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Random Sampling Activity: Sampling Segregation

Most American cities have economic segregation. This means that households in the same neighborhood have similar incomes, but incomes across neighborhoods tend to be quite different. Multiple reports have found that San Antonio is one of the most economically segregated cities in the United States. The following activity investigates the challenges of sampling incomes in San Antonio.

Judgement Sample: Select 5 homes that you think are *representative* of the whole population of San Antonio. Label the home numbers on the top lines and their incomes on the bottom lines. Calculate and write down the mean of these incomes in the space provided.

Home Number: 1 34 59 65 30

Income: 25k 56.5 139 20 58.5 Mean: 59.8

Pros: Easy to implement

Con: Biased

Simple Random Sample (SRS): Use a random number generator to select 5 unique homes numbered between 1-100. Label the home numbers, their incomes, and mean of their incomes.

Home Number: 23 4 77 1 2

Income: 30.5 56 76 25 26.5 Mean: 42.8

Pros: Unbiased, moderately accurate

Cons: would have to drive all over

Cluster Random Sample: Use a random number generator to find 1 home numbered between 1 and 100. Select that home as well as the four homes located closest to it on the map.

Home Number: 37 36 38 39 30

Income: 44.5 42.5 41 43 58.5 Mean: 45.9

Pros: unbiased

Cons: high variability

Stratified Random Sample: Find the page with the title “Strata by Race-Ethnicity”, in which the homes are divided by predominant race. Use a random number generator to select 1 home within each of the 5 strata. For example, use RandInt(67,71,1) to select a Native American home, since the range for that strata is 67-71.

Home Number: _58_ _62_ _42_ _71_ _76_

Income: __68__ __26__ __92.5_ __25__ __56__ Mean: _53.5__

Pros: Unbiased, accurate, low variability

Cons: Hardest to implement , need to have lots of data

Systematic Random Sample: Select a random number between 1 and 20. This is the first home. Add 20 to the first home number to select the second home. Add 20 more to get the third home. Repeat until you have 5 homes.

Home Number: 13__ __33_ _53__ __73_ __93_

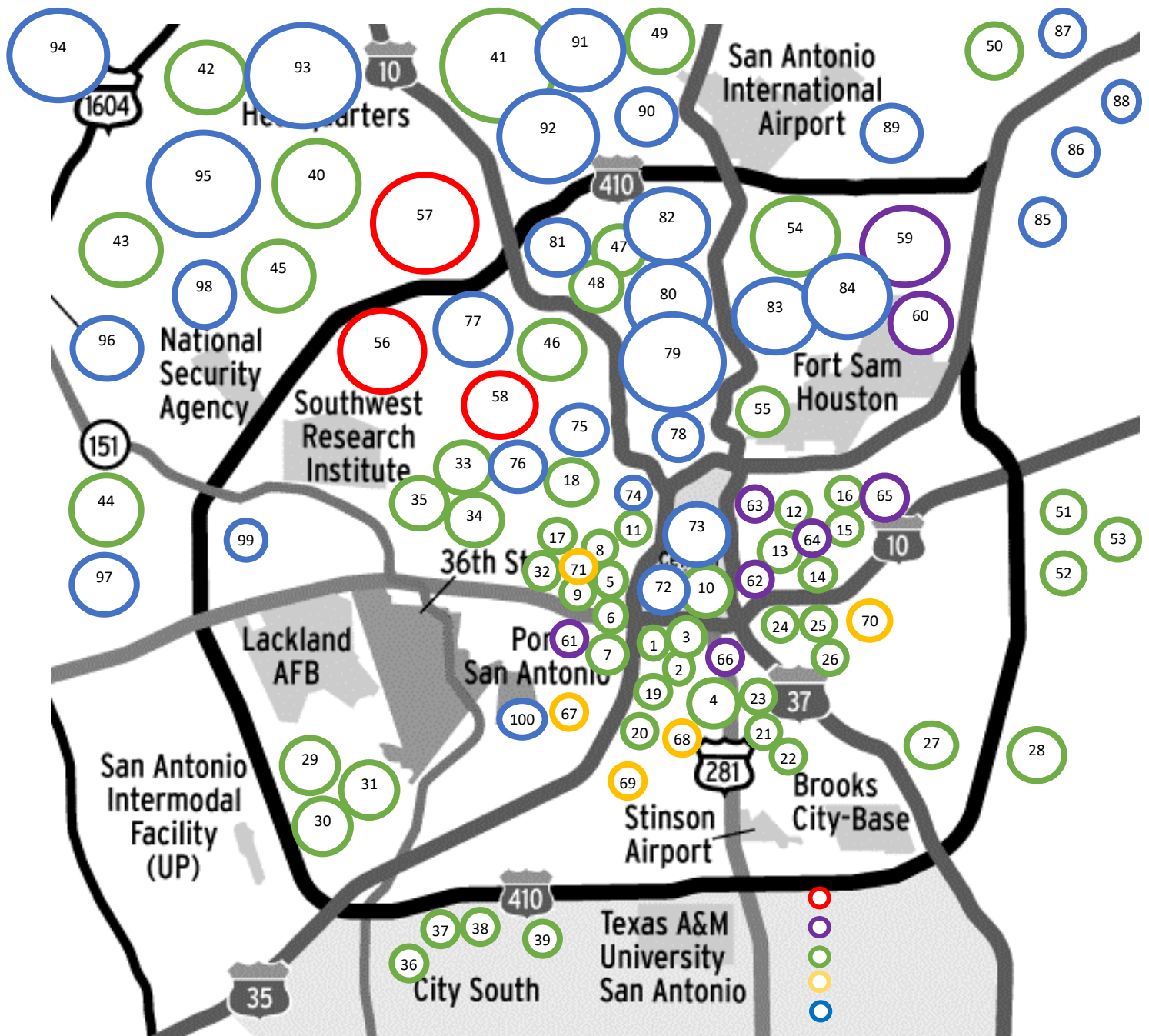
Income: __35.5__ _5.5__ __47__ __110__ __186__ Mean: __86.7__

