

# Aging and under-maintained water infrastructure, its impact on water quality, and equity

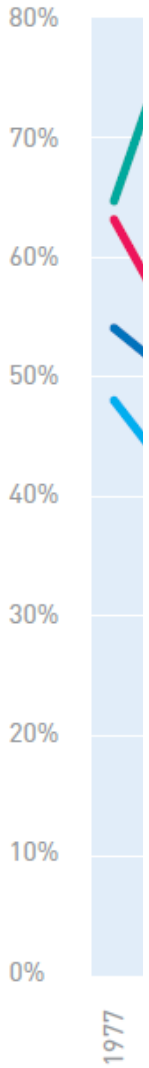
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<http://wnpr.org/post/vermonts-crumbling-underground-water-infrastructure-demands-expensive-repairs> ; <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/americas-aging-water-infrastructure-raises-safety-concerns/> ; <http://www.foxbusiness.com/features/2016/01/28/americas-water-infrastructure-is-in-need-major-overhaul.html> ; photo of lead pipe provided by Prof. Shawn McElmurry

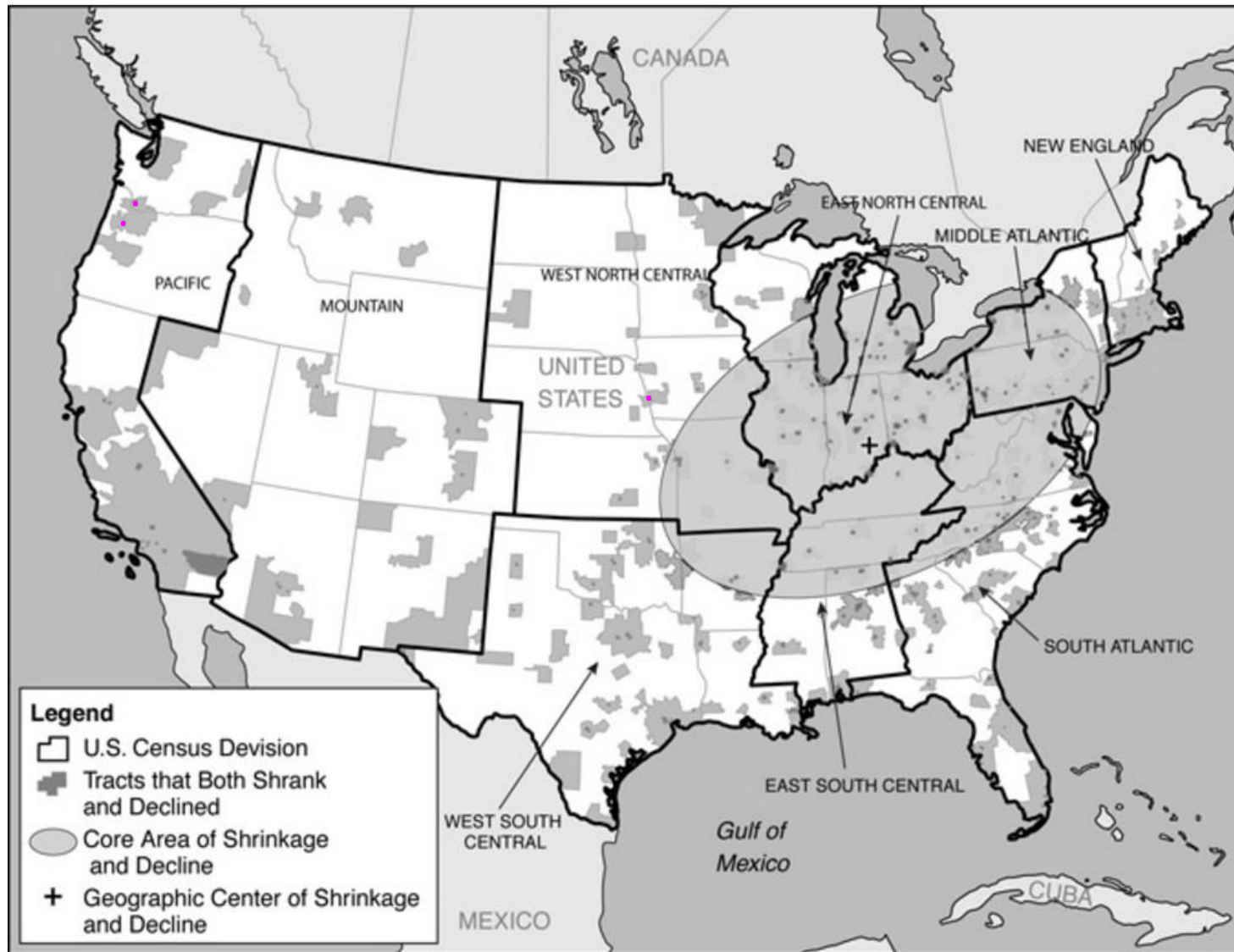
## Federal Contribution to Total Infrastructure Spending

