# Measuring Segregation: The Index of Dissimilarity

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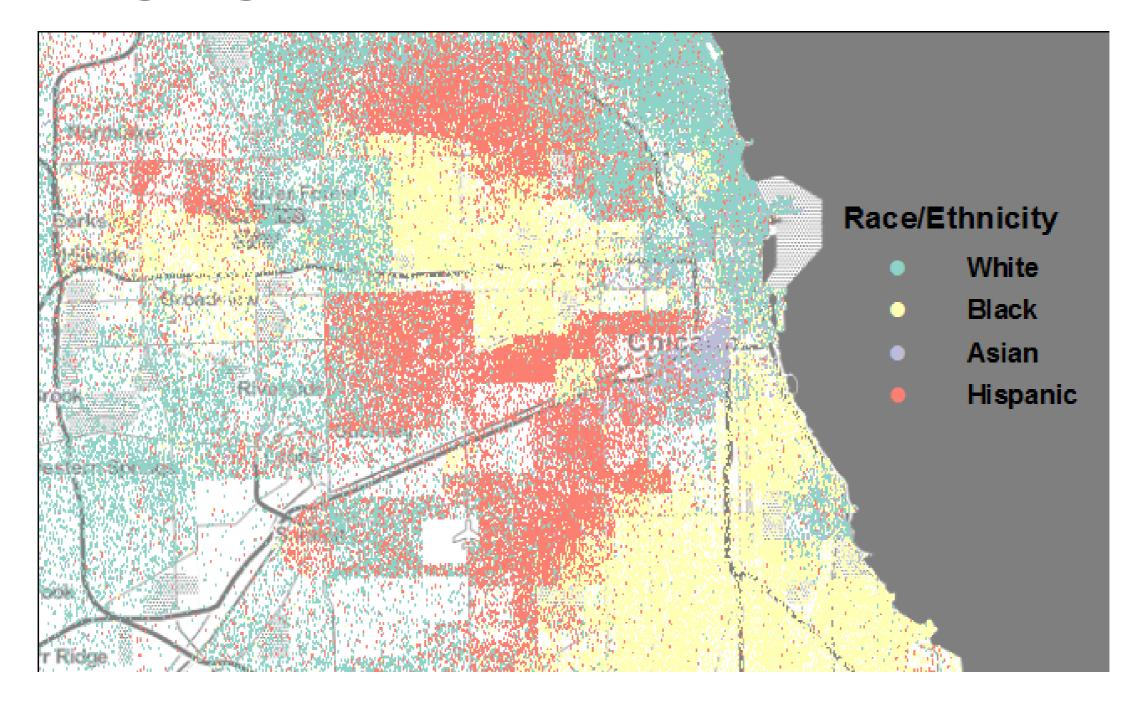
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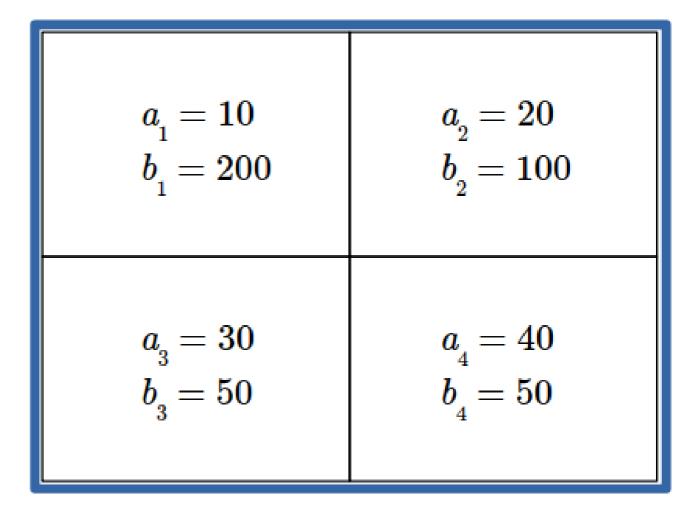


