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Millennials Form the Critical Foundation for Housing

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Four Major Background Indicators of Change

Total Growth Slowdown
Immigration In-Flows Reduced
Aging of Population
Downturn in Homeownership

What Year Does LA County Reach 12 Million Population?

Old Expectation = 2030

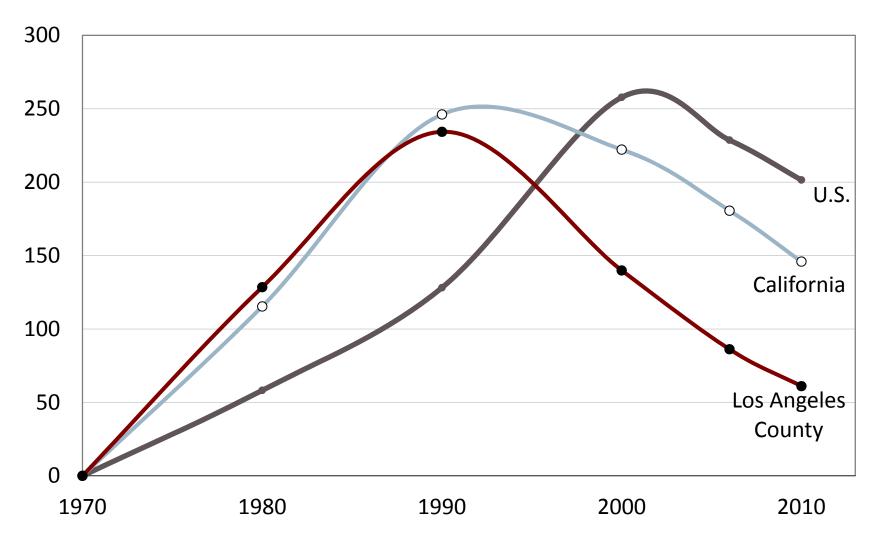
New Outlook = after 2060

Source:

California Department of Finance, 2007 and 2013

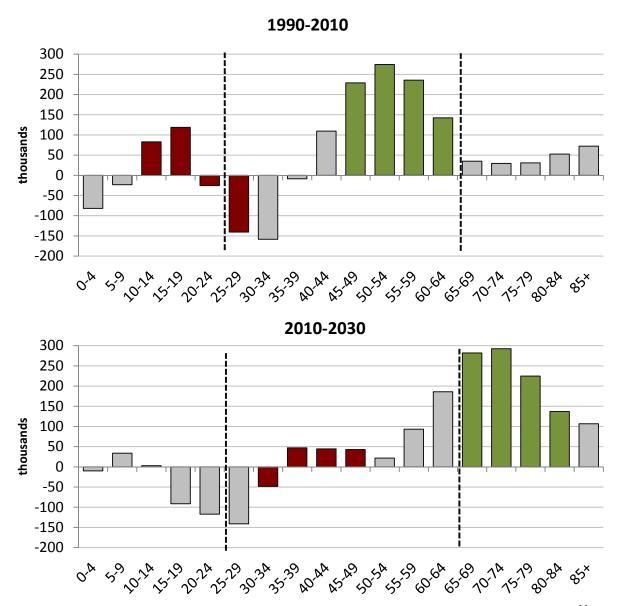
Annual Immigrant Arrivals

Percentage Change in Net Flow Since 1970



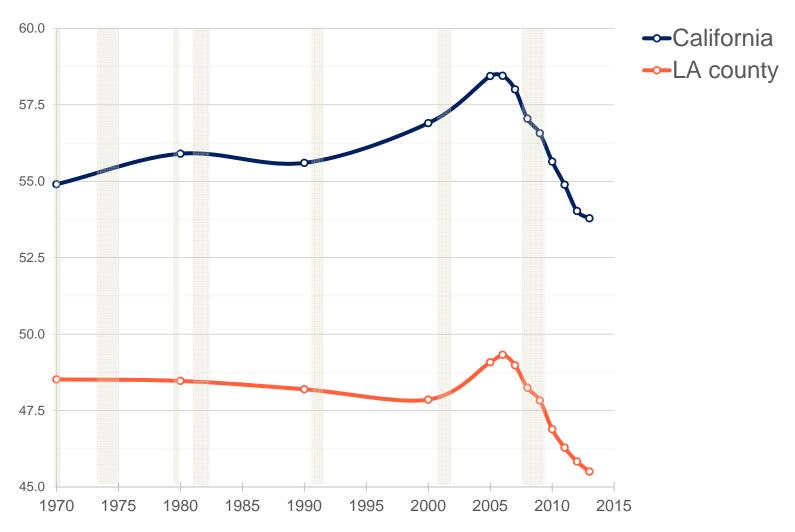
Source: U.S. Census 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2006, 2008

