Data Sets Used

Variables from Each Data Set

Data Management

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Data was sorted from differing sources small to large by FIPS code and placed side by side in Excel to locate data that did not concur. Once nonconcurrent data was found (in the form of counties or areas), it was deleted from the selection. Then redundant columns (like duplicate FIPS codes) were eliminated.

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Data was copied and pasted from Excel to the Data Editor in STATA. Then some variables were recoded to eliminate missing data, and the commands were saved in the “CurrentProgress3-7.do” Do File, for convenience.

Dichotomous variables were recoded from “1” and “2” to “0” and “1.”

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Learned commands:

histogram \*dependent var\*

histogram \*dependent var\* normal

twoway ( lfitci \*dep\* \*ind\* )

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Variables that used the “3,4,5,6,7,8” “favorability” scale (3=Represent 'Favorable to peers', 4=Represent 'Unfavorable to peers', 5=Represent 'Favorable to peers and favorable the U.S. Rate', 6=Represent 'Favorable to peers and unfavorable the U.S. Rate', 7=Represent 'Unfavorable to peers and favorable the U.S. Rate', 8=Represent 'Unfavorable to peers and unfavorable the U.S. Rate') were recoded to:

Variables with long, cut off names were recoded to have shorter names.