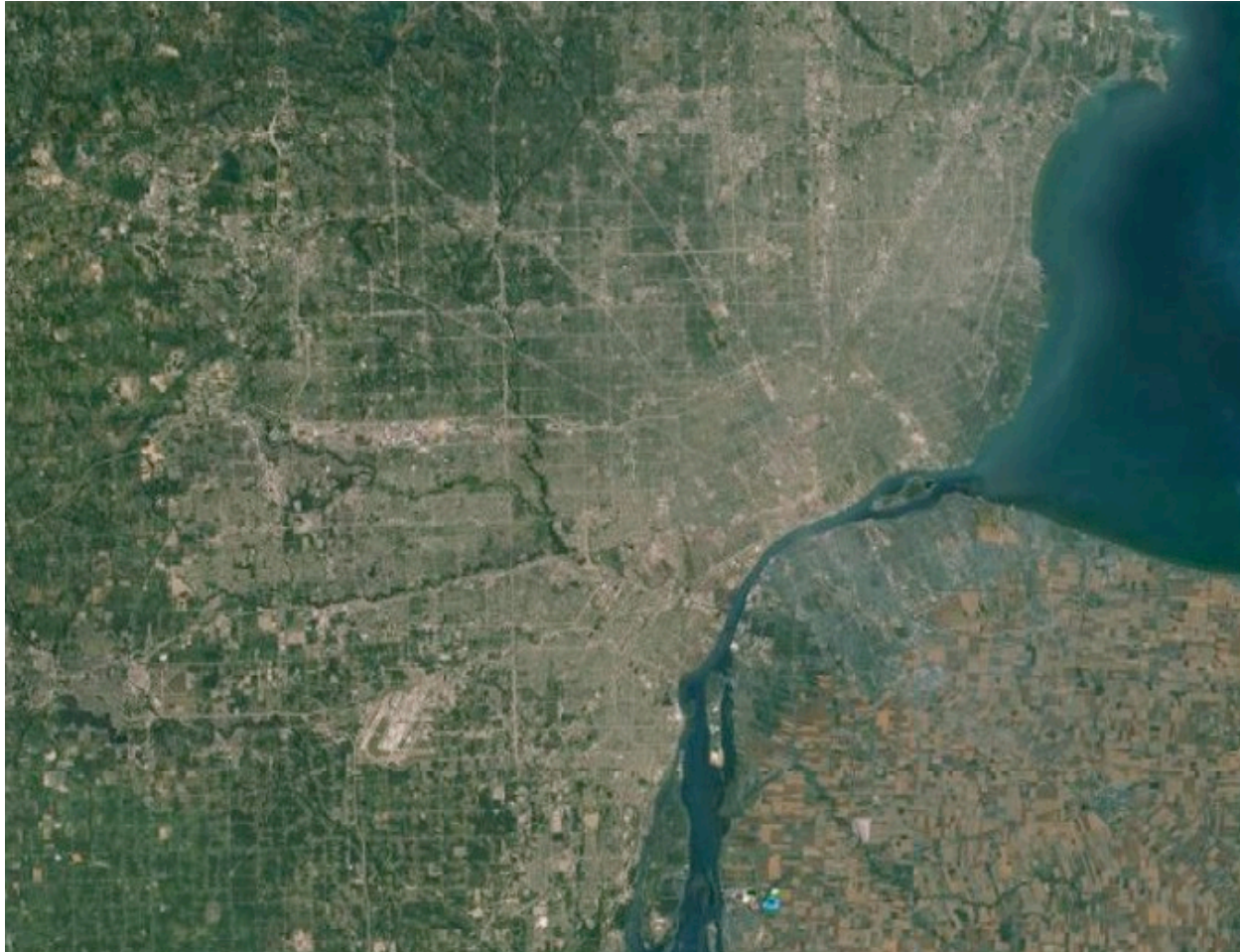


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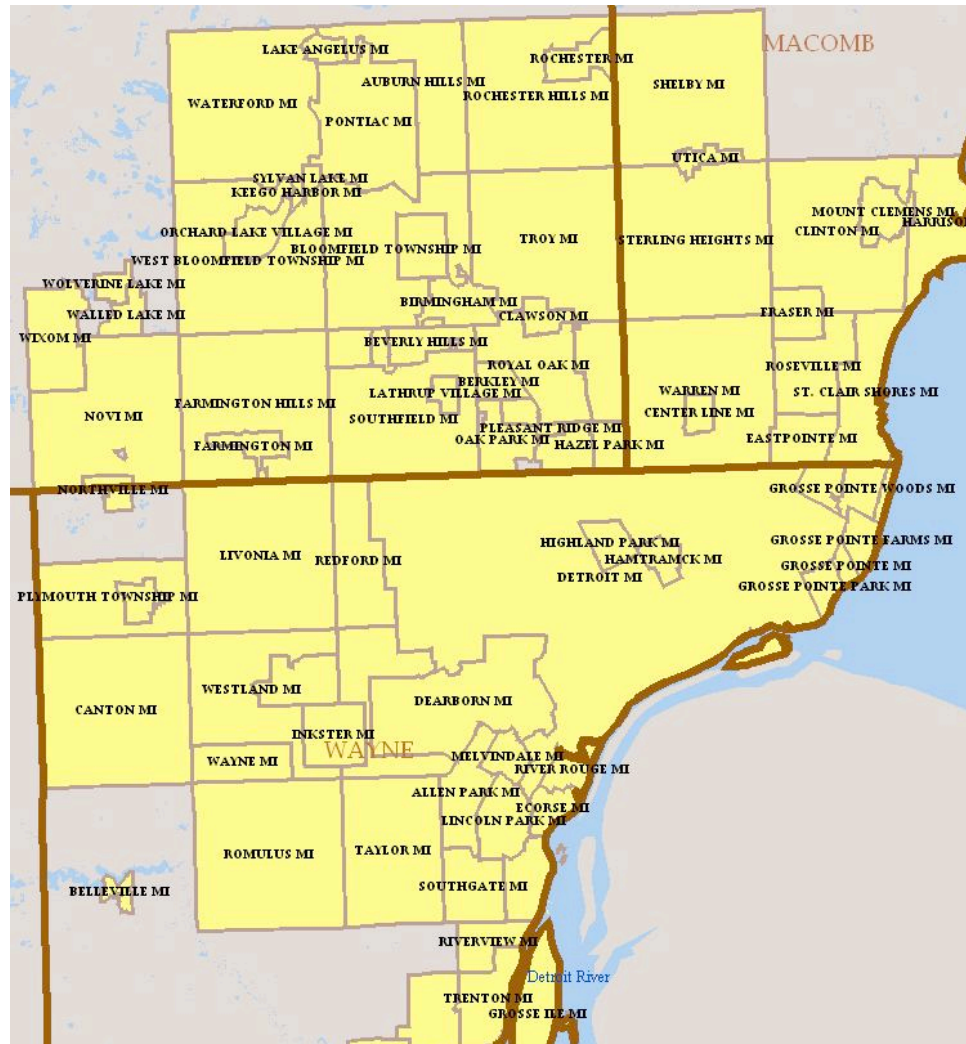
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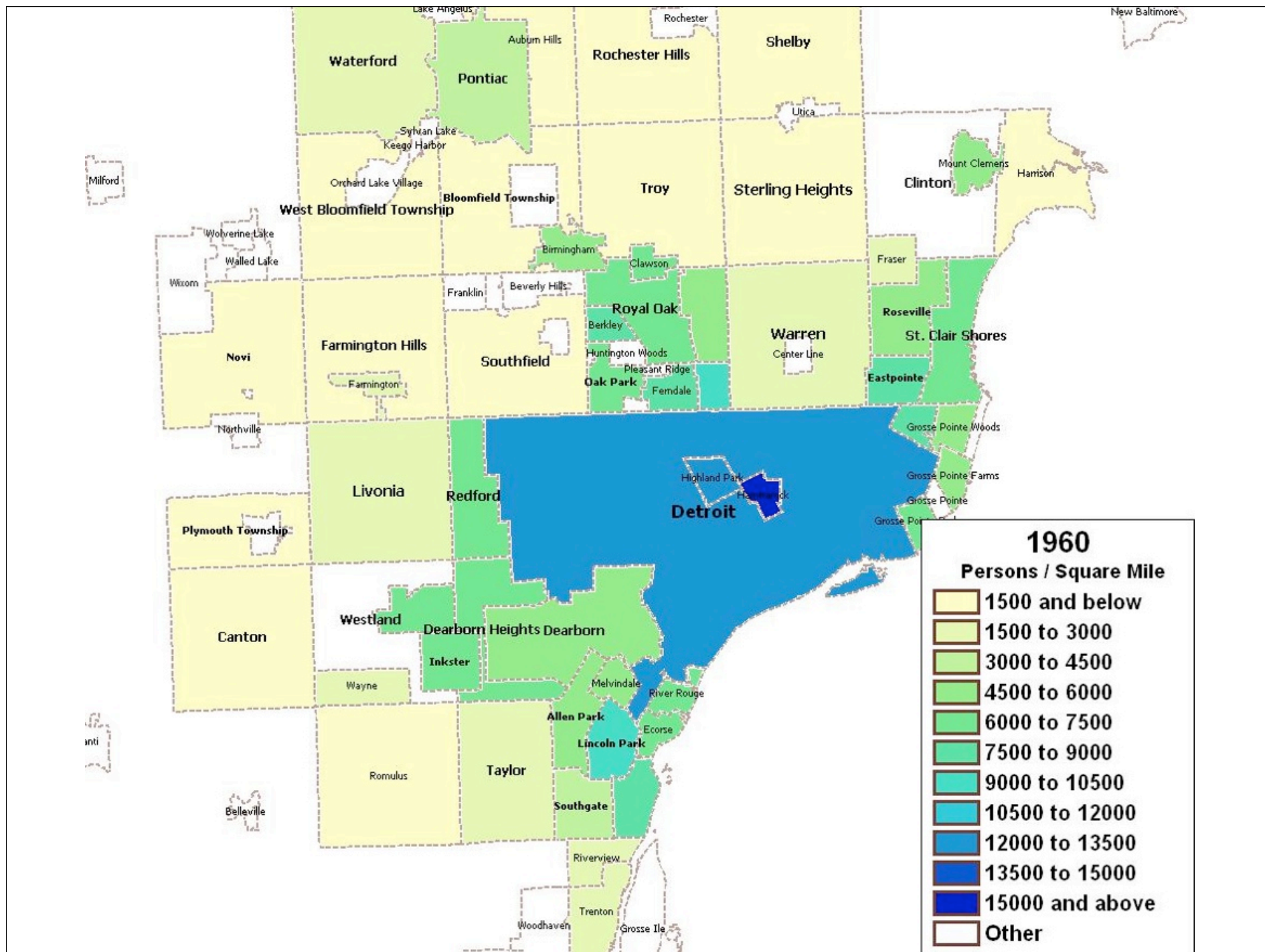


