

Neighborhood Land Uses as Predictors of the Upward Mobility of Poor Youth

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Abstract

Land uses within the neighborhood where youth reside have important effects on their development. It follows that land uses may predict their welfare as adults. Mean household incomes as adults and teenage birth rates of youth growing up in poor households are predicted based upon the land uses within the neighborhood they occupied as teenagers. Controlling for an extensive set of neighborhood socioeconomic and demographic variables, land uses are found to add to our understanding of the characteristics of places that have upward mobility. Differences in land uses between white and minority youth neighborhoods are also found to explain racial gaps in adult outcomes.

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1 1. Introduction

2 Chetty et al. (2020a) have demonstrated that demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of
3 the neighborhoods where poor youth grow up can predict their welfare as adults. In the interest of
4 better designing national and local subsidy policies to improve the housing and neighborhood conditions
5 of indigent households, they have constructed a publicly available Opportunity Atlas at the census tract
6 level for every tract in the United States, showing how youth who grew up in these tracts are faring as
7 adults, based on welfare measures, including mean household incomes, incarceration rates, and
8 teenage birth rates.¹ The objective is to identify neighborhoods that provide upward mobility. Policies
9 may then be tailored to either make the home neighborhoods of disadvantaged youth more like these
10 neighborhoods or enable the guardians of these children to move into these places.

11 In this paper I provide evidence that suggests the pursuit of upwardly mobile neighborhoods
12 should not be limited to the characteristics identified by Chetty et. al (2020a), but also examined should
13 be the types of land uses within the neighborhood where youth resided as adolescents. Because there is
14 extensive evidence showing that land uses are strongly related to neighborhood quality, there is reason
15 to believe that they may affect the human capital development of youth and thereby their welfare as
16 adults. Hence, the evidence I present may help in answering the Chetty et al. (2020a) overarching
17 question, “What are the characteristics of places that have upward mobility?”

18 I add a new set of land use predictors to the Opportunity Atlas, including the types of
19 residential units, parks, and industrial and commercial uses. The data are for tracts in the state of Florida
20 where land uses are measured using county property tax rolls for the year 1995, which places the 1978–
21 1983 youth cohorts within the Opportunity Atlas within the tract when they were 12 to 17 years old. My
22 purpose is to use the Opportunity Atlas, along with my detailed neighborhood land use data, to study

¹ Census tracts are designed to be relatively homogeneous units with respect to population characteristics, economic status, and living conditions and average about 4,000 inhabitants. They are the most frequently used census geographical unit to represent a “neighborhood”.

23 correlations between the land uses in the neighborhood where poor youth resided as adolescents and
24 their welfare as adults, after controlling for the incomes of their parents and an extensive set of
25 neighborhood descriptors from the Opportunity Atlas.² I emphasize that my analysis is not causal, rather
26 I subscribe to Chetty et al.'s (2020s) position that "From the perspective of predicting children's future
27 incomes, observational differences in outcomes across areas are of direct interest; it does not matter
28 whether these outcomes arise from the causal effect of the neighborhood or from selection".

29 My results show that the mix of land uses within neighborhoods where poor youth grew up
30 predicts their incomes and teenage birth rates as adults, beyond what is capable by relying solely on the
31 demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the neighborhood. Differences in land uses are also
32 found to play a role in explaining gaps in incomes and teenage birth rates across racial groups. Overall,
33 the associations I find between specific land uses and adult outcomes may prioritize future research in
34 the direction of causal analyses. More importantly, they help identify the types of neighborhoods that
35 public policies should target in improving the upward mobility of poor youth.

36 In the next section, I review the evidence suggesting that the land uses I am able to identify
37 from the tax rolls have important impacts on youth development, which motivates my use of them as
38 possible predictors of adult outcomes. The adult outcomes I chose to analyze and the land uses I used to
39 predict these outcomes are described in section 3. The specifications of my estimated models are
40 covered in section 4. Sections 5 and 6 present the results obtained from predicting my two adult
41 outcomes, namely mean household income and the expected fraction of women who had children as
42 teenagers. Section 7 compares my results for Florida to those obtained at the national level by Chetty et
43 al. (2020a) using the neighborhood descriptors contained in the Opportunity Atlas. A final set of results

² Other studies that have made use of the Opportunity Atlas are Manduca and Sampson (2019), Colmer et al. (2019), Park and Quercia (2020), Aliprantis et al. (2019), Davis et al. (2019), Ludwig and Kraus (2019) and Chetty et al. (2020b). None of these studies consider the land uses within a poor youth's neighborhood as predictors of adult outcomes.

44 in section 8 report Oaxaca (1973) decompositions of the differences in mean outcomes between racial
 45 groups that can be attributed to differences in land uses and differences in the effects that land uses
 46 have on adult outcomes. My conclusions are in section 9.

47 **2. Background and Literature Review**

48 As described more fully in the next section, the Florida tax rolls allowed the identification of a
 49 wide range of neighborhood land uses, including residential properties (broken down into single-family
 50 homes, condominiums, and apartments), alcohol serving outlets, public parks, total commercial
 51 properties, total industrial properties, and vacant lots (divided into residential, commercial, and
 52 industrial). My review of the literature highlights the effects that these uses may have on youth
 53 development, which in turn suggests that they may be successful predictors of adult outcomes.

54 Formally, each alternative neighborhood land use may produce one or more external effects
 55 affecting the neighborhood. For simplicity, assume linearity and the existence of two land uses \mathbf{x} (for
 56 example, alcohol establishments) and \mathbf{y} (for example, industrial properties). As one external effect,
 57 these land uses may individually raise the level of violent crime in the neighborhood, but they may also
 58 produce additional external effects that affect neighborhood conditions. The total external effect i (in
 59 my example crime) from both land uses in neighborhood j (C_{ij}) can be expressed as:

$$C_{ij} = x_j\beta + y_j\theta, \quad (1)$$

60 where β and θ register the contribution of each land use to the external effect. In turn, the youth
 61 development of a particular subgroup (YD_k), where k identifies a group by race and gender, is a
 62 function of the combined influence of these external effects and the socioeconomic and demographic
 63 characteristics of neighborhood residents (D):

$$YD_{kj} = C'_{ij}\gamma' + D'_j\theta', \quad (2)$$

64 where C' and γ' are vectors of external effects and their impacts and D' and θ' are similarly defined
 65 for socioeconomic/demographic variables describing the neighborhood. The mean welfare of the adults

66 in group k growing up in neighborhood j (WA_{kj}) is affected by their development from neighborhood
 67 conditions during the time they occupied the neighborhood as youths (σ), along with effects (δ)
 68 associated with their parents' income (I_k):

$$WA_{kj} = YD_{kj}\sigma + I_k\delta. \quad (3)$$

69 In summary, land uses x and y impact WA_{kj} by generating external effects that raise or lower youth
 70 development and the change in their development may be correlated with their outcomes as adults,
 71 suggesting that they may help to predict these outcomes:

$$\frac{\partial WA_{kj}}{\partial x_j} = \sum \left(\frac{\partial WA_{kj}}{\partial YD_{kj}} * \frac{\partial YD_{kj}}{\partial C_{ij}} * \frac{\partial C_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial WA_{kj}}{\partial y_j} = \sum \left(\frac{\partial WA_{kj}}{\partial YD_{kj}} * \frac{\partial YD_{kj}}{\partial C_{ij}} * \frac{\partial C_{ij}}{\partial y_j} \right) \quad (5)$$

72 Numerous land uses produce external effects that may affect youth development. One of these
 73 effects, as used in the example above, is exposure to violent crime, which has been shown to adversely
 74 affect youth development across many dimensions (Bell and Jenkins, 1991; Fitzpatrick and Boldizar,
 75 1993; Gorman-Smith and Tolan, 1998; Fitzpatrick et al., 2005; O'Leary et al., 2006; Lambert et al., 2012,
 76 Boynton-Jarrett et al., 2013).³

77 One neighborhood land use whose relationship to violent crime has been thoroughly studied is
 78 alcohol outlets. Alcohol outlets are commonly disaggregated into on premises (i.e., places that sell
 79 alcohol beverages that are meant for consumption while visiting the place, such as a bar or nightclub)
 80 and off premises (i.e., places like liquor and convenience stores that sell alcohol beverages that are
 81 meant for consumption elsewhere). My measure of neighborhood alcohol outlets (the number of bars,
 82 nightclubs, and cocktail lounges) is exclusively on premises.⁴ Extensive evidence exists showing a

³ In their review of the evidence, Seal et al. (2014) identify these dimensions as: depression, anxiety and posttraumatic stress disorder, aggressive behavior, suicide ideation, and declines in school achievement and high school completion.

⁴ Because off-premises places are fairly ubiquitous within Florida's neighborhoods, failing to include them in my estimated models may not be important in predicting adult outcomes.

83 positive association between on-premises alcohol places and violent crime at the neighborhood level
84 (Gruenewald et al., 2006; Gorman et al., 2001; Franklin et al., 2010; White et al., 2015; Raleigh and
85 Galster, 2015; Snowden and Freiburger, 2015; Wo, 2016; Twinam, 2017). Extant evidence suggests that
86 other neighborhood land uses are also associated with violent crime. These include residential
87 apartments located in multifamily properties (Browning et al., 2010; Raleigh and Galster, 2015;
88 Aliprantis and Hartley, 2015), single-family rentals (Ihlanfeldt and Yost, 2019), vacant lots (Branas et al.,
89 2012; Branas et al., 2018), and commercial uses in the aggregate (Stucky and Ottensmann, 2009;
90 Browning et al., 2010; Twinam, 2017).

