

15.1_Mapping

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1 Introduction to Python for Open Source Geocomputation



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Content:

- Cartography and geovisualization with geopandas

2 Cartography and Geovisualization

- Cartography: traditional methods of making and using maps to communicate spatial information effectively.
- Geovisualization, also known as cartographic visualization, refers to a set of tools and techniques supporting the analysis of geospatial data through the use of **interactive** visualization.

Two types:

- static maps
- interactive maps

2.1 Making static maps for presentation/publication

GeoPandas provides a high-level interface to the matplotlib library for making maps.

With GeoPandas, we can make thematic maps for presenting spatial patterns of a specific characteristic:

```
GeoDataFrame.plot(column = [column name])
```

Also called choropleth maps (maps where the color of each shape is based on the value of an associated variable)

```
[1]: import geopandas as gpd
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
```

```
[3]: gdf_tract = gpd.read_file("data/CensusTract_DallasMSA_hospitals.shp")
```

```
[4]: gdf_tract.head()
```

```
[4]:
```

	GEOID	STATEFP	COUNTYFP	TRACTCE	NAME	NAMELSAD	MTFCC	\
0	48113015900	48	113	015900	159	Census Tract 159	G5020	
1	48113012604	48	113	012604	126.04	Census Tract 126.04	G5020	
2	48113013010	48	113	013010	130.10	Census Tract 130.10	G5020	
3	48113013622	48	113	013622	136.22	Census Tract 136.22	G5020	
4	48113013621	48	113	013621	136.21	Census Tract 136.21	G5020	

	FUNCSTAT	ALAND	AWATER	INTPTLAT	INTPTLON	NumHosp	\
0	S	5703840	4003497	+32.7362108	-096.9692130	0.0	
1	S	2510513	43527	+32.8428141	-096.6460224	0.0	
2	S	1404466	0	+32.8688147	-096.6802329	0.0	
3	S	1249629	0	+32.9496147	-096.8110809	0.0	
4	S	910824	686	+32.9605446	-096.8087578	0.0	

	geometry
0	POLYGON ((-96.99498 32.73739, -96.99492 32.737...
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2	POLYGON ((-96.69384 32.87418, -96.69347 32.874...
3	POLYGON ((-96.81880 32.95231, -96.81878 32.952...
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```
[6]: df_tract = pd.read_csv("data/ACS2020_Dallas_Demographics.csv")
```

```
[7]: df_tract.head()
```

```
[7]:
```

	GEOID	county	Pop	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic
0	48085031811	85	1662	57.76	2.29	24.19	11.43
1	48085031812	85	1120	83.04	0.00	12.23	4.73
2	48085031813	85	2287	41.41	8.48	25.54	22.82
3	48085031814	85	1932	72.20	1.97	2.69	22.05
4	48085031815	85	3764	75.58	6.93	8.48	4.97

Merge the census tract shapefile for the Dallas metro area with the table of tract-level demographics.

The merge/join will be based on the tract id: GEOID column in gdf_tract and GEOID column in df_tract.

```
[8]: gdf_tract = gdf_tract.merge(df_tract, left_on = "GEOID",
                                right_on="GEOID")
```

```
-----
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[8], line 1
----> 1 gdf_tract = gdf_tract.merge(df_tract, left_on = "GEOID",
      2                                right_on="GEOID")

File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/geopandas/geodataframe.py:1574, in
↳ GeoDataFrame.merge(self, *args, **kwargs)
    1556 def merge(self, *args, **kwargs):
    1557     r"""Merge two ``GeoDataFrame`` objects with a database-style join.
    1558
    1559     Returns a ``GeoDataFrame`` if a geometry column is present;
↳ otherwise,
    (...)
    1572     for more details.
    1573     """
-> 1574     result = DataFrame.merge(self, *args, **kwargs)
    1575     geo_col = self._geometry_column_name
    1576     if isinstance(result, DataFrame) and geo_col in result:

File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/frame.py:9843, in
↳ DataFrame.merge(self, right, how, on, left_on, right_on, left_index,
↳ right_index, sort, suffixes, copy, indicator, validate)
    9824 @Substitution("")
    9825 @Appender(_merge_doc, indents=2)
    9826 def merge(
    (...)
    9839     validate: str | None = None,
    9840 ) -> DataFrame:
    9841     from pandas.core.reshape.merge import merge
-> 9843     return merge(
    9844         self,
    9845         right,
    9846         how=how,
    9847         on=on,
    9848         left_on=left_on,
    9849         right_on=right_on,
    9850         left_index=left_index,
    9851         right_index=right_index,
    9852         sort=sort,
    9853         suffixes=suffixes,
    9854         copy=copy,
    9855         indicator=indicator,
    9856         validate=validate,
```

```
9857     )
```

File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/reshape/merge.py:148,

```
→in merge(left, right, how, on, left_on, right_on, left_index, right_index,
→sort, suffixes, copy, indicator, validate)
    131 @Substitution("\nleft : DataFrame or named Series")
    132 @Appender(_merge_doc, indents=0)
    133 def merge(
    (...)
    146     validate: str | None = None,
    147 ) -> DataFrame:
--> 148     op = _MergeOperation(
    149         left,
    150         right,
    151         how=how,
    152         on=on,
    153         left_on=left_on,
    154         right_on=right_on,
    155         left_index=left_index,
    156         right_index=right_index,
    157         sort=sort,
    158         suffixes=suffixes,
    159         indicator=indicator,
    160         validate=validate,
    161     )
    162     return op.get_result(copy=copy)
```

File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/reshape/merge.py:741,

```
→in _MergeOperation.__init__(self, left, right, how, on, left_on, right_on,
→axis, left_index, right_index, sort, suffixes, indicator, validate)
    733 (
    734     self.left_join_keys,
    735     self.right_join_keys,
    736     self.join_names,
    737 ) = self._get_merge_keys()
    739 # validate the merge keys dtypes. We may need to coerce
    740 # to avoid incompatible dtypes
--> 741 self._maybe_coerce_merge_keys()
    743 # If argument passed to validate,
    744 # check if columns specified as unique
    745 # are in fact unique.
    746 if validate is not None:
```

File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/reshape/merge.py:1401

