



# Milton Keynes:

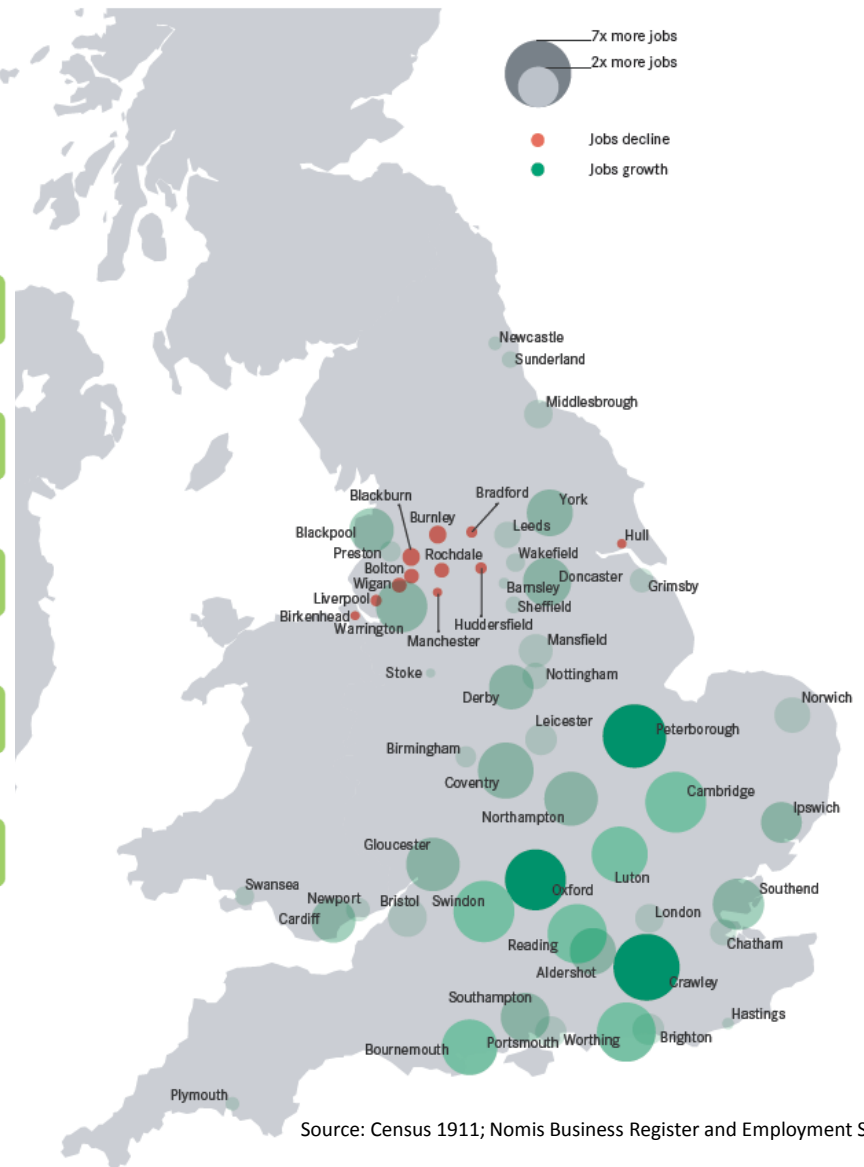
Where have we been?  
Where are we going?

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# Performance of cities has varied over the last century

City	All jobs growth 1911-2013 (%)	City	All jobs growth 1911-2013 (%)
1 Crawley	598	48 Hull	-2
2 Peterborough	373	49 Birkenhead	-4
3 Oxford	323	50 Liverpool	-10
4 Cambridge	295	51 Huddersfield	-13
5 Swindon	293	52 Bradford	-16
6 Reading	273	53 Bolton	-20
7 Worthing	257	54 Wigan	-25
8 Luton	217	55 Rochdale	-30
9 Bournemouth	204	56 Blackburn	-44
10 Coventry	197	57 Burnley	-51



Source: Census 1911; Nomis Business Register and Employment Survey

# Big cities are important

**City**                      **Net additional  
private sector  
jobs generated  
(1998-2008)**

London                      321,400

Bristol                      37,200

Manchester                      33,700

Leeds                      25,400

Newcastle                      24,200

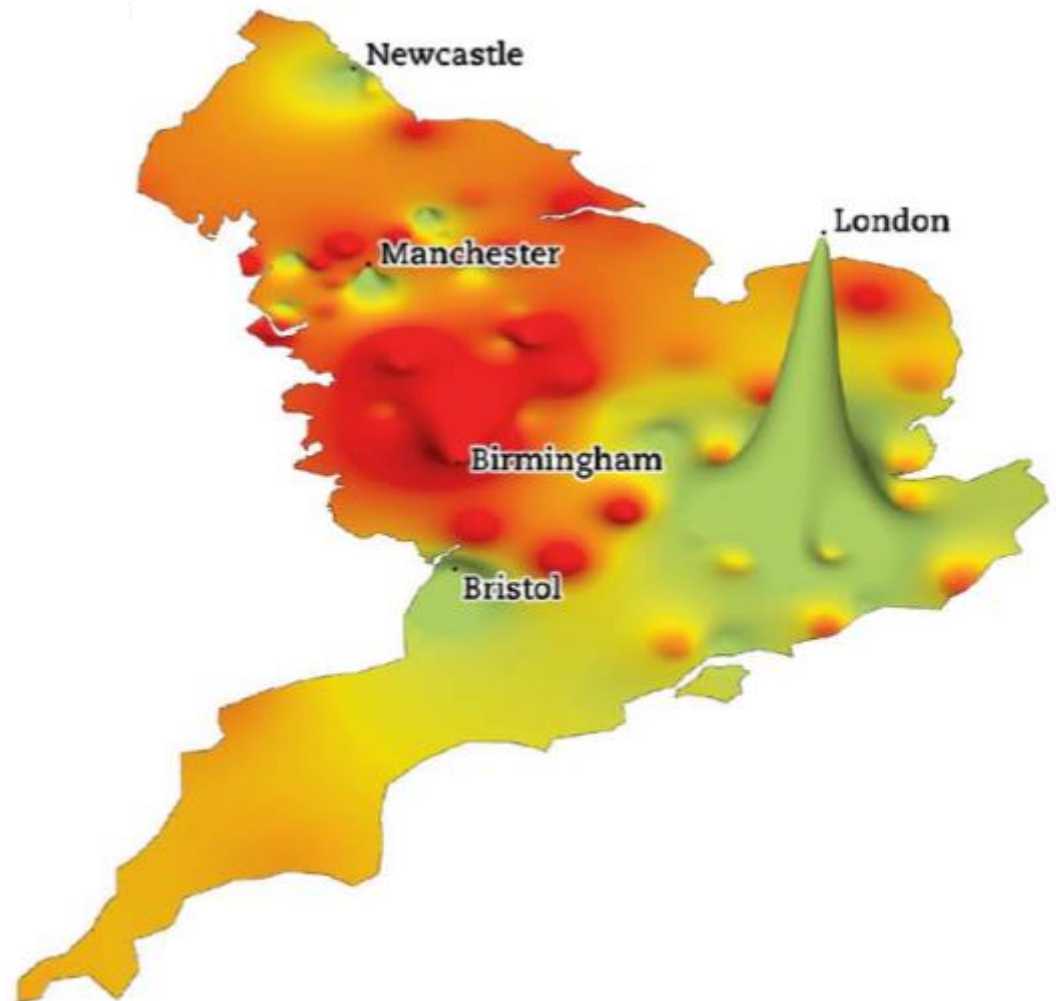
Birmingham                      -61,400

Stoke                      -20,900

Nottingham                      -15,600

Birkenhead                      -11,100

Leicester                      -8,500

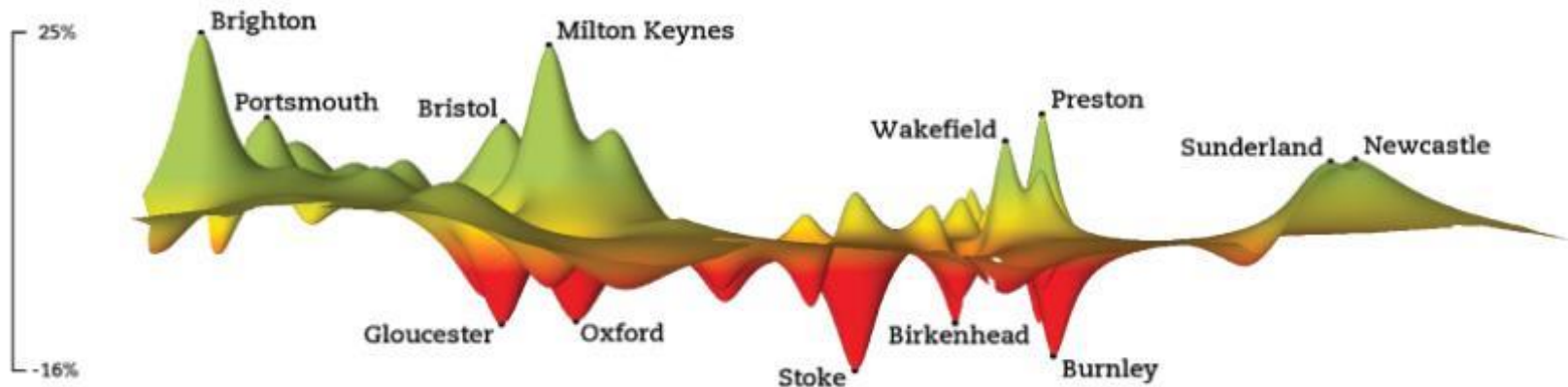


Source: NOMIS 2010, Annual Business Inquiry, workplace analysis. Estimates based on jobs added between 1998-2005 and 2006-2008 to take into account changes in ABI methodology.