91 Besides crime-related negative external effects on youth development, some land uses expose
92 youth to environmental hazards that may also retard their development. Generally, industrial land uses
93 are associated with these effects, in particular air pollution. Exposure to air pollution can result in youth
94 cognitive deficits and behavioral impairment (Guxens and Sunyer, 2012; Edwards and Whitehouse,
95 2018). Another neighborhood land use that may expose youth to environmental hazards is mobile
96 homes. A common development pattern is the location of trailer parks on cheap land adjacent to less
97 desirable community features, such as landfills, ditches, industrial activity, or railroad tracks (Hart et al.,
98 2002). However, much remains unknown about the external effects that may surround mobile homes
99 that could affect youth development. Evidence exists that mobile homes lower the values of nearby
100 single-family homes (Munneke and Slawson, 1999), but the underlying causal mechanisms have not
101 been identified, at least from rigorous econometric analysis. However, there has been ethnographic
102 research that suggests a number of ways mobile home communities may hinder youth development,
103 beyond their possible association with environment hazards: 1) mobile homes, because they are almost
104 always located in parks, socially isolate youth from the broader community, excluding them from
105 educational and cultural experiences, 2) mobile home parks provide little or no play space for children,

106 and 3) youth living in mobile home parks are stereotyped and stigmatized by outsiders, including
107 teachers, which results in youth having negative views of themselves (Miller and Evko, 1985; Morris,
108 2005; MacTavish and Salamon, 2006; MacTavish, 2007; Kusenbach, 2009).

109 Not all neighborhood land uses have detrimental effects on youth development. Green space,
110 especially in the form of parks, has been shown to have positive effects by reducing psychiatric disorders
111 (Engemann et al., 2019) and improving cognitive development (Dadvand et al., 2015). These effects are
112 attributed to the opportunity for recreational activities that poor youth may otherwise not have had
113 access to and scientific evidence that greenery lowers the level of air pollution (Zupancic et al., 2015).

114 Returning to equation (2), it is important to recognize that land uses may have multiple external
115 effects that impinge upon youth development. For example, parks may matter because they offer
116 recreational opportunities, but also because they mediate air pollution. Vacant industrial lots may both
117 increase violent crime and expose youth to toxicity, and, as noted, mobile homes may both stigmatize
118 youth as somehow inferior and expose them to environment risks. Other examples could be given. Also,
119 my association of external effects with particular land uses is not meant to be exhaustive. There could
120 be other external effects in addition to those I have identified; however, the evidence reviewed suffices
121 to suggest that the land uses that enter my estimated models may be important predictors of the adult
122 outcomes of poor youth.

123 **3. Data on Neighborhood Land Uses and from the Opportunity Atlas**

124 The measures of land uses found within the neighborhood where the individual resided while
125 aged 12 to 17 are constructed using the 1995 county tax rolls that each county is required to submit to
126 the Florida Department of Revenue. I use the tax rolls for 58 of Florida's 67 counties, resulting in 3582
127 tracts, which represents 81 percent of the total number of tracts within the state. ⁵

⁵ One issue that needed to be overcome in using the tax rolls is that the census tract number identified on the rolls is the 1990 tract and not the 2010 tract used in the Opportunity Atlas. To obtain the 2010 tract for each property on the 1995 rolls I used the parcel identification number to find the property on a later roll after the county

128 With some specificity, properties are identified by land use on the tax rolls. The following types
129 of residential properties were pulled off of the rolls, along with some identifying characteristics:
130 residential properties identified as multifamily (MF), which are divided by scale into small (less than nine
131 apartments) and large (nine or more apartments), condominiums, mobile homes, and single-family (SF)
132 homes. Nonresidential properties included alcohol serving establishments other than restaurants (for
133 example, bars, cocktail lounges, and nightclubs), public parks, commercial establishments of any kind,
134 industrial properties, and properties identified as vacant lots, broken down into residential, commercial,
135 and industrial.

136 From these data I constructed the following predictors at the tract level for 1995: percentages of
137 total housing units in the neighborhood represented by small MF properties, large MF properties,
138 condominiums, mobile homes, and SF rentals, where the reference category is SF owner-occupied
139 homes; counts of the number of parks and alcohol serving establishments; separate total amounts of
140 industrial and commercial building square footage; and the total amount of land within the tract
141 separately devoted to parks, vacant residential lots, vacant commercial lots, and vacant industrial lots.⁶

142 Twelve variables from the Atlas, duplicating those in Figure V of Chetty et al. (2020a) are
143 included as controls in my models.⁷ They describe the people, schools, and employment opportunities

adopted the 2010 Census geography. This was not possible for all counties, as some changed their parcel identification system after 1995.

⁶ The tenure of single-family homes was determined using a flag on the rolls indicating whether the homeowner had claimed the homestead exemption. The exemption is available only to owners who use the home as their primary residence. The exemption reduces the taxable value of the home by as much as \$50,000 and entitles the owner to a cap on the annual growth in the assessed value of 3 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. Since these benefits are nontrivial, I have confidence that homes with exemptions are not available for rent. Homes without the exemption are treated as rentals, although these homes may also be vacation homes not available for rent. However, the Florida vacation home market was largely limited to condominiums and not single-family homes in 1995; hence, I have confidence that the homestead exemption is a reliable tenure indicator.

⁷ Chetty et al. (2020a) use the variables in their Figure V to show race-controlled correlations with upward mobility. The same variables are also used to run a multivariate regression, without reporting estimated coefficients, to demonstrate the overall predictive power of the set of variables. The variables explained 50 percent of the variation in upward mobility. Their construction is described in Chetty et al.'s (2020a) Online Appendix B: Construction of Neighborhood Level Variables. For the reader's convenience, I provide an overview of the variables in Appendix Table A.1.

144 within the neighborhood where the individual spent time growing up. None of the variables, however,
145 relate to the land uses that existed within the neighborhood during this time. I also make use of Chetty
146 et al.'s (2020a) exposure weights in estimating my models, which control for the amount of time the
147 youth spent in the neighborhood.⁸

148 There are a number of variables in the Opportunity Atlas describing the welfare of the
149 neighborhood's youth as adults. A key indicator used by Chetty et al. (2020a) is the mean percentile rank
150 in the national distribution of household income in 2014–2015 for individuals aged 31 to 37 whose
151 parents or guardians were at the 25th percentile rank in the national distribution of household income
152 averaged over 1994–1995 (approximately \$27,000). They label this variable “upward mobility” and I use
153 it as one of the variables I predict with the models I estimate. It is the best overall measure of the
154 welfare of youth as adults in the Atlas. The second variable I predict is the expected fraction of girls who
155 had children as teenagers, an outcome that that has garnered the interest of both social scientists and
156 policy makers (Nall, 2016).⁹ As for household income, the parents or guardians of the women were at
157 the 25th percentile rank in the national distribution of household income averaged over 1994–1995.¹⁰

158 Means and standard deviations of the adult outcomes and the neighborhood land uses are in
159 Table 1. Because I estimate models for females and males with all races pooled together and models
160 broken down by race and gender, eight sets of means are presented. Note that the female and male
161 samples include 3582 and 3581 census tracts, which represents 81 percent of the total number of tracts

⁸ Chetty et al. (2020a) assign children to tracts in proportion to the amount of time they spend before age 23 in each tract over the years observed by their sample. For example, if a child spent half of his childhood in two tracts, he would receive 50% weight in each of the two tracts.

⁹ In addition to household income and teenage pregnancy, incarceration rates are another Opportunity Atlas variable that I chose to predict. However, in comparison to the two outcomes I report on, neighborhood land uses had less effect on incarceration rates, although they did result in a statistically significant improvement in model fit, after controlling for the Opportunity Atlas variables. These results are available upon request.

¹⁰ Within the Opportunity Atlas a woman is designated as having a teenage birth if she ever claims a dependent who was born while she was between the ages of 13 and 19.

162 in Florida.¹¹ Similar sample sizes to those for the pooled samples are also true for female and male
163 whites. However, because the Opportunity Atlas suppresses estimates that are based on 20 or fewer
164 children, after breaking down blacks and Hispanics by gender, the number of tracts is roughly cut in half.
165 The models estimated with teenage motherhood as the outcome variable used the full sample of tracts
166 for all females and somewhat fewer tracts for white females. For Hispanics and blacks, the sample sizes
167 are again roughly half as large.

168 [Table 1 about here.]

169 The mean household income percentile is higher for females (42.4 percentile) than males (38.5
170 percentile). Among the breakdowns by race and gender, not surprisingly, the income percentile is lowest
171 for black males (30.6 percentile) and females (35.7 percentile). Somewhat unexpected is that it is
172 highest for Hispanic females (45.4 percentile), although not that much higher than for Hispanic males
173 (42.1 percentile) and white females (45.3 percentile) and males (41.6 percentile).¹² Teen births are
174 highest for black females (40 percent) and lowest for white females, being only half as large (20
175 percent).

176 Comparisons of the mean land uses across groups show that blacks and Hispanics as youth were
177 more likely to live in neighborhoods with larger percentages of multifamily housing, but smaller
178 percentages of mobile homes as youth. The presence of alcohol outlets within the neighborhood is
179 markedly greater for black youth of both genders (roughly 43 percent more) in comparison to the other
180 groups. White youth lived in neighborhoods having a distinct advantage in the number of parks (2.6),
181 especially in comparison to Hispanics (1.1). Parks measured in total land acreage within the
182 neighborhood, also favored white female youth. Commercial and industrial building square footages

¹¹ Although I recognize that Hispanic is not a racial group, when defining race/ethnicity groups I divide race into non-Hispanic whites, non-Hispanic blacks, and Hispanics.

¹² There are many origins of the Hispanic population of Florida, but the largest is Cuban. Unfortunately, the Opportunity Atlas lumps all Hispanics together regardless of origin, preventing an investigation of how the land uses affect the adult outcomes of the different Hispanic groups.

183 were higher in neighborhoods where black youth resided, especially in comparison to white youth. The
 184 most striking comparison is that industrial presence is roughly 45% greater in neighborhoods where
 185 blacks resided as teenagers. There is also a marked difference in the neighborhood acreage of vacant
 186 industrial lots where black youth resided, more than twice as large as within the neighborhoods
 187 occupied by Hispanic and white youth.

