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Tools for EJSCREEN, US EPA's Environmental Justice (EJ) Screening and Mapping Tool

Description

This R package provides tools related to environmental justice (EJ) analysis, specifically related to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) screening and mapping/GIS tool called EJSCREEN. See http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen This package facilitates development of the EJSCREEN dataset, based on user-provided environmental indicators. The resulting dataset is a data.frame that contains data on demographics (e.g., percent of residents who are low-income) and user-provided local environmental indicators (e.g., an air quality index), and calculated indicators called EJ Indexes, which combine environmental and demographic indicators. The dataset also provides each key indicator as a national population-percentile that represents what percentage of the US population have equal or lower raw values for the given indicator. The dataset has one row per spatial location (e.g., Census block group).

Details

Key functions include

- ejscreen.create
- ejscreen.lookuptables
- Various functions from the **ejanalysis** package are also relevant.

References

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http://ejanalysis.github.io
http://www.ejanalysis.com/
http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen
```

ejscreen.acs.calc

Create Calculated EJSCREEN Variables

Description

Use specified formulas to create calculated, derived variables such as percent low income. Relies upon calc.fields from analyze.stuff package.

Usage

```
ejscreen.acs.calc(bg, folder = getwd(), keep.old, keep.new, formulafile,
  formulas)
```

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Arguments

bg	Data.frame of raw demographic data counts, and environmental indicators, for each block group, such as population or number of Hispanics.
folder	Default is getwd(). Specifies path for where to read from (if formulafile specified) and write to.
keep.old	Vector of variables names from names(bg), indicating which to return (retain, not drop). Default is to keep only the ones that match the list of default names in this code. Or this can be simply 'all' which means keep all input fields.
keep.new	Vector of variables names of new created variables, indicating which to return (retain, not drop). Default is to keep a specific list of fields (see source code). Or this can be simply 'all' which means keep all new fields.
formulafile	Name of optional csv file with column called formula, providing formulas as character fields. If not specified, function loads this as data(ejscreenformulas). Example of one formula: 'pctunder5 <- ifelse(pop==0,0, under5/pop)' Use a result of zero in cases where the denominator is zero, to avoid division by zero. For example, the formula 'pctmin <- ifelse(pop==0,0, as.numeric(mins) / pop)' indicates that percent minority is calculated as the ratio of number of minorities over total population of a block group, but is set to zero if the population is zero.
formulas	Options vector of formulas as character strings that contain R statements in the form "var1 <- var2 + var3" for example. Either formulafile or formulas can be specified (or neither) but not both (error). Formulas should be in the same format as a formulafile field or the contents of ejscreenformulas (via data(ejscreenformulas)

Value

Returns a data.frame with some or all of input fields (those in keep.old), plus calculated new fields (those in keep.new).

Examples

```
set.seed(99)
envirodata=data.frame(FIPS=analyze.stuff::lead.zeroes(1:1000, 12),
    air=rlnorm(1000), water=rlnorm(1000)*5, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
demogdata=data.frame(FIPS=analyze.stuff::lead.zeroes(1:1000, 12),
    pop=rnorm(n=1000, mean=1400, sd=200), mins=runif(1000, 0, 800),
    num2pov=runif(1000, 0,500), stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
demogdata$povknownratio <- demogdata$pop
x=ejscreen.acs.calc(bg=demogdata)</pre>
```

or lazy loading like $x \leftarrow$ ejscreenformulas).

ejscreen.acs.rename

Rename Fields of ACS Data for Use in EJSCREEN

Description

Start with raw counts from demographic survey data, and environmental data, and rename fields to use friendly variable names.

Usage

```
ejscreen.acs.rename(acsraw, folder = getwd(), formulafile)
```

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Arguments

acsraw Data.frame of raw data counts for each block group, such as population or num-

ber of Hispanics.

folder Default is getwd(). Specifies path for where to read from (if formulafile speci-

fied) and write to.

formulafile Default if this is blank is to use data(ejscreenformulas). Otherwise filename

must be specified. If not specified, function loads this as data().

Value

Returns a data.frame with some or all of input fields, plus calculated new fields.

Examples

```
# (no examples yet)
```

ejscreen.create

Create EJSCREEN Dataset from Environmental Indicators

Description

Start with raw environmental indicator data, and create full EJSCREEN dataset. This code also contains an outline of steps involved.

Usage

