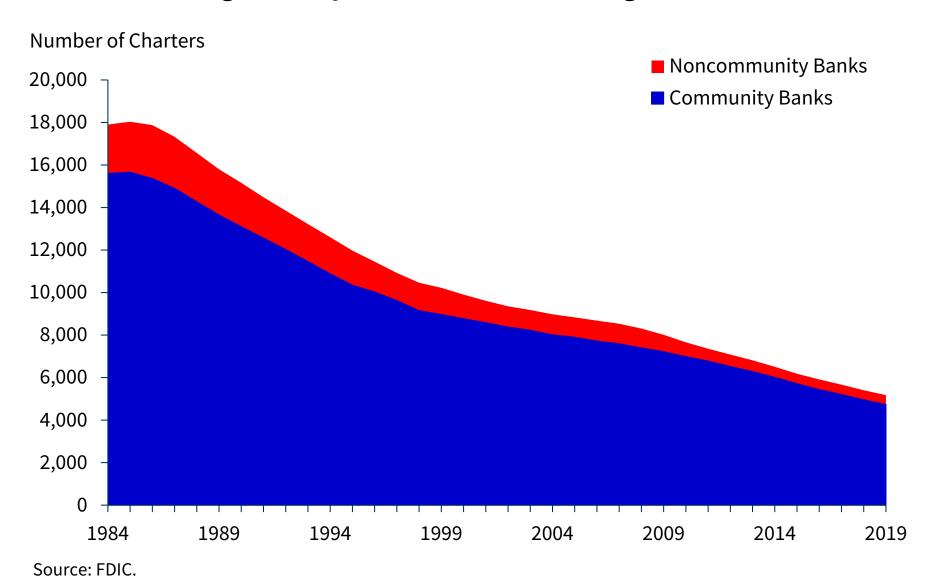
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**Community Bank Consolidation** 

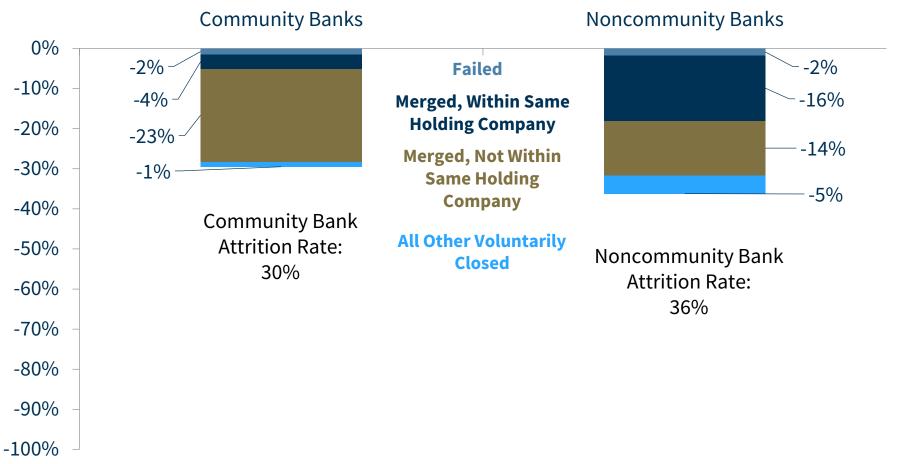


#### **Banking Industry Consolidation Is a Long-Term Trend**



## Community Banks Were Less Likely Than Noncommunity Banks to Close Between 2012 and 2019

Closings by Type of Closure, as Percentages of Institutions Reporting at Year-End 2011

