

# Labor Market Concentration, Earnings Inequality, and Earnings Mobility

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# Monopsony is a hot topic these days

- [New York Times](#): Corporate America is Suppressing Wages for Many Workers
- [Bloomberg](#): Dominant Employers May Be Choking Off Wages
- [Vox](#): More and more companies have monopoly power over workers' wages. That's killing the economy.
- [Slate](#): Why Is It So Hard for Americans to Get a Decent Raise?
- [Wall Street Journal](#): Why Aren't Americans Getting Raises? Blame the Monopsony
- [Deadspin](#): Let's Talk About MONOPSONY

# Many factors can contribute to employers' wage-setting power

- Search/information frictions
- Preference heterogeneity
- Non-compete agreements (e.g. Jimmy John's)
- "No poaching" agreements/employer collusion (e.g. Silicon Valley, franchises)
- Lack of competition/market concentration

# These issues are prevalent in a wide variety of specific labor markets...

- Teachers

- Landon and Baird 1971; Luizer and Thornton 1986;  
Falch 2010; Ransom and Sims 2010

- Nurses

- Staiger, Spetz, and Phibbs 2010; Matsudaira 2014

- Retail

- Ransom and Oaxaca 2010; Dube, Giuliano, and  
Leonard 2018

- Amazon Turk

- Dube, Jacobs, et al. 2018

- Fast food and other franchises

- Krueger and Ashenfelter 2018

- Engineers

- Fox 2010

- Judicial clerks/medical residents

- Naidu 2010

- Manufacturing

- Benmelech, Bergman, and Kim 2018

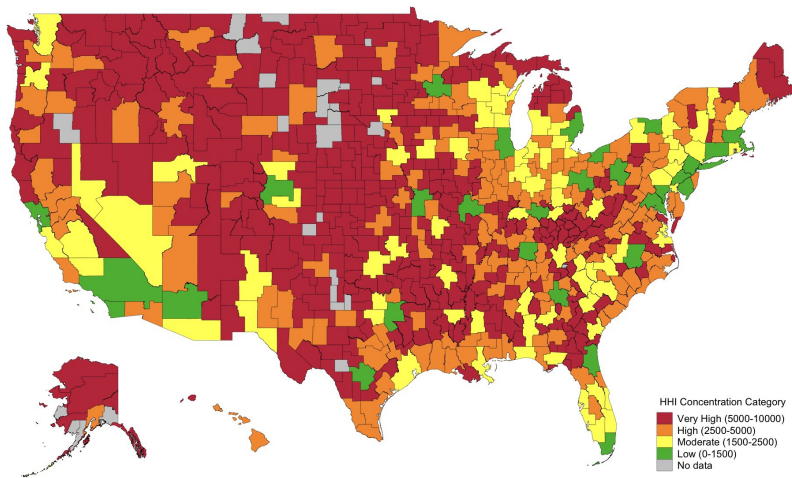
- Major League Baseball

- Humphreys and Pyun 2015

- Sharecropping

- Naidu 2010

And in some cases are also relevant more broadly



## Concentration

- Azar, Marinescu, and M. I. Steinbaum 2017
- Azar, Marinescu, M. Steinbaum, et al. 2018

## Bunching

- Dube, Manning, and Naidu 2017

## Also

- Webber 2015
- Tucker 2017

Source: Azar, Marinescu, and Steinbaum (2017), Figure 1

# There is evidence that concentration reduces wages

- A 10% increase in local occupational concentration reduces posted wages by 1.4% (Azar, et al, 2017)
- A one standard-deviation increase in local industrial concentration reduces wages 1-2% (Benmelech, et al, 2018)

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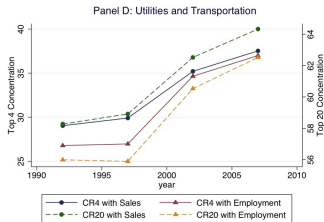
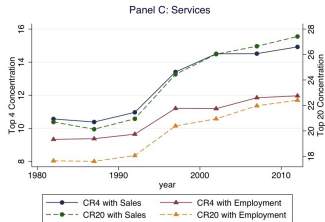
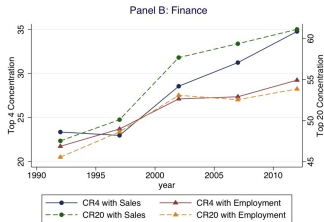
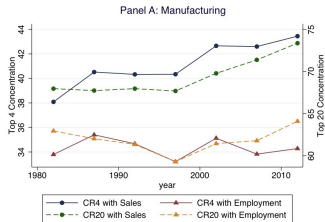


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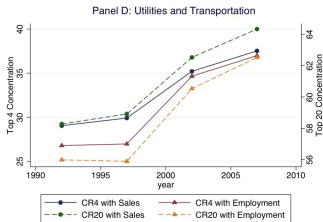
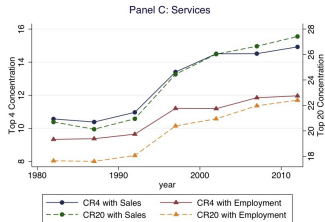
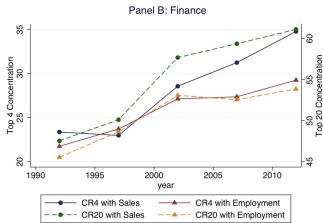
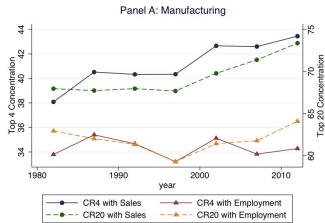
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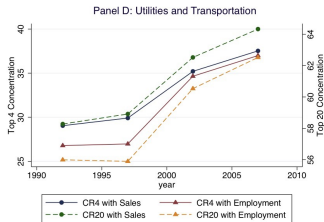
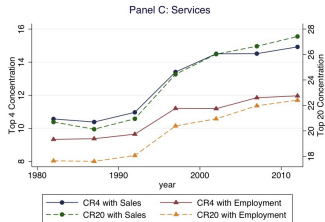
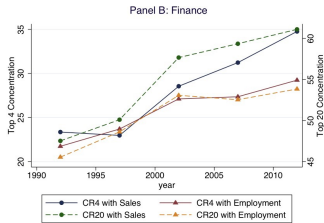
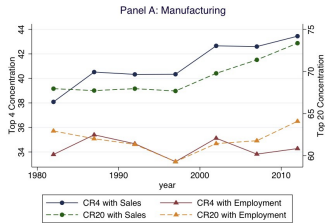
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- Distinction may matter for labor market implications

Source: Autor, et al (2017), Figure 4

## Or addressed questions about heterogeneous effects

- Do effects differ across demographic groups?
  - Are earnings effects experienced similarly across the distribution?
  - Or are they concentrated in a way that contributes to changes in inequality?
  - Are any inequality effects driven by changes in the top or bottom of the distribution?
- Is it harder to move up the earnings distribution in more concentrated labor markets?

# This paper will do both of those things

- Focus on local labor markets
  - Commuting zone  $\times$  4-digit NAICS industry
- Measure trends in labor market concentration since 1976
  - Longitudinal Business Database
- Use recent tax data to consider heterogeneous earnings effects within and across demographic groups
  - W-2s, available since 2005

# Here are some things I'm NOT saying

- Industries are the only/best way to identify labor markets
- Occupations are irrelevant
- People only look for jobs within their own commuting zones
- Monopsony power only arises from industrial concentration
- Earnings are the only type of income that could be affected by industrial concentration

# Preview of Results - Concentration Trends

- Mean national concentration initially declined, increased sharply since  $\approx 1990$
- Mean local concentration has generally declined since 1976
- Divergence is driven by differential changes in concentration within industry when measured nationally vs. locally
- Magnitude of changes in concentration varies substantially across markets



# Preview of Results - Earnings Effects

- Estimates indicate that increasing local industrial concentration
  - Reduces earnings
  - Increases inequality
  - Effects on earnings mobility are unclear
- Earnings effects differ somewhat across groups, but inequality increases are experienced broadly
- Earnings estimates + concentration trends  $\Rightarrow$  changes in local concentration are not a major cause of increases in inequality over recent decades

# Measurement challenges have limited research on labor market concentration

- Data challenges
  - Public data sources do not permit construction of highly localized measures of concentration
- Conceptual challenges
  - What is the right unit of analysis?
  - If data were available, how should they be applied to this question?

# Background question: What constitutes a local labor market?

Decisions to make on many dimensions

- Industry?
- Occupation?
- Level of aggregation?
- Standardized over time?
- Geography?

Baseline: Commuting Zone by standardized 4-digit NAICS, but other variations are similar

# The Longitudinal Business Database can measure industrial concentration

- LBD is compiled from the Business Register (BR), Economic Census, other surveys
- Establishment-level data, covers all employer establishments
- Key elements for this study:
  - Employment
  - Payroll
  - Location (county)
  - Industry (standardized via Fort & Klimek)
  - Firm identifier
- Covers 1976–2015
- Permits construction of firm-based measures of employment concentration within geography-by-industry cells
- Can also use Payroll / Employment as a rough measure of mean earnings

# Inequality measures can be constructed from W-2s

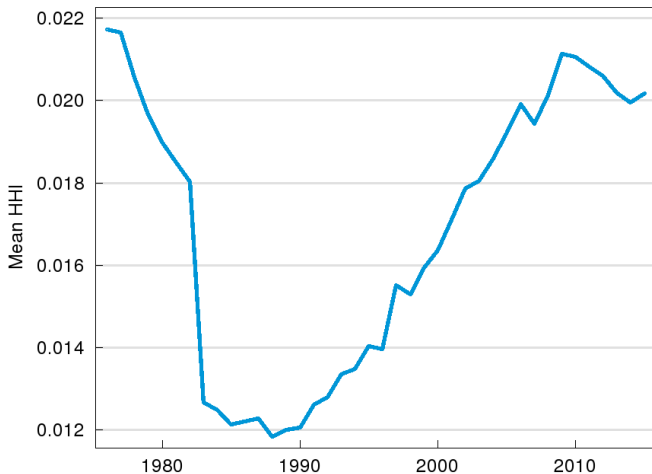
- Wage and salary earnings for all employees, filed by employers
  - Available 2005–2015
  - Includes deferred compensation
  - Does not include employer-sponsored health insurance
- Available at the person-employer level
- Key elements for this study:
  - Protected Identification Key (PIK) - fixed person identifier
  - Employer Identification Number (EIN)
  - Earnings
- Missing:
  - Geography
  - Industry

## Geography and industry are assigned to W-2s via links to other data

- PIKs allow linkage to 1040s/1099s, which have address information
- EINs allow linkage to the BR/LBD, which have industry for each establishment
- W-2s don't identify which establishment people work in, but can assign industry based on location, relative employment
- For people working in multiple industries, use industry from highest-earning W-2

# Trends in Industrial Concentration

## Nationally, concentration fell initially, has increased since about 1990



Employment weighted

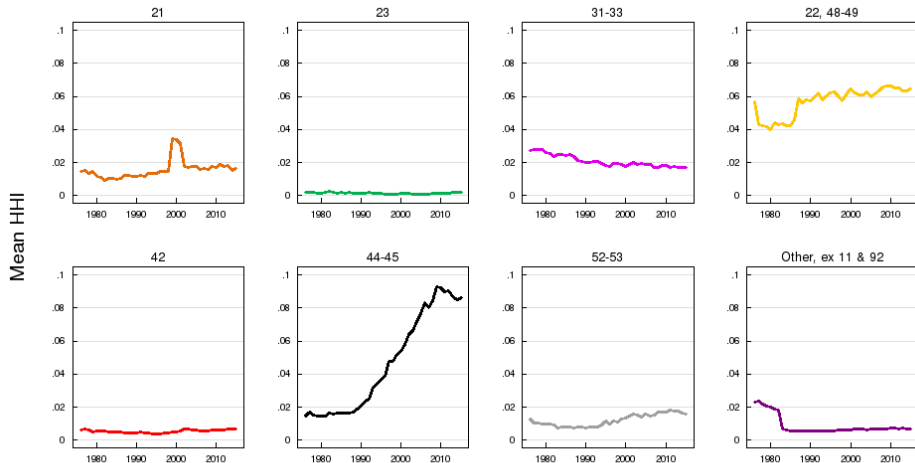
Consistent with other previous estimates of national industrial concentration trends since early 1980s

