

Is Growth in the Health Sector Correlated With Migrating Retirees?

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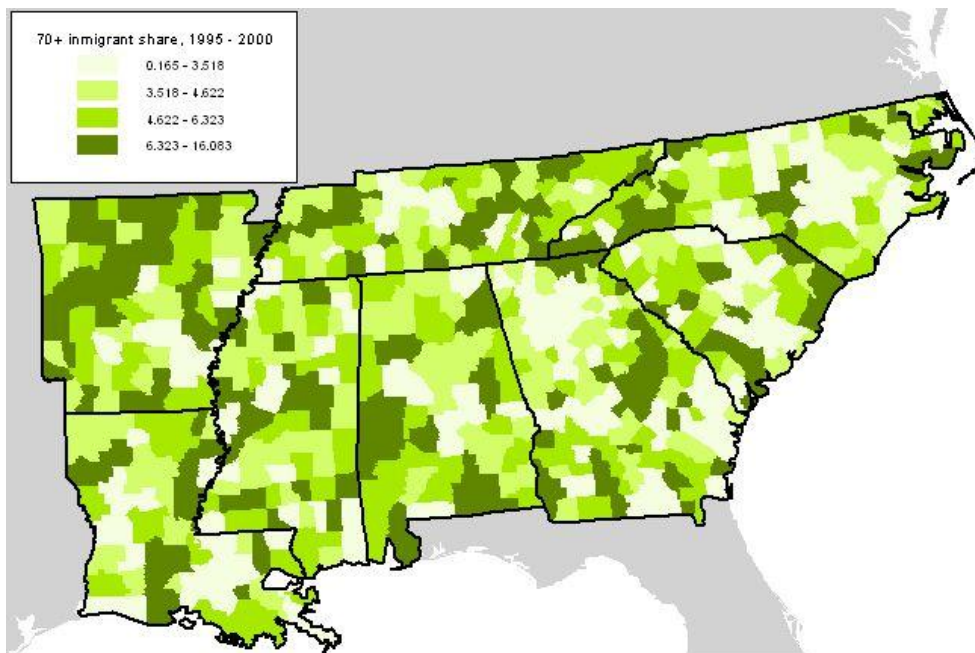
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This research attempts to estimate the extent to which new-generation retirement communities explain agglomeration in the health care sector. Demographers estimate that over the next 18 years at least 400,000 retiring baby boomers each year – with an average of \$320,000 to spend on a new home – will migrate beyond their state borders. Nationally, a half million more persons aged 50 or older moved into non-metro counties than out of them during the 1990s. Migrating retirees can stimulate economic growth and development in these rural communities. This research focuses on the Southeastern US which has experienced an extraordinary influx of retiring seniors since 1990.

About Dr. Lambert...

Dayton Lambert's research focus is on the development of models to understand the dynamics of spatial economies, trends demographic migration, industry clustering, and business location decisions as they pertain to rural economic development in the Southeastern states. In addition to his applied research, he teaches an undergraduate class in rural economic development. Dr. Lambert has worked on issues relating to the Conservation Reserve Program, the adoption of conservation and precision agriculture technologies, and the relationship between entrepreneurial activity and community growth.