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# Assignment #3

## Report

# a) Problem Selected

The problem I have selected and am looking to analyze focuses on crime prevention through state-level risk analysis. The primary objective is to identify socioeconomic, community, and psychological factors that correlate with higher violent crime rates across U.S. states. This includes variables such as the percentage of single-parent households, substance use disorder prevalence, unemployment rates, and mental health conditions like depression. By examining how these factors relate to violent crime per 100,000 residents, this analysis can inform more targeted, data-driven prevention strategies that benefit both communities and public safety agencies.

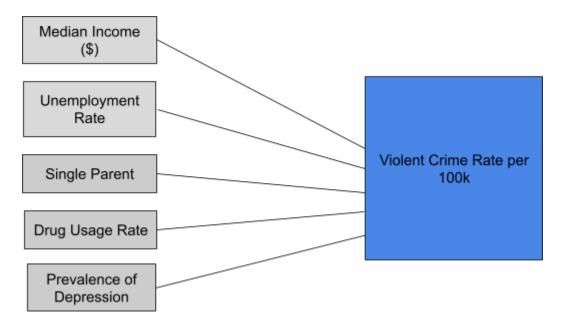
#### b) Model Explained

This study will utilize a multi-linear regression model to analyze how various socioeconomic, environmental, and psychological factors contribute to state-level violent crime rates. With multiple independent variables and a single dependent variable (violent crime per 100,000 residents) this model is appropriate for identifying significant predictors and assessing the strength of their relationship to crime rates across states.

## **Regression Equation:**

(Violent Crime Rate per 100k)i = B0+(Median Income)iB1 + (UnemploymentRate)iB2 + (Single-Parent Households)iB3 + (Drug Usage)iB4 + (Depression Rate)iB65

# Diagram:



#### c) Variables

#### **Independent Variables (x):**

#### i) Socioeconomic Factors:

- 1) Median Household Income (\$- US Dollars)
- 2) Unemployment Rate (% of population)

#### ii) Community/Environment Factors

- 1) Percntages of Single-Parent Households (% of State Population)
- 2) Drug Usage Rate (% of population)

## iii) Psychological Factors:

1) Prevalence of Depression (% of Community)

### **Dependent Variable (y)**

iv) Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 residents (By state)

All variables are in the numeric category. The independent variables include Socioeconomic Factors: Median Household Income (USD), Unemployment Rate (% of the population); Community/Environmental Factors: Percentage of Single-Parent Households (% of the state population), Crime Rate, Drug Usage Rate (% of the population); and Psychological Factors: Prevalence of Depression (% of the community). The dependent variable is theviolent crime rate per 100,000 residents, measured by state level.

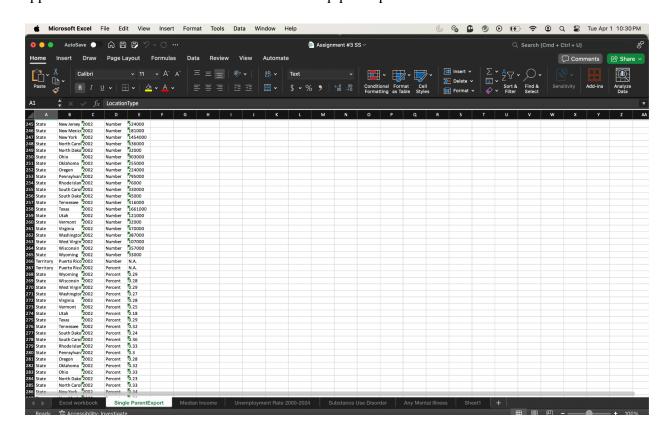
#### d) Data Source

#### **Independent Variables (x):**

- Median Househol	d Income by State:
historical-income-	-households.html
- Children in Signle	e-Parent Households by State
https://datacenter	.aecf.org/data/tables/106-children-in-single-parent-families?loc=1
&loct=1#detailed/	2/2-53/true/2545,1095,2048,1729,37,871,870,573,869,36/any/429
- Drug Usage and M	Mental Illnesses by State:
https://www.samh	sa.gov/data/data-we-collect/nsduh-national-survey-drug-use-and-
health/state-releas	
- Unemployment R	ates
https://www.bls.go	v/web/laus/laumstrk.htm
Dependent Variable (Y)	
- Violent Crime Ra	te per 100,000 residents
https://www.visua	lcapitalist.com/mapped-violent-crime-rates-by-u-s-state/

