



CRP 4080: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems for planners

Lecture 1: Introduction to GIS and Mapping Continue...

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Announcement

- If you want to access ArcGIS Pro via your computer (for Windows users only), please sign up [here](#). DO NOT contact the IT staff individually
- Lab 1 has been released
 - Modules-> Lab1 -> Lab1_CRP4080_fall2024_updated.docx
 - Deadline: 09/10 (Tuesday, the third week)
- TA office hour: 4:30pm – 6:30pm, Wednesday, Sibley 305
- Today?
 - Lecture – how to make a map?
 - Lab session - work on Lab 1

Important!!! What to include on a layout:

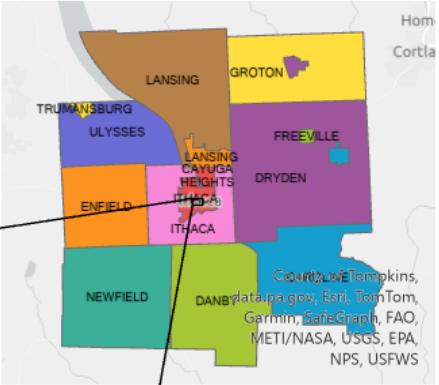
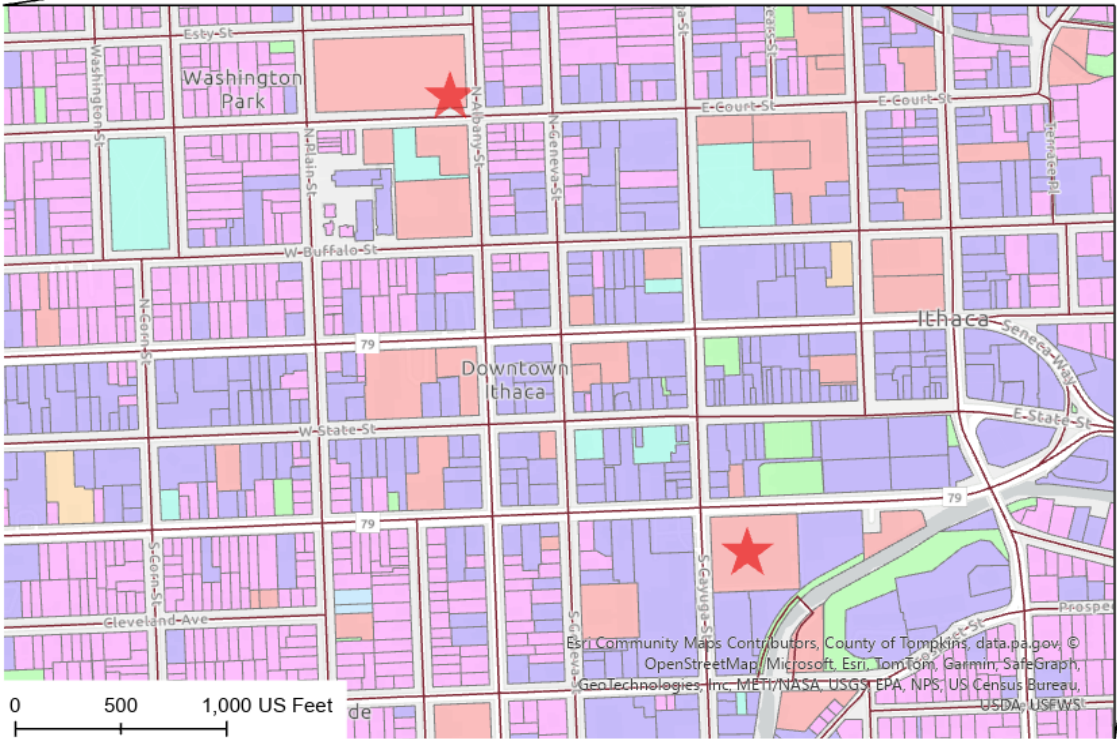
Create a “checklist” or standard set of information you will include in every map:

- **Title:** theme? What, where, and when?
- **Legend:** a guide that explains the meaning of the symbols, colors, and patterns used on the map
- **Scale bar:** the relationship between the map's distances and actual distances
- **north arrow:** indicates the direction
- **Metadata/notes**
 - Data frame(s): 2 if necessary (location/ context map).
 - Neat-line and border can help organize map layout

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August 28, 2024
Date source: Barclay Lab



