“Blockbusting” in the 21st Century?: Minority Move-ins and Neighborhood Home Value Appreciation

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1 Part One

1.1 Introduction

Housing discrimination has, in one way or another, existed in the United States since independence. After reconstruction, several tactics became commonplace, including racial deed covenants, and redlining. Across the nation, there was evidence of “white flight”, or the movement of whites out of neighborhoods with minorities due to fears over home value depreciation or other factors. Real-estate agents commonly attempted to abuse these fears with a tactic known as “blockbusting” in which they would spread fear over minority-move-ins leading to a fire sale of homes in a neighborhood (Rothstein, 2017).

Much has been researched about the modern-day effects of these past tactics, whether in deed covenants leading to improved relative neighborhood quality (Sood, Ehrman-Solberg, 2024), or redlining leading to localized areas of higher poverty (Appel, Nickerson, 2016), or simply lower quality of opportunity in majority-black neighborhoods (Chetty, et al, 2014). There is also evidence of modern-day tactics still occurring in the housing market, whether in lending markets (Quillian, Lee, Honoré, 2020), or in real estates continuing to practice “racial steering”, the process of, whether knowing it or not, primarily showing people of minority groups neighborhoods that are also primarily of that minority group (Glenn, 2018)

This paper seeks to contribute to this literature by analyzing the modern accuracy of the perceived link that 50’s era blockbusting relied on – do minority move-ins suppress home-value appreciation? I use loan data from Fannie Mae (FNMA) & Freddie Mac (FHLMC) to provide data on neighborhood move-ins, American Community Survey data to normalize, and Zillow ZHVI data to show the change in home prices. My study has the following methodology:

First, I select zip codes with move-ins during the 2009-2010 period (Initial Period) that are majority white (we are uninterested in the effect on majority-minority neighborhoods), and in metropolitan statistical areas (necessary for appreciation normalization). I take the “minority move-in share”, or the ratio of loans for new purchases made in that zip code to minorities, and then look at those same zip codes over the 2012-2013 period (Treatment Period) and analyze what “treatment” was applied (the difference in minority move-in share from the previous period), which is our main explanatory variable. Next, we analyze the association between the change in minority move-in-share and the future appreciation in home prices, relative to their MSA average, for the next 6 years (ending in 2019). This should inform us what the effect of a sudden increase in minority move-ins is on home value appreciation.

I find that the effect of an increase in minority move-in share on home-value appreciation is unclear, relative to the metropolitan statistical area. While the mean home value appreciation does decrease in the treatment group relative to the control, there is an incredibly high degree of variation in the data.

1.2 Data Loading

1.2.1 Loading Loan Data

[1]:

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
```

[2]:

```
def read_columns_from_txt(filename):
    data = {}
    with open(filename, "r") as f:
        for line in f:
            key, value = line.split("=", 1)
            data[key.strip()] = eval(value.strip())
    return data

columns_data = read_columns_from_txt("data/columns.txt")
cols = columns_data["cols"]
cols_pre2018 = columns_data["cols_pre2018"]
dropcols = columns_data["dropcols"]
dropcols_pre2018 = columns_data["dropcols_pre2018"]
cols_2013 = columns_data["cols_2013"]
```

[3]:

```
def load_loans(years):
    loans_list = []
    for year in years:
        if year >= 2018: # The data format changes in 2018
            files = [f"data/sf/fhlmc_sf{year}c_loans.txt", f"data/sf/
 ↪fnma_sf{year}c_loans.txt"]
            loans_year = pd.concat(
                [pd.read_csv(file, sep=r"\s+", header=None, names=cols).
 ↪drop(columns=dropcols) for file in files],
                ignore_index=True
            )
        else:
            files = [f"data/sf/fhlmc_sf{year}c_loans.txt", f"data/sf/
 ↪fnma_sf{year}c_loans.txt"]
            loans_year = pd.concat(
                [pd.read_csv(file, sep=r"\s+", header=None, names=cols_2013).
 ↪drop(columns=dropcols_pre2018) for file in files],
                ignore_index=True
            )
        loans_year["year"] = year
        loans_list.append(loans_year)
        print(f"Processed {year}", end=" ")
    return pd.concat(loans_list, ignore_index=True)
```

[4]:
```
loans = load_loans([2009, 2010, 2012, 2013]) # Please forgive the print␣
 ↪statement! The full data can take upwards of 20 mins to load.
```

```
Processed 2009 Processed 2010 Processed 2012 Processed 2013
```

I picked 2009 and 2010 as my initial years because they were some of the earliest I had. I picked 2012 and 2013 to give a year of distance but to maintain a large buffer before COVID affected home values.

1.2.2 Cleaning Loan Data

[5]:
```
loans = loans[loans['purpose'] == 1] # Filter to loans for new purchases
```

[6]:
```
# Define race and ethnicity sets
races_set = {3} # Black
ethnicities_set = {1} # Hispanic

# Extract borrower and coborrower race
borrower_races = loans[[col for col in loans.columns if col.
 ↪startswith("borrower_race")]]
coborrower_races = loans[[col for col in loans.columns if col.
 ↪startswith("coborrower_race")]]
borrower_ethnicities = loans[[col for col in loans.columns if col.
 ↪startswith("borrower_ethnicity")]]
coborrower_ethnicities = loans[[col for col in loans.columns if col.
 ↪startswith("coborrower_ethnicity")]]

# Check if any race or ethnicity belongs to minority groups
borrower_minority = borrower_races.isin(races_set).any(axis=1) |␣
 ↪borrower_ethnicities.isin(ethnicities_set).any(axis=1)
coborrower_minority = coborrower_races.isin(races_set).any(axis=1) |␣
 ↪coborrower_ethnicities.isin(ethnicities_set).any(axis=1)

# Assign counting columns for quantity of move-ins of each type
loans["early_mmi"] = np.where((loans["year"] < 2011) & (borrower_minority &␣
 ↪coborrower_minority), 1,
                              np.where((loans["year"] < 2011) &␣
 ↪(borrower_minority | coborrower_minority), 1, 0))
loans["late_mmi"] = np.where((loans["year"] > 2011) & (borrower_minority &␣
 ↪coborrower_minority), 1,
                             np.where((loans["year"] > 2011) &␣
 ↪(borrower_minority | coborrower_minority), 1, 0))
```

```
loans["early_move_ins"] = np.where(loans["year"] < 2011, 1, 0)
loans["late_move_ins"] = np.where(loans["year"] > 2011, 1, 0)
```

Finally, we add a column with the full census tract code for future merging

[7]:

```
loans['longtract'] = (
    loans['state_fips'].astype(str).str.zfill(2) +
    loans['county_fips'].astype(str).str.zfill(3) +
    loans['census_tract'].apply(lambda x: f"{int(x):06d}" if x == int(x) else␣
 ↪f"{x:06.2f}".replace('.', ''))
)
```

1.2.3 Merging

To truly understand the rate of minority move-ins, we must control for neighborhood demographics. The **2020 US Census Data** provides this information (total population, white population, black population)

[8]:

```
cols_tract = ['YEAR', 'ZCTAA','U7J001', 'U7J002', 'U7J003', 'U7J004', 'U7J005',␣
 ↪'U7J006', 'U7J007', 'U7J008']
tract_data = pd.read_csv('data/census/nhgis0009_ds258_2020_zcta.csv')[cols_tract]
tract_data.rename(columns={
    'YEAR': 'year',
    'ZCTAA': 'zip',
    'U7J001': 'total_pop',
    'U7J002': 'white',
    'U7J003': 'black',
    'U7J004': 'native_american',
    'U7J005': 'asian',
    'U7J006': 'pacific_islander',
    'U7J007': 'other_race',
    'U7J008': 'two_or_more'}, inplace=True)
```

Next, we load in the Zillow data for information about home prices

[9]:

```
zhvi = pd.read_csv('data/zhvi/Zip_zhvi_uc_sfrcondo_tier_0.33_0.67_sm_sa_month␣
 ↪(1).csv')
```

The Zillow data is based on zip-code, but all our other data is based on census tract. As a result, we use a Crosswalk File from HUD.

[10]:

```
crosswalk = pd.read_excel('data/census/ZIP_TRACT_122024.xlsx')
```

Next, we merge the loan data into our crosswalk. We aggregate on each census tract.

[11]:

```
loans_grouped = loans.groupby(['longtract', 'msa_code', 'state_fips',␣
 ↪'county_fips'])[['early_mmi', 'late_mmi', 'early_move_ins', 'late_move_ins']].
 ↪sum().reset_index()
loans_grouped['longtract'] = loans_grouped['longtract'].astype(str).str.zfill(11)
```

