

Spatial Effect

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Definition: Spatial effects, quite simply, are the effects of space on one's daily life or one some other outcome. These effects can manifested themselves through a variety of mechanisms, including spatial externalities (where activity in one space may affect residents of an adjacent space) and spatial dependence (where activity in one space is correlated with activity or resources in another space). Unfortunately, it is quite difficult to measure spatial effects, and "spatial effects measures are really just proxies for unobserved processes" (Baller, 2003).

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