Growth in Age Groups in LA County, Then and Now



A Half Century of Homeownership Rates

Homeownership per 100 people (%), 1970-2013

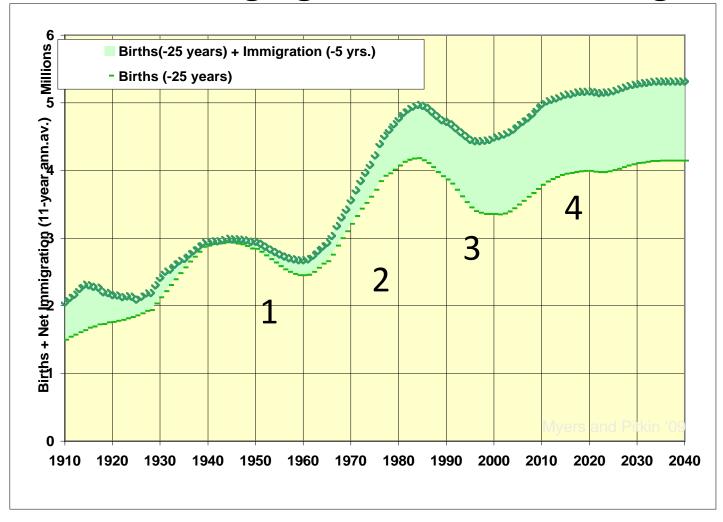


Note: Shaded areas indicate US recessions. Refer to 2015 research.stlouisfed.org.

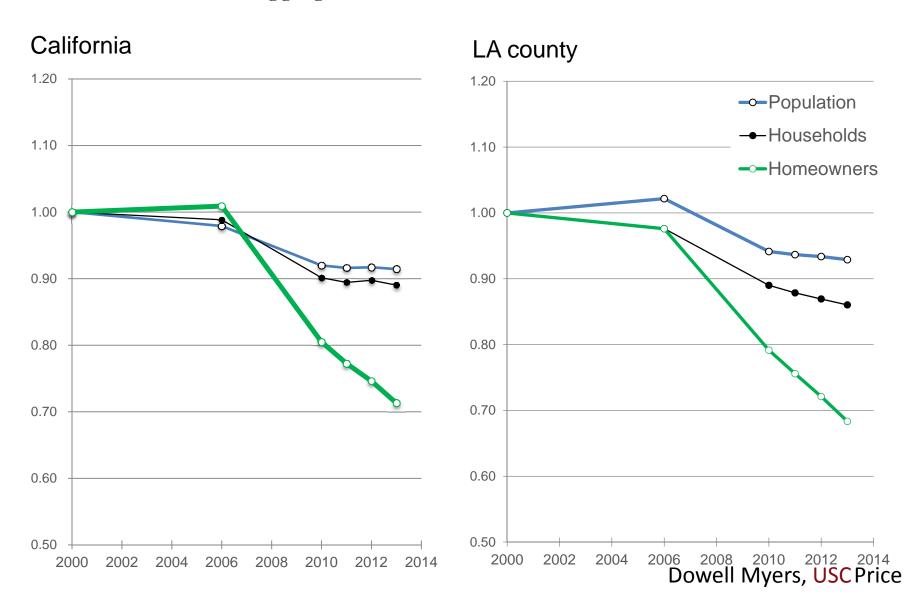
Millennials and Other Young Adults are the Foundation

The Foundation of the U.S. Housing Market:

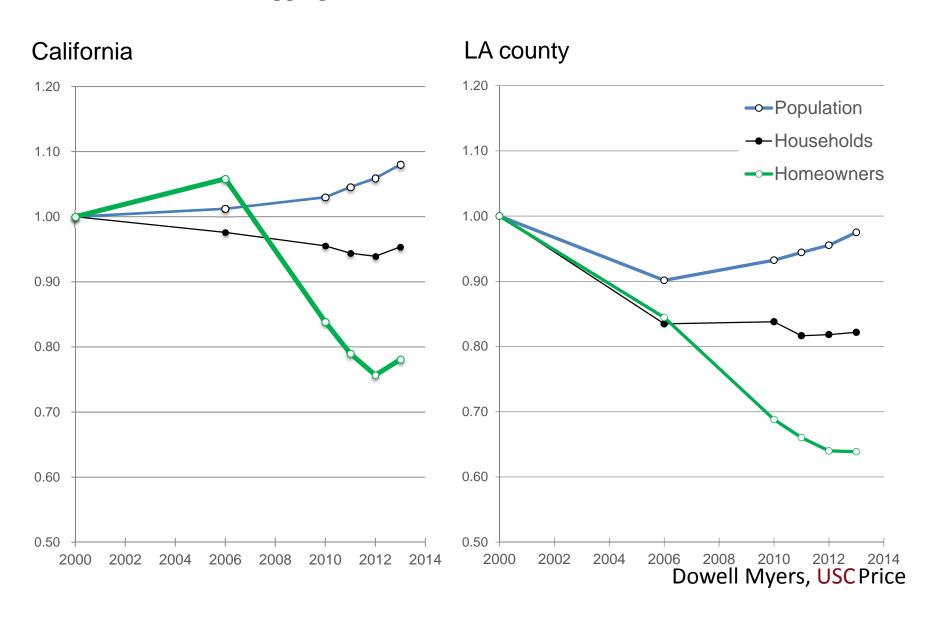
Native-Born Turning Age 25, Plus New Immigrants



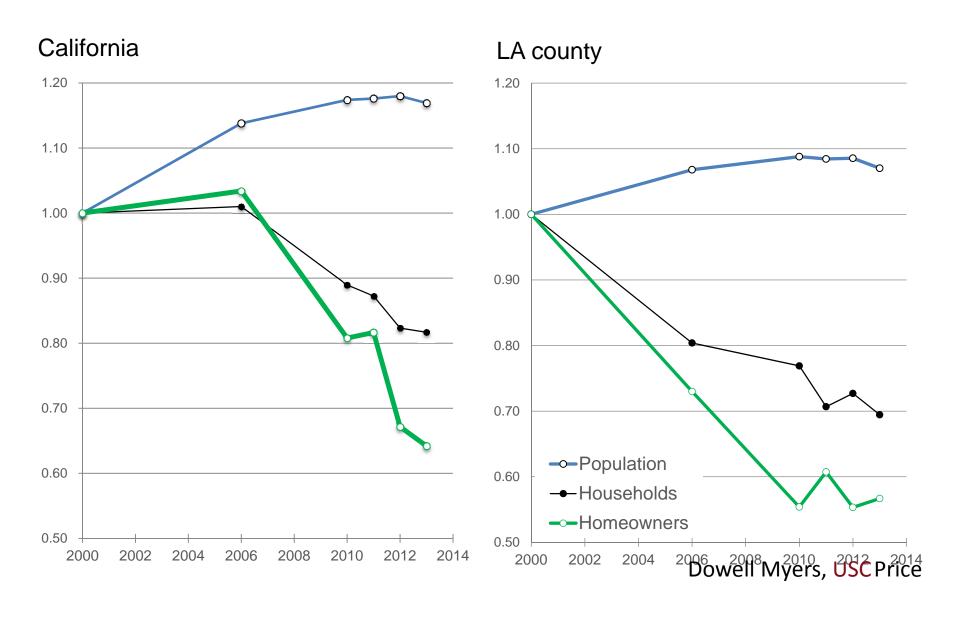
Ages 35-44
Aggregate Trend Ratio based on 2000



