

ps2: building up towards final paper

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due in 3 weeks; but start early!

1. take into account my comments on the previous ps
2. if you include previous stuff (eg what you did for other classes, ps0/ps1, it has to be clearly marked; and, of course, has to add new stuff that i will grade for this ps)
3. state your hypotheses—what you expect to find?
4. have a brief theoretical explanation, why you are doing what you are doing
5. use any of the theories that we covered (or that we did not cover) to explain pattern that you see in your data
6. for instance you may produce a map of businesses and notice that they cluster (clustering theory)
7. another example is to map or list some type of business by size of location and you may discover that specialized businesses eg corporate lawyers are only in cities > 100,000 (central place theory)
8. yet another example would be to show some variable at local and macro levels: you may find that unemployment in Camden closely resembles trend for NJ (interconnectedness theory)
9. be creative—you may create your own theories, and it does not have to be about economy—it may be public health, social capital etc
10. keep in mind the “so what question”—why is it important, why we should care, what is new there, what is your contribution?

general directions (always the same):

- submit ps into Sakai's dropbox by the beginning of the class on the day it is due (ps are due in one week from the date being posted unless stated otherwise)
- preferably submit as pdf or txt (word sometimes mutates contents)