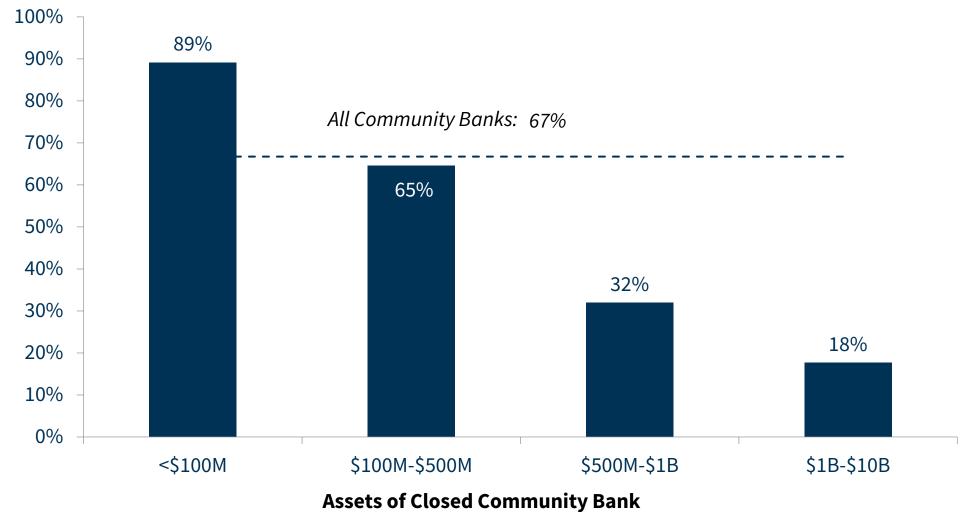


Source: FDIC.

Note: Summation of the percentages by type of closure may not equal the attrition rate due to rounding.

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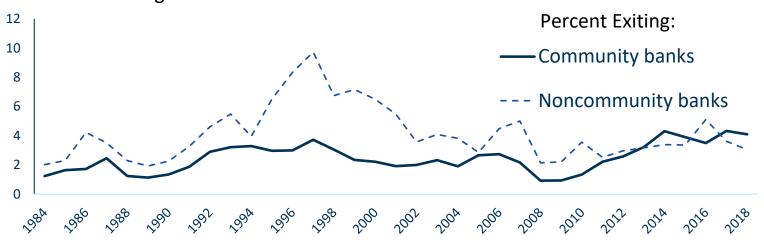
Percent of Closed Community Banks Acquired by Other Community Banks Between 2012 and 2019, by Closed Bank Assets



Source: FDIC.

#### **Community Banks are Exiting Banking Faster than Before**

Acquired by Unaffiliated Bank or Self-Liquidating Percent of Existing Institutions

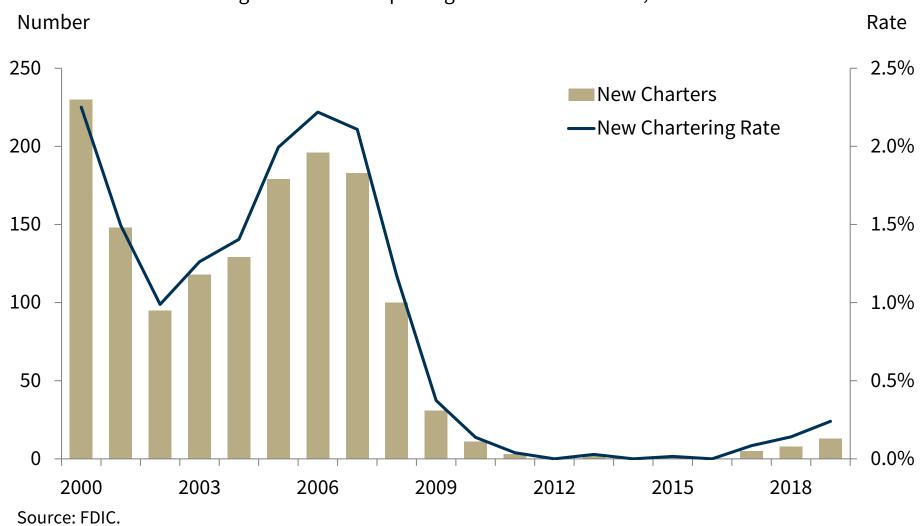


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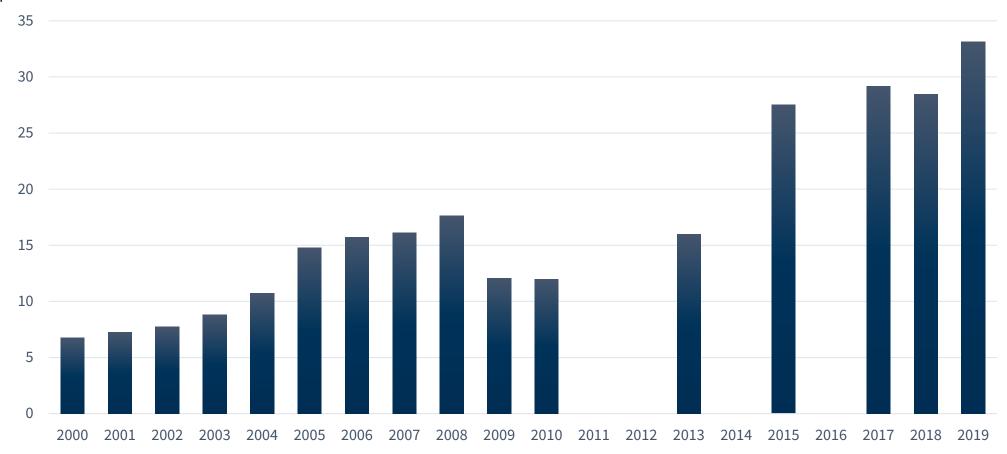
#### **New Chartering Remains Near Historic Lows**

