## cal\_schools analysis

#### 2024-04-10

#### Overview

According to National Center of Education Statistics, "Higher levels of educational attainment are positively correlated with many outcomes, such as employment, earnings, and health." (National Center for Education Statistics). The purpose of this analysis is to examine data publicly available through California Department of Education's website (cde.ca.gov) to analyze where educational attainment gaps may exist, among different demographic groups.

```
# import libraries

library(DBI)
library(RODBC)
library(odbc)
library(RPostgres)
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(tidyverse))

# set theme
theme_set(theme_minimal())
```

### Part I

#### Establish Connection with Database

In order to carry out the analysis, a connection will be established with Postgres cal\_schools database. DBI, RPostgres, RODBC, odbc packages will be used for this process.

```
# query database/ create table with high level stats (college going rate,
## enrollment, etc), along with school description info

school_stats <- dbGetQuery(con,
"WITH
   enr_school (cds_code, enr_total) AS
   (SELECT cds_code, SUM(enr_total) FROM enrollment</pre>
```

```
GROUP BY cds_code),
  frmp_schools (cds_code, frmp_el) AS
  (SELECT cds_code, AVG(frpm_count::numeric/enr::numeric * 100)
  FROM fr_lunch
  GROUP BY cds_code),
  ell schools(cds code, ell count) AS
  (SELECT cds_code, SUM(total_ell)
  FROM ell
  GROUP BY cds_code),
  cgr_schools (cds_code,hs_completers, enr_college, cgr) AS
  (SELECT cds_code, SUM(hs_completers), SUM(enr_college),
  AVG(enr_college::numeric/ hs_completers::numeric * 100)
  FROM college_gr
  WHERE reporting_cat = 'Total' AND completer_type = 'TA'
  GROUP BY cds_code),
  grad_schools (cds_code, grad_count) AS
  (SELECT cds_code, SUM(grad_count)
  FROM graduates
  WHERE reporting cat = 'Total'
  GROUP BY cds_code),
  abs_schools (cds_code, unexc_abs_pct) AS
  (SELECT cds code, AVG(unexc absences pct)
  FROM absents
  WHERE reporting_cat = 'Total'
  GROUP BY cds_code
  )
SELECT counties.county_code, county_name, schools.cds_code, district_name,
school_name, status_type, street, city, zip, phone, email, website, open_date,
close_date, charter, soc, soc_type, ed_ops_name, eil_name, gs_offered, virtual,
year_round, latitude, longitude, adm_email, last_update, district_code, enr_total,
frmp_el, ell_count, (ell_count::numeric/enr_total::numeric * 100) AS ell_pct,
unexc_abs_pct, grad_count, cgr
FROM schools
LEFT JOIN enr school enr
USING(cds_code)
LEFT JOIN frmp_schools fr
ON fr.cds_code = enr.cds_code
LEFT JOIN ell_schools ell
ON fr.cds_code = ell.cds_code
LEFT JOIN cgr_schools cgr
ON ell.cds_code = cgr.cds_code
LEFT JOIN grad_schools gr
ON cgr.cds_code = gr.cds_code
LEFT JOIN abs_schools abs
ON gr.cds_code = abs.cds_code
JOIN counties
ON schools.county_code = counties.county_code;")
```

```
college_gr <- college_gr |>
  mutate(cgr = (enr_college/hs_completers*100))

# disconnect from database; move forward to analysis

dbDisconnect(con)
```

### Part II

#### **Exploratory Analysis**

In this phase, high level summary statistics will be acquired to get information about tables and their respective variables. Additionally, histograms, density plots, and box plots will be created to visualize how distributions of college going rates differ among varying demographic groups. Additionally, scatter plots will be created to visualize the relationship between college going rates and other variables/ characteristics.

```
# summary statistics of school_stats
summary(school_stats)
```

```
county_code
                       county_name
                                             cds_code
                                                              district_name
   Length: 18335
                                                              Length: 18335
##
                       Length: 18335
                                           Length: 18335
##
   Class :character
                       Class : character
                                           Class :character
                                                              Class : character
   Mode :character
##
                       Mode :character
                                           Mode :character
                                                              Mode :character
##
##
##
##
##
   school_name
                       status_type
                                              street
                                                                  city
##
   Length: 18335
                       Length: 18335
                                           Length: 18335
                                                              Length: 18335
##
  Class :character
                       Class :pq_sts
                                           Class :character
                                                              Class : character
   Mode :character
                       Mode :character
                                           Mode :character
                                                              Mode :character
##
##
```