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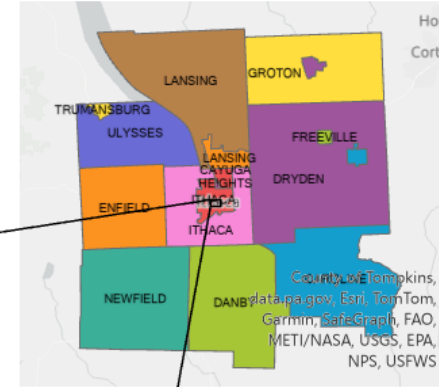
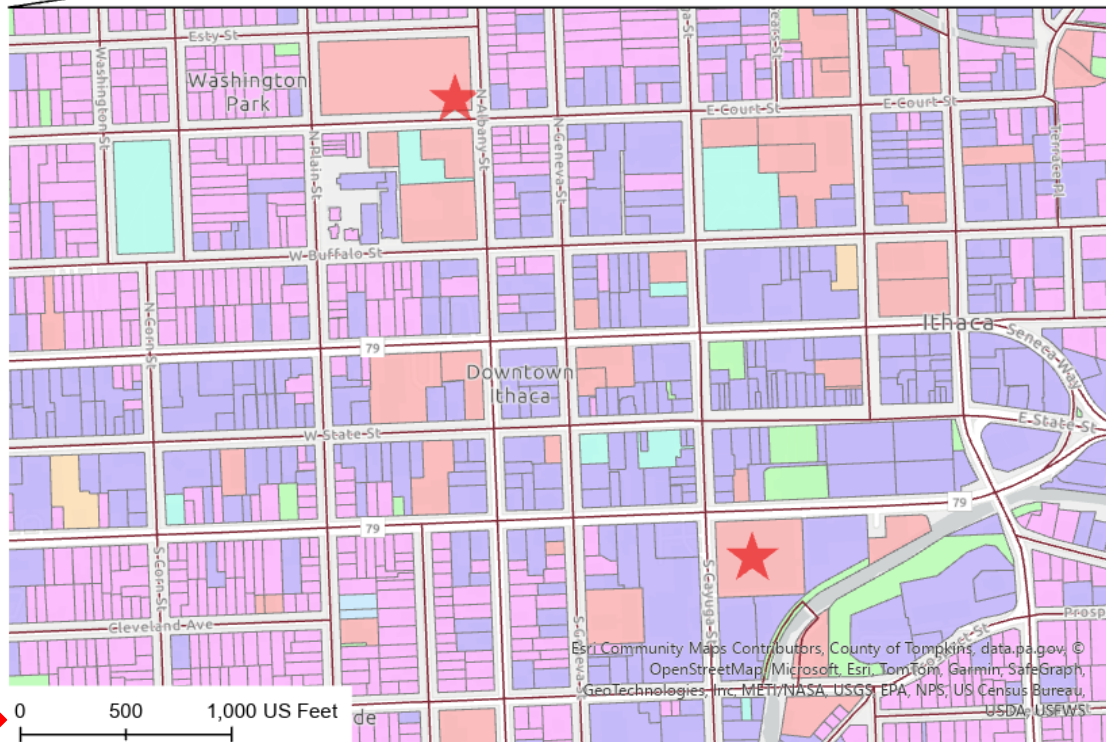
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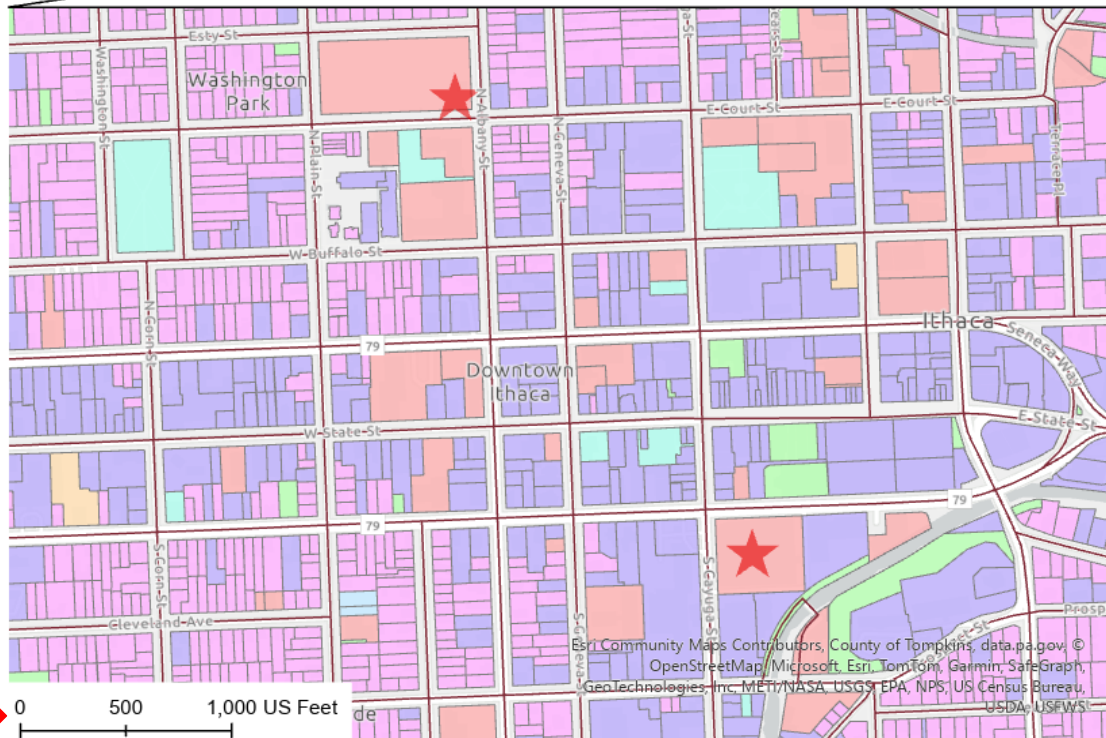
