

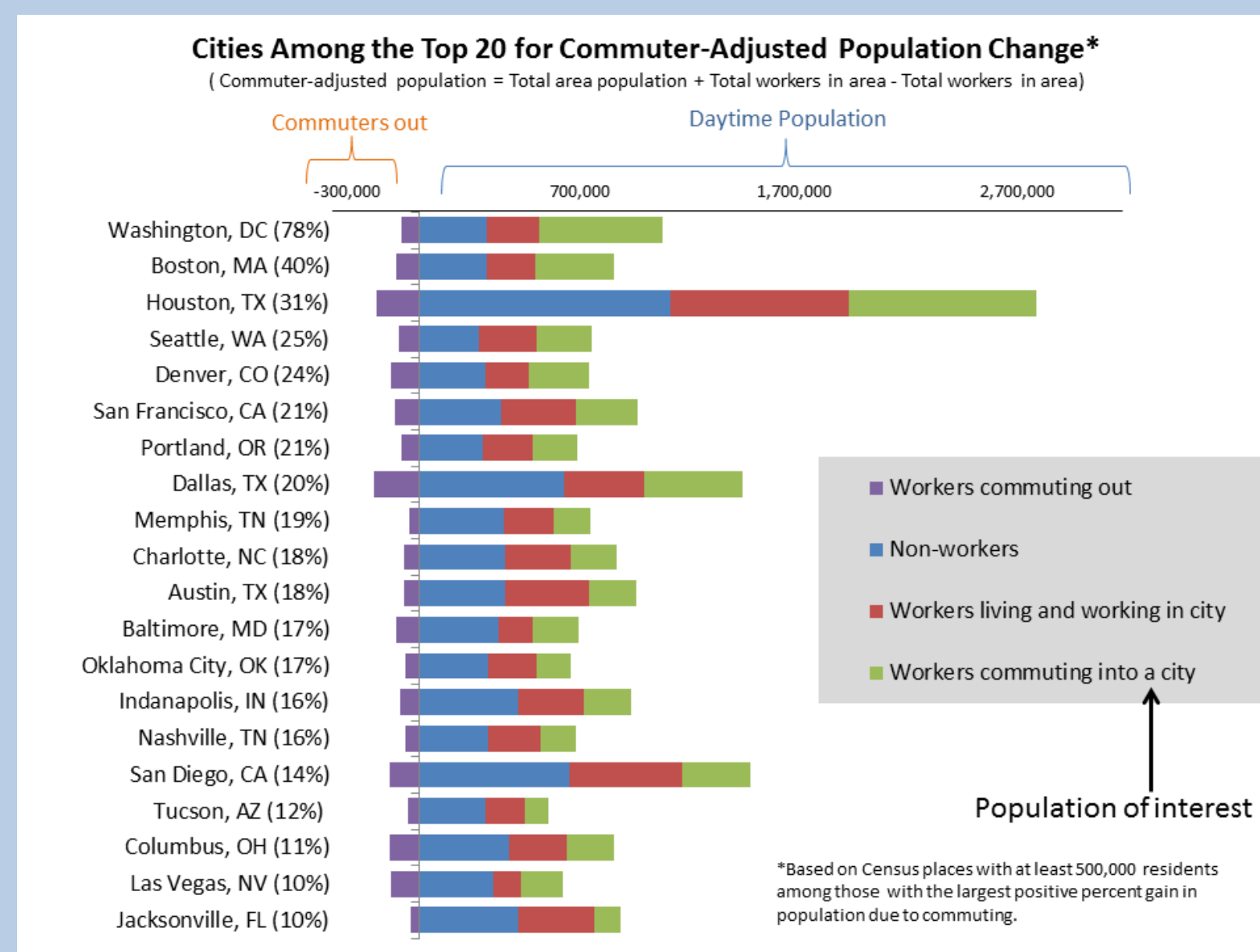
Characteristics of Daytime Urban Commuters for 20 U.S. Cities: Gender, Work, and Family

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Background

People don't always live in the same place as they work. Instead, they commute. Using data from the 5-year 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS), this study focuses on the characteristics of **workers who commute into a city**. This analysis focuses on the top 20 cities that experience the greatest proportional change in commuter-adjusted daytime population due to workers who commute into the city.