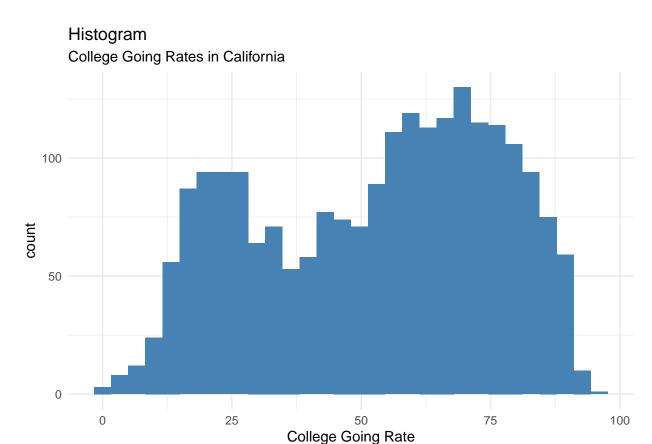
```
##
##
##
##
                                               email
                                                                  website
        zip
                           phone
##
    Length: 18335
                        Length: 18335
                                            Length: 18335
                                                                Length: 18335
    Class : character
                        Class : character
                                            Class : character
                                                                Class : character
##
    Mode :character
                        Mode :character
                                            Mode :character
                                                                Mode : character
##
##
##
##
##
                            close_date
      open_date
                                                 charter
                                                                      soc
##
    Min.
           :1850-07-01
                                 :1980-07-01
                                                Mode :logical
                                                                 Length: 18335
                          Min.
##
    1st Qu.:1980-07-01
                          1st Qu.:1989-06-30
                                                FALSE: 14934
                                                                 Class : character
    Median :1980-07-01
                          Median :1994-06-03
                                                TRUE :2007
                                                                 Mode : character
##
    Mean
           :1992-02-15
                          Mean
                                 :1999-05-10
                                                NA's :1394
##
    3rd Qu.:2003-08-28
                          3rd Qu.:2010-06-17
##
           :2069-09-01
                          Max.
                                 :2024-01-05
##
    NA's
           :1394
                          NA's
                                 :12048
                                                                 gs_offered
##
      soc type
                        ed ops name
                                              eil name
##
   Length: 18335
                        Length: 18335
                                            Length: 18335
                                                                Length: 18335
    Class : character
                        Class : character
                                            Class : character
                                                                Class : character
   Mode :character
                                            Mode :character
                                                                Mode :character
##
                        Mode :character
##
##
##
##
                                            latitude
                                                            longitude
##
      virtual
                        year_round
##
    Length: 18335
                        Mode :logical
                                                :32.55
                                                                 :-124.3
                                         Min.
                                                          Min.
    Class : character
                        FALSE: 15831
                                         1st Qu.:33.99
                                                          1st Qu.:-121.7
##
    Mode :character
                        TRUE :1110
                                         Median :35.63
                                                          Median :-119.3
##
                        NA's :1394
                                         Mean
                                                :36.00
                                                          Mean
                                                                 :-119.7
##
                                         3rd Qu.:37.83
                                                          3rd Qu.:-118.0
##
                                                :41.99
                                         Max.
                                                          Max.
                                                                  :-114.1
##
                                         NA's
                                                 :4808
                                                          NA's
                                                                  :4808
##
                         last_update
     adm email
                                              district code
                                                                     enr total
##
    Length: 18335
                        Min.
                               :1999-06-24
                                              Length: 18335
                                                                  Min.
##
    Class : character
                        1st Qu.:2011-12-12
                                              Class : character
                                                                   1st Qu.: 847
##
    Mode :character
                        Median: 2023-02-09
                                              Mode :character
                                                                  Median: 1508
##
                        Mean
                               :2016-12-31
                                                                  Mean
                                                                         : 1849
##
                        3rd Qu.:2023-02-09
                                                                   3rd Qu.: 2186
##
                        Max.
                               :2024-03-18
                                                                  Max.
                                                                          :53132
##
                                                                  NA's
                                                                          : 7883
##
       frmp_el
                        ell_count
                                                         unexc_abs_pct
                                         ell_pct
          : 0.00
                      Min. :
                                      Min.
                                           : 0.033
                                                         Min.
                                                               : 0.00
    1st Qu.: 40.44
                                                         1st Qu.: 32.43
                      1st Qu.:
                                      1st Qu.: 7.496
##
                                84
##
    Median : 69.01
                      Median: 246
                                      Median: 16.525
                                                         Median: 52.27
##
    Mean
          : 62.24
                      Mean
                            : 349
                                      Mean
                                            : 20.684
                                                         Mean
                                                                : 49.95
    3rd Qu.: 86.16
                      3rd Qu.: 513
                                      3rd Qu.: 30.326
                                                         3rd Qu.: 72.10
##
    Max.
           :100.00
                      Max.
                             :4738
                                      Max.
                                             :100.000
                                                         Max.
                                                                :100.00
##
   NA's
           :8429
                      NA's
                              :8642
                                      NA's
                                             :8642
                                                         NA's
                                                                :16145
##
      grad_count
                          cgr
##
           :
                9
                           : 0.00
   \mathtt{Min}.
                     Min.
   1st Qu.: 143
                     1st Qu.:32.05
```

