

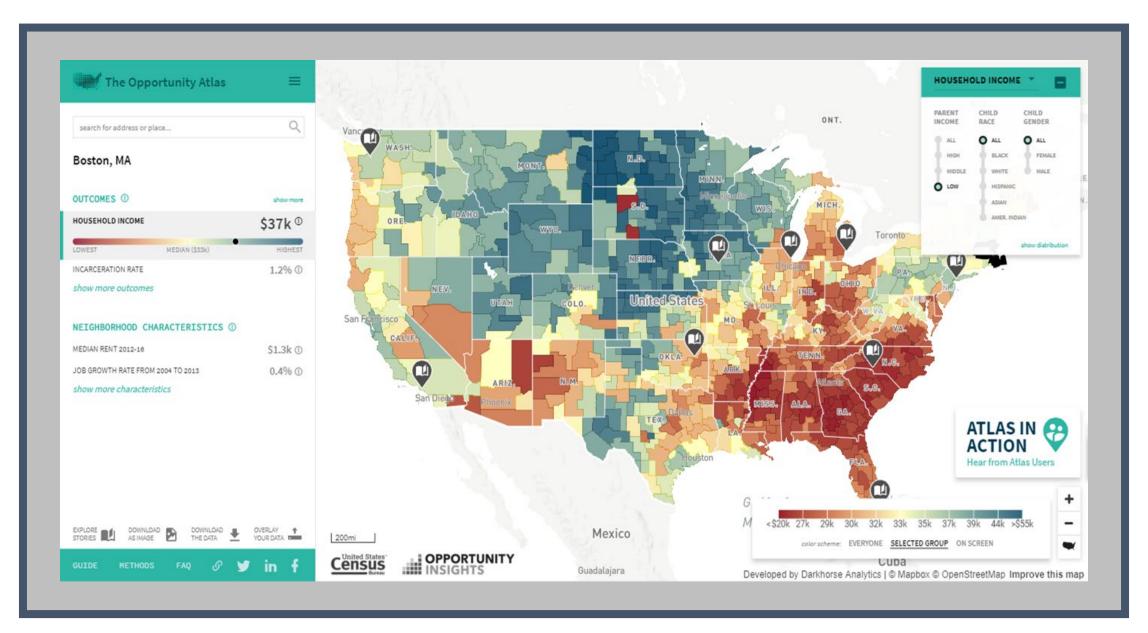


Research Priorities for Place-Based Investments

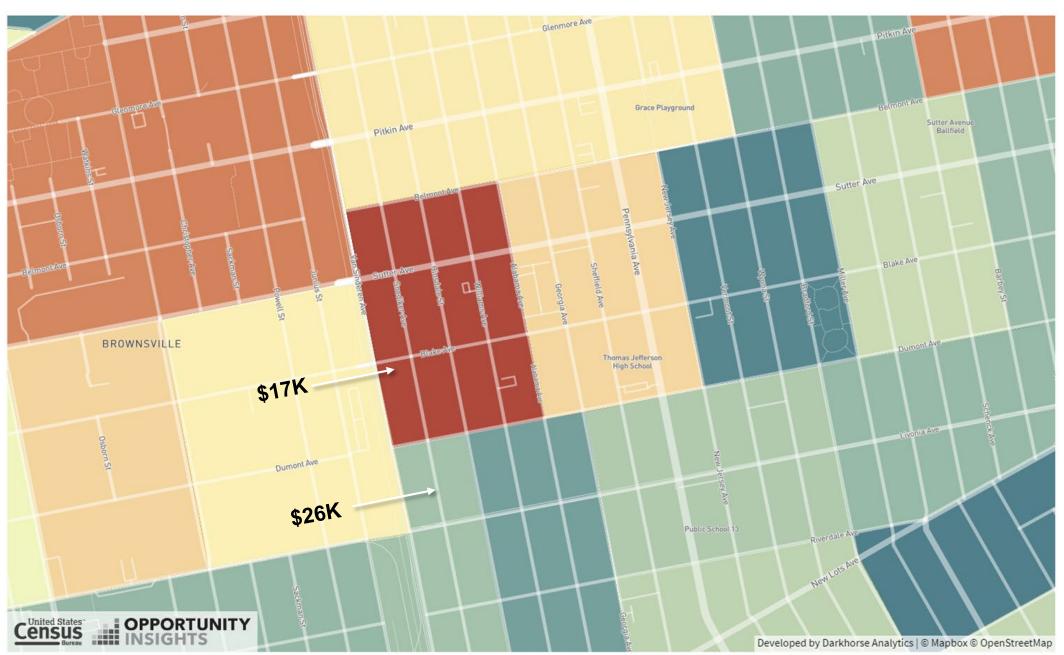
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The Opportunity Atlas