► With Employment Concentration Ratios

► National Variations

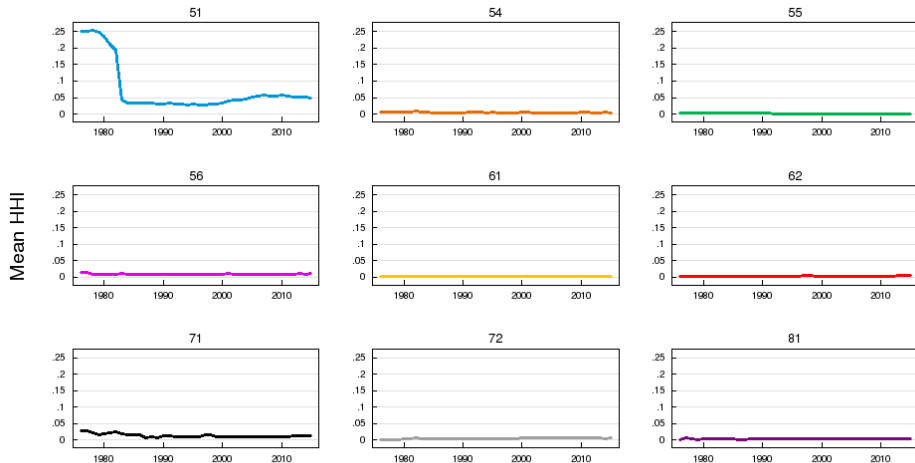


# National concentration trends vary across sectors



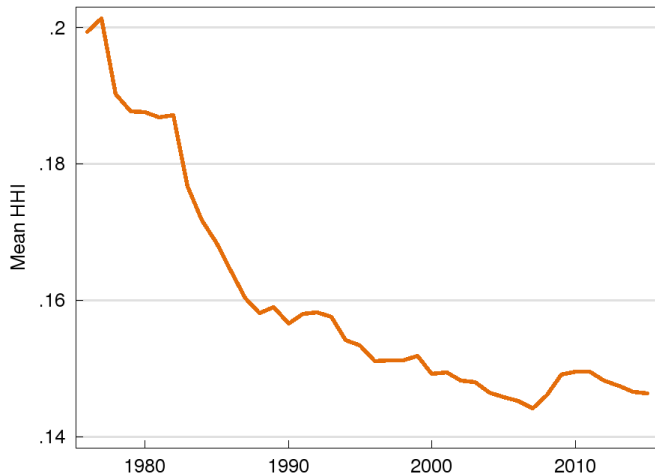
Note: Panels are labelled with two-digit NAICS codes

# Early 1980s concentration decline was driven by telecommunications



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## Locally, mean industrial concentration continued to decline



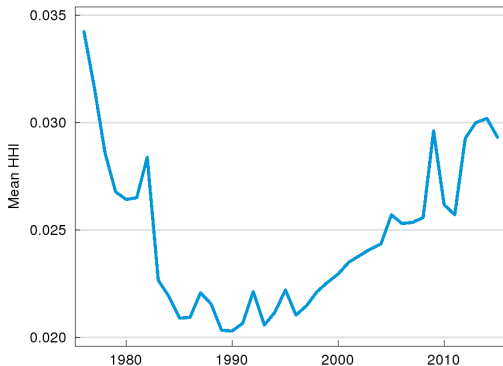
Divergence from national trend is not sensitive to concentration measure

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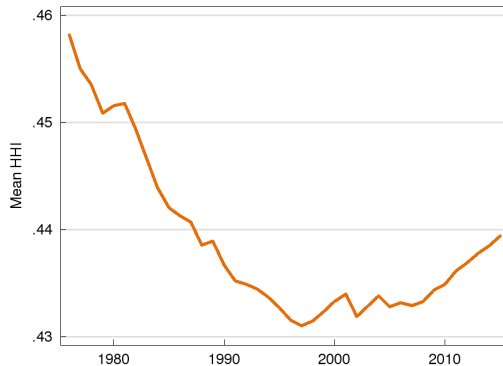
► CZ Variations

# This pattern largely holds when means are not employment weighted

## National

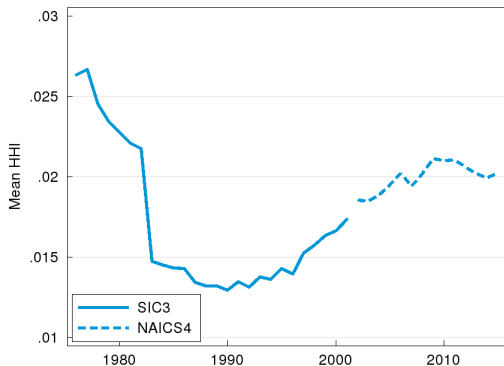


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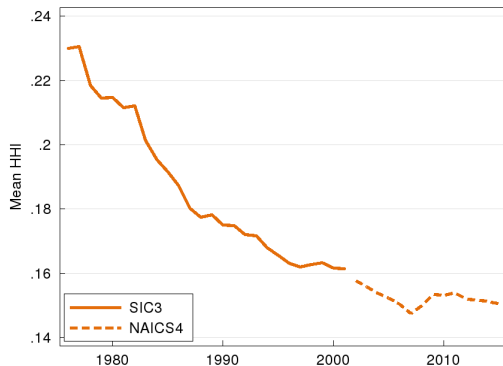


# Using contemporaneous industry classifications produces the same pattern

## National



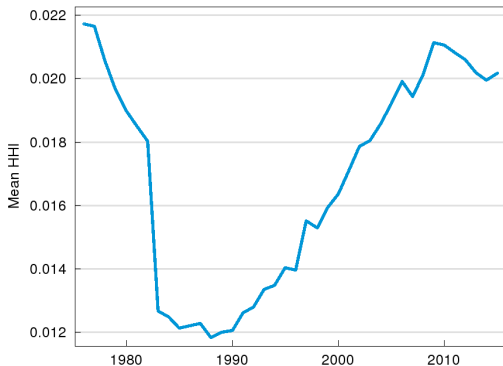
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Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976–2015

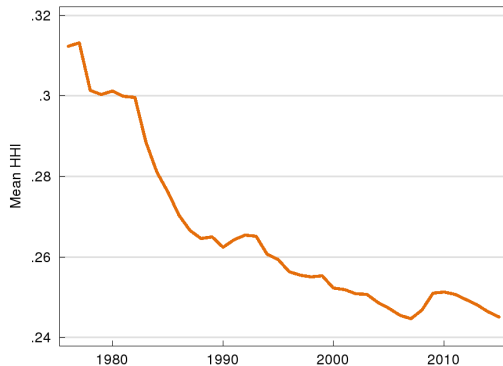
# As do defining local labor markets using counties...

## National



► With County Employment Concentration Ratios

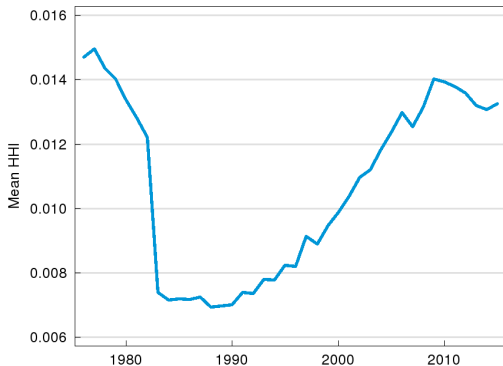
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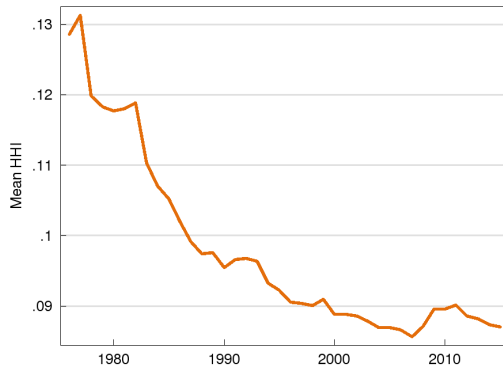
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## And using 3-digit NAICS industries

National

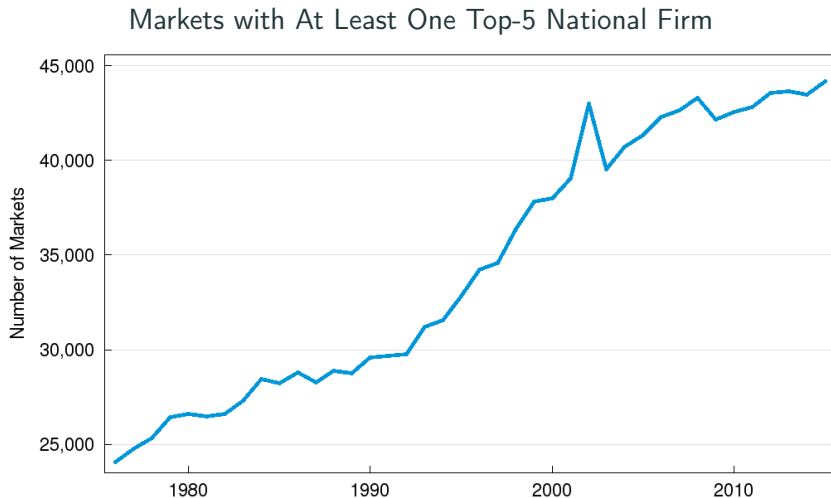


Local



Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976–2015

# Top national firms are operating in more markets

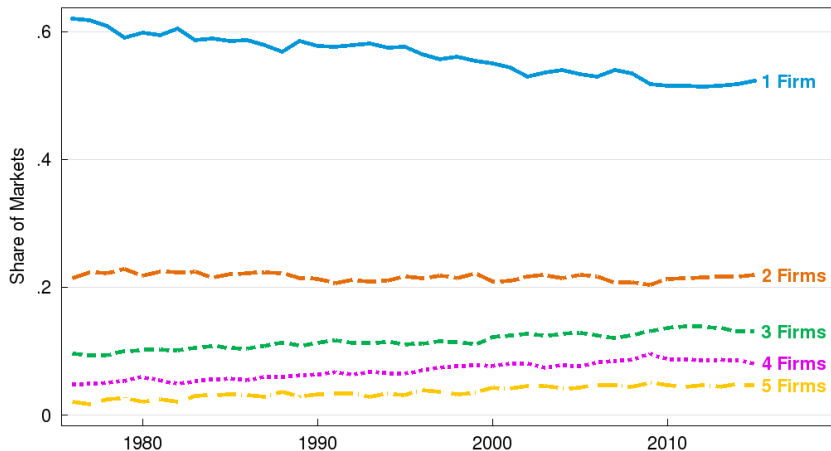


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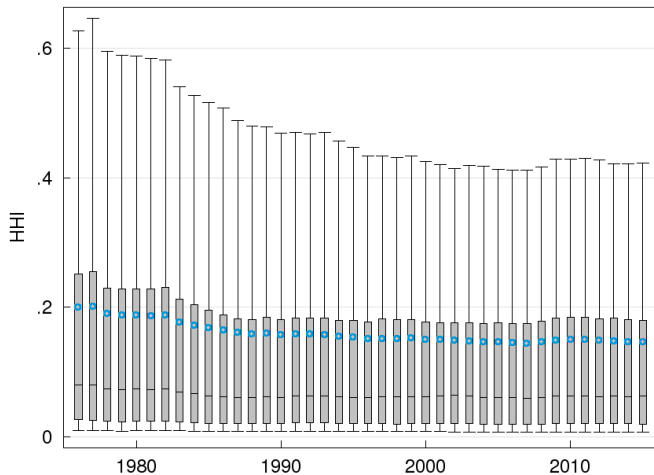
# Top national firms are increasingly competing in the same local markets

