

# Bias in Students' Evaluations

## Which factors influence students' evaluations?

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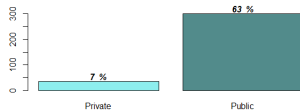
### Questionnaire responses from 11 583 students from 473 schools in Italy

	school_id	student_id	gender	escs	video_games	read_books	subjective_well_being	test_anxiety	pv5math
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2	38000001	38016880	Female	0.6827	Yes, but I don't use it	No	-0.6857	1.8135	563.478
3	38000001	38018781	Female	1.3603	Yes, but I don't use it	Yes	-0.6040	0.7186	590.441
4	38000001	38012431	Female	0.1030	Yes, and I use it	Yes	1.0269	0.7721	459.616
5	38000001	38011047	Female	-0.0763	No	Yes	-0.3381	0.2060	521.015
6	38000001	38012323	Female	1.5589	Yes, but I don't use it	Yes	-0.8234	1.3418	458.420

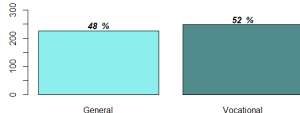
## General information:

- Private or public
- General or vocational
- Big or small city

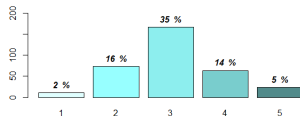
Private and Public schools



Type of school

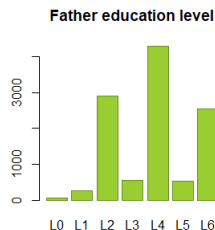
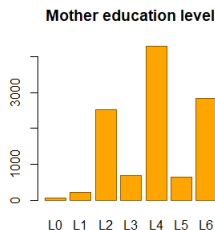


Dimension of the city



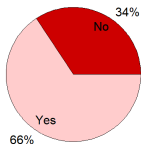
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- Native or immigrants
- ESC status
- Educational level of Parents

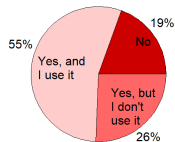


## Habits and hobbies:

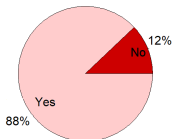
- Sports



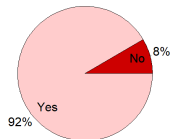
- Video games



- Meeting friends

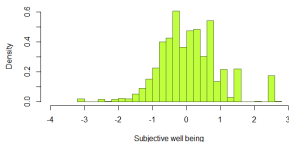


- Social media

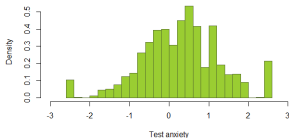


## Subjective questions:

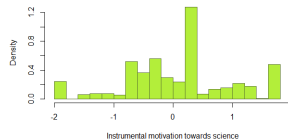
- Subjective well being



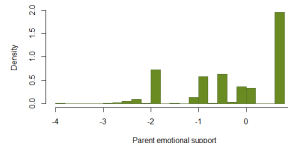
- Anxiety for tests



- Motivation



- Parents emotional support



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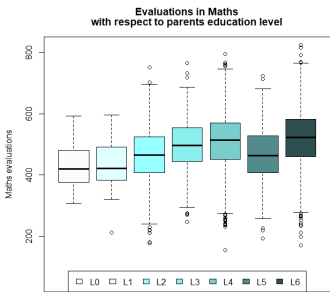
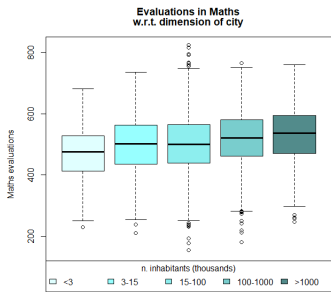
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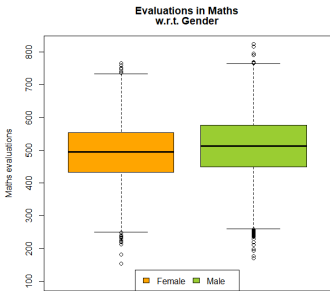
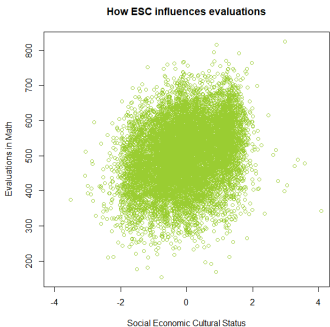
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## ③ Prediction on new observations

# Preliminary plots



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Until now, we found these problems:

- 1 Large number of covariates:  
921 about students, 273 about school
- 2 A lot of missing values
- 3 Subjective data



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