# Visualizing United States Census Data

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## Agenda

- History of the U.S. Census
- Getting started with Tidycensus
- Concepts Tidy Data
- Step by step analysis

Follow along to create some cool maps!

#### **US Census Timeline**

- 1790: 6 question survey / U.S. pop just under 4 million
- 1810: Census adds data collection on U.S. manufacturers
- 1849: Congress establishes Census Board
- 1890: Herman Hollerith's tabulation machine used in data collection
- 1900: Census becomes a permant agency and inter-decennial data collection begins
- 1920: For first time, majority of U.S. pop lives in urban areas / U.S. pop over 106 million
- 1940: First use of statistical sampling
- 1960: DIME (Dual Independent Map Encoding)
- 1970: All data products available on magnetic computer tape
- 1980: Mailout / Mailin Surveys
- 2000: U.S. Census asks ten questions
- 2010: American Community Survey 5-year estimates released

#### Tidycensus Overview

- Developed by Kyle Walker
- Check out the package on Github!
- Tidycensus is an API wrapper that allows R users to ingest decennial surveys and the American Community Survey (ACS) estimates
- Census data back to the 1990 decennial survey is available
- The defaul in the 5-year ACS estimate from 2013-2017

## Getting an API key

- https://api.census.gov/data/key\_signup.html
- You'll then recieve an e-mail from the census with your API key

```
api_key <- "xxxxxxxx"
census_api_key(api_key, install = TRUE)
Sys.getenv("CENSUS_API_KEY")</pre>
```

#### Variable Search

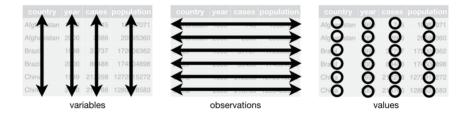
```
library(tidycensus)
v17 <- load variables(2017, "acs5", cache = TRUE)
v17
## # A tibble: 25,070 x 3
                 label
##
      name
                                                        concept
      <chr>>
                 <chr>>
                                                        <chr>>
##
   1 B00001 001 Estimate!!Total
                                                        UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE COUNT OF THE POPULATION
   2 B00002 001 Estimate!!Total
                                                        UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE HOUSING UNITS
   3 B01001 001 Estimate!!Total
                                                        SEX BY AGE
##
##
   4 B01001 002 Estimate!!Total!!Male
                                                        SEX BY AGE
   5 B01001 003 Estimate!!Total!!Male!!Under 5 years
                                                        SEX BY AGE
##
   6 B01001_004 Estimate!!Total!!Male!!5 to 9 years
                                                        SEX BY AGE
##
   7 B01001_005 Estimate!!Total!!Male!!10 to 14 years SEX BY AGE
##
   8 B01001 006 Estimate!!Total!!Male!!15 to 17 years SEX BY AGE
##
   9 B01001_007 Estimate!!Total!!Male!!18 and 19 years SEX BY AGE
## 10 B01001_008 Estimate!!Total!!Male!!20 years
                                                        SEX BY AGE
## # ... with 25,060 more rows
```

#### **Load Var Function**

### What is Tidy Data?

#### Three interrelated rules:

- 1. Each variable must have its own column.
- 2. Each observation must have its own row.
- 3. Each value must have its own cell.



https://r4ds.had.co.nz/tidy-data.html#fig:tidy-structure

#### Why should I care?

R is a vectorized language, meaning you can do operations like:

```
v1 <- c(1, 2, 3, 4)
v2 <- c(5, 6, 7, 8)
v2 - v1
```

```
## [1] 4 4 4 4
```

instead of writing a *for loop* to subtract the individual elements

The packages inside the tidyverse, e.g dplyr, let you do data cleaning and manipulation operations easily when data is in tidy format.

Using these packages can help - write faster and more 'readable' code

## Brief concepts - commands you'll see

- %>% the "pipe" operator for chaining
- filter to subset a dataframe
- group\_by and then summarise
- facet to create *small multiples* plots
- **left\_join** to join datasets
- and <- is the assignment operator, more explicit than =

# Let's Start the Analysis!

#### Setup

- Install R and RStudio
- Download the Repository



#### OR

• Use this RStudio Cloud workspace: https://rstudio.cloud/project/355872

## Package Dependencies

Install packages (if local setup)...

```
install.packages("sf")
install.packages("tidycensus")
install.packages("dplyr")
install.packages("ggplot2")
install.packages("tidyr")
install.packages("purrr")
install.packages("lwgeom")
```