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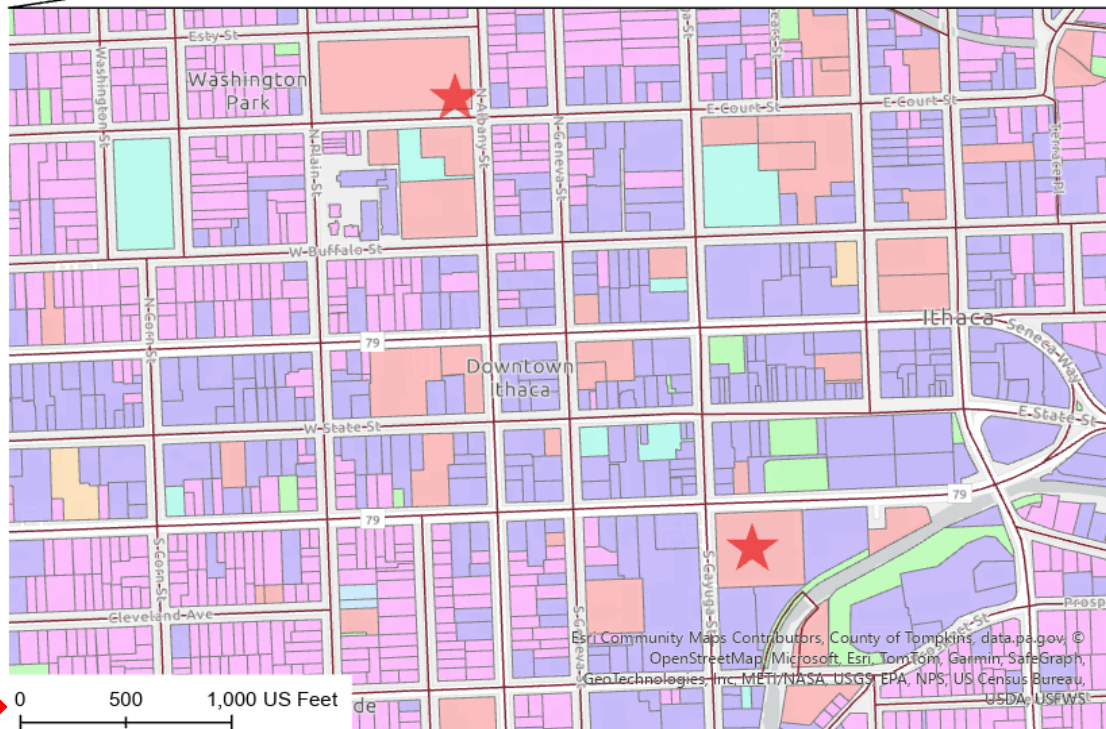
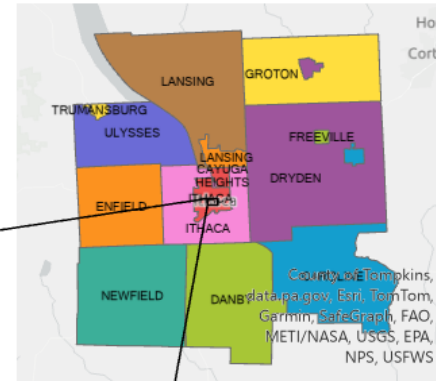
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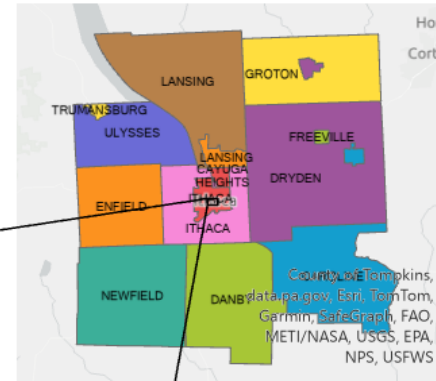
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