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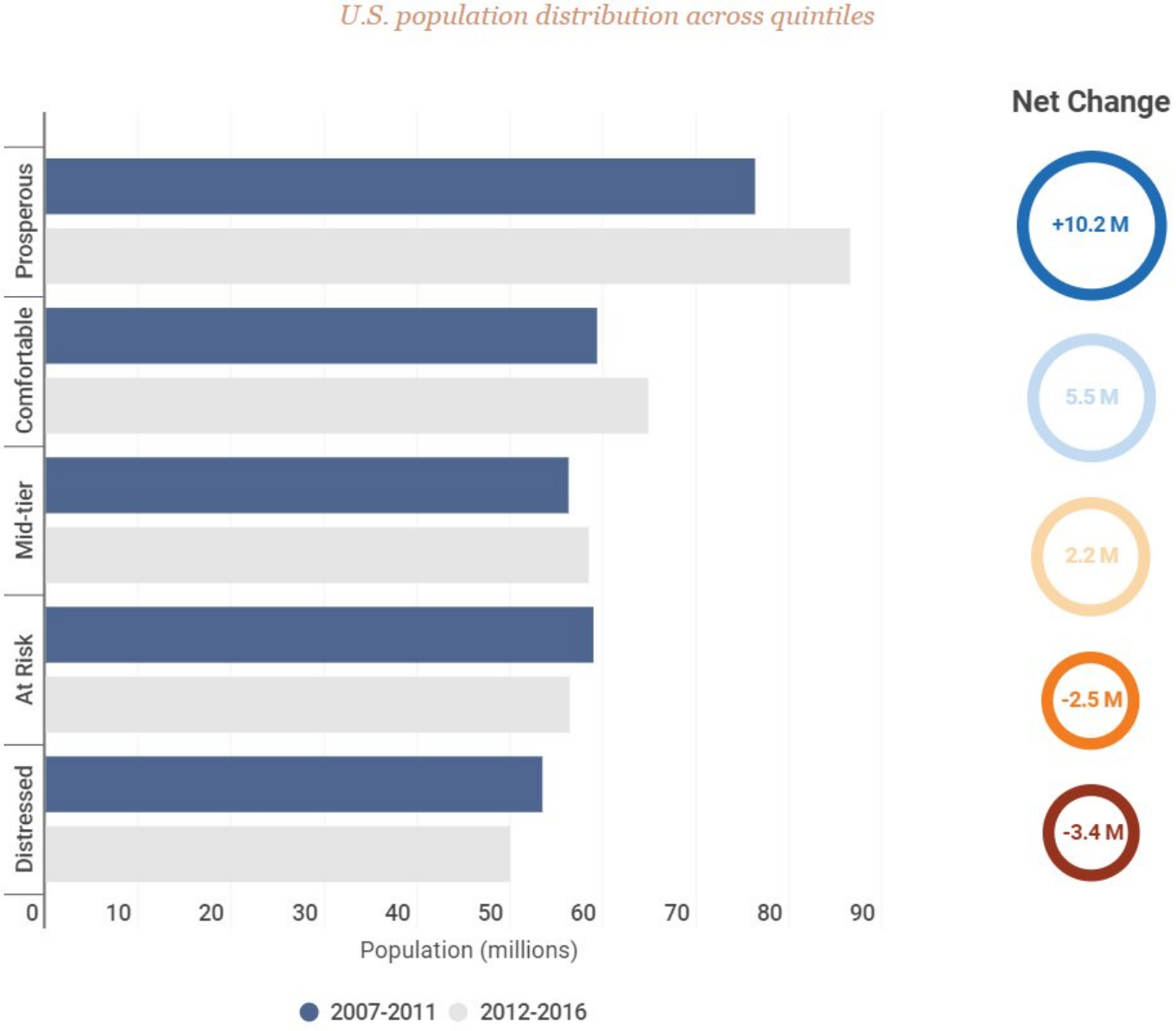
Very interesting new report about how America's economic geography has changed since the great recession: https://t.co/l3YE4WzgKx

Short version: Places with lots of skilled workers are doing great, other places aren't. But more people are moving to the former, which is good.