#### ... and load libraries

```
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(tidyr)
library(sf)
library(tidycensus)
library(tigris)
library(purrr)
```

#### **Your Choices!**

Get an API Key from http://api.census.gov/data/key\_signup.html

OR

Load de\_census\_data.RData

```
load("data/de_census_data.RData")
```

#### Look at the data

```
head(de census data)
## Simple feature collection with 6 features and 5 fields
## geometry type:
                   MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   XΥ
## bbox:
                   xmin: -75.7601 ymin: 39.17347 xmax: -75.60411 ymax: 39.29937
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +no_defs
##
           GEOID
                                                     NAME
                                                                      variable estimate moe
                                                                                   6080 502
## 1 10001040100 Census Tract 401, Kent County, Delaware
                                                                         white
## 2 10001040100 Census Tract 401, Kent County, Delaware
                                                                         black
                                                                                     501 100
## 3 10001040100 Census Tract 401, Kent County, Delaware
                                                                         asian
                                                                                     58 60
## 4 10001040100 Census Tract 401, Kent County, Delaware
                                                                      hispanic
                                                                                    265 198
## 5 10001040100 Census Tract 401, Kent County, Delaware
                                                                   foreignborn
                                                                                    132 125
## 6 10001040100 Census Tract 401, Kent County, Delaware high_school_diplomas
                                                                                   1808 273
##
                           geometry
## 1 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 2 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 3 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 4 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 5 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 6 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
```

### Some cleaning using %>%

### Using the grammar

#### Let's read the previous code step by step

```
de census data %>% # take the data, and then
     separate(col = NAME,
             into = c("Census Tract", "County", "State"),
              sep = ",") # separate by ','
## Simple feature collection with 2616 features and 7 fields (with 12 geometries empty)
## geometry type:
                  MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   xmin: -75.78866 ymin: 38.45101 xmax: -75.04894 ymax: 39.83901
## bbox:
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +no defs
## First 10 features:
           GEOID
                                                                              variable estimate
                      Census Tract
                                         County
                                                    State
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     10001040100 Census Tract 401 Kent County
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                                                                  high school diplomas
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                                                 Delaware
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     10001040100 Census Tract 401 Kent County
                                                 Delaware
                                                                      bachelor_degrees
                                                                                            268 122
     10001040100 Census Tract 401 Kent County
                                                 Delaware
                                                                       masters degrees
                                                                                            181
                                                                                                  97
     10001040100 Census Tract 401 Kent County
                                                 Delaware households earning over 200k
                                                                                             51
                                                                                                  50
## 10 10001040100 Census Tract 401 Kent County Delaware
                                                                         median income
                                                                                          63324 8985
                            geometry
     MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
     MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 10 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
```

## Using the grammar (continued)

```
de census data %>% # take the data, and then
    separate(col = NAME)
              into = c("Census Tract", "County", "State"),
              sep = ",") %>% # separate, and then
     separate(col = Census Tract,
              into = c(NA, NA, "Census Tract Number"),
              sep = " ") # separate out Number
## Simple feature collection with 2616 features and 7 fields (with 12 geometries empty)
                  MULTIPOLYGON
## geometry type:
## dimension:
## bbox:
                   xmin: -75.78866 ymin: 38.45101 xmax: -75.04894 ymax: 39.83901
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +no defs
## First 10 features:
            GEOID Census Tract Number
                                            County
                                                        State
                                                                                  variable estimate
     10001040100
                                  401 Kent County
                                                    Delaware
                                                                                     white
                                                                                                6080
     10001040100
                                       Kent County
                                                     Delaware
                                                                                     black
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     10001040100
                                       Kent County
                                                    Delaware
                                                                                     asian
                                                                                                  58
                                                                                  hispanic
     10001040100
                                       Kent County
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                                 geometry
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      100 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 3
       60 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
      198 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
       125 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
      273 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 7
      122 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 8
       97 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
        50 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
## 10 8985 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.7601 39...
```

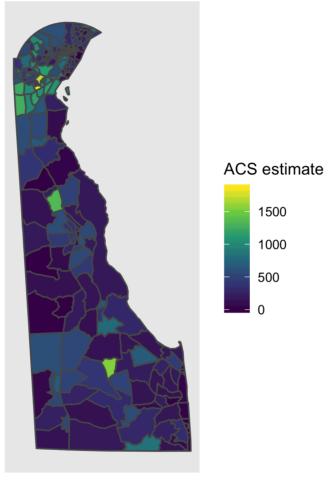
### Creating the Map!

