# WORKING WITH FCC BROADBAND AVAILABILITY DATA IN

# ARIZONA USING R.

# THE FOLLOWING CODE USES FCC BROADBAND AVAILABILITY DATA TO DETERMINE

# THE STATUS (I.E., UNSERVED, UNDERSERVED, SERVED) OF BROADBAND

# SERVICABLE LOCATION'S (BSL). ARIZONA IS THE PRIMARY STATE OF ANLAYSIS,

# HOWEVER, THIS CODE CAN BE USED FOR ANY STATE WITH CENSUS AND BDC DATA!

# SECTIONS OF THE CODE WHERE THESE CHANGES CAN BE MADE HAVE BEEN ANNOTATED.

# THE 'DYPLR' AND 'TIDYR' PACKAGES ARE USED TO SUMMARIZE THE TOTAL NUMBER
# OF UNSERVED, UNDERSERVED, AND SERVED LOCATIONS WITHIN A PARTICULAR
# GEOMETRY. BDC DATA DOES NOT INCLUDE LATITUDE/LONGITUDE LOCATION
# INFORMATION. INSTEAD, IT USES CENSUS BLOCK AND H3 HEXAGONAL GRID LOCATION
# INFORMATION. THE 'TIGRIS' PACKAGE IS USED TO DIRECTLY DOWNLOAD U.S. CENSUS
# BUREAU TIGER/LINE SPATIAL FEATURES (I.E., BLOCKS, BLOCK GROUPS, AND COUNTY)
# FROM R. THE 'H3JSR' PACKAGE IS USED TO CREATE H3 HEXAGONAL GRIDS COVERING
# THE ENTIRE STATE.

# THE 'GGPLOT2' PACKAGE IS USED TO MAP THE PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS.

# A SERVED LOCATIONS IS A BROADBAND SERVICABLE LOCATION SERVED BY RELIABLE

# BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES RECEIVING BROADBAND SPEEDS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO

# 100 MBPS DOWNLOAD AND 20 MBPS UPLOAD SPEEDS WITH LATENCY LESS THAN 100 MS

# (See BEAD NOFO, pages 16-17).

# THE CODE IS BROKEN INTO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

- # 1. IMPORT THE FCC BROADBAND AVAILABILITY DATA
- # 2. COMBINE FCC TECHNOLOGY FILES

# 4. DETERMINE LOCATION STATUS (I.E., UNSERVED, UNDERSERVED, SERVED)
# 5. COUNT LOCATIONS AND STATUS PER CENSUS GEOMETRY
# 6. OPTIONAL: EXPORT TABLE DATA
# 7. CREATE CHOROPLETH MAPS USING 'GGPLOT2'
# 8. COUNT LOCATIONS AND STATUS PER HEX BIN
# 9. CREATE CHOROPLETH MAPS OF HEX STATUS USING 'GGPLOT2'
# 10. MAP PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS IN H3 FOR ALL COUNTIES
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# 1. IMPORT THE FCC BROADBAND AVAILABILITY DATA
#######################################
# INSTALL PACKAGES
install.packages("dplyr", "tidyr", "readr")
# LOAD PACKAGES
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(readr)
# VIEW PACKAGE HELP
?readr
?dplyr
?tidyr
# DOWNLOAD FCC BDC DATA. STEPS BELOW:

#3. EXPLORE DATASET

# STEP 1: IMPORT DATA FROM THE FCC NATIONAL BROADBAND MAP HERE: https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/data-download

# STEP 2: IN FCC PORTAL, GO TO: SELECT STATE > DOWNLOAD ALL FIXED TECHNOLOGY > UNZIP FILES

# PRINT CURRENT WORKING DIRECTORY getwd()

# UPDATE WORKING DIRECTORY TO FOLDER LOCATION WHERE FCC CSV FILES ARE SAVED setwd("C:/") # CODE: INSERT FILE PATH IN PARENTHESES

# OPTIONAL: # MANUALLY SET WORKING DIRECTORY

# STEPS: IN R, GO TO: SESSION > SET WORKING DIRECTORY > CHOOSE DIRECTORY > SELECT LOCATION WHERE FCC FILES ARE SAVED

# IMPORT FCC CSV FILES

cable <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_Cable\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

copper <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_Copper\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

fiber <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_FibertothePremises\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

GSO\_sat <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_GSOSatellite\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

LBR\_FW <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_LBRFixedWireless\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

L\_FW <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_LicensedFixedWireless\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

NGSO\_sat <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_NGSOSatellite\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

other <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_Other\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

