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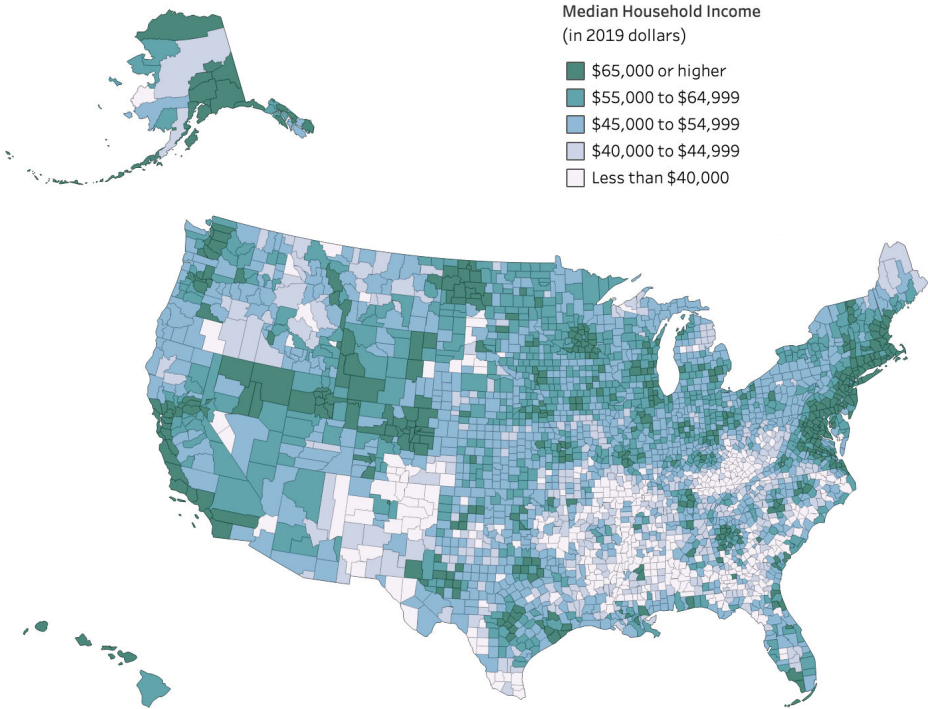


Regional economic
inequality is widening
in the US.



