

# Zooming in on ZIP codes

## Mapping longevity to strengthen liability management

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# Agenda

1. Why are we here?
2. How can ZIP-codes help with longevity?
3. How can they help us?



# 1 Why are we here?

# Club Vita

*Proper noun*, [kluhb vee-tuh], \ 'kləb vē-tə\



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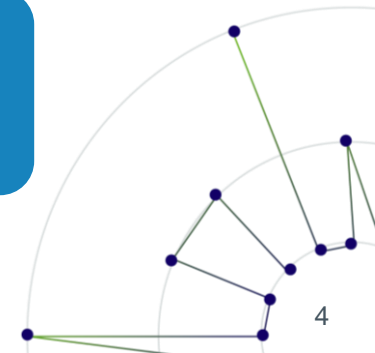
2015



2019







1. Center of excellence for improving understanding of human longevity.
2. Community of organizations with a shared interest in longevity and belief that the ‘bigger’ the data, the lower the (statistical) noise.
3. Provider of longevity risk informatics to support pension funds’ risk management strategies and enable market innovation.

Club Vita is an independent data utility,  
supporting pension funds, advisors, insurers & asset managers



# 4 year gap between states



#*			Life expectancy at 65**
1		Hawaii	84.91
2		California	84.38
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26		Virginia	83.23
27		Rhode Island	83.23
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50		Kentucky	81.42
51		Mississippi	81.03

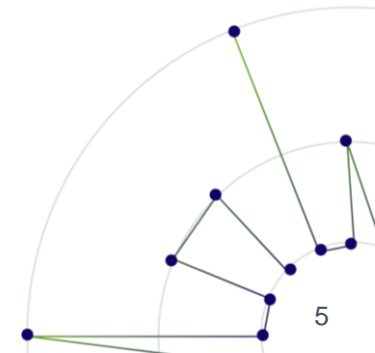
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1		Hawaii
2		Florida
26		Idaho
27		Illinois
50		Mississippi
51		West Virginia

Life expectancy  
at 65\*\*



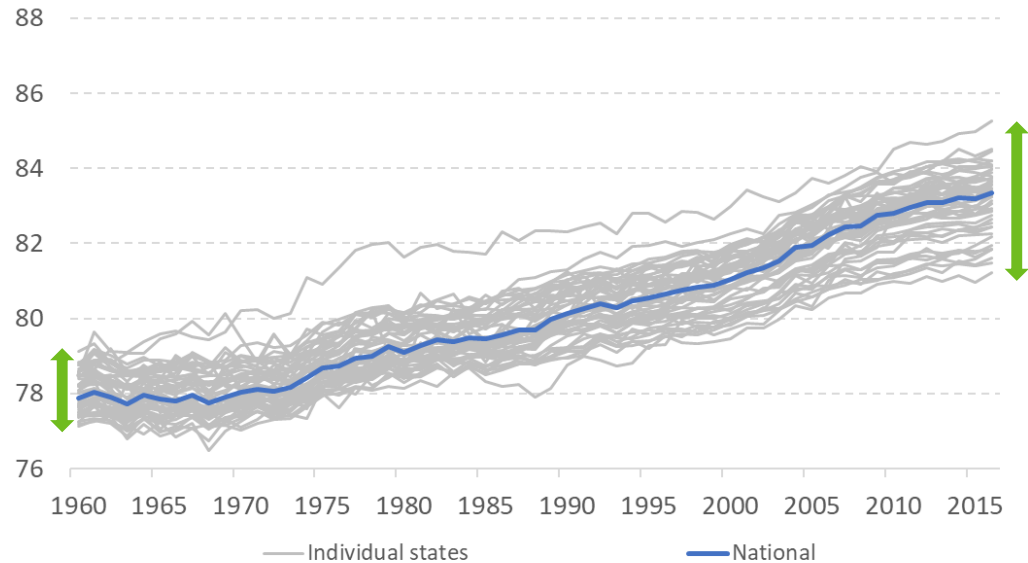
\* Life expectancy ranking out of 50 states and District of Columbia  
 \*\* Source: United States Mortality Database