188 4. Estimated Models

189 The estimated exposure-weighted OLS models can be expressed as:

$$AO_j = L'_j\lambda + O'_j\eta + \varepsilon_j, \quad (6)$$

190 where AO is the adult outcome of interest; namely, the mean percentile rank (relative to other children
 191 born in the same year) in the national distribution of household income (i.e., own earnings and spouse's
 192 earnings) measured as mean earnings in 2014–2015 or the expected fraction of women who had
 193 children as teenagers. L' is the vector of land uses measured for 1995, as described above and listed in
 194 Table 1.¹³ The variables from the Opportunity Atlas are represented by the set O' and are listed and
 195 described in Appendix Table A.1. Using mean household income percentile as the adult outcome,
 196 separate models are estimated for the following subgroups: all males, all females, and blacks, Hispanics,
 197 and whites broken down by gender; hence, there are eight sets of results. The subgroups for the
 198 teenage childbearing models are all females and females divided into blacks, Hispanics, and whites,
 199 yielding four sets of results.

200 Each model is estimated with and without the land use measures, with an eye toward how the
 201 importance of the Opportunity Atlas variables (measured using beta coefficients) change with the
 202 inclusion of the land use variables and whether the addition of the land use variables add to the

¹³ Parks, alcohol serving establishments, commercial space, and industrial space were alternatively measured in per capita terms, while the land area variables for parks and vacant properties were also measured as percentages of the total land area of the tract. These changes had little effect on the estimated beta coefficients, but lessened somewhat the fit of the models; hence, these results are not reported but are available upon request.

203 explanatory power of the models.¹⁴ I make use of likelihood ratio tests to determine if the variables
204 together (not just individually) result in a statistically significant improvement in model fit. I also report
205 the *F*-test of the joint significance of the land use variables.

206 Equation (6) assumes that only land uses within the home neighborhood matter to outcomes as
207 an adult. Land uses in nearby neighborhoods may also have an effect. In their consideration of the
208 relevant impact area, Chetty et al. (2020a) find that what matters are characteristics in one's own
209 immediate neighborhood rather than nearby areas. While this may not apply with equal force to my
210 land uses, it does lend some support to focusing my analysis exclusively on the home neighborhood,
211 especially since my goal is to determine whether land use adds predictive power to the variables
212 provided by the Opportunity Atlas.

213 **5. Predicting Adult Household Income of Poor Youth**

214 Table 2 reports for each land use variable three numbers: the estimated coefficient, the robust
215 standard error, and the beta coefficient.¹⁵ Across all eight subgroups the land uses are jointly significant
216 at the one percent level for all groups, except Hispanic males where significance is at the five percent
217 level. Similarly, the likelihood ratio tests indicate that the land uses result in a statistically significant
218 improvement in model fit at the one percent level, with the exception of Hispanic males.

219 [Table 2 about here.]

220 Starting with the residential land uses, increases in the units of multifamily apartments, single-
221 family rental homes, and mobile homes as a percentage of the neighborhood's housing units are
222 negatively correlated with adult household income, at the five percent level of significance, across all
223 eight subgroups. The exception is the percentage of condominium homes, which generally is positive in

¹⁴ Beta coefficients are calculated by subtracting the mean from the variable and dividing by its standard deviation. This results in standardized variables having a mean of zero and a standard deviation of 1. Beta coefficients facilitate the comparison of the effect of predictor variables measured in different units of measurement.

¹⁵ The estimated effects of the Opportunity Atlas variables are reported in Appendix Table A.1.

224 sign, and in two cases the effects are statistically significant (black and white females). Particularly
225 noteworthy are the strong negative correlations registered for the percentage of mobile homes, which
226 yield the largest beta coefficients of any of the land uses, both residential and nonresidential. These
227 estimates range between $-.05$ (Hispanic males) to $-.13$ (white females). The magnitude of the latter
228 estimate is twice as large as the beta coefficient on the poverty rate from the Opportunity Atlas and
229 larger than a majority of the beta coefficients on the other Atlas variables (see Appendix Table A.1).

230 Correlations between the number of alcohol outlets within the neighborhood and adult income
231 are negative and statistically significant for the racially pooled samples of females and males, blacks of
232 both genders, and female Hispanics. For the latter three subgroups the beta coefficients are similar in
233 magnitude, ranging between $-.05$ and $-.06$.

234 Of the two parks measures, their number and their total acreage within the neighborhood, only
235 the acreage measure shows an important correlation with adult income, which is registered only for
236 black males. It is highly significant, positive in sign, with a beta coefficient of $.024$

237 Among the commercial and industrial land use measures, the total amount of industrial space in
238 the neighborhood is negative and significantly correlated with adult income for pooled males and
239 females, and within the subgroups broken down by race and gender, for white males, with all beta
240 coefficients around $-.03$. Vacant industrial and single-family lots also show negative, highly significant
241 correlations for blacks of both genders, with similar beta coefficients.

242 The variable that is most commonly used as the indicator of neighborhood disadvantage is the
243 poverty rate; however, it is not clear how neighborhood poverty impacts the development of youth and
244 their future welfare as adults. To some extent, the poverty rate may proxy for land use effects. That is,
245 the ability of the level of poverty within the neighborhood where adults grew up to predict their current
246 welfare, may be due, at least in part, to correlations between the poverty rate and land uses that have
247 their own independent effects as predictors of adult outcomes. To investigate this possible pathway for

248 the poverty rate effect, the significance levels and beta coefficients of the neighborhood poverty rate
249 are compared between models including and excluding the land use variables.¹⁶ Except for Hispanic
250 females, the negative effect of the poverty rate on household income declined precipitously after
251 including the land uses variables, with corresponding declines in the level of significance. Percentage
252 declines in the absolute beta coefficients ranged between 21% for Hispanic males to 83% for white
253 females. Correlations between the poverty rate and the percentage of multifamily units (.41), the
254 percentage of single-family rentals (.13), and alcohol outlets (.24), land uses which are all significant
255 predictors of adult household income, seem to account for the change in the importance of the poverty
256 rate between models excluding and including the land use measures. The results suggest, at least in
257 part, that the poverty rate of the neighborhood where poor youth grow up predicts their income as
258 adults because neighborhoods with higher poverty rates also have an undesirable mix of land uses.

259 While my results show statistical significance of the land use variables in predicting the adult
260 household incomes of poor youth, the latter significance does not always translate into economic
261 importance. To investigate this issue, I examined the distribution of each variables and generated the
262 change in value from subtracting the value at the 25th percentile from the value at the 75th percentile. To
263 gauge the importance of an individual predictor, I report in Table 3 the dollar change in adult household
264 income in 2015 that would result from this change.¹⁷ For the pooled female and male samples there are
265 three columns: income changes obtained from a model including only the land use variables (Column 1),
266 income changes for the Opportunity Atlas variables from a model only including these variables (Column
267 2), and changes in income for all predictors from the complete model (Column 3).¹⁸

¹⁶ The regression results from excluding the land use variables and including only the Opportunity Atlas variables are in Appendix Table A.2.

¹⁷ Accompanying the Opportunity Atlas is “Table 8: Crosswalk Between Income/Wage Percentiles and 2015 Dollars” (<https://opportunityinsights.org/data/>). Percentiles are associated with monetary variables in 2015 dollars, adjusting for inflation using the consumer price index (CPI-U).

¹⁸ The results from models including only the land use variables are in Appendix Table A.3.; results from using only the Opportunity Atlas variables are in Appendix Table A.2; complete model results are in Table 2.

268 The results show that the land use variables as predictors of adult income are important. The
269 residential land uses, other than condominiums, and the presence of alcohol serving places yield income
270 changes that are similar to the changes registered for many of the Opportunity Atlas variables. The
271 largest change in income is from the change in the neighborhood percentage of single-family rentals (-
272 \$2500), which is larger than all but a couple of the Opportunity Atlas variables, based on the results
273 from models limited to each set of predictors (Columns (1) and (2)).

274 In summary, the results show that land uses within the neighborhood where youth grew up are
275 important predictors of their household income as adults. The signs of the estimated effects are as
276 expected based on the evidence reviewed in section 2. Along with alcohol serving establishments, the
277 mix of residential land uses within the neighborhood have the strongest power to predict the adult
278 household incomes of poor youth.

279 **6. Predicting Teenage Childbearing of Poor Youth**

280 The estimated effects of the land use variables as predictors of the fraction of female youth
281 from poor families having a baby as a teenager are reported in Table 4. Across all four subgroups (all
282 females and females broken down by race) the land uses are jointly significant at the one percent level
283 and the likelihood ratio tests indicate that the land uses result in a statistically significant improvement
284 in model fit at the one percent level. [Table 4 about here.] The results mirror those obtained for the
285 adult household income models. A higher percentage of neighborhood housing units represented by
286 multifamily housing, especially of the large scale variety, is positively correlated with the fraction of
287 teenage births. Similar results are registered for the percentage of single-family rentals. With the
288 exception of black females, an increase in the percentage of mobile homes produce the largest positive
289 beta coefficients (.14 to .16) among the residential land uses, while increases in the percentage of
290 condominiums yield negative correlations. Again, these results are consistent with those obtained for
291 adult household income. Additional alcohol outlets are positively correlated with teenage childbearing

292 for all four subgroups, although for Hispanic and white females the effects are not significant at the five
293 percent level (but are significant at the ten percent level). The largest alcohol outlets beta coefficient is
294 for black females (.065).

295 The remaining variables fail to produce consistent results across subgroups. However, there are
296 variables that are significant predictors in isolated cases. A positive correlation between an increase in
297 the number of parks and teenage births is significant for black (beta=-.022) and Hispanic females(beta=-
298 .041). An increase in the presence of industrial activity within the neighborhood measured as either the
299 total amount of industrial space or vacant land is positively correlated with the expected fraction of
300 teenage births for all subgroups, except Hispanics.

