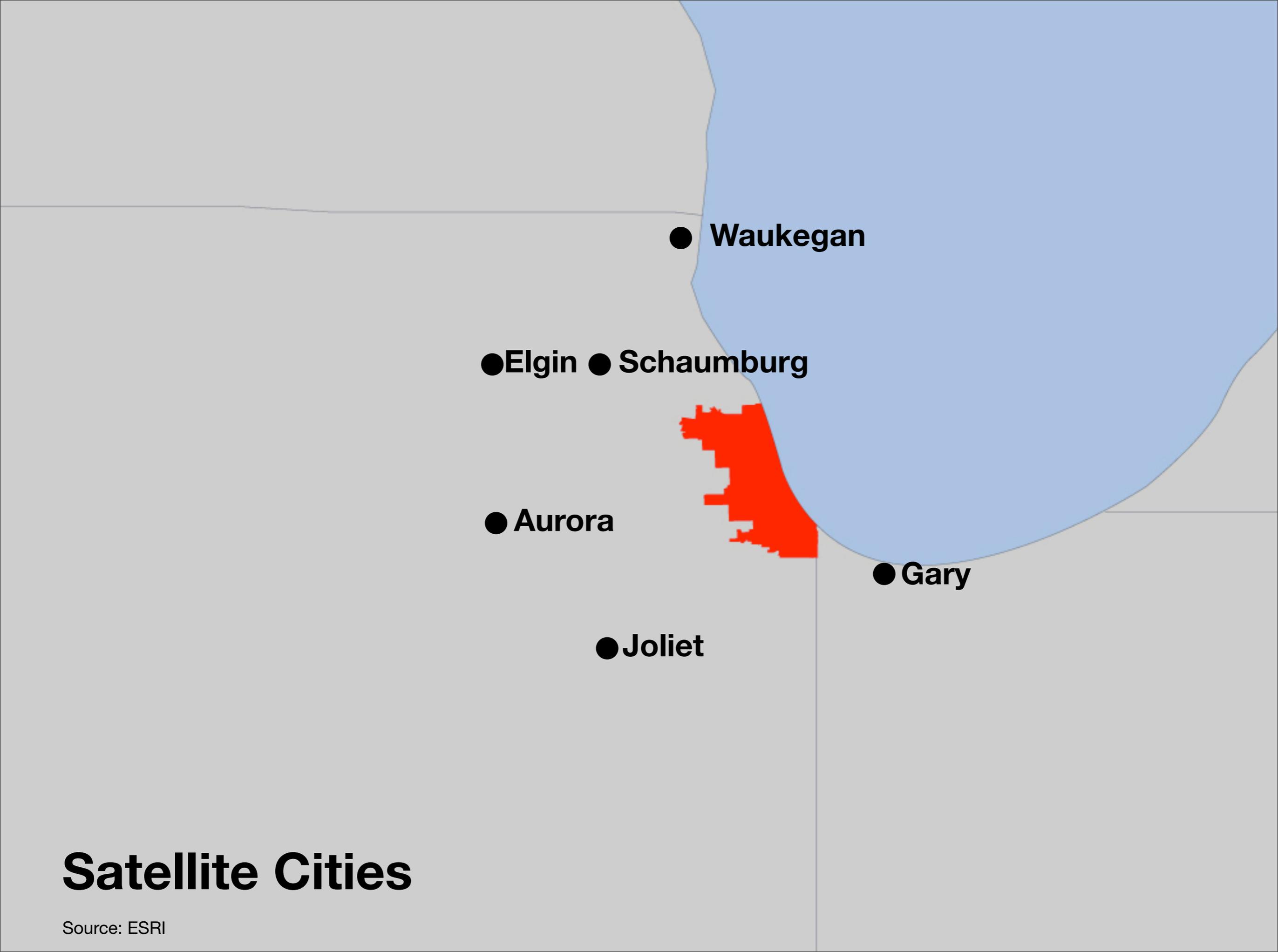


What is a metro?





