R Project

Due by 5/18

A researcher is interested in the relationship between a state's mortality rate and its spending on hospitals (and other health services). The zip file PROJECT.zip contains data sets on state mortality rate, state spending, state education level and state per capita income for the years 1993 through 2015. The data come from different sources such as the US Census, the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the US Mortality Database. More specifically, the data files are as follow:

- a. mortality_data.csv,
- b. income_data.csv,
- c. education_0715.csv,
- d. education data for the years 1993 through 2006 are in the folder *education*, one file per year: education_1993.csv, ..., education_2006.csv,
- e. expenditure data for the years 1993 through 2015 are in the folder *expenditure*, one file per year: expnd_1993.csv, ..., expnd_2015.csv.

Instructions

- i. Generate a R script for the following tasks. I just need your script.
- ii. Name your script as "yourLastname_yourFirstname_Eco382_yoursection#.R".
- iii. Return your script via email before the due date.

Tasks

- (1) Import the *mortality* data set and name it mort_data. Keep only the observations for the years 1993 through 2015.
- (2) Change the column names for columns 4 through 11, to, [mort_rate, prob_death, ave_length_surv, num_of_surv, num_of_deaths, num_years_lived, num_years_left, life_expec].
- (3) Age column is a character type and needs to be changed to a numeric type. As such, first generate a new column, say Age2, by locating the "-" in the character string, and then slicing the string from the first character to the chracter just before "-". To this end, you can use str_locate(), str_length(), str_sub() functions from stringr package. Then, convert this to a numeric type using as.numeric().
- (4) Generate a new column, say age_group by cutting Age2 to three intervals: [0, 18), [18, 64), [65,). To this end, use cut() function and assign the labels "<18", "18-64", ">64".
- (5) Drop Age and Age2 columns, and reorder the columns as [state, year, age_group, 7 mortality variables].
- (6) Using aggregate() function calculate the sum for the 7 mortality variables by [state, year, age_group]. When using sum() in aggregate(), don't forget to specify na.rm=TRUE.
- (7) Import the *income* data set and name it inc_data. Note that the data set is in the wide form and needs to be converted to the long form. To do so, use reshape() and set argument varying to the column names corresponding to multiple years in the wide form, and set argument sep = ".".
- (8) Drop the last column, and sort the income data by [state, year].

- (9) Append the education data sets from 1993 through 2006 and education_0715, name it educ_data. Rename columns 3 and 4 as [phs, pcoll].
- (10) Append the expenditure data sets from 1993 to 2015, and name it expnd_data. Note that the columns may have been named slightly different for some years.
- (11) Merge inc_data and educ_data by state and year, and name the merged data set data. Notice that this is a *one-to-one* merge.
- (12) Merge data and expnd_data by state and year, and name the merged data set again data. Notice again that this is a *one-to-one* merge.
- (13) Merge mort_data and data by state and year, and name the merged data set again data. Notice that this is a many-to-one merge.
- (14) Remove mort_data, educ_data, expnd_data.
- (15) Change the measurement of pinc, tot_revenue, taxes, tot_expnd, education, public_welfare, hospital, health to in 10,000 dollars, i.e., divide each by 10,000.
- (16) Change the measurement of phs, pcoll to ratios, i.e., divide each by 100.
- (17) Generate a table of descriptive statistics for your data set using stargazer(). You can export the table by setting arguments type = "html", out = "descriptives.doc".
- (18) Regress mort_rate for the age group 65 and older, on an intercept, health, hospital, log pinc, phs and pcoll. Name the results reg1.
- (19) Regress mort_rate for the age group 65 and older, on an intercept, health, hospital, log pinc, phs, pcoll and state dummies. Name the results reg2.
- (20) Regress mort_rate for the age group 65 and older, on an intercept, health, hospital, log pinc, phs, pcoll and state and year dummies. Name the results reg3.
- (21) Generate a table for the regression results using stargazer(). You can export the table by setting arguments type = "html", out = "regressions.doc".