301 Also similar to the results obtained for the household income model, the predictive power of
302 the poverty rate declines when a model including only the Atlas variables is expanded to include the
303 land use variables. However, the declines in the beta coefficients are smaller in magnitude, on the order
304 of 20 percent, and the poverty rate remains significant at the one percent level.¹⁹ Finally, the
305 importance of the land uses as predictors of the birthrate is shown from the change in the value of the
306 variable, again moving from the 25th to the 75th percentile of its distribution. (See numbers in curly
307 brackets in Table 4). Mobile homes, apartments within large multi-family properties, and single-family
308 rentals generally produce the largest changes, ranging between one and two percentage points, which is
309 generally in line with the Atlas variables having the largest effects. (See numbers in curly brackets in
310 Appendix Table A.4).

311 **7. Results Obtained with the Opportunity Atlas Variables**

312 The Opportunity Atlas variables serve as control variables in my models; as such, they are not
313 the focus of this paper. Nevertheless, if they behave in a reasonable fashion, this adds credibility to my

¹⁹ Because of their similarity to the household income models and in the interest of keeping this paper of reasonable length, results from predicting teenage pregnancy rates from models restricted to just the land use variables and to just the Opportunity Atlas variables are not reported. I make them available upon request.

314 conclusion that the mix of land uses within a youth's neighborhood predicts his or her welfare as an
315 adult. My upward mobility results for Florida neighborhoods using the covariates from the Opportunity
316 Atlas are generally consistent with the findings reported by Chetty et al. (2020a) for their sample of
317 national neighborhoods. An apples-to-apples comparison is not possible, because in lieu of estimates
318 obtained from multivariate regression models, they report race-controlled correlations, which they
319 describe as "computing correlations separately for each race and taking a population-weighted
320 average". However, we both find that upward mobility (recall, as measured by adult household income)
321 is positively associated with the mean household income, third grade math score, share of college
322 graduates, less poverty, a smaller share of single-family households, and a higher census form return
323 rate (a proxy for social capital) within the neighborhood where youth resided as adolescents. With but a
324 few exceptions these variables are all statistically significant in the adult income models that I estimate.
325 However, my results are contrary to Chetty et al.'s (2020a) conclusion that "what predicts upward
326 mobility is not proximity to jobs, but growing up around people who have jobs." This conclusion was
327 based on their correlations showing upward mobility is positively related to the employment rate, but
328 negatively related to job density within the neighborhoods where youth grew up. They interpreted their
329 findings as challenging John Kain's (1968) spatial mismatch theory. Most comparable to the Chetty et
330 al.'s racially pooled correlation coefficients are the results I obtained from estimating the adult income
331 models for the racially pooled female and male subgroups. My results show that job density (measured
332 within the Opportunity Atlas as the number of jobs within five miles of the centroid of the census tract)
333 is positive and statistically significant for both genders, while the employment rate is negative and
334 significant.²⁰ Hence, my conclusion for Florida is that what predicts upward mobility is proximity to jobs

²⁰ The estimated equations described in this section do not include Chetty et al.'s (2020a) second measure of job density, the number of *high-paying* jobs within 5 miles of the centroid of the census tract, due to its high correlation (.98) with the *all jobs* density measure. The estimated job density beta coefficients for females and males are .053 and .025, respectively.

335 and not growing up around people who have jobs. Of course, this does not mean that Chetty et al.'s
 336 (2020a) findings are wrong at the national level, but rather my results for Florida suggest that there may
 337 be considerably spatial heterogeneity in the predictive power of individual covariates within the
 338 Opportunity Atlas, especially across states.

339 For the pooled race models estimated with the teenage birth rate as the outcome variable, the
 340 significant covariates follow the same pattern as found in the adult income models, although with
 341 opposite signs, as expected.²¹ The estimates for job density and the employment rate again belie the
 342 conclusions of Chetty et al. (2000a) regarding the possible unimportance of spatial mismatch. Job
 343 density predicts a lower birthrate, while the employment rate has the opposite effect, and both
 344 variables are significant at the one percent level.²²

345 **8. Decomposing Gaps in Adult Outcomes between Racial Groups**

346 Gaps in mean adult outcomes between poor white and poor minority youth raise the questions
 347 to what extent these gaps can be explained by differences in the land uses within the neighborhoods
 348 where these groups resided as youth and possible differences in the effects that these land uses have on
 349 predicting these outcomes. To provide some evidence relevant to answering these questions, Oaxaca
 350 (1973) decompositions are done. To review the method as applied here, where the comparison minority
 351 group is blacks, the mean adult outcome difference (*DOA*) can be expressed as:

$$DOA_{B,W} = E(OA_B) - E(OA_W), \quad (7)$$

352 where $E(OA)$ denotes the expected value of the outcome variable and B and W identify blacks and
 353 whites. Based on the linear model estimated,

$$DOA_{B,W} = E(OA_B) - E(OA_W) = E(X_B)' \beta_B - E(X_W)' \beta_W, \quad (8)$$

²¹ Chetty et al. (2020a) did not provide race-controlled correlations for birthrates as the outcome variable; hence, I could not make a comparison of Florida to national results as was possible for upward mobility.

²² The beta coefficients are -.060 and .061, respectively.

354 where β are the estimated parameters and X is a vector containing the land use predictors. Equation (8)
 355 can be rearranged as follows:

$$DOA_{B,W} = [E(X_B) - E(X_W)]'\beta_W + E(X_W)'(\beta_B - \beta_W) + [E(X_B - E(X_W))]'(\beta_B - \beta_W). \quad (9)$$

356 The first two components of equation (9) represent, in order, amounts of the differential gap in the
 357 adult mean outcome between blacks and whites that are due to group differences in the predictors
 358 (land uses) and differences in the estimated coefficients. The last component is an interaction term
 359 accounting for the fact that differences in land uses and coefficients exist simultaneously between the
 360 two racial groups.

361 In the means decomposition described in (10), the expected change in the mean outcome of
 362 whites is obtained by giving whites the mean land uses of blacks. The decomposition can also be done
 363 by obtaining the expected change in the mean outcome of blacks, if blacks lived in neighborhoods that
 364 have the same land uses as whites:

$$DOA_{B,W} = [E(X_B) - E(X_W)]'\beta_B + E(X_B)'(\beta_B - \beta_W) + [E(X_B - E(X_W))]'(\beta_B - \beta_W). \quad (10)$$

365 Table 4 reports the results from switching mean land uses using both (9) and (10) between the
 366 neighborhoods occupied by minority and white youth.²³ There are four cases where there is a gap in
 367 mean adult outcomes between groups: black males have a lower mean household income than white
 368 males (-.1098), black females have a lower mean household income than white females (-.0952), black
 369 females have a higher mean teenage birth rate than white females (.1999), and Hispanic females have a
 370 higher mean teenage birth rate than white females (.0528). Regardless of whether the decomposition is
 371 based on giving the land uses of the minority group to whites or vice versa, collectively differences in
 372 land uses make a statistically significant contribution to the gaps.²⁴ However, the reductions in the gaps
 373 are not large, with percentage changes being in the range of 1 to 3 percent. An exception is the results

²³ Interaction components were uniformly insignificant and therefore are excluded from Table 4.

²⁴ Because declines in the gaps are hypothesized, one-tailed tests of significance are employed.

374 for the teenage birth rate gap between Hispanic and white females, where the percentage reduction in
375 the gap is 9.6% if the Hispanics are given the white land uses, and 6.6% if the whites are given the
376 Hispanic land uses. While the percentage reductions in the gaps from the decompositions are not large,
377 it is of interest to note that they are similar to those from exchanging neighborhood poverty rates
378 between groups.²⁵

379 [Table 4 about here.]

380 Instead of treating the land uses all together, decompositions were also estimated where each
381 individual land use was allowed to have a separate effect. The specific neighborhood land uses that
382 largely account for the reductions in the racial gaps in the adult outcomes are the percentage of
383 multifamily housing units, the percentage of single-family rentals, and the number of alcohol outlets.
384 Larger amounts of industrial space in the neighborhoods occupied by black females also account for
385 their lower adult income and greater teenage births.

386 Generally, differences in the estimated coefficients of the land uses between groups do not
387 result in statistically significant reductions in the gaps in adult mean outcomes.²⁶ The only exception is
388 the gap in teenage birthrates between Hispanic and white females (.053). Differences in the land use
389 coefficients reduce the gap by .035 (p -value=.017), which explains 66 percent of the difference in this
390 relatively small gap. The decomposition allowing for separate effects for each land use coefficient
391 showed that the percentages of apartments in large scale properties, single-family rentals,
392 condominium, and mobile homes have a greater impact on teenage births for Hispanic in comparison to
393 white females, with each difference in coefficients statistically significant.

394 9. Conclusions

²⁵ For example, for the gap in black/white male adult household income, giving whites the neighborhood poverty rate of blacks, reduces the gap by .0024, in comparison to the .0017 gap reduction if whites are given the mean land uses of blacks.

²⁶ These results are not reported in Table 4, but are available upon request.

395 The objective of this paper was to determine whether the mix of land uses within the
396 neighborhoods where poor youth resided as adolescents would help predict their welfare as adults.
397 Motivating this exploration is a substantial body of evidence that has found that neighborhood land uses
398 are associated with the physical, emotional and cognitive development of youth. Overall, my results
399 suggest that land uses are important predictors of the adult welfare of poor youth, adding to the
400 neighborhood descriptors found within the Opportunity Atlas and used by Chetty et al. (2020a).
401 Attention to land uses in identifying upwardly mobile neighborhoods is warranted. The strongest
402 predictors are the residential types found within the neighborhood. Other than condominiums,
403 increases in multifamily units, single-family rentals, or mobile homes at the expense of single-family
404 owner-occupied homes result in poor youth experiencing worse outcomes as adults. The predictive
405 effects of mobile homes are particularly strong, having the largest beta coefficients of any of the land
406 uses. Because housing affordability advocates favor mobile homes (Dawkins and Koebel, 2009; Solomon,
407 2018; Brooks and Mueller, 2020), research going beyond prediction to uncovering the causal factors
408 accounting for my results would seem to be warranted.