```
→in _MergeOperation._maybe_coerce_merge_keys(self)
    1395     # unless we are merging non-string-like with string-like
    1396     elif (
```

```

1397         inferred_left in string_types and inferred_right not in_
↳string_types
1398     ) or (
1399         inferred_right in string_types and inferred_left not in_
↳string_types
1400     ):
-> 1401         raise ValueError(msg)
1403 # datetimelikes must match exactly
1404 elif needs_i8_conversion(lk.dtype) and not needs_i8_conversion(rk.dtype) :

ValueError: You are trying to merge on object and int64 columns. If you wish to
↳proceed you should use pd.concat

```

Errors due to mismatched data types in the GEOID columns.

- In the GeoDataFrame `gdf_tract`, GEOID column has the type object/str
- In the DataFrame `df_tract`, GEOID column has the type int

```
[9]: df_tract.GEOID.dtype
```

```
[9]: dtype('int64')
```

```
[10]: gdf_tract.GEOID.dtype
```

```
[10]: dtype('O')
```

We need to change the type in one of them:

```
[11]: df_tract["GEOID"] = df_tract["GEOID"].astype(str)
```

```
[12]: df_tract.GEOID.dtype
```

```
[12]: dtype('O')
```

```
[13]: gdf_tract = gdf_tract.merge(df_tract, left_on = "GEOID", right_on="GEOID")
```

```
[14]: gdf_tract.head()
```

```
[14]:
```

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```

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```

```

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4  POLYGON ((-96.81198 32.95712, -96.81197 32.957...    113  4462  35.30

```

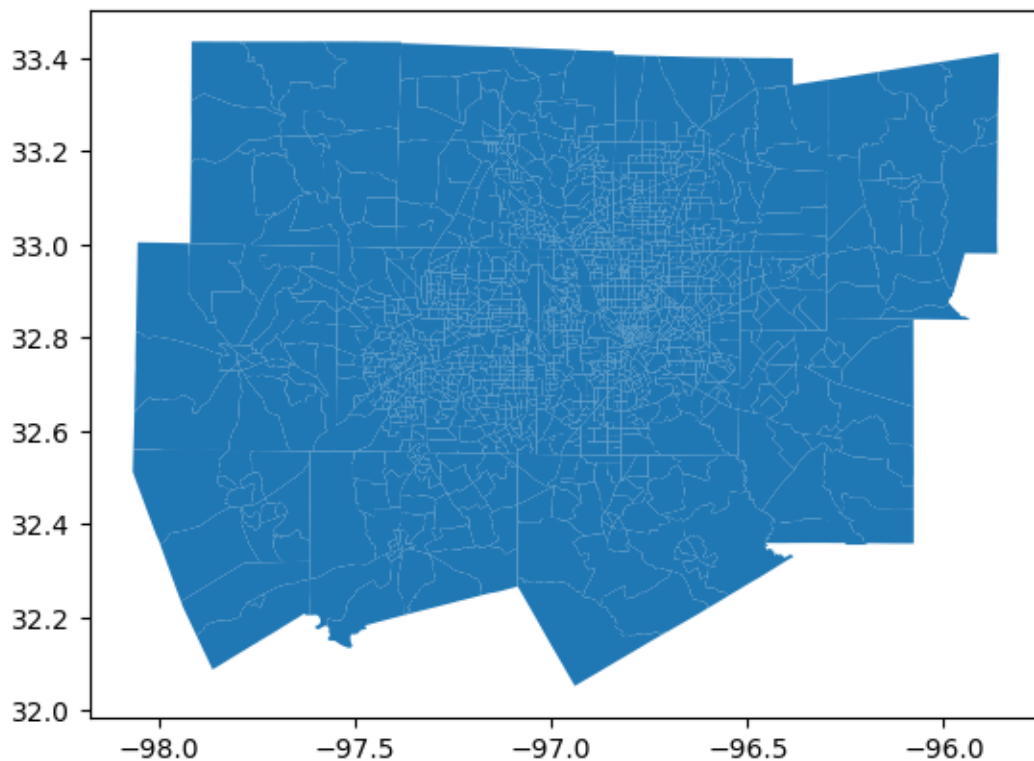
```

      Black  Asian  Hispanic
0    7.59    1.99    68.73
1   29.48    1.81    46.87
2   32.88    2.23    47.15
3   16.47    2.77    25.15
4   28.91    3.72    26.80

```

```
[15]: gdf_tract.plot() # Basic plot, random colors
```

```
[15]: <Axes: >
```



```
[16]: gdf_tract.head(1)
```

```
[16]:      GEOID STATEFP COUNTYFP TRACTCE NAME          NAMELSAD MTFCC \
0  48113015900      48      113  015900  159  Census Tract 159  G5020

      FUNCSTAT  ALAND  AWATER  INTPTLAT  INTPTLON  NumHosp  \
0          S  5703840  4003497  +32.7362108  -096.9692130      0.0

                                geometry  county  Pop  White  \
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```

```
[17]: gdf_tract.plot("Pop")
```