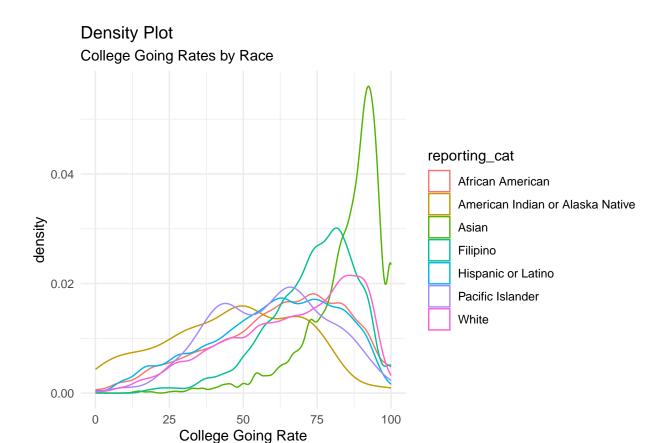
```
## Median: 399
                    Median :56.79
   Mean
          : 769
                    Mean
                           :52.80
   3rd Qu.: 1326
                    3rd Qu.:71.97
                           :96.04
## Max.
           : 4028
                    Max.
   NA's
           :16143
                    NA's
                           :16142
# summary statistics of school_stats
summary(college_gr)
                         cds_code
                                          county_code
##
      ac_year
                                                             county_name
##
   Length: 413135
                       Length: 413135
                                          Length: 413135
                                                             Length: 413135
   Class : character
                       Class : character
                                          Class : character
                                                             Class : character
   Mode :character
                      Mode :character
                                          Mode :character
                                                             Mode : character
##
##
##
                                                             hs_completers
##
   school_name
                       reporting_cat
                                          completer_type
   Length: 413135
                       Length: 413135
                                          Length: 413135
                                                             Min. : 11.00
##
                                                             1st Qu.: 23.00
   Class : character
                       Class :character
                                          Class : character
##
##
   Mode :character
                       Mode :character
                                          Mode :character
                                                             Median: 51.00
##
                                                             Mean
                                                                   : 93.02
##
                                                             3rd Qu.: 123.00
##
                                                             Max.
                                                                    :1134.00
##
     enr_college
                                                        not_enr_college
                      enr_instate
                                         enr_oos
                                           : 0.000
                                                        Min. : 0.00
   Min. : 0.00
                     Min. : 0.00
                                      Min.
   1st Qu.: 12.00
                     1st Qu.: 11.00
                                                        1st Qu.: 8.00
##
                                      1st Qu.: 0.000
                     Median : 28.00
   Median : 30.00
                                      Median :
                                               2.000
                                                        Median: 17.00
##
   Mean
          : 61.14
                     Mean
                           : 55.21
                                      Mean
                                            : 5.928
                                                        Mean : 31.88
   3rd Qu.: 79.00
                     3rd Qu.: 73.00
                                      3rd Qu.: 5.000
                                                        3rd Qu.: 39.00
                                                               :647.00
   Max.
          :882.00
                           :825.00
                                             :262.000
##
                     Max.
                                      Max.
                                                        Max.
##
       uc enr
                         csu enr
                                          ccc enr
                                                        enr instate private
##
          : 0.000
                     Min. : 0.00
                                       Min. : 0.00
                                                        Min.
                                                              : 0.000
   1st Qu.: 0.000
                      1st Qu.: 0.00
                                       1st Qu.: 7.00
                                                        1st Qu.: 0.000
   Median : 1.000
                     Median: 3.00
                                       Median : 17.00
                                                        Median : 1.000
##
##
   Mean
          : 6.815
                     Mean
                           : 11.74
                                       Mean
                                             : 33.86
                                                        Mean
                                                              : 2.787
##
   3rd Qu.: 8.000
                      3rd Qu.: 15.00
                                       3rd Qu.: 45.00
                                                        3rd Qu.: 3.000
##
   Max.
          :286.000
                     Max.
                             :270.00
                                       Max.
                                              :459.00
                                                        Max.
                                                               :93.000
##
     enr_oos_4yr
                      enr_oos_2yr
                                             cgr
##
                           : 0.0000
                                              : 0.00
   Min.
          : 0.000
                      Min.
                                        Min.
   1st Qu.: 0.000
                      1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                        1st Qu.: 45.24
   Median : 1.000
                     Median : 0.0000
                                        Median: 64.06
##
   Mean : 5.465
                      Mean : 0.4624
                                        Mean
                                             : 61.54
##
   3rd Qu.: 4.000
                      3rd Qu.: 1.0000
                                        3rd Qu.: 80.65
##
   Max.
          :259.000
                      Max.
                            :16.0000
                                        Max.
                                             :100.00
# histogram of college going rate
ggplot(school_stats, aes(cgr))+
  geom_histogram(fill = 'steelblue')+
  labs(x = 'College Going Rate',
  title = 'Histogram',
```