409 The nonresidential land use having the greatest power as a predictor of adult outcomes is on-
410 premises alcohol establishments (limited to bars, cocktail lounges, and nightclubs). While I do not claim
411 causality, my evidence is relevant to arguments that have been made to limit these establishments
412 within minority neighborhoods, where they are in greater number (Jones-Webb and Karriker-Jaffe,
413 2013; Trangenstein et al., 2020). As in the case of mobile homes, future research of a causal nature is
414 suggested.

415 Other nonresidential land uses predicting worse adult outcomes, especially for blacks, are
416 industrial uses, both the amount of building space and the acreage of vacant lots. While industry is
417 generally zoned away from residential land use, this is not prevented in hierarchical zoning (common in

418 Florida) and results in poor households living in industrial areas. Exclusive use zoning may be a better
419 alternative at least from the perspective of the development of minority youth.

420 Neighborhood parks is a nonresidential use that predicts the household income of black males
421 and Hispanic females and the teenage motherhood of black females. There is importance attached to
422 these predictions, in light of the fact that black males have the worst adult incomes and black females
423 have the highest teenage birth rates of any of the groups. Increasing parks within the neighborhoods of
424 black youth may improve these outcomes, and may be an especially desirable option if vacant industrial
425 land, which is disproportionately found within black neighborhoods, could be converted into parks. Less
426 of this land, like more parks, predicts better black outcomes.

427 Accounting for all of the above neighborhood land use effects in predicting the welfare of poor
428 youth in adulthood, the neighborhood providing the greatest upward mobility would be one where
429 owner-occupied housing is the predominate housing type, there would be no alcohol serving
430 establishments, one or more public parks would be accessible, and there would be an absence of
431 industrial activity. While this neighborhood may be *ideal* in terms of upward mobility, there is the
432 possible impediment of housing affordability. Housing within the neighborhood may be out of the
433 financial reach of poor families. Included in the Opportunity Atlas is the median monthly rent of a two-
434 bedroom apartment (2011-2015) constructed from tract-level American Community Survey data. Across
435 all of the Florida neighborhoods included in my analysis the average median rent is \$1023, while the
436 average for the *ideal* neighborhood is \$1119, or 9.4% greater. This suggests that the *ideal* neighborhood
437 may be an affordable option for many poor families interested in improving the upward mobility of their
438 children. There may, however, be a scarcity of apartments within the *ideal* neighborhood due to
439 exclusionary zoning (Ihlanfeldt, 2004).

440 Land is allocated to alternative land uses based on market forces, which are subject to the
441 controls imposed by local governments. These controls have legal standing based on the argument that

442 externalities, both positive and negative, are associated with alternative land uses. However, these
443 externalities are limited to impacts they have on current residents. The results of this study suggest that
444 there are also inter-generational externalities that affect the adult welfare of poor children growing up
445 in neighborhoods with land uses that affect their physical and emotional development. To fully account
446 for the market failure surrounding the neighborhood uses of land, both present and future externalities
447 merit consideration by urban planners in the deployment of their land use regulatory powers.
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Table 1
Means and Standard Deviations of Adult Outcomes and Land Use Predictors

| | Female | Male | Black female | Black male | Hispanic female | Hispanic male | White female | White male |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Outcomes | | | | | | | | |
| Adult income | .424 (.070) | .385 (.064) | .357 (.057) | .306 (.064) | .454 (.075) | .421 (.074) | .453 (.076) | .416 (.067) |
| Teen birth rate | .250 (.123) | | .400 (.141) | | .252 (.144) | | .200 (.112) | |
| Predictors | | | | | | | | |
| MF small | 6.266 (11.573) | 6.266 (11.575) | 7.897 (12.810) | 7.964 (12.970) | 7.244 (12.960) | 7.364 (13.021) | 5.203 (9.812) | 5.341 (10.097) |
| MF large | 9.874 (18.890) | 9.857 (18.960) | 14.281 (22.740) | 14.512 (22.799) | 11.841 (19.115) | 11.774 (18.845) | 9.286 (18.622) | 9.263 (18.488) |
| SF rentals | 13.133 (9.186) | 13.118 (9.076) | 14.459 (8.773) | 14.438 (8.792) | 12.417 (8.500) | 12.559 (8.721) | 13.023 (8.773) | 13.027 (8.763) |
| Condos | 15.507 (25.600) | 15.472 (25.547) | 10.483 (20.061) | 10.477 (19.999) | 16.469 (25.821) | 16.189 (25.597) | 15.754 (25.548) | 15.839 (25.663) |
| Mobile Homes | 7.603 (16.615) | 7.578 (16.546) | 4.514 (11.015) | 4.428 (10.889) | 3.775 (11.540) | 3.820 (11.708) | 8.100 (17.065) | 8.009 (16.913) |
| Alcohol serving | .641 (1.296) | .642 (1.296) | .864 (1.548) | .868 (1.552) | .535 (1.195) | .548 (1.087) | .630 (1.223) | .626 (1.220) |
| Number Parks | 2.431 (20.025) | 2.431 (20.028) | 1.897 (26.114) | 1.8079 (25.663) | 1.015 (8.135) | 1.108 (9.067) | 2.594 (20.753) | 2.576 (20.692) |
| Park land | 1.314 (11.633) | 1.312 (11.634) | 1.304 (14.592) | 1.808 (13.330) | 1.030 (8.807) | .980 (8.783) | 2.594 (20.753) | 1.333 (11.895) |
| Com space | 38.393 (80.124) | 38.402 (80.136) | 47.408 (84.239) | 47.351 (84.308) | 39.582 (85.222) | 39.810 (82.440) | 38.915 (82.210) | 38.894 (82.007) |
| Com vac land | 1.363 (6.956) | 1.364 (6.957) | 1.305 (7.298) | 1.370 (7.382) | 1.231 (5.830) | 1.271 (6.169) | 1.438 (7.189) | 1.436 (7.177) |
| Ind space | 19.409 (68.545) | 19.409 (68.545) | 26.828 (75.790) | 27.159 (76.497) | 22.257 (76.877) | 23.257 (80.478) | 18.221 (66.830) | 18.597 (67.900) |
| Ind vac land | 1.783 | 1.783 | 2.620 | 2.658 | .678 | .719 | 1.179 | 1.172 |

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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| | (40.977) | (40.983) | (57.965) | (58.467) | (6.044) | (6.153) | (11.605) | (11.571) |
| SF vac land | .481 | .481 | .565 | .549 | .487 | .505 | .507 | .501 |
| | (4.689) | (4.690) | (6.563) | (6.597) | (6.085) | (6.151) | (4.857) | (4.834) |
| Observations | 3,582 | 3,581 | 1,695 | 1,666 | 1,946 | 1,905 | 3,332 | 3,352 |

Notes: Adult income is the mean percentile rank in the national distribution of household income for youth whose parents were in the 25th percentile. Teen birth rate is the fraction of female youth birthing a baby as a teenager. Residential land uses are percentages of the total number of housing units in the neighborhood. Alcohol outlets and parks are their number. Park land and vacant lots are measured in acres. Industrial and commercial space is measured in square feet (10,000s). Standard deviations are in parentheses.

Table 2
Predicting the Adult Household Income of Poor Youth: The Land Use Variables

| | Pooled female | Pooled male | Black female | Black male | Hispanic female | Hispanic male | White female | White male |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MF small | -.00040 (.00080) [-.06285] | -.00036 (.00007) [-.06242] | -.00027 (.00011) [-.05116] | -.00039 (.00012) [-.07429] | -.00039 (.00014) [-.06494] | -.00023 (.00014) [-.03982] | .00007 (.00013) [.00832] | -.00023 (.00013) [-.03331] |
| MF large | -.00025 (.00006) [-.06353] | -.00012 (.00006) [-.03389] | -.00020 (.00009) [-.06852] | -.00006 (.00029) [-.01963] | -.00039 (.00012) [-.08871] | -.00029 (.00014) [-.06770] | -.00026 (.00008) [-.06092] | -.00012 (.00008) [-.03082] |
| SF rentals | -.00069 (.00015) [-.08606] | -.00064 (.00017) [-.08653] | -.00062 (.00023) [-.08414] | -.00060 (.00023) [-.08051] | -.00071 (.00024) [-.07641] | -.00064 (.00028) [-.07183] | -.00073 (.00023) [-.08137] | -.00068 (.00023) [-.08543] |
| Condos | .00027 (.00006) [.00948] | -.00001 (.00005) [-.00112] | .00025 (.00011) [.07550] | .00001 (.00011) [.00323] | -.00016 (.00009) [-.05258] | .00005 (.00010) [.01717] | .00019 (.00007) [.06342] | .00010 (.00008) [.03768] |
| Mobile homes | -.00075 (.00006) [-.17608] | -.00041 (.00007) [-.10474] | -.00063 (.00016) [-.10916] | -.00051 (.00015) [-.08810] | -.00064 (.00014) [-.09593] | -.00033 (.00015) [-.05150] | -.00058 (.00008) [-.12911] | -.00033 (.00008) [-.08229] |
| Alcohol serving | -.00164 (.00053) [-.02995] | -.00128 (.00048) [-.02532] | -.00226 (.00090) [-.05506] | -.00275 (.00089) [-.06510] | -.00321 (.00154) [-.04813] | -.00085 (.00150) [-.01220] | -.00090 (.00076) [-.01447] | -.00020 (.00077) [-.00366] |
| Number of parks | .00016 (.00002) [.00481] | .00005 (.00001) [.01572] | -.00003 (.00001) [-.01244] | .00004 (.00006) [.01776] | .00031 (.00010) [.03197] | .00008 (.00013) [.00994] | -.00001 (.00002) [-.00223] | .00001 (.00002) [.00422] |
| Park land | -.06438 (.05069) [-.01092] | .06094 (.06336) [.01089] | .04712 (.07671) [.01090] | .10747 (.04228) [.02167] | -.24336 (.12958) [-.02634] | -.16843 (.08926) [-.01928] | -.05528 (.05300) [-.00905] | .08754 (.10016) [.01552] |
| Com space | -.00001 (.00001) [-.01009] | -.00001 (.00001) [-.01631] | .00001 (.00001) [.00149] | -.00001 (.00001) [-.01247] | .00001 (.00002) [.01203] | -.00001 (.00002) [-.00428] | -.00001 (.00001) [-.01171] | .00001 (.00001) [.00414] |
| Com vacant land | -.01363 (.08450) | -.14902 (.09540) | .02183 (.10252) | .10706 (.16395) | -.55148 (.22976) | .06872 (.18644) | -.03560 (.11351) | -.04697 (.12046) |