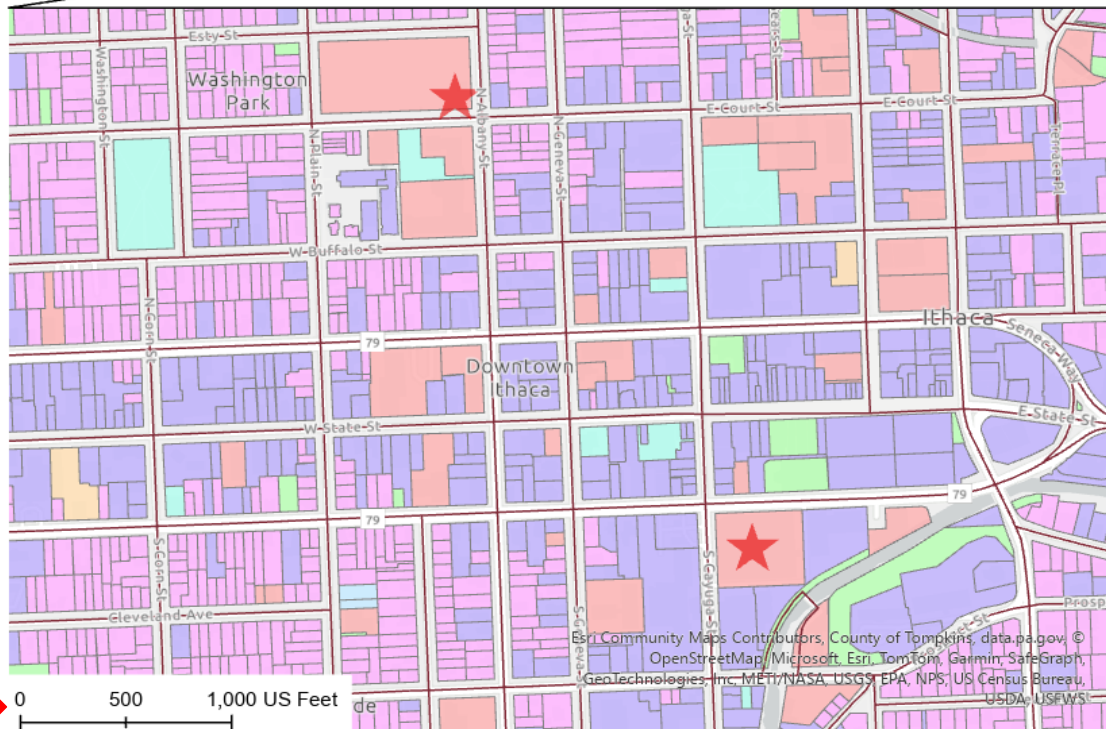
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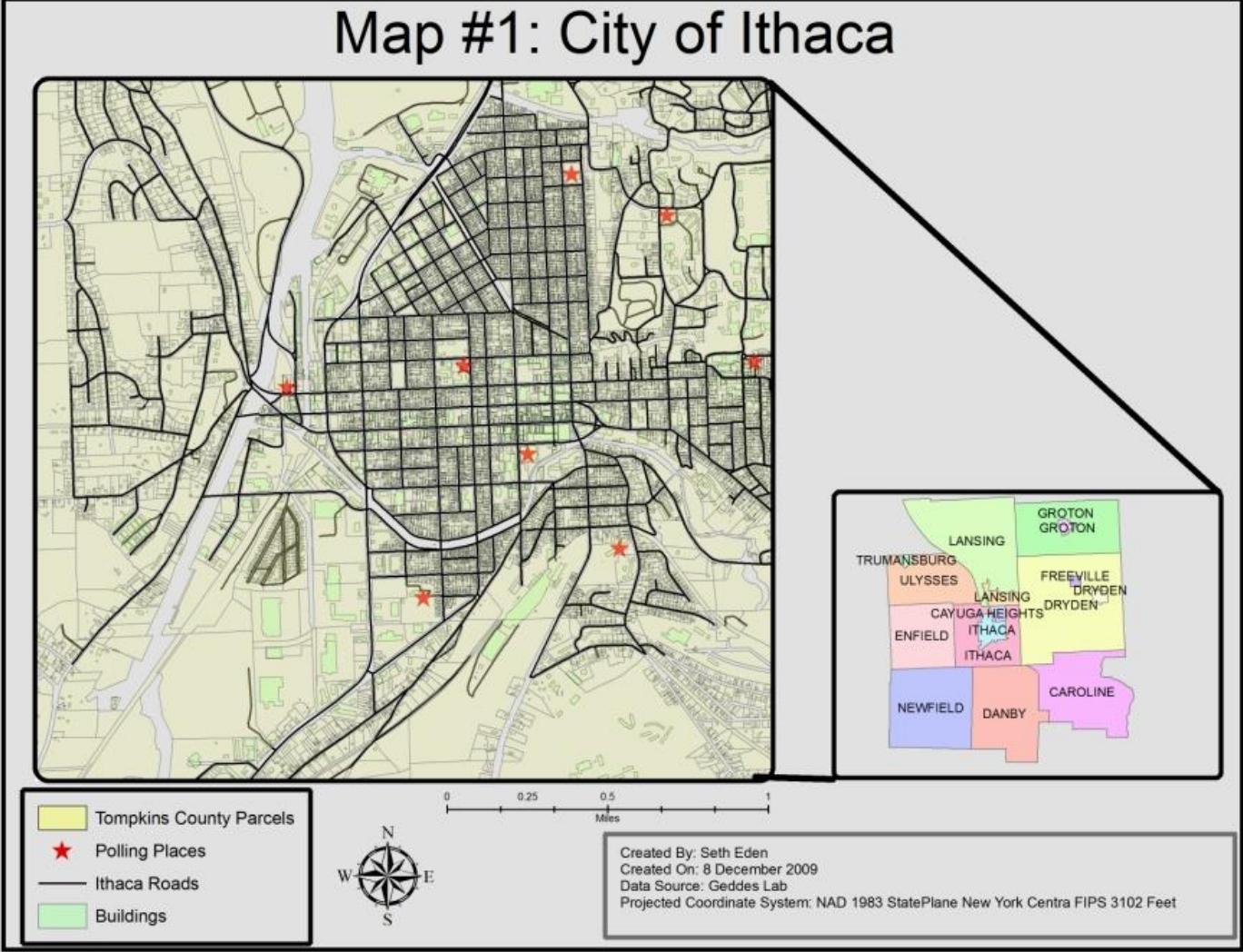
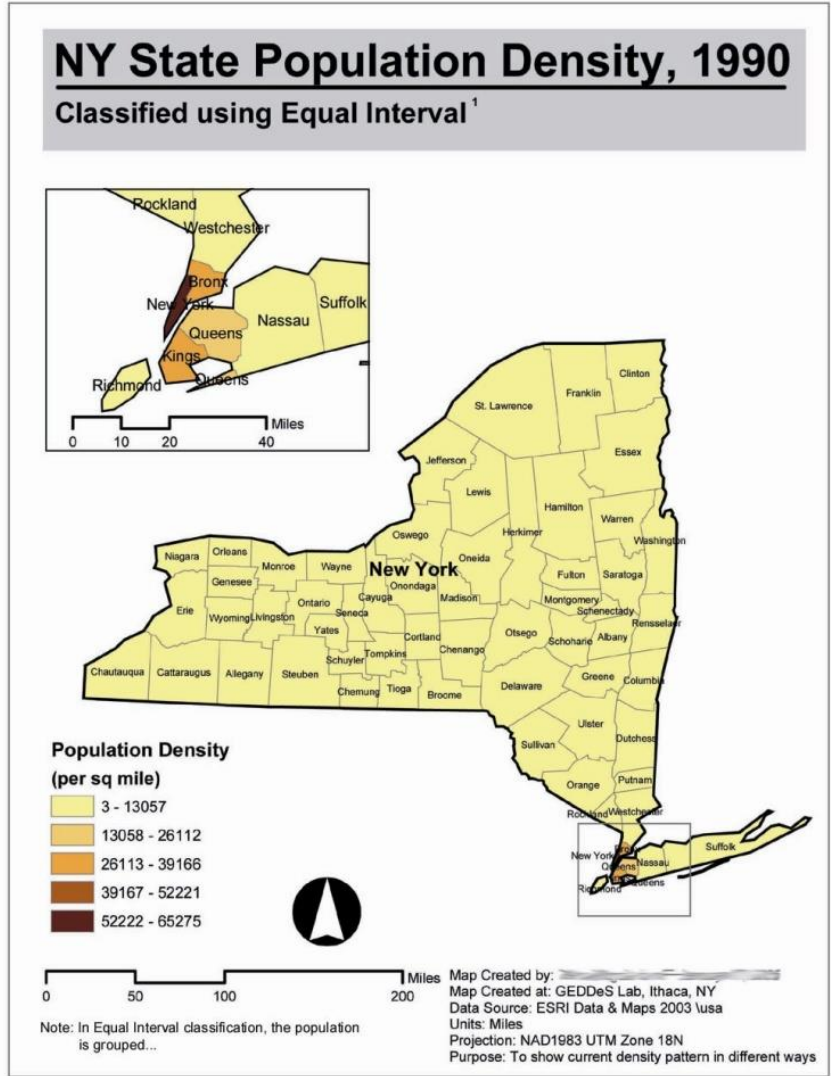
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Title?



