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AT A TIME WHEN CITIES AND METRO REGIONS HAVE BECOME THE ECONOMIC ENGINES OF THE NATION AND WHEN THE MOST VALUABLE CURRENCY OF THE NEW ECONOMY IS KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS, CITIES MUST BE CONSTANTLY LEARNING, SHARING, AND REINVENTING. NO CITY LACKS TALENT AND IDEAS, BUT ALMOST EVERY CITY LACKS A VEHICLE FOR CONNECTING WITH TALENT AND IDEAS OUTSIDE THEIR OWN CITY AND FOR MOBILIZING, ACCELERATING, AND SUSTAINING ACTION ON IMPORTANT GOALS.

CEOs for Cities fills this need through a national network of cross-sector leaders who connect with each other and with smart ideas, practices, and stories for city success.

We *Curate* smart ideas and benchmark city success through our *City Vitals*. We *Connect* cross-sector leaders through our network of *City Clusters*. We *Catalyze* collaborative change through our *City Dividends* and *Prize Challenges*.

The Power of Progress. City Dividends.

→ MAKING SMALL CHANGES THAT REAP BIG ECONOMIC DIVIDENDS

Our ultimate goal – catalyzing collaborative change for city success – is easier said than done. The key challenge that every city faces is how to best motivate, mobilize, focus, accelerate, and sustain action on the key issues that contribute to city success. While we know that most work by urban leaders in cities and regions contributes to the general good, the payback from investments often seems distant and uncertain. Leaders in every city are working away at challenges from different angles, but efforts are not coordinated and progress is not being made as quickly as needed.

→ THE KEY CHALLENGE THAT EVERY CITY FACES IS HOW TO BEST MOTIVATE, MOBILIZE, FOCUS, ACCELERATE, AND SUSTAIN ACTION ON THE KEY ISSUES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CITY SUCCESS.

Our framework is that of a “what if” analysis. What if an investment of resources in a strategy could reap real, tangible and calculable economic benefits? What if my city could reach higher levels of performance in areas of primary importance to the economic success of the city and metro region?

The answer is *City Dividends™*. A City Dividend is the economic benefit resulting from investing resources to successfully achieve a measurable, actionable goal toward your city’s and metro region’s economic progress. The objective of City Dividends is to provide quantitative estimates of the economic gains and/or savings that metropolitan regions and cities could achieve by improving their performance on specific priority issues.

City Dividends are based on a simple but profound premise - the power of progress- or what Harvard Professor Teresa Amabile calls the “progress principle.” Her extensive research has found that the single most important motivator and catalyst of positive action is making progress and showing forward momentum in meaningful work.

City Dividends are premised on our research and experience that measurable progress, or “moving the needle,” on targeted work can reap huge economic growth dividends for cities and metro regions, and accelerate movement on important goals. Focusing on a particular goal allows us to approach a problem with the kind of intensity needed to formulate an action plan that works.

City Dividends as a Catalyst for Collective Impact

We have found that a City Dividend can be a powerful catalyst for convening stakeholders from different sectors around a common agenda and set of metrics for addressing an important challenge. CEOs for Cities’ highly successful $1 million Talent Dividend Prize, funded by the Kresge and Lumina Foundations in partnership with Living Cities, has helped to catalyze, motivate, and accelerate work on the goal of college completion in 57 American cities competing to achieve the greatest increase in college degree completion over a three-year period. We have found that when there is cross-sector, collaborative focus on achieving a targeted, measurable and actionable goal toward your city’s economic success, the collective impact is positive and measurable, and momentum is sustained. The Talent Dividend Prize incentivized accelerated progress toward the goal of college completion by shining a powerful light on the opportunity and the achievable, measurable goal provided an incentive to make meeting the challenge a priority.
City Dividends can be customized and applied to the situations of individual cities and metropolitan areas and used as a tool in strategic planning and policy advocacy. Cities should adopt City Dividends simply because they can’t afford to drive into the future without collective energy, intense focus, and a well-informed, accelerated path to success.

The future belongs to those cities and regions that can best catalyze collaborative, cross-sector change by demonstrating measurable progress on important goals, thus earning their City Dividends.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE CHALLENGE THAT EVERY CITY FACES IS HOW TO BEST MOBILIZE, ACCELERATE, AND SUSTAIN ACTION ON THE KEY ISSUES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CITY SUCCESS. THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE CITIES AND REGIONS THAT CAN BEST CATALYZE COLLABORATIVE CHANGE BY DEMONSTRATING MEASURABLE PROGRESS ON IMPORTANT GOALS.