# But smaller cities are often more dynamic

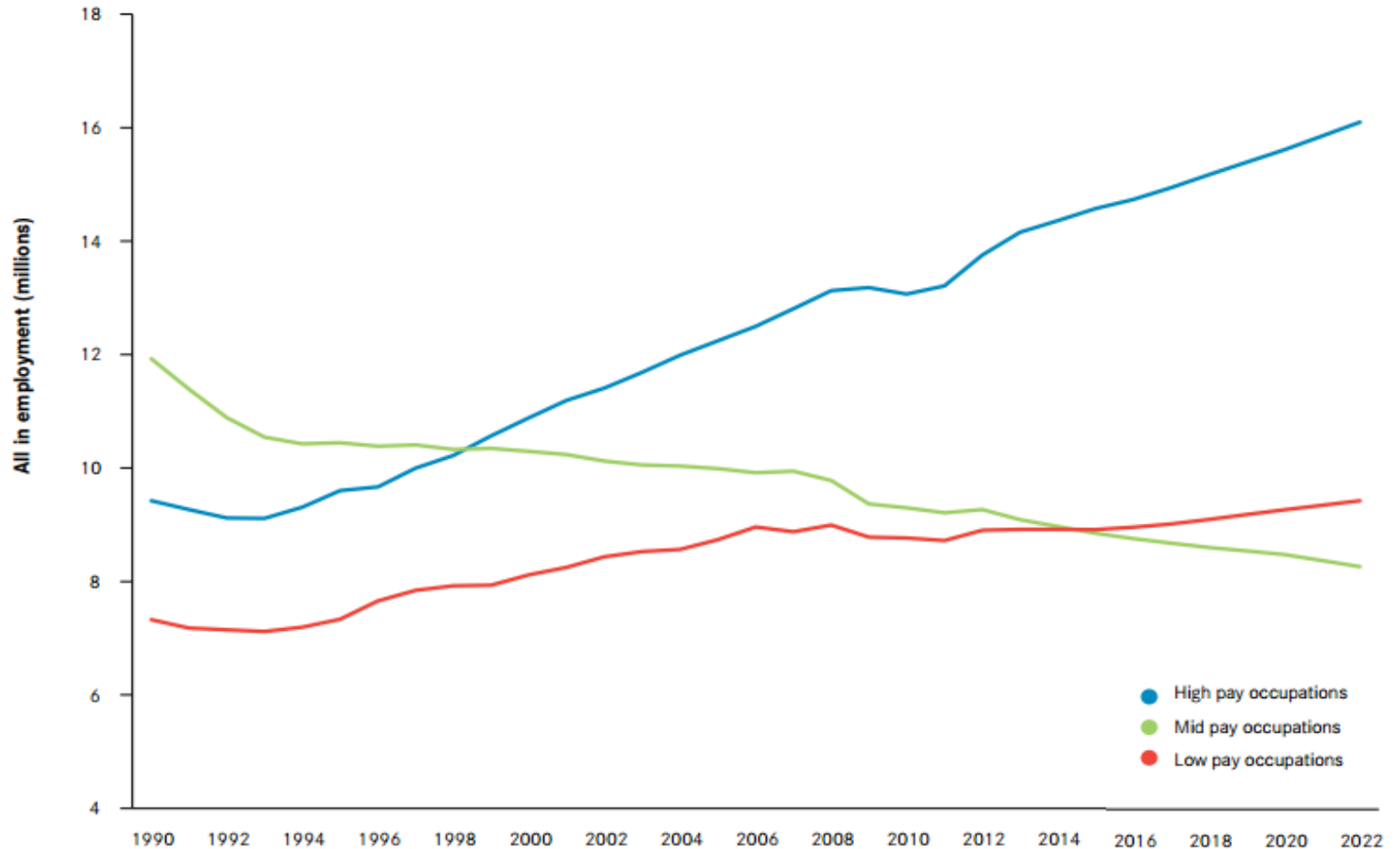
City	Private sector jobs growth (1998-2008)	City	Private sector jobs growth (1998-2008)
Brighton	24.8%	Stoke	-16.4%
Milton Keynes	23.7%	Burnley	-14.3%
Preston	16.2%	Birkenhead	-11.2%
Portsmouth	15.4%	Gloucester	-10.5%
Bristol	15.4%	Blackburn	-10.5%

Percentage private sector jobs growth in England's cities (1998-2008)