#### What is Segregation?



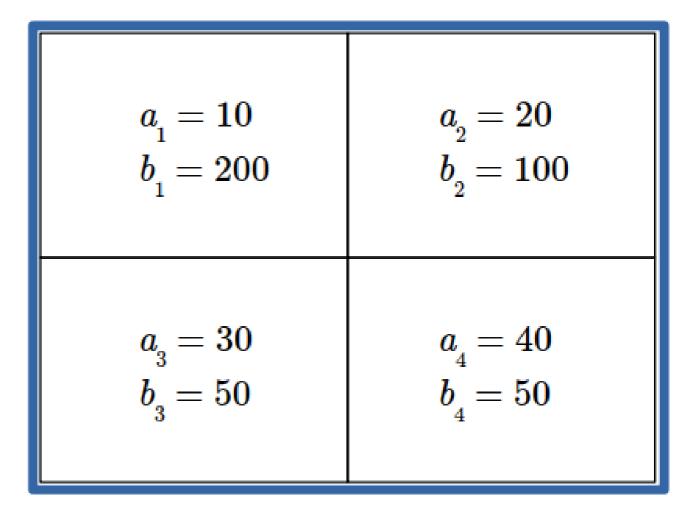
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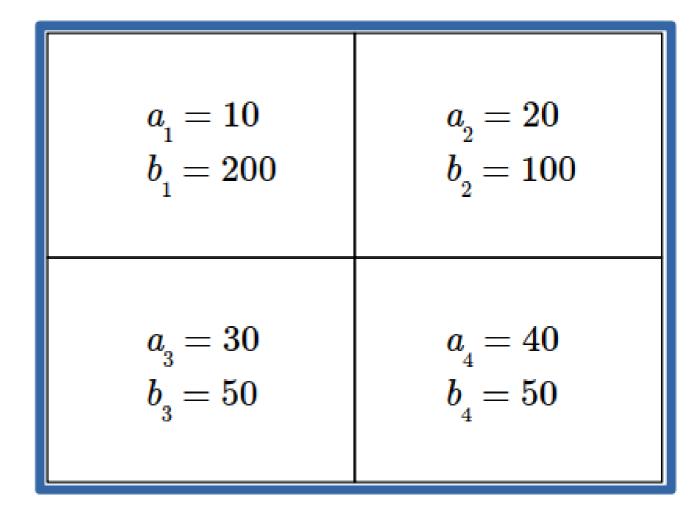
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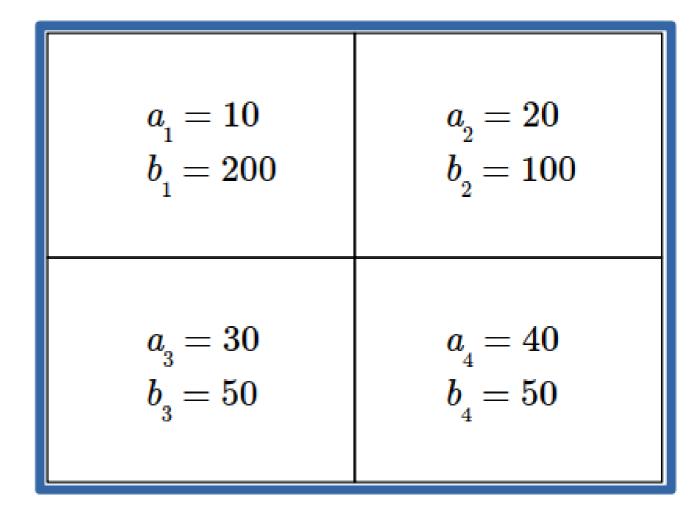
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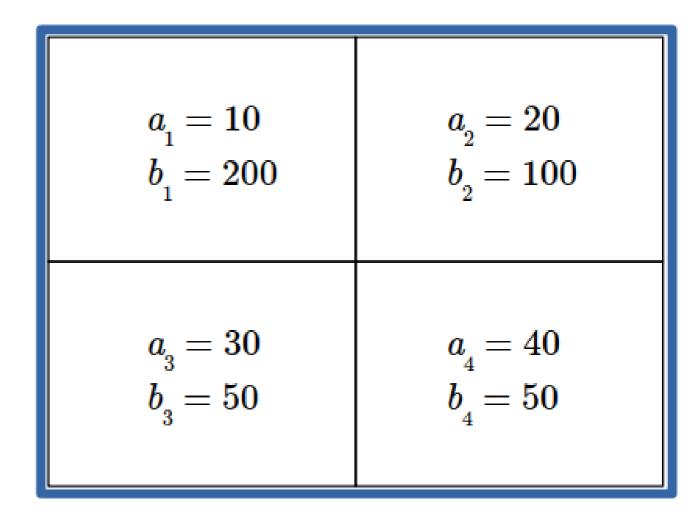
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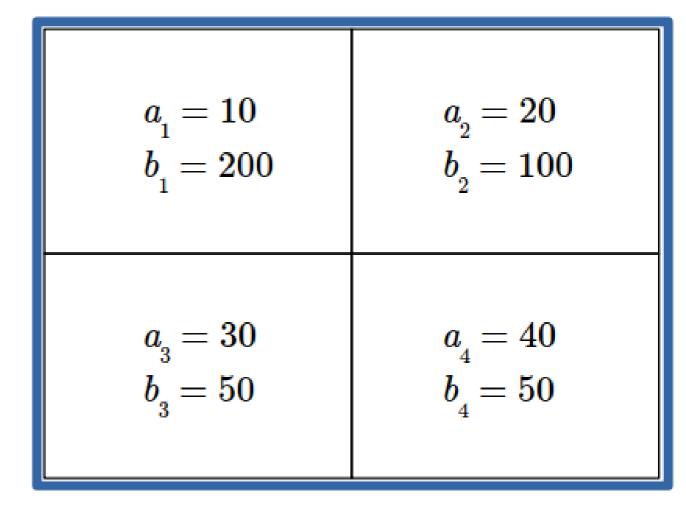