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|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | [-.00137] | [-.01619] | [.00241] | [.01206] | [-.04130] | [.00572] | [-.00345] | [-.00510] |
| Ind space | -.00002 | -.00003 | -.00003 | -.00001 | -.00001 | -.00001 | -.00003 | -.00004 |
| | (.00001) | (.00001) | (.00002) | (.00001) | (.00001) | (.00001) | (.00002) | (.00002) |
| | [-.02314] | [-.02634] | [-.03025] | [-.01507] | [-.00399] | [-.00457] | [-.02676] | [-.03540] |
| Ind vacant land | -.00536 | -.00908 | -.01120 | -.01328 | -.23262 | .08281 | -.01758 | -.03415 |
| | (.00382) | (.00308) | (.00326) | (.00468) | (.13564) | (.13038) | (.07926) | (.07372) |
| | [-.00348] | [-.00658] | [-.01165] | [-.01442] | [-.01889] | [.00706] | [-.00266] | [-.00581] |
| SF vacant land | -.02500 | .03941 | -.39606 | -.32017 | .31941 | .05871 | -.32636 | .30113 |
| | (.12824) | (.13784) | (.10143) | (.12022) | (.12845) | (.13668) | (.14697) | (.16734) |
| | [-.00162] | [.00276] | [-.03803] | [-.03082] | [.02426] | [.00438] | [-.02074] | [.02179] |
| N | 3,582 | 3,581 | 1,695 | 1,666 | 1,946 | 1,905 | 3,332 | 3,352 |
| Adjusted R ² | .574 | .563 | .293 | .239 | .337 | .264 | .409 | .263 |
| F-stat | 15 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| p-value | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .023 | .000 | .000 |
| LR stat | 209 | 114 | 67 | 40 | 39 | 22 | 119 | 61 |
| p-value | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .060 | .000 | .000 |

Note: The dependent variable is the adult income mean percentile rank in the national distribution of household income for youth whose parents were in the 25th percentile. Residential land uses are shares of the total number of housing units in the neighborhood. Alcohol outlets and parks are their total number. Park land and vacant lots are measured in acres. Industrial and commercial space is measured in square feet (10,000s). Numbers in parentheses and brackets are the robust standard error and the beta coefficient. All models include the complete set of Chetty et al. (2020a) variables (Figure V) as controls. The *F*-statistics test for whether the land use variables are jointly significant. The log-likelihood ratio statistics test whether the land use variables significantly improve the prediction.

Table 3
Dollar Change in Adult Household Income from
an Interquartile Change in the Value of the Prediction Variable

| | Females | | | Males | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| MF small | -954 | | -299 | -978 | | -272 |
| MF large | -1002 | | -299 | -916 | | -150 |
| SF rentals | -2471 | | -827 | -2569 | | -756 |
| Condos | 443 | | 59 | 202 | | -17 |
| Mobile homes | -700 | | -359 | -421 | | -201 |
| Alcohol serving | -784 | | -178 | -721 | | -144 |
| Number of parks | 2 | | 11 | 35 | | 33 |
| Park land | -38 | | -37 | 36 | | 30 |
| Com space | -9 | | -36 | -42 | | -49 |
| Com vacant land | -9 | | -1 | -7 | | -7 |
| Ind space | -90 | | -28 | -85 | | -30 |
| Ind vacant land | -16 | | -2 | -16 | | -3 |
| SF vacant land | -17 | | -5 | 6 | | 7 |
| Poverty rate 1990 | | -1267 | -628 | | -828 | -439 |
| Employment rate 2000 | | -388 | -419 | | -382 | -402 |
| Jobs within 5 mi 2015 | | 501 | 509 | | 152 | 220 |
| Avg job growth 2004–2013 | | 144 | 129 | | 180 | 164 |
| HH mean income 2000 | | 1462 | 1310 | | 994 | 937 |
| 3rd grade math score 2013 | | 219 | 260 | | 432 | 451 |
| Share college grad 2000 | | 3211 | 2647 | | 2045 | 1667 |
| Single parent share 1990 | | -132 | -271 | | -657 | -667 |
| Census return rate 2010 | | 582 | 416 | | 591 | 476 |
| Black share 2000 | | -979 | -1172 | | -1432 | -1522 |
| Hispanic share 2000 | | 723 | 618 | | 677 | 629 |
| Population density 2000 | | 587 | 190 | | 356 | 67 |

Notes: Shown in the table are the changes in the adult household income of poor youth from an increase in the predictor from its 25th to the 75th percentile value. Columns (1) and (2) are from models restricted to the land use and Opportunity Atlas variables, respectively. Column (3) is based on models including both sets of predictors.

Table 4
Predicting the Teenage Birth Rates of Poor Youth: The Land Use Variables

| | Pooled female | Black female | Hispanic female | White female |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| MF small | .00034 (.00014) [.03053] {.00375} | .00029 (.00027) [.02537] {.00358} | .00059 (.00028) [.05161] {.00741} | .00036 (.00019) [.03027] {.00335} |
| MF large | .00041 (.00008) [.05937] {.00730} | .00034 (.00020) [.05275] {.00745} | .00080 (.00022) [.09648] {.01386} | .00023 (.00011) [.03742] {.00414} |
| SF rentals | .00098 (.00023) [.06935] {.00853} | .00014 (.00051) [.00881] {.00124} | .00197 (.00059) [.11186] {.01607} | .00070 (.00028) [.05319] {.00588} |
| Condos | -.00018 (.00007) [-.03544] {-.00436} | -.00048 (.00022) [-.06563] {-.00927} | .00013 (.00016) [.02264] {.00325} | -.00033 (.00009) [-.07164] {-.00792} |
| Mobile homes | .00109 (.00011) [.14371] {.01768} | .00054 (.00036) [.04290] {.00605} | .00172 (.00034) [.13597] {.01953} | .00105 (.00012) [.15742] {.01741} |
| Alcohol serving | .06387 (.00098) [.04018] {.00474} | .00593 (.00193) [.06548] {.00924} | .00447 (.00237) [.03610] {.00518} | .00205 (.00122) [.02244] {.00248} |
| Number of parks | -.00005 (.00006) [-.00936] {-.00115} | -.00012 (.00004) [-.02239] {-.00316} | -.00074 (.00044) [-.04127] {-.00593} | -.00001 (.00007) [-.00131] {-.00014} |
| Park land | .10997 (.06470) [.01058] {.00130} | -.05600 (.14760) [-.00587] {-.00083} | .39212 (.23055) [.02250] {.00323} | .10434 (.09610) [.01156] {.00128} |
| Com space | .00003 (.00002) [.01586] {.00195} | .00001 (.00003) [.00618] {.00087} | -.00002 (.00002) [-.01124] {-.00161} | -.00001 (.00002) [-.00279] {-.00031} |
| Com vacant land | .03022 (.16153) [.00172] {.00021} | .35053 (.36258) [.01758] {.00248} | 1.26616 (.82624) [.05027] {.00722} | -.09219 (.14584) [-.00604] {-.00067} |
| Ind space | .00004 (.00002) [.02207] | .00037 (.00034) [.01964] | -.00005 (.00002) [-.02371] | .00009 (.00003) [.04891] |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | {.00271} | {.00277} | {-.00341} | {.00541} |
| Ind vacant land | .03804 | .05873 | -.45104 | -.11064 |
| | (.01003) | (.00947) | (.33320) | (.07604) |
| | [.01402] | [.02768] | [-.01941] | [-.01135] |
| | {.00172} | {.00391} | {-.00279} | {-.00125} |
| SF vacant land | -.26470 | -.08920 | -.24172 | -.17510 |
| | (.15322) | (.58029) | (.22120) | (.21840) |
| | [-.00974] | [-.00388] | [-.00973] | [-.00753] |
| | {-.00120} | {-.00055} | {-.00140} | {-.00083} |
| N | 3,582 | 1,695 | 1,946 | 3,332 |
| Adjusted R ² | .681 | .345 | .390 | .472 |
| <i>F</i> -stat | 16 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| <i>p</i> -value | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| LR stat | 219 | 35 | 64 | 155 |
| <i>p</i> -value | .000 | .001 | .000 | .000 |

Note: The dependent variable is the fraction of female youth birthing a baby as a teenager. Residential land uses are shares of the total number of housing units in the neighborhood. Alcohol outlets and parks are their total number. Park land and vacant lots are measured in acres. Industrial and commercial space is measured in square feet (10,000s). Numbers in (), [], and {}, are the robust standard error, the beta coefficient, and the change in the birth rate from moving the value of the predictor from the 25th to the 75th percentile of its distribution, respectively. All models include the complete set of Chetty et al. (2020a) variables (Figure V) as controls. The *F*-statistics test for whether the land use variables are jointly significant. The log-likelihood ratio statistics test whether the land use variables significantly improve the prediction.

