

# Human Capital in Cities and Suburbs

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# Research Question

- *What (if any) is the impact on regional economic performance from the distribution of human capital within metro regions?*

# Background

- More Human Capital (BA+) → greater economic performance (income, housing)
- Central city versus suburbs?
- Share (%) of population versus density (per sq km)?
- Differing impacts by size (population) of region?

# Results

Human Capital Location/Measure	Income Impact	Housing Value Impact
Overall	↑	↑
Suburbs	↑↑↑↑	↑↑↑
Central City	↑↑↑	↑↑
Metro Areas > 1 million		
Central City	↑↑↑↑	↑↑↑
Metro Areas < 1 million		
Suburbs (Density)		↑↑↑↑

# Policy Implications

- Concentration of Human Capital
  - Suburbs slightly better
    - Especially smaller metros (< 1 million)
  - Center city slightly better (> 1 million)
  - Any concentration is better than spreading evenly
- Football metaphor







# Thank You

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