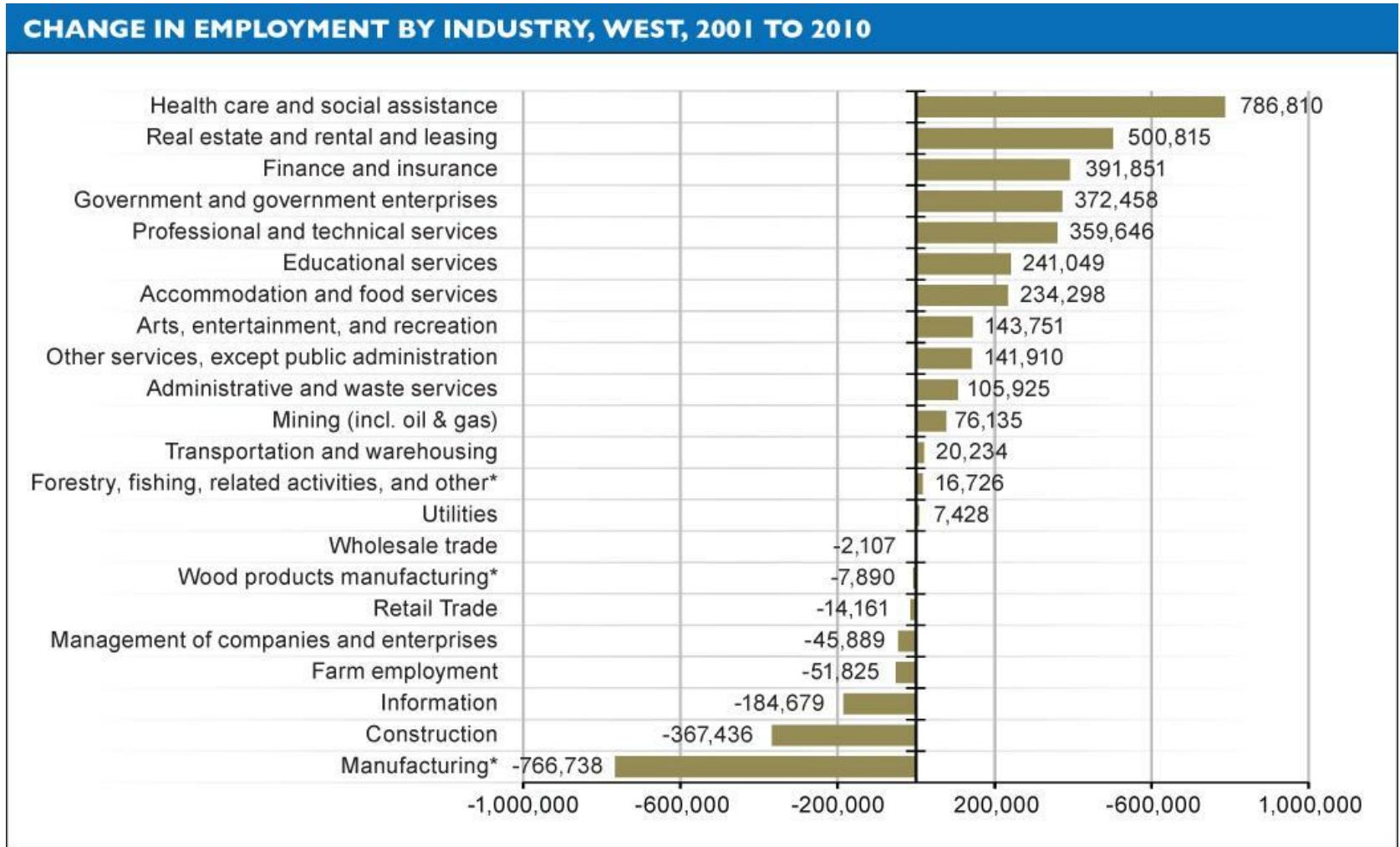
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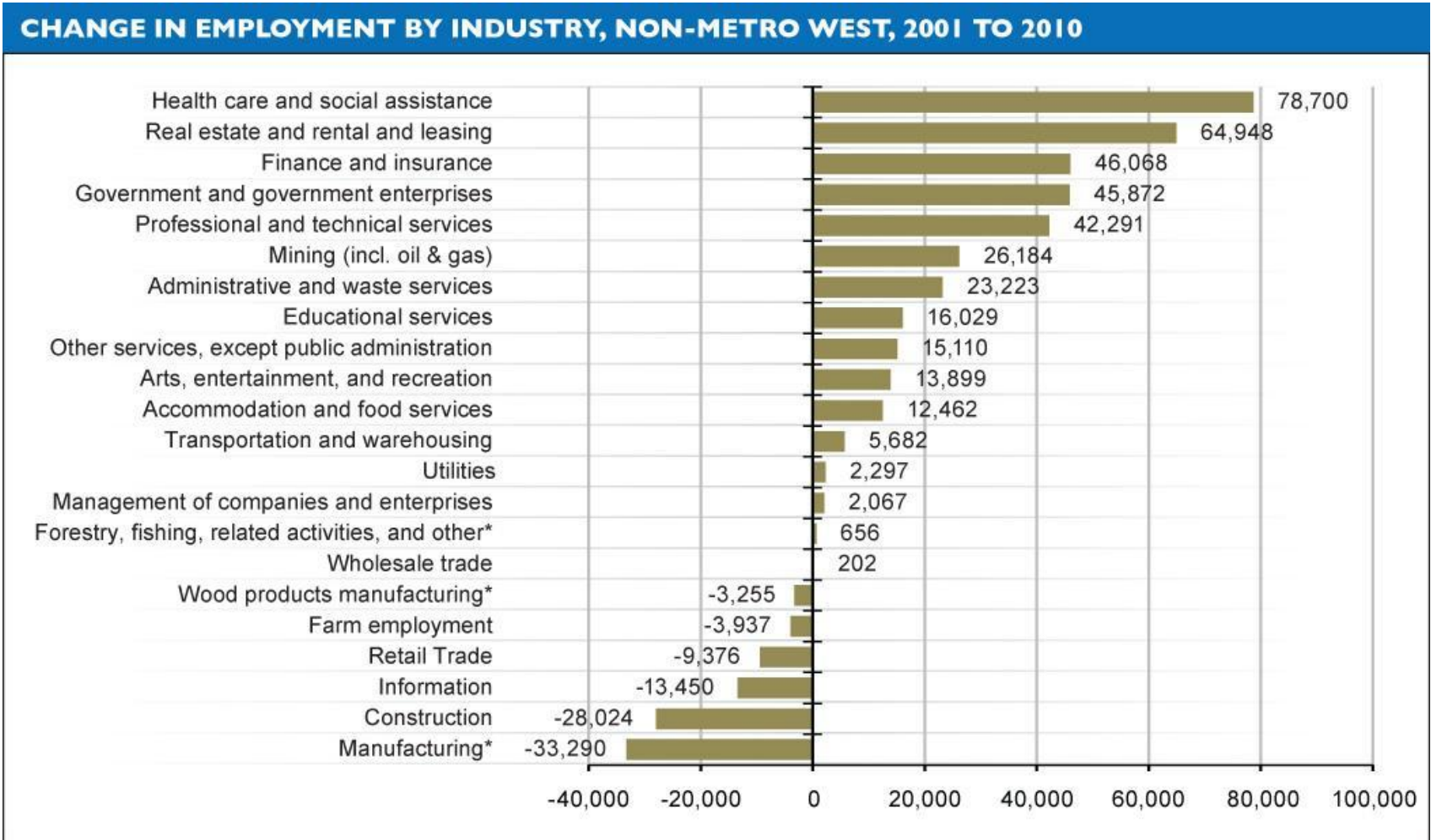
