

# Commuting, Air Quality and Welfare

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- ▶ Can **public transport infrastructure** be a useful tool?

# This paper

## Research questions

1. Does public transport (PT) infrastructure affect air quality?
2. How does accounting for this channel affect estimates of the welfare gains from PT infrastructure?

## Methodology

- ▶ Focus on Paris metropolitan area
- ▶ Neighborhood-level information from census and administrative datasets
- ▶ **Reduced-form** evidence: effects of PT on air quality and other outcomes
- ▶ **Structural** evidence: welfare gains based on a new Quantitative Urban Model

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## 2. Quantitative Urban Model (QUM) à la Ahlfeldt et al. (2015)

- ▶ Transport infrastructure evaluation (e.g., Heblich et al., 2020; Tsivanidis, 2025)

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- ▶ **Endogenous air pollution** at neighborhood level affecting amenities/productivity
- ▶ Heterogeneity across **skill levels** and **transport modes**
- ▶ Role of **averted road traffic pollution**



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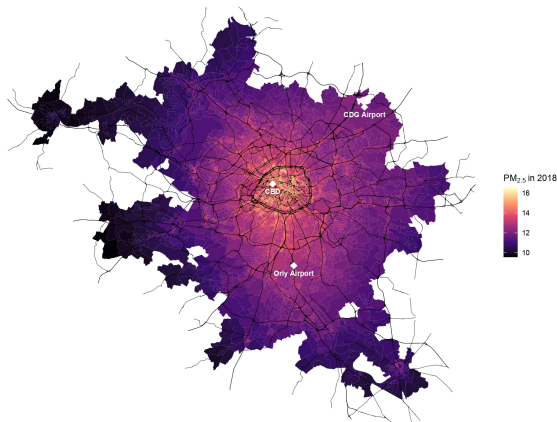
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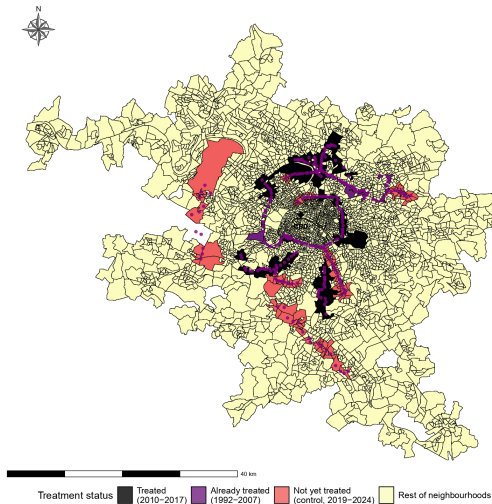
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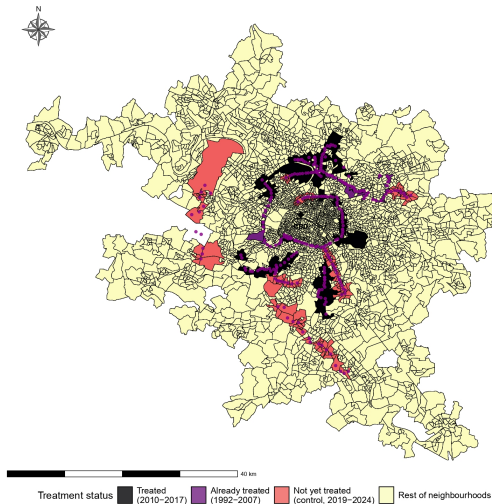
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↓ 3.5% PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration [Table](#)

↑ 6% housing prices [Table](#)

↑ 5ppt (12%) share of PT users [Table](#)

## Structural evidence

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## Required data at the neighborhood level

- a) residence & workplace empl. by skill  $\times$  mode
- b) air pollution
- c) rent
- d) bilateral commuting time

## Model Environment

## QUM: Workers

- ▶ A homogeneous mass of type-specific workers within an open city of  $N$  locations
- ▶ An individual  $o$  of type  $g$  derives a utility from living in  $n$  and working in  $i$ , using mode  $m$ :

$$U_{nim,g}(o) = \frac{B_{n,g} w_{i,g}}{d_{nim,g} P_n^{\beta_g} Q_n^{1-\beta_g}} z_{nim,g}(o)$$