And here are cool interactive maps to go along with the report:
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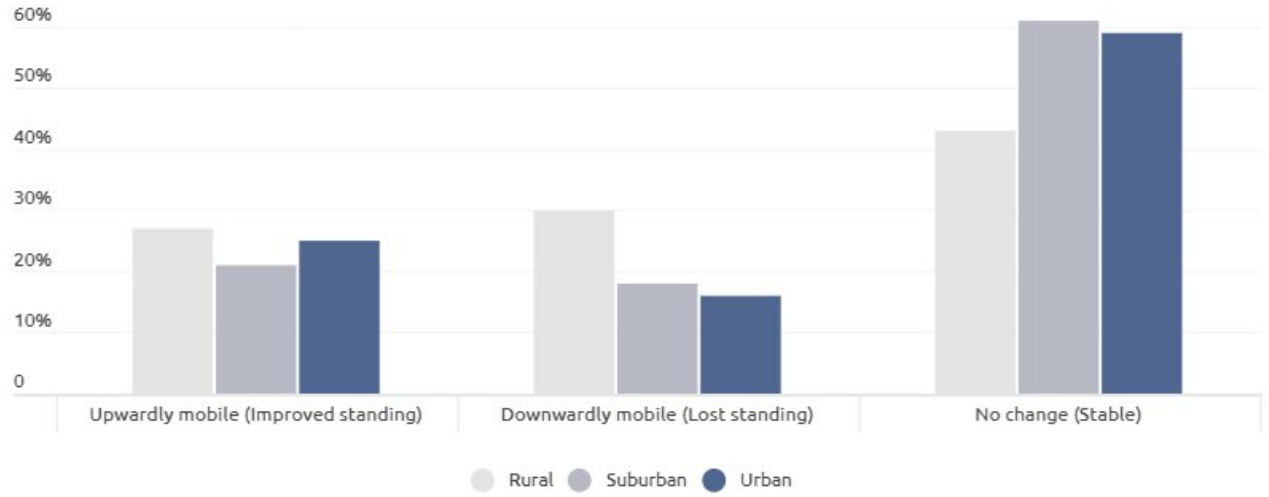
Report is via @LettieriDC, who is doing great work on struggling places.

A bit of good news: People are moving from economically bad places to economically good places, though probably too slowly.



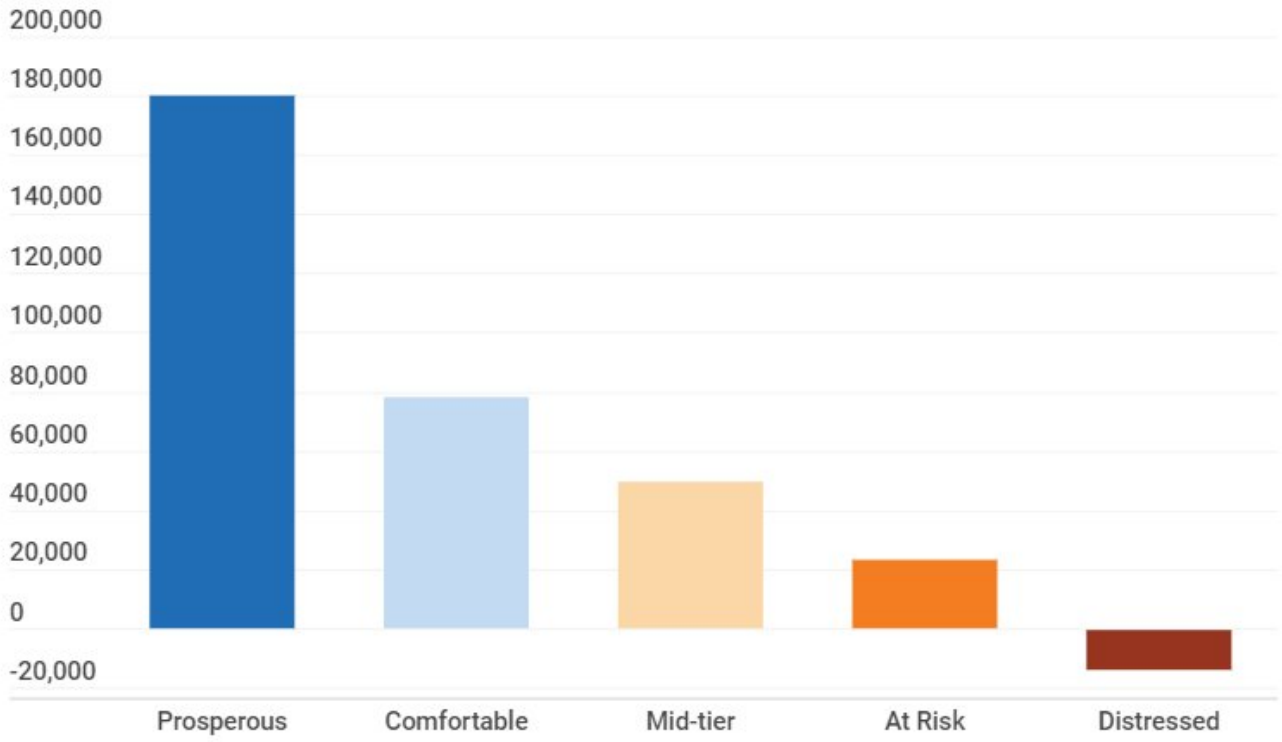
Rural America continues to languish.