Scale Bar – do not use the default

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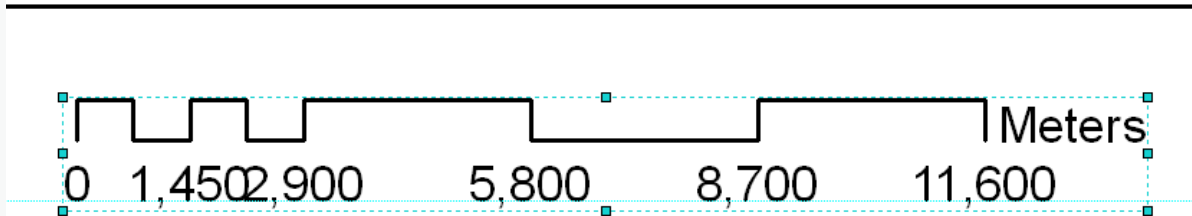
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▼ Divisions

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Divisions 4 ▼

Subdivisions 4 ▼



- Miles, kilometers for small scale map
- Feet, Meters for large scale map....

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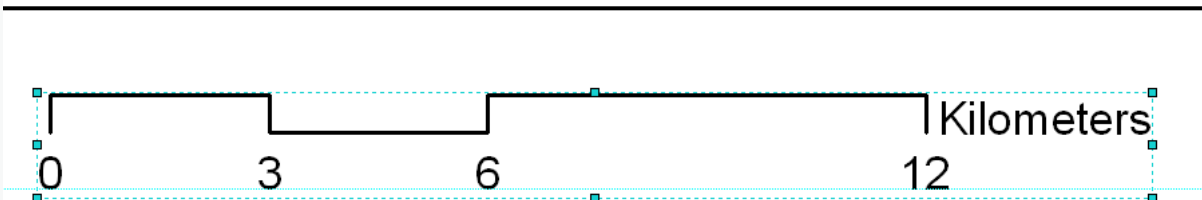
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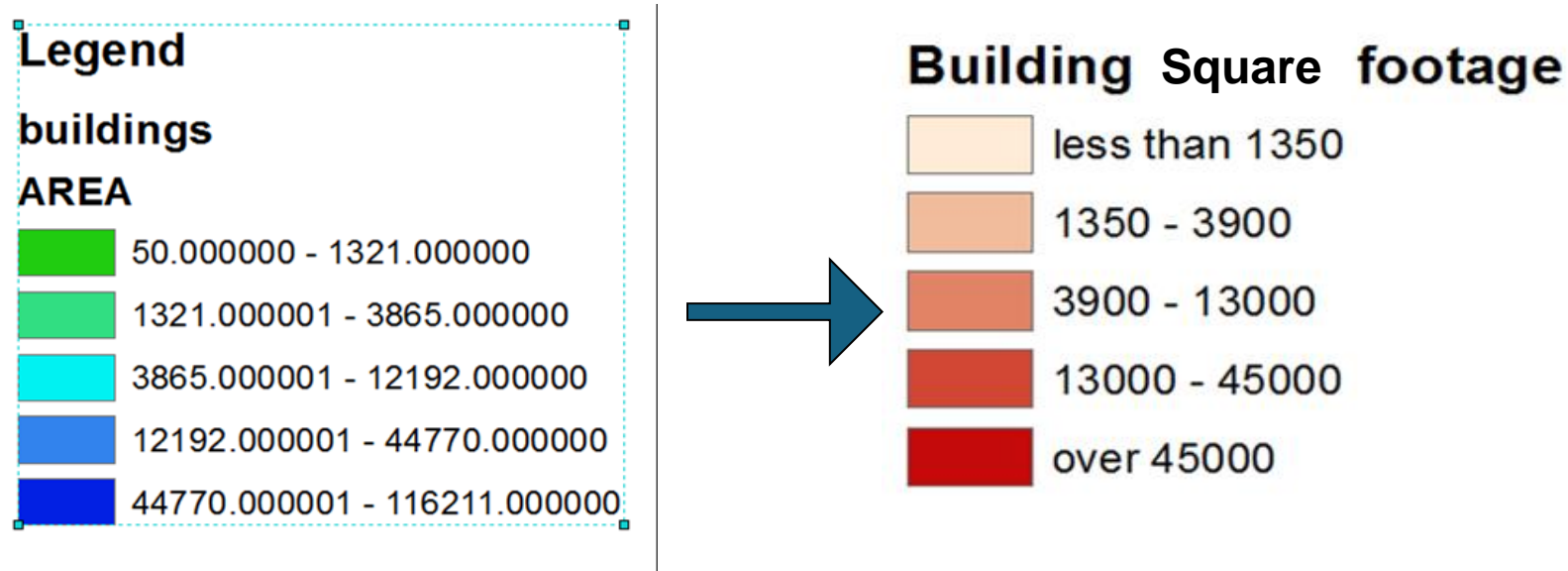
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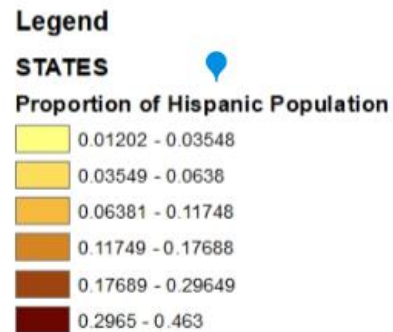
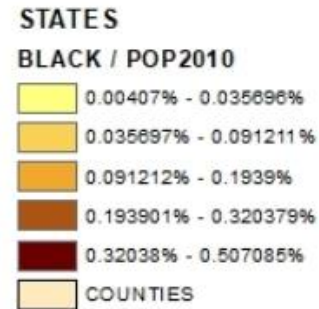
Rounded, sensible breaks

Clean up your Legend – do not use the default

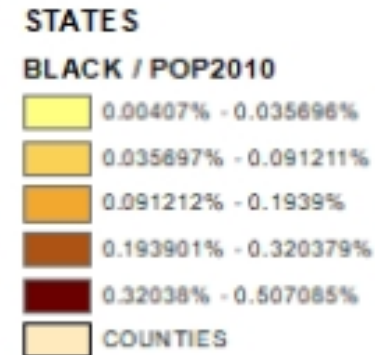


- Default “Legend” deleted
- Title cleaned up (units included)
- Monochromatic color scheme
- Rounded, sensible categories

Check units and measurements. Do they make sense?



Why are percentages less than 1? Does that make sense? Something's up.

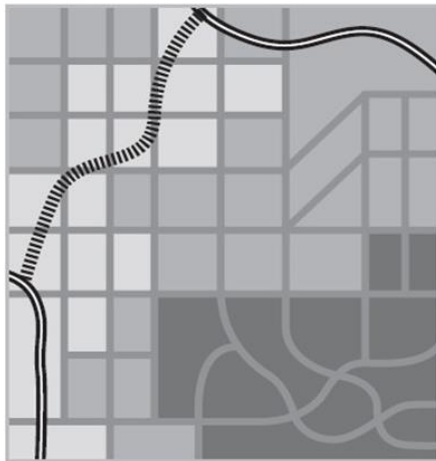


Why so many decimal places? Keep two decimal places is fine.

What is the message?

