Linkages across the borderthe Great Lakes economy

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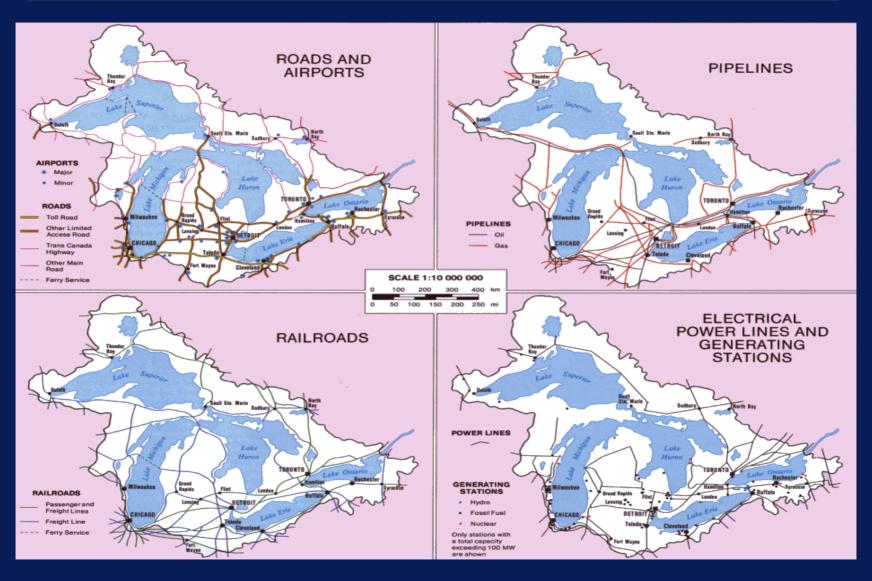
Federal Reserve Districts



Transportation shifted overland long ago, but the Lakes have integrated our economy in several ways, including transportation

