**ACS 2013 data**

Data file: *acs\_2013\_data.csv*

The sample is a cross-section of individual responses to the ACS survey from the year 2013. This sample contains wage and salary workers with positive wage and salary income, who worked at least one week in the preceding year, and are ages 25-64.

I recommend that you read a little bit about the data source, the American Community Survey (ACS). Run by the U.S. Census Bureau, the ACS surveys about 1% of the U.S. population annually, asking a wide variety of questions about demographics, education, work, earnings, housing, and the like. A link to their web site is provided on the Canvas site under Readings and other resources.

Here are the variable definitions, in alphabetical order:

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| *Variable* | *Definition* |
| age | Age in years |
| citizen | U.S. citizen (binary) |
| educ\_years | Years of education completed |
| educ\_hsplus | Completed high school or more education (binary) |
| educ\_bachplus | Bachelor’s degree or more education (binary) |
| educ\_mastersplus | Masters degree or more education (binary) |
| ethnicity | Ethnic group (categorical or factor variable)\*: Asian, Black, Hispanic, Other/mixed, or White.  \* This variable is based on people’s self-reported race and Hispanic origin. In the ACS, race and Hispanic origin are separate questions, so someone who is Hispanic can be of any race. These responses are combined here, with anyone reporting being Hispanic assigned to the Hispanic category. Thus all the other categories are non-Hispanic. See also the discussion of the race variable below. |
| female | Female (binary) |
| forborn | Foreign born (=0 if US born, = 1 if foreign born) |
| ftfy | Full-time, full-year worker (binary): worked at least 50 weeks past year, usual weekly hours 35+ |
| fullyear | Worked full year (50 or more weeks) last year (binary) |
| hispanic | Hispanic origin (binary): Hispanic may be of any race |
| incwage | Wage and salary income earned over previous year, in $ |
| marrspp | Married with spouse present (binary) |
| marstatus | Marital status (categorical or factor variable): Married spouse present, Married spouse absent, Separated, Divorced, Widowed, Never married |
| nchild | Number of own children in household |
| nchlt5 | Number of own children under age 5 in household |
| race | Race (categorical or factor variable)\*: Asian, Black, Other/mixed, or White.  \* This variable is based on people’s self-reported race. In the ACS, people are permitted to report more than one racial identity, although a large majority (98%) report just one. Hispanics are included as whatever race they reported. So, for example, *race = White* includes both Hispanic and non-Hispanic whites, whereas *ethnicity = White* includes only non-Hispanic whites. The category Asian includes Pacific Islanders. |
| region | Region of residence (categorical or factor variable): Midwest, Northeast, South, or West. |
| south | Resides in South (binary) |
| speakenglish | Speaks English well (binary) |
| years\_usa | Years in the United States if foreign-born (missing / NA if US-born) |