Lecture 1: Introduction

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Outline

- Course objective
- Why study statistics?
  - Describe role of statistics in social research
- Types of variables
  - Causal relationships: independent, dependent
  - Unit of measurement: discrete, continuous
  - Level of measurement: nominal, ordinal, interval-ratio
- General classes of statistics
  - Univariate, bivariate, multivariate, inferential
- American Community Survey (ACS)
- Stata

Main objectives of this course

- **Statistics are tools** used to analyze data and answer research questions
- Our focus is on how these techniques are applied in the **social sciences**
- Be familiar with **advantages and limitations** of the more commonly used statistical techniques
- Know **which techniques are appropriate** for a given purpose
- Develop statistical and computational skills to carry out **elementary forms of data analysis**

Data, software, and techniques

- This course is an introduction to social statistics using data from the American Community Survey (ACS) and the statistical package Stata
  - Univariate analysis
    - Mode, median, mean, boxplot
  - Measure of association for nominal-level variables
    - Chi Square
  - Measure of association for ordinal-level variables
    - Spearman's Rho
  - Measures of association for interval-ratio-level variables
    - Scatterplots, Pearson's *r*, analysis of variance (ANOVA)
  - Multivariate analysis
    - Ordinary least square regression (linear regression)

Why study statistics?

- Scientists conduct research to answer questions, examine ideas, and test theories
- Statistics are relevant for **quantitative research projects**: numbers and data used as information
- Statistics are mathematical techniques used by social scientists to analyze data in order to **answer questions and test theories**

Importance of data manipulation

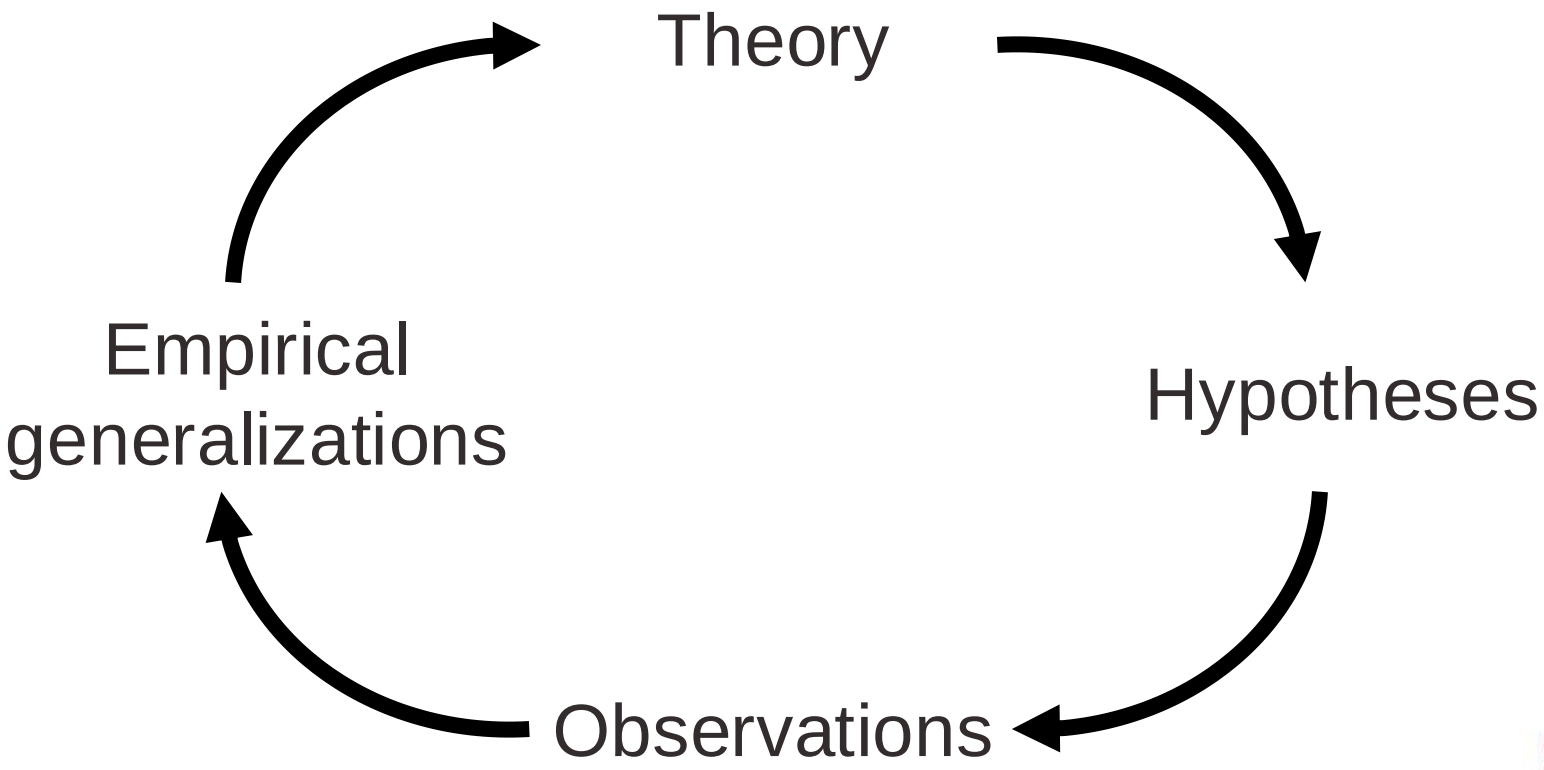
- **Studies without statistics**
  - Some of the most important works in the social sciences do not utilize statistics
  - There is nothing magical about data and statistics
  - Presence of numbers guarantees nothing about the quality of a scientific inquiry
- **Studies with statistics**
  - Data can be the most trustworthy information available to the researcher
  - Researchers must organize, evaluate, analyze data
  - Without understanding of statistical analysis, researcher will be unable to make sense of data

Statistics role in scientific inquiry

- **Research** is a disciplined inquiry to answer questions, examine ideas, and test theories
- **Statistics** are mathematical tools used to organize, summarize, and manipulate data
- **Quantitative research** collects and uses information in the form of numbers
- **Data** refers to information that is collected in the form of numbers

The wheel of science

- Scientific theory and research continually shape each other



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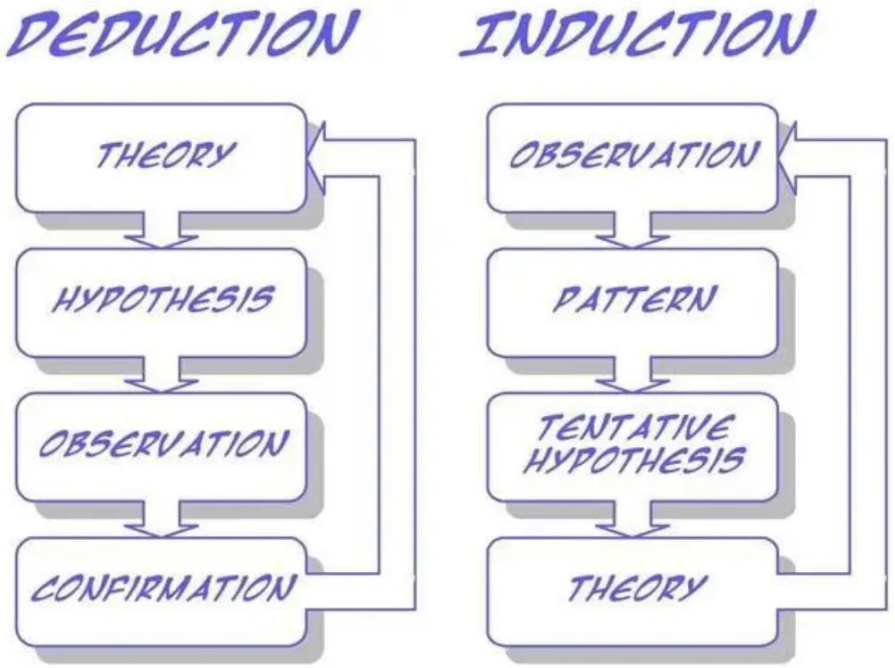

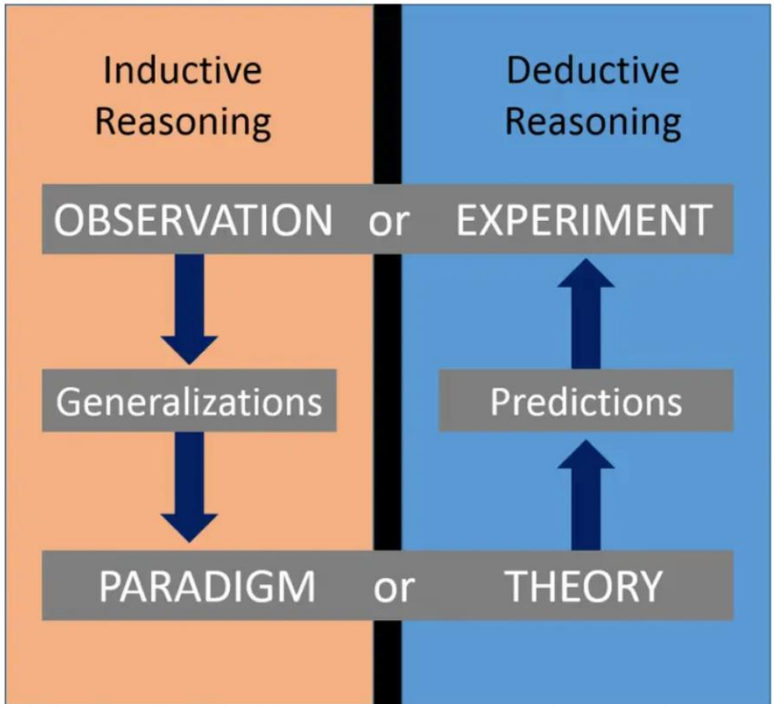

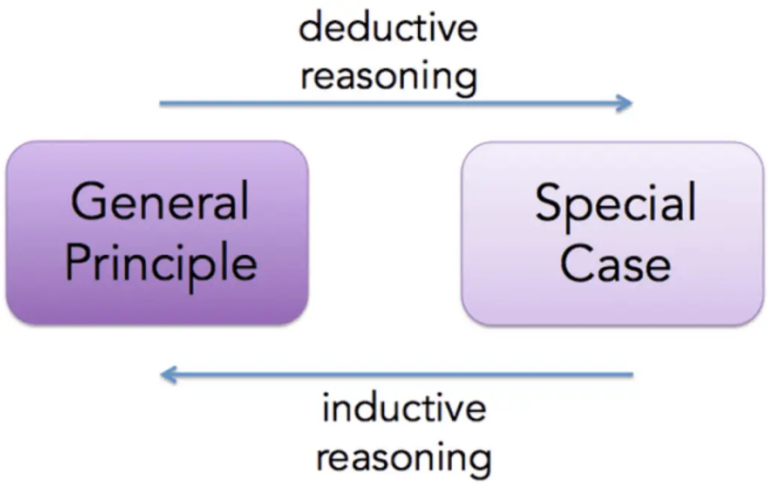

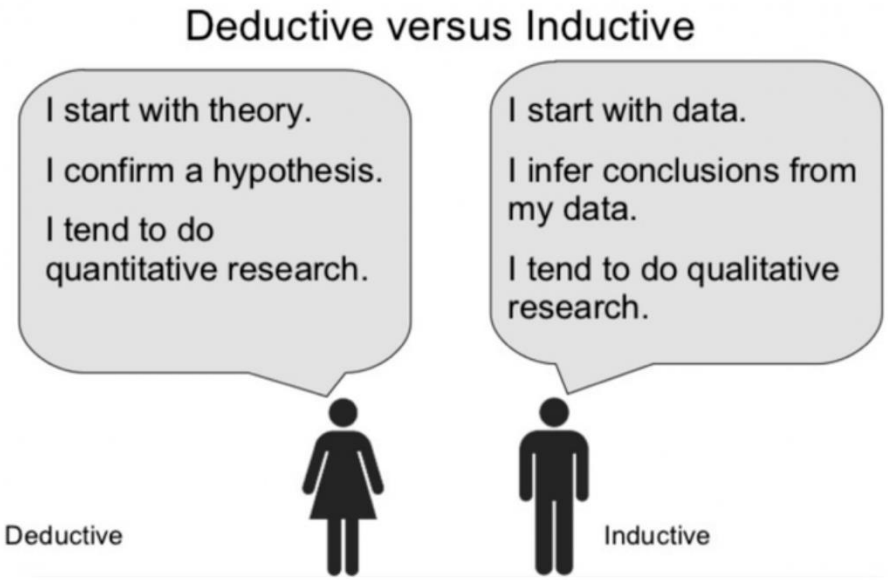

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Theory

- **Theory** is an explanation of the relationships among social phenomena
- Scientific theory is subject to a rigorous testing process
- Social theories are complex and abstract explanations about problems in society
  - They develop explanations about these issues

Hypotheses

- Since theories are often complex and abstract, we need to be specific to conduct a valid test
- Hypotheses are preliminary answers to research questions, based on theories
- Hypothesis is a specific and exact statement about the relationship between variables...

