Los Angeles, CA

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Blocks of older, smaller, mixed-age buildings play a critical role in fostering robust local economies, inclusive neighborhoods, and sustainable cities. The Preservation Green Lab report, *Older, Smaller, Better,* leveraged the ideas of **Jane Jacobs** to show why preservation and building reuse matter for successful communities. The *Atlas of ReUrbanism* expands this research to 50 U.S. cities, demonstrating that **Character Counts.**

In **Los Angeles**, compared to areas with large, new structures, character-rich **blocks of older, smaller, mixed-age buildings** contain...

More than twice as many units of affordable rental housing

More than twice the number of women and minority-owned businesses

More diverse residents in terms of race, country of origin, and sexual orientation

The building blocks for an inclusive, diverse, economically vibrant city, Los Angeles's older, smaller buildings are irreplaceable assets. For more information about Los Angeles' high-character areas, **please see reverse.**

■ **The Atlas of ReUrbanism** | *A Tool for Discovery*

Developed by the **Preservation Green Lab,** the Atlas of ReUrbanism is part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's **ReUrbanism** initiative. Explore the buildings and blocks of Los Angeles and other American cities further by visiting:
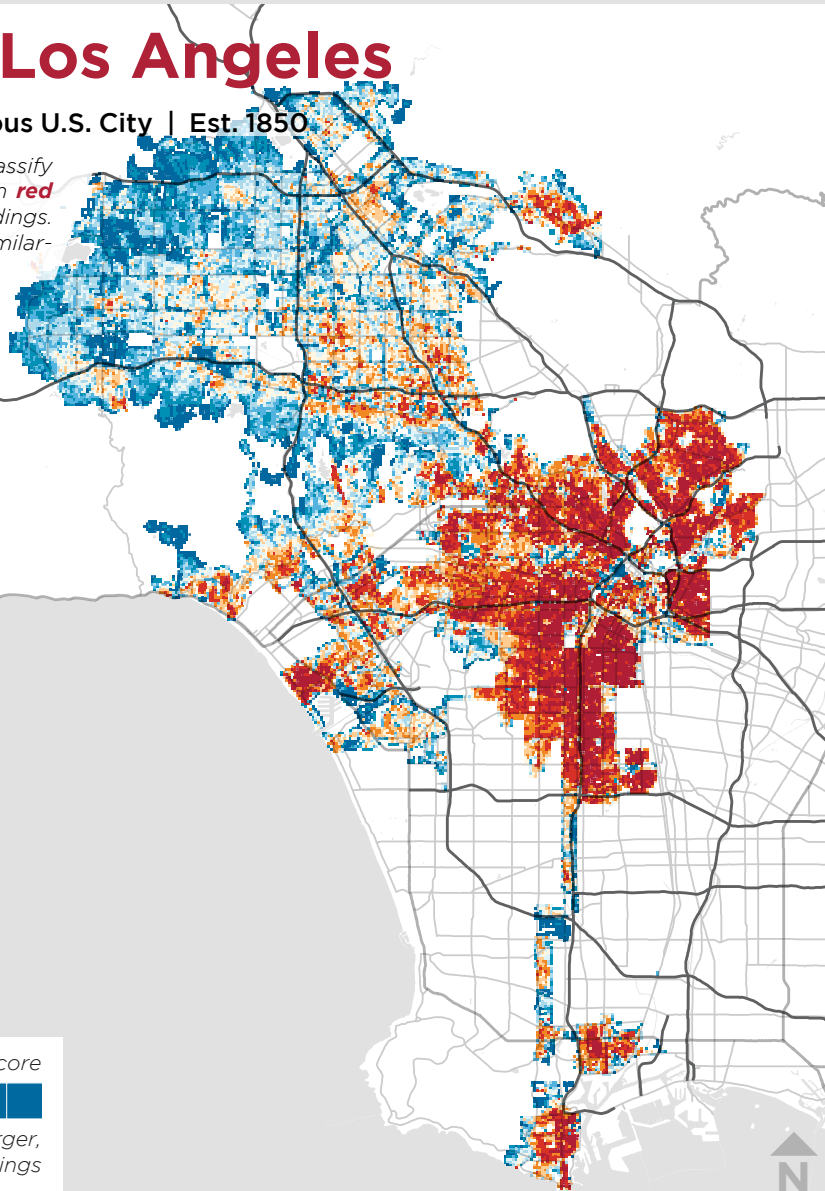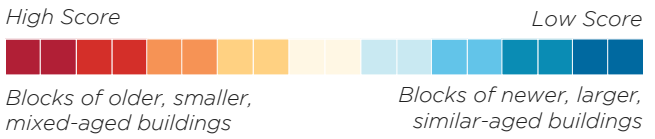
www.atlasofreurbanism.com