The figure below highlights the city of San Diego and the surrounding area where commuters may reside. San Diego's population increases by 14% during the day.

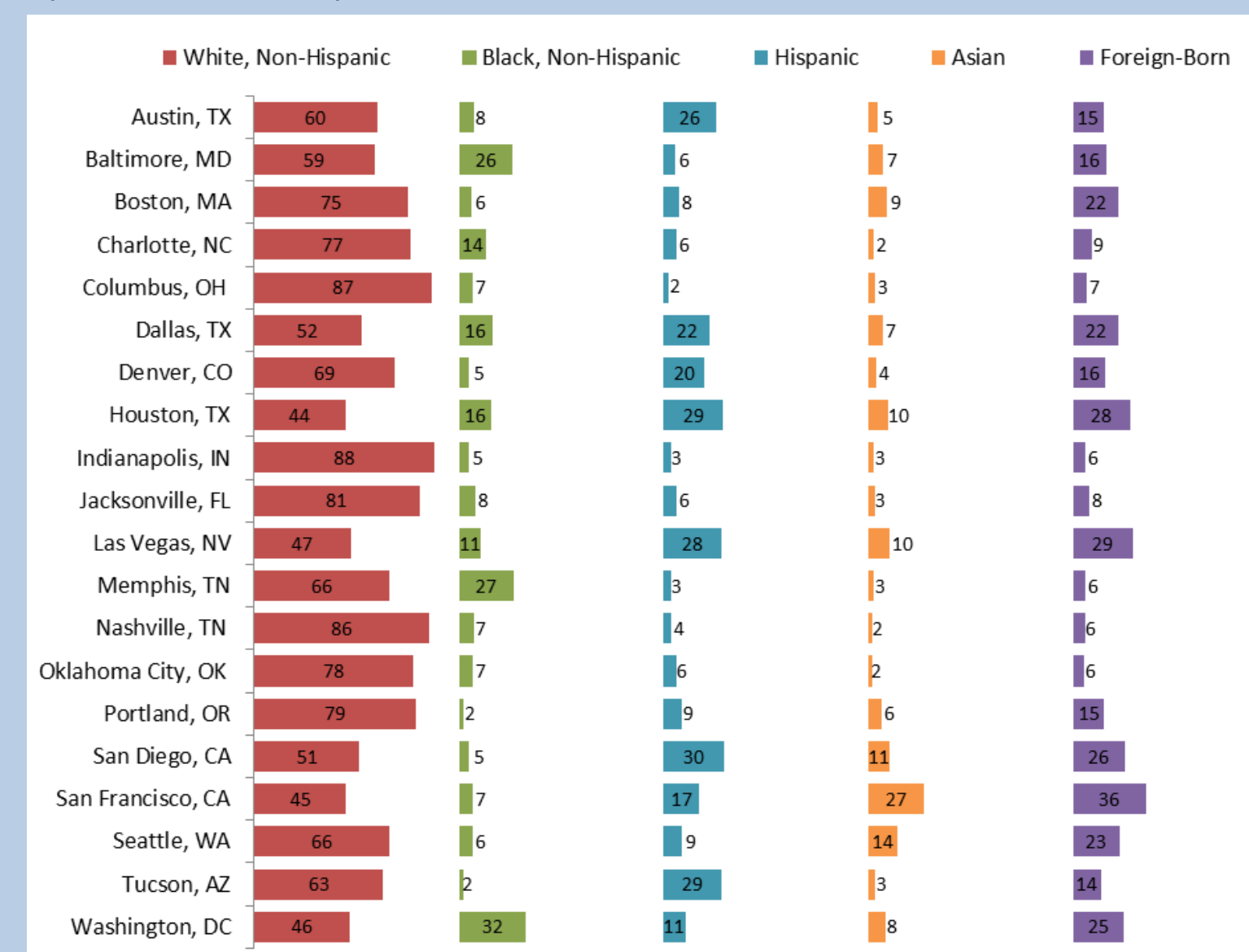


Who commutes into a city for work?