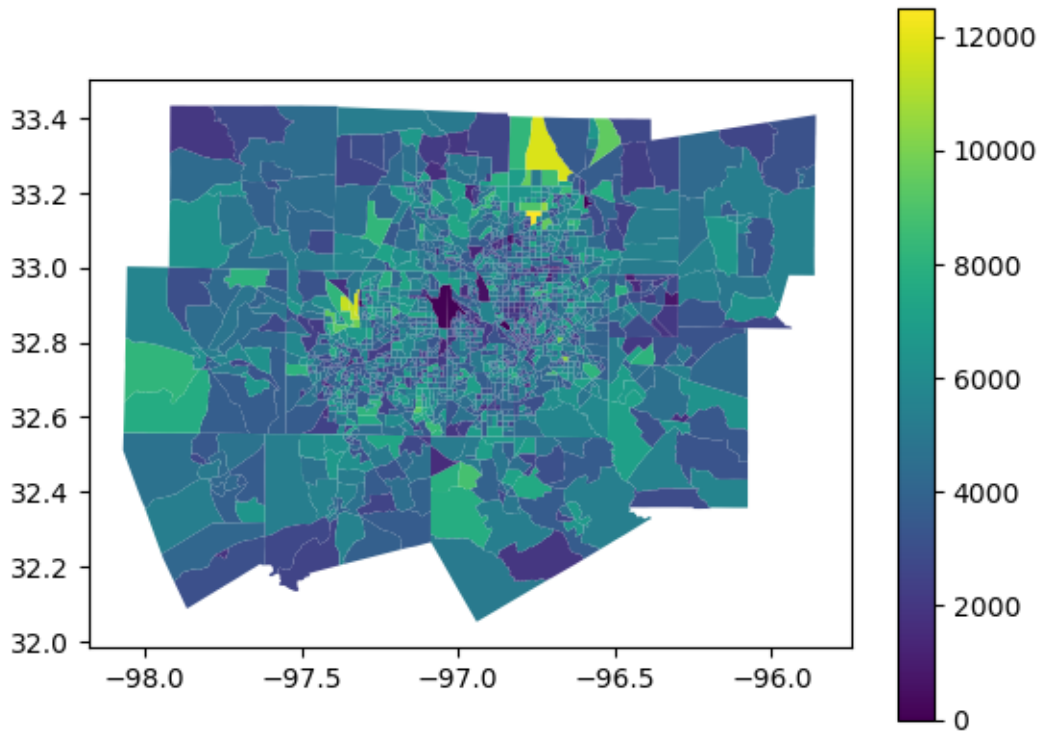
```
[17]: <Axes: >
```



Creating a legend

```
[18]: gdf_tract.plot("Pop", legend=True)
```

```
[18]: <Axes: >
```



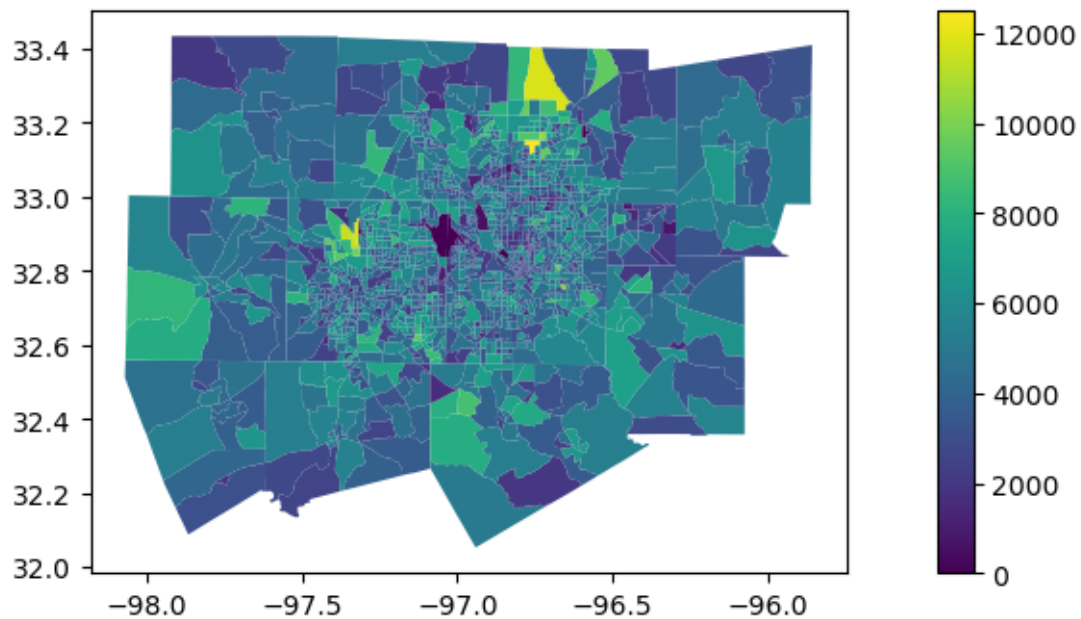
We may want to change the default appearance of the legend and plot axes so that they align better.

We can define the plot axes (with `ax`) and the legend axes (with `cax`) and then pass those in to the `plot()` call.

```
[19]: from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import make_axes_locatable
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
gdf_tract.plot("Pop", legend=True, ax=ax, cax=cax)
```