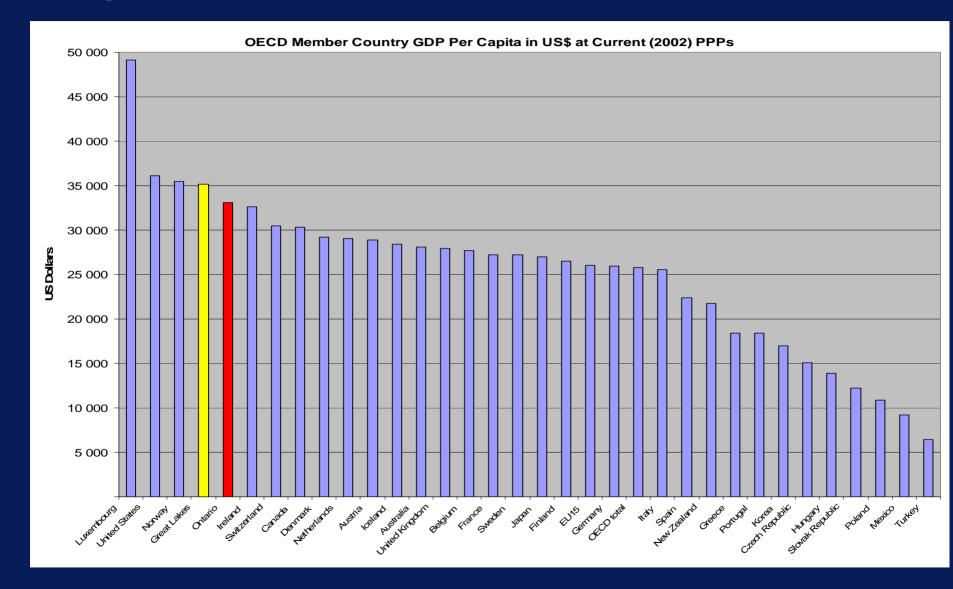


Great Lakes Infrastructure

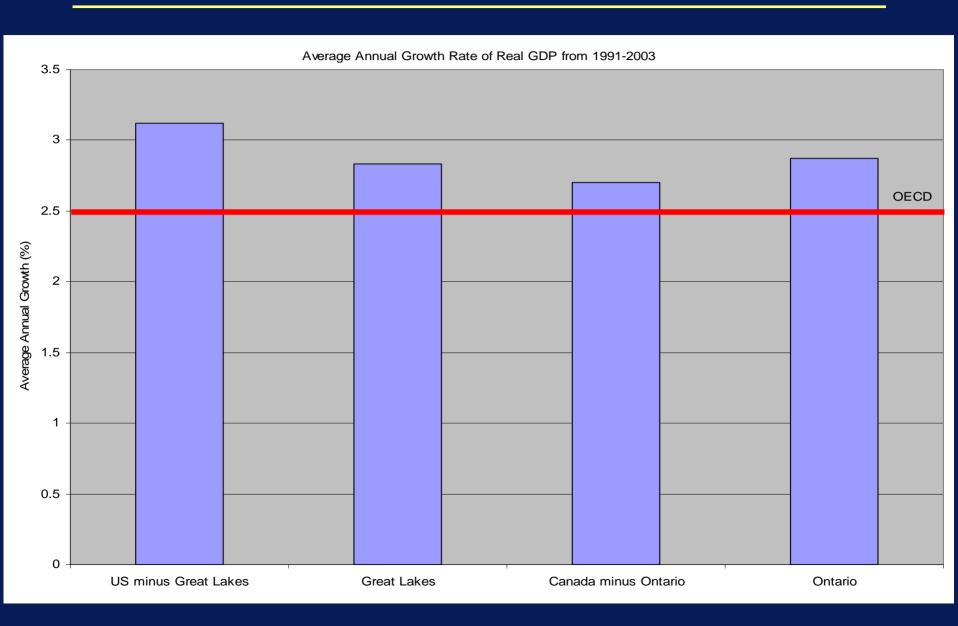


Source: World Business Chicago

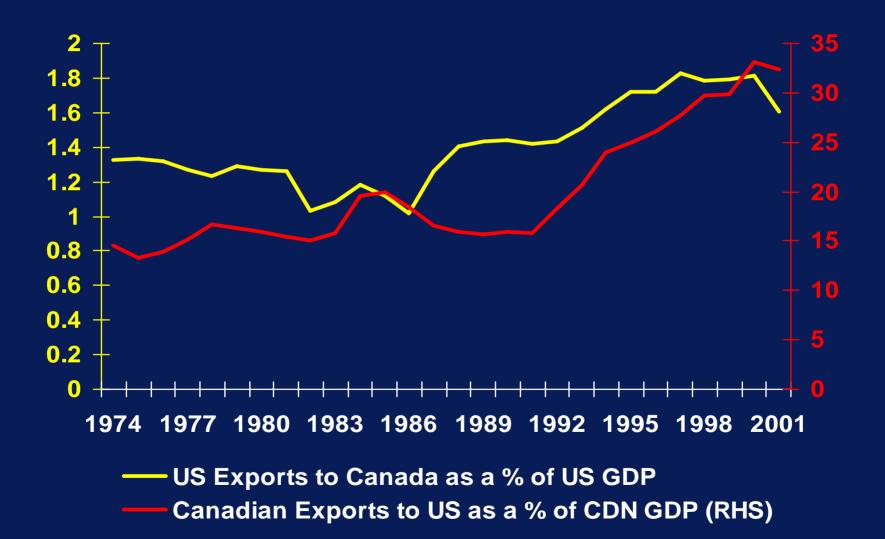
One of the world's wealthiest bi-national regions.....



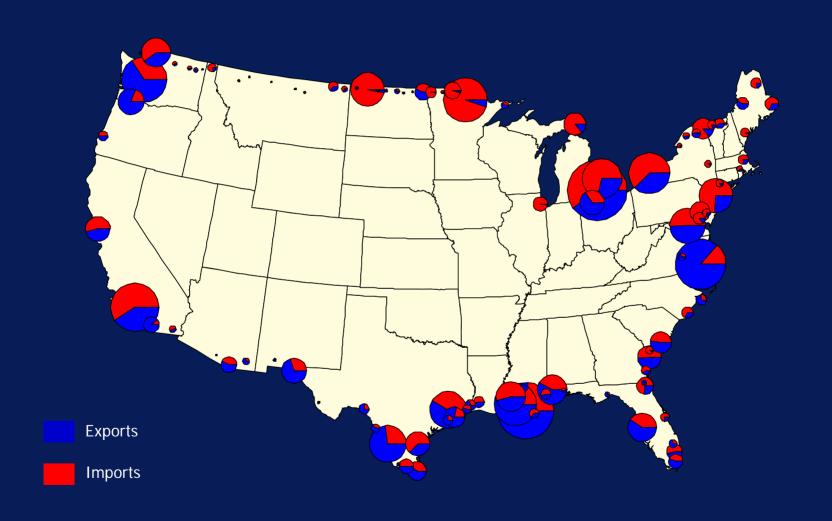
....and growing stronger all the time.