subtitle = 'College Going Rates in California')

## 'stat\_bin()' using 'bins = 30'. Pick better value with 'binwidth'.

## Warning: Removed 16142 rows containing non-finite values ('stat\_bin()').

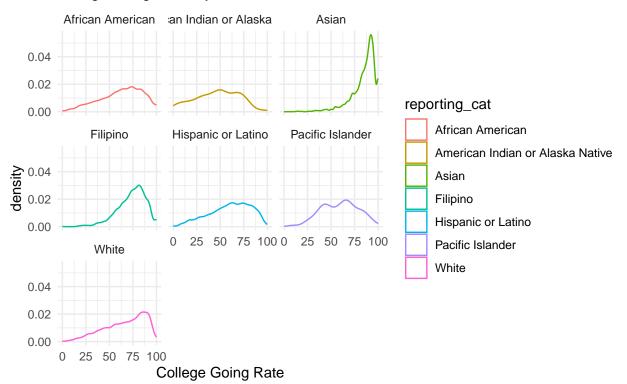




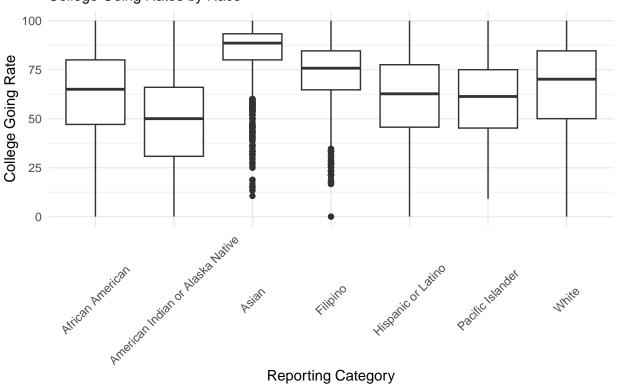
```
## multi-facet density plot to see each distribution more clearly

college_gr |>
   filter(reporting_cat %in% c('African American', 'Filipino', 'Pacific Islander', 'American Indian or A
   ggplot(aes(cgr, color = reporting_cat ))+
   geom_density()+
   facet_wrap(~reporting_cat)+
   labs(x = 'College Going Rate',
        title = 'Density Plots',
        subtitle = 'College Going Rates by Race')
```