Variables and observations

- **Variables**
  - Characteristics that can change values from case to case
  - E.g. gender, age, race/ethnicity, number of children, place of residence, income...

- **Observations (cases)**
  - Refer to the entity from which data are collected
  - Also known as ”unit of analysis”
  - E.g. individuals, households, states, countries...

Variables

- **Variable:** a characteristic/phenomenon whose value varies (changes) from case to case, and is empirically quantifiable

- **Dependent variable:** a variable whose variation depends on another variable

- **Independent variable:** a variable whose variation produces ("causes") variation in another variable

Observations

- **Observations** (cases) are collected information used to test hypotheses
- Decide how variables will be measured and how cases will be selected and tested
- Measure social reality: collect numerical data
- Information can be organized in databases
  - Variables as columns
  - Observations as rows

Example of a database

Observation	Salary per hour	Years of schooling	Years of experience in the labor market	Female	Marital status (married)
1	3.10	11	2	1	0
2	3.24	12	22	1	1
3	3.00	11	2	0	0
4	6.00	8	44	0	1
5	5.30	12	7	0	1
...	...	...	...	...	...
525	11.56	16	5	0	1
526	3.50	14	5	1	0

Source: Wooldridge, 2015.

Coronavirus pandemic, August 24, 2020

#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	World	23,809,061	+6,189	817,005	+431	16,358,235	6,633,821	61,715	3,054	104.8			
1	USA	5,915,630		181,114		3,217,981	2,516,535	16,483	17,856	547	76,883,479	232,071	331,293,410
2	Brazil	3,627,217		115,451		2,778,709	733,057	8,318	17,046	543	14,144,344	66,473	212,784,888
3	Mexico	563,705	+3,541	60,800	+320	389,124	113,781	3,346	4,365	471	1,263,835	9,787	129,132,739
4	India	3,164,881		58,546		2,403,101	703,234	8,944	2,290	42	35,902,137	25,978	1,382,011,722
5	UK	326,614		41,433		N/A	N/A	72	4,807	610	15,177,265	223,394	67,939,531
6	Italy	260,298		35,441		205,662	19,195	65	4,306	586	8,053,551	133,231	60,448,212
7	France	244,854		30,528		85,199	129,127	399	3,750	468	6,000,000	91,890	65,295,389
8	Spain	420,809		28,872		N/A	N/A	658	9,000	617	8,517,446	182,162	46,757,536
9	Peru	600,438		27,813		407,301	165,324	1,525	18,174	842	3,006,993	91,014	33,038,913
10	Iran	361,150		20,776		311,365	29,009	3,848	4,292	247	3,062,422	36,392	84,150,494
11	Colombia	551,696		17,612		384,171	149,913	1,493	10,825	346	2,508,972	49,231	50,962,919
12	Russia	961,493		16,448		773,095	171,950	2,300	6,588	113	34,600,000	237,077	145,943,991
13	South Africa	611,450		13,159		516,494	81,797	539	10,291	221	3,564,065	59,983	59,418,339
14	Chile	399,568		10,916		372,464	16,188	1,014	20,875	570	2,231,463	116,583	19,140,575
15	Belgium	82,092	+156	9,996	+4	18,242	53,854	89	7,079	862	2,144,563	184,921	11,597,214
16	Germany	236,117		9,336		209,600	17,181	245	2,817	111	10,197,366	121,652	83,824,401
17	Canada	125,647		9,083		111,694	4,870	62	3,325	240	5,169,166	136,782	37,791,278
18	Argentina	350,867		7,366		256,789	86,712	1,960	7,753	163	1,105,878	24,435	45,257,261
19	Indonesia	155,412		6,759		111,060	37,593		567	25	2,056,166	7,506	273,950,524
20	Iraq	207,985		6,519		150,389	51,077	661	5,154	162	1,457,665	36,125	40,350,522

Source: https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/.

Coronavirus pandemic, August 31, 2021

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	World	218,171,757	+278,500	4,527,970	+4,700	195,040,717	+304,214	18,603,070	113,811	27,989	580.9			
1	USA	39,953,651	+6,943	656,482	+89	30,945,115	+650	8,352,054	25,541	119,888	1,970	582,550,800	1,748,051	333,257,237
2	Brazil	20,752,281		579,643		19,692,898		479,740	8,318	96,831	2,705	56,897,224	265,485	214,314,149
3	India	32,808,018	+40,198	438,962	+370	31,982,180	+29,967	386,876	8,944	23,506	314	521,541,098	373,663	1,395,753,675
4	Mexico	3,341,264	+5,564	258,491	+326	2,686,568	+16,627	396,205	4,798	25,603	1,981	9,723,416	74,506	130,505,007
5	Peru	2,149,591		198,263		N/A	N/A	N/A	1,333	64,158	5,917	16,733,426	499,437	33,504,611
6	Russia	6,918,965	+17,813	183,224	+795	6,181,054	+18,624	554,687	2,300	47,388	1,255	178,700,000	1,223,912	146,007,206
7	Indonesia	4,089,801	+10,534	133,023	+532	3,760,497	+16,781	196,281		14,771	480	32,216,075	116,354	276,880,593
8	UK	6,757,650		132,485		5,427,062		1,198,103	982	98,940	1,940	266,714,771	3,905,032	68,300,272
9	Italy	4,534,499		129,146		4,263,960		141,393	548	75,126	2,140	83,728,076	1,387,181	60,358,447
10	Colombia	4,907,264		124,883		4,737,467		44,914	8,155	95,264	2,424	24,121,717	468,271	51,512,348
11	France	6,746,283		114,308		*6,225,201*		406,774	2,270	103,089	1,747	124,769,146	1,906,579	65,441,374
12	Argentina	5,178,889		111,607		4,869,104		198,178	2,713	113,380	2,443	22,017,526	482,024	45,677,243
13	Iran	4,992,063	+31,319	107,794	+643	4,205,927	+30,522	678,342	7,879	58,565	1,265	28,213,229	330,985	85,240,218
14	Germany	3,950,247	+3,231	92,682	+11	3,738,000	+6,100	119,565	1,096	46,973	1,102	68,329,706	812,527	84,095,254
15	Spain	4,847,298		84,146		4,338,145		425,007	1,685	103,628	1,799	60,618,810	1,295,943	46,775,830
16	South Africa	2,770,575		81,830		2,533,956		154,789	546	46,041	1,360	16,426,011	272,965	60,176,262
17	Poland	2,888,670	+285	75,345	+5	2,657,084	+30	156,241	60	76,423	1,993	19,778,356	523,259	37,798,415
18	Turkey	6,366,438		56,458		5,823,111		486,869	633	74,555	661	76,140,298	891,652	85,392,352
19	Ukraine	2,286,296	+1,356	53,789	+51	2,207,940	+1,257	24,567	177	52,646	1,239	11,980,323	275,866	43,428,075
20	Chile	1,638,675	+345	36,937	+14	1,595,747	+577	5,991	687	84,876	1,913	20,276,691	1,050,240	19,306,720

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Coronavirus pandemic, January 17, 2022

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	World	331,459,057	+138,304	5,563,652	+219	269,090,164	+64,428	56,805,241	97,247	42,523	713.8			
1	USA	67,631,191		874,321		43,165,667		23,591,203	25,869	202,490	2,618	862,458,737	2,582,225	333,998,303
2	Brazil	23,083,297		621,261		21,710,831		751,205	8,318	107,419	2,891	63,776,166	296,783	214,891,229
3	India	37,618,271		486,784		35,394,882		1,736,605	8,944	26,852	347	705,411,425	503,527	1,400,939,318
4	Russia	10,834,260		321,990		9,878,371		633,899	2,300	74,191	2,205	246,800,000	1,690,051	146,031,061
5	Mexico	4,385,415	+17,101	301,469	+59	3,478,130	+34,246	605,816	4,798	33,471	2,301	13,163,932	100,471	131,022,844
6	Peru	2,606,126		203,464		N/A	N/A	N/A	1,038	77,378	6,041	23,289,858	691,497	33,680,346
7	UK	15,305,410		152,075		11,497,602		3,655,733	746	223,644	2,222	434,073,111	6,342,723	68,436,401
8	Indonesia	4,272,421		144,174		4,119,472		8,775		15,369	519	67,715,434	243,593	277,986,279
9	Italy	8,790,302		141,391		6,093,633		2,555,278	1,717	145,717	2,344	156,338,495	2,591,622	60,324,574
10	Iran	6,224,196		132,095		6,066,819		25,282	1,313	72,669	1,542	42,908,102	500,962	85,651,435
11	Colombia	5,568,068		131,130		5,258,204		178,734	342	107,659	2,535	31,171,683	602,704	51,719,680
12	France	14,274,528		127,263		*9,198,995*		4,948,270	3,895	217,943	1,943	211,520,605	3,229,497	65,496,464
13	Argentina	7,197,323		118,231		6,193,473		885,619	2,099	157,024	2,579	30,753,911	670,959	45,835,727
14	Germany	8,045,348		116,411		7,000,000		928,937	3,212	95,553	1,383	89,622,218	1,064,429	84,197,463
15	Poland	4,323,482		102,309		3,800,051		421,122	1,519	114,430	2,708	28,591,765	756,744	37,782,620
16	Ukraine	3,759,530		98,361		3,556,162		105,007	177	86,769	2,270	17,182,817	396,574	43,328,102
17	South Africa	3,560,921		93,451		3,375,859		91,611	546	58,895	1,546	21,815,463	360,811	60,462,270
18	Spain	8,424,503		90,993		5,331,175		3,002,335	2,251	180,077	1,945	66,213,858	1,415,348	46,782,734
19	Turkey	10,522,099		84,920		9,737,610		699,569	1,128	122,722	990	125,433,490	1,462,964	85,739,301
20	Romania	1,911,546		59,257		1,776,122		76,167	485	100,399	3,112	17,974,573	944,065	19,039,551

