



CS2316 Phase 3 Presentation - Nursing Home Penalties & Community Economics

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Point of Interest and Purpose

Why we chose this topic:

- Nursing homes play a major role in community health, yet many receive fines for failing to meet care and safety standards.
- We wanted to understand whether facilities in lower-income or economically vulnerable areas tend to receive more penalties.

What we expected to find:

- We predicted that lower-income areas and lower wages might be associated with more frequent or more severe penalties.
- We also expected penalties to cluster geographically rather than being evenly distributed.



Datasets and Data Collection

Datasets used:

1. CMS Nursing Home Penalties (fines + payment denials)
2. BLS OEWS Wage Data for Medical & Health Services Managers
3. U.S. Census ACS API: poverty rate, education, housing indicators

How we collected them:

- CMS dataset downloaded directly from data.cms.gov.
- Wage data scraped using Selenium because BLS loads dynamically.
- Census indicators pulled through an API request with specified keys.

Select a search type

☐ Multiple occupations for one geographical area

☒ One occupation for multiple geographical areas

☐ Multiple occupations for one industry

☐ One occupation for multiple industries

Select one occupation

Entertainment and Recreation Managers

Gardening Managers

Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling

Lodging Managers

Medical and Health Services Managers

Natural Sciences Managers

Restoration and Plant Superintendents

Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers

Social and Community Service Managers

Select a geographic type

☐ National

☐ State

☒ Metropolitan or Non Metropolitan Area

Select one or more areas

U.S.A.

ALABAMA

Alabama

Anniston-Oxford, AL

Auburn-Opsville, AL

Birmingham, AL

Dainger-Fairhope-Foley, AL

Decatur, AL

Dothan, AL

Florence-Muscogee Shoals, AL

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Select one or more datatypes

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All data types

Employment

Employment percent relative standard error

Hourly mean wage

Annual mean wage

Wage percent relative standard error

Hourly 10th percentile wage

Hourly 25th percentile wage

Hourly median wage

Hourly 75th percentile wage

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Select one or more release dates