```
crosswalk['TRACT'] = crosswalk['TRACT'].astype(str).str.zfill(11)
loans_grouped['longtract'] = loans_grouped['longtract'].str.rstrip('.0')
loans_crosswalk = loans_grouped.merge(crosswalk, left_on='longtract',␣
 ↪right_on='TRACT', how='outer')
```

Now that we have loan data, we merge with our **Census data**, and then filter for areas that are majority white.

[12]:
```
loans_census = loans_crosswalk.merge(tract_data, left_on='ZIP', right_on='zip',␣
 ↪how='left')
threshold_white = 0.0  # We only look at areas that are majority white
loans_census_filter = loans_census[(loans_census['white'] /␣
 ↪loans_census['total_pop'] > threshold_white)]
```

Now we merge **Zillow data**, and find the change in home values of an area from 2010 to 2019 (End of early move-in data until COVID)

[13]:
```
loans_zhvi = loans_census_filter.merge(zhvi, left_on='zip',␣
 ↪right_on='RegionName', how='left')
loans_zhvi[f'avg_value_2010'] = loans_zhvi[[f'2010-10-31', f'2010-11-30',␣
 ↪f'2010-12-31']].mean(axis=1)
for year in range(2011, 2020):
    loans_zhvi[f'avg_value_{year}'] = loans_zhvi[[f'{year}-10-31',␣
 ↪f'{year}-11-30', f'{year}-12-31']].mean(axis=1)
    loans_zhvi[f'value_ratio_{year}'] = loans_zhvi[f'avg_value_{year}'] /␣
 ↪loans_zhvi[f'avg_value_2010']
loans_zhvi = loans_zhvi.drop(columns=[col for col in loans_zhvi.columns if col[:
 ↪4].isdigit()])
```

[14]:
```
loans_zhvi['fips_code'] = (
    loans_zhvi['state_fips'].fillna('').astype(str).str.split('.').str[0].str.
 ↪zfill(2) +
    loans_zhvi['county_fips'].fillna('').astype(str).str.split('.').str[0].str.
 ↪zfill(3)
)
```

Next, we control for metropolitan area.

[15]:
```
for year in range(2011, 2020):
    loans_zhvi[f'msa_avg_value_ratio_{year}'] = loans_zhvi.
 ↪groupby('msa_code')[f'value_ratio_{year}'].transform('mean')
    loans_zhvi[f'value_diff_{year}'] = loans_zhvi[f'value_ratio_{year}'] -␣
 ↪loans_zhvi[f'msa_avg_value_ratio_{year}']
```

Now we add **income data**

[16]:
```
income_data = pd.DataFrame({
    'med_hh_inc' : pd.read_csv('data/income/nhgis0011_csv/
 ↪nhgis0011_ds262_20225_zcta.csv').set_index('NAME_M')['AQP6E001'],
    'per_cap_inc' : pd.read_csv('data/income/nhgis0011_csv/
↪nhgis0011_ds267_20235_zcta.csv').set_index('NAME_M')['ASRTE001'],
    'gini_index' : pd.read_csv('data/income/nhgis0011_csv/
↪nhgis0011_ds268_20235_zcta.csv').set_index('NAME_M')['AS9QE001']}
)
income_data.index = income_data.index.str.replace(r'ZCTA5 ', '', regex=True)
income_data.index = income_data.index.astype(np.float64)
income_data.index.name = 'zip'
```

Now, we add **election results**

[17]:

```
election_data = pd.read_csv('data\election-context-2018.csv')
election_data['fips'] = election_data['fips'].astype(str).str.zfill(5)
type(loans_zhvi['fips_code'][2])
```

```
<>:1: SyntaxWarning: invalid escape sequence '\e'
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C:\Users\emers\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19012\552584969.py:1: SyntaxWarning:
invalid escape sequence '\e'
  election_data = pd.read_csv('data\election-context-2018.csv')
```

[17]:

```
str
```

[18]:

```
data_table = loans_zhvi.groupby('zip').agg({
    'total_pop': 'sum',
    'msa_code': 'min',
    'fips_code': 'max',
    'early_mmi': 'sum',
    'late_mmi': 'sum',
    'early_move_ins': 'sum',
    'late_move_ins': 'sum',
    'white': 'sum',
    'other_race': 'sum',
    'two_or_more': 'sum',
    'avg_value_2010': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2011': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2011': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2012': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2012': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2013': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2013': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2014': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2014': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2015': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2015': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2016': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2016': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2017': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2017': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2018': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2018': 'mean',
    'avg_value_2019': 'mean',
    'value_ratio_2019': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2011': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2011': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2012': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2012': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2013': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2013': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2014': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2014': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2015': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2015': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2016': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2016': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2017': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2017': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2018': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2018': 'mean',
    'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019': 'mean',
    'value_diff_2019': 'mean',
}).reset_index()
data_table = data_table.join(income_data, on='zip')
data_table = data_table.merge(election_data, left_on='fips_code',␣
 ↪right_on='fips', how='left')
data_table['pct_rep'] = data_table['romney12'] / data_table['total_population']␣
 ↪# Percent of county zip code is in that voted romney
data_table['early_mmi_ratio'] = data_table['early_mmi'] /␣
 ↪data_table['early_move_ins']
data_table['late_mmi_ratio'] = data_table['late_mmi'] /␣
 ↪data_table['late_move_ins']
data_table['early_late_ratio'] = data_table['late_mmi_ratio'] -␣
 ↪data_table['early_mmi_ratio'] # Positive: MMI higher in late period
```

1.3 Summary Statistics

In our `filtered_data` table, we have information about our explanatory variables (demographics), our independent variables (initial property value), and our outcome variable (final property value)

[19]:

```
from IPython.display import display, HTML

prop_values_summary = data_table[['early_mmi','late_mmi','early_move_ins',␣
 ↪'late_move_ins']].describe().round(2)
```

```python
prop_values_summary.columns = ['Minority Move-Ins (Initial Period)','Minority Move-Ins (Treatment Period)', 'Total Move-Ins (Initial Period)', 'Total Move-Ins (Treatment Period)']
prop_values_summary.index = ['Count', 'Mean', 'Standard Deviation', 'Minimum', '25th Percentile', 'Median', '75th Percentile', 'Maximum']
prop_values_summary.loc['Range'] = prop_values_summary.loc['Maximum'] - prop_values_summary.loc['Minimum']
prop_values_summary.loc['Count'] = prop_values_summary.loc['Count'].astype(int)

# Styling
styled_prop_vals = prop_values_summary.style.set_caption("Table 1: Move-In and Minority Move-In by Zip Code")

# Apply table styles
styled_prop_vals = styled_prop_vals.set_table_attributes('style="width: 50%; margin: auto;"')

# Apply formatting
prop_values_summary['Minority Move-Ins (Initial Period)'] = prop_values_summary['Minority Move-Ins (Initial Period)'].astype(int)
prop_values_summary['Minority Move-Ins (Treatment Period)'] = prop_values_summary['Minority Move-Ins (Treatment Period)'].astype(int)
prop_values_summary['Total Move-Ins (Initial Period)'] = prop_values_summary['Total Move-Ins (Initial Period)'].astype(int)
prop_values_summary['Total Move-Ins (Treatment Period)'] = prop_values_summary['Total Move-Ins (Treatment Period)'].astype(int)

# Caption formatting
styled_prop_vals = styled_prop_vals.set_table_styles([{
    'selector': 'caption',
    'props': [
        ('caption-side', 'top'),
        ('font-size', '20px'),
        ('font-style', 'italic'),
        ('text-align', 'center'),
        ('color', '#222')
    ]
}])

latex_code = prop_values_summary.to_latex(
    caption="Table 2: Summary Statistics of Home Value Changes by Year",
    label="tab:summary_stats",
    float_format="%.10f",
    bold_rows=True
)
print(latex_code)
```

```
\begin{table}
\caption{Table 2: Summary Statistics of Home Value Changes by Year}
\label{tab:summary_stats}
\begin{tabular}{lrrrr}
\toprule
 & Minority Move-Ins (Initial Period) & Minority Move-Ins (Treatment Period) &
Total Move-Ins (Initial Period) & Total Move-Ins (Treatment Period) \\
\midrule
\textbf{Count} & 33503 & 33503 & 33503 & 33503 \\
\textbf{Mean} & 0 & 5 & 12 & 62 \\
\textbf{Standard Deviation} & 3 & 15 & 37 & 148 \\
\textbf{Minimum} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\textbf{25th Percentile} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\textbf{Median} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\textbf{75th Percentile} & 0 & 2 & 2 & 46 \\
\textbf{Maximum} & 91 & 423 & 641 & 1961 \\
\textbf{Range} & 91 & 423 & 641 & 1961 \\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}
\end{table}
```

This table shows one of the difficulties of the project, many majority-white zip codes inside of metropolitan areas either do not have many or have no minority-move ins (or any move-ins). As you can see, in the initial period, the 75th percentile zip code had zero move-ins. For all following tables and graphs, we are only looking at zip codes that had move-ins during both periods. This could lead to bias, but it aligns with the research question, so it should not meaningfully change our conclusion.

[20]:

```python
# Select value difference columns
value_diff_cols = [col for col in data_table.columns if col.
 ↪startswith('value_diff_')]

# Create readable column names
renamed_cols = {col: f"Home Value Change {col.split('_')[-1]}" for col in␣
 ↪value_diff_cols}