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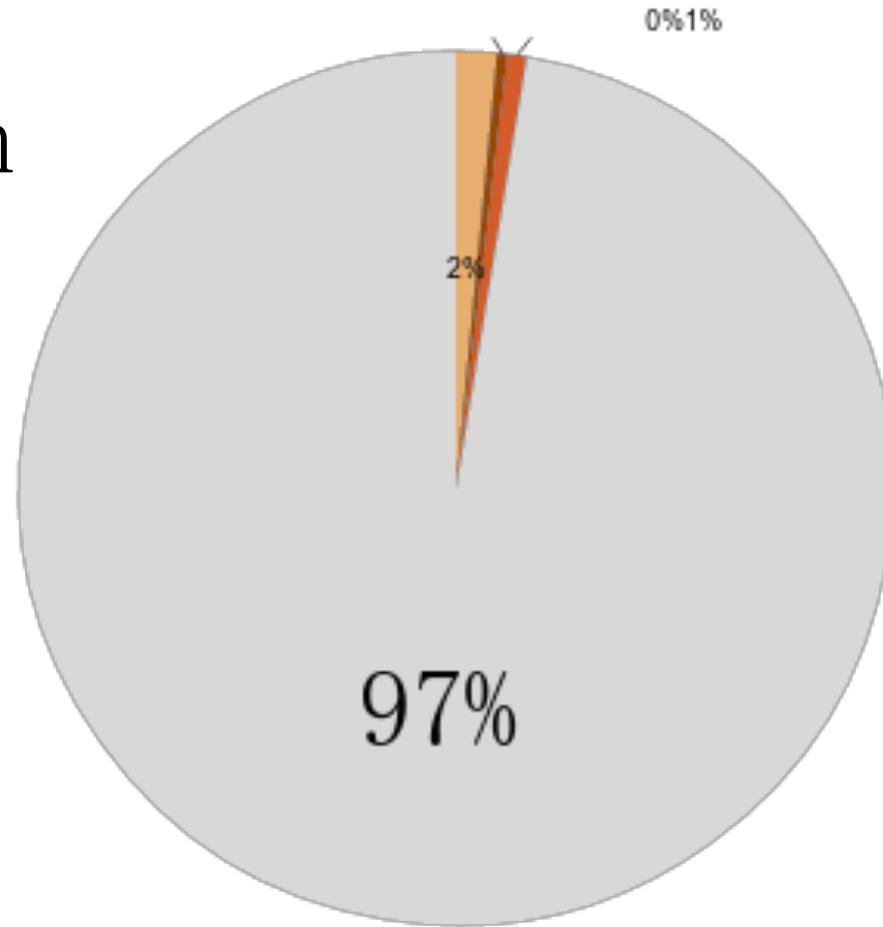