May 2024

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CMS Certification Number (CCN)	Provider Name	Provider Address	City/Town	State	ZIP Code	Penalty Date	Penalty Type	Fine Amount	Payment Denial Start Date
15009	BURNS NURSING HOME, INC.	701 MONROE STREET NW	RUSSELLVILLE	AL	35653	2023-03-02	Fine	23989	
15019	MERRY WOOD LODGE	280 MT HEBRON ROAD	ELMORE	AL	36025	2024-09-01	Fine	182969	
15019	MERRY WOOD LODGE	280 MT HEBRON ROAD	ELMORE	AL	36025	2024-09-01	Payment Denial		2024-10-01
15032	DIVERSICARE OF FOLEY	1701 NORTH ALSTON STREET	FOLEY	AL	36535	2023-06-19	Fine	10065	
15048	CULLMAN HEALTH CARE CENTER	1607 MAIN AVE NE	CULLMAN	AL	35055	2023-10-19	Fine	26982	
15050	OAK CREST HEALTH & WELLNESS	325 SELMA ROAD	BESSEMER	AL	35020	2023-02-28	Fine	2113	
15050	OAK CREST HEALTH & WELLNESS	325 SELMA ROAD	BESSEMER	AL	35020	2023-03-06	Fine	2466	
15050	OAK CREST HEALTH & WELLNESS	325 SELMA ROAD	BESSEMER	AL	35020	2023-03-13	Fine	2818	
15050	OAK CREST HEALTH & WELLNESS	325 SELMA ROAD	BESSEMER	AL	35020	2023-02-06	Fine	4226	
15050	OAK CREST HEALTH & WELLNESS	325 SELMA ROAD	BESSEMER	AL	35020	2023-02-12	Fine	15656	
15050	OAK CREST HEALTH & WELLNESS	325 SELMA ROAD	BESSEMER	AL	35020	2023-02-12	Payment Denial		2023-03-16
15060	RIDGEWAY REHABILITATION & SENIOR LIVING	4201 BESSEMER SUPER HIGHWAY	BESSEMER	AL	35020	2022-09-23	Fine	14521	
15071	ARABELLA HEALTH & WELLNESS OF RUSSELLVILLE	705 GANDY STREET NE	RUSSELLVILLE	AL	35653	2022-09-21	Fine	3277	
15071	ARABELLA HEALTH & WELLNESS OF RUSSELLVILLE	705 GANDY STREET NE	RUSSELLVILLE	AL	35653	2022-12-01	Fine	6613	
15075	SUMMERFORD HEALTH AND REHAB, LLC	4087 HIGHWAY 31 SOUTHWEST	FALKVILLE	AL	35622	2024-04-24	Fine	25568	
15076	FAIR HAVEN	1424 MONTCLAIR ROAD	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35210	2023-09-05	Fine	1748	
15076	FAIR HAVEN	1424 MONTCLAIR ROAD	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35210	2023-09-11	Fine	2098	
15076	FAIR HAVEN	1424 MONTCLAIR ROAD	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35210	2023-09-18	Fine	2447	
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15076	FAIR HAVEN	1424 MONTCLAIR ROAD	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35210	2023-08-14	Fine	3145	
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15076	FAIR HAVEN	1424 MONTCLAIR ROAD	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35210	2022-08-04	Fine	7901	
15097	SOUTH HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, LLC	1220 SOUTH 17TH STREET	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35205	2022-12-15	Fine	7446	
15097	SOUTH HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, LLC	1220 SOUTH 17TH STREET	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35205	2023-08-24	Fine	8568	
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15104	SOUTHLAND NURSING HOME	500 SHIVERS TERRACE	MARION	AL	36756	2023-12-18	Fine	5244	
15112	MAGNOLIA HAVEN HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER	603 WRIGHT STREET	TUSKEGEE	AL	36083	2022-08-19	Fine	9318	
15113	RIVER CITY CENTER	1350 FOURTEENTH AVENUE SOUTHEAST	DECATUR	AL	35601	2022-11-07	Fine	15593	
15115	CORDOWA HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, LLC	70 HIGHLAND STREET WEST	CORDOVA	AL	35550	2024-11-20	Fine	76242	
15115	CORDOWA HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, LLC	70 HIGHLAND STREET WEST	CORDOVA	AL	35550	2024-11-20	Payment Denial		2024-12-21
15116	ROCKET CITY REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE CENTER	105 TEAKWOOD DRIVE SW	HUNTSVILLE	AL	35801	2023-01-26	Fine	15593	
15117	OAK KNOLL HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, LLC	824 SIXTH AVENUE WEST	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35204	2023-05-19	Fine	22340	
15119	ARABELLA HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF SELMA	11 BEL ROAD	SELMA	AL	36701	2022-08-10	Fine	16940	



Data Cleaning

Cleaning steps:

- Removed missing values and filled non-applicable entries with “N/A” or 0.
- Stripped “\$”, commas, and special characters from numeric fields.
- Correct zip codes since Python sometimes interprets those as numbers and strips the leading digit.
- Aggregated penalties by state and city so all three datasets could merge cleanly.