**Chicago**



● Waukegan

● Elgin ● Schaumburg

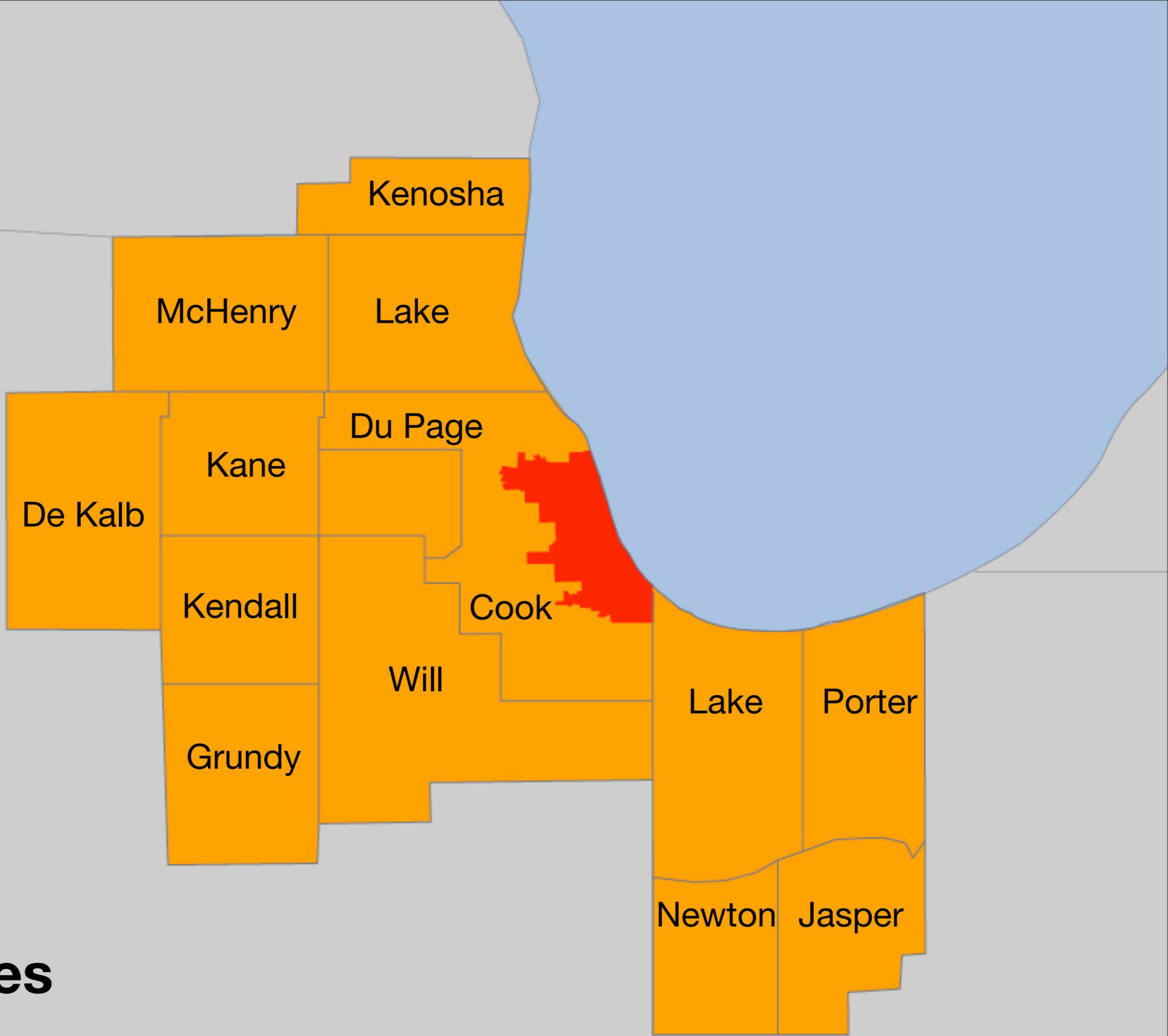
● Aurora

● Joliet

● Gary

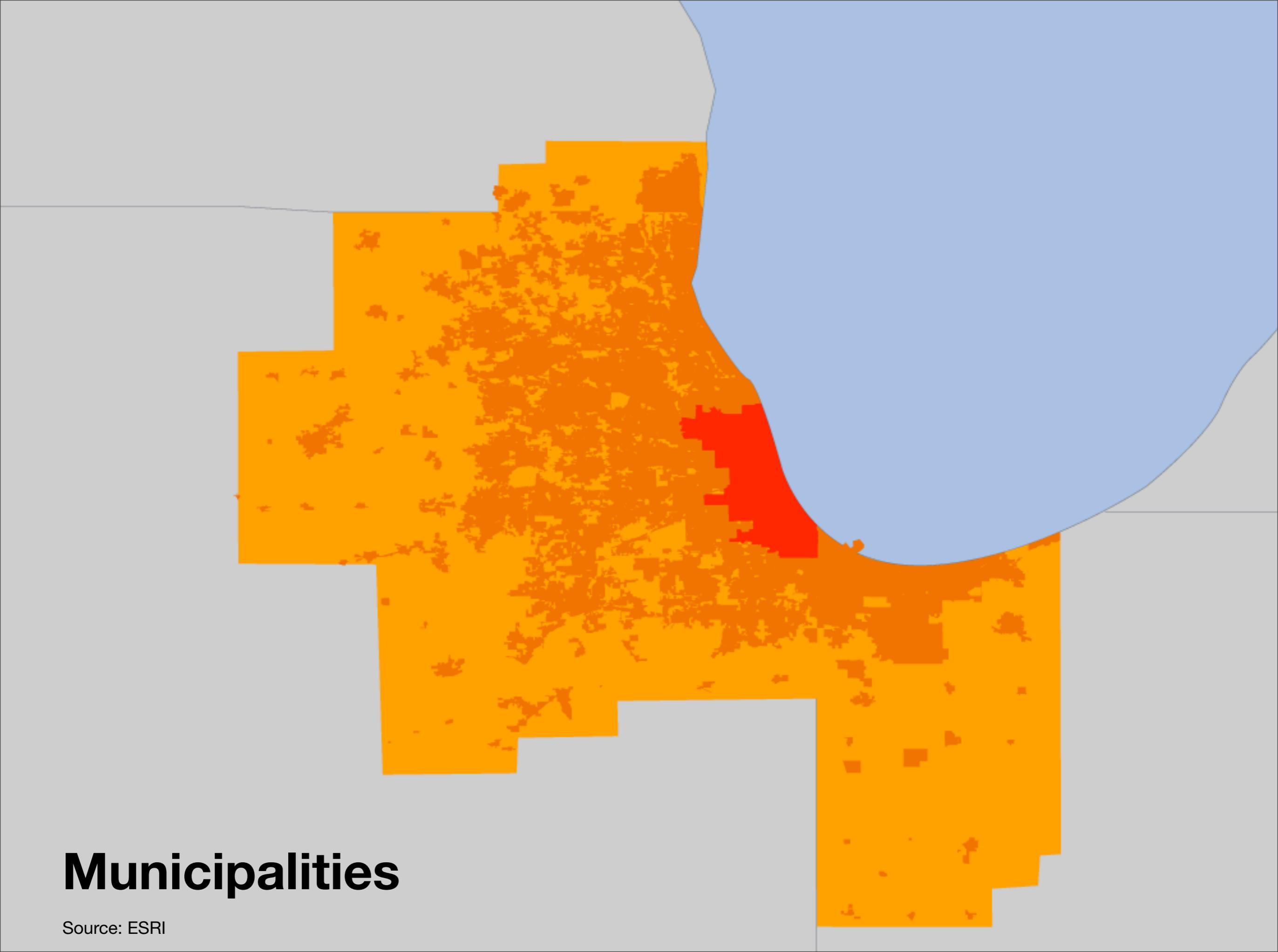
# Satellite Cities

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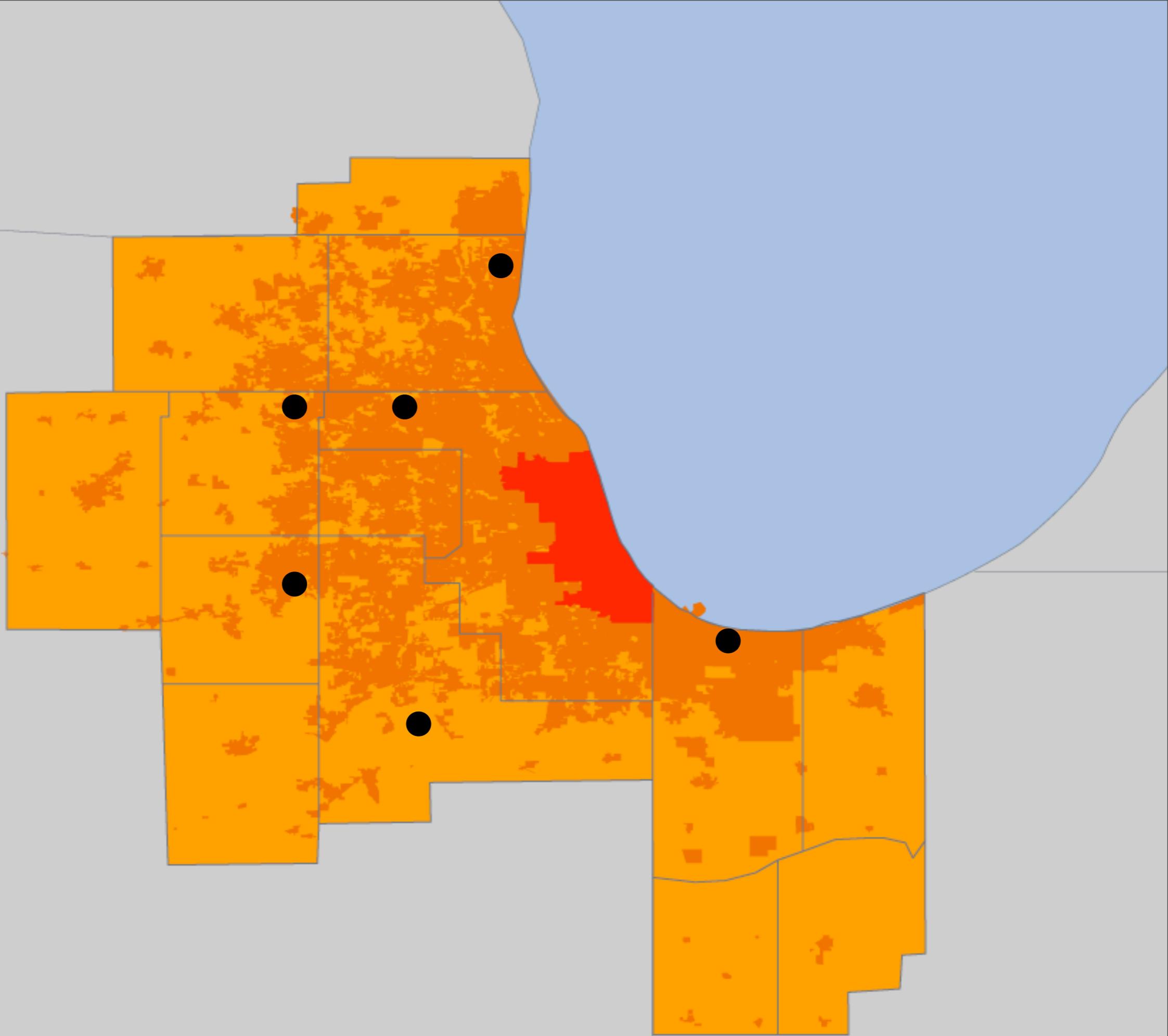
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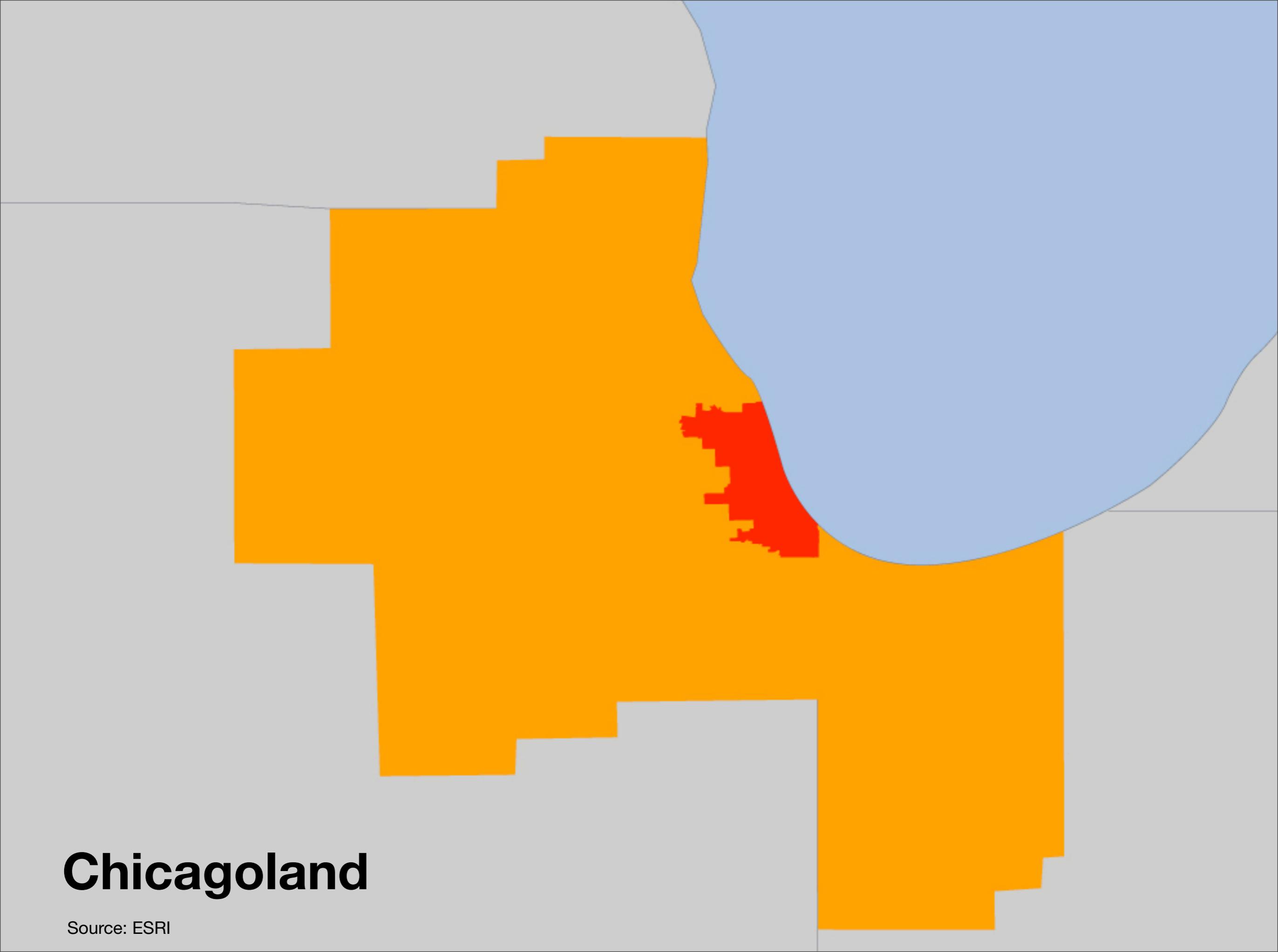