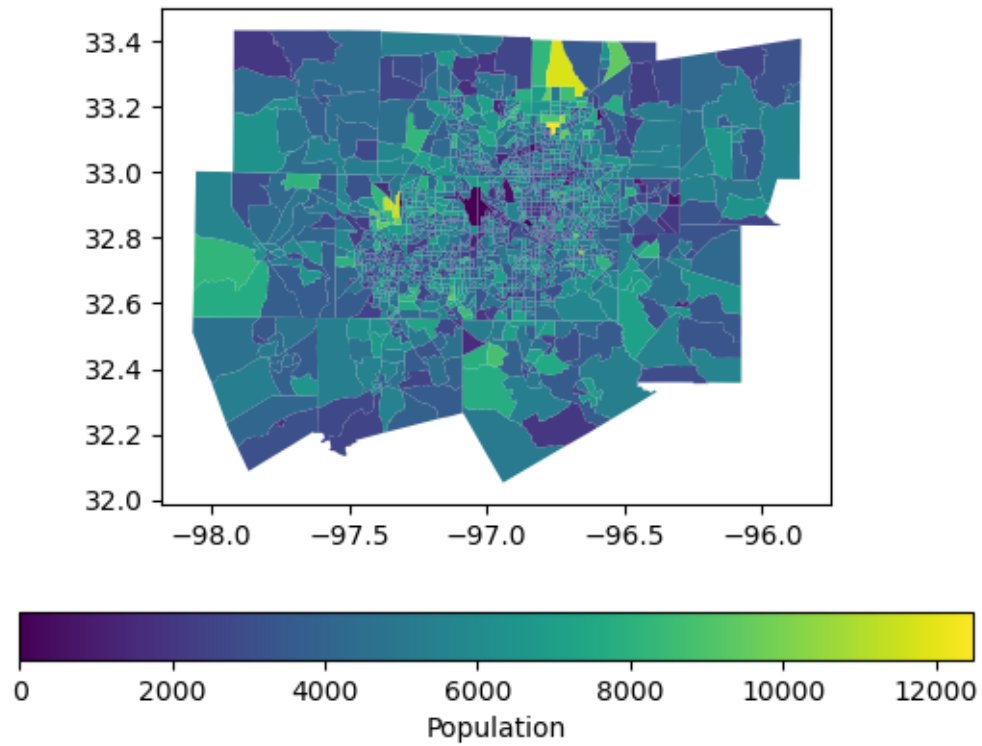
```
[19]: <Axes: >
```

we can also plot the color bar below the map

```
[20]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      gdf_tract.plot("Pop", legend=True, ax=ax,
                    legend_kwds={'label': "Population",
                                'orientation': "horizontal"})
```

[20]: <Axes: >

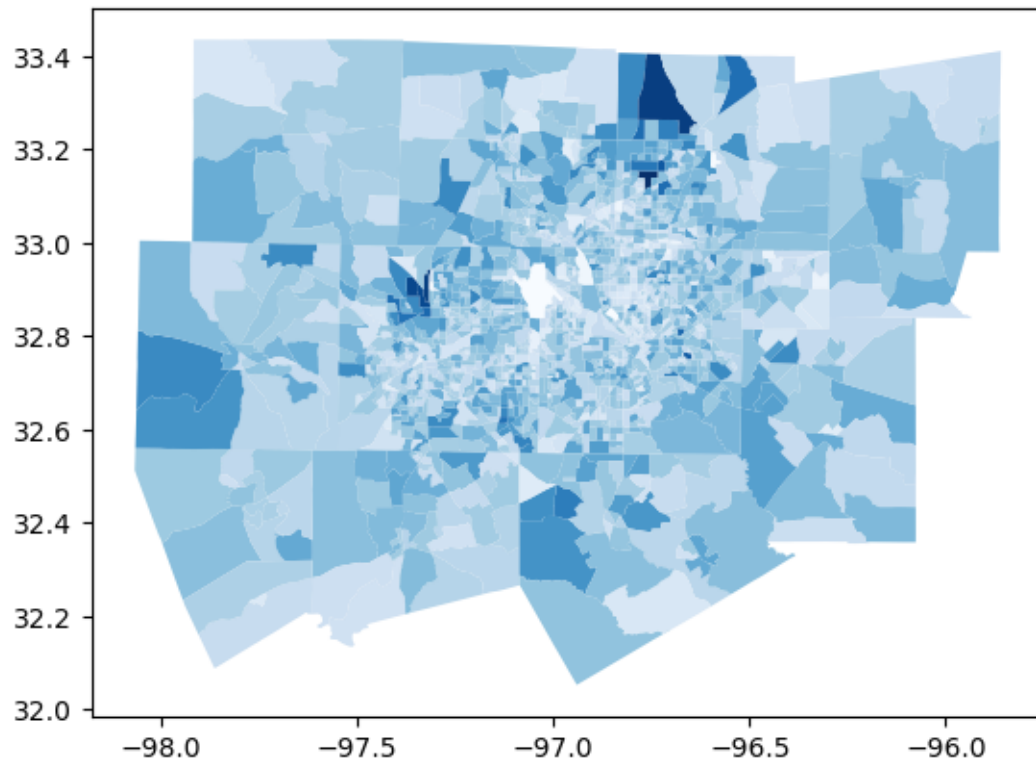


Changing colors for the maps by passing value to `cmap`

A [list](#) of available colormaps from matplotlib

```
[21]: gdf_tract.plot("Pop", cmap='Blues')
```

```
[21]: <Axes: >
```



```
[22]: gdf_tract.plot("Pop", cmap='Oranges')
```