# Compute summary statistics
summary_stats = data_table[value_diff_cols].describe().round(10)

# Convert to DataFrame (ensuring correct format)
summary_df = pd.DataFrame(summary_stats)

# Rename columns for better readability
summary_df = summary_df.rename(columns=renamed_cols)

# Rename index for better readability
summary_df.index.names = ['Statistic']
```

```python
# Adjust rounding for better readability
# Ensure 'Count' is integer
summary_df.loc['count'] = summary_df.loc['count'].astype(int)
summary_df = summary_df.T
# Styling

# Ensure 'count' is integer
summary_df['count'] = summary_df['count'].astype(int)

# Display the table
latex_code = summary_df.to_latex(
    caption="Table 2: Summary Statistics of Home Value Changes by Year",
    label="tab:summary_stats",
    float_format="%.10f",
    bold_rows=True
)
print(latex_code)
```

```
\begin{table}
\caption{Table 2: Summary Statistics of Home Value Changes by Year}
\label{tab:summary_stats}
\begin{tabular}{lrrrrrrrr}
\toprule
Statistic & count & mean & std & min & 25% & 50% & 75% & max \\
\midrule
\textbf{Home Value Change 2011} & 11376 & 0.0016247048 & 0.0374922147 &
-0.2958426044 & -0.0149016569 & 0.0037850691 & 0.0212805146 & 0.2751080621 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2012} & 11376 & 0.0017263872 & 0.0587131500 &
-0.4129991416 & -0.0257580976 & 0.0037738711 & 0.0329998513 & 0.3739313507 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2013} & 11376 & -0.0004507613 & 0.0782088702 &
-0.4971158210 & -0.0383841286 & 0.0004044510 & 0.0394929862 & 0.6301143492 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2014} & 11376 & -0.0004639764 & 0.0961599439 &
-0.6182239429 & -0.0479633900 & -0.0024051145 & 0.0442027638 & 0.8238266667 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2015} & 11376 & -0.0000004792 & 0.1192476985 &
-0.6584162317 & -0.0598912895 & -0.0052687133 & 0.0505795264 & 1.1285729465 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2016} & 11376 & -0.0011199274 & 0.1438792266 &
-0.7404533667 & -0.0726374485 & -0.0091603750 & 0.0549890764 & 1.4749786318 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2017} & 11376 & -0.0009987269 & 0.1723638395 &
-0.8326666156 & -0.0873361990 & -0.0124782546 & 0.0610003913 & 1.7767701095 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2018} & 11376 & -0.0005756675 & 0.2089468849 &
-0.9294100050 & -0.1023257038 & -0.0174591246 & 0.0695864139 & 2.3199046610 \\
\textbf{Home Value Change 2019} & 11376 & 0.0004322245 & 0.2312401624 &
-1.0061741397 & -0.1133050321 & -0.0198231905 & 0.0783373547 & 2.7325700728 \\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}
\end{table}
```

It should not be surprising that the median and mean are basically zero. Recall that we are normalizing home-value change to the metropolitan area's home-value change. It should also be unsurprising that the ranges increase over time. The difference between a neighborhood and metro area will be more obvious over time. This table has significantly fewer observations than the table above, due to the unpredictable availability of the Zillow data. The move-in data is not significantly different between the zip codes with Zillow data and the zip codes without, so we will drop the zip codes without Zillow data.

[21]:

```
# Create summary statistics for income-related columns
income_summary = data_table[['med_hh_inc', 'per_cap_inc', 'gini_index']].
 ↪describe()

# Rename columns for better readability
income_summary.columns = ['Median Household Income', 'Per Capita Income', 'Gini␣
 ↪Index']

# Format numbers to be more readable
income_summary['Median Household Income'] = income_summary['Median Household␣
 ↪Income'].round(2)
income_summary['Per Capita Income'] = income_summary['Per Capita Income'].
 ↪round(2)
income_summary['Gini Index'] = income_summary['Gini Index'].round(4)

# Display the table with styling
styled_table = income_summary.style.set_caption("Table 3: Income Statistics by␣
 ↪Zip Code")

# Apply table styles
styled_table = styled_table.set_table_attributes('style="width: 50%; margin:␣
 ↪auto;"')

# Display the table
display(styled_table)
```

```
<pandas.io.formats.style.Styler at 0x22af1b2a650>
```

[22]:

```
# Update the variable names based on your data
demographic_summary = data_table[['total_pop', 'white', 'pct_rep']].describe().
 ↪round(2)

# Create summary statistics for demographic-related columns
demographic_summary.columns = ['Total Population', 'White Population', 'Pct␣
 ↪Republican']
demographic_summary.index = ['Count', 'Mean', 'Standard Deviation', 'Minimum',␣
 ↪'25th Percentile', 'Median', '75th Percentile', 'Maximum']
demographic_summary.loc['Range'] = demographic_summary.loc['Maximum'] -␣
 ↪demographic_summary.loc['Minimum']
```

```
demographic_summary.loc['Count'] = demographic_summary.loc['Count'].astype(int)

# Styling
styled_demographics = demographic_summary.style.set_caption("Table 4:␣
↪Demographic Statistics by Zip Code")

# Apply table styles
styled_demographics = styled_demographics.set_table_attributes('style="width:␣
↪70%; margin: auto;"')

# Apply formatting
demographic_summary['Total Population'] = demographic_summary['Total␣
↪Population'].astype(int)
demographic_summary['White Population'] = demographic_summary['White␣
↪Population'].astype(int)
demographic_summary['Pct Republican'] = demographic_summary['Pct Republican'].
↪astype(int)

# Caption formatting
styled_demographics = styled_demographics.set_table_styles([{
    'selector': 'caption',
    'props': [
        ('caption-side', 'top'),
        ('font-size', '20px'),
        ('font-style', 'italic'),
        ('text-align', 'center'),
        ('color', '#222')
    ]
}])

display(styled_demographics)
```

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```

1.4 Plots & Figures

1.4.1 Histogram of X and Y

[23]:

```
fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(20, 12))
sns.set_style("whitegrid")

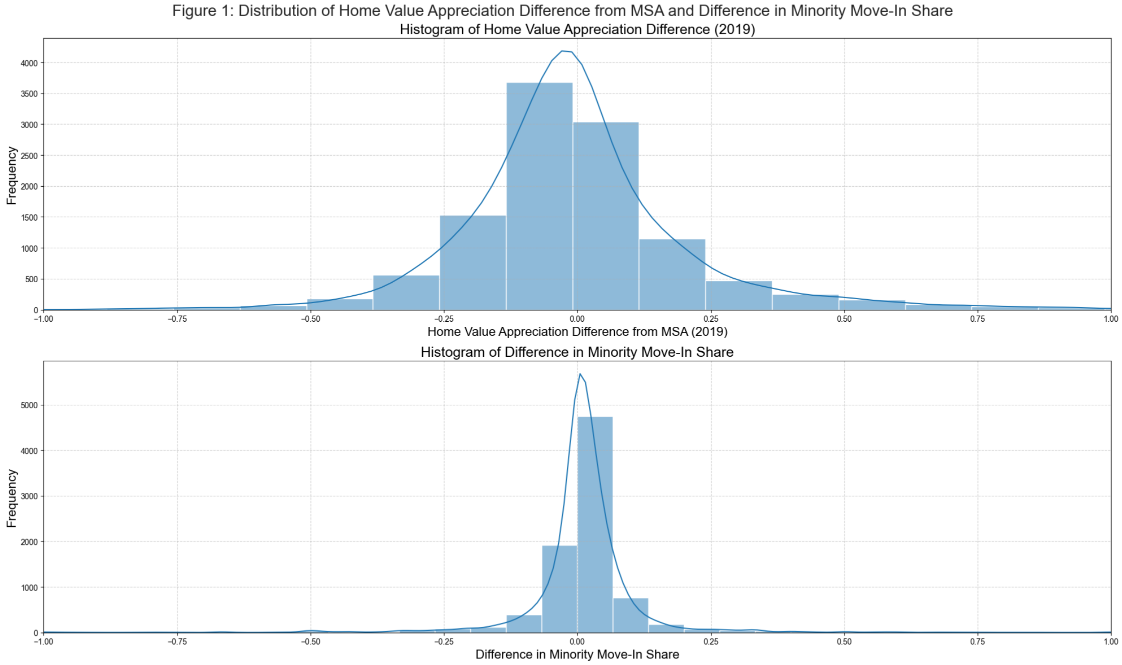
sns.histplot(data_table['value_diff_2019'], bins=30, kde=True, ax=axs[0])
axs[0].set_xlabel('Home Value Appreciation Difference from MSA (2019)',␣
↪fontsize=16)
axs[0].set_ylabel('Frequency', fontsize=16)
axs[0].set_title('Histogram of Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)',␣
↪fontsize=18)
```

