

607 -Project 2 - Oscars

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Oscar Winners Demographics

How has ethnicity shaped the movie industry?

We will look at how the ethnic mix of Oscar winners has changed or not in time by looking at a dataset that has collated Oscar Winner information from the years 1927 to 2014.

```
Oscars <- read.csv("/Users/josemawyin/Downloads/Oscars-demographics-DFE.csv")
```

The dataset has many fields but of interest are race_ethnicity year_of_award

```
str(Oscars)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 441 obs. of 27 variables:
## $ X_unit_id : int 670454353 670454354 670454355 670454356 670454357 670454358 670454359 ...
## $ X_golden : logi FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE ...
## $ X_unit_state : Factor w/ 2 levels "finalized","golden": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ X_trusted_judgments : int 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ X_last_judgment_at : Factor w/ 50 levels "", "2/10/15 1:43",...: 36 18 20 19 5 38 22 3 4 1 ...
## $ birthplace : Factor w/ 233 levels "Arlington, Va",...: 32 61 32 30 172 61 14 26 1 ...
## $ birthplace.confidence : num 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ date_of_birth : Factor w/ 346 levels "1-Apr-1885","1-Aug-65",...: 263 114 263 163 1 ...
## $ date_of_birth.confidence : num 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ race_ethnicity : Factor w/ 6 levels "Asian","Black",...: 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 ...
## $ race_ethnicity.confidence : num 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ religion : Factor w/ 22 levels "Agnostic","Anglican/episcopalian",...: 16 16 1 ...
## $ religion.confidence : num 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ sexual_orientation : Factor w/ 6 levels "Bisexual","Gay",...: 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 1 6 ...
## $ sexual_orientation.confidence: num 1 0.684 1 1 1 ...
## $ year_of_award : int 1927 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 ...
## $ year_of_award.confidence : num 1 1 0.667 1 1 ...
## $ award : Factor w/ 5 levels "Best Actor","Best Actress",...: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ biourl : Factor w/ 348 levels "http://www.nndb.com/people/001/000022932/",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ birthplace_gold : Factor w/ 9 levels "", "Bascom, Fl",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ date_of_birth_gold : Factor w/ 9 levels "", "11-Dec-67",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ movie : Factor w/ 336 levels "12 Years a Slave",...: 322 246 22 213 35 60 1 ...
## $ person : Factor w/ 348 levels "Adrien Brody",...: 210 94 210 258 92 94 93 17 ...
## $ race_ethnicity_gold : Factor w/ 3 levels "", "Black","White": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ religion_gold : Factor w/ 6 levels "", "Born-Again Christian",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ sexual_orientation_gold : Factor w/ 3 levels "", "Bisexual",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ year_of_award_gold : int NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
```

```
dim(Oscars)
```

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## [1] 441 27
```

Let's first find how many Oscars have been awarded based on ethnicity:

