

Table 3 Supplement. *Descriptive analysis results*

Variable	Measure	Data	Mean	Standard deviation	Min.	Max.
Revenue indicator	Total general fund revenues/population (\$, ln, $t$ )	GFOA (2005-2011)	6.66	0.60	-0.36	9.08
Dependency indicator	Total general fund intergovernmental aid/total general fund revenues (% , ln, $t$ )		1.63	1.99	-6.90	4.32
Expenditure indicator	Total general fund expenditures/population (\$, ln, $t$ )		6.64	0.58	-0.34	8.98
Fund balance position	Total general fund balances/total general fund expenditures (% , $t$ )		24.24	25.24	-24.63	395.45
GO debt indicator	Total outstanding GO debt/population (\$ , square rooted, $t$ )		20.87	15.84	0	93.66
Rule composite 1	Tax (revenue) limits only (reference group, $t-I$ )	Self-collected data	0.10	0.30	0	1
Rule composite 2	Tax (revenue) limits and BBRs ( $t-I$ )		0.07	0.25	0	1
Rule composite 3	Tax (revenue) limits and DLs ( $t-I$ )		0.26	0.44	0	1
Rule composite 4	Tax (revenue) limits, BBRs, and DLs ( $t-I$ )		0.30	0.45	0	1
Rule composite 5	Tax (revenue) limits, expenditure limits, and DL ( $t-I$ )		0.13	0.34	0	1
Rule composite 6	All four rules ( $t-I$ )	U.S. Bureau of the Census (2006-2011)	0.05	0.23	0	1
Rule composite 7	DLs only ( $t-I$ )		0.06	0.24	0	1
Population	Total population (ln, $t$ )		11.31	0.90	9.77	15.94
Household median income	Dollar amount of household median income (ln, $t$ )		10.90	0.33	9.69	12.22
Unemployment rate	Unemployed population/population in labor force (ln, $t$ )		1.93	0.37	0.47	3.26
Aging population rate	Population aged 65+/population (% , $t$ )	U.S. Bureau of the Census (2005-2010)	11.60	4.03	1.43	56.54
Educational attainment rate	Population with bachelor degree or higher/population aged 25+ (% , $t$ )		31.46	13.54	9.50	78.70
Non-white population rate	Non-white population/population (ln, $t$ )		3.10	0.63	1.06	4.42
Police function	Police function in current operating expenditures: 1 Otherwise: 0 ( $t-I$ )		0.98	0.13	0	1
Fire protection function	Fire function in current operating expenditures: 1 Otherwise: 0 ( $t-I$ )		0.91	0.28	0	1
Revenue diversification	The Herfindahl-Hirschman index (point, $t-I$ )	GFOA (2005-2011)	0.69	0.07	0.09	0.81
Lagged dependency indicator	Total general fund intergovernmental aid/total general fund revenues (% , ln, $t-I$ )		1.60	2.23	-9.21	4.32
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Note 1. All fiscal and incomes variables are adjusted for inflation (Base year: 2012).