**Guiding questions:**

*What task did you work on? How was the output created? (Many tasks do not have outputs that are saved externally, but think of any data frames you create as outputs.) What data manipulation, imputation, and analysis steps did you undertake? What did you find? What is your interpretation of your findings? Were you able to achieve your objective and/or desired output? Are there pending steps? What are the next steps for this project?*

**Date: 7/8**

**Script: check-MSA-dist.R**

**Output:**

Issues:

* + Quartile cutoffs for Chicago and Philly, as a sample, still seem suspiciously high

Progress:

* + Using the 2013-2017 5-Year county-level ACS file as a test case, check to see if I can get a better approximation of household income quartiles, since those files provide an income-by-household distribution within a metdiv (generated using crosswalk files from county to metdiv).
  + Jackie also asked for the US-wide distribution 🡪 created a “grouping” variable that assigns the same group to all observations (‘US’)

Next steps:

* Check if match up with PSID
* Create these cutoffs for multiple years

Made 0610 bg file to merge with CCP data (see if CEM on block group-level indicators in 2006 provides better balance/match: answer is no. Still too many matches get dropped. Use IPTW instead)