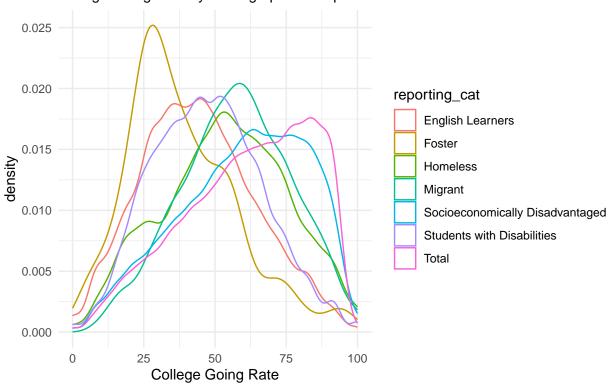
# Density Plots College Going Rates by Race



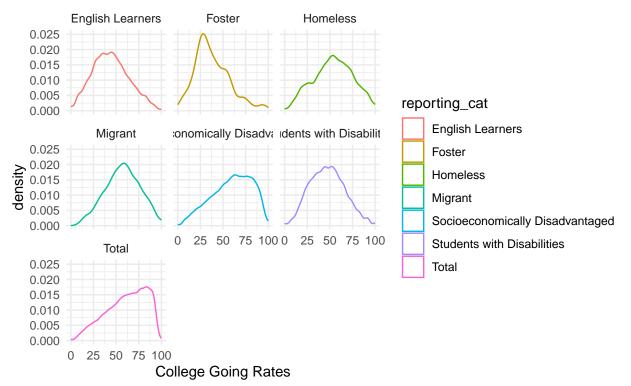
# Boxplot College Going Rates by Race



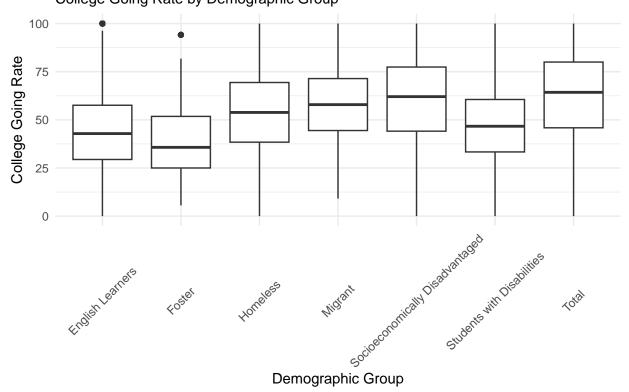
## Density Plot College Going Rate by Demographic Group



# Density Plot College Going Rate by Demographic Group



## Boxplot College Going Rate by Demographic Group



```
# create df to check correlations

cgr_cor <- school_stats |>
    select(frmp_el, unexc_abs_pct, ell_pct, cgr)

## correlations for frmp_el, unexc_abs_pct, ell_pct, and cgr

cor(cgr_cor, use='complete.obs')
```

```
## frmp_el unexc_abs_pct ell_pct cgr
## frmp_el 1.0000000 0.3996658 0.5304031 -0.4867759
## unexc_abs_pct 0.3996658 1.0000000 0.3407536 -0.1674253
## ell_pct 0.5304031 0.3407536 1.0000000 -0.2950742
## cgr -0.4867759 -0.1674253 -0.2950742 1.0000000
```