# In advanced economies the labour market is becoming more polarised

**Figure 1: Change in high, mid-level and low wage occupations, 1990 to 2022**



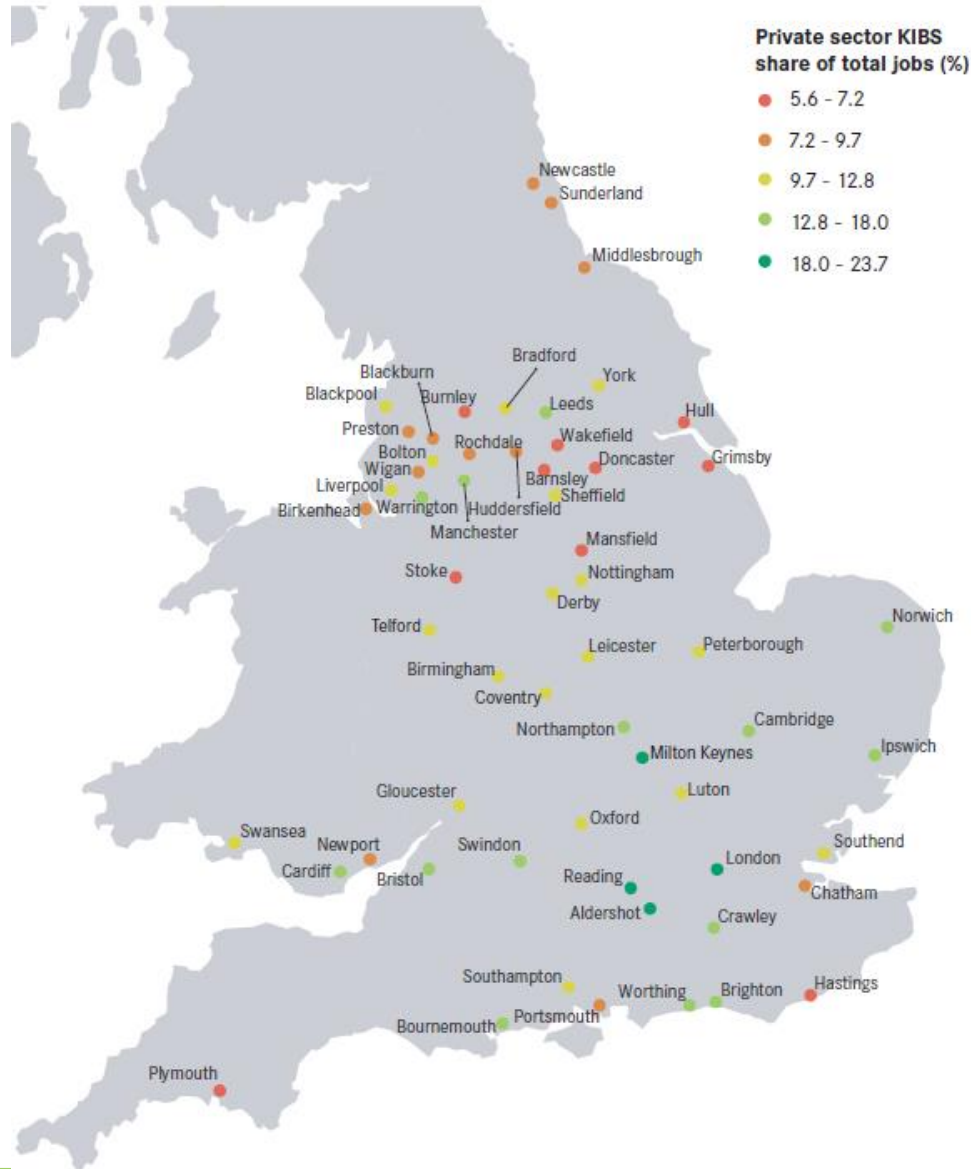
Source: Working Futures, UKCES, 2014

# Increasing importance of 'new work'

## Change in SMEs by sector, 2008-2014

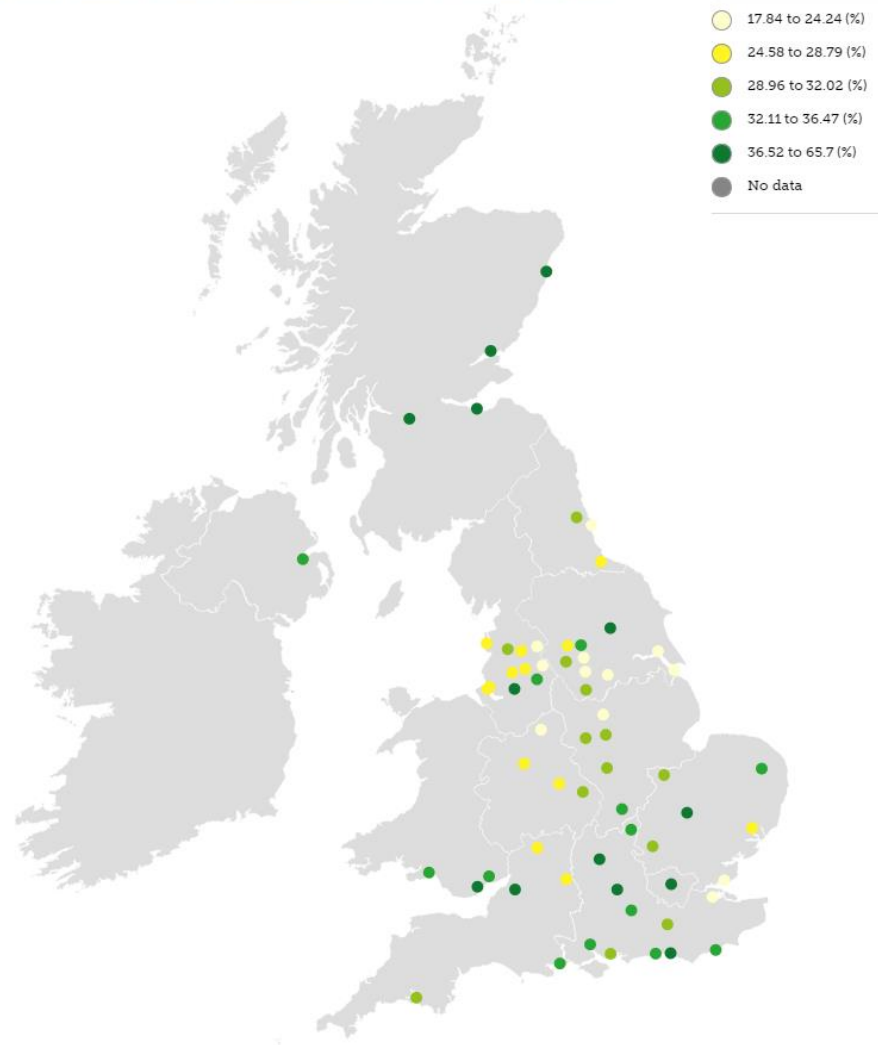


# Today the geography of knowledge shows a distinct southern bias



# As does the geography of skills


Working Age Population with a Qualification at NVQ4 or Above 2013







# **How does Milton Keynes compare?**



City	GVA per Worker 2013 (£)	Business Start-ups 2013 (per 10,000 population)	Knowledge Intensive Business Services 2013 (%)	Manufacturing 2013 (%)
Cambridge	56,000	52.17	31.04	2.15
Crawley	59,100	56.40	16.10	4.67
Milton Keynes	61,900	67.66	22.40	6.21
Northampton	46,400	66.68	15.89	8.14
Norwich	47,800	44.19	18.49	7.14
Oxford	56,900	41.67	32.48	3.81
Reading	70,900	63.87	24.54	2.94
Swindon	60,600	50	17.54	9.90
Warrington	48,300	53.39	13.48	5.67

Source: ONS, Business Demography, NOMIS, Mid-year population estimates

Source: ONS, Regional Gross Value Added (Income Approach) NUTS3 Tables; NOMIS, Business Register and Employment Survey; NOMIS, Mid-year population estimates, Centre for Cities calculations

Source: NOMIS, Business Register and Employment Survey



City	Employment Rate 2014 (%)	Working Age Population with a Qualification or Above 2013 (%)	Working Age Population with No Formal Qualifications 2013 (%)	Average Weekly Earnings 2014
Cambridge	78.90	65.70	5.37	546.20
Crawley	76.30	32.02	6.62	598.85
Milton Keynes	73.60	35.65	7.32	577.40
Northampton	73.50	32.98	11.30	478.30
Norwich	71.80	36.47	9.36	420.58
Oxford	75	49	6.38	555.40
Reading	77.20	43.18	5.39	620.87
Swindon	78	28.11	8.98	505.40
Warrington	79.80	36.52	7.96	487.70

Source: ONS, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), average gross weekly residence based earnings. Own calculations for PUA-level weighted by number of jobs, CPI inflation adjusted (2012=100). Note: ASHE statistics are based on a sample survey, so the statistical significance of the results should be treated with caution.

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City	Housing affordability ratio 2014	Proportion of Population that Owns or Part Owns their Home 2011 (%)	Workers that Travel to Work by Private Vehicle 2011 (%)	CO2 Emissions per Capita 2012 (tons)
Cambridge	14.84	48.59	35.66	6.20
Crawley	10.59	68.24	64.71	6.95
Milton Keynes	8.02	63.80	73.45	6.84
Northampton	7.13	63.96	73.55	5.66
Norwich	8.90	61.17	64.66	6.45
Oxford	16.08	48.46	38.29	6.26
Reading	10.11	68.81	66.09	5.77
Swindon	7.11	66.79	71.21	6.89
Warrington	6.87	72.30	77.45	8.29

Source: Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC), CO2 emissions per capita. NOMIS, Mid-year population estimates

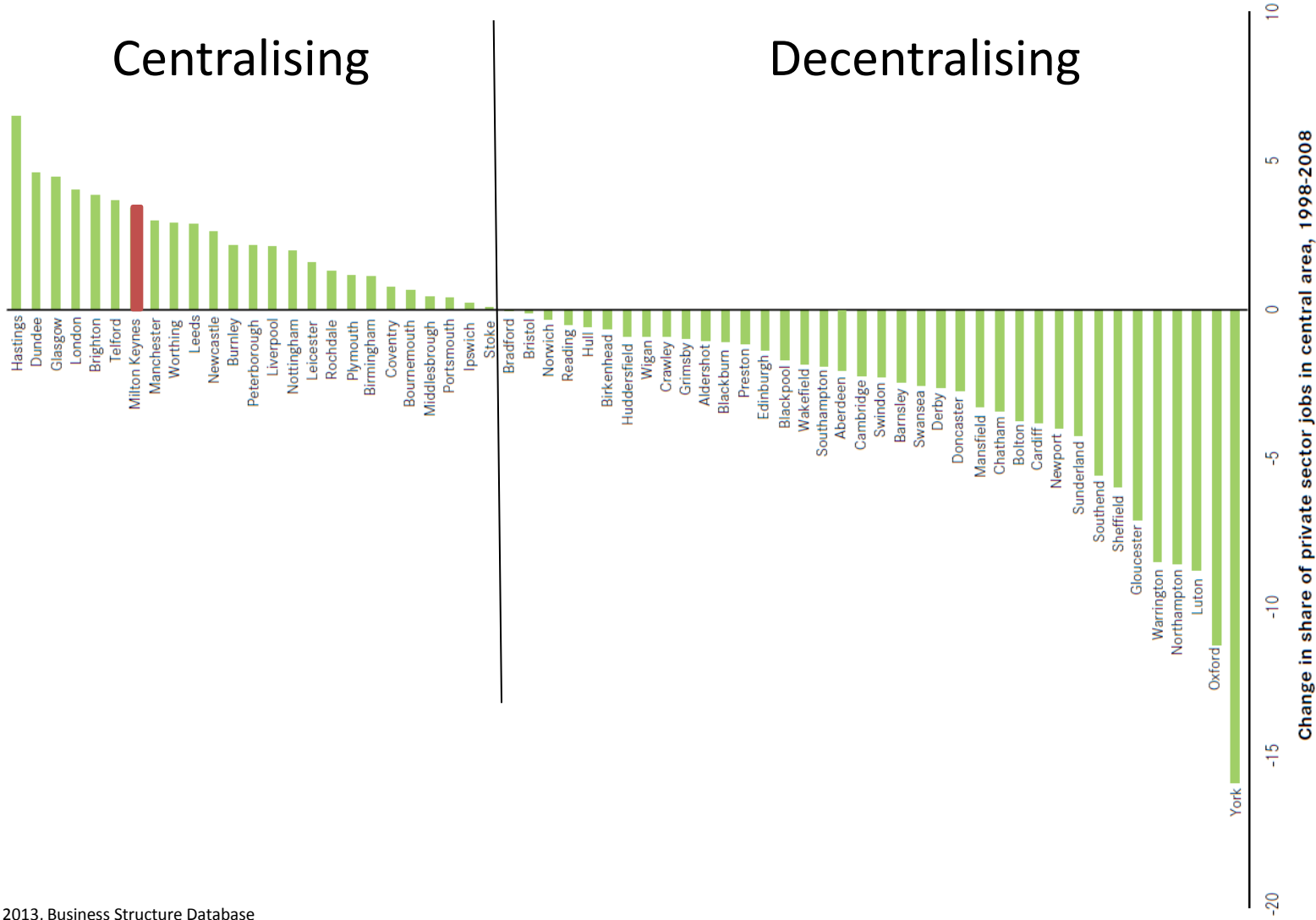
The average cost of a house compared to the average wages paid to a worker in a year. Sources: Source: ONS, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), average gross weekly residence based earnings. Own calculations for PUA-level weighted by number of jobs, CPI inflation adjusted (2012=100). Note: ASHE statistics are based on a sample survey, so the statistical significance of the results should be treated with caution; Land Registry, Market Trend Data, Price Paid. Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics, Mean house prices. Note: prices in Scotland are and average of the first three quarters of.

ONS Census. Due to issues of comparability, data is not available for Scotland or Northern Ireland.