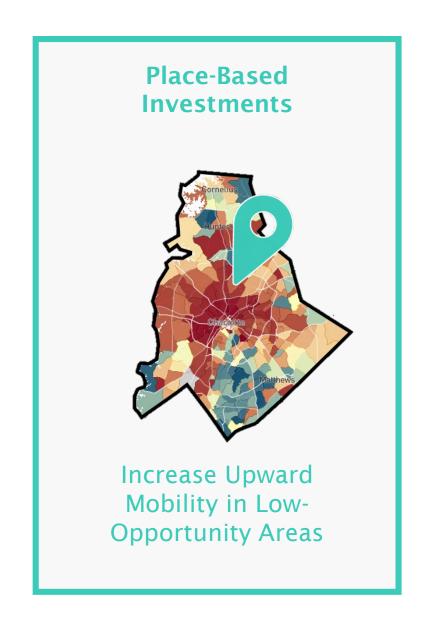


Strategies for Increasing Opportunity

Reducing Segregation



Increase Families'
Access to
High-Opportunity Areas



Priorities for Research on Place-Based Investments

1. What are the mechanisms through which neighborhoods shape opportunity?

2. What are the causal impacts of historical place-based investments?

3. Can we predict long-run impacts of current interventions more quickly?

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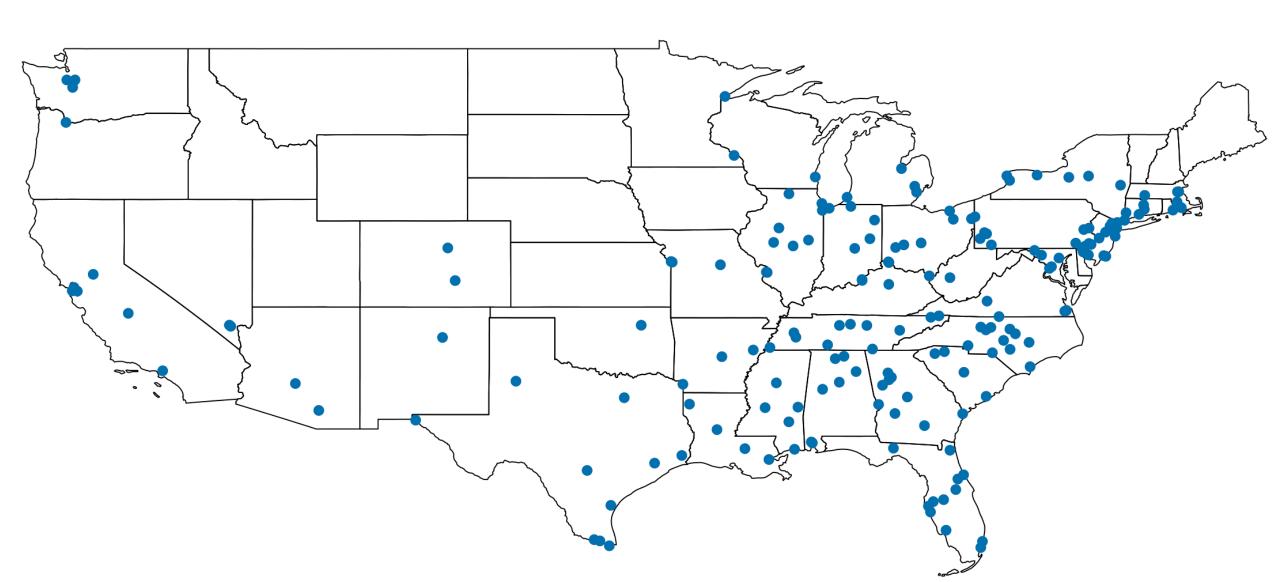
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- Priorities for the future
 - · Additional measures: crime, policing, discrimination, environment, credit, substance use
 - Potential for using data from private companies (e.g., Facebook, Google, etc.)
 - Relationship across neighborhoods and across time

