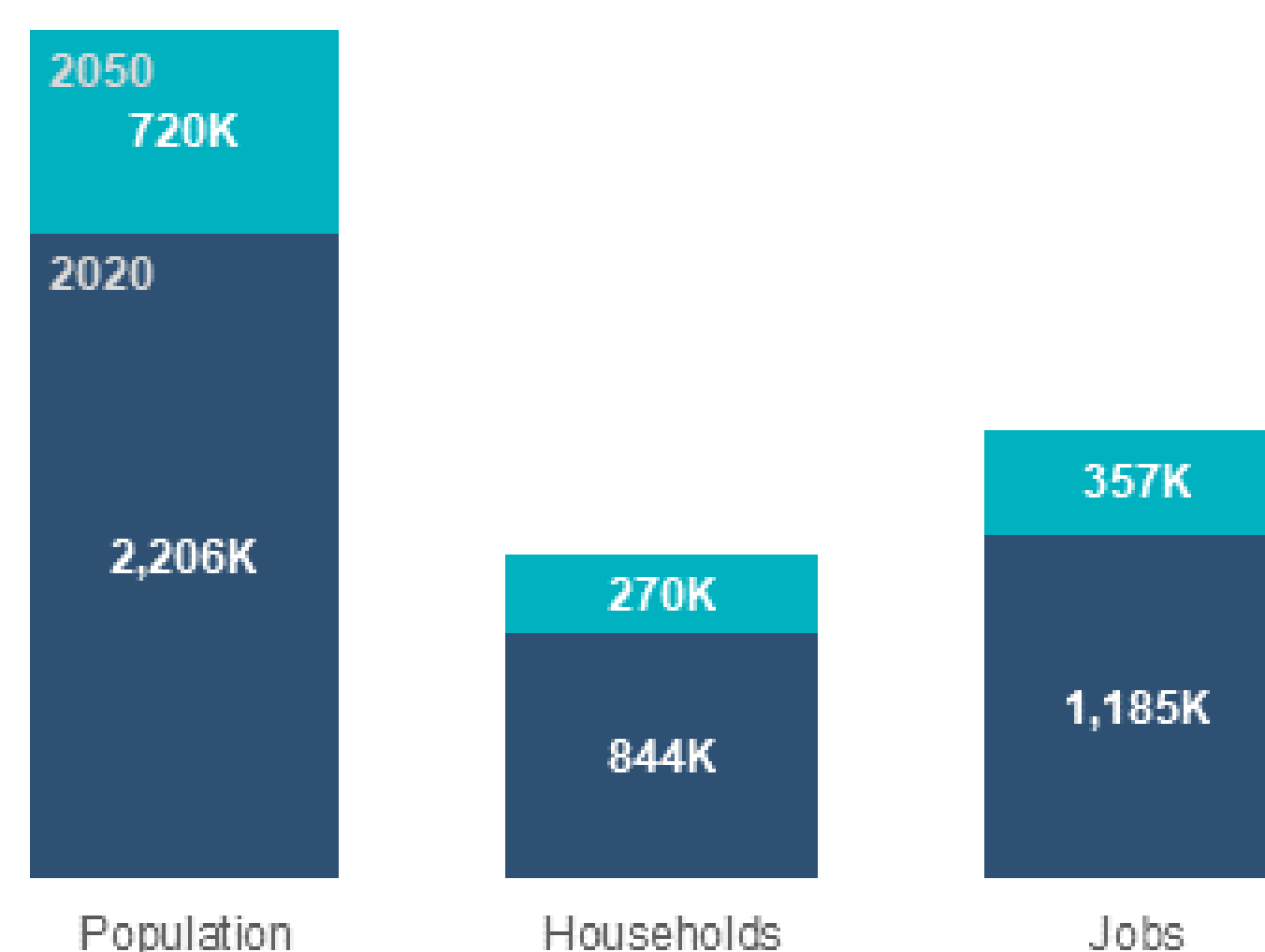


# REGIONAL CONTEXT

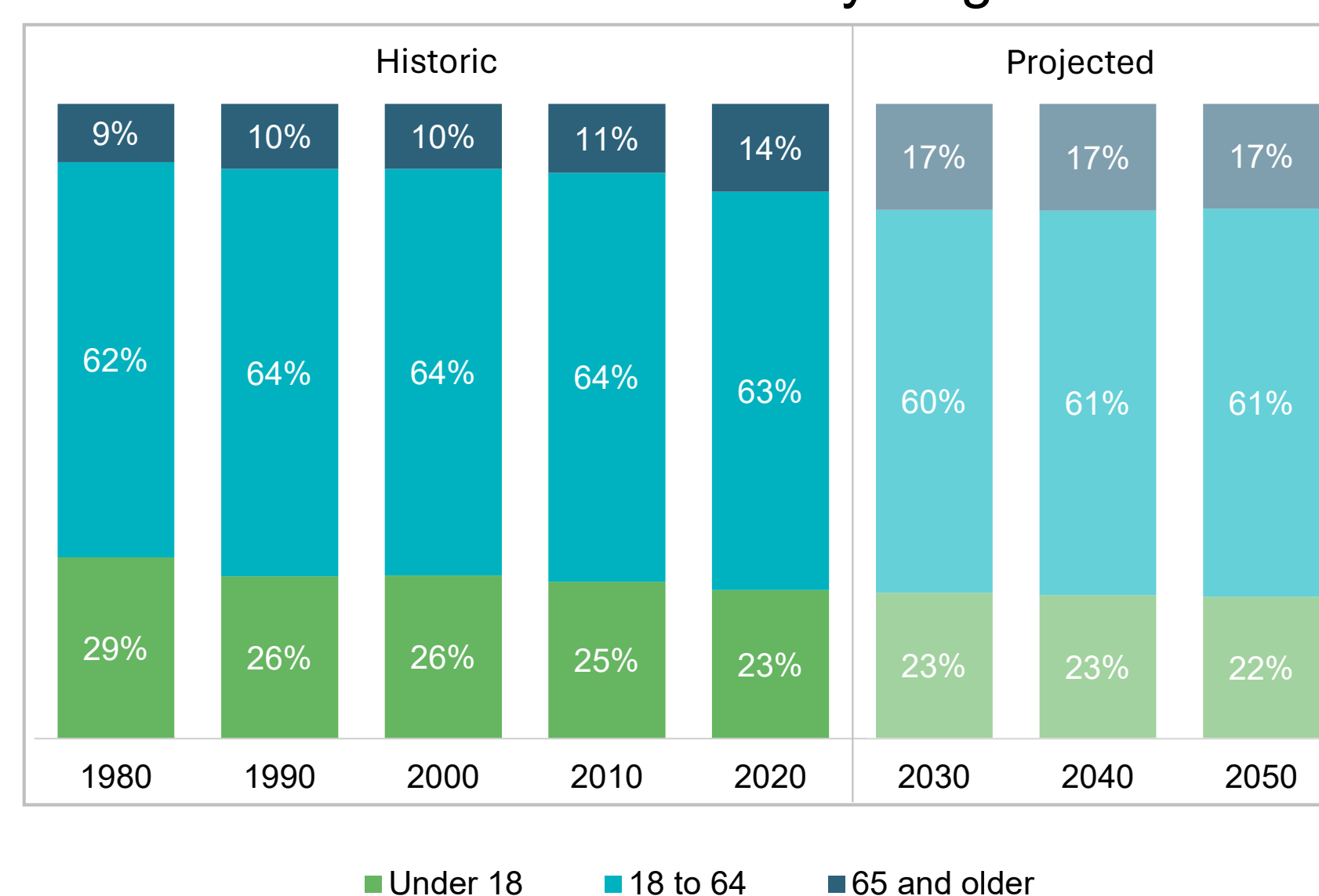
## PLANNING FOR REGIONAL GROWTH & CHANGE

- Franklin County is expected to absorb half of the regional growth and will welcome more than twice as many newcomers as the next-highest county (Delaware). The six surrounding counties will experience greater growth relative to their current populations ranging from a 30% increase (Madison and Licking) to 80% (Delaware), compared to 26% for Franklin County.
- Our recent growth places us among the fastest-growing large metros in the country. We are growing faster than any other region in the state, but at an estimated 0.89% annually, it is a much more manageable rate than metros, such as Austin or Boise, which have been growing at twice the rate of Central Ohio.
- It is more important now than ever to ensure that a variety of attainable housing and transportation options will be available to accommodate these new residents, and that market demand for more walkable neighborhoods is being met. By working together, the Columbus region can remain competitive and keep its relative housing affordability compared to other metro areas.
- Our region's strong growth can be attributed, in part, to continued strong economic development. Although MORPC does not attempt to predict which firms will choose to establish operations in Central Ohio, our forecasting process anticipates development-induced growth, and plans for it.
- More than 80% of Central Ohioans enjoy a commute time of less than 35 minutes to work. If communities wish to preserve this convenience as the region continues to grow, they must strive to develop housing near jobs and jobs near housing, locating new developments within proximity to transit routes.

**Projected Population Change  
MORPC 10-County Region**



**Characteristics of Projected Population Change  
MORPC 10-County Region**



**Number of New Residential Units by Type 2010-2021  
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