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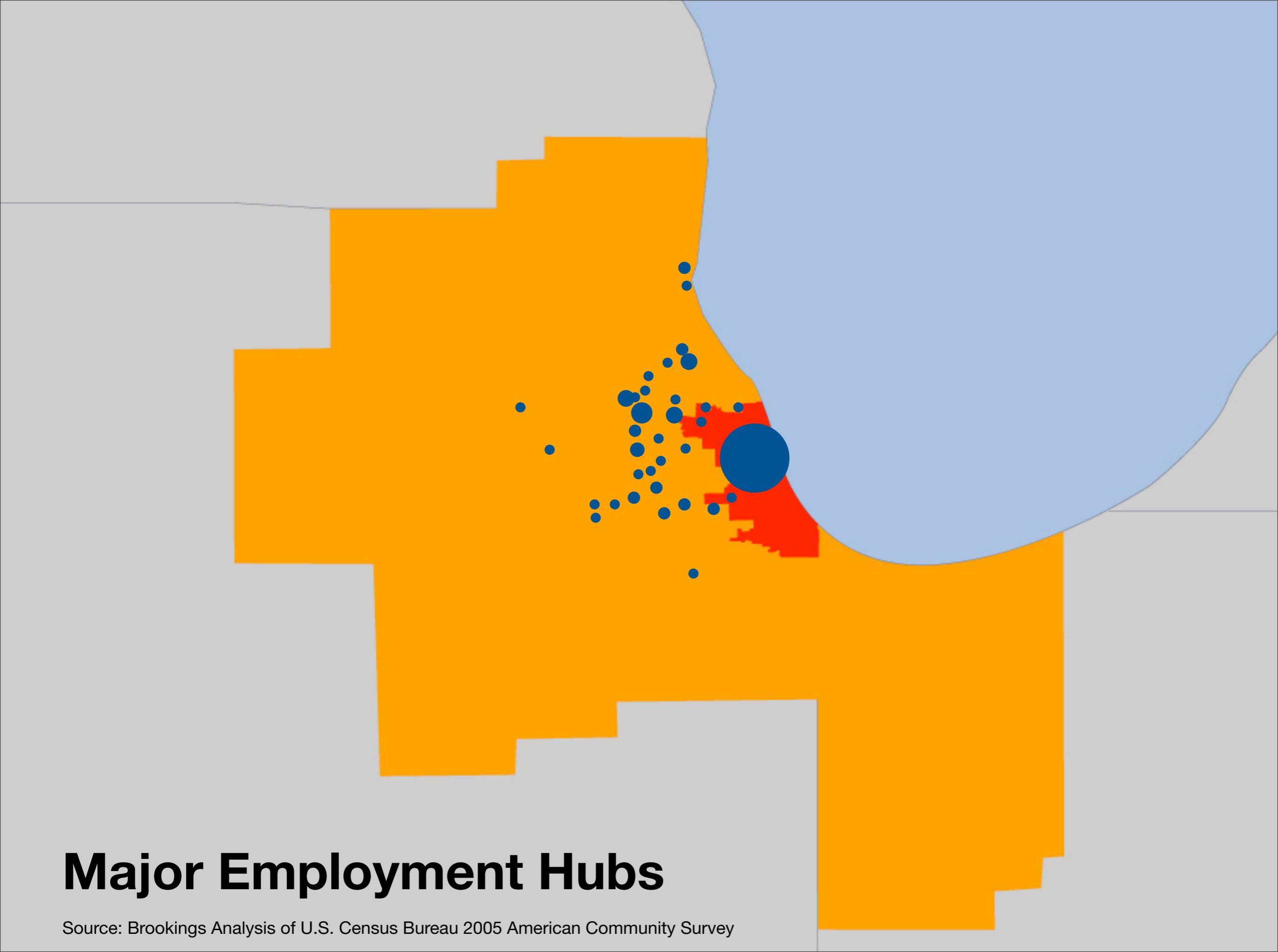
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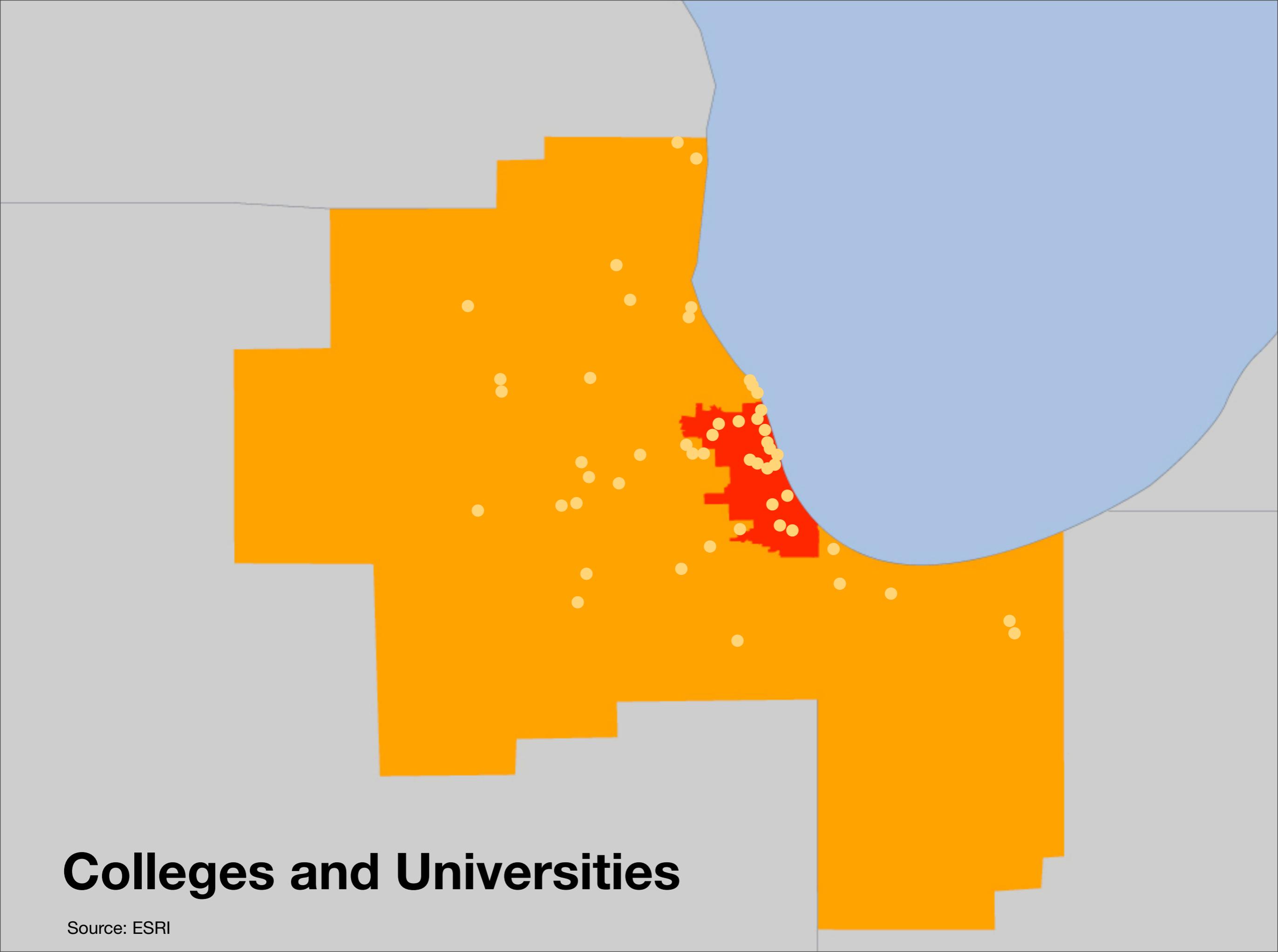
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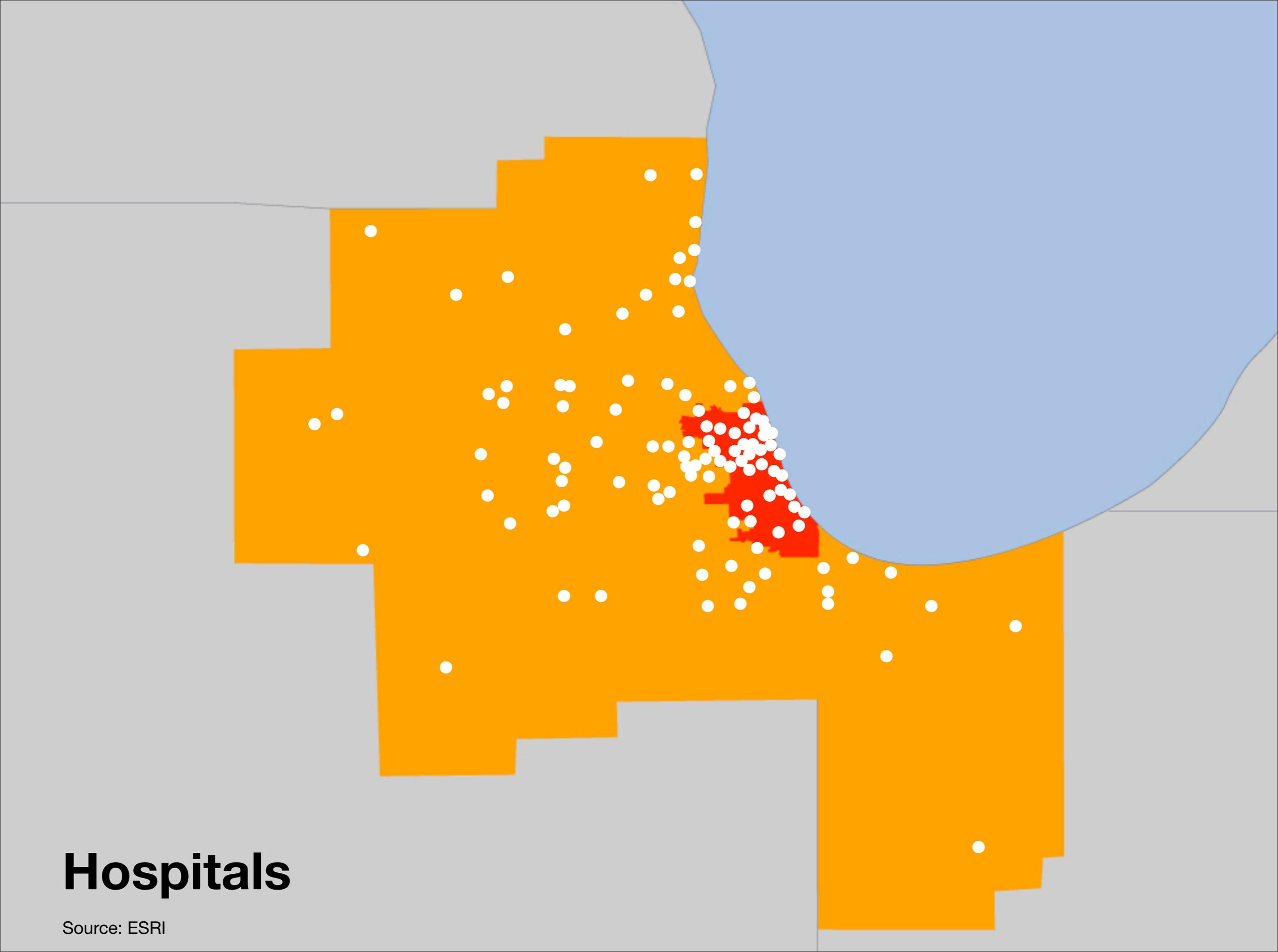
# Major Employment Hubs

