U6614: Assignment 3: Subway Fare Evasion Microdata

Sample Solution

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Please submit your knitted .pdf file along with the corresponding R markdown (.rmd) via Courseworks by 11:59pm on Monday, February 1st.

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```
tinytex::install_tinytex()
```

Please visit this link for more information on TinyTex installation.

1 Load libraries

.. male = col_double(),

```
#remember to make sure these packaged are installed before trying to load
library(tidyverse)
library(fastDummies)
```

2 Load and inspect the two public defender client datasets (BDS & LAS).

```
arrests bds <- read csv("microdata BDS inclass.csv", na = "")
arrests_las <- read_csv("microdata_LAS_inclass.csv", na = "")</pre>
str(arrests_bds)
## tibble [2,246 x 8] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ client zip: num [1:2246] 11205 11385 11226 11207 11225 ...
              : num [1:2246] 25 20 19 17 21 52 59 32 22 19 ...
## $ ethnicity : chr [1:2246] "Hispanic" "Hispanic" "Non-Hispanic" "Non-Hispanic" ...
## $ race : chr [1:2246] "White" "Black" "Black" "Black" ...
## $ male
               : num [1:2246] 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 ...
               : chr [1:2246] "jefferson st l line station" "myrtle - wyckoff avs station" "winthrop s
## $ loc2
   $ st id
               : num [1:2246] 100 119 156 156 156 156 156 156 156 ...
##
  $ year
               : num [1:2246] 2016 2016 2016 2016 2016 ...
##
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
     .. cols(
##
         client_zip = col_double(),
##
         age = col_double(),
##
     .. ethnicity = col character(),
     .. race = col_character(),
##
```

```
##
          loc2 = col_character(),
##
          st_id = col_double(),
          year = col double()
##
     ..)
##
str(arrests_las)
## tibble [1,965 x 9] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
   $ client_zip
                  : num [1:1965] 11222 10016 11236 11236 NA ...
   $ las_race_key : chr [1:1965] "Black" "Asian or Pacific Islander" "Black" "Black" ...
   $ hispanic flag: chr [1:1965] "N" "N" "N" "N" ...
##
##
                   : num [1:1965] 32 47 20 64 23 29 26 52 52 22 ...
##
   $ year
                   : num [1:1965] 2016 2016 2016 2016 2016 ...
##
   $ male
                   : num [1:1965] 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 ...
                   : num [1:1965] 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 ...
##
   $ dismissal
##
   $ loc2
                   : chr [1:1965] "kingston - throop avs" "avenue h q subway" "nostrand ave and fulton
                   : num [1:1965] 106 28 131 150 131 27 68 44 85 31 ...
##
   $ st id
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
##
       cols(
##
          client_zip = col_double(),
##
          las_race_key = col_character(),
          hispanic_flag = col_character(),
##
##
          age = col_double(),
##
          year = col_double(),
          male = col_double(),
##
          dismissal = col_double(),
##
##
          loc2 = col_character(),
          st_id = col_double()
##
##
     ..)
```

2.1 Give a brief overview of the data. The aim is not be exhaustive, but to paint a picture of they key features of the data with respect to the policy questions you'll be exploring.

The BDS data includes 2246 observations (client arrest records), and the LAS data includes another 1965 observations. Both datasets include basic demographic information on age, sex, race, ethnicity (coded differently in each dataset), as well as information on the location/subway station where the arrest occurred.

The LAS data also includes information on case dismissal rates.

2.2 For each dataset, what is the unit of observation and population represented by this "sample"? Do you think this sample does a good job representing the population of interest?

In each raw dataset, the unit of observation is the arrested individual (client). On the surface, the representative population is all individuals arrested by the NYPD for subway fare evasion in Brooklyn during 2016 who are represented by public defenders. If nearly all individuals arrested for fare evasion are represented by public defenders, then this sample comes close to the universe of subway fare evasion arrests in Brooklyn in 2016. This is difficult to argue convincingly without additional information, but is supported anecdotally by court observers.

2.3 Inspect and describe the coding of race/ethnicity in each dataset.