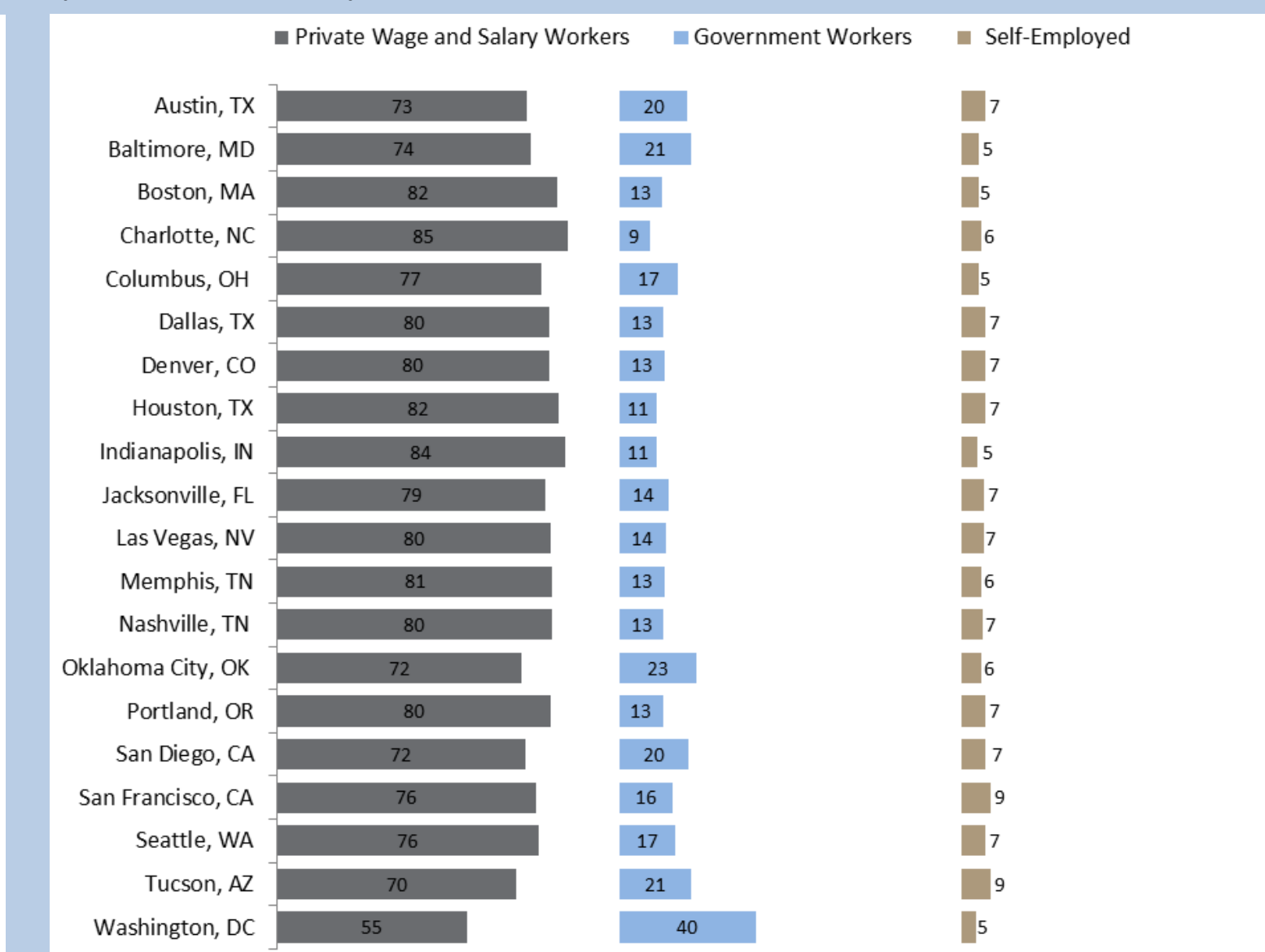
Gender, Marital Status, and Presence of Children (Percent of commuters)



