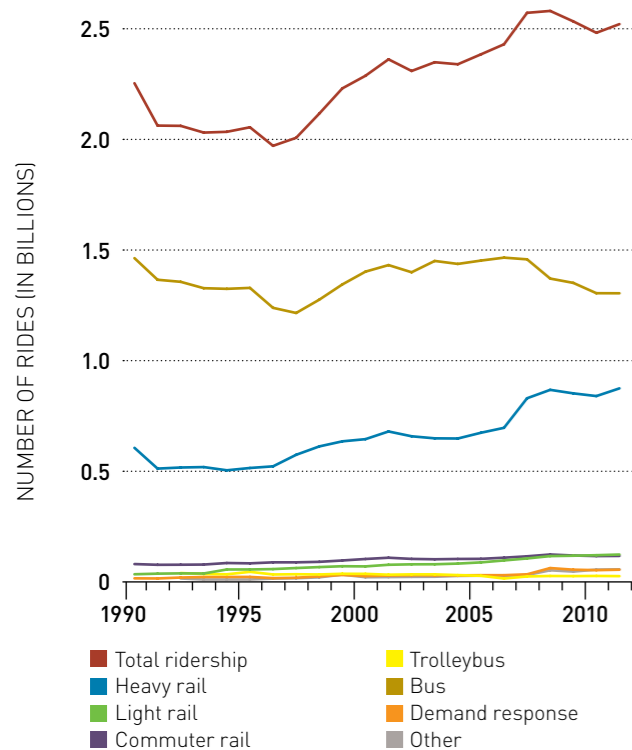


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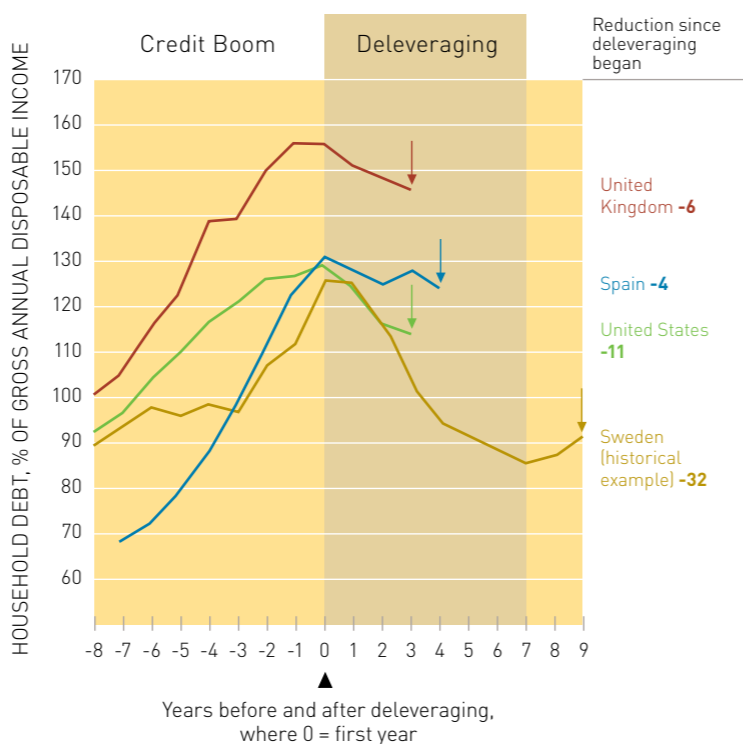
Public transportation ridership in the United States increased by 126 million rides (or 5%) from Q1 2011 to Q1 2012, representing the fifth consecutive quarter of increased public transit use. Since nearly 60% of public transit trips are for work commutes, the increase could indicate a strengthening economy.



