POLSCI 9590: Methods I

Learning About and Visualizing Data

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Questions?



Required Packages

R

Python

Stata

For what we're doing today, you will need to install the DAMisc and the uwo4419 packages from github.

```
install.packages("remotes")
remotes::install_github("davidaarmstrong/damisc")
remotes::install_github("davidaarmstrong/uwo4419")
```

```
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
library(rio)
library(scales)
library(uwo4419)
library(DAMisc)
```

Sometimes when you install packages, you will be alerted to packages you currently have that have been updated since you installed them. For me, it looked like this (updating all is slightly preferred):

```
These packages have more recent versions available.

It is recommended to update all of them.

Which would you like to update?

1: All

2: CRAN packages only

3: None

4: vroom (1.5.4 -> 1.5.5 ) [CRAN]

5: e1071 (1.7-8 -> 1.7-9 ) [CRAN]

6: DescTools (0.99.42 -> 0.99.43) [CRAN]

Enter one or more numbers, or an empty line to skip updates:
```



Import the data

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ces19 <- import("ces19.dta")</pre>



Frequency Distributions

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freqDist(ces19\$educ)

ces19\$educ <- factorize(ces19\$educ)
fregDist(ces19\$educ)</pre>



Summary Statistics

```
sumStats(ces19, "leader_lib")
## # A tibble: 1 × 11
    variable
               mean
                      sd iqr
                                min
                                     q25
                                           q50
                                                q75
                                                      max
    <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 leader_lib 43.4
                    30.8
                            61
                                            50
                                                      100 2799
```



Summary Statistics by Group

```
sumStats(ces19, "leader_lib", byvar="educ")
## # A tibble: 4 × 12
    variable
              educ
                                sd
                                    igr
                                          min
                                                q25
                                                      q50
                                                           q75
                                                                 max
                                                                             nNA
                        mean
    <chr>
               <fct>
                       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 leader_lib <HS</pre>
                        35.7 32.6
                                                          60
                                                                 100
                                                                       491
## 2 leader_lib HS/Col... 38.9 30.3 58.5
                                            0 6.5
                                                         65
                                                                     1029
## 3 leader_lib Colleg...
                       50.1 29.2 46
                                            0 29
                                                       55 75
                                                                 100 1272
## 4 leader_lib <NA>
                             29.4 32.5
                                                       9 39.5
```



Quantile

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You can find any percentile you want using the quantile() function. Below is how we would find the 62^{nd} percentile of the leader_lib variable.

```
quantile(ces19$leader_lib, .62, na.rm=TRUE)
## 62%
## 60
```

You can also find multiple percentiles at once.

```
quantile(ces19$leader_lib, c(.38, .62), na.rm=TRUE)
## 38% 62%
## 29 60
```

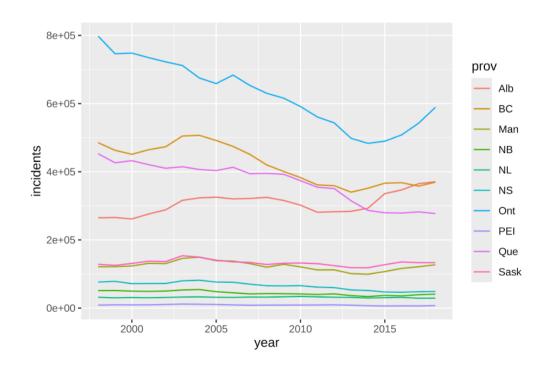


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You can get the crime data from the course OWL page.