Regional Income Inequality

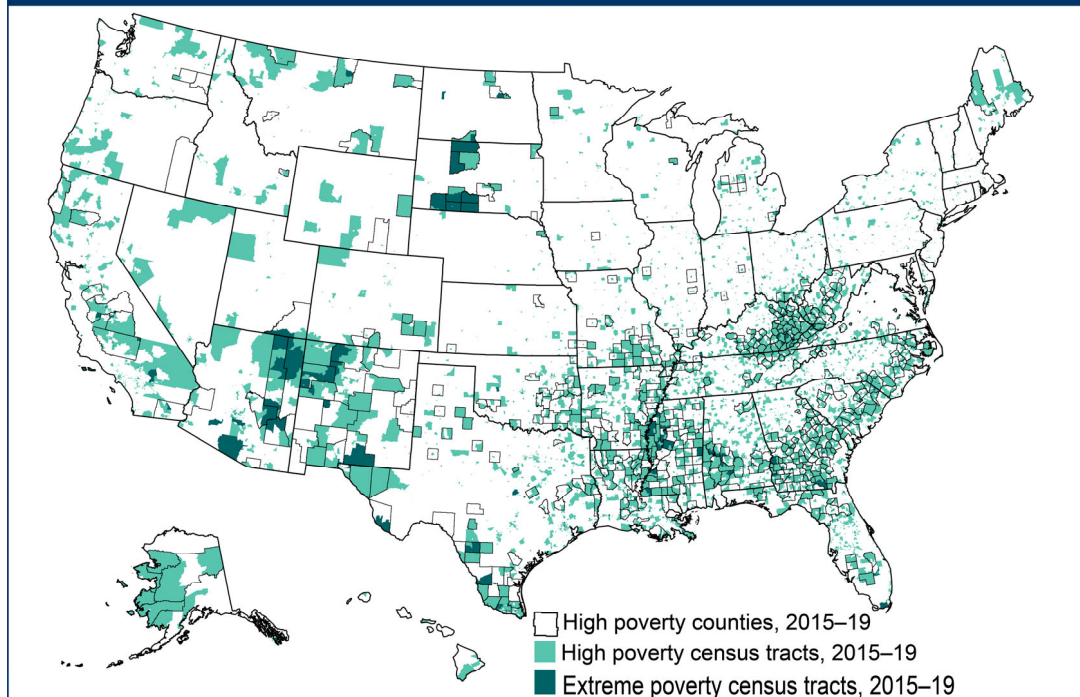
Median Household Income: 2015–2019



Source: US Census Bureau, 2020.

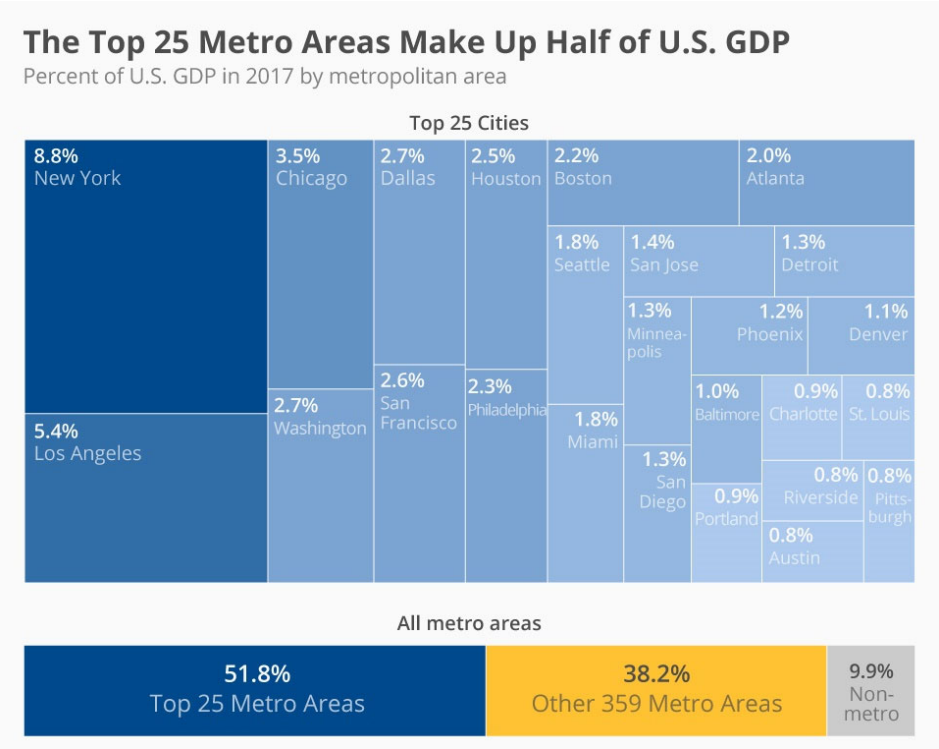
High Poverty Counties are Largely Non-Metro and Majority Communities of Color

High and extreme poverty census tracts within and outside of high poverty counties, 2015–19



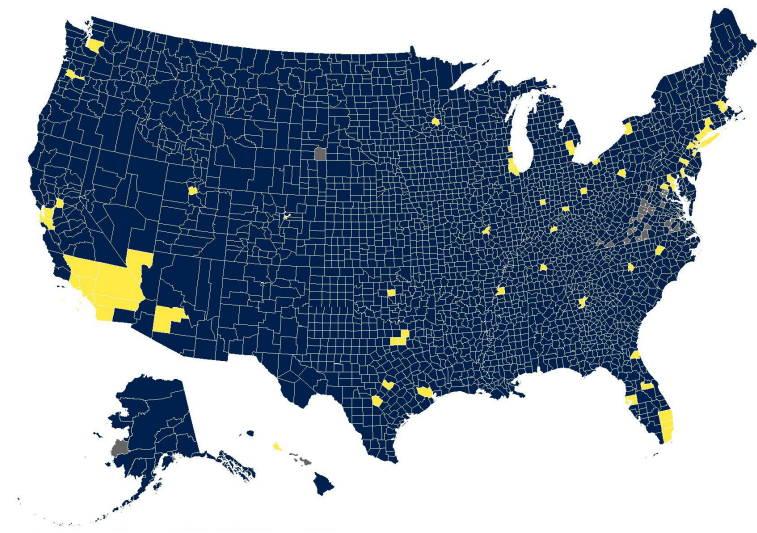
Source: USDA Economic Research Service and US Census Bureau, 2020.

