

# District\_Secession\_memo

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## Overview

This memo illustrates the dynamics of racial segregation and new school openings for each of the 46 school districts which experienced a secession from 2000 through 2019. There are four sections to the analysis. First, we discuss the data. Second, we perform a per district case study. Third, we present aggregate data. Finally, we illustrate some of the pitfalls and concerns with aggregation.

## Data

Data consists of school district secessions and school level demographic characteristics.

### Secession data

Secession data comes from EdBuild. A full discription of EdBuild's mission, funding, and members can be found at <https://edbuild.org>. The description of the data collection and analysis may be found at <https://edbuild.org/content/fractured/methodology>.

Edbuild identifies 73 successful secessions out of 128 attempts in United States school districts since 2000. The number of successful sessions by year is shown in Figure 1. Table 1 shows the number of successful secessions by state.

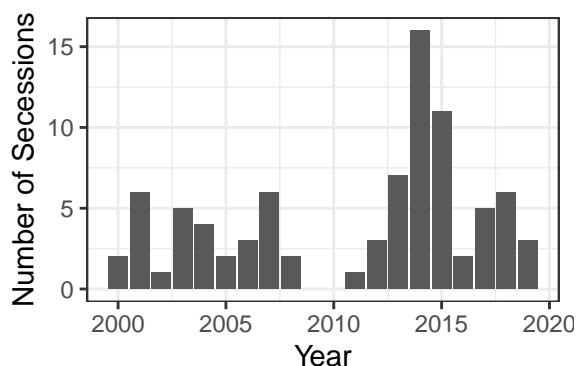


Figure 1: Number of Successful Sessions by Year

State	Count
Maine	37
Alabama	10
Tennessee	6
Colorado	4
Idaho	3
Louisiana	3
Massachusetts	2
Ohio	2
Arkansas	1
California	1
New Jersey	1
South Dakota	1
Utah	1
Wisconsin	1

Table 1: Successful Secessions by State

## Individual Districts

Next, we examine individual districts.