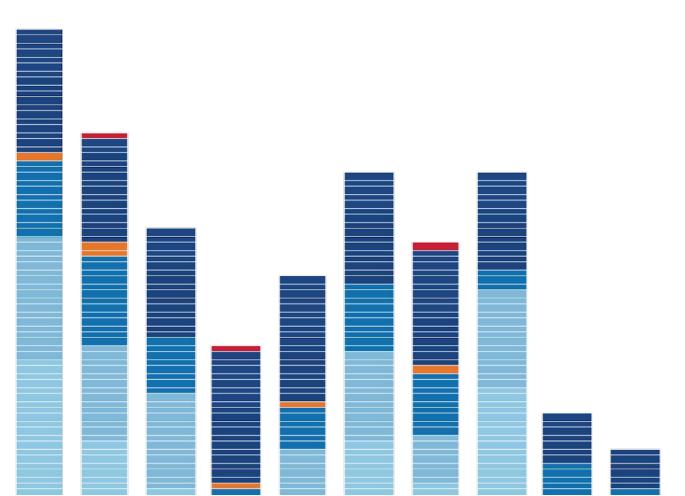
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Tableau basics

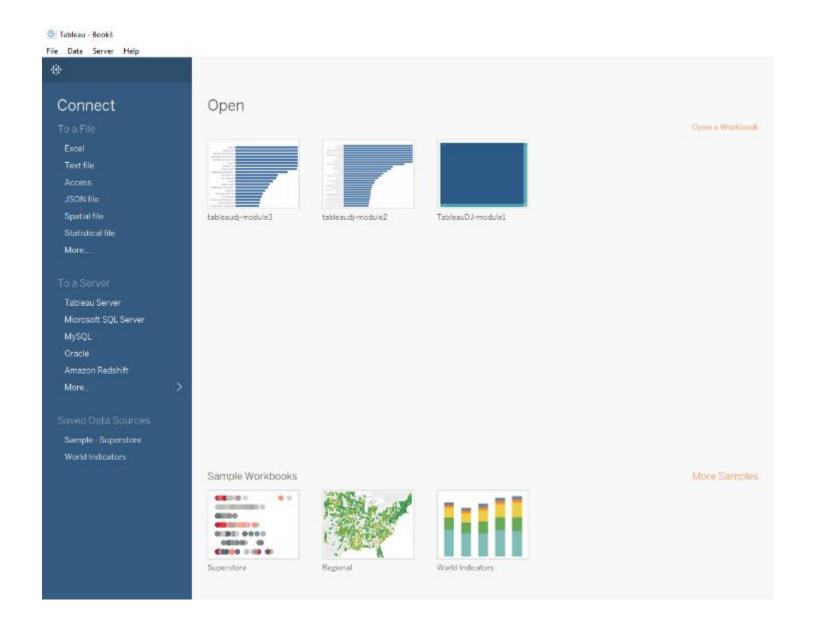


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Mapping for understanding

In this module, we're going to go through an introduction to mapping and then explore how to visually explore data that has been mapped.

First, let's open our saved Tableau workbook from last time.



Last time, we built a bar chart with filters.

And in an earlier module, we also built a tree map with this data. Next, let's try to look at it geographically as well.