CEOS FOR CITIES BELIEVES THE ANSWER IS CITY DIVIDENDS. CEOS FOR CITIES CREATED THE CITY DIVIDEND CONCEPT TO CATALYZE COLLABORATIVE ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN CITIES AND REGIONS. CITY DIVIDENDS, FIRST DEVELOPED BY ECONOMIST JOE CORTRIGHT OF IMPRESSA, INC., FOR CEOS FOR CITIES, AND CAROL COLETTA, FORMER PRESIDENT AND CEO OF CEOS FOR CITIES, ARE PREMISED ON RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE THAT MEASURED PROGRESS, OR "MOVING THE NEEDLE," ON TARGETED WORK CAN REAP LARGE ECONOMIC DIVIDENDS FOR CITIES AND METRO REGIONS, AND ACCELERATE MOVEMENT ON IMPORTANT GOALS.

A CITY DIVIDEND™ IS THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT RESULTING FROM INVESTING RESOURCES TO SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVE A MEASURABLE, ACTIONABLE GOAL TOWARD YOUR CITY’S AND METRO REGION’S ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

A City Dividend™ is the economic benefit resulting from investing resources to successfully achieve a measurable, actionable goal toward your city’s and metro region’s economic progress. The objective of City Dividends is to provide quantitative estimates of the economic gains and/or savings that metropolitan regions and cities could achieve by improving their performance on specific priority issues.

CEOs for Cities previously developed three City Dividends—the Talent, Green, and Opportunity Dividends—and the opportunity to develop other city dividends related to city success is unlimited. This report updates the Talent, Opportunity, and Green Dividends for the San Antonio metropolitan region, and develops a new Dividend for the San Antonio metro region: the Health/Diabetes Dividend.

- **The Talent Dividend™:** The Talent Dividend goal is increasing the number of college graduates in the metro region by 1%, and the dividend is the increased average personal income in the region.
- **The Opportunity Dividend™:** The Opportunity Dividend goal is reducing the metro region poverty rate by 1%, and the dividend is the public savings associated with reducing poverty in the region.
- **The Green Dividend™:** The Green Dividend goal is reducing driving by one mile per person per day in the region, and the dividend is the individual savings related to driving less.
- **The Health/Diabetes Dividend™:** The Health/Diabetes Dividend goal is reducing the number of diabetics in the region, and the dividend is the medical and indirect economic savings associated with having fewer individuals with this chronic illness.

San Antonio City Dividends: Major Findings

**The Talent Dividend** illustrates each metropolitan region’s growth in personal income for every 1% increase in the adult population with at least a bachelor’s degree.

- Combined Talent Dividend for the largest 51 metropolitan regions - $111 billion.
- **Talent Dividend for the San Antonio metropolitan region - $1.38 billion.** This means that the San Antonio metropolitan region would see an overall increase in personal income of $1.38 billion.
- **San Antonio’s Talent Dividend ranks 28th of the 51 largest metropolitan regions.**
- **An increase in San Antonio’s bachelor’s degree or higher educational attainment from 26.5% to 27.5% means that the number of persons with a bachelor’s degree or higher will increase by 14,184 in the San Antonio metro region.**
- **Talent Dividend for 1 person, on average, in the largest 51 metropolitan regions is $974.14.** This means that for every additional person in the average large metro region who obtains at least a bachelor’s degree, he or she will earn, on average, an additional $974 each year in income.
• If you solely measure the economic success of a region based on the level of per capita income, 64% of the region’s economic success is explained by the level of bachelor’s or higher college degree attainment, when the analysis is conducted only on the relationship between these two measures.

The Opportunity Dividend™ shows the decrease in public anti-poverty spending for every 1% decrease in the number of persons in poverty for each metropolitan region.

• Combined Opportunity Dividend for the largest 51 metropolitan regions - $31 billion.

• Opportunity Dividend for the San Antonio metropolitan region - $403 million. This means that the San Antonio metro region will see a decrease in public anti-poverty expenditures of $403 million.

• San Antonio’s Opportunity Dividend ranks 24th of the 51 largest metropolitan regions.