Two-way trade has soared since the FTA



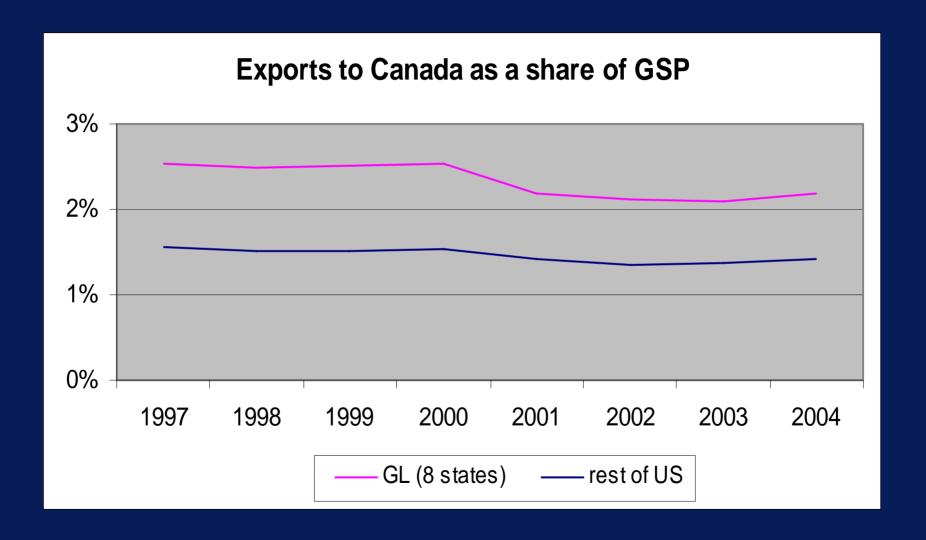
Among U.S. Gateways for International Freight, 2nd to none (Exports & Imports in Tons)



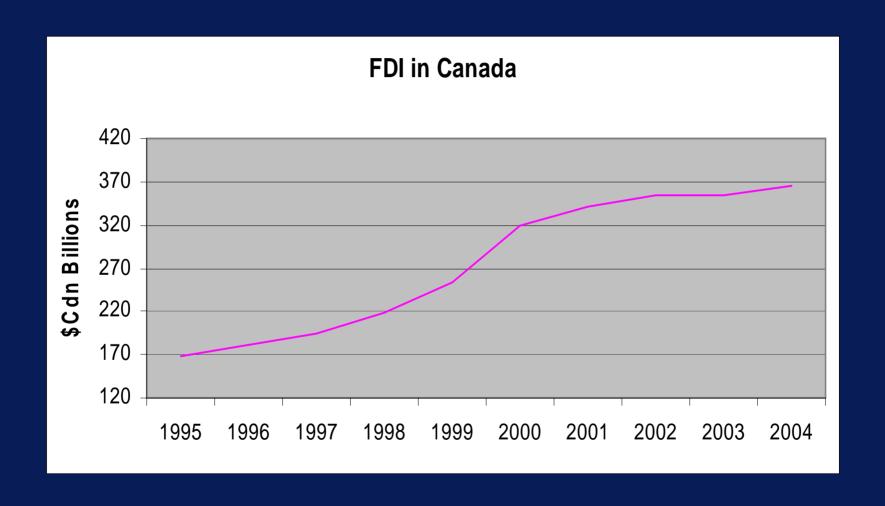
Ontario-Great Lakes trade dominates the trade

Ontario - US Trade 2004, in millions of Canadian Dollars						
	Exports to State from Canada	Imports from State to Canada				
Illinois	\$7,790	\$9,086				
Indiana	\$4,814	\$8,909				
Iowa	\$1,056	\$1,698				
Michigan	\$59,540	\$26,654				
Minnesota	\$1,941	\$2,414				
Pennsylvania	\$6,643	\$5,860				
New York	\$11,523	\$10,513				
Wisconsin	\$3,097	\$4,779				
Great Lakes (8)	\$96,404	\$69,912				

GL states exports to Canada: One and one-half times more important



FDI-- NAFTA proves out for Canada



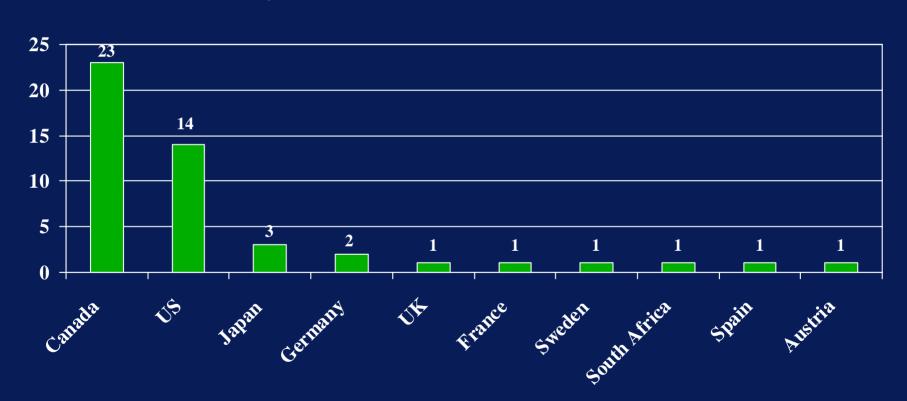
FDI from Canada: Important to the U.S., more so to the U.S. Great Lakes region

