



Predicting Income Levels

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**How much money does
someone make**

if they **exercised** today,
have a certain **occupation**,
or had **enough to eat**?



Bureau of Labor Statistics American Time Use Survey (ATUS)



ATUS: Eating & Health Module



Intro to Data

→ **Kaggle**

Data set originally found on Kaggle.

→ **BLS - ATUS**

Yearly survey of how Americans spend their time during daily activities.

→ **ATUS - Eating & Health Module**

Additional questions about eating, meal preparation and health.



Shape
(11212, 43)

Data Subset

Reduced the rows to focus on the following subset of respondents:

- Single-Person Household
- Employed @ Work
- Eating & Health Respondent
- 2014 Poverty Threshold



Shape
(1158, 43)

Response Vars.

→ **Monthly Income Level (Categorical)**

Income levels based on poverty levels set by US Census Bureau.

→ **Weekly Income (Continuous)**

Calculated based on respondent answers.

Monthly Income Level

Above 185% of
Poverty Threshold

Income > \$1,900

Between 130% and
185% of Poverty
Threshold

\$1,300
< Income <
\$1,900

Below 130% of
Poverty Threshold

Income < \$1,300

Features

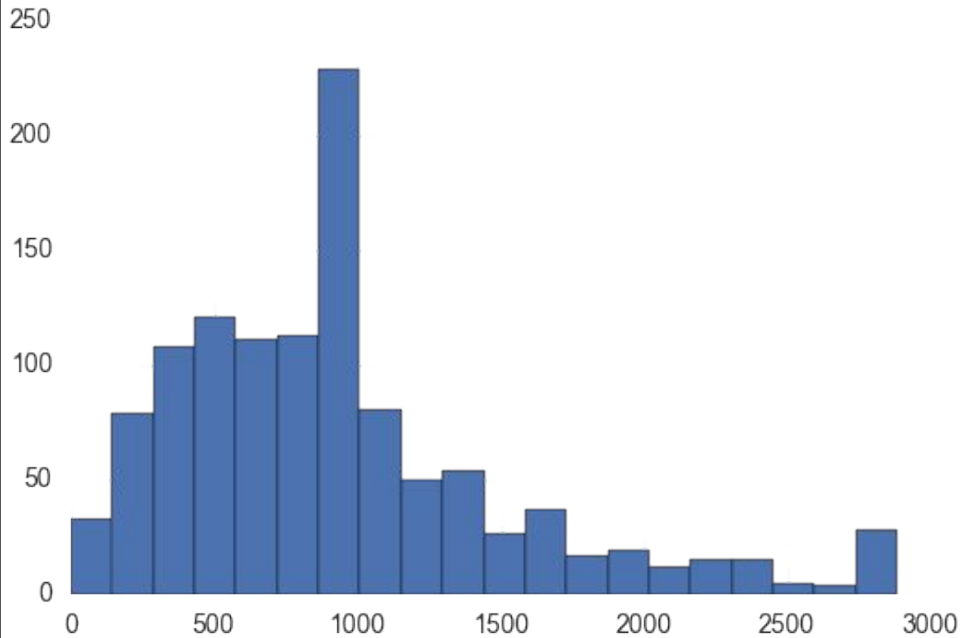
- Body Mass Index
- Primary/Secondary Eating Time
- Exercise
- Fast Food Purchases
- Food Amount
- Stores
- Occupation
- Occupation Industry



Shape
(1158, 11)