```
axs[0].set_xlim(-1, 1)
axs[0].grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.6)

sns.histplot(data_table['early_late_ratio'], bins=30, kde=True, ax=axs[1])
axs[1].set_xlabel('Difference in Minority Move-In Share', fontsize=16)
axs[1].set_ylabel('Frequency', fontsize=16)
axs[1].set_xlim(-1, 1)
axs[1].set_title('Histogram of Difference in Minority Move-In Share',␣
 ↪fontsize=18)
axs[1].grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.6)

fig.suptitle('Figure 1: Distribution of Home Value Appreciation Difference from␣
 ↪MSA and Difference in Minority Move-In Share', fontsize=20)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.subplots_adjust(top=0.93)
plt.show()
```



The long x-axis on both of these plots is not a mistake. As shown in the summary tables above, the data has an incredibly large range. This plot shows how incredibly wide the range is in home value appreciation and minority move-in share (and how incredibly concentrated the difference in minority move-in share is around zero). This figure shows how large the distribution is. In the next few plots we will attempt to answer my research question and see to what extent the distribution on the left can be explained by the distribution on the right.

1.4.2 Time Series of Y With Discrete X

[24]:

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
# Categorize early_late_ratio into high and low
data_table['early_late_category'] = pd.cut(data_table['early_late_ratio'],␣
 ↪bins=[-float('inf'), 0.00, float('inf')], labels=['lower', 'higher'])

# Melt the dataframe for easier plotting
melted_data = data_table.melt(id_vars=['early_late_category'], value_vars=[col␣
 ↪for col in data_table.columns if col.startswith('value_diff_')],␣
 ↪var_name='year', value_name='value_diff')
# Extract numeric year
melted_data['year'] = melted_data['year'].str.extract('(\d+)').astype(int)
# Compute average value difference per category and year
avg_value_change = melted_data.groupby(['early_late_category', 'year'],␣
 ↪observed=False)['value_diff'].mean().reset_index()

# Define colors
colors = {"lower": "#1f77b4", "higher": "#ff7f0e"}  # Blue for low, Orange for␣
 ↪high
linestyles = {"lower": "solid", "higher": "dashed"}  # Solid & dashed lines

# Plot each category with distinct styling
for category, data in avg_value_change.groupby('early_late_category',␣
 ↪observed=False):
    plt.plot(data['year'], data['value_diff'], label=f'{category.capitalize()}␣
 ↪Minority Move-In Share', color=colors[category],␣
 ↪linestyle=linestyles[category], marker='o')

# Add shaded area for high minority move-in period
plt.axvspan(2012, 2013, color='gray', alpha=0.2, label='High Minority Move-in␣
 ↪Period')

# Labels and title
plt.xlabel('Year', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Avg. Home Value Appreciation Difference from MSA', fontsize=14)
plt.title('Figure 2: Home Value Changes Over Time by Difference in Minority␣
 ↪Move-In Share', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold')

# Improved legend
plt.legend(title='Category', fontsize=12)
plt.xticks(range(avg_value_change['year'].min()-1, avg_value_change['year'].
 ↪max() + 1), rotation=45)
plt.yticks(fontsize=12)

# Grid styling
plt.grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.6)
plt.show()
```

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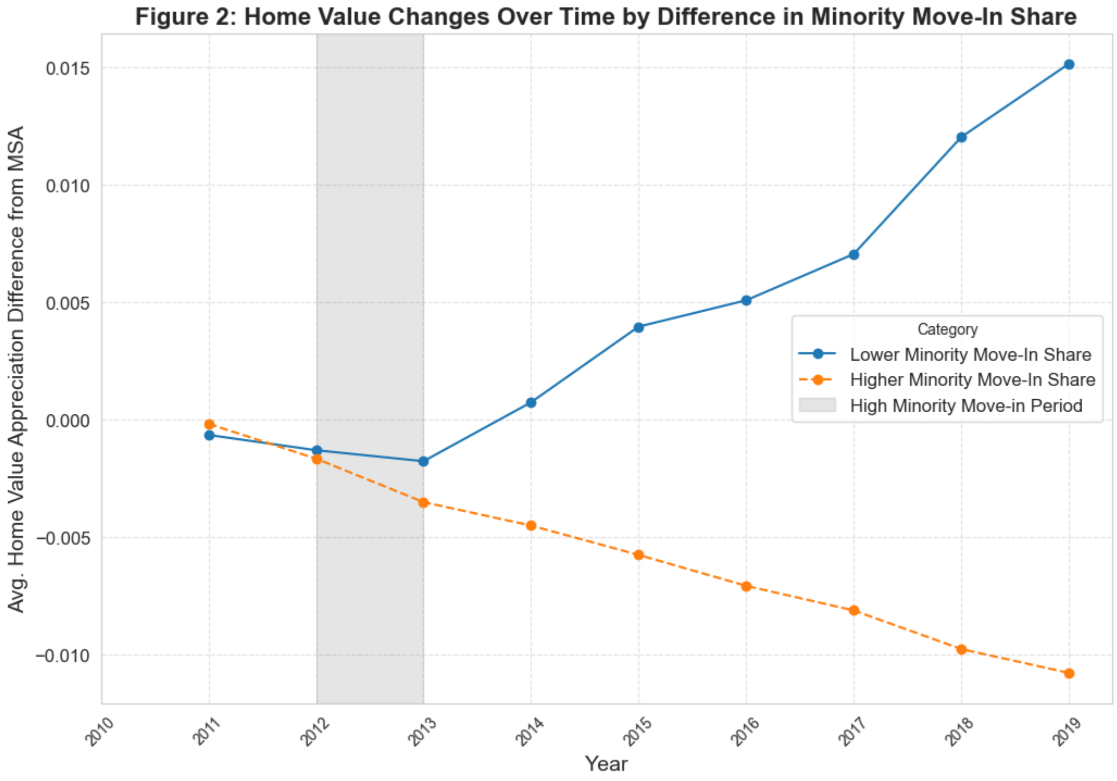
  melted_data['year'] = melted_data['year'].str.extract('(\d+)').astype(int)
```



This figure shows the difference in outcome between the treatment group (higher minority move-in share) and control group (lower / same minority move-in share). It seems to indicate that the treatment group already has lower values before the treatment period. During the treatment period, the values fall even more. After the treatment period, values stay similarly low, and then start to increase again after 2016. In contrast, the control group has increasing values for roughly the entire period. This seems to indicate that neighborhoods with a higher minority move-in share have depressed home value appreciation relative to groups without.

1.4.3 Scatterplot of Main X and Y

[25]:
```
# Filter data
filtered_data = data_table[data_table['total_pop'].abs() > 100]

# Define color palette
colors = sns.color_palette("husl", 4)  # Distinct colors for better visibility
```

```
# Create subplots
fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(15, 10), sharex=True, sharey=True)

years = [2016, 2017, 2018, 2019]
for i, year in enumerate(years):
    ax = axs[i // 2, i % 2]

    # Scatter plot with improved aesthetics
    ax.scatter(
        filtered_data['early_late_ratio'],
        filtered_data[f'value_diff_{year}'],
        alpha=0.6, color=colors[i], edgecolor='black'
    )
    ax.set_xscale('symlog')

    # Titles and labels
    ax.set_title(f'Difference in Minority Move-In Share vs Change in Home Value␣
 ↪({year})', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
    ax.set_xlabel('Difference in Minority Move-In Share (log scale)',␣
 ↪fontsize=12)
    ax.set_ylabel(f'Home Value Appreciation Relative to MSA ({year})',␣
 ↪fontsize=12)
    ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(plt.FuncFormatter(lambda x, _: f'{x:.2f}'))
    # Grid styling
    ax.grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.5)
# Improve layout
fig.suptitle('Figure 3: Home Value Appreciation and Change in Minority Move-In␣
 ↪Share by Year', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