```
ejscreen.create(e, acsraw, folder = getwd(), keep.old, formulas,
  demogvarname0 = "VSI.eo", demogvarname1 = "VSI.svi6",
  wtsvarname = "pop", checkfips = TRUE, EJprefix0 = "EJ.DISPARITY",
  EJprefix1 = "EJ.BURDEN", EJprefix2 = "EJ.PCT",
  ejformulasfromcode = FALSE, demogvarname0suffix = "eo",
  demogvarname1suffix = "svi6", end.year, threshold = FALSE, cutoff = 0.8,
  thresholdfieldnames)
```

Arguments

formulas

е	Data.frame of raw data for environmental indicators, one row per block group, one column per indicator.
acsraw	Optional data.frame of raw demographic indicators. Downloaded if not provided as parameter.
folder	Optional, default is getwd(). Passed to get.acs if demog data must be downloaded. Passed to but not currently used by ejscreen.acs.rename which uses change.fieldnames in analyze.stuff package. Not currently passed to ejscreen.acs.calc which uses calc.fields in analyze.stuff package.
keep.old	optional vector of colnames from e that are to be used/returned. For nondefault colnames, this must be used.

optional, see ejscreen.acs.calc for details. Defaults are in ejscreenformulas\$formula Note that if formulas is specified, ejformulasfromcode is ignored.

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optional, default is 'VSI.eo' used as demographic indicator for EJ Indexes. Must

be a colname in acsraw or created and kept by formulas. optional, default is 'VSI.svi6' used for alternative EJ Indexes. Must be a coldemogvarname1 name in acsraw or created and kept by formulas. optional, default is 'pop' used for weighted percentiles, etc. Must be a colname wtsvarname in acsraw or created and kept by formulas. optional, default is TRUE. If TRUE, verifies all FIPS are valid. To use something checkfips other than actual US FIPS codes, set this to FALSE. EJprefix0 optional, default is 'EJ.DISPARITY' - specifies prefix for colnames of main EJ Indexes, with a period separating prefix from body of colname optional, default is 'EJ.BURDEN' - specifies prefix for colnames of Alternative EJprefix1 1 version of EJ Indexes, with a period separating prefix from body of colname optional, default is 'EJ.PCT' - specifies prefix for colnames of Alternative 2 EJprefix2 version of EJ Indexes, with a period separating prefix from body of colname ejformulasfromcode optional, default is FALSE. If TRUE, use EJ Index formulas built into this function instead of the EJ Index formulas in ejscreenformulas. The parameters such as demogvarname0 are only used if ejformulasfromcode=TRUE. Note that if formulas is specified, ejformulasfromcode is ignored. demogvarname0suffix optional, default is 'eo' - specifies suffix for colnames of EJ Indexes based on demogvarname0, with a period separating body of colname from suffix demogvarname1suffix optional, default is 'svi6' - specifies suffix for colnames of EJ Indexes based on demogvarname1, with a period separating body of colname from suffix optional to pass to get.acs (such as end.year='2013' - otherwise uses default end.year year used by get.acs) threshold optional, default is FALSE. Set to TRUE to add a column (called 'flag') to results that is TRUE when one or more of certain percentiles (US EJ Index) in a block

 $\label{threshold} fines \ the \ threshold \ against \ which \ percentiles \ are \ compared.$ threshold field names

cutoff

checkfips

demogvarname0

optional, default is standard EJSCREEN EJ Indexes built into code. Otherwise, vector of character class fieldnames, specifying which fields to compare to cutoff if threshold—TRUE

optional, default is 0.80 (80th percentile). If threshold=TRUE, then cutoff de-

if threshold=TRUE.

group (row) exceed cutoff.

optional, default is TRUE. If TRUE, function checks to verify all FIPS codes appear to be valid US FIPS (correct number of characters, adding any leading

zero needed, and checking the first five to ensure valid county)

Details

**Note that if non-default fieldnames are used in e and/or acsraw, those must be specified in parameters including demogvarname0, demogvarname1, wtsvarname, keep.old (and could be reflected in prefix and suffix params as well).

Value

Returns a data.frame with full ejscreen dataset of environmental and demographics indicators, and EJ Indexes, as raw values, US percentiles, and text for popups. Output has one row per block group.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
 set.seed(99)
envirodata=data.frame(FIPS=analyze.stuff::lead.zeroes(1:1000, 12),
   air=rlnorm(1000), water=rlnorm(1000)*5, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
demogdata=data.frame(FIPS=analyze.stuff::lead.zeroes(1:1000, 12),
   pop=rnorm(n=1000, mean=1400, sd=200), mins=runif(1000, 0, 800),
   num2pov=runif(1000, 0,500), stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
 demogdata$povknownratio <- demogdata$pop</pre>
 # downloads ACS demographics and combines with user provided envirodata:
 # bg1=ejscreen.create(envirodata, mystates=c('de','dc'))
 # currently does not work for nonstandard colnames
 # unless keep.old used as follows (work in progress):
y=ejscreen.create(e=envirodata, acsraw=demogdata,
  keep.old = c(names(envirodata), names(demogdata)),
   demogvarname0 = 'pctmin', demogvarname1 = 'pctlowinc', wtsvarname = 'pop' )
## End(Not run)
```

