

SOC 4650/5650: Lab 1-2 - Mapping Missouri's African American Population

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Directions

Using data from the data/MO_DEMOS_Black_Population/ folder available in the module-1-basics repository, create a static ggplot2 map using RStudio. Your entire project folder system should be uploaded to GitHub before Meeting 1-3.

Analysis Development

The goal of this section is to create a self contained project directory with all of the data, code, map documents, results, and documentation a project needs.

Download Data

- a. **Clone** the module-1-basics repository from GitHub using GitHub Desktop.¹

¹ If you are not sure where your GitHub Desktop data has download to on the computer, you can right click on the repo's entry in GitHub Desktop and have it take you to the repo in Windows File Explorer. By default, this should be within your Documents/ directory.

Create a Project Folder System

- b. Using RStudio, add an R Project to the *existing* directory in your assignments repository named Lab-02. To do this, you will want to go to: File ▸ **New Project** ▸ Existing Directory and find your *existing* Lab-02 folder.
- c. In the Files tab on the lower right-hand side of RStudio's screen, add a New Folder using the New Folder button right below Files. Name this new folder docs. Add two others named data and results.
- d. Reduce RStudio for a moment. Using the Windows File Explorer app, find your project as well as the repository you cloned previously. It is easiest if these are in two separate windows.
- e. Drag the lab data from data/MO_DEMOS_Black_Population/ into your RStudio Project's data/ subdirectory. Verify using RStudio that all of these data are accessible from within your project.

Create an R Markdown File

- f. Back in RStudio, create a new notebook by going to File ▸ New File ▸ **R Markdown**. Choose the SLU Sociology template and save it within that docs/ subdirectory you just created. The notebook should be named lab-02.
- g. Expand the YAML heading by adding your name and the assignment title "Lab 02".
- h. Use RMarkdown syntax to create your first assignment notebook! Make sure it has an introductory section, a section for loading packages, a section for loading data, and sections for parts 1 and 2 below. These sections should be second-level headings (e.g. ## Introduction).
- i. When you are done, "knit" your document by clicking the Knit button in the toolbar at the top of the notebook.

Load Data

- j. Import the file M0_DEMOS_Black_Population.geojson into your global environment.

Part 1: Exploration

The goal of this section is to initially explore the data. You should produce an interactive visual preview of the data using the mapview package.

Part 2: Mapping

The goal of this section is to create an appropriately normalized map using ggplot2. You should use the viridis package for your color palette and should include a title, subtitle, and caption. Make sure to save your map in the results/ folder when it is complete!

Analysis Development Follow-up

Don't forget to knit your document when you are done!