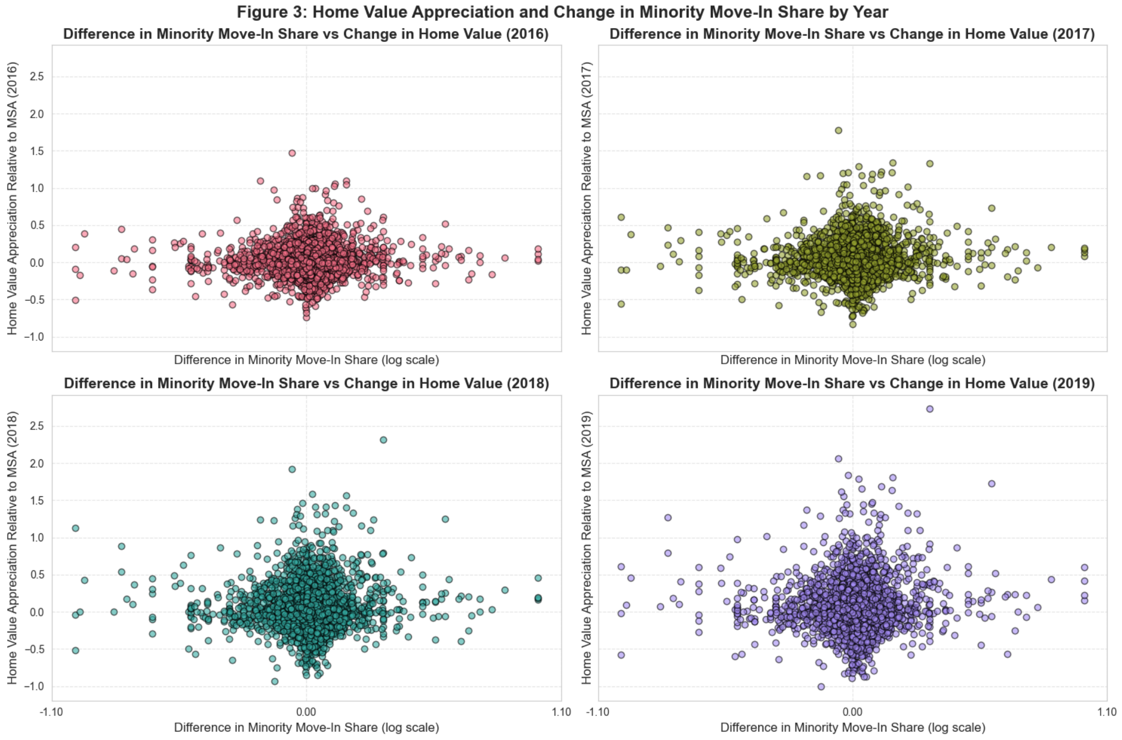


Figure 3: Home Value Appreciation and Change in Minority Move-In Share by Year

This figure shows something very important not shown in Figure 2, which is how wide the variation is. I chose a log scale to show more detail (as you can see, there are a few far outliers, with most of the data clustered near zero). From these scatterplots, it is very hard to conclude that there is any association between an increase in minority move-in share and the home appreciation relative to the MSA. The variation noticably increasees with time.

1.4.4 Box Plot With Discrete X

```
[26]: data_table['early_late_category'] = pd.cut(data_table['early_late_ratio'],␣
       ↪bins=[-float('inf'), 0.00, float('inf')], labels=['Lower Minority Move-In␣
       ↪Share', 'Higher Minority Move-In Share'])

      # Melt the dataframe for easier plotting
      melted_data = data_table.melt(id_vars=['early_late_category'], value_vars=[col␣
       ↪for col in data_table.columns if col.startswith('value_diff_')],␣
       ↪var_name='year', value_name='value_diff')
      # Extract numeric year
      melted_data['year'] = melted_data['year'].str.extract('(\d+)').astype(int)
      # Compute average value difference per category and year
      avg_value_change = melted_data.groupby(['early_late_category', 'year'],␣
       ↪observed=False)['value_diff'].mean().reset_index()
      sns.set_style("whitegrid")

      # Create figure
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 10))
sns.boxplot(x='year', y='value_diff', hue='early_late_category',␣
 ↪data=melted_data, palette={"Lower Minority Move-In Share": "#1f77b4", "Higher␣
 ↪Minority Move-In Share": "#ff7f0e"})

# Add labels and title
plt.xlabel('Year', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Home Value Appreciation, Difference from MSA', fontsize=14)
plt.title('Figure 4: Home Value Differences by Year and Treatment Group',␣
 ↪fontsize=16, fontweight='bold')
plt.legend(title='Legend', fontsize=12)

# Rotate x-axis labels for better readability
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.5)

# Show plot
plt.show()
```

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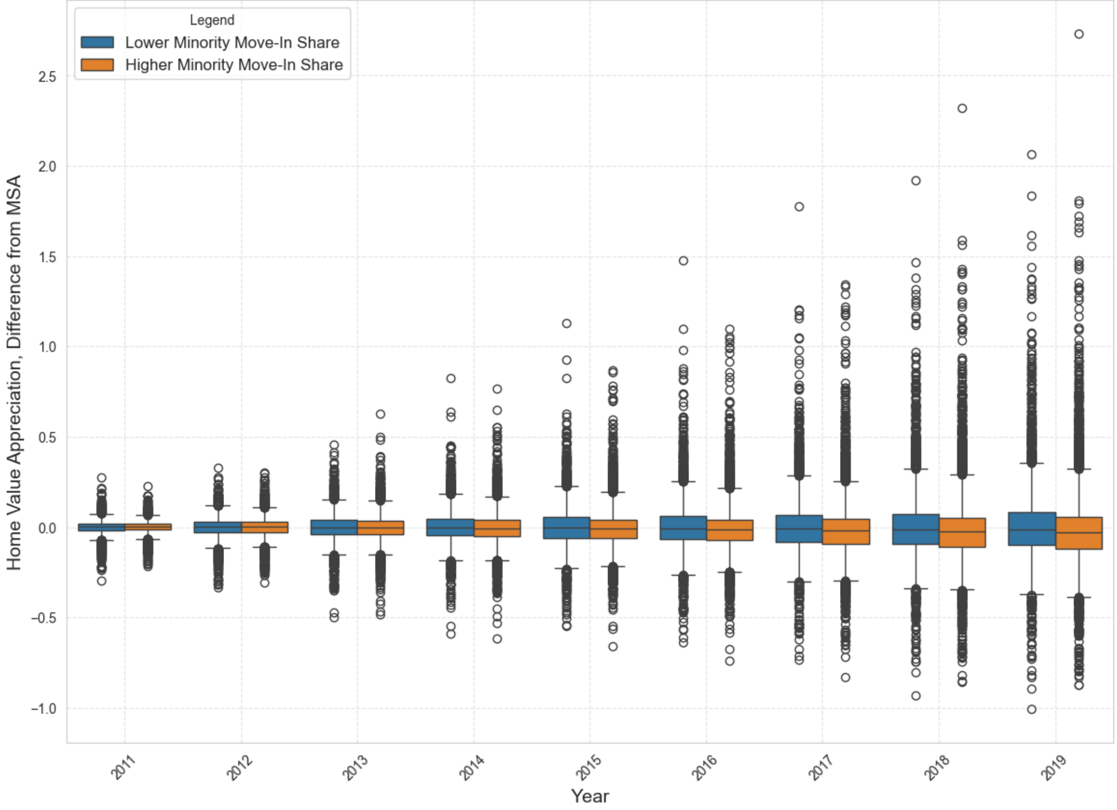
invalid escape sequence '\d'
  melted_data['year'] = melted_data['year'].str.extract('(\d+)').astype(int)
```

Figure 4: Home Value Differences by Year and Treatment Group



This figure shows the extent of the increase in variation across the time period, and that there is a slight decrease in the median for the higher minority move-in share group. Again, there is an increidbly high degree of variation in home values relative to the metropolitan area, much of which cannot be explained by the change in minority move-in share. This answers my research question with “yes, a high minority share does reduce the average, but the variation is high enough that we can’t conclude anything”.

2 Part Two

2.1 The Message

My message is that **I am unable to draw conclusions from the data about the effect of minority move-ins on home-value appreciation**. It is summed up best with the following scatterplot, which demonstrates the lack of clear relationship

[27]:

```
# Filter data
filtered_data = data_table[data_table['total_pop'].abs() > 100]

# Define color palette
colors = sns.color_palette("husl", 4)  # Distinct colors for better visibility
```

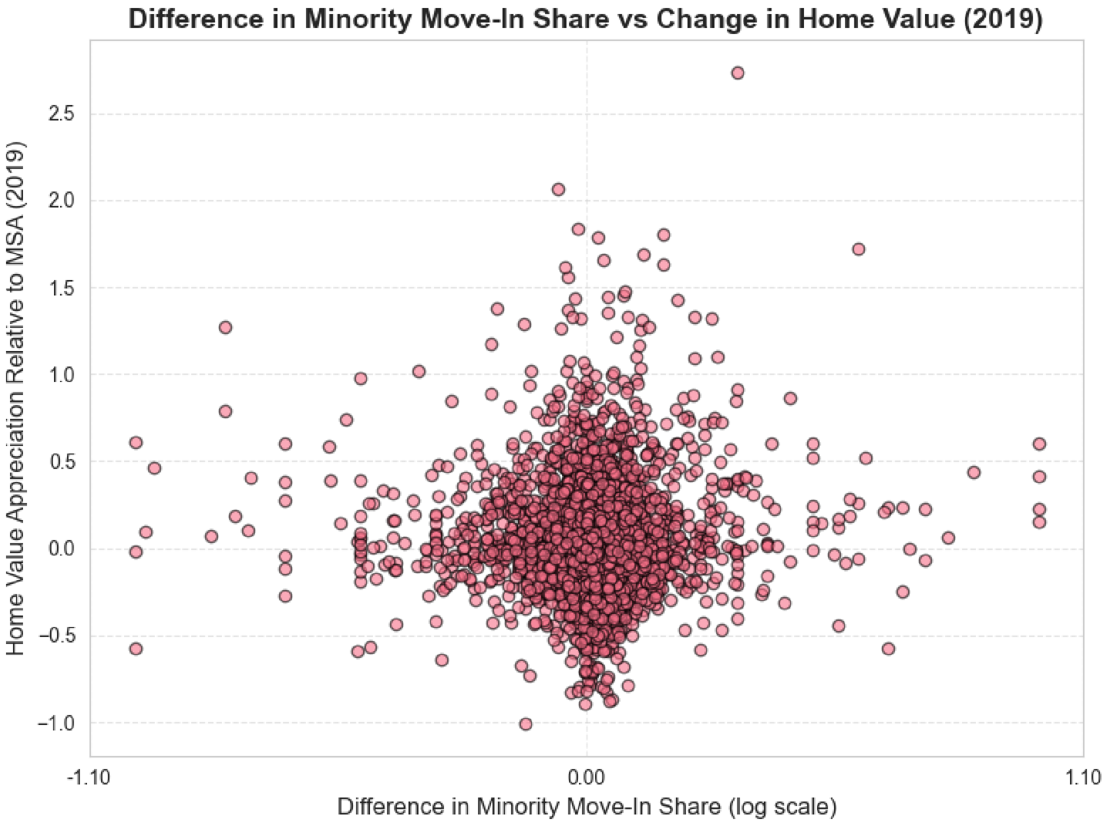
```python
# Create subplot for 2019 only
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))