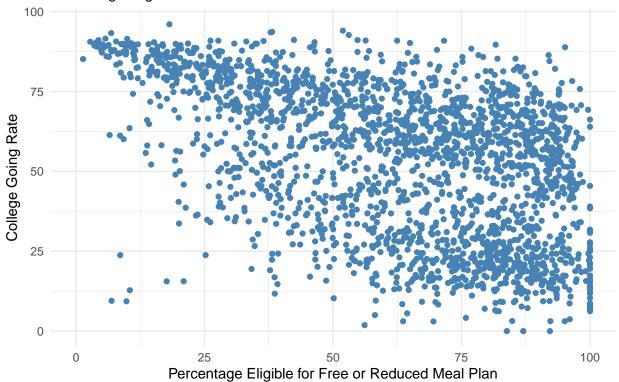
```
# scatter plots

## college going rate and reduced lunch percent eligible
ggplot(school_stats, aes(frmp_el, cgr))+
  geom_point(color = 'steelblue')+
  labs(x = 'Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Meal Plan',
        y = 'College Going Rate',
        title = 'Scatterplot',
        subtitle = 'Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Meal Plan')
```

## Warning: Removed 16142 rows containing missing values ('geom\_point()').

## Scatterplot

### Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Meal Plan

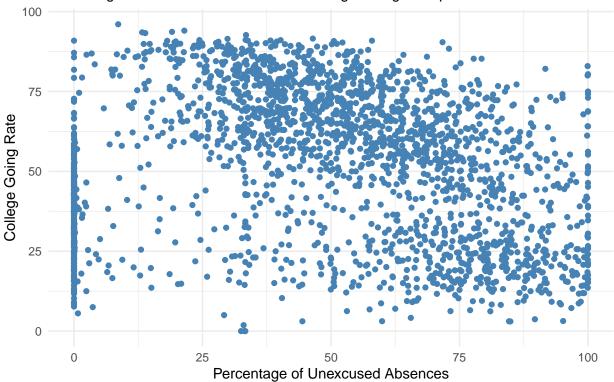


```
## college going rate and unexcused absence percent
ggplot(school_stats, aes(unexc_abs_pct, cgr))+
  geom_point(color = 'steelblue')+
  labs(x = 'Percentage of Unexcused Absences',
        y = 'College Going Rate',
        title = 'Scatterplot',
        subtitle = 'Percentage of Unexcused Absences vs College Going Rate per School')
```

## Warning: Removed 16145 rows containing missing values ('geom\_point()').

## Scatterplot

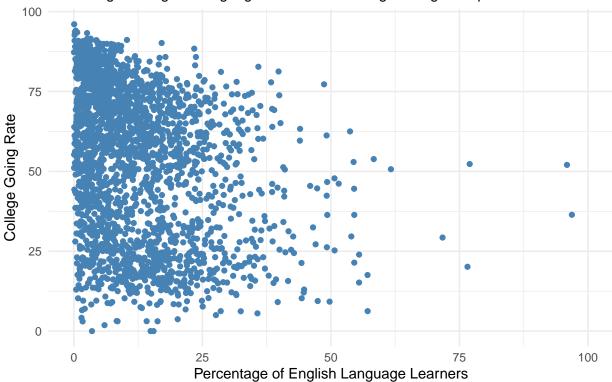
### Percentage of Unexcused Absences vs College Going Rate per School



## Warning: Removed 16142 rows containing missing values ('geom\_point()').

### Scatterplot





### Part III

#### Analysis and Visualizations

In the exploratory analysis, it was found that college going rates differ among different demographic groups. Additionally, a number of different factors are correlated with college going rates. This part of the analysis will utilize tidyverse functions to identify groups that have lower than average college going rates. ggplot2 will also be utilized to visualize instances where educational attainment gaps exist.

```
# lowest to highest college going rate by county
school_stats |>
  group_by(county_name) |>
  summarise(cgr = round(mean(cgr, na.rm = TRUE), 2)) |>
  arrange(cgr)
```

```
## # A tibble: 58 x 2
##
      county_name
                     cgr
##
      <chr>
                   <dbl>
    1 Del Norte
                    27.5
##
##
    2 Inyo
                    31.7
                    34.3
##
    3 Mariposa
    4 Lassen
                    35.5
    5 Mendocino
                    36.0
```