Zip Code Fix

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
def data_parser(input_csv):
    hospitals = pd.read_csv(input_csv)
    hospitals['Payment Denial Start Date'] = hospitals['Payment Denial Start Date'].fillna("Not Applicable")
    hospitals['Payment Denial Length in Days'] = hospitals['Payment Denial Length in Days'].fillna("Not Applicable")
    hospitals['ZIP Code'] = hospitals['ZIP Code'].astype(str)
    hospitals['ZIP Code'] = hospitals['ZIP Code'].str.zfill(5)
    hospitals.to_csv('NH_Penalties_Cleaned.csv', index = True)
    return hospitals
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Selenium to
select button

```
df = pd.DataFrame(data_rows, columns=headers)
df['Hourly mean wage']=df['Hourly mean wage'].str.replace("$","")
df['Annual mean wage (2)']=df['Annual mean wage (2)'].str.replace("$","")
df['Hourly median wage']=df['Hourly median wage'].str.replace("$","")
df['Annual median wage (2)']=df['Annual median wage (2)'].str.replace("$","")
df.drop('Hourly 10th percentile wage', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Hourly 25th percentile wage', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Hourly 75th percentile wage', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Hourly 90th percentile wage', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Employment percent relative standard error (3)', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Wage percent relative standard error (3)', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Annual 10th percentile wage (2)', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Annual 25th percentile wage (2)', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Annual 75th percentile wage (2)', axis = 1,inplace = True)
df.drop('Annual 90th percentile wage (2)', axis = 1,inplace = True)
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def select_search_type_and_wait(driver):
    driver.get(url)
    WebDriverWait(driver, Default_Wait).until(EC.presence_of_element_located((By.XPATH, "//input[@type='radio']")))
    all_radios = driver.find_elements(By.XPATH, "//input[@type='radio']")
    for radio in all_radios:
        if "one occupation" in radio.get_attribute("id").lower() and "multiple geographical" in radio.get_attribute("id").lower():
            driver.execute_script("arguments[0].click();", radio)
            break
    time.sleep(5)
```

Removing "\$" symbol



Data Analysis Overview

Methods used:

- Group-by summaries (penalties per state, per provider, per city).
- State-level clustering using K-Means to identify risk groups.
- Linear regression using poverty rate to predict city-level penalty counts.
- Comparison of Illinois city penalties with wage data from BLS.