Un\_FW <- read\_csv("bdc\_04\_UnlicensedFixedWireless\_fixed\_broadband\_D23\_14may2024.csv")

# 2. COMBINE FCC TECHNOLOGY FILES

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# BIND ALL ROWS
fcc <- bind_rows(cable, copper, fiber, GSO_sat, LBR_FW,
      L_FW, NGSO_sat, other, Un_FW)
# OPTIONAL: CLEAN UP ENVIRONMENT
rm(cable, copper, fiber, GSO_sat, LBR_FW,
 L_FW, NGSO_sat, other, Un_FW)
#3. EXPLORE DATASET
# NOTE: DATA SPECS FOUND HERE: https://us-fcc.box.com/v/bdc-data-downloads-output
# VIEW THE DATA OR VIEW THE TRANSPOSED DATA
fcc
glimpse(fcc)
# VIEW COLUMN HEADERS (I.E., NAMES)
names(fcc)
# RETURNS THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE LOCATION IDS
length(unique(fcc$location_id))
# RETURNS ALL UNIQUE ELEMENTS IN A COLUMN
unique(fcc$business_residential_code)
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# 4. DETERMINE LOCATION STATUS (I.E., UNSERVED, UNDERSERVED, SERVED) (See BEAD NOFO, pages 16-17)

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# DETERMINE LOCATION STATUS
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fcc_bsl_status <- fcc %>%
mutate(num_status = if_else(low_latency == 0 |
            max_advertised_download_speed < 25 |
            max_advertised_upload_speed < 3 |
            technology %in% c(0, 60, 61, 70), 0, # UNSERVED
           if_else(low_latency == 1 &
                (between(max_advertised_download_speed, 25, 99) |
                between(max_advertised_upload_speed, 3, 19)) &
                technology %in% c(10, 40, 50, 71, 72), 1, # UNDERSERVED
           if_else(low_latency == 1 &
                max_advertised_download_speed >= 100 &
                max_advertised_upload_speed >= 20 &
                technology %in% c(10, 40, 50, 71, 72), 2, NA)))) %>% # SERVED
group_by(location_id, block_geoid, h3_res8_id) %>%
summarise(status = as.character(max(num_status))) %>%
ungroup() %>%
mutate(status = if_else(status == 0, "unserved",
           if_else(status == 1, "underserved",
               if_else(status == 2, "served", NA))))
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## # COUNT TOTAL LOCATIONS AND STATUS

fcc\_bsl\_status %>%

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group_by(status) %>%
summarise(count = n())
# 5. COUNT LOCATIONS AND STATUS PER GEOMETRY
# USE TIGER/LINE DATA FROM US CENSUS BUREAU IN R USING 'TIGRIS'
# INSTALL PACKAGE
install.packages("tigris")
# LOAD PACKAGE
library(tigris)
# VIEW PACKAGE HELP
?tigris
# NOTE: DEFAULT CRS FOR ALL TIGRIS GEOMETRIES IS NAD 1983 (EPSG: 4269)
# DOWNLOAD TIGER/LINE GEOMETRIES (COUNTIES, BLOCK GROUPS, BLOCKS)
counties <- counties(state = "AZ", # USE TWO-DIGIT FIPS CODE OR TWO-CHAR STRING FOR STATE
         cb = FALSE,
         year = 2023)
block_groups <- block_groups(state = "AZ", # USE TWO-DIGIT FIPS CODE OR TWO-CHAR STRING
FOR STATE
          county = counties$COUNTYFP,
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cb = FALSE,

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blocks <- blocks(state = "AZ", # USE TWO-DIGIT FIPS CODE OR TWO-CHAR STRING FOR STATE
       county = counties$COUNTYFP,
       year = 2023)
# VERIFY CLASS OF R OBJECTS
class(counties)
# COUNT LOCATION AND STATUS PER COUNTY
counties_summary <- fcc_bsl_status %>%
mutate(geoid = substr(block_geoid, start = 1, stop = 5)) %>%
left_join(counties, join_by(geoid == GEOID)) %>%
group_by(NAME, status) %>%
summarise(count = n()) %>%
pivot_wider(names_from = status, names_prefix = "count_", values_from = count, values_fill = 0)
%>%
mutate(perc_unserved = round(count_unserved/(count_unserved + count_underserved +
count_served) *100),
    perc_underserved = round(count_underserved/(count_unserved + count_underserved +
count_served) *100),
    perc_not_served = round((count_unserved + count_underserved) / (count_unserved +
count_underserved + count_served) *100),
    perc_served = round(count_served/(count_unserved + count_underserved + count_served)
*100))
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year = 2023)

