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### The Four Regional Plans





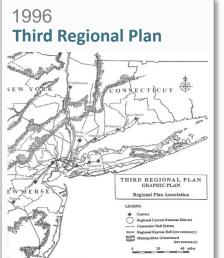


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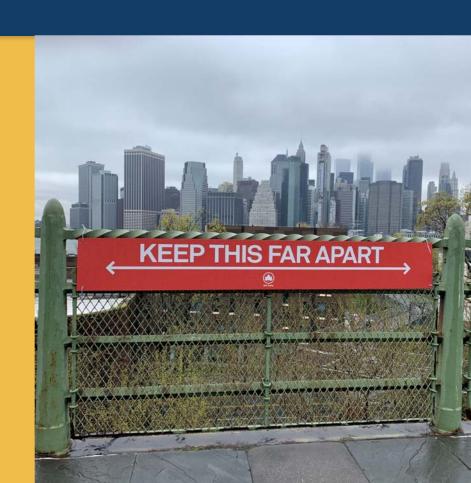
### **Purpose of our Report**



- Correct misinformation
- Put the crisis in historical and global context
- Put the city in a regional context
- Create a narrative that focuses on how rather than whether the region recovers
- Set the stage for future recommendations using the Fourth Regional Plan as a framework

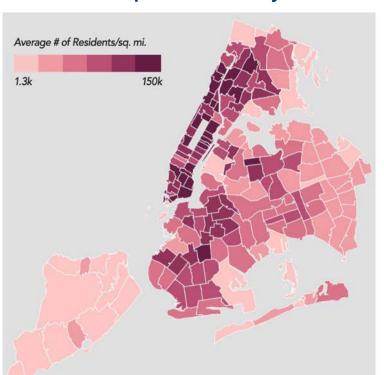
#### **Common Mistakes to Avoid**

- Mistaking short-term disruptions for new paradigms
- Thinking of city and suburbs as a zero-sum game
- Assuming a rising tide will lift all boats
- Recreating the past instead of envisioning the future

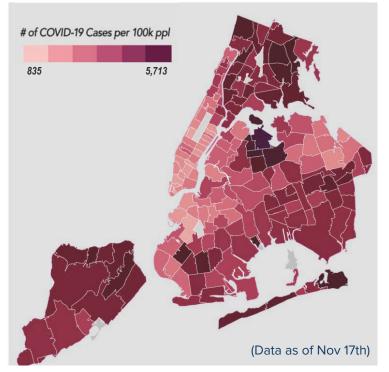


### Urban density does not spread the Coronavirus

#### **Residential Population Density in NYC**

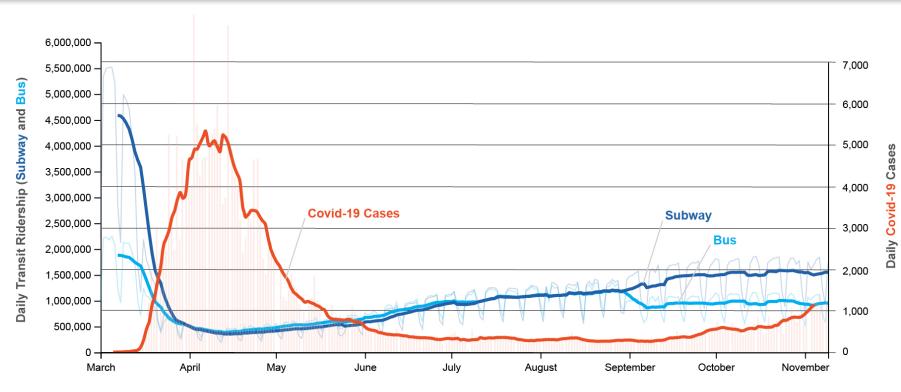


#### **COVID-19 Case Rates by Zip Code**



Source: NYC Department of Health & Citizens Housing & Planning Council

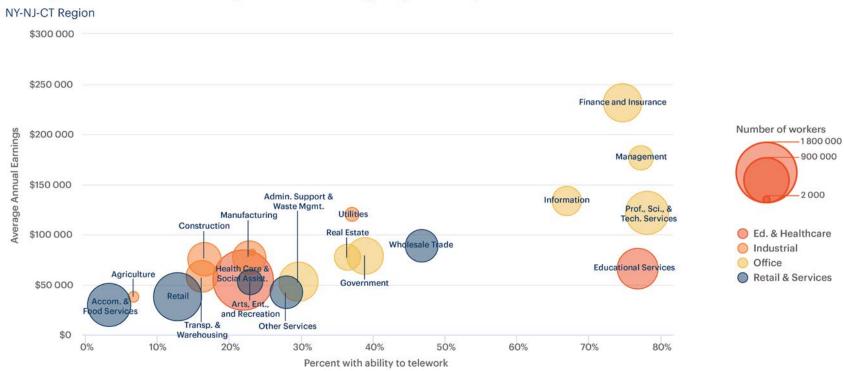
### Daily NYC Transit Riders and Covid-19 Cases



