# Relocation Database: Prototype Design and Implementation

EPPS 6354: Information Management

# Introduction: Why relocation?

- Place of residence can impact quality of life
  - Multiple aspects are dependent on geographical location
    - Ex. health access, travel distance, food access, financial/tax summary, detailed tax rates, etc.

- How can a database help?
  - Outline factors that can be considered before moving
  - Provide insight into socio-economic aspects of society

# Literature Review: Aspects of residency

- Travel distance to work influences residential relocation (Clark and Burt 1980)
- Urban form impacts travel behavior (Krizek 2003)
- Landfill site exposure results in multiple health problems including both physical and mental (Hertzman et al. 1987)
- Housing affordability may play a larger role than other housing aspects (Burnley, Murphy, and Jenner 1997)
- Spatial aspects matter just as much as socioeconomic inequities when discussing access to healthy and affordable food (Larsen and Gilliland 2008)

#### Literature Review: Benefits of a database

- Health-care infrastructure can be improved through collaboration between free clinics and medical schools (VanderWielen et al. 2015)
- Neighborhood racial and income composition impacts distribution of stores supplying healthy food (Miller, Middendorf, and Wood 2015)
- Food access is not the sole factor behind the frequency of welfare diseases (Amcoff 2017)
- Water conservation behavior is driven by pro-environmental behavior and the active pursuit of information concerning water (Dolnicar, Hurlimann, and Grün 2012)
- Adolescent mental and behavioral health is impacted by high poverty residences and exacerbated by relocation to lower poverty residences (Byck et al. 2015)
- Lack of knowledge concerning risks to human health from residing near landfill sites (Vrijheid 2000)

# **Applications**

- No database currently exists which stores information that can inform the public about aspects and characteristics of geographic locations
- Data is not consolidated
- If database existed, it would be effective, efficient, and beneficial to the public
- A database may...
  - help local governments and organizations to identify and potentially address social issues
  - help facilitate and encourage informed relocation decisions
    - users will have access to organized information located in one area

### Database Design: Data Collection

- Data source: Texas Association of Counties
  - Information about Texas counties:
    - Age
    - Education/unemployment
    - Ethnicity/race
    - General information
    - Income/poverty
    - Population
- Data is limited for the purposes of the prototype

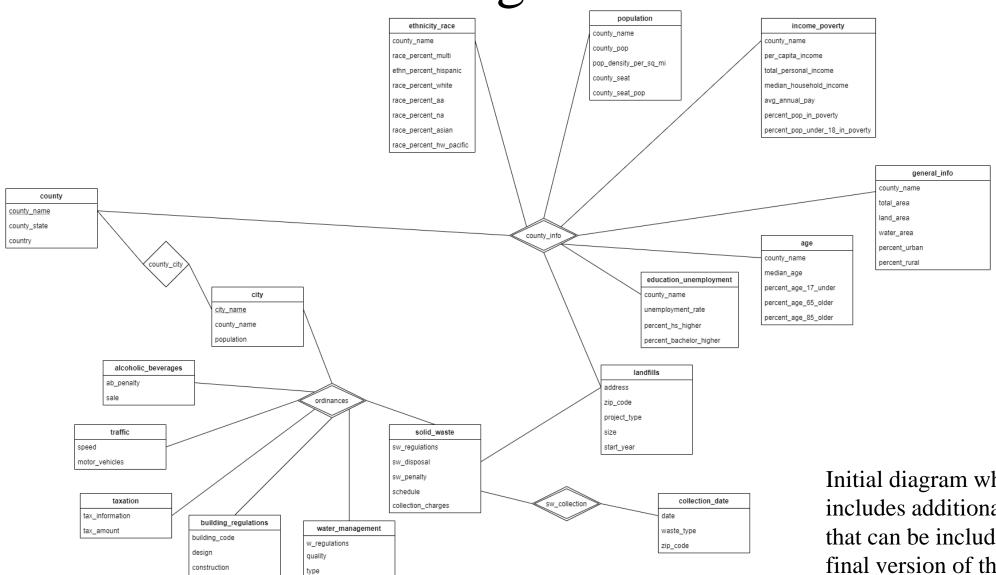
### Database Design: Rationale

- Prototype:
  - Majority of data is organized in accordance to Texas counties
- Final version:
  - Inclusion of additional relations will add more complexity and interrelationships among relations within the database model
- Aim to deliver a simple database model that demonstrates how users may find relevant data
- In the future, data elements will interrelate on additional levels

