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# Changing cities

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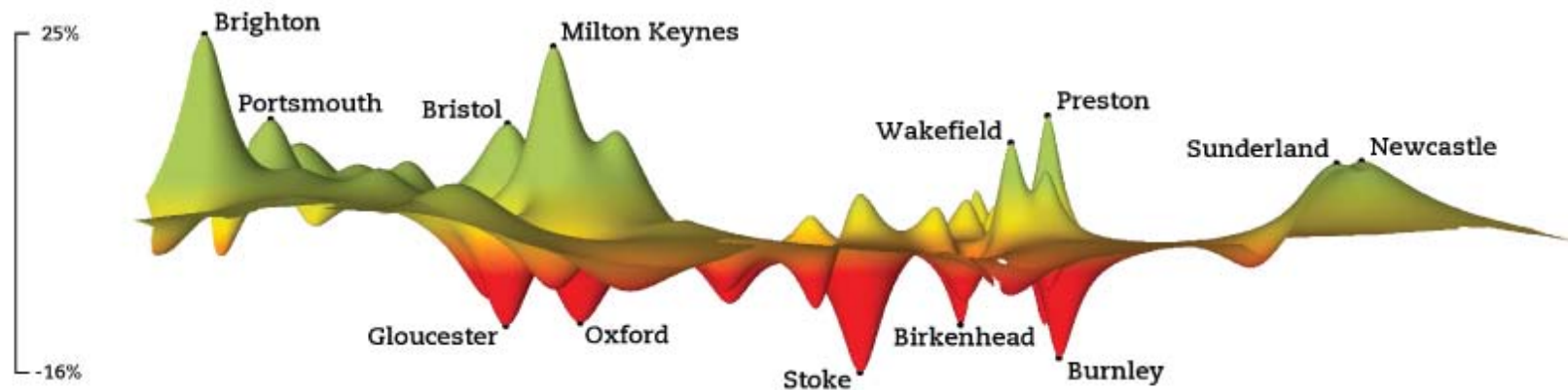


# Private sector jobs growth has been uneven



City	Private sector jobs growth (1998-2008)	City	Private sector jobs growth (1998-2008)
Brighton	24.8%	Stoke	-16.4%
Milton Keynes	23.7%	Burnley	-14.3%
Preston	16.2%	Birkenhead	-11.2%
Portsmouth	15.4%	Gloucester	-10.5%
Bristol	15.4%	Blackburn	-10.5%

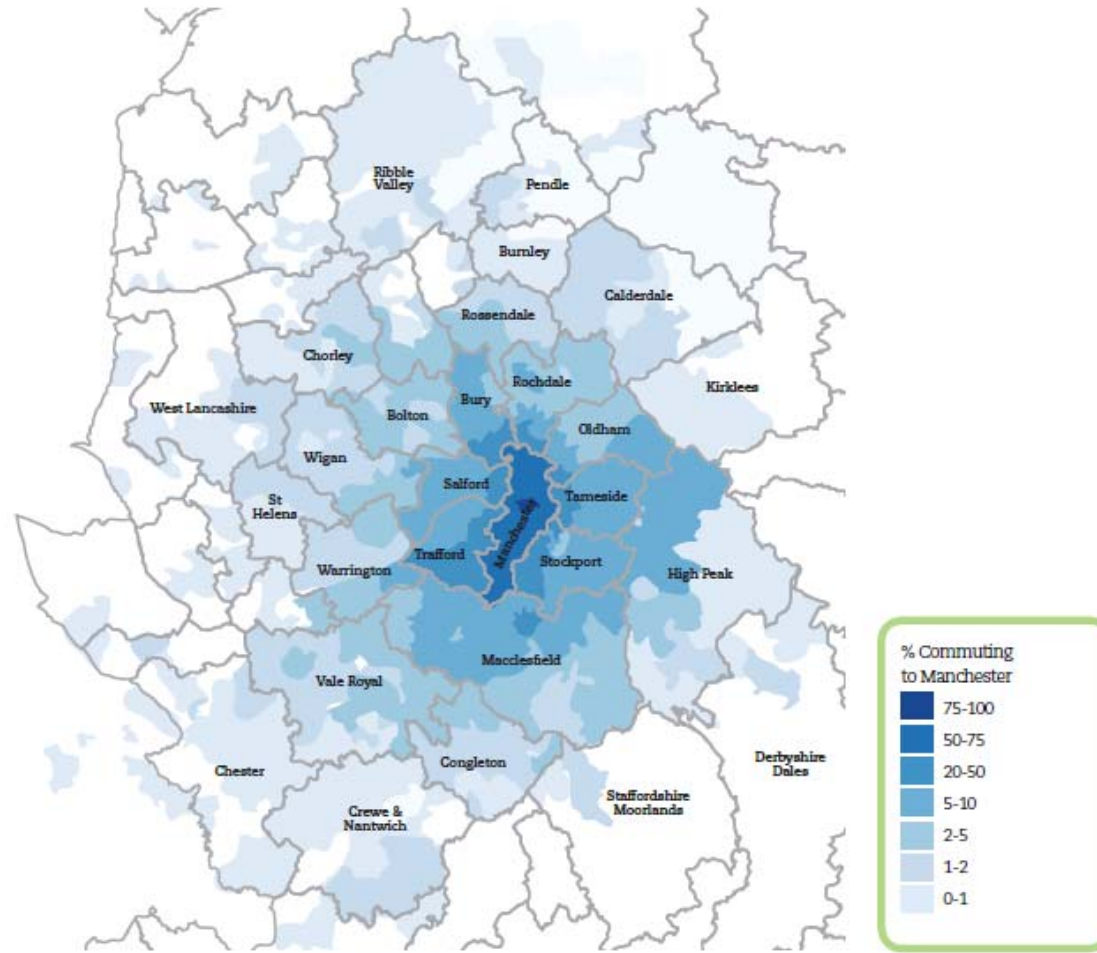
Percentage private sector jobs growth in England's cities (1998-2008)





