Is India's manufacturing sector moving out of cities?

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An Outline

- Nearly two billion people are expected to move from rural areas into cities within developing countries. *Given the great challenges ahead, we look backward at India's urbanization experience.*
- Is urbanization of formal and informal manufacturing sectors behaving differently in India?
- What are the traits of districts that have successfully urbanized?
- Has the spatial allocation of plants across urban and rural areas improved? Is urbanization associated with more efficient allocation of industry?
- What can policy makers do to make urbanization more inclusive?

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India's manufacturing sector has become more urbanized. Share of urban workers increased from 33% of employees in 1989 to 41% in 2005. Urbanization growth was dramatic from 1989 to 1994, but it has slowed down .



Organized manufacturing is moving from urban to rural locations, with the urban employment share declining from 69% in 1989 to 57% in 2005. Organized sector accounts for 80% of output in India's manufacturing sector

Urban shares in organized sector



On the other hand, the unorganized sector is moving from rural to urban areas, with its urban share of employment increasing from 25% to 37%. Unorganized sector accounts for 80% of employment in India's manufacturing sector



Urban shares in unorganized sector

Encouragingly, there has been an aggregate decline in spatial mismatch. Urbanization shifts associated with better education and infrastructure have also improved the spatial allocation of industry



India's spatial mismatch, 1989-2005

Improvements in spatial location mismatch is primarily driven by improved allocation of the unorganized sector

Spatial mismatch by sectors



Fig. 3a: India's manufacturing urbanization by district





Data and Definitions

- Organized and unorganized sectors. Definition has not changed
- ASI data for organized sector data and NSS for unorganized sector.
- Definition of urban has been mostly stable since the 1961 Census. Some reclassification but minor.
- India uses a more demanding definition of urban than USA.

Urbanization of manufacturing is concentrated in a few States. Only 8 of the 17 States and 7 of the 22 industries exhibit an increase in urbanization

- Most urbanized states in terms of manufacturing employment are Delhi and Chandigarh at over 90% in 2000.
- Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra and Punjab are above 60%. These states account for 35% of urban employment and 47% of urban output for India in 2000.
- Larger states of Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have below average urbanization rates of less than 20% for manufacturing employment.

Urbanization of manufacturing are concentrated in a few states

	Total establishment			Ur	Urbanization rate			Urbanization rate			Urbanization rate		
		counts		e	establishments			employment			output		
State	1994	2000	2005	1994	2000	2005	1994	2000	2005	1994	2000	2005	
Andhra Pradesh	748,360	1,469,307	1,437,720	0.25	0.27	0.30	0.40	0.38	0.38	0.56	0.46	0.43	
Bihar	1,053,839	1,250,688	1,307,078	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.56	0.52	0.56	
Chandigarh	3,906	6,046	1,534	0.93	0.89	0.54	0.95	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.97	0.98	
Delhi	131,842	230,598	99,712	0.81	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.97	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.94	
Gujarat	551,254	545,122	647,845	0.63	0.55	0.54	0.70	0.62	0.61	0.68	0.58	0.56	
Haryana	90,898	189,548	227,445	0.41	0.49	0.49	0.62	0.66	0.65	0.71	0.74	0.67	
Himachal Pradesh	80,096	94,708	102,682	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.29	0.30	0.35	
Karnataka	526,997	1,032,334	942,142	0.25	0.34	0.31	0.36	0.42	0.41	0.70	0.64	0.66	
Kerala	237,391	481,157	572,320	0.18	0.18	0.23	0.27	0.23	0.27	0.41	0.39	0.41	
Madhya Pradesh	463,195	957,108	1,019,022	0.25	0.28	0.32	0.41	0.36	0.38	0.68	0.55	0.60	
Maharashtra	629,357	1,223,468	1,116,648	0.50	0.46	0.51	0.66	0.61	0.64	0.71	0.68	0.60	
Orissa	1,078,820	955,560	831,287	0.04	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.37	0.43	0.38	
Punjab	151,520	331,683	290,789	0.54	0.46	0.50	0.72	0.65	0.64	0.80	0.71	0.68	
Rajasthan	343,140	599,027	608,407	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.44	0.46	0.51	0.64	0.58	0.65	
Tamil Nadu	943,138	1,463,466	1,465,806	0.42	0.45	0.42	0.49	0.51	0.48	0.57	0.52	0.47	
Uttar Pradesh	1,894,046	2,302,322	2,257,163	0.24	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.37	0.39	0.53	0.59	0.59	
West Bengal	1,628,708	2,733,376	2,694,214	0.17	0.23	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.69	0.63	0.63	
Totals and wtd averages	10,928,081	16,517,785	16,307,628	0.26	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.64	0.59	0.56	
Unweighted averages	620,971	933,266	918,930	0.36	0.38	0.37	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.64	0.60	0.60	