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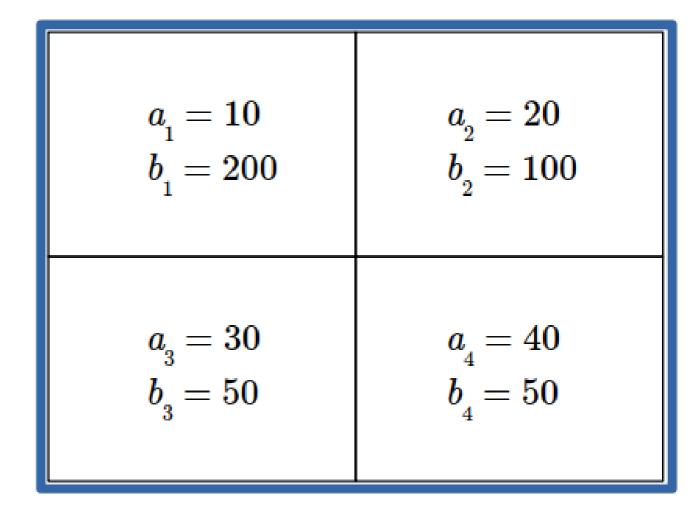
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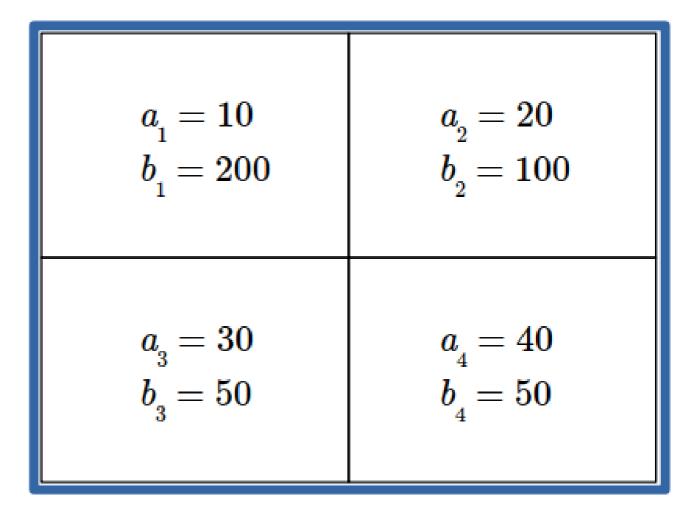
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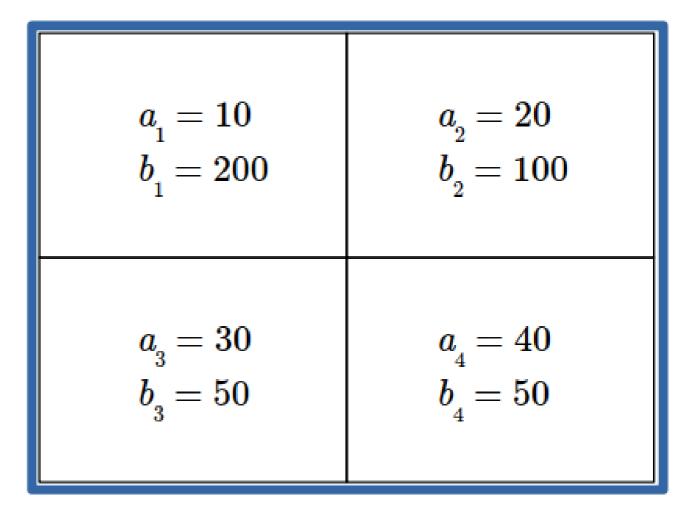
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#### Suitable Data

```
tracts.head()
```

```
white black
  state county
                 tract
     01
           001
                020100
                          1601
                                  217
0
     01
           001
                020200
                          844
                                 1214
     01
           001
                020300
                         2538
                                  647
3
     01
           001
                020400
                         4030
                                  191
     01
           001
                020500
                          8438
                                 1418
```