# Scatter plot with improved aesthetics for 2019
ax.scatter(
    filtered_data['early_late_ratio'],
    filtered_data['value_diff_2019'],
    alpha=0.6, color=colors[0], edgecolor='black'
)
ax.set_xscale('symlog')

# Titles and labels
ax.set_title('Difference in Minority Move-In Share vs Change in Home Value (2019)', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax.set_xlabel('Difference in Minority Move-In Share (log scale)', fontsize=12)
ax.set_ylabel('Home Value Appreciation Relative to MSA (2019)', fontsize=12)
ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(plt.FuncFormatter(lambda x, _: f'{x:.2f}'))

# Grid styling
ax.grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.5)

# Improve layout
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



2.2 Maps

```
[28]: import geopandas as gpd
```

```
[29]: zips = gpd.read_file('shapefiles/zips/US_zcta_2010.shp')
      data_table['zip'] = data_table['zip'].astype(int)
      zips['GEOID10'] = zips['GEOID10'].astype(int)
      zips = zips.merge(data_table, left_on='GEOID10', right_on='zip')
```

```
[30]: fig, (gax1, gax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(22, 10), constrained_layout=True)

      cmap1 = "magma_r"
      plot1 = zips.plot(
          ax=gax1, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.2, cmap=cmap1, legend=True,
          column='early_late_ratio',
          legend_kwds={'label': 'Change in Minority Move-In Share'}
      )
      gax1.set_title('Change in Minority Move-In Share', fontsize=16,␣
       ↪fontweight='bold', pad=15)
      gax1.axis('off')
```

```
gax1.set_aspect('equal')  # Force equal aspect ratio

cmap2 = "cividis"
plot2 = zips.plot(
    ax=gax2, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.2, cmap=cmap2, legend=True,
    column='value_diff_2019',
    legend_kwds={'label': 'Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)'}
)
gax2.set_title('Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)', fontsize=16,␣
 ↪fontweight='bold', pad=15)
gax2.axis('off')
gax2.set_aspect('equal')  # Force equal aspect ratio

fig.suptitle("Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Nationwide)",
             fontsize=20, fontweight='bold', y=1.05)

# Adjust plot spacing
fig.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.3)

plt.show()
```

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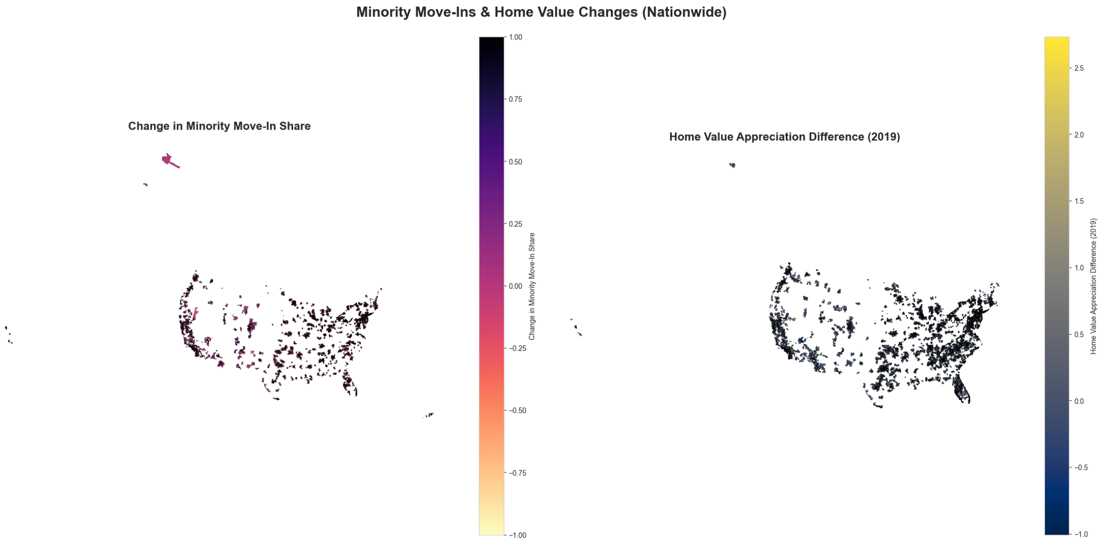
and/or tight_layout; not calling subplots_adjust.
  fig.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.3)
```


Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Nationwide)
Change in Minority Move-In Share
1.00
0.75
0.50
0.25
0.00
−0.25
−0.50
−0.75
−1.00
Change in Minority Move-In Share
Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
−0.5
−1.0
Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)

As you can see, this map alone is not very useful, as we are mostly looking at fine effects on a neighborhood level, meaning nationwide data is too broad. In the map below, we zoom in to only look at the Boston MSA.

[31]:

```
fig, (gax1, gax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(22, 10), constrained_layout=True)

cmap1 = "magma_r"
plot1 = zips.query("msa_code == 14460.0").plot(
    ax=gax1, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.2, cmap=cmap1, legend=True,
    column='early_late_ratio',
    legend_kwds={'label': 'Change in Minority Move-In Share'}
)
gax1.set_title('Change in Minority Move-In Share', fontsize=16,␣
 ↪fontweight='bold', pad=15)
gax1.axis('off')
gax1.set_aspect('equal')  # Force equal aspect ratio

cmap2 = "cividis"
plot2 = zips.query("msa_code == 14460.0").plot(
    ax=gax2, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.2, cmap=cmap2, legend=True,
    column='value_diff_2019',
    legend_kwds={'label': 'Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)'}
)
gax2.set_title('Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)', fontsize=16,␣
 ↪fontweight='bold', pad=15)
gax2.axis('off')
gax2.set_aspect('equal')  # Force equal aspect ratio

fig.suptitle("Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Boston Metro)",
             fontsize=20, fontweight='bold', y=1.05)

# Adjust plot spacing
fig.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.3)

plt.show()
```

```
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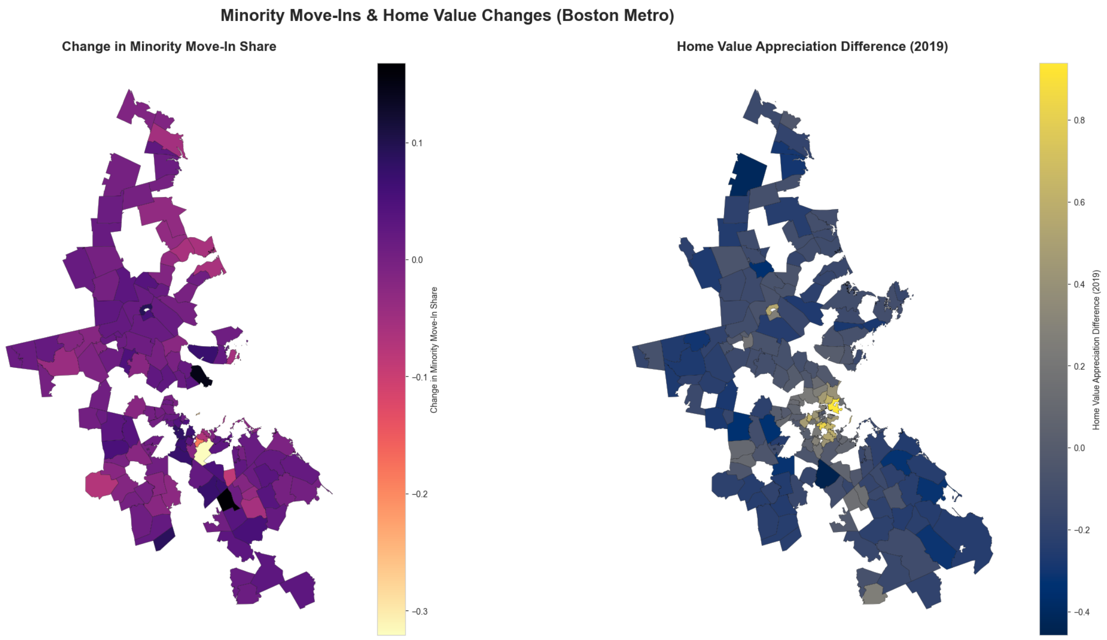
and/or tight_layout; not calling subplots_adjust.
  fig.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.3)
```


Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Boston Metro)
Change in Minority Move-In Share
0.1
0.0
−0.1
−0.2
−0.3
Change in Minority Move-In Share
Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
−0.2
−0.4
Home Value Appreciation Difference (2019)

These maps demonstrate no clear spatial relationship between the change in minority move-in share and home value appreciation. They also show the gaps in minority-move in data in downtowns (very few single family homes to purchase), and the gaps in home value and minority move-in data throughout the rest of the sample. Overall, these maps don't support any conclusion, positive or negative, to my research question.