25 Metropolitan Areas Produce Half of US GDP



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (2019)

GDP Concentration: United States
Counties in yellow concentrate 50% of the Country's GDP



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (2018)

ARPA, IIJA, IRA, and the CHIPS and Science Act aim to stimulate geographically-inclusive growth in the innovation sector.



A New Era of Federal Investment in Regional Innovation

Collectively \$3.8 Trillion in spending

American Rescue Plan Act (2021)

- Economic recovery and pandemic response, with regional economic stimulation programs and infrastructure funds (esp. transportation, broadband)
- Example programs: Economic adjustment assistance (Build Back Better Regional Challenge; Good Jobs Challenge)

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021)

- Investments in America's critical infrastructure systems (transportation, broadband, water/wastewater, and energy)
- Example programs: Regional hydrogen hubs; Regional direct air capture hubs; Regional commissions

Inflation Reduction Act (2022)

- Investments and incentives in the energy sector, focused on American-made clean energy technologies
- Example programs: Clean energy production tax credits; Solar and wind siting in low-income communities credits

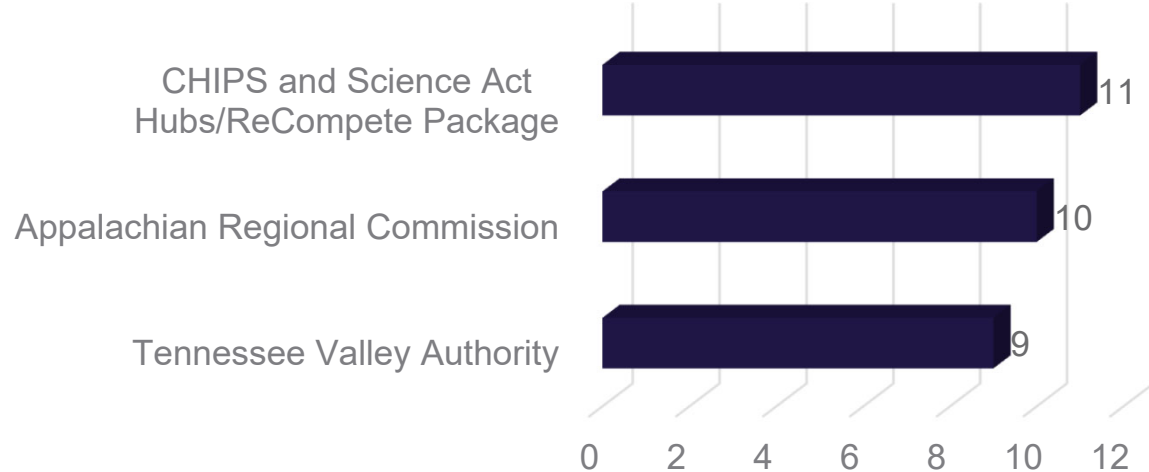
CHIPS and Science Act (2022)

- Supporting US advanced manufacturing and supply chain resilience in emerging technologies through place-based investments
- Example programs: CHIPS for America Fund; Regional technology and innovation hubs; Regional innovation engines

Historic Place-Based Investments

- \$80 Billion in place-based investments across ARPA, IIJA, and CHIPS and Science Act²
- \$11 Billion in the CHIPS and Science Act for Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs and Recompete Pilot Program¹

Total funding in billions (2022 \$) for select place-based policies¹



¹ Bartik, T., Asquith, B. and Bolter, K. (2022). *The CHIPS and Science Act offers funding for place-based policies unparalleled in U.S. History*. Upjohn Institute.