FDI by Employment 2000 (in thousands)									
Nation or Region	US	IL	IN	IA	МІ	MN	ОН	WI	Midwest
Total	6,524.6	325.8	168.2	40.9	249.9	106.2	206.3	110.3	1,261.6
Europe	4,427.7	220.3	109.4	28.7	177.7	67.8	169.3	83.0	856.2
Germany	728.4	35.6	31.0	4.6	89.0	10.5	38.6	18.2	227.5
United Kingdom	1,177.4	70.8	35.4	5.1	34.9	18.6	45.8	15.2	225.8
Asia	1,020.1	55.6	40.3	6.1	36.0	5.1	57.1	5.2	205.4
Japan	827.7	51.3	37.7	4.3	34.1	3.5	54.5	4.6	190.0
Americas	1,013.8	46.3	17.3	6.2	34.6	25.1	32.5	22.0	184.0
Canada	672.5	36.5	14.4	5.4	27.1	21.2	22.4	16.6	143.6
Other	63.0	3.6	1.2	-0.1	1.6	8.2	1.4	0.1	16.0

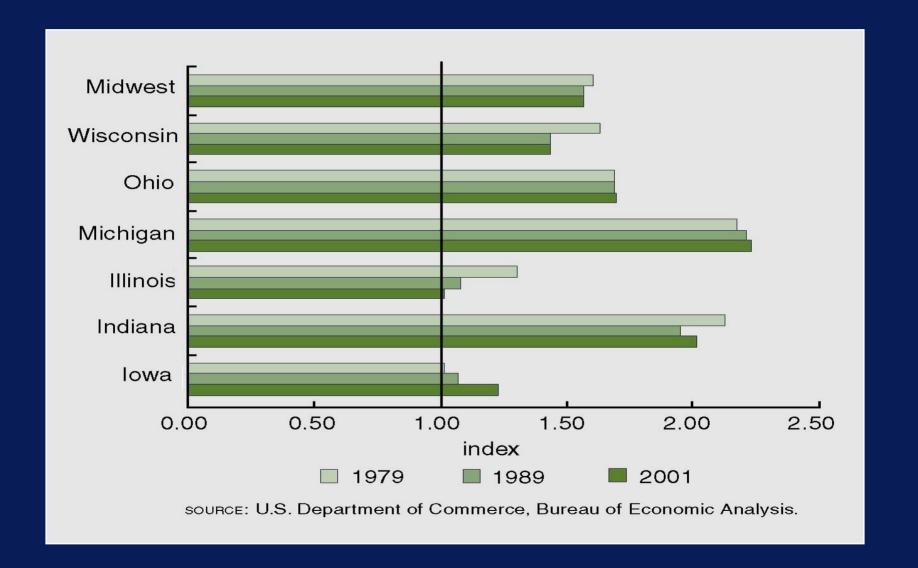
Source - Bureau of Economic Analysis

U.S. FDI in Ontario very strong, especially from GL companies

Publicly Announced New Investmenst in Ontario

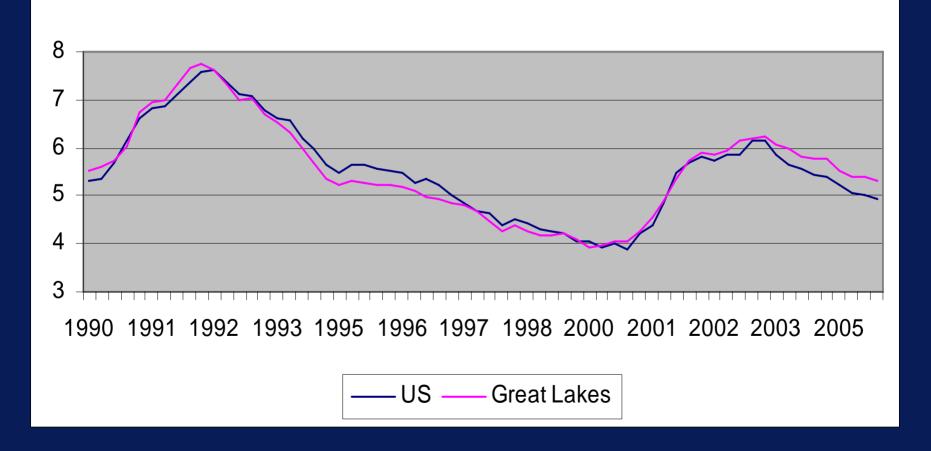


Manufacturing is the basis of the relationship to date ...and has been for some time



