

## Title: Ensuring Successful Retirements

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- Ideas
  - Finance
  - Retirement
  - Demographics
  - ~~Geographical Data~~
    - ~~Regions (eg. Time Zones or Literal Regions)~~
- Main Objective
  - Evaluate ~~saving strategies for retirement among different demographics in the U.S.~~ to improve Americans' retirements. How do different circumstances affect the success of Americans' retirements?
  - Defining Successful Retirement:
    - Possible Variables:
      - ~~Salary~~
      - ~~Level of Income~~
      - Inflation
      - Employment/Type of Employment
    - Measuring Success
      - ~~Earlier Age of Retirement (FIRE)~~
        - ~~Barista FIRE~~
      - Comfortable with Income
        - Only portion of income is replaced with benefits.
          - Citation: ssa.gov
    - ~~Does FIRE refer to people who retire before receiving benefits of social security?~~
      - ~~Citation:~~
        - ~~62 receives benefits.~~
        - ~~67 is full retirement.~~
        - ~~Earlier with less, increase with 70?~~
- Possible Questions
  - ~~How does level of income affect retirement?~~
  - ~~How does life expectancy affect retirement?~~
  - How does occupation affect retirement?
    - ~~How does salary affect retirement?~~
    - How does employment/type of employment affect retirement?
  - ~~Retirement by state, retirement by region?~~
  - Which age group saves the most for retirement?
  - How does total income vary by reason for saving and spending patterns?
  - How do reasons for saving vary across different education levels?
  - How do monthly student loan payments affect retirement savings?
  - How does home ownership affect total retirement savings?

Limitations: We must take the following into account while working.

- Sample is not representative of the U.S.'s population.
- Recessions are shown in the link, below:
  - <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/CXURETIRINCLB0407M>
- Case IDs/RWF
- ~~Big cities may affect geographical data.~~
  - ~~How? Citation:~~
- ~~Different occupations (eg. coal mining) entail different salaries and different life expectancies.~~

Potential Sources: Pick ~3 or less.

- Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF):  
<https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/scfindex.htm>
- ~~Census: <https://api.census.gov/data.json>~~
- ~~Social Security Administration~~
- ~~Department of Labor (Form 5500): <https://pypi.org/project/pydol/>~~
- ~~Bureau of Labor Statistics: <https://pypi.org/project/bls/>~~
  - ~~Consumer Price Index~~
  - ~~Occupational Outlook Handbook: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>~~
- ~~Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI)~~
- ~~National Institute on Retirement Security~~
- ~~<https://www.numbeo.com/common/api.jsp>~~
- ~~<https://data.gov/>~~

## Interpreting Source

- Actual Source
  - <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/scfindex.htm>
- CSV
  - <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/scfindex.htm#chartbook>
  - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/2536047/convert-a-dta-file-to-csv-without-stata-software>
- Publication
  - <https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/october-2023-changes-in-us-family-finances-from-2019-to-2022.htm>
- Columns
  - <https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/scf23.pdf>
- Very Helpful Codebook!!!
  - <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/files/bulletin.macro.txt>
- Case IDs
  - [https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/files/Standard\\_Error\\_Documentation.pdf](https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/files/Standard_Error_Documentation.pdf)
- Replicate Weight Files (RWF)...
  - <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/scfindex.htm>

## Tasks

- Hana
  - GitHub
  - Presentation
    - Slides for 10-Min. Presentation
      - Goal: Story-Telling and Truth-Telling
    - Tentative Script (for Presentation)
  - Conclusion
- Amanda
  - Interpreting Source
  - Cleaning the data
    - ~~Column for Regions~~
- Agustín
  - Source
  - Retrieving the Data
  - Analysis
- Jessica
  - Source
  - Retrieving the Data
  - 3 Graphs
  - Analysis
- Rebekah
  - Source
  - Retrieving the Data
  - 3 Graphs