```
[32]: # Define the common color range for both maps
vmin = min(zips['early_move_ins'].min(), zips['late_move_ins'].min())
vmax = max(zips['early_move_ins'].max(), zips['late_move_ins'].max())

fig, (gax1, gax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(22, 10), constrained_layout=True)

# First plot
cmap1 = "magma_r"
plot1 = zips.query("msa_code == 19500.0").plot(
    ax=gax1, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.2, cmap=cmap1,
    column='early_move_ins', legend=False,  # Set legend=False here
    vmin=vmin, vmax=vmax  # Set the color scale to match the common range
)
gax1.set_title('Minority Move-In Share (initial period)', fontsize=16,␣
 ↪fontweight='bold', pad=15)
gax1.axis('off')
gax1.set_aspect('equal')  # Force equal aspect ratio

# Second plot
cmap2 = "cividis"
```

```
plot2 = zips.query("msa_code == 19500.0").plot(
    ax=gax2, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.2, cmap=cmap2,
    column='late_move_ins', legend=False,  # Set legend=False here
    vmin=vmin, vmax=vmax  # Set the color scale to match the common range
)
gax2.set_title('Minority Move-In Share (treatment period)', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=15)
gax2.axis('off')
gax2.set_aspect('equal')  # Force equal aspect ratio

# Add a single shared colorbar
sm = plt.cm.ScalarMappable(cmap='cividis', norm=plt.Normalize(vmin=vmin, vmax=vmax))
sm.set_array([])  # Only needed for the colorbar to show properly
cbar = fig.colorbar(sm, ax=[gax1, gax2], orientation='vertical', fraction=0.02, pad=0.04)
cbar.set_label('Minority Move-In Share', fontsize=14)

# Add the overall title
fig.suptitle("Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Boston Metro)", fontsize=20, fontweight='bold', y=1.05)

# Adjust plot spacing
fig.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.3)

plt.show()
```

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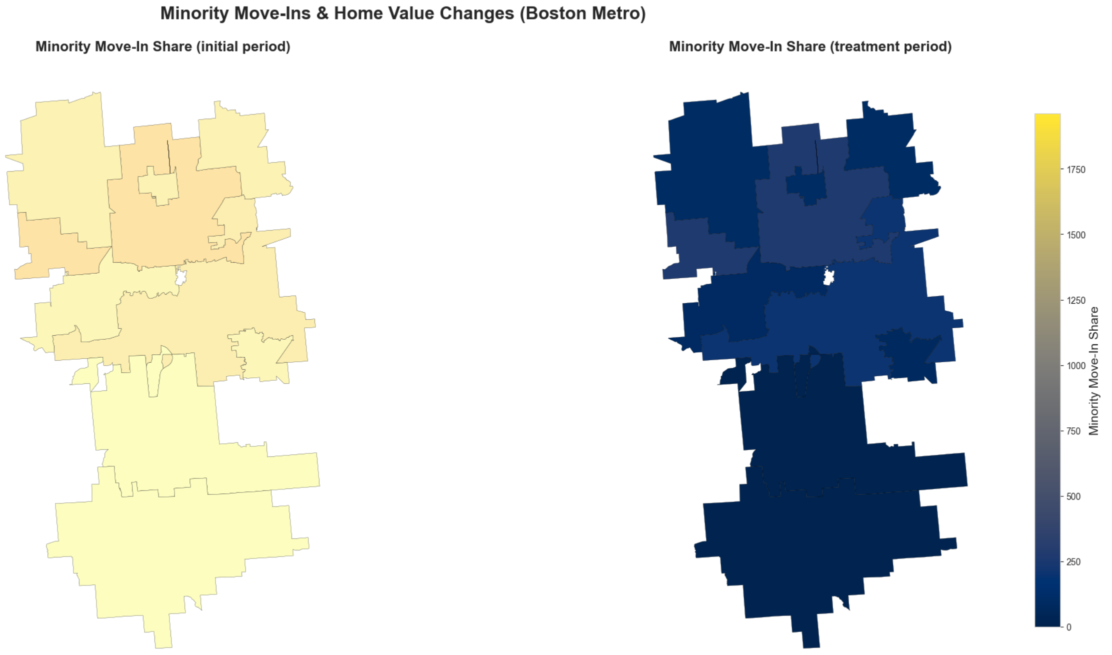
and/or tight_layout; not calling subplots_adjust.
  fig.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.3)
```


Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Boston Metro)
Minority Move-In Share (initial period)
Minority Move-In Share (treatment period)
Minority Move-In Share
0
250
500
750
1000
1250
1500
1750

huh my data is FUCKED

[33]:

```
# Normalize function
def normalize(series):
    return (series - series.min()) / (series.max() - series.min())

msa_code = 14460.0
df = zips.query("msa_code == @msa_code").copy()

# Normalize variables
df['norm_movein'] = normalize(df['early_late_ratio'])
df['norm_value'] = normalize(df['value_diff_2019'])

# Create colormap
cmap = plt.get_cmap("viridis")
colors = cmap(df['norm_movein'] * 0.5 + df['norm_value'] * 0.5)

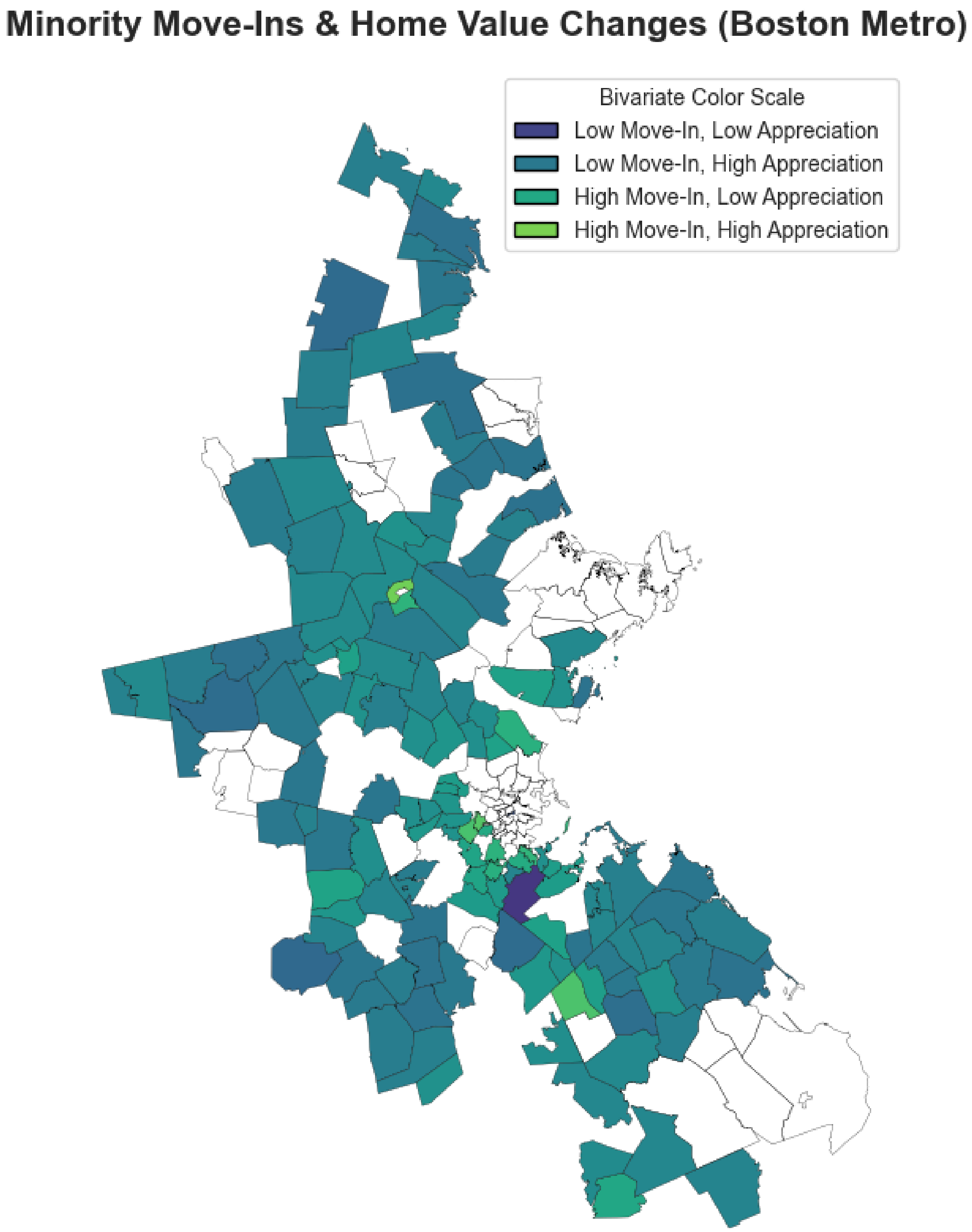
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 10))
df.plot(ax=ax, color=colors, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.2)

# Title and layout
ax.set_title("Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Boston Metro)",
             fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=15)
ax.axis('off')
```

```
# Legend
from matplotlib.patches import Patch

legend_elements = [
    Patch(facecolor=cmap(0.2), edgecolor='black', label="Low Move-In, Low␣
 ↪Appreciation"),
    Patch(facecolor=cmap(0.4), edgecolor='black', label="Low Move-In, High␣
 ↪Appreciation"),
    Patch(facecolor=cmap(0.6), edgecolor='black', label="High Move-In, Low␣
 ↪Appreciation"),
    Patch(facecolor=cmap(0.8), edgecolor='black', label="High Move-In, High␣
 ↪Appreciation"),
]
ax.legend(handles=legend_elements, title="Bivariate Color Scale", loc="upper␣
 ↪right")

plt.show()
```