• A decline in San Antonio’s poverty rate from 17.3% to 16.3% means that the number of persons in poverty in the San Antonio metro region will decline by 21,911 people.

• Opportunity Dividend for 1 less person in poverty, on average, in the largest 51 metropolitan regions is $18,378. This means that for every one person that moves above the poverty threshold, each metro region saves, on average, $18,378 in public anti-poverty expenditures.

The Green Dividend™ estimates the savings in individual travel expenditures associated with a reduction in average daily vehicle miles traveled (DVMT) by 1 mile per day, by each person, for an entire year.

• Combined Green Dividend for the largest 51 metropolitan regions - $34.6 billion.

• Green Dividend for the San Antonio metropolitan region - $453 million. This means that if the residents of San Antonio reduce their DVMT per person by 1 mile (from 28.7 miles to 27.7 miles) residents in the metropolitan region would see a total economic savings of $453 million each year.

• San Antonio’s Green Dividend ranks 24th of the 51 largest metro regions.

• San Antonio’s DVMT is 28.7 per person, slightly higher than the average 24.8 DVMT per person for the largest 51 metro regions.

The Health/Diabetes Dividend™ calculates the expenditures that could be saved (medical and indirect) from a 1% decline in the diabetic population for each metropolitan region.

• The Health/Diabetes Dividend for the largest 51 metropolitan regions - $1.16 billion.

• The Health/Diabetes Dividend for the San Antonio metro region - $16.1 million. This means that if the citizens of San Antonio reduce the number of people who have diabetes by 1%, residents in the metropolitan region would see a savings of $16.1 million each year. These savings include direct medical expenditures, and indirect expenses due to absenteeism, presenteeism (not working to capacity while being at work), reduced productivity, disability, and early death.¹

• San Antonio’s Health/Diabetes Dividend ranks 24th of the 51 largest metro regions.

• The cost savings of diabetes per person for the San Antonio metro region is $971, slightly lower than the average $1,070 cost savings of diabetes per person for the largest 51 metropolitan regions. The cost savings measures the total dividend divided by the population. The cost savings of diabetes per person allows us to understand how everyone shares in the savings from a decline in the number of diabetics no matter their age or health status.

Appendix Table B1 shows the largest 51 metropolitan regions that have been included in this report. Appendix Table B2 lists the Talent Dividend, Opportunity Dividend, Green Dividend, and Health/Diabetes Dividend for these 51 metropolitan regions, and their corresponding ranking within the cohort. All values are shown in millions of dollars per year.

→ IF YOU SOLELY MEASURE THE ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF A REGION BASED ON THE LEVEL OF PER CAPITA INCOME, 64% OF THE REGION’S ECONOMIC SUCCESS IS EXPLAINED BY THE LEVEL OF BACHELOR’S OR HIGHER COLLEGE DEGREE ATTAINMENT, WHEN THE ANALYSIS IS CONDUCTED ONLY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO MEASURES.

THE #SA2020 OPPORTUNITY DIVIDEND

WHAT IF SAN ANTONIO DECREASES ITS POVERTY RATE BY 1%?

A 1% decrease in the San Antonio metro region’s poverty rate may seem small, but the change pays big dividends to everyone in the region.

WHAT DOES A 1% DECREASE IN THE POVERTY RATE LOOK LIKE?

2012 DIVIDEND GOAL THAT’S EXACTLY 2012 DIVIDEND GOAL THAT’S EXACTLY

17.3% 16.3% 17.3% 16.3%

378,226 PEOPLE IN POVERTY 356,315 PEOPLE IN POVERTY

FEWER PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY IN SAN ANTONIO.

A 1% decrease in the San Antonio metro region’s poverty rate may seem small, but the change pays big dividends to everyone in the region.

2012 DIVIDEND GOAL THAT’S EXACTLY

$403 MILLION $18,378 $403 MILLION $18,378

DIVIDEND GOAL THAT’S EXACTLY

DEGREES DEGREES

375,865 378,226

378,226 375,865

26.5% 27.5% 27.5% 26.5%

14,184 MORE COLLEGE-EDUCATED PEOPLE IN SAN ANTONIO.

PER ONE PERCENT DECREASE IN THE POVERTY RATE

MORE COLLEGE-EDUCATED PEOPLE IN SAN ANTONIO.

WHAT ARE THE ECONOMIC GAINS FOR SAN ANTONIO?