Table 5
Neighborhood Land Use Counterfactuals: Oaxaco Decompositions

| | Mean (1) | Mean (2) | Difference | Counterfactual (1) | Counterfactual (2) |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Male Income | | | | | |
| Black White | .3065 (.0016) | .4163 (.0012) | -.1098 (.0019) | .0013 (.0008) | -.0017 (.0007) |
| Hispanic White | .4208 (.0017) | .4163 (.0012) | .0045 (.0021) | -.0006 (.0008) | .0007 (.0005) |
| Female Income | | | | | |
| Black White | .3579 (.0015) | .4531 (.0013) | -.0952 (.0020) | .0028 (.002) | -.0019 (.0007) |
| Hispanic White | .4543 (.0017) | .4531 (.0013) | .0012 (.0022) | -.0008 (.0008) | .0020 (.0006) |
| Female Teen Birth | | | | | |
| Black White | .3996 (.0034) | .1996 (.0019) | .1999 (.0039) | -.0054 (.0019) | .0016 (.0011) |
| Hispanic White | .2524 (.0033) | .1996 (.0019) | .0528 (.0038) | .0050 (.0019) | -.0035 (.0009) |

Notes: Mean (1) is the outcome for the minority group and Mean (2) for the white group. Counterfactual (1) gives the expected change in the minority group mean outcome if the minority group had white group land use levels. Counterfactual (2) gives the expected change in the white group mean outcome if the white group had the minority group land use levels. Robust standard errors are in parentheses.

Appendix Table A.1
 Predicting the Adult Household Income of Poor Youth: Variables from Chetty et al. (2020a) Figure V

| | Pooled female | Pooled male | Black female | Black male | Hispanic female | Hispanic male | White female | White male |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Poverty rate 1990 | -.05781 (.01496) [-.08253] | -.03827 (.01504) [-.05907] | -.04059 (.02259) [-.07705] | .01666 (.02744) [.03152] | -.11639 (.02757) [-.14056] | -.09359 (.03126) [-.11577] | -.01484 (.02270) [-.01497] | -.05768 (.02255) [-.06683] |
| Employment rate 2000 | -.02342 (.01015) [-.03968] | -.02074 (.01012) [-.03815] | .01602 (.02014) [.02654] | -.02221 (.01784) [-.03636] | -.05321 (.02036) [-.07192] | -.04153 (.02239) [-.05691] | -.02215 (.01253) [-.03428] | -.02967 (.01229) [-.05172] |
| Jobs within 5 mi 2015 | .00005 (.00001) [.05341] | .00002 (.00001) [.02453] | .00004 (.00002) [.04157] | .00001 (.00002) [.01225] | .00022 (.00023) [.02587] | .00002 (.00002) [.02873] | .00003 (.00002) [.02439] | .00001 (.00002) [.00630] |
| Avg job growth 2004–2013 | .01851 (.01156) [.01837] | .02085 (.01194) [.02255] | .00756 (.01866) [.00803] | -.00685 (.02157) [-.00720] | -.02405 (.02269) [-.02037] | .01179 (.02479) [.00999] | .03371 (.01688) [.03030] | .02657 (.01687) [.02708] |
| HH mean income 2000 | .00037 (.00008) [.16446] | .00027 (.00007) [.13194] | .00081 (.00016) [.29345] | .00075 (.00015) [.26398] | .00037 (.00013) [.14601] | .00076 (.00015) [.10143] | .00025 (.00011) [.10115] | .00026 (.00009) [.11802] |
| 3rd grade math score 2013 | .00693 (.00252) [.03214] | .01193 (.00241) [.06001] | .00918 (.00476) [.04223] | .01695 (.00525) [.07736] | .01739 (.00661) [.06621] | .00861 (.00691) [.03305] | .01088 (.00297) [.04737] | .01250 (.00295) [.06156] |
| Share college grad 2000 | .12609 (.01428) [.25630] | .02296 (.01232) [.17165] | -.02654 (.02596) [-.04928] | .00777 (.02393) [.01416] | .15910 (.02813) [.28130] | .12415 (.03084) [.22382] | .20252 (.01796) [.38043] | .12170 (.01561) [.25854] |
| Single parent share 1990 | -.01751 (.01269) [-.03481] | -.04361 (.01201) [-.09372] | -.04337 (.01670) [-.11126] | -.07730 (.02071) [-.19751] | -.00007 (.00031) [-.00556] | -.03175 (.02356) [-.05250] | -.05197 (.01611) [-.07669] | -.03906 (.01633) [-.06618] |
| Census return rate 2010 | .00044 (.00016) [.04213] | .00050 (.00015) [.05214] | -.00035 (.00026) [-.03387] | -.00060 (.00026) [-.05706] | -.00007 (.00630) [-.00557] | .00051 (.00033) [.04110] | .00030 (.00022) [.02558] | -.00010 (.00021) [-.01005] |
| Black share 2000 | -.07681 (.00465) | -.09933 (.00447) | .00468 (.00725) | -.00436 (.00743) | -.00130 (.00975) | -.01209 (.01069) | -.00387 (.00917) | -.01011 (.00839) |

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|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | [-.24071] | [-.33692] | [.01953] | [-.01804] | [-.00330] | [-.03123] | [-.00844] | [-.02525] |
| Hispanic share | .04352 | .04436 | .03530 | .03233 | .06575 | .06082 | .01563 | .00042 |
| 2000 | (.00510) | (.00483) | (.01299) | (.01326) | (.00797) | (.00838) | (.00902) | (.01022) |
| | [.13006] | [.14339] | [.08609] | [.08048] | [.21627] | [.20542] | [.03886] | [.00123] |
| Population | .00113 | .00041 | .00393 | .00457 | .00035 | -.00014 | .00404 | -.00023 |
| density 2000 | (.00069) | (.00067) | (.00154) | (.00198) | (.00086) | (.00093) | (.00122) | (.00133) |
| | [.02534] | [.00992] | [.07561] | [.08596] | [.00853] | [-.00363] | [.07258] | [-.00485] |

Note: The dependent variable is the adult income mean percentile rank in the national distribution of household income for youth whose parents were in the 25th percentile. The poverty rate of the tract is measured for 1990 from the 1990 Census. The employment rate is measured for 2000 from the Census long form and equals the total employed population divided by the total population 16 years and over. Jobs within 5 miles of the centroid of the tract is for 2015 is constructed using LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES) provided by the Census Bureau. Job Growth is the average annualized growth rate from 2004 to 2013 and is also constructed from the LODES data. Mean Household Income is from the 2000 Decennial Census. The 3rd grade math test scores are for 2013 and are obtained from the Stanford Education Data Archive and measured at the district level. Tract numbers are assigned using a crosswalk from districts to tracts. The share of college graduates is from the 2000 Census long form and is calculated as the number of people aged 25 or older with a college degree divided by the total number of people aged 25 or older in a tract. The single parent share is for from the 1990 Census and equals the number of households with female head (and no husband present) or male head (and no wife present) with own children under 18 years old present divided by the total number of households with own children present. The 2010 Census return rate is from the Census 2016 Planning Database and is calculated as the number of Census mail forms completed and returned over the number of valid occupied housing units where a Census form was expected to be delivered for mail return to Census. Racial Shares are for 2000 and are from the Census long form. The population density variable is the total tract-level population divided by tract land area in square kilometers, measured using the 2000 Census. For more complete descriptions of the variables and their construction, see Chetty et al. (2020a): Online Appendix B: Construction of Neighborhood Level Variables. Numbers in parentheses and brackets are the robust standard error and the beta coefficient, respectively. All models include the land use variables in Table 2.

Appendix Table A.2
Predicting the Adult Household Income of Poor Youth: Opportunity Atlas Variables Only

| | Pooled female | Pooled male | Black female | Black male | Hispanic female | Hispanic male | White female | White male |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Poverty rate 1990 | -.11660 (.01470) [-.16647] | -.07369 (.01402) [-.11373] | -.09228 (.02208) [-.17518] | -.01382 (.02608) [-.02614] | -.14729 (.02638) [-.17787] | -.12708 (.02914) [-.15721] | -.07633 (.02232) [-.07706] | -.09458 (.02177) [-.10958] |
| Employment rate 2000 | -.02170 (.01071) [-.03677] | -.02028 (.00999) [-.03730] | .00296 (.02034) [.00490] | -.02372 (.01783) [-.03901] | -.04631 (.02024) [-.06260] | -.04528 (.02185) [-.06205] | -.03301 (.01258) [-.05109] | -.03685 (.01191) [-.06422] |
| Jobs within 5 mi 2015 | .00005 (.00001) [.05264] | .00001 (.00001) [.01615] | .00004 (.00002) [.04574] | .00001 (.00002) [.01732] | .00003 (.00002) [.03591] | .00001 (.00002) [.01757] | .00003 (.00002) [.02759] | .00000 (.00002) [.00057] |
| Avg job growth 2004–2013 | .02055 (.01170) [.02040] | .02312 (.01180) [.02500] | .01773 (.01859) [.01885] | -.00189 (.02137) [-.00199] | -.02174 (.02301) [-.01840] | .01616 (.02489) [.01369] | .03611 (.01682) [.03245] | .02961 (.01702) [.03019] |
| HH mean income 2000 | .00041 (.00008) [.18356] | .00029 (.00007) [.13895] | .00085 (.00016) [.30533] | .00077 (.00015) [.27019] | .00045 (.00012) [.17630] | .00029 (.00014) [.11347] | .00030 (.00011) [.12109] | .00026 (.00008) [.11881] |
| 3rd grade math score 2013 | .00584 (.00256) [.02709] | .01145 (.00240) [.05758] | .00847 (.00469) [.03894] | .01529 (.00515) [.06979] | .01820 (.00654) [.06931] | .00981 (.00685) [.03765] | .01056 (.00298) [.04596] | .01259 (.00291) [.06202] |
| Share college grad 2000 | .15296 (.01312) [.31090] | .09620 (.01125) [.21181] | -.00443 (.02427) [-.00822] | .02909 (.02328) [.05302] | .15782 (.02465) [.27902] | .13162 (.02729) [.23728] | .22479 (.01688) [.42226] | .14168 (.01453) [.30097] |
| Single parent share 1990 | -.00850 (.01235) [-.01689] | -.04359 (.01167) [-.09367] | -.03634 (.01635) [-.09321] | -.08009 (.02041) [-.20464] | -.02773 (.02203) [-.04487] | -.03185 (.02255) [-.05266] | -.03075 (.01568) [-.04537] | -.03424 (.01520) [-.05801] |
| Census return rate 2010 | .00061 (.00015) [.05885] | .00062 (.00015) [.06460] | -.00011 (.00026) [-.01080] | -.00052 (.00025) [-.04916] | .00028 (.00029) [.02170] | .00080 (.00033) [.06401] | .00048 (.00021) [.04109] | .00002 (.00021) [.00165] |
| Black share 2000 | -.06415 (.00439) | -.09386 (.00415) | .00905 (.00682) | -.00089 (.00698) | .00793 (.00956) | -.00789 (.01011) | .00065 (.00887) | -.00900 (.00813) |

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|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| Hispanic share 2000 | [-.20103] .05093 (.00511) [.15220] | [-.31836] .04751 (.00479) [.15357] | [.03772] .04372 (.01243) [.10662] | [-.00368] .03676 (.01335) [.09099] | [.02015] .06781 (.00785) [.22304] | [-.02037] .06419 (.00821) [.21679] | [.00141] .02207 (.00925) [.05490] | [-.02248] .00329 (.01006) [.00948] |
| Population density 2000 | .00349 (.00068) [.07835] | .00219 (.00062) [.05293] | .00792 (.00142) [.15198] | .00684 (.00164) [.12860] | .00084 (.00075) [.02060] | .00114 (.00084) [.02934] | .00807 (.00119) [.14500] | .00229 (.00120) [-.04749] |

Note: Numbers in parentheses and brackets are the robust standard error and the beta coefficient, respectively. See notes to Appendix Table A.1 for variable descriptions.