# Longer lifespans, but widening gaps



Life expectancy from 65

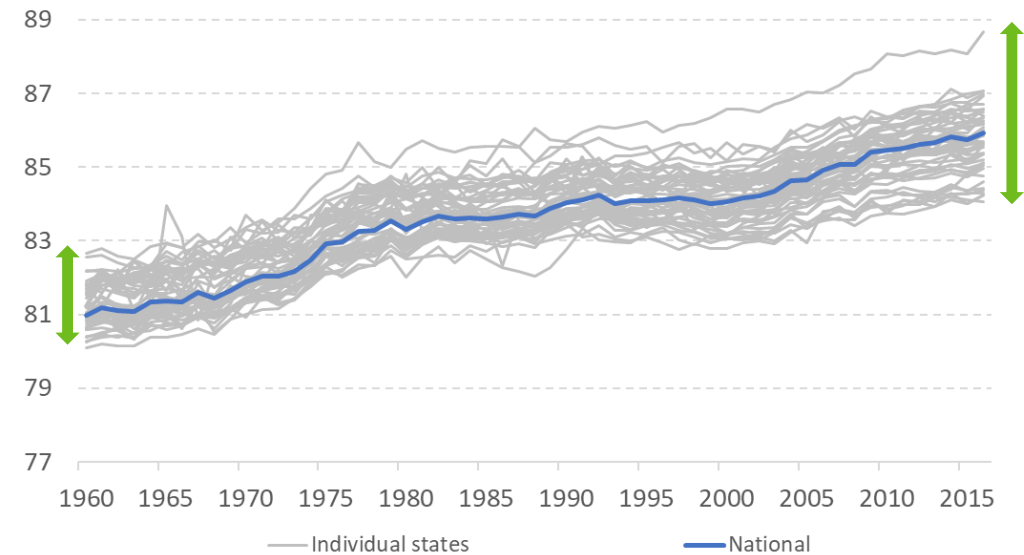


2 year  
gap

4 year  
gap



Life expectancy from 65



2.5 year  
gap

4.6 year  
gap

What is driving this diversity and how can we describe it?





## 2 How do ZIP codes help us calculate today's longevity?

# What affects how long people live?



***Lifestyle***



***Affluence***



***Occupation***



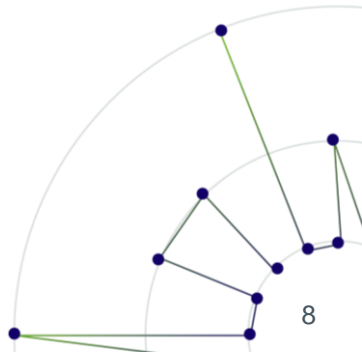
***Health***



***Gender***



***Something  
else?***





# Zooming in on diversity

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**Society of  
Actuaries  
RP14 tables**



**Club Vita  
5-digit ZIP  
code model**



**Club Vita  
9-digit ZIP  
code model**



Range of life  
expectancy at  
age 65\*

\*based on male normal  
health retirees



**2.9 years**



**5.4 years**



**7.7 years**

Rating factors

- High/low pension amount
- Blue/white collar

Factors used  
at one time

One

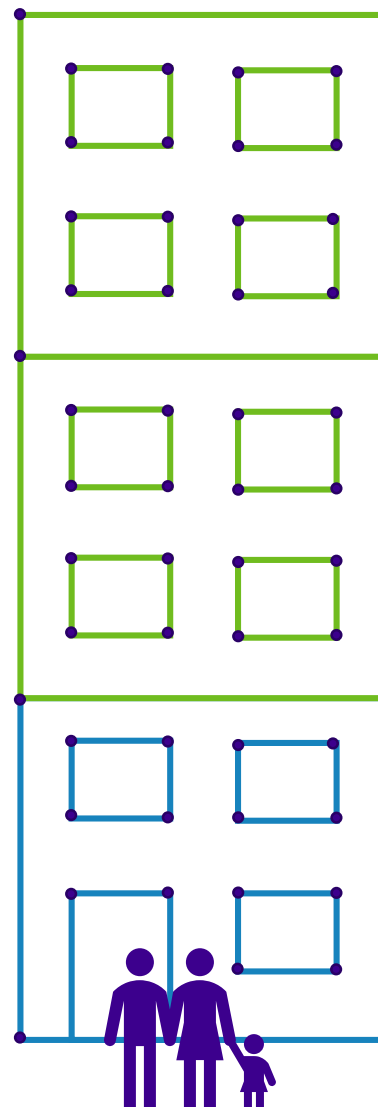
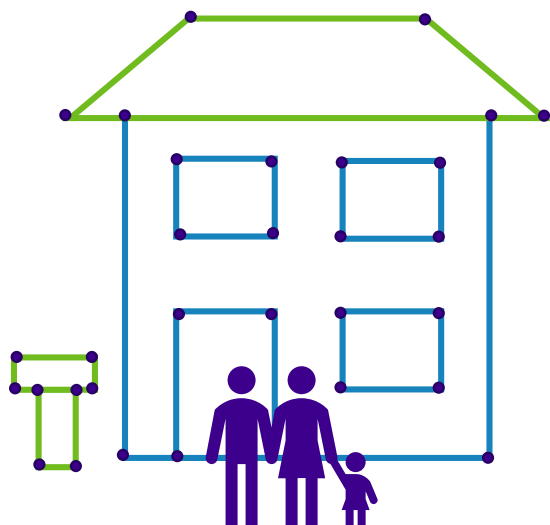
- **5-digit** ZIP code
- Pension amount
- Blue/white collar