Non-Metro West Industry Details



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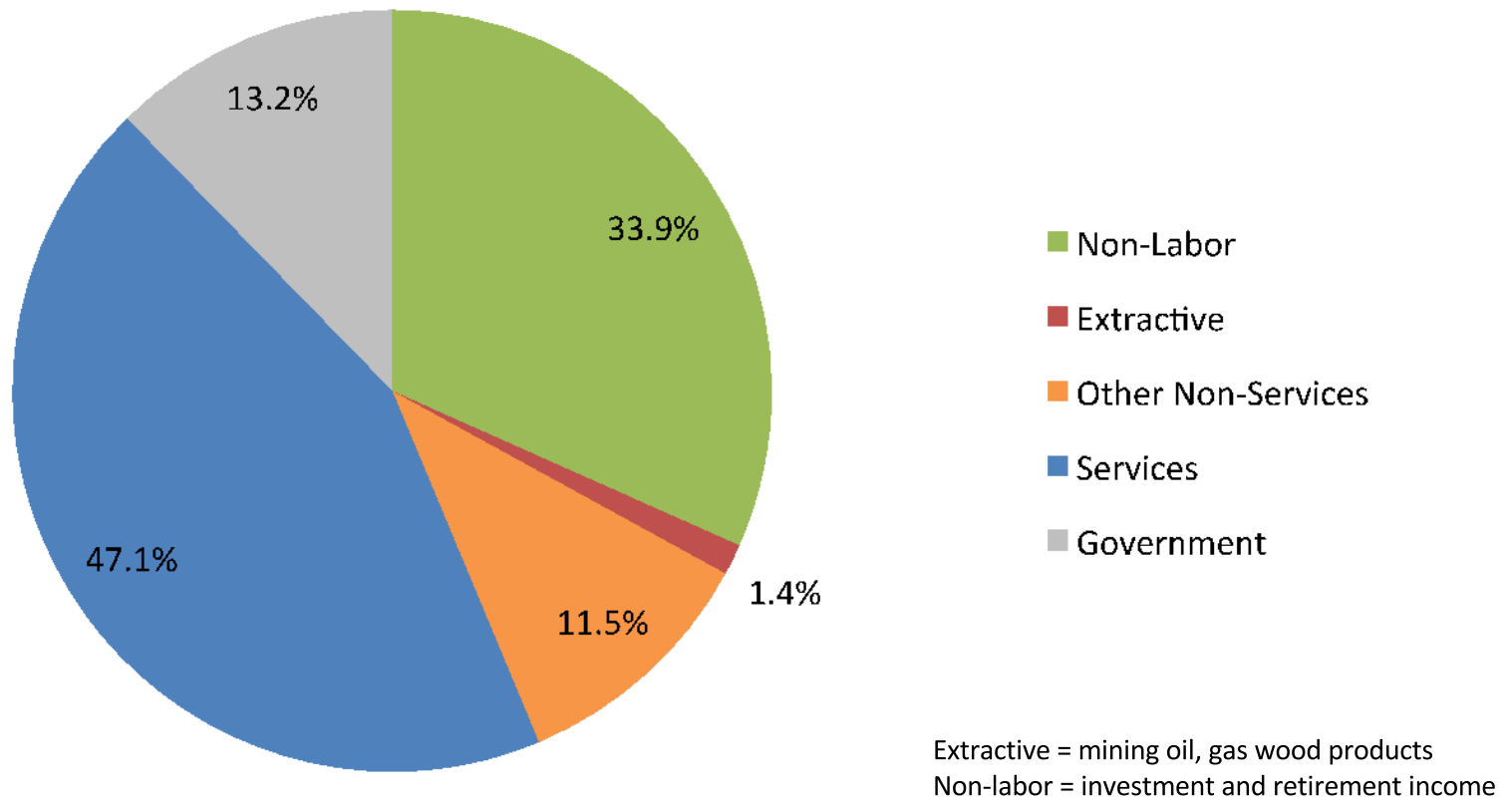
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Source: BEA

