

# Analytics and Institutional Research

# Using Spatial Analysis to Build a Profile of Students

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### Introduction

#### **Background**

# LSC Campus Enrollment Analysis Reports

- Disseminated each term to Campus Presidents
   Enrollment Data
  - Headcount
  - Typical Student [Age, Gender, Race]
  - Completion and Success rates
  - Year over Year Comparisons
  - Top courses taken



#### **Purpose**

Provide comprehensive data about the "Typical Student" attending the LSC Campus

# **Spatial Analysis**



# Spatial Analysis

- Can reveal socioeconomic information about students living in a region
- Expose the quality of life



Class is more than just income... What doesn't change is your education level, your occupation or the neighborhood you live in." --Rakesh Kochhar, senior researcher at the Pew Research Center.

https://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/family-finance/articles/where-do-i-fall-in-the-american-economic-class-system



#### **Objectives**

Learn the basics of representing students' home address spatially using ArcGIS

Extrapolate insights from student geocoded addresses with census selected socioeconomic data





# Method

#### **Data Used**

#### **Campus Data**

Location Addresses

#### **Student Data**

- Student Addresses
- Student Program Campus
- Student Program Plan
- Student Demographics [Age, Race, Gender]

#### Socioeconomic Data (US Census Bureau)

- Educational Attainment
- Income [Median Household Income, Area Median Income, Low-income Tracts,
- Housing Type

#### Geographic Data

- County Boundaries
- Census Tracts



#### **Tools**

#### **GIS Software**

• ArcGIS Pro

\*\*Free\*\* Geocoding Tool

Census Geocoding Tool



#### Sources

#### **GIS Software**

• ESRI

#### \*\*Free\*\* Geocoding Tool

• Census Bureau

#### Socioeconomic Data

- American Community Survey
- National Historical Geographic Information System

#### Geographic Data

- National Historical Geographic Information System
- Census Bureau Shapefiles



#### **Process**

#### Geocode Addresses

- Clean up
  - Approximately 11% of addresses had no geocode match and were removed
  - Geocoding is proximal to a direct address and not exact
  - Removed student identification numbers

#### Joined Geographic and Attribute Census Data Tables

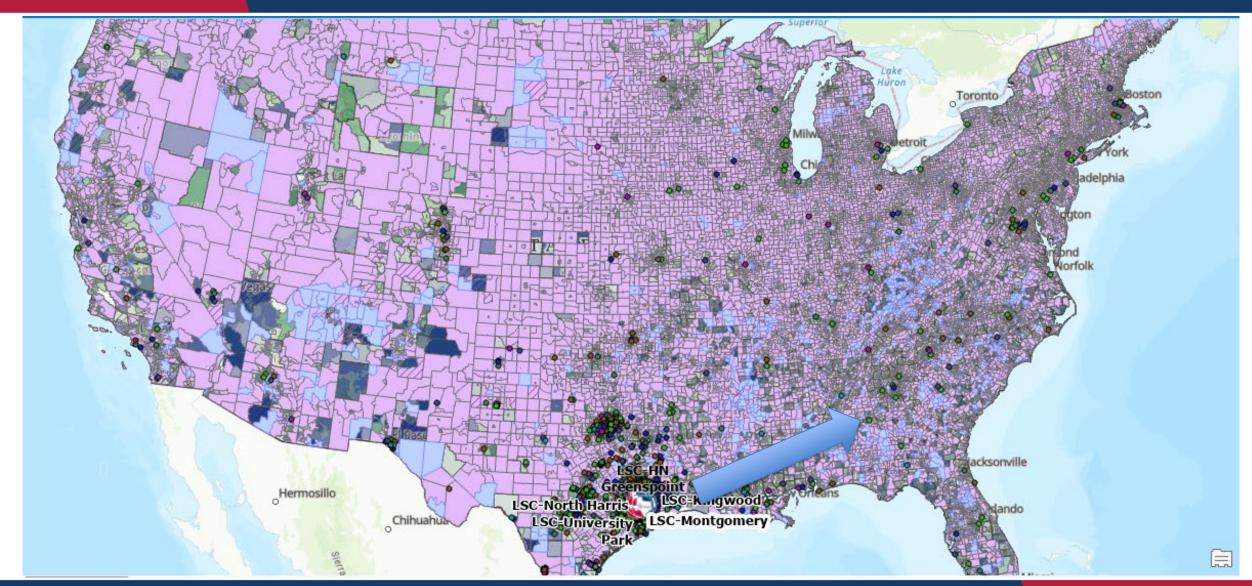
- Census Tracts Joined with Educational Attainment, Area Median Income, Housing Data and Occupational Data and Population
- Make sure data is correct time range and boundaries
- Geographic joins completed in ArcGIS Pro

