NETWORK ANALYSIS AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSIGNMENT Understanding the Census Transportation Planning Package

Due before the end of Sunday, March 30th

This assignment provides an introduction to integrating "Journey to Work" data from the Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP) into ArcGIS. This assignment focuses on analyzing the transportation mode choice for commuters.

The assignment guides you through the following steps:

- Downloading data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics website
- Adding the data to ArcGIS
- Extracting a subset of data and creating maps displaying CTPP information

Although this assignment uses data from New York City, the same techniques can be applied to other parts of the country.

SOFTWARE

This assignment uses both ArcGIS and Microsoft Access.

DATASETS

This assignment uses two datasets for the New York City region:

- Census Tract shapefile for New York City metropolitan region, containing all census tracts within 100 miles of Central Park
- State boundary for all states with part of the state within 100 miles of Central Park

ABOUT THE CENSUS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PACKAGE

The CTPP is a set of tabulations from the long-form of the decennial census, designed to gather information useful for transportation planning. It contains three data products:

- Tabulations at Residency (121 tables): By place of residency. Provides summary tables that describe persons, household and workers characteristics by place of residence.
- Tabulations at Work (88 tables): By place of work. Summarizes information about workers such as industry, sex, age, occupational class and time of arrival at work by place of work.
- Journeys to Work (14 tables): Provides detailed information abou the commute trip from home to work, allowing the user to obtain such information as the origin and destination of each commuting trip, the travel time of the trip, when the trip began or ended, including people per vehicle and travel mode.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Selecting the appropriate data from the CTPP

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) provides a portal for downloading tables from the 2000 CTPP. This site functions as a simplified version of the Census' American Factfinder.

On a browser go to the following link:

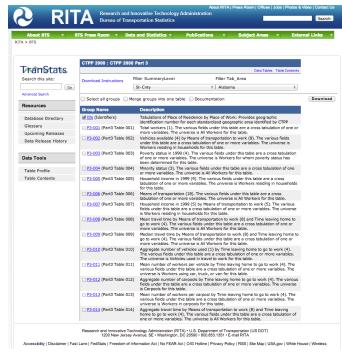
http://www.transtats.bts.gov/DL SelectFields.asp?Table ID=1348&DB Short Name=CTPP%202000

The download page for the CTPP 2000 Part 3 is shown here.

At the top of the list is the IDs table, containing geographic identifying information. Each record in this table consists of a pair of Home and Work locations. The remainder of the list is the data tables, P3-001 through P3-014. Each of these tables is listed along with a brief description of the contents.

This assignment focuses on mode choice (how many workers use each type of transportation to get to work). The logical table for this is P3-006, which lists each mode of transportation and the number of workers who used it to get from home to work.

Unfortunately, there are severe limitations with table P3-006 that are not readily apparent. This table is subject to a data privacy threshold



imposed by the Census Bureau for the CTPP. Specifically, records with fewer than three un-weighted home to work pairs for a given field are set to zero. At the census tract level this occurs often in this table because the data is split into 17 transportation modes and further disaggregated into a very large number of home to work location pairs. This was ostensibly applied by the Census Bureau to protect the privacy of individuals and was applied to tables p3-003 through P3-007.

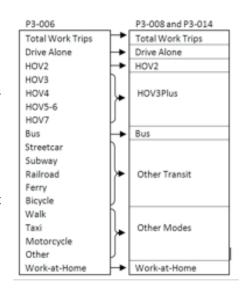
However, there's a workaround for the threshold problem. Two other tables in the CTPP Part 3 can be used to estimate the number of workers using each mode of transportation to get to work. Table P3-008 contains the "mean travel time by means of transportation to work" and table P3-014 contains the "aggregate travel time by means of transportation to work". Dividing the aggregate travel time by mean travel time can be used to estimate the number of workers for each home to work location pairs.

Number of workers = Aggregate travel time / Average travel time

This method is not a perfect replacement for table P3-006. The P3-008/P3-014 combination has only 8 transportation mode variables instead of the 18 variables modes in table P3-006. This is accomplished by combining multiple modes into single variables. The figure on the right shows how these variables are combined.

