

## Mock Test #2

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### Exploration of relig\_income data, taken from the USA.

**Q1:** is there a correlation between high income earners and religious affiliation in the US

**Q2:** which religious affiliation appear to earn more money?

### Analysis

To investigate these questions with respect to the relig\_income dataset (and it should be noted that more data is needed to conduct a study of this type accurately), we begin by normalizing the counts by the total number of people represented in each religion. This provides a “comparable” set of numbers since the quantities represent the “percentage of” individuals in a given religious group by income bracket.

Incidentally, with 18 religious affiliations represented, the total counts are as follows:

| Religion                      | count |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Agnostic                      | 315   |
| Atheist                       | 206   |
| Buddhist                      | 154   |
| Catholic                      | 2374  |
| Don't Know                    | 56    |
| Evangelical Protestant        | 2086  |
| Hindu                         | 149   |
| Historically Black Protestant | 290   |
| Jehovah's Witness             | 32    |
| Jewish                        | 307   |
| Mainline Protestant           | 2326  |
| Mormon                        | 176   |
| Muslim                        | 30    |
| Orthodox                      | 126   |

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Other Christian       | 44  |
| Other Faiths          | 127 |
| Other World Religions | 11  |
| Unaffiliated          | 986 |

Note that the lower counts associated with some groups such as Jehovah's Witness (32), Muslim (30) and Other World Religions (11), may somewhat skew the data for these affiliations, since they may not represent a sufficiently random sampling across the US.

Once we have normalized the counts, we look at the higher income brackets, namely \$75-100k, \$100-150k, and >150k, to get a sense of the proportion of people within each group who are in the brackets. From these plots, it appears as though the top three religious affiliations for each bracket are:

| <b>Income Bracket</b> | <b>Top Three Affiliations</b> (in descending order, by percentage of the group) |
|-----------------------|---|
| \$75-100k             | Muslim, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness   |
| \$100-150k            | Other World Religions, Agnostics, Evangelical Protestants                       |
| >\$150k               | Jewish, Orthodox, Hindu   |

Amongst these three high income brackets, there appears to be a fairly broad representation of religious affiliation; in other words, the rich appear to comprise a fairly diverse group.

## Plots