ejscreen.lookuptables Create EJSCREEN Lookup Tables of Pop. Percentiles by Zone

Description

*** Work in progress as of mid 2015. Start with raw environmental, demographic, and EJ indicator data, and write as csv files to disk a series of lookup tables that show population percentiles and mean values for each indicator.

Usage

```
ejscreen.lookuptables(x, weights = x$pop, cols, zonecols = c("ST",
   "REGION"), folder = getwd(), missingcode = NA)
```

Arguments

X	Data.frame of indicators, one row per block group, one column per indicator.
weights	Weights for percentiles – Default is population count to provide population percentiles.
cols	Optional vector of colnames of x that need percentile lookup tables, or 'all' which means all numeric fields in x . Default is a standard set of EJSCREEN fieldnames defined within this function (see source code).
zonecols	Optional. Must set to NULL if no zones wanted, because default is c('ST', 'REGION'), names of cols in x that contain zone codes, such as State names or Region numbers, used to create a lookup table file for each of the zonecols, with separate percentiles calculated within each zone.
folder	Default is getwd() - specifies where to save the csv files.
missingcode	Leave this unspecified if missing values are set to NA in the input data. Default is -9999999 (but if already NA then do not specify anything for this). The number

or value in the input data that designates a missing value.

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Details

Percentiles are calculated as exact values and then rounded down to the nearest 0-100 percentile. This calculates percentiles among only the non-NA values. In other words, people in places with missing data are excluded from the calculation. This means the percentile is the percent of people with valid data (i.e., not NA) who have a tied or lower value.

Value

Overall lookup table(s) as data.frame (but not zonal ones). Creates lookup tables saved as csv files to specified folder. One table for overall percentiles, and one for each of the zonecols (unless that is set to NULL).

Examples

```
## Not run:
    set.seed(99)
    envirodata=data.frame(FIPS=analyze.stuff::lead.zeroes(1:1000, 12),
        air=rlnorm(1000), water=rlnorm(1000)*5, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
    demogdata=data.frame(FIPS=analyze.stuff::lead.zeroes(1:1000, 12),
        pop=rnorm(n=1000, mean=1400, sd=200), stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
    x=ejscreen.lookuptables(envirodata, weights=demogdata$pop, cols='all', zonecols=NULL)
## End(Not run)
```

ejscreenformulas

EJSCREEN 2015 Formulas and Fieldnames

Description

This provides fieldnames and formulas required by the **ejscreen** package. Formulas can be viewed this way: sort(ejscreenformulas\$formula)

Usage

```
data('ejscreenformulas')
```

Format

A data.frame:

```
> str(ejscreenformulas)
'data.frame': 470 obs. of 8 variables:
```

- \$ gdbfieldname : chr NA NA NA NA ...
- \$ Rfieldname : chr "ageunder5m" "age5to9m" "age10to14m" "age15to17m" ...
- \$ acsfieldname : chr "B01001.003" "B01001.004" "B01001.005" "B01001.006" ...
- \$ type : chr "ACS" "ACS" "ACS" "ACS" ...
- \$ glossaryfieldname: chr NA NA NA NA ...
- \$ formula : chr NA NA NA NA ...

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• \$ acsfieldnamelong : chr "Under 5 years|SEX BY AGE" "5 to 9 years|SEX BY AGE" "10 to 14 years|SEX BY AGE" "15 to 17 years|SEX BY AGE" ...

• \$ universe : chr "Universe: Total population" "Universe: Total population" "Universe: Total population" ...