## Top-5 Overlap within Markets



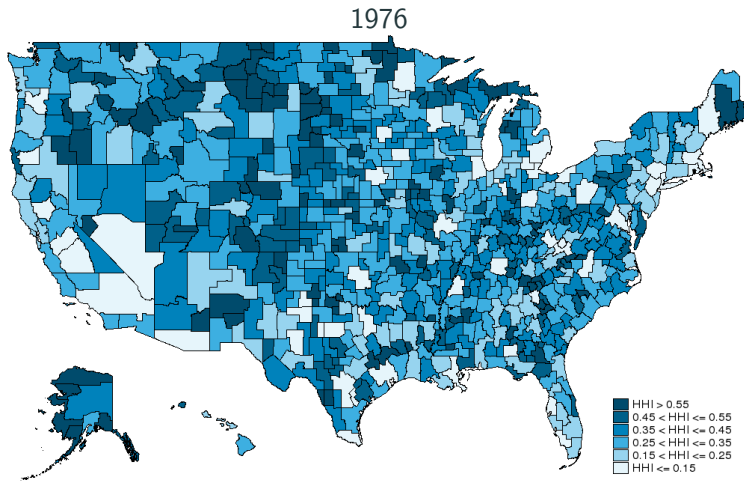
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# Local concentration distribution has tightened over time



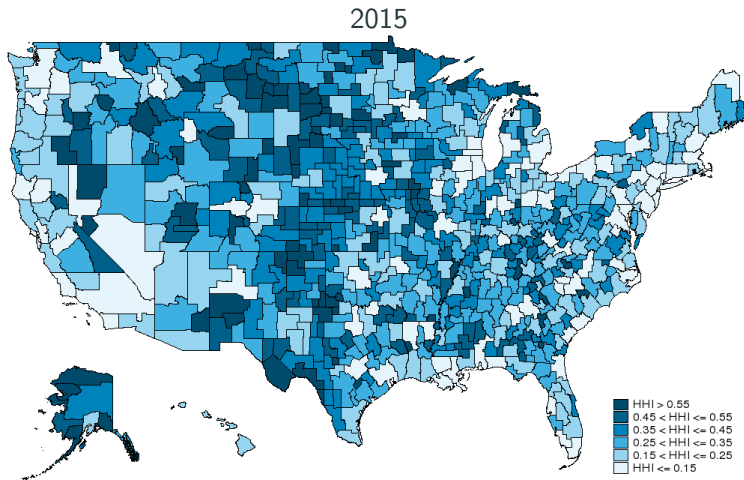
Driven by declining values of high percentiles

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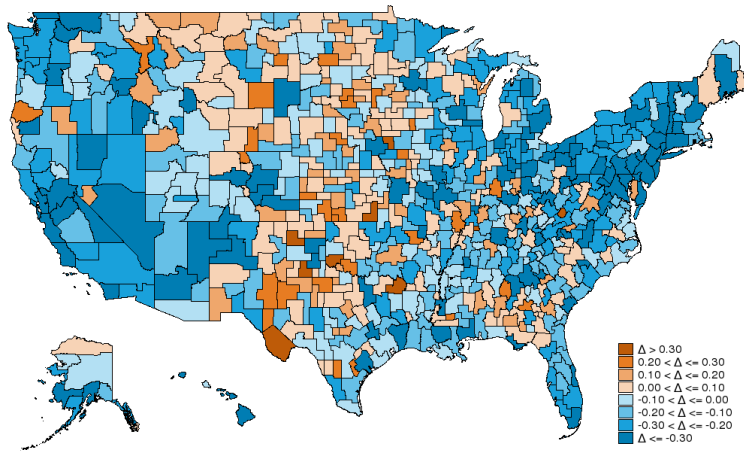
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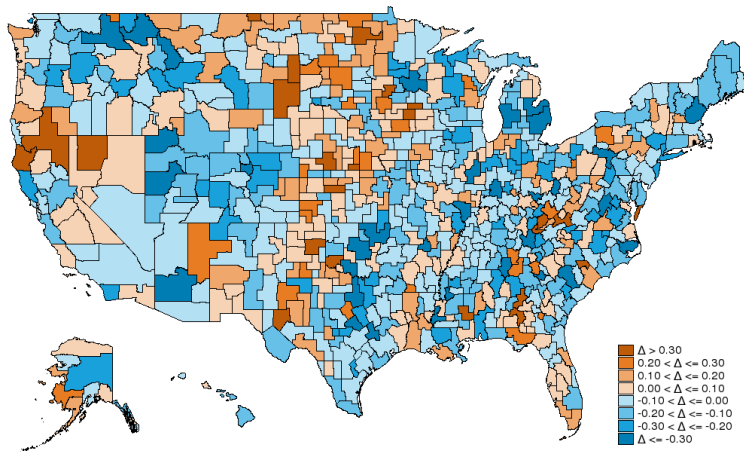
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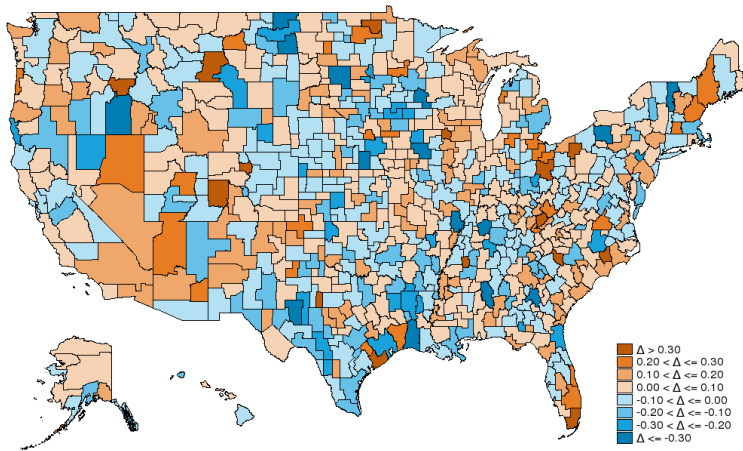
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Change in  $\log(\text{HHI})$ , 1990-2005



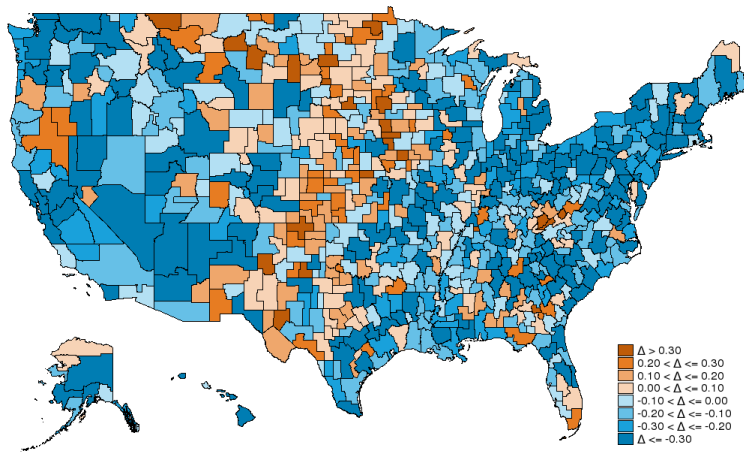
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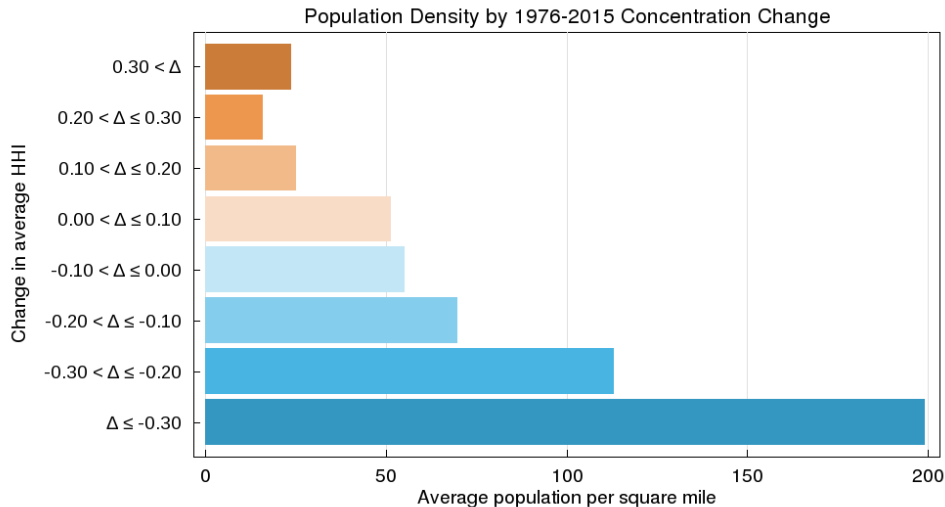
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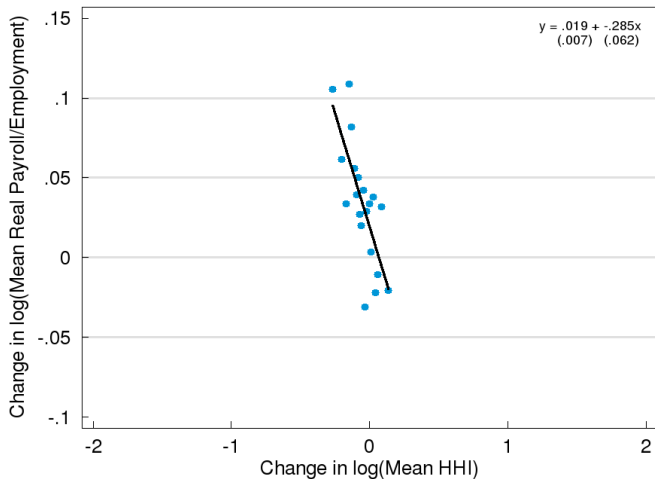


# Areas that saw concentration increases tended to be less densely populated



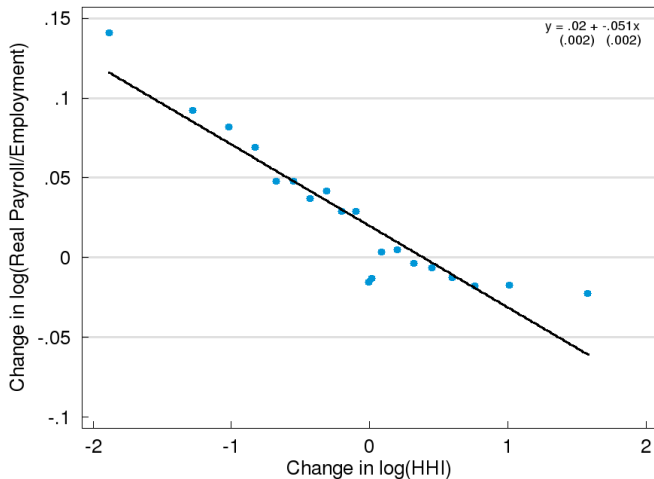
Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976 and 2015;  
Census National Counties Gazetteer File, 1990