Relational Schema Diagram

alterations

charges



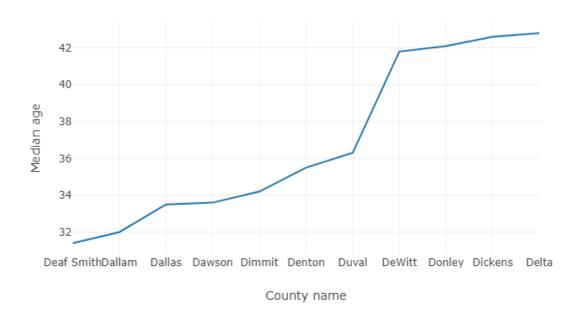
Initial diagram which also includes additional aspects that can be included in the final version of the database

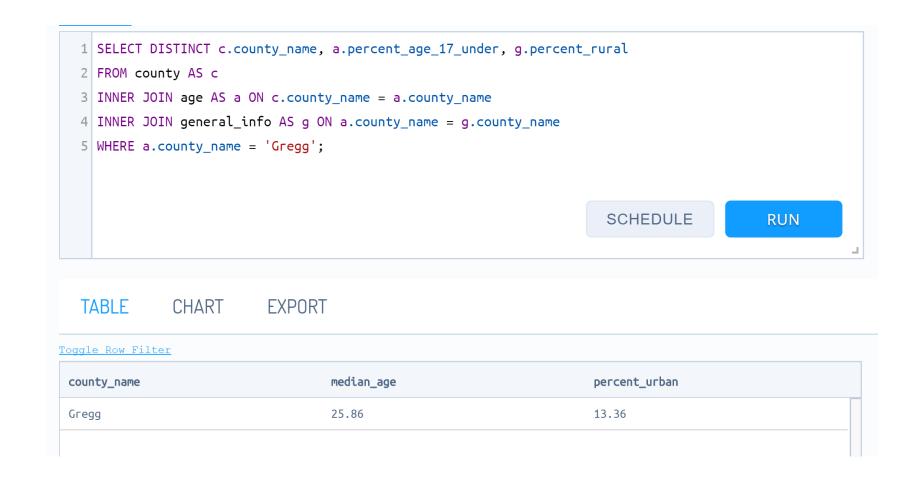
# Entity Relationship Diagram

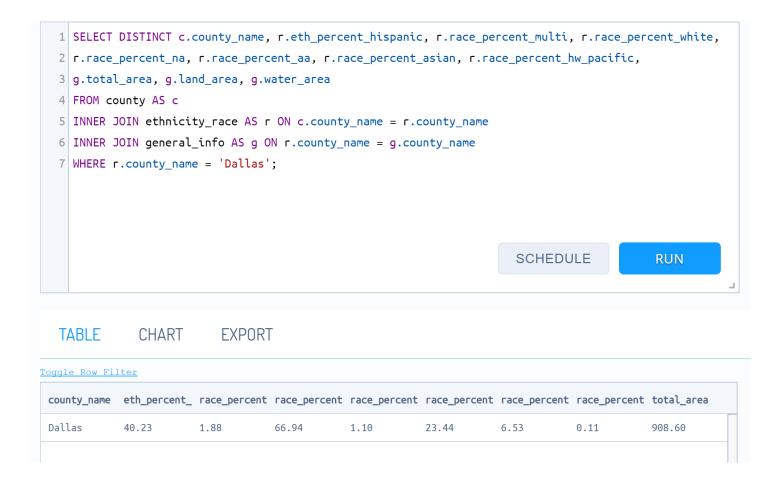


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1 SELECT DISTINCT c.county_name, a.median_age, g.percent_urban
2 FROM county AS c
3 INNER JOIN age AS a ON c.county_name = a.county_name
4 INNER JOIN general_info AS g ON a.county_name = g.county_name
5 WHERE a.county_name LIKE 'D%'
6 ORDER BY a.median_age ASC;
SCHEDULE
RUN
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#### Median age in Texas counties

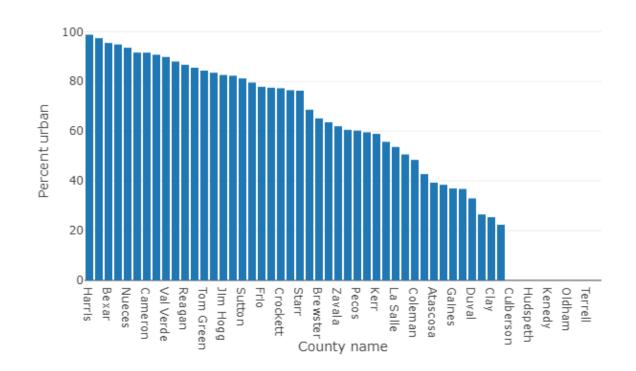






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1 SELECT DISTINCT c.county_name, g.percent_urban
2 FROM county AS c
3 INNER JOIN general_info AS g ON c.county_name = g.county_name
4 WHERE g.total_area > '1100.00'
5 ORDER BY g.percent_urban DESC;
SCHEDULE
RUN
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#### Percent urban in Texas counties