Histogram

Weekly Income

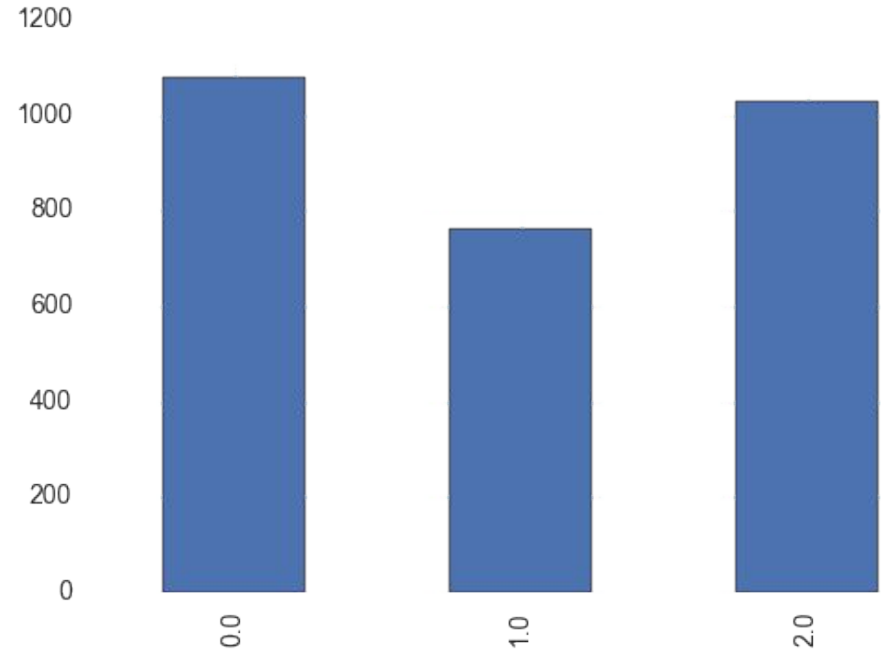


Bar Chart

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X = Exercise

Y = Weekly Income



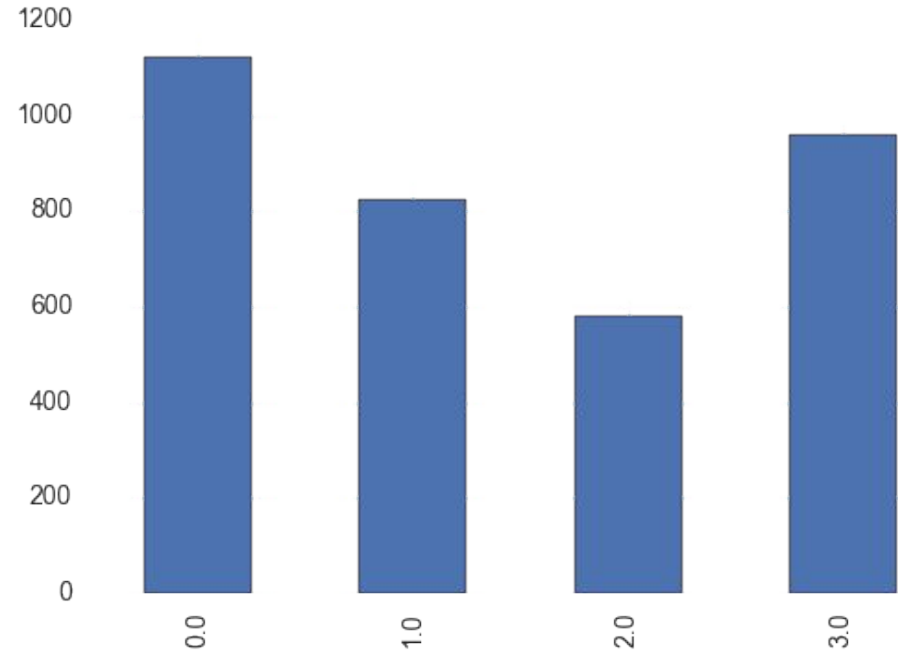
0 = Did not answer (5/1158)
1 = Did not exercise (378/1158)
2 = Did exercise (775/1158)

Bar Chart

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X = Food Amount

Y = Weekly Income



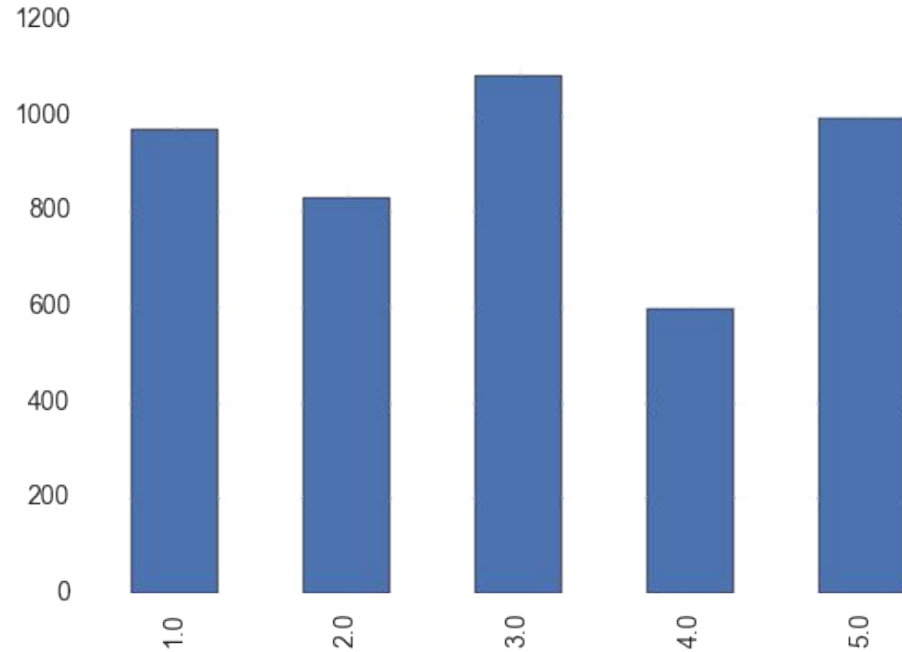
0 = Did not answer (6/1158)
1 = Often not enough to eat (17/1158)
2 = Sometimes not enough to eat (46/1158)
3 = Enough to eat (1089/1158)