All

- **9-digit** ZIP code
- Pension amount
- Blue/white collar

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# Remember join the dots?



**9-digit ZIP  
code model**

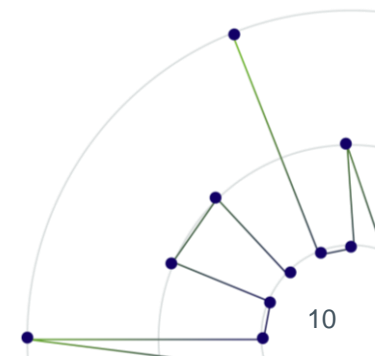


**5-digit ZIP  
code model**



**RP14 tables**

ZIP code modelling –  
like joining the dots to understand your participants



# Grouping ZIP codes

## Marketing principles:

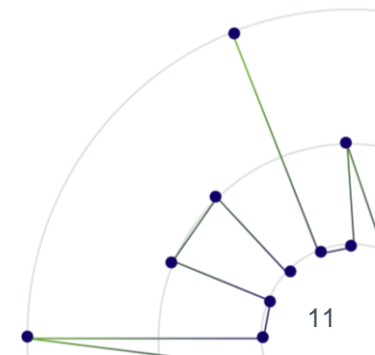
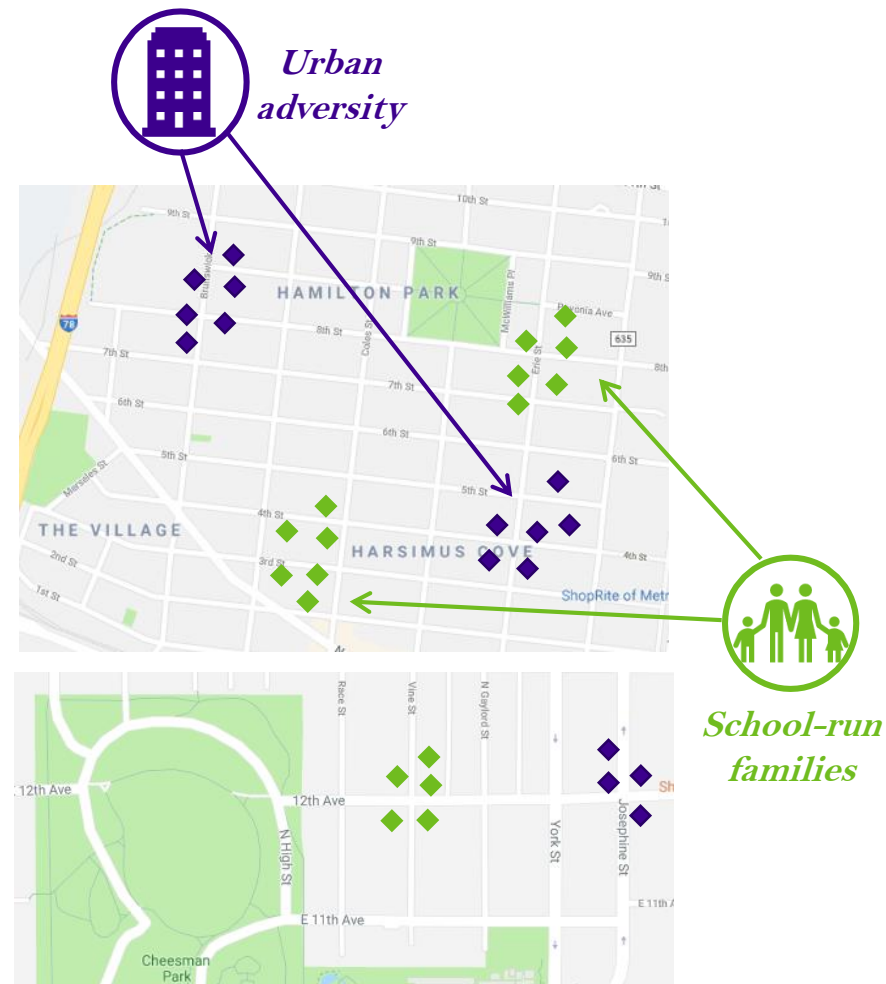
1. People living in similar neighbourhoods have similar characteristics  
*(diversity within ZIP codes mean ZIP+4 is necessary)*
2. Neighbourhoods can be characterized by types of people living there
3. Neighbourhoods with same characterization appear all over the country