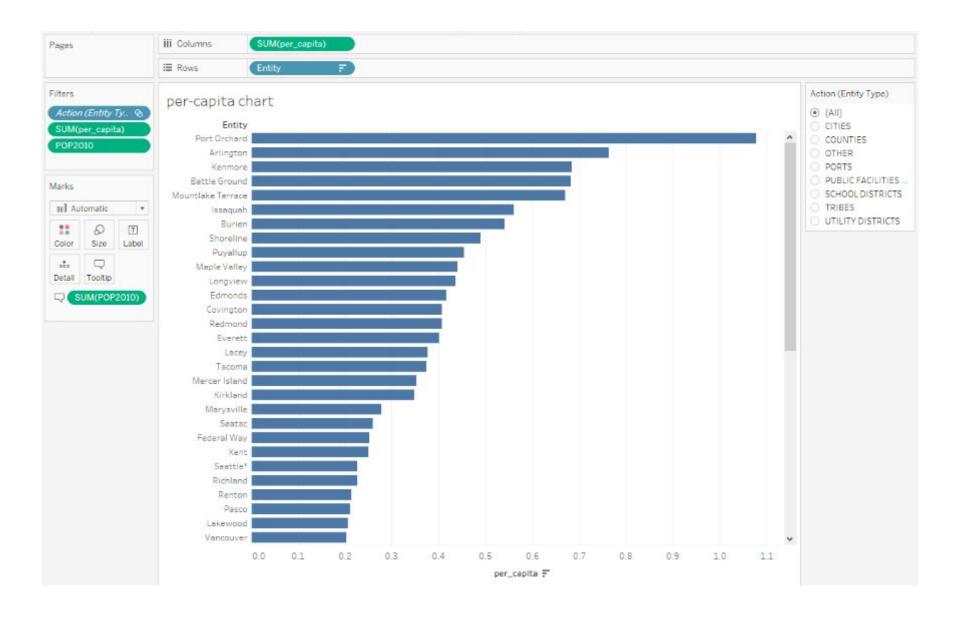
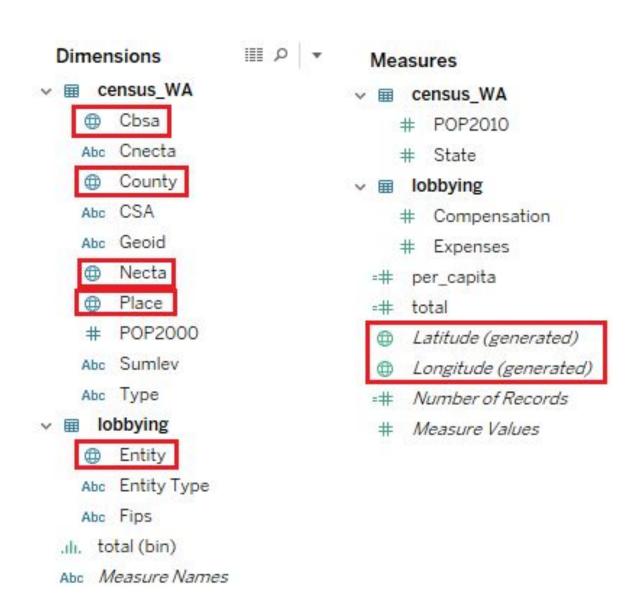


Tableau automatically will try to note which fields can be mapped.

You can tell these fields because they have a little globe next to them.

If you look at the dimensions and measures area in your workbook, you also will see at the bottom that Tableau generated a latitude and longitude based on the data that you imported. Under dimensions, several fields now have small globes next to them. Those are fields that Tableau considered geographic.

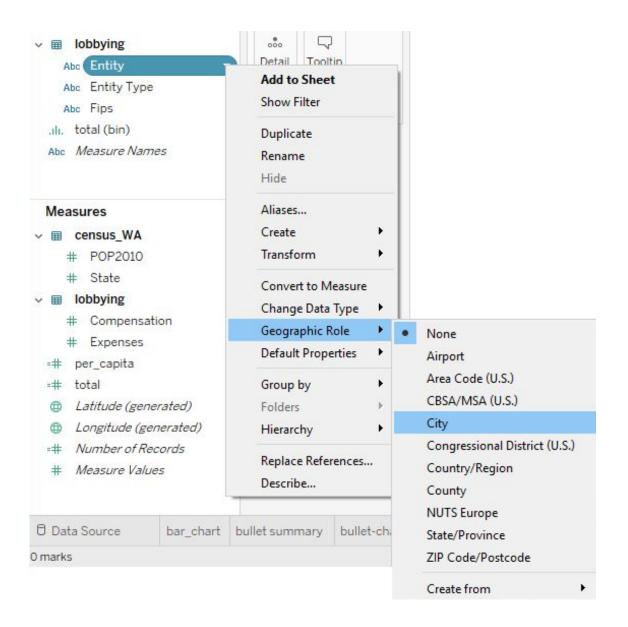


Take a closer look at the fields listed under Dimensions.

Are there any other fields that might be geographic – that we could map?