#### First pick one variable to view estimates

```
# Let's look at the number of foreignborn in each Tract
## create a data frame by subsetting only the 'foreignborn'
de_census_fb <- de_census_data_clean %>%
  filter(variable %in% c("foreignborn"))
```

#### Now let's plot this:

#### Foreign-Born Estimates by DE Census Tract



Data: 2013-2017 5-year ACS

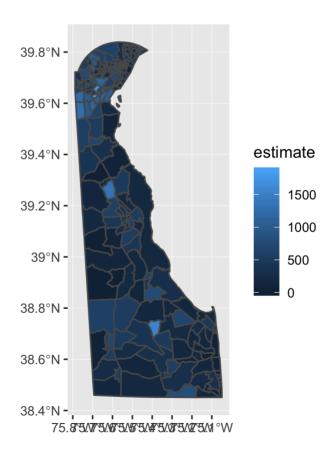
## See the individual plot layers

We use the ggplot2 package for **layering** plot info. geom\_sf is used to map the varied shapes (polygons, lines)

```
ggplot(de_census_fb, aes(fill = estimate))
```

## Add the geometries

```
ggplot(de_census_fb, aes(fill = estimate)) +
  geom_sf()
```



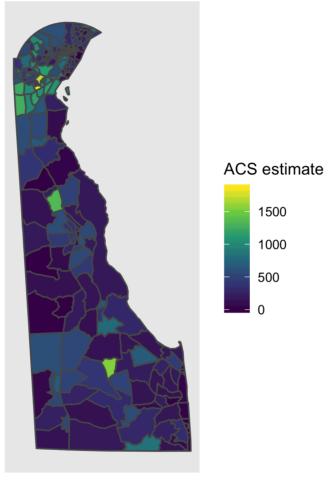
#### Add safe colors

```
ggplot(de_census_fb, aes(fill = estimate)) +
  geom_sf() +
  scale_fill_viridis_c()
```

#### Add the theme and title

```
ggplot(de_census_fb, aes(fill = estimate)) +
  geom_sf() +
  scale_fill_viridis_c() +
  coord_sf(crs = 26916, datum = NA) +
  labs(title = "Foreign-Born Estimates by DE Census Tract",
      caption = "Data: 2013-2017 5-year ACS",
      fill = "ACS estimate")
```

#### Foreign-Born Estimates by DE Census Tract



Data: 2013-2017 5-year ACS

## Subset only Wilmington areas using Tract

Cleaning came of help here to filter out only the relevant numbers

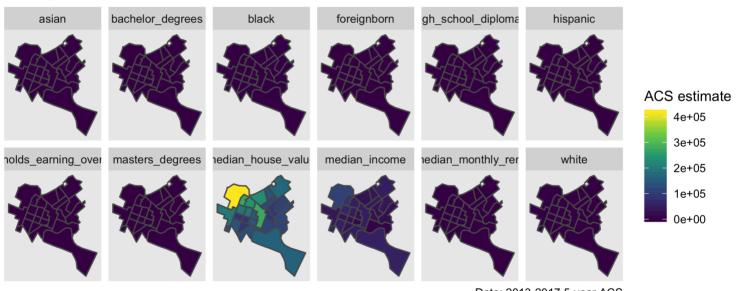
## Let's plot EVERYTHING!

```
# Plot all our data
ggplot(wilm_census_data, aes(fill = estimate)) +
    geom_sf() +
    scale_fill_viridis_c() +
    coord_sf(crs = 26916, datum = NA) +
    labs(title = "Estimates by Census Tract",
        subtitle = "Wilmington, DE",
        caption = "Data: 2013-2017 5-year ACS
        \nData acquired with the R tidycensus package.",
        fill = "ACS estimate") +
    facet_wrap(~variable)
```

facet helps you split up the data by variable and plot each

## What's the problem?

Estimates by Census Tract Wilmington, DE



Data: 2013-2017 5-year ACS

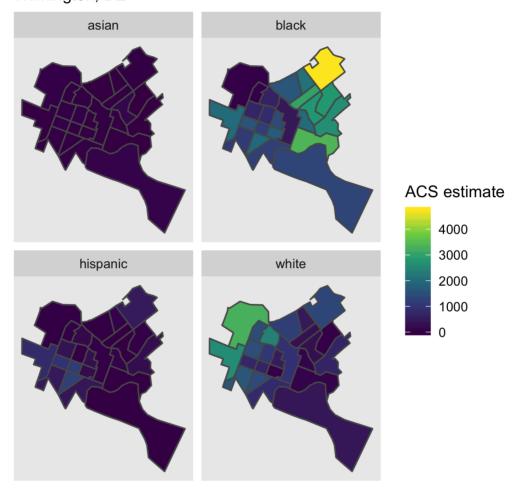
Data acquired with the R tidycensus package.