- ▶  $B_{n,g}$ : type-specific amenities enjoyed at residence  $n$
- ▶  $w_{i,g}$ : type-specific wage in workplace  $i$
- ▶  $d_{nim,g}$ : commuting costs from residence  $n$  to workplace  $i$ , using transport mode  $m$
- ▶  $P_n$ : the price of final consumption good in  $n$  (numéraire:  $P_n = 1$ )
- ▶  $Q_n$ : rent in  $n$ , and  $(1 - \beta_g)$  is the share of income devoted to housing
- ▶  $z_{nim,g}(o)$ : type-specific idiosyncratic shock following Fréchet distribution,  
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- ▶ Share of type-specific workers choosing the Paris region:  $\frac{L_{N,g}}{L_{M,g}} = \left( \frac{\bar{U}_g}{\bar{U}_g} \right)^\phi$

## QUM: Firms

Firms produce a final good using a Cobb-Douglas technology under CRS:

$$Y_i = A_i \left( \frac{L_i}{\alpha} \right)^{\alpha} \left( \frac{H_i^L}{1 - \alpha} \right)^{1 - \alpha},$$

- ▶  $A_i$ : productivity at workplace  $i$
- ▶  $L_i$ : workforce used in production follows a CES function between both (low- and high-skilled) types of workers
  - ▶  $L_i = (\sum_g a_{i,g} L_{i,g}^{\rho})^{1/\rho}$
  - ▶  $a_{i,g}$  represents the skill intensity of type  $g$  in location  $i$  and  $\rho$  the substitution parameter
- ▶  $H_i^L$ : commercial floorspace used for production



## QUM: Housing market

- ▶ Housing is owned by landlords
- ▶ Following [Combes et al. \(2021\)](#), housing ( $H_i$ ) is supplied by developers with a Cobb-Douglas technology function of land ( $K_i$ ) and capital ( $M_i$ ):

$$H_i = k_i Q_i^{\frac{(1-\mu)}{\mu}}$$

- ▶  $k_i = (1 - \mu)^{\frac{(1-\mu)}{\mu}} K_i$ : land availability in location  $i$
  - ▶  $Q_i$ : rent in location  $i$
  - ▶  $\frac{1-\mu}{\mu}$ : housing supply elasticity
- ▶ No distortion of housing allocation between residents and firms

## QUM: Agglomeration forces - standard ingredients

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$$A_i = a_i \left( \frac{L_i}{K_i} \right)^{\eta^L}$$

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- ▶  $\zeta_g^R$  estimated,  $\zeta^L$  calibrated ([Champalaune, 2025](#))

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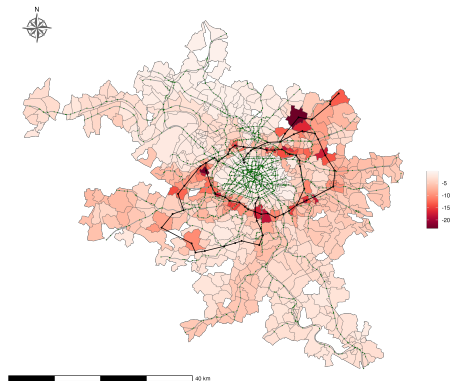
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  - ▶ commercial and residential housing demand

## Counterfactual Exercises

## Grand Paris Express (planned 2030+)



- ▶ **Largest PT infrastructure project** since the suburban rail network (RER) of the 1970s
- ▶ **Doubling the length:** 200 km (current metro: 226 km), 68 new stations
- ▶ Much faster commercial speed

## Grand Paris Express: Welfare gains

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<u>Welfare <math>\Delta\%</math></u>			
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Low-skilled	1.07		
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High-skilled	3.5		
Low-skilled	3.2		
<u>(Mean) pollution <math>\Delta\%</math></u>			
Whole area	−0.46		
<u>Parameters</u>			
Migration elasticity	0.0		
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Low-skilled	3.2	6.1	5.4
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Low-skilled	0.6		
<u><math>\lambda_{\text{Public}} \Delta\%</math></u>			
High-skilled	8.4		
Low-skilled	4.7		
<u>(Mean) pollution <math>\Delta\%</math></u>			
Whole area	-1.25		
Paris municipality	-5.69		
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Low-skilled	0.6	0.44	
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High-skilled	8.4	11.3	
Low-skilled	4.7	6.9	
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  - ▶ Further increases housing prices
  - ▶ Further fuels **sorting** of higher-skilled households into neighborhoods with new infrastructure and lower air pollution
  - ▶ Public transport as a vector of disparities in exposure to air pollution