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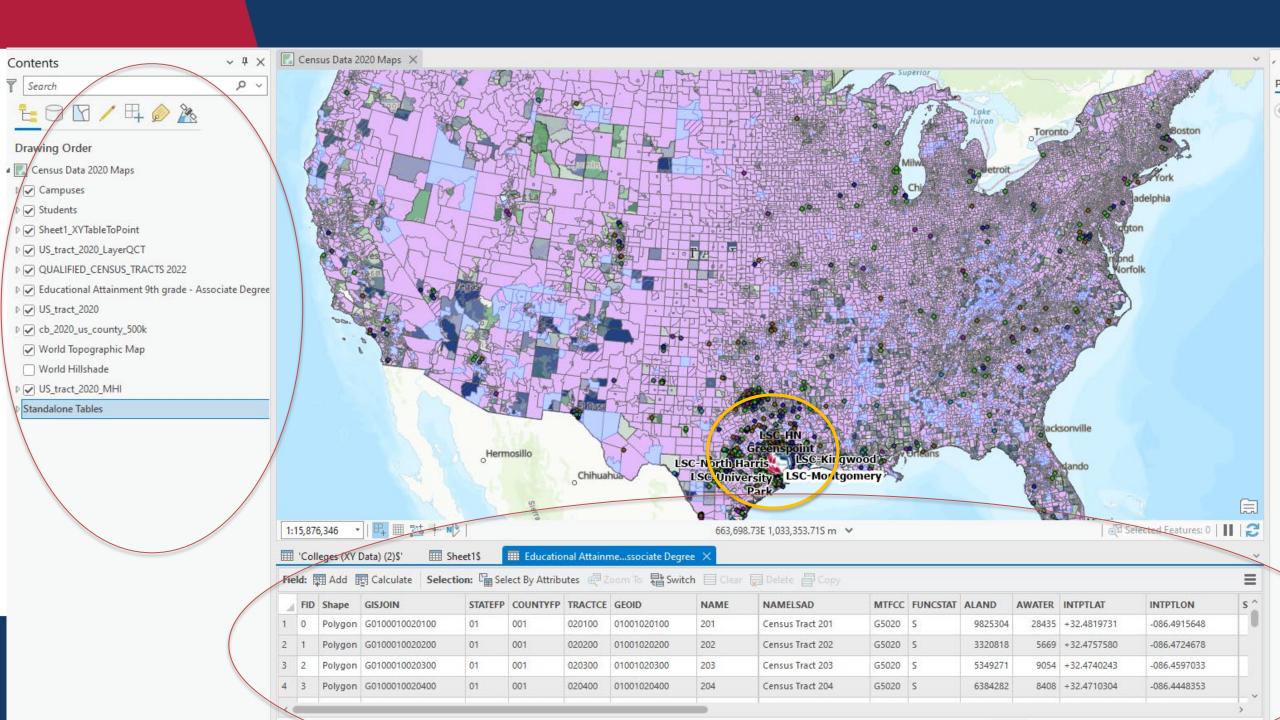


