Course Project Part 1

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1. Choosing a data set - College Score Card

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In [2]:

    df.describe()

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          df.columns
In [3]:
    Out[3]: Index(['INSTNM', 'CITY', 'STABBR', 'PREDDEG', 'CONTROL', 'LOCALE', 'SATVRMID',
                      'SATMTMID', 'SATWRMID', 'ACTCMMID', 'ACTENMID', 'ACTMTMID', 'ACTWRMID',
                      'SAT_AVG', 'DISTANCEONLY', 'UGDS', 'UGDS_WHITE', 'UGDS_BLACK',
                     'UGDS_HISP', 'UGDS_ASIAN', 'UGDS_AIAN', 'UGDS_NHPI', 'UGDS_2MOR',
                      'UGDS NRA', 'UGDS UNKN', 'PPTUG EF', 'NPT4 PUB', 'NPT4 PRIV', 'PCTPELL',
                      'RET FT4', 'RET FTL4', 'RET PT4', 'RET PTL4', 'PCTFLOAN', 'UG25abv',
                      'GRAD_DEBT_MDN_SUPP', 'GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP', 'RPY_3YR_RT_SUPP',
                      'C150_4_POOLED_SUPP', 'C200_L4_POOLED_SUPP', 'md_earn_wne_p10',
                      'gt_25k_p6'],
                    dtype='object')
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2. Investigating and exploring the dataset

(a) Describe the dataset you have selected. Explain how the data was collected, and explain the meaning of the columns. Do you have any concerns about the data collection process, or about the completeness and accuracy of the data itself? Note: This is also a good time to go through some basic data cleaning: if there are columns that are obviously extraneous to data analysis (e.g., IDs or metadata that have no bearing on your analysis), you can remove those now to make your life easier.

The dataset my team chose was from the U.S Department of Education that has metrics for every college in the United States. The colleges range from part-time, community, online and full-time universities amounting to 7,804 institutions. The covariates in the dataset include university characteristics, predominant/highest degree awarded, average test scores (ACT/SAT), diversity percentages, student completion rates/retention rates, debt and repayment, and median earnings. Since the data is collected by a government agency and updated every year, it is most likely to be very trustworthy and accurate. What may have bias is columns such as median earnings which rely on students to report back to the university. This column cannot be verified easily by the university and the department of education and may need further investigation. One concern is that some columns lack completeness and may have to be thrown out as a feature.

(b) Are any values in your dataset NULL or NA? Think of what you will do with rows with such entries: do you plan to delete them, or still work with the remaining columns for such rows? (You don't need to report anything to us for this part.)

PREDDEG 0 CONTROL 0 782 SAT_AVG UGDS 2 UGDS WHITE 2 UGDS_BLACK 2 UGDS_HISP 2 UGDS_ASIAN 2 UGDS AIAN 2 2 UGDS_NHPI UGDS_2MOR 2 UGDS_NRA 2 NPT4 PUB 1574 NPT4_PRIV 704 PCTPELL 3 141 RET_FT4 PCTFLOAN 3 GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP 74 C150_4_POOLED_SUPP 183 md_earn_wne_p10 133 dtype: int64

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In [5]: N # Plotting the state and control (public vs private) average sat score
import plotly.express as px
fig = px.box(undergrads, x="STABBR", y="SAT_AVG", color = 'CONTROL', title='Distribution Average SAT Score per U.S State by University Type (1:Public, fig.show()
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Distribution Average SAT Score per U.S State by University Type (1:Public, 2:Private Non-Profit, 3:Private