# Thank you!

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## Reduced-form effects of tramway openings: Air pollution

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	$\Delta_{2018-2008} \text{ PM}_{2.5}$							
Treated	-0.75*** (0.21)	-0.73*** (0.21)	-0.37** (0.19)	-0.39** (0.17)	-0.76*** (0.14)	-0.75*** (0.14)	-0.60*** (0.19)	-0.61*** (0.19)
(log) workers in 2008		-0.35** (0.16)		-0.24 (0.15)		-0.15 (0.16)		-0.12 (0.15)
(log) distance to CBD			0.87** (0.36)	0.80** (0.34)			0.51 (0.33)	0.48 (0.32)
2008 mean $\text{PM}_{2.5}$	16.94	16.94	16.94	16.94	16.94	16.94	16.94	16.94
Mean outcome	-3.76	-3.76	-3.76	-3.76	-3.76	-3.76	-3.76	-3.76
R <sup>2</sup>	0.105	0.120	0.154	0.161	0.485	0.487	0.493	0.495
Observations	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328
Fare zone FE					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Standard errors clustered at the tram stop level in parentheses. Signif. codes: \*\*\*: 0.01, \*\*: 0.05, \*: 0.1.

## Reduced-form effects of tramway openings: Housing prices

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	$\Delta_{2018-2008}$ log housing price							
Treated	0.08*** (0.02)	0.08*** (0.02)	0.08*** (0.02)	0.07*** (0.02)	0.05** (0.02)	0.05** (0.02)	0.05** (0.02)	0.05** (0.02)
(log) workers in 2008		0.05 (0.04)		0.05 (0.04)		0.02 (0.04)		0.04 (0.04)
(log) housing price in 2008			0.02 (0.04)	0.005 (0.03)			-0.07 (0.05)	-0.08* (0.04)
2008 mean housing price	8.12	8.12	8.12	8.12	8.12	8.12	8.12	8.12
Mean outcome	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033
R <sup>2</sup>	0.048	0.055	0.049	0.055	0.124	0.125	0.138	0.144
Observations	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328
Fare zone FE					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Standard errors clustered at the tram stop level in parentheses. Signif. codes: \*\*\*: 0.01, \*\*: 0.05, \*: 0.1. Log housing price is a neighborhood-year fixed effect from a transaction-level regression of log housing price per square metre on floor area, lot size and a fixed effect for quarter of transaction.

## Reduced-form effects of tramway openings: PT commuters

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	$\Delta_{2018-2008}$ Share resident PT commuters							
Treated	0.01	0.01	0.06**	0.06***	0.01	0.01	0.05**	0.05**
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
(log) workers in 2008		0.03		0.06*		0.03		0.05*
		(0.04)		(0.03)		(0.04)		(0.03)
2008 mean share PT	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.403
Control 2008 share PT			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.001	0.005	0.197	0.213	0.007	0.012	0.210	0.222
Observations	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328
Fare zone FE					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Standard errors clustered at the tram stop level in parentheses. Signif. codes: \*\*\*: 0.01, \*\*: 0.05, \*: 0.1.

## Reduced-form effects of tramway openings: Car commuters

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
$\Delta_{2018-2008}$ Share resident car commuters								
Treated	-0.004 (0.02)	-0.002 (0.02)	-0.03 (0.02)	-0.03 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)
(log) workers in 2008		-0.04* (0.02)		-0.02 (0.02)		-0.04* (0.02)		-0.003 (0.02)
2008 mean share car	0.286	0.286	0.286	0.286	0.286	0.286	0.286	0.286
Control 2008 share car			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.001	0.010	0.169	0.172	0.032	0.040	0.219	0.219
Observations	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328
Fare zone FE					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Standard errors clustered at the tram stop level in parentheses. Signif. codes: \*\*\*: 0.01, \*\*: 0.05, \*: 0.1.