Pros: Unbiased

Cons: moderate variability

TRUE MEAN: 61,000





Key (Predominant Race in Home):

Asian
Black
Hispanic
Native American
White

Home	Income
1	\$25,000
2	\$26,500
3	\$42,000
4	\$56,000
5	\$23,000
6	\$24,500
7	\$44,500
8	\$25,500
9	\$25,500
10	\$54,000
11	\$26,000
12	\$25,000
13	\$35,500
14	\$25,000
15	\$27,500

Home	Income
16	\$23,500
17	\$23,500
18	\$53,000
19	\$36,000
20	\$28,500
21	\$27,500
22	\$28,000
23	\$30,500
24	\$27,000
25	\$31,500
26	\$29,500
27	\$45,500
28	\$61,000
29	\$61,000
30	\$58,500

Home	Income
31	\$64,000
32	\$35,000
33	\$55,000
34	\$56,500
35	\$57,000
36	\$42,500
37	\$44,500
38	\$41,000
39	\$43,000
40	\$109,000
41	\$214,500
42	\$92,500
43	\$95,000
44	\$68,500
45	\$76,000

Home	Income
46	\$65,000
47	\$62,500
48	\$78,000
49	\$85,500
50	\$61,500
51	\$48,000
52	\$44,500
53	\$47,000
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57	\$139,000
58	\$68,000
59	\$107,500
60	\$85,000

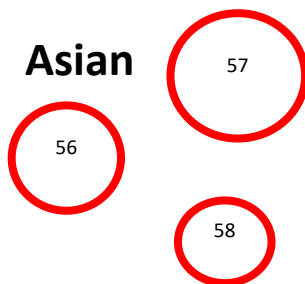
Home	Income
61	\$66,500
62	\$26,000
63	\$24,500
64	\$22,000
65	\$20,000
66	\$28,500
67	\$23,000
68	\$20,000
69	\$27,500
70	\$36,000
71	\$25,000
72	\$57,000
73	\$110,000
74	\$28,000
75	\$58,000