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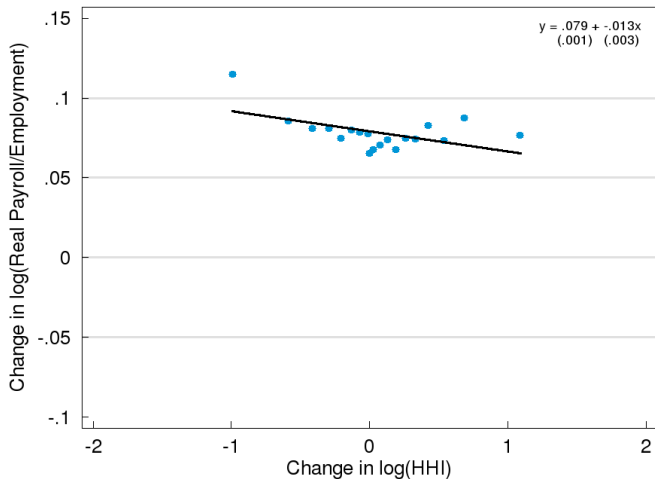
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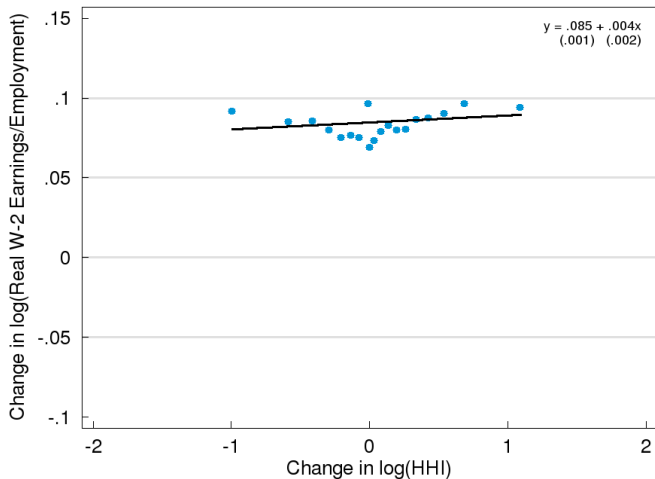
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- and earnings measure

# Same pattern emerges from OLS regressions with lots of fixed effects

log(mean earnings)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
VARIABLES				
log(HHI)	-0.108*** (0.00660)	-0.0561*** (0.00368)	0.00645*** (0.00211)	0.00742*** (0.00117)
Observations	5,446,000	1,527,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.658	0.972	0.983	0.872
Years	76-15	05-15	05-15	05-15
Earnings Measure	LBD	LBD	W-2	W-2
Weighted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Source: LBD, 1976, 2005, and 2015; Form W-2, 2005 and 2015

## Use IV regressions to identify impact of concentration

$$\text{Instrument: } \overline{HHI}_{it}^{-c} = \frac{\sum_{z \neq c} HHI_{zit} \cdot Emp_{zit}}{\sum_{z \neq c} Emp_{zit}}$$

$$\text{First stage: } \log(HHI_{cit}) = \log\left(\overline{HHI}_{it}^{-c}\right) \gamma + \delta(c, i, t) + \eta_{cit}$$

$$\text{Second stage: } \log(y_{cit}) = \log(\widehat{HHI}_{cit}) \beta + \delta(c, i, t) + \varepsilon_{cit}$$

- $y$ : earnings outcome
- $\delta(c, i, t)$ : commuting zone ( $c$ ), industry ( $i$ ), and time ( $t$ ) fixed effects
- $\beta$ : elasticity of outcome with respect to concentration

# First stage is strong across specifications including sensible controls

log(HHI),  
1976-2015

VARIABLES	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$\log(HHI - m)$	1.064*** (0.0120)	0.748*** (0.0201)	0.829*** (0.0174)	0.827*** (0.0173)	0.466*** (0.0166)
Observations	5,450,000	5,450,000	5,446,000	5,446,000	5,446,000
R-squared	0.504	0.773	0.930	0.932	0.956
Year FEs	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
CZ FEs	No	Yes	No	No	No
Industry FEs	No	Yes	No	No	No
Market FEs	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Market Trends	No	No	No	No	Yes
F-stat	7824	1389	2265	2284	791

Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976–2015



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log(HHI),  
2005-2015,  
LBD Sample

VARIABLES	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$\log(HHI - m)$	1.062*** (0.0130)	-0.328*** (0.0786)	0.503*** (0.0303)	0.505*** (0.0300)	0.192*** (0.0226)
Observations	1,531,000	1,531,000	1,527,000	1,527,000	1,527,000
R-squared	0.537	0.792	0.974	0.974	0.985
Year FEs	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
CZ FEs	No	Yes	No	No	No
Industry FEs	No	Yes	No	No	No
Market FEs	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Market Trends	No	No	No	No	Yes
F-stat	6667	17	276	284	73

Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976–2015

# First stage is strong across specifications including sensible controls

log(HHI),  
2005-2015,  
W-2 Sample

VARIABLES	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$\log(HHI - m)$	1.053*** (0.0128)	-0.131** (0.0640)	0.505*** (0.0280)	0.505*** (0.0274)	0.187*** (0.0204)
Observations	1,522,000	1,522,000	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.540	0.801	0.975	0.975	0.986
Year FEs	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
CZ FEs	No	Yes	No	No	No
Industry FEs	No	Yes	No	No	No
Market FEs	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Market Trends	No	No	No	No	Yes
F-stat	6747	4	326	339	84

Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976–2015

# Higher concentration reduces earnings

IV estimates

Some sensitivity  
to period,  
measure

VARIABLES	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
log(HHI)	-0.0512** (0.0200)	-0.00857 (0.0122)	-0.0324*** (0.0117)	-0.109*** (0.0121)
Observations	5,446,000	1,527,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.657	0.972	0.983	0.871
Years	76-15	05-15	05-15	05-15
Earnings Measure	LBD	LBD	W-2	W-2
Weighted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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► Reduced Form

Source: LBD, 1976–2015; Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Higher concentration increases earnings inequality

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2005-2015

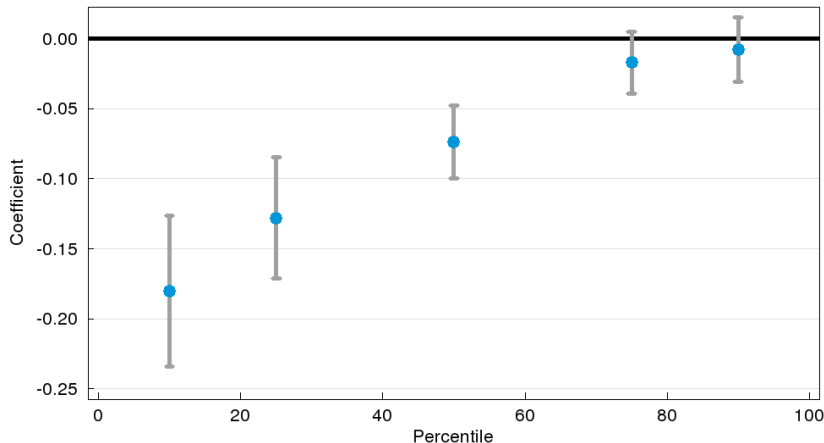
≈ 40% top half,  
60% bottom half

VARIABLES	(1) 90/10	(2) 50/10	(3) 90/50	(4) Gini
log(HHI)	0.173*** (0.0265)	0.107*** (0.0210)	0.0659*** (0.0123)	0.0124*** (0.00273)
Observations	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.895	0.841	0.880	0.940
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

► Reduced Form

# Concentration has more negative effects on values of lower percentiles

IV estimates,  
 $\log(n^{\text{th}}$   
percentile, W-2  
earnings),  
2005-2015



► Tables

► Reduced Form

# Estimates are larger in construction/non-tradable sectors

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
VARIABLES	HHI	Mean Earnings	90/10	90/50	50/10	Gini
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.344*** (0.0285)					
$\log(HHI)$		-0.184*** (0.0278)	0.396*** (0.0691)	0.0976*** (0.0223)	0.298*** (0.0538)	0.0148*** (0.00506)
Observations	333,000	333,000	333,000	333,000	333,000	333,000
R-squared	0.976	0.970	0.867	0.936	0.767	0.933
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
F-stat	145.0					

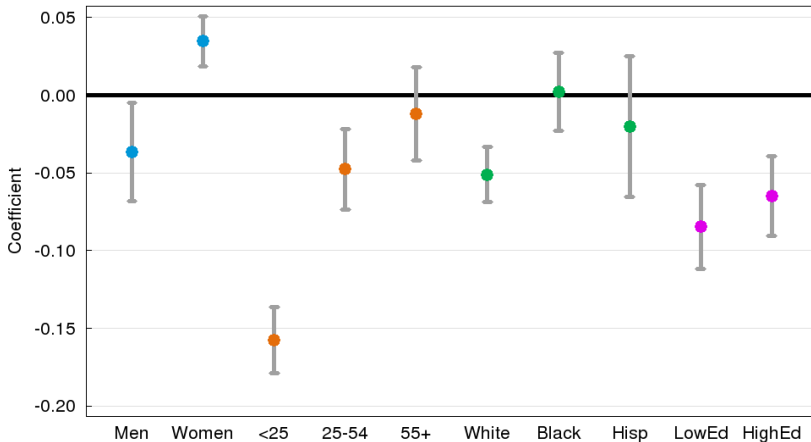
Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Local industrial concentration is not a major driver of changes in inequality

- Estimates show concentration reduces earnings and increases inequality
- But combined with concentration trends, they indicate concentration has played a minor role in overall inequality trends
- If mean concentration were at its 1976 level in 2015
  - Earnings  $\approx$  1% lower
  - 90/10 ratio  $\approx$  6% higher
- Changes in concentration have modestly mitigated trend toward increased inequality

# Earnings effects are more negative for male, younger, and white workers

IV estimates,  
log(mean W-2  
earnings),  
2005-2015



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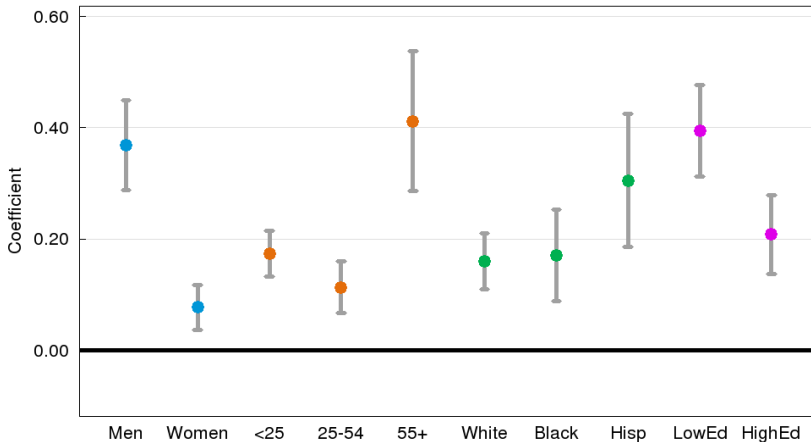


# Composition effects may drive differences in earnings estimates across groups

- Composition of workers
  - Discrimination - who is the marginal worker?
  - Job requirements (Hershbein and Macaluso 2018)
- Composition of employers
  - Firm size premium
  - Differences in business practices
- Some possibilities may be testable; should be considered in future work

# Concentration increases inequality across all demographic groups

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 $\log(90/10 \text{ ratio,}$   
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