## Club Vita principle:

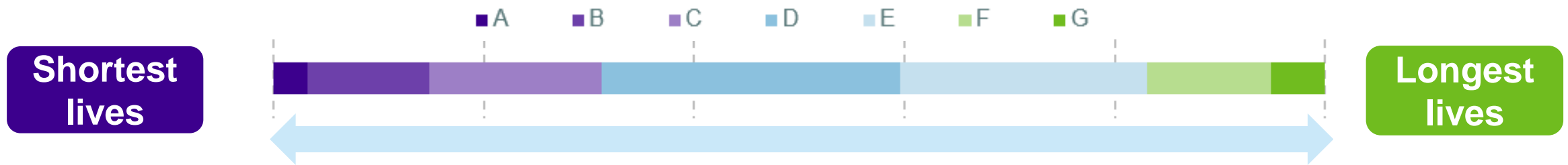
- People with similar characteristics have similar longevity
- CAMEO's marketing groupings: 58 different types of neighbourhood
- Club Vita's longevity groupings: 7 groups for men: 6 groups for women



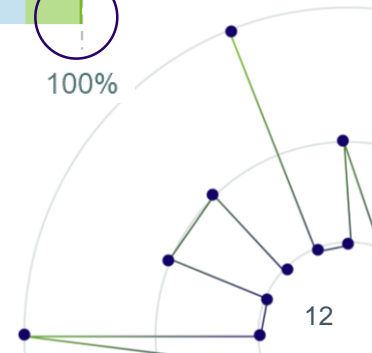
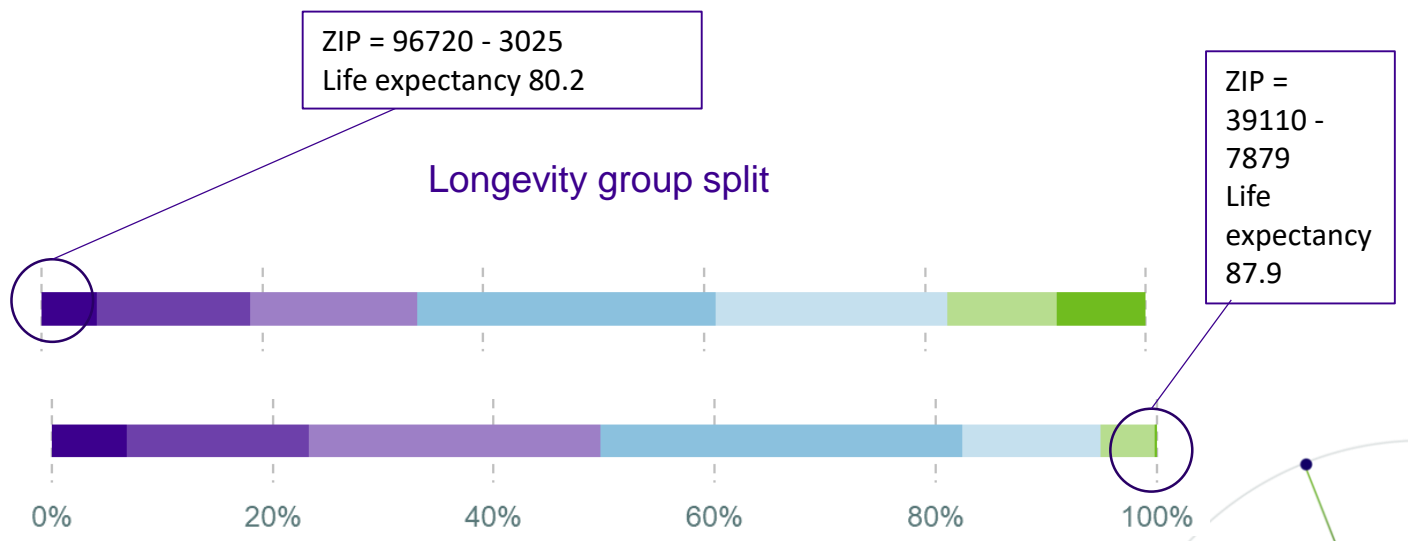
\*Neighbourhood characteristics for illustration only