Home	Income
76	\$56,000
77	\$76,000
78	\$44,500
79	\$212,500
80	\$119,000
81	\$67,000
82	\$124,000
83	\$109,000
84	\$111,500
85	\$48,000
86	\$43,500
87	\$47,000
88	\$39,000
89	\$58,500
90	\$62,000

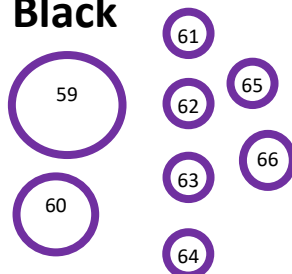
Home	Income
91	\$108,000
92	\$157,000
93	\$186,000
94	\$166,000
95	\$174,000
96	\$80,000
97	\$42,000
98	\$48,500
99	\$28,000
100	\$27,000

Strata: By Race-Ethnicity

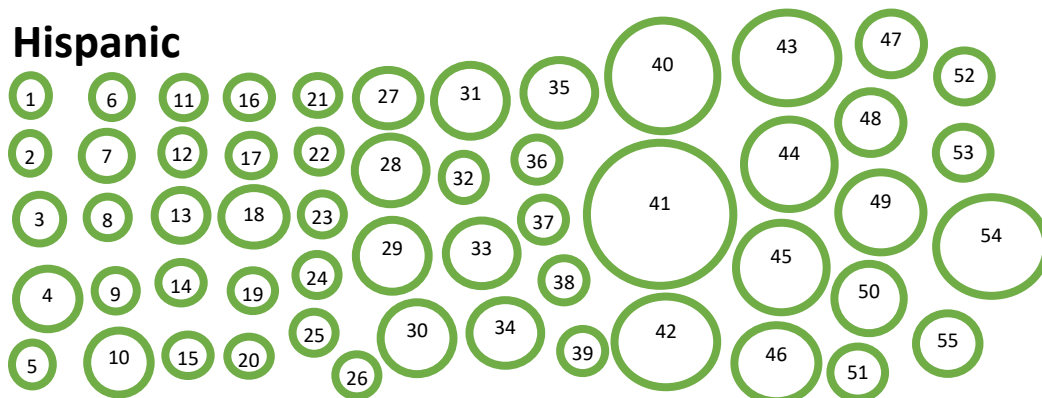
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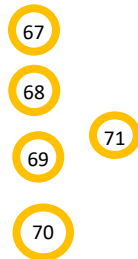
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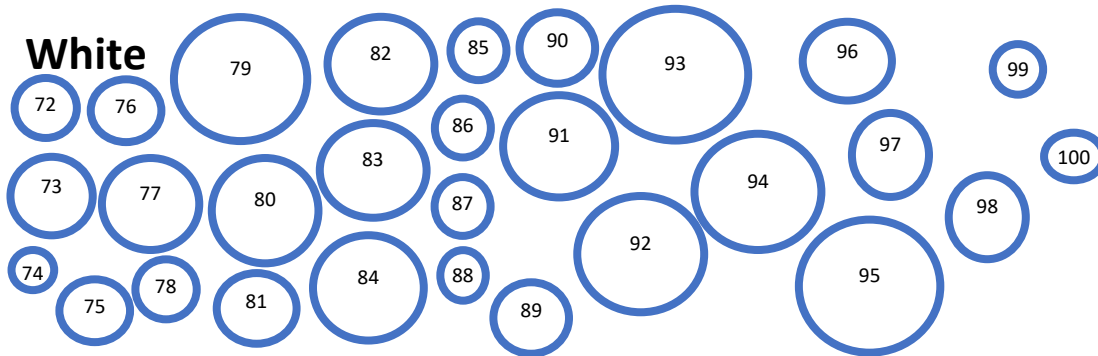
Hispanic