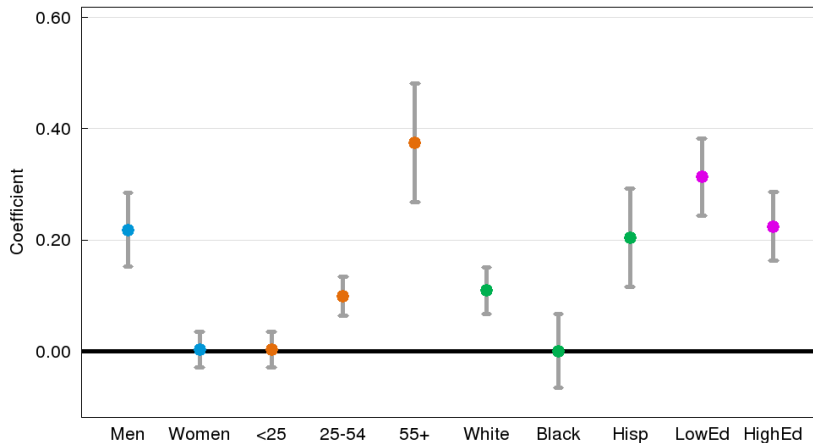


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# Bottom-half changes larger for male, older, white, and Hispanic workers

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W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

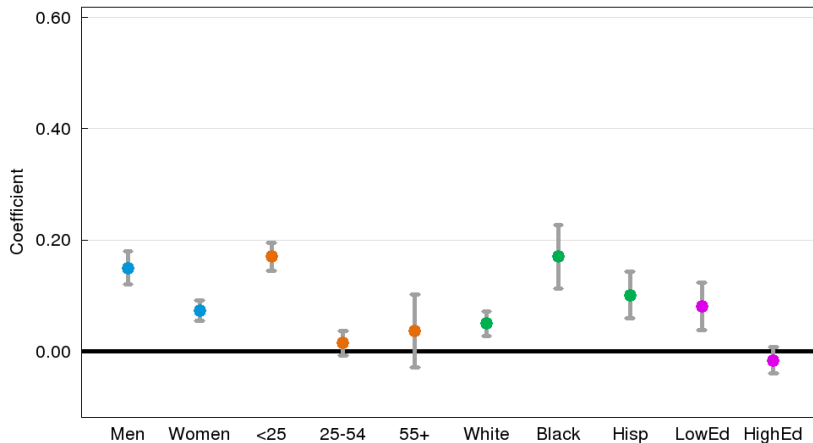


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# Female, young, and Black workers see larger top-half inequality increases

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W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

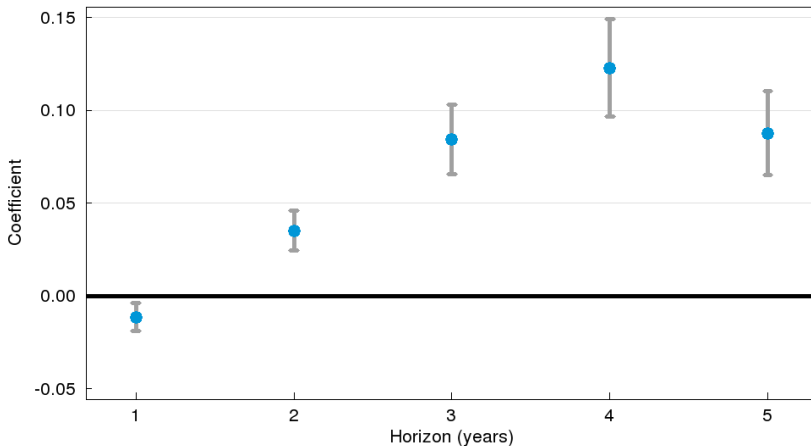


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# Baseline analysis suggests concentration reduces relative earnings mobility

IV estimates,  
W-2 earnings  
Rank-Rank  
coefficient,  
2005-2015



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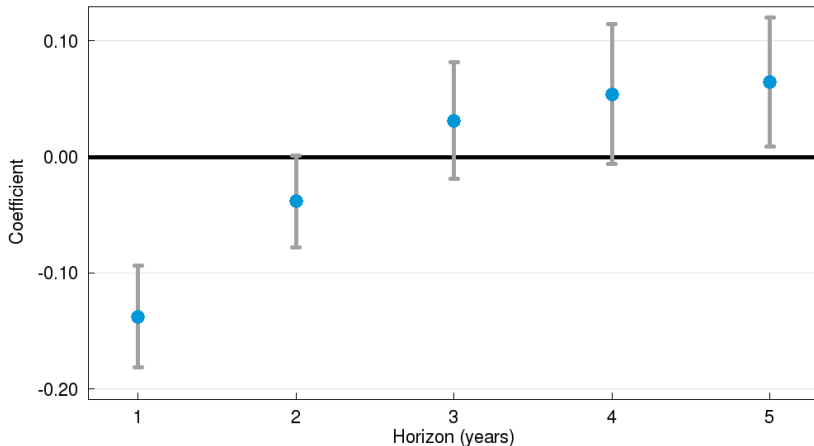
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► Main Job

Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

## But this result is sensitive to the inclusion of trends

IV estimates,  
W-2 earnings  
Rank-Rank  
coefficient,  
2005-2015,  
with market  
trends

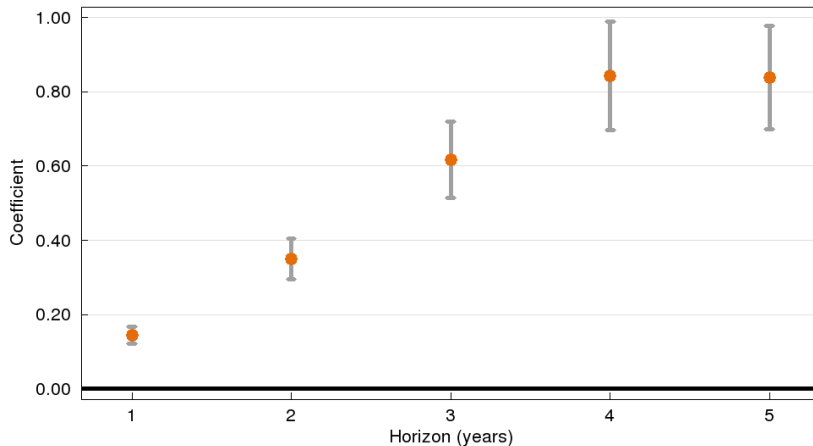


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# Analysis of absolute mobility is similarly sensitive to specification

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log W-2 earnings  
difference,  
2005-2015

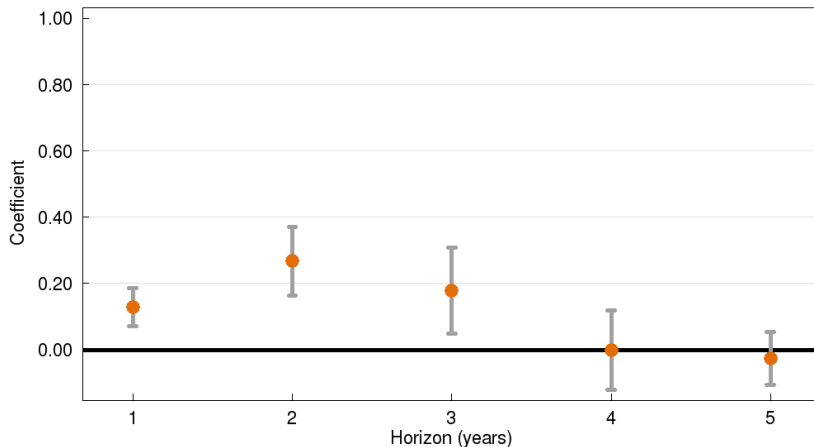


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# Analysis of absolute mobility is similarly sensitive to specification

IV estimates,  
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difference,  
2005-2015,  
with trends



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## In conclusion...

- Trends in national and local concentration differ substantially
- Increased concentration reduces earnings and increases inequality
- Estimated effects + local concentration trend  $\Rightarrow$  concentration changes modestly mitigate trend toward increased inequality
- Several avenues for future research
  - Role of changing firm-size distribution
  - Worker sorting across firms
  - Focus on smaller, rural markets
  - Who collects monopsony rents?

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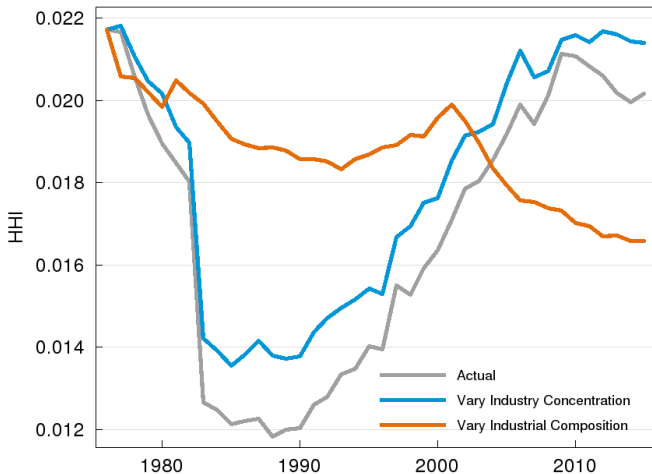
Thanks!

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# Nationally, concentration trend is driven by changes in industry HHIs

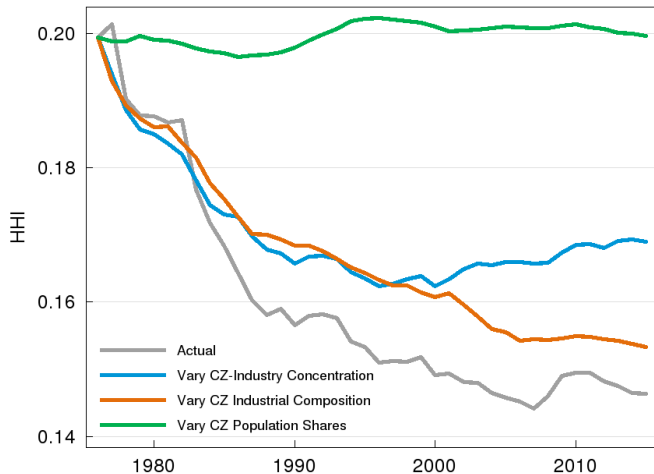


$$\overline{HHI}_t^N = \sum_i \text{Share}_{i,t} \cdot \text{HHI}_{i,t}$$

Mean national concentration  
can be written as the sum  
across industries of industry  
concentration times  
employment share  
(composition)

Composition also contributes  
pre-1990

## A similar story is true locally, but HHIs don't rebound as much

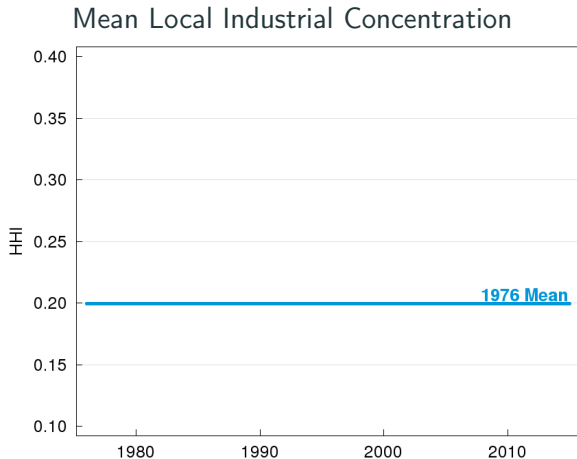


$$\overline{HHI}_t^L = \sum_c \sum_i \text{CZShare}_{c,t} \times \text{CZIndShare}_{c,i,t} \times \text{HHI}_{c,i,t}$$