Another limitation of this method is that it doesn't work well for calculating the number of workers working at home. This method divides aggregate travel time by the average travel time; however it takes workers zero minutes to travel to work if they work at home.

A final note of caution: the CTPP data is rounded. All of its tables (except mean, median and standard deviation tables) are subject



to the following rounding rules:

- 0 is kept as 0
- 1 7 is rounded to 4
- Anything above 7 is rounded to the nearest multiple of 5

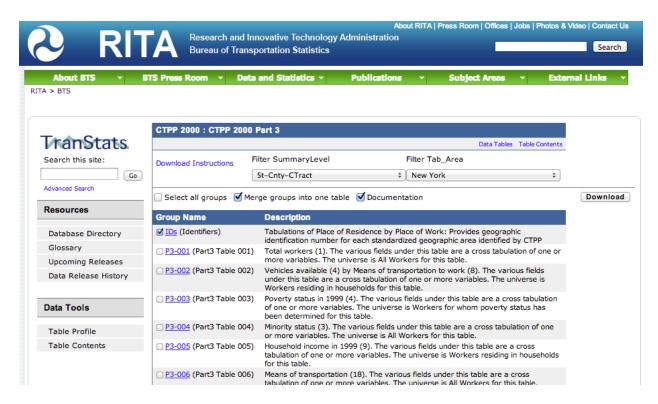
This can lead to discrepancies amongst the total values within tables. The rounding of CTPP tables is not a fatal flaw, but should be kept in mind when analyzing tables.

2. Download data from CTPP:

At the top of the BTS website, select the GEography and State. In this assignment we will be downloading census tract level data for New York State.

In the first pull-down menu, select "St-Cnty-CTract". In the second one, select "New York".

In the next section, check the boxes for "Merge groups into one table" and "select documentation".



Next, to select the tables we are using, do not check the box for the tables. Instead, click on the name of the tables (P3-008 and P3-014) to open up a list of the variables.

Table P3-008 breaks each of the 8 mode variables further into different time periods, but for our purposes we only want the totals. Because of this, for each of the 8 variables, only select the first instance. Thus for table P3-008, select the following variables to download:

- 1. T308C1 1
- 2. T308C2 1
- 3. T308C3 1
- 4. T308C4 1
- 5. T308C5_1

- 6. T308C6_1
- 7. T308C7_1
- 8. T308C8_1

	is Workers residing in households for this table.
<u>P3-008</u> (Part3	Table 008) Mean travel time by Means of transportation to work (8) and Time leaving home to go to work (4). The various fields under this table are a cross tabulation of one or more variables. The universe is All Workers for this table.
▼ T308C1_1	All Workers; For All 8 Categories Of Means Of Transportation To Work; For All 4 Categories Of Time Leaving Home To Go To Work
□ T308C1_2	All Workers; For All 8 Categories Of Means Of Transportation To Work; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 5:00 A.M. To 8:59 A.M.
□ T308C1_3	All Workers; For All 8 Categories Of Means Of Transportation To Work; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 9:00 A.M. To 4:59 A.M.
□ T308C1_4	All Workers; For All 8 Categories Of Means Of Transportation To Work; Who Worked At Home
□ T308C2_1	All Workers; Who Drove Alone; For All 4 Categories Of Time Leaving Home To Go To Work
□ T308C2_2	All Workers; Who Drove Alone; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 5:00 A.M. To 8:59 A.M.
□ T308C2_3	All Workers; Who Drove Alone; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 9:00 A.M. To 4:59 A.M.
□ T308C2_4	All Workers; Who Drove Alone; Who Worked At Home
▼ T308C3_1	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 2-Person Carpool; For All 4 Categories Of Time Leaving Home To Go To Work
□ T308C3_2	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 2-Person Carpool; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 5:00 A.M. To 8:59 A.M.
□ T308C3_3	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 2-Person Carpool; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 9:00 A.M. To 4:59 A.M.
□ T308C3_4	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 2-Person Carpool; Who Worked At Home
☑ T308C4_1	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 3-Or-More-Person Carpool; For All 4 Categories Of Time Leaving Home To Go To Work
□ T308C4_2	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 3-Or-More-Person Carpool; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 5:00 A.M. To 8:59 A.M.
□ T308C4_3	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 3-Or-More-Person Carpool; Time Leaving Home To Go To Work Is From 9:00 A.M. To 4:59 A.M.
□ T308C4_4	All Workers; Who Travel To Work By 3-Or-More-Person Carpool; Who Worked At Home