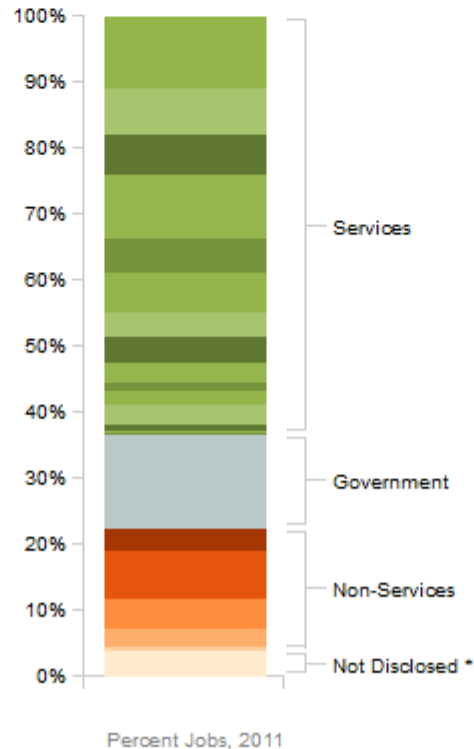
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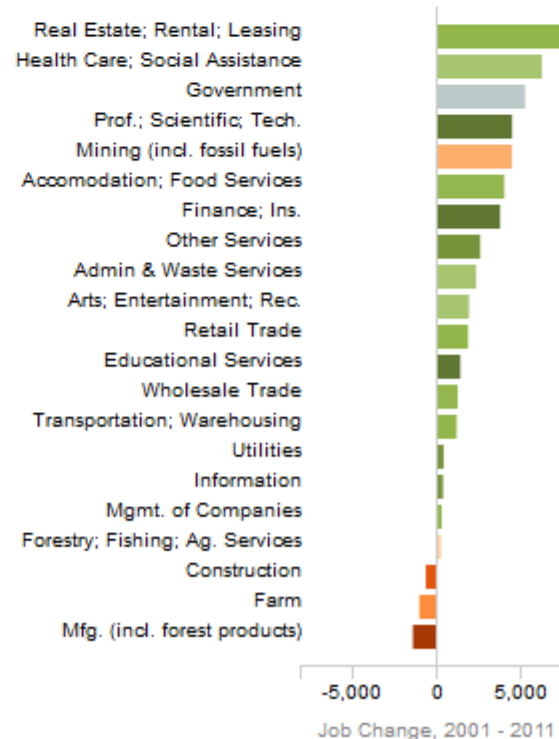