Industrial composition  
contributes more consistently

Population shifts play little  
role in evolution of local  
concentration trend

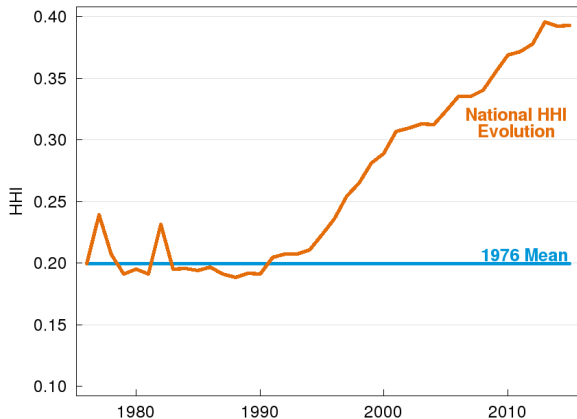
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# If local HHIs evolved as national HHIs did, local trend would be much different

## Mean Local Industrial Concentration

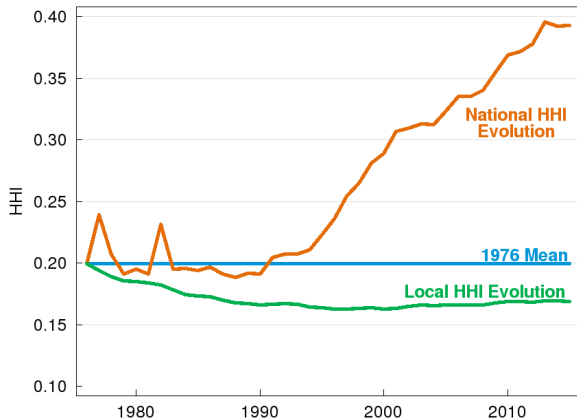


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- Using national HHIs: increasing mean concentration after 1990

# If local HHIs evolved as national HHIs did, local trend would be much different

Mean Local Industrial Concentration



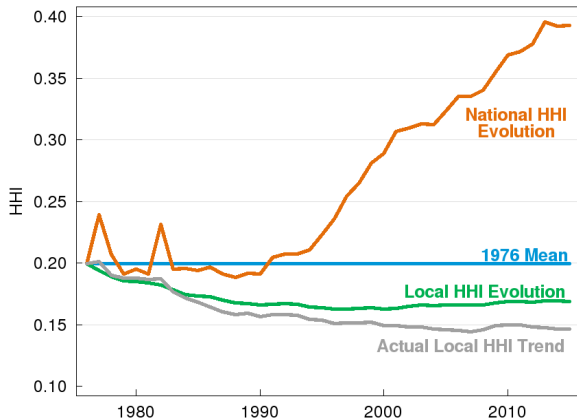
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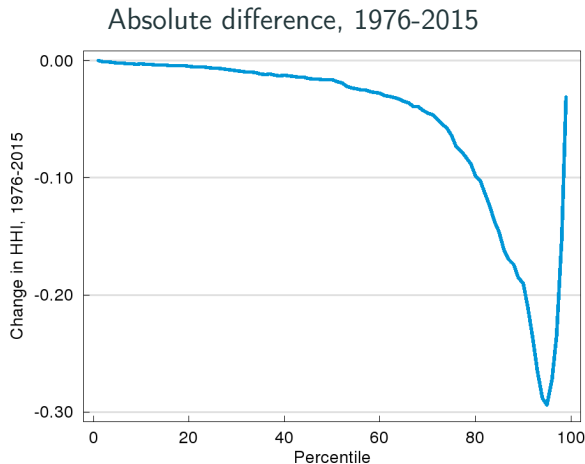
Mean Local Industrial Concentration



What if only concentration were changing over time?

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- Using observed changes in local HHIs: concentration declines and remains lower
- Local is much closer to actual trend

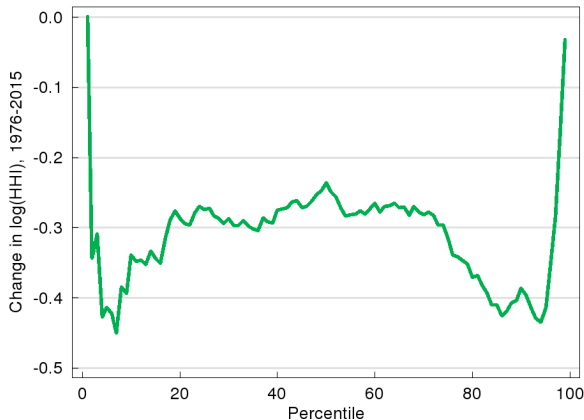
# Concentration declined throughout the distribution between 1976 and 2015



Absolute changes largest at the top of the distribution

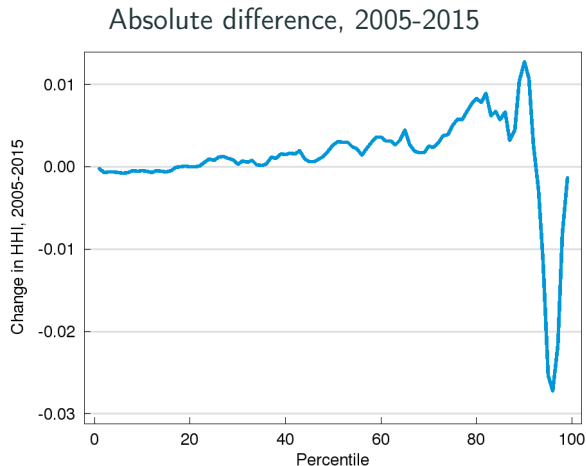
# Concentration declined throughout the distribution between 1976 and 2015

Log difference, 1976-2015



Percent changes comparable  
at the top and bottom

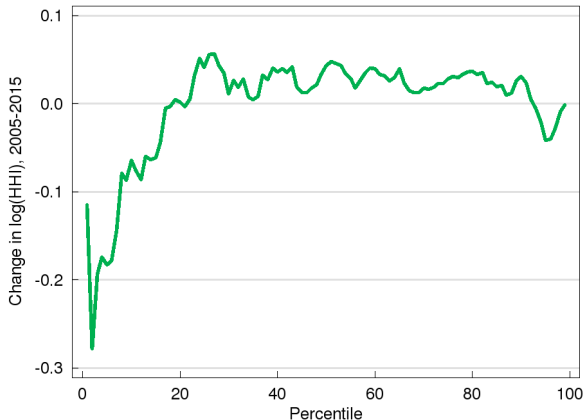
# Despite recent, modest increases over much of the distribution



Much smaller in magnitude  
than longer-run changes

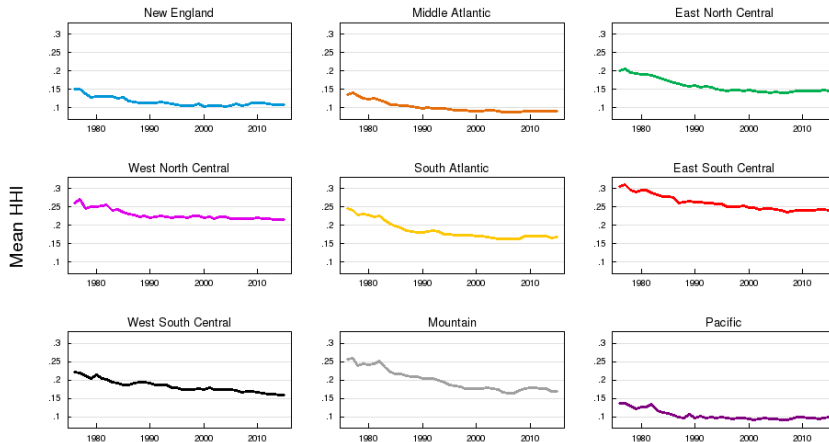
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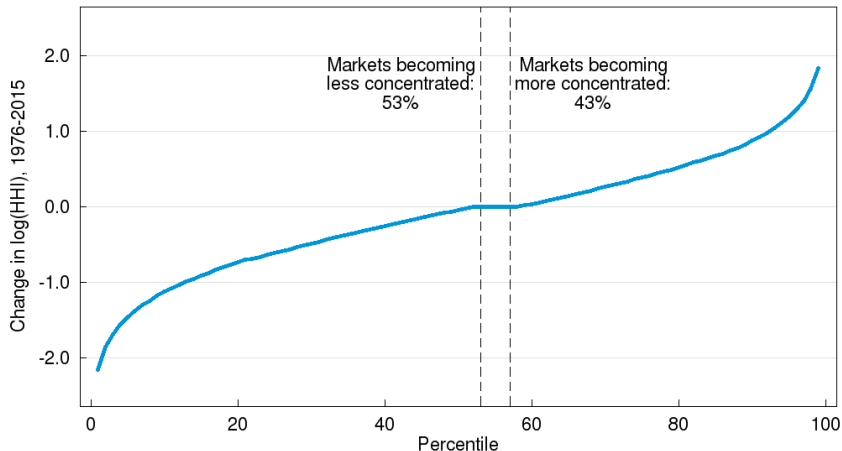
Largest percent changes at the bottom of the distribution

# Levels differ, but trends are similar across Census divisions



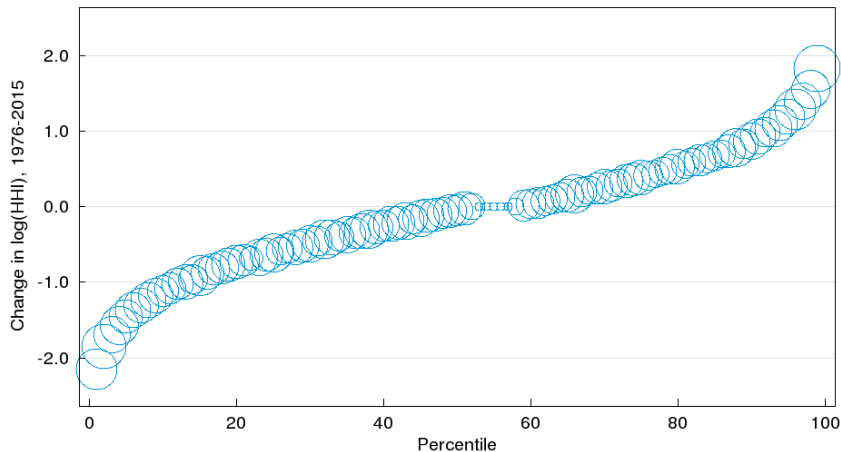
Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976–2015

# Changes in concentration over time vary substantially across markets



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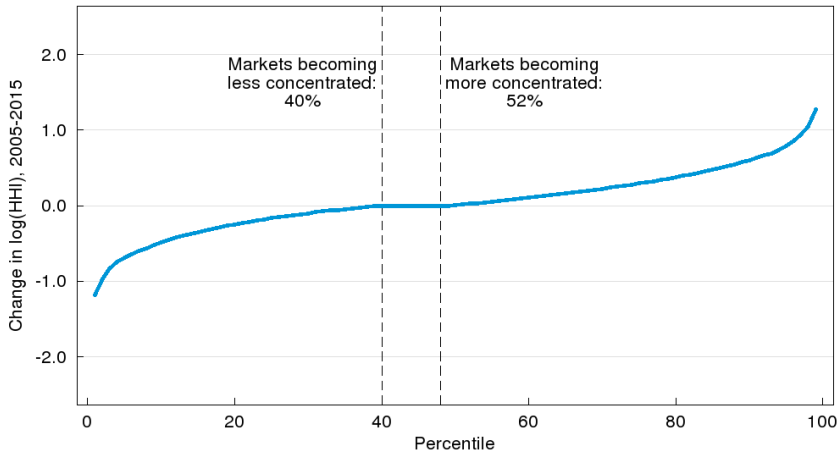
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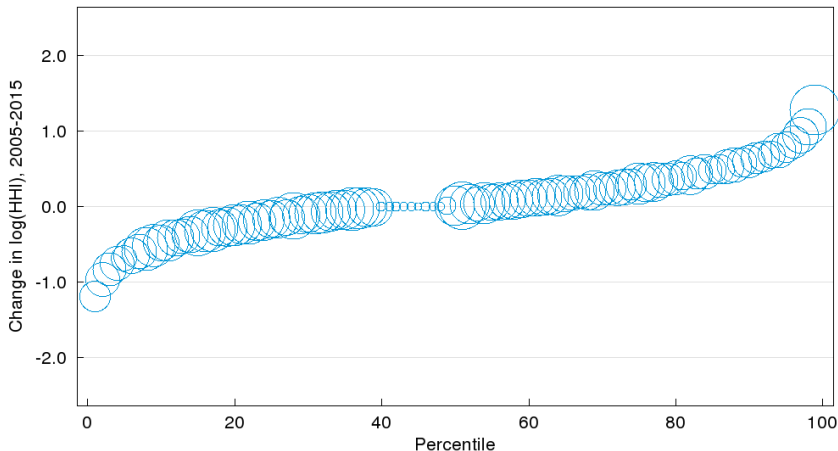