Native American

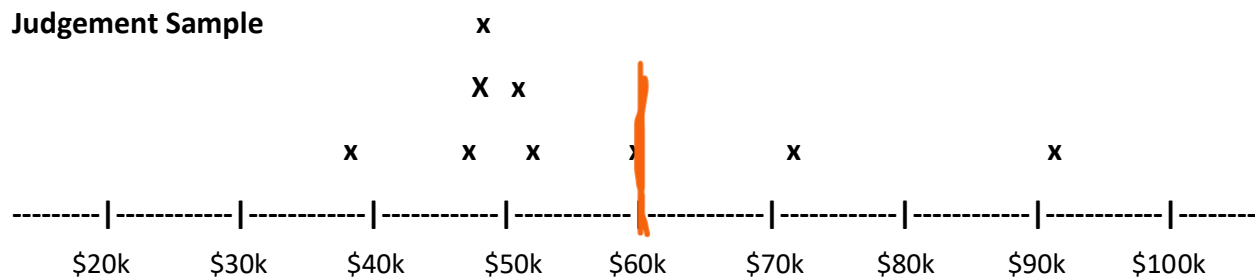


White

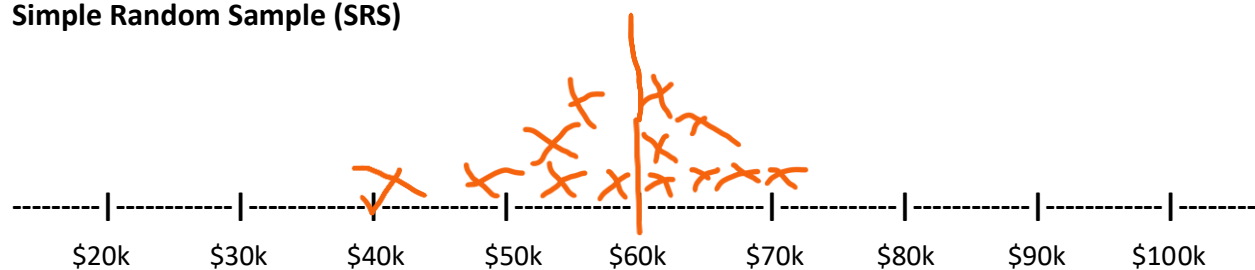


Sampling Distributions for Each Sample Type

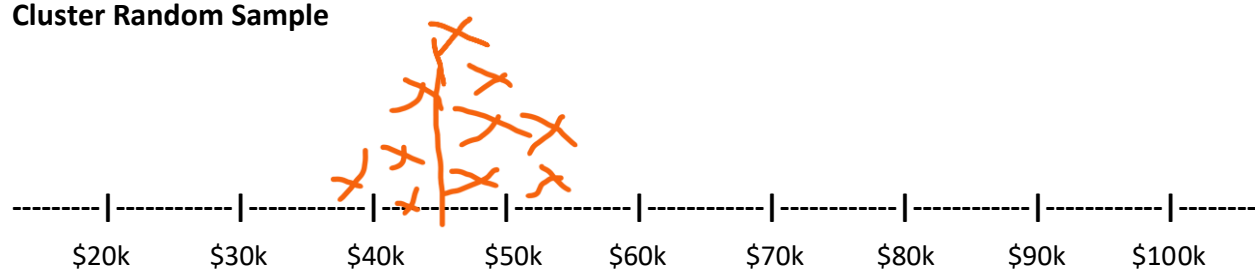
Judgement Sample



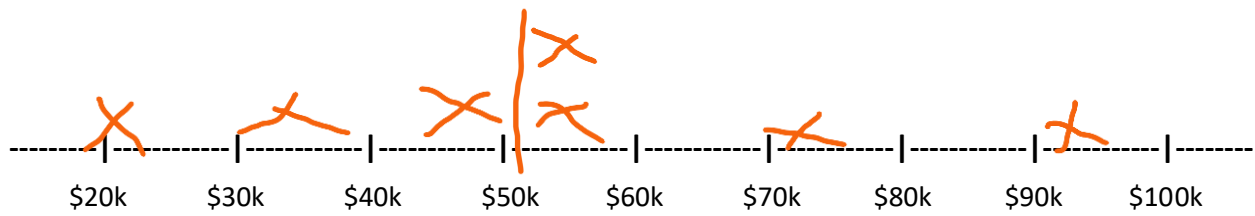
Simple Random Sample (SRS)



Cluster Random Sample



Stratified Random Sample



Systematic Random Sample