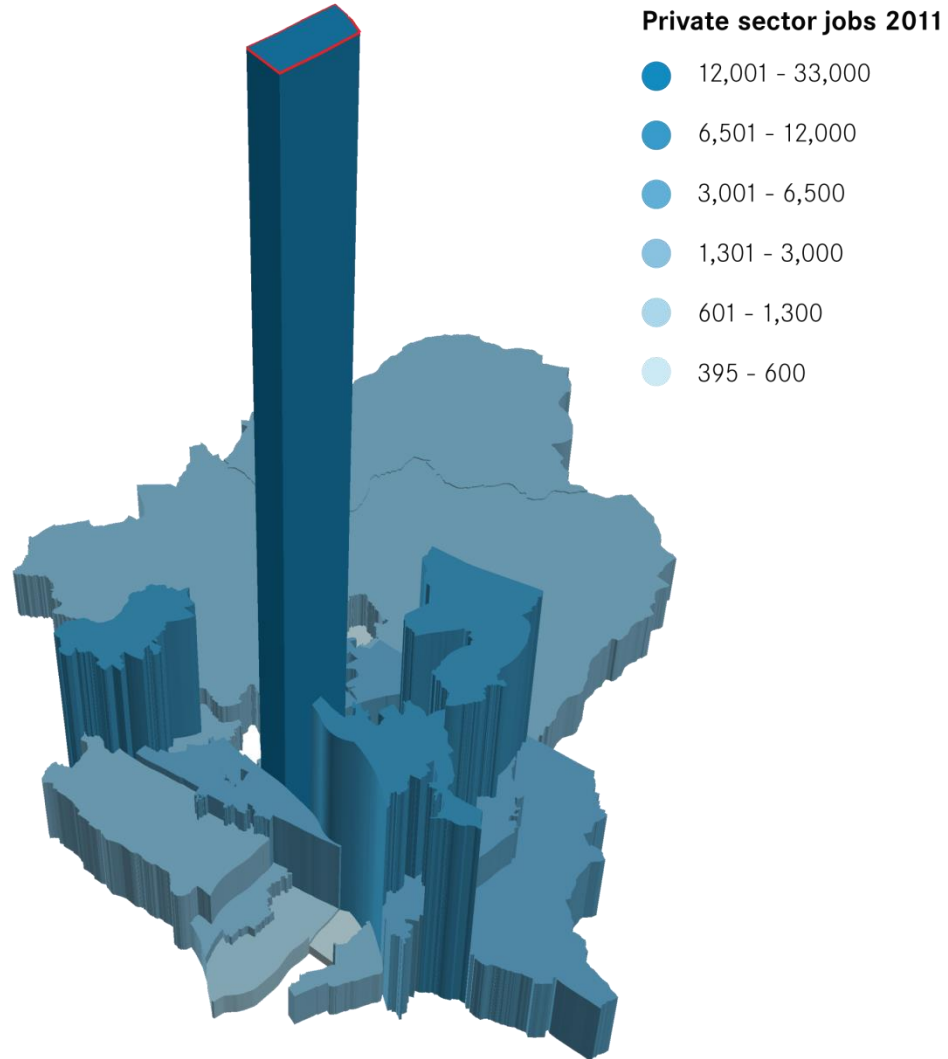
# **Central Milton Keynes as a place of work**