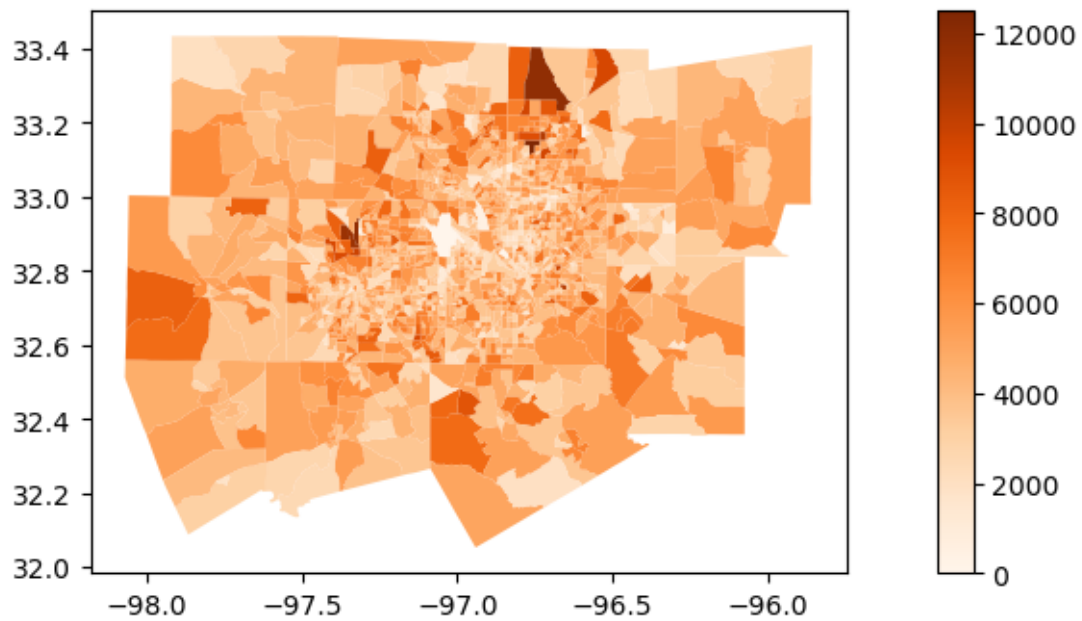
```
[22]: <Axes: >
```



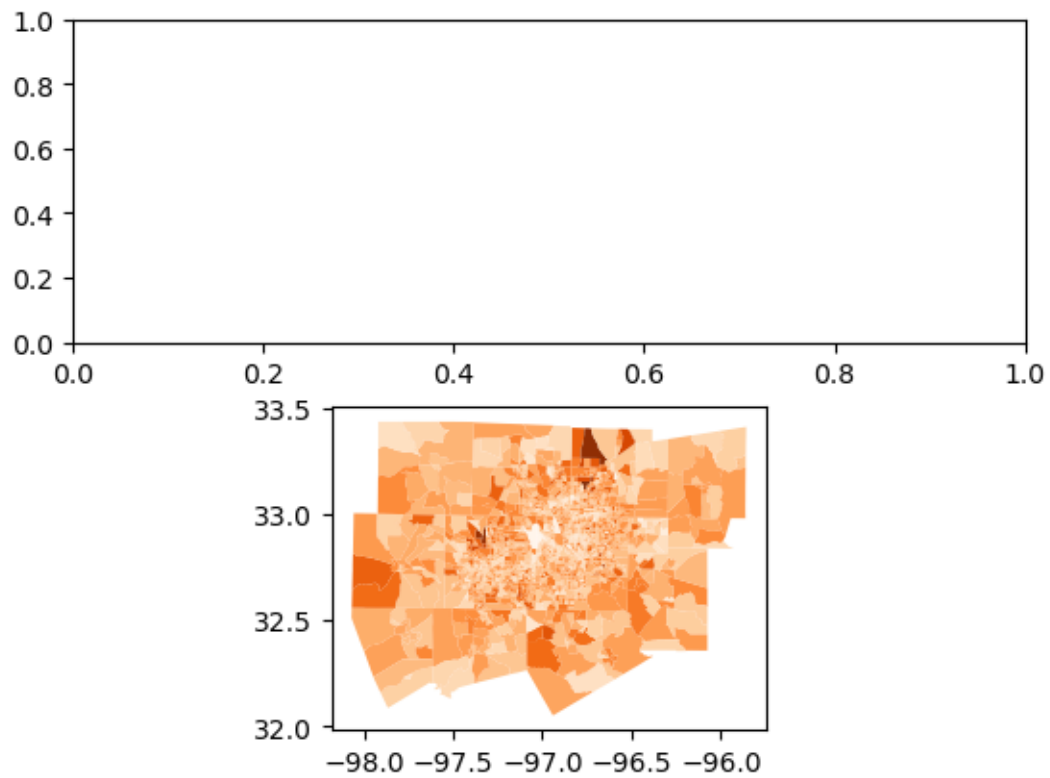
We can turn off the axis for the map by with the `Axes`'s method `set_axis_off()`

```
[23]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
      cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
      gdf_tract.plot("Pop", legend=True, ax=ax, cax=cax, cmap="Oranges")
```

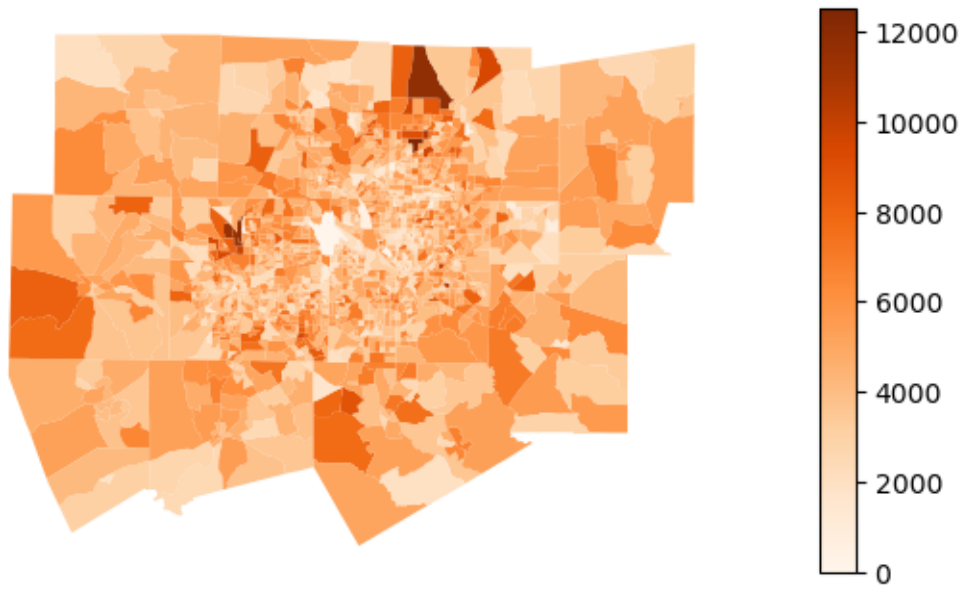
```
[23]: <Axes: >
```



```
[24]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1)
ax1 = axes[1]
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
gdf_tract.plot("Pop", legend=True, ax=ax1, cax=cax, cmap="Oranges")
ax.set_axis_off();
```



```
[25]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
gdf_tract.plot("Pop", legend=True, ax=ax, cax=cax, cmap="Oranges")
ax.set_axis_off();
```