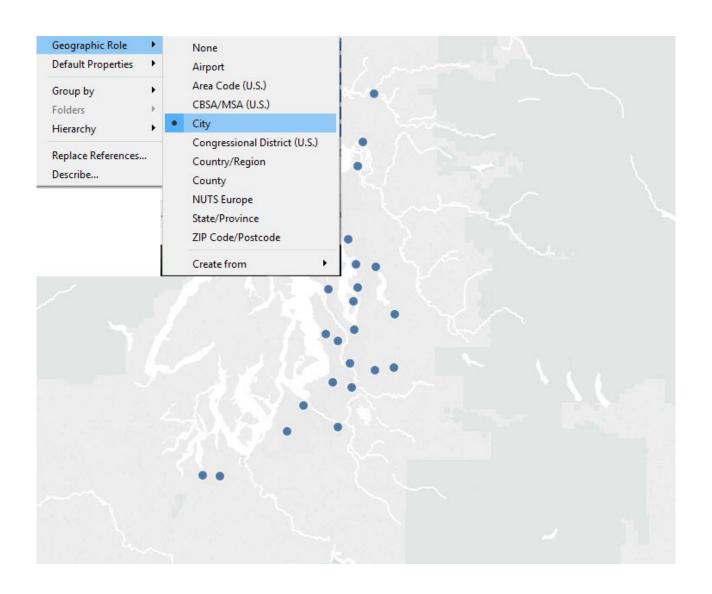
In the lobbying data – sheet 1 under dimensions, we could convert the entity field to a geographic role but we will inherit a few problems when we do that. Remember, it includes ports, tribes and associations and not all of those can be mapped. Still, it's useful to see how Tableau can deal with this problematic field that still has some geographies associated with it.

- Select the caret (down arrow) on the right of the pill for Entity.
- Go down to Geographic Role and then select City.

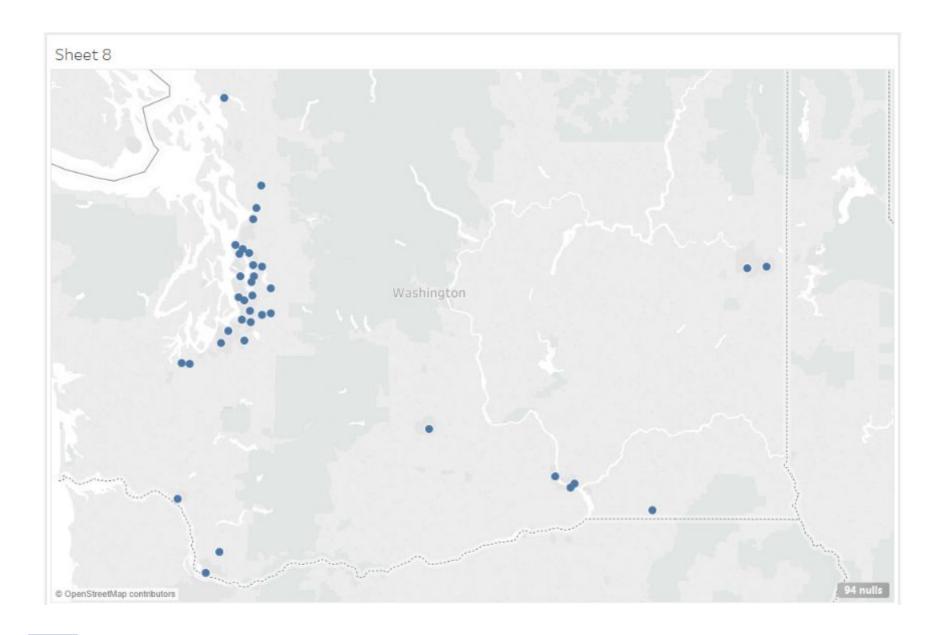


Now, you'll see that there is a little globe next to that field.