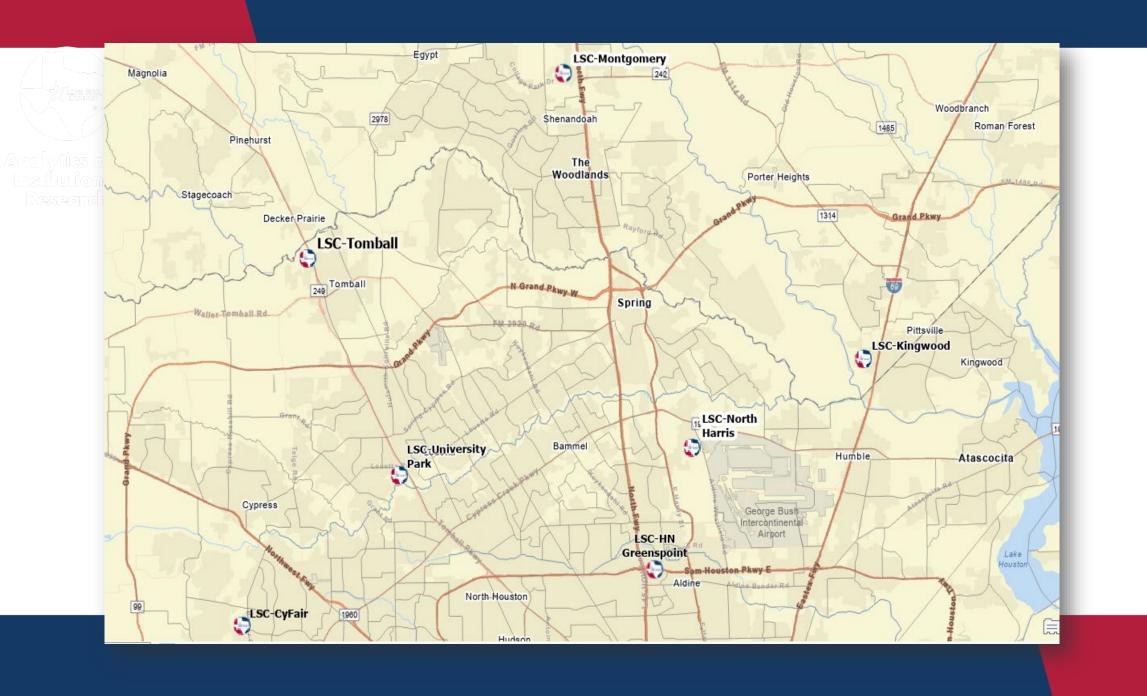
#### **Process**

ArcGIS Pro Attribute Geographic Geocoded Census Census Addresses Data Data











# **Analysis**

#### **Purpose Reiterated**

Provide comprehensive data about the "Typical Student" attending the LSC Campus

## **Spatial Analysis**



### **Investigative Questions**

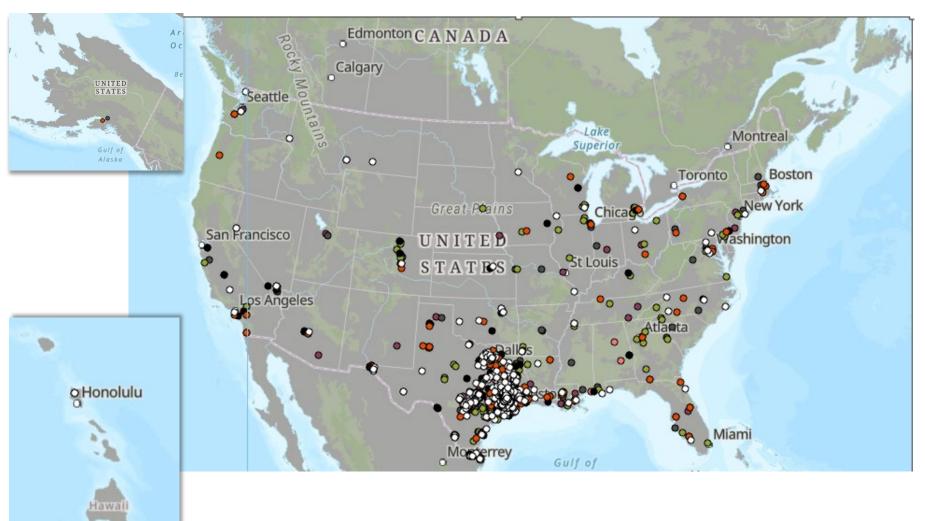
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What do some of the socioeconomic factors look like in their neighborhood?