Preprocessing the SAT_AVG Column

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In [6]: ▶ # Filling in the SAT AVG nulls with the state and control median
            def sat avg(state name, control type):
             temp = undergrads[(undergrads.STABBR == str(state_name)) & (undergrads.CONTROL == control_type)]
              median = temp.SAT_AVG.median()
              return median
            # making state and control lists
            states = list(undergrads.STABBR.unique())
            controls = list(undergrads.CONTROL.unique())
            # Making a mapper to fill in the state/control median
            mapper = \{\}
            for state in states:
             for control in controls:
                mapper[state + str(control)] = sat avg(state, control)
            # Making an intermediate column
            undergrads['STABBR CONTROL'] = undergrads.STABBR + undergrads.CONTROL.astype(str)
            # Mapping the state/control median
            undergrads['SAT_AVG_COMP'] = undergrads['STABBR_CONTROL'].map(mapper)
            # Filling in the state/control median
            undergrads['SAT_AVG'] = undergrads['SAT_AVG'].fillna(undergrads['SAT_AVG_COMP'])
            # Filling the rest of the nulls with the overall median
            undergrads['SAT_AVG'] = undergrads['SAT_AVG'].fillna(undergrads['SAT_AVG'].median())
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In [7]: undergrads.isna().sum()

Out[7]:	INSTNM	0
	CITY	0
	STABBR	0
	PREDDEG	0
	CONTROL	0
	SAT AVG	0
	UGDS	2
	UGDS_WHITE	2
	UGDS_BLACK	2
	UGDS_HISP	2
	UGDS_ASIAN	2
	UGDS_AIAN	2
	UGDS_NHPI	2
	UGDS_2MOR	2
	UGDS_NRA	2
	NPT4_PUB	1574
	NPT4_PRIV	704
	PCTPELL	3
	RET_FT4	141
	PCTFLOAN	3
	GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP	74
	C150_4_POOLED_SUPP	183
	md_earn_wne_p10	133
	STABBR_CONTROL	0
	SAT_AVG_COMP	300
	dtype: int64	

Out[8]:

	INSTNM	CITY	STABBR	PREDDEG	CONTROL	SAT_AVG	UGDS	UGDS_WHITE	UGDS_BLACK	UGDS_HISP	 NPT4_PUB	NPT4_PRIV	PCTPELL	RET_FT4	PCTFLO
0	Alabama A & M University	Normal	AL	3	1	823.0	4051.0	0.0279	0.9501	0.0089	 13415.0	NaN	0.7115	0.6314	0.82
1	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	AL	3	1	1146.0	11200.0	0.5987	0.2590	0.0258	 14805.0	NaN	0.3505	0.8016	0.5
2	Amridge University	Montgomery	AL	3	2	1011.0	322.0	0.2919	0.4224	0.0093	 NaN	7455.0	0.6839	0.3750	0.70
3	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	AL	3	1	1180.0	5525.0	0.7012	0.1310	0.0338	 17520.0	NaN	0.3281	0.8098	0.47
4	Alabama State University	Montgomery	AL	3	1	830.0	5354.0	0.0161	0.9285	0.0114	 11936.0	NaN	0.8265	0.6219	0.87
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7781	DeVry University- Virginia	Arlington	VA	3	3	1050.0	783.0	0.2363	0.4151	0.1111	 NaN	19151.0	0.4802	0.6667	0.5
7782	DeVry University- Washington	Federal Way	WA	3	3	1225.0	466.0	0.5494	0.0966	0.0579	 NaN	17667.0	0.5855	0.6667	0.7
7783	DeVry University- Wisconsin	Milwaukee	WI	3	3	1050.0	148.0	0.5135	0.3041	0.0811	 NaN	20867.0	0.6125	0.5000	0.8
7784	University of North Georgia	Dahlonega	GA	3	1	1009.0	14502.0	0.7901	0.0449	0.0859	 14534.0	NaN	0.3793	0.7964	0.3
7802	Arizona State University- Skysong	Scottsdale	AZ	3	1	898.0	8227.0	0.6216	0.0889	0.1811	 12823.0	NaN	0.4287	0.7158	0.60