Notes: Indian descriptive statistics taken from Annual Survey of Industries and National Sample Statistics. Totals and weighted averages at the bottom of the table are for the full manufacturing sector, including states and industries not in the final sample. Urbanization rate in establishments is measured as the share of establishments in urban areas. Urbanization rates for employment and output are similarly defined.

Some industries are more urbanized

- Office, accounting and computing machinery; Publishing, printing and media; Medical, precision and optical instruments; and Watches are most urbanized
- Least urbanized are wood and wood products; tobacco products; and food products.
- Major increases in urbanization of employment are in textile, leather tanning, luggage, handbags and footwear.

Some industries are more urbanized, two digit NIC industry combining organized and unorganized sectors

		To	tal establishn	nent	Ur	banizatio	n rate	Urbanization rate		
			counts		e	stablishm	ents		employme	ent
		1994	2000	2005	1994	2000	2005	1994	2000	2005
15	Food products and beverages	2,391,234	2,962,970	2,572,043	0.19	0.22	0.20	0.24	0.27	0.25
16	Tobacco products	1,004,510	2,062,543	2,753,644	0.20	0.22	0.17	0.32	0.28	0.24
17	Textiles	1,971,821	2,239,348	2,312,117	0.24	0.31	0.32	0.37	0.42	0.45
18	Wearing apparel; dressing and dyeing of fur	90,952	2,785,199	3,158,538	0.67	0.40	0.40	0.85	0.52	0.52
19	Leather tanning; luggage, handbags, footwear	190,786	171,759	144,328	0.44	0.49	0.74	0.63	0.68	0.80
20	Wood and wood products; straw and plating	1,957,120	2,720,752	1,895,690	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.20	0.16	0.15
21	Paper and paper products	63,172	90,214	165,652	0.59	0.70	0.38	0.60	0.66	0.47
22	Publishing, printing and media reproduction	105,479	144,293	116,764	0.76	0.84	0.86	0.84	0.88	0.87
23	Coke, refined petroleum and nuclear fuel	5,075	7,429	6,435	0.48	0.27	0.20	0.48	0.43	0.34
24	Chemicals and chemical products	98,048	216,410	401,055	0.44	0.51	0.29	0.60	0.53	0.42
25	Rubber and plastic products	74,771	95,352	74,108	0.76	0.65	0.67	0.81	0.69	0.61
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	686,560	784,551	606,049	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.22	0.22	0.22
27	Basic metals	38,086	43,127	39,461	0.80	0.65	0.62	0.74	0.70	0.57
28	Fabricated metal products, except machinery	422,420	640,256	616,937	0.44	0.43	0.41	0.64	0.61	0.60
29	Machinery and equipment, n.e.c.	319,227	171,138	178,220	0.33	0.53	0.61	0.63	0.73	0.76
30	Office, accounting and computing machinery	498	303	931	0.95	0.94	0.91	0.77	0.88	0.86
31	Electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.c.	29,495	67,896	112,788	0.67	0.66	0.54	0.83	0.79	0.66
32	Radio, television, and comm. equipment	7,355	7,589	5,863	0.75	0.84	0.71	0.76	0.79	0.70
33	Medical, precision and optical instruments,	11,715	9,190	10,283	0.96	0.82	0.85	0.82	0.80	0.77
34	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	6,924	24,186	16,664	0.65	0.84	0.63	0.84	0.77	0.60
35	Other transport equipment	22,955	17,495	26,002	0.76	0.70	0.78	0.82	0.77	0.76
36	Furniture, manufacturing n.e.c.	1,429,878	1,255,784	1,094,058	0.38	0.54	0.54	0.47	0.60	0.62
Tot	als and wtd averages	10,928,081	16,517,785	16,307,628	0.26	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.41	0.41
Un	weighted averages	496,731	750,808	741,256	0.52	0.53	0.50	0.60	0.59	0.55