# COUNT LOCATION AND STATUS PER BLOCK GROUP

left\_join(block\_groups, join\_by(geoid == GEOID)) %>%

mutate(geoid = substr(block\_geoid, start = 1, stop = 12)) %>%

block\_groups\_summary <- fcc\_bsl\_status %>%

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group_by(geoid, status) %>%
summarise(count = n()) %>%
pivot wider(names from = status, names prefix = "count", values from = count, values fill = 0)
%>%
mutate(perc_unserved = round(count_unserved/(count_unserved + count_underserved +
count_served) *100),
    perc_underserved = round(count_underserved/(count_unserved + count_underserved +
count_served) *100),
    perc_not_served = round((count_unserved + count_underserved) / (count_unserved +
count_underserved + count_served) *100),
    perc_served = round(count_served/(count_unserved + count_underserved + count_served)
*100))
# COUNT LOCATION AND STATUS PER BLOCK
blocks_summary <- fcc_bsl_status %>%
left_join(blocks, join_by(block_geoid == GEOID20), multiple = "all") %>%
group_by(block_geoid, status) %>%
summarise(count = n()) %>%
pivot_wider(names_from = status, names_prefix = "count_", values_from = count, values_fill = 0)
%>%
mutate(perc_unserved = round(count_unserved/(count_unserved + count_underserved +
count_served) *100),
    perc underserved = round(count underserved/(count unserved + count underserved +
count_served) *100),
    perc_not_served = round((count_unserved + count_underserved) / (count_unserved +
count_underserved + count_served) *100),
    perc_served = round(count_served/(count_unserved + count_underserved + count_served)
*100))
# VERIFY CLASS OF R OBJECTS
class(counties_summary)
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# 6. OPTIONAL: EXPORT DATA # GET THE WORKING DIRECTORY getwd() # THIS IS THE LOCATION FILES WILL BE SAVED # EXPORT TABLES TO CSV write\_csv(fcc, "bdc\_fixed\_broadband\_Dec23\_updated14may2024\_out05302024.csv") write csv(fcc bsl status, "bsl\_status\_from\_bdc\_fixed\_broadband\_Dec23\_updated14may2024\_out05302024.csv") write\_csv(counties\_summary, "county\_summary\_from\_bdc\_fixed\_broadband\_Dec23\_updated14may2024\_out05302024.csv") write\_csv(block\_groups\_summary, "block\_group\_summary\_bdc\_fixed\_broadband\_Dec23\_updated14may2024\_out05302024.csv") write\_csv(blocks\_summary, "block\_summary\_from\_bdc\_fixed\_broadband\_Dec23\_updated14may2024\_out05302024.csv") #7. CREATE CHOROPLETH MAPS USING GGPLOT2 # INSTALL GGPLOT2 PACKAGE install.packages("ggplot2") # LOAD PACKAGE library(ggplot2)

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# VIEW PACKAGE HELP
?ggplot2
# MAP PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS BY COUNTY
left_join(counties, counties_summary, join_by(NAME)) %>%
ggplot() +
geom_sf(mapping = aes(geometry = geometry, fill = perc_served)) +
scale_fill_distiller(type = "seq",
          palette = "Blues",
          direction = 1,
          na.value = "grey") +
labs(title = "Percentage of Served Locations by County",
   caption = "Note to reader: NA values shown in grey \nData Source: FCC Broadband Data
Collection (31 Dec 2023)",
   fill = "Percentage") +
theme_void() +
theme(plot.background = element_rect(fill = "white", color = NA),
   plot.margin = margin(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, "in"),
   plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5),
   plot.caption = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5))
# OPTIONAL: SAVE MAP AS PNG
ggsave("Map_of_Percentage_of_Served_Locations_by_County.png",
   plot = last_plot(),
   width = 6,
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height = 6,

units = "in",

dpi = 600)