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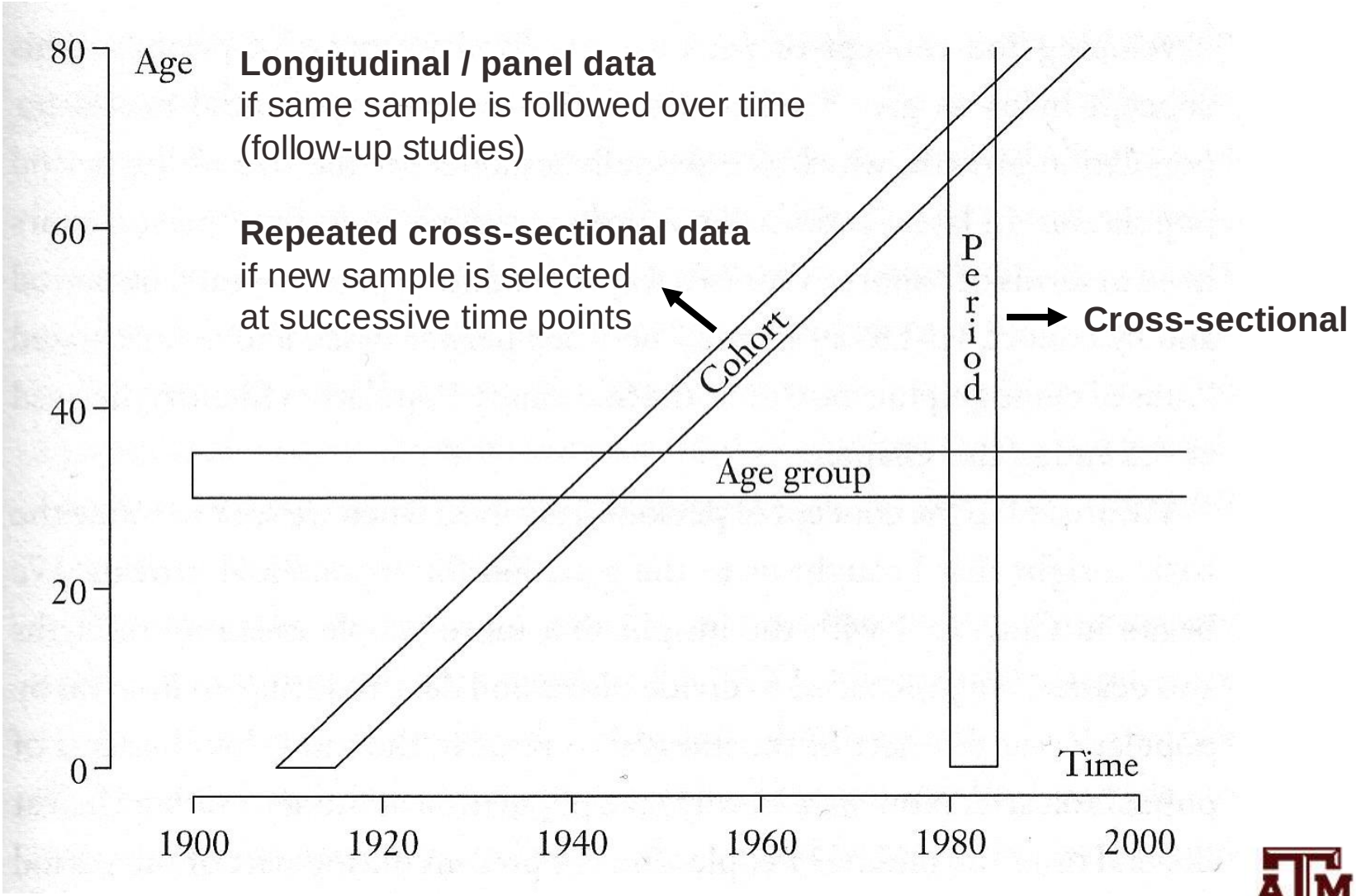
Lexis diagram: Age, period, cohort



Source: Wachter 2014, p.33.

Empirical generalizations

- **Empirical generalizations** are conclusions based on the analysis of collected observations that evaluate hypotheses and assess theory

- As we developed tentative explanations, we would begin to revise or elaborate the theory that guides the research project
  - If we changed our theory because of our empirical generalizations, a new research project would be needed to test the revised theory
  - The **wheel of science** would begin to turn again

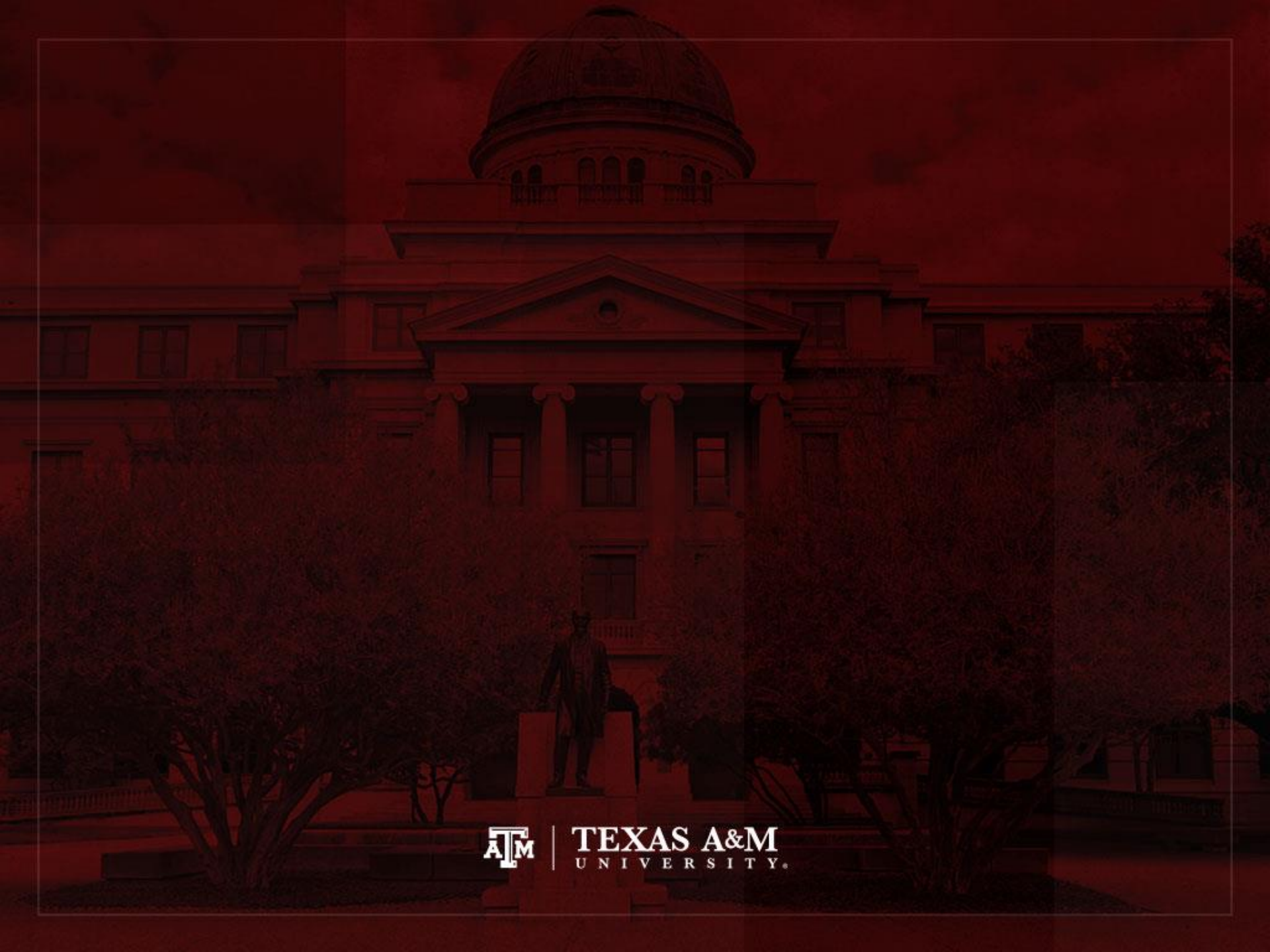
Statistical analysis

- Statistical analysis of data should be applied after successfully completing earlier phases
  - Rigorous conceptualization and use of theory
  - Well-defined research design and methods
  - Well-conceived research questions

- Review research literature to learn how to
  - Develop and clarify definitions
  - Understand social concepts
  - Develop questions and indicators to measure concepts

Theory and research

- In the normal course of science, we rarely are in a position to declare a **theory true or false**
  - Evidence will gradually accumulate over time
  - Ultimate judgments of truth will be the result of many years of research and debate
- **Theory stimulates research and research shapes theory**
  - This is the key to enhance our understanding of the social world
- Statistics is one of the most important links between theory and research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Types of variables

- **Variables** may be classified in different forms
- **Causal relationships**
  - Independent or dependent
- **Unit of measurement**
  - Discrete or continuous
- **Level of measurement**
  - Nominal, ordinal, or interval-ratio

Causation

- Theories and hypotheses are often stated in terms of the **relationships between variables**
  - Causes: independent variables
  - Effects or results: dependent variables

y	x	Use
Dependent variable	Independent variable	Econometrics
Explained variable	Explanatory variable	
Response variable	Control variable	Experimental science
Predicted variable	Predictor variable	
Outcome variable	Covariate	
Regressand	Regressor	

Association vs. causation

- Association and causation are different
  - Strong associations may be used as evidence of causal relationships (causation)
  - Associations do not prove variables are causally related
- We might have problems of reverse causality (endogeneity)
  - e.g., immigration increases competition in the labor market and affects earnings
  - Availability of jobs and income levels influence migration

Migration ⟷ **Earnings**

Discrete or continuous

- **Discrete** variables
  - Have a basic unit of measurement that cannot be subdivided (whole numbers)
  - Count number of units (e.g. people, cars, siblings) for each case (e.g. household, person)
- **Continuous** variables
  - Have scores that can be subdivided infinitely (fractional numbers)
  - Report values as if continuous variables were discrete
- Statistics and graphs vary depending on whether variable is discrete or continuous

Level of measurement

- Level of measurement
  - Mathematical nature of the scores of a variable
  - It is crucial because statistical analysis must match the mathematical characteristics of variables
- Three levels of measurement
  - **Nominal:** scores are labels only, not numbers
  - **Ordinal:** scores have some numerical quality and can be ranked
  - **Interval-ratio:** scores are numbers

Nominal-level variables

- Have non-numerical scores or categories
  - Scores are different from each other, but cannot be treated as numbers (they are just labels)
  - Statistical analysis is limited to comparing relative sizes of categories

Variables	Gender	Political party preference	Religious preference
Categories	1 Male	1 Democrat	1 Protestant
	2 Female	2 Republican	2 Catholic
		3 Other	3 Jew
		4 Independent	4 None
			5 Other

Criteria to measure variables

- Be **mutually exclusive**
  - Each case must fit into one and only one category
- Be **exhaustive**
  - There must be a category for every case
- Include elements that are **homogenous**
  - The cases in each category must be similar to each other

Measuring religious affiliation

- Scale A (not mutually exclusive)
  - Protestant and Episcopalian overlap
- Scale B (not exhaustive)
  - Lacks no religion and other
- Scale C (not homogeneous)
  - Non-Protestant seems too broad

Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale D
Protestant	Protestant	Protestant	Protestant
Episcopalian	Catholic	Non-Protestant	Catholic
Catholic	Jew		Jew
Jew			None
None			Other
Other			

Ordinal-level variables

- Categories can be ranked from high to low
  - We can say that one case is higher or lower, more or less than another
- Scores have no absolute or objective meaning
  - Only represent position with respect to other scores
  - We can distinguish between high and low scores
  - But distance between scores cannot be described
  - Average is not permitted with ordinal-level variables