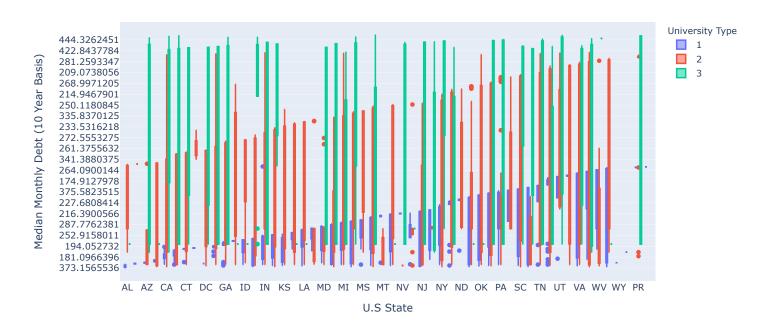
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In [9]: | # Dropping rows without enough data undergrads = undergrads.dropna(subset=['UGDS_WHITE', 'PCTPELL', 'PCTFLOAN', 'C150_4_POOLED_SUPP', 'md_earn_wne_p10'])

In [10]: | # Filling in the RET_FT4 with the median undergrads.RET_FT4 = undergrads.RET_FT4.fillna(undergrads.RET_FT4.median())

In [11]: | | fig = px.box(undergrads, x="STABBR", y=undergrads["GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP"], color = 'CONTROL', title='Distribution of Monthly Debt per U.S State by Unfig.show()
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Distribution of Monthly Debt per U.S State by University Type (1:Public, 2:Private Non-Profit, 3:Private Profit, 2:Private Non-Profit, 3:Private Profit, 3:P



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In [12]: ▶ # Filling in the GRAD DEBT MDN10YR SUPP with the median for that control
             pub med = pd.to numeric(undergrads[undergrads.CONTROL == 1]['GRAD DEBT MDN10YR SUPP'],errors='coerce').median()
             priv_non_med = pd.to_numeric(undergrads[undergrads.CONTROL == 2]['GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP'],errors='coerce').median()
             priv for med = pd.to numeric(undergrads[undergrads.CONTROL == 3]['GRAD DEBT MDN10YR SUPP'],errors='coerce').median()
             # Making mapper
             debt_mapper = {1: pub_med, 2: priv_non_med, 3: priv_for_med}
             # Filling in string values with nulls
             undergrads['GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP'].replace({'PrivacySuppressed': None},inplace =True)
             undergrads['C150_4_POOLED_SUPP'].replace({'PrivacySuppressed': None},inplace =True)
             undergrads['md_earn_wne_p10'].replace({'PrivacySuppressed': None},inplace =True)
             undergrads['C150_4_POOLED_SUPP'].replace({'blank': None},inplace =True)
             undergrads['md earn wne p10'].replace({'blank': None},inplace =True)
             undergrads['GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP'] = undergrads['GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP'].fillna(undergrads['CONTROL'].map(debt_mapper)).astype(float)
             undergrads=undergrads.dropna(subset = ['C150 4 POOLED SUPP','md earn wne p10'])
             undergrads[['C150 4 POOLED SUPP', 'md earn wne p10']] = undergrads[['C150 4 POOLED SUPP', 'md earn wne p10']].astype(float)
             undergrads['Tuition'] = undergrads.NPT4 PUB.fillna(0) + undergrads.NPT4 PRIV.fillna(0)
In [13]: ▶ # Now the data is fully cleaned
             cleaned = undergrads.reset_index(drop = True).rename(columns = {'md_earn_wne_p10':'Median Salary 1+', 'C150_4 POOLED_SUPP':'Graduation Rate Over 50%'}
             cleaned['Graduation Rate Over 50%'] = cleaned['Graduation Rate Over 50%'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x > 0.5 else 0)
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(c) Randomly choose a test set (representing 20% of your rows), and keep it for later. You will not touch this test set again until the end of the course! Fix this set from the beginning, and use the remaining 80% for exploration, model selection, and validation. (You don't need to report anything to us for this part.)