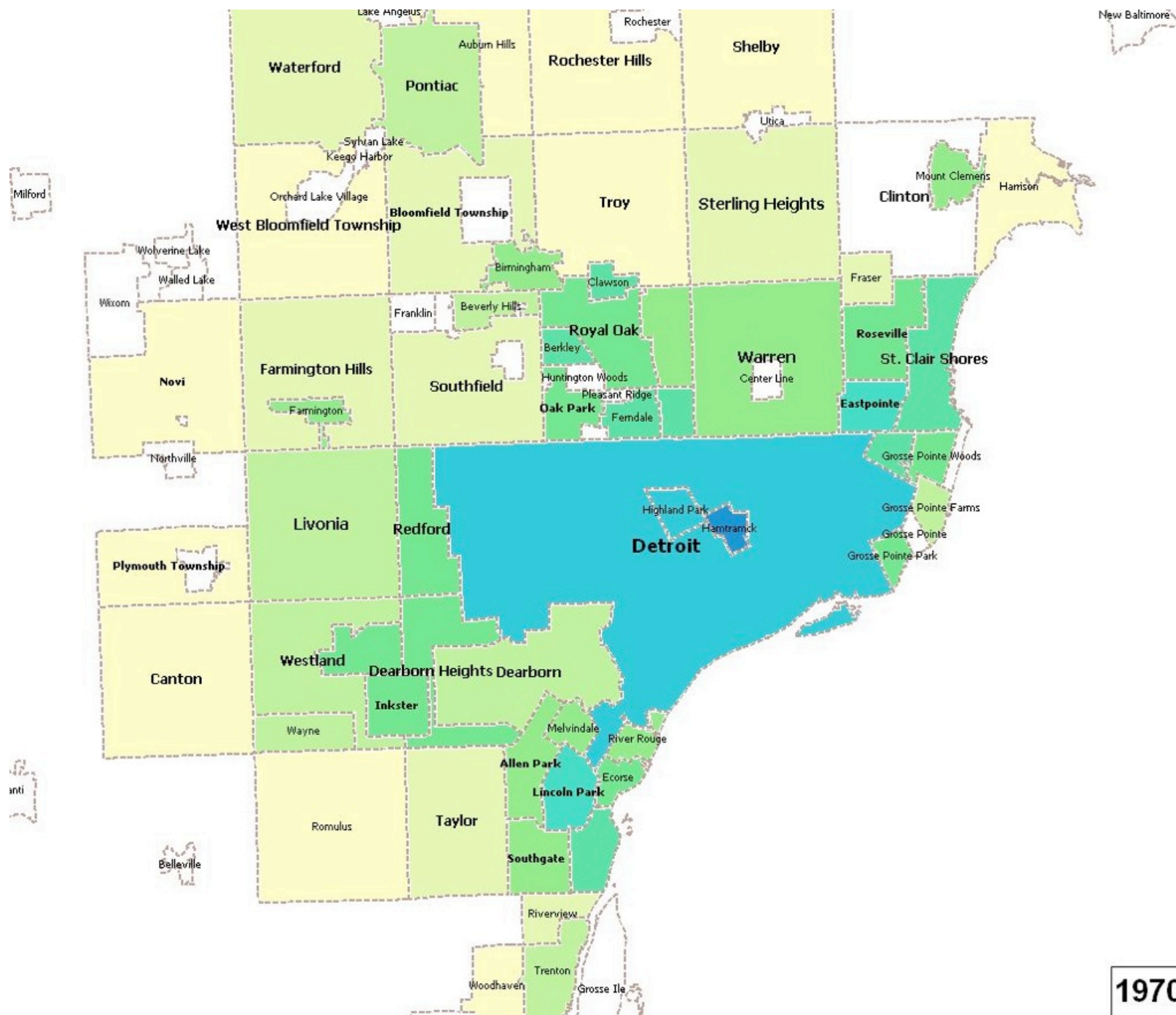
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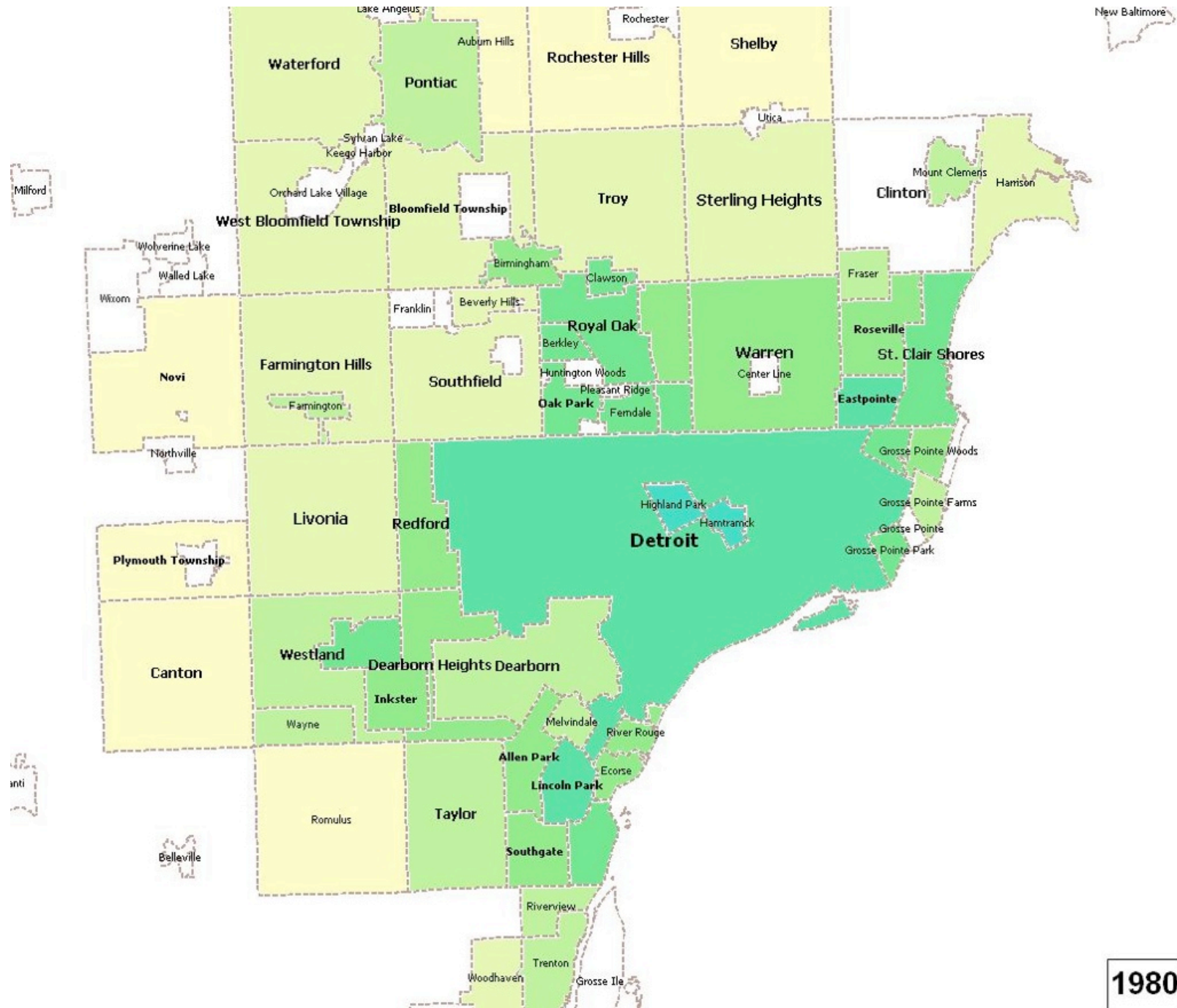
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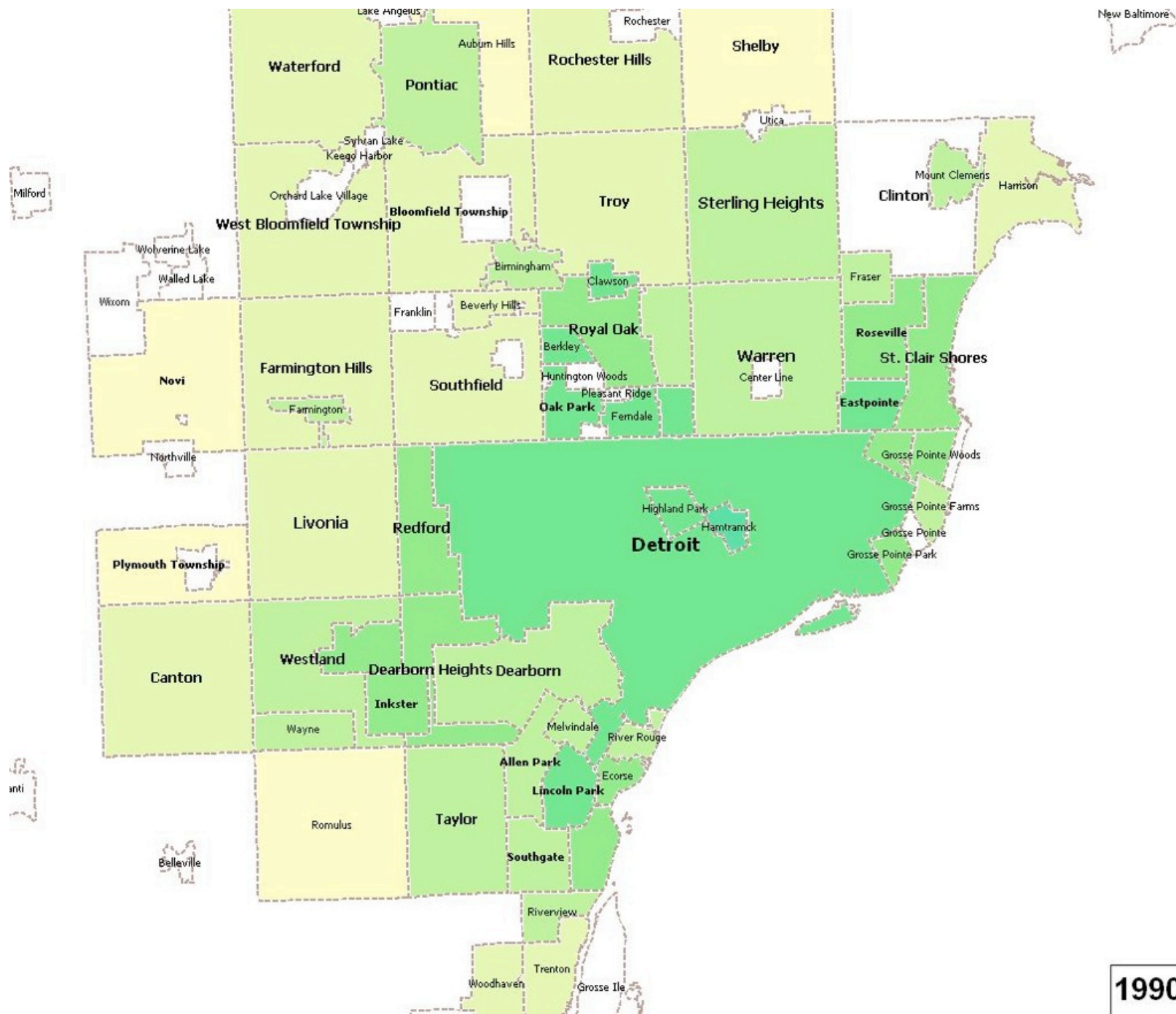
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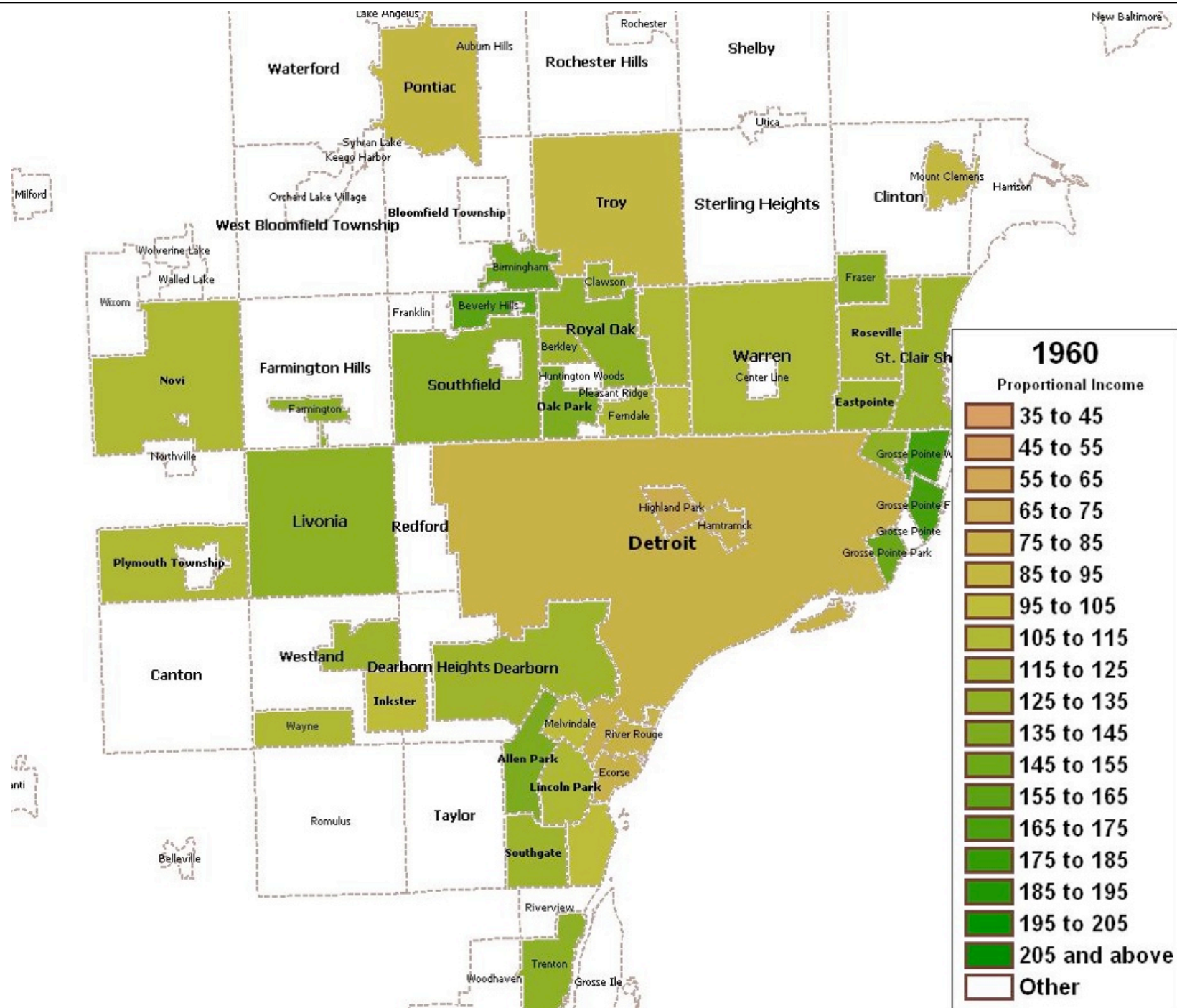