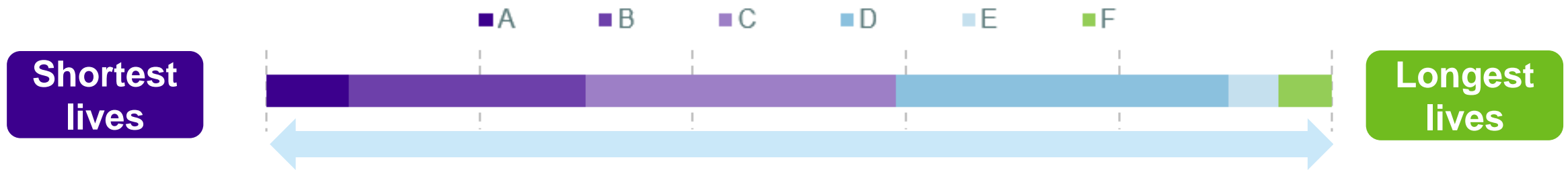
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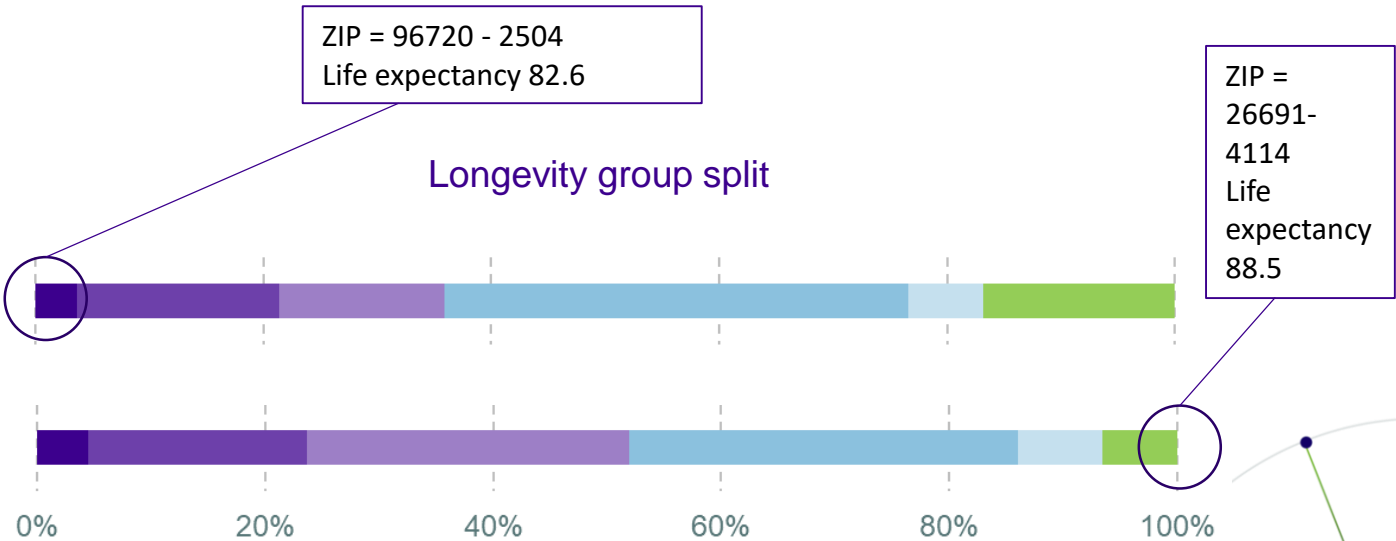
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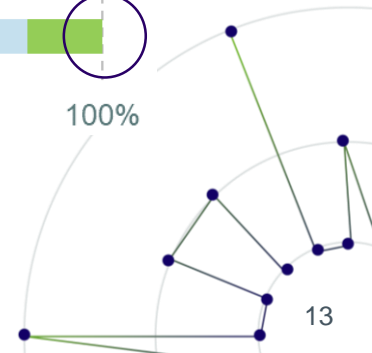
# Club Vita's longevity groups



