Visualization Loneliness Data challenge.

17/06/2019

This work was undertaken as part of a data challenge organised by the Jean Golding Institute for Data-Intensive Research at the University of Bristol and ONS.

Visualization of the data provided for the Loneliness data challenge.

In an attempt to better understand the data provided a visualization program displaying the geographic and time distrubution of the zscore provided was developed. The program takes form as a website accessible at the following web address http://51.38.69.55/. The program is hosted on a low performance private server. Acces to this server provided by the link above is for basic demonstration purposes. For proper use and user interaction the program should be hosted on an appropriate server. The source code for the database generation and the visualization is available at https://github.com/mcguinlu/JGI-Comp/tree/master/visualization.

This document explains the different features of the site.

Data base

All of the data provided in a spreadsheet format and the external data used was transferred to a SQL data base. The database is composed of two tables. The 'final_data' table contains the provided data. While the 'student_migration' table contains the data on student migration provided by HESA(Higher Education Statistics Agency).

Control panel

Located in the upper section of the site the control panel allows to select what information will be displayed in the lower section.



Bar graph

In the lower section on the right side is displayed the bar graph(s) representing the data of the cities selected in the control panel where one or multiple condition of interest can as well be selected. The x axis shows the year of the data collection. The y axis displays the zscore value(s) of the selected condition(s).

Map

In the lower section on the left is displayed 3 maps. They each displays the data for one year. The available years are 2016, 2017 and 2018. The data for only one condition can be displayed at a time. Different visualization mode are available including choropleth map of the regions or counties in England which uses gradiant coloring of the location. In addition, Scatter map which distinguishes data using different colors and sizes of the data points.

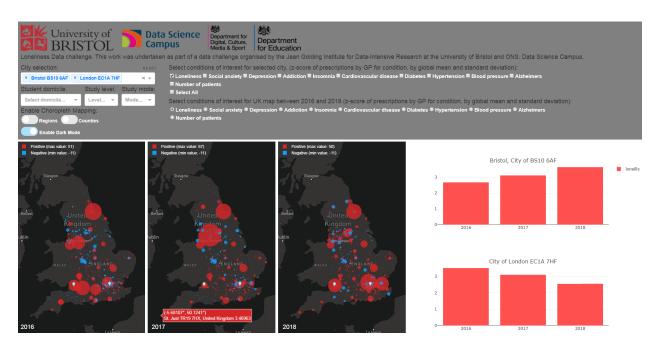


Figure 1: Screen capture of the visualization website.

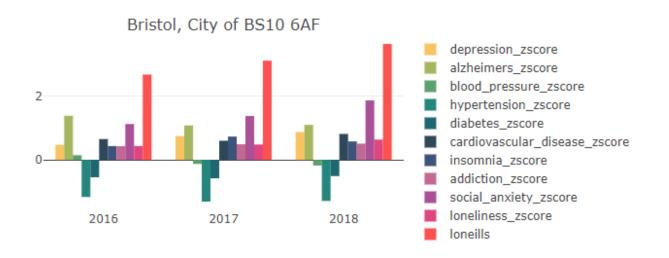


Figure 2: Bar graph for the city of Bristol and for the following conditions: loneliness, social anxiety, depression, addiction, insomnia, cardiovascular disease diabetes, hypertension, blood pressure, alzheimers.

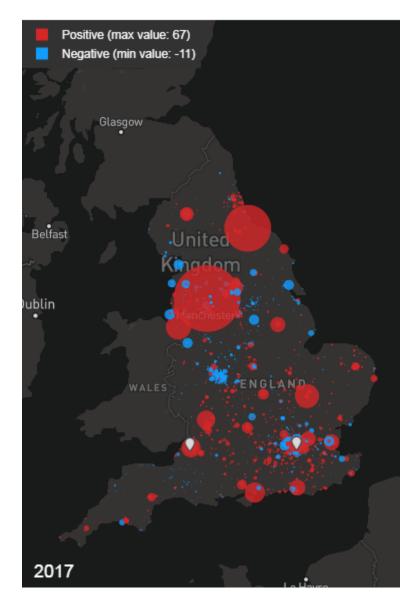


Figure 3: The figure above shows the loneliness zscore at every recorded location in 2017. The size of the dot is representative of the zcore value. A negative zscore is represented by a blue dot whereas a red dot represent a positive value. In this mode the raw data provided is displayed. Their is no alteration or processing of the data.

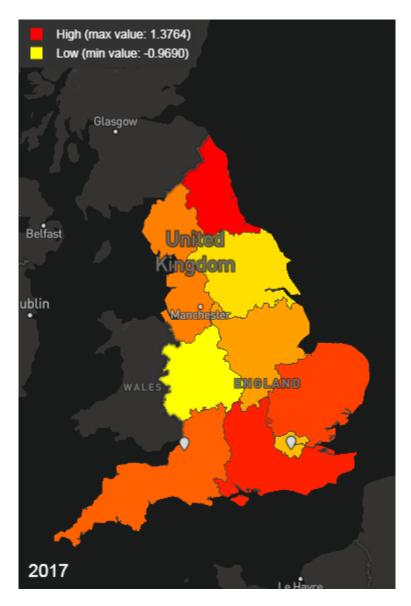


Figure 4: The figure above shows the Choropleth map of the loneliness zscore in England in 2017 at the regional level. In this representation the darker the color the higher the zcore. To find the zscore of a region the **average** of every zscore reported by every center within the region is computed.

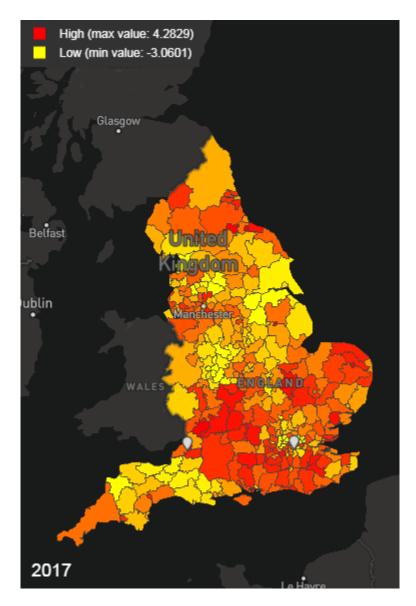


Figure 5: The figure above shows the Choropleth map of the loneliness zscore in England in 2017 at the county level. In this representation the darker the color the higher the zcore. To find the zscore of a county the **average** of every zscore reported by every center within the region is computed.

Student migration

In order to visualize the migration of students from abroad to England the following dataset provided by HESA(Higher Education Statistics Agency) was used: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/students/table-11 The dataset information on the number of students moving to each English region, the domicile of the students, as well as their mode and level of study between 2014 and 2018.

Data visualization is an important step which allow a better understanding of any dataset before analysis. Here the data provided is displayed in different form such that a clear view of the data distribution in England is achieved.

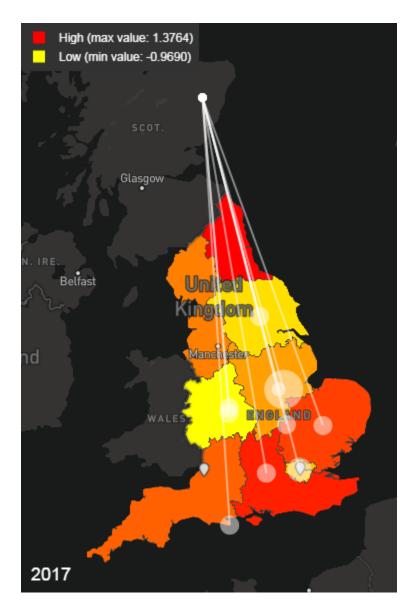


Figure 6: The figure above shows the migration of all the students from Aberdeenshire to the different region in England for the 2016/2017 academic year.