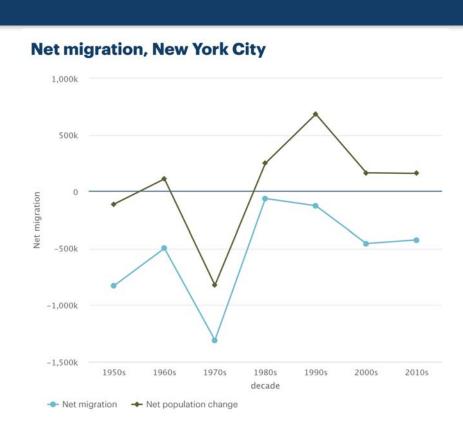
MTA daily ridership numbers (via Oldenburg.design) and daily Covid-19 cases in New York City from State and local-level public health agencies (via USA FACTS) Trendlines calculated as seven day moving averages.

# Working and learning from home is here to stay, but the impacts are unclear





## The surge in people leaving NYC is driven by both temporary and potentially long-term forces

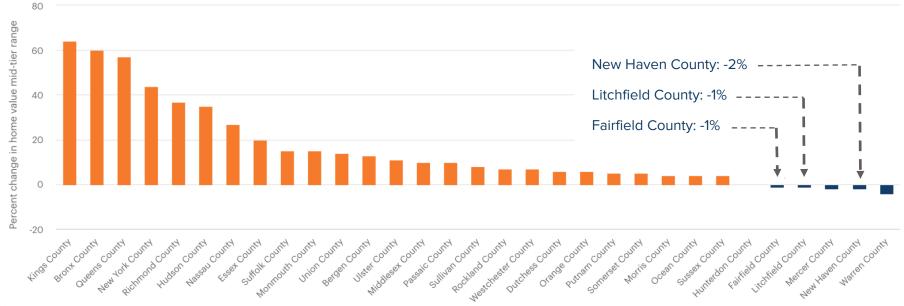




# Cost differential between NYC and the rest of the region is likely to narrow

#### Change in Home Value by County, June 2010 - June 2020

Seasonally adjusted measure of the typical home value and market changes across the region. It reflects the typical value for homes in the 35th to 65th national percentile range, including single family residences, condos, and co-ops.



Source: Zillow Home Value Index (ZHVI)

## Threats that could deepen the downturn and make it harder to recover



- Downward fiscal spiral causes deteriorating services and infrastructure
- Widespread evictions and business failures
- Perception that New York City is unhealthy and unsafe

## FIGHTING COVID-19

Download the app, stop the spread.



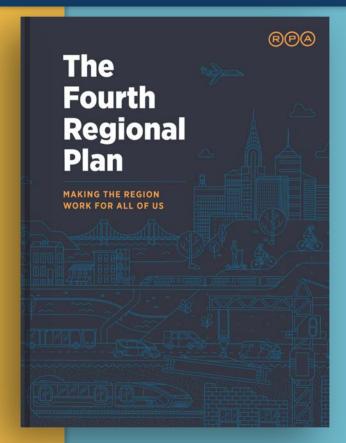
### 5 Reasons to bet on New York and the Region

- 1. Urban density is still an advantage
- 2. Diversity and talent drive success
- 3. Many of our unique assets can't be replicated
- 4. New businesses and households will seize opportunities
- 5. We have a wake up call to address structural problems



### The Fourth Regional Plan provides a framework for recovery and renewal

- Health, Equity, Prosperity, Sustainability
- Fix institutions and structural inequities
- Save and modernize transit
- Design streets for people
- Affordable broadband for all
- Resilience to climate change and health hazards
- Transcend municipal and state boundaries





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In 2017 at RPA's annual Assembly, President-Elect Biden delivered a keynote address and accepted RPA's John Zuccotti Award, our organization's highest award for