Total income in San Antonio metro region increases by: Income per person in the largest 51 metro regions increases by:

$1.4 BILLION $974.14

WHAT ARE THE ECONOMIC SAVINGS FOR SAN ANTONIO?

Public anti-poverty spending in the San Antonio metro region decreases by: Public anti-poverty spending per person in the largest 51 metro regions decreases by:

$403 MILLION $18,378

* College attainment is defined as a bachelor degree or higher.
THE #SA2020 GREEN DIVIDEND

WHAT IF EVERYONE IN SAN ANTONIO DRIVES ONE MILE LESS PER DAY?

A decrease of only one mile driven per person in the San Antonio metro region may seem small, but the change pays big dividends to everyone in the region.

WHAT DOES A ONE-MILE PER PERSON PER DAY DECREASE LOOK LIKE?

- **2012**
  - 28.7
  - 64,004,186 MILES

- **DIVIDEND GOAL**
  - 27.7
  - 61,770,183 MILES

- **2.23M FEWER MILES DRIVEN IN SAN ANTONIO EVERY DAY.**

WHAT ARE THE ECONOMIC SAVINGS FOR SAN ANTONIO?

- San Antonio metro region total annual driving expenses decrease by: $453 MILLION
- Daily spend on driving in San Antonio metro region decreases by: $1.2 MILLION
- Each person in San Antonio metro region saves: $202.58

WHAT ARE THE ECONOMIC SAVINGS FOR SAN ANTONIO?

- Medical and other costs in San Antonio metro region decrease by: $16.1 MILLION
- Each person in the San Antonio metro region saves: $971

THE #SA2020 HEALTH/DIABETES DIVIDEND

WHAT IF SAN ANTONIO DECREASES ITS DIABETIC POPULATION BY 1%?

A 1% decrease in the San Antonio metro region’s diabetic population may seem small, but the change pays big dividends to everyone in the region.

WHAT DOES A 1% DECREASE IN THE DIABETIC POPULATION LOOK LIKE?

- **2012**
  - 170,000 DIABETICS

- **DIVIDEND GOAL**
  - 168,300 DIABETICS

- **1,700 FEWER PEOPLE BEING TREATED FOR DIABETES IN SAN ANTONIO.**

2012 DIVIDEND GOAL

- DIABETICS: 170,000 → 168,300

28.7 27.7

$16.1 MILLION $971

2012 MILES

$1.4 BILLION

$453 MILLION
INTRODUCTION

CEOS FOR CITIES CREATED THE CITY DIVIDEND CONCEPT TO CATALYZE COLLABORATIVE ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN CITIES AND REGIONS. A CITY DIVIDEND IS THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT RESULTING FROM INVESTING RESOURCES TO SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVE A MEASURABLE, ACTIONABLE GOAL TOWARD YOUR CITY’S AND METRO REGION’S ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THE OBJECTIVE OF CITY DIVIDENDS IS TO PROVIDE QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATES OF THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS THAT METROPOLITAN REGIONS AND CITIES COULD ACHIEVE BY IMPROVING THEIR PERFORMANCE ON SPECIFIC PRIORITY ISSUES.

This report explores four types of City Dividends: Talent, Opportunity, Green, and Health/Diabetes. The Talent Dividend associates educational attainment, as measured by college degrees, and personal income. The Opportunity Dividend examines individuals in poverty and the public money spent on combating poverty. The Green Dividend considers the savings that a person can achieve by driving one less mile per day. The Health/Diabetes Dividend estimates the costs of diabetes and the economic savings associated with reducing the number of diabetics. The first three are updates of earlier dividends, while the Health/Diabetes Dividend is a new City Dividend. Detailed methodology on how each dividend is calculated and associated data sources is included in Appendix A.

Talent Dividend

A successful regional economy depends on many factors, one of which is the population’s level of educational attainment. A significant amount of literature has attributed gains in educational attainment to increased earnings and a better quality of life for individuals. Edward Glaser studied the relationship between a region’s educational level and regional growth. He found that regions that have a higher percentage of the population with a bachelor’s degree (or higher) in comparison to other regions experienced both population and productivity growth. He also found that regions with more educated populations are more likely to attract businesses, which in turn leads to increased economic activity and higher wages for residents.5 Obtaining additional education is now even more important since a significant educational achievement gap is emerging between the rich and the poor.6 The economic gains that result from education matter more now than ever.

