* Variables
  + **Cluster Strength**

Description: Percent of traded employment in strong clusters.

The term cluster strength was specifically defined in the paper [Clusters and Entrepreneurship](http://clustermapping.us/resource/clusters-and-entrepreneurship) (Delgado, Porter, Stern 2010). On this website, the strong clusters in a region are identified by the clusters that have High Employment Specialization in a region (in the top 25% of all regions by specialization, and also meeting minimum criteria for employment and establishment).

Industries located in regions with strong clusters (i.e. a large presence of other related industries) experience higher growth in new business formation and start-up employment. Strong clusters are also associated with the formation of new establishments of existing firms, and contribute to start-up firm survival.

* + **State**

Description: All U.S. states

* + **Year**

Description: Record year

* Source of Data
  + Clustermapping / U.S. Census Bureau
* Notes on how to update
  + Update annually