**Reflective statement**

**The URL for the GitHub repository**

**What was easy? What was hard?**

* Merging the datasets was easy as the datasets are related with each other
* Finding the datasets was harder as I had to narrow down lots of aspects to make the datasets specific to the research question

**What did you learn about working with data? What did you learn about documenting and sharing data?**

* Working with data: Knowledge can be gained from the data when information is extracted from it. Working with data was really interesting as I was able to learn many things from it. I could analyze the data in all possible aspects to extract the information I needed.
* Documenting: The extracted information will be useless unless it is properly documented. The document should be very clear to showcase the idea without any ambiguity.
* Sharing Data:Sharing the knowledge with other people is mutually advantageous. Other people working in similar projects might require the data that we collected and in turn they might have some data, which might help us. So, sharing data reduces time consumption and effort.

**What was the most important thing you learned related to information organization?**

The most important thing I learned related to information organization is that analyzing the data in depth can help us to come up with novel ideas which helps the project to a great extent.

**How would you suggest improving end user experience for using data from Howard County? Specific interface suggestions or data sets to acquire (and why they are interesting) would be helpful. (Note: this item will be aggregated and shared with the OpenHoward data portal team.)**

* My experience: My experience was pretty good while using the open Howard data portal for collecting data. The interface is clear and easy to use which helped me to have a hassle free navigation.
* Suggestions:My only suggestion to make the open Howard data portal still better is to include people feedback surveys. As part of PALS project, in which we are trying to develop the Howard county community, the feedback surveys play an important role. From the surveys, we can understand the blockades and barriers people face in the community, so that we can come up with a new idea to improve the community better.

**How would you suggest improving the assignment?**

I am totally happy with the way the assignment has been framed with good flexibility to choose datasets outside the Howard county.