```
#recode race/ethnicity information from character to factors
arrests_bds <- arrests_bds %>% mutate(race = as.factor(race),
                                        ethnicity = as.factor(ethnicity) )
arrests_las <- arrests_las %>% mutate(race = as.factor(las_race_key),
                                        ethnicity = as.factor(hispanic_flag) )
#compare race coding
  summary(arrests_bds$race)
##
                         0
                                         Am Indian Asian/Pacific Islander
##
                        35
                                                                         21
##
                     Black
                                             Other
                                                                    Unknown
##
                      1465
                                                 32
                                                                          2
##
                                              NA's
                     White
##
                       533
                                               157
  summary(arrests_las$race)
## Asian or Pacific Islander
                                                    Black
                                                                            Hispanic
##
                                                     1247
                                                                                   21
                           11
##
                       Latino
                                                    Other
                                                                             Unknown
##
                                                       20
                                                                                   10
##
                        White
                                                     NA's
##
                          426
                                                      228
#compare Hispanic/ethnicity coding
  summary(arrests_bds$ethnicity)
##
              0
                     Hispanic Non-Hispanic
                                                    Other
                                                                   NA's
##
             33
                          493
                                       1558
                                                        5
                                                                    157
  summary(arrests_las$ethnicity)
##
      N
           Y NA's
## 1619
         189
             157
```

Race information is generally stored in one variable, Hispanic identity in a second variable. To work towards consistent variable names and coding in both datasets, let's first recode the raw race and ethnicity information into two separate columns of data (factors) named race and ethnicity.

While each dataset refers to similar race and ethnicity categories, there are different category names in each (including some slightly different spellings).

We also note that Hispanic identity factors into both race and Hispanic variables in the Legal Aid Society (LAS) data; in the BDS data, information on Hispanic identity is only included in the ethnicity variable.

Each dataset also contains a different set of values that seem to convey unknown race/ethnicity information, in addition to true missings (e.g. "0" and "Unknown" in addition to blank entries).

2.4 From the outset, are there any data limitations you think are important to note?

It's unclear what processes are used to code race and ethnicity at each public defender group. How much does the information reflect client self-identification rather than identity assigned by police and entered into arrest reports?

It's also important to emphasize what information this data does **not** include that might be relevant to the question of biased fare evasion enforcement:

• fare evasion that resulted in a summons (ticket + fine) rather than an arrest

- fare evasion enforcement on buses
- 3 Clean BDS race and ethnicity data (insert code chunks that only include code you used to recode and very briefly validate your recoding)
- 3.1 BDS: race data (generate column race_clean).

```
#identify every combination of race-ethnicity in the raw data
table(arrests_bds$race, arrests_bds$ethnicity, useNA = "always")
##
##
                                O Hispanic Non-Hispanic Other <NA>
##
     0
                               31
                                         1
                                                       3
                                0
                                         0
                                                      1
##
     Am Indian
                                         0
                                                      21
##
     Asian/Pacific Islander
                                0
##
     Black
                                2
                                                                   0
                                       104
                                                    1358
##
     Other
                                0
                                        20
                                                      11
                                                             1
                                                                   0
##
     Unknown
                                0
                                         0
                                                       0
                                                                   0
##
     White
                                0
                                       368
                                                     164
                                                             1
                                                                   0
##
     <NA>
                                0
                                         0
                                                       0
                                                             0 157
#recode as factor in an internally consistent manner (address NAs, specify levels)
arrests_bds.clean <- arrests_bds %>%
  mutate(race_clean = recode(race, "0" = "NA",
                                    "Unknown" = "NA",
                                    "Am Indian" = "Other" ) ) %>%
  mutate(race_clean = factor(race_clean,
                              levels = c("Black", "White", "Asian/Pacific Islander", "Other")))
#validation: confirm the recode worked as intended
arrests_bds.clean %>% count(race_clean, sort = TRUE)
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##
     race_clean
                                 n
##
     <fct>
                             <int>
## 1 Black
                              1465
## 2 White
                               533
## 3 <NA>
                               194
## 4 Other
                                33
## 5 Asian/Pacific Islander
                                21
table(arrests_bds.clean$race_clean, arrests_bds.clean$race, useNA = "always")
##
##
                                O Am Indian Asian/Pacific Islander Black Other
##
                                                                     1465
     Black
                                          0
                                                                   0
##
     White
                                0
                                          0
                                                                  0
                                                                         0
                                                                               0
     Asian/Pacific Islander
                                                                  21
                                                                         0
##
                                0
                                          0
                                                                               0
     Other
##
                                0
                                          1
                                                                  0
                                                                         0
                                                                              32
##
     <NA>
                               35
                                                                               0
##
```