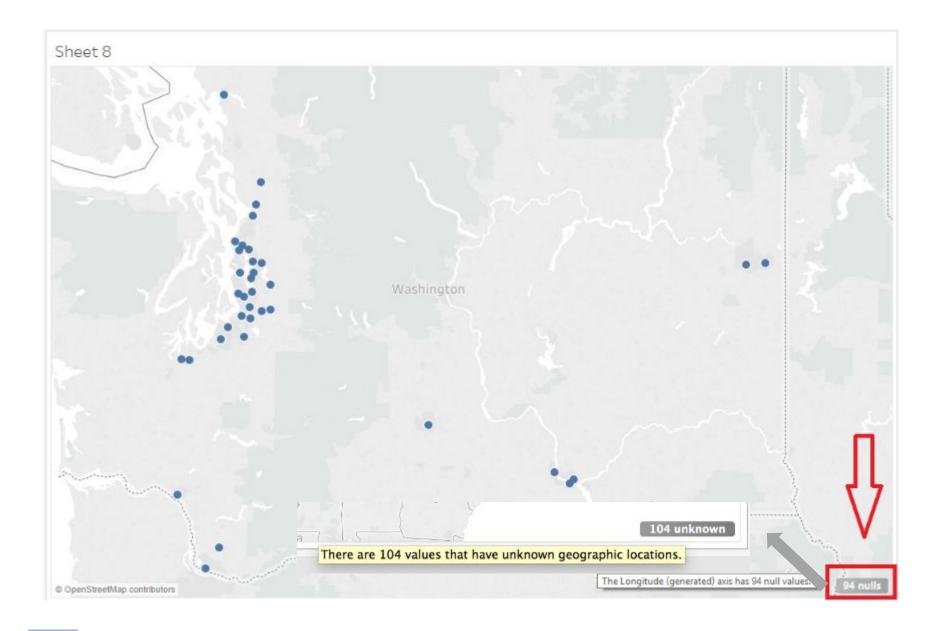
 Try double-clicking on Entity and let's see if we can build a map.



Anyone notice anything about this map that we should look at more closely?

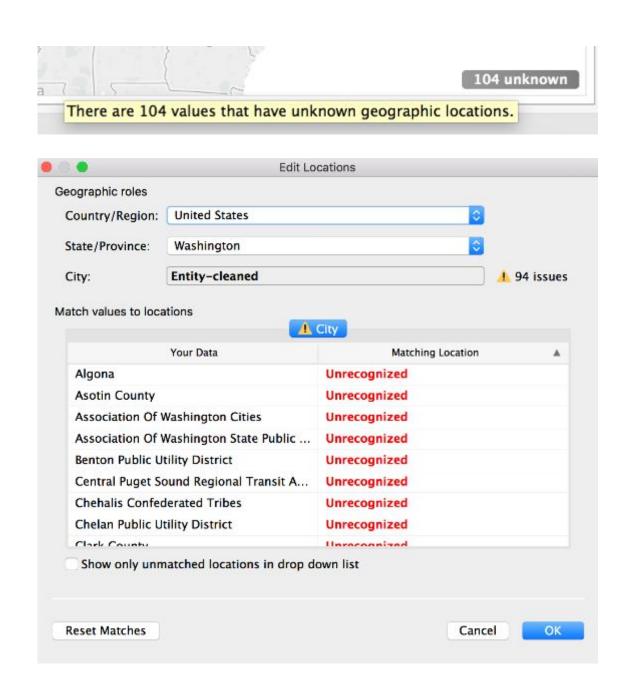


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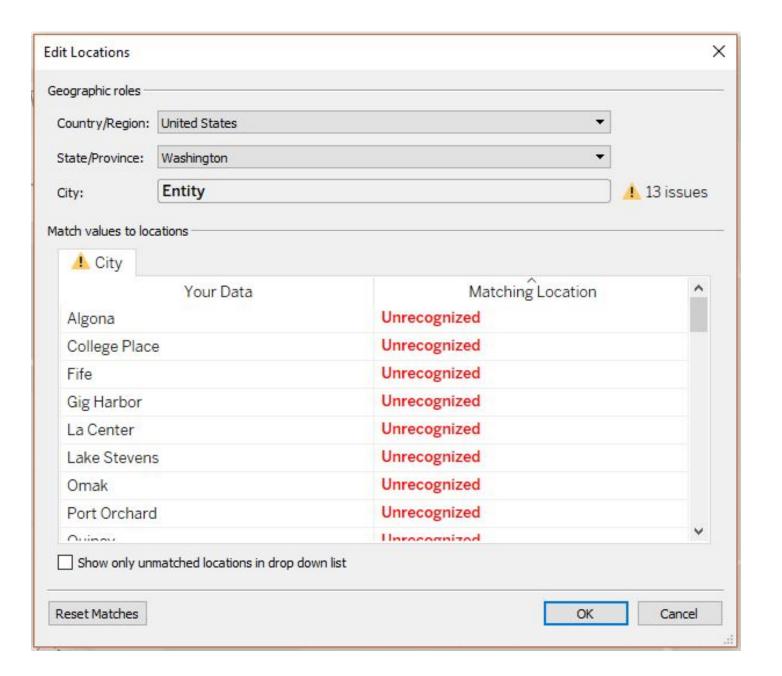


- Click on that grey box that says 104 unknown. A dialogue box will open.
- Select the edit locations option.