Opportunity Dividend

The Opportunity Dividend estimates how much the public sector can reduce its anti-poverty expenditures when there are fewer individuals in poverty. On one hand, there are many factors associated with poverty (e.g., crime, housing, hunger, and unemployment) that are not taken into consideration by the Opportunity Dividend. On the other hand, some of the public anti-poverty spending is not generated from the local government, but rather is money allocated from the federal government that is distributed by the states (Temporary Aid for Needy Families – TANF) or is directly dispensed from the federal government (the Earned Income Tax Credit – EITC). In these instances, the dollars in public anti-poverty spending could not have been saved by the local government because they were never generated at the local level. Total public anti-poverty spending used in the calculation of the Opportunity Dividend includes Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and other assistance payments.

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Green Dividend
The Green Dividend estimates the savings that will accrue to individuals if they drive less. With the understanding that change can result from small actions, this dividend is based on the concept that if each person decreases the amount they drive by one mile each day whether by biking, walking, carpooling, or using transit, less money has to be allocated to gas, vehicle maintenance, vehicle insurance, and related costs. In addition, cars are a major source of air pollution. Therefore, driving less reduces air pollution and carbon emissions.

Health/Diabetes Dividend
According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the total annual cost of this disease to individuals and society in the United States in 2012 was $245 billion. These costs include $176 billion in direct medical expenditures and $69 billion for indirect expenses due to absenteeism, presenteeism (not working to capacity while being at work), reduced productivity, disability, and early death. Moreover, it is not just the effects on the individuals that suffer from diabetes, but rather there are systemic problems associated with the disease, especially economic consequences of productivity loss in a team workplace environment. A 2006 study showed that there are productivity losses in team environments when a worker is absent due to illness; and there is a ripple effect of productivity loss since the team is dependent upon all of its workers. Employers understand that it is important to help employees manage chronic illness in order to help decrease absenteeism and loss of productivity, while policy makers see an opportunity to align social welfare funding with chronic care management. The Health/Diabetes Dividend enumerates the ADA’s calculations at the metropolitan level and asks, “What will be the total economic savings (medical and indirect) if a metro region has one percentage less diabetics in their population?”

10 Personal income (PI) is defined by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis as the sum of wage and salary disbursements, supplements to wages and salaries, proprietors’ income with inventory and capital consumption adjustments, personal dividend income, personal interest income, and personal current transfer receipts, lower contributions from government social insurance. This value is then divided by the total population to get per capita income (PCI) values. For more information on PI and PCI: http://www.bea.gov/regional/pdf/overview/regional_spi.pdf.
In today’s knowledge-driven economy, metropolitan regions with high educational attainment have an advantage. When a city has a highly educated workforce, individuals’ income and economic well-being are increased because there is higher productivity overall. A highly educated workforce is more productive, and as a result, the businesses that hire them are more productive. Furthermore, research shows that an increase in human capital accounts for as much as a 25% increase in output per capita since the 1950s, indicating that educational attainment is key to economic growth.11

The Talent Dividend displays the correlation between education and income and shows the additional personal income that a metro area will gain if it increases the percentage of its population who has a college degree. To illustrate this, personal per capita income data was correlated with college attainment rates for the largest 51 metropolitan regions. College attainment rate is defined as the adult population (25 and over) who has earned a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Figure 5 outlines the percentage of the population greater than 25 years old that has a bachelor’s degree or higher in the largest 51 metropolitan regions. The average percentage of the population that has a bachelor’s degree or higher for the 51 largest metro regions is 33.7%. There were 33 metropolitan regions with educational attainment rates (bachelor’s degree and above) lower than the cohort average. Dividing the cohort into four groups, or quartiles, the San Antonio metro region can be found in the bottom quartile, with 26.5% of its adult population holding at least a bachelor’s degree. The Washington D.C. metro region has the highest rate of educated adults, with almost half of its residents 25 years and older holding at least a bachelor’s degree (48.2%). It is followed by San Jose and San Francisco.

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In order to create the Talent Dividend, we associated educational attainment rates with per capita income using regression analysis. To do this, we regressed bachelor or higher college attainment rates on per capita income for the largest 51 metro regions, using 2012 data. We then used the regression results to calculate the Talent Dividend for the overall cohort of the largest 51 metropolitan regions. The regression analysis demonstrates that if you measure the economic success of a region based on the level of per capita income, 64% of the region’s economic success is explained by the level of bachelor’s or higher college degree attainment, when the analysis is conducted only on the relationship between these two measures.