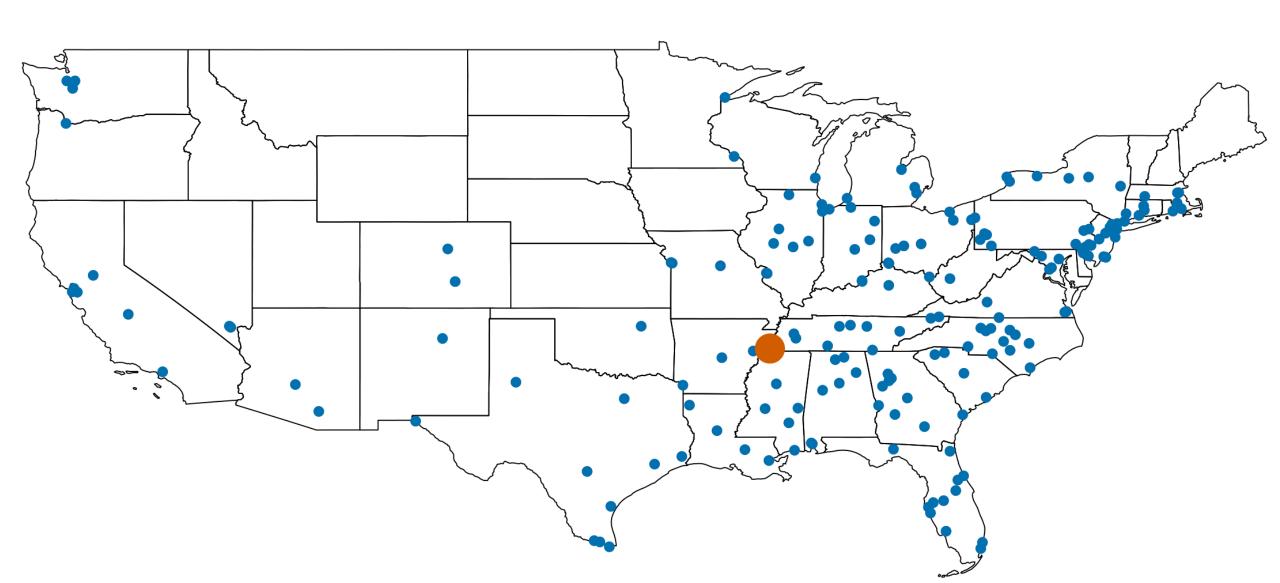
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HOPE VI Provided \$6.7B to Improve Living Conditions in Public Housing Projects



Dixie Homes Projects in Memphis, TN Awarded \$20M in 2005



Dixie Homes Project Prior to the HOPE VI Grant



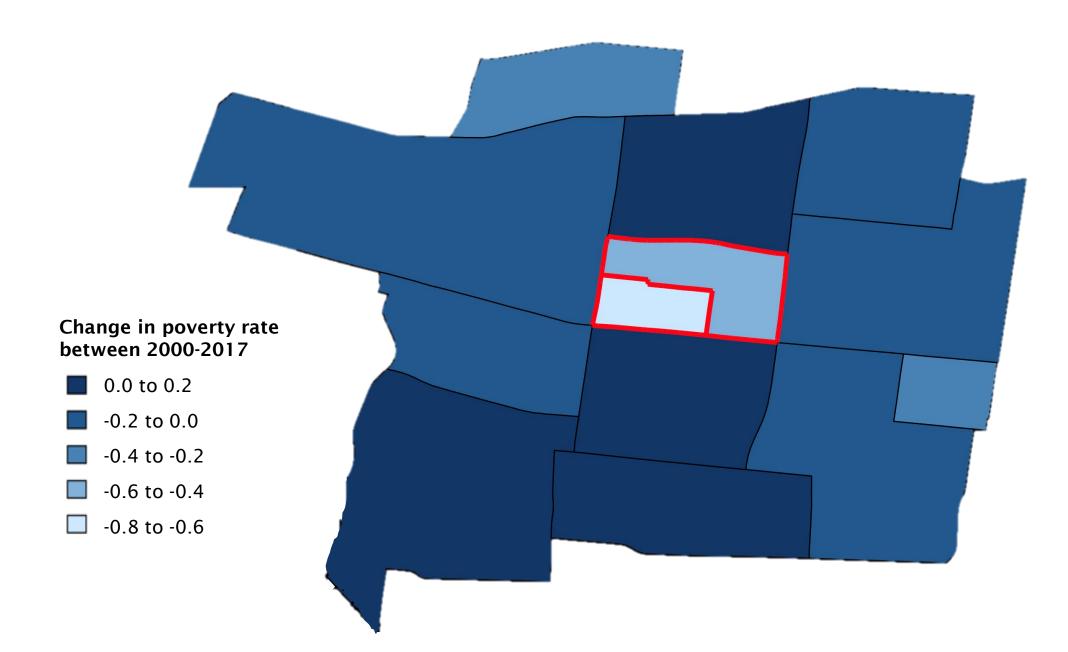
Demolition in the Year After the Award



Transformation to Mixed-Income Community



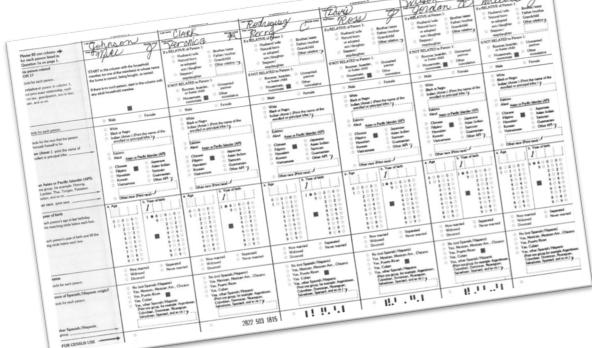
How Does Drastic Reduction in Neighborhood Poverty Affect Individuals?



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 - Collect historical data to evaluate the long-run impact of earlier policies
 - Track and monitor impact of current policies

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 - Identify intermediate outcomes (surrogates) so we can evaluate impacts of interventions more quickly