Minority Move-Ins & Home Value Changes (Boston Metro)
Bivariate Color Scale
Low Move-In, Low Appreciation
Low Move-In, High Appreciation
High Move-In, Low Appreciation
High Move-In, High Appreciation

This bivariate chloropleth reinforces the fact that there is little clear correlation between the change in minority move-in share and home-value appreciation. While many zip codes (ZCTAs) are colored a shade of teal (consistent with an inverse relationship), there are many colored green or dark blue, which would be consistent with a direct relationship.

2.3 Regressions

[34]:
```
import statsmodels.api as sm
from statsmodels.iolib.summary2 import summary_col
from stargazer.stargazer import Stargazer
from IPython.core.display import HTML
```

2.3.1 Baseline models

[35]:
```
reg_data = data_table.dropna(subset=['early_late_ratio', 'value_diff_2019',␣
 ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019'])
reg_data['white_x_early_late_ratio'] = reg_data['white'] *␣
 ↪reg_data['early_late_ratio']
reg_data['intercept'] = 1
X0 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio']] # Barebones regression
X1 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019']] #␣
 ↪Baseline regression
X2 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019',␣
 ↪'total_pop', 'white']] # Previous racial demos
X3 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019',␣
 ↪'white']]
X3 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019',␣
 ↪'white_x_early_late_ratio']]
y = reg_data['value_ratio_2017']
model0 = sm.OLS(y, X0).fit()
model1 = sm.OLS(y, X1).fit()
model2 = sm.OLS(y, X2).fit()
model3 = sm.OLS(y, X3).fit()
```

```
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A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-
docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
  reg_data['white_x_early_late_ratio'] = reg_data['white'] *
reg_data['early_late_ratio']
C:\Users\emers\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19012\2189008107.py:3:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-
docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
  reg_data['intercept'] = 1
```

```
[36]: stargazer = Stargazer([model0, model1, model2, model3])
      stargazer.custom_columns(["Change in Average Home Value (%) (2010-2017)"],[4])
      HTML(stargazer.render_html())
      # print(stargazer.render_latex()) #if you use Latex (Overleaf.com)
```

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[36]: <IPython.core.display.HTML object>
```

Model (0) shows a barebones regression with no controls – it indicates that there is a slight positive relationship between the change in minority move-ins and home value appreciation, but it's practically useless as it has very low explanatory power. Model (1) shows a baseline model controlling only for MSA appreciation – it indicates an even more slight positive relationship, but has much higher explanatory power. Model (2) indicates a similarly low positive relationship, and shows that there is little-to-no confounding occuring due to population size or whiteness of the area. Model (3) analyzes the interaction between zip-code whiteness and the change from the increase in minority move-in share and finds that there is no clear interaction.

2.3.2 Neighborhood income characteristics

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[41]: reg_data = data_table.dropna(subset=['early_late_ratio', 'value_diff_2019',␣
       ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019', 'per_cap_inc', 'gini_index'])
      reg_data['gini_x_early_late'] = reg_data['gini_index'] *␣
       ↪reg_data['early_late_ratio']
      reg_data['intercept'] = 1
      X4 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'per_cap_inc',␣
       ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019']]
      X5 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'gini_index',␣
       ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019']]
      X6 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'gini_index',␣
       ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019', 'gini_x_early_late']]
      y = reg_data['value_ratio_2017']
      model4 = sm.OLS(y, X4).fit()
      model5 = sm.OLS(y, X5).fit()
      model6 = sm.OLS(y, X6).fit()
```

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C:\Users\emers\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19012\2476887300.py:2:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-
docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
  reg_data['gini_x_early_late'] = reg_data['gini_index'] *
reg_data['early_late_ratio']
C:\Users\emers\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19012\2476887300.py:3:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
```

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See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-
docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
  reg_data['intercept'] = 1
```

[38]:
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stargazer = Stargazer([model4, model5, model6])
stargazer.custom_columns(["Home Value Change (%) (2010-2017)"],[3])
HTML(stargazer.render_html())
# print(stargazer.render_latex()) #if you use Latex (Overleaf.com)
```

[38]:
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<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
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2.3.3 Political affiliation

[39]:
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reg_data = data_table.dropna(subset=['early_late_ratio', 'value_diff_2019',␣
 ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019', 'pct_rep'])
reg_data['rep_x_early_late'] = reg_data['pct_rep'] * reg_data['early_late_ratio']
reg_data['intercept'] = 1
X7 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'pct_rep',␣
 ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019']]
X8 = reg_data[['intercept', 'early_late_ratio', 'rep_x_early_late',␣
 ↪'msa_avg_value_ratio_2019']]
y = reg_data['value_ratio_2017']
model7 = sm.OLS(y, X7).fit()
model8 = sm.OLS(y, X8).fit()
```

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C:\Users\emers\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19012\3143901554.py:2:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-
docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
  reg_data['rep_x_early_late'] = reg_data['pct_rep'] *
reg_data['early_late_ratio']
C:\Users\emers\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19012\3143901554.py:3:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-
docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
  reg_data['intercept'] = 1
```

[40]:
```
stargazer = Stargazer([model7, model8])
stargazer.custom_columns(["Home Value Change (%) (2010-2017)"],[2])
HTML(stargazer.render_html())
```

```
# print(stargazer.render_latex()) #if you use Latex (Overleaf.com)
```

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[40]: <IPython.core.display.HTML object>
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2.3.4 Preferred specification

When evaluating regressions, I am looking for significant terms. An ideal regression would have clear conclusions with significant terms and a (reasonably) high R^2.

Many regression specifications above introduce control variables that end up having low significance, and many (surprisingly, at times) appear to have no clear impact on the outcome variable. As a result, the regression that I find tells the best story is the baseline regression:

$$\text{Home value appreciation} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{Increase in minority move-in share}) + \beta_2(\text{Home value appreciation of MSA})$$

This model indicates that there is a very small positive, significant effect from an increased minority move-in share on home-value appreciation. This is a surprising result, but given that it is small, it seems to indicate there is little-to-no effect of change in minority move-in share on home-value appreciation.

2.4 Conclusion

In this paper, I analyze the link between an increase in the share of minority move-ins and home values on a neighborhood level. I construct a table of zip codes that includes, from federal loan underwriting data, the share of minority move-ins in the initial period, and the share of minority move-ins in the treatment period. The table also includes Zillow data showing the change in home values. I normalize this change in home values to the MSA the zip code is in, and the initial home values.

My findings indicate that there is slight, if any association between my an increase in minority move-ins and home values, at least on a zip-code level. Regressions indicate that there is a slight, if any, increase in home-values due to an increase in minority move-ins. I am unable, with this level of data and analysis, to conclude the extent to which an increase in minority move-ins can explain any future change in home values (while controlling for MSA). There is little-to-no increased clarity when controlling for regional political affiliation, neighborhood income, or neighborhood income inequality.

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A Feedback Incorporation

- Improved data description in intro (no longer hyperlinked, full names written)
- Added further explanation for choices of variables
- Removed some redundant code explanation
- Added summary statistics for more variables
- Cleaned & imporved tables
- Improved readability and labeling of all plots
- Added more justification for graph scale
- Improved language use throughout project
- I didn't modify my analysis of Figure 4 because I don't think it's fair to say the graph supports my hypothesis. The point of that graph is to show how large the variation in home value appreciation is, especially compared to the small change from minority move-ins.