Figure 6 displays the association of educational attainment to per capita income. Calculating the dividend for every metropolitan region indicates that for every 1% increase in bachelor’s or higher college attainment rate, there is an average increase in per capita income. The average Talent Dividend for the largest 51 metropolitan regions is $974.14 per person. What this dollar amount signifies is that for every additional person in the average large metro area who obtains a bachelor’s degree or above, he or she will earn, on average, an additional $974 each year in income.

![Graph showing the relationship between educational attainment and per capita income.](image)

**FIG. 6 Talent Regression, 2012**

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12 The regression model specifies that 64% of the level of per-capita income is explained by variation in the data on bachelor’s or higher college attainment ($y=97414x+14265 R^2=0.642$). This means that 36% of per-capita income is explained by other variables and not by educational attainment.
The Opportunity Dividend has been estimated by analyzing the correlation between the number of individuals in poverty and total public sector anti-poverty spending within a metropolitan region. Persons in poverty are defined as the number of people with income less than the poverty threshold over the course of 12 months. Total public anti-poverty spending includes Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and other assistance payments.

Poverty Thresholds are defined by the United States Census Bureau for each year by size of family and number of related children under 18 years of age. In 2012 the poverty threshold for one person was $11,720; for a family of four that includes two children, the poverty threshold was $23,283. For more details, please see: https://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/threshld/.

Examining poverty rates across the largest 51 metropolitan regions reveals that the Memphis metro region has the highest poverty rate of the cohort in 2012 at nearly 20%, while the Washington, D.C. metro region has the lowest poverty rate at less than 10% (Figure 7). With a 17.3% poverty rate, the San Antonio metro region has the 8th highest poverty rate of the largest 51 metropolitan regions. The average poverty rate of this cohort is 14.8%; including San Antonio, there are 26 metro regions that have a poverty rate above the average.

**WHAT IF THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION DECREASES ITS POVERTY RATE BY 1%?**

TO DO THIS, THE POVERTY RATE IN THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION WILL DECREASE FROM 17.3% TO 16.3%. THEREFORE, THE METROPOLITAN REGION WILL SEE A DECREASE IN PUBLIC ANTI-POVERTY EXPENDITURES OF $403 MILLION. THIS VALUE IS KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO’S OPPORTUNITY DIVIDEND. COMPARED TO THE OTHER METROPOLITAN REGIONS IN THE COHORT, SAN ANTONIO’S OPPORTUNITY DIVIDEND RANKS 24TH OF THE 51 LARGEST METRO REGIONS, FALLING NEAR THE MIDDLE OF THE COHORT. NEW YORK CITY RANKS FIRST FOR THE OPPORTUNITY DIVIDEND, WITH A CALCULATED SAVINGS OF OVER $3 BILLION. THE ROCHESTER METRO REGION HAS THE LOWEST OPPORTUNITY DIVIDEND WITH NEARLY $200 MILLION SAVINGS IN PUBLIC ANTI-POVERTY SPENDING.
In order to create the Opportunity Dividend, the number of individuals in poverty is associated with public anti-poverty spending using a regression analysis. We regressed the number of people in poverty on public anti-poverty spending for each of the 51 largest metro regions, using 2012 data.

Figure 8 displays the association of the number of people in poverty to public anti-poverty spending. Calculating the Opportunity Dividend for each metro region signifies that for a decrease in the poverty rate, or the number of poor persons, there is a corresponding savings in public anti-poverty spending. On average, for the largest 51 metro regions, there is a saving of $18,378 per person in public anti-poverty expenditures. What this dollar amount signifies is that for every one person that moves above the poverty threshold, each metro region saves, on average, $18,378 in public anti-poverty expenditures.
378,226 people live in poverty in the San Antonio metro region

$18,378 public anti-poverty expenditures per impoverished individual

1% reduction in poverty rate

21,911 less people in poverty in the San Antonio metro region

Reducing the number of people in poverty by 1% will reduce public anti-poverty spending in the San Antonio metro region by $403 million annually

What if everyone in the San Antonio metro region drives one mile less per day?