Ages 25-34
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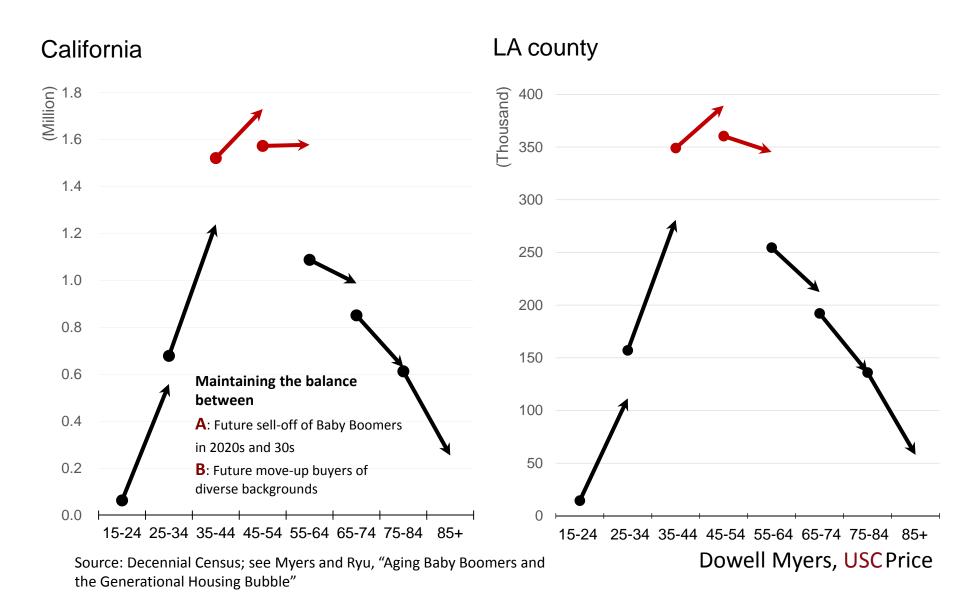
Ages 15-24
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Cohort Momentum Under Way

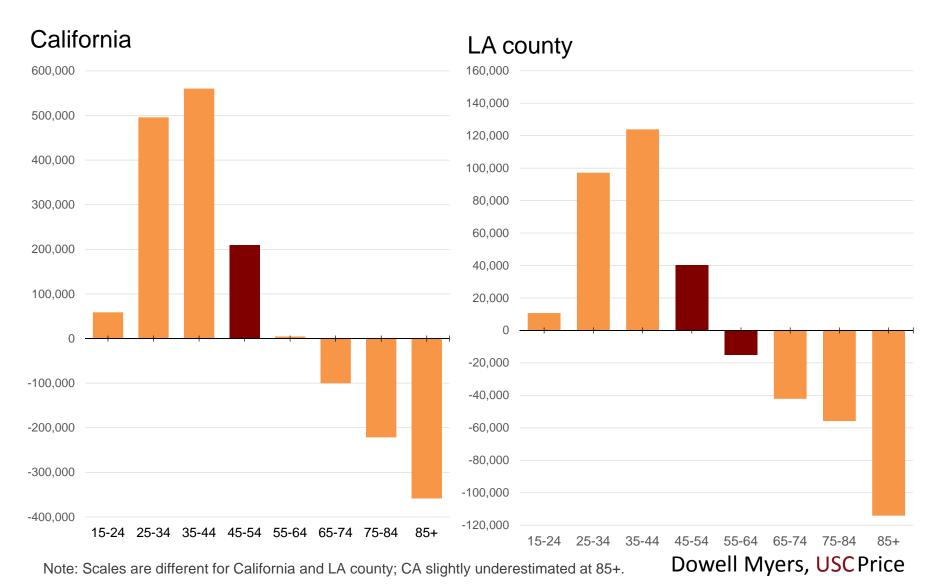
Number of Homeowners by Age, 2000 to 2010

Cohort Trajectories of Absolute Numbers (Baby Boomers in red)