Examples: ordinal-level variables

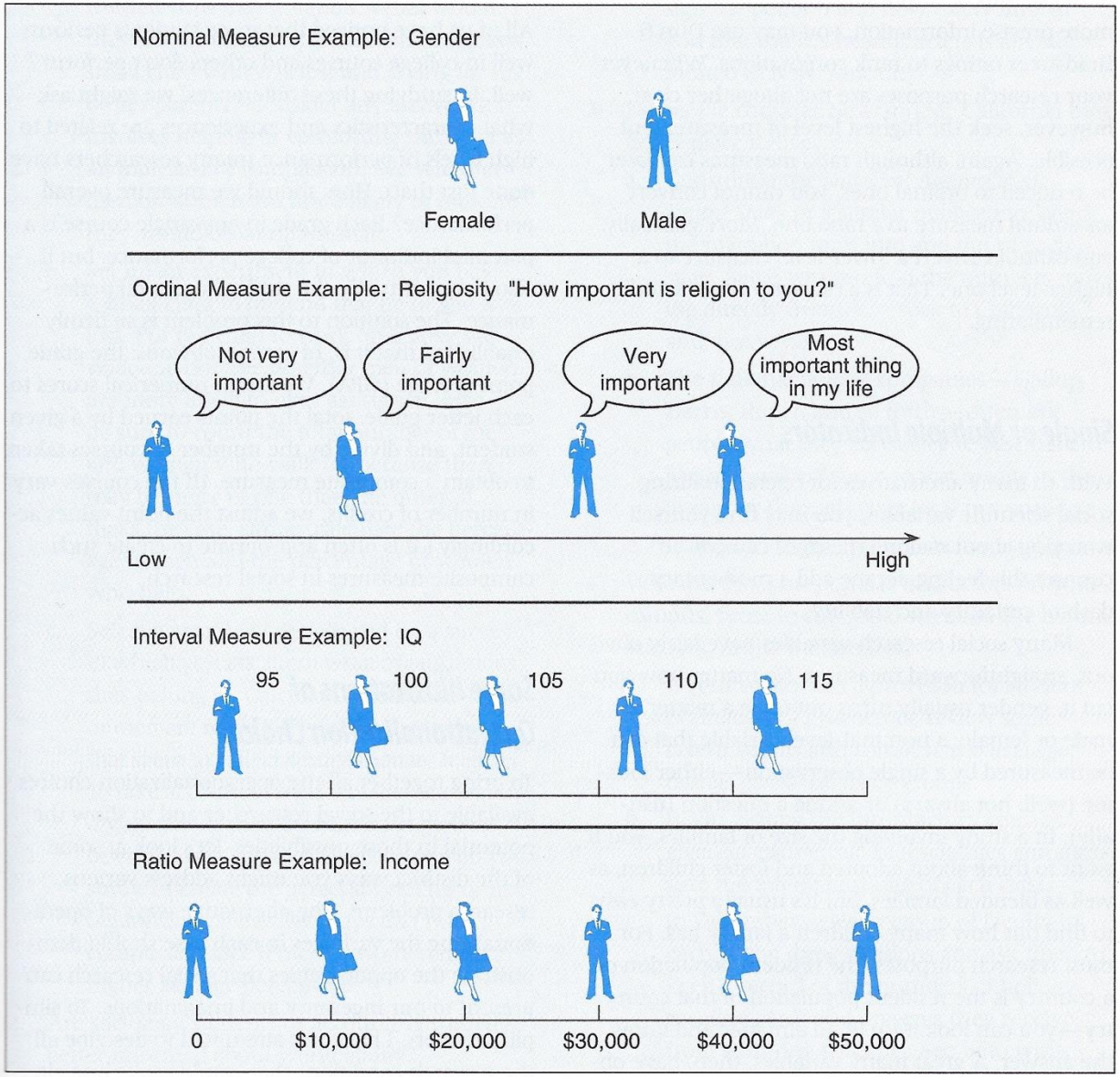
- Attitude and opinion scales
  - Prejudice, alienation, political conservatism...
- Likert scale:
  - (1) strongly disagree; (2) disagree; (3) neither agree nor disagree; (4) agree; (5) strongly agree
- Into which of the following classes would you say you belong?

Score	Class
1	Lower class
2	Working class
3	Middle class
4	Upper class

Interval-ratio-level variables

- Scores are actual numbers that can be analyzed with all possible statistical techniques
- Have equal intervals between scores
- Have true zero points
  - Score of zero is not arbitrary
  - It indicates absence of whatever is being measured
- Examples:
  - Age (in years)
  - Income (in dollars)
  - Year of education
  - Number of children

Examples



Source: Babbie 2001, p.137.

Importance

- Level of measurement of a variable is crucial
  - It tells us which statistics are appropriate and useful
- Different statistics require different mathematical operations
  - Ranking, addition, square root...
- The first step in dealing with a variable and selecting appropriate statistics is to determine its level of measurement

Determine level of measurement

- Change the order of the scores. Do they still make sense?
  - If yes: the variable is **nominal**
  - If no: proceed to the next step

- Is the distance between the scores unequal?
  - If yes: the variable is **ordinal**
  - If no: the variable is **interval-ratio**

Nominal- and ordinal-level

- Nominal-level (e.g. marital status) and ordinal-level (e.g. capital punishment support) variables are almost always **discrete**

What is your marital status? Are you presently:		**Do you support the death penalty for persons convicted of homicide?**	
Score	**Category**	**Score**	**Category**
1	Married	1	Strongly support
2	Divorced	2	Somewhat support
3	Separated	3	Neither support nor oppose
4	Widowed	4	Somewhat oppose
5	Single	5	Strongly oppose

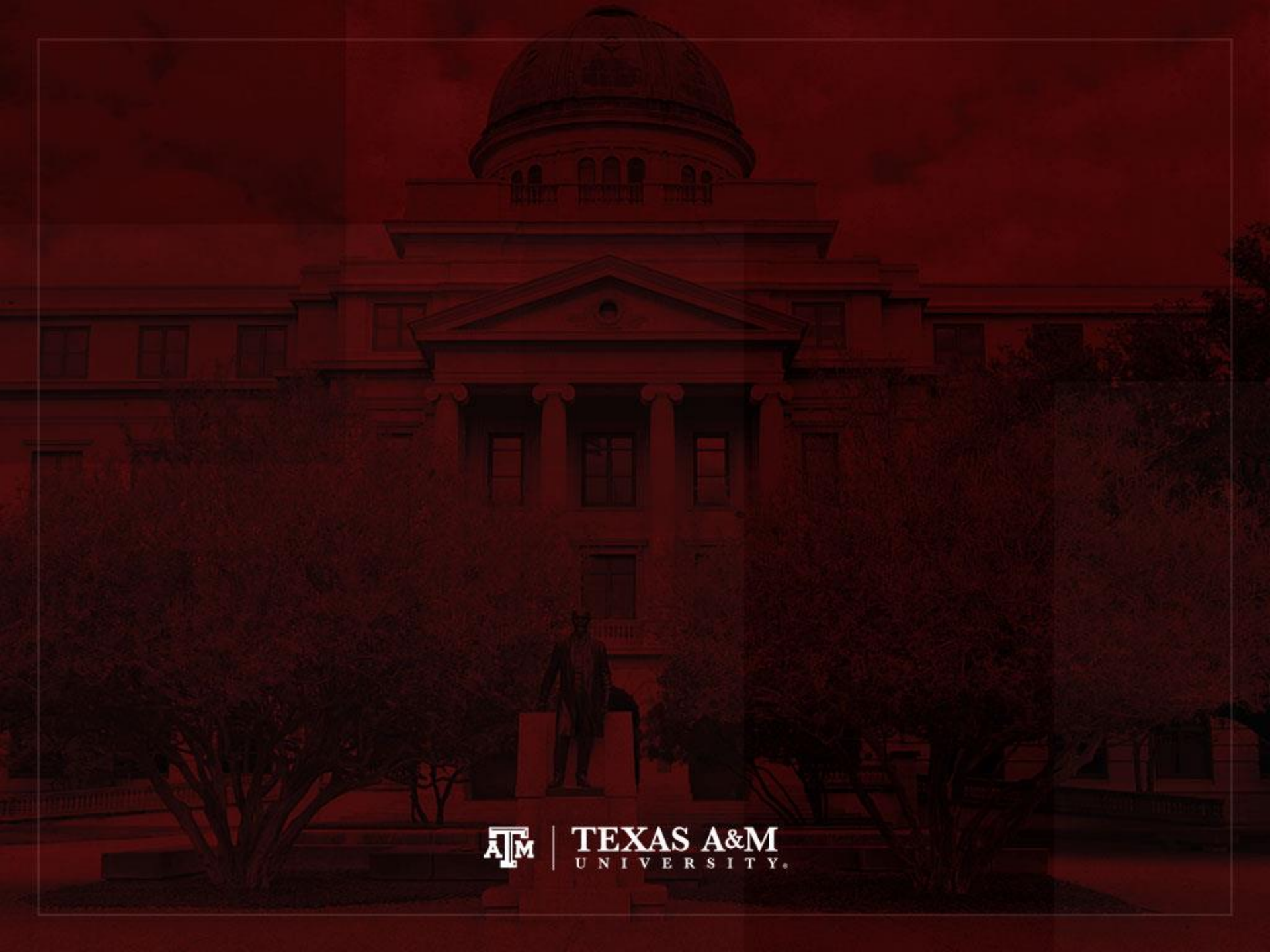
Income at the ordinal level

- Always examine the way in which the scores of the variable are actually stated
  - Be careful to look at the way in which the variable is measured before defining its level of measurement
- This is a problem with interval-ratio variables that have been measured at the ordinal level

Score	Income range
1	Less than $24,999
2	$25,000 to $49,999
3	$50,000 to $99,999
4	$100,000 or more

Variables' level of measurement

Variables' level of measurement	Examples of variables	Measurement procedures	Mathematical operations permitted	Examples of available techniques
Nominal	– Gender – Race/ethnicity – Religion – Marital status	– Classification into categories – Mode	– Counting number in each category (tabulation) – Comparing sizes of categories	– Chi Square – Logistic regression – Multinomial logistic regression
Ordinal	– Social class – Attitude scales – Opinion scales	– All of the above – Plus ranking of categories with respect to each other (scale) – Mode, median	– All of the above – Plus judgments of "greater than" and "less than"	– Spearman's Rho – Ordered logistic regression
Interval-ratio	– Age – Number of children – Income	– All of the above – Plus description of scores in terms of equal units – Mode, median, mean	– All of the above – Plus mathematical operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, square roots...)	– Scatterplots – Pearson's r – Analysis of variance (ANOVA) – Ordinary least square regression (linear regression)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General classes of statistics

- Two main types of statistical techniques are available to analyze data and answer questions
- Descriptive statistics
- Inferential statistics

Descriptive statistics

- **Univariate** descriptive statistics
  - Summarize or describe the distribution of a single variable
- **Bivariate** descriptive statistics
  - Describe the relationship between two variables
- **Multivariate** descriptive statistics
  - Describe the relationship among three or more variables

Univariate descriptive statistics

- **Univariate descriptive** statistics
  - Include percentages, averages, and graphs
  - Data reduction: few numbers summarize many
- **U.S. population by age groups, 2010**

Age group	Percent
Under 18 years	24.0
18 to 44 years	36.6
45 to 64 years	26.4
65+ years	13.0
Total (N)	**308,745,538**

  - The median age was 37.2 years in 2010

Source: Census Bureau (https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/2010_census/cb11-cn147.html).

Bivariate descriptive statistics

- **Bivariate descriptive** statistics
  - Describe the strength and direction of the relationship between two variables
  - **Measures of association:** quantify the strength and direction of a relationship
  - Allow us to investigate causation and prediction
- E.g. relationship between **study time and grade**
  - Strength: closely related
  - Direction: as one increases, the other also increases
  - Prediction: the longer the study time, the higher the grade

