



Where the girls are... in the West

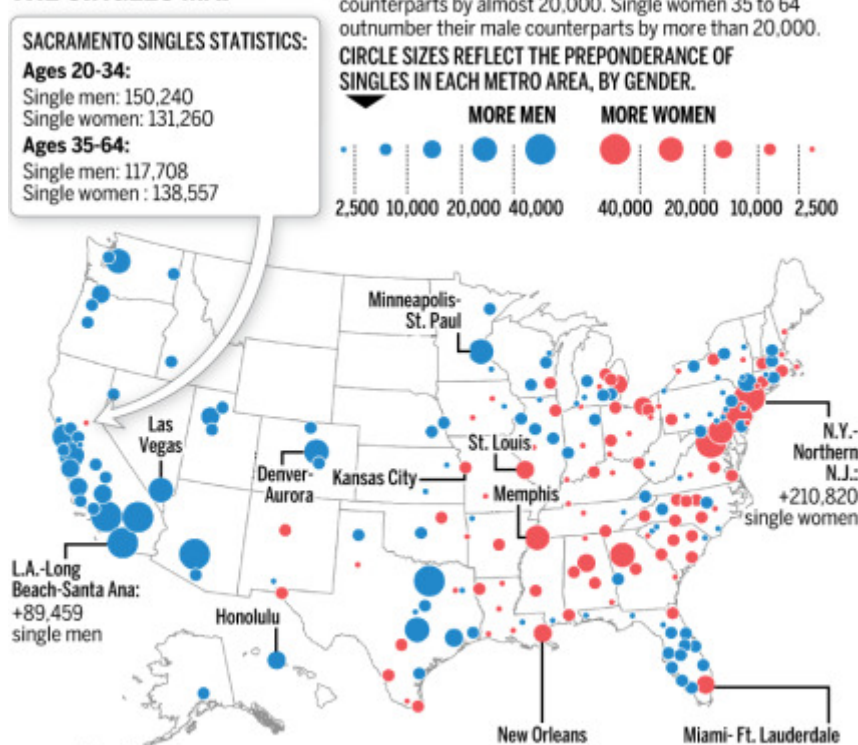
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Sacramento is the only metropolitan area on the West Coast where there are more single women than men.

The [Sacramento Bee](#) catches the numbers mapped out by University of Toronto professor Richard Florida in his [book "Who's Your City?"](#), comparing the ratio of single men to women ages 20 to 64 in urban areas across the United States. Result: The East Coast is a magnet for single women, while every metropolitan area west of Denver has a significantly higher proportion of single men.

Except Sacramento, where Census Bureau data finds there are 20,000 more single women than single men over age 34.

THE SINGLES MAP



Note: This map shows the disparities among singles 20 to 64.
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 American Community Survey, National Geographic

CreativeClass.com, Sacramento Bee

The paper couldn't find anyone with a decent explanation for why Sacramento stands alone in the West with more women than men.

A sociology professor guessed that Sacramento was a government town (California's state capital) and women are more likely to be government employees.

Another ventured that less age discrimination makes Sacramento "a good market situation for older women."

An additional statistic: Women on average now spend more years of their adult lives being single than

married.

Several clubs have started catering to the "over-30" crowd as a result. One club, called Mix Downtown, "attracts so many younger men that some of them have nicknamed it 'the cougar's den,' referring to the nom du jour for older women who like to date younger men.