## Plotting some comparable variables

Let's focus on the race variables

```
## create a data frame with race variables
wilm_census_race <- wilm_census_data %>%
  filter(variable %in% c("hispanic", "black", "asian", "white"))
```

## Population Estimates Wilmington, DE



#### Comparing a better way

'Small multiples plots' are useful to compare between variables. But we need to make sure we compare the right proportions so as to not let people take away a wrong insight.

Let's do some data aggregation and data joins to find the percentages within each tract.

#### Code

#### Create the total population data frame

```
## Estimate the total population
## by summing up the different race estimates
wilm_tract_pop <- wilm_census_race %>%
  group_by(Census_Tract_Number) %>%
  summarise(Population_Estimate = sum(estimate))
```

```
# remove geometry variable to make it a regular dataset
st_geometry(wilm_tract_pop) <- NULL</pre>
```

#### Join the total population data with the original and create the Percentage column

```
# create data frame with the percentages
wilm_tract_percpop <- wilm_census_race %>%
  left_join(wilm_tract_pop, by = "Census_Tract_Number") %>%
  mutate(Percentage = estimate/Population_Estimate)
```

## Step by Step

Highlight sections and run using cmd + return to see the separate steps. Remember not to highlight the variable assignment part.

```
wilm census race %>%
   group by (Census Tract Number)
## Simple feature collection with 96 features and 7 fields
## geometry type:
                   MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
## bbox:
                    xmin: -75.5885 ymin: 39.7005 xmax: -75.51268 ymax: 39.77263
## epsg (SRID):
                    4269
                    +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +no defs
## proj4string:
## # A tibble: 96 x 8
## # Groups: Census Tract Number [24]
      GEOID Census Tract Num... County
                                          State variable estimate
                                                                                                     geometry
      <chr> <chr>
                                 <chr>>
                                          <chr> <chr>
                                                             <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                                          <MULTIPOLYGON [°]>
   1 10003... 2
                                 " New C... " De... white
                                                              1343
                                                                      288 (((-75.53885 39.76623, -75.53547...
   2 10003... 2
                                 " New C... " De... black
                                                              4741
                                                                    722 (((-75.53885 39.76623, -75.53547...
                                 " New C... " De... asian
   3 10003... 2
                                                                      60 (((-75.53885 39.76623, -75.53547...
   4 10003... 2
                                 " New C... " De... hispanic
                                                               505
                                                                     342 (((-75.53885 39.76623, -75.53547...
   5 10003... 3
                                " New C... " De... white
                                                               468
                                                                    133 (((-75.54275 39.76461, -75.53923...
   6 10003... 3
                                " New C... " De... black
                                                              2111
                                                                      244 (((-75.54275 39.76461, -75.53923...
   7 10003... 3
                                " New C... " De... asian
                                                                     11 (((-75.54275 39.76461, -75.53923...
                                 " New C... " De... hispanic
   8 10003... 3
                                                               147 121 (((-75.54275 39.76461, -75.53923...
                                 " New C... " De... white
  9 10003... 4
                                                              1197
                                                                      209 (((-75.55714 39.76163, -75.55692...
                                " New C... " De... black
## 10 10003... 4
                                                              1645 291 (((-75.55714 39.76163, -75.55692...
## # ... with 86 more rows
```

```
wilm census race %>%
  group by (Census Tract Number) %>%
  summarise(Population Estimate = sum(estimate))
## Simple feature collection with 24 features and 2 fields
## geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   XΥ
## bbox:
                   xmin: -75.5885 ymin: 39.7005 xmax: -75.51268 ymax: 39.77263
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +no defs
## # A tibble: 24 x 3
      Census Tract Numb... Population Estima...
                                                                                                 geometry
      <chr>
                                                                                       <MULTIPOLYGON [°]>
                                       <dbl>
## 1 11
                                        3267 (((-75.56156 39.75696, -75.56049 39.75772, -75.56151 39.75...
##
   2 12
                                        1691 (((-75.56816 39.75632, -75.56531 39.76056, -75.56244 39.76...
  3 13
                                        3508 (((-75.57996 39.76337, -75.57785 39.76644, -75.5768 39.768...
                                        2601 (((-75.57097 39.75227, -75.57013 39.75353, -75.56863 39.75...
  4 14
                                        2017 (((-75.56376 39.7493, -75.56289 39.75057, -75.56229 39.751...
## 5 15
## 6 16
                                        2223 (((-75.55931 39.74559, -75.55808 39.747, -75.55719 39.7482...
## 7 19.02
                                        1879 (((-75.56028 39.73048, -75.55854 39.73517, -75.55634 39.73...
## 8 2
                                        6621 (((-75.53885 39.76623, -75.53547 39.76727, -75.53466 39.76...
## 9 21
                                        2044 (((-75.56197 39.74169, -75.56072 39.74348, -75.56032 39.74...
## 10 22
                                        2990 (((-75.5662 39.74573, -75.56479 39.74781, -75.55931 39.745...
## # ... with 14 more rows
```

```
wilm census race %>%
  left join(wilm tract pop, by = "Census Tract Number")
## Simple feature collection with 96 features and 8 fields
## geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   XΥ
                   xmin: -75.5885 ymin: 39.7005 xmax: -75.51268 ymax: 39.77263
## bbox:
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +no defs
## First 10 features:
           GEOID Census Tract Number
                                                  County
                                                             State variable estimate moe
##
    10003000200
                                                                      white
## 1
                                    2 New Castle County Delaware
                                                                                 1343 288
## 2
                                    2 New Castle County
                                                          Delaware
                                                                      black
     10003000200
                                                                                 4741 722
## 3
     10003000200
                                    2 New Castle County
                                                          Delaware
                                                                      asian
                                                                                   32 60
                                    2 New Castle County Delaware hispanic
## 4
     10003000200
                                                                                  505 342
                                    3 New Castle County
## 5
     10003000300
                                                          Delaware
                                                                      white
                                                                                 468 133
                                    3 New Castle County Delaware
## 6
     10003000300
                                                                      black
                                                                                 2111 244
                                    3 New Castle County
## 7
     10003000300
                                                          Delaware
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                                    4 New Castle County Delaware
## 9
     10003000400
                                                                      white
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## 10 10003000400
                                    4 New Castle County Delaware
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      Population Estimate
                                                geometry
## 1
                     6621 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.53885 3...
## 2
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## 3
                     6621 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.53885 3...
## 4
                     6621 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.53885 3...
## 5
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3...
## 6
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3...
## 7
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3...
## 8
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3...
## 9
                     2890 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.55714 3...
## 10
                     2890 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.55714 3...
```