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# MAP PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS BY BLOCK GROUP
left_join(block_groups, block_groups_summary, join_by(GEOID == geoid)) %>%
ggplot() +
geom_sf(mapping = aes(geometry = geometry, fill = perc_served), color = NA) +
#geom_sf(data = counties, mapping = aes(geometry = geometry), fill = NA, linewidth = 0.5) + #
OPTIONAL: ADD COUNTY BOUNDARIES
scale_fill_distiller(type = "seq",
          palette = "Blues",
          direction = 1,
          na.value = "grey") +
labs(title = "Percentage of Served Locations by Census Block Group",
   caption = "Note to reader: NA values shown in grey \nData Source: FCC Broadband Data
Collection (31 Dec 2023), U.S. Census Bureau",
   fill = "Percentage") +
theme_void() +
theme(plot.background = element_rect(fill = "white", color = NA),
   plot.margin = margin(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, "in"),
   plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5),
   plot.caption = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5))
# OPTIONAL: SAVE MAP AS PNG
ggsave("Map_of_Percentage_of_Served_Locations_by_BlockGroup.png",
   plot = last_plot(),
   width = 6,
   height = 6,
   units = "in",
   dpi = 600)
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# MAP PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS BY BLOCK

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left_join(blocks, blocks_summary, join_by(GEOID20 == block_geoid)) %>%
ggplot() +
geom_sf(mapping = aes(geometry = geometry, fill = perc_served), color = NA) +
#geom_sf(data = counties, mapping = aes(geometry = geometry), fill = NA, linewidth = 0.5) + #
OPTIONAL: ADD COUNTY BOUNDARIES
scale_fill_distiller(type = "seq",
          palette = "Blues",
          direction = 1,
          na.value = "grey") +
labs(title = "Percentage of Served Locations by Census Block",
   caption = "Note to reader: NA values shown in grey \nData Source: FCC Broadband Data
Collection (31 Dec 2023), U.S. Census Bureau",
   fill = "Percentage") +
theme_void() +
theme(plot.background = element_rect(fill = "white", color = NA),
   plot.margin = margin(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, "in"),
   plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5),
   plot.caption = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5))
# OPTIONAL: SAVE MAP AS PNG
ggsave("Map_of_Percentage_of_Served_Locations_by_Block.png",
   plot = last_plot(),
   width = 6,
   height = 6,
   units = "in",
   dpi = 600)
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## #8. COUNT LOCATIONS AND STATUS PER HEX BIN

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# INSTALL PACKAGE
install.packages("h3jsr", "sf")
# LOAD PACKAGE
library(h3jsr)
library(sf)
# VIEW PACKAGE HELP
?h3jsr
?sf
# GET STATE GEOMETRY (DEFAULT CRS IS EPSG: 4269)
state <- states(year = 2023) %>%
filter(NAME == "Arizona")
# GET LIST OF H3 CELLS IN STATE (DEFAULT CRS TAKEN FROM INPUT SF GEOMETRY)
h3_ids <- polygon_to_cells(geometry = state, res = 8, simple = FALSE) # CREATES A SINGLE
POLYGON OF ALL CELLS
# CONVERT LIST OF CELLS TO POLYGONS (DEFAULT IS EPSG:4326)
h3 <- cell_to_polygon(unlist(h3_ids$h3_addresses), simple = FALSE) # CREATES MULTIPLE
POLYGONS OF ALL CELLS
# CONVERT COORDINATE REFRENCE SYSTEM TO EPSG: 4269
h3 <- st_transform(h3, 4269)
st_crs(h3)
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# COUNT LOCATIONS AND STATUS PER HEX BIN
h3_summary <- fcc_bsl_status %>%
left_join(h3, join_by(h3_res8_id == h3_address), multiple = "all") %>%
group_by(h3_res8_id, status) %>%
summarise(count = n()) %>%
pivot_wider(names_from = status, names_prefix = "count_", values_from = count, values_fill = 0)
%>%
mutate(perc_unserved = round(count_unserved/(count_unserved + count_underserved +
count_served) *100),
   perc_underserved = round(count_underserved/(count_unserved + count_underserved +
count_served) *100),
   perc_not_served = round((count_unserved + count_underserved) / (count_unserved +
count_underserved + count_served) *100),
   perc_served = round(count_served/(count_unserved + count_underserved + count_served)
*100))
# OPTIONAL: EXPORT TABLE TO CSV
write_csv(h3_summary,
"h3_summary_bdc_fixed_broadband_Dec23_updated14may2024_out05302024.csv")
# 9. CREATE CHOROPLETH MAPS OF HEX STATUS USING 'GGPLOT2'
# MAP PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS BY H3
left_join(h3, h3_summary, join_by(h3_address == h3_res8_id)) %>%
ggplot() +
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geom\_sf(mapping = aes(geometry = geometry, fill = perc\_served), color = NA) +

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#geom_sf(data = counties, mapping = aes(geometry = geometry), fill = NA, linewidth = 0.5) + #
OPTIONAL: ADD COUNTY BOUNDARIES
scale_fill_distiller(type = "seq",
          palette = "Blues",
          direction = 1,
          na.value = "grey") +
labs(title = "Percentage of Served Locations by H3 Hexagonal Grid",
   caption = "Note to reader: NA values shown in grey \nData Source: FCC Broadband Data
Collection (31 Dec 2023)",
   fill = "Percentage") +
theme_void() +
theme(plot.background = element_rect(fill = "white", color = NA),
   plot.margin = margin(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, "in"),
   plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5),
   plot.caption = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5))
# OPTIONAL: SAVE MAP AS PNG
ggsave("Map_of_Percentage_of_Served_Locations_by_H3_Hexagonal_Grid.png",
   plot = last_plot(),
   width = 6,
   height = 6,
   units = "in",
   dpi = 600)
# NOTE: NOTICE THE OUTPUT IS DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET. ALTERNATIVELY, WE
# CAN MAP THE PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS BY H3 HEXAGONAL GRIDS AT
# THE COUNTY LEVEL FOR EASIER VIEWING.
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# FILTER COUNTY OF INTEREST

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county_of_interest <- counties %>%
filter(NAME == "Maricopa") # ENTER COUNTY NAME HERE
# GET LIST OF H3 CELLS IN STATE (DEFAULT IS EPSG:4326)
county_h3_ids <- polygon_to_cells(geometry = county_of_interest, res = 8, simple = FALSE)
# CONVERT LIST OF CELLS TO POLYGONS
county_h3 <- cell_to_polygon(unlist(county_h3_ids$h3_addresses), simple = FALSE)</pre>
# CONVERT COORDINATE REFRENCE SYSTEM TO EPSG: 4269
county_h3 <- st_transform(county_h3, 4269)
# COUNT LOCATIONS AND STATUS PER HEX BIN
left_join(county_h3, h3_summary, join_by(h3_address == h3_res8_id)) %>%
ggplot() +
geom_sf(mapping = aes(geometry = geometry, fill = perc_served), color = NA) +
scale_fill_distiller(type = "seq",
          palette = "Blues",
          direction = 1,
          na.value = "grey") +
labs(title = paste("Percentage of Served Locations by H3 Hexagonal Grid \n",
county_of_interest$NAME, "County"),
   caption = "Note to reader: NA values shown in grey \nData Source: FCC Broadband Data
Collection (Dec 2023)",
   fill = "Percentage") +
theme_void() +
theme(plot.background = element_rect(fill = "white", color = NA),
   plot.margin = margin(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, "in"),
   plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5),
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plot.caption = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5))
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# NOTE: CREATING A MAP OF EACH COUNTY WOULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING.
# INSTEAD WE CAN USE A FOR LOOP TO CREATE MAPS FOR EACH COUNTY.

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# 10. MAP PERCENTAGE OF SERVED LOCATIONS IN H3 FOR ALL COUNTIES
# CREATE EMPTY VECTORS
county_of_interest <- 1
county_h3_ids <- 1
county_h3 <- 1
# FOR LOOP ITERATES FOR EACH COUNTY
for (i in 1:nrow(counties)) {
county_of_interest <- counties[i,]</pre>
county_h3_ids <- polygon_to_cells(geometry = county_of_interest, res = 8, simple = FALSE)</pre>
county_h3 <- cell_to_polygon(unlist(county_h3_ids$h3_addresses), simple = FALSE)
county_h3 <- st_transform(county_h3, 4269)</pre>
left_join(county_h3, h3_summary, join_by(h3_address == h3_res8_id)) %>%
 ggplot() +
 geom_sf(mapping = aes(geometry = geometry, fill = perc_served), color = NA) +
 scale_fill_distiller(type = "seq",
         palette = "Blues",
         direction = 1,
         na.value = "grey") +
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labs(title = paste("Percentage of Served Locations by H3 Hexagonal Grid \n",
county_of_interest$NAME, "County"),
    caption = "Note to reader: NA values shown in grey \nData Source: FCC Broadband Data
Collection (31 Dec 2023)",
    fill = "Percentage") +
 theme_void() +
 theme(plot.background = element_rect(fill = "white", color = NA),
    plot.margin = margin(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, "in"),
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5),
    plot.caption = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5))
ggsave(paste("Map_of_Percentage_of_Served_Locations_by_H3_Hexagonal_Grid_",
county_of_interest$NAME, "_County.png", sep = ""),
    plot = last_plot(),
    width = 6,
    height = 6,
    units = "in",
    dpi = 600)
}
# CHECK WORKING DIRECTORY FOLDER FOR SAVED COUNTY PLOTS
getwd()
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