Table 3a: Industry-level urbanization rates for India's manufacturing sector

Plants in urban areas employ more labor and less land and capital than plants in rural areas.

	Urbanization rate			Industry traits in 2000				Urban-rural ratio in 2000			
		output		Labor	Capital	Materials	Land	Labor	Capital	Materials	Land
	1994	2000	2005	intensity	intensity	intensity	intensity	intensity	intensity	intensity	intensity
15 Food products and beverages	0.48	0.45	0.45	0.040	0.239	0.808	0.045	0.884	0.606	1.024	0.603
16 Tobacco products	0.72	0.62	0.60	0.084	0.112	0.515	0.027	1.903	1.227	0.826	1.198
17 Textiles	0.60	0.53	0.49	0.067	0.475	0.736	0.084	2.090	0.777	0.921	1.119
18 Wearing apparel; dressing and dyeing of fur	0.96	0.81	0.80	0.063	0.219	0.602	0.045	0.606	0.319	0.919	0.405
19 Leather tanning; luggage, handbags, footwear	0.70	0.72	0.78	0.047	0.179	0.773	0.044	1.487	1.460	0.987	1.343
20 Wood and wood products; straw and plating	0.55	0.45	0.39	0.063	0.369	0.759	0.051	0.987	0.460	0.969	0.539
21 Paper and paper products	0.52	0.48	0.42	0.058	0.659	0.730	0.087	1.335	0.657	0.969	0.701
22 Publishing, printing and media reproduction	0.93	0.86	0.84	0.078	0.441	0.591	0.068	2.168	0.289	1.069	0.178
23 Coke, refined petroleum and nuclear fuel	0.67	0.60	0.47	0.052	0.378	0.796	0.037	1.296	1.018	0.963	0.755
24 Chemicals and chemical products	0.66	0.57	0.53	0.052	0.528	0.670	0.064	1.392	0.849	1.003	0.866
25 Rubber and plastic products	0.71	0.53	0.48	0.048	0.469	0.712	0.064	1.716	0.816	1.034	1.005
26 Other non-metallic mineral products	0.40	0.36	0.35	0.066	0.931	0.619	0.119	1.468	0.690	1.055	0.691
27 Basic metals	0.65	0.60	0.51	0.046	0.410	0.809	0.058	1.529	0.810	1.006	0.850
28 Fabricated metal products, except machinery	0.85	0.69	0.69	0.076	0.300	0.717	0.041	1.741	0.681	0.925	0.704
29 Machinery and equipment, n.e.c.	0.83	0.72	0.72	0.096	0.314	0.654	0.065	1.447	0.642	1.003	0.602
30 Office, accounting and computing machinery	0.71	0.84	0.76	0.035	0.403	0.755	0.034	1.830	3.293	1.255	0.988
31 Electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.c.	0.84	0.88	0.66	0.096	0.348	0.704	0.067	1.966	0.823	0.974	0.918
32 Radio, television, and comm. equipment	0.61	0.67	0.60	0.065	0.412	0.718	0.049	1.650	0.676	1.084	0.876
33 Medical, precision and optical instruments,	0.73	0.72	0.76	0.110	0.350	0.591	0.074	1.460	0.873	1.349	1.000
34 Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0.83	0.65	0.53	0.075	0.594	0.680	0.079	1.532	0.905	0.945	0.553
35 Other transport equipment	0.65	0.62	0.55	0.072	0.291	0.759	0.065	1.952	0.816	0.962	0.944
36 Furniture, manufacturing n.e.c.	0.78	0.77	0.83	0.055	0.189	0.730	0.039	0.989	0.552	1.017	0.607
Totals and wtd averages	0.64	0.59	0.56								
Unweighted averages	0.70	0.64	0.60	0.07	0.39	0.70	0.06	1.52	0.87	1.01	0.79