Goal: The County Chamber of Commerce shows the shortest and least costly route for the connector. They focus on property values:

Good:



Property Values: ■ high ■ med. ■ low

Goal: A community group contends the connector will devastate the African American community by cutting it in half:

Good:



% African Amer: ■ high ■ med. ■ low

Goal: A historical preservation group shows that historical properties in a historical district will be adversely affected:

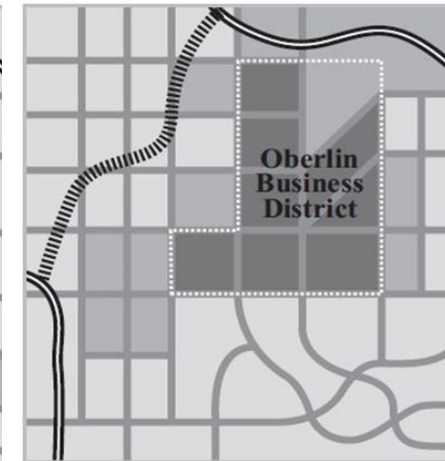
Good:



% Historical Buildings: ■ high ■ med. ■ low

Goal: The Oberlin Business Association argues the proposed road will siphon traffic and thus business away from their members:

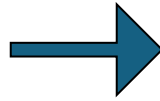
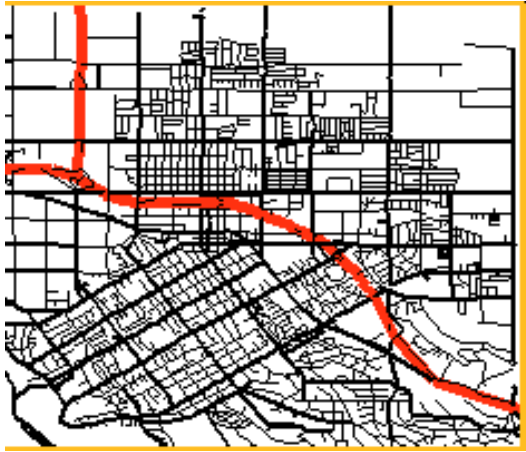
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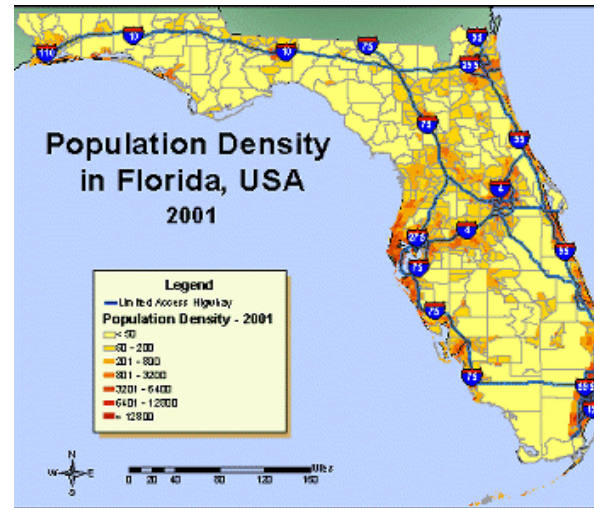
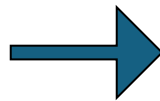
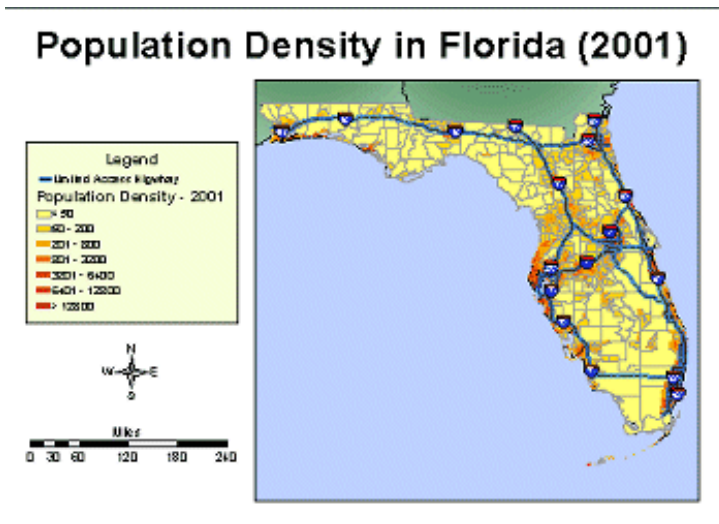
Density of Businesses: ■ high ■ med. ■ low

From: *Making Maps: A Visual Guide to Map Design for GIS* by John Krygier and Denis Wood