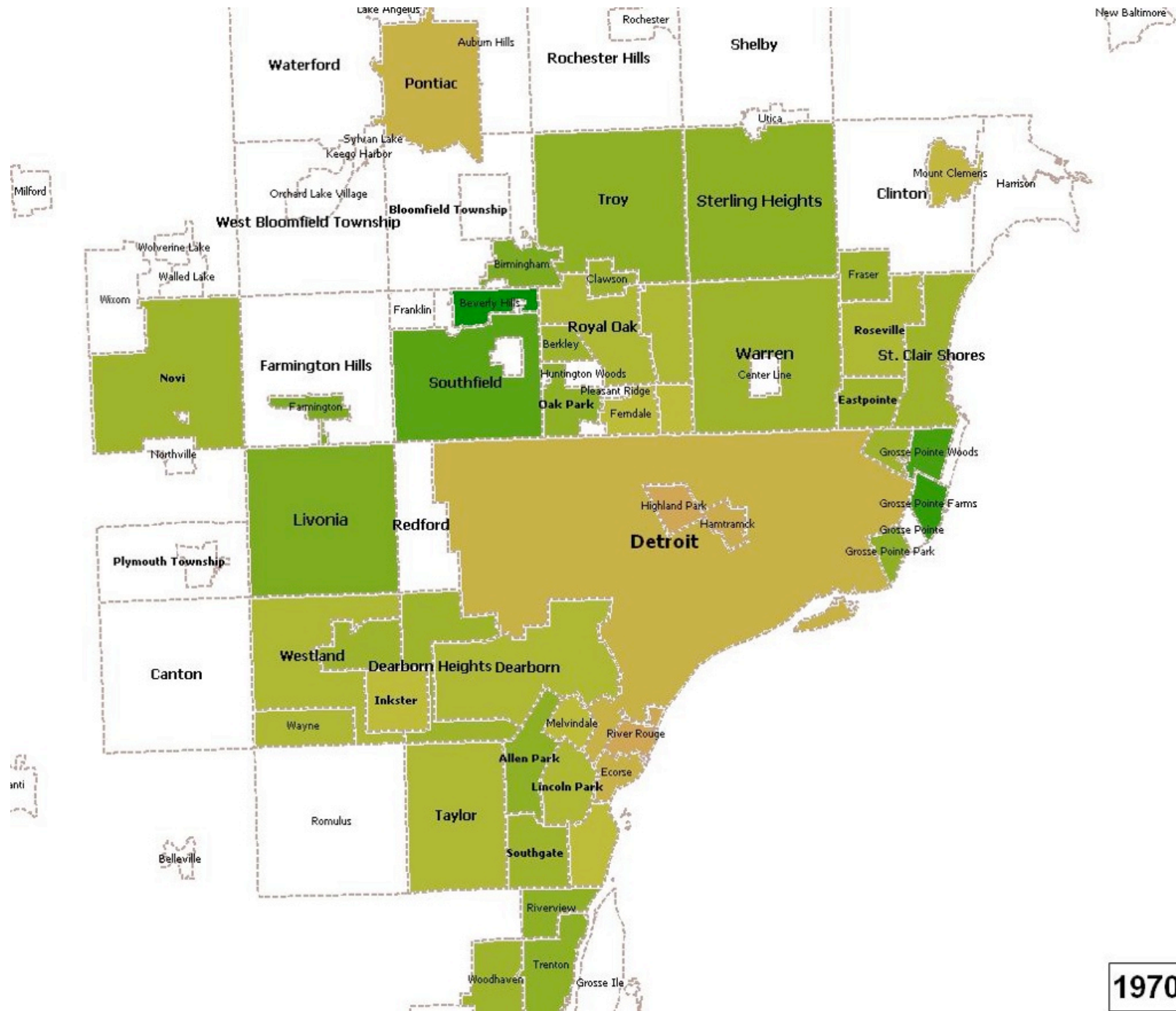


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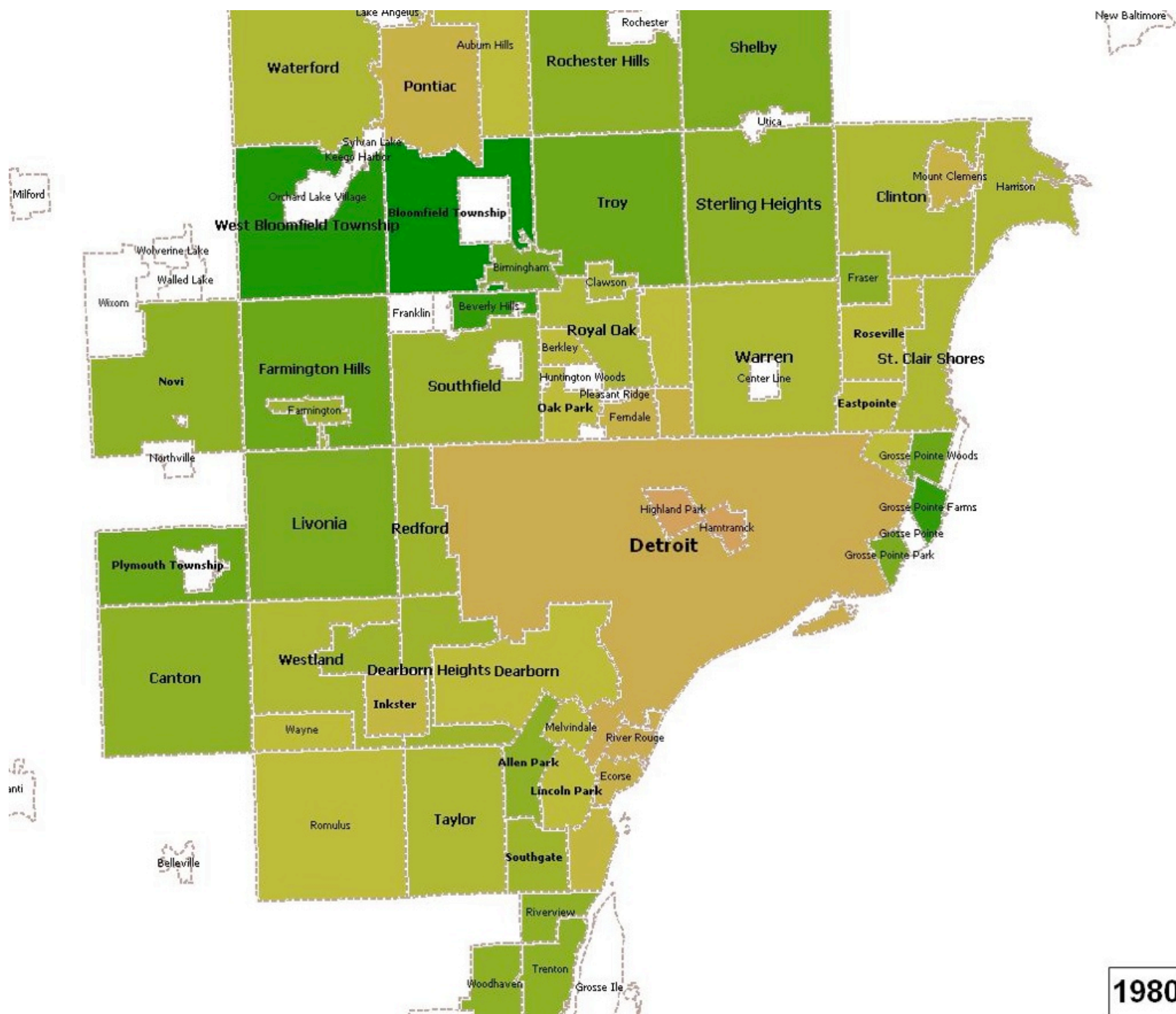
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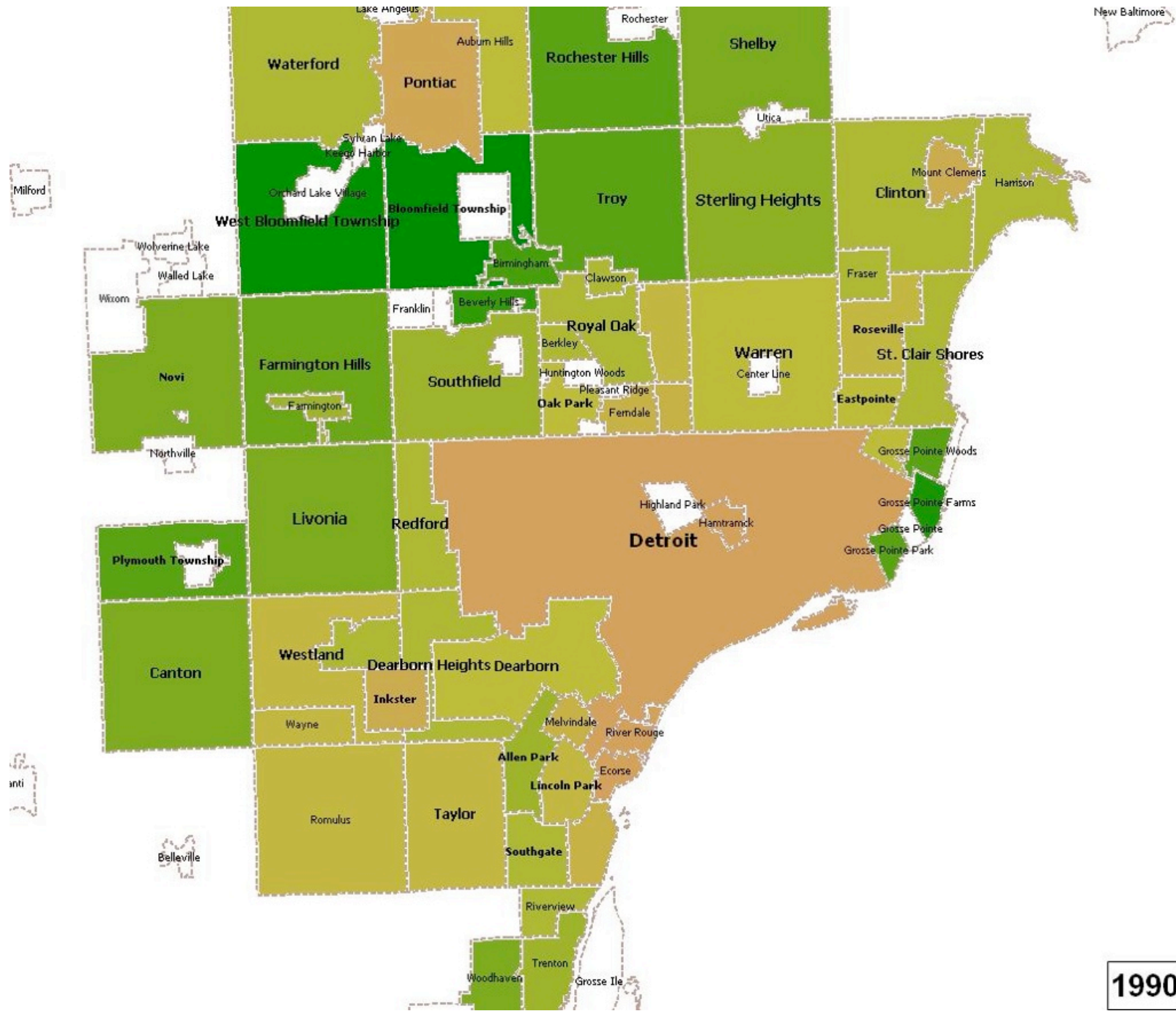
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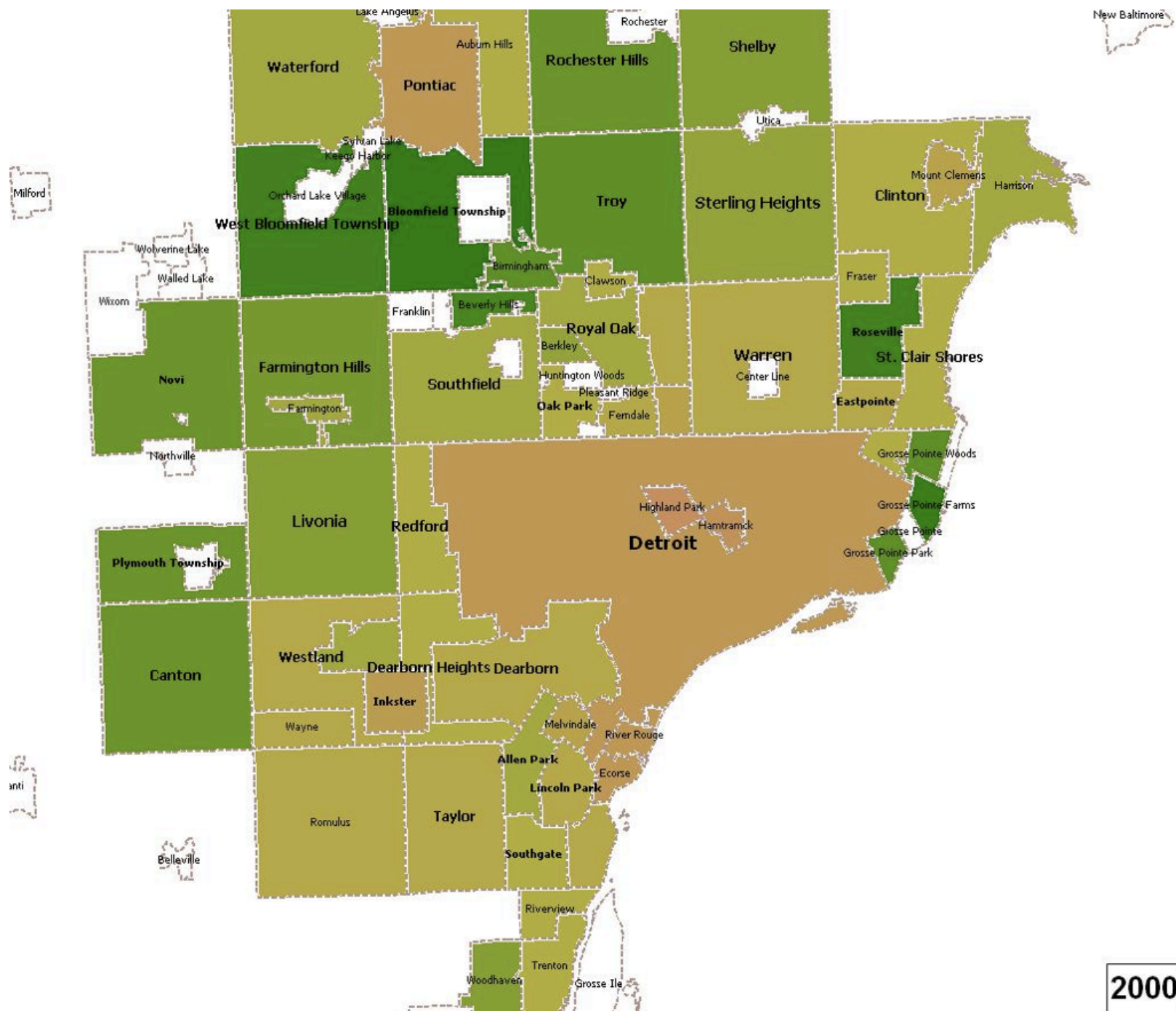


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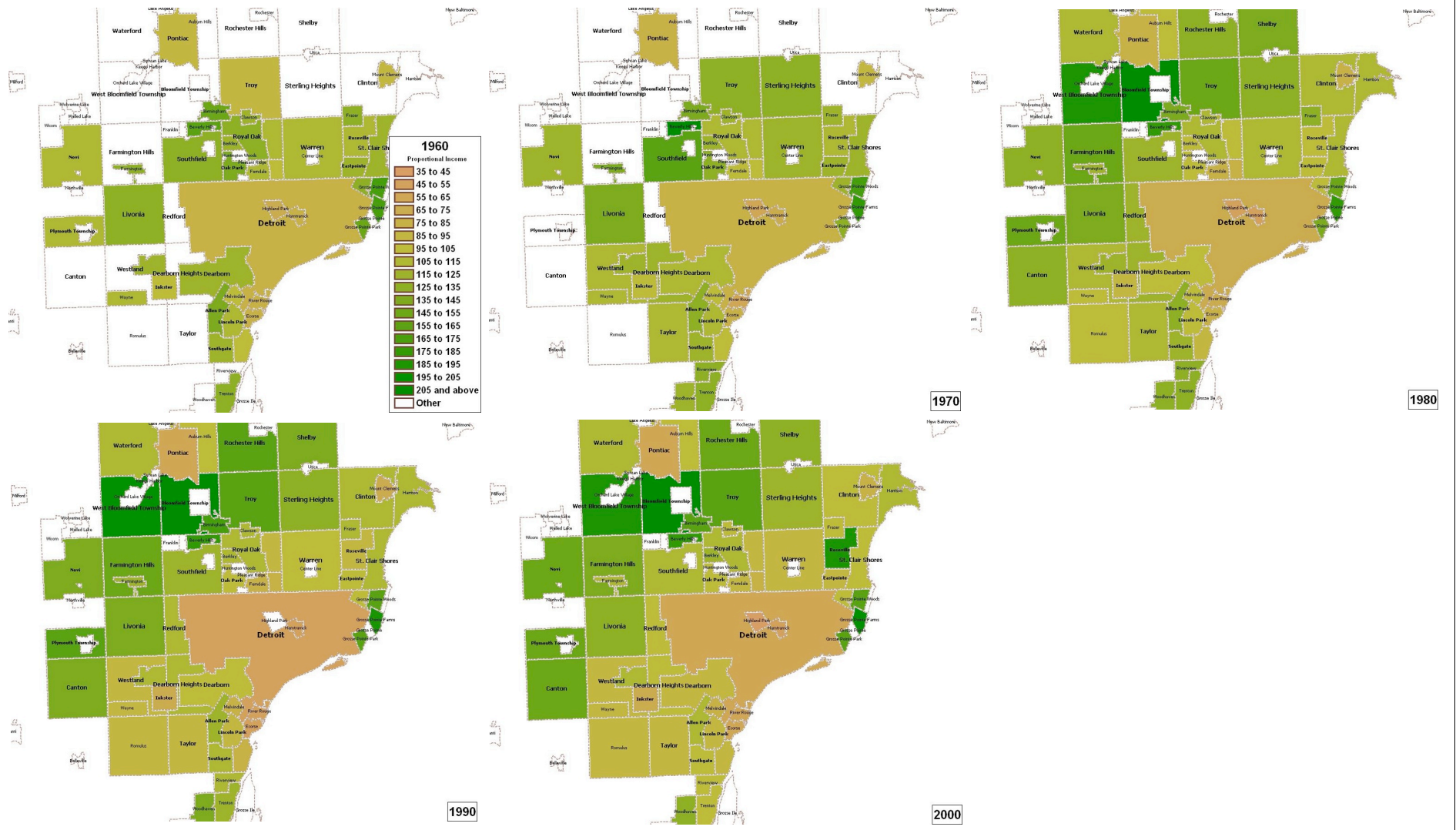