```
summary(Oscars$race_ethnicity)
```

```
##          Asian          Black      Hispanic Middle Eastern      Multiracial
##           4           15           8           1           2
##        White
##         411
```

Then let's find when was the first Oscar awarded to an ethnicity other than "White":

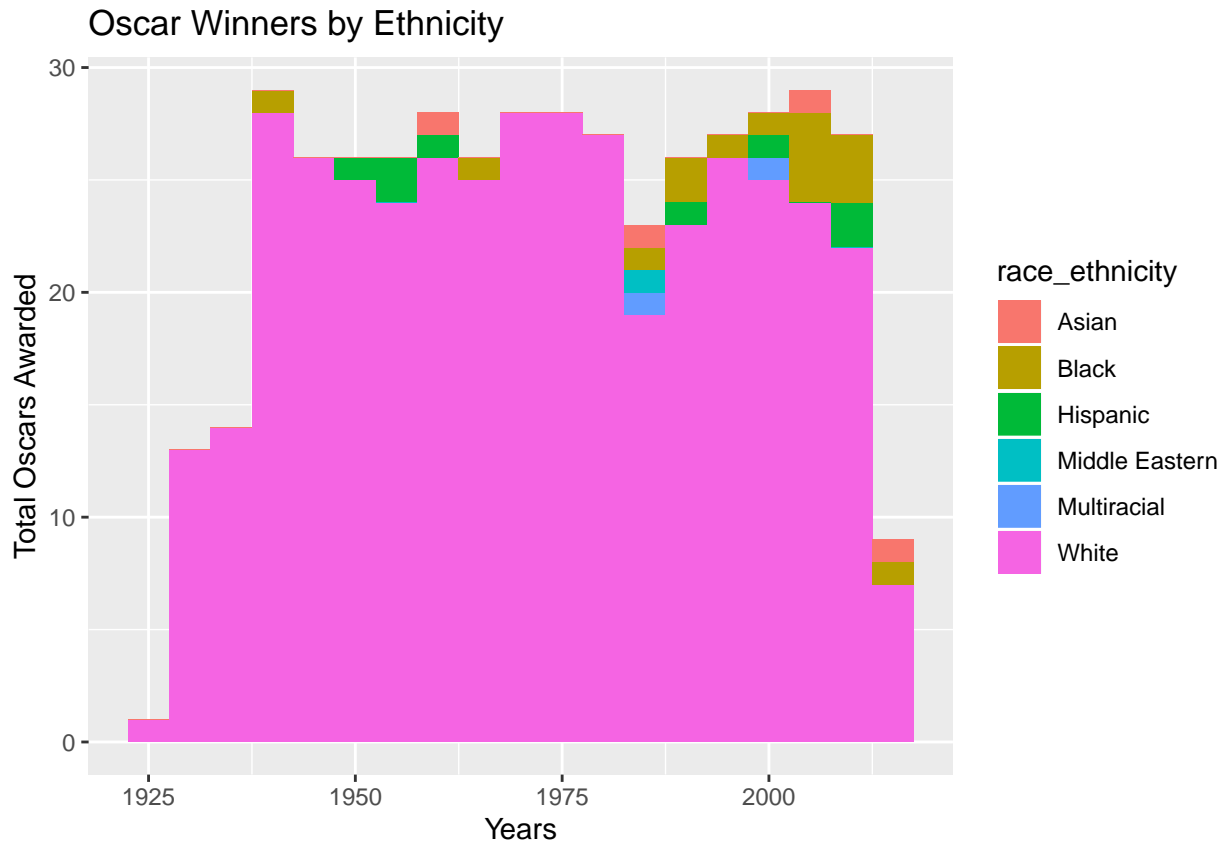
```
count(Oscars, year_of_award, race_ethnicity) %>% filter(race_ethnicity != "White") %>% arrange(year_of,
```

```
## # A tibble: 27 x 3
##   year_of_award race_ethnicity     n
##   <int> <fct>         <int>
## 1     1940 Black           1
## 2     1951 Hispanic        1
## 3     1953 Hispanic        1
## 4     1957 Hispanic        1
## 5     1958 Asian           1
## 6     1962 Hispanic        1
## 7     1964 Black           1
## 8     1983 Black           1
## 9     1983 Multiracial      1
## 10    1985 Asian           1
## # ... with 17 more rows
```

We can see that in the period of 1927 to 1940 no Oscars were awarded to non-White winners.

Below we can see how the ethnic inclusivity has increased since the later quarter of the 20th century until the present.

```
ggplot(Oscars, aes(year_of_award, fill = race_ethnicity)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 5) + ylab("Total Oscars Awarded") + xlab("Years") + ggtitle("Oscar Winners by Ethnicity")
```



Lack of inclusion for unrepresented members of the movie community is evident in the data shown in this study. However, there is been a change in the number of Oscar's awarded to other-than-white Further study could see how does the number of winners compared to the total number of movie industry workers broke down by ethnicity. Are other-than-white represented?