Built Character in Los Angeles

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The Atlas of ReUrbanism uses the Character Score to classify building stock by age and size. Higher scoring areas in **red** *represent blocks of older, smaller, mixed-aged buildings. Lower scoring areas in* **blue** *represent newer, larger, similar-aged development.*
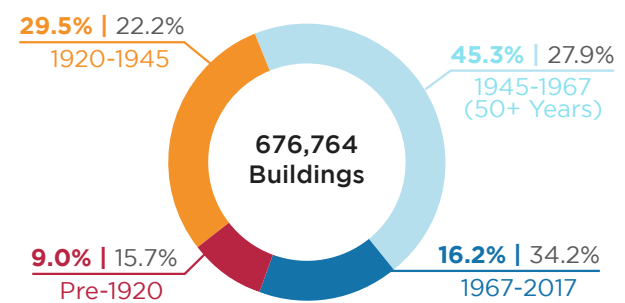

0   5   10   15 Miles

High Score — *Blocks of older, smaller, mixed-aged buildings*

Low Score — *Blocks of newer, larger, similar-aged buildings*

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High v. Low Character Score

Use the table below to compare high- and low-character score areas in terms of their density and diversity, inclusiveness, and economic vitality.

■ **High Character Score Areas**   ■ **Low Character Score Areas**

🏠 Density & Diversity

	■	■
Avg. Population/Grid Square†	141.6	75.7
Median Age (Years)†	36.9	41.2
Avg. Between Age 18-34†	24.9%	21.4%
Avg. Foreign Born††	34.9%	32.9%
Avg. New to County††	2.1%	2.0%
Avg. People of Color†	65.6%	49.0%
Avg. Housing Units/Grid Square†	51.3	30.2
Avg. Vacant Homes†	6.2%	5.1%
Avg. Owned Homes†	49.0%	67.8%

👥 Inclusiveness

	■	■
Total Women and Minority-Owned Businesses†††	7,761	3,302
Avg. Affordable Rental Housing Units†	42.7%	31.3%

💲 Economic Vitality

	■	■
Total Jobs in Small Businesses††††	203,992	163,369
Total Jobs in New Businesses††††	36,887	29,972
Total Jobs in Creative Industries††††	94,331	170,449

†Data from the 2010 Census
††Data from the 2010-2014 5-Year Estimates of the American Community Survey
†††Data from Dun & Bradstreet, 2016.
††††Data from LEHD LODES, 2014

Building and Preservation Facts

Parcels/Buildings	Los Angeles	50-City Average
Total	676,764	204,038
Per Square Mile	1,444	1,436
Median Year Built	1950	1952
On Nat'l Register of Historic Places	0.8%	6.8%
Locally Designated	2.9%	4.3%
Historic Tax Credit Projects	36	27.5

Year Built By Period, **Los Angeles** | 50-City Average

676,764 Buildings

29.5% | 22.2% 1920-1945
45.3% | 27.9% 1945-1967 (50+ Years)
9.0% | 15.7% Pre-1920
16.2% | 34.2% 1967-2017