Table P3-014 also further divides the 8 transportation modes by time of day, so again select a subset of the variables:

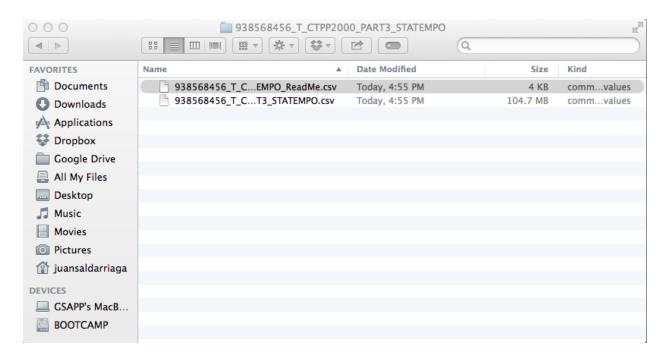
- 1. T314C1_1
- 2. T314C2_1
- 3. T314C3_1
- 4. T314C4_1
- 5. T314C5_1
- 6. T314C6_1
- 7. T314C7_1
- 8. T314C8_1

Note that these 8 variables correspond to the 8 transportation modes described above.

Now that we have selected the geographic unit of analysis, state, the merge tables and documentation options, and chosen the appropriate tables, we can finally download the data. Click the download button and save the file in a project folder where you will keep all the data for this tutorial.

3. Unzip the data:

After the data has completed downloading, unzip the data to your project folder. The zip file contains two files, a database and a data dictionary.

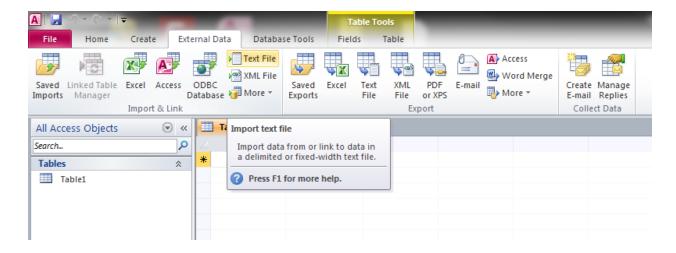


4. Format the data:

Because the dataset is quite large, we will do some pre-processing of the data in Microsoft Access to make the file easier to use in ArcGIS.

Open Microsoft Access and start a new Blank Database. Name the database CTPP_NY.accdb and save it in the same directory where the data you just downloaded is.

Microsoft Access will automatically open a black table. Click on the External Data tab and select the button for "Text File".



This will open the import dialog box. Select the CSV database file and click ok.

In the importing options that appear next select "Delimited" and press next.

Then, select "Comma" as the file was a CSV ("Comma Separated Values"). In addition, check the option that says "First Row Contains Field Names". If you don't do this the data will not import your field name and the first row of your new table will have the field names. This will cause problems during the importing procedure. Click next.

The next dialog box allows you to define the data types and to exclude certain data fields. Because our table includes several fields with no data we will exclude several of these fields. The table below lists all the fields and whether to exclude them or not, and what type of data the field should be in. Use the table as a guide for each variable.

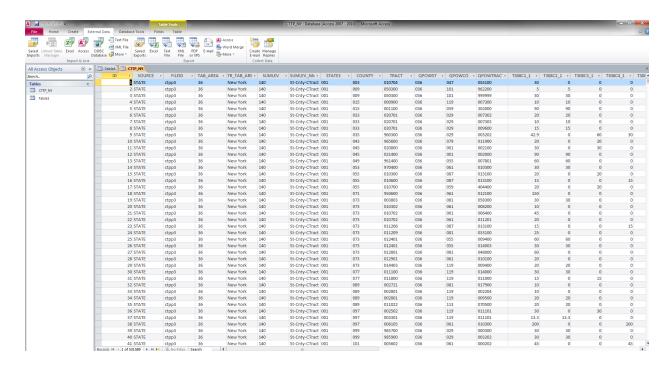
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The next dialog box selects the primary key. In this case, leave the default "Let Access add primary key" and click next.