Annual Number of New Charters and New Chartering Rate as a Percentage of Charters Reporting at Previous Year-End, 2000 to 2019



#### The Cost of Chartering a Small Bank Has Increased

Mean Initial Equity of De Novo Small Banks \$ Millions

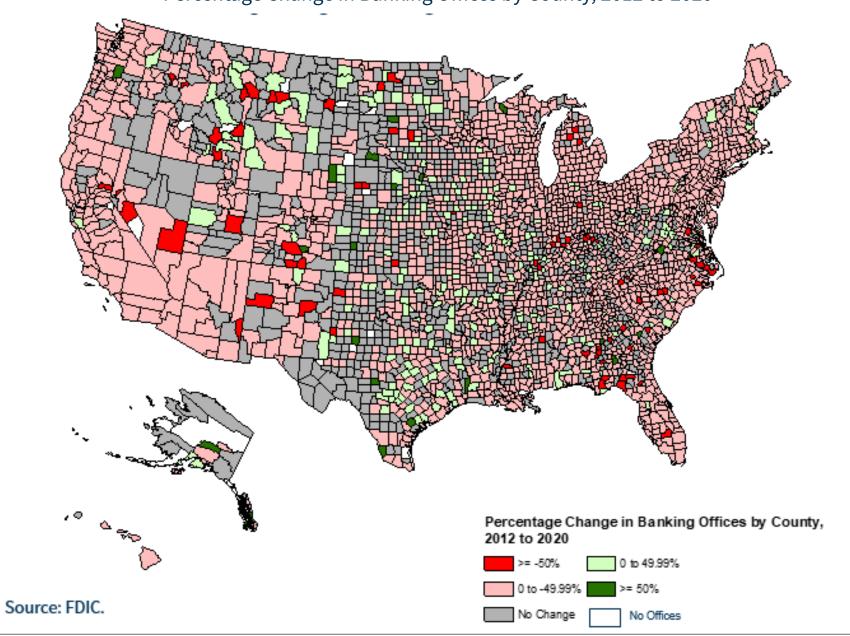


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Notes: Equity capital reported as of banks' first Call Report filing. Analysis limited to de novo banks with initially reported equity capital less than \$100 million.

#### **Declines in the Number of Banking Offices Have Been Widespread**

Percentage Change in Banking Offices by County, 2012 to 2020



#### The Number of Counties With Only One Bank Office, or No Bank Offices, Is Increasing

	2020	2012
Number of Counties with One Bank Office:	134	107
Community Bank	94	76
Noncommunity Bank	40	31
Number of Counties with No Bank Offices:	34	33

Of the 34 counties without bank offices, 26 also did not have any bank offices in 2012. Six of them had one office in 2012, and one had two offices in 2012.

Of the 134 counties with only one bank office, 95 also had only one bank office in 2012. Four of them did not have any bank offices in 2012, 28 had two bank offices in 2012, and seven had either three, four, or five offices in 2012.

# Shared Destinies? Small Banks and Small Business Consolidation

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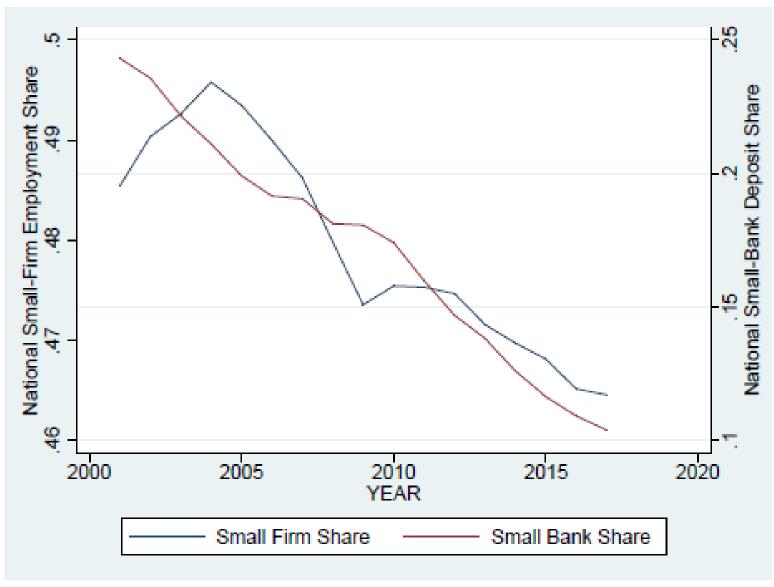
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#### **Decline in Small Banks and Small Firms**