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In [14]: | Splitting into train test split
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

# Establishing design matrix and potential responses
X = cleaned.drop(columns = ['Graduation Rate Over 50%', 'Median Salary 1+', 'STABBR_CONTROL', 'SAT_AVG_COMP','UGDS_NRA', 'NPT4_PUB', 'NPT4_PRIV', 'SAT_
# Making dummy variables for the states
encoded_states = pd.get_dummies(X.STABBR, prefix='STATE')
X = pd.concat([X, encoded_states], axis = 1).drop(columns = ['STABBR'])

y = cleaned[['Graduation Rate Over 50%', 'Median Salary 1+']]

# Splitting the data into a test and train set
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=0)
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(d) Compute the mean and variance for each of the columns (you don't need to report this to us). Are there any columns that appear to be random noise?

mean variance **Tuition** 19026.476466 49829596 UGDS 4764.880521 46270056 SAT_AVG 1060.140840 13378 GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP 274.858822 3862 **PREDDEG** 3.000000 0 STATE_IL 0.040550 STATE IN 0.028240 0 STATE_KS 0.015206 0 STATE_KY 0 0.015206 STATE_WY 0.000724 0

70 rows × 2 columns

Tuition, the number of undergrads enrolled, and sat average have the highest variances in the design matrix. This could indicate that the dataset has many outliers and might need additional preprocessing to remove extraneous values.

(e) Suggest at least one possibility for a continuous outcome variable (a.k.a. response variable) that may be of interest to measure the effect of a potential intervention. Explain your choice and the variable's potential meaning. Compute the mean and variance of this variable.

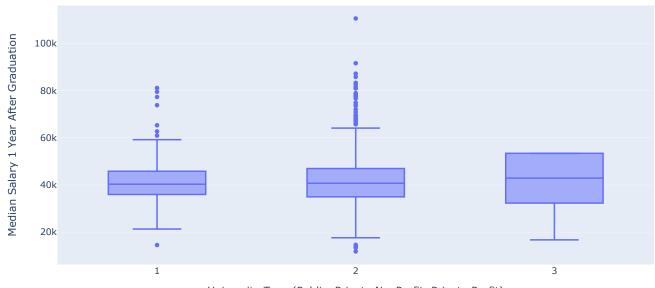
The continuous variable we chose to measure is the median salary earning of students at the university one year after graduation who are not enrolled with the university after ten years (Doctorate students and other edge cases). The salary earned after university indicates university prestigiousness and success of students. The mean of this response variable is 41,477 with a variance of 112,236,100.

 Graduation Rate Over 50%
 0.498914
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 Median Salary 1+
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In [17]: N fig = px.box(x=X_train["CONTROL"], y=y_train["Median Salary 1+"],title='Median Salary for University Type (1=Public, 2=Private Non-Profit, 3=Private, fig.show()
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Median Salary for University Type (1=Public, 2=Private Non-Profit, 3=Private, Profit)



University Type (Public, Private NonProfit, Private Profit)

(f) Suggest at least one possibility for a binary outcome variable. Compute the mean of this variable (i.e., the fraction of rows for which this variable is 1.) Explain your choice.

The binary outcome variable we chose to measure is the universities with graduation rates higher than 50% for students within a 6 year time frame. We chose this variable because it summarizes retention and quality of education at a particular university. It indicates the likelihood of a student graduating with 6 years of attendance. The fraction of universities with 50% or higher graduation rate was 49.89% with a variance of 25%

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In [18]: Print('Average Graduation Rate within 6 years > 50', 'mean: ', y_train['Graduation Rate Over 50%'].mean(), 'variance ', y_train['Graduation Rate Over y_train['Graduation Rate Over 50%'].value_counts()

Average Graduation Rate within 6 years > 50 mean: 0.498913830557567 variance 0.2501799788013307
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Out[18]: 0 692 1 689 Name: Graduation Rate Over 50%, dtype: int64 (g) Find the five covariates that are the most strongly positively correlated, as well as most strongly negatively correlated, with your choice of continuous outcome variable. (You should do the same for your choice of binary outcome variable, but you don't need to report the results.) Are there variables you think should affect your outcome variable but actually have weak correlation with your outcome variable?