SOURCE: AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

CLIMBING OUT LOOKS SWEDISH

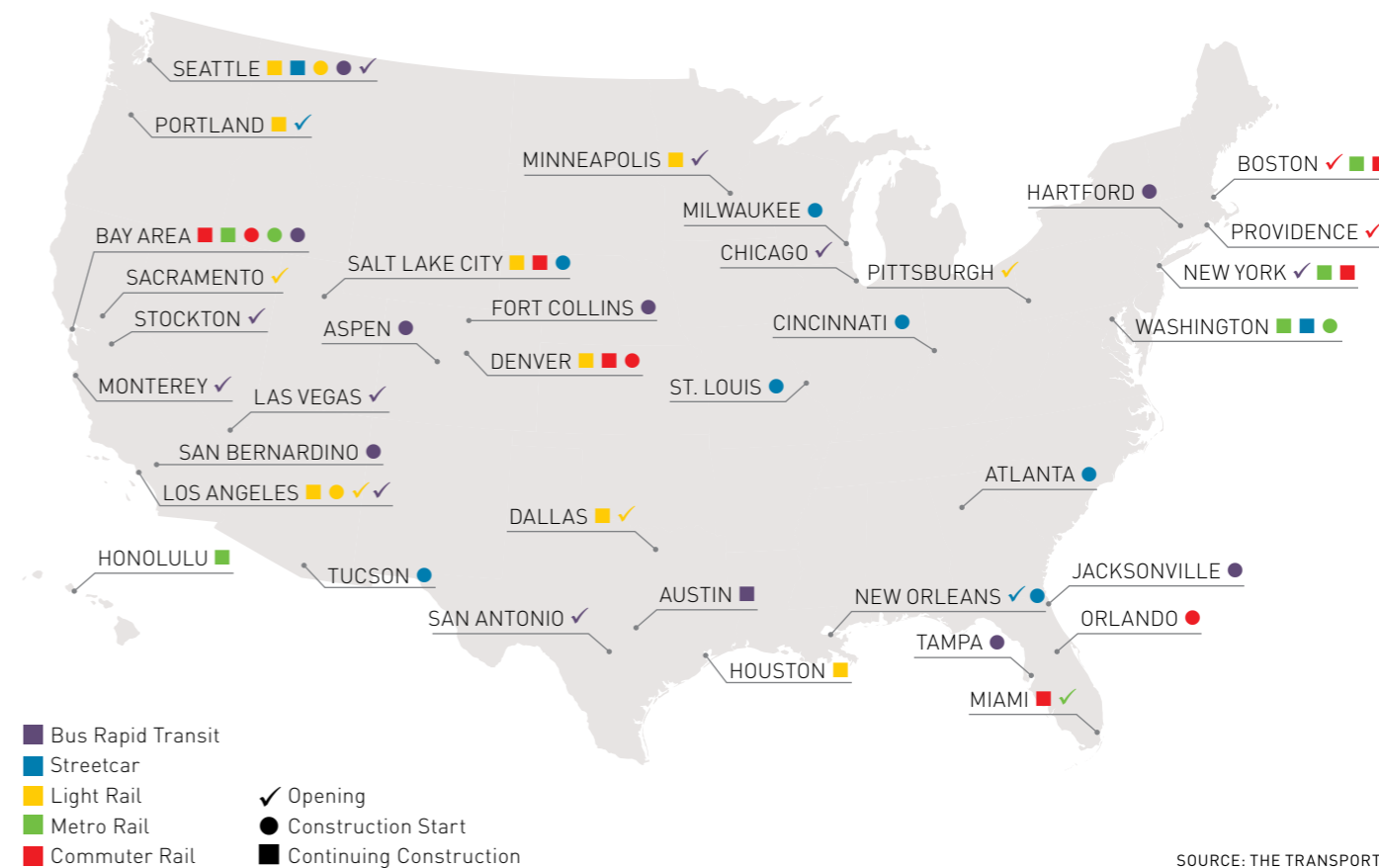
Americans are deleveraging at the same rate the Swedish deleveraged after their country's housing crisis in the 1990s. U.S. national household debt-to-income, as of Q2 2011, was down 11% from the peak in 2007. By mid-2013, it should return to normal levels if it follows the Swedish path.



SOURCE: MCKINSEY QUARTERLY

GETTING ON TRACK

By the end of the year the United States, by most estimates, will have wrapped up more than 20 new public transit projects.



SOURCE: THE TRANSPORT POLITIC