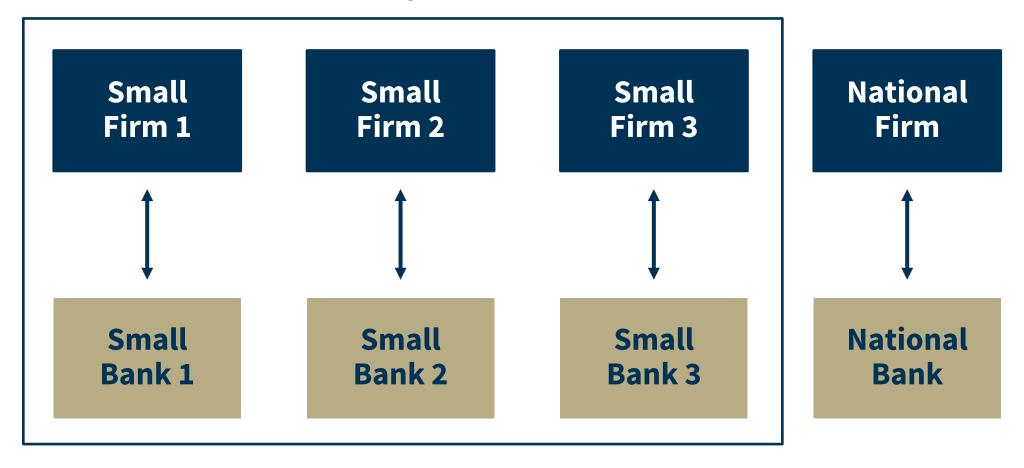


Source: Quarterly Workforce Indicators (Firm Shares). Summary of Deposits (Deposit Shares). Small Firms <250 employees
Small Banks< \$1 bn assets

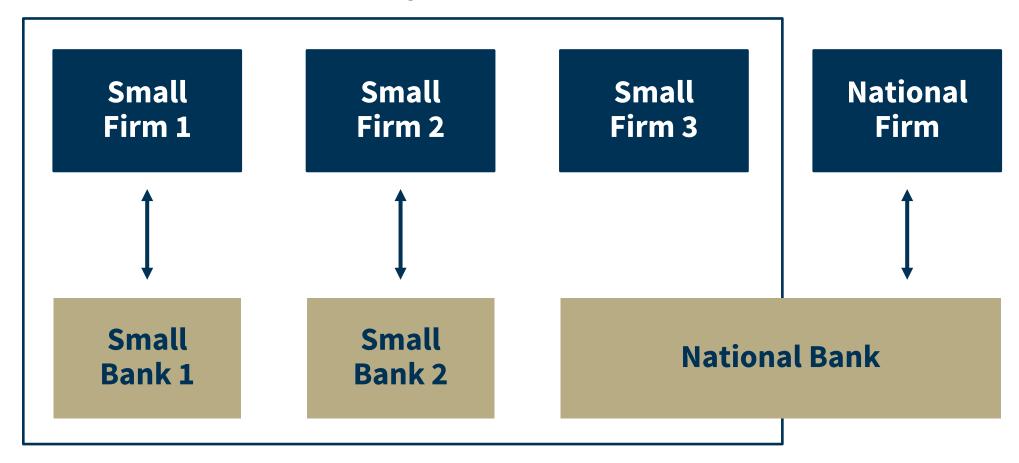
## **Banking Consolidation**

- Consolidation of banking system, driven by:
  - Regulatory changes (Riegle Neal 1994, Gramm Leach Bliley 1999, Dodd Frank 2010)
  - Technological changes (ATMs, credit scoring)
- Small banks have comparative advantage in lending to small businesses
  - Boot (1999), Petersen and Rajan (2002), Chakraborty and Hu (2006)
- Common narrative: Banking consolidation → loss of small businesses
  - Cetorelli and Strahan (2006), Sapienza (2002)

