

Family Income	Los Angeles [2000 Census]	
	City	County (outside of central city)
Percent of families below \$20,000	24.7%	16.8%
Percent of families between \$40,000 and \$75,000	25.0%	29.9%
Percent of families above \$200,000	4.4%	3.8%

City/Suburb split in income

Central city has larger proportion of wealthy families, and larger proportion of poor
 Suburban areas has proportionally greater number middle income families

Attraction of the wealthy to central city

Cultural amenities: symphony, museums, shopping districts

Why are middle class families fleeing cities?

One reason may be schools
 Suburban schools perceived to be higher quality
 90% of children go to public schools - administered by local districts

Decline in central city schools may reflect sorting