Source

See related Technical Documentation at http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen

See Also

ejscreenformulasnoej names.evars names.dvars names.ejvars

ejscreenformulasnoej EJSCREEN 2015 Formulas and Fieldnames Excluding EJ Index Formulas

Description

This provides fieldnames and formulas required by the **ejscreen** package. Formulas can be viewed this way: sort(ejscreenformulas\$formula) This excludes the EJ Index formulas for cases where those are to be calculated using code separately.

Usage

```
data('ejscreenformulasnoej')
```

Format

A data.frame:

> str(ejscreenformulas)

'data.frame': 470 obs. of 8 variables:

- \$ gdbfieldname : chr NA NA NA NA ...
- \$ Rfieldname : chr "ageunder5m" "age5to9m" "age10to14m" "age15to17m" ...
- \$ acsfieldname : chr "B01001.003" "B01001.004" "B01001.005" "B01001.006" ...
- \$ type : chr "ACS" "ACS" "ACS" "ACS" ...
- \$ glossaryfieldname: chr NA NA NA NA ...
- \$ formula : chr NA NA NA NA ...
- \$ acsfieldnamelong : chr "Under 5 years|SEX BY AGE" "5 to 9 years|SEX BY AGE" "10 to 14 years|SEX BY AGE" "15 to 17 years|SEX BY AGE" ...
- \$ universe : chr "Universe: Total population" "Universe: Total population" "Universe: Total population" ...

Source

See related Technical Documentation at http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen

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See Also

ejscreenformulas names.evars names.dvars names.ejvars

ejscreensignifarray

Specify Significant Digits for Each Column of EJSCREEN Indicators

Description

Given a matrix or numeric data.frame, round each column to a specified column-specific number of significant digits. This function provides default values significant digits to use for an EJSCREEN environmental dataset. This is a wrapper for analyze.stuff::signifarray which is a wrapper that applies signif() to a matrix or data.frame.

Usage

```
ejscreensignifarray(dat, digits = "ejscreen")
```

Arguments

dat

Required, matrix or numeric data.frame with the values to be rounded.

digits

Optional, 'ejscreen' by default. Can be a vector as long as the number of columns in dat, where each elements specifies the number of significant digits to retain for numbers in the corresponding column of dat. If 'ejscreen' it specifies using the default settings described below in details, in which case colnames(dat) must be exactly the same (but in any order) as defaultcolnames below.

Details

Sig figs used if digits specified as 'ejscreen' are:

defaultcolname dig

1 pm 3

2 o3 3

3 cancer 2

4 neuro 2

5 resp 2

6 dpm 3

7 pctpre1960 2

8 traffic.score 2

9 proximity.npl 2

10 proximity.rmp 2

11 proximity.tsdf 2

12 proximity.npdes 2

Value

Returns dat, but with numbers rounded based on digits parameter.

See Also

```
signifarray signif
```

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Examples

```
ejscreensignifarray(data.frame(a=rnorm(10), b=rnorm(10), c=rnorm(10)), 1:3)
envirodata <- data.frame(matrix(rnorm(12*10), ncol=12)); data("names.evars"); names(envirodata) <- names.e
ejscreensignifarray(envirodata)
```

names.dvars

Fieldnames of demographic columns in ejscreen package data

Description

This data set provides variables that hold the colnames of demographic fields in data.frames that may be used in the ejscreen package to make it easier to refer to them as a vector, e.g., mydf[, names.e]

Usage

```
data('names.dvars'); names.d
```

Format

A series of variables (each is a character vector of colnames):

- "names.d" (VSI.eo, VSI.svi6, pctmin, pctlowinc, pctlths, pctlingiso, pctunder5, pctover64)
- "names.d.bin"
- "names.d.eo"
- · "names.d.eo.bin"
- "names.d.eo.pctile"
- "names.d.pctile"
- "names.d.subgroups"
- "names.d.subgroups.count"
- "names.d.subgroups.pct"
- "names.d.svi6"
- "names.d.svi6.bin"
- "names.d.svi6.pctile" #'
- "Dlist" (this one is like names.d, but as a list, not a vector)

Source

Names developed for this package. No external data source.

