

Table 1

Regional distribution of AEA members, 1969 and 1997

Region	1969	1997	Change
East	32%	30%	-2
Midwest	31	25	-6
South	21	27	+6
West	17	19	+2

Source: David J. Smyth, "Where the Economists Are," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, (Fall 1999), p. 271.