Tell me what you notice about the unrecognized locations.

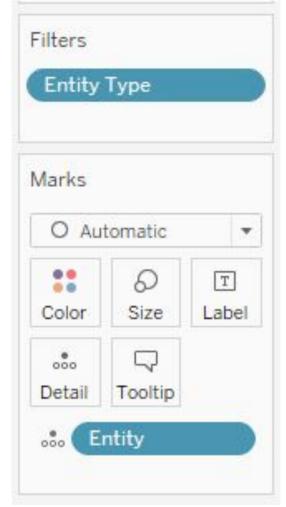


The ones that are unrecognized are either the fields that are not cities, or in some cases, they are smaller towns – and not included in Tableau's designated cities. We can check that in a minute.



We have a few choices now. We can just choose to exclude all of the rows that Tableau doesn't recognize. But we don't want to make a mistake, so let's use filtering to understand a bit more of what Tableau is showing us.

- Drag entity_type onto filters.
- Then select Show Filter and choose Cities.



Entity Type

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CITIES
COUNTIES
OTHER
PORTS
PUBLIC FACILITIES ...
SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TRIBES
UTILITY DISTRICTS

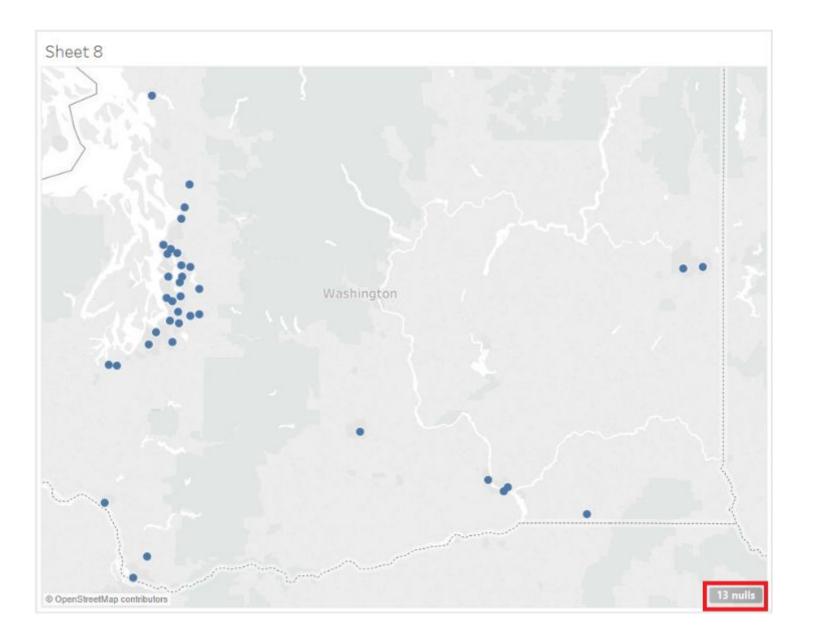
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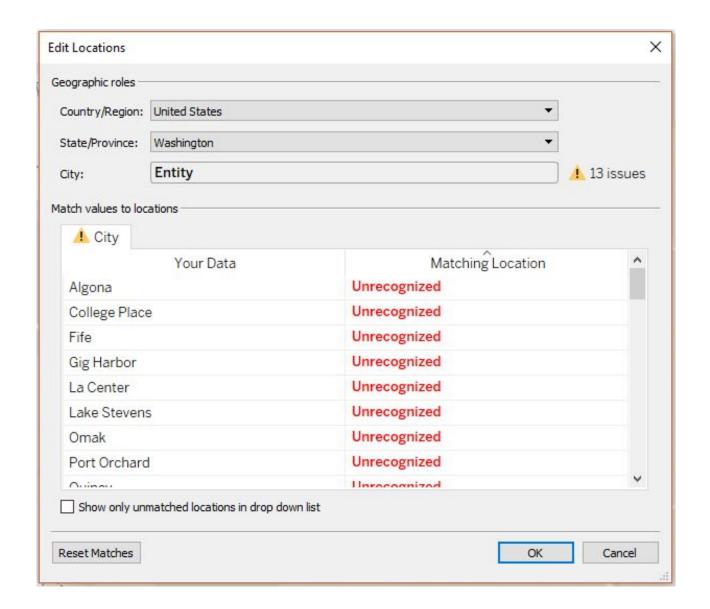
Now, what's left?



