MAPPING HEALTH:
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2002
191,172
30,133

2017
166,554
32,657
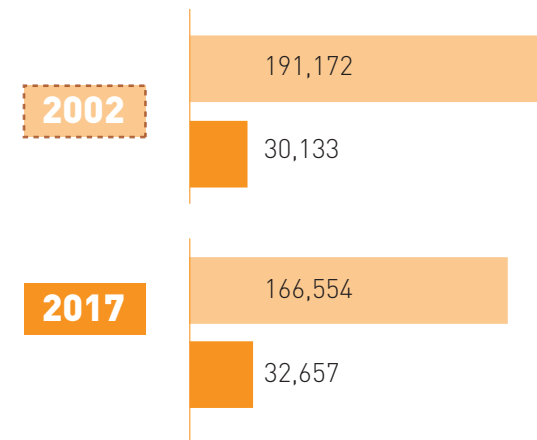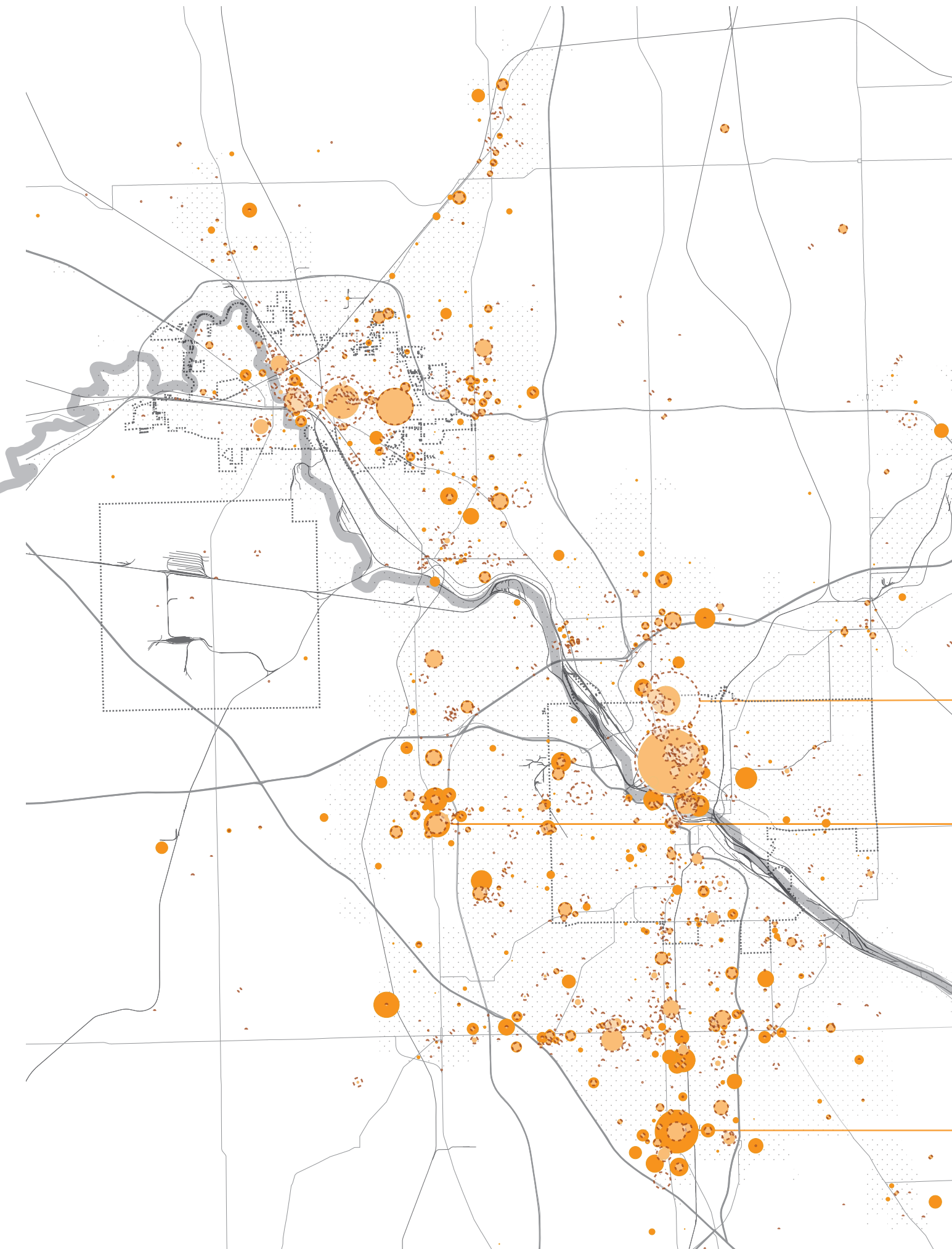
total employment: **-12.8%**

healthcare employment: **+8.3%**

After 89 years serving the city of Youngstown, the Northside Medical Center hospital closed in 2018, causing a loss of 468 jobs. There is discussion of reusing the facility for veterans' services, but a new VA hospital under construction in the city renders this possibility unlikely.

The closure of Northside Medical Center was countered with the growth of many smaller medical providers in Youngstown's southern and eastern suburbs, for an overall growth in the healthcare industry in the Valley.

"Hospitals are always there: they may not be valued in the same way as manufacturing. **This region still identifies strongly as a manufacturing region."**

Sarah Lowry, Director, Healthy Community Partnership of Mahoning Valley