Decompositions of urban share changes, 1994-2005

- Within-district and between-districts components operate in the same direction.
- For organized sector, both components serve to reduce the urbanization rate
- For the unorganized sector, both components serve to increase the urbanization rate.
- For organized sector, within-district component is larger than the between-district component.
- Rapidly growing districts experienced relative declines in manufacturing urbanization levels. Urbanization growth was highest in those districts that were growing their manufacturing base less than the national average.
- Within district component capture the majority of urbanization changes.

Decompositions of urban share changes, 1994-2005

	r	Total Activit	у	0	rganized Sec	tor	Unorganized Sector			
	Plants	Employ.	Output	Plants	Employ.	Output	Plants	Employ.	Output	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
A. Sector change in urbanization l	evel using b	alanced pane	el							
Urban share start	0.247	0.376	0.615	0.688	0.667	0.620	0.239	0.302	0.565	
Urban share ending	0.289	0.395	0.528	0.595	0.567	0.514	0.279	0.347	0.589	
Urban share change	0.042	0.019	-0.087	-0.093	-0.100	-0.106	0.041	0.045	0.024	
B. Decomposition: Bailey et al. (1	992)									
Within-district component	0.045	0.022	-0.074	-0.095	-0.086	-0.091	0.047	0.057	0.010	
Between-district component	0.030	0.029	-0.001	-0.014	-0.009	-0.001	0.024	0.014	-0.016	
Covariance term	-0.033	-0.032	-0.011	0.015	-0.005	-0.014	-0.030	-0.025	0.030	
Total	0.042	0.019	-0.087	-0.093	-0.100	-0.106	0.041	0.045	0.024	
C. Decomposition: Griliches and R	Rejev (1995)									
Within-district component	0.029	0.006	-0.080	-0.087	-0.089	-0.098	0.032	0.044	0.025	
Between-district component	0.013	0.013	-0.007	-0.006	-0.012	-0.008	0.009	0.001	-0.001	
Total	0.042	0.019	-0.087	-0.093	-0.100	-0.106	0.041	0.045	0.024	

Urbanization of districts

- Highly urbanized areas like Delhi have limited potential to further urbanize. There is strong unconditional convergence, where higher initial urban shares for district-industries experiences lower urbanization.
- Districts with more educated workforce experienced increased urbanization.
- Districts with better infrastructure experienced increased urbanization.
- Higher costs, or sharper differences in urban-rural wage levels, decrease the pace of urbanization.
- These effects are most pronounced in the unorganized sector.
- District land area and urban population are not important.
- Higher build-up area is strongly associated with increased urbanization.
- Cost factors in real estate market may also be present in labor markets