If residents of San Antonio reduce their DVMTPER person by 1 mile (from 28.7 miles to 27.7 miles) people in the San Antonio metropolitan region will see an economic savings of $453 million each year. This value is known as San Antonio’s Green Dividend. Money saved by individuals can be spent or invested in the economy to increase the overall economic performance of the region.
The Green Dividend shows the savings associated with the population of the metropolitan region driving less. The Green Dividend has been estimated by calculating the costs of driving one mile and associating that with the average daily vehicle miles traveled (DVMT) per person in each metro region. Figure 9 outlines the DVMT per person for the largest 51 metropolitan regions in 2012. As might be expected, the New York City metro region has the lowest DVMT per person, at 16.4 miles, which can be attributed to high population density and an extensive public transit system. The Raleigh metro region has the cohort’s highest DVMT per person, at 47.7 daily vehicle miles traveled. San Antonio ranks 32nd of the 51 largest metropolitan regions with 28.7 DVMT per person, only slightly higher than the average 24.8 DVMT per person.

To calculate the Green Dividend, the population of the metropolitan region is multiplied by the estimated daily savings associated with driving one less mile daily, per person, times 365 days for the year. Overall, if every person in each metropolitan region in the cohort reduced their driving by 1 mile per day, the Green Dividend would equate to an annual savings of nearly $35 billion.
SAN ANTONIO GREEN DIVIDEND MATH

1 MILE PER PERSON PER DAY

55.6 CENTS PER MILE OPERATING COST

365 DAYS PER YEAR

2.3 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION

THE AVERAGE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION RESIDENT DRIVES 28.7 MILES PER DAY. REDUCING THAT BY JUST 1 MILE WILL GENERATE $453 MILLION IN SAVINGS EACH YEAR IN THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION

WHAT IF THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION DECREASES ITS DIABETIC POPULATION BY 1%?

FIGURE 10 DISPLAYS THE COST SAVINGS IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR A 1% DECLINE IN DIABETICS FOR EACH OF THE LARGEST 51 METROPOLITAN REGIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. SAN ANTONIO’S COST SAVINGS WOULD BE $16.1 MILLION. THIS VALUE IS THE HEALTH/DIABETES DIVIDEND FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION. SAN ANTONIO’S HEALTH/DIABETES DIVIDEND RANKS 24TH OF THE 51 LARGEST METRO REGIONS. THE COHORT AVERAGE SAVINGS IS $22.7 MILLION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT AS MUCH AS THE OVERALL COST SAVINGS IS IMPORTANT FOR A METROPOLITAN REGION, THIS DIVIDEND IS CALCULATED AS A FUNCTION OF THE AMOUNT OF DIABETICS IN A REGION TO THE OVERALL STATE. THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT THE METRO REGIONS OF LOS ANGELES, CA, AND NEW YORK, NY, WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST OVERALL COST SAVINGS AT $116.7 MILLION AND $79.7 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY, DUE TO THE SHEER SIZE THESE REGIONS ACCOUNT FOR WITHIN THEIR STATES.
According to the Centers for Disease control, approximately 75% of the $2 trillion spent on medical care each year is spent on chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and cancer.\textsuperscript{14} The Health/Diabetes Dividend examines diabetes as one facet of chronic diseases.

To account for the size and scale of each metro region, Figure 11 displays the diabetes cost savings per person for the entire metro region. This calculation is based upon the cost estimate in Figure 10 divided by the population estimates generated by the Centers for Disease Control Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (CDC BRFSS) data.\textsuperscript{15} Overall, the average cost savings of diabetes per person in the largest 51 metropolitan regions is $1,070. The San Antonio metro region has a cost savings of $971. It is interesting to note that the metro regions of Los Angeles, CA, and New York, NY, which had the highest total cost savings because of their large population size are ranked 15th and 18th, respectively, based on savings per person. The average cost savings of diabetes per person allows us to understand how everyone shares in the savings from a decline in the number of diabetics no matter their age or health status.
SAN ANTONIO HEALTH/DIABETES DIVIDEND MATH

170,000 PEOPLE WITH DIABETES IN THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION

1% REDUCTION IN THE DIABETIC POPULATION

1,700 LESS PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH DIABETES BY 1% WILL GENERATE $16.1 MILLION IN MEDICAL AND OTHER SAVINGS FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METRO REGION EACH YEAR

Source: US Centers for Disease Control Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System,
This report uses data compiled from a variety of secondary data sources in order to calculate each dividend. Appendix Table A1 details each dividend, variable, and source. We used a regression analysis to calculate both the Talent and Opportunity Dividends based on data for the 51 largest metropolitan regions (see above Table A1 for description of variables and data sources).