# More than half of our cities have been decentralising

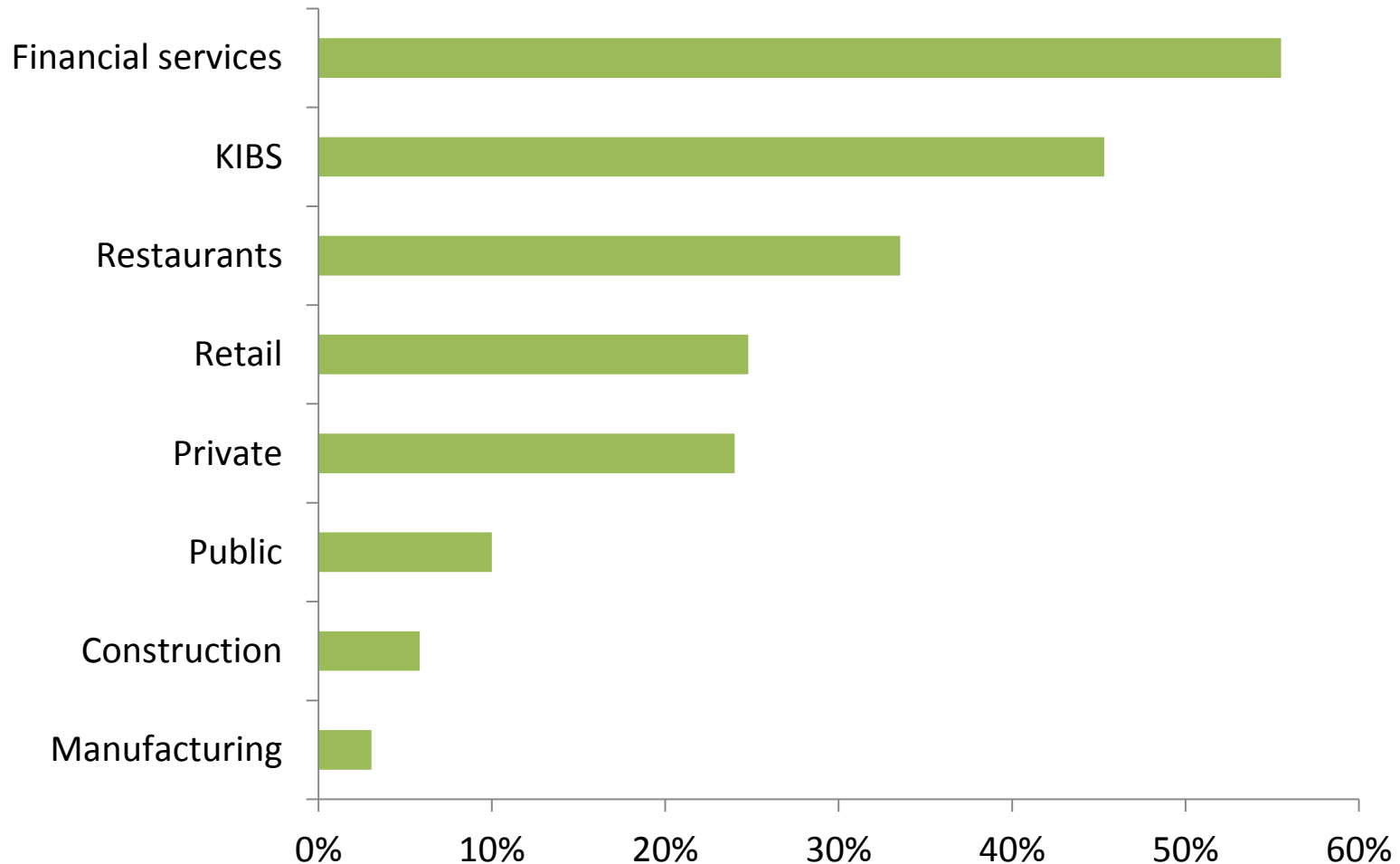


# Milton Keynes has a very strong city centre economy...

Distribution of private sector jobs in Milton Keynes

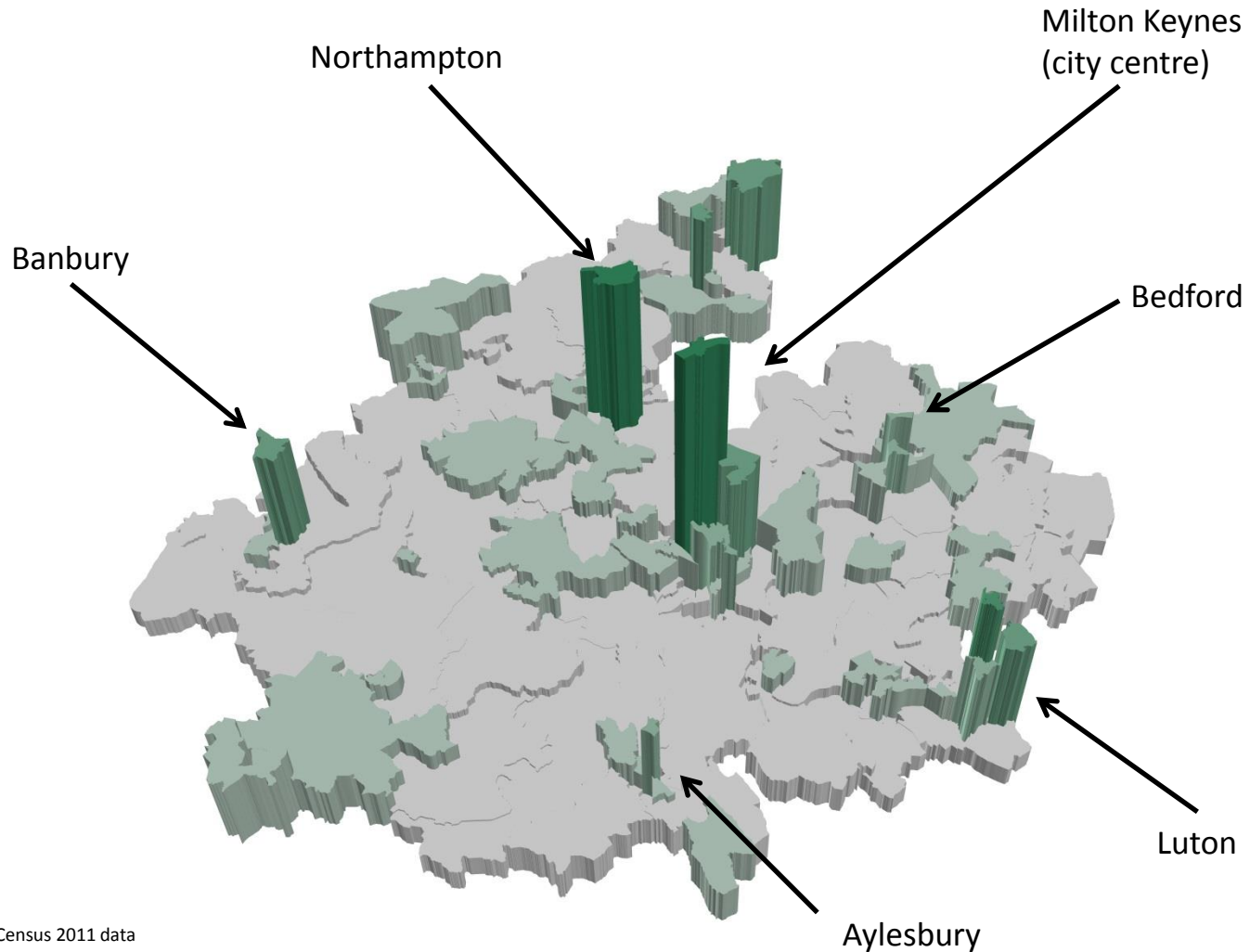


# ...and the city centre is particularly attractive to knowledge-based jobs





# This means Milton Keynes is an important source of high skilled jobs in SEM LEP



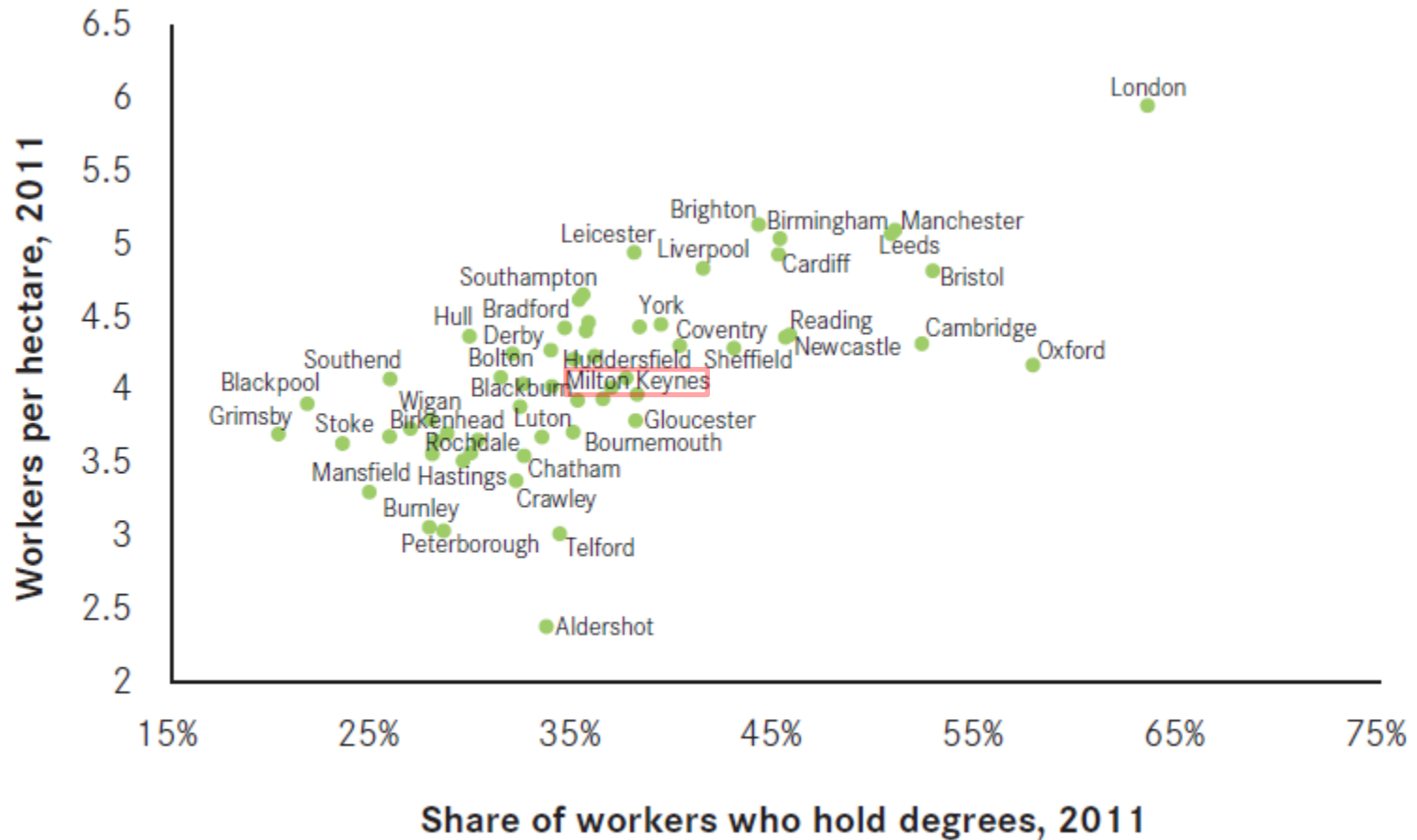