Urbanization changes in the manufacturing sector

	DV: Change in urbanization share for total district-industry employment									
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Initial urban share	-0.693+++	-0.743+++	-0.689+++	-0.739+++	-0.694+++	-0.741+++	-0.711+++	-0.754+++	-0.692+++	-0.741+++
	(0.031)	(0.029)	(0.030)	(0.029)	(0.030)	(0.029)	(0.029)	(0.029)	(0.030)	(0.029)
Education level	0.055+++	0.059+++	0.056+++	0.062+++	0.057+++	0.060+++	0.044+++	0.041+++	0.057+++	0.059+++
	(0.010)	(0.011)	(0.009)	(0.011)	(0.010)	(0.012)	(0.012)	(0.013)	(0.010)	(0.012)
Infrastructure level index	0.030+++	0.042++	0.027++	0.039++	0.026++	0.036+	0.020+	0.019	0.022 +	0.036 +
	(0.011)	(0.019)	(0.011)	(0.019)	(0.011)	(0.019)	(0.011)	(0.019)	(0.012)	(0.020)
Log average wage			-0.020	-0.031++	-0.019	-0.031++	-0.023	-0.035++	-0.026+	-0.040++
			(0.015)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.016)	(0.016)
Urban/rural wage ratio			-0.021+	-0.015	-0.020+	-0.016	-0.021+	-0.015	-0.019+	-0.014
			(0.011)	(0.010)	(0.011)	(0.010)	(0.011)	(0.010)	(0.011)	(0.010)
Log total district land area					0.007	-0.013	0.017	0.002	0.009	-0.012
					(0.014)	(0.016)	(0.014)	(0.017)	(0.014)	(0.016)
Change in urban population					0.235	-0.019	0.194	0.067	0.238	-0.016
					(0.219)	(0.203)	(0.186)	(0.189)	(0.212)	(0.199)
Urban build-up [50th,75th]							0.033	0.046++		
							(0.024)	(0.022)		
Urban build-up [75th,100th]							0.082+++	0.100+++		
							(0.027)	(0.028)		
Log land use intensity									0.017	0.019 +
									(0.011)	(0.011)
Industry fixed effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
State fixed effects	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Number of observations	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700
Adjusted R-squared	0.353	0.381	0.357	0.385	0.358	0.385	0.364	0.391	0.359	0.386

And all discovery in desire

What explains substantial flattening of urbanization?

- While the secular trend for India's manufacturing urbanization has slowed, the localized importance of education and infrastructure has not.
- Reforms in the early period contributed to a pent-up sorting to move to cheaper locations within districts.
- As this process worked out, general district wage rates became more important.
- Other district traits like distance to a large city, household banking, demographic trends, and import penetration are not that important to urbanization of manufacturing.

What explains slowing trend in urbanization?

	DV: Change in urbanization share for total district-industry employment										
	Base	1994-2000	2000-2005	1989-2005							
	estimation	period	period	period							
	(1) (2)	(3) (4)	(5) (6)	(7) (8)							
Initial urban share	-0.694+++ -0.741+++ (0.030) (0.029)	+ -0.681+++ -0.728+++ (0.028) (0.026)	-0.644+++ -0.695+++ (0.028) (0.028)	-0.801+++ -0.869+++ (0.034) (0.033)							
Education level	0.057+++ 0.060+++ (0.010) (0.012)	0.042+++ 0.034+++ (0.010) (0.012)	0.061+++ 0.067+++ (0.010) (0.013)	$\begin{array}{c} 0.070{+}{+}{+}\\ (0.013) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0.073{+}{+}{+}\\ (0.015) \end{array}$							
Infrastructure level index	$\begin{array}{c} 0.026++\\ (0.011) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 0.036+\\ (0.019) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.029{+}{+}{+} & 0.032 \\ (0.009) & (0.020) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0.025{++} & 0.030 \\ (0.011) & (0.019) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.033{+}{+}{+} & 0.024 \\ (0.012) & (0.023) \end{array}$							
Log average wage	-0.019 -0.031++ (0.014) (0.014)	$\begin{array}{c} 0.025+ \\ (0.014) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0.011 \\ (0.014) \end{array}$	-0.027+ -0.035++ (0.015) (0.016)	-0.018 -0.039+ (0.019) (0.020)							
Urban/rural wage ratio	-0.020+ -0.016 (0.011) (0.010)	-0.023+++ (0.009) -0.019++ (0.008)	-0.008 -0.005 (0.009) (0.009)	-0.021++ -0.015 (0.010) (0.010)							
Log total district land area	0.007 -0.013 (0.014) (0.016)	0.007 -0.027 (0.015) (0.019)	0.011 -0.007 (0.013) (0.016)	0.002 -0.039++ (0.015) (0.018)							
Change in urban population	0.235 -0.019 (0.219) (0.203)	-0.080 -0.283 (0.200) (0.215)	0.367+ 0.097 (0.200) (0.183)	$\begin{array}{c} 0.624{++} & 0.317 \\ (0.309) & (0.289) \end{array}$							
Industry fixed effects	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes							
State fixed effects	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes							
Observations	1700 1700	1700 1700	1700 1700	1276 1276							
Adjusted R-squared	0.358 0.385	0.369 0.400	0.313 0.337	0.430 0.462							