## Step 1: model parameters

Parameter	Description	Method	Value
<b>Calibrated</b>			
$\zeta^L$	PM <sub>2.5</sub> productivity loss	Champalaune (2025)	−0.03
$\eta^R$	Residential agglomeration forces	Ahlfeldt et al. (2015); Heblich et al. (2020)	0.10
$\eta^L$	Production agglomeration forces	Ahlfeldt et al. (2015); Heblich et al. (2020)	0.07
$\alpha$	Labor share	Cette et al. (2019); Gutiérrez and Piton (2020)	0.75
$1 - \beta_H$	Housing share, high-skilled	Combes et al. (2019)	0.3
$1 - \beta_L$	Housing share, low-skilled	Combes et al. (2019)	0.35
$1 - \mu$	Machinery capital	Combes et al. (2021)	0.54
$\rho$	Elasticity of skill substitution	Card (2009)	0.3
$\phi$	Elasticity of migration	Monte et al. (2018); Takeda and Yamagishi (2024)	3
<b>Estimated</b>			
$\nu_{m,g}$	Commuting time elasticity	OLS, gravity equation	<a href="#">Table</a>
$\epsilon_H$	Fréchet parameter, high-skilled	Min. variance	7.04
$\epsilon_L$	Fréchet parameter, low-skilled	Min. variance	10.38
$\zeta_H^R$	PM <sub>2.5</sub> disamenity effect, high-skilled	OLS, FD	−0.032
$\zeta_L^R$	PM <sub>2.5</sub> disamenity effect, low-skilled	OLS, FD	−0.015
$\theta^F$	PM <sub>2.5</sub> elasticity to commuting	OLS, FD	0.0276

## Step 2: type-specific wages ( $w_{i,g}$ )

Using

- ▶  $\omega_{im,g} = E_{im,g} w_{i,g}^{\epsilon_g}$ , and an estimated  $v_{m,g} = -\kappa_m \epsilon_g$
- ▶ a normalisation of the scale parameter  $E_{iPT,g}$  for public transport, and an estimation of  $\epsilon_g$
- ▶ prob. that a worker commutes to workplace  $i$  using mode  $m$  conditionally on living in  $n$
- ▶ commuting market clearing conditions

$$L_{im,g} = \sum_{n \in N} \frac{(\omega_{im,g} / e^{v_{mg} \tau_{nim}})}{\sum_{l \in N} (\omega_{lm,g} / e^{v_{mg} \tau_{nlm}})} R_{nm,g}$$

→ retrieve type specific wages vector ( $w_{i,g}$ )



### Step 3: skill intensity ( $a_{i,L}$ )

Using

- ▶ estimated  $w_{i,g}$
- ▶ observed vectors
- ▶ FOC of firm profit maximization with respect to the labor supply

$$\frac{1 - a_{i,L}}{a_{i,L}} = \frac{w_{i,H}}{w_{i,L}} \left( \frac{L_{i,L}}{L_{i,H}} \right)^{\rho-1}$$

→ retrieve skill intensity vector

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## Step 4: productivity ( $A_i$ )

Using

- ▶ free entry condition
- ▶ FOCs of firm profit maximization
- ▶ aggregate wage cost:  $W_i = \left( \sum_g a_{i,g}^{\frac{1}{1-\rho}} w_{i,g}^{\frac{\rho}{\rho-1}} \right)^{\frac{\rho-1}{\rho}}$

$$A_i = W_i^\alpha Q_i^{1-\alpha}$$

→ retrieve productivity vector

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## Step 5: type-specific amenities ( $B_{n,g}$ )

Using

- ▶ type-specific probability of residence  $\lambda_{nm,g}^R$
- ▶ expected utility
- ▶ population mobility
- ▶ open city settings

$$\Omega_{nm,g} = \frac{\lambda_{nm,g}^R Q^{(1-\beta_g)\epsilon_g}}{\sum_{i \in N} (\omega_{im,g} / e^{\nu_{mg} \tau_{nim}})}$$