Source: Table P5 - 2010 Decennial Census

- white = Nonhispanic White population
- black = Nonhispanic Black population

#### Calculating the Index of Dissimilarity (D)

```
# Extract California tracts using state FIPS "06"
ca_tracts = tracts[tracts["state"] == "06"]

# Define convenience variables to hold column names
w = "white"
b = "black"
```

#### Calculating the Index of Dissimilarity (D)

```
# Print the sum of Black population for all tracts in California
print(ca_tracts[b].sum())
```

#### 2163804

```
# Print the sum of White population for all tracts in California
print(ca_tracts[w].sum())
```

#### 14956253



#### Calculating the Index of Dissimilarity (D)

$$D = rac{1}{2} \sum_i \left| rac{a_i}{A} - rac{b_i}{B} 
ight|$$

```
# Calculate Index of Dissimilarity
print(0.5 * sum(abs(
   ca_tracts[w] / ca_tracts[w].sum() - ca_tracts[b] / ca_tracts[b].sum()
   )))
```

0.6033425039167011

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## Metropolitan Segregation

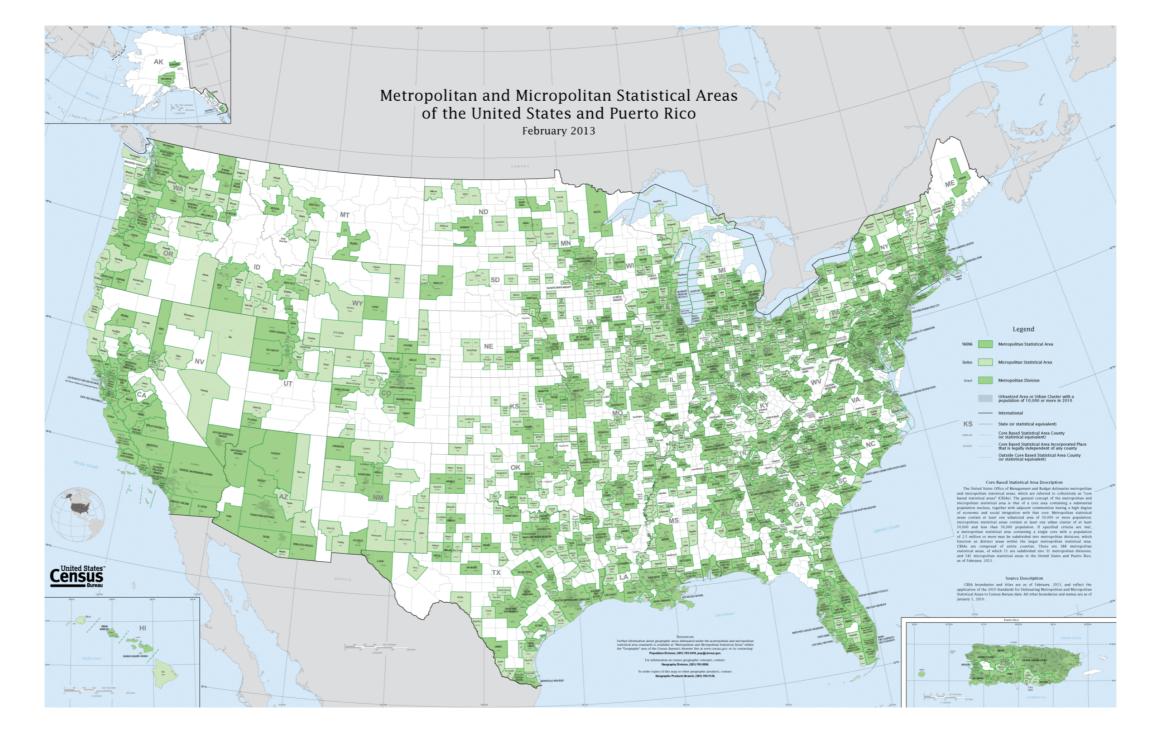
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Source: United States Census Bureau

```
import requests
# Build base URL
HOST = "https://api.census.gov/data"
year = "2012"
dataset = "acs/acs5"
base_url = "/".join([HOST, year, dataset])
# Specify requested variables
# B01001_001E = Total population (estimate)
# B03002_003E = Nonhispanic White population (estimate)
# B03002_004E = Nonhispanic Black population (estimate)
get_vars = ["NAME", "B01001_001E", "B03002_003E", "B03002_004E"]
```

```
# Specify requested variables
get_vars = ["NAME", "B01001_001E", "B03002_003E", "B03002_004E"]
# Create dictionary of predicates
predicates = {}
predicates["get"] = ",".join(get_vars)
# Requested geography
predicates["for"] = \
    "metropolitan statistical area/micropolitan statistical area:*"
```

```
r = requests.get(base_url, params=predicates)
print(r.json()[:5])
```

```
[['NAME', 'B01001_001E', 'B03002_003E', 'B03002_004E', 'metropolitan statistical area/ms ['Adjuntas, PR Micro Area', '19458', '140', '0', '10260'],
['Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastián, PR Metro Area', '305538', '5602', '231', '10380'],
['Coamo, PR Micro Area', '71596', '228', '53', '17620'],
['Fajardo, PR Metro Area', '70633', '543', '195', '21940']]
```

```
# Create user-friendly column names
col_names = ["name", "pop", "white", "black", "msa"]

# Load JSON response into data frame
msa = pd.DataFrame(columns=col_names, data=r.json()[1:])

# Cast count columns to int data type
msa[["pop", "white", "black"]] = msa["pop", "white", "black"]].astype(int)
```

#### Metropolitan Area Definition

```
black
  state county
                          white
                  tract
                 020100
     01
           001
                           1601
                                    217
0
     01
           001
                 020200
                            844
                                   1214
                 020300
     01
           001
                           2538
                                    647
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                           4030
                                   191
     01
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                                   1418
```

