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Homework 1 Attempt 1

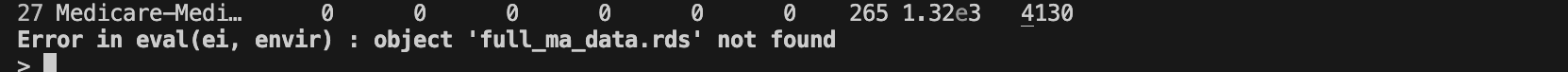
GitHub Link: <https://github.com/kpollard8/Homework1>

Questions 1 – 3

1. How many observations exist in your current dataset?
   1. 19126783
2. How many different *plan\_types* exist in the data?
   1. 27
3. Provide a table of the count of plans under each plan type in each year.

A screenshot of a computer screen

Description automatically generated

1. Tried and got this error message – somehow it’s not finding the full\_ma??? Even though I have that created in the output 
2. Ran out of time
3. Ran out of time
4. Couldn’t do because I couldn’t do 6
5. Why did we drop the “800-series” plans?
   1. I think 800 series plans are extensions of eghps. According to MA, employers engage with a third party, which assumes the insurance risk and operates as the plan sponsor. The designation "800 series" commonly encompasses the majority of EGWPs. Therefore, it’s similar to a eghp, so we dropped it because we were already dropping the rest.
6. Why do so many plans charge a $0 premium? What does that really mean to a beneficiary?
   1. A $0 premium is attractive to beneficiaries because that means they don't have to pay an additional premium beyond their standard Medicare Part B premium. So I think it means that they still have to pay a premium, just not an additional
7. Briefly describe your experience working with these data (just a few sentences). Tell me one thing you learned and one thing that really aggravated you.
   1. Figuring out how to link it to a GitHub repository was incredibly exhausting – I had to start over 8x. The .gitignore wasn’t working, so it would try to push all of the data files along with the code. I met with people in the class 4x this weekend. The thing that took the longest was setting up how to even start answering the questions. I ran out of time for 5, 6, 7 for that reason.
   2. I learned how to connect it to GitHub eventually and ignore the data files after multiple trial and error