Although small government has been a mantra of political discourse for over three decades the map reveals the pervasive distribution of government employment throughout Megalopolis. Every county has at least some government employment. Throughout most of the region it is state and local employment that dominates. Dutchess County NY is a typical example, with government employment constituting less than 20% of total employment and the bulk of that in the form of state and local employment.

The presence of state capitals is also an important factor. The existence of state capitols and the attendant state bureaucracies in cities such as Boston MA, Harrisburg PA, Concord NH and Dover DE all boost the state and local government employment sector in their respective counties of Suffolk, Dauphin, Merrimack and Kent.

Military employment obviously peaks in counties with large military bases, such as Dover Air Force Base in Kent County DE or the New London Naval Submarine Base in inner London County CT.

Federal employment is concentrated in the Washington region dominating the job market in DC and surrounding areas such as Arlington County VA and Montgomery County MD. The large and steady increase in federal employment has been the major cause of growth. The growth of the southern region of Megalopolis is predicated upon the steady rise of the size and influence of the federal government.

The New York region is interesting because of the small amount of government employment compared to the total employment sector. In this region the employment picture is dominated by the private sector.