Source: Brookings Analysis of U.S. Census Bureau 2005 American Community Survey



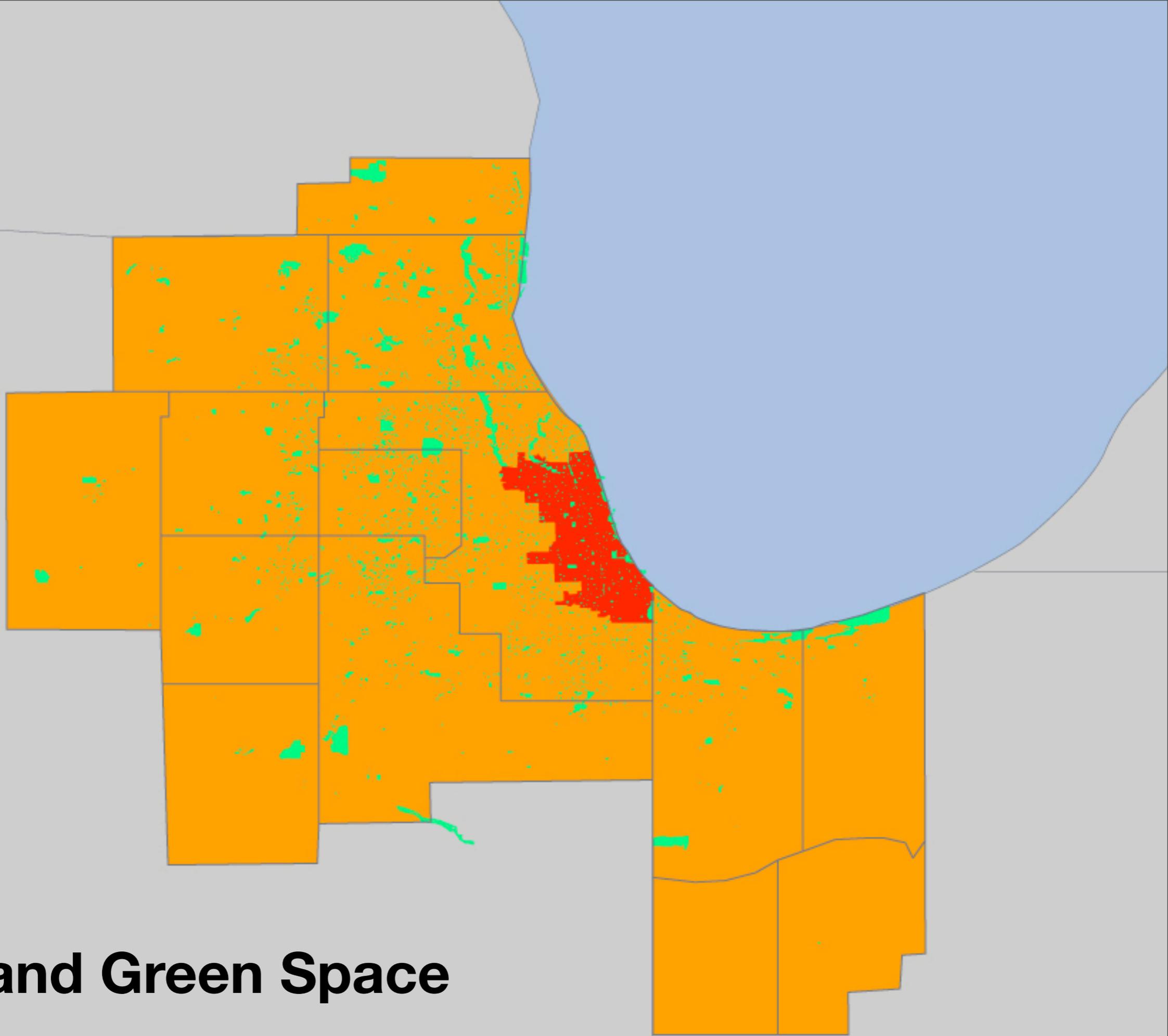
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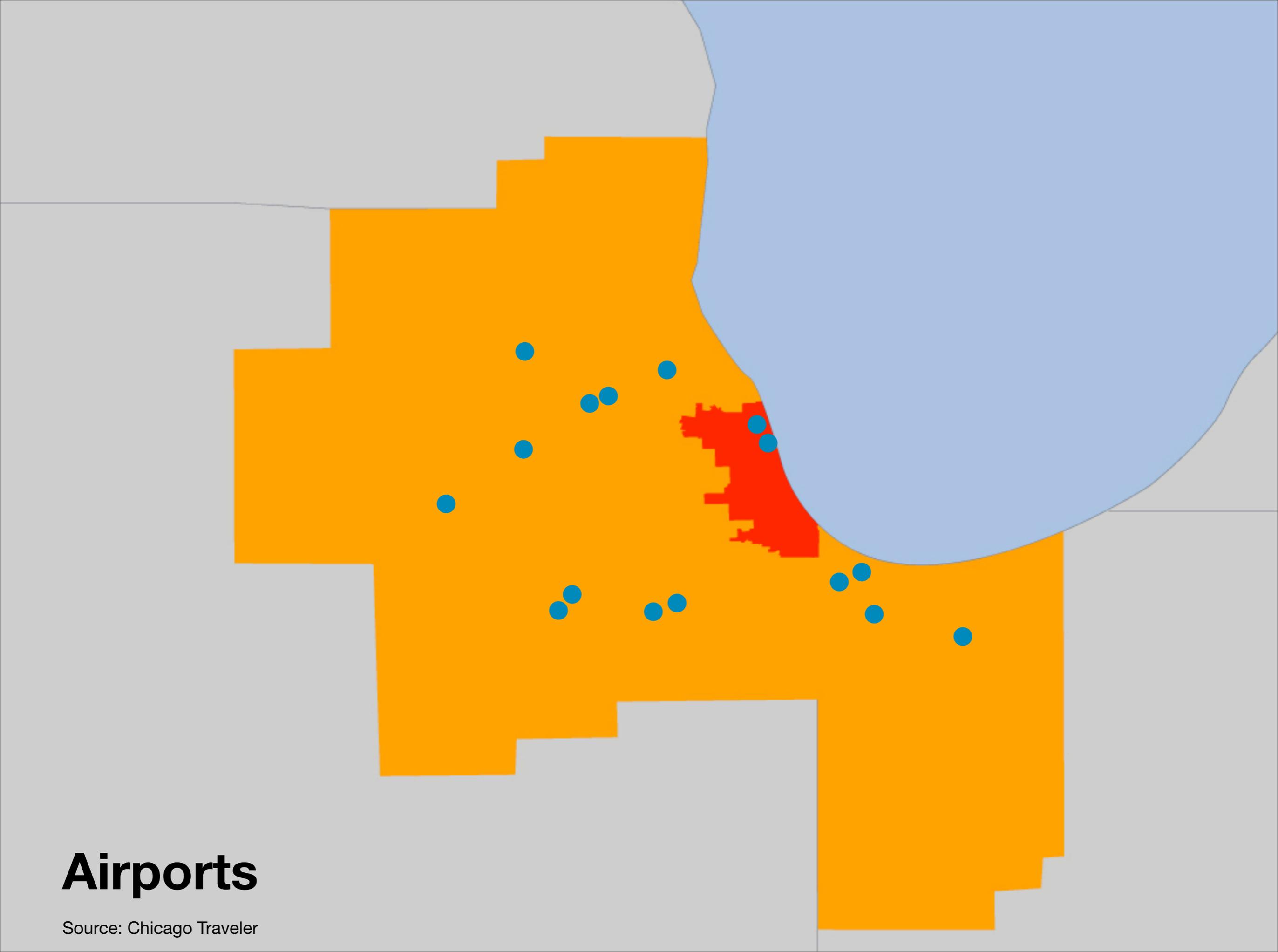
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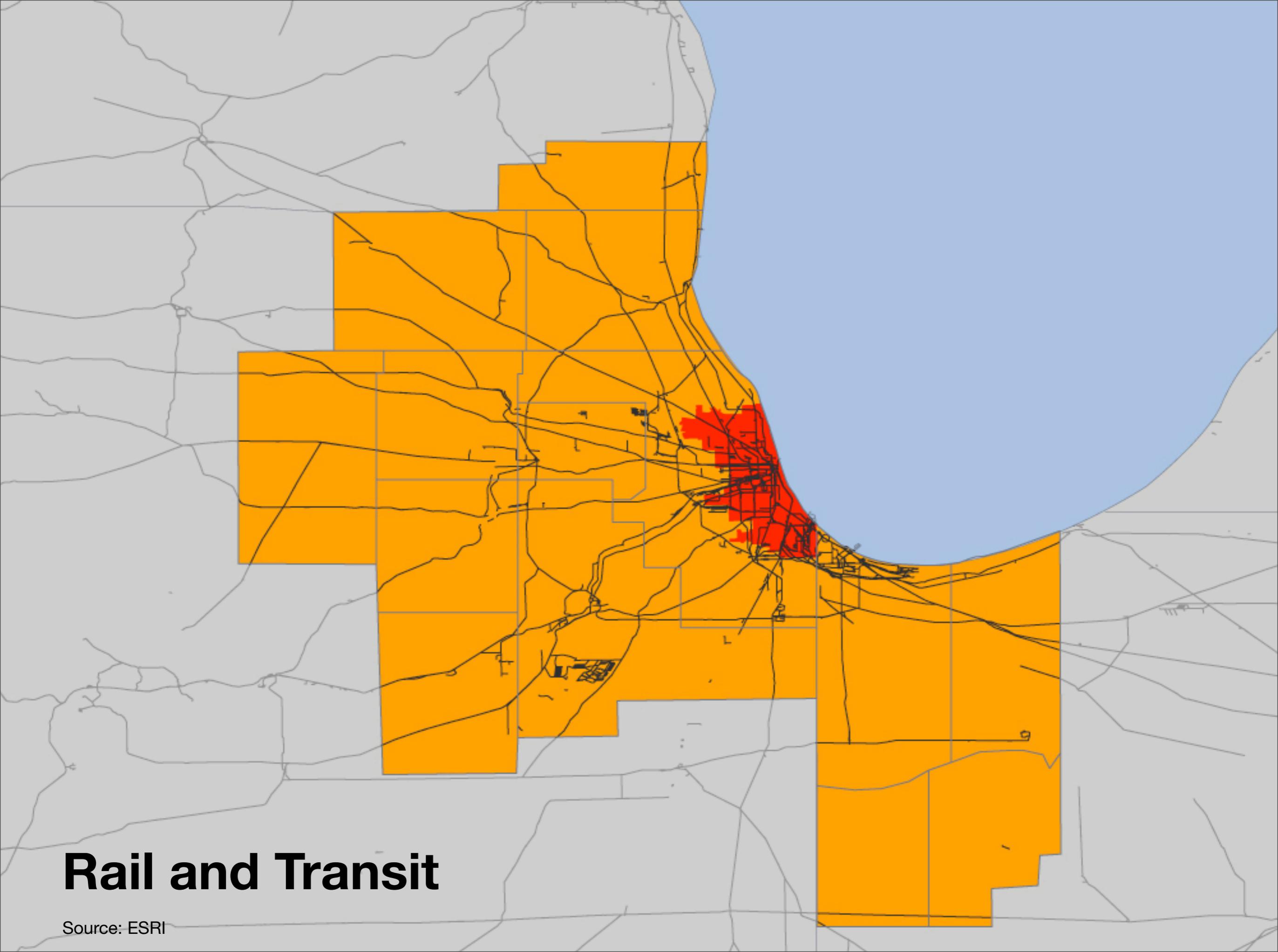
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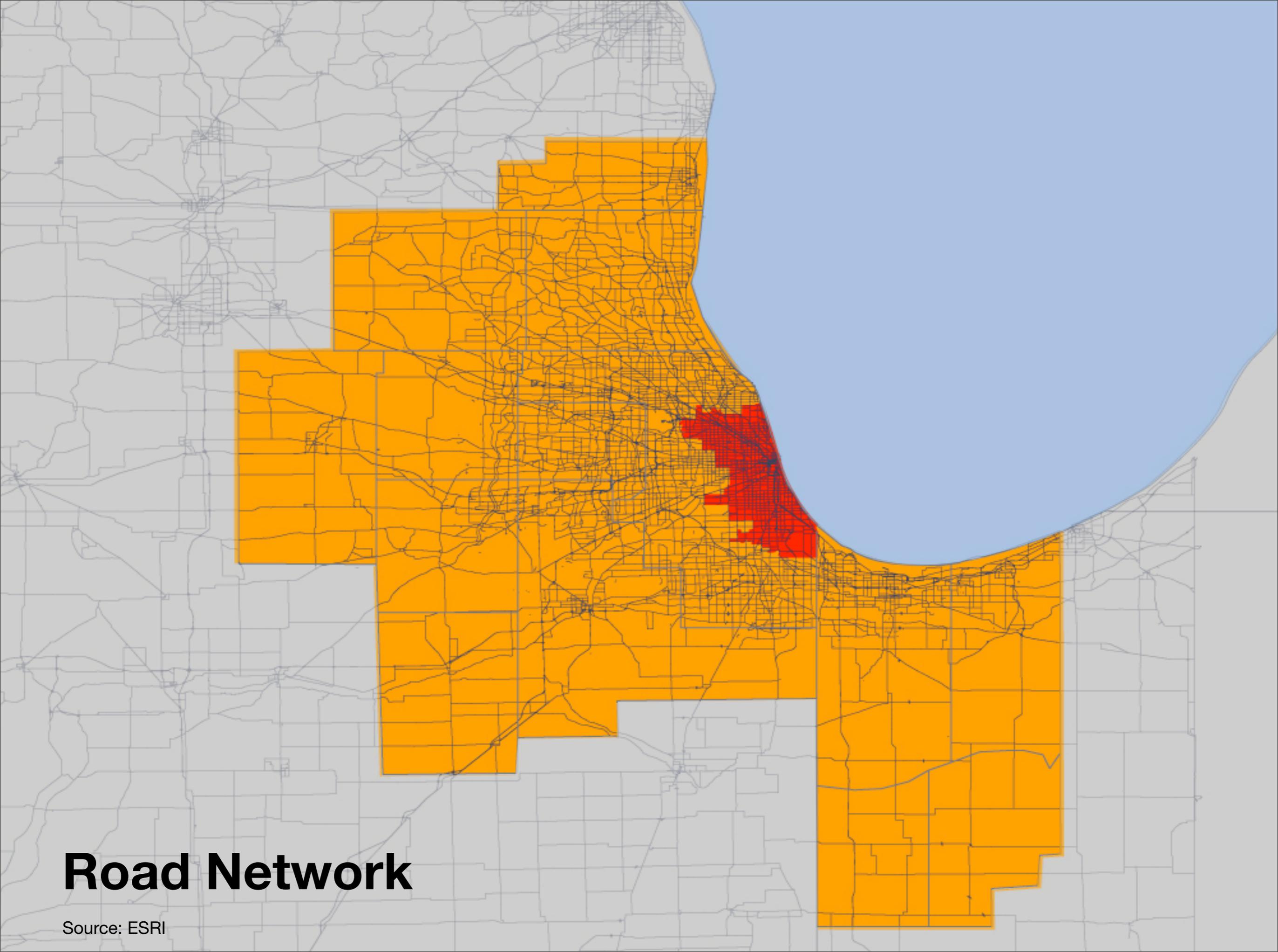
# Airports

