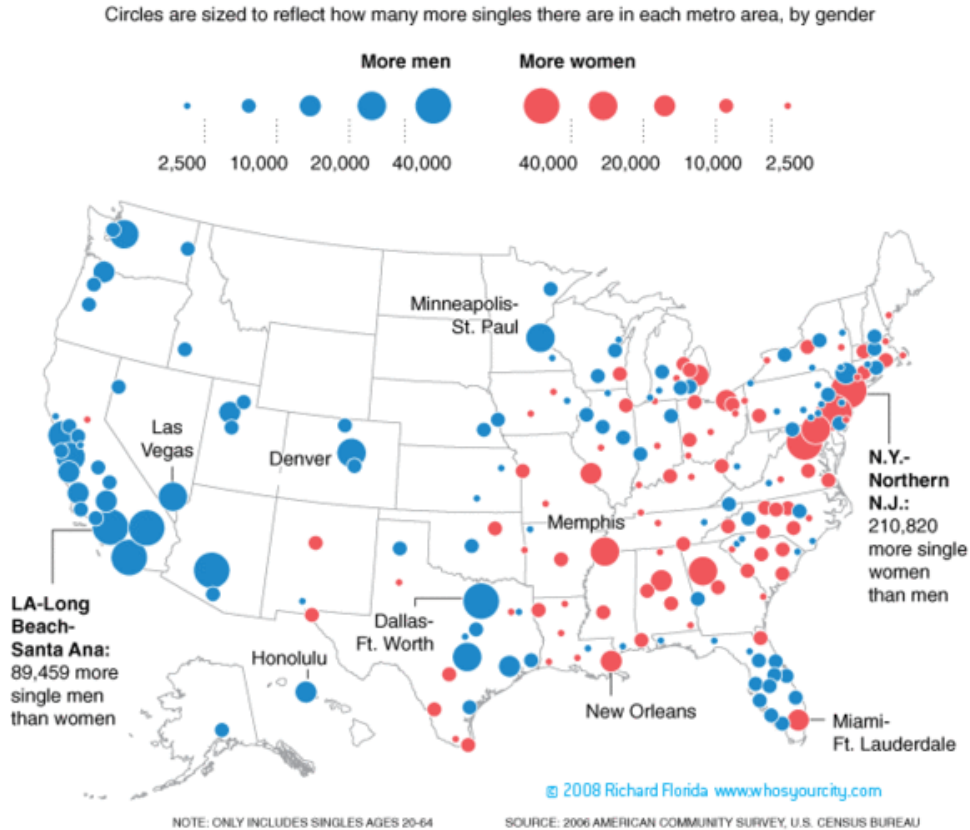




Go West, Young Woman



Courtesy of [Richard Florida](#), a map of American singles populations with pretty clear implications for anyone seeking a date. In essence, Eastern cities (and especially the NY-DC corridor) have a lot more single women than men, and Western cities (especially in California) have a lot more single men than women. (Florida offers his thoughts on why this is [here](#).)

It can't help but put me in mind of a line from the (criminally underappreciated) [Kiss Kiss Bang Bang](#), when Robert Downey Jr. observes that "It's literally like someone took America by the East Coast and *shook* it, and all the normal girls managed to hang on"--except that it was evidently not just the normal ones.

(via [Patrick](#), filling in for Andrew)

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