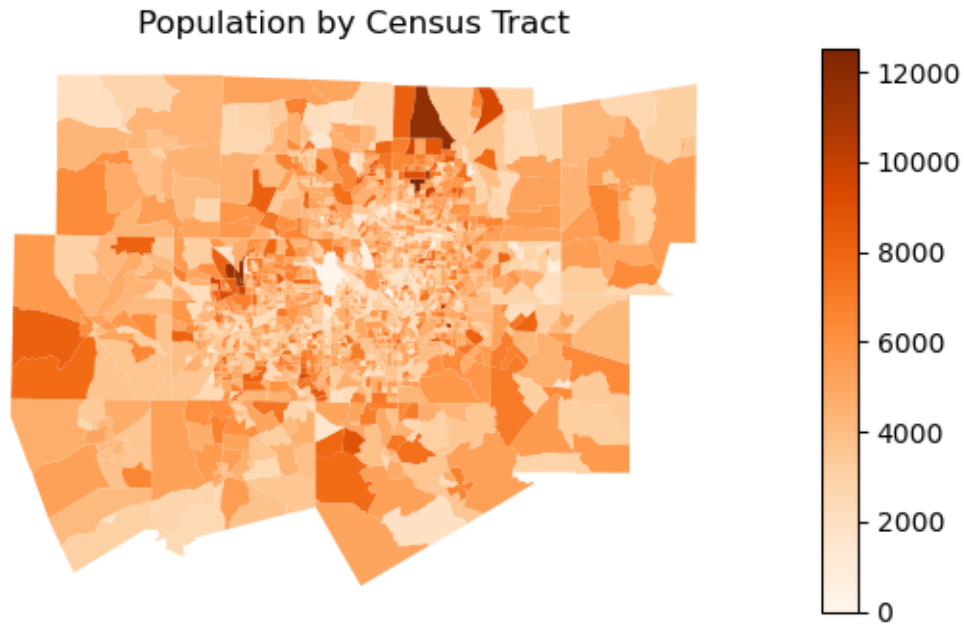


```
[26]: gdf_tract.columns
```

```
[26]: Index(['GEOID', 'STATEFP', 'COUNTYFP', 'TRACTCE', 'NAME', 'NAMELSAD', 'MTFCC',
            'FUNCSTAT', 'ALAND', 'AWATER', 'INTPTLAT', 'INTPTLON', 'NumHosp',
            'geometry', 'county', 'Pop', 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Hispanic'],
          dtype='object')
```

```
[27]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
      cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
      gdf_tract.plot("Pop", legend=True, ax=ax, cax=cax, cmap="Oranges")
      ax.set_axis_off();
      ax.set_title("Population by Census Tract")
```

```
[27]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Population by Census Tract')
```



2.1.1 Group exercise

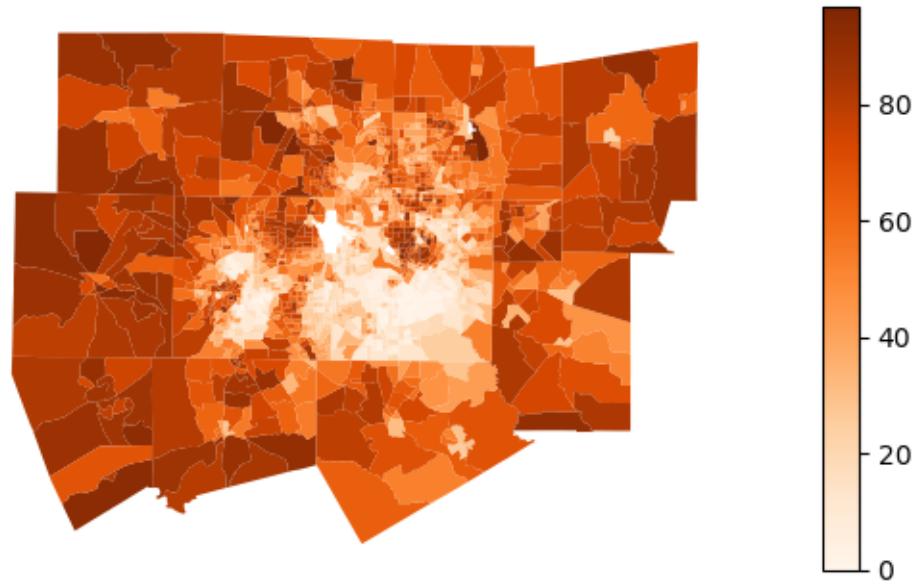
Create a choropleth map (continuous values) for the White percentage

When you are done, raise your hand!

```
[28]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
gdf_tract.plot("White", legend=True, ax=ax, cax=cax, cmap="Oranges")
ax.set_axis_off();
ax.set_title("White Percentage by Census Tract")
```

```
[28]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'White Percentage by Census Tract')
```


White Percentage by Census Tract



2.1.2 Aggregate by value and geometry

Currently we have data on census tracts, but we're actually interested in studying patterns at the level of counties.

Obtain a county-level GeoDataFrame:

- county population: `groupby()`
- county geometries: `dissolve()`
 - dissolves all the geometries within a given group together into a single geometric feature
 - aggregates all the rows of data in a group using `groupby.agg()`, and

it combines those two results.