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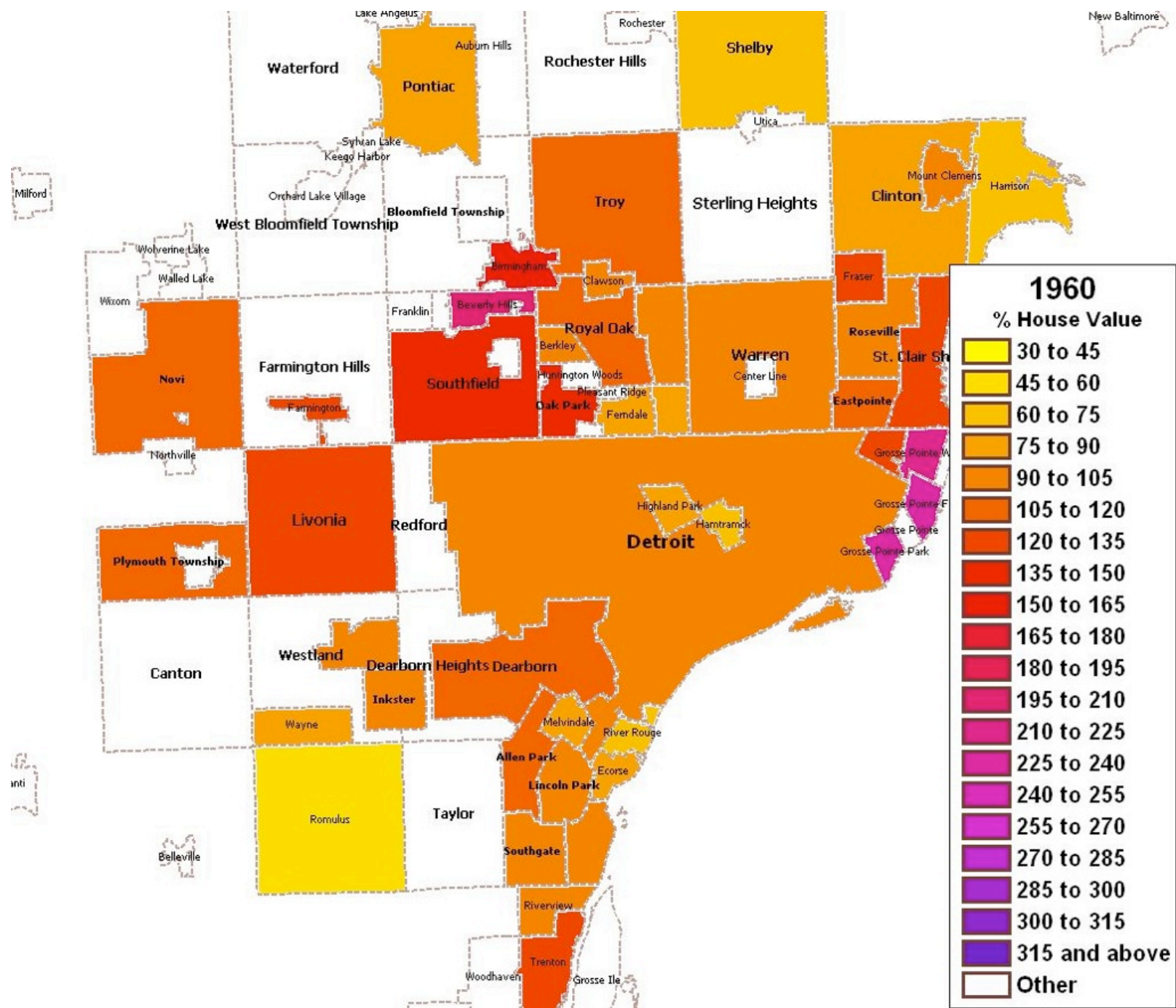


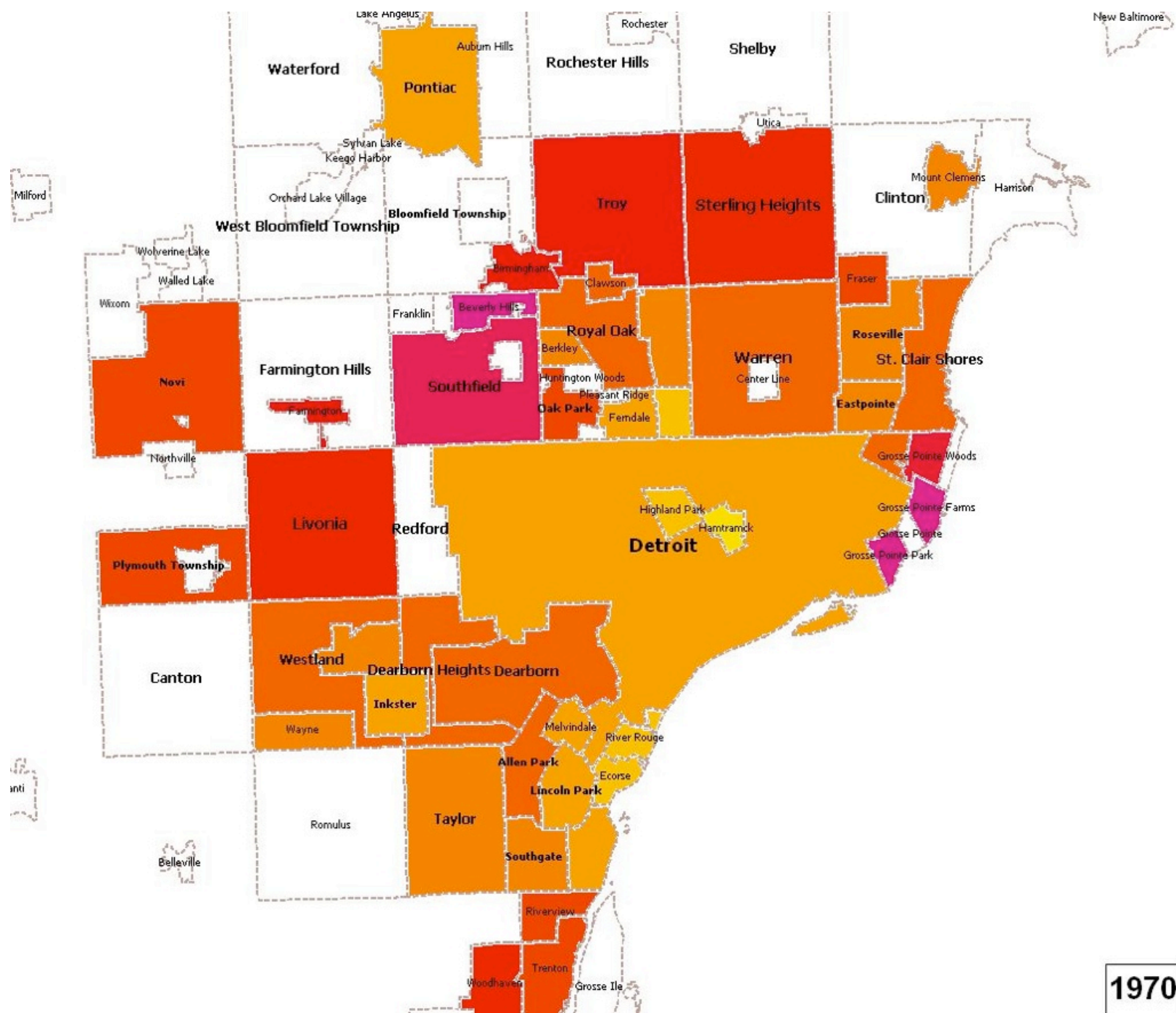
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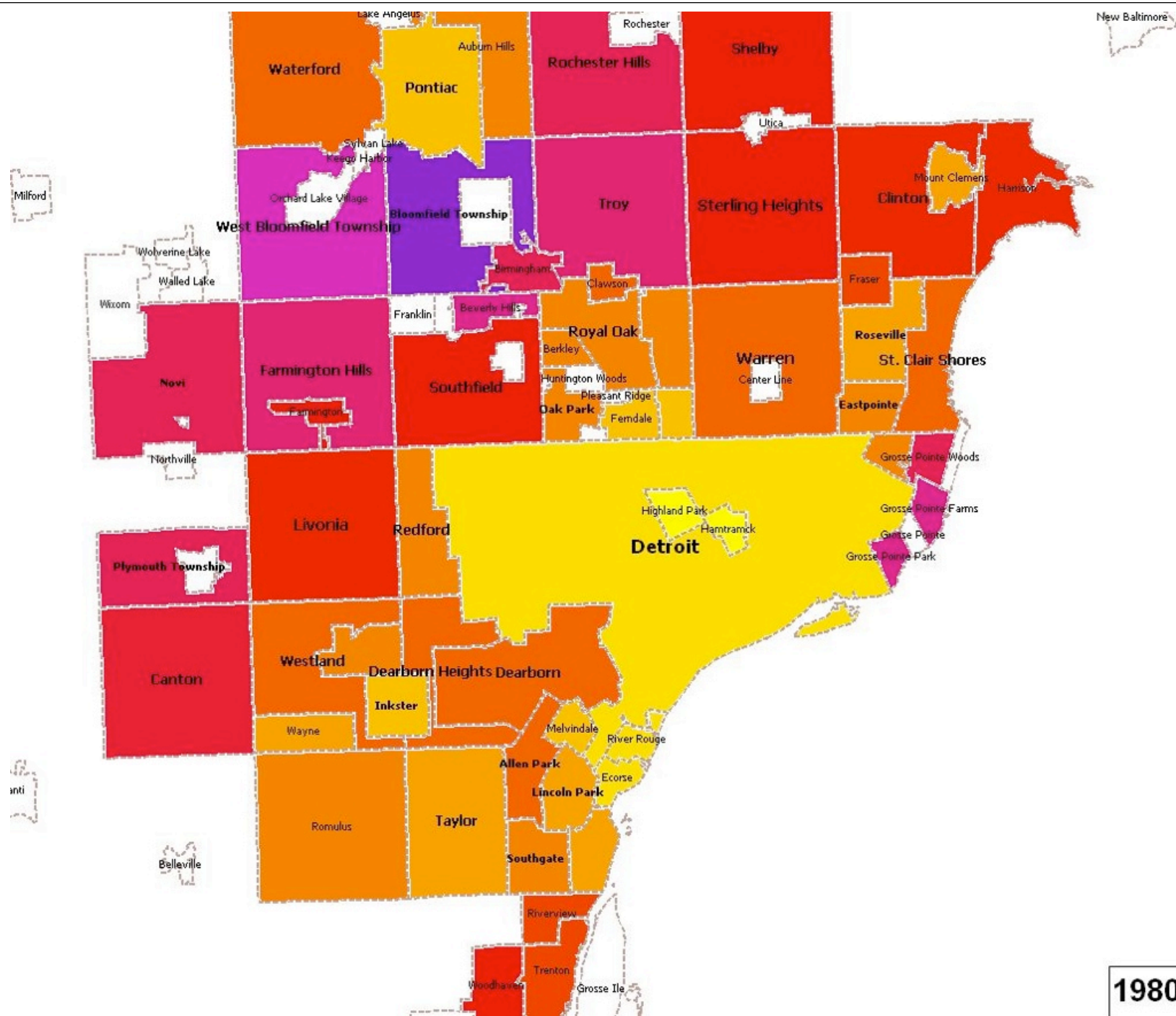