SAT Average, percentage of asian undergraduates, four year retention rate, tution, and percentage of undergraduates with 2 or more ethnicity were the most positively correlated with median earnings. The top five had an r-value between 0.18-0.5. One variable that I thought would be more correlated with median earnings is whether the institution is Private or Public (CONTROL) because I thought that private universities may have a richer alumni network to help students get jobs. This variable was only had an r-value of 0.02.

Percentage of students receiving the Pell Grant scholarship, percentage of Black undergrads, percent of students who receive federal student loans, percent Hispanic, and percent Native American are all negatively correlated with median earnings. This is significant because it shows that universities with higher student debt actually have lower median earnings indicating a financial bubble. It is also disturbing that universities with higher Black, Hispanic, or Native American populations are more likely to earn less indicating systemic discrimination in the university system.

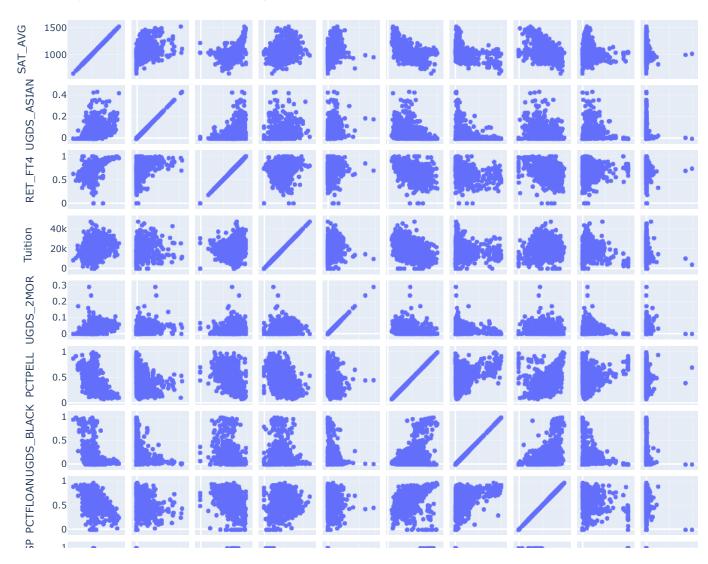
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In [19]: N numeric = X train.select dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64'])
             corr = numeric.apply(lambda x: x.corr(y train['Median Salary 1+']))
             print('Top 5 Positive Correlated Covariates with Median Earnings\n', corr.sort_values(ascending=False)[:5])
             print('\nTop 5 Negative Correlated Covariates with Median Earnings\n', corr.sort_values(ascending=True)[:5])
             first5 = pd.DataFrame(corr.sort values(ascending=False)[:5])
             last5 = pd.DataFrame(corr.sort values(ascending=True)[:5])
             ten_covariates = list(first5.index) + list(last5.index)
             Top 5 Positive Correlated Covariates with Median Earnings
              SAT AVG
                            0.505248
             UGDS ASIAN
                          0.453705
             RET FT4
                           0.384706
             Tuition
                           0.316921
             UGDS 2MOR
                           0.183229
             dtype: float64
             Top 5 Negative Correlated Covariates with Median Earnings
             PCTPELL
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             UGDS BLACK -0.217487
             PCTFLOAN
                          -0.195294
             UGDS HISP
                          -0.117436
             UGDS AIAN
                          -0.105465
             dtype: float64
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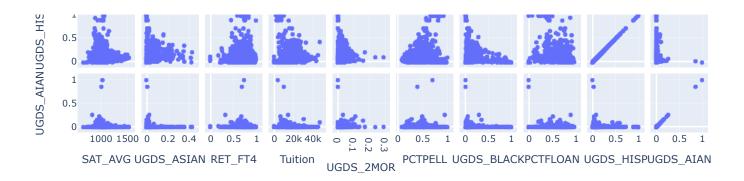
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            SAT AVG
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                                    0.076628
            UGDS WHITE
            UGDS BLACK
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            UGDS_HISP
                                   -0.117436
            UGDS_ASIAN
                                    0.453705
            UGDS AIAN
                                   -0.105465
            UGDS NHPI
                                   -0.023840
            UGDS_2MOR
                                    0.183229
            PCTPELL
                                   -0.554872
            RET FT4
                                    0.384706
            PCTFLOAN
                                   -0.195294
            GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP
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            Tuition
                                    0.316921
            dtype: float64
print('Top 5 Positive Correlated Covariates with Graduation Rate\n', corr2.sort values(ascending=False)[:5])
            print('\nTop 5 Negative Correlated Covariates with Graduation Rate\n', corr2.sort values(ascending=True)[:5])
            Top 5 Positive Correlated Covariates with Graduation Rate
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            SAT_AVG
                         0.507087
                         0.377875
            Tuition
            UGDS WHITE
                         0.368355
                        0.233250
            UGDS_ASIAN
            dtype: float64
            Top 5 Negative Correlated Covariates with Graduation Rate
            PCTPELL
                                    -0.583411
            UGDS_BLACK
                                   -0.339184
            UGDS HISP
                                   -0.161823
            PCTFLOAN
                                   -0.134525
            GRAD_DEBT_MDN10YR_SUPP
                                  -0.127971
            dtype: float64
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(h) Now find mutual correlations among the ten variables you identified in the last part. Create a scatterplot for every pair of covariates you believe correlates well to the outcome variable. Are correlations associative in your data? That is, if A is correlated strongly with B, and B with C, is A also correlated strongly with C in your data?