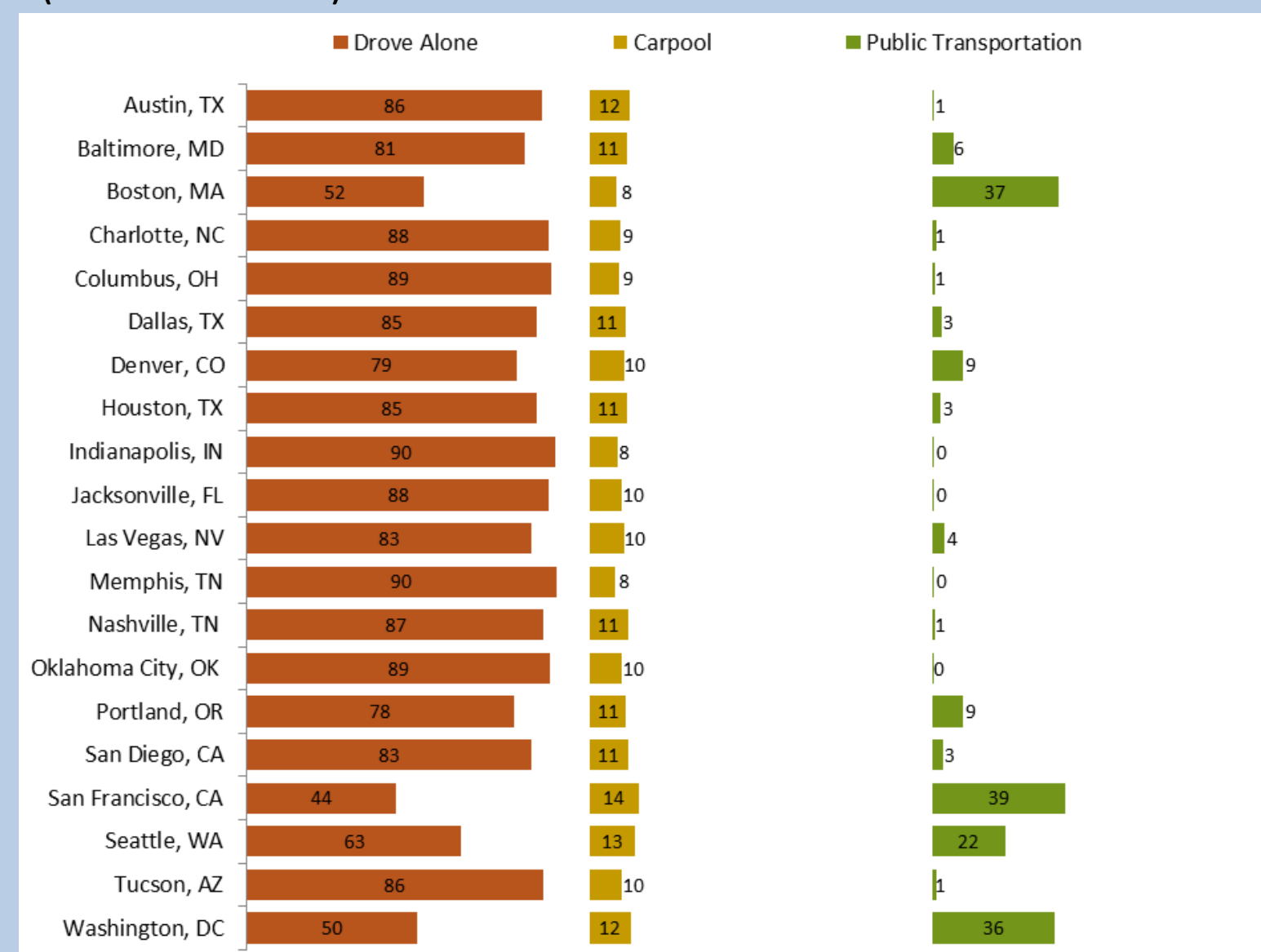
Race, Ethnicity, and Foreign-Born Status (Percent of commuters)