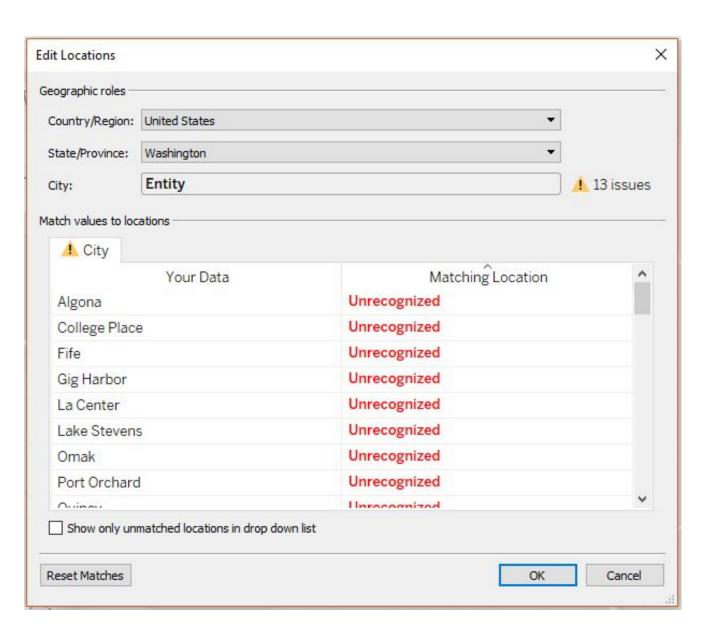
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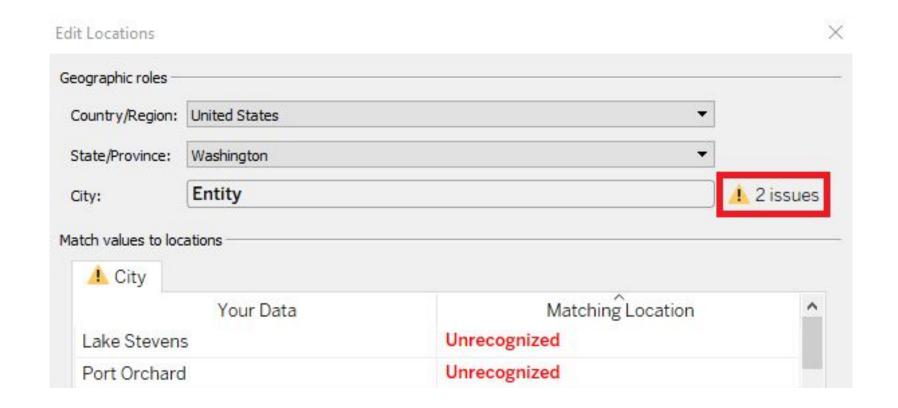
 Click on the 13 unknown and select edit locations. What do you see?



Okay, let's use the power of filtering again to check on whether these are small towns.



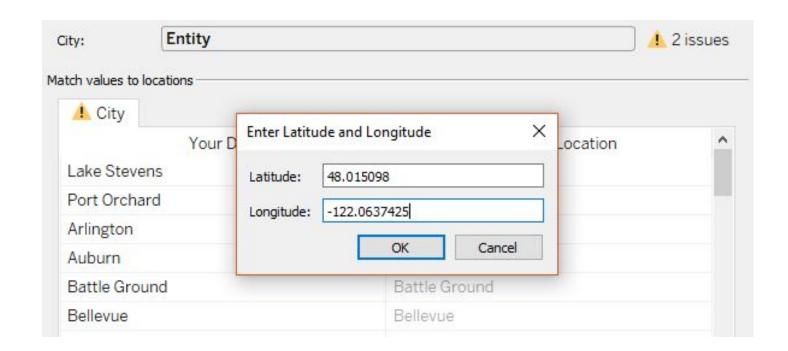
We've gone from 13 unknown values to 2 unknown values. just by filtering out what we didn't need. But there are two cities that Tableau doesn't recognize that have a population of 10,000 or greater. We don't want to exclude them from our analysis or our reporting, so how do we get those cities on the map?