Multivariate descriptive statistics

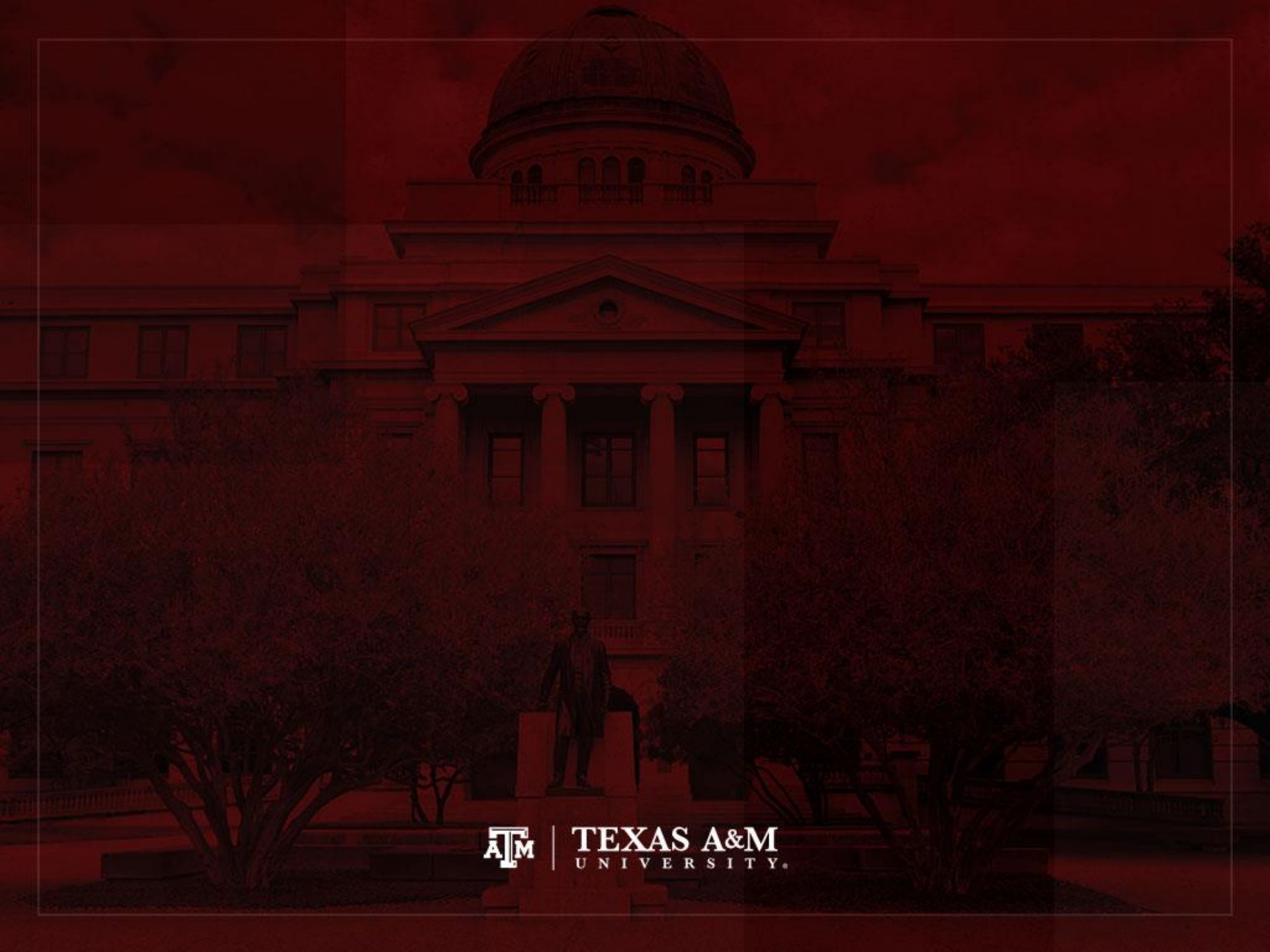
- **Multivariate descriptive** statistics
  - Describe the relationships between three or more variables
  - **Measures of association:** quantify the strength and direction of a multivariate relationship
- E.g. **grade, age, gender**
  - Strength: relationship between age and grade is strong for women, but weak for men
  - Direction: grades increase with age only for females
  - Prediction: older females will experience higher grades than younger females. Older males will have similar grades to younger males.

Inferential statistics

- Social scientists need inferential statistics
  - They almost never have the resources or time to collect data from every case in a population
- Inferential statistics uses data from samples to make generalizations about populations
  - **Population** is the total collection of all cases in which the researcher is interested
  - **Samples** are carefully chosen subsets of the population
- With proper techniques, generalizations based on samples can represent populations

Public-opinion polls

- **Public-opinion polls** and election projections are a familiar application of inferential statistics
  - Several thousand carefully selected voters are interviewed about their voting intentions
  - This information is used to estimate the intentions of all voters (millions of people)
- E.g. public-opinion poll reports that 42% of voters plans to vote for a certain candidate
  - 2,000 respondents are used to generalize to the American electorate population (130 million people)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IPUMS

- Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (https://ipums.org)
  - Provides census and survey data from around the world integrated across time and space
  - Minnesota Population Center (https://www.pop.umn.edu)
  - Steven Ruggles (http://users.hist.umn.edu/~ruggles)

- IPUMS USA provides access to over 60 integrated, high-precision samples of the American population
  - Federal censuses
  - American Community Survey (ACS): 2000-present
  - Puerto Rican Community Survey (PRCS): 2005-present
  - Assigns uniform codes across all the samples and brings relevant documentation into a coherent form to facilitate analysis of social and economic change

Source: https://usa.ipums.org/usa/intro.shtml

2010 Decennial Census

- The 2010 Decennial Census consisted of a single short-form questionnaire
  - The short form asked age, sex, race, ethnicity, relationship to household head, and whether the housing unit was rented or owned by a member of the household

- The annual ACS survey was designed to replace the Census long-form questionnaire
  - The ACS/PRCS sample design approximates the Census 2000 long-form sample design and oversamples areas with smaller populations

Source: https://usa.ipums.org/usa/chapter2/chapter2.shtml

American Community Survey

- ACS and PRCS samples include about 3 million households nationwide
  - The sampling unit is the household and all persons residing in the household
- IPUMS samples of ACS and PRCS come from the Census Bureau's larger internal data files
  - They are subject to additional sampling error and further data processing (e.g., imputation, allocation)
  - Estimates from ACS IPUMS may not be consistent with ACS summary tables

Source: https://usa.ipums.org/usa/chapter2/chapter2.shtml

Confidentiality measures

- Measures to protect individual confidentiality in ACS public available data
  - Individual variables, such as income and housing values are top coded
  - Geographic identifiers are currently restricted to the state and PUMA levels
- Public use microdata area (PUMA)
  - Consist of 100,000+ residents
  - Do not cross state lines
  - Codes must be combined with state codes
  - 2,101 PUMAs in the 2005–2011 ACS
  - 2,378 PUMAs in the 2012–2022 ACS

Source: https://usa.ipums.org/usa/chapter2/chapter2.shtml

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Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

THE American Community Survey

This booklet shows the content of the American Community Survey questionnaire.

Start Here

Respond online today at:
https://respond.census.gov/acs
OR
Complete this form and mail it back as soon as possible.

This form asks for information about the people who are living or staying at the address on the mailing label and about the house, apartment, or mobile home located at the address on the mailing label.

If you need help or have questions about completing this form, please call **1-800-354-7271.** The telephone call is free.

Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD):
Call 1–800–582–8330. The telephone call is free.

¿NECESITA AYUDA? Si usted habla español y necesita ayuda para completar su cuestionario, llame sin cargo alguno al **1-877-833-5625.** Usted también puede completar su entrevista por teléfono con un entrevistador que habla español. O puede responder por Internet en: https://respond.census.gov/acs

For more information about the American Community Survey, visit our web site at: http://www.census.gov/acs

Please print today's date.
Month Day Year

Please print the name and telephone number of the person who is filling out this form. We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.
Last Name

First Name MI

Area Code + Number

How many people are living or staying at this address?
- **INCLUDE** everyone who is living or staying here for more than 2 months.
- **INCLUDE** yourself if you are living here for more than 2 months.
- **INCLUDE** anyone else staying here who does not have another place to stay, even if they are here for 2 months or less.
- **DO NOT INCLUDE** anyone who is living somewhere else for more than 2 months, such as a college student living away or someone in the Armed Forces on deployment.

Number of people

Fill out pages 2, 3, and 4 for everyone, including yourself, who is living or staying at this address for more than 2 months. Then complete the rest of the form.

FORM **ACS-1(INFO)(2017)**
(03-14-2016)

OMB No. 0607-0810
OMB No. 0607-0936

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Person 1

(Person 1 is the person living or staying here in whose name this house or apartment is owned, being bought, or rented. If there is no such person, start with the name of any adult living or staying here.)

1 What is Person 1's name?
Last Name *(Please print)* | First Name | MI

2 How is this person related to Person 1?
[X] Person 1

3 What is Person 1's sex? *Mark (X) ONE box.*
[ ] Male [ ] Female

4 What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?
Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.
Print numbers in boxes.
Age (in years) | Month | Day | Year of birth

➔ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 5 about Hispanic origin and Question 6 about race. For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.**

5 Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
[ ] **No,** not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
[ ] Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
[ ] Yes, Puerto Rican
[ ] Yes, Cuban
[ ] Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – *Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.*

6 What is Person 1's race? *Mark (X) one or more boxes.*
[ ] White
[ ] Black or African Am.
[ ] American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.*
[ ] Asian Indian
[ ] Chinese
[ ] Filipino
[ ] Other Asian – *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.*
[ ] Japanese
[ ] Korean
[ ] Vietnamese
[ ] Native Hawaiian
[ ] Guamanian or Chamorro
[ ] Samoan
[ ] Other Pacific Islander – *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.*
[ ] Some other race – *Print race.*

Person 1

➔ **Please copy the name of Person 1 from page 2, then continue answering questions below.**
Last Name
First Name | MI

7 Where was this person born?
[ ] In the United States – *Print name of state.*
[ ] Outside the United States – *Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.*

8 Is this person a citizen of the United States?
[ ] Yes, born in the United States ➔ *SKIP to question 10a*
[ ] Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas
[ ] Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
[ ] Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – *Print year of naturalization*
[ ] No, not a U.S. citizen

9 When did this person come to live in the United States? *If this person came to live in the United States more than once, print latest year.*
Year

10 a. At any time IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS, has this person attended school or college? *Include only nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, home school, and schooling which leads to a high school diploma or a college degree.*
[ ] No, has not attended in the last 3 months ➔ *SKIP to question 11*
[ ] Yes, public school, public college
[ ] Yes, private school, private college, home school

b. What grade or level was this person attending? *Mark (X) ONE box.*
[ ] Nursery school, preschool
[ ] Kindergarten
[ ] Grade 1 through 12 – *Specify grade 1 – 12*
[ ] College undergraduate years (freshman to senior)
[ ] Graduate or professional school beyond a bachelor's degree *(for example: MA or PhD program, or medical or law school)*

11 What is the highest degree or level of school this person has COMPLETED? *Mark (X) ONE box. If currently enrolled, mark the previous grade or highest degree received.*

NO SCHOOLING COMPLETED
[ ] No schooling completed

NURSERY OR PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12
[ ] Nursery school
[ ] Kindergarten
[ ] Grade 1 through 11 – *Specify grade 1 – 11*
[ ] 12th grade – **NO DIPLOMA**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
[ ] Regular high school diploma
[ ] GED or alternative credential

COLLEGE OR SOME COLLEGE
[ ] Some college credit, but less than 1 year of college credit
[ ] 1 or more years of college credit, no degree
[ ] Associate's degree *(for example: AA, AS)*
[ ] Bachelor's degree *(for example: BA, BS)*

AFTER BACHELOR'S DEGREE
[ ] Master's degree *(for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)*
[ ] Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree *(for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)*
[ ] Doctorate degree *(for example: PhD, EdD)*

F *Answer question 12 if this person has a bachelor's degree or higher. Otherwise, SKIP to question 13.*

12 This question focuses on this person's BACHELOR'S DEGREE. Please print below the specific major(s) of any BACHELOR'S DEGREES this person has received. *(For example: chemical engineering, elementary teacher education, organizational psychology)*

13 What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?
(For example: Italian, Jamaican, African Am., Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Norwegian, Dominican, French Canadian, Haitian, Korean, Lebanese, Polish, Nigerian, Mexican, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, and so on.)

14 a. Does this person speak a language other than English at home?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No ➔ *SKIP to question 15a*

b. What is this language?
For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese

c. How well does this person speak English?
[ ] Very well
[ ] Well
[ ] Not well
[ ] Not at all

15 a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 1 year ago?
[ ] Person is under 1 year old ➔ *SKIP to question 16*
[ ] Yes, this house ➔ *SKIP to question 16*
[ ] No, outside the United States and Puerto Rico – *Print name of foreign country, or U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, etc., below; then SKIP to question 16*
[ ] No, different house in the United States or Puerto Rico

b. Where did this person live 1 year ago?
Address (Number and street name)
Name of city, town, or post office
Name of U.S. county or municipio in Puerto Rico
Name of U.S. state or Puerto Rico | **ZIP Code**

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Housing

Please answer the following questions about the house, apartment, or mobile home at the address on the mailing label.

1 Which best describes this building?
Include all apartments, flats, etc., even if vacant.

- ☐ A mobile home
- ☐ A one-family house detached from any other house
- ☐ A one-family house attached to one or more houses
- ☐ A building with 2 apartments
- ☐ A building with 3 or 4 apartments
- ☐ A building with 5 to 9 apartments
- ☐ A building with 10 to 19 apartments
- ☐ A building with 20 to 49 apartments
- ☐ A building with 50 or more apartments
- ☐ Boat, RV, van, etc.