Bar Chart

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X = Stores

Y = Weekly Income



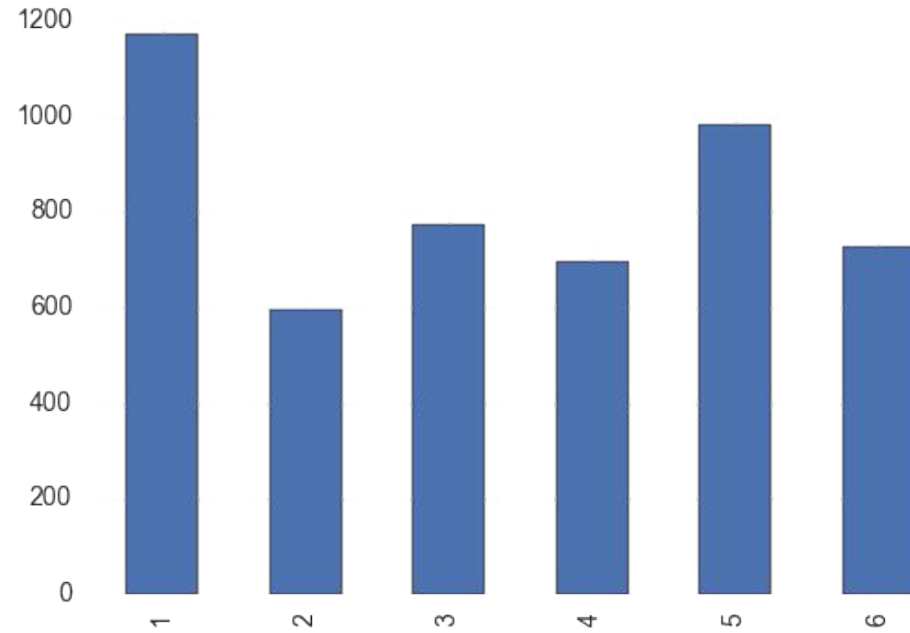
1 = Grocery store (832/1158)
2 = Supercenter (251/1158)
3 = Warehouse club (51/1158)
4 = Drugstore or convenience store (19/1158)
5 = Some other place (5/1158)

Bar Chart

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X = Occupation
Category

Y = Weekly Income



1 = Management and professional	(543/1158)
2 = Service	(238/1158)
3 = Sales and office	(172/1158)
4 = Farming, fishing, and forestry	(126/1158)
5 = Construction and maintenance	(72/1158)
6 = Production, transportation, and material moving	(7/1158)

Categorical Modelling

Select Features

Exercise
Food Amount
Stores
Occupation Cat.

Models

KNN
Logistic Reg.
Decision Tree
Bagged Decision Tree
Random Forest
Multinomial NB

Testing

5-Fold
Cross-Validation

Models: INCOME LEVEL

KNN

.77616

Logistic
Regression

.82114

Decision Tree

.79686

Random Forest

.79014



Models: INCOME LEVEL

Voting Classifier

Logistic Regression

Decision Tree

Random Forest

.80345



Clustering WEEKLY INCOME

K-Means Clustering
Silhouette Coeff. = .56934



Clustering

WEEKLY INCOME

	Exercise	Food Amount	Store	Occupation Category	Weekly Income
0	1.703125	2.984375	4.578125	2.328125	1026.267710
1	1.577143	3.000000	1.360000	5.594286	828.378144
2	1.455882	1.573529	1.500000	2.735294	691.386437
3	2.000000	3.000000	1.194958	1.593277	1063.648576
4	0.992188	3.000000	1.257812	1.886719	783.014386

Next Steps

→ Data Subset

Multi-Person Household
2014 Poverty Threshold

→ Other features?

Many unused categories from ATUS and
EH

→ Explore Weekly Income

→ Beyond Income

Health predictions
Welfare insights
Year-over-year trends

So...

To make more money...

- Exercise on the day the BLS calls for the ATUS
- Don't shop at the convenience store on the week the BLS calls for the ATUS
- Work in management

Thank you