#### **County C**

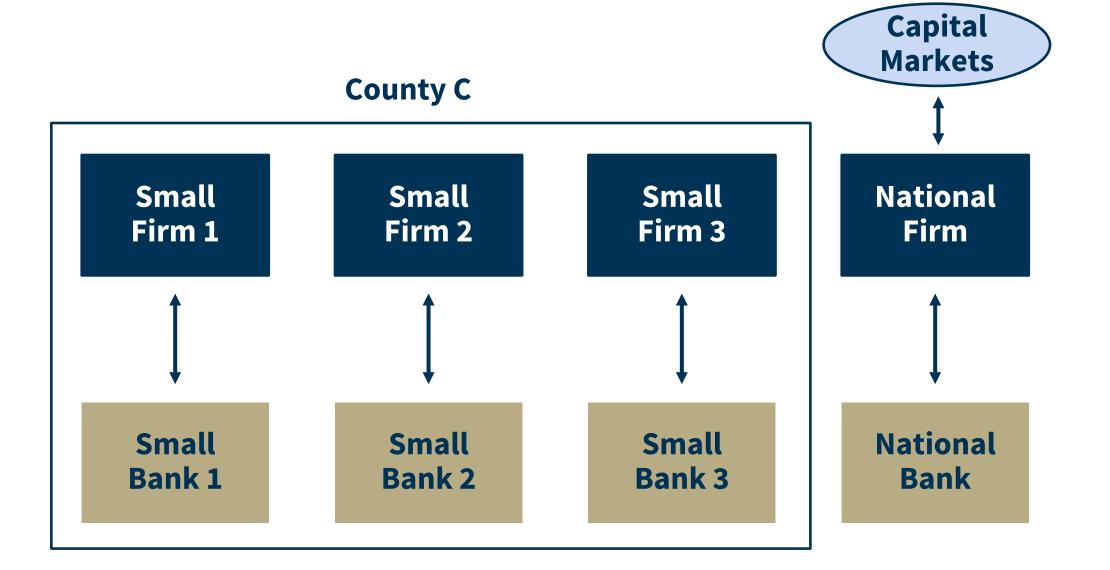


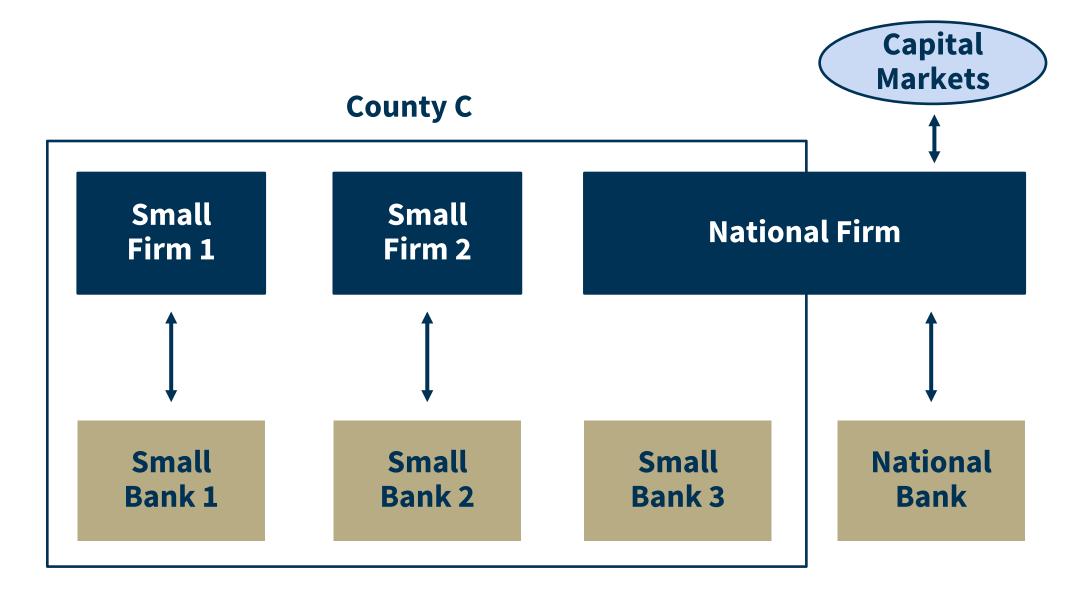
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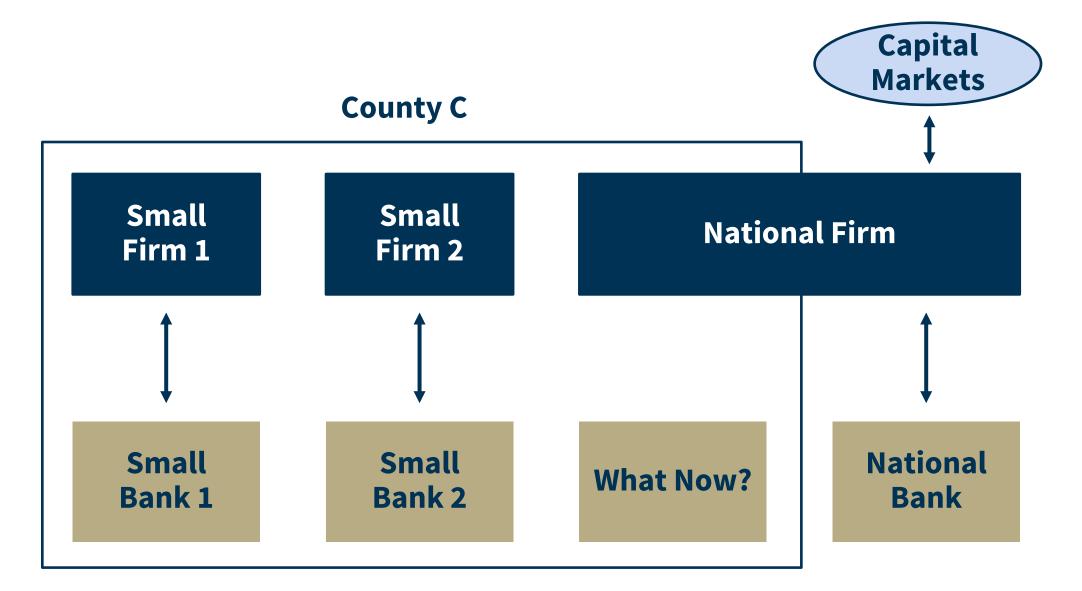