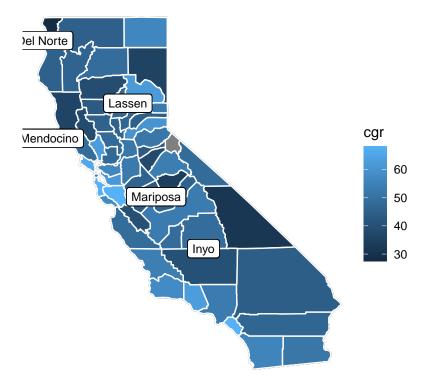
```
## 6 Calaveras
                 37.8
## 7 Lake
                 38.4
## 8 Tehama
                 38.8
## 9 San Benito 39.6
## 10 Kern
                  40.1
## # i 48 more rows
# lowest to highest college going rate by county/district
school stats |>
  group_by(county_name, district_name) |>
  summarise(cgr = round(mean(cgr, na.rm = TRUE), 2), .groups = 'drop') |>
  arrange(cgr) |>
 head(10)
## # A tibble: 10 x 3
##
     county_name
                    district_name
                                                             cgr
##
     <chr>
                    <chr>>
                                                           <dbl>
## 1 Santa Barbara Santa Barbara County Office of Education 14.1
## 2 Lassen Susanville Elementary
                                                            14.4
## 3 Amador
                   Amador County Office of Education
                                                            14.7
## 4 Mendocino Round Valley Unified
                                                            16.5
## 5 San Bernardino Baker Valley Unified
                                                            16.7
## 6 Stanislaus Stanislaus County Office of Education
                                                           16.9
## 7 Solano
                   Solano County Office of Education
                                                            17.4
17.6
                                                            19.6
## 10 San Bernardino Adelanto Elementary
                                                            19.7
# prepare data for visualization
## get location data for California and its counties
cal_counties <- map_data('county')</pre>
cal_counties <- cal_counties|>
 filter(region == 'california')
## get college going rates by county
cgr_counties <- school_stats |>
 group by(county name) |>
 summarise(cgr = round(mean(cgr, na.rm= TRUE), 2)) |>
 arrange(desc(cgr))
## change county_name to lowercase for merging purposes
cgr_counties$county_name <- tolower(cgr_counties$county_name)</pre>
# merge county location data with college going rate for plotting
cgr_counties <- left_join(cal_counties, cgr_counties, by = c('subregion' = 'county_name'))</pre>
# get 5 counties with the lowest college going rates
## will be used as labels for visualization
cgr_2 <- cgr_counties |>
```

```
# visualize map of California with color density to reflect college going rate by county

ggplot(cal_counties, mapping = aes(x=long, y=lat, group=group)) +
    coord_quickmap()+
    geom_polygon(color = 'black', fill='white')+
    geom_polygon(data = cgr_counties, aes(fill = cgr), color = 'white')+
    theme_void()+
    # label 5 counties with lowest college going rates
    geom_label(aes(x = -124.2344, y=41.39047, label = 'Del Norte'), size = 3)+
    geom_label(aes(x = -118.7799, y=35.78695, label = 'Inyo'), size = 3)+
    geom_label(aes(x = -121.3410, y=39.70024, label = 'Lassen'), size = 3)+
    geom_label(aes(x = -120.3842, y=37.18496, label = 'Mariposa'), size = 3)+
    geom_label(aes(x = -123.9995, y=38.75486, label = 'Mendocino'), size = 3)+
    labs(title = 'College Going Rate by County',
        subtitle = 'Labeled 5 Counties with Lowest College Going Rates')
```