Notes: See Table 5.

Interaction of District traits and industry traits

- Land and capital intensive industries may be urbanizing less in districts with more educated workforce, but the results are weak.
- Land and capital intensive industries urbanized less in districts with better infrastructure.
- Industries with high capital and land intensity are more likely to locate in rural areas in districts with strong education and infrastructure levels.
- Most of the district traits mostly act similarly across industries.

District-Industry Interaction. How sensitive are industries to district traits?

	DV: Change in urbanization share for district-industry										
		Plants			Employment		Output				
	1994-2005	1994-2000	2000-2005	1994-2005	1994-2000	2000-2005	1994-2005	1994-2000	2000-2005		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
			А	. Estimations	using industr	y land intens	ity				
Initial urban share	-0.824+++ (0.033)	-0.840+++ (0.031)	-0.777+++ (0.032)	-0.811+++ (0.034)	-0.811+++ (0.030)	-0.739+++ (0.035)	-0.730+++ (0.031)	-0.814+++ (0.029)	-0.761+++ (0.031)		
Education level x Industry land intensity	-0.021 (0.019)	-0.026+ (0.015)	-0.015 (0.019)	-0.026 (0.018)	-0.020 (0.014)	-0.018 (0.019)	-0.028 (0.023)	-0.007 (0.019)	-0.019 (0.023)		
Infrastructure level index x Industry land intensity	-0.036++ (0.016)	-0.042+++ (0.016)	-0.030+ (0.016)	-0.022 (0.015)	-0.039+++ (0.014)	-0.016 (0.015)	-0.022 (0.018)	-0.035++ (0.017)	-0.012 (0.019)		
Industry fixed effects District fixed effects Adjusted R-squared	Yes Yes 0.428	Yes Yes 0.490	Yes Yes 0.399	Yes Yes 0.445	Yes Yes 0.486	Yes Yes 0.406	Yes Yes 0.418	Yes Yes 0.451	Yes Yes 0.433		
	B. Estimations using industry capital intensity										
Initial urban share	-0.824+++ (0.034)	-0.839+++ (0.031)	-0.776+++ (0.032)	-0.810+++ (0.034)	-0.809+++ (0.030)	-0.739+++ (0.035)	-0.731+++ (0.031)	-0.817+++ (0.029)	-0.761+++ (0.031)		
Education level x Industry capital intensity	-0.026 (0.016)	-0.025 (0.016)	-0.018 (0.016)	-0.022 (0.017)	-0.029+ (0.015)	-0.012 (0.017)	-0.016 (0.020)	0.000 (0.017)	-0.008 (0.020)		
Infrastructure level index x Industry capital intensity	-0.025+ (0.015)	-0.026+ (0.015)	-0.025+ (0.015)	-0.015 (0.015)	-0.024+ (0.013)	-0.014 (0.015)	-0.007 (0.018)	-0.027 (0.019)	-0.004 (0.018)		
Industry fixed effects District fixed effects Adjusted R-squared	Yes Yes 0.428	Yes Yes 0.489	Yes Yes 0.399	Yes Yes 0.444	Yes Yes 0.486	Yes Yes 0.406	Yes Yes 0.417	Yes Yes 0.451	Yes Yes 0.432		

Has urbanization improved allocation of industry across urban and rural areas?