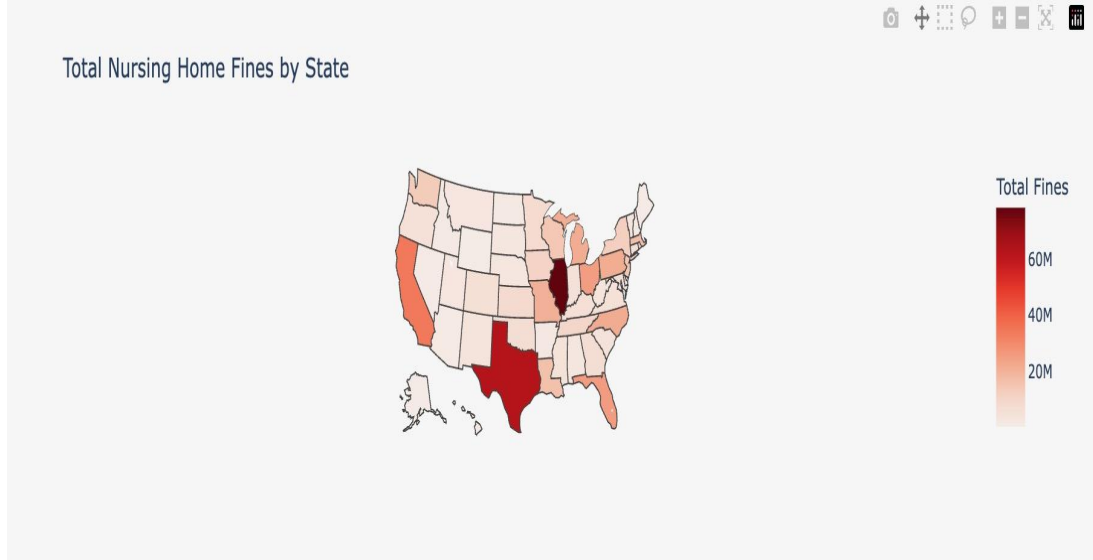


Insight 1: Penalties by State

	num_penalties	total_fine	avg_fine
State			
IL	1662	78593493.0	47288.50
TX	2130	62841318.0	29502.97
CA	1504	34363872.0	22848.32
FL	809	25492561.0	31511.20
OH	800	25253268.0	31566.58
NC	584	21702507.0	37161.83
MI	541	21504953.0	39750.38
PA	745	21459336.0	28804.48
MO	795	20679088.0	26011.43
MA	432	17093894.0	39569.20
LA	330	16155244.0	48955.28
NJ	412	14822170.0	35976.14
WI	374	14506963.0	38788.67
WA	310	13441557.0	43359.86
NY	459	12413140.0	27043.88
IA	383	10647087.0	27799.18
TN	211	10067425.0	47712.91
KS	464	8248327.0	17776.57
MN	381	8138133.0	21359.93
OK	369	7128320.0	19317.94
GA	312	6943359.0	22254.36
RI	177	6509692.0	36777.92
KY	191	6221057.0	32570.98

```
def insight1(csv_path):  
    df = pd.read_csv(csv_path)  
    df = df.dropna(subset=["Fine Amount"])  
    state_summary = df.groupby("State").agg(num_penalties=("Fine Amount", "count"), total_fine=("Fine Amount", "sum"), avg_fine=("Fine Amount",  
    return state_summary
```

Visualization 1: State Penalty Summary



Key finding:

- States vary massively in their total fines—from over \$4 million to less than \$20k.
- Penalties are not evenly distributed, indicating major geographic differences in nursing home performance or regulatory enforcement.
- The state of Illinois has the highest aggregate fine amount.



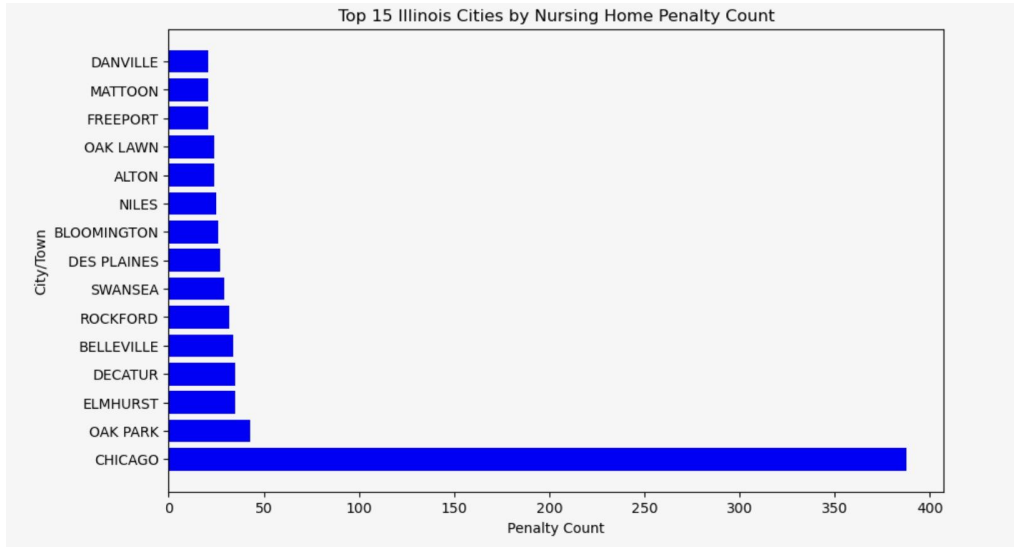
Insight 2: Illinois Nursing Home Penalties

Top Illinois Providers by Penalty Count:

Provider Name	
CONTINENTAL NURSING & REHAB CENTER	50
BERKELEY NURSING & REHAB CENTER	36
EVERVELLA OF SWANSEA	26
ELMHURST EXTENDED CARE CENTER	24
SOUTHVIEW MANOR	17
PARKER NURSING & REHAB CENTER	16
ELEVATE CARE COUNTRY CLUB HILL	16
BELHAVEN NURSING & REHAB CENTER	15
ALIYA OF GLENWOOD	14
LANDMARK OF RICHTON PARK REHAB & NSG CTR	14
MAYFIELD CARE AND REHAB	13
AUSTIN OASIS, THE	13
RYZE AT HOMEWOOD	13
HIGHLIGHT HEALTHCARE OF ROCHELLE	13
PLEASANT MEADOWS SENIOR LIVING	13
SERENITY ESTATES OF LINCOLNSHIRE	13
BRIA OF CAHOKIA	12
WARREN BARR SOUTH LOOP	12
LA BELLA OF ALTON	12
RIVAYA CARE OF DES PLAINES	12

```
def insight2(csv_path):  
    df = pd.read_csv(csv_path)  
    il_df = df[df["State"] == "IL"]  
    provider_counts = il_df["Provider Name"].value_counts().head(20)  
    print("Top Illinois Providers by Penalty Count:")  
    return provider_counts
```