Appendix Table A.3
 Predicting the Adult Household Income of Poor Youth: Land Use Variables Only

| | Pooled female | Pooled male | Black female | Black male | Hispanic female | Hispanic male | White female | White male |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MF small | -.00128 (.00009) [-.20343] | -.00131 (.00009) [-.22485] | -.00092 (.00011) [-.17599] | -.00097 (.00011) [-.18587] | -.00111 (.00012) [-.18338] | -.00097 (.00011) [-.16383] | -.00067 (.00014) [-.08414] | -.00101 (.00012) [-.14615] |
| MF large | -.00088 (.00007) [-.22617] | -.00079 (.00007) [-.22170] | -.00069 (.00010) [-.23263] | -.00048 (.00010) [-.16161] | -.00093 (.00012) [-.21333] | -.00087 (.00013) [-.20232] | -.00065 (.00008) [-.15280] | -.00049 (.00007) [-.13157] |
| SF rentals | -.00226 (.00025) [-.28214] | -.00224 (.00024) [-.30096] | -.00202 (.00029) [-.27286] | -.00197 (.00029) [-.26457] | -.00238 (.00039) [-.25498] | -.00218 (.00038) [-.24317] | -.00180 (.00027) [-.20154] | -.00147 (.00023) [-.18527] |
| Condos | .00014 (.00007) [.05040] | .00006 (.00006) [.02285] | .00015 (.00011) [.04620] | -.00006 (.00012) [-.01778] | -.00019 (.00010) [-.06245] | .00000 (.00010) [.00083] | .00031 (.00008) [.10081] | .00011 (.00007) [.04082] |
| Mobile homes | -.00147 (.00007) [-.34310] | -.00089 (.00007) [-.22574] | -.00138 (.00017) [-.23988] | -.00114 (.00016) [-.19573] | -.00163 (.00015) [-.24260] | -.00111 (.00015) [-.17168] | -.00148 (.00008) [-.32845] | -.00090 (.00007) [-.22628] |
| Alcohol serving | -.00717 (.00096) [-.13106] | -.00654 (.00089) [-.12886] | -.04445 (.00115) [-.10830] | -.00446 (.00095) [-.10558] | -.00832 (.00203) [-.12680] | -.00626 (.00170) [-.08956] | -.00503 (.00101) [-.08108] | -.00315 (.00096) [-.05735] |
| Number of parks | .00001 (.00003) [.00179] | .00006 (.00002) [.01892] | -.00001 (.00002) [-.00278] | .00008 (.00006) [.03205] | .00014 (.00020) [.01474] | -.00001 (.00019) [-.00174] | -.00004 (.00004) [-.01263] | -.00000 (.00003) [-.00019] |
| Park land | -.05853 (.06188) [-.00992] | .06744 (.08747) [.01205] | .03550 (.05634) [.00821] | .09672 (.04957) [.01950] | -.29304 (.17875) [-.03171] | -.24755 (.09367) [-.02833] | -.04342 (.07314) [-.00711] | .11386 (.12855) [.02018] |
| Com space | -.00004 (.00013) [-.00398] | -.00011 (.00016) [-.01290] | -.00022 (.00016) [-.02903] | -.00036 (.00013) [-.04764] | .00036 (.00021) [.03658] | .00027 (.00023) [.02705] | -.00013 (.00016) [-.01329] | .00004 (.00016) [.00452] |
| Com vacant land | -.05094 (.09819) | -.13441 (.10475) | .00028 (.13060) | .12048 (.14522) | -.59956 (.35878) | .08599 (.19008) | -.14917 (.10260) | -.10702 (.13255) |

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| | [-.00511] | [-.01460] | [.00003] | [.01357] | [-.04490] | [.00716] | [-.01444] | [-.01163] |
| Ind space | -.00076 | -.00074 | -.00034 | -.00027 | -.00031 | -.00030 | -.00090 | -.00075 |
| | (.00022) | (.00021) | (.00016) | (.00014) | (.00019) | (.00018) | (.00027) | (.00017) |
| | [-.07212] | [-.07611] | [-.03935] | [-.03216] | [-.03141] | [-.03165] | [-.07448] | [-.07406] |
| Ind vacant land | -.04271 | -.04467 | -.01934 | -.01680 | -.37345 | -.04303 | -.08772 | -.07462 |
| | (.00486) | (.00433) | (.00283) | (.00421) | (.12261) | (.20144) | (.08995) | (.07416) |
| | [-.02775] | [-.03237] | [-.02012] | [-.01825] | [-.03031] | [-.00367] | [-.01329] | [-.01270] |
| SF vacant land | -.07459 | .03592 | -.36292 | -.23895 | .33307 | .04086 | -.38431 | .28427 |
| | (.12623) | (.20441) | (.14357) | (.10688) | (.12691) | (.21861) | (.08611) | (.24402) |
| | [-.00484] | [.00251] | [-.03485] | [-.02300] | [.02530] | [.00305] | [-.02442] | [.02057] |

Note: Numbers in parentheses and brackets are the robust standard error and the beta coefficient, respectively.

Appendix Table A.4
Predicting the Teenage Birth Rates of Poor Youth: Variables from the Opportunity Atlas

| | Pooled female | Black female | Hispanic female | White female |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Poverty rate 1990 | .19874 (.02355) [.16090] {.01979} | .15653 (.05266) [.13468] {.01901} | .28828 (.05863) [.18455] {.02651} | .18158 (.03367) [.12408] {.01373} |
| Employment rate 2000 | .06374 (.01388) [.06126] {.00753} | -.00706 (.03896) [-.00531] {-.06075} | .05546 (.03567) [.03974] {.00571} | .05017 (.01595) [.05256] {.00581} |
| Jobs within 5 mi 2015 | -.00010 (.00002) [-.06260] {-.00770} | -.00006 (.00004) [-.03181] {-.00449} | -.00013 (.00004) [-.07982] {-.01146} | -.00013 (.00003) [-.08129] {-.00899} |
| Avg job growth 2004–2013 | -.01995 (.01813) [-.01123] {-.00138} | -.01151 (.04412) [-.00555] {-.00078} | .01347 (.03869) [.00604] {.00087} | -.04192 (.02172) [-.02550] {-.00282} |
| HH mean income 2000 | -.00036 (.00009) [-.09177] {-.01129} | -.00117 (.00029) [-.19197] {-.02710} | -.00051 (.00024) [-.10573] {-.01519} | -.00019 (.00010) [-.05359] {-.00593} |
| 3rd grade math score 2013 | -.01877 (.00386) [-.04936] {-.00607} | -.04609 (.01117) [-.09607] {-.01356} | -.02823 (.01135) [-.05698] {-.00818} | -.01271 (.00422) [-.03746] {-.00414} |
| Share college grad 2000 | -.22450 (.01754) [-.25879] {-.03183} | -.16889 (.04404) [-.09164] {-.01294} | -.27551 (-.04759) [-.25822] {-.03709} | -.27878 (.02041) [-.35446] {-.03921} |
| Single parent share 1990 | .04892 (.01764) [.05515] {.00678} | .11504 (.03871) [.13376] {.01888} | .03951 (.04277) [.03389] {.00487} | .01404 (.02104) [.01402] {.00155} |
| Census return rate 2010 | -.00087 (.00025) [-.04749] {-.00581} | .00166 (.00059) [.07291] {.01029} | -.00148 (.00059) [-.06177] {-.00888} | -.00084 (.00032) [-.04863] {-.00538} |
| Black share 2000 | .18581 (.00893) [.33022] {.04062} | .01953 (.01656) [.03691] {.00521} | -.01110 (.01916) [-.01495] {-.00215} | .05134 (.01493) [.07571] {.00837} |
| Hispanic share 2000 | -.02922 (.00776) [-.04952] | -.00662 (.02543) [-.00732] | -.08869 (.01375) [-.15462] | -.03401 (.01219) [-.05726] |

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| | {-.00609} | {-.00103} | {-.02221} | {-.00633} |
| Population density 2000 | -.00824 | -.02446 | -.00827 | -.06652 |
| | (.00114) | (.00372) | (.00149) | (.00193) |
| | [-.10490] | [-.21278] | [-.10793] | [-.07940] |
| | {-.01290} | {-.03004} | {-.01550} | {-.00878} |

Note: The dependent variable is the fraction of female youth birthing a baby as a teenager. Numbers in (), [], and {} are the robust standard error, the beta coefficient, and the change in the birth rate from moving the value of the predictor from the 25th to the 75th percentile of its distribution, respectively. All models include the land use variables.