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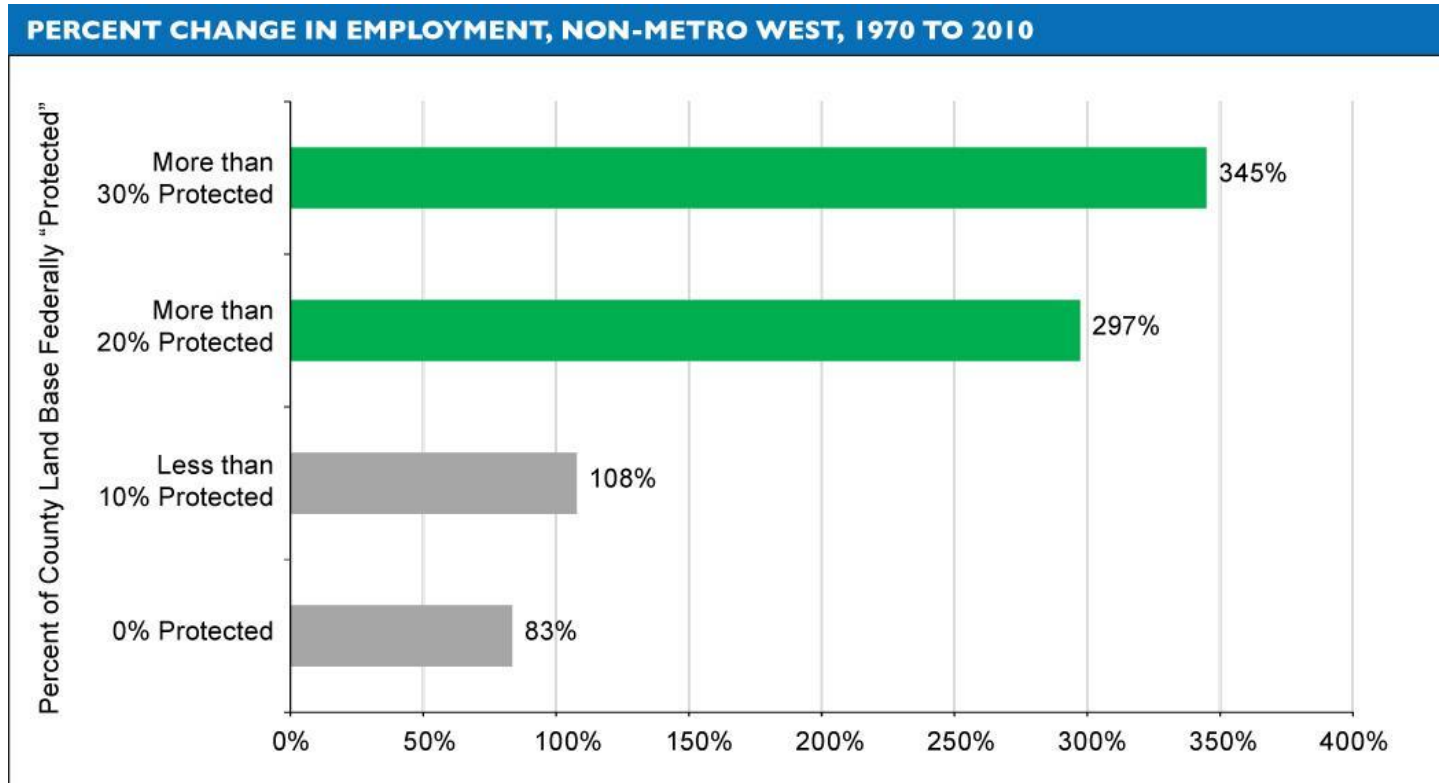
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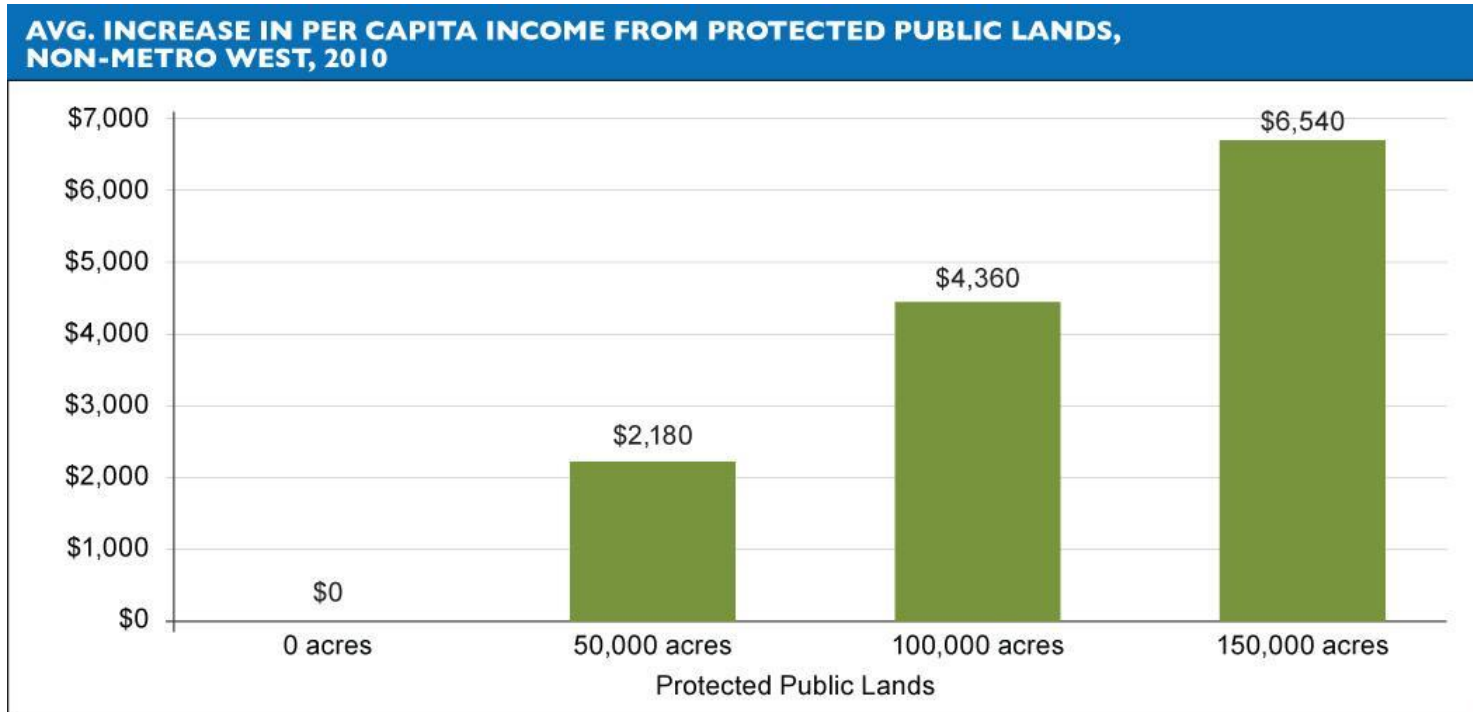