2 About when was this building first built?

- ☐ 2000 or later – *Specify year* ↙ ☐☐☐☐
- ☐ 1990 to 1999
- ☐ 1980 to 1989
- ☐ 1970 to 1979
- ☐ 1960 to 1969
- ☐ 1950 to 1959
- ☐ 1940 to 1949
- ☐ 1939 or earlier

3 When did PERSON 1 (listed on page 2) move into this house, apartment, or mobile home?

Month ☐☐ Year ☐☐☐☐

A *Answer questions 4 – 5 if this is a HOUSE OR A MOBILE HOME; otherwise, SKIP to question 6a.*

4 How many acres is this house or mobile home on?

- ☐ Less than 1 acre ➔ *SKIP to question 6a*
- ☐ 1 to 9.9 acres
- ☐ 10 or more acres

5 IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what were the actual sales of all agricultural products from this property?

- ☐ None
- ☐ $1 to $999
- ☐ $1,000 to $2,499
- ☐ $2,500 to $4,999
- ☐ $5,000 to $9,999
- ☐ $10,000 or more

6 a. How many separate rooms are in this house, apartment, or mobile home?
Rooms must be separated by built-in archways or walls that extend out at least 6 inches and go from floor to ceiling.

- *INCLUDE bedrooms, kitchens, etc.*
- *EXCLUDE bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, or unfinished basements.*

Number of rooms ☐☐

b. How many of these rooms are bedrooms?
Count as bedrooms those rooms you would list if this house, apartment, or mobile home were for sale or rent. If this is an efficiency/studio apartment, print "0".

Number of bedrooms ☐☐

7 Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have –

	Yes	No
a. hot and cold running water?	☐	☐
b. a bathtub or shower?	☐	☐
c. a sink with a faucet?	☐	☐
d. a stove or range?	☐	☐
e. a refrigerator?	☐	☐
f. telephone service from which you can both make and receive calls? *Include cell phones.*	☐	☐

8 At this house, apartment, or mobile home – do you or any member of this household own or use any of the following types of computer?

	Yes	No
a. Desktop or laptop	☐	☐
b. Smartphone	☐	☐
c. Tablet or other portable wireless computer	☐	☐
d. Some other type of computer *Specify* ↙	☐	☐

9 At this house, apartment, or mobile home – do you or any member of this household have access to the Internet?

- ☐ Yes, by paying a cell phone company or Internet service provider
- ☐ Yes, without paying a cell phone company or Internet service provider ➔ *SKIP to question 11*
- ☐ No access to the Internet at this house, apartment, or mobile home ➔ *SKIP to question 11*

10 Do you or any member of this household have access to the Internet using a –

	Yes	No
a. cellular data plan for a smartphone or other mobile device?	☐	☐
b. broadband (high speed) Internet service such as cable, fiber optic, or DSL service installed in this household?	☐	☐
c. satellite Internet service installed in this household?	☐	☐
d. dial-up Internet service installed in this household?	☐	☐
e. some other service? *Specify service* ↙	☐	☐

Housing (continued)

11 How many automobiles, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less are kept at home for use by members of this household?

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6 or more

12 Which FUEL is used MOST for heating this house, apartment, or mobile home?

- ☐ Gas: from underground pipes serving the neighborhood
- ☐ Gas: bottled, tank, or LP
- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.
- ☐ Coal or coke
- ☐ Wood
- ☐ Solar energy
- ☐ Other fuel
- ☐ No fuel used

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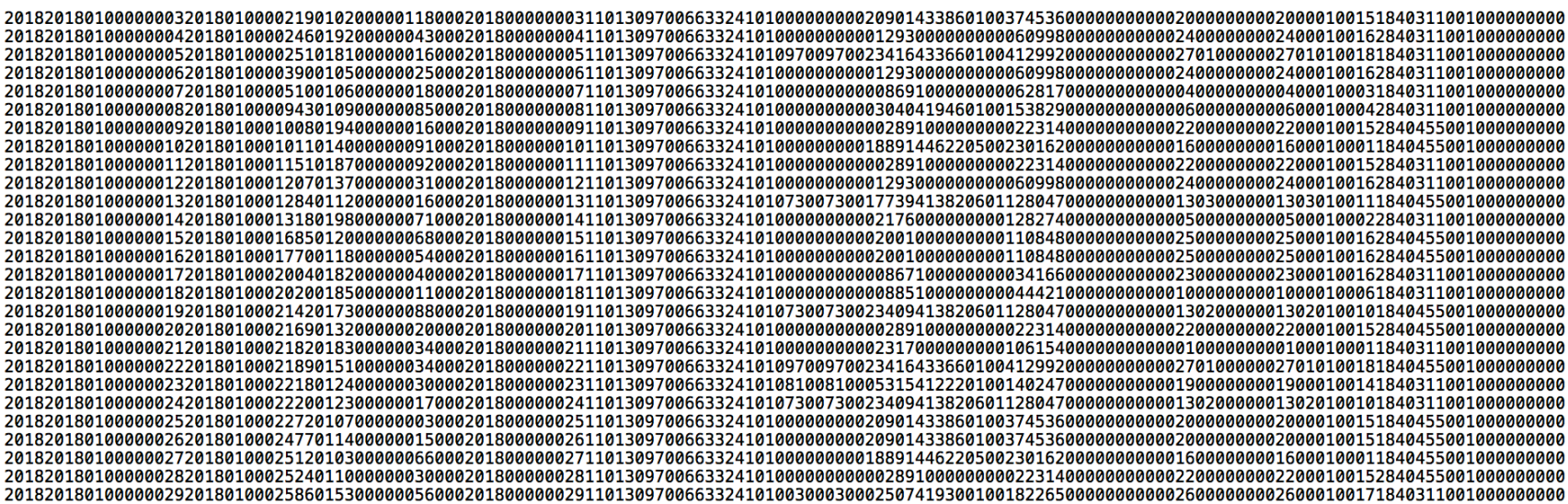
ACS raw microdata



ACS codebook

Variable: "YEAR"

Name:	YEAR
Label:	Census year
Variable Text:	YEAR reports the four-digit year when the household was enumerated or included in the census, the ACS, and the PRCS. For the multi-year ACS/PRCS samples, YEAR indicates the last year of data included (e.g., 2007 for the 2005-2007 3-year ACS/PRCS; 2008 for the 2006-2008 3-year ACS/PRCS; and so on). For the actual year of survey in these multi-year data, see MULTYEAR.
Concept:	Technical Variables -- HOUSEHOLD
Start Position:	1
End Position:	4
Width:	4
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Variable: "SAMPLE"

Name:	SAMPLE
Label:	IPUMS sample identifier
Variable Text:	SAMPLE identifies the IPUMS sample from which the case is drawn. Each sample receives a unique 6-digit code. The codes are structured as follows: The first four digits are the year of the census/survey. The next two digits identify the sample within the year. For most censuses, IPUMS has multiple datasets which were constructed using different sampling techniques (i.e. size/demographic of the sample population, geographic coverage level or location, or duration of the sampling period for the ACS/PRCS samples). The availability table for each variable indicates whether that variable is available in only certain samples for a given year. For further discussion of sample differences, see "Sample Designs." [URL omitted from DDI.]. Note: SAMPLE replaces DATANUM. Though the last two digits in SAMPLE do not correlate exactly with the now-deprecated DATANUM, the variable serves the same purpose of assigning a unique id to all cases that belong to the same dataset.
Concept:	Technical Variables -- HOUSEHOLD
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Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

ACS codebook

Variable: "SEX"

Name:	SEX
Label:	Sex
Variable Text:	SEX reports whether the person was male or female.
Concept:	Demographic Variables -- PERSON
Start Position:	340
End Position:	340
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Categories	

Value	Label
1	Male
2	Female

Variable: "AGE"

Name:	AGE
Label:	Age
Variable Text:	AGE reports the person's age in years as of the last birthday. Please see the Comparability section regarding a known Universe issue with AGE and AGEORIG which effects EMPSTAT and LABFORCE for the 2004 ACS Sample.
Concept:	Demographic Variables -- PERSON
Start Position:	341
End Position:	343
Width:	3
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Stata command file from IPUMS

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* NOTE: You need to set the Stata working directory to the path
* where the data file is located.

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  double  cbserial      19-31   ///
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  byte    subsamp       34-35   ///
  double  hhwt          36-45   ///
  byte    hhtype        46-46   ///
  double  cluster       47-59   ///
  double  adjust        60-66   ///
  double  cpi99         67-71   ///
  byte    region        72-73   ///
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  byte    statefip      76-77   ///
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  int     countyfip     82-84   ///
  double  density       85-91   ///
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  byte    met2013err    98-98   ///
  double  metpop10      99-106  ///
  int     city          107-110 ///
  byte    cityerr       111-111 ///
  long    citypop       112-116 ///
  long    puma          117-121 ///
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replace perwt       = perwt       / 100
replace slwt        = slwt        / 100

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format cluster     %13.0g
format adjust      %7.6f
format cpi99       %5.3f
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format metpop10    %8.0g
format strata      %12.0g
format perwt       %10.2f
format slwt        %10.2f

label var year        `"Census year"'
label var sample      `"IPUMS sample identifier"'
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label var subsamp     `"Subsample number"'
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label var hhtype      `"Household Type"'
label var cluster     `"Household cluster for variance estimation"'
label var adjust      `"Adjustment factor, ACS/PRCS"'
label var cpi99       `"CPI-U adjustment factor to 1999 dollars"'
label var region      `"Census region and division"'
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label var statefip    `"State (FIPS code)"'
label var countyicp   `"County (ICPSR code)"'
label var countyfip   `"County (FIPS code)"'
label var density     `"Population-weighted density of PUMA"'
label var metro       `"Metropolitan status"'
label var met2013     `"Metropolitan area (2013 OMB delineations)"'
label var met2013err  `"Coverage error in MET2013 variable"'
label var metpop10    `"Average 2010 population of 2013 metro/micro areas in PUMA"'
label var city        `"City"'
label var cityerr     `"Coverage error in CITY variable"'
label var citypop     `"City population"'
label var puma        `"Public Use Microdata Area"'
label var strata      `"Household strata for variance estimation"'
label var cpuma0010   `"Consistent PUMA, 2000-2010"'
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label var cntry       `"Country"'
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label var ownershp    `"Ownership of dwelling (tenure) [general version]"'
label var ownershpd   `"Ownership of dwelling (tenure) [detailed version]"'
label var mortgage    `"Mortgage status"'
label var mortgag2    `"Second mortgage status"'
label var farmprod    `"Sales of farm products"'
label var acrehous    `"House acreage"'
label var mortamt1    `"First mortgage monthly payment"'
label var mortamt2    `"Second mortgage monthly payment"'
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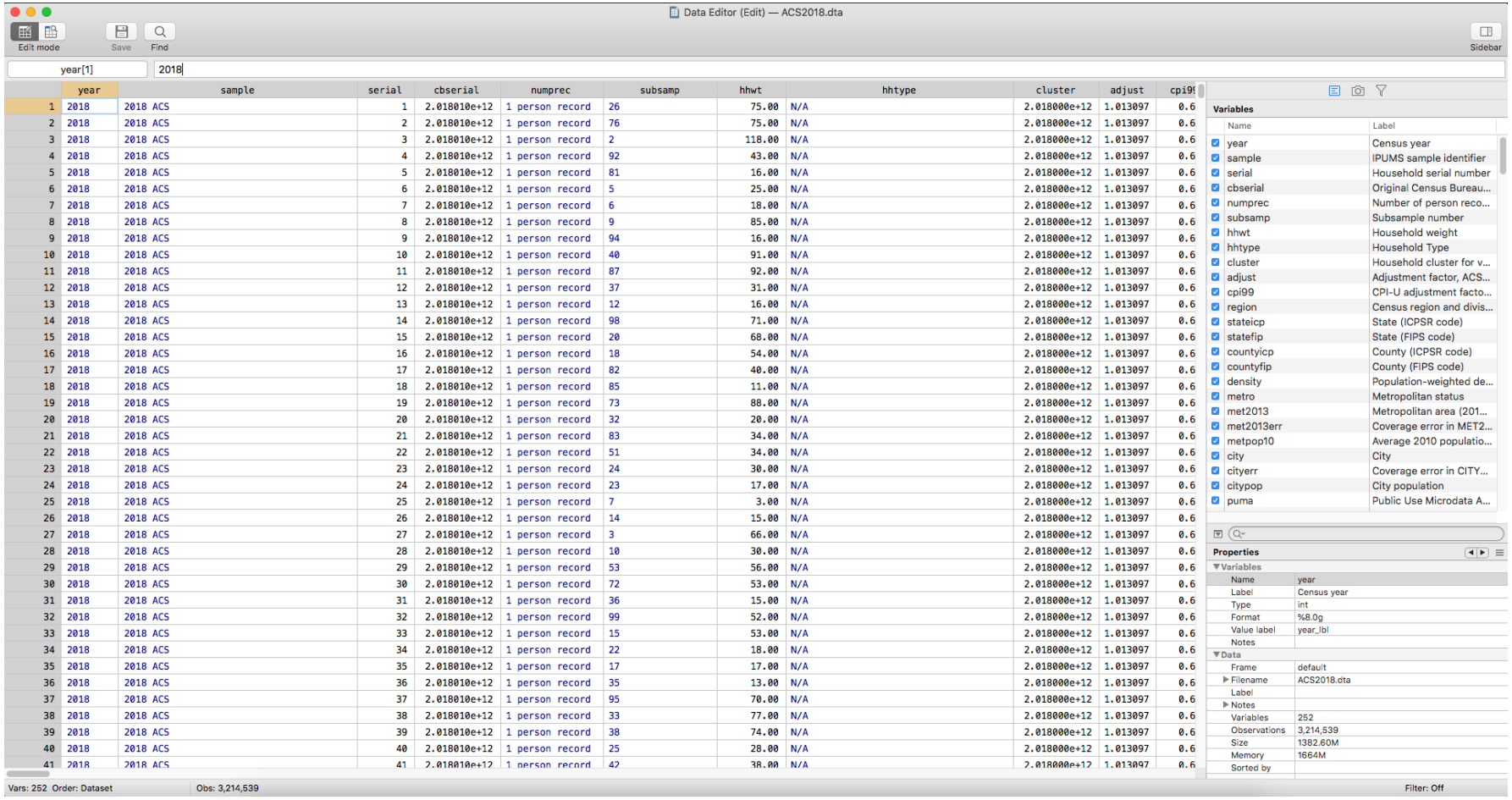
ACS microdata in Stata