Percent of zip codes that changed quintiles between the two periods



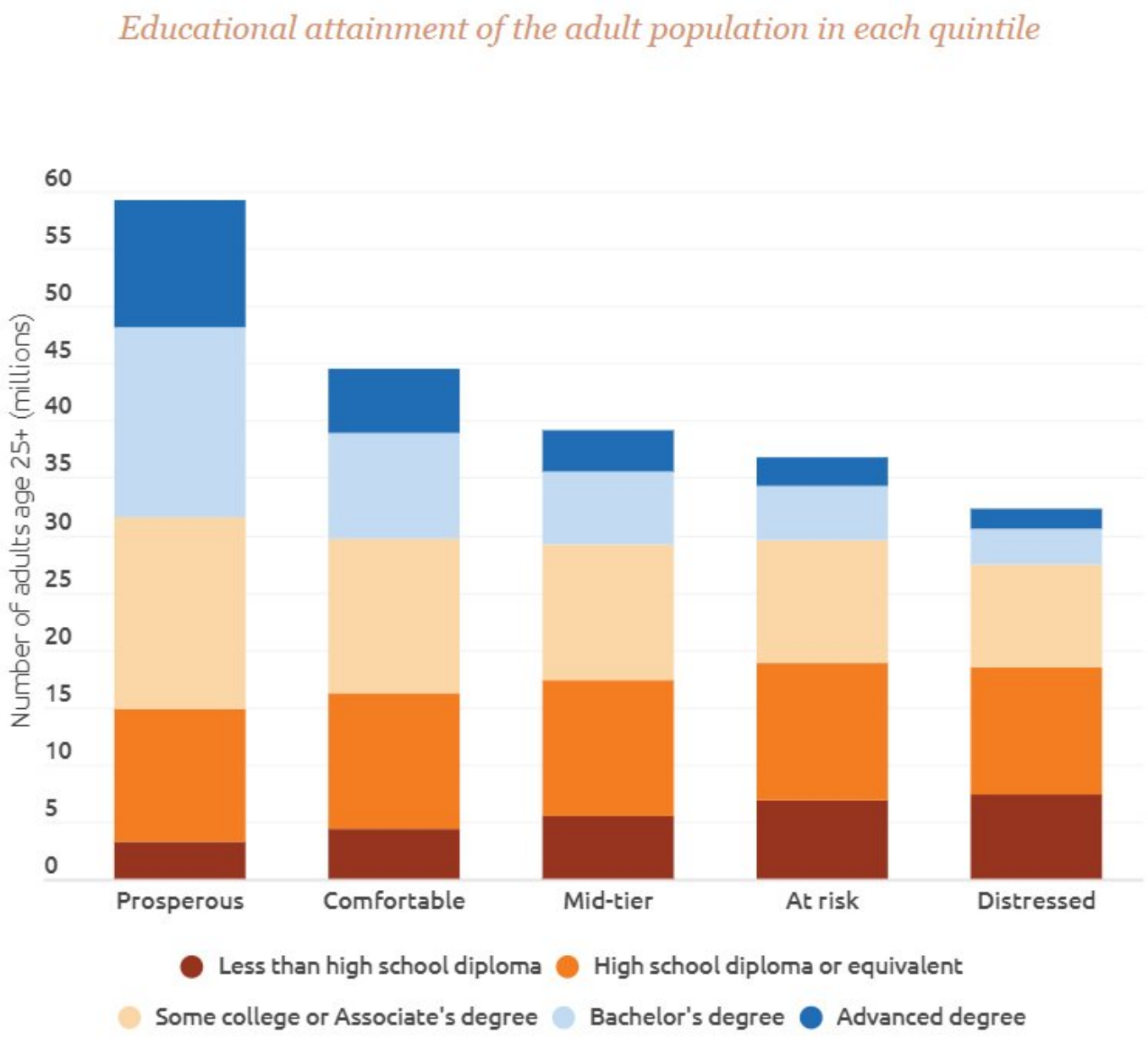
Business is really concentrating in the good areas.