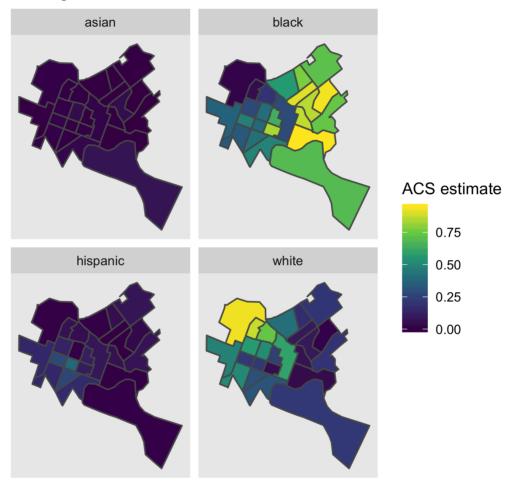
```
wilm census race %>%
   left join(wilm tract pop, by = "Census Tract Number") %>%
  mutate(Percentage = estimate/Population Estimate)
## Simple feature collection with 96 features and 9 fields
## geometry type:
                  MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   xmin: -75.5885 ymin: 39.7005 xmax: -75.51268 ymax: 39.77263
## bbox:
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
  proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +no defs
## First 10 features:
            GEOID Census_Tract_Number
                                                             State variable estimate moe
                                                  County
                                    2 New Castle County
                                                                       white
     10003000200
                                                          Delaware
                                                                                 1343 288
     10003000200
                                    2 New Castle County
                                                          Delaware
                                                                       black
                                                                                 4741 722
     10003000200
                                    2 New Castle County
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      10003000200
                                    2 New Castle County
                                                          Delaware hispanic
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                                       New Castle County
     10003000300
                                                          Delaware
                                                                       white
                                                                                  468 133
                                    3 New Castle County
## 6
     10003000300
                                                          Delaware
                                                                       black
                                                                                 2111 244
     10003000300
                                    3 New Castle County Delaware
                                                                       asian
                                                                                    0 11
                                    3 New Castle County Delaware hispanic
      10003000300
                                                                                  147 121
     10003000400
                                    4 New Castle County
                                                                       white
## 9
                                                          Delaware
                                                                                 1197 209
## 10 10003000400
                                    4 New Castle County Delaware
                                                                       black
                                                                                 1645 291
      Population Estimate
                                                geometry Percentage
## 1
                     6621 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.53885 3... 0.202839450
## 2
                     6621 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.53885 3... 0.716054977
                     6621 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.53885 3... 0.004833107
                     6621 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.53885 3... 0.076272466
## 5
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3... 0.171680117
## 6
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3... 0.774394718
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3... 0.0000000000
## 8
                     2726 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.54275 3... 0.053925165
## 9
                     2890 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.55714 3... 0.414186851
## 10
                     2890 MULTIPOLYGON (((-75.55714 3... 0.569204152
```