Name the table CTPP_NY and click "Finish".

If you want, you can save these importing rules to save you time next time you download CTPP data. Click next.

The new table, CTPP_NY should appear in the Access workplace. If it doesn't open automatically, double-click on the table CTPP_NY in the table of contents sidebar on the left.



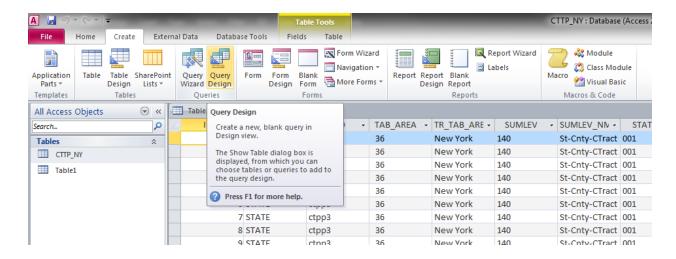
Review the database. Make sure that the procedure imported the data properly. There should be over 530,000 records. The database lists every combination of home census tract and work census tract for New York State. The home locations are designated by the QPOWST, QPOWCO and QPOWTRACT fields.

5. Querying to a table:

Because the database is so large, we are going to filter the data to keep only the data with work locations in Manhattan. This will allow us to analyze the mode of travel from workers in Manhattan.

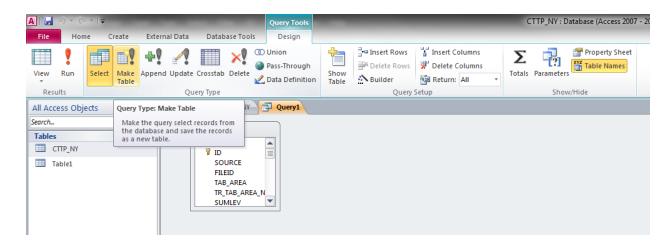
To do this we will create a query for work locations in New York State (QPOWST = 036) and New York County (QPOWCO = 061).

Click on the "Create" tab in Access and then the "Query Design" button.



This adds a tab to the workspace called "Query1". In addition, a window at the bottom allows you to add a table to the query. Add a table CTPP_NY and close the "Show Table" window.

Table CTPP_NY now appears in our query and lists all the fields in our table. At the top of the window, click on the "Make Table Button".



This opens a dialog box. Enter "ManhattanWorkers" as the name of the table. This will be the name of the table that will be created when this query is run.

6. Querying ManhattanWorkers:

To make the BTS data useful, we need to create a table from the query containing the following fields.

H_Tract The home location (state ID, county ID, and census tract number)
W_Tract The work location (state ID, county ID, and census tract number)
Workers The number of workers traveling from H_Tract to W_tract, calculated by dividing

the following variables in Table 14 by Table 8:

Workers = T308C1_1 / T314C1_1.

SOV The number of workers driving to work in a single occupancy vehicle (SOV).

 $SOV = T308C1_2 / T314C1_2$.

HOV2 The number of workers traveling in a 2-person carpool (HOV2).

HOV2 = T308C1 3 / T314C1 3

HOV3Plus The number of workers traveling in a 3-or-more-person carpool.

HOV3Plus = T308C1_4 / T314C1_4

BUS The number of workers traveling by bus or trolley bus.

Bus = T308C1_5 / T314C1_5

Transit The number of workers traveling by streetcar, subway, railroad or ferryboat.

Transit = T308C1_6 / T314C1_6

Other The number of workers traveling by bicycle, walked, motorcycle or taxi.

Other = T308C1 7 / T314C1 7

The work-at-home variables are omitted from these calculations as discussed previously.