## But lack of density could be future economic challenge

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	Businesses per hectare, 2008	Average city centre business size 2011
Milton Keynes	4.9	28.1
Swindon	10.1	22.8
Swansea	12.3	12.6
Wakefield	13.5	12.9
Reading	14.4	18.0
Newcastle	15.4	16.5
Brighton	19.5	11.6
Leeds	25.0	16.4
Birmingham	30.3	20.5

# High paid, high skilled jobs are increasingly locating in dense city centres



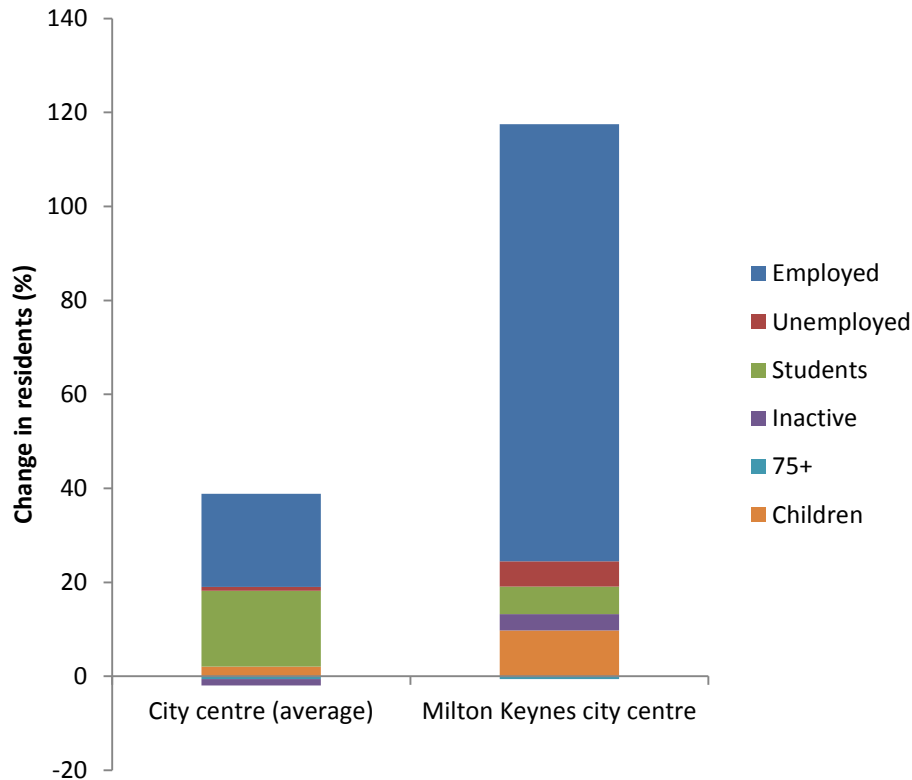
Source: ONS, Census 2011. English and Welsh cities only



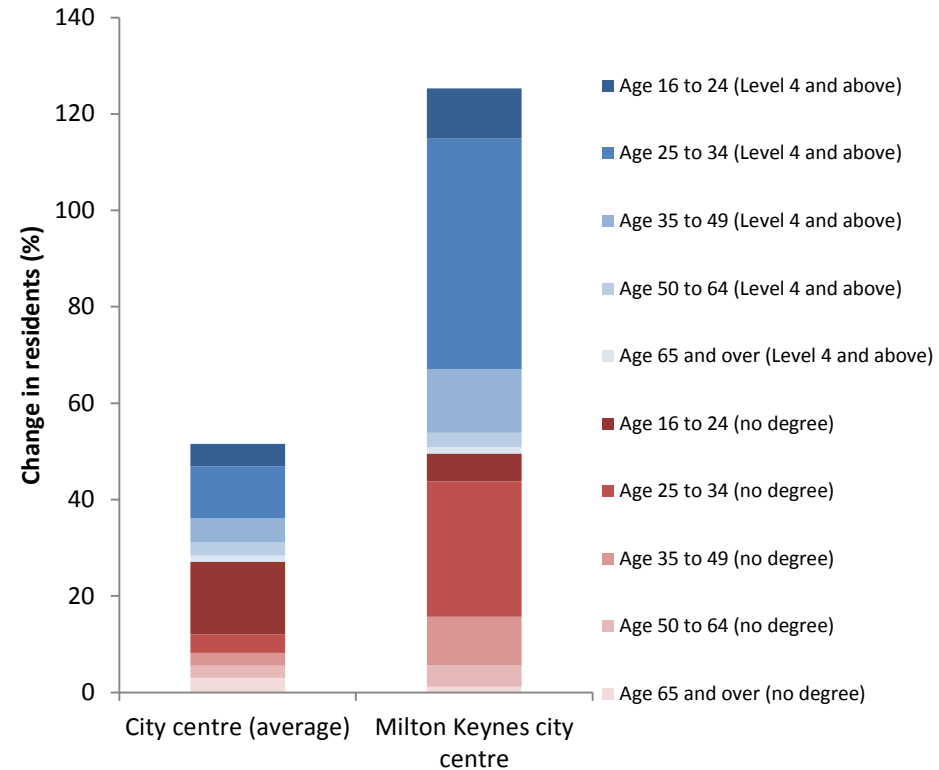
# **Central Milton Keynes as a place to live**