→ retrieve amenities vector

## Step 6: housing development ( $H_n$ )

Housing market clears,

$$H_n = \underbrace{\sum_{m'} \sum_g (1 - \beta_g) \sum_{i \in N} \lambda_{nim|nm,g}^R \frac{w_{i,g}}{Q_n} R_{nm,g}}_{=H_n^R} + \underbrace{\left( (1 - \alpha) \frac{A_i}{Q_i} \right)^{1/\alpha} L_i}_{=H_n^L}$$

with,

- ▶  $H_n^R$  the residential housing demand in location  $n$
- ▶  $H_n^L$  the total commercial housing demand in location  $n$

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## Gravity equation - empirical specification

Log-linearising  $\lambda_{nim,g}$  leads to this gravity equation of commuting flows:

$$\ln \lambda_{nim,g} = \zeta_{im,g} + \vartheta_{nm,g} - \underbrace{\epsilon_g \kappa_{m,g}}_{\nu_{m,g}} \tau_{nim} + \xi_{nim,g}$$

where

- ▶  $\lambda_{nim,g}$ : type-specific commuting flows between residence  $n$  and workplace  $i$  with mode  $m$
- ▶  $\tau_{nim}$ : commuting time between residence  $n$  and workplace  $i$  with mode  $m$
- ▶  $\nu_{m,g}$ : type-specific commuting time disutility by mode  $m$
- ▶  $\zeta_{im,g} \equiv \ln(E_{im,g} w_{i,g}^{\epsilon_g})$ : type-specific workplace  $\times$  mode FE
- ▶  $\vartheta_{nm,g} \equiv \ln(T_{nm,g} B_{n,g}^{\epsilon_g} Q_n^{(\beta_g-1)\epsilon_g})$ : type-specific residence  $\times$  mode FE
- ▶  $\xi_{nim,g} \equiv -\ln\left(\sum_{k \in N} \sum_{l \in N} \sum_{m'} \Phi_{klm',g}\right)$ : error term

## Gravity equation - results

Table 1: Estimation of  $\nu_{m,g}$

	HS car (1)	LS car (2)	HS public (3)	LS public (4)
Commuting time by car	-0.1042*** (0.0006)	-0.1224*** (0.0008)		
Commuting time by PT			-0.0529*** (0.0002)	-0.0582*** (0.0003)
Origin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Destination	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	544,643	539,484	544,644	545,382

Notes: Signif. Codes: \*\*\*: 0.01, \*\*: 0.05, \*: 0.1. Heteroscedasticity-robust standard errors in parentheses.

## PM<sub>2.5</sub> elasticity through commuters

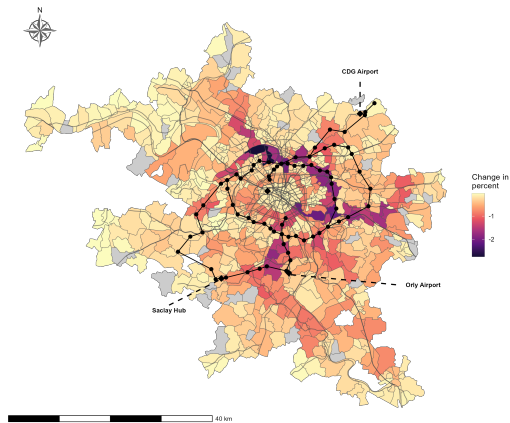
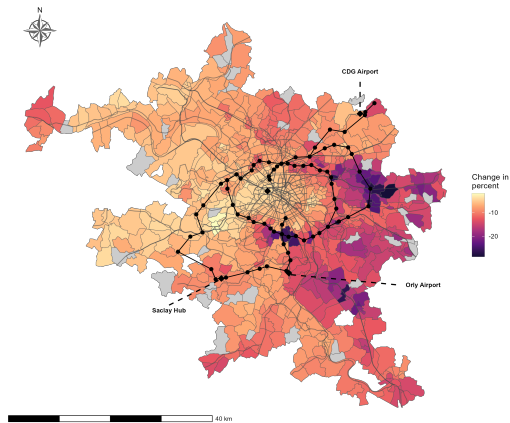
Log-linearising the relationship between local air pollution and car commuters through, and taking the first-difference:

$$\ln \hat{\Xi}_n = \psi_0 + \theta^F \Delta F_n + \ln \hat{\psi}_n$$

	$\ln \hat{\Xi}_n$
$\Delta F_n$	0.0276*** (0.0056)
Observations	672
R <sup>2</sup>	0.0614