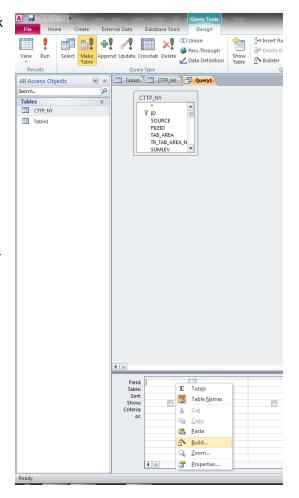
To calculate the H_Tract and W_Tracts variables, right-click on the "Field" value in the first element in the query definition and select "Build" from the pull-down menu.

This will open the "Expression Builder" window, which enables the user to define new variables for the output table.

In the "Expression Builder" window we will write the expression for calculating H_Tract. As the table currently exists, there is no unique identifier taht we can use to join this data to a census tract shapefile. The sate, county and tract fields must be combined so that we can link this table to the Census Tracts shapefile. In particular, we will link our identifying variable to the FIPS code (an 11 character standard geographic identifying field).

Thus, we have to add new fields to the CTPP_NY in which we will include all information.

For the H_Tract field the following expression will be used: *H_Tract*:



Right([CTPP_NY]![STATE3],2)+[CTPP_NY]![COUNTY]+[CTPP_NY]![TRACT]

The first line of the command, "H_Tract" defines the name of the output field in our new table. In Access' SQL commands, fields are denoted first by the table name in brackets followed by the "!", then the variable name also in brackets. Thus, the variable State3 in the CTPP_NY table is listed as [CTPP_NY]![STATE3].

The reason that the "Right" command is used with the State3 field is because the State ID from the BTS data uses a 3-character text field, but the FIPS code uses only two characters to identify each state. The

"Right" command truncates the field after taking the first X number of characters. In our case, we have set X as the number 2.

The following describes how to use the Expression Builder to construct the above command.

First, define the name of the new variable as "H Tract" followed by a colon and press return.

To call the "Right" command, select "Functions" below and then "Built-In Functions" from the left-side list. Finally, double-click on the "Right" command from the list of operations in the column on the right.

Next, replace the <<string>> in the command window with variable STATE3. To do this select

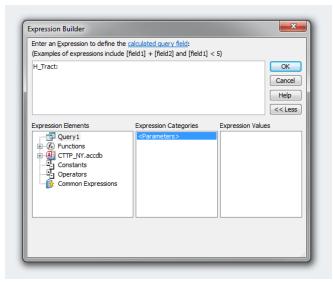
"Tables" and then CTPP_NY from the left-side list. Then double click on the STATE3 variable from the list in the middle column.

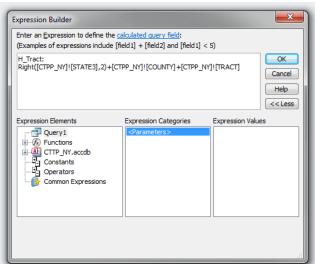
Then replace the <<length>> with the number 2.

To concatenate the State, County and Tract identifiers, use a "+" sign in between the State3 and COUNTY variable and another "+" sign between the COUNTY and TRACT variables. As an alternative to constructing this manually you can also write this expression or paste it into the command window.

After the command is entered click OK.

This adds the expression to the query design (at the bottom). Note that the visible portion of the Field lists the following: "H_Tract: Right([CTP





Click on the check-box to "Show" so that the variable we just created will be included in the output table.

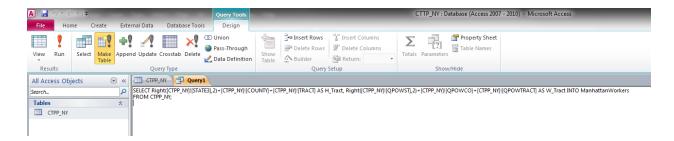
Next, construct the command for the W_Tract field. This time, try copying the following two lines of code directly to the expression builder instead of building the command manually:

W_Tract:

Right([CTPP_NY]![QPOWST],2)+[CTPP_NY]![QPOWCO]+[CTPP_NY]![QPOWTRACT]

While the Expression Builder is useful at first, it can be tedious to enter many variables. Entering commands in SQL code is much faster and easier.