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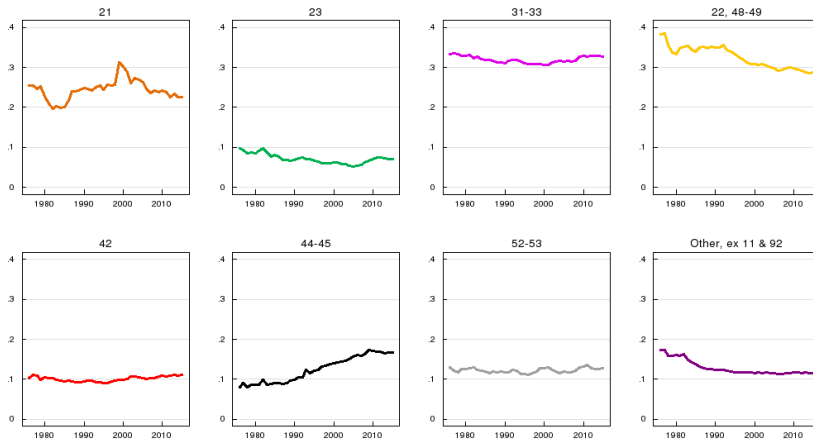
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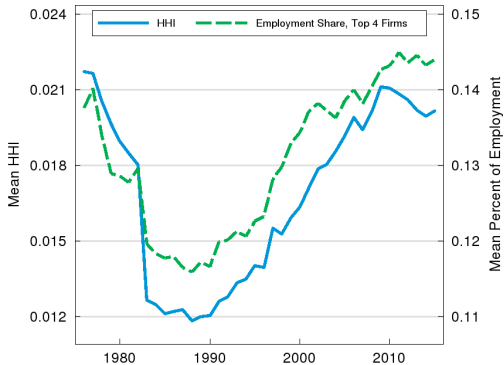
# Only retail trade has clearly become more concentrated locally



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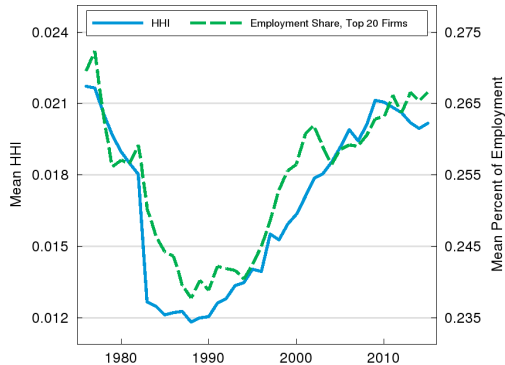
# National Concentration Ratio Trends

## Top Four Firms



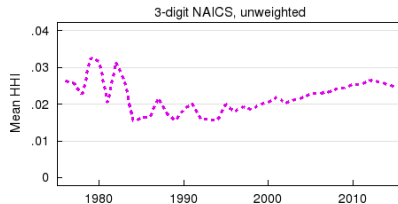
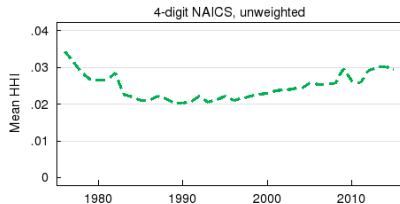
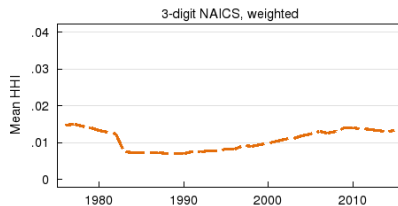
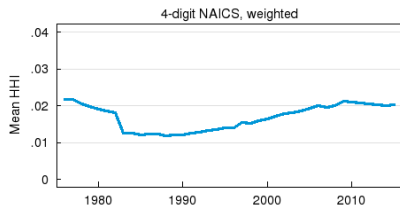
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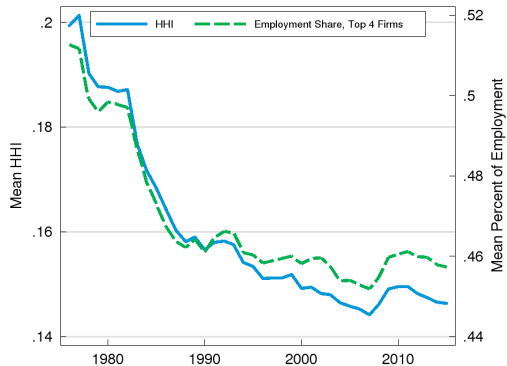
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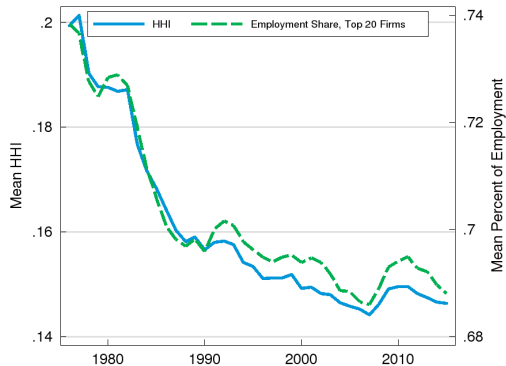
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## Top Four Firms



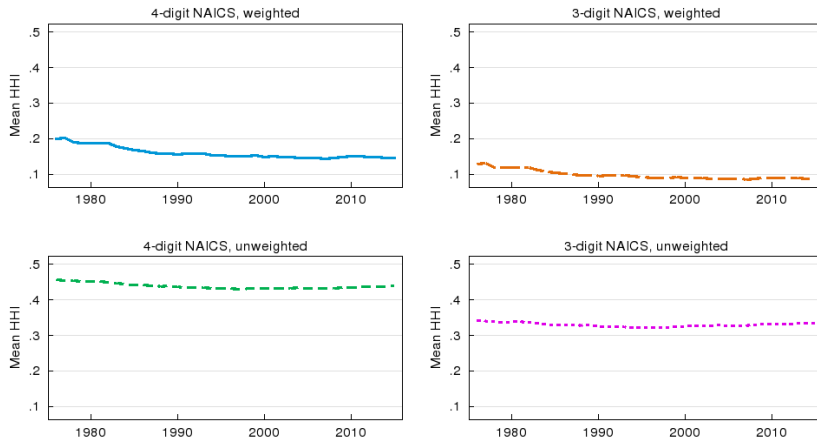
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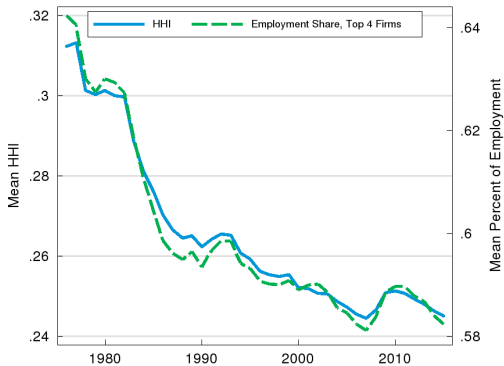
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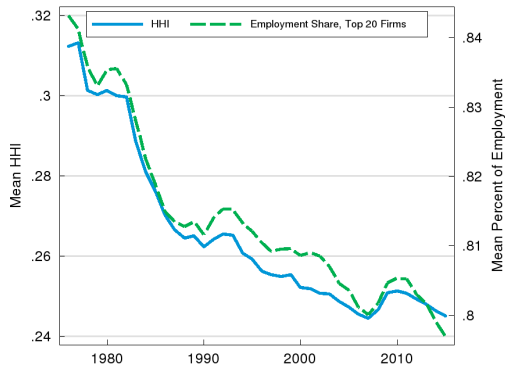
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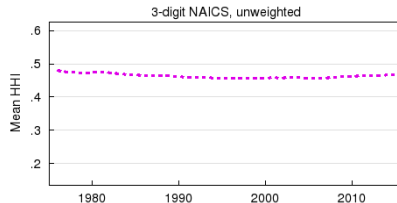
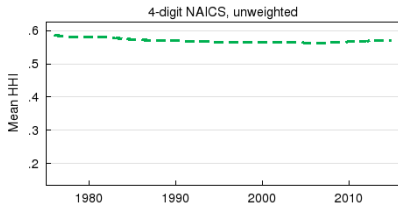
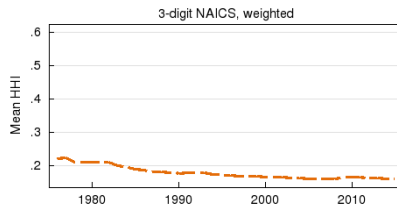
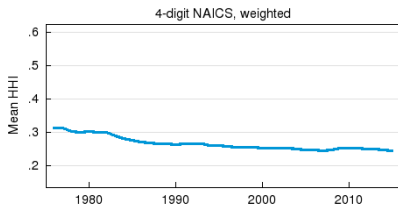
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# Variations on Mean County-Industry HHI Trends



Source: Longitudinal Business Database, 1976–2015

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# Earnings Measures Reduced Form

Reduced Form

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
VARIABLES				
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	-0.0424** (0.0166)	-0.00432 (0.00614)	-0.0163*** (0.00558)	-0.0285*** (0.00312)
Observations	5,446,000	1,527,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.655	0.971	0.983	0.872
Years	76-15	05-15	05-15	05-15
Earnings Measure	LBD	LBD	W-2	W-2
Weighted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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# Inequality Measures Reduced Form

Reduced Form,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) 90/10	(2) 50/10	(3) 90/50	(4) Gini
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.0872*** (0.0126)	0.0539*** (0.00996)	0.0333*** (0.00626)	0.00627*** (0.00141)
Observations	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.898	0.843	0.882	0.941
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Key Percentiles Reduced Form

IV estimates,  
 $\log(n^{th}$   
percentile,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005–2015

VARIABLES	(1) 10th	(2) 25th	(3) 50th	(4) 75th	(5) 90th
$\log(\text{HHI})$	-0.180*** (0.0275)	-0.128*** (0.0220)	-0.0736*** (0.0132)	-0.0171 (0.0111)	-0.00767 (0.0117)
Observations	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.936	0.943	0.959	0.975	0.981
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Key Percentiles Reduced Form