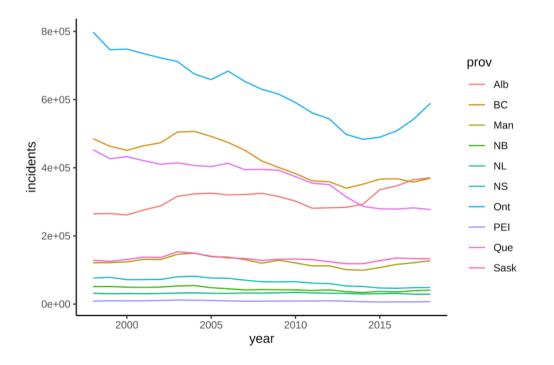




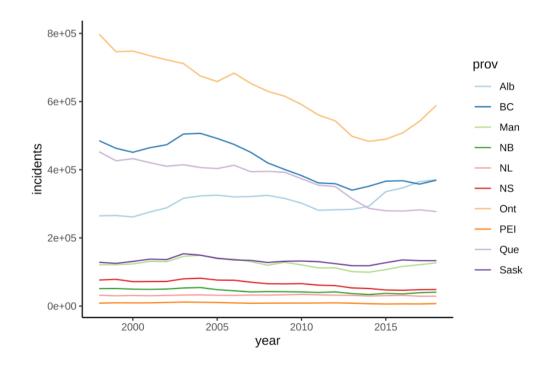
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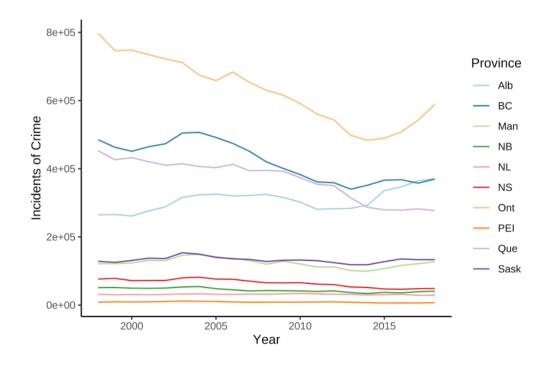
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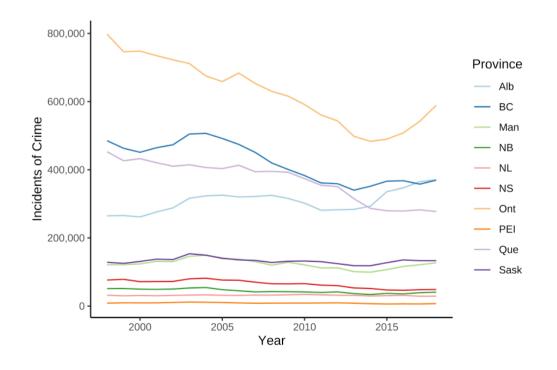






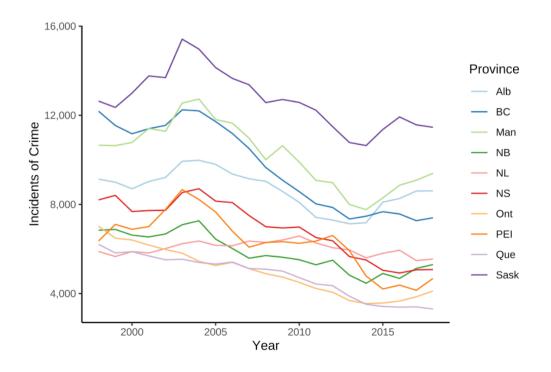








Rates

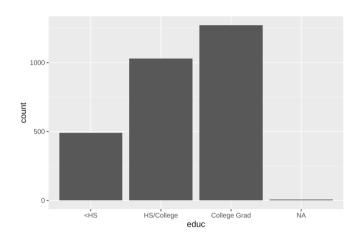




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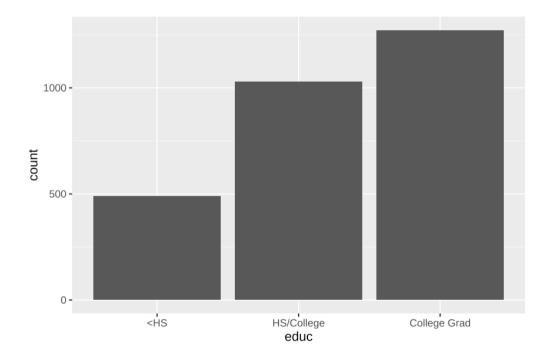
freqDist(ces19\$educ)

```
ggplot(ces19, aes(x=educ)) +
  geom_bar()
```

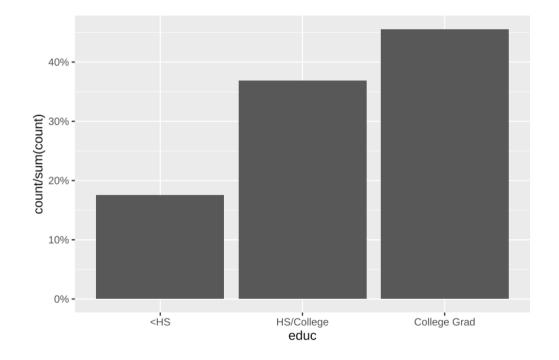




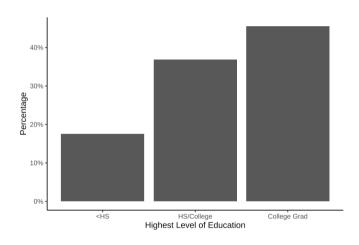
```
ces19 %>% filter(!is.na(educ)) %>%
ggplot(aes(x=educ)) +
  geom_bar()
```