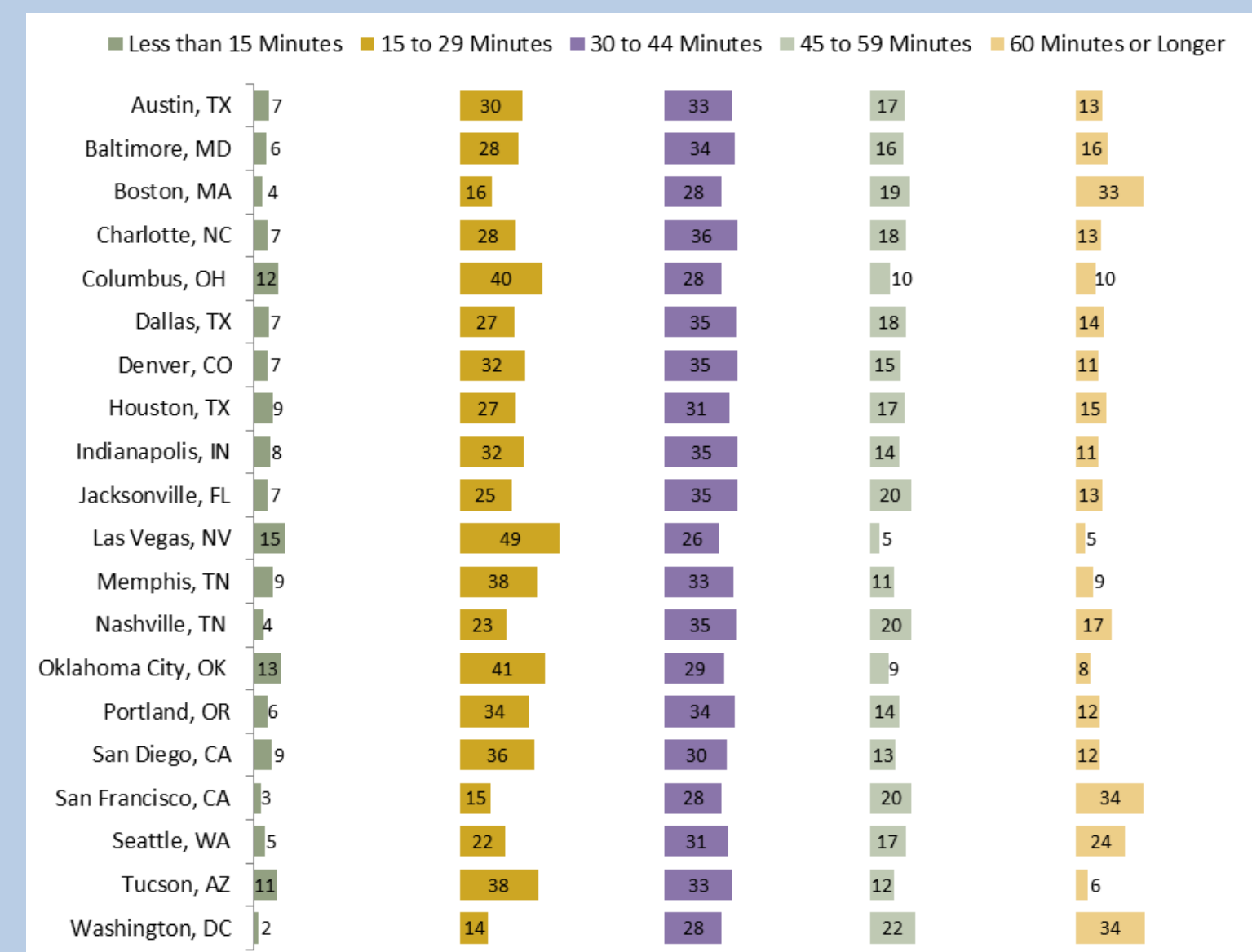
Class of Worker (Percent of commuters)



