

The goal of this report is to explain the method and steps used to study socio-economic and spatial data of U.S. counties. The study looked for patterns and information about jobs, education, and income in different counties by using geospatial maps. I collected data on education, income, and economic characteristics (employment or unemployment) for the years 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2019. However, I could not integrate the shapefile, so I was unable to organize the data properly.

After this point, I described what I would have done if I had been able to complete the process.

- 1- Load the shapefile using **GeoPandas**.
- 2- Load employment, education, and income data in **CSV format** using **Pandas**.
- 3- Merge datasets based on a common column (**county FIPS code**).
- 4- Handle missing values in the dataset.
- 5- Ensure that **shapefile geometries** are valid.
- 6- Normalize indicators like **income** and **employment rate**.
- 7- Use **GeoPandas** to visualize the geographical distribution of counties.
- 8- Use **Matplotlib** to create basic graphs.
- 9- Use **Seaborn** for more readable charts.
- 10- Use **.corr()** method to calculate the correlation between **education level** and **income**.
- 11- Use **sm.OLS()** to estimate how income changes based on **education level** and **employment rate**.
- 12- Use **sm.add_constant(X)** to add an intercept to the regression model.
- 13- Create an **OLS (Ordinary Least Squares) regression model** with **sm.OLS(y, X).fit()**.
- 14- Print the statistical summary of the model using **model.summary()**.

If education level and employment rate **significantly affect income**, the model coefficients will be **meaningful** ($p < 0.05$), and the **R² value** will be high.

- **Positive Coefficients:** If education level and employment rate have **positive coefficients**, this means that as these values increase, **income also increases**.
- **High p-value ($p > 0.05$):** If the **p-value** is high, education and employment rate **do not have a significant effect** on income.