The U.S. GL economy continues to falter

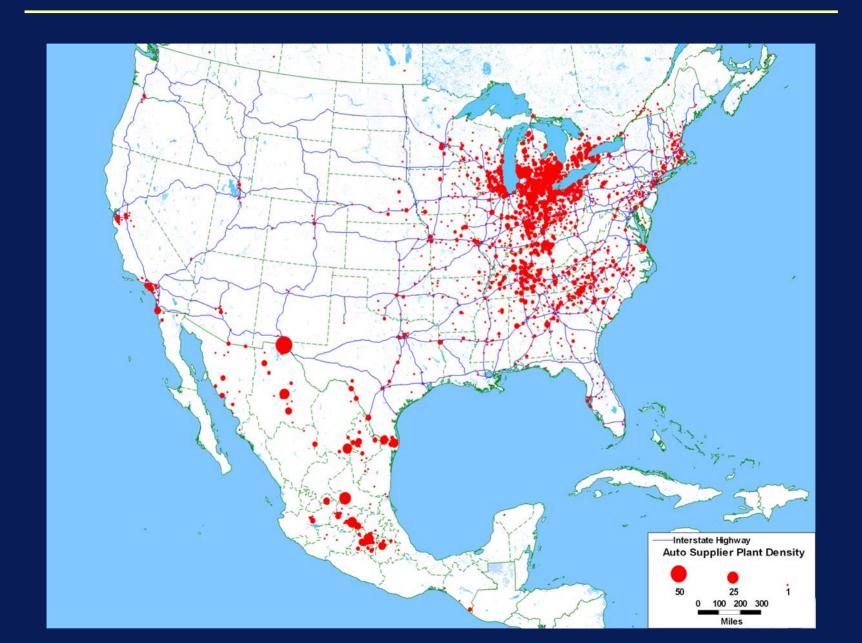
Unemployment Rate, Quarterly 1990Q1 - 2005Q4



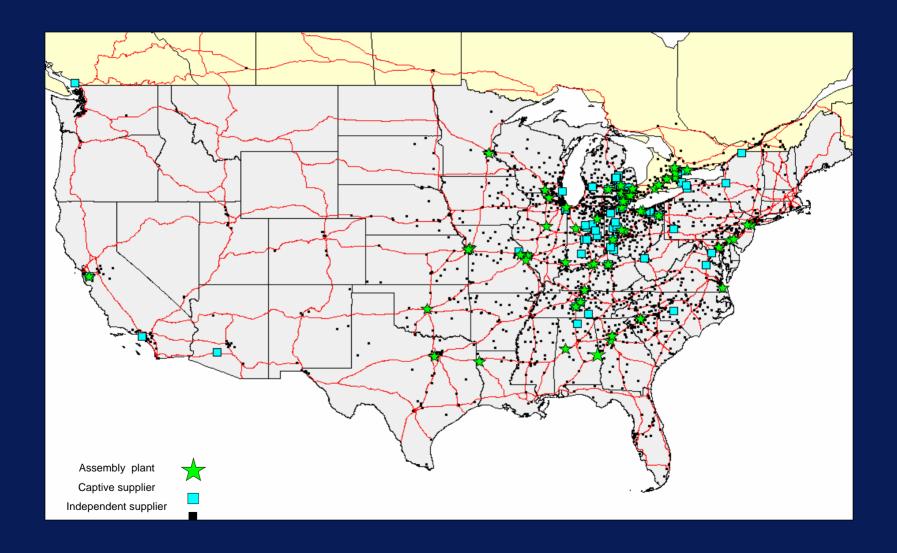
The GL economy by the numbers: autocentric problems

	Job Gro	wth (%)	Unemployment Rate		
	2000 -	1995 -	1995	Oct. 2005	
	Oct.2005	Oct.2005	1990		
Minnesota	1.6	14.2	3.7	3.7	
Wisconsin	0.0	10.8	3.7	4.5	
Illinois	-2.9	5.0	5.2	5.5	
Indiana	-1.4	6.1	4.4	5.4	
Michigan	-7.0	1.7	5.3	6.1	
Ohio	-3.5	4.0	4.9	5.9	
Pennsylvania	0.6	9.0	5.9	4.6	
New York	-1.1	8.2	6.4	4.9	
8-GL States	-1.9	6.9	5.1	5.1	
US (minus 8-States)	3.3	17.6	5.7	4.9	
US	1.7	14.3	5.6	5.0	