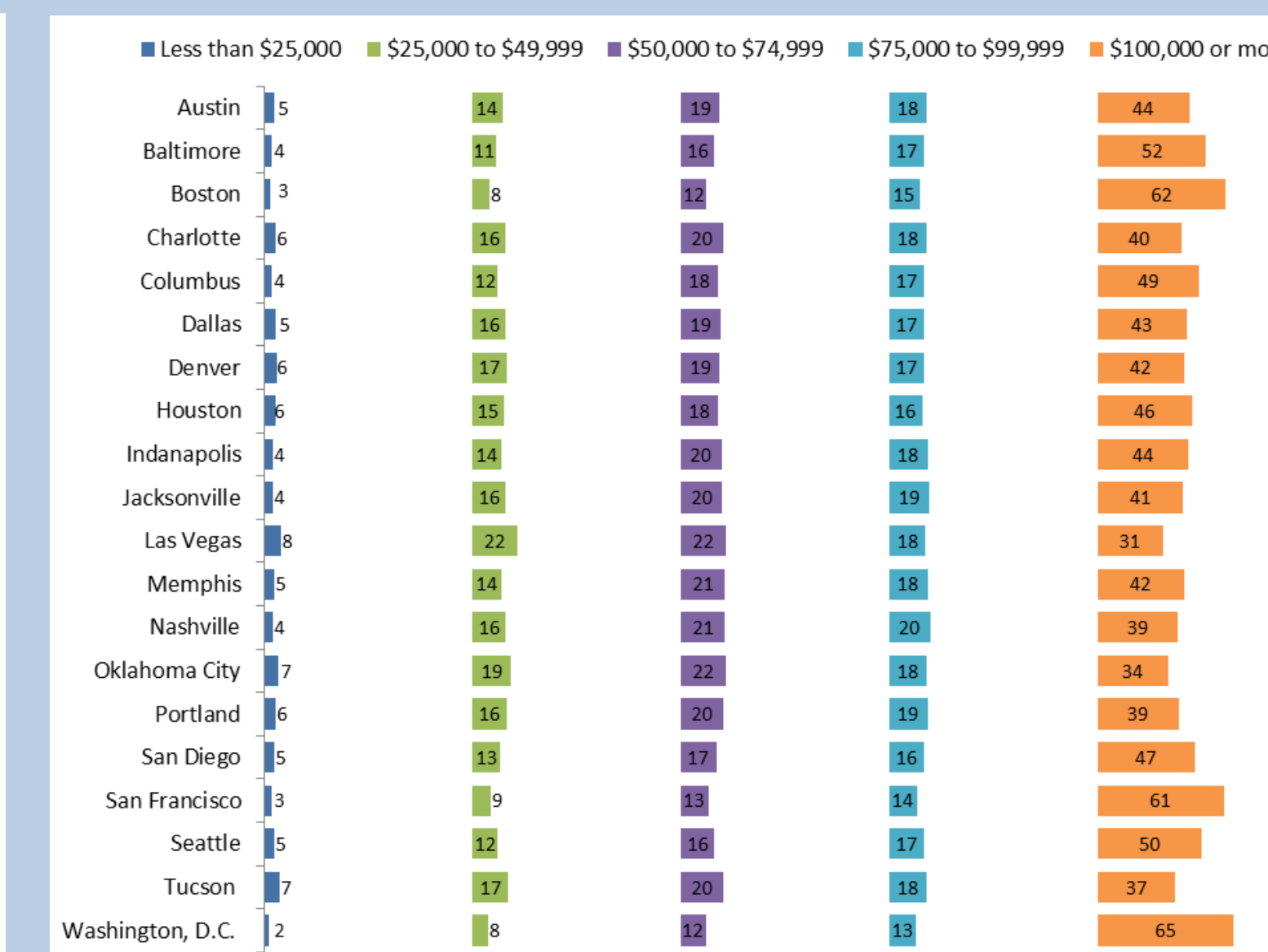
Mode of Transportation (Percent of commuters)



One-Way Commuter Time to Work (Percent of commuters)



Household Income (Percent of commuters)



Are there commuting differences by gender?

Gender, geographic context, and mobility are often interrelated. Differences in mode of transportation and commute times are examined by gender for workers who commute into a selected city.



Live Here to Commute There

ACS data illustrate the characteristics of workers who commute into cities.

Highlights include:

- Jacksonville, FL has the highest share of male commuters at 60%
- Las Vegas, NV has the lowest share of married commuters at 48%
- Four out of ten commuters to Washington, DC work in government
- San Francisco, CA has the lowest share of commuters who drive alone at 44%

Findings also highlight travel patterns for women and men commuters for selected cities.

- Women are more likely to use public transportation than men in Boston, MA; Seattle, WA; San Francisco, CA; and Washington, DC
- Similar percentages of women and men commute alone by car to San Diego, CA
- Among our selected cities, less than 10 percent of women or men have short commutes (less than 15 minutes)