Visualization 2: Illinois Nursing Home Penalty Count



Key finding:

This visualization shows the top 15 Illinois cities ranked by total nursing home penalties. Chicago leads with nearly 400 penalties, far more than any other city. This suggests that Illinois' nursing home quality problems are not spread evenly across the state but are highly concentrated in Chicago. This could relate to a higher population count in Chicago but we will touch on this later.



Insight 3: Penalty Count and Mean Wage of IL Cities

City/Town	Penalty Count	Annual mean wage (2)
CHICAGO	388	141690
DECATUR	35	115230
ROCKFORD	32	129200
BLOOMINGTON	26	127790
SPRINGFIELD	17	129190
PEORIA	14	126980
CHAMPAIGN	7	124190
KANKAKEE	2	113370

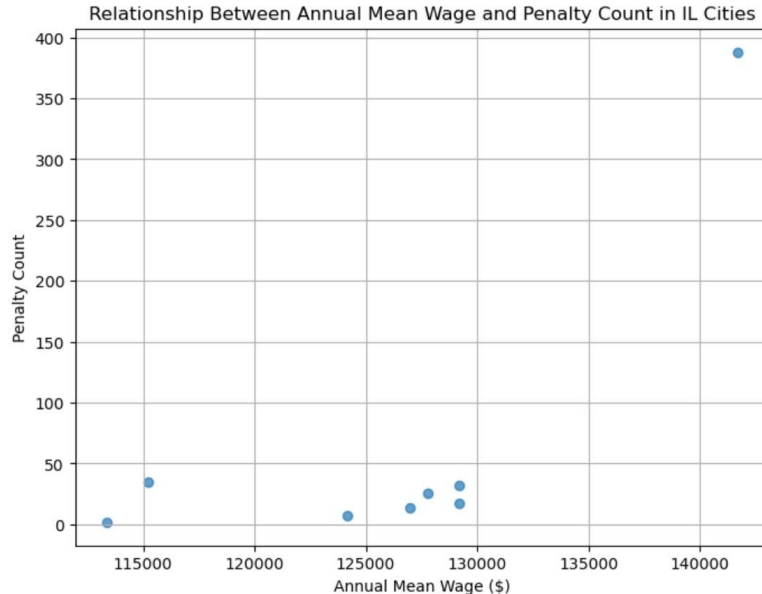
```
il_penalties = penalties[penalties["State"] == "IL"].copy()
il_penalties["City/Town"] = il_penalties["City/Town"].str.upper().str.replace(r"[^A-Z\s]", "", regex=True).str.strip()
wages["City"] = (wages["Area name"].astype(str).str.split(",").str[0].str.split("-").str[0].str.upper().str.replace(r"[^A-Z]", "", regex=True))
wages_il = wages[wages["Area name"].str.contains("IL")].copy()

wages_il["Annual mean wage (2)"] = wages_il["Annual mean wage (2)"].str.replace(",", "")
wages_il["Annual mean wage (2)"] = pd.to_numeric(wages_il["Annual mean wage (2)"])
wages_il.dropna(subset=["Annual mean wage (2)"], inplace=True)

penalty_counts = il_penalties.groupby("City/Town").size().reset_index(name="Penalty Count")

merged = penalty_counts.merge(wages_il[["City", "Annual mean wage (2)"]], left_on="City/Town", right_on="City", how="inner")
```

Visualization 3: Mean Wage Vs. Penalty Count in IL Cities



Key Findings:

- The scatterplot shows weak or no correlation between annual mean wage for healthcare managers and nursing home penalty counts in Illinois.
- Most cities fall in a tight range of wages (\$110k–\$130k) but have vastly different penalty numbers.
- Chicago stands out as a major outlier with far higher penalties, suggesting other factors like facility size, staffing pressure, or population density can play a larger role than wage levels alone.