# Central Milton Keynes has seen a large growth in residents since 2001

## Economic activity

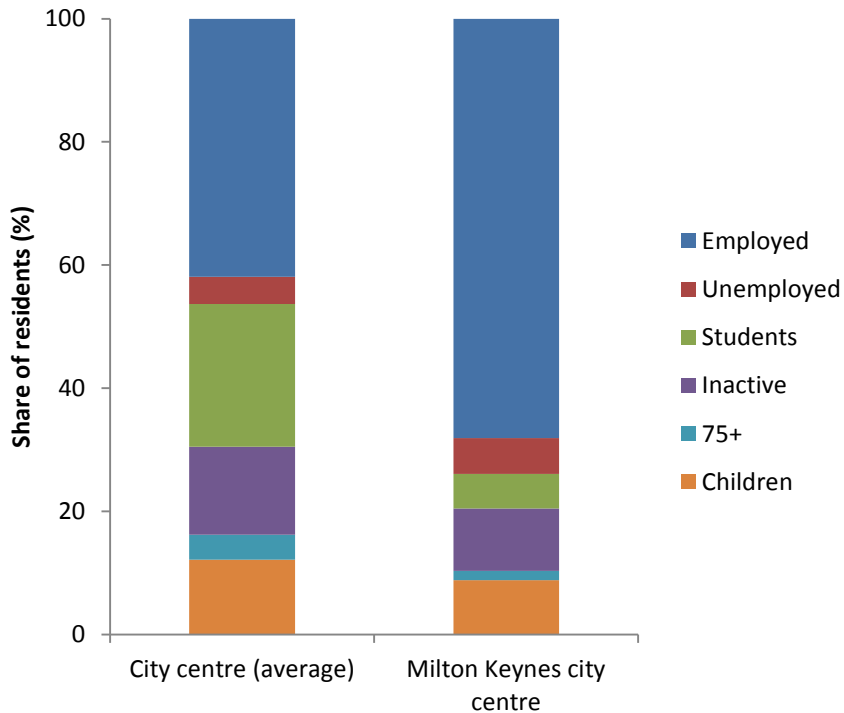


## Qualifications by age (aged 16+)

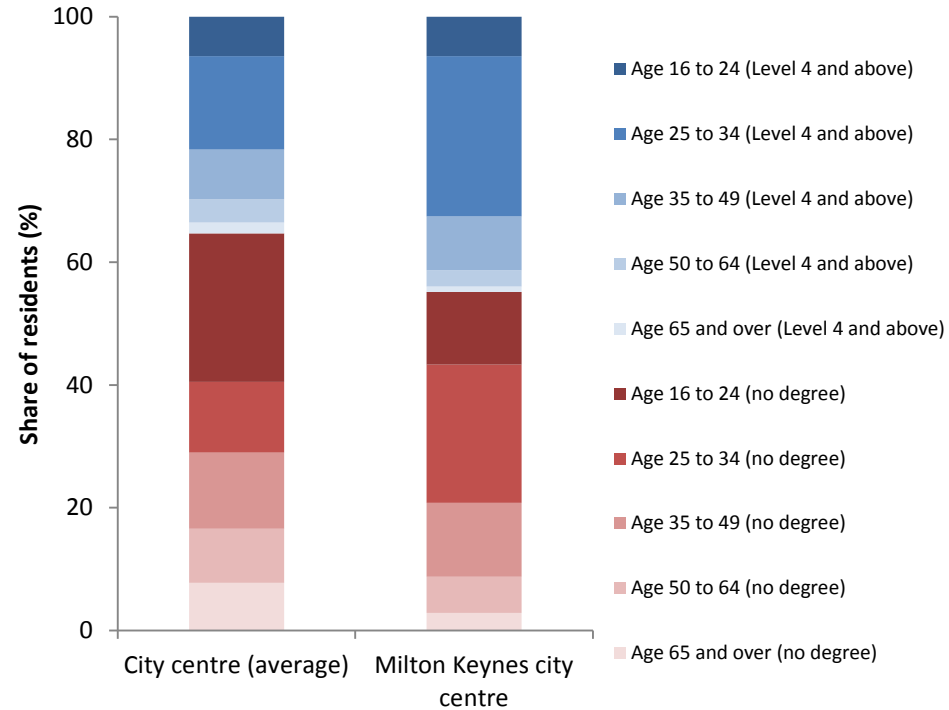


# And has a high share of young professionals

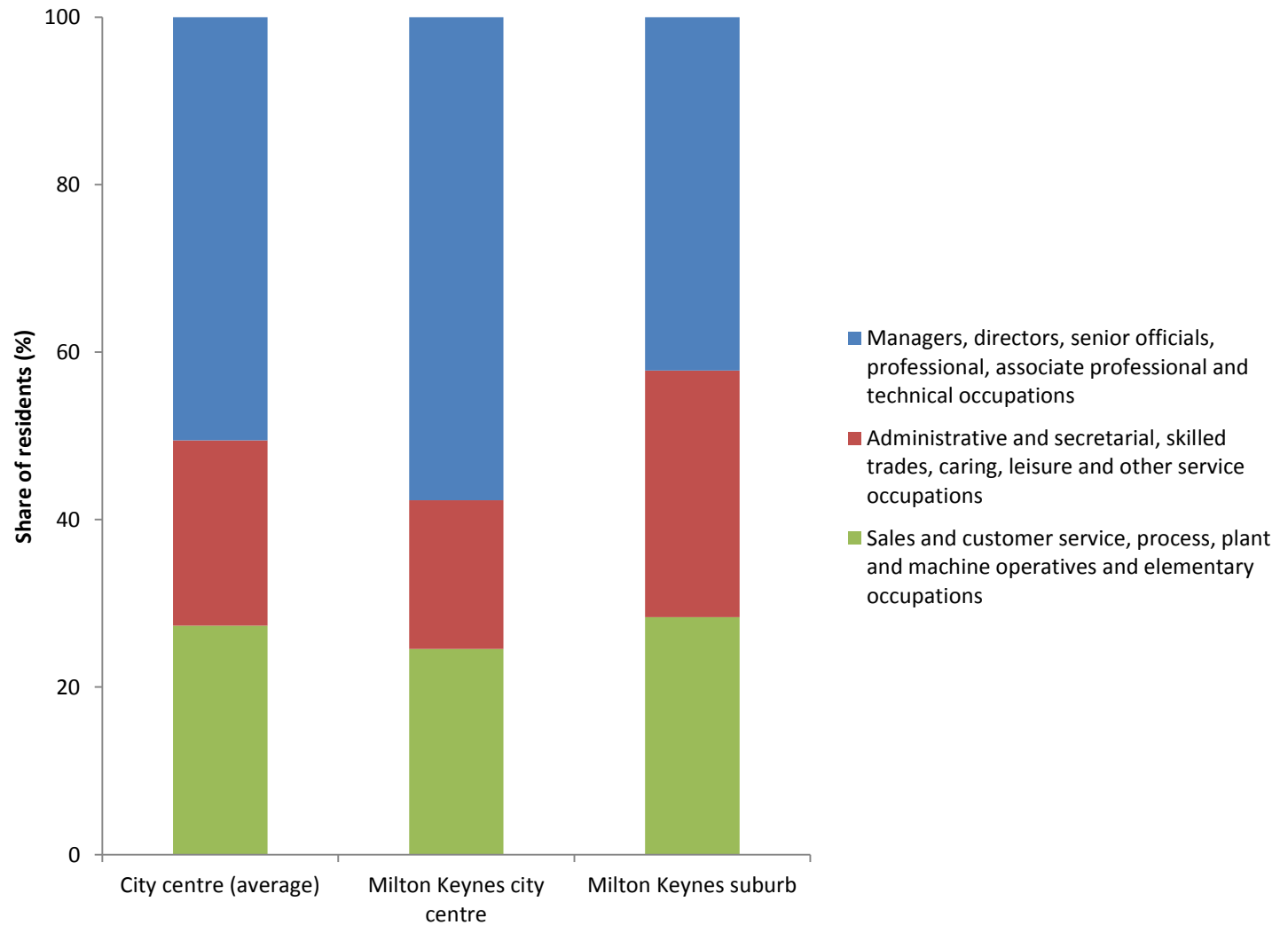
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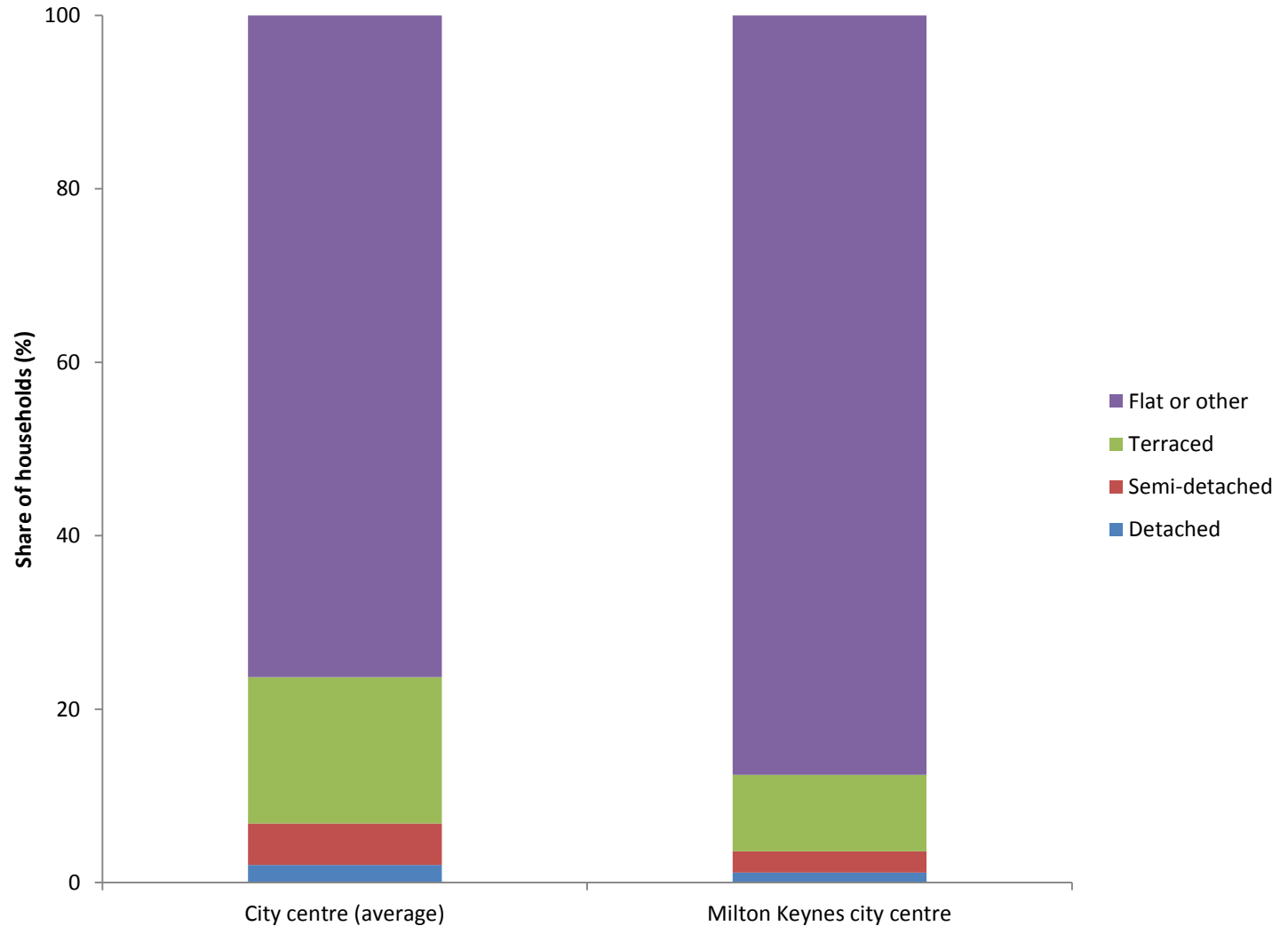
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# Who work in highly skilled professional occupations