Note: tidycensus allows you to get the summary value through the API as well!

### Plot the percentage

```
ggplot(wilm_tract_percpop, aes(fill = Percentage)) +
  geom_sf() +
  scale_fill_viridis_c() +
  coord_sf(crs = 26916, datum = NA) +
  labs(title = "Percentage of Total (Estimates) by Census Tract",
      subtitle = "Wilmington, DE",
      fill = "ACS estimate") +
  facet_wrap(~variable)
```

## Percentage of Total (Estimates) by Census Tract Wilmington, DE



#### Your Turn

You can create a Wilmington Education variable by filtering c("high\_school\_diplomas", "bachelor\_degrees", "masters\_degrees") variables and recreating the previous visualizations:

- Count estimates by census tract
- Percentage estimates by census tract

#### Answer

```
# As a percentage of education data available
# (or use total population)
wilm tract totedu <- wilm census edu %>%
  group_by(Census_Tract_Number) %>%
  summarise(Education Estimate = sum(estimate))
st_geometry(wilm_tract_totedu) <- NULL # remove geometry</pre>
wilm_tract_percedu <- wilm_tract_totedu %>%
  left join(wilm census edu, by = "Census Tract Number") %>%
 mutate(Percentage = estimate/Education_Estimate)
# Plot
ggplot(wilm_tract_percedu, aes(fill = Percentage)) +
 geom_sf() +
  scale fill viridis c() +
  coord sf(crs = 26916, datum = NA) +
  labs(title = "Percentage of Education Estimates by Census Tract",
       subtitle = "Wilmington, DE",
       fill = "ACS estimate") +
  facet_wrap(~variable)
```

#### Dot Density Plots

Choropleth maps have a tendency of being misunderstood due to the *area* covered by a color. We can plot dots in order to avoid the issue of misrepresentation of sparsely populated areas and give an idea of density.

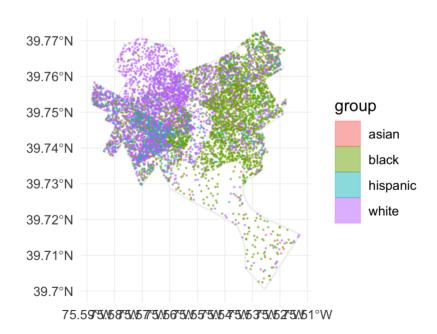
Hold tight as this will have some heavy lifting with functions from dplyr and purrr!

map() Applys a function to each element of a vector, in our case the vector is the race values. i.e, for each race we subset the wilmington data, and create dots representing the population in each tract.

```
# for each group
group <- "asian"
wilm_census_data %>%
    filter(variable == group) %>%
    st_sample(., size = .$estimate / 10, exact = FALSE) %>%
    st_sf() %>%
    mutate(group = group)
```

- st\_sample() generates a sample of random dots each one representing 10 people.
- st\_sf() converts the POINT geometry set back to simple features dataframe.

## Plotting it all together



## Looking back

Data being tidy allowed us to immediately use commands like:

- facet
- group\_by

Remember ACS are estimates so we should consider the MOE or Margin of Error variable.

#### Next steps

- Try using another layer with alpha to show the MOE \*
- Integrate this data with statistics from the Uniform Crime Reporting database
- Ask interesting questions and use tidy functions to get quick results
  - What are the high median rent areas?
  - Does the median house value correlate with houses earning above 200k?
  - Among the high median house value ones what is the percentage of owners to renter?
  - Does more Education level imply more Median income?
  - Where are the Vacant houses and what is the median income in these areas?

# Thank You!