Insight 4: Linear Regression Prediction

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, cities_train, cities_test = train_test_split(X, y, cities, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
predictions = model.predict(X_test)
r2 = model.score(X_test, y_test)
```

Linear Regression R^2 Score: -0.01793993174793651

Sample Predictions (Actual vs Predicted):

City: WILMINGTON | Actual Penalties: 59 | Predicted: 16.65

City: CHARLOTTE | Actual Penalties: 57 | Predicted: 16.25

City: HUNTINGTON | Actual Penalties: 6 | Predicted: 15.32

City: BAYTOWN | Actual Penalties: 6 | Predicted: 18.55

City: SPOKANE | Actual Penalties: 26 | Predicted: 16.15

Insight 5: K-Means Cluster

	State	Fines	Denials	Cluster
14	IL	78593493.0	576	2
44	TX	62841318.0	200	1
4	CA	34363872.0	267	1
9	FL	25492561.0	32	0
35	OH	25253268.0	226	1
27	NC	21702507.0	118	1
22	MI	21504953.0	216	1
38	PA	21459336.0	76	0
24	MO	20679088.0	185	1
19	MA	17093894.0	32	0
18	LA	18155244.0	47	0
31	NJ	14822170.0	17	0
49	WI	14506963.0	112	0
48	WA	13441557.0	39	0
34	NY	12413140.0	22	0
12	IA	10647087.0	118	0
43	TN	10067425.0	59	0
16	KS	8248327.0	67	0
23	MN	8138133.0	85	0
36	OK	7128320.0	72	0
10	GA	6943359.0	42	0
40	RI	6509952.0	24	0
17	KY	6221057.0	32	0
5	CO	6006368.0	42	0
20	MD	5850590.0	15	0
46	VA	5395920.0	9	0
15	IN	5371905.0	63	0
6	CT	5199746.0	13	0
37	OR	5099530.0	9	0
25	MS	4426809.0	23	0
41	SC	4258109.0	16	0
32	NM	3749880.0	28	0
50	WY	3581316.0	2	0
26	MT	2925442.0	8	0
45	UT	2878499.0	15	0
8	DE	2866416.0	7	0
47	VT	2836076.0	12	0
1	AL	2726887.0	16	0
42	SD	2720413.0	1	0
29	NE	2416551.0	50	0
2	AR	1885416.0	15	0
7	DC	1874165.0	10	0
28	ND	1582057.0	0	0
13	ID	1354889.0	2	0
11	HI	1343871.0	6	0
3	AZ	1177049.0	5	0
30	NH	1006144.0	3	0
21	ME	917135.0	7	0
33	NV	895566.0	2	0
51	WY	851776.0	3	0
0	AK	474317.0	5	0
39	PR	176481.0	0	0

```
t = df.groupby("State").agg(Fines=("FineAmount", "sum"), Denials=("DenialCount", "sum")).reset_index()

X = t[["Fines", "Denials"]]
Xs = StandardScaler().fit_transform(X)

k = KMeans(n_clusters=3, n_init=10, random_state=42)
t["Cluster"] = k.fit_predict(Xs)
```



Conclusion and What We Learned

Final takeaway:

Our project shows that nursing home quality issues are uneven across the U.S. and are especially concentrated in specific regions. While community economic conditions influence these patterns, they do not provide the full explanation. Identifying these high-risk clusters can help guide oversight, resource allocation, and future improvements in long-term care quality.

New skills:

- Learned Selenium web scraping to extract data from a dynamically loaded website.
- Worked with external APIs (U.S. Census).
- Worked with matplotlib for some visualizations
- Cleaned and merged multiple datasets with inconsistent structure.
- Implemented clustering and regression models not heavily covered in class.