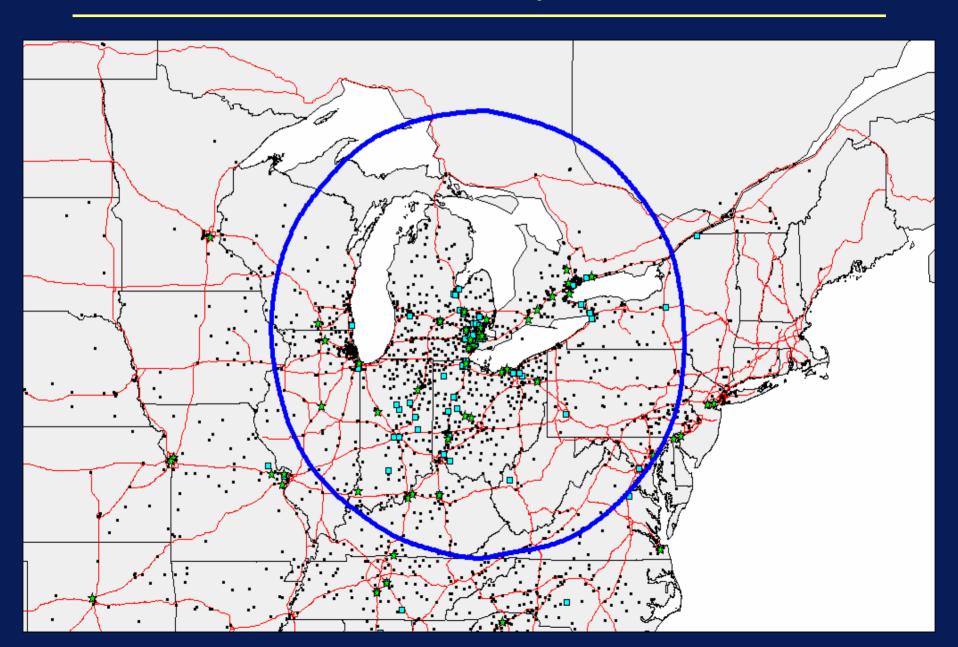
The Midwest and autos: parts suppliers cluster



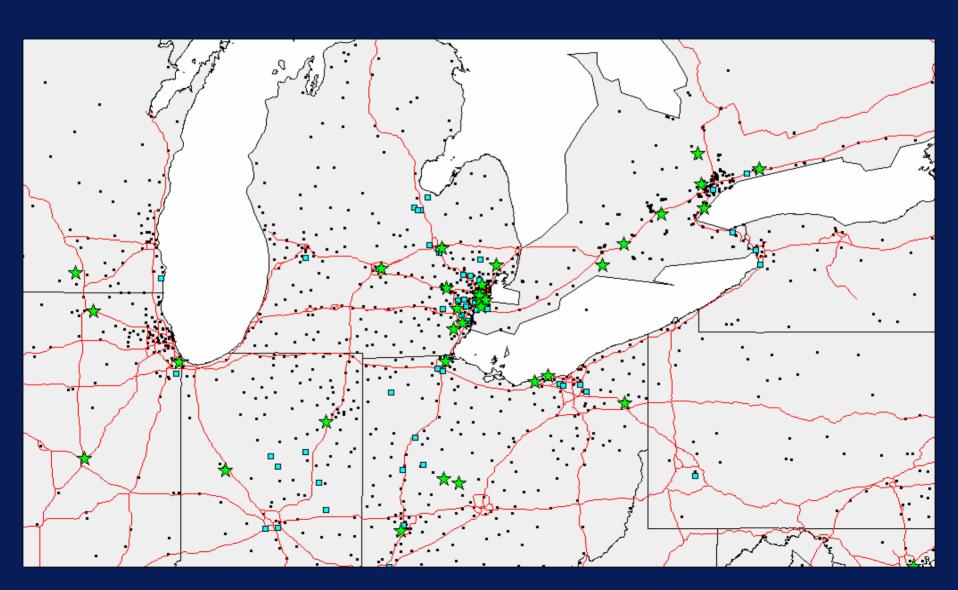
The automotive industry dominates the landscape