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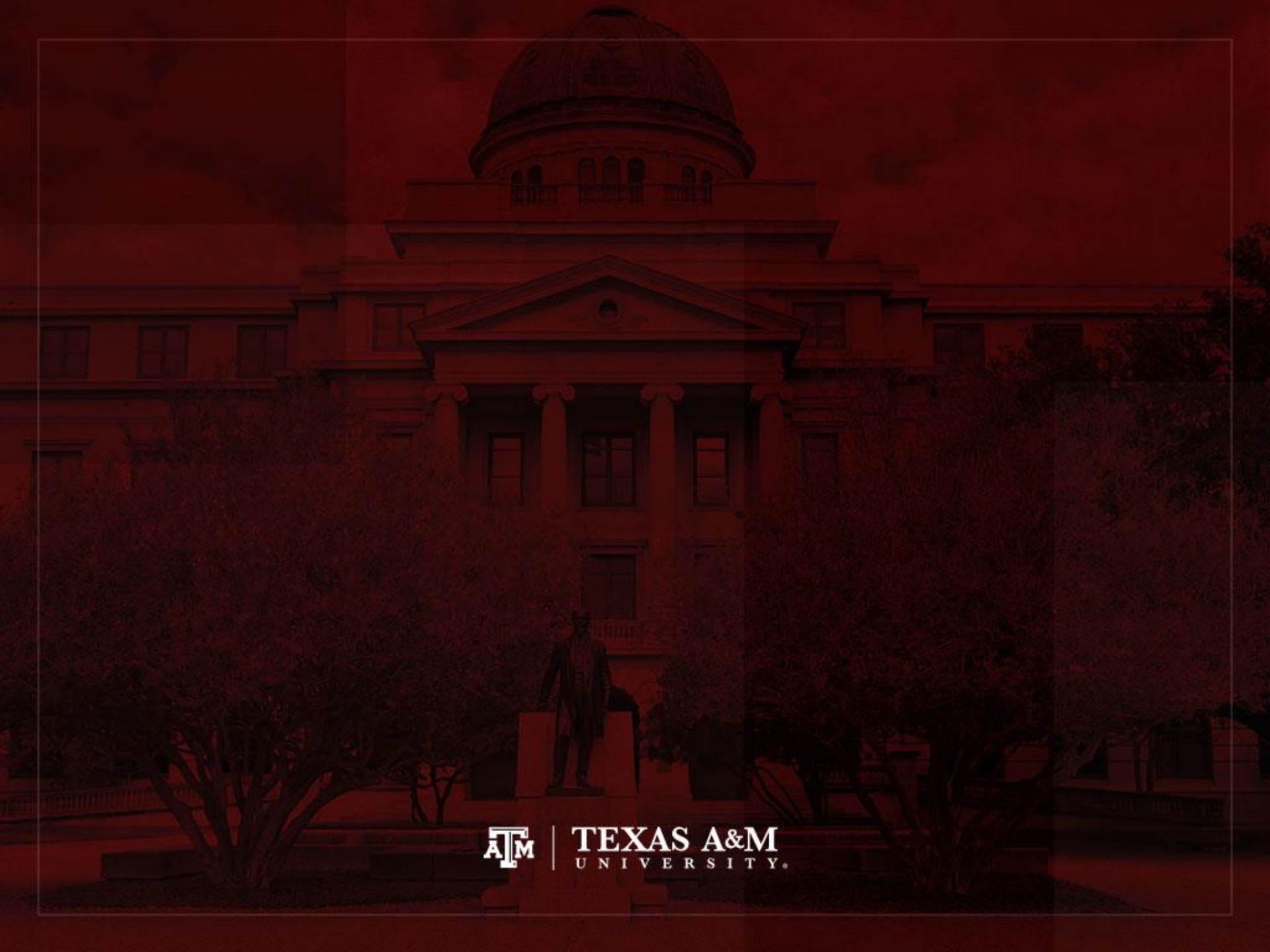
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Stata

- Stata is a software package that provides tools for data manipulation, visualization, and estimation of various statistics
- Stata programming language is easier to understand than other statistical software packages (SPSS, SAS, R)
- Stata is popular across various social sciences, such as sociology, demography, and economics
- See more information on

https://www.stata.com/why-use-stata/

Popularity of statistical software

- Bob Muenchen has been tracking popularity of data science software using a variety of different approaches
  - E.g., he uses Google Scholar to count the number of scholarly articles found each year for each software

https://r4stats.com/articles/popularity/

- Forecast Update: Will 2014 be the Beginning of the End for SAS and SPSS?
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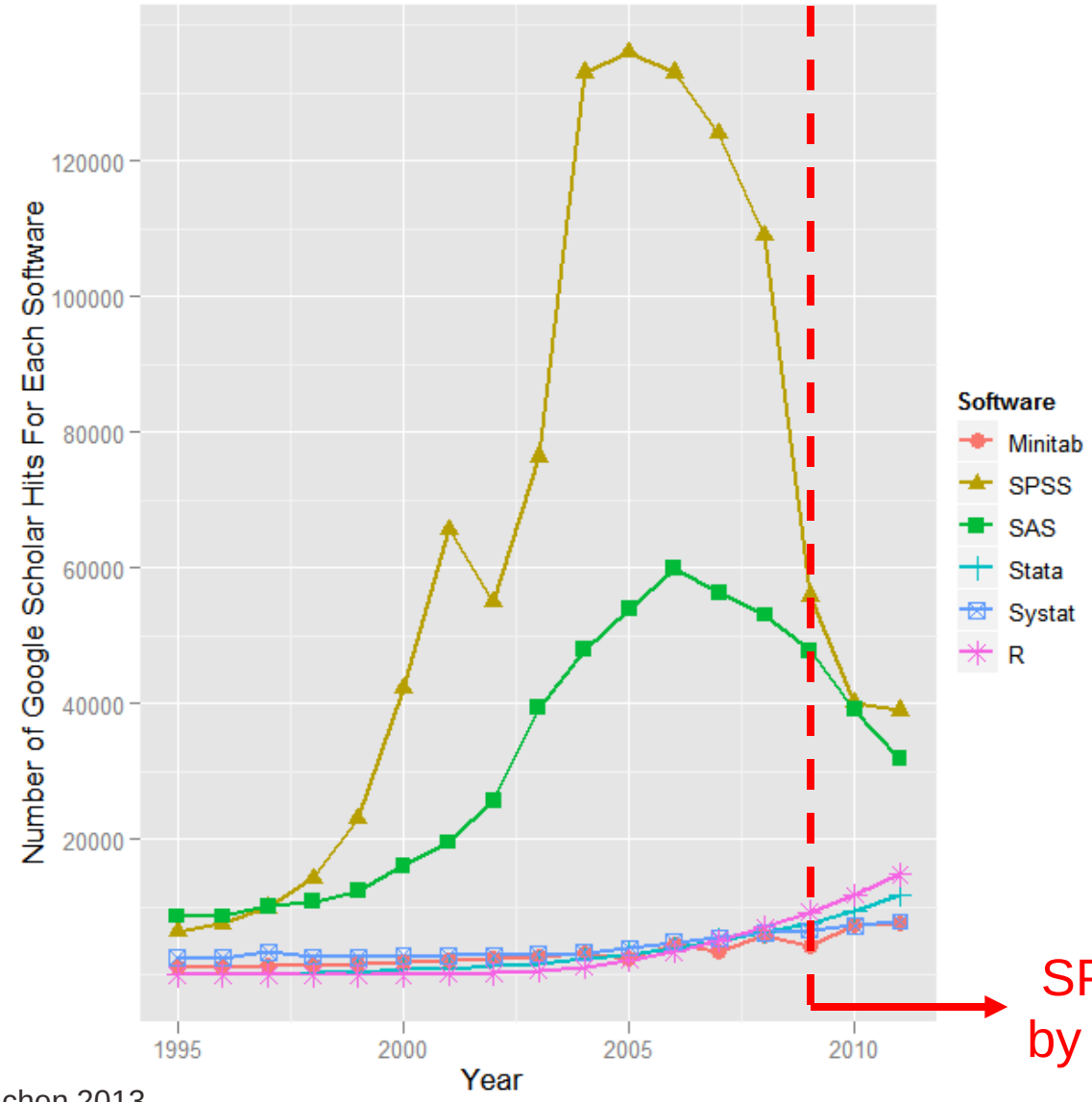
Scholarly use of data analysis software