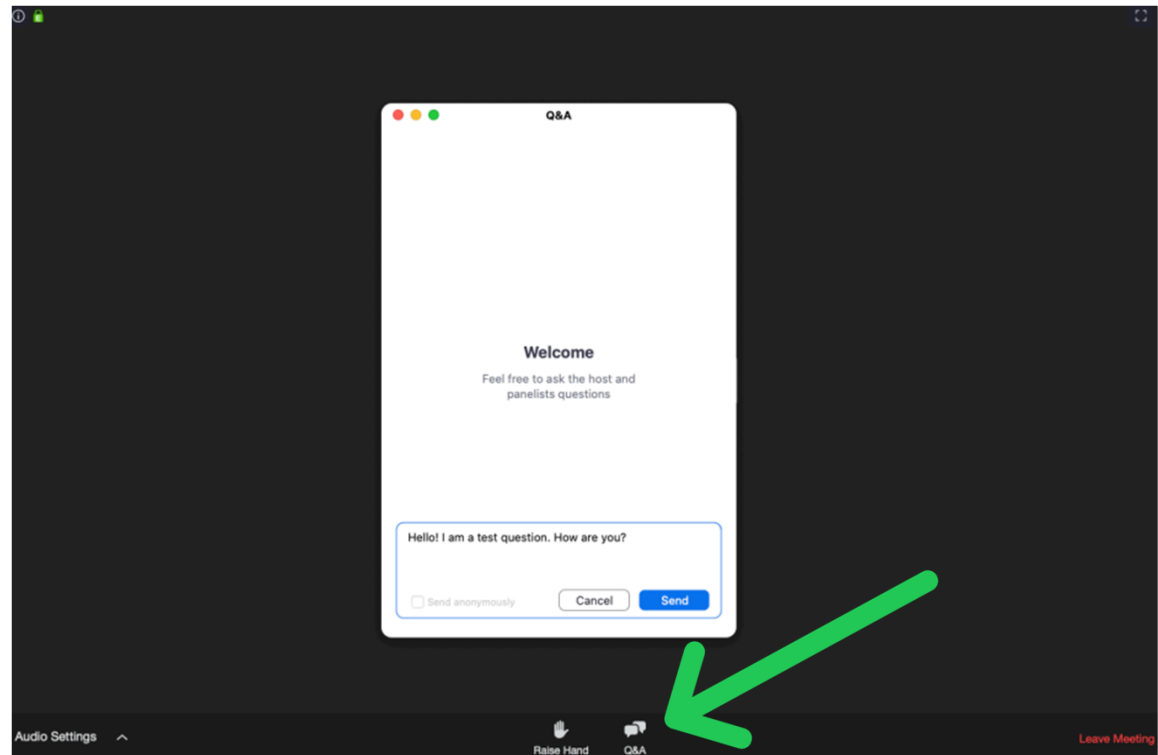
² Muro, M., Maxim, R., Parilla, J., de Souza Briggs, X. (2022). *Breaking down an \$80 Billion surge in place-based industrial policy*. Brookings Institution.

Workshop overview



Welcome virtual participants

- Virtual participants please use the Q&A chat box on Zoom to submit questions
- We will **not** monitor the 'raise hand' function due to size of audience



Agenda

Panel 1: New Directions in Federal Regional Innovation Policy

Moderated by Carol Robbins

Speakers: Susan Helper, Carla Frisch, Dennis Alvord

Panel 2: Regional Innovation and Development in Post-industrial, Rural, and Tribal Areas

Moderated by Maryann Feldman

Speakers: Brandon McBride, Olugbenga Ajilore, Onna LeBeau

Panel 3: Complementing and Leveraging Federal Regional Innovation Programs at the State and Local Level

Moderated by Tom Guevara

Speakers: Ira Moskowitz, Scott Dempwolf, Melina Kennedy

Panel 4: Building Domestic Capacity

Moderated by Kathleen Kingscott

Speakers: Aaron Brickman, David Isaacs, Pravina Raghavan