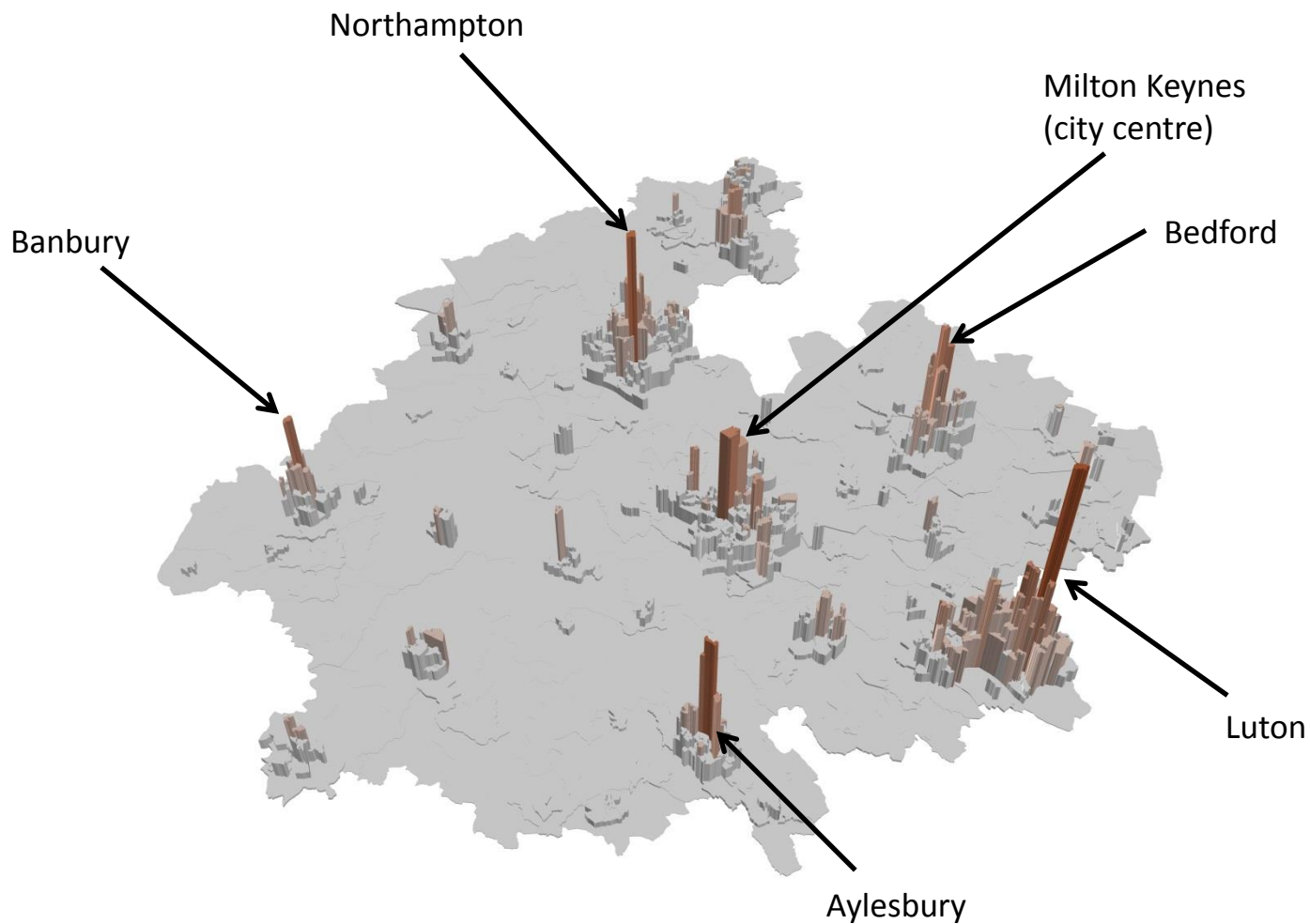
# And live in flats



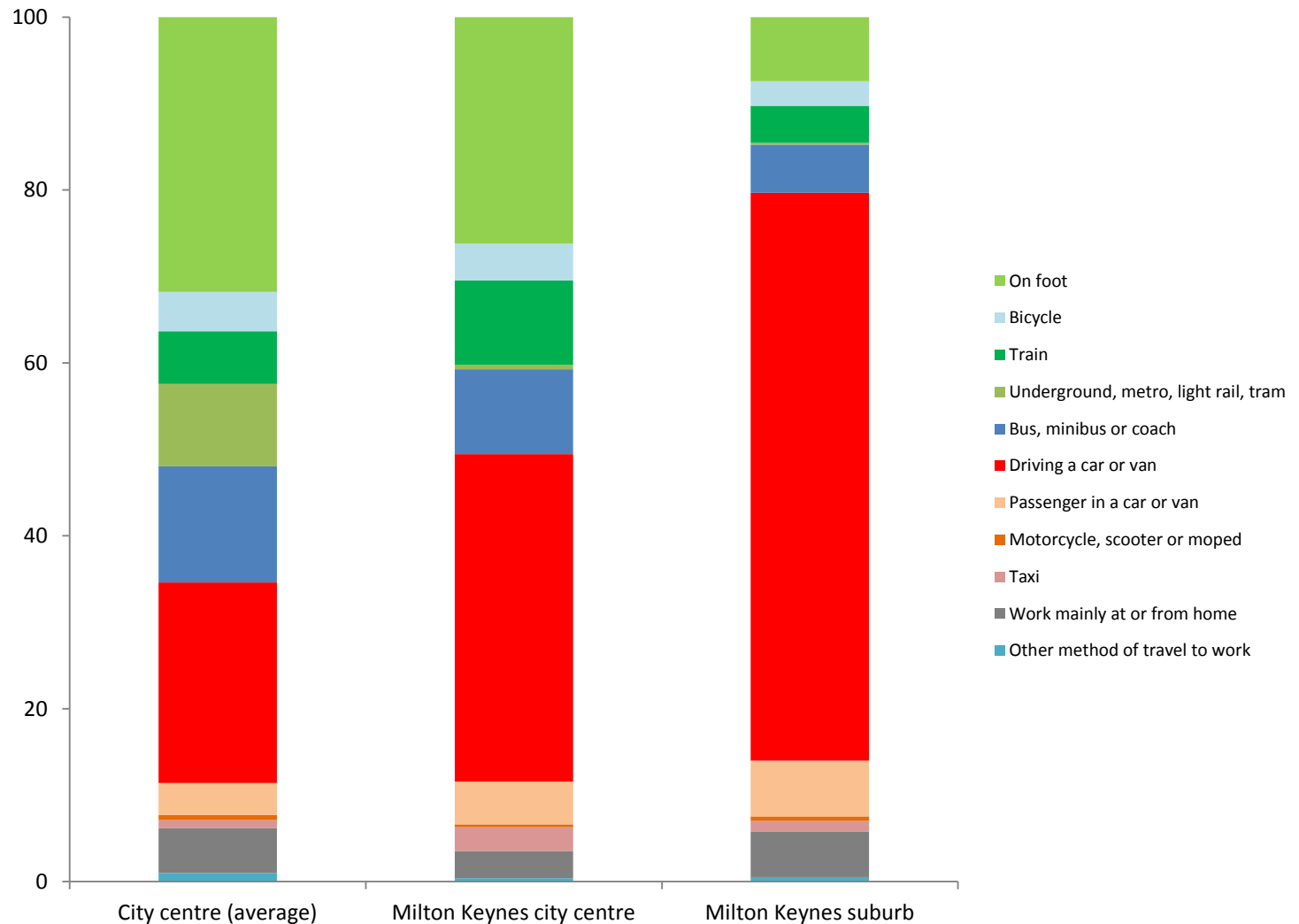
Source: NOMIS (2015). Census 2011 data



# But residential density is lower than other places



# Which has implications for how people get around the city



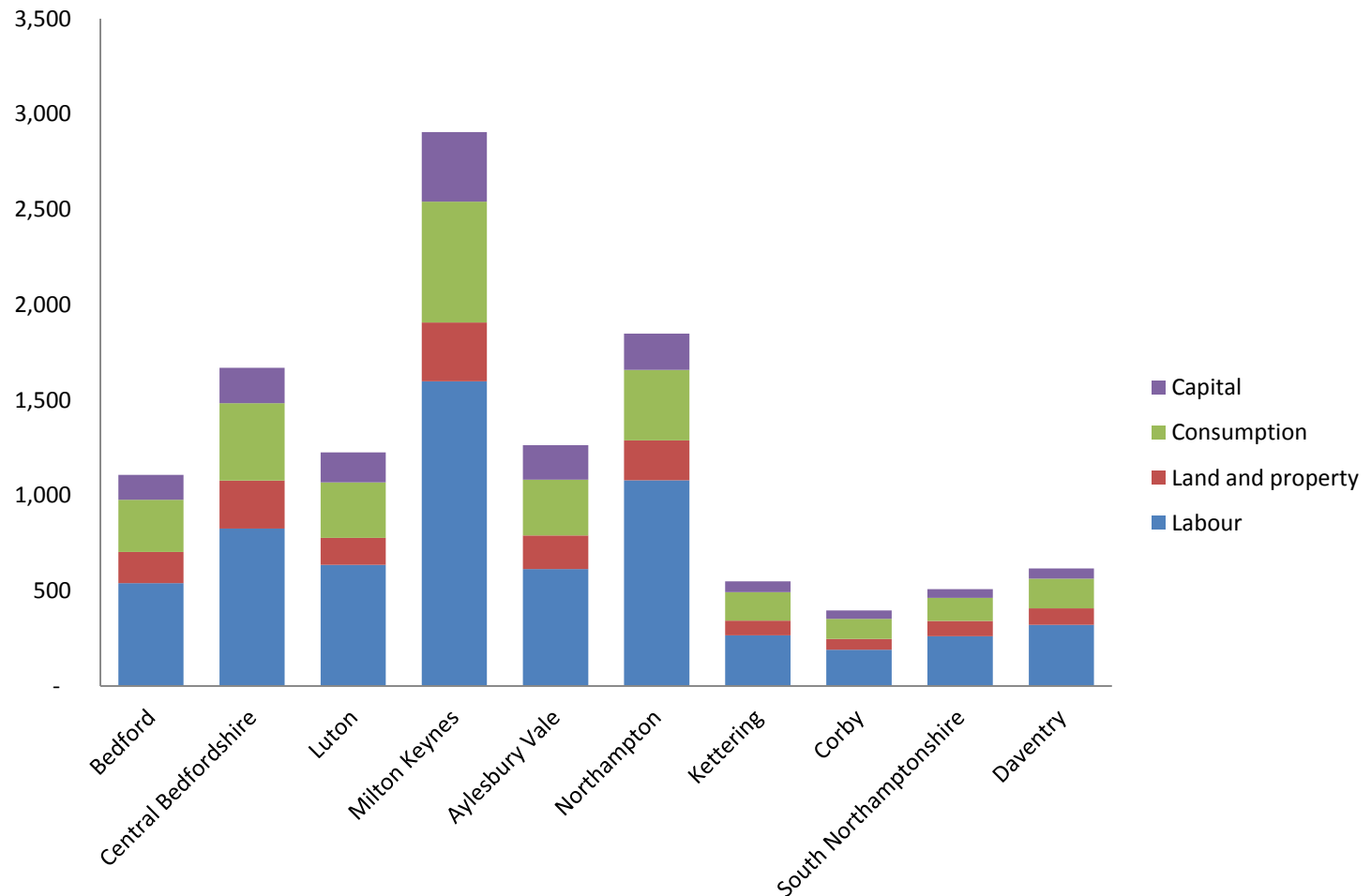
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# **Money raised and money spent in the SEM LEP**

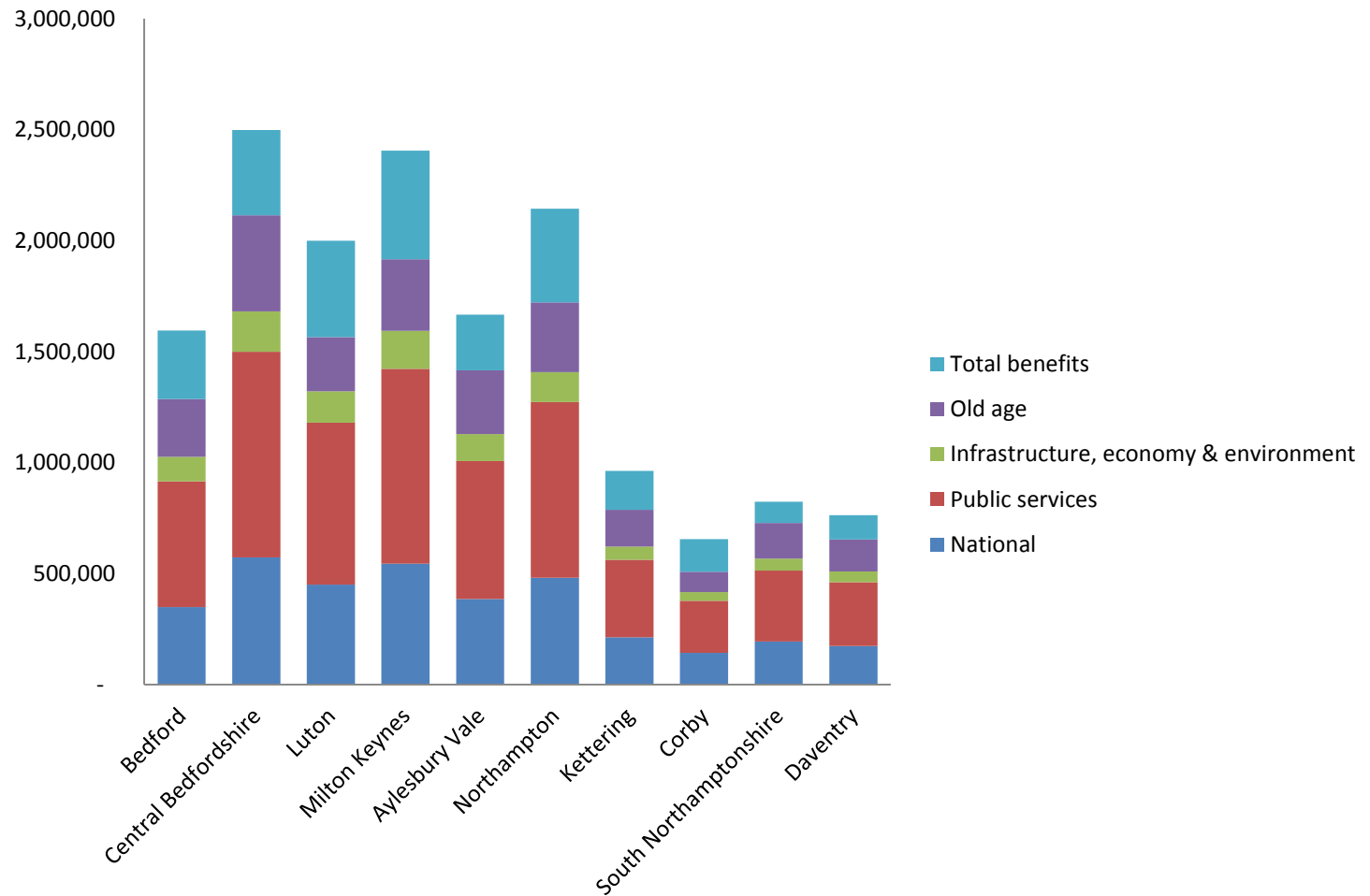
# Milton Keynes generates most of the tax in the sub-region

## Taxes generated in SEMLEP 2013-14



# But spend tends to be more evenly spread

## Total spend SEMLEP 2013-14





# Implications



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- Strong city (centre) economy that provides jobs for the wider SEM LEP
- Challenge is to build on its strengths to retain and attract higher skilled jobs
- Likely to require increased density of the built environment, both in terms of commercial and residential space in the city centre



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