EBAY-Group Presentation

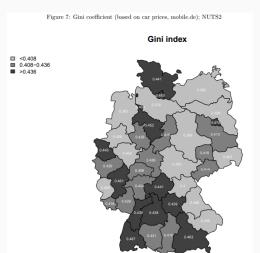
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Inspiration

Kholodilin, K. & Siliverstovs, B. (2012) Measuring Regional Inequality by Internet Car Price Advertisements: Evidence for Germany.



Question and Hypotheses

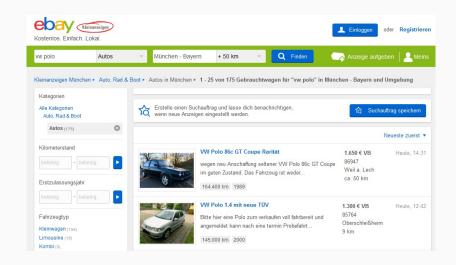
Research Question

Do economic disparities between German cities/regions influence the prices of used cars?

Hypothesis 1:

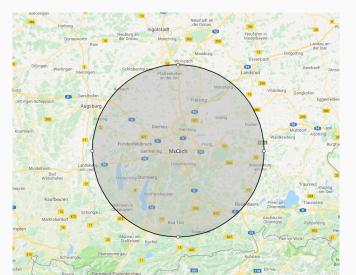
The higher a city's GDP per capita, the higher is the expected price of used automobiles.

Data Scraping



Sample

Five cities (+50 km): Munich, Jena, Dusseldorf, Stuttgart, and Deggendorf



Sample

24 representative car models (top registrations per class in 2010)

Car model	Car class	Car model	Car class
Smart-Fortwo	minis	Mercedes-Benz-E	upper middle class car
Fiat-Panda	minis	BMW-5er	upper middle class car
Renault-Twingo	minis	Audi-A6	upper middle class car
VW-Polo	small	Mercedes-Benz-S	upper class car
Opel-Corsa	small	BMW-7er	upper class car
Ford-Fiesta	small	Audi-A8	upper class car
Opel-Astra	compact class	Mercedes-Benz-E	sports-car
Audi-A3	compact class	BMW-Z4	sports-car
VW-Golf	compact class	Porsche-911	sports-car
Mercedes-Benz-C	middle class car	VW-Tiguan	SUV
BMW-3er	middle class car	BMW-X1	SUV
VW-Passat	middle class car	Audi-Q5	SUV

(source: Kraftfahrtbundesamt)

Data

Scraped variables:

- Model & class
- Price
- Description
- Location
- Age & mileage

Merged with macroeconomic indicators:

- GDP per capita
- Household income per capita
- Car thefts per capita

Analyses

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OLS (price \sim cities + mileage + age) (insert plot and/or regression table here)
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Map Visualization

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Next Steps

- Extend data collection (more cities, car models, other products)
- Access APIs of other platforms
 - Include additional control variables (condition, configurations, etc.)

Practical applications

Important for Policy makers?

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Circle Map

Reproduceability

https://github.com/Studentenfutter/cars-inequality

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