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Agglomerations in Los Angeles

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Abstract

Cities are the engines of economic growth because they provide opportunities for enhanced productivity. They provide opportunities for productive spatial arrangements, often involving “clustering” and “agglomerating”. But these widely cited descriptors are seldom defined. This research uses business location data for Los Angeles County to test various associated questions. **(1)** To what extent do technological links explain spatial clustering? **(2)** How does this vary by industry? **(3)** Are the smallest firms attracted to the densest areas because they are most dependent on information developed by others? **(4)** How does this vary by industry? This research investigates these questions at the sub-metropolitan (traffic analysis zone) level.



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