

ps0

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[not graded, but **highly recommended (will likely get lost on ps1 without ps0** and will give you 1 point of extra credit!]

1. Use your (gis) data. Again if you do not have dataset, search on the internet for a shapefile, say for NJ counties: "NJ counties, shapefile" or email me for help
2. Load the data into qgis, and produce a map, and submit ps as per directions below

general notes (always the same):

broad idea:

- it will be cumulative: ps will accumulate into a final project
- it will be also collaborative: you will see what others are doing

submission guidelines:

- **note! extra credit!** submit in your wikipage at <https://maps-dppa.camden.rutgers.edu>; or in Sakai: must be in pdf, you will just have one pdf, and then keep on adding to it—never delete what you have already submitted—for each subsequent ps, just add a new section with section titled ps1, ps2, etc; the pdf file is submitted into Sakai's Resources folder
- each ps section will have a map (make it big with nice resolution, but not too big, say each map should be at least half-page if not much detail or full page if detailed and <1mb) and brief description of a map, say few sentences; also list any problems you've encountered and can ask questions!
- exact links to all of the source data (so that i could create the map myself); note: exact links, eg do not say census.gov, but give full url to the data—i must be able to find it; sometimes there is no generic URL—then give steps: what I need to click to get the data!; or upload data say to your dropbox or google drive and provide link to there; so there must be all raw gis data (e.g. .shp .dbf and .shx and others if any), and any other data (e.g., .csv, .xls) that you used to produce a map; in rare circumstances if you use confidential/private data that cannot be shared, please contact me (and still do provide links to all the other data you're using)
- in Sakai's Resources folder I will have one text file with comments on your ps
- in addition to submission, you will usually (be ready every class! depending on how we do on time) present the map in class—can just show map(s) (max 4-8min (depending on class size): i will cut you off!

to reiterate, for each ps the following must be always submitted as an added section to the same pdf file:

- the maps(s) with short description and problems and questions
- very specific links to all data
- and prepare for presentation

as soon as possible (and definitely once we cover pretty.pdf, final_project.pdf) :

- the map needs to be "pretty" (syllabus: pretty.pdf): must have legend, title, cut decimal points, make fonts small, etc)
- the map must be "interesting" (syllabus: pretty.pdf, final_project.pdf): ask yourself the "so what?" question; essentially, you need to tell as story with your map

tips:

- start early; start tomorrow or the day after tomorrow or tonight! otherwise you'll forget it...and then, next week polish it
- use your (gis) data—again, if you do not have dataset, have a look at data_sources.csv from the class, or email me
- you cannot use the data I used in the class (or that I am using in the slides posted on the website for the future classes)
- assignments are due by **the beginning** of the class
- if you choose to work in a group, write down the names of people you worked with; otherwise i'll subtract points