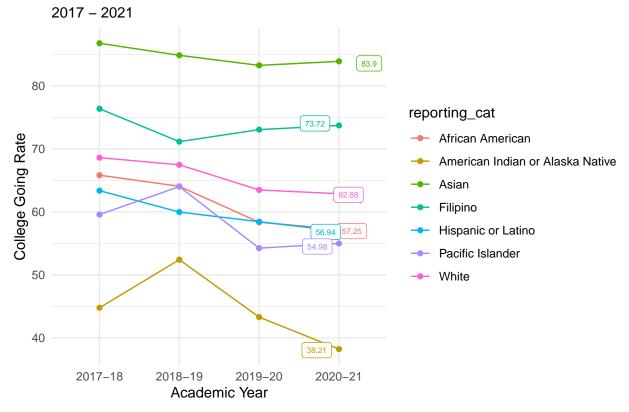
## College Going Rate by County

Labeled 5 Counties with Lowest College Going Rates



```
# get college going rates grouped by demographic info
college gr |>
 filter(reporting_cat %in% c('Asian', 'White', 'Filipino', 'Hispanic or Latino',
                              'African American', 'American Indian or Alaska Native',
                              'Pacific Islander')) |>
  group_by(ac_year, reporting_cat) |>
  summarise(cgr = round(mean(cgr, na.rm = TRUE), 2), .groups = 'drop') |>
  arrange(cgr)
## # A tibble: 28 x 3
##
     ac_year reporting_cat
                                                 cgr
             <chr>
##
     <chr>
                                               <dbl>
## 1 2020-21 American Indian or Alaska Native 38.2
## 2 2019-20 American Indian or Alaska Native 43.3
## 3 2017-18 American Indian or Alaska Native 44.8
## 4 2018-19 American Indian or Alaska Native 52.4
## 5 2019-20 Pacific Islander
                                                54.2
## 6 2020-21 Pacific Islander
                                                55.0
## 7 2020-21 Hispanic or Latino
                                                56.9
## 8 2020-21 African American
                                                57.2
## 9 2019-20 African American
                                                58.4
## 10 2019-20 Hispanic or Latino
                                                58.4
## # i 18 more rows
# create separate data frame for cgr/demographic group for plotting
cgr_dems <- college_gr |>
  group_by(ac_year, reporting_cat) |>
  summarise(cgr = round(mean(cgr), 2), .groups = 'drop') |>
 filter(reporting_cat %in% c('Asian', 'White', 'Filipino', 'Hispanic or Latino',
                              'African American', 'American Indian or Alaska Native',
                              'Pacific Islander'))
# create a separate object for labels
cgr_ends <- cgr_dems |>
 filter(ac_year == '2020-21')
# plot line graph
ggplot(cgr_dems, aes(ac_year, cgr, group= reporting_cat, color = reporting_cat))+
  geom_line()+
 geom_point()+
  geom_label(data = cgr_ends, aes(label = cgr), size = 2, position = position_jitter(width = 0.5, heigh
             show.legend = F) +
 labs(x = 'Academic Year',
      y = 'College Going Rate',
      title = "College Going Rate by Demographic Group",
      subtitle = '2017 - 2021')
```

## College Going Rate by Demographic Group



```
# college going rate grouped by county & demographic group

college_gr |>
    group_by(county_name, reporting_cat) |>
    summarise (cgr = mean(cgr), .groups = 'drop') |>
    arrange(cgr)
```

```
## # A tibble: 715 x 3
      county name reporting cat
##
                                      cgr
##
      <chr>
                  <chr>>
                                    <dbl>
##
   1 Del Norte
                 Two or More Races
   2 Colusa
                  English Learners
##
                                     9.09
  3 Mono
                  Homeless
                                     9.09
                                    11.6
  4 Nevada
                  English Learners
##
##
   5 Inyo
                  English Learners
                                    16.5
##
  6 Inyo
                  Foster
                                    16.7
                  English Learners
##
  7 Mono
                                    18.5
##
  8 Glenn
                  English Learners
                                    18.7
## 9 Nevada
                  African American 19.3
                                    20.3
## 10 Humboldt
                  Homeless
## # i 705 more rows
```

```
# filter df for needed demographic groups
cgr_dems2 <- college_gr |>
  filter(reporting_cat %in% c('English Learners', 'Foster', 'Homeless', 'Migrant', 'Students with Disab
```

```
group_by(ac_year, reporting_cat) |>
summarise(total = sum(enr_college), .groups = 'drop')

# create df with aggregate info/ total college enrollment per year

cgr_years <- college_gr |>
filter(reporting_cat == 'Total') |>
group_by(ac_year) |>
summarise(acc = sum(enr_college))

# join dfs for plotting

cgr_pcts <- left_join(cgr_dems2, cgr_years, by = join_by(ac_year))

# get percentage of demographic group enrolling in college

cgr_pcts <- cgr_pcts |>
mutate (pct = total/acc * 100)
```

Out of all student enrolled in college, what percentage were in the following demographic groups?:

## Percentage of Students Enrolled in College by Demographic Info