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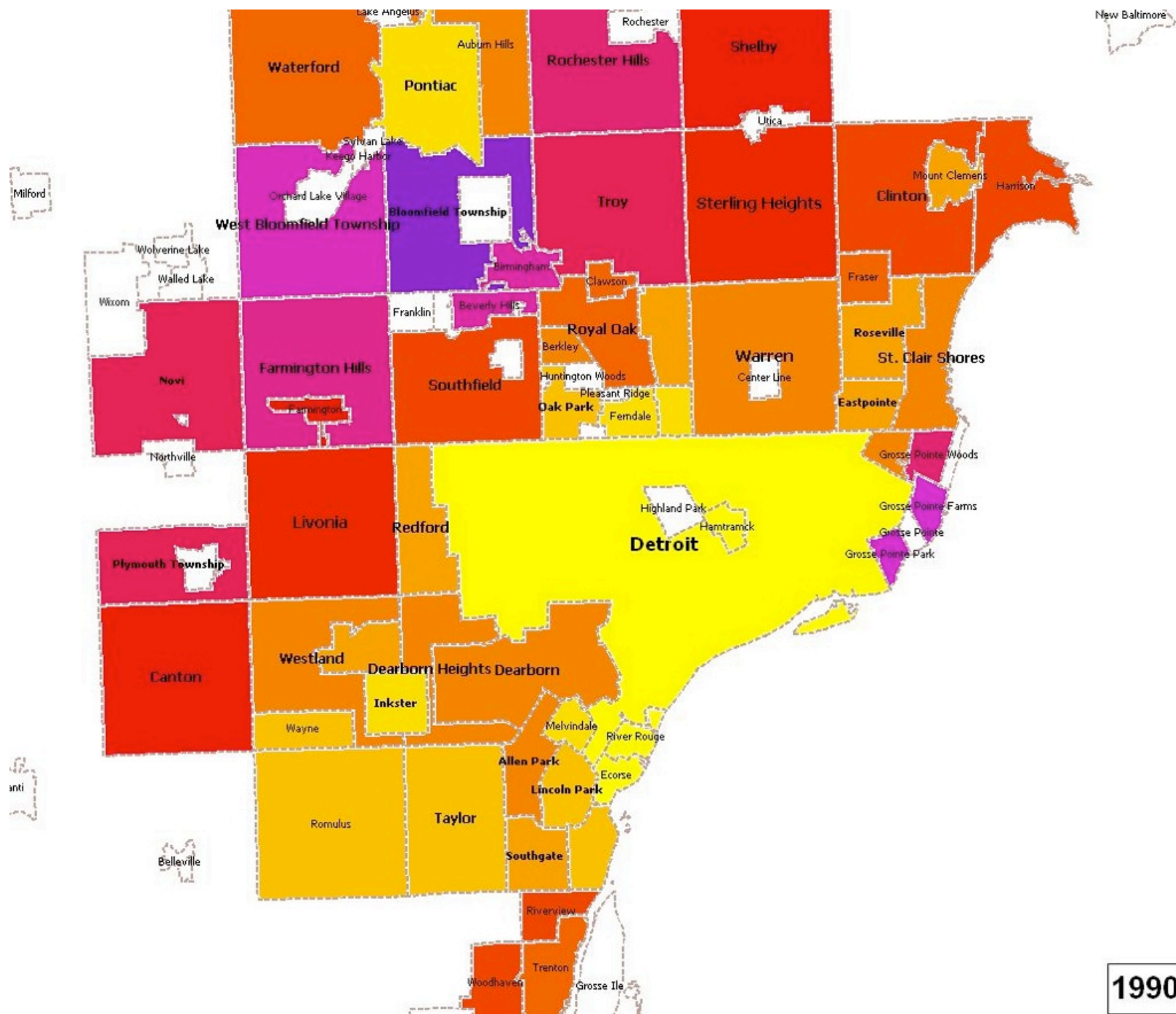
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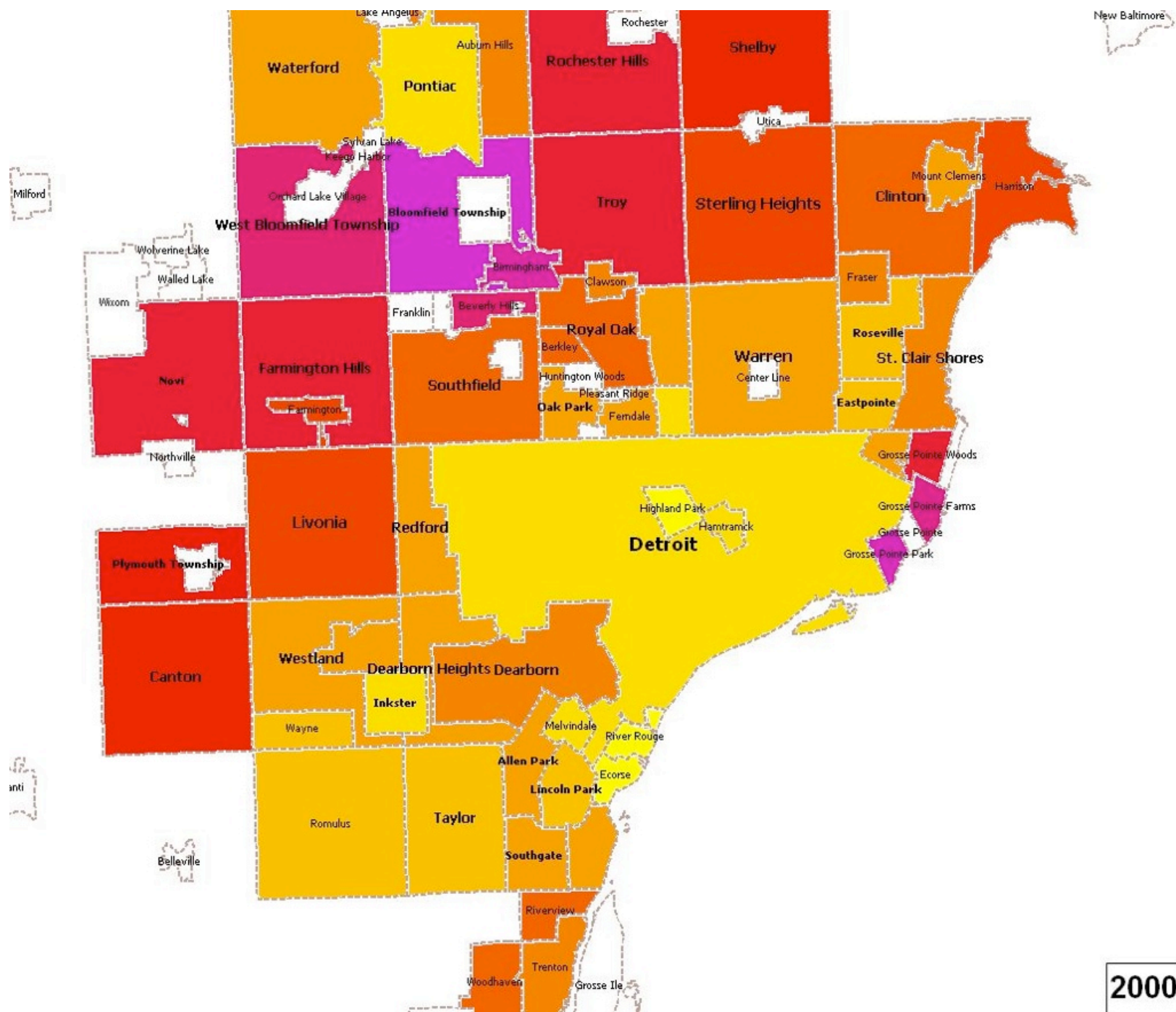




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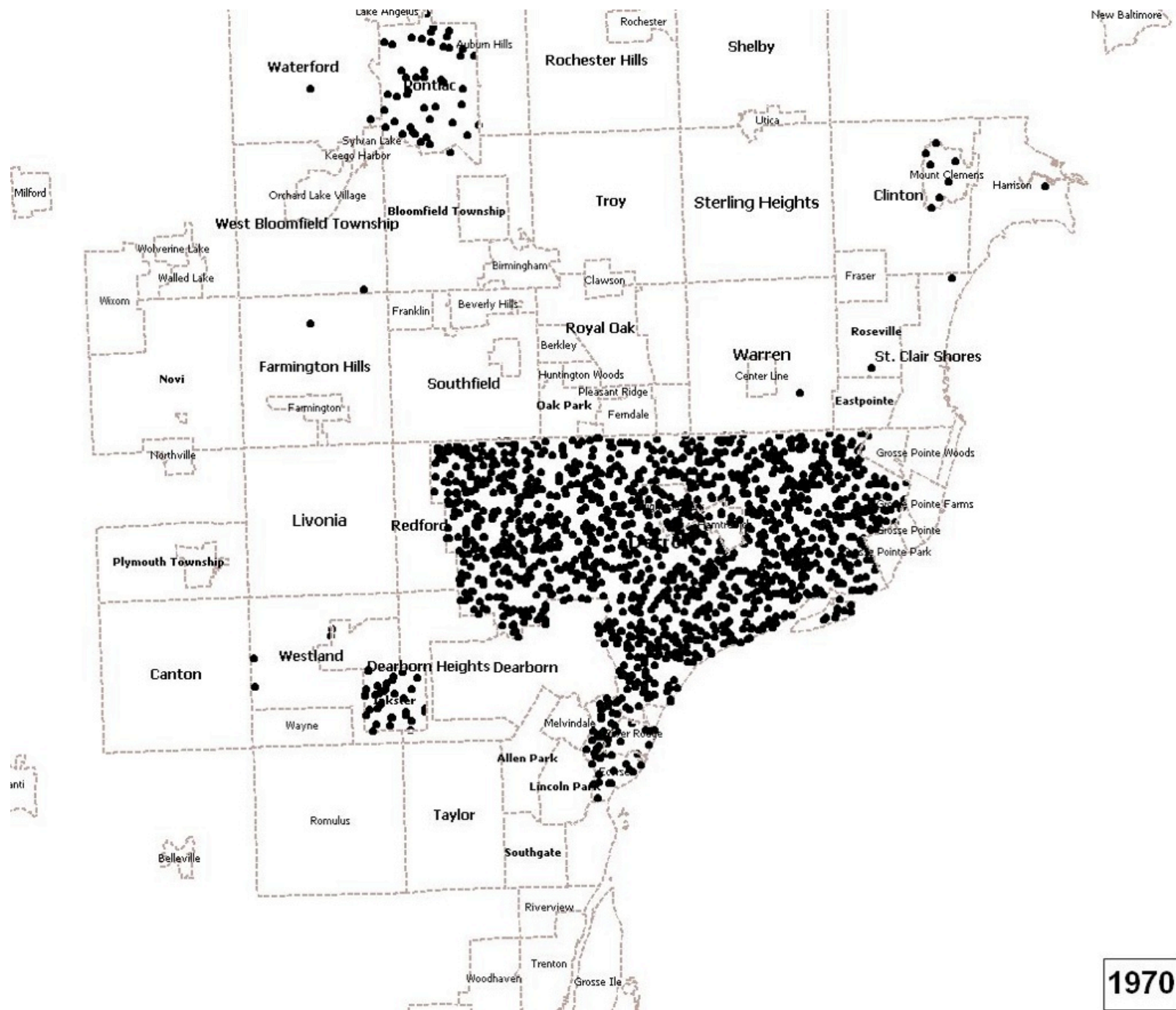


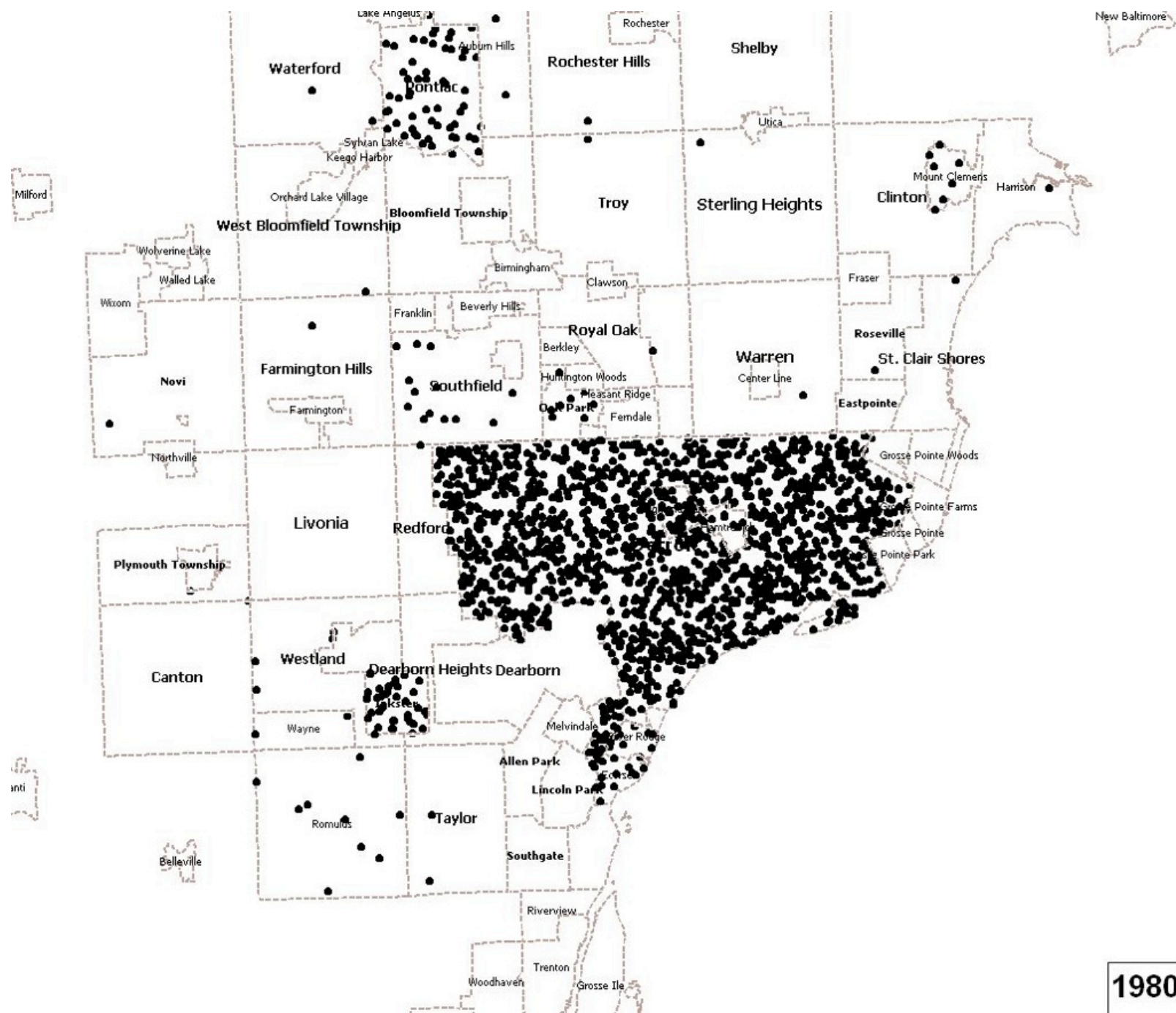
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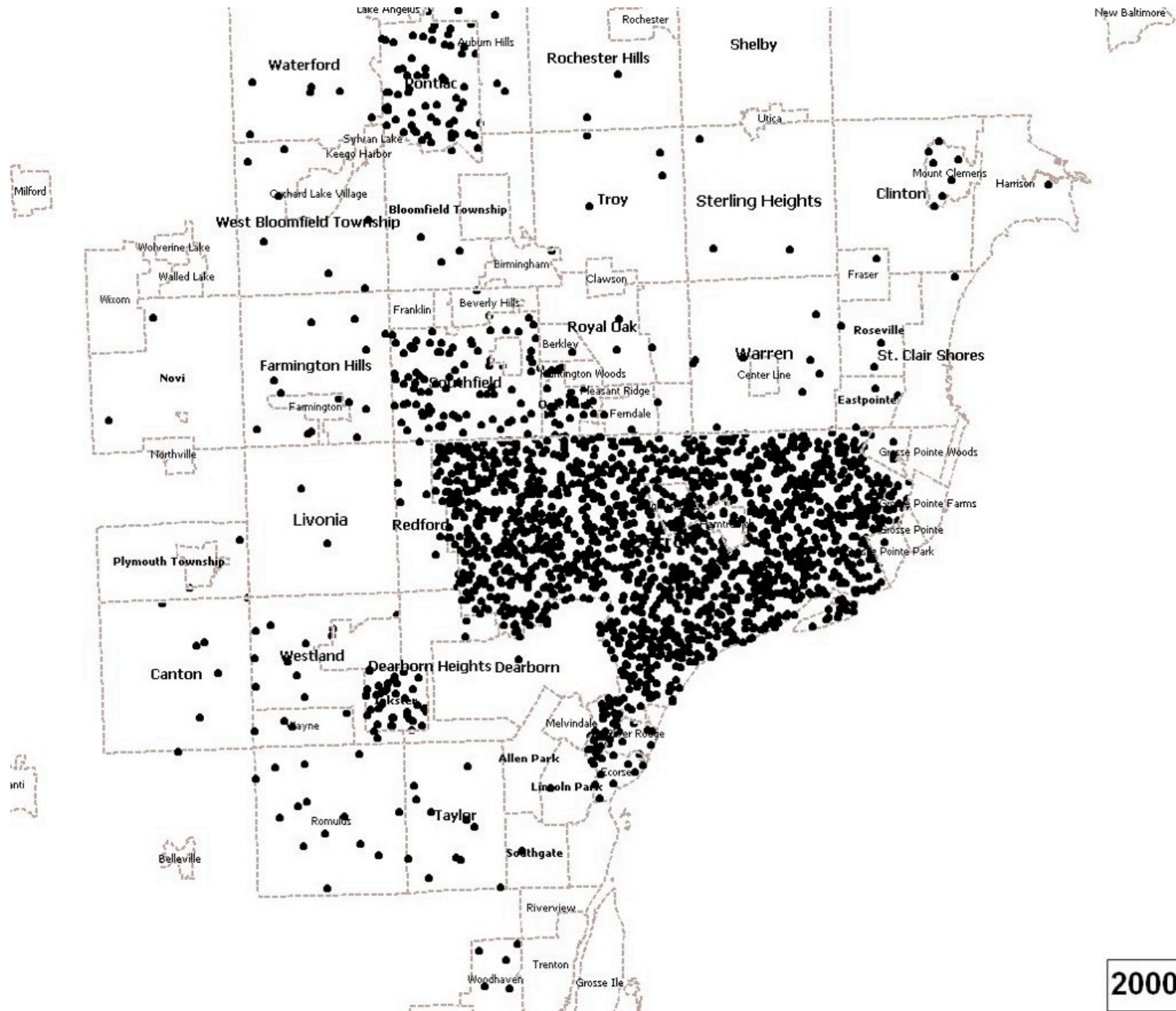