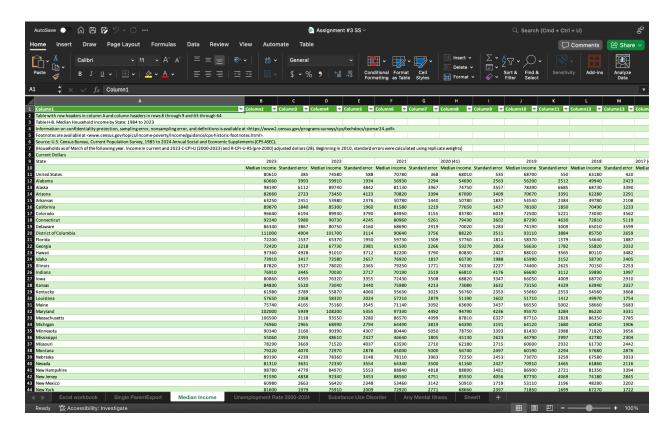
e) Curation Process

To curate the data analysis process, the data must be cleaned and structured in a clear, organized format for easy interpretation and tabulation. When selecting a file format for data extraction, several options were available but I ultimately went with Excel as it best suited my needs for the analysis. As most of my sources came from government sources or other government agencies missing data or inputs wasn't necessarily a concern. However, changing or deleting variables was an issue as some datasets included percentages and numbers (photo listed below). As I am looking to focus on percentages as most of my data is in percentages making sure to clean the data is crucial. Additionally, as these sets provided data from a long range of years I wanted to focus on more recent years. I'm looking to focus on a range from 2022-2023 this was the latest data for most sets at the moment. If needed taking into account a multi-year approach can also be an alternative as it can help pick up on trends.



## (Raw Data Single Parent Households)

As seen above although these years aren't the ones I'm using it provides a perspective as to not only how much data is in this set but also as stated how it includes both percentages and numbers. This is displaying single-parent households and using numbers wouldn't do justice as the number of single-parent households will naturally be higher in more populous areas. Using percentages allows for a fair comparison across different states. The data is also not listed year by year for example 2001, 2002, 2003, etc. and there are times when it jumps from 2009 to 2018 and then back to 2011 so ensuring the years are in chronological order is highly beneficial for analysis. Also, deleting the years I will not be using is crucial as that is not what I'm looking to observe.



(Raw Data of Median Household Income)

As stated this examples provides context into the range of years that are listed this dataset is showing median income all the way back from 1985. Utilizing data from that long ago wouldn't be beneficial as not only pay rates raised but many different societal factors have also taken place in this timeframe.

Furthermore, these are only two of the six datasets that need to be curated but they paint a picture as to how the other sets looks. As mentioned I will have to delta rows in columns to not only display percentages but also make sure the data is from the right range of years.

#### **Excel**

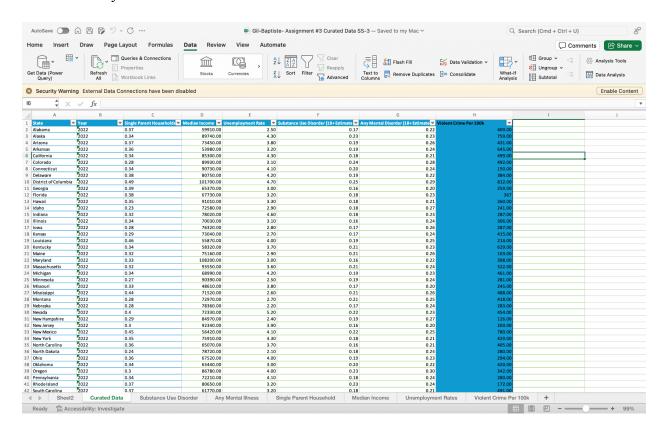
- 1st Excel Sheet: Curated data with proper years, proper data needed, number in percentages etc.
- 2nd Sheet Substance Abuse Disorders 2022-2023, 3rd Sheet: Any Mentall illness
  2022-2023, 4th Sheet: Single Parent Households 2000-2023, 5th Sheet: Median Income
  1984-2023, 6th Sheet: Unemployment Rates 2012-2024

#### **Summary of Data Curation:**

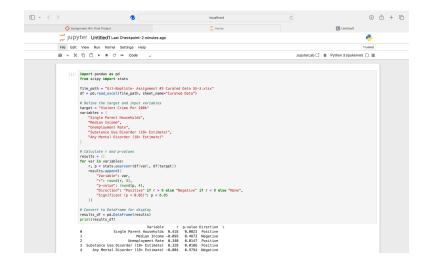
- 1. Identify the problem
- 2. Find necessary data
- 3. Import data
- 4. Make changes where needed and organize
- 5. Ensure Consistency

# **Assignment 4 Section**

For this assignment, the data was curated and analysed in Excel as seen above I made sure to remove missing data or change values in order for them to be analysed properly and statistical analysis to be conducted.



