What Have We Learned About the Causes of Recent Gentrification?

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Correction

The volume 18, number 3 issue of Cityscape contained errors in exhibit 2 and on pages 12 and 14 in the article titled, “What Have We Learned About the Causes of Recent Gentrification?” by Jackelyn Hwang and Jeffrey Lin.

The article stated that, “In 1970, only 1.1 percent of downtown tracts in big cities had experienced such large increases in SES since 1960. By 2010, that share had increased to 7.7 percent. […] In 1970, only one in four large cities and virtually no small cities had at least one gentrifying downtown neighborhood by this measure. By 2010, more than one-half of all large cities and 15 percent of smaller metropolitan areas had seen such changes.”

The sentences should have read, “In 1970, only 1.9 percent of downtown tracts in big cities had experienced such large increases in SES since 1960. By 2010, that share had increased to 13.2 percent. […] In 1970, 11 of 26 large cities and virtually no small cities had at least one gentrifying downtown neighborhood by this measure. By 2010, 23 of 26 large cities and 15 percent of smaller metropolitan areas had seen such changes.”

The corrected exhibit 2 appears on the next page.

The authors thank Devin Bunten for bringing these errors to our attention.
Exhibit 2
Gentrification Has Spread to More Neighborhoods and Metropolitan Areas Since 1960

Panel A. Downtown Tracts

Panel B. Metropolitan Areas

SES = socioeconomic status.
Notes: Downtown tracts are consistent-boundary census tracts closest to the city center comprising 10 percent of the Core Based Statistical Area population in 1960. Big cities (solid lines) are 26 metropolitan areas with populations of at least 1 million in 1960. Panel A shows the share of downtown tracts. Panel B shows the share of metropolitan areas.
Source: Authors’ calculations using census data