Layout design

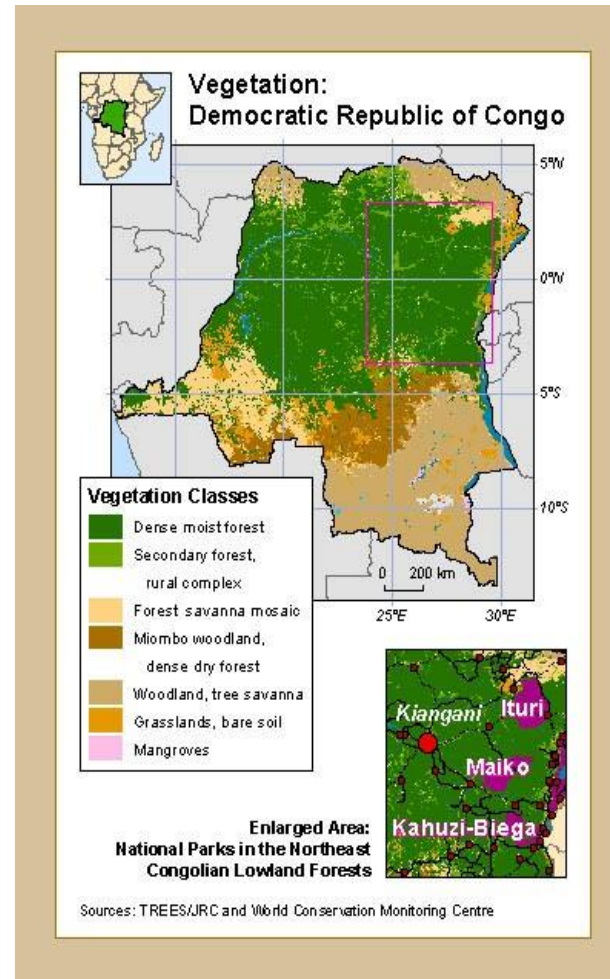
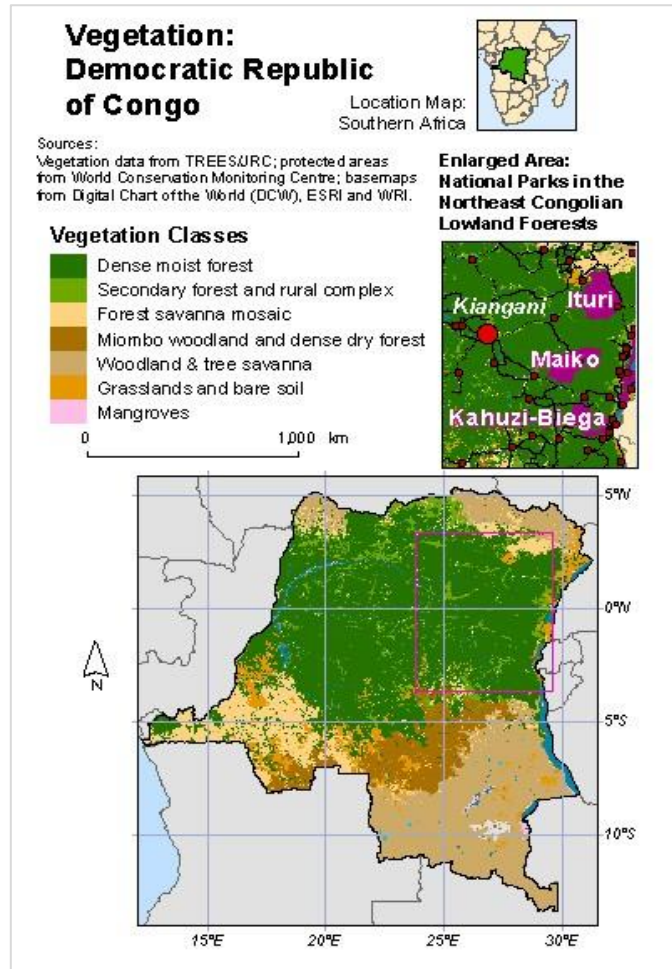


- Purpose
- Audience
- Size and scale
- Focus
- Balance



Map Layout Design Example

Map layout design is about developing a **balanced** arrangement

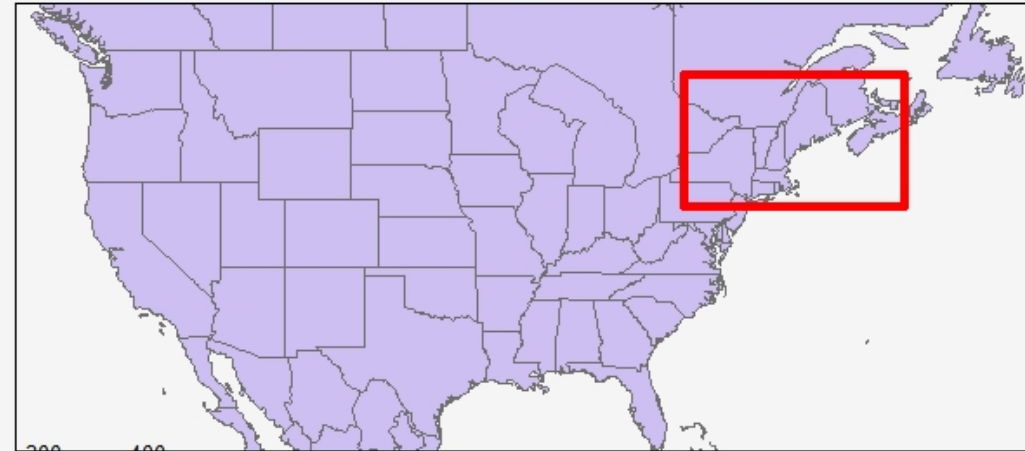
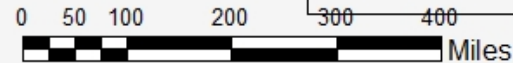


- context/locator maps are often placed in the top/bottom corners
- Main map often placed in center (usually largest & most detailed)
- Legend is tucked into the main map for easy comparison with the data.
- Scale bars and north arrows shouldn't be a distraction from the main map.
- Sources should run along the bottom.