Notes: Heteroscedasticity-robust standard errors in parentheses. Signif. Codes: \*\*\*: 0.01, \*\*: 0.05, \*: 0.1

# Grand Paris Express: Predicted changes in car usage and PM<sub>2.5</sub>





## Counterfactual: *Grand Paris Express* - full results

	Counterfactual scenario					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<u>Welfare <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
High-skilled	2.15	1.06	1.32	1.04	1.19	1.19
Low-skilled	1.07	0.67	0.69	0.48	0.6	0.59
<u><math>\lambda_{Car}</math> <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
High-skilled	-9.6	-6.8	-7.7	-8.4	-8.0	-8.1
Low-skilled	-10.4	-8.6	-10.8	-11.2	-11.0	-11.0
<u><math>\lambda_{Public}</math> <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
High-skilled	3.5	6.9	8.3	7.4	7.9	7.9
Low-skilled	3.2	5.4	6.1	5.4	5.8	5.8
<u>(Mean) pollution <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
Whole area	-0.46	-0.34	-0.38	-0.41	-0.39	-0.4
Paris municipality	-0.48	-0.32	-0.35	-0.39	-0.37	-0.35
Outside Paris municipality	-0.46	-0.35	-0.39	-0.41	-0.4	-0.4
<u>(Mean) rent <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
Whole area	0.18	1.27	1.86	1.51	1.77	1.62
<u>Total population <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
Whole	0.0	2.78	3.3	2.53	2.94	2.93
High-skilled	0.0	3.22	4.0	3.17	3.6	3.6
Low-skilled	0.0	2.03	2.09	1.45	1.8	1.77
<u>Parameters</u>						
Migration elasticity	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
$\eta^L$	0.0	0.0	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
$\eta^R$	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\zeta_L^R$	-0.015	-0.015	-0.015	0.0	0.0	-0.015
$\zeta_H^R$	-0.032	-0.032	-0.032	0.0	0.0	-0.032
$\zeta^L$	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	0.0	-0.03	0.0

## Counterfactual: Banning cars - full results

	Counterfactual scenario					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<u>Welfare <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
High-skilled	0.87	0.45	0.65	-0.55	-0.06	0.0
Low-skilled	0.6	0.35	0.44	-0.32	0.06	0.01
<u><math>\lambda_{Car} \Delta\%</math></u>						
High-skilled	-23.1	-22.1	-23.7	-20.3	-26.0	-19.5
Low-skilled	-15.1	-14.3	-16.4	-12.7	-20.0	-10.4
<u><math>\lambda_{Public} \Delta\%</math></u>						
High-skilled	8.4	9.9	11.3	5.2	9.3	7.1
Low-skilled	4.7	5.8	6.9	2.7	6.5	3.3
<u>(Mean) pollution <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
Whole area	-1.25	-1.21	-1.29	-1.14	-1.41	-1.08
Paris municipality	-5.69	-5.69	-5.69	-5.69	-5.69	-5.69
Outside Paris municipality	-0.71	-0.66	-0.75	-0.59	-0.88	-0.52
<u>(Mean) rent <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
Whole area	0.22	0.71	0.86	-0.46	0.98	-0.22
<u>Total population <math>\Delta\%</math></u>						
Whole	0.0	1.24	1.73	-1.39	-0.05	0.02
High-skilled	0.0	1.36	1.96	-1.65	-0.17	0.01
Low-skilled	0.0	1.05	1.33	-0.95	0.17	0.02
<u>Parameters</u>						
Migration elasticity	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
$\eta^L$	0.0	0.0	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
$\eta^R$	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\zeta_L^R$	-0.015	-0.015	-0.015	0.0	0.0	-0.015
$\zeta_H^R$	-0.032	-0.032	-0.032	0.0	0.0	-0.032
$\zeta^L$	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	0.0	-0.03	0.0