ı		msa	msa_name	county_name	state_name	state	county
l	0	10100	Aberdeen, SD	Brown County	South Dakota	46	013
	1	10100	Aberdeen, SD	Edmunds County	South Dakota	46	045
	2	10140	Aberdeen, WA	Grays Harbor County	Washington	53	027
	3	10180	Abilene, TX	Callahan County	Texas	48	059
	4	10180	Abilene, TX	Jones County	Texas	48	253



```
import pandas as pd
```

```
# Join data frames on matching columns
tracts_with_msa_id = pd.merge(...)
```



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# Join data frames on matching columns
tracts_with_msa_id = pd.merge(tracts, msa_def, ...)
```



import pandas as pd

```
# Join data frames on matching columns
tracts_with_msa_id = pd.merge(tracts, msa_def,
    left_on = ["state", "county"], right_on = ["state", "county"])
```

```
# Alternative when column names are the same
tracts_with_msa_id = pd.merge(tracts, msa_def, on = ["state", "county"])
```

```
# Data frame with state names
st.head()
```

```
state_name
state

01 Alabama
02 Alaska
04 Arizona
05 Arkansas
06 California
```



```
# Join tracts and st data frames
tracts_st = pd.merge(tracts, st, left_on = "state", right_index = True)
tracts_st.head()
```

```
tract
                            black state_name
state county
                      white
             020100
                      1601
                                     Alabama
   01
         001
                              217
         001
             020200
                      844
                             1214
                                     Alabama
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# Segregation Impacts: Unemployment

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#### Deciphering ACS Subject Table IDs

[B|C]ssnnn[A-I]



#### [B|C]ssnnn[A-I]

B or C = "Base Table" or "Collapsed Table"

B15002	C15002[A-I]		
No schooling	Less than high school diploma		
Nursery to 4th grade	High school grad, GED, or alt.		
5th and 6th grade	Some college or associate's		
7th and 8th grade	Bachelor's degree or higher		
9th grade			
etc			

#### [B|C]ssnnn[A-I]

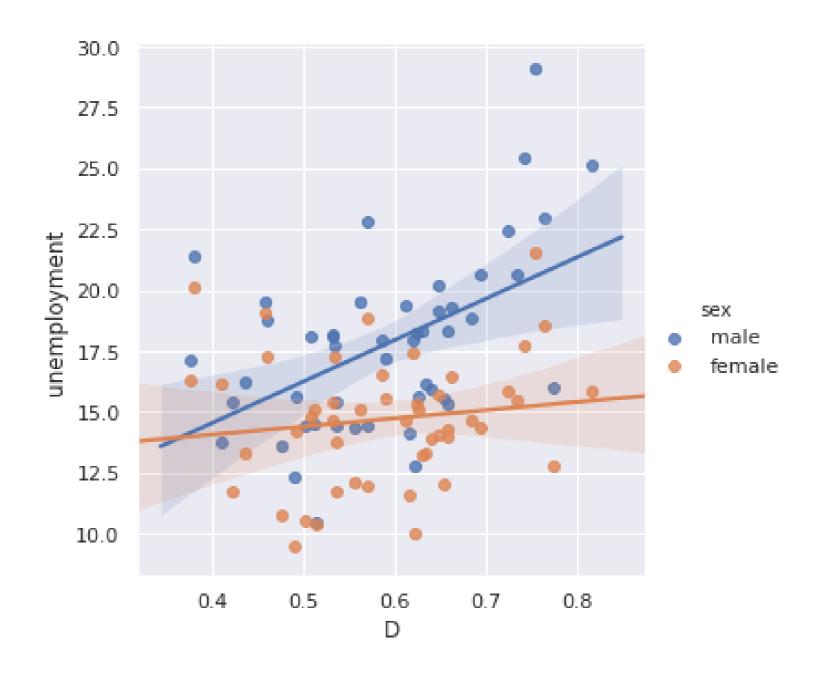
- A = White alone
- B = Black or African American Alone
- C = American Indian and Alaska Native Alone
- D = Asian Alone
- E = Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone
- F = Some Other Race Alone
- G = Two or More Races
- H = White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino
- I = Hispanic or Latino