- Districts with large initial spatial mismatch tend to decrease the mismatch over time.
- Spatial mismatch metric declines as urbanization increases.
- Districts with more educated workforce show stronger declines in spatial mismatch.
- Infrastructure is also associated with reduced mismatch but not strong. Cost factors not significant.
- Urbanization process in India linked to education and perhaps infrastructure is improving spatial industry allocation.

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	DV: Change in urban spatial mismatch for district employment										
	Total emp	oloyment,	Organize	ed sector,	Unorganiz	ed sector,	Total emp	ployment,	Total emp	ployment,	
	1994-2005		1994	1994-2005		-2005	1994	-2000	2000-	-2005	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	
Initial urban spatial mismatch	-0.688+++ (0.057)	-0.738+++ (0.060)	-0.343+++ (0.063)	-0.404+++ (0.070)	-0.789+++ (0.057)	-0.819+++ (0.060)	-0.708+++ (0.050)	-0.764+++ (0.056)	-0.617+++ (0.090)	-0.698+++ (0.094)	
Change in urban share	-0.172+++ (0.036)	-0.169+++ (0.035)	-0.186+++ (0.033)	-0.180+++ (0.028)	-0.174+++ (0.035)	-0.170+++ (0.033)	-0.199+++ (0.032)	-0.188+++ (0.032)	-0.216+++ (0.027)	-0.198+++ (0.031)	
Education level	-0.024+++ (0.006)	-0.028+++ (0.008)	-0.009+ (0.005)	-0.008 (0.006)	-0.028+++ (0.006)	-0.033+++ (0.007)	-0.026+++ (0.006)	-0.026+++ (0.007)	-0.020+++ (0.007)	-0.027+++ (0.008)	
Infrastructure level index	-0.009 (0.007)	-0.008 (0.017)	0.006 (0.007)	-0.018 (0.018)	-0.006 (0.007)	0.012 (0.017)	-0.025+++ (0.006)	-0.020+ (0.012)	-0.007 (0.007)	-0.009 (0.017)	
Log average wage	-0.001 (0.010)	0.008 (0.010)	-0.005 (0.011)	0.002 (0.010)	-0.007 (0.012)	0.002 (0.012)	-0.002 (0.010)	0.003 (0.011)	-0.002 (0.011)	0.007 (0.011)	
Urban/rural wage ratio	-0.004 (0.008)	-0.007 (0.007)	0.001 (0.007)	-0.001 (0.007)	0.003 (0.007)	0.000 (0.006)	-0.001 (0.005)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.001 (0.006)	-0.003 (0.006)	
Log district land area	-0.014+ (0.009)	-0.015 (0.013)	0.006 (0.008)	0.008 (0.013)	-0.022++ (0.009)	-0.018 (0.012)	-0.010 (0.008)	0.007 (0.011)	-0.008 (0.008)	-0.014 (0.012)	
Change in urban population	0.038 (0.182)	0.033 (0.223)	-0.079 (0.075)	-0.051 (0.089)	-0.184 (0.114)	-0.196 (0.152)	-0.077 (0.116)	-0.101 (0.149)	0.060 (0.146)	0.107 (0.167)	
State fixed effects Observations Adjusted R-squared	No 250 0.608	Yes 250 0.629	No 201 0.304	Yes 201 0.367	No 247 0.651	Yes 247 0.683	No 250 0.597	Yes 250 0.626	No 250 0.500	Yes 250 0.520	

Fig. 3b: India's urbanization mismatch by district



Conclusions and Policy suggestions

- Organized manufacturing is moving from urban to rural areas
- Unorganized manufacturing is urbanizing
- Urbanization is higher in districts with better education and infrastructure
- Urbanization has improved rural-urban allocation of industries
- Policy makers should encourage an inclusionary approach to the urban informal economy
- Research on spatial location and concentration of economic activity is still at an early stage.
- Movement of organized manufacturing from cities to rural areas is surprising at this stage of India's development.