Metropolitan Statistical Areas - 1999

Map of Metropolitan Areas of the United States and Puerto Rico, 1999.
Overview

- Census definitions and data
  - Census tract
  - Urbanized area
  - Metropolitan statistical area
- Getting started on your project
Census

☐ Mailed to every address
☐ All addresses-short form
  ■ Sex, age, race, ethnicity
  ■ Tenure, household relationship
☐ 1 in 6 households-long form
  ■ Short form questions
  ■ + income, employment, education, etc.
Census Geography

- **Block**
  - Smallest geography
  - In cities, a block
  - Boundaries are streets, creeks, etc.

- **Census tracts**
  - Aggregate of blocks
  - Generally, 1,000 to 8,000 people
  - Natural grouping according to local users
  - Boundaries: main streets, political jurisdictions, creeks, rivers, etc.
  - Neighborhoods
Defining Cities

- Political jurisdictions—OK, but....
- Economic boundaries
- San Francisco versus SF Bay Area
  - SF is small city-less than 1 million
  - Bay Area is more than 7 million
  - How do we think about SF?
- What is LA?
  - City of Los Angeles or.....
Urbanized Area - Census Definition

- A group of adjoining blocks
- Core of blocks must have density greater than 1,000 people per square mile
- Adjacent blocks must have 500 people per square mile
- Total population must be greater than 50,000
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Statistical Area-Census Definition

- Political boundaries
- Large city
- Adjacent communities linked to it
- If community included, county included
- Aggregate of counties.
Los Angeles-Orange-Riverside-San Bernardino-Ventura Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose
Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area
CMSA vs PMSA

- Large MSAs broken into PMSAs
- PMSA = Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
- If broken, whole is Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area
- Example: Los Angeles PMSA, Santa Ana PMSA, Riverside PMSA, etc.
- Example: San Francisco-Oakland PMSA, San Jose PMSA
Next Time

☐ Why do cities exist?
☐ Read Jane Jacobs, The Economy of Cities
Jane Jacobs

Born in 1916

To NY in 1930s

*The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, 1961

To Toronto in 1968

*The Economy of Cities*, 1969
Your Paper

- Pick a neighborhood
- Write about it
- Use Census data