#*			Life expectancy at 65**
1		Hawaii	87.99
51		West Virginia	83.99



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# Why 9-digit ZIP codes?



79936 El Paso, TX  
Population 115k



90011 Los Angeles, CA  
Population 106k



60629 Chicago, IL  
Population 105k



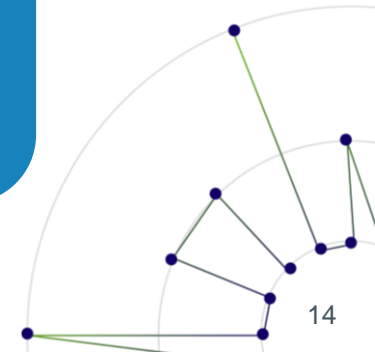
90650 Norwalk, CA  
Population 105k



90201 Bell Gardens, CA  
Population 101k

Source: localistica, as at 4 April 2019

- On average, a 5 digit ZIP code covers 7,800 people – but in many cases covers more than 100,000 residents
- Around 1/3 of all 5 digit ZIP codes contain addresses from six different 9-digit longevity groups





# First calibration to US private sector plans



Life expectancy from 65

80.2

87.9

ZIP+4

3¼ yrs

\$

3¼ yrs

Collar

1¼ yrs

79.2

87.9

Ill-health retirees

Healthy retirees



Life expectancy from 65

82.6

88.5

ZIP+4

3½ yrs

\$

1½ yrs

Collar

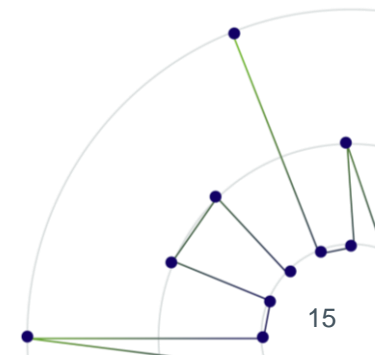
1 yrs

81.7

83.5

Ill-health retirees

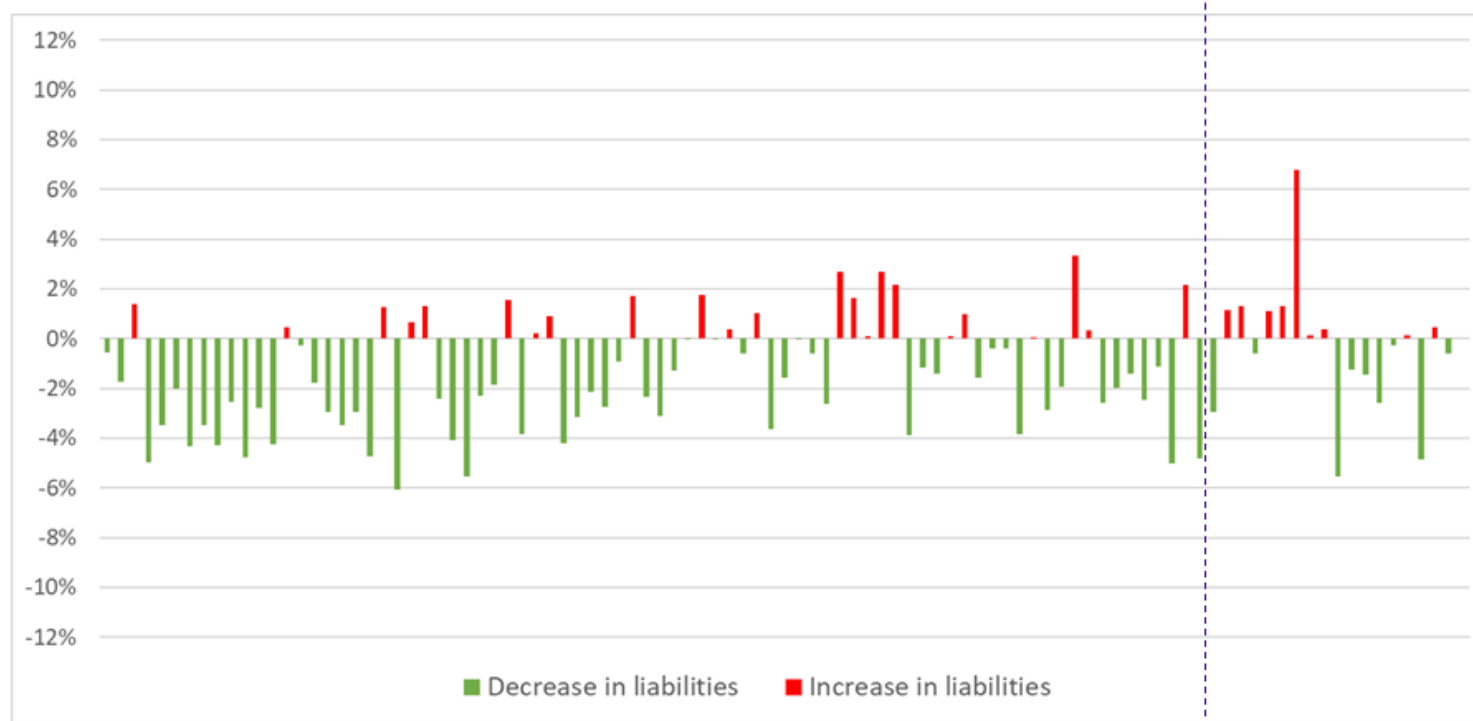
But how good is the fit to multi-employer plans?



# 3 How can ZIP codes help us?

# Most single-employer plans see funding improve

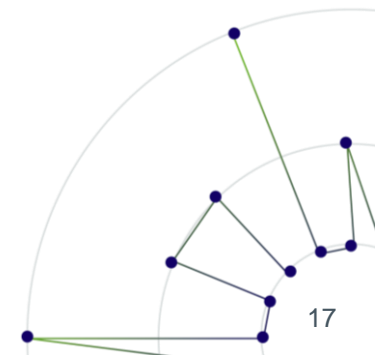
Impact of moving from  
**Adjusted RP14 with MP18 improvements to 2015**  
to **v1 9 digit ZIP US VitaCurves**



Lowest  
liabilities

Highest  
liabilities

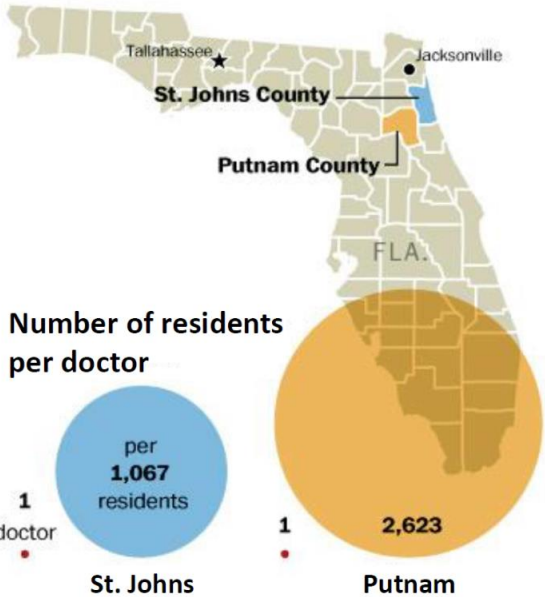
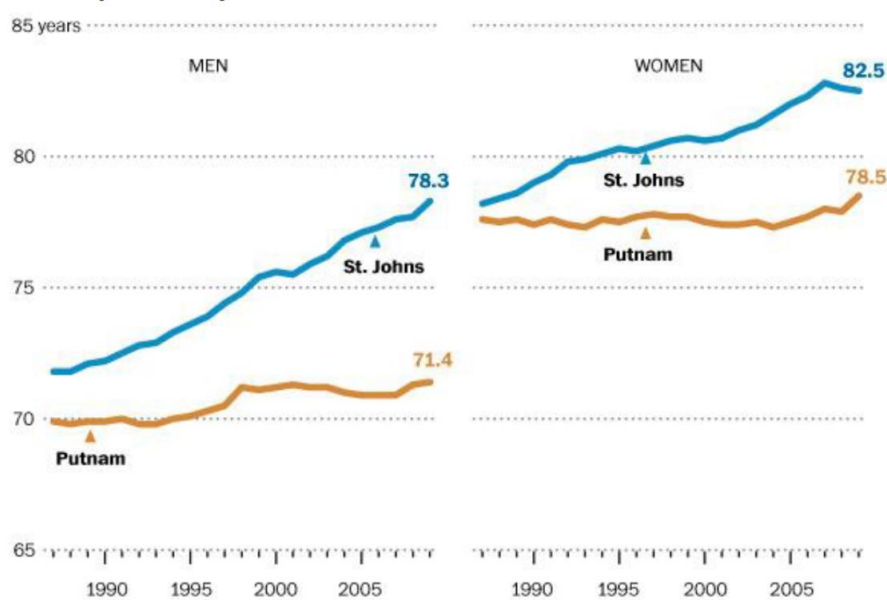
*What might be  
the effect on  
multi-employer  
plans?*