See Also

```
ejscreenformulas names.evars names.dvars names.ejvars
```

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names.ejvars	Fieldnames of environmental justice indicator columns in ejscreen package data

Description

This data set provides variables that hold the colnames of environmental indicator fields in data.frames that may be used in the ejscreen package to make it easier to refer to them as a vector, e.g., mydf[, names.ej]

Usage

```
data('names.ejvars')
```

Format

A series of variables (each is a character vector of colnames):

- "names.ej"
- "names.ej.bin"
- "names.ej.burden.eo"
- "names.ej.burden.eo.bin"
- "names.ej.burden.eo.pctile"
- "names.ej.burden.svi6"
- "names.ej.burden.svi6.bin"
- "names.ej.burden.svi6.pctile"
- "names.ej.pct.eo"
- "names.ej.pct.eo.bin"
- "names.ej.pct.eo.pctile"
- "names.ej.pct.svi6"
- "names.ej.pct.svi6.bin"
- "names.ej.pct.svi6.pctile"
- · "names.ej.pctile"
- "names.ej.svi6"
- "names.ej.svi6.bin"
- "names.ej.svi6.pctile"
- "namesall.ej"
- "namesall.ej.bin"
- · "namesall.ej.pctile"

Source

Names developed for this package. No external data source.

See Also

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names.evars

Fieldnames of environmental indicator columns in ejscreen package data

Description

This data set provides variables that hold the colnames of environmental indicator fields in data.frames that may be used in the ejscreen package to make it easier to refer to them as a vector, e.g., mydf[, names.e]

Usage

```
data('names.evars')
```

Format

A series of variables (each is a character vector of colnames):

- "names.e" (pm, o3, cancer, neuro, resp, dpm, pctpre1960, traffic.score, proximity.npl, proximity.rmp, proximity.tsdf, proximity.npdes)
- "names.e.bin"
- "names.e.pctile"
- "Elist" (this one is like names.e, but as a list, not a vector)

Source

Names developed for this package. No external data source.

See Also

ejscreenformulas names.evars names.dvars names.ejvars

ustotals

Get US Totals and Percentages Overall for EJSCREEN Fields

Description

This function simply takes a data.frame of EJSCREEN demographic data and returns the total count or overall US percentage for various fields, by using the appropriate denominator (universe) to calculate any given percentage. For example, PCTLOWINC.US equals sum(lowinc) / sum(povknownratio), not sum(lowinc) / sum(pop). This function is hard-coded to use specified field names referring to EJSCREEN variables. This function is not needed to create an EJSCREEN dataset, but is convenient if one wants US summary values.

Usage

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Arguments

bg Must be a data.frame that has the following colnames:

- pop,
- lowinc,
- mins,
- under5,
- over64,
- lths,
- lingiso,
- pre1960,
- hisp,
- nhwa,
- nhba,
- nhaiana,
- nhaa,
- nhnhpia,
- nhotheralone,
- nhmulti,
- povknownratio,
- age25up,
- hhlds,
- builtunits

Value

Returns a named list of US totals and percentages (as fractions 0-100) (e.g., POP.US=xxxx, etc.):

- POP.US,
- LOWINC.US,
- MINS.US,
- UNDER5.US,
- OVER64.US,
- LTHS.US,
- LINGISO.US,
- PRE1960.US,
- HISP.US,
- NHWA.US,
- NHBA.US,
- NHAIANA.US,
- NHAA.US,
- NHNHPIA.US,
- NHOTHERALONE.US,
- NHMULTI.US,

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- PCTLOWINC.US,
- PCTMIN.US,
- PCTUNDER5.US,
- PCTOVER64.US,
- PCTLTHS.US,
- PCTLINGISO.US,
- PCTPRE1960.US,
- PCTHISP.US,
- PCTNHWA.US,
- PCTNHBA.US,
- PCTNHAIANA.US,
- PCTNHAA.US,
- PCTNHNHPIA.US,
- PCTNHOTHERALONE.US,
- PCTNHMULTI.US

Examples

```
usapprox=data.frame(pop=rep(1419.767,217739),lowinc=464.4692,mins=515.4554,under5=92.48634, over64=186.7899,lths=134.0128,lingiso=24.68058, pre1960=183.3237,hisp=232.1370, nhwa=904.3119,nhba=173.5408,nhaiana=9.418460, nhaa=67.47893,nhnhpia=2.204764, nhotheralone=2.829952,nhmulti=27.84555, povknownratio=1383.92,age25up=938.4447, hhlds=529.1969,builtunits=604.5883) cbind( ustotals(usapprox) )
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