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SELECT DISTINCT c.county_name, e.unemployment_rate, i.percent_pop_in_poverty

FROM county AS c

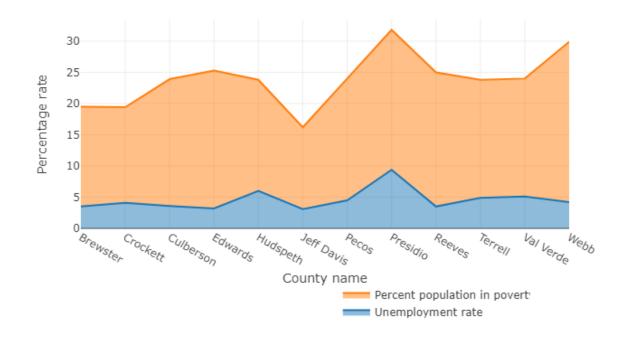
INNER JOIN education_unemployment AS e ON c.county_name = e.county_name

INNER JOIN income_poverty AS i ON e.county_name = i.county_name

INNER JOIN general_info AS g ON i.county_name = g.county_name

WHERE g.total_area > '2000.00';
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#### Poverty and Unemployment in Texas counties



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SELECT DISTINCT c.county_name, e.unemployment_rate, i.percent_pop_in_poverty

FROM county AS c

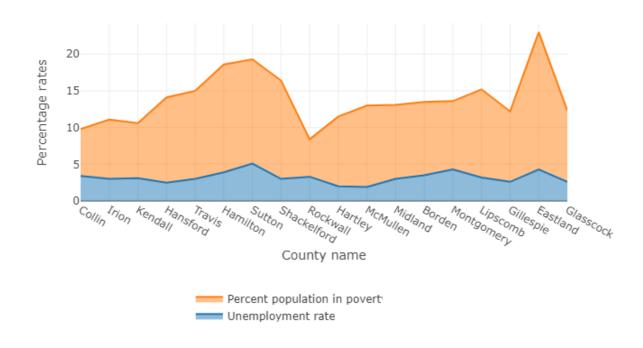
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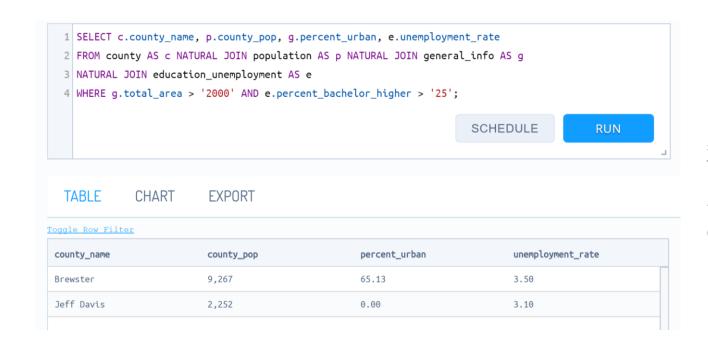
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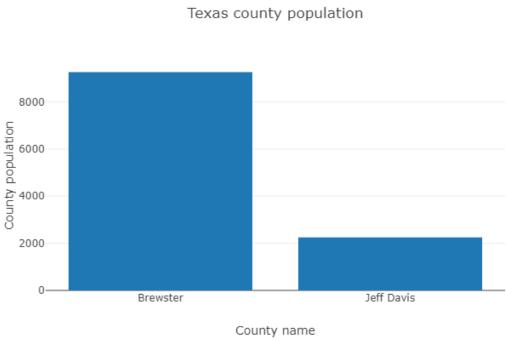
WHERE i.per_capita_income_money > '60000.00';