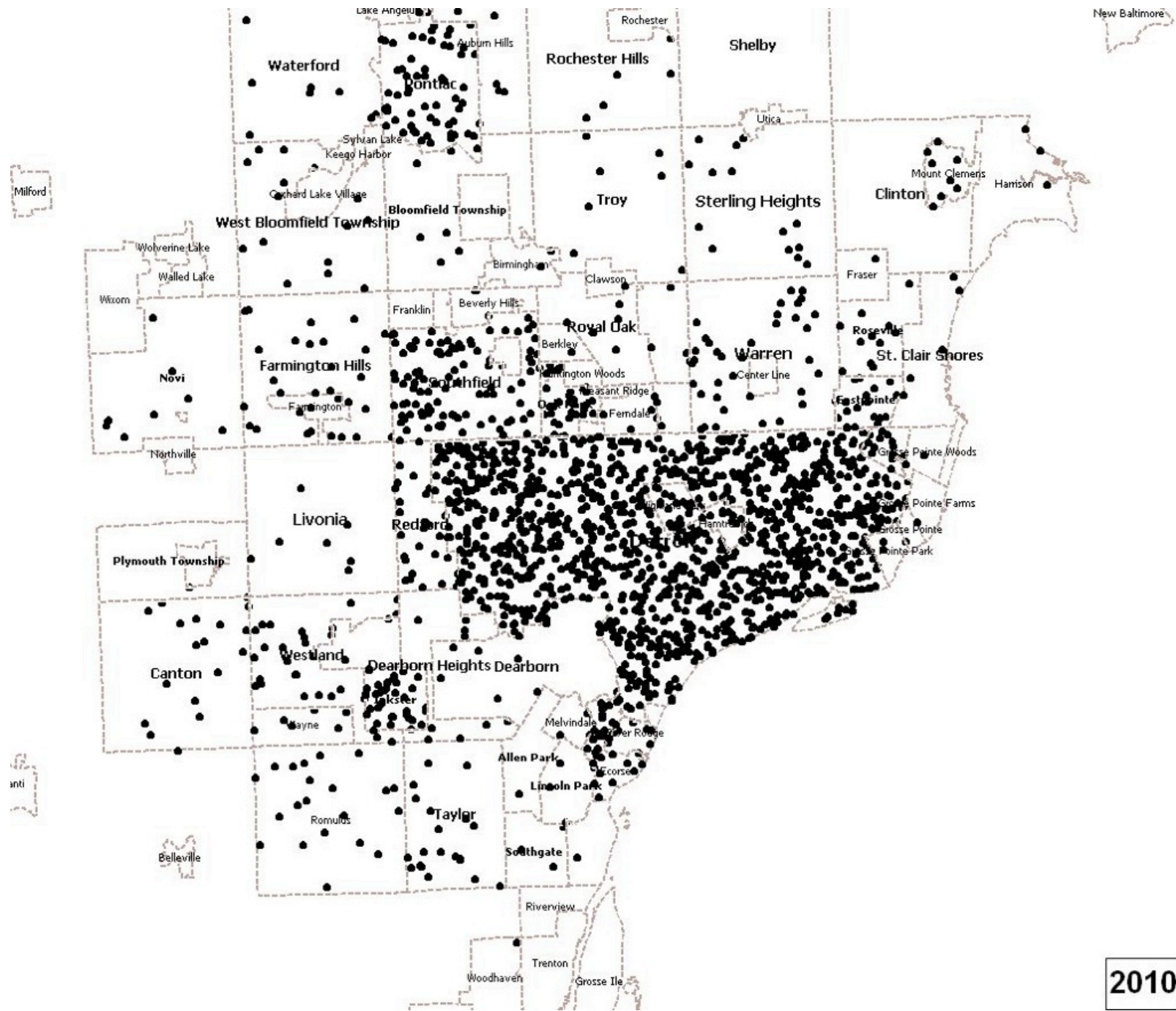
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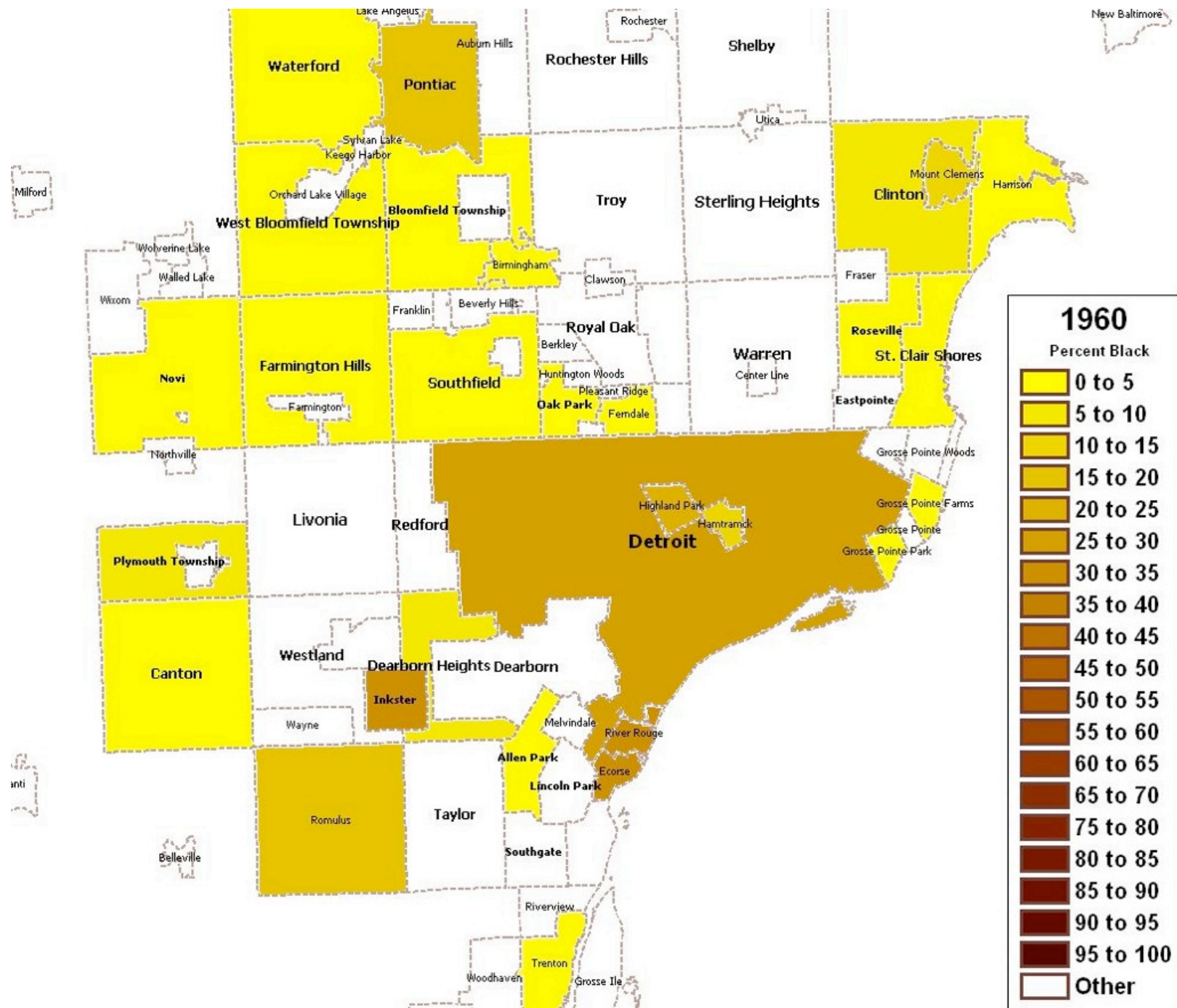