The Talent Dividend for each metro region was calculated by multiplying the average dividend per person ($974.14) by the number of persons that account for a 1% increase in the adult population with at least a bachelor’s degree. For example, an increase in San Antonio’s bachelor’s degree or higher educational attainment from 26.5% to 27.5% means that the number of persons with a bachelor’s degree or higher will increase by 14,184 persons.

The Opportunity Dividend was estimated by multiplying the average savings in poverty spending per person ($18,378) by the number of persons that account for a 1% decrease in the poverty rate. For example, a decline in San Antonio’s poverty rate from 17.3% to 16.3% means that the number of persons in poverty will decline by 21,911 persons. The decline in number of persons in poverty is then multiplied by average savings in poverty spending per person.

The Green Dividend was calculated using a different methodology. We used cost estimates of driving one mile and associating that with the average daily vehicle miles traveled (DVMT) per person in each metro area. To calculate the San Antonio Green Dividend, the population of the metropolitan region was multiplied by the estimated daily savings associated with driving one less mile daily, per person, times 365 days for the year. The average cost per mile used for all vehicle types according to the IRS is 55.5 cents per mile.16,17

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16 This rate is based upon the standard mileage rate for business, which is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile.

The Health/Diabetes Dividend was derived from a multitude of sources. We estimated the number of individuals at the metropolitan region to have diabetes using the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).[^18] This detailed survey data contains information on a multitude of health questions, including whether a person has diabetes, for the United States, metropolitan area, and county level. Individual identifiers are concealed but the dataset is weighted so that responses are representative of the geographic area.

Using the estimated number of diabetics per metro region from the BRFSS data and the supplementary tables provided by the ADA, we calculated the number of diabetics in the San Antonio metro region as a percentage of the total diabetics in the state.[^19] This percentage was then applied to the state level cost estimates from the ADA. If an MSA was contained solely within one state, MSA level BRFSS data was used. However, if an MSA crossed state boundaries, we estimated costs based on BRFSS county level data.

The unit of analysis for this study is that of the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), referred to in this report as metropolitan regions, metro regions, or metropolitan areas. MSAs have been defined by using updated 2003 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delineations.[^20] A cohort of the largest 51 MSAs is used in this report in areas. MSAs have been defined by using updated 2003 Office of Management and referred to in this report as metropolitan regions, metro regions, or metropolitan areas. The unit of analysis for this study is that of the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), referred to as metropolitan regions, metro regions, or metropolitan areas. MSAs have been defined by using updated 2003 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delineations.[^20] A cohort of the largest 51 MSAs is used in this report in keeping with the cohort of CEOs for Cities City Vitals 2.0. For a listing of all MSAs, see Appendix Table B1. It is important to note that the Green Dividend is based on Federal-Aid Urban Areas (FAUA), which feature different boundaries than MSAs.[^21] FAUAs are comprised of only urban areas, while MSAs follow county lines, which include both urban and rural areas. A crosswalk was developed to match FAUAs to MSAs as closely as possible, but it is important to note that the regions are not an exact match, and many rural areas found within MSA counties are not factored into the average daily vehicle miles of travel. For continuity, the MSA names are still used when describing the Green Dividend.

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**Appendix Table B1 Largest 51 Metropolitan Regions**

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[^20]: MSAs, as defined by the US Census Bureau, are associated with at least one urbanized area with a population of at least 50,000, comprising of the central county/county for equivalent entities containing the core, plus adjacent, outlying counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the central county/counties as measured through commuting. For more information: http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/c4t1.pdf

[^21]: FAUAs, as defined by the US DOT, are adjusted urban area boundaries allowed for transportation purposes. These boundaries extend US Census Bureau Urbanized Area and Urban Cluster boundaries outward, which only include, at a minimum, 2,500 persons with a population density. For more information: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway_functional_classifications/section00.cfm.
## Appendix Table B2. Largest 51 Metropolitan Regions City Dividends (in millions)

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**Notes:**
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- The cost savings per person is calculated assuming each dividend value is divided by the population of the region.
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Cost Savings Per Person ($):