Does Census Data line up with the data LSC has?

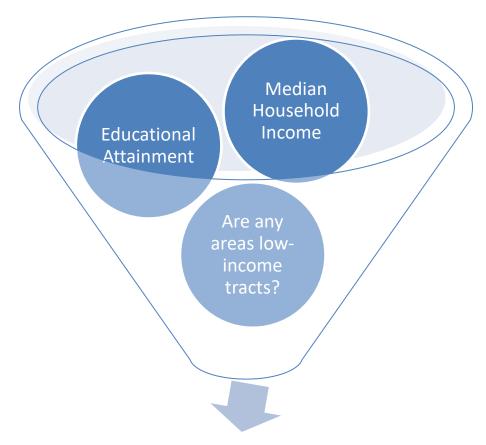
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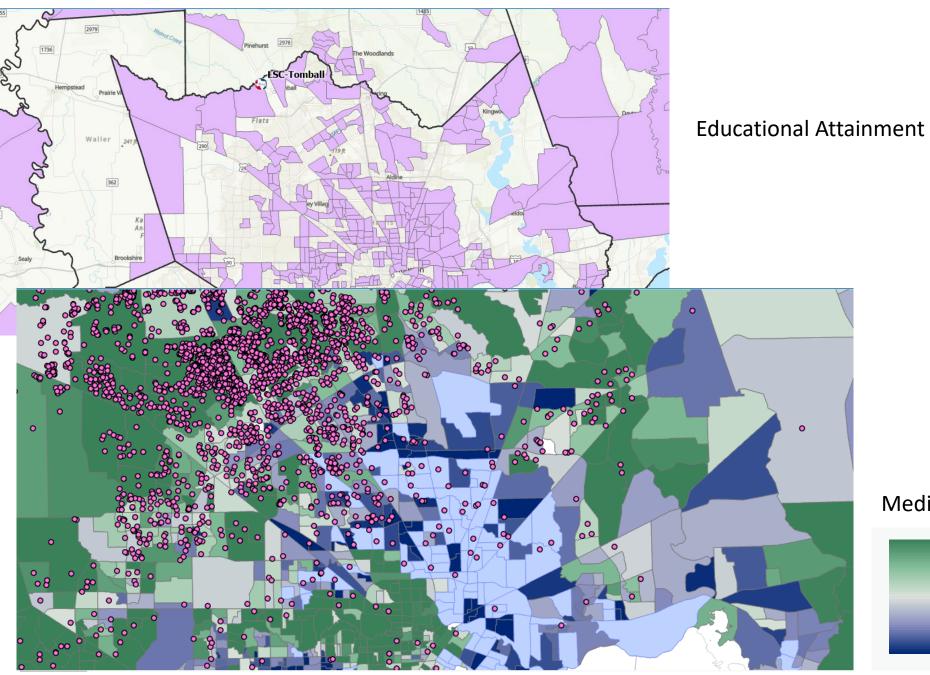


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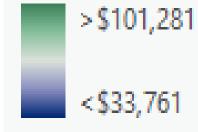