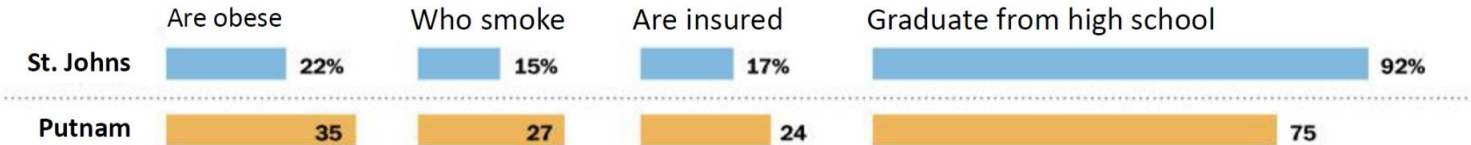
# Are trends the same for everyone?

## Differences in LE from health status, education and lifestyle for two neighbouring US counties

### Life expectancy

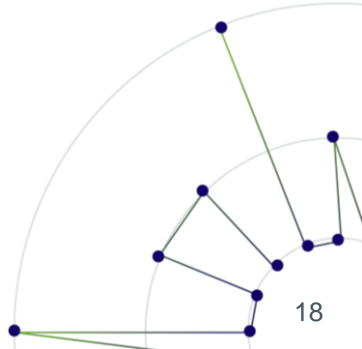


### Percentage who:



SOURCE: County Health Rankings and Roadmaps program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Washington Post. Published on March 10, 2013, 8:07 p.m.  
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# How can ZIPcodes be handled safely?

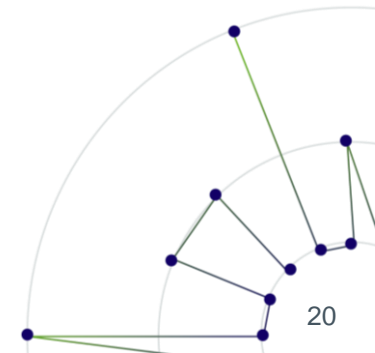
The concerns	The solution
<b>Discrimination:</b> <i>Possible cause of indirect discrimination in life or health insurance.</i>	<b>Restrict usage to groups:</b> <i>Longevity models will not be used for pricing individual insurance. Our applications are in “group” situations where the sponsor or trustees are seeking to improve security.</i>
<b>Data privacy:</b> <i>9 digit ZIP code and date of birth could potentially enable identification of people.</i>	<b>Analysis completed on depersonalized data:</b> <i>We only use personal identifiers to check the data. Once checked, we anonymize records (including replacing ZIP codes with a proxy group for longevity).</i>

# Key benefits for multi-employer plans

- ✓ A consistent approach to longevity that captures the demographic characteristics of each of your plans
- ✓ Smaller multi-employer plans enabled to tailor their assumptions
- ✓ Trend assumptions that reflect your people, not the national average
- ✓ Possible improvements in funding, certain improvements in risk management
- ✓ Opportunity to insure longevity whilst you keep control of assets
- ✓ But to do this...



We need your help!



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