# Cities and their urban hinterlands

## Commuting patterns in Greater Manchester (2001)

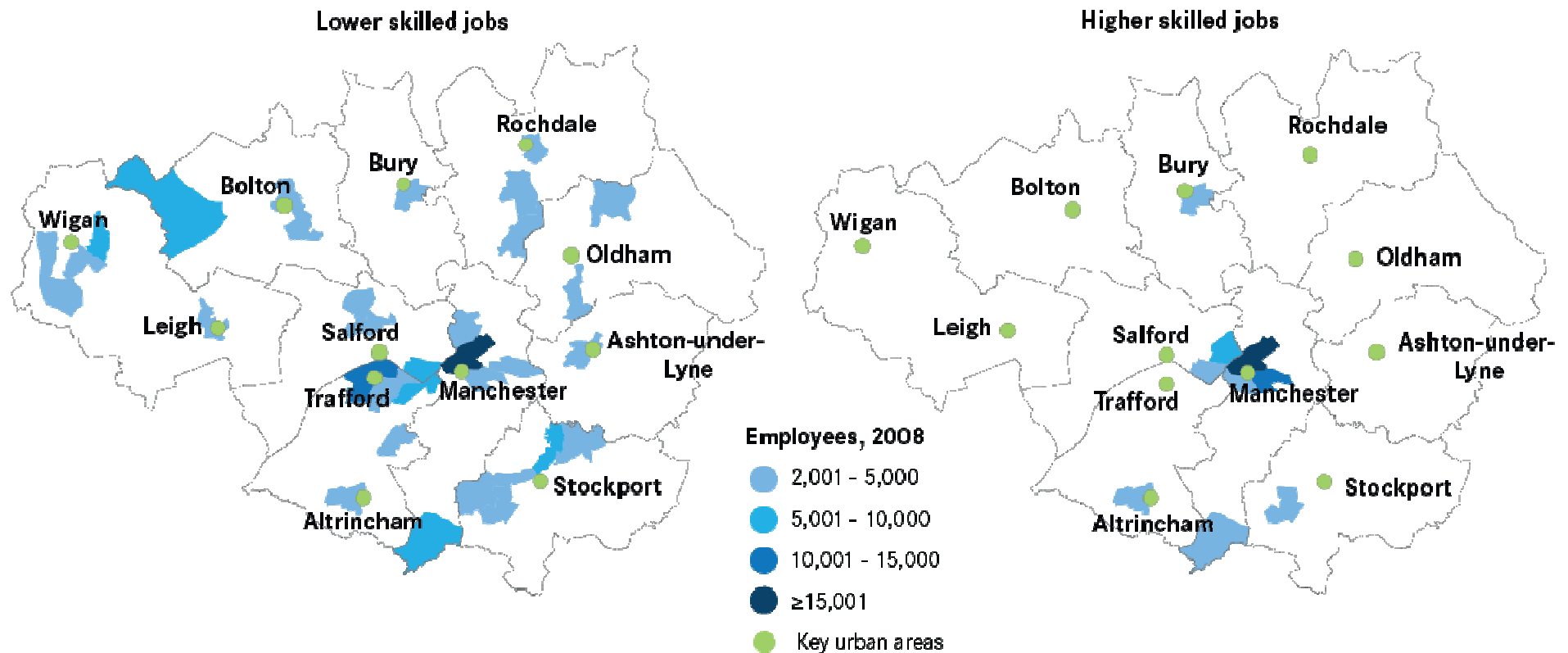


Source: *Beyond the boundaries*



# The geography of jobs is changing

## The geography of employment in Greater Manchester

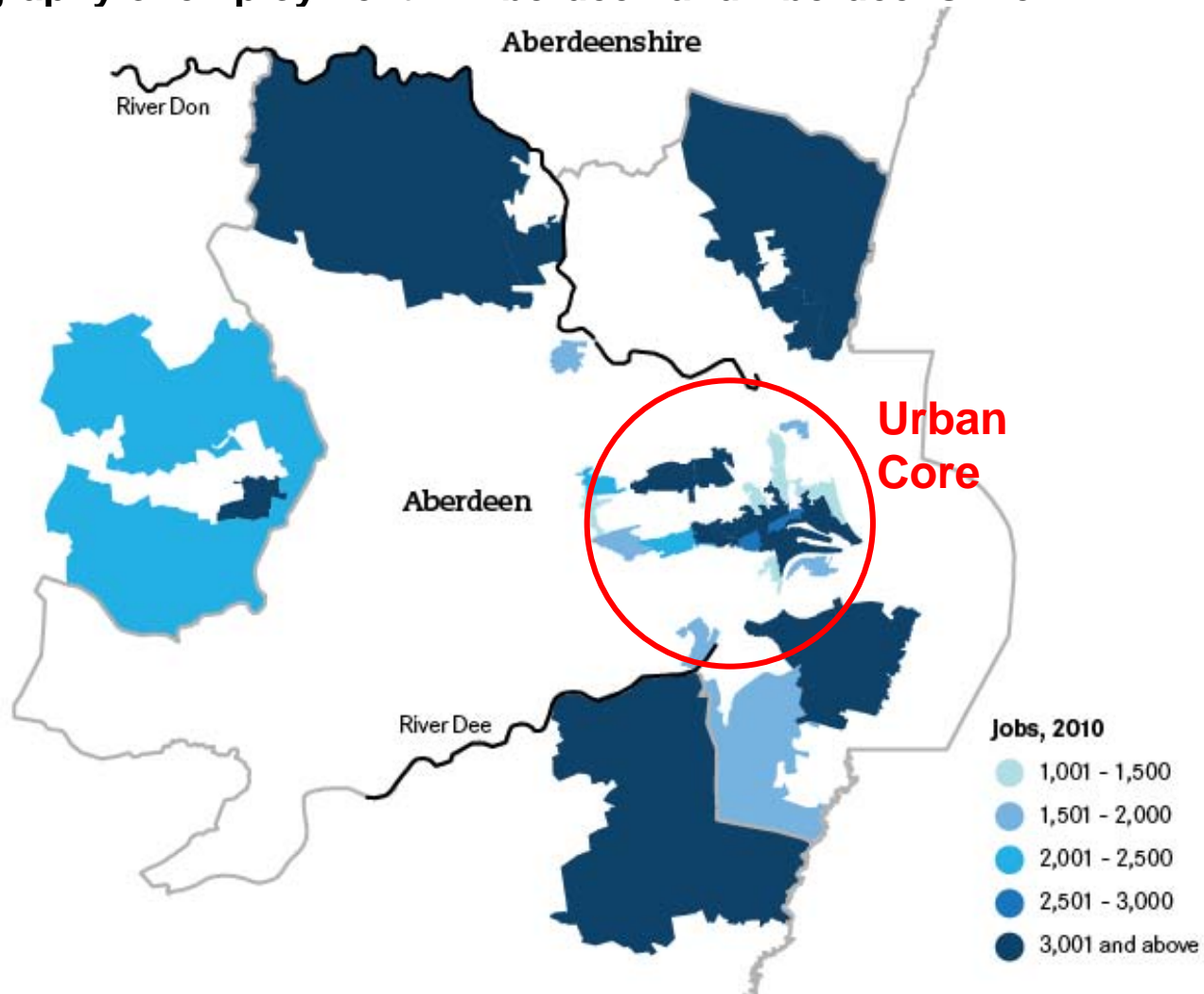


Source: Access all areas: linking people to jobs



## And in Aberdeen

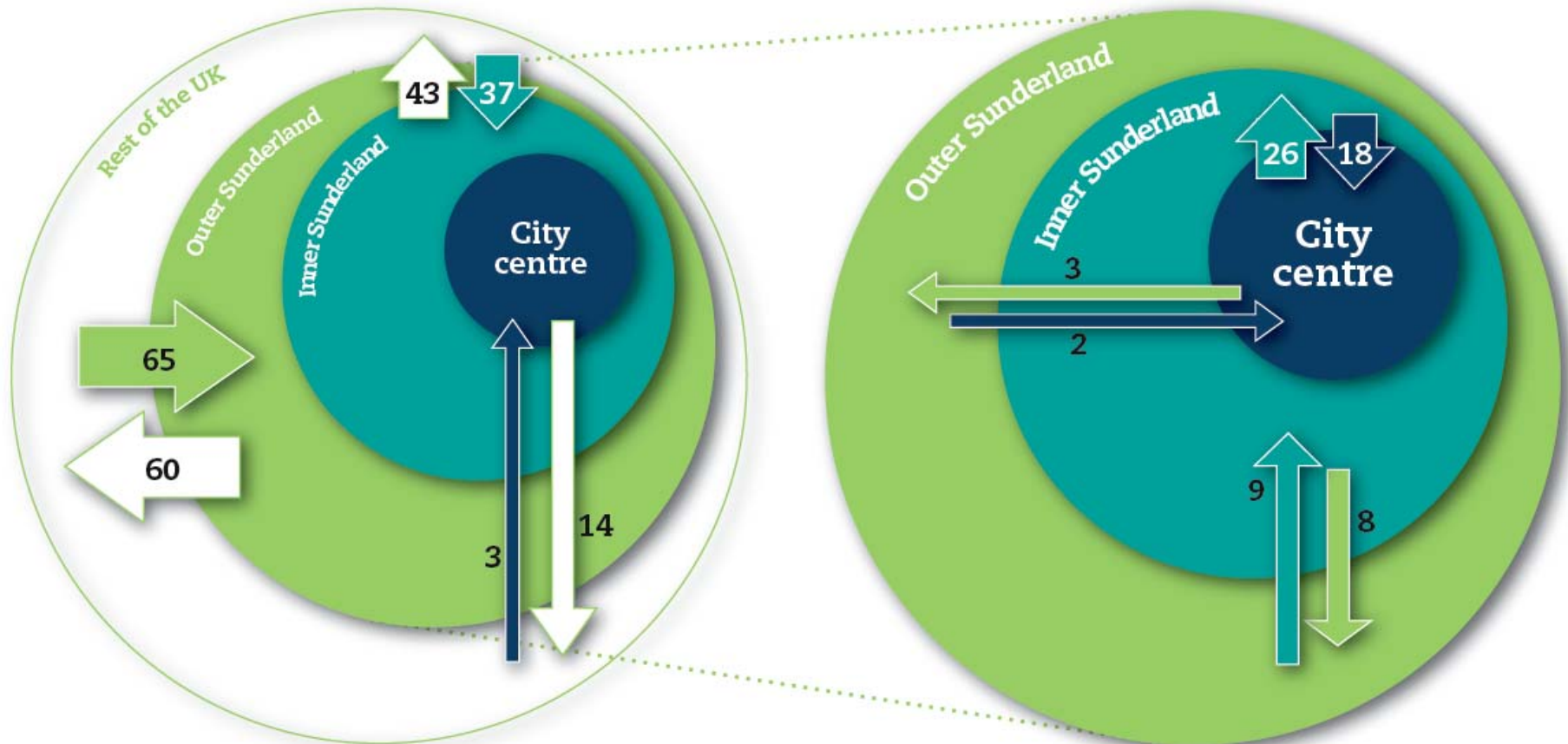
### The geography of employment in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire





## Some cities have weak urban cores too

### Movement of firms in and out of Sunderland, 1998-08



Source: *Hidden potential: supporting growth in Sunderland & other "mid-sized" cities*



## Summary

- Jobs growth has concentrated in cities, but has been uneven;
  - Cities will continue to be important as the shift towards a knowledge-based economy continues;
  - Cities have economic relationships with their urban fringes – they house labour but increasingly they house lower skilled jobs too;
  - Some cities have weak urban cores and in these places business tend to prefer urban fringes.
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## Policy implications

- Recognising the different but complementary roles of cities and their urban fringes;
- Strengthening economic linkages to generate mutual economic benefit:
  - Capitalise on the 'core';
  - Invest in appropriate links with urban fringes.
- Cross-boundary collaboration across city regions;
- Joined up policies including land use and transport planning.



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