Source: Chicago Traveler



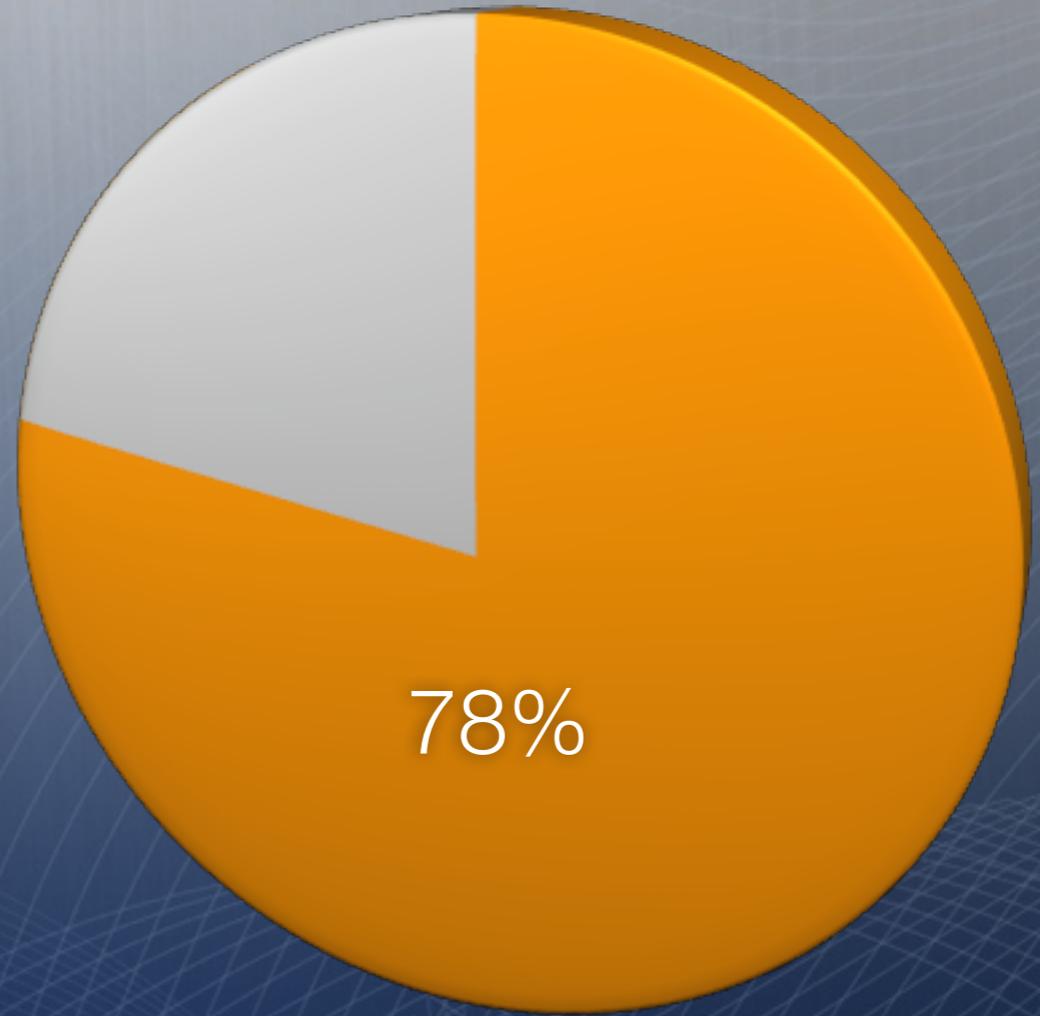
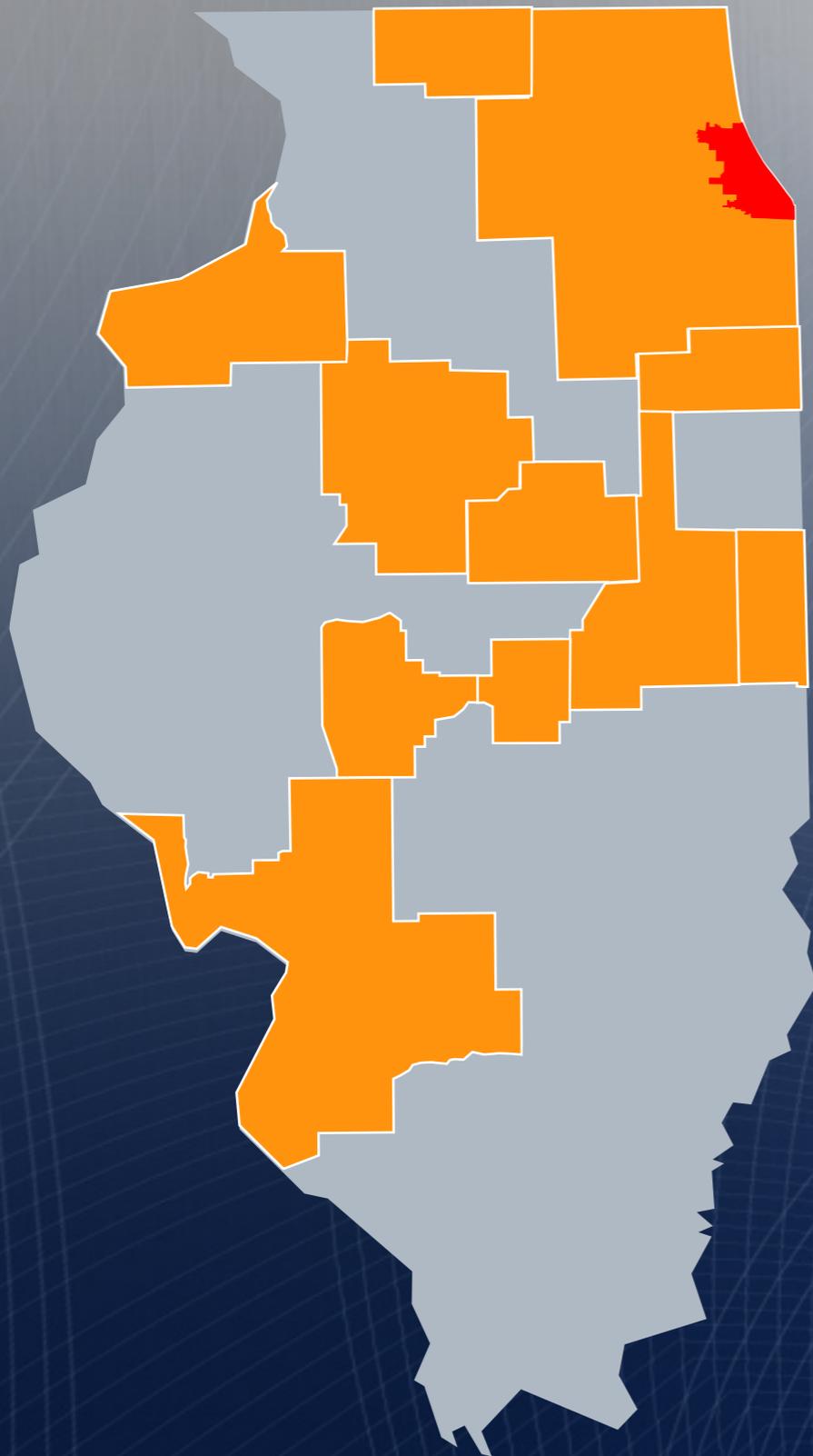
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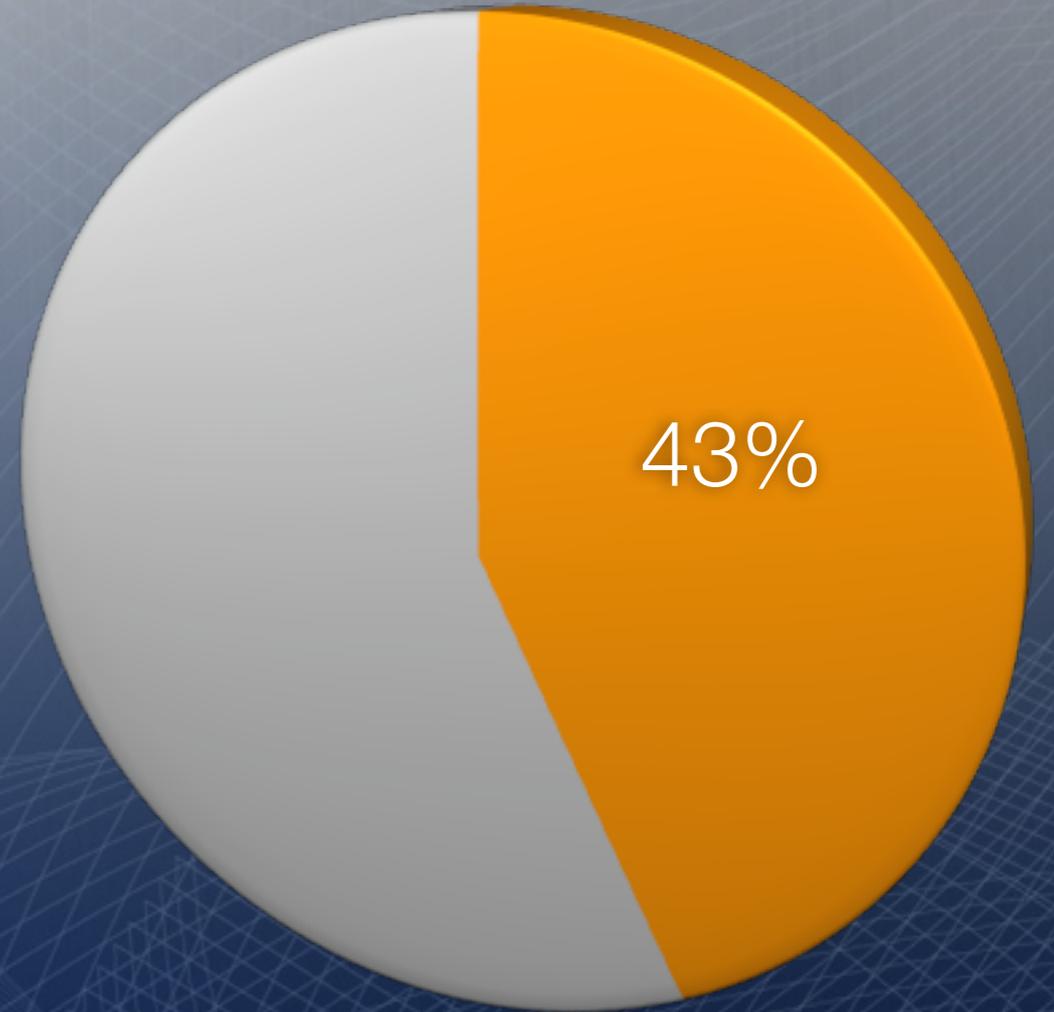