#### **Real-Side Consolidation**

- Consolidation of real industry (Grullon et al. 2019, CEA 2016, Jia 2008)
  - Technological changes (e.g., supply chain management (Holmes 2008), e-commerce (Goldmanis et al. 2010))
  - Regulatory (e.g., antitrust (Gutierrez and Philippon 2017))
- Small banks have comparative advantage in lending to small business
- Our narrative: Loss of small business -> changes to viability of small banks
- Not mutually exclusive, but helps us weigh efficacy of policies
- COVID recession and government response → SmBus → Small Banks







#### What We Do

- Estimate effect of small business performance on small bank performance using:
  - Census Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) data on county employment by firm size
  - FDIC Summary of Deposits (SOD) data on bank deposits by bank size
- To establish a causality direction
  - Rely upon 2000 county-industry shares as differential exposures to national trends by industry and firm size

#### To Show That Effects Are Demand-Driven

Healthcare: 35

Transportation: 25

Retail: 15

Manufacturing: 25

Jon's Home County, 2000

Healthcare: 25

Transportation: 15

Retail: 30

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Stefan's Home County, 2000

National Small Business

Employee Trends:

2002 to 2017

Healthcare: +31%

Transportation: +8%

Retail: -16%

Manufacturing: -20%

Expected Demand in Small Business Financial Service

## **Main Findings**

- 1 percent decrease in small-firm employment growth →
   0.9 percent decrease in small-bank deposit growth
  - Decrease small-bank income
  - Decrease small-bank small-CI lending, less robust/smaller decrease in RE lending
  - Increase provisions
  - No change in large-bank deposit growth
- Large-firm employment growth → no change in small-bank deposit growth

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- Small firm employment drops associated with decreased small bank deposit growth
- Possible explanations: Small firm employment decreases makes small bank business model less profitable
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#### **Conclusions**

- The composition of the banking industry depends, at least in part, on the composition of the real economy
- Combined with existing literature, there is a feedback loop between small-bank and small-business consolidation
- Evolution of the organizational structure of banking will depend, in part, on the evolution of the American small business
- Policies affecting small banks are interdependent with policies and trends affecting small business

## 2020 Academic Challenge: The Effects of Community Banks on Local Economic Development

- Bring real-world banking policy questions into the classroom
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  - Finalist presentation component, April 16, 2021
- Provide question prompts and datasets that may be used by students to engage the material