Increase in business establishments between 2012 and 2016



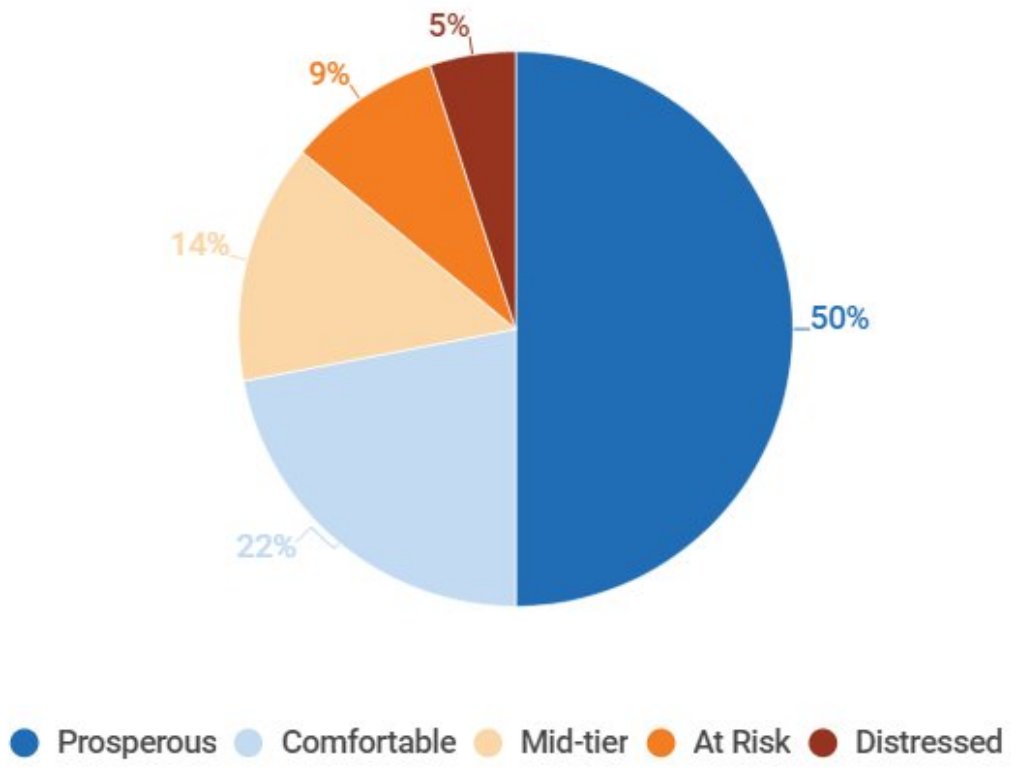
What separates the good places from the bad places?

Educated workers, of course.



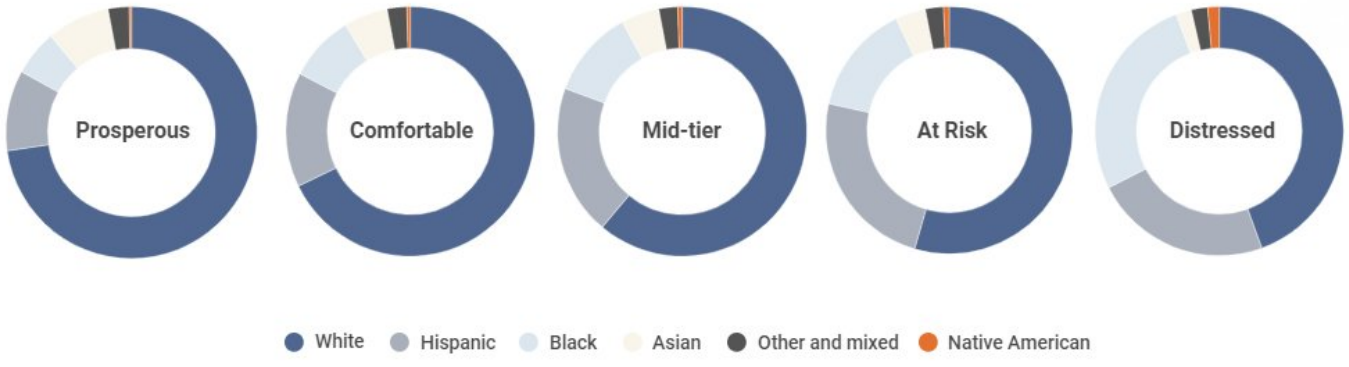
Educated workers, educated workers, educated workers...

Distribution of the increase in advanced degree holders across quintiles



And, here's the racial breakdown. Nothing too surprising here. Note that the distressed places are pretty racially mixed, while the prosperous places are about 75% white.

Demographic breakdown of the population in each quintile



And here is the full report: https://t.co/qdRmXPqlmk

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