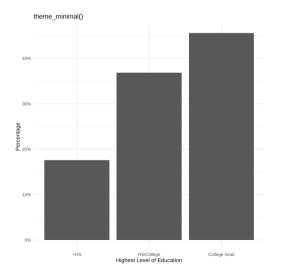




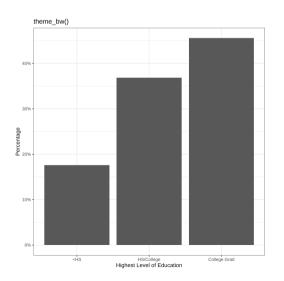


Some other themes:

```
g + theme_minimal() + ggtitle("theme_minimal()")
```



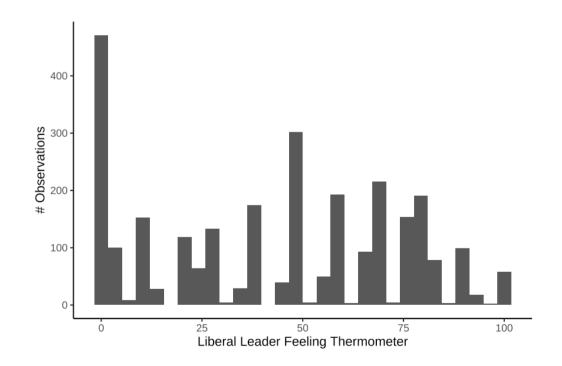






Histogram

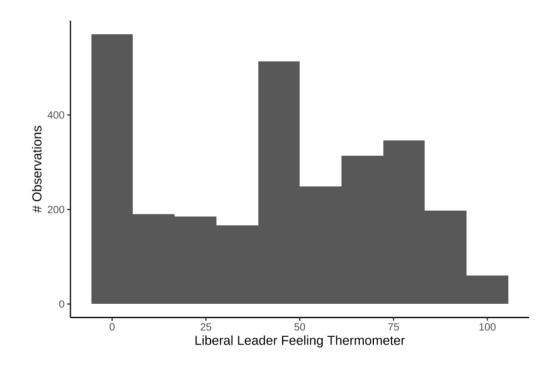
```
ggplot(ces19, aes(x=leader_lib)) +
  geom_histogram() +
  theme_classic() +
  labs(
    x="Liberal Leader Feeling Thermometer",
    y="# Observations")
```





Histogram

```
ggplot(ces19, aes(x=leader_lib)) +
  geom_histogram(bins=10) +
  theme_classic() +
  labs(
    x="Liberal Leader Feeling Thermometer",
    y="# Observations")
```





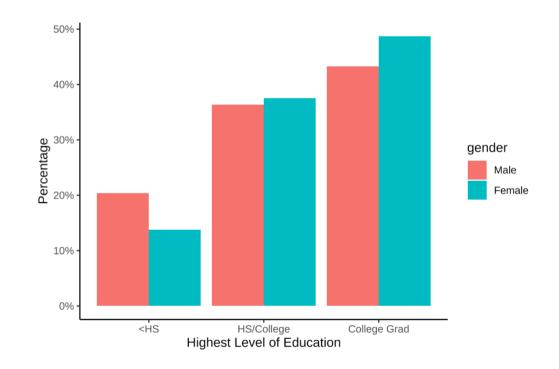
Exercises

- 1. Using the gss data
 - Make a bar plot of SRH_110
 - Make a bar plot of SRH_115
 - Make a histogram of resilience



Grouped Bar Charts: Education by Gender

```
ces19 %>%
  filter(!is.na(educ)) %>%
  group_by(gender, educ) %>%
  summarise(n = n()) %>%
  ungroup %>%
  group_by(gender) %>%
  mutate(prop = n/sum(n)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=educ,
             y=prop,
             fill=gender)) +
    geom_bar(position = position_dodge(),
             stat="identity") +
    scale_y_continuous(label=
            label_percent(accuracy=2)) +
    theme_classic() +
    labs(x="Highest Level of Education",
         y="Percentage")
```





Review

- 1. Reading in Data
- 2. Frequency Distributions/Summary Statistics
- 3. Graphs
 - Line Graph
 - Bar Plot
 - Histogram