[29]: `gdf_tract.head()`

```
[29]:
```

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```
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```

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4  POLYGON ((-96.81198 32.95712, -96.81197 32.957...    113  4462  35.30

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```

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4   28.91    3.72    26.80

```

```
[30]: gdf_county = gdf_tract.dissolve(by="COUNTYFP",
                                     aggfunc={"NumHosp": 'sum',
                                              "Pop": 'sum'})
```

```
[31]: gdf_county.head()
```

```
[31]:
                                geometry  NumHosp  Pop
COUNTYFP
085      POLYGON ((-96.78400 32.98666, -96.78441 32.986...    32.0  1006038
113      POLYGON ((-97.03818 32.57979, -97.03813 32.582...    55.0  2622634
121      POLYGON ((-97.12414 32.99030, -97.13024 32.990...    19.0   861690
139      POLYGON ((-97.08705 32.29139, -97.08705 32.292...     3.0   179484
221      POLYGON ((-97.74836 32.31688, -97.74941 32.316...     1.0    60025

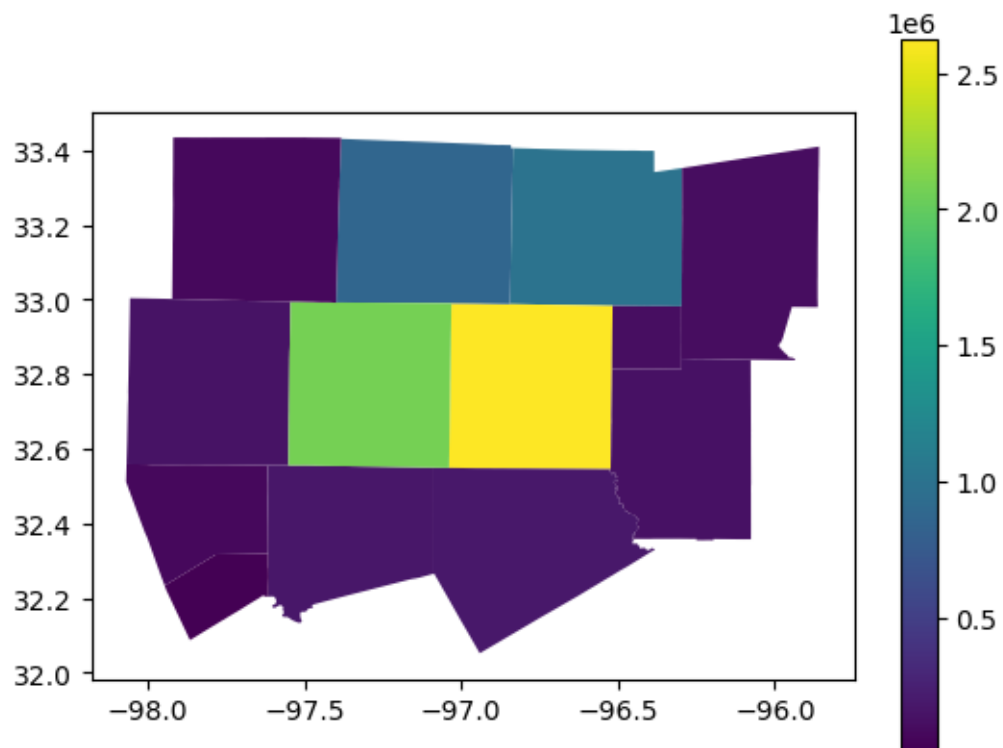
```

More summary statistics are allowed for the aggregation function for numerical variables `aggfunc`.

‘first’, ‘last’, ‘min’, ‘max’, ‘sum’, ‘mean’, ‘median’, function, string function name, list of functions and/or function names, e.g. [np.sum, ‘mean’]

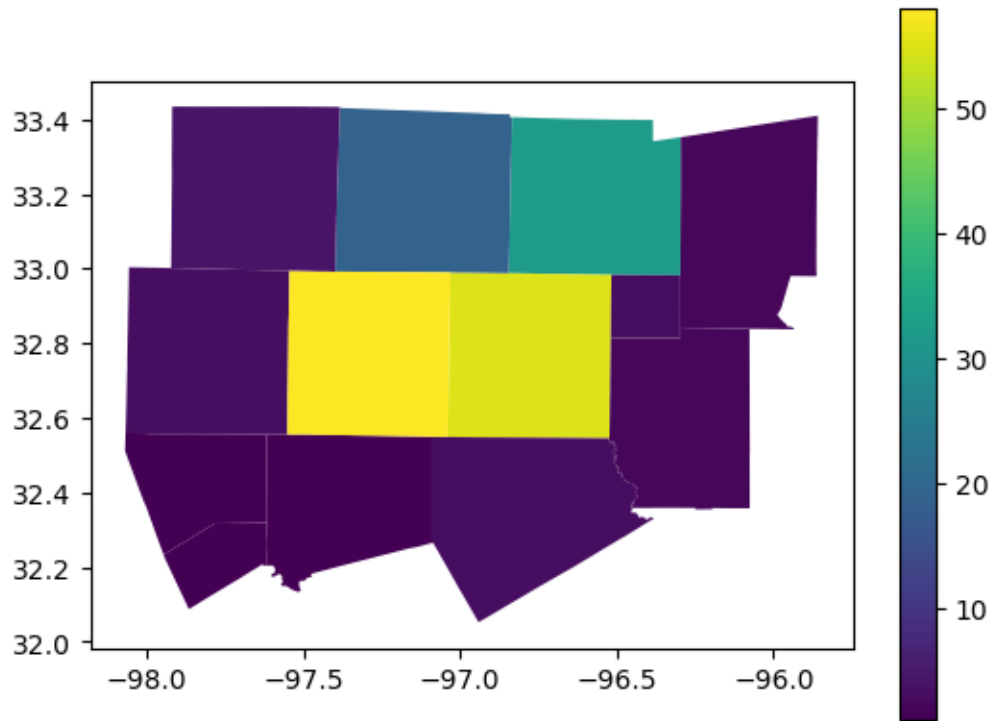
```
[32]: gdf_county.plot("Pop", legend=True)
```