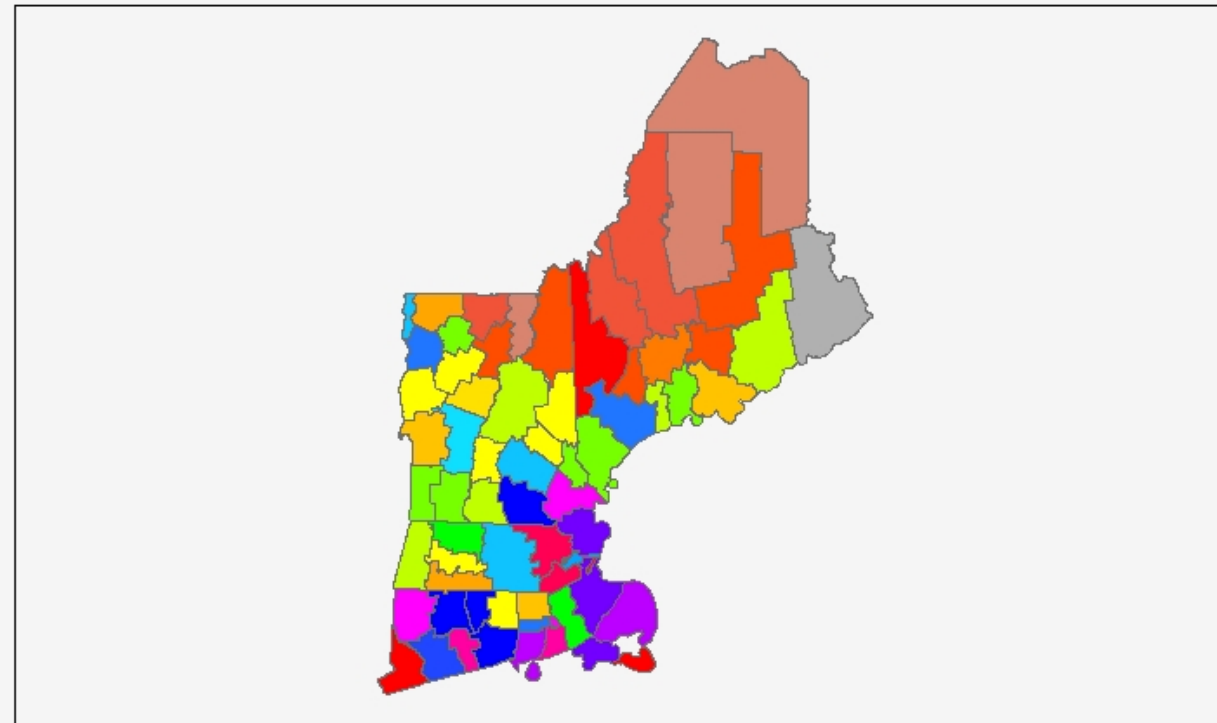
Map of income by state

Legend

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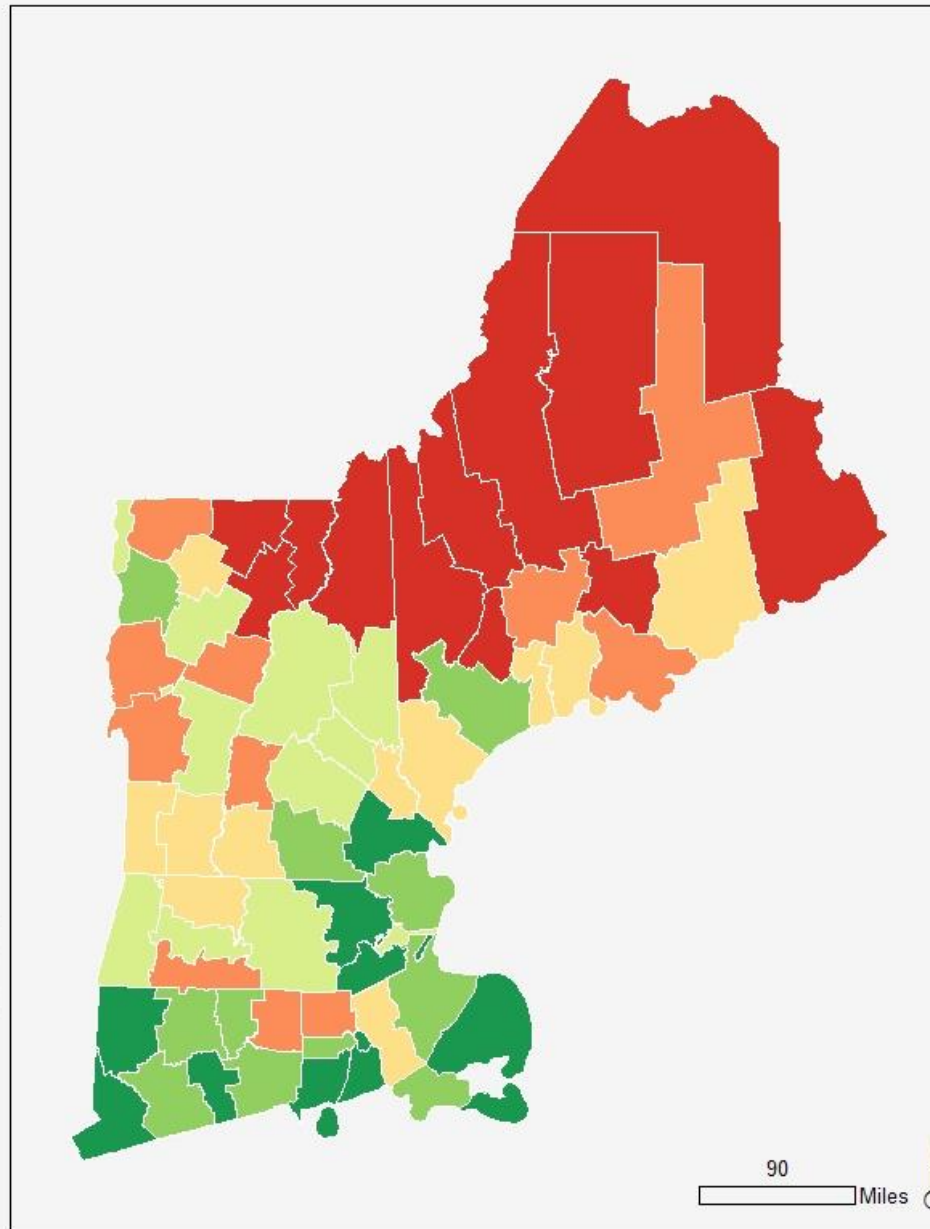
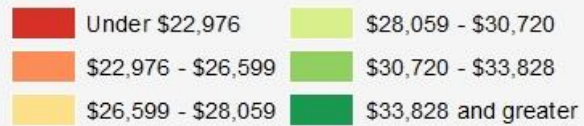
Income data source: Census Bureau ACS, 2010.



Median Per Capita Income by County for 2010

Income data source: Census Bureau ACS, 2010

Income values are classified into quantiles
with a median per capita income of \$28,059.



CRP 4080 Lab assignments

Find

All labs, readings and data (if provided) will reside on canvas under the Modules tab

Copy

Always copy data into your own folder (i.e. Lab 1, Lab 2, etc.) and save your work to that drive

Keep

Keep your folder clean.

- Keep all files in subfolders (titled by date, lab #, etc.)
- For each lab create an 'output' folder
- Carefully (re)label all files – do not use default titles!
- Delete temporary files

Submit

Submit your homework as a word document including maps electronically via Canvas ('Assignments' link)

- Export map as *.jpg file (or .bmp, etc.)
- Insert your map into a word document
- Save word document as "your name_lab#".doc

