What is a metro?
Satellite Cities

Source: ESRI
Major Employment Hubs

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

Source: ESRI
Parks and Green Space

Source: ESRI
Airports
Source: Chicago Traveler
State Economic Output

78%

Source: Brookings Analysis of BEA Data
Philadelphia metro share of PA state economic output

Source: Brookings Analysis of BEA Data
Total metro share of PA state economic output

Source: Brookings Analysis of BEA Data
Our Country's Top 100 Metros

- Land Area: 12%
- Population: 65%
- Gross Domestic Product: 75%

Source: Brookings analysis of U.S Census Bureau, BLS, and BEA data
Innovation

- Land Area: 12%
- Population: 65%
- Patents: 78%
- NIH and NSF Funding: 80%
- Venture Capital Funding: 94%

Source: Brookings analysis of U.S Census Bureau, BLS, and BEA data
Human Capital

- Land Area: 12%
- Population: 65%
- College Degree: 74%
- Graduate Degree: 75%
- Knowledge Jobs: 76%

Source: Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
Source: Brookings analysis of U.S Census Bureau, Federal Aviation Administration, BLS, and BEA data
Quality Places

- **Land Area**: 12%
- **Population**: 65%
- **Performing Arts Establishments**: 79%
- **City Residents**: 90%
- **Public Transit Passenger Miles**: 95%

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.