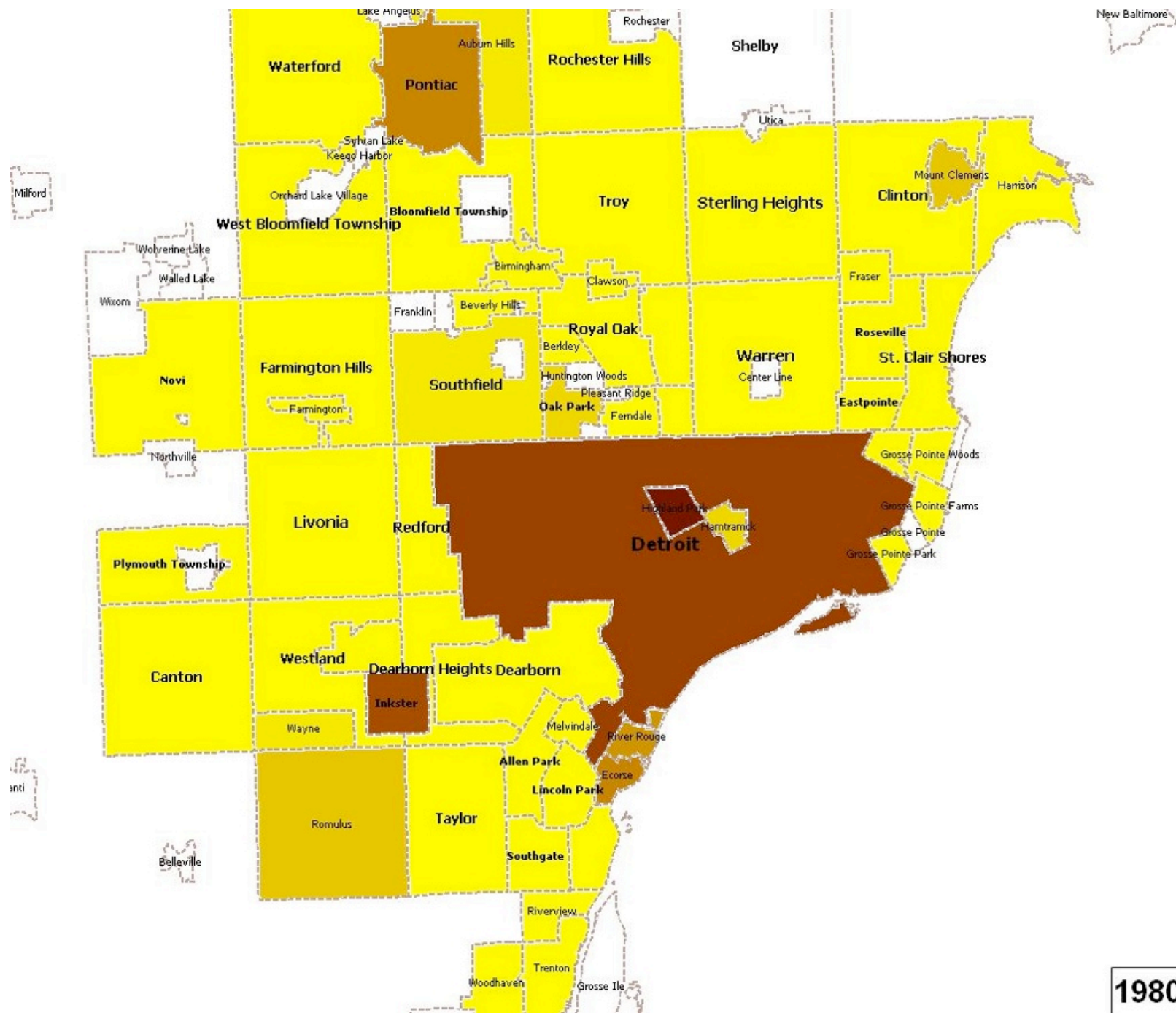


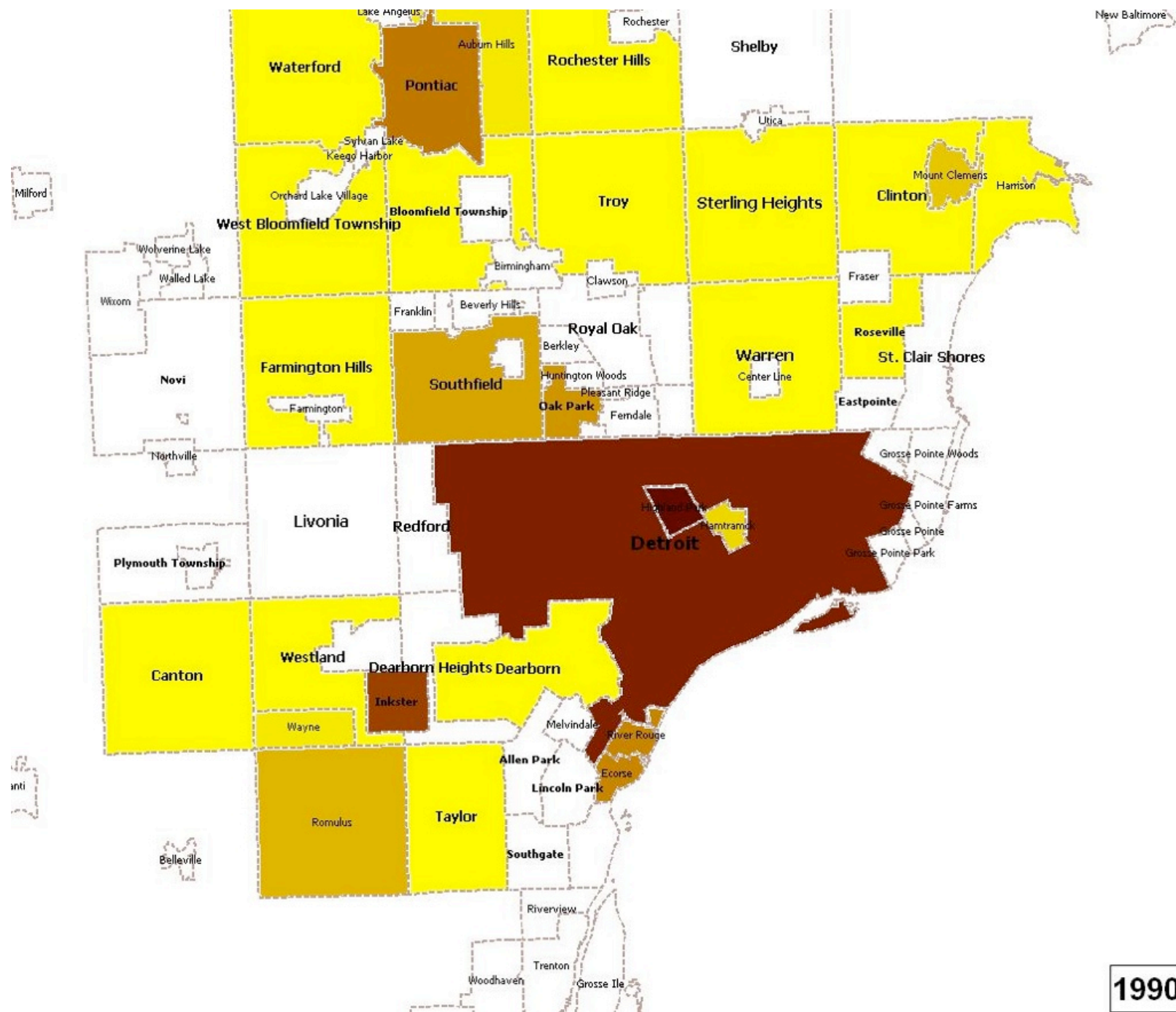
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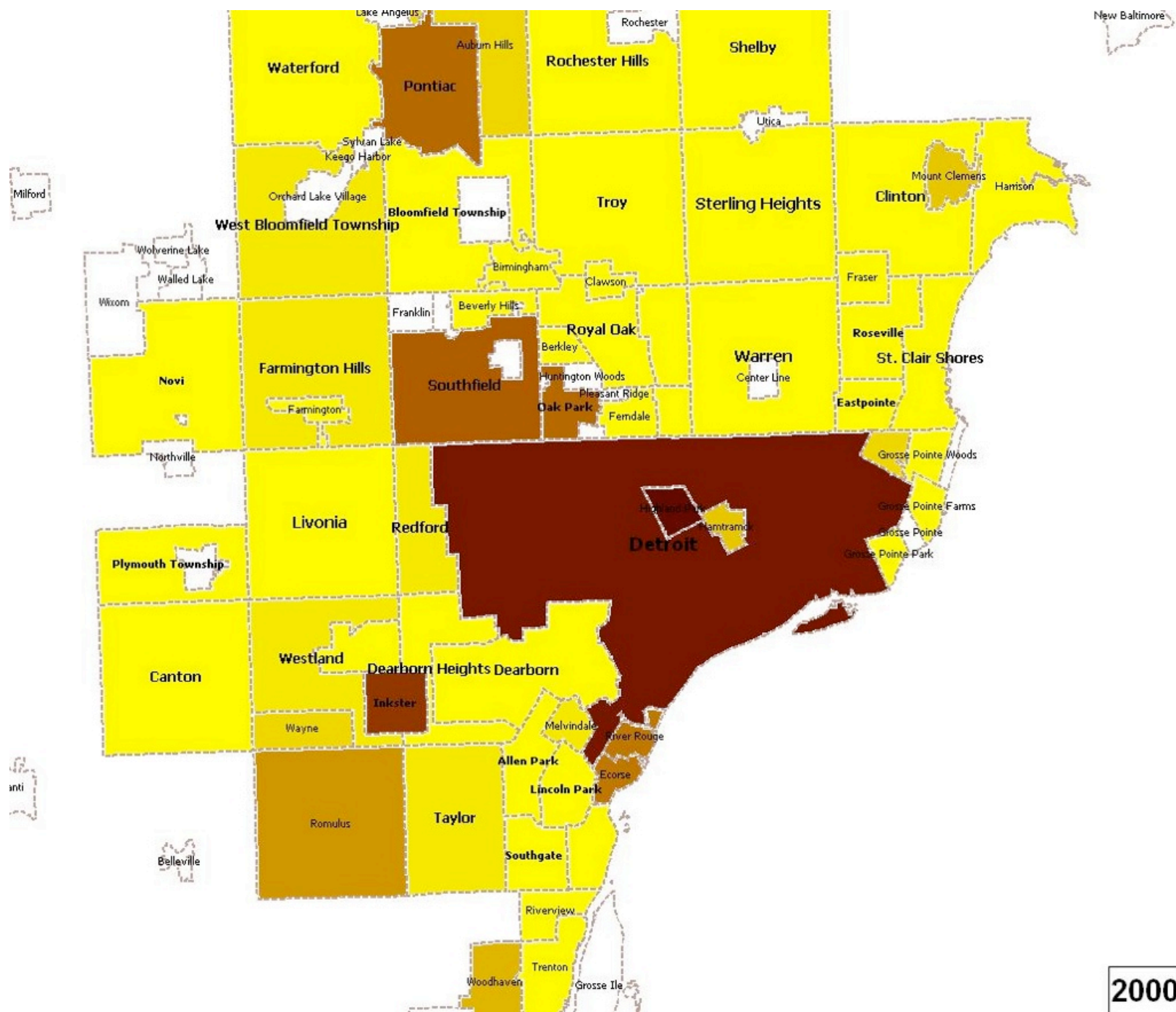
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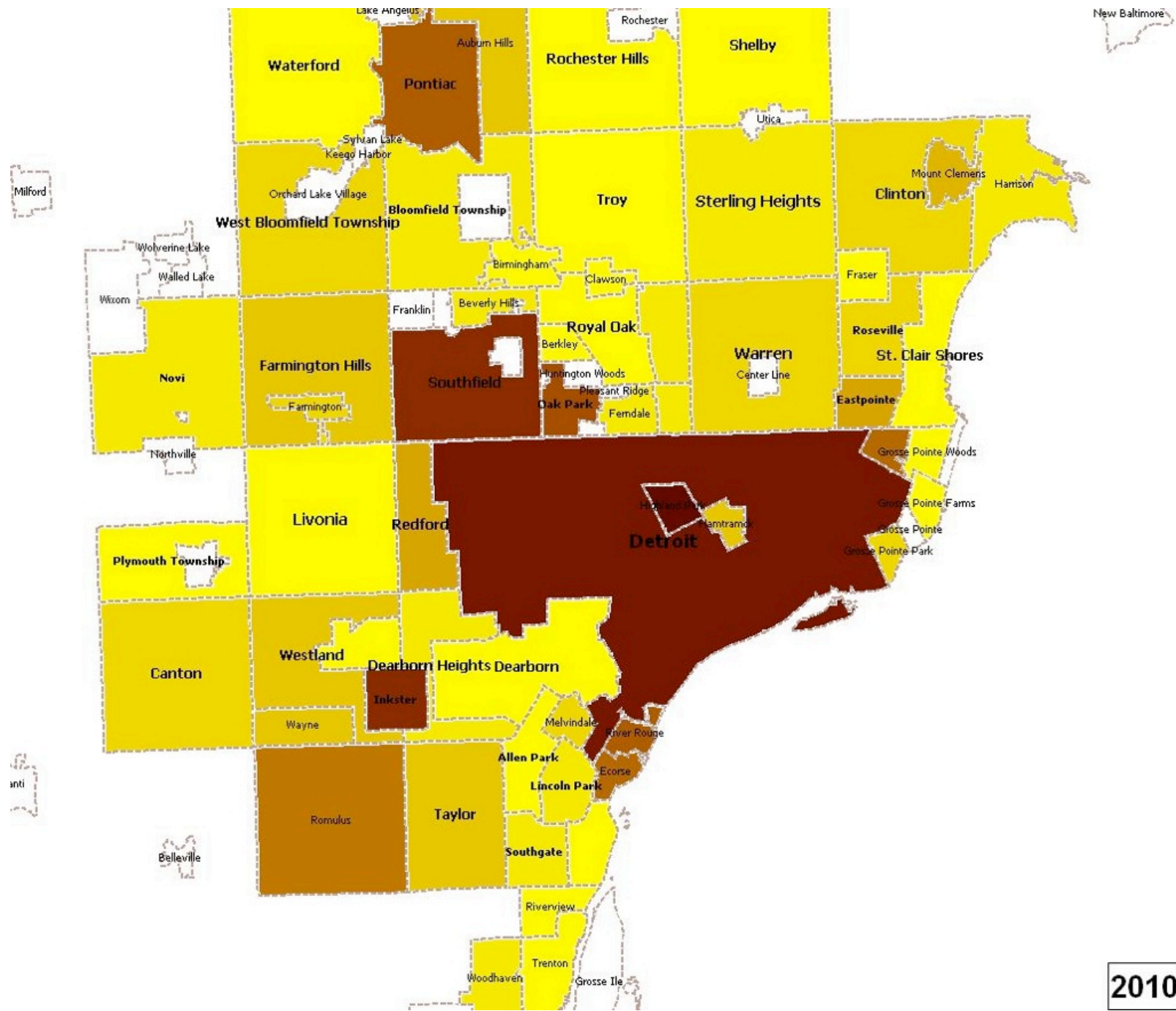






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THE POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT:

The Definition and Function of Political
Perspectives and Pressures by Places in
Metropolitan Space

Primary Categories:

	1990 Municipal median household income as percentage of MSA	1990 Municipal median specified owner-occupied house value as percentage of MSA (Relative Market Position)	1980-1990 change in relative market position	1990 Percentage of residents that are black persons	1990 Municipal poverty rate for all persons	Municipal modal housing construction decade
Distressed Central Urban Places	Below 75%	Below 75%	Decline	Greater than 15%	Greater than 20%	Earlier than 1950s
Threatened White Working-Class Places	75% - 110%	75% - 110%	Decline	Less than 15%	Less than 20%	1950s
Middle-Class Places	Greater than 110 % less than 145%	Greater than 110% less than 145%	Increase	Less than 10%	Less than 5%	1950s or later
Wealthy Places	Equal to or greater than 145%	Equal to or greater than 145%	Increase	Less than 10%	Less than 5%	Not specified

Secondary / Residual Categories:

Distressed White Places:

These places meet the criteria for *Distressed Central Urban Places* except that their percentage of residents that are black persons is less than 15%. (Only Hamtramck fits this category.)

Threatened Transitional Places:

These places meet the criteria for *Threatened White Working-Class Places* except that their percentage of residents that are black persons is greater than 15%. (Mount Clemens, Oak Park, and Romulus fit this category.)

Middle-Class Transitional Places:

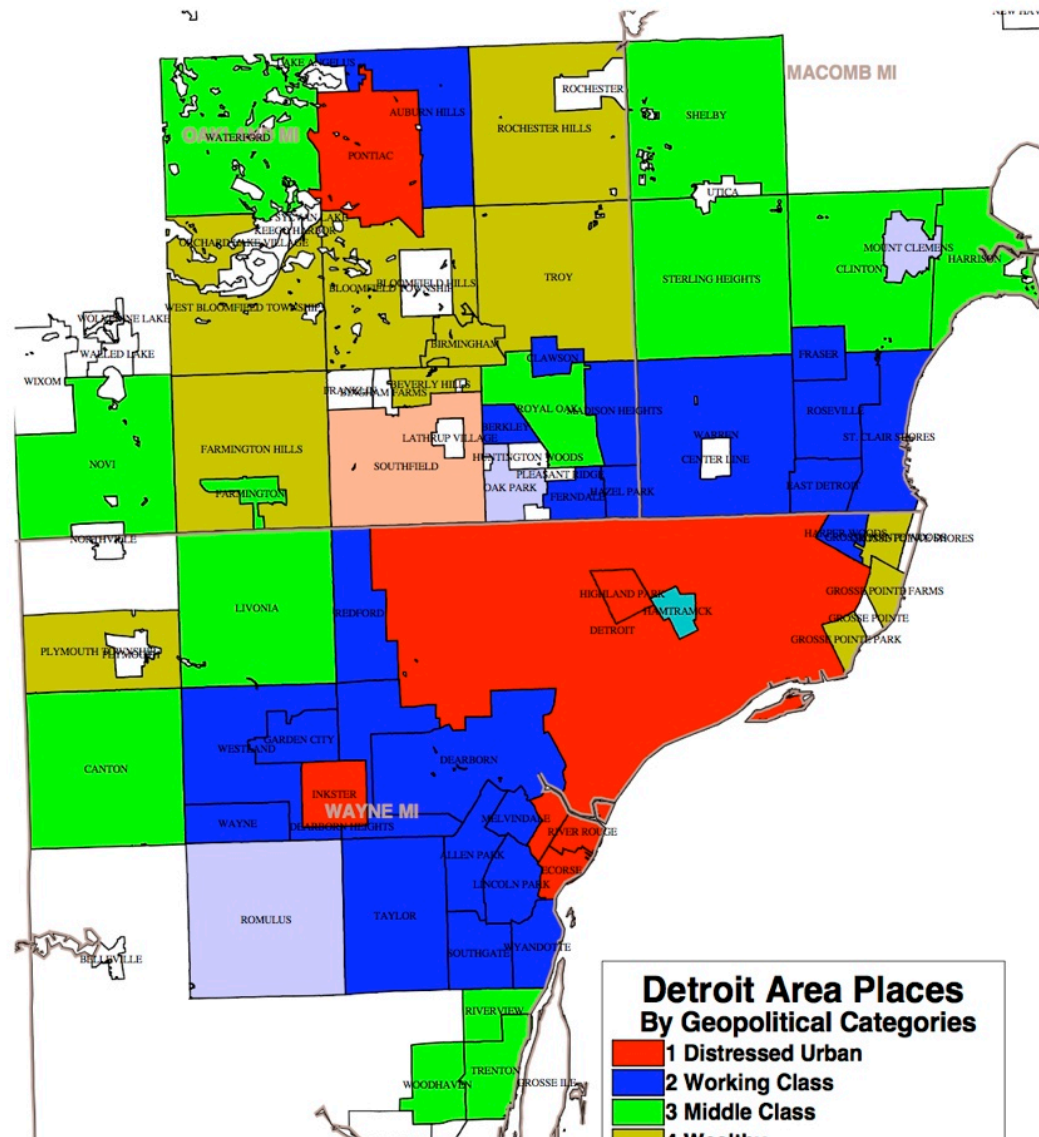
These places meet the criteria for *Middle-Class Places* except that their percentage of residents that are black persons is greater than 10%. (Only Southfield fits this category.)

Notes:

For a place to be defined by one of the primary categories, it may fail to meet one of the specified criteria except *percentage of residents that are black persons*.

The same standard is applied to the residual categories. That is, while they failed to meet the *percentage of residents that are black persons* criterion for their respective primary category, they may have failed to meet another primary criterion also.

For some municipalities, *change in relative market position figures* are unavailable. This is generally the case for the “new” fast growing cities and townships on the metropolitan area’s edge. Most of these places are categorized as *middle-class* or *wealthy* places based on other criteria with the assumption that their *relative market position* increased during that decade.



