



Notes and Assumptions:

- The major assumption of note here is the existence of Ward as a central entity connected to aggregated data about that particular ward. At first it seems like the most natural way to conceptually design this is through attributes of ward itself. This leads to conflicts of repeating groups and sets, which would make the system far more difficult to deal with. Some entities can be represented as attributes because of a 1:1 relation (like income), but in order to keep the design consistent, some facts need to be moved into the Ward entity.
- Community Services needs to be transformed in order to fit the data model. The basic csv transformation is to normalize the ward numbers and entity service types for each ward as a column instead. This results in service type and ward number being repeated for every row in the normalized ward income level.
- The same transformation has to take place in the income group - we need the long-form version of the data where ward number and income category serve as composite keys, since each separate column in the raw data potentially measures the same thing. As a consequence however, total households is shifted from the income information to the ward population level for sake of convenience. If we do not do this, then this information will be repeated for every row in a normalized ward income level.
- As a comment on inclusivity - ward information obtained from sources do not consistently include non-binary gender information. We record gender statistics, but important information regarding political leanings and - more generally - social importance. Because we feel like it's not accurate to convey this information, the decision was made to model the data that exists for the sake of the project as is.
- Not every race participates with a ward directly - mayoral candidates are not representatives of wards - thus this is a good example of a weak entity.
- Candidacy only makes sense in the context of a candidate running in a specific race. Without these conditions, candidacy cannot exist independently.
- Currently, an election result is modelled by our data (not necessarily winners, but vote counts per candidacy) cannot exist independent of votes for candidacy in a station. Thus, election results themselves are dependent of candidacy and voting station entities.
- No aggregated data can exist about a ward without the existence of that ward - thus, all aggregated data regarding wards - the core of our application - is entirely comprised of weak entities.