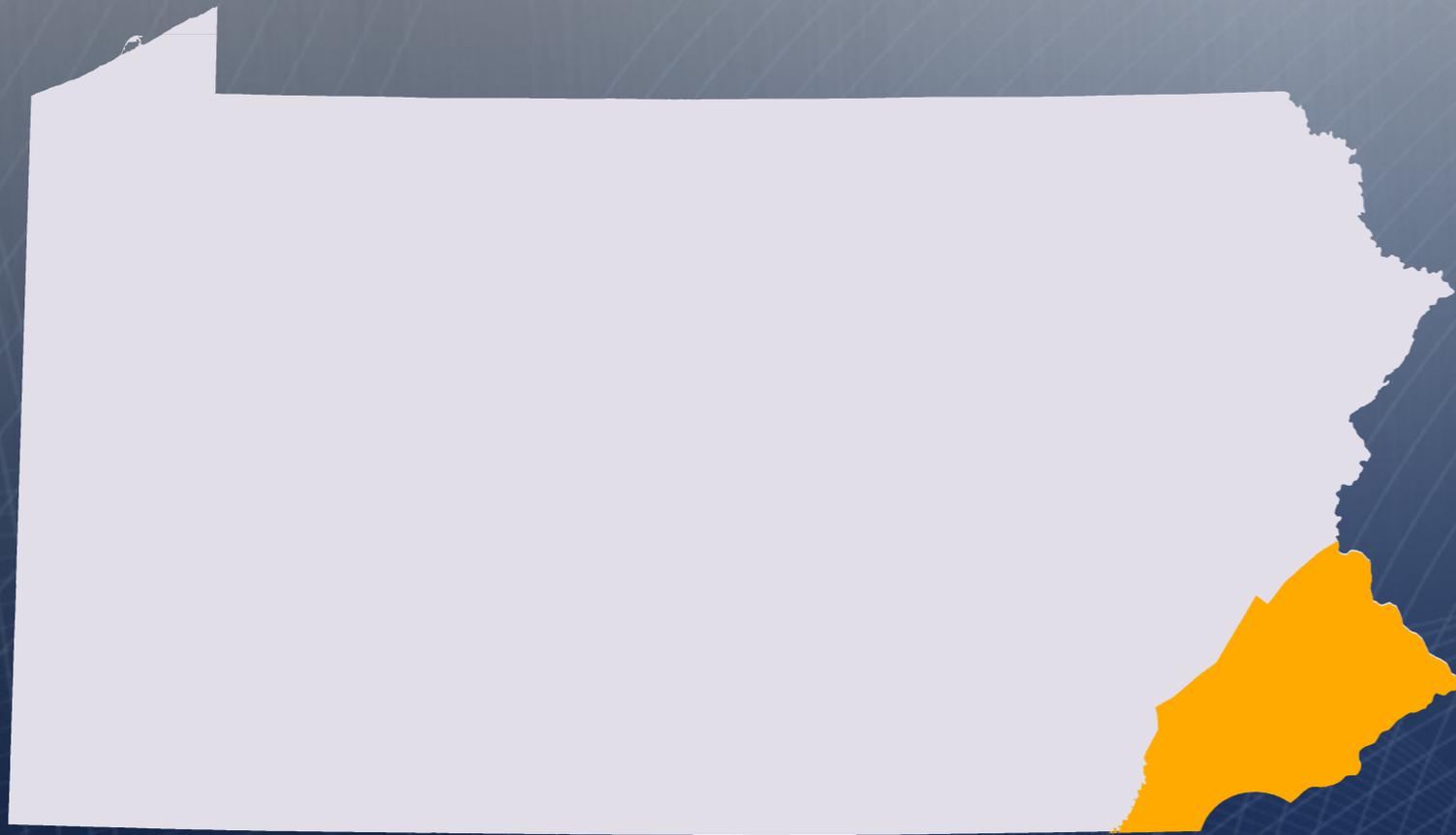
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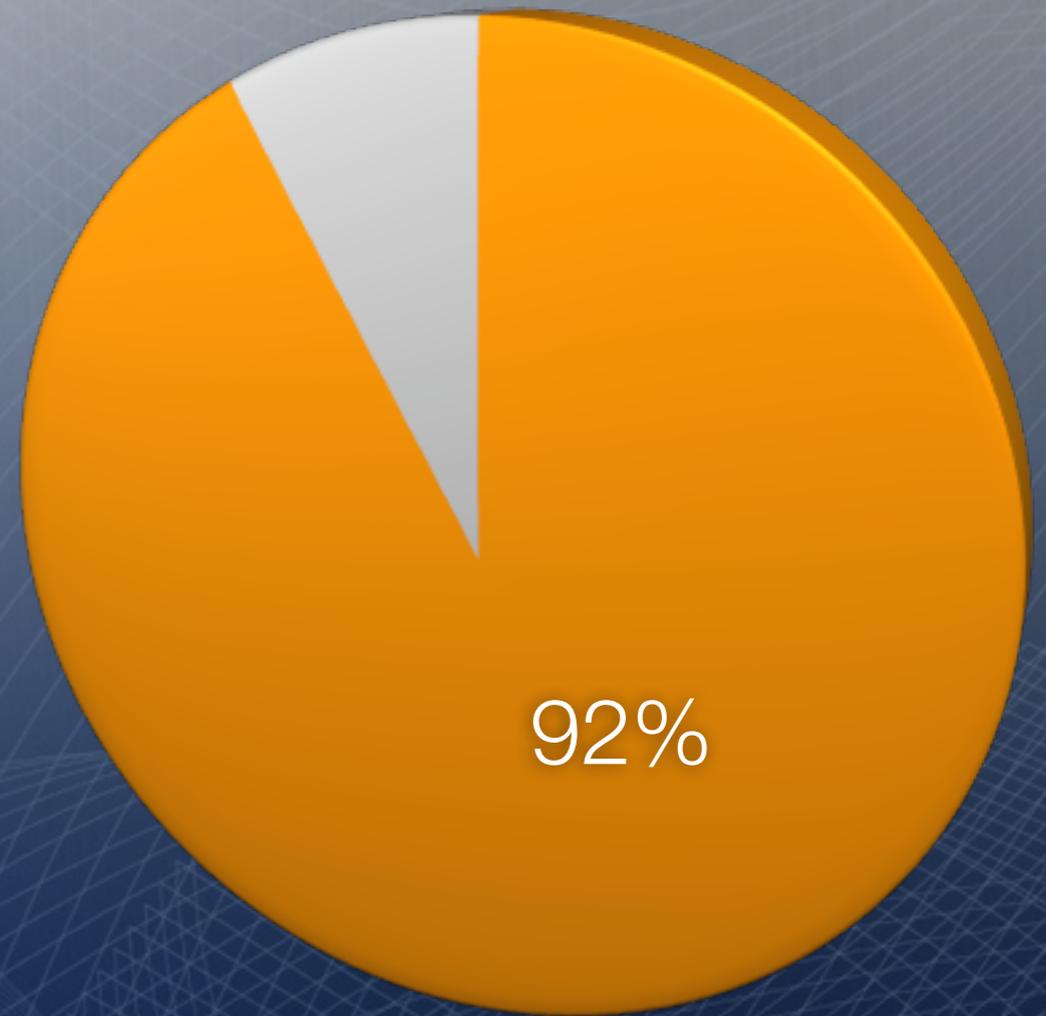
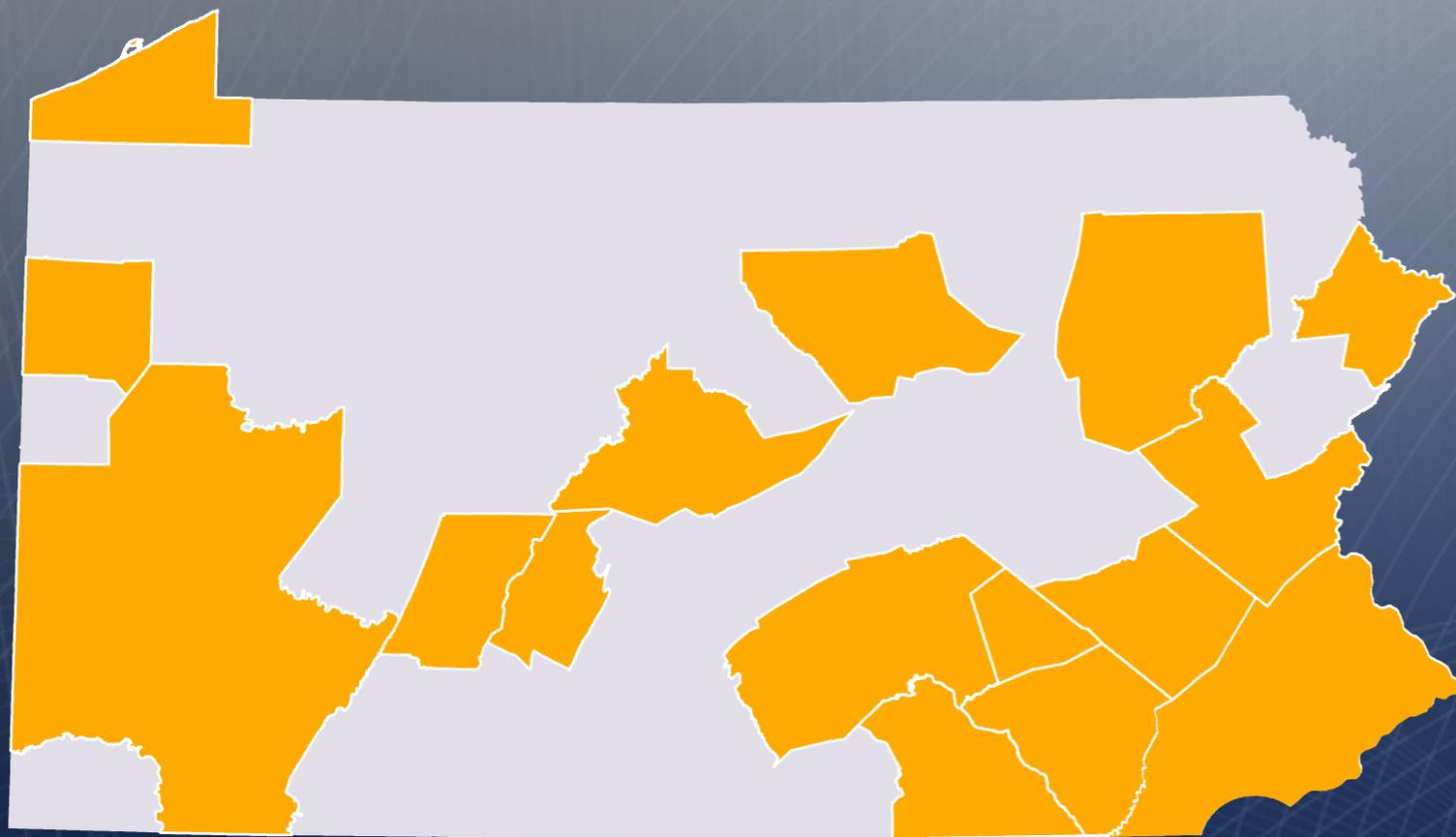
State Economic Output