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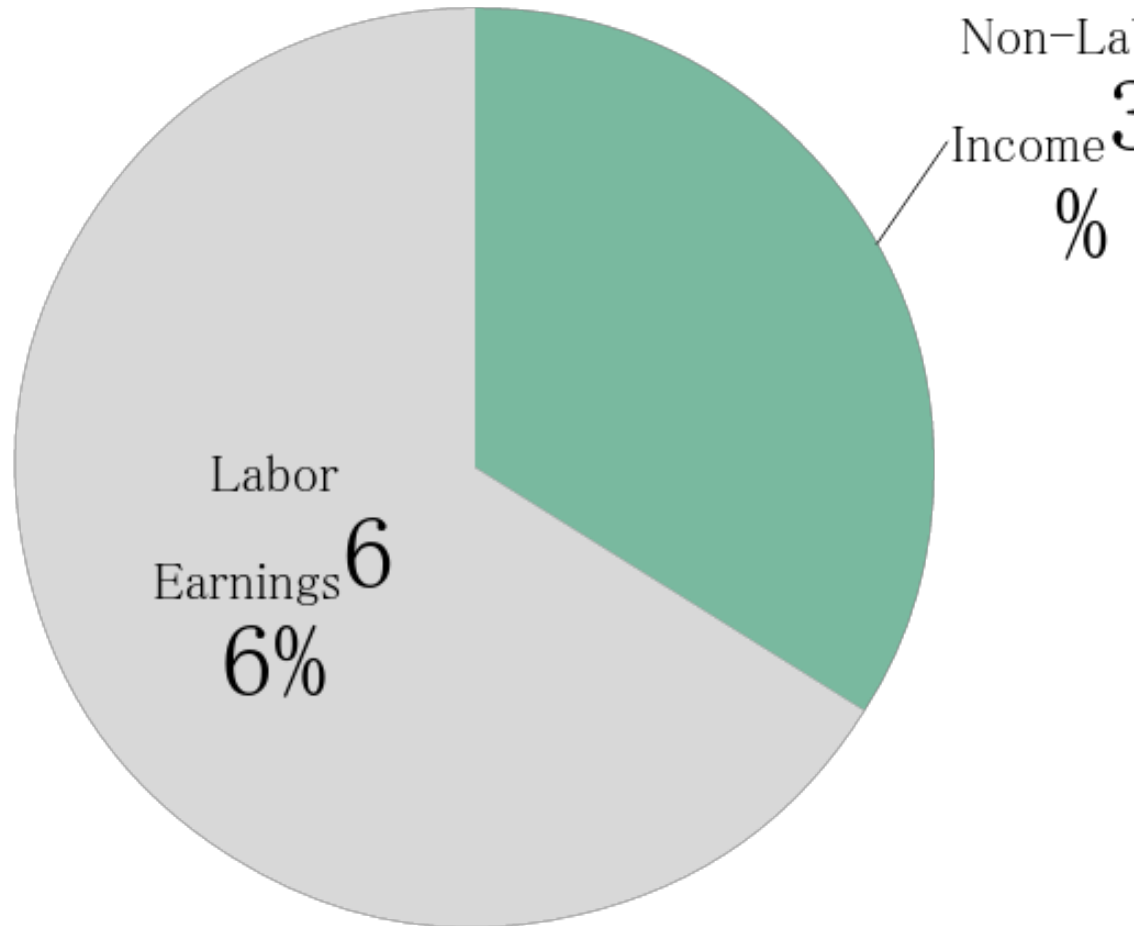
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Higher Per Capita Income