### f) Correlations found between different input variables



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| December | December
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### a. Correlation score for the following variables:

- i. Violent crime per 100k & Single Parent Households -> 0.418
- ii. Violent crime per 100k & Median income -> -0.099
- iii. Violent crime per 100k& Unemployment Rate -> 0.340
- iv. Violent crime per 100k & Susbtance Use Disorder -> 0.328
- v. Violet crime per 100k & Any mental disorder -> -0.004

## b. Significance (p-value):

- i. Violent crime per 100k & Single Parent Households -> 0.0023
- ii. Violent crime per 100k & Median income -> 0.4873
- iii. Violent crime per 100k& Unemployment Rate -> 0.0147
- iv. Violent crime per 100k & Susbtance Use Disorder -> 0.0186
- v. Violet crime per 100k & Any mental disorder -> 0.9794

## c. Direction of correlation

i. Violent crime per 100k & Single Parent Households -> positive

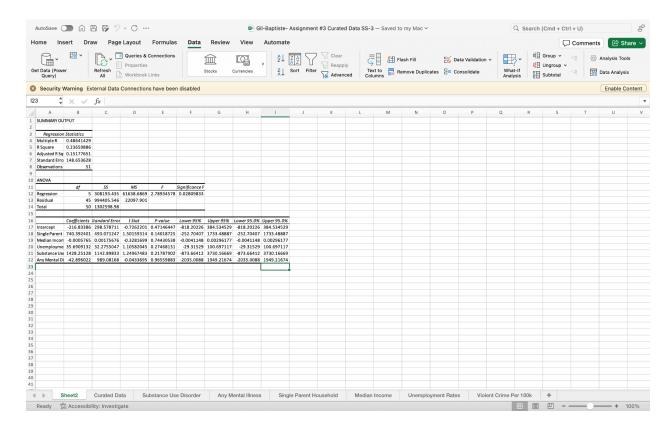
- ii. Violent crime per 100k & Median income -> negative
- iii. Violent crime per 100k& Unemployment Rate -> positive
- iv. Violent crime per 100k & Susbtance Use Disorder -> positive
- v. Violet crime per 100k & Any mental disorder -> negative

### d. Interpretation of Findings

i. The correlation results were partly expected but included some surprises. At first I assumed all the variables would be directly related to violent crime, but the data showed a more nuanced picture. Single-parent households, unemployment, and substance use disorder all had moderate positive and statistically significant correlations with violent crime. This supports the idea that social and economic instability are linked to higher crime rates. Median income showed a very weak negative and non-significant correlation with crime, which was surprising. I expected a stronger relationship, but the data suggests income alone isn't a strong predictor of violent crime in this case. Most notably, mental disorder prevalence had no meaningful correlation with violent crime. This goes against common assumptions and suggests that mental health rates alone don't explain variations in violent crime across states. Overall, the findings highlight that while some variables have clear relationships with crime, others may be less influential or only matter when combined with broader factors.

#### g) Multi Liner Regression

(Violent Crime Rate per 100k)i = B0+(Median Income)iB1 + (UnemploymentRate)iB2 + (Single-Parent Households)iB3 + (Drug Usage)iB4 + (Depression Rate)iB65



After performing statistical analysis using Excel's Data Analysis, the model coefficients were identified and used to construct the following regression equation:

Violent Crime Rate = -216.83 + 740.39(Single Parent) -0.00058(Median Income) + 35.69(Unemployment) + 1428.25(Substance Use) -42.90(Any Mental Disorder)

- a. Percentage of variance explaine model
  - i. R = .2366 (23.66%)
  - ii. This indicates that **23.66% of the variability** in violent crime rates across the dataset is explained by the combination of the five input variables.

iii. While not very high, this value suggests that the model captures a portion of the trend, but other factors outside the model may also play substantial roles in influencing violent crime rates.

#### b. Significance of Variables in the Model

i. Based on the p-values obtained through the regression output, none of the variables were statistically significant (all had p-values > 0.05). Since none of the predictors had a p-value below 0.05, we cannot confidently say that any of them individually explain changes in the violent crime rate in a statistically significant way. However, we can still consider the direction of the coefficients: Positive relationships: Single Parent Households, Unemployment Rate, Substance Use. Negative relationships: Median Income, Any Mental Disorder.

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