```
##
                                Unknown White <NA>
##
     Black
                                      0
                                             0
##
     White
                                      0
                                           533
     Asian/Pacific Islander
                                      0
                                                   0
##
                                             Λ
##
     Other
                                      0
                                             0
                                                   0
##
     <NA>
                                      2
                                             0
                                                157
```

3.2 BDS: ethnicity data (generate column ethnicity clean).

```
#ok now let's recode to Hispanic, Non-Hispanic, and NA
arrests_bds.clean <- arrests_bds.clean %>%
  mutate(hispanic = recode(ethnicity, "0" = "NA", "Other" = "Non-Hispanic") ) %>%
  mutate(hispanic = factor(hispanic, levels = c("Hispanic", "Non-Hispanic")))
#validation: confirm the recode worked as intended
  summary(arrests_bds.clean$hispanic)
##
       Hispanic Non-Hispanic
                                      NA's
##
            493
                         1563
                                       190
 table(arrests_bds.clean$race_clean, arrests_bds.clean$hispanic, useNA = "always")
##
##
                             Hispanic Non-Hispanic <NA>
##
                                              1359
     Black
                                  104
##
     White
                                  368
                                               165
##
     Asian/Pacific Islander
                                    0
                                                21
##
     Other
                                   20
                                                13
##
     <NA>
                                                 5
                                                    188
                                    1
```

3.3 Generate a single race/ethnicity factor variable race_eth with mutually exclusive categories.

```
#let's investigate a bit
table(arrests_bds.clean$race_clean, arrests_bds.clean$hispanic, useNA = "always")
##
##
                            Hispanic Non-Hispanic <NA>
##
     Black
                                  104
                                              1359
##
     White
                                  368
                                               165
##
     Asian/Pacific Islander
                                                21
                                   0
##
     Other
                                  20
                                                13
                                                      0
     <NA>
                                   1
                                                    188
#generate race_eth column (as a factor) in steps
arrests_bds.clean <- arrests_bds.clean %>%
  mutate(race_clean_char = as.character(race_clean)) %>% #work with characters
  mutate(hispanic_char = as.character(hispanic))
                                                      %>% #work with characters
  mutate(race_eth = ifelse(hispanic_char == "Hispanic",
                           hispanic char,
                           race_clean_char) ) %>%
  mutate(race_eth = as.factor(recode(race_eth, "White" = "Non-Hispanic White"))) %>%
  select(-race_clean_char, -hispanic_char)
#validate results: joint distribution of race_eth and hispanic
```

```
table(arrests_bds.clean$race_eth, arrests_bds.clean$hispanic, useNA = "always")
##
##
                              Hispanic Non-Hispanic <NA>
##
     Asian/Pacific Islander
                                     0
                                                  21
##
     Black
                                     0
                                                1359
                                                         0
##
     Hispanic
                                   493
                                                   0
                                                         0
     Non-Hispanic White
                                                 165
                                                         0
##
                                     0
##
     Other
                                     0
                                                  13
                                                        0
##
     <NA>
                                                   5
                                                      190
arrests bds.clean %>% count(race eth, sort = TRUE)
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
##
     race eth
                                  n
     <fct>
##
                              <int>
## 1 Black
                               1359
## 2 Hispanic
                                493
## 3 <NA>
                                195
## 4 Non-Hispanic White
                                165
## 5 Asian/Pacific Islander
                                 21
## 6 Other
                                 13
```

Note that race_eth assigns individuals who identify as both Hispanic and a race other than white as Hispanic. This means, for example, that an individual who identifies as both Black and Hispanic appears as Hispanic in the race_eth column.

4 Clean LAS race and ethnicity data

4.1 Follow your own steps to end up at a race_eth variable for the LAS data that is coded in a comparable manner as in the BDS data.

NOTE: you may be able to do everything in a single pipe, depending on your approach (but you certainly don't have to).