To convert existing query to SQL View, click on the "View" button at the top left of the window and select SQL View. This will change the view so that it appears like the image below.



Next, copy the following SQL code into the window above and replace the existing code:

SELECT

Right([CTPP_NY]![STATE3],2)+[CTPP_NY]![COUNTY]+[CTPP_NY]![TRACT] AS H_Tract, Right([CTPP_NY]![QPOWST],2)+[CTPP_NY]![QPOWCO]+[CTPP_NY]![QPOWTRACT] AS W_Tract, Ilf([CTPP_NY]![T308C1_1]>0,[CTPP_NY]![T314C1_1]/[CTPP_NY]![T308C1_1],0) AS Workers, Ilf([CTPP_NY]![T308C2_1]>0,[CTPP_NY]![T314C2_1]/[CTPP_NY]![T308C2_1],0) AS SOV, Ilf([CTPP_NY]![T308C3_1]>0,[CTPP_NY]![T314C3_1]/[CTPP_NY]![T308C3_1],0) AS HOV2, Ilf([CTPP_NY]![T308C4_1]>0,[CTPP_NY]![T314C4_1]/[CTPP_NY]![T308C4_1],0) AS HOV3Plus, Ilf([CTPP_NY]![T308C5_1]>0,[CTPP_NY]![T314C5_1]/[CTPP_NY]![T308C5_1],0) AS Bus, Ilf([CTPP_NY]![T308C6_1]>0,[CTPP_NY]![T314C6_1]/[CTPP_NY]![T308C6_1],0) AS Transit, Ilf([CTPP_NY]![T308C7_1]>0,[CTPP_NY]![T314C7_1]/[CTPP_NY]![T308C7_1],0) AS Other INTO ManhattanWorkers
FROM CTPP_NY
WHERE ((([CTPP_NY].QPOWST)="036") AND (([CTPP_NY].QPOWCO)="061"));

The first three lines of the SQL code begin the selection (SELECT) and then define the H_Tract and W_Tract fields.

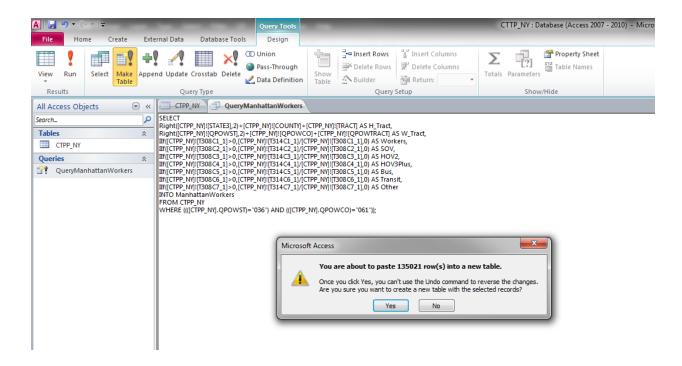
The following seven lines define each of the Journey to Work fields, one for Workers, SOV, HOV2, etc. These lines of code each include an "IF" statement (the command is "iif") which calculates the number of workers (Table 14 divided by Table 18) only when there are more than zero workers for this particular mode.

The syntax for an "IF" statement in Access is the command "iif (expression, true, false)". Without the "IF" statement, this process would return "Null" values for any home and work location pair with zero for that particular mode.

The final three lines of code define where to send the output data (ManhattanWokers) followed by a conditional statement to only select work-locations from table CTPP_NY that are in New York State (QPOWST = "036") and Manhattan (QPOWCO = "061").

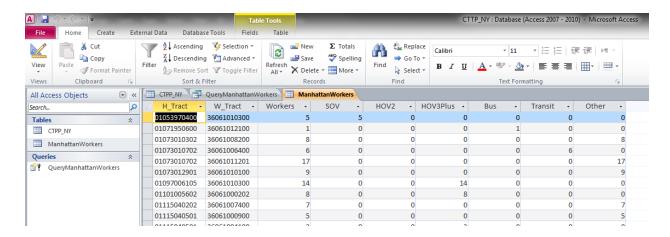
Now to save and run the query, right-click on the Query1 tab just above the SQL code and save the query as QueryManhattanWorkers.