```
[32]: <Axes: >
```



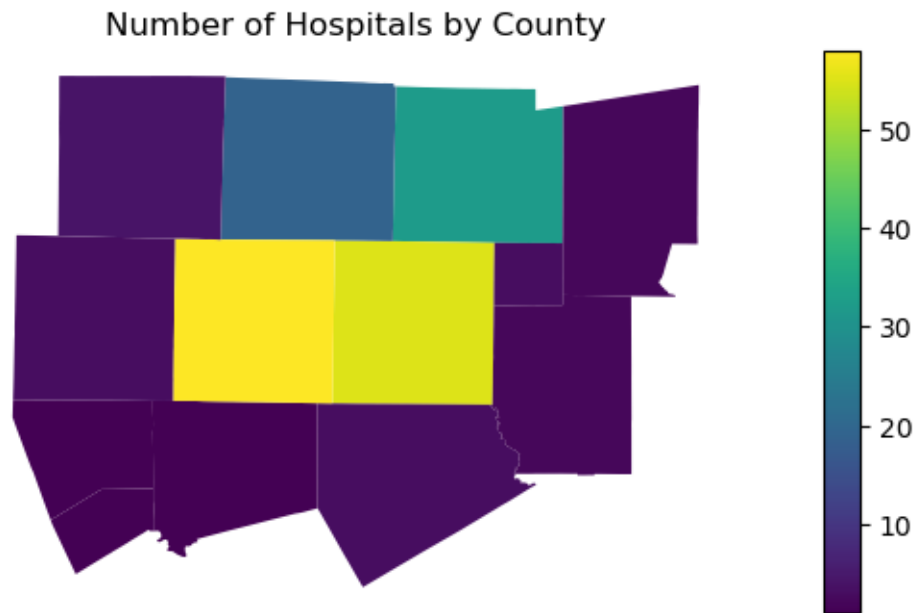
```
[33]: gdf_county.plot("NumHosp", legend=True)
```

```
[33]: <Axes: >
```



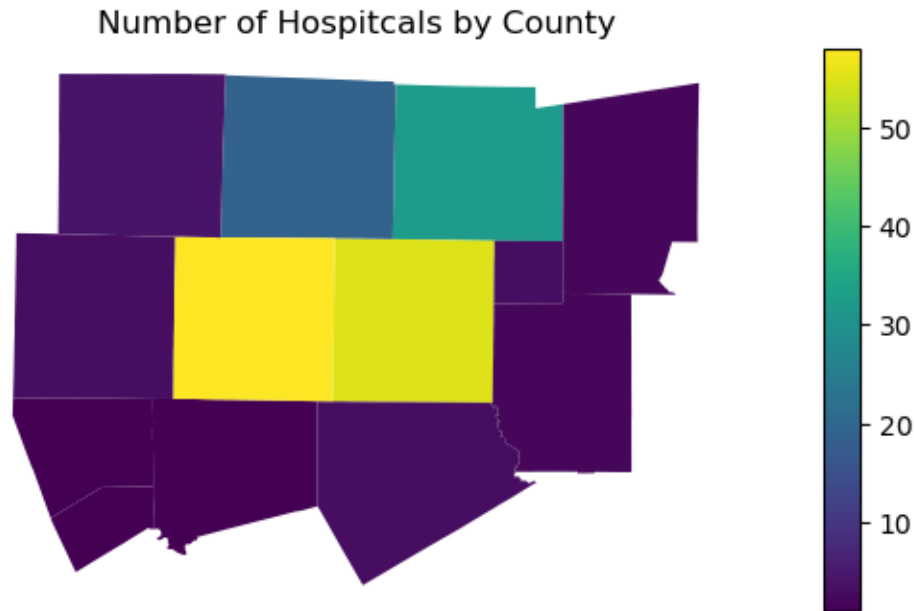
```
[34]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
gdf_county.plot("NumHosp", legend=True, ax=ax, cax=cax)
ax.set_axis_off();
ax.set_title("Number of Hospitals by County")
```

```
[34]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Number of Hospitals by County')
```



Saving a map is similar to saving a figure with functions from matplotlib

```
[35]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="4%", pad=0.1)
gdf_county.plot("NumHosp", legend=True, ax=ax, cax=cax)
ax.set_axis_off();
ax.set_title("Number of Hospitals by County")
plt.savefig("NumberHospitalsCountyDallas.png")
```



2.2 Interactive geovisualization

`GeoDataFrame.explore()` method

built on folium/leaflet.js for interactive mapping

```
[36]: gdf_tract.explore("Pop", legend=True)
```

```
[36]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x29c18f150>
```

```
[37]: gdf_tract.explore("Pop", legend=True,
                        tooltip="Pop", # show "Pop" value in tooltip (on hover)
                        popup=True # show all values in popup (on click)
                        )
```

```
[37]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x2a64b6050>
```

```
[38]: gdf_tract.explore("Pop", legend=True,
                        tooltip="Pop", # show "Pop" value in tooltip (on hover)
                        popup=True, # show all values in popup (on click)
                        cmap="Oranges" # use "Oranges" matplotlib colormap
                        )
```

```
[38]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x2a64e1f50>
```

```
[39]: gdf_tract.explore("Pop", legend=True,
                        tooltip="Pop", # show "Pop" value in tooltip (on hover)
```

```

        popup=True, # show all values in popup (on click)
        cmap="Oranges", # use "Oranges" matplotlib colormap
        style_kwds=dict(color="black") # use black outline
    )

```

[39]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x2bff884d0>

2.2.1 Background map

we can also change the background map: the default is ‘OpenStreetMap Mapnik’.

The current list of built-in providers (when xyzservices is not available):

[“OpenStreetMap”, “Stamen Terrain”, “Stamen Toner”, “Stamen Watercolor” “CartoDB positron”, “CartoDB dark_matter”]

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[40]: gdf_tract.explore("Pop", legend=True,
        tooltip="Pop", # show "Pop" value in tooltip (on hover)
        popup=True, # show all values in popup (on click)
        cmap="Oranges", # use "Oranges" matplotlib colormap
        style_kwds=dict(color="black"), # use black outline
        tiles="CartoDB positron", # use "CartoDB positron" tiles
    )

```

[40]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x29bef7350>

```

[41]: gdf_tract.explore("Hispanic", legend=True)

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[41]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x2c72700d0>

3 Further readings

- [GeoPandas tutorial on making maps](#)

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