Water Utilities   Highways   Aviation   All Transportation Infrastructure



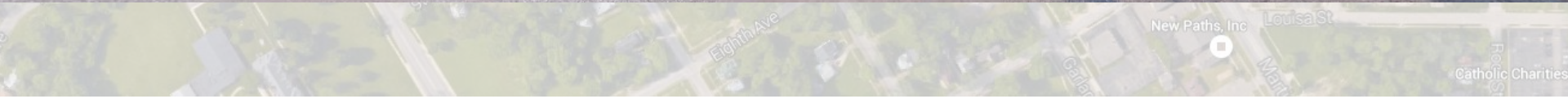
Source: CBO 2015.

## Distribution of census tracts in the conterminous United States that experienced both shrinkage and decline from 1970 to 2010 (n=1,849 tracts)

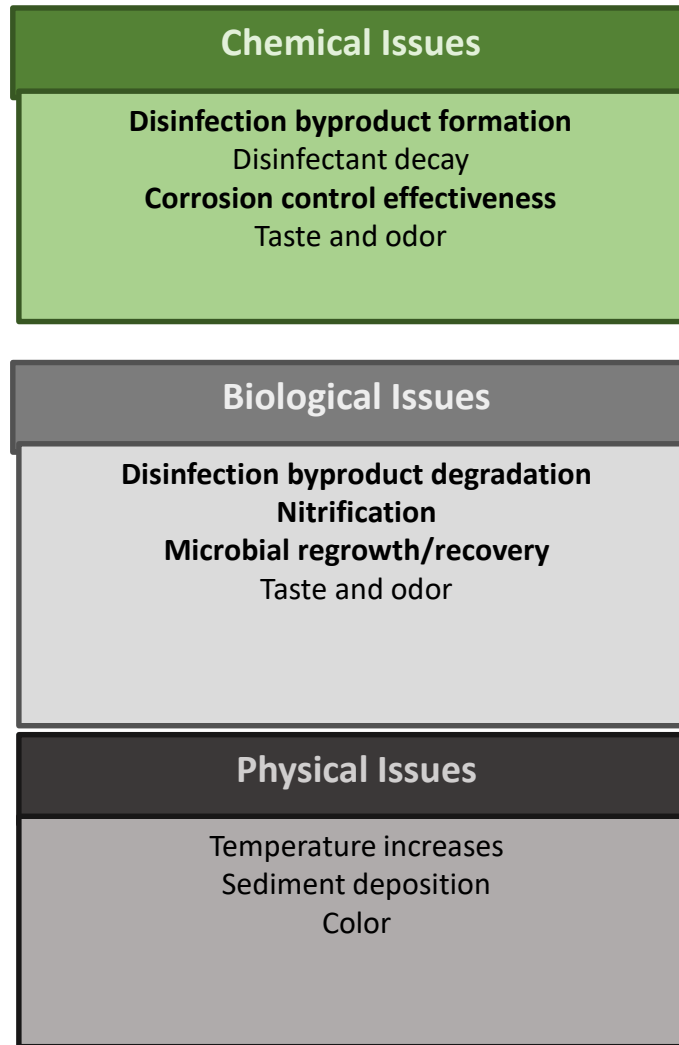




1283 Lyon St  
Flint, Michigan  
Street View - Sep 2015



# EPA published a report on the impacts of water age on water quality 15 years ago.



***Bold** denotes water quality problem with direct potential public health impact*

**Design guidelines for water age: 72 hours maximum**