Click on the caret to the right of the field under Matching Location.

You'll see that there is an option for entering the latitude and longitude. Let's do that.

 Do a Google search for the latitude and longitude and plug those numbers in.

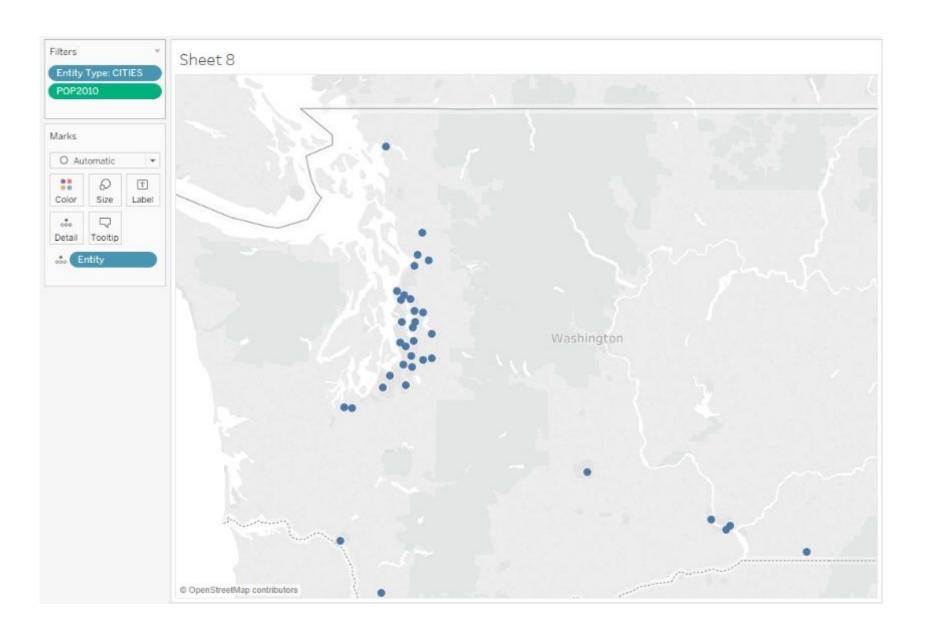


Now, latitude and longitude can be expressed in degrees or in decimal form. We want the decimal form. Here's another hint: we are in the Western Hemisphere, so our longitude will be a negative decimal number.

We have a map!

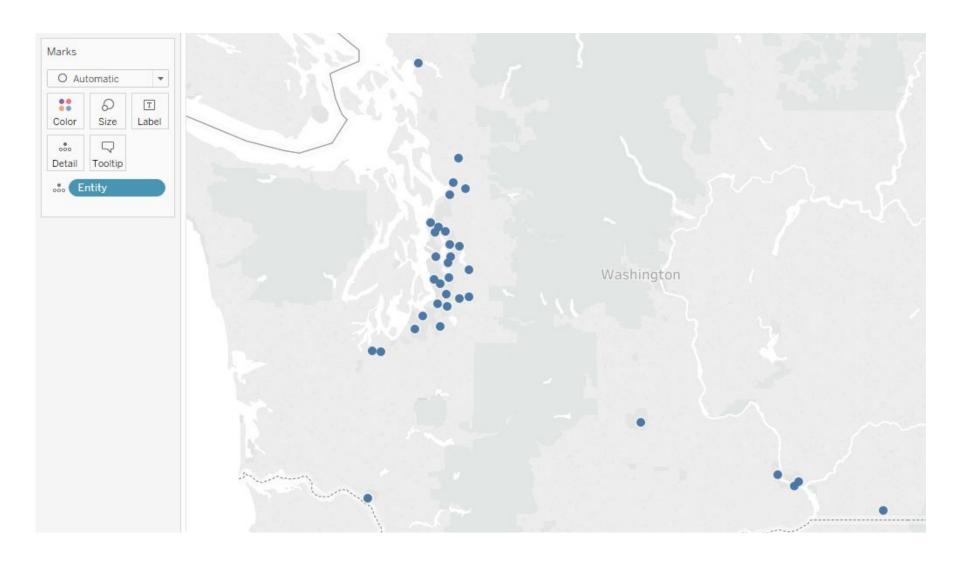
You now should have a map of cities with a population of 10,000 or more. Let's see how we can visually explore this data.

