Improving the Distribution of Disaster Emergency Assistance Programs in the USA Based on Major Disasters Data Mapping 2008-2017

Purdue University: Introduction to Data Science Workshop – May 2018





Background

- \$306bn damage caused by natural disasters in US in 2017
- Several studies have estimated population displacement post Hurricane Maria and population simulation scenarios based on GSM data, the monthly domestic arrivals and departures from Puerto Rican airports and cumulative net domestic air passenger balance.



Project Aims

- <u>Understanding the household disaster emergency assistance</u> post Hurricane Maria by looking primarily at Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas;
- <u>Minimizing the inequality in emergency assistance provision</u> based on the distribution of disaster relief assistance in relation to mapping the household income in the city districts that were most affected by the disaster;

Objectives

- Map the zip codes in the three States most affected by natural disasters in 2017
- Compare spending on disaster relief in each zip code with median income in each zip code.

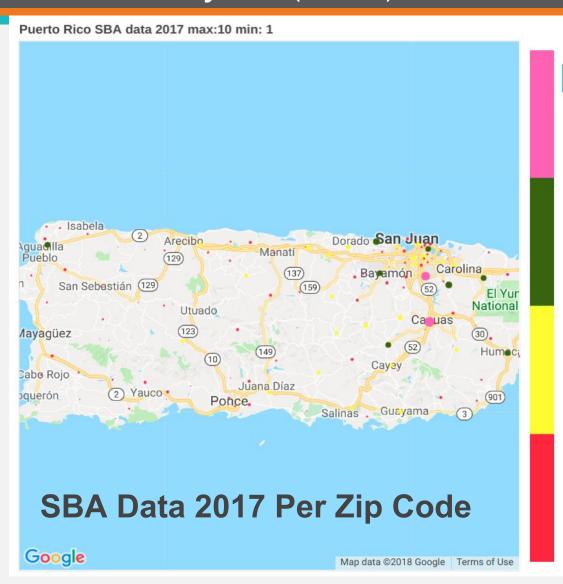


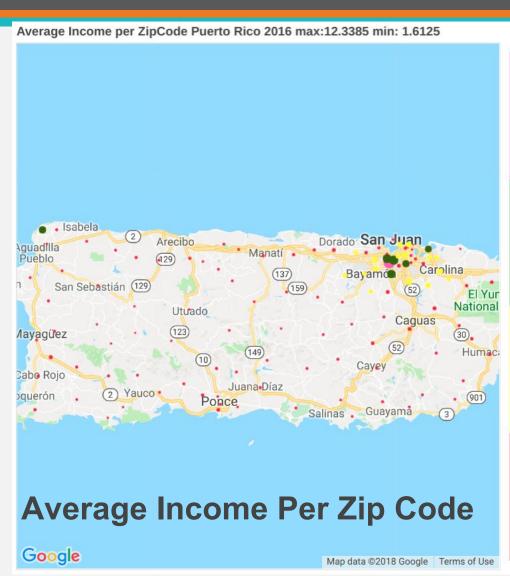