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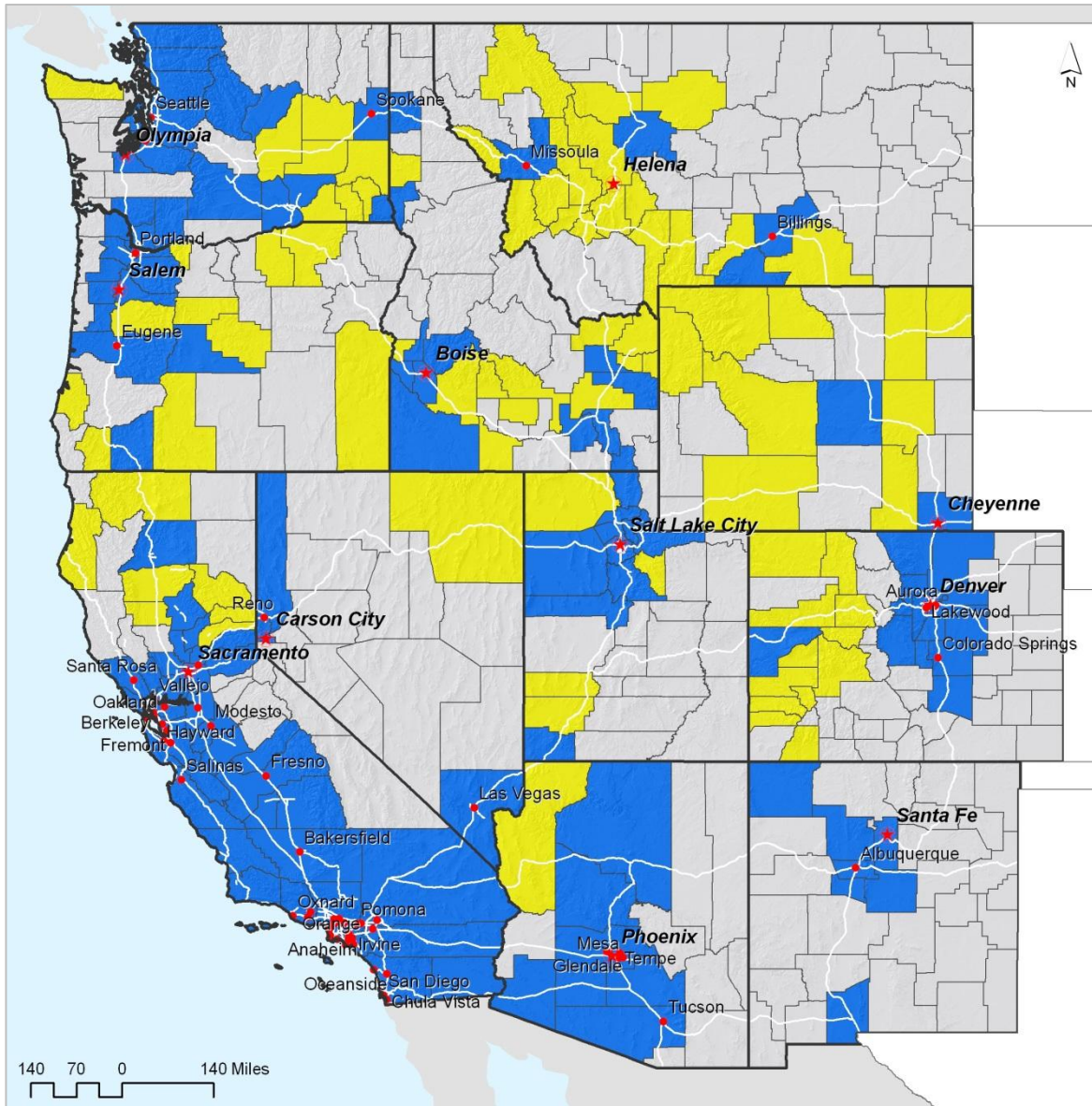
Natural Amenities Attract