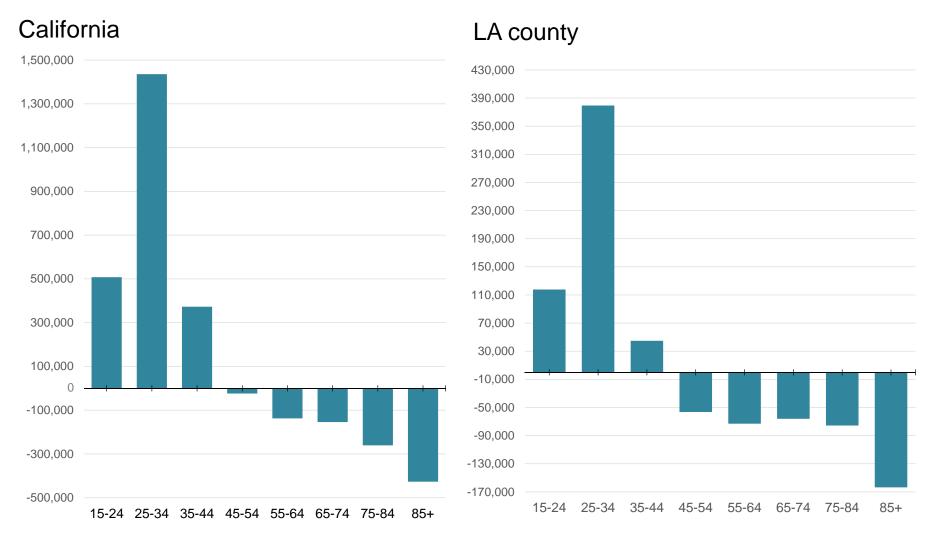
Cohort Changes in Homeowners 2000 to 2010

by Cohort Age at the End of Decade



Cohort Changes in Households 2000 to 2010

by Cohort Age at the End of Decade

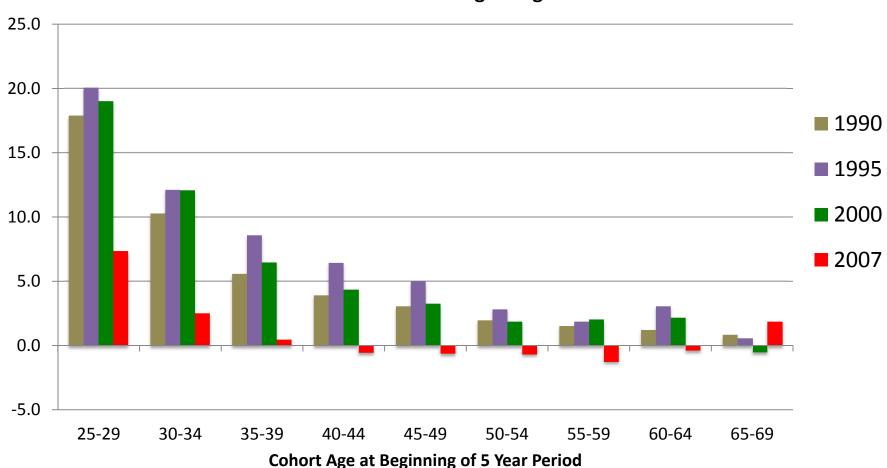


Note: Scales are different for California and LA county; CA slightly underestimated at 85+.

Comparison of Progress into U.S. Homeownership

by Four Cohorts Observed in Same Age Intervals

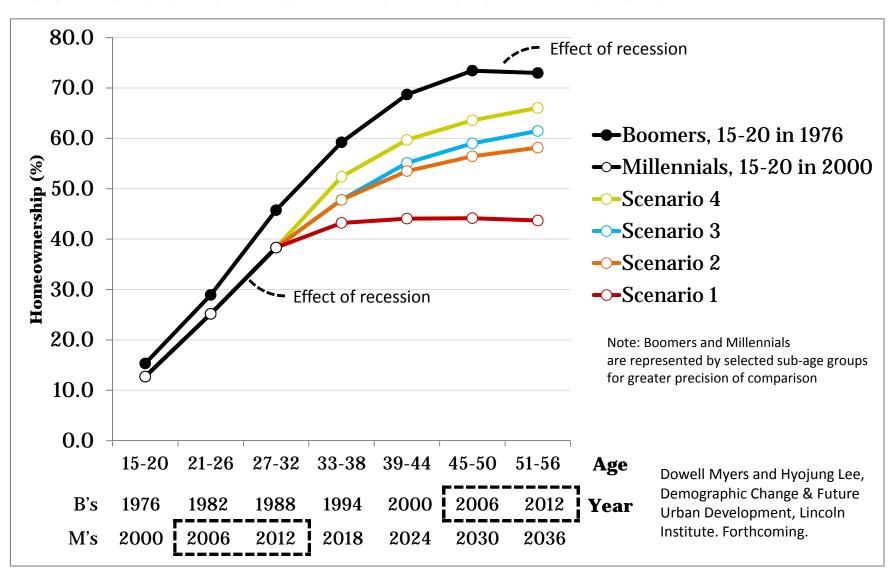
Increment in Homeownership Rate by Cohorts in 5 Years After Beginning Date