Philadelphia metro  
share of PA state  
economic output

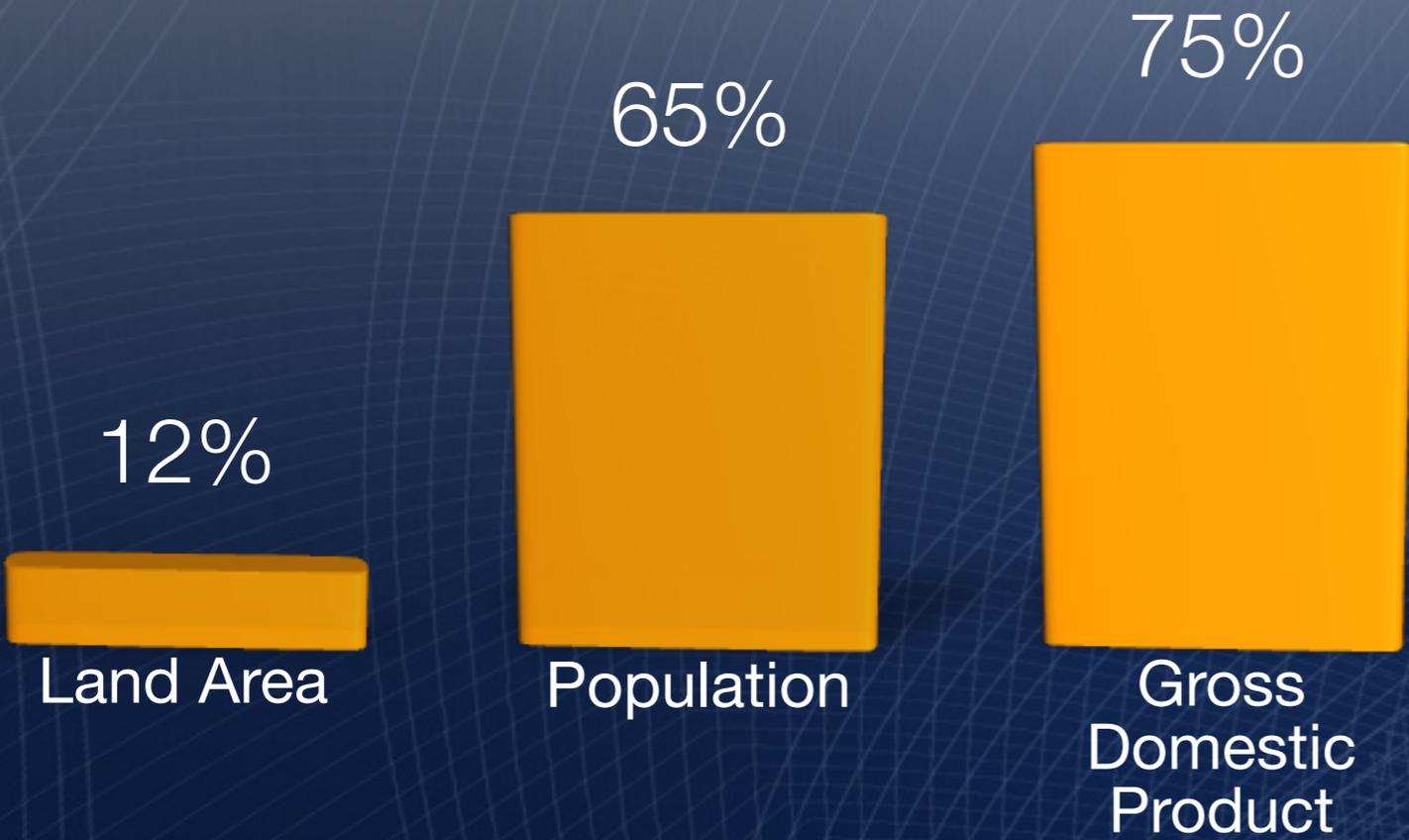




Total metro share of PA state economic output

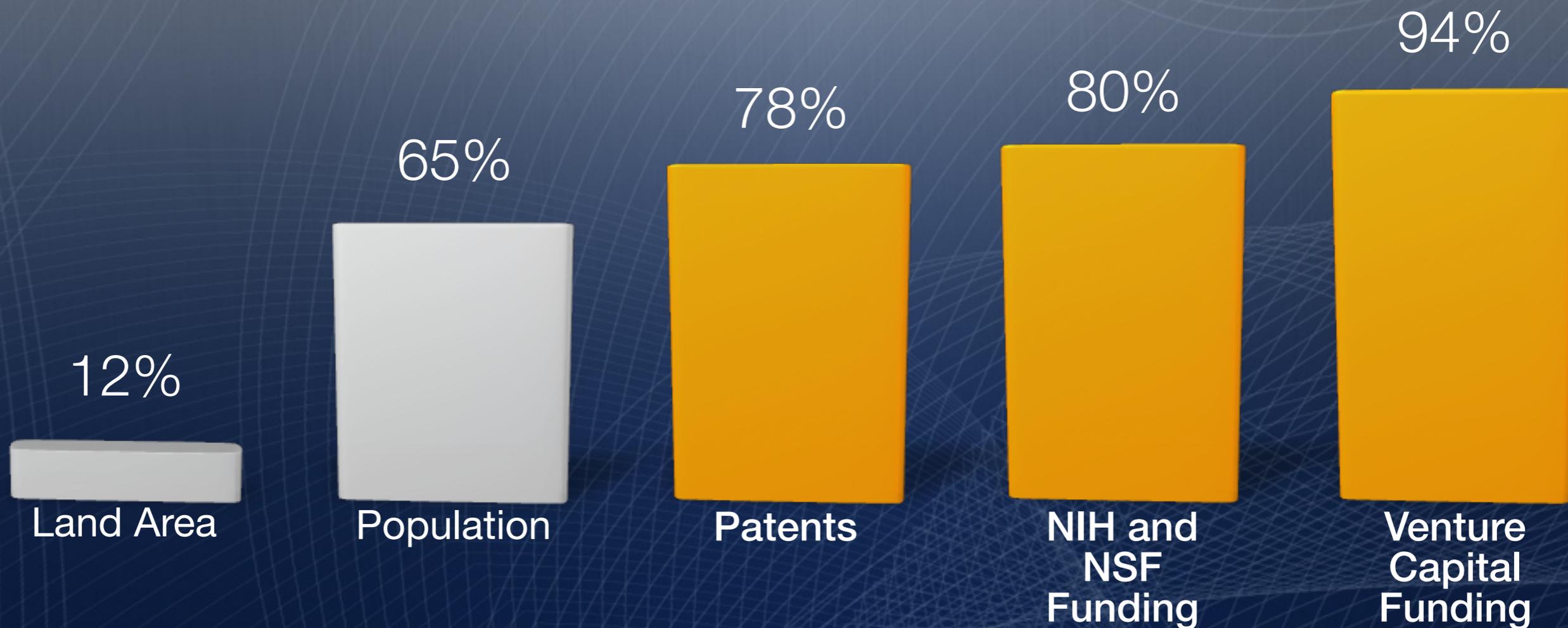


# Our Country's Top 100 Metros



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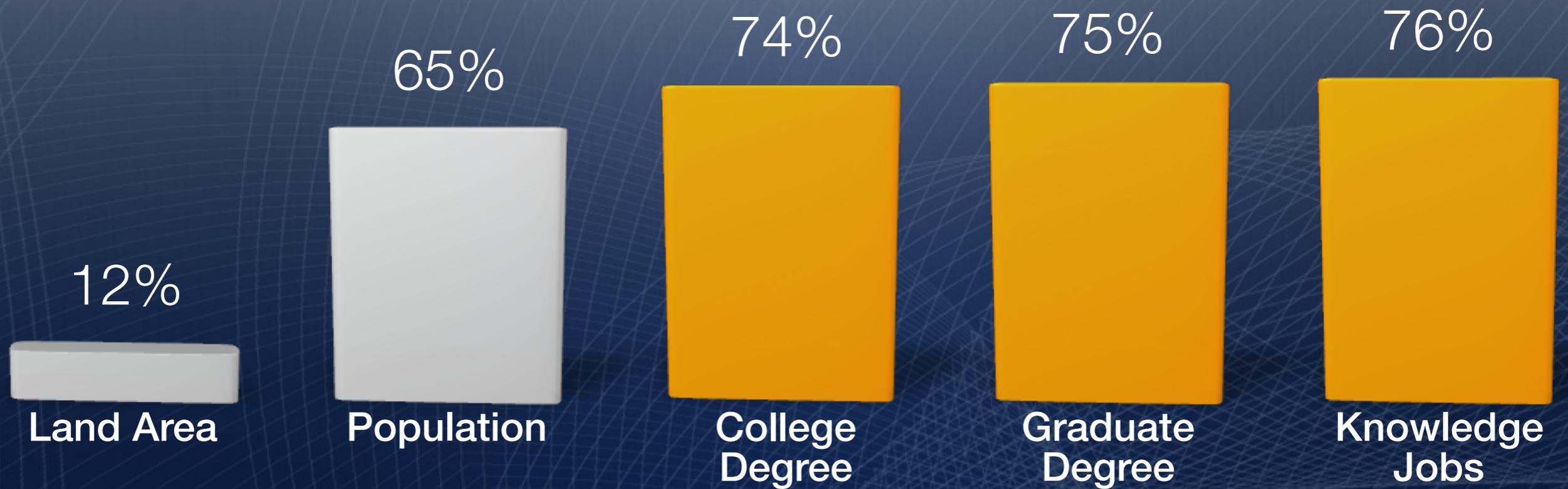
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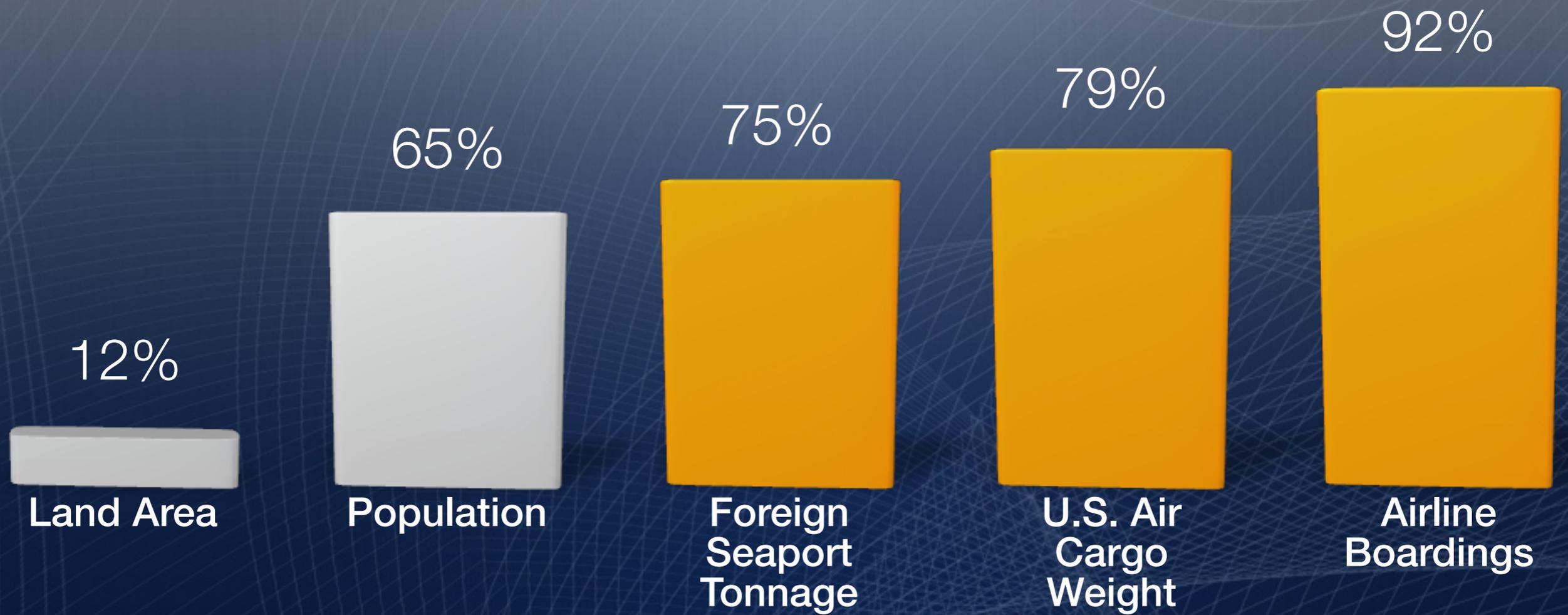
