Introduction:

Gentrification is an issue that affects has been affecting Minneapolis’ neighborhoods. The main issue associated with gentrification is it can lead to the displacement of lower income residents. My project proposal is to analyze which census tracts in Minneapolis have experienced the largest demographic changes since the gentrification boom began in the 2000s to see if it correlates with the tracts which have been gentrifying. By examining the census data it will be provide an accurate image of the effect of gentrification on each specific group of people.

Methods:

Census CSVs as well as spatial information on the neighborhood and census tract scales from the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County will provide the sources for the data that will be used for my analysis. The data will then be compiled into a database to create a multi-scaled analysis of which neighborhoods have been affected. By tracking demographic changes over the past three decades it will be possible to determine which areas have changed as well as the magnitude of that change. Finally, that analysis will be compared to the University of Minnesota’s Center of Urban and Regional Affairs’ report titled: “Gentrification Analysis of Minneapolis & St. Paul” (Goetz, 2014) to see if the areas gentrifying are seeing a correlative level of displacement.

Expected Results:

I expect to find higher levels of displacement in areas that are gentrifying and I am expecting minority and low income areas to experiment the most displacement. These results would be consistent with the aforementioned Gentrification report which contains information on affordability (Goetz, 2014), but less on the actual demographic changes.

Timeline:

(Week)

2/20 – Project Proposal Due

3/6 - Acquire Data

3/13 - Assemble Schema

3/20 – Database Schema Due

3/27 - Start Analysis

4/10 & 17 - Work on Paper

4/24 - Create Presentation

5/1 - Presentation Due