Try exploring both the total cities paid for lobbying at the legislature and the per capita rate.



Just looking at dots on a map is not particularly useful.

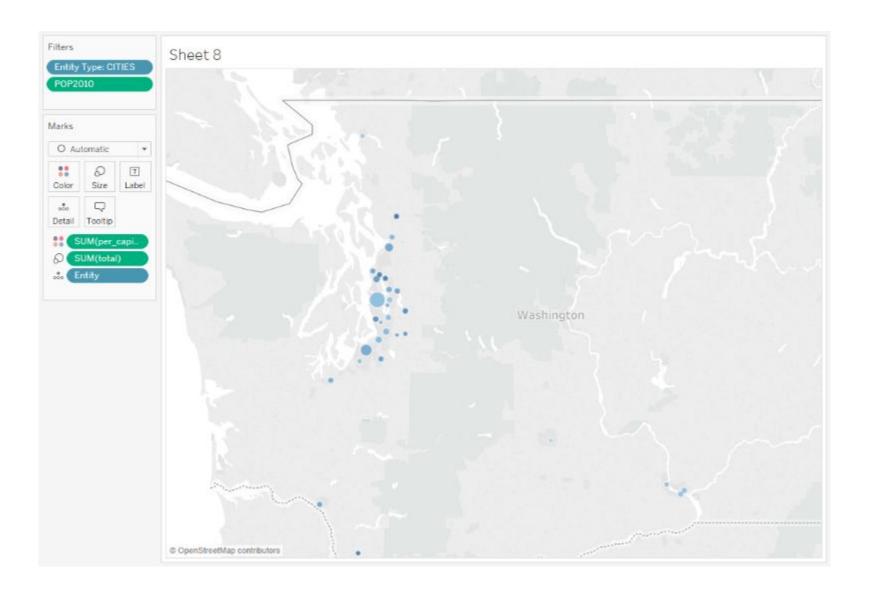
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Maps in Tableau are really another type of chart. And as with any chart, you can change the size and color of what you are exploring.

- Drag the per capita onto color.
- Next, drag total onto size.

Now, let's edit this a bit to make the patterns easier to see.



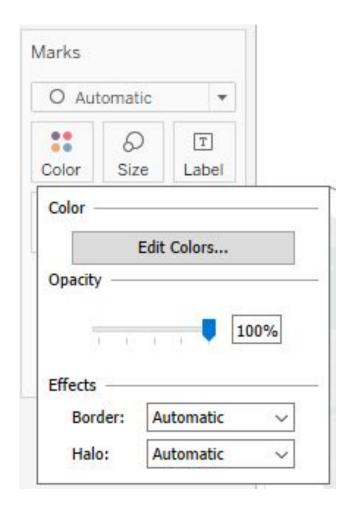
We can adjust our palette here. Let's first select stepped colors, which groups the total paid by each city government into bins.

Click on color and then select edit colors.

That makes it easier to see different parts of the range. We can also select the number of bins.

Our goal is to make it easier to see the various ranges and not let Seattle overwhelm the other cities. Play around with the bins and the range.

Try using the advanced settings to set the starting range at 0, which reduces the number of circles in the grey range. Now, try making that a negative number and see what happens.



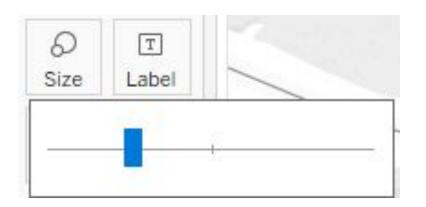
Here is an example, where the range was changed to begin at -.3 and the color ramp is shades of red. The circles also have been given boundaries, which help to make them easier to see. Try doing all of those things as well.



We haven't edited the size ranges yet. Let's do that next.

 Click on the size icon and you can then adjust the size of the bubbles.

Again, our goal is clarity.



In-Class Exercise

Map both the vehicle stop data and the collision data by joining each with pd_beats_datasd.geojson

Explore the results. At the end of the class we will share what we learned.