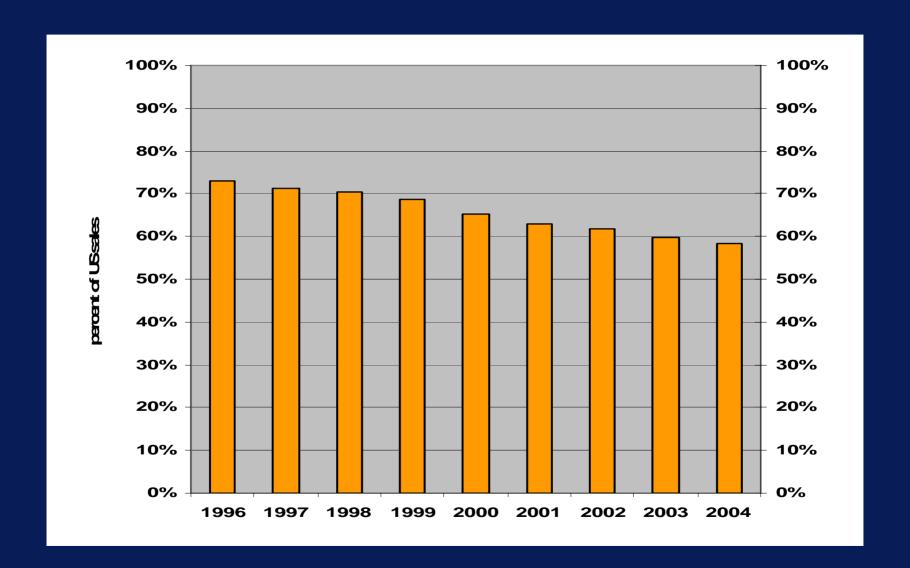
Detroit area as auto industry's hub



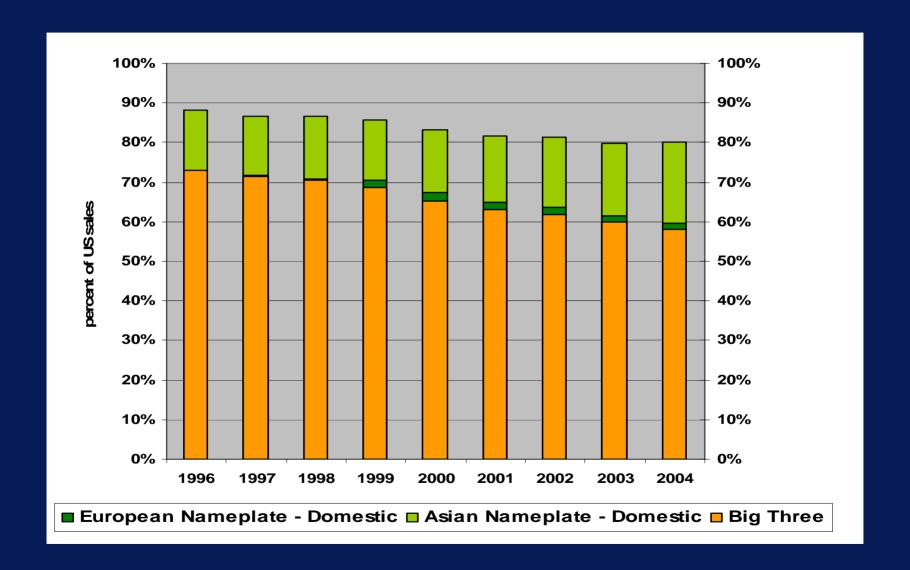
The Heart of the Auto Industry--close binational integration



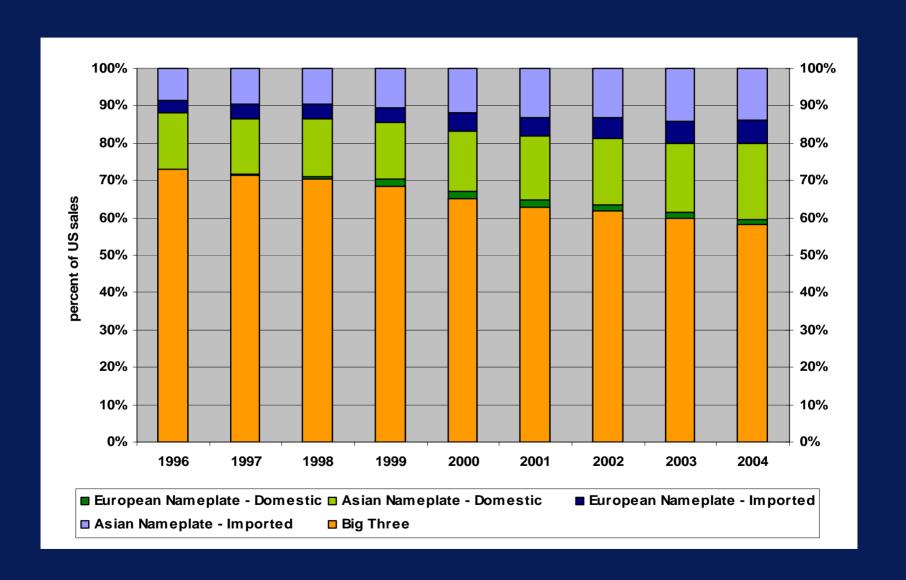
The Big Three are getting smaller, share drop 15 points



US production of foreign nameplates up 7 points



Imports up 8 points in 10 years



Detroit-Windsor is the center--but what does the future hold?

