What is a metro?
Satellite Cities

Source: ESRI
Municipalities

Source: ESRI
Major Employment Hubs

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

Source: ESRI
Parks and Green Space

Source: ESRI
Rail and Transit

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

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

Source: BEA data