```
#inspect LAS data
table(arrests_las$las_race_key, arrests_las$hispanic_flag, useNA = "always")
##
##
                                    N
                                         Y <NA>
##
     Asian or Pacific Islander
                                   11
                                         0
##
     Black
                                 1201
                                        46
##
     Hispanic
                                   20
                                               0
                                         1
                                    2
                                         0
##
     Latino
                                               0
##
     Other
                                   11
                                         9
                                               0
##
     Unknown
                                   10
                                         0
                                               0
##
                                               0
     White
                                  294
                                       132
##
     <NA>
                                   70
                                            157
                                         1
#generate race_eth column as a factor
arrests_las.clean <- arrests_las %>%
  mutate(race_eth = recode(las_race_key,
                                           "Asian or Pacific Islander" = "Asian/Pacific Islander",
                                            "Unknown" = "NA",
                                            "Latino" = "Hispanic",
```

```
"White" = "Non-Hispanic White")) %>%
  mutate(race_eth = ifelse(hispanic_flag == "Y", "Hispanic", race_eth) ) %>%
  mutate(race_eth = factor(race_eth,
                            levels = c("Black", "Hispanic", "Non-Hispanic White", "Asian/Pacific Islande
#validate
arrests_las.clean %>% count(race_eth, sort = TRUE)
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
##
    race_eth
                                 n
##
     <fct>
                             <int>
## 1 Black
                              1201
## 2 Non-Hispanic White
                               294
                               237
## 3 <NA>
## 4 Hispanic
                               211
## 5 Asian/Pacific Islander
                                11
## 6 Other
                                11
table(arrests_las.clean$race_eth, arrests_las.clean$hispanic_flag, useNA = "always")
##
##
                                N
                                     Y <NA>
##
     Black
                             1201
                                     0
##
     Hispanic
                               22
                                  189
##
     Non-Hispanic White
                              294
                                     0
##
     Asian/Pacific Islander
                              11
                                     0
##
     Other
                               11
                                     0
                                          0
##
     <NA>
                               80
                                     0
                                       157
```

5 Combining (appending) the BDS and LAS microdata

5.1 Create a column (pd) to identify public defender data source.

```
arrests_bds.clean <- arrests_bds.clean %>% mutate(pd = "bds")
arrests_las.clean <- arrests_las.clean %>% mutate(pd = "las")
```

5.2 Append arrests_bds.clean and arrests_las.clean using rbind(). Store as new data frame arrests_all and inspect for consistency/accuracy.

```
##
     pd
                                 race_eth
                                                                 male
                                                  age
   bds:2246
##
                                            Min. : 0.00
              Black
                                     :2560
                                                            Min.
                                                                   :0.0000
   las:1965
              Hispanic
                                     : 704
                                            1st Qu.:20.00
                                                             1st Qu.:1.0000
                                     : 459
##
              Non-Hispanic White
                                            Median :26.00
                                                            Median :1.0000
##
              Asian/Pacific Islander: 32
                                            Mean :29.18
                                                            Mean :0.8748
##
              Other
                                       24
                                            3rd Qu.:35.00
                                                            3rd Qu.:1.0000
```

```
##
               NA's
                                      : 432
                                                      :71.00
                                                               Max.
                                                                      :1.0000
                                              Max.
##
                                              NA's
                                                      :317
                                                               NA's
                                                                      :314
##
      dismissal
                         st id
                                                                           loc2
           :0.0000
                             : 223
                                     coney island-stillwell ave
                                                                             : 223
##
   Min.
                     66
                                     jay st - metrotech
##
    1st Qu.:0.0000
                     99
                             : 198
                                                                             : 198
  Median :1.0000
                                     utica ave and fulton st
##
                     150
                             : 143
                                                                             : 143
                                     utica ave and eastern parkway
           :0.5392
  Mean
                     70
                             : 142
                                                                             : 142
## 3rd Qu.:1.0000
                     114
                             : 141
                                     marcy ave j m z line
                                                                             : 141
## Max.
           :1.0000
                     131
                             : 141
                                     nostrand ave and fulton st a c station: 141
## NA's
           :2529
                     (Other):3223
                                     (Other)
                                                                             :3223
```

5.3 What is the total number of subway fare evasion arrest records?

The total number of subway fare evasion arrest records from both BDS and LAS is 4211.

5.4 Export arrests_all as .csv, and save as .rds file.