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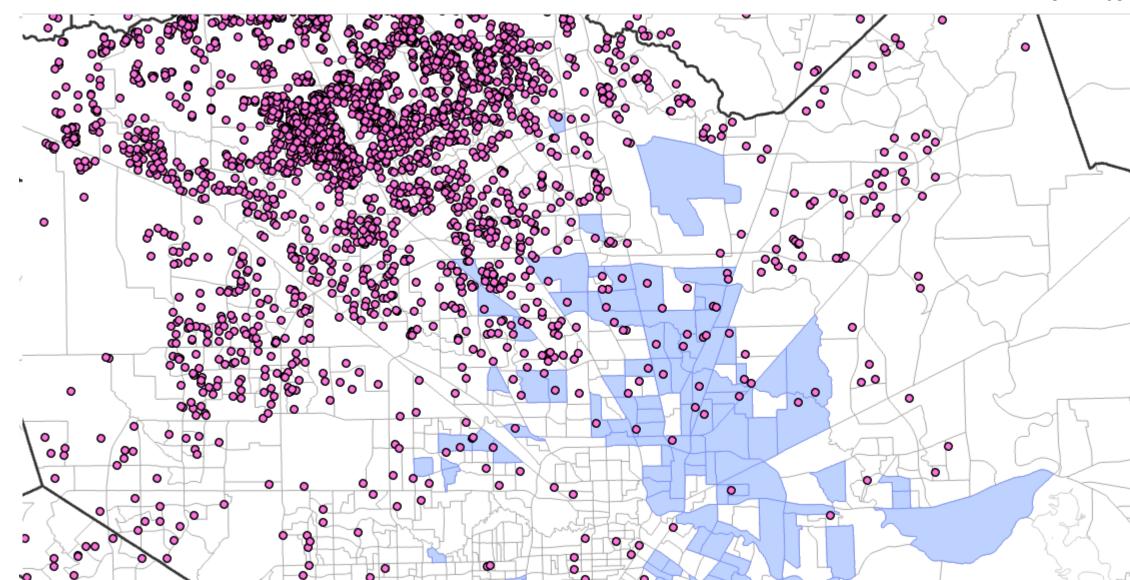
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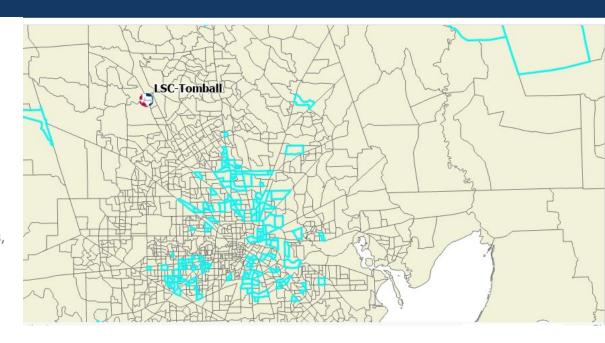
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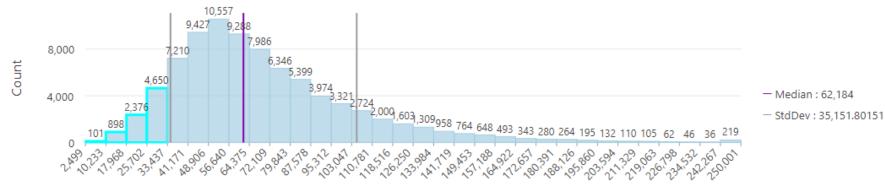
#### Summarize Within (Analysis)

#### Summary

Overlays a polygon layer with another layer to summarize the number of points, length of the lines, or area of the polygons within each polygon, and calculate attribute field statistics about the features within the polygons.



#### Distribution of Median Household Income



Median Household Income





# **Discussion**



Multiple Maps for analysis not efficient

Limitations

Learning Curve of new software

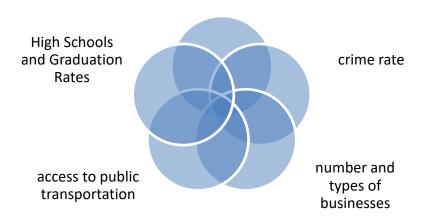
Initial setup of Data can be time consuming



#### **Future Research**

Use spatial analysis to Identify High Schools with low graduation rates to assist while also bridging High School to College connections (ex. New opportunities to recruit students for our summer bridge programs at LSC)

Does Housing type – multifamily, correlate with educational attainment racial/ethnic diversity





# Questions