#### [B|C]ssnnn[A-I]

- 01 = Age and Sex
- 02 = Race
- 03 = Hispanic or Latino Origin
- 05 = Foreign Born; Citizenship; Year of Entry; Nativity
- 15 = Educational Attainment
- 19 = Income (Households and Families)
- 23 = Employment Status; Work Experience; Labor Force

Source: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/which-data-tool/table-ids-explained.html

#### **Comparing Segregation Impacts**



#### **Tidy Data**

Wide data frame: msa\_labor\_force

```
msa male_lf female_lf
0 12060 400843 481425
1 25540 30656 35046
2 26420 231346 268923
3 26900 55943 71036
...
```

```
msa_labor_force.columns =
    ["msa", "male", "female"]
```

Tidy data frame: tidy\_msa\_labor\_force

```
labor_force
      msa
               sex
    12060
             male
                         400843
    25540
             male
                          30656
    26420
             male
                         231346
3
    26900
             male
                           55943
    12060
49
           female
                         481425
50
    25540
           female
                          35046
    26420
           female
51
                         268923
    26900
           female
                           71036
```

#### pandas.melt

```
tidy_msa_labor_force = msa_labor_force.melt(
   id_vars = ["msa"],
   value_vars = ["male", "female"],
   var_name = "sex",
   value_name = "labor_force"
)
```

#### pandas.melt

```
tidy_msa_labor_force
```

```
labor_force
              sex
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### Neighborhood Segregation Over Time

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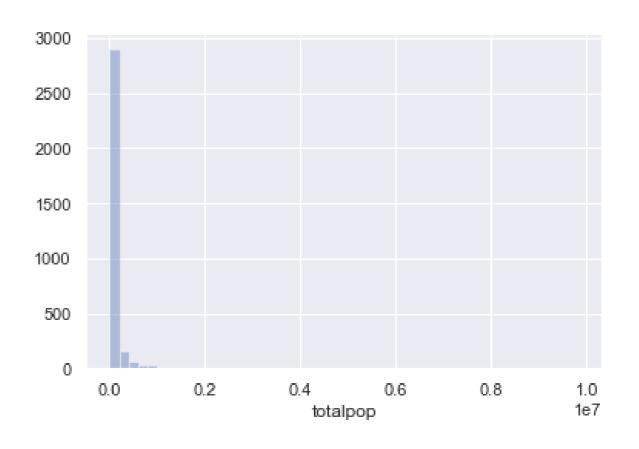




#### Histograms

counties.head()

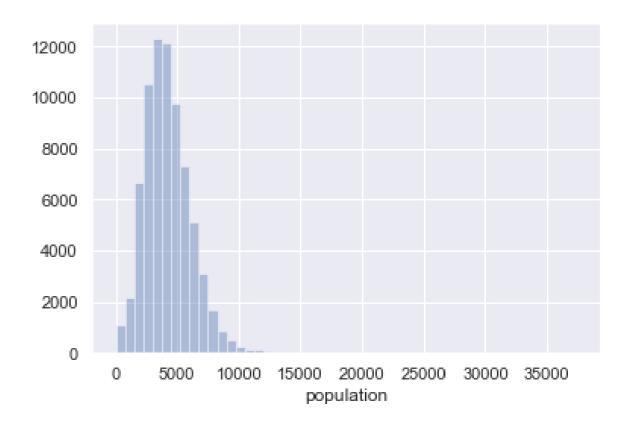
```
totalpop state county
                      001
0
      54571
                01
      22915
               01
                      007
      34215
               01
                      017
3
      25989
               01
                      019
      25833
                01
                      025
```



#### Histograms

tracts.head()

	totalpop	state	county	tract	
0	1912	01	001	020100	
1	2170	01	001	020200	
2	3373	01	001	020300	
3	4386	01	001	020400	
4	10766	01	001	020500	





IPUMS NHGIS, University of Minnesota, www.nhgis.org



#### NHGIS vs. Census Bureau FTP

- 1. Historical data going back to 1790 (first United States Census)
- 2. GIS files for mapping Census data
- 3. Time series data for consistent geographic areas

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