```
write_csv(arrests.clean, "arrests_all.csv")
saveRDS(arrests.clean, "../Lecture4/arrests.clean.rds")
```

- 6 Descriptive statistics by race/ethnicity
- 6.1 Print the number of arrests for each race/ethnicity category (a frequency table).

```
arrests.clean %>% count(race_eth, sort = TRUE)
                   race eth
##
## 1
                      Black 2560
                   Hispanic 704
## 2
## 3
         Non-Hispanic White
                              459
                        <NA>
                              432
## 5 Asian/Pacific Islander
                               32
## 6
                       Other
                               24
```

6.2 Print the proportion of total arrests for each race/ethnicity category.

```
#including NAs
prop.table(table(arrests.clean$race_eth, useNA = "always")) %>%
  round(2) %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  arrange(desc(Freq)) %>%
  rename(race_eth = Var1)
```

```
## race_eth Freq
## 1 Black 0.61
## 2 Hispanic 0.17
## 3 Non-Hispanic White 0.11
## 4 <NA> 0.10
## 5 Asian/Pacific Islander 0.01
## 6 Other 0.01
```

```
#excluding NAs
prop.table(table(arrests.clean$race_eth)) %>%
  round(2) %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  arrange(desc(Freq)) %>%
 rename(race_eth = Var1)
##
                   race_eth Freq
## 1
                      Black 0.68
## 2
                   Hispanic 0.19
## 3
         Non-Hispanic White 0.12
## 4 Asian/Pacific Islander 0.01
## 5
                      Other 0.01
```

6.3 Show the average age, share male, and dimissal rate for each race/ethnicity category. Describe any noteworthy findings.