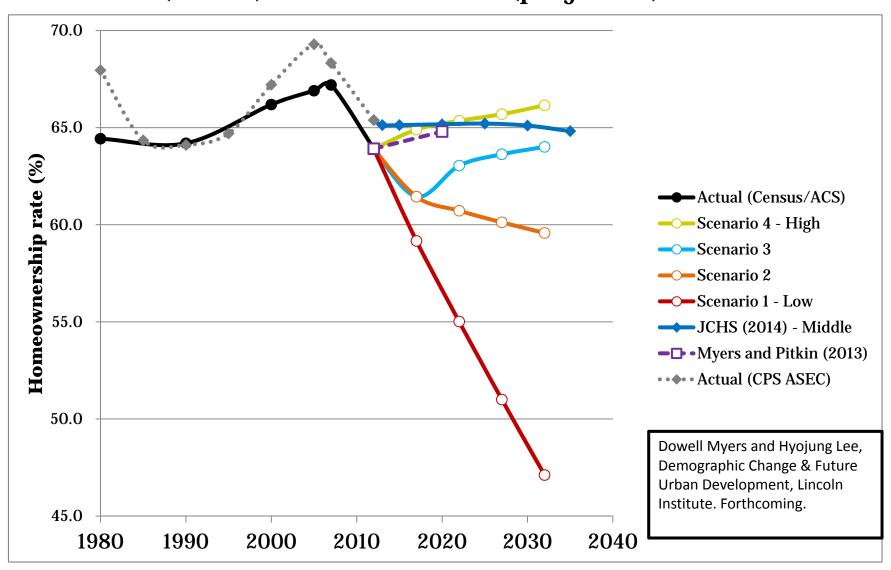
Source: Dowell Myers analysis of Housing

Vacancy Survey data

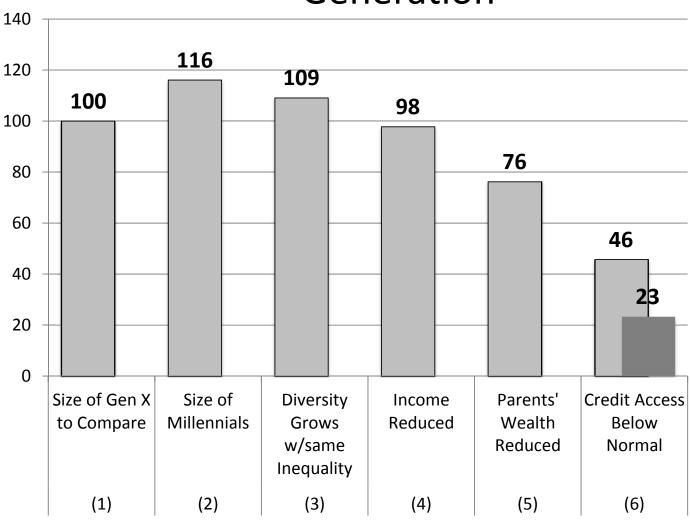
Comparison of Homeownership Rate Between the Boomers and the Millennials in the U.S.



Alternative Projections of Homeownership Rate 1980-2012 (actual), and 2012-2036 (projected)



The Eroded Market Power of the Millennial Generation



See Appendix for explanation of factors and calculation of cumulative eroded market power

Questions

So how fast are we getting back to normal now?

Or more hopefully.....

Will there be a period of "super normal" while we make up for deferred housing advances?

And in policy terms....

What can we do to get the Millennials on track to fill the big shoes of aging Baby Boomers?

So What is the New Normal?

How Can We Make it a Relatively Good New Normal?

Thank you