Reduced form,  
 $\log(n^{\text{th}}$   
percentile,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) 10th	(2) 25th	(3) 50th	(4) 75th	(5) 90th
$\log(HHI - m)$	-0.0911*** (0.0125)	-0.0647*** (0.0105)	-0.0372*** (0.00624)	-0.00864 (0.00550)	-0.00388 (0.00584)
Observations	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000	1,519,000
R-squared	0.938	0.944	0.960	0.975	0.981
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Earnings by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(mean W-2  
earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
log(HHI)	-0.0366** (0.0162)	0.0347*** (0.00816)	-0.157*** (0.0109)	-0.0476*** (0.0132)	-0.0119 (0.0154)
Observations	1,498,000	1,478,000	1,386,000	1,503,000	1,461,000
R-squared	0.978	0.983	0.950	0.980	0.951
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# Earnings by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(mean W-2  
earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
log(HHI)	-0.0510*** (0.00909)	0.00227 (0.0128)	-0.0203 (0.0231)	-0.0847*** (0.0136)	-0.0648*** (0.0132)
Observations	1,513,000	972,000	1,135,000	1,373,000	1,417,000
R-squared	0.982	0.966	0.967	0.946	0.961
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# Earnings by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
log(mean W-2  
earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
$\log(HHI - m)$	-0.0158** (0.00652)	0.0205*** (0.00493)	-0.0934*** (0.00674)	-0.0229*** (0.00582)	-0.00558 (0.00732)
Observations	1,524,000	1,500,000	1,403,000	1,529,000	1,481,000
R-squared	0.978	0.983	0.955	0.980	0.951
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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# Earnings by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
log(mean W-2  
earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	-0.0249*** (0.00421)	0.00137 (0.00767)	-0.00998 (0.0106)	-0.0365*** (0.00491)	-0.0315*** (0.00606)
Observations	1,541,000	977,000	1,143,000	1,387,000	1,434,000
R-squared	0.983	0.966	0.967	0.947	0.962
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 90/10 by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(90/10 ratio,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
log(HHI)	0.369*** (0.0411)	0.0773*** (0.0203)	0.174*** (0.0208)	0.114*** (0.0236)	0.412*** (0.0640)
Observations	1,498,000	1,478,000	1,386,000	1,503,000	1,461,000
R-squared	0.880	0.891	0.776	0.916	0.813
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 90/10 by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(90/10 ratio,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
log(HHI)	0.160*** (0.0254)	0.171*** (0.0419)	0.305*** (0.0612)	0.394*** (0.0419)	0.208*** (0.0359)
Observations	1,513,000	972,000	1,135,000	1,373,000	1,417,000
R-squared	0.884	0.861	0.850	0.769	0.801
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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# 90/10 by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
 $\log(90/10 \text{ ratio},$   
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.160*** (0.0144)	0.0457*** (0.0120)	0.103*** (0.0125)	0.0546*** (0.0105)	0.198*** (0.0280)
Observations	1,524,000	1,500,000	1,403,000	1,529,000	1,481,000
R-squared	0.888	0.891	0.779	0.918	0.821
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 90/10 by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
 $\log(90/10 \text{ ratio},$   
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.0781*** (0.0113)	0.102*** (0.0248)	0.150*** (0.0250)	0.170*** (0.0148)	0.101*** (0.0159)
Observations	1,541,000	977,000	1,143,000	1,387,000	1,434,000
R-squared	0.886	0.862	0.858	0.776	0.805
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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# 50/10 by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(50/10 ratio,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
log(HHI)	0.218*** (0.0337)	0.00351 (0.0163)	0.00353 (0.0162)	0.0988*** (0.0180)	0.375*** (0.0543)
Observations	1,498,000	1,478,000	1,386,000	1,503,000	1,461,000
R-squared	0.814	0.839	0.642	0.894	0.709
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 50/10 by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(50/10 ratio,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
log(HHI)	0.109*** (0.0212)	0.000628 (0.0340)	0.204*** (0.0451)	0.314*** (0.0354)	0.224*** (0.0315)
Observations	1,513,000	972,000	1,135,000	1,373,000	1,417,000
R-squared	0.823	0.776	0.792	0.662	0.740
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 50/10 by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
 $\log(50/10 \text{ ratio},$   
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.0946*** (0.0125)	0.00209 (0.00963)	0.00197 (0.00959)	0.0475*** (0.00788)	0.180*** (0.0237)
Observations	1,524,000	1,500,000	1,403,000	1,529,000	1,481,000
R-squared	0.819	0.839	0.641	0.895	0.719
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016



# 50/10 by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
 $\log(50/10 \text{ ratio},$   
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.0535*** (0.00972)	0.000284 (0.0203)	0.100*** (0.0176)	0.136*** (0.0129)	0.109*** (0.0139)
Observations	1,541,000	977,000	1,143,000	1,387,000	1,434,000
R-squared	0.825	0.776	0.797	0.667	0.745
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 90/50 by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(90/50 ratio,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
log(HHI)	0.150*** (0.0154)	0.0738*** (0.00939)	0.170*** (0.0127)	0.0148 (0.0110)	0.0371 (0.0335)
Observations	1,498,000	1,478,000	1,386,000	1,503,000	1,461,000
R-squared	0.863	0.885	0.826	0.925	0.820
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 90/50 by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
log(90/50 ratio,  
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
log(HHI)	0.0502*** (0.0113)	0.170*** (0.0288)	0.102*** (0.0217)	0.0805*** (0.0219)	-0.0160 (0.0120)
Observations	1,513,000	972,000	1,135,000	1,373,000	1,417,000
R-squared	0.882	0.765	0.823	0.781	0.843
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 90/50 by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
 $\log(90/50 \text{ ratio},$   
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
$\log(HHI - m)$	0.0650*** (0.00621)	0.0436*** (0.00580)	0.101*** (0.00768)	0.00713 (0.00523)	0.0180 (0.0160)
Observations	1,524,000	1,500,000	1,403,000	1,529,000	1,481,000
R-squared	0.870	0.887	0.837	0.925	0.820
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# 90/50 by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
 $\log(90/50 \text{ ratio},$   
W-2 earnings),  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.0246*** (0.00535)	0.102*** (0.0168)	0.0500*** (0.0106)	0.0347*** (0.00917)	-0.00770 (0.00590)
Observations	1,541,000	977,000	1,143,000	1,387,000	1,434,000
R-squared	0.882	0.772	0.830	0.782	0.842
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# Gini by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
W-2 earnings  
Gini coefficient,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
log(HHI)	0.0291*** (0.00326)	0.0118*** (0.00242)	0.0365*** (0.00281)	0.00477* (0.00261)	-0.00780** (0.00354)
Observations	1,498,000	1,478,000	1,386,000	1,503,000	1,461,000
R-squared	0.930	0.937	0.872	0.937	0.893
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# Gini by Demographic Group

IV estimates,  
W-2 earnings  
Gini coefficient,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
log(HHI)	0.00758*** (0.00241)	0.0305*** (0.00496)	0.0261*** (0.00576)	0.0269*** (0.00329)	-0.00467 (0.00314)
Observations	1,513,000	972,000	1,135,000	1,373,000	1,417,000
R-squared	0.937	0.909	0.908	0.874	0.897
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# Gini by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
W-2 earnings  
Gini coefficient,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) Men	(2) Women	(3) Age <25	(4) Age 25-54	(5) Age 55+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.0126*** (0.00139)	0.00697*** (0.00146)	0.0216*** (0.00190)	0.00229* (0.00125)	-0.00368** (0.00170)
Observations	1,524,000	1,500,000	1,403,000	1,529,000	1,481,000
R-squared	0.934	0.938	0.882	0.937	0.893
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016



# Gini by Demographic Group

Reduced form,  
W-2 earnings  
Gini coefficient,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) White	(2) Black	(3) Hispanic	(4) LTHS/HS	(5) Some College+
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.00372*** (0.00116)	0.0182*** (0.00291)	0.0129*** (0.00281)	0.0116*** (0.00126)	-0.00225 (0.00154)
Observations	1,541,000	977,000	1,143,000	1,387,000	1,434,000
R-squared	0.937	0.913	0.913	0.878	0.897
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: LBD, Form W-2, and ACS, 2005–2015;  
Decennial census, 2000 and 2010; Census Numident, 2016

# Rank-Rank Coefficient

IV estimates,  
W-2 earnings  
Rank-Rank  
coefficient,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
log(HHI)	-0.0115*** (0.00387)	0.0351*** (0.00545)	0.0843*** (0.00953)	0.123*** (0.0134)	0.0877*** (0.0116)
Observations	1,366,000	1,229,000	1,092,000	954,000	817,000
R-squared	0.113	0.194	0.195	0.212	0.245
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Rank-Rank Coefficient

Reduced form,  
W-2 earnings  
Rank-Rank  
coefficient,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
$\log(HHI - m)$	-0.00487*** (0.00162)	0.0138*** (0.00198)	0.0303*** (0.00260)	0.0403*** (0.00296)	0.0298*** (0.00335)
Observations	1,366,000	1,229,000	1,092,000	954,000	817,000
R-squared	0.113	0.194	0.196	0.213	0.246
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Rank-Rank Coefficient, Main Job

IV estimates,  
main job  
W-2 earnings  
Rank-Rank  
coefficient,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
log(HHI)	-0.00791** (0.00400)	0.0397*** (0.00553)	0.0877*** (0.00948)	0.126*** (0.0133)	0.0867*** (0.0115)
Observations	1,366,000	1,229,000	1,092,000	954,000	817,000
R-squared	0.078	0.105	0.117	0.125	0.145
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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# Rank-Rank Coefficient, with Trends

IV estimates,  
W-2 earnings  
Rank-Rank  
coefficient,  
2005-2015,  
with trends

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
log(HHI)	-0.138*** (0.0223)	-0.0382* (0.0202)	0.0313 (0.0256)	0.0542* (0.0308)	0.0648** (0.0283)
Observations	1,366,000	1,229,000	1,092,000	954,000	817,000
R-squared	0.302	0.468	0.521	0.576	0.659
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Market Trends	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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# Rank-Rank Coefficient, with Trends

Reduced form,  
W-2 earnings  
Rank-Rank  
coefficient,  
2005-2015,  
with trends

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	-0.0228*** (0.00255)	-0.00623* (0.00322)	0.00451 (0.00359)	0.00651* (0.00342)	0.00921*** (0.00349)
Observations	1,366,000	1,229,000	1,092,000	954,000	817,000
R-squared	0.305	0.468	0.522	0.576	0.659
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Market Trends	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Log Differences

IV estimates,  
log W-2 earnings  
difference,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
log(HHI)	0.144*** (0.0117)	0.350*** (0.0281)	0.616*** (0.0522)	0.843*** (0.0750)	0.839*** (0.0710)
Observations	1,362,000	1,224,000	1,086,000	948,000	811,000
R-squared	0.469	0.324	0.018	-0.241	-0.105
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Log Differences

IV estimates,  
log W-2 earnings  
difference,  
2005-2015,  
with trends

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
log(HHI)	0.128*** (0.0293)	0.268*** (0.0528)	0.179*** (0.0663)	-0.000713 (0.0613)	-0.0260 (0.0405)
Observations	1,362,000	1,224,000	1,086,000	948,000	811,000
R-squared	0.593	0.632	0.786	0.880	0.903
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Market Trends	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015



# Log Differences

Reduced form,  
log W-2 earnings  
difference,  
2005-2015

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
$\log(HHI - m)$	0.0611*** (0.00303)	0.137*** (0.00559)	0.221*** (0.00808)	0.277*** (0.00989)	0.285*** (0.0114)
Observations	1,362,000	1,224,000	1,086,000	948,000	811,000
R-squared	0.590	0.676	0.720	0.750	0.775
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Source: Longitudinal Business Database and Form W-2, 2005–2015

# Log Differences

Reduced form,  
log W-2 earnings  
difference,  
2005-2015,  
with trends

VARIABLES	(1) 1 year	(2) 2 years	(3) 3 years	(4) 4 years	(5) 5 years
$\log(HHI^{-m})$	0.0211*** (0.00413)	0.0437*** (0.00706)	0.0258*** (0.00882)	-8.55e-05 (0.00736)	-0.00369 (0.00571)
Observations	1,362,000	1,224,000	1,086,000	948,000	811,000
R-squared	0.648	0.749	0.820	0.880	0.903
Market FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CZ by Year FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Market Trends?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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