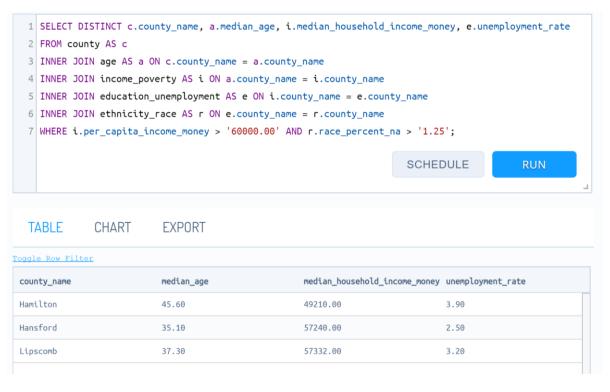
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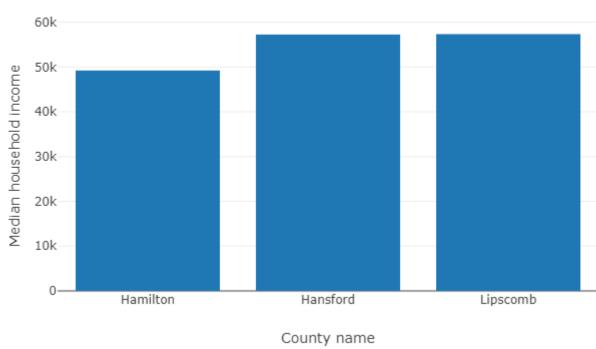


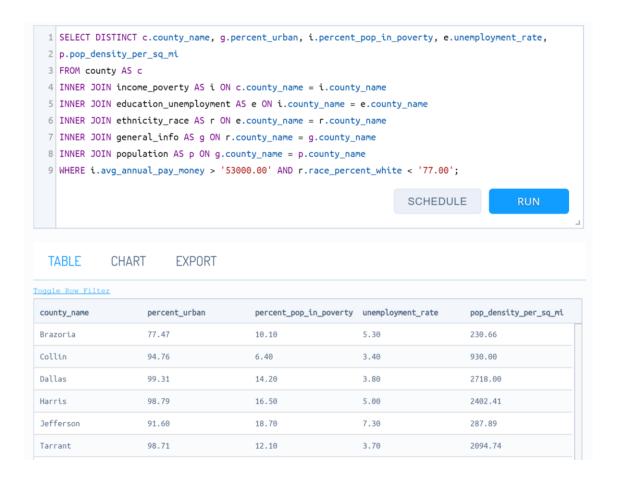




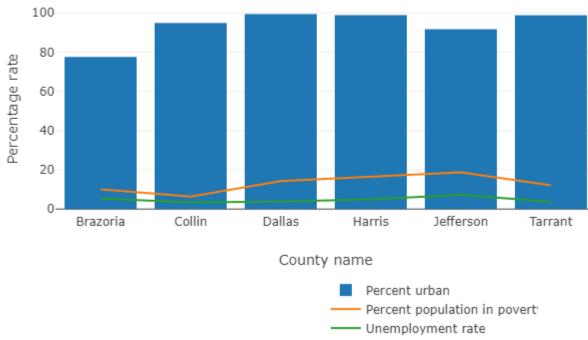


#### Median household income in Texas counties





Urban poverty and unemployment in Texas counties



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1 SELECT DISTINCT c.county_name, a.percent_age_85_older, g.percent_rural, i.percent_pop_in_poverty,
  2 e.unemployment_rate, p.pop_density_per_sq_mi
  3 FROM county AS c
  4 INNER JOIN age AS a ON c.county_name = a.county_name
  5 INNER JOIN income_poverty AS i ON a.county_name = i.county_name
  6 INNER JOIN education unemployment AS e ON i.county name = e.county name
  7 INNER JOIN ethnicity race AS r ON e.county name = r.county name
  8 INNER JOIN general_info AS g ON r.county_name = g.county_name
  9 INNER JOIN population AS p ON g.county name = p.county name
 10 WHERE i.avg annual pay money > '53000.00' AND r.race percent white < '77.00'
 11 AND g.water area > '120.00';
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### Web App

- Backend  $\rightarrow$  connect database to web server
  - Using Django with local host to set up web app
- Front end design  $\rightarrow$  create Graphical User Interface (GUI)
  - Graphical icons representing information about aspects of relocation
    - Input includes selection choices from a drop-down menu
  - Output depicted using highlighted areas on map
    - Users can explore locations
    - Additional detailed characteristics and statistics can be provided

#### Conclusion

• Collect and provide more data concerning various distinct aspects and characteristics of residential locations

- Future improvements:
  - Ability for users to explore how data concerning areas of relocation has changed over time
  - Functions that allow users to compare several areas of relocation
  - Include well-developed and easily accessible GUI

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