

SOC 4650/5650: PS-02 - Interactive Mapping of Opportunity Zones in the City of St. Louis

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Directions

Using data from the data/ps-02 subdirectory available in the lecture-05 repository, create an interactive leaflet map using RStudio as well as a well-formatted RMarkdown document that uses “literate programming” techniques. Your entire project folder system should be uploaded to GitHub by Monday, February 24th at 4:15pm.

Analysis Development

The goal of this section is to create a self contained project directory with all of the data, code, map documents, results, and documentation a project needs.

Download Data

- a. **Clone** the lecture-05 repository from GitHub using GitHub Desktop.¹

¹ If you are not sure where your GitHub Desktop data has download to on the computer, you can right click on the repo's entry in GitHub Desktop and have it take you to the repo in Windows File Explorer. By default, this should be within your Documents/ directory.

Create a Project Folder System

- b. Using RStudio, add an R Project to the *existing* directory in your assignments repository named Lab-04. To do this, you will want to go to: File > **New Project** > Existing Directory and find your *existing* PS-02 folder.
- c. In the Files tab on the lower right-hand side of RStudio's screen, add a New Folder using the New Folder button right below Files. Name this new folder docs. Add two others named data and results.
- d. Reduce RStudio for a moment. Using the Windows File Explorer app, find your project as well as the repository you cloned previously. It is easiest if these are in two separate windows.

- e. Drag the problem set data from lecture-05/data/ps-02/ into your RStudio Project's data/ subdirectory. Verify using RStudio that all of these data are accessible from within your project.

Create an R Markdown File

- f. Back in RStudio, create a new notebook by going to File ▸ New File ▸ **R Markdown**. Choose the SLU Sociology template and save it within that docs/ subdirectory you just created. The notebook should be named ps-02.
- g. Expand the YAML heading by adding your name and the assignment title "PS-02".
- h. Use RMarkdown syntax to create your first assignment notebook! Make sure it has an introductory section, a section for loading packages, a section for loading data, and a section for part 2 below. These sections should be second-level headings (e.g. ## Introduction).
- i. When you are done, "knit" your document by clicking the Knit button in the toolbar at the top of the notebook.

Load Data

- j. Import data from lecture-05/data/PS-02 into your global environment. You will need both the race and the poverty data this time. Use the data exploration tools at your disposal to explore each of the shapefiles you've imported into R.

Part 1: Mapping Opportunity Zones

The goal of this section is to create an interactive map using leaflet. This map should highlight the tracts that were designed as Opportunity Zones (use the shapefile STL_Dev_OppZonesCreated.shp). For popups, use the Census Tract ID numbers.²

² *Hint:* There is no need to export this - make sure you have PhantomJS installed on your computer and it will be included in your final, knit document.

Part 2: Demographic Factors

The goal of this section is to create a second interactive map using leaflet. Feel free to select either the race or the poverty data. If you

select the race data, map the proportion of African Americans living in each census tract. If you select poverty, map the proportion of individuals living below the poverty line. *Both variables are already normalized because they are proportions.* Use a basemap and color palette of your choice, and make sure the map contains the appropriate features we've discussed for leaflet. For popups, use the Census Tract ID numbers as well as the proportion of whatever demographic variable you are mapping.³

³ *Hint:* There is no need to export this - make sure you have PhantomJS installed on your computer and it will be included in your final, knit document.

Analysis Development Follow-up

Don't forget to knit your document when you are done!