```
arrests.clean %>%
  group_by(race_eth) %>%
  summarise(n = n(),
            mean_age = mean(age, na.rm = TRUE),
            mean_male = mean(male, na.rm = TRUE),
            mean dism = mean(dismissal, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
##
    race eth
                                 n mean age mean male mean dism
##
     <fct>
                                      <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
                             <int>
## 1 Black
                              2560
                                       29.1
                                                0.875
                                                           0.514
## 2 Hispanic
                                       29.7
                                                0.901
                                                          0.538
                              704
## 3 Non-Hispanic White
                               459
                                       29.7
                                                0.898
                                                           0.587
## 4 Asian/Pacific Islander
                                32
                                       28.9
                                                0.938
                                                          0.636
## 5 Other
                                24
                                       28.3
                                                0.833
                                                           0.444
## 6 <NA>
                               432
                                       25.9
                                                0.610
                                                           0.75
```

7 Subway-station level analysis

0.19

0.12

1

0.68

7.1 Create dummy variables for each race/ethnicity category and show summary statistics only for these dummy variables.

0.01

0.1

0.01

7.2 Aggregate to station-level observations and show a table with the top 10 stations by arrest totals, including the following information for each station:

- station name (given by loc2)
- st id
- total number of arrests at each station
- total number of arrests for each race_eth category at each station
- sort in descending order of total number of arrests
- remember to only show the top 10 stations
- use kable() in the knitr package for better formatting

loc2	st_id	n	n_black	n_hisp	n_api	n_nhw	n_oth
coney island-stillwell ave	66	223	124	48	5	35	1
jay st - metrotech	99	198	112	43	3	29	0
utica ave and fulton st	150	143	111	19	0	7	0
utica ave and eastern parkway	70	142	118	13	0	5	0
marcy ave j m z line	114	141	55	42	3	34	0
nostrand ave and fulton st a c station	131	141	107	20	0	7	1
canarsie rockaway pkwy	54	133	109	4	1	11	2
sutter avenue station l line	147	102	79	12	0	6	0
kingston - throop avs	106	90	69	12	0	6	0
nevins st 2 3 4 5 lines	123	86	63	11	0	6	1

7.3 Aggregate to station-level observations (group by loc2), and show a table of stations with at least 50 arrests along with the following information:

- station name (loc2)
- station arrest total
- combined total number of Black and Hispanic arrests
- total number of arrests with race/ethnicity coded as NA
- share of arrests that are Black and Hispanic (excluding race_eth = NA from denominator)
- sorted in ascending order above Black and Hispanic arrest share
- remember to only show stations with at least 50 total arrests
- use kable() in the knitr package for better formatting

loc2	n	n_bh	n_na	sh_bh
marcy ave j m z line	141	97	7	0.72
myrtle av and broadway station	69	53	3	0.80
coney island-stillwell ave	223	172	10	0.81
graham ave l line	54	39	6	0.81
broadway and lorimer st j m station	70	56	2	0.82
clinton - washington avs station	63	48	5	0.83
jay st - metrotech	198	155	11	0.83
hoyt-schermerhorn a c g line	71	55	6	0.85
myrtle - willoughby avs g line	50	39	5	0.87
canarsie rockaway pkwy	133	113	6	0.89
nevins st 2 3 4 5 lines	86	74	5	0.91
hoyt st 2 3	77	70	2	0.93
kingston - throop avs	90	81	3	0.93
nostrand ave and fulton st a c station	141	127	6	0.94
sutter avenue station l line	102	91	5	0.94
utica ave and fulton st	143	130	6	0.95
court st r subway/borough hall 2 subway 3 subway 4 subway 5 subway	59	53	4	0.96
junius st 3 line	75	70	2	0.96
livonia ave l line	75	69	3	0.96
utica ave and eastern parkway	142	131	6	0.96
rockaway ave c line	61	57	3	0.98
sutter av - rutland rd 3 line	68	64	3	0.98
rockaway ave 3 line	61	57	4	1.00

7.4 Briefly summarize any noteworthy findings from the table you just generated.

At every single high-arrest subway station, the majority of arrested individuals are Black or Hispanic. This isn't surprising, given that 87 percent of all arrested individuals with coded race/ethnicity are Black or Hispanic.

8 (OPTIONAL) Visualize the distribution of arrests by race/ethnicity at stations with > 100 arrests.

Hint: see R code from class, section 8

```
#get data frame with obs for every station-race_eth pairings on arrest counts
arrests_stations_race <- arrests.clean %>%
    group_by(loc2) %>%
```

```
mutate(st_arrests = n()) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  group_by(loc2, race_eth) %>%
  summarise(arrests = n(), st_arrests = first(st_arrests)) %>%
  arrange(desc(st_arrests)) %>%
  filter(st_arrests > 100)
arrests_stations_race
## # A tibble: 39 x 4
## # Groups: loc2 [8]
##
     loc2
                                race_eth
                                                       arrests st_arrests
##
      <fct>
                                <fct>
                                                         <int>
                                                                   <int>
## 1 coney island-stillwell ave Black
                                                           124
                                                                      223
## 2 coney island-stillwell ave Hispanic
                                                                      223
                                                            48
                                                                      223
## 3 coney island-stillwell ave Non-Hispanic White
                                                            35
## 4 coney island-stillwell ave Asian/Pacific Islander
                                                            5
                                                                      223
                                                                      223
## 5 coney island-stillwell ave Other
                                                            1
## 6 coney island-stillwell ave <NA>
                                                            10
                                                                      223
## 7 jay st - metrotech
                                Black
                                                           112
                                                                      198
                                                                      198
## 8 jay st - metrotech
                                Hispanic
                                                            43
## 9 jay st - metrotech
                                Non-Hispanic White
                                                            29
                                                                      198
## 10 jay st - metrotech
                                Asian/Pacific Islander
                                                             3
                                                                      198
## # ... with 29 more rows
ggplot(arrests_stations_race,
       aes(x = reorder(loc2, -st_arrests), y = arrests, fill = race_eth)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
 theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0.5, hjust=1))
```