Detroit Area Places By Geopolitical Categories

- 1 Distressed Urban
- 2 Working Class
- 3 Middle Class
- 4 Wealthy
- 5 Distressed White
- 6 Threatened Transitional
- 7 Middle Class Transition
- Other

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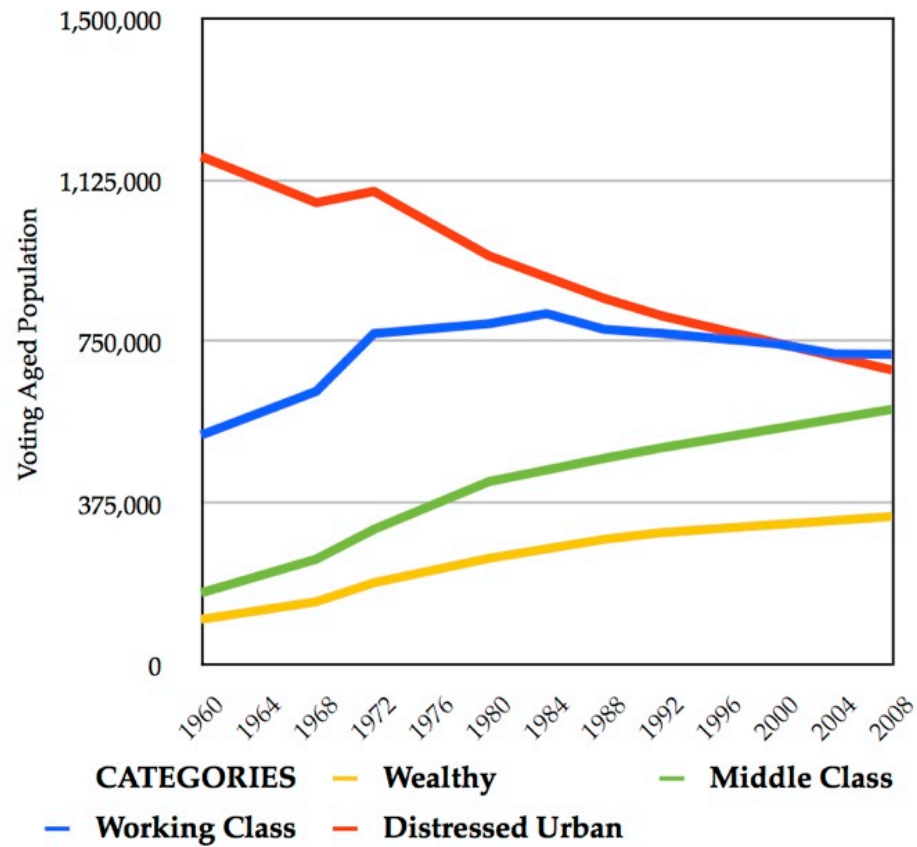
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Categorical Electorates in the Present Period

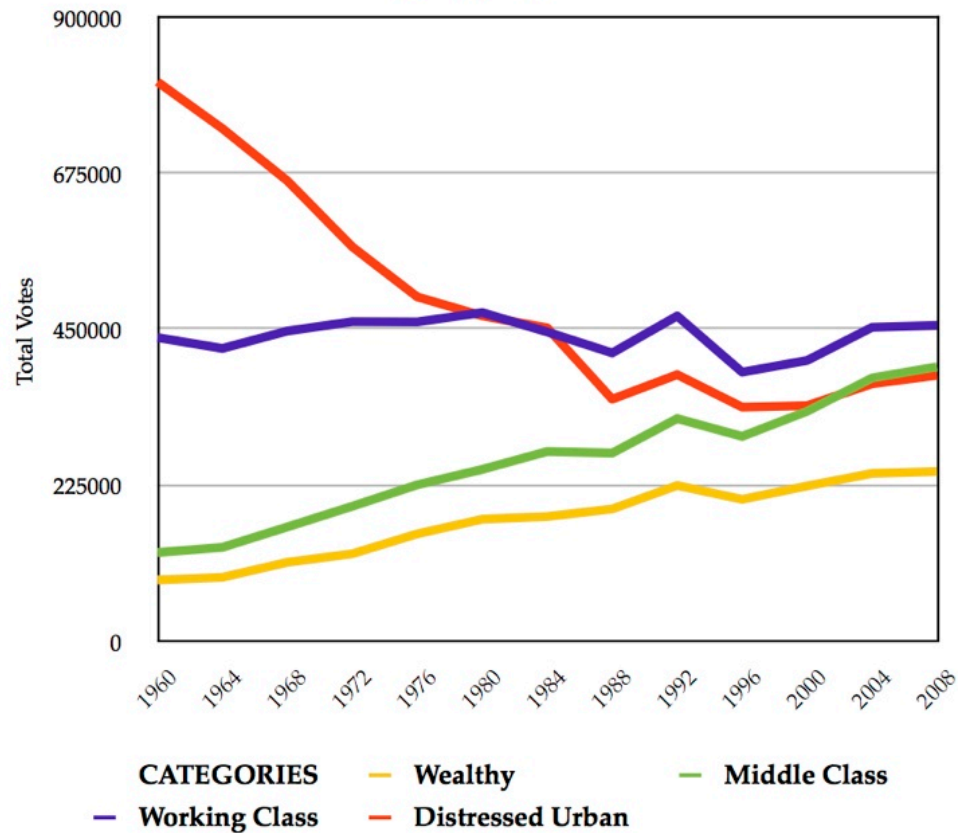
Potential Electorates

Total Voting Aged Populations for Sample places, By
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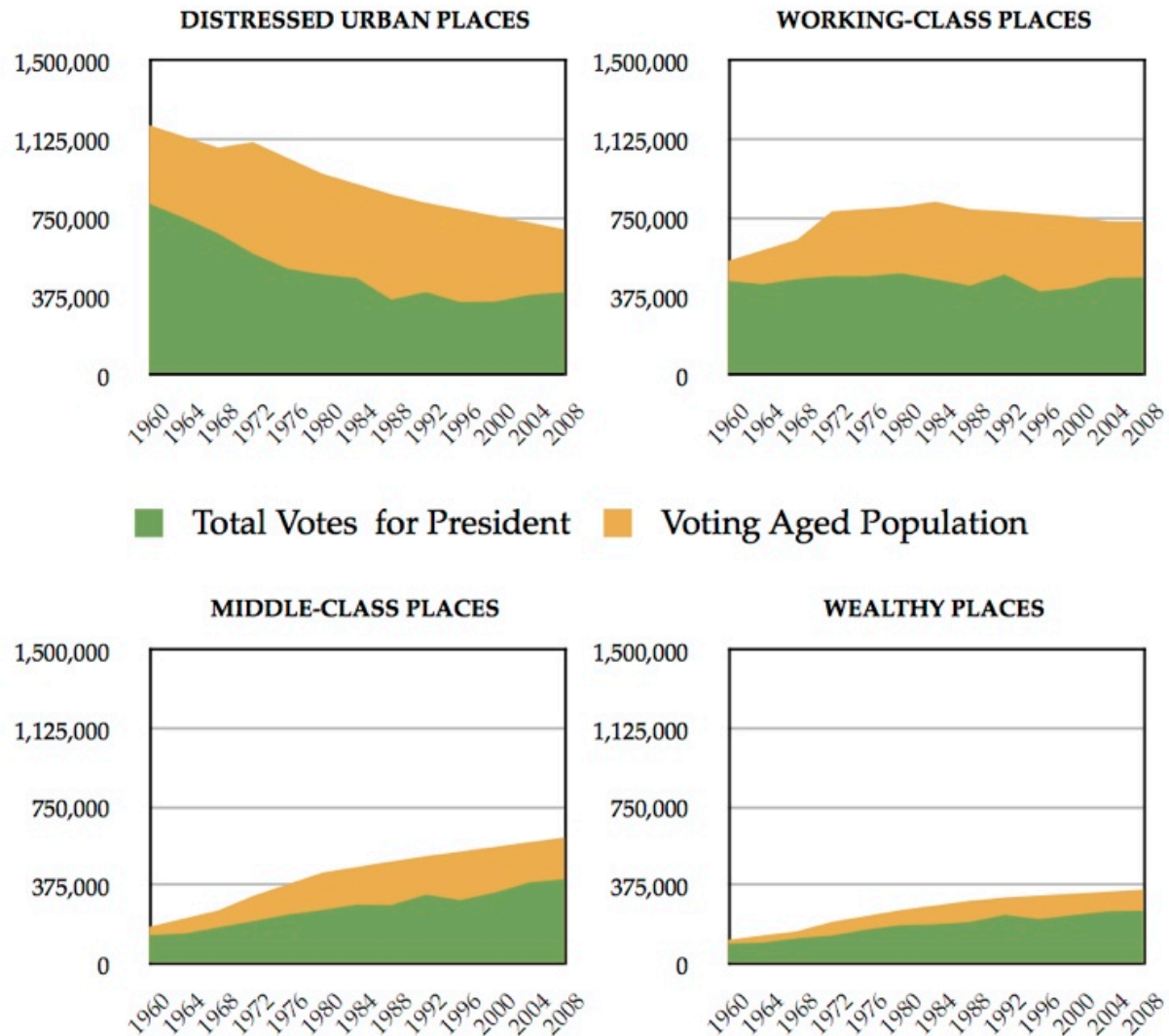
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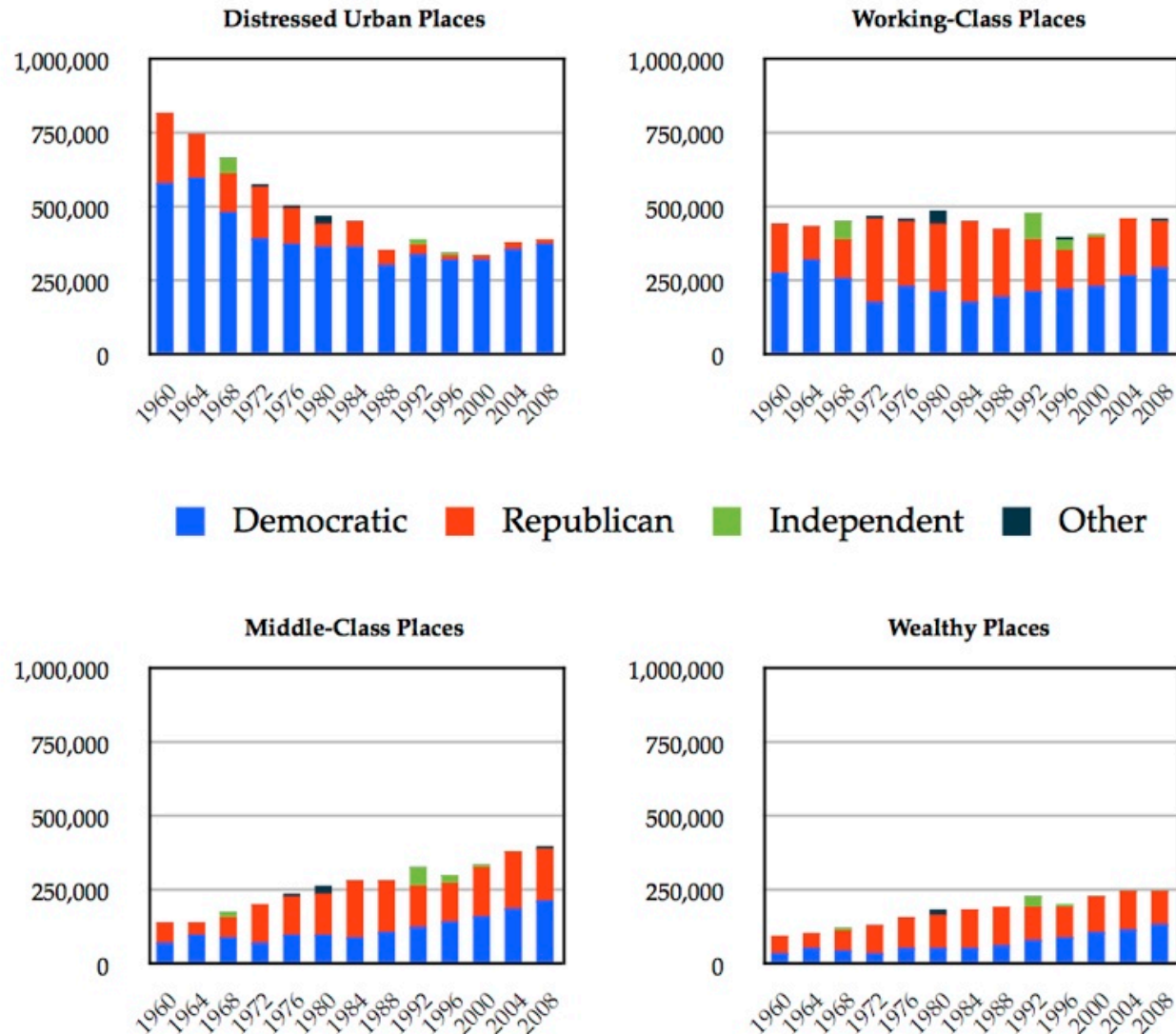
Comparative Electorates

Comparative Potential and Actual Presidential Electorates for Selected Detroit Area Places, By Category



Votes for Presidential Candidates

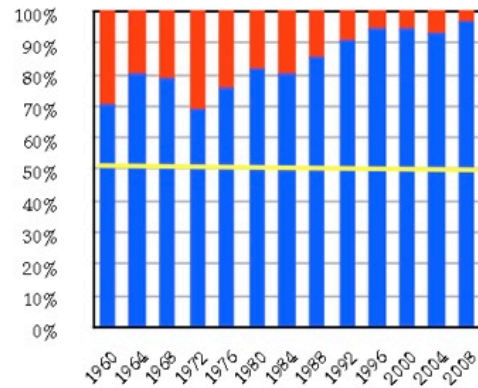
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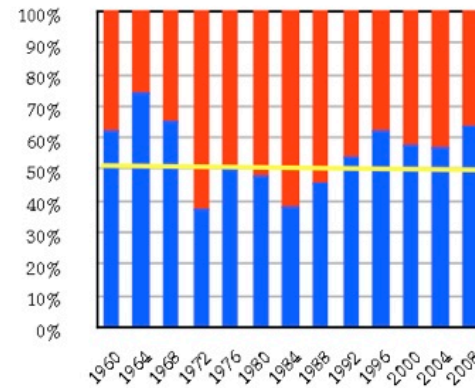
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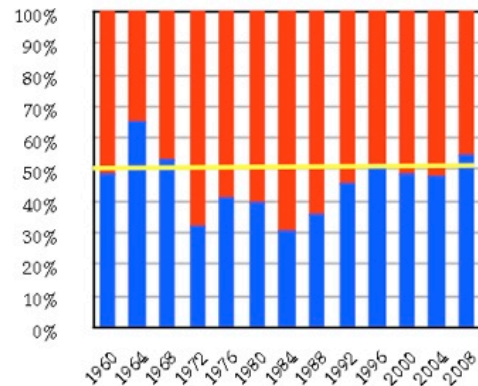


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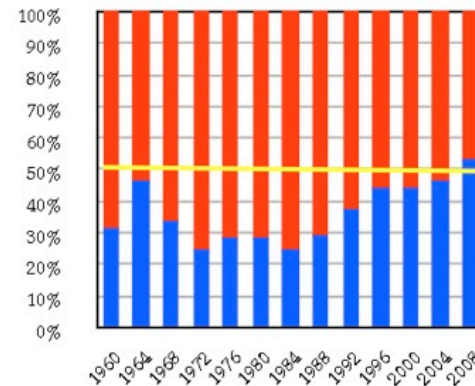


■ Democratic % Major Party Vote ■ Republican % Major Party Vote

MIDDLE-CLASS PLACES



WEALTHY PLACES



Returns for Representative to Congress, by Percent Plurality, for Detroit Area Spatial Categories, 1972-2010