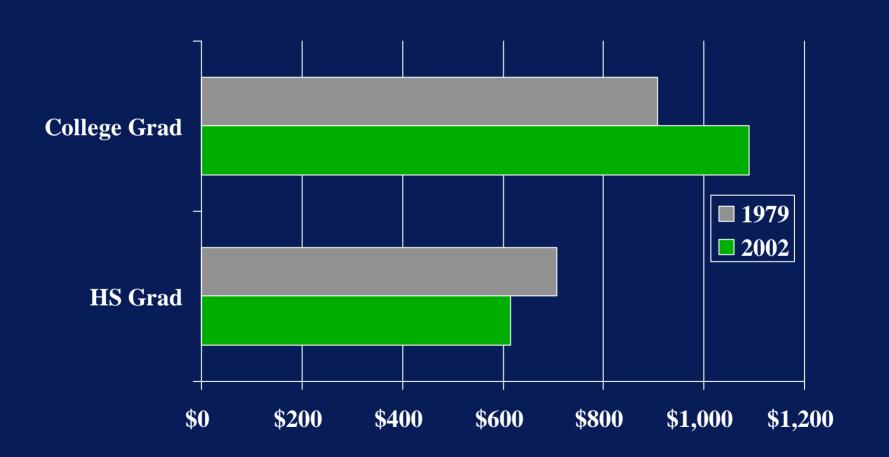


Seats in transit to Hamtramck assembly plant



The future is a knowledge economy....even for the GL region

(U.S. average weekly earnings, real \$)

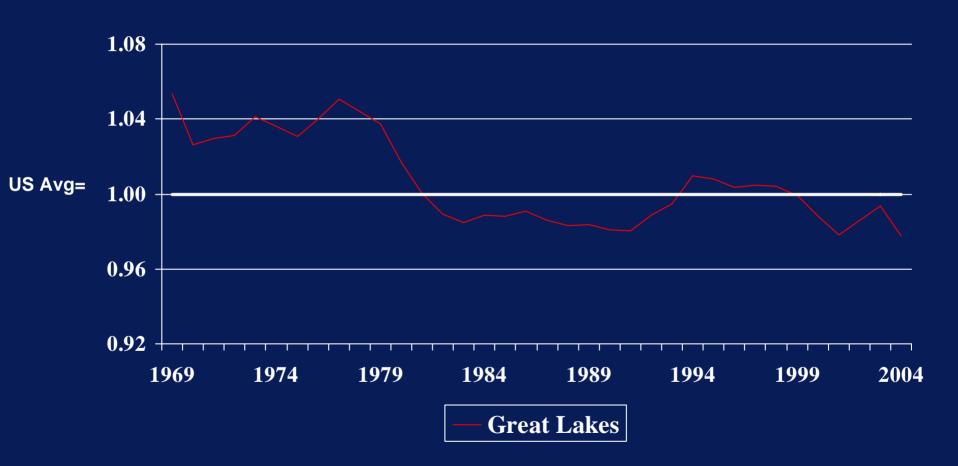


The future importance of natural resources: amenities value of the environment

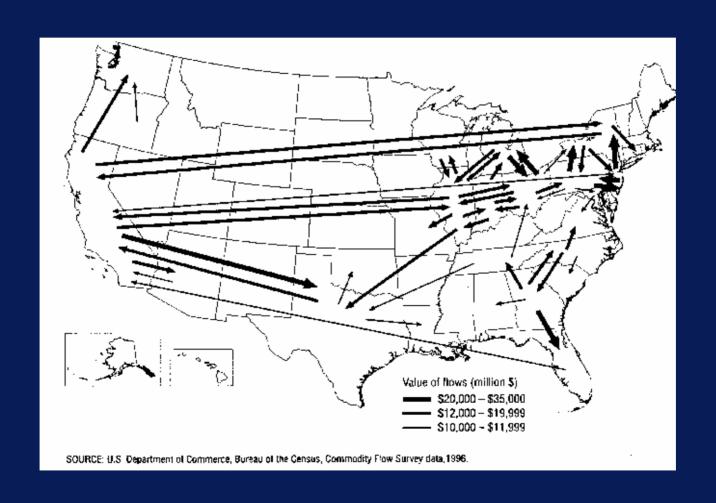


- Knowledge workers, higher income and older residents prefer environmental amenities
- Seasonal living and work site patterns are emerging
 - Housing demand amidst or adjacent to scenic areas rises steeply

Great Lakes per capita income has fallen vs. U.S.



Commodity flows *within* the Great Lakes region are intense...cross-border integration *could* be greater



The binational Great Lakes region's future....

- An automotive industry in flux
- An uncertain border
- More to be accomplished in relaxing barriers to trade, commerce and migration
- Moving toward knowledge and services, but incrementally....environment becomes more important