Net Migration of Baby Boomers in Non-Metro Counties
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Net Migration

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Three Wests



The changed nature of production—growth of services

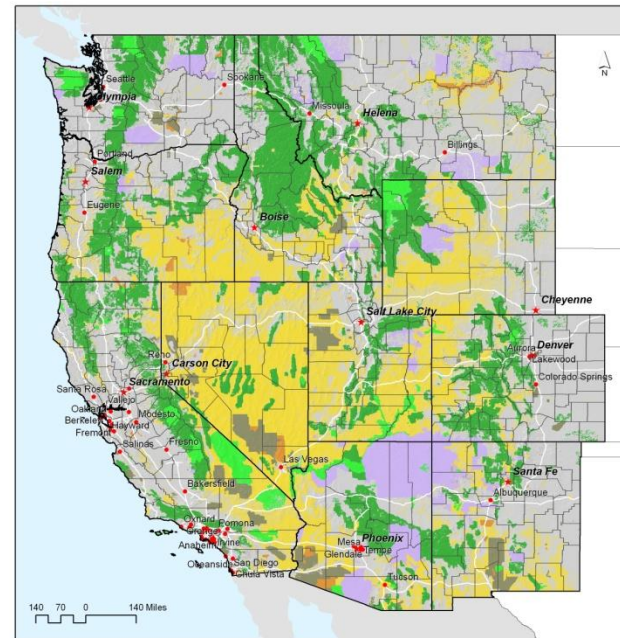
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Demographics: Baby Boomers and non-labor income

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Comparative Economic Advantage

Economists on Protected Lands



In 2011, more than 100 U.S. economists and related academics signed a letter urging the President to “create jobs and support businesses by investing in our public lands infrastructure and establishing new protected areas such as parks, wilderness, and monuments.”

The letter states that federal protected public lands are essential to the West’s economic future, attracting innovative companies and workers, and contributing a vital component of the region’s competitive advantage.

– Economist Letter on Value of Public Lands to President Obama

Where Now?

- Improve education and skill development
- Promote natural/social assets
- Non-labor income and retirement
- Invest in transportation and communications

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