# Human Capital



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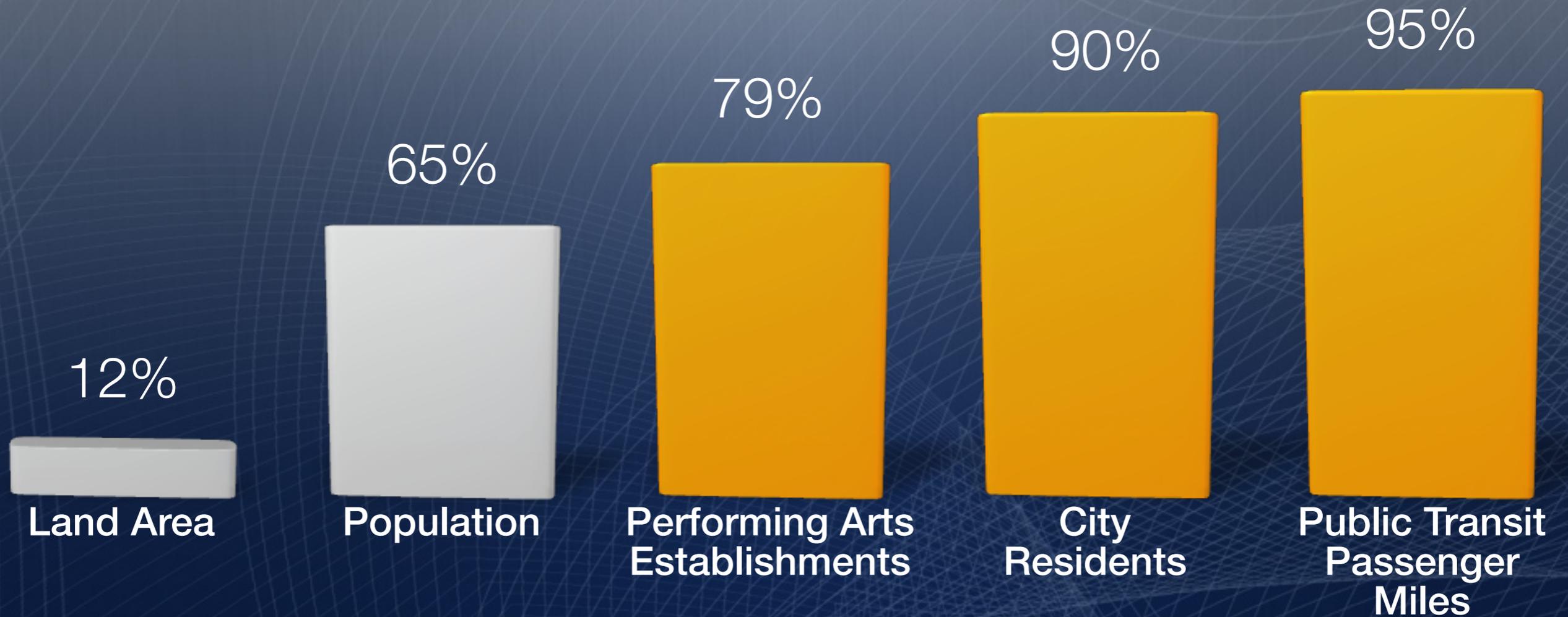
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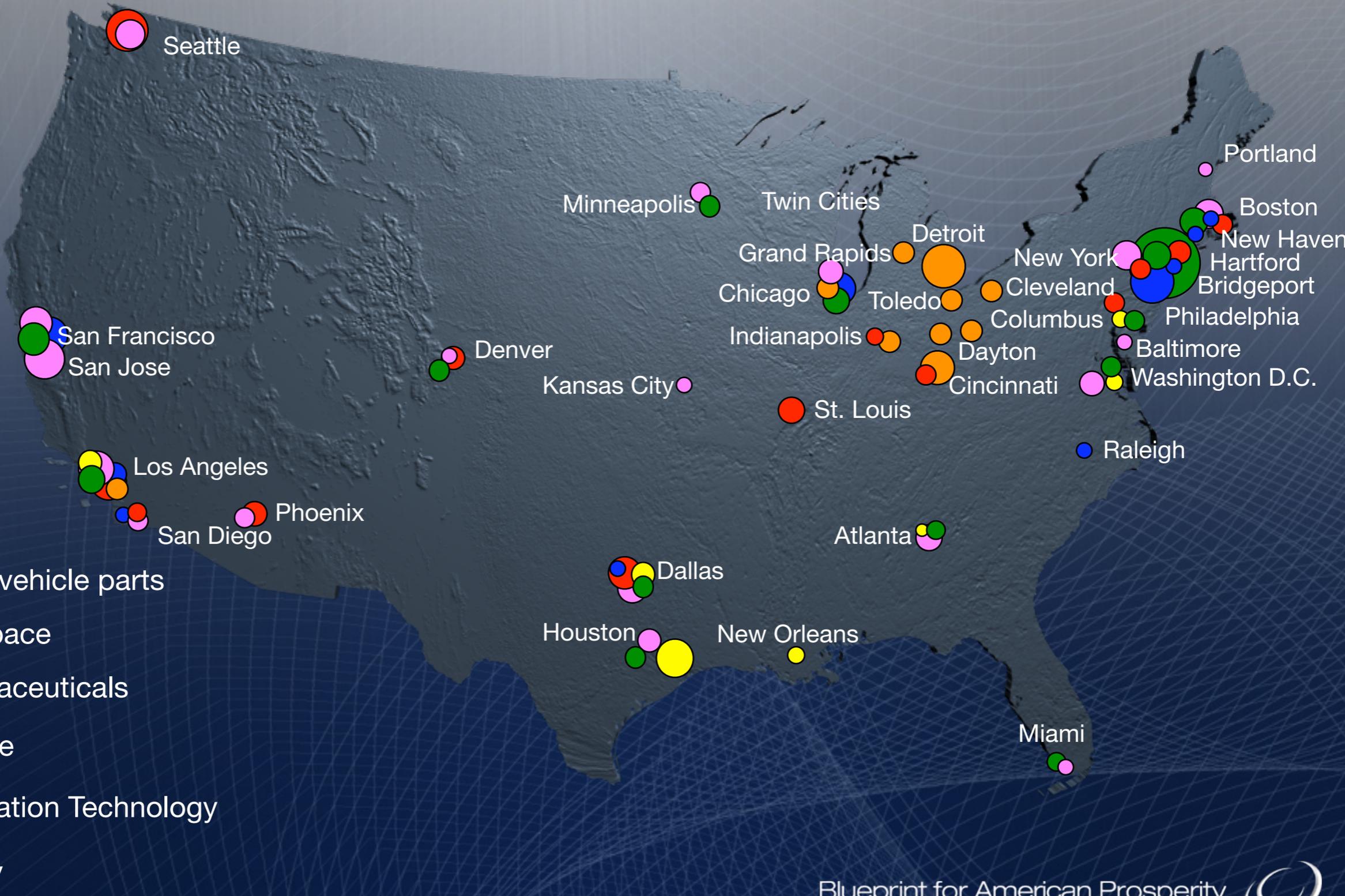
# Quality Places



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns, BLS, Federal Transit Administration National Transit Database, and BEA data



# The concentration of these four assets in our metros have produced this phenomenon



Source: BEA data