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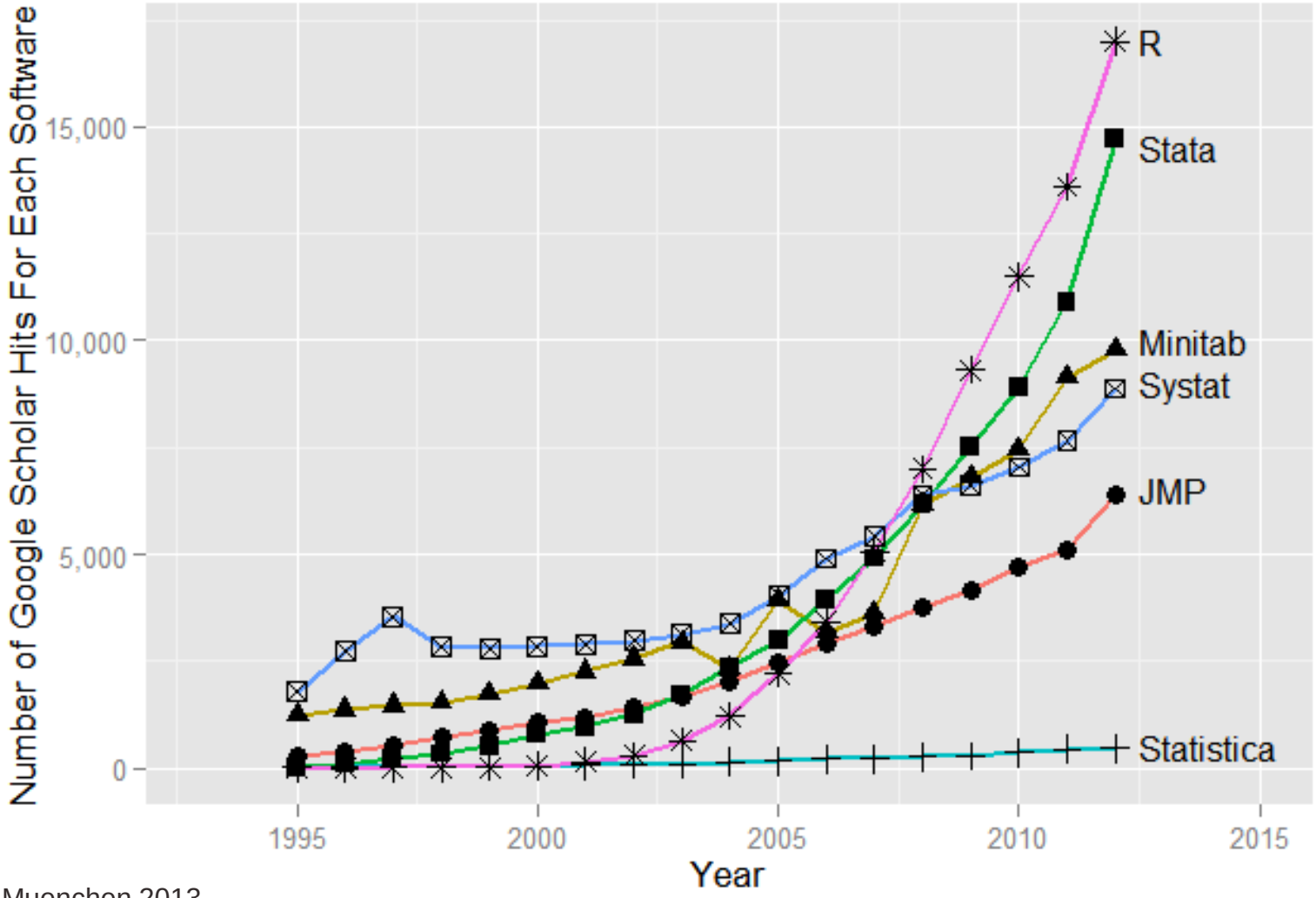
Scholarly use of data analysis software, SAS and SPSS removed



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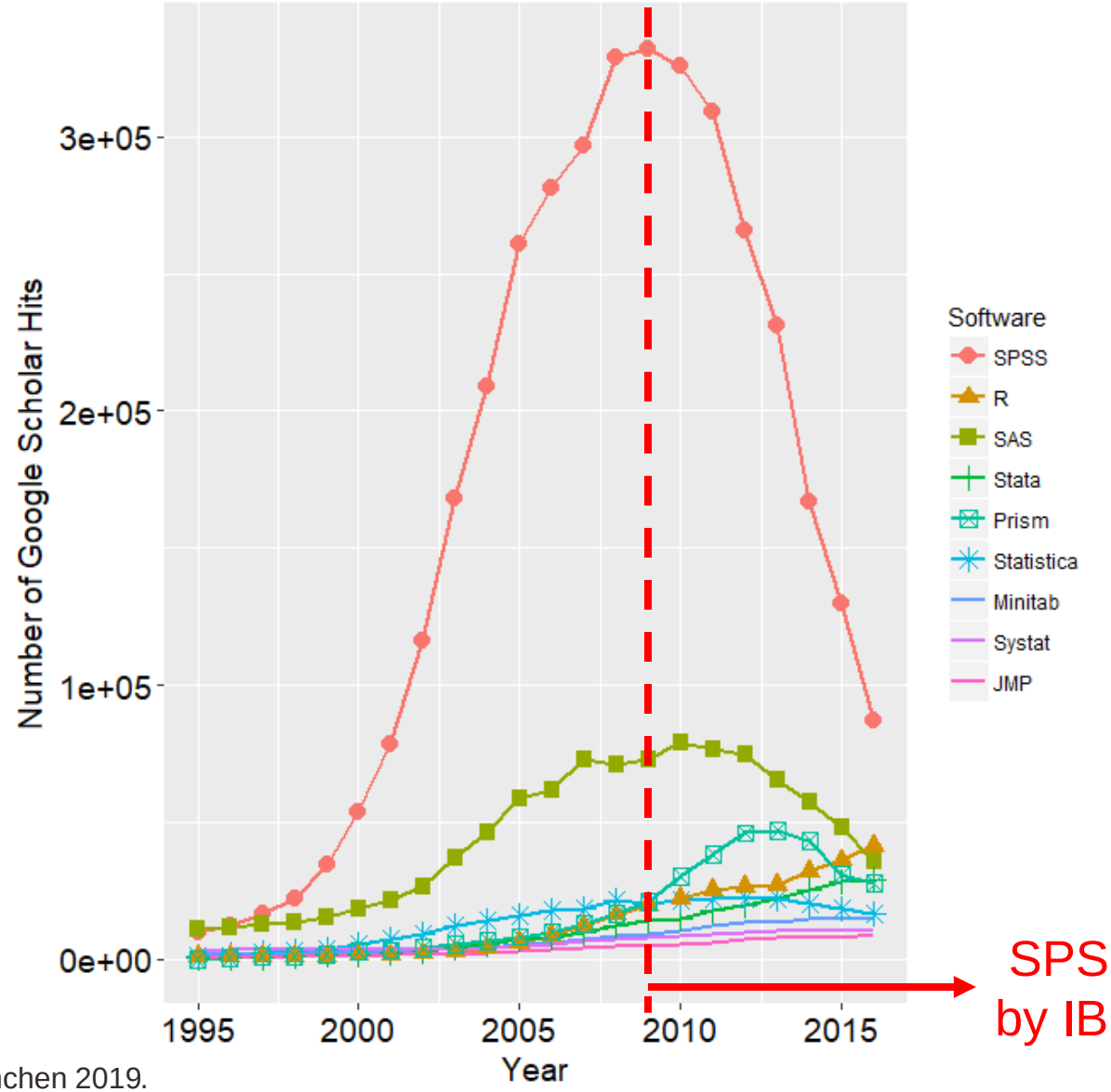

SPSS was acquired by IBM in 2009

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Age-period-cohort effects

- Why most young demographers use R?

- Age effect
  - "You know, young people love free stuff and visualizations, they will grow up soon and will pay for Stata or SAS"

- Period effect
  - "I think it is because it is trendy nowadays, before everybody used Stata, later everybody will use Python"

- Cohort effect
  - "Maybe is because they learned R at the beginning of their carrier, and they will continue to use it for a long time"

Source: Acosta, Enrique. 2020. "Age-period-cohort analysis: Limitations and possibilities." Presentation at the 11th Demographic Conference of Young Demographers. February, 6.

R vs. Stata

- R is a free software package
  - The most advanced statistical models and techniques are made available quickly in R
  - Researchers, professors, and other professionals create extra commands for R with new methodological advances
  - The same happens for Stata, but not in the same pace
- Among our faculty, Stata is more popular

Stata licenses

- Instructions for accessing Stata through the Texas A&M Virtual Open Access Lab (VOAL)

  http://www.ernestoamaral.com/docs/soci600-24fall/Stata_VOAL_instructions.pdf

- Student short-term Stata license (free for a maximum of one week)

  https://www.stata.com/customer-service/short-term-license

- Student Single-User Stata License (lower prices)

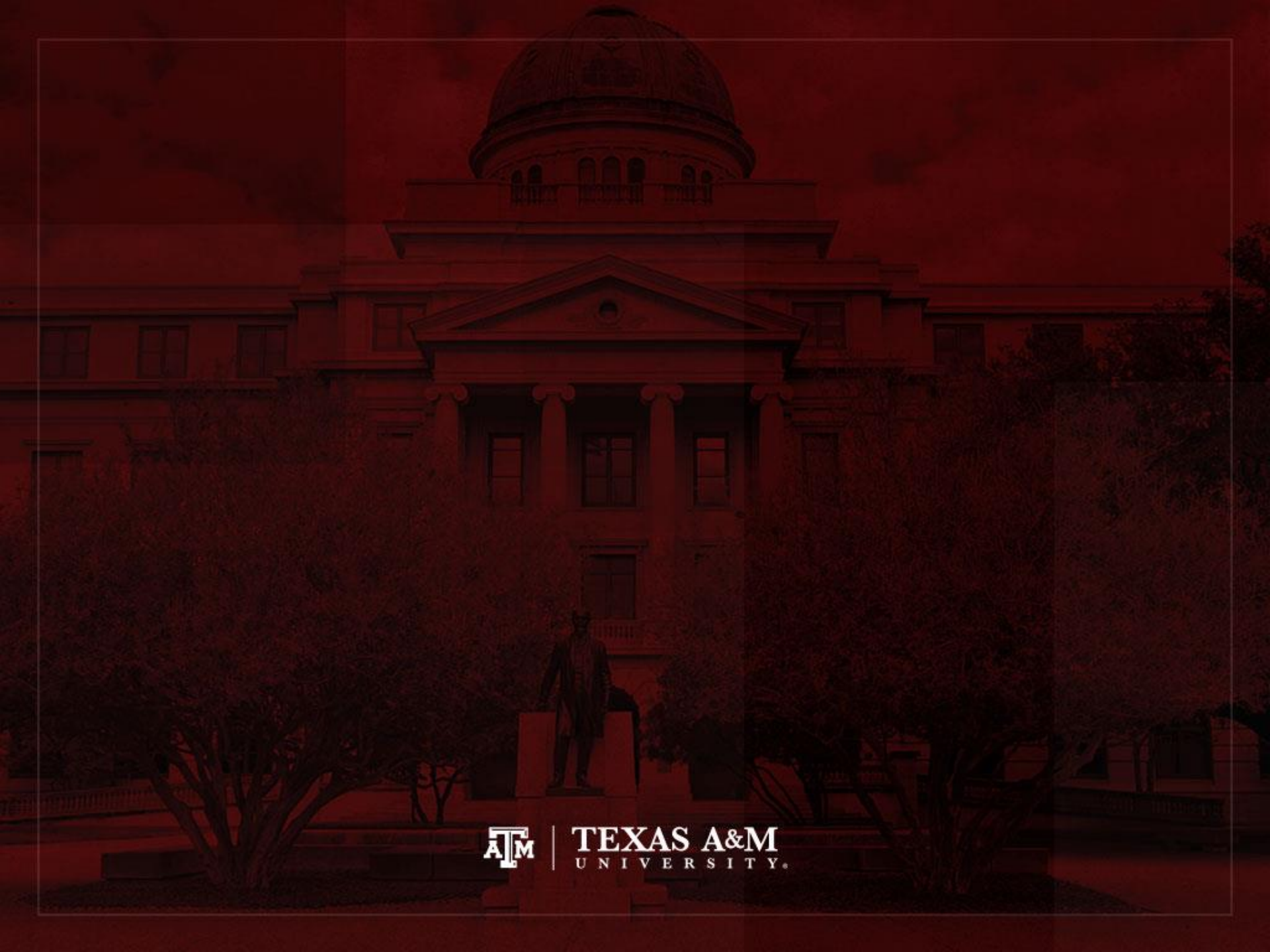
  https://www.stata.com/order/new/edu/gradplans/student-pricing

Stata help resources

- Stata: Data Analysis and Statistical Software
  http://www.stata.com/links

- Institute for Digital Research and Education (IDRE)
  - University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
    https://stats.idre.ucla.edu/stata/

- Carolina Population Center (CPC)
  - The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)
    http://www.cpc.unc.edu/research/tools/data_analysis/statatutorial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