To run the query, select the query we just saved from the left panel and click on the red exclamation mark at the top right of the window.



Click "Yes" when you get the warning message asking if you want to paste 135,021 rows into a new table. This new table "ManhattanWorkers" will be created in the table of contents.

Double click on this new table to open it.



7. Aggregating the data:

The data in the ManhattanWorkers table lists the number of workers traveling from each home location (H_Tract) to each work location (W_Tract) by each mode of transportation. Because a specific home location will likely send workers to multiple locations, most H_Tract are listed multiple times.

To analyze a given work location, each of the different home tracts sending workers to that location need to be aggregated together. The tables below demonstrate this concept. The table on the left lists each combination of home and work tracts, much like the CTPP_NY table. To calculate the number of workers from each H Tract, the table needs to be simplified. This simplification is shown on the table on the right,

which lists each H_Tract and the total number of commuters traveling there, regardless of the W_Tract.

WORKERS
WORKLING
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200
100
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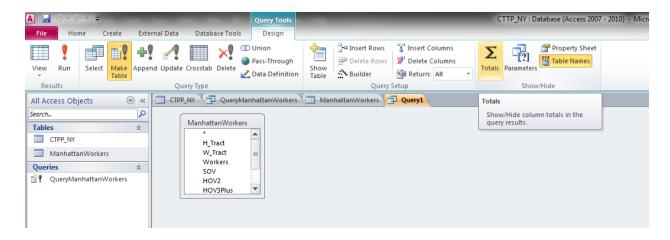
H_Tract	WORKERS
1001	300
1002	100
1003	300
1004	400

In Access, this procedure can be accomplished by writing another query that aggregate data from the ManhattanWorkers table and outputs into a new table.

To do this start a New Query. Add the ManhattanWorkers table to the query design page.

Click on the "Make Table" button and name the output table "AggregateManhattanWorkers".

Next, click on the "Totals" button in the Query Design window.



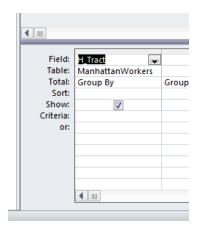
This adds a new element ("Totals") to the query definition table at the bottom. Clicking on the new "Totals" element at the bottom opens the pull-down menu. To aggregate the data, choose to "Group By" and for the other fields we will select a function.

In our case, the function we will select will be "Sum" because we want to aggregate each of the grouped

locations together.

In the query window, select H_Tract form the ManhattanWorkers fields and drag the field into the query definition at the bottom. Make sure that "Totals" is set to "Group By".

Skip the W_Tract variable in this query. Next, drag the Workers and each of the six "Journey to Work" transportation mode variables to the query definition setting at the bottom. For each field add a prefix with the name followed by a colon and then the name again. This will ensure that the name in the output table is the same as the name in the ManhattanWorkers table.



Also, for each of the variables, except the first one (H_Tract), click on the "Totals" drop-down menu and change the option to "Sum". The query definition should look like the image below:

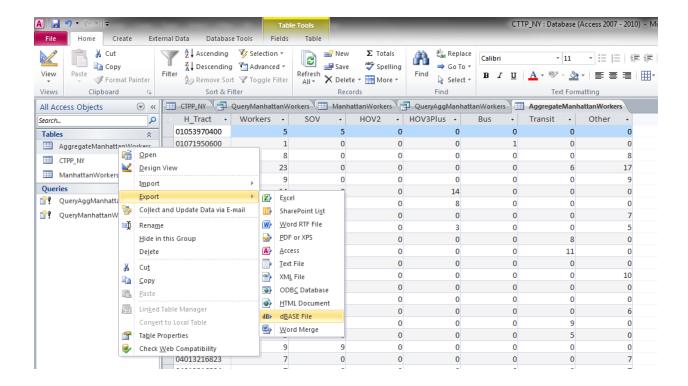
	H_Tract ManhattanWorkers	Workers: Workers	SOV: SOV	HOV2: HOV2	HOV3Plus: HOV3Plus		Transit: Transit	Other: Other	
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Save the guery as "QueryAggManhattanWorkers" and run the guery.

As before, instead of designing the query in Access, the following SQL code could have been used to achieve the same results:

SELECT ManhattanWorkers.H_Tract,
Sum(ManhattanWorkers.Workers) AS Workers,
Sum(ManhattanWorkers.SOV) AS SOV,
Sum(ManhattanWorkers.HOV2) AS HOV2,
Sum(ManhattanWorkers.HOV3Plus) AS HOV3Plus,
Sum(ManhattanWorkers.Bus) AS Bus,
Sum(ManhattanWorkers.Transit) AS Transit,
Sum(ManhattanWorkers.Other) AS Other
INTO AggregateManhattanWorkers
FROM ManhattanWorkers
GROUP BY ManhattanWorkers.H_Tract;

To export the newly created AggregateManhattanWorkers table and review the data double-click on the new table on the table of contents to your left. Right-click on the AggregateManhattanWorkers table and select Export and then dBase file.



In the export window, name the file CTPP_NY.dbf. Make sure to select the file type dBase IV (*.dbf). Note, this is not the default, the default is dBase III.

8. Importing the data into ArcGIS and joining it:

Add the following three files to a new map document:

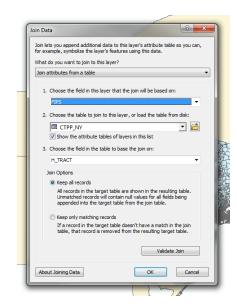
- 1. the CTPP NY.dbf file we just created.
- 2. The Census Tract shapefile for the New York Region (CensusTracts_NewYorkRegion.shp).
- 3. The State Boundary shapefile for the New York Region (States NewYorkRegion.shp).

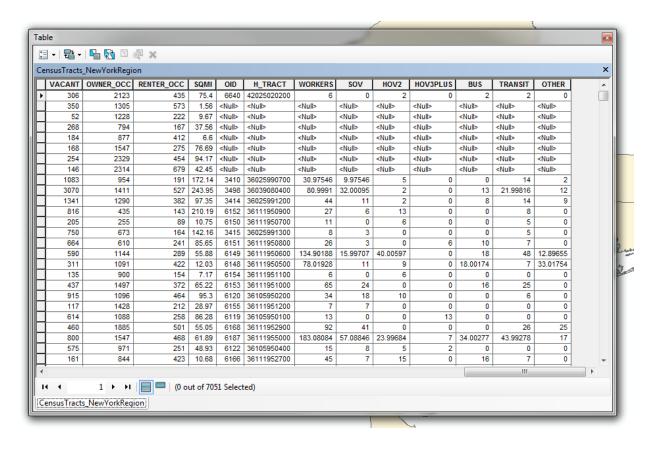
Recall that in the earlier steps, we added the H_Tract and W_Tract variables to the CTPP_NY table by combining the State, County and Tract data fields. The 11 character ID is the same format as the ID used by the census category FIPS.

Join the H_Tract and the FIPS by right-clicking on the CensusTracts_NewYorkRegion shapefile and selecting "Joins and Relates" and "Join".

In the Join Data window, select FIPS as the field the join will be based on. Select CTPP_NY as the table to join to this layer and the H_Tract as the field in the table to base the join on. Click ok.

The image below shows the results of the join. Note that several of the census tracts have null values from the join. This makes sense because not all the census tracts in the region have commuters traveling to Manhattan.





Export the joined data as a new shapefile and add it to the map document.

Now you are ready to create the maps.

DELIVERABLES

One 11x17 PDF document with the following maps and graphs:

- 1. A map showing the number of workers in those census tracts who commute to Manhattan.
- 2. A "matrix" (series) of maps showing the proportion of those workers who use each transportation mode to commute to Manhattan.
- 3. Graphs and charts that answer the following questions:
 - How many workers in total work in Manhattan
 - How many come from outside the city
 - How many come from each borough
 - What is the proportion for each one of these (total, outside the city, each borough) that use each transportation method.

Again, think about layout, colors, fonts, labels, legends, etc.