Figure 1 shows the correlation matrix between the 10 covariates identified. It seems that University SAT average score and retention rate are highly correlated with each other as well as positively correlated with Median Earnings (Figure 2). This indicates that it is unlikely that people with high SAT scores will not drop out of college because they're invested in their education. SAT scores are also highly correlated with universities who have a percentage of Asian students (Figure 3). On the other hand, unfortunately, student loans are correlated with lower median earnings (Figure 4) which is also correlated with the universities who are made up of a higher percentage of underprivileged communities (Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans) (Figure 5). This again shows the potential systemic bias in the U.S education system.

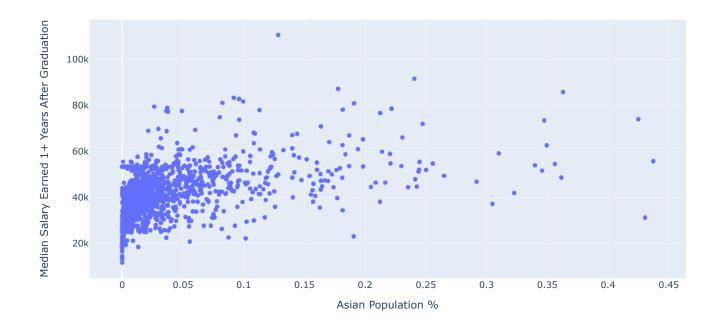
College Score Card Data Set of Top Ten Covariates





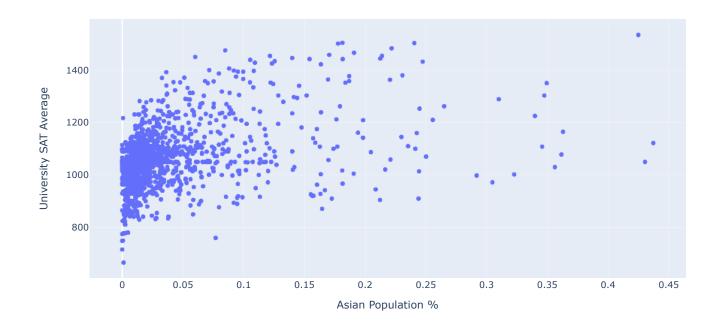
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In [24]:  px.scatter(x=X_train['UGDS_ASIAN'],y=y_train['Median Salary 1+'],title='Median Salary Earned as a function of Asian Population', labels={
    'x': 'Asian Population %',
    'y': 'Median Salary Earned 1+ Years After Graduation'})
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Median Salary Earned as a function of Asian Population



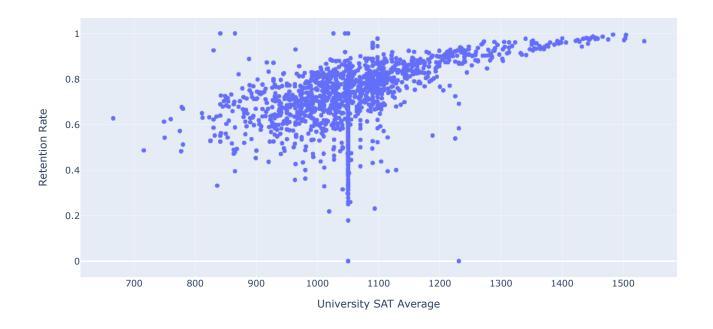
Asian Population % and SAT Average Score are associative and correlated with Median Earnings

Average Asian Population Percentage vs Average SAT Score in US Universities



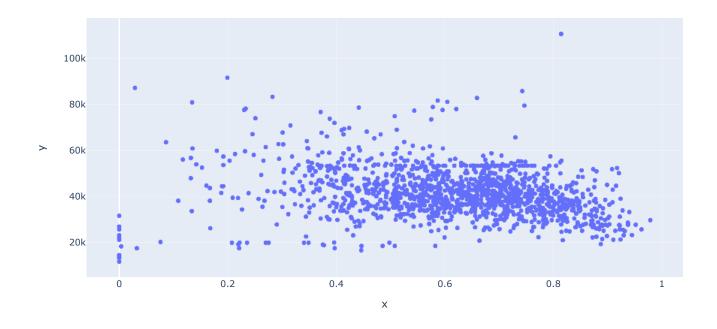
Average SAT Score and Retention Rate for 4 Year Universities are associative and correlated with Median Earnings

Average University SAT Score vs Retention Rate for 4 Year Universities



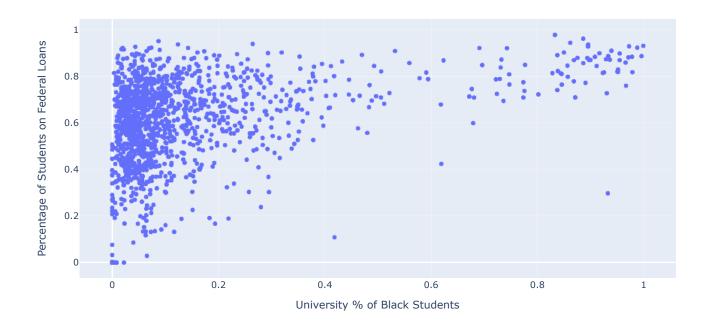
The percentage of students on federal student loans and median salary is negatively correlated

Percentage of Students with Federal Loans compare to Median Earnings



The percentage of Black students and percentages of students with federal loans are associative, and negatively correlated with median earnings

Percentage of Black Students vs Percentage of Federal Loans



(i) Are there variables you would like to add to your dataset as you embark on your analysis? For example, are there interactions or higher order terms that might be relevant? (You don't need to report your answer to this part.)

I think that if there were additional variables to university endowment, average salary of teachers, funding, and available scholarships we could better assess how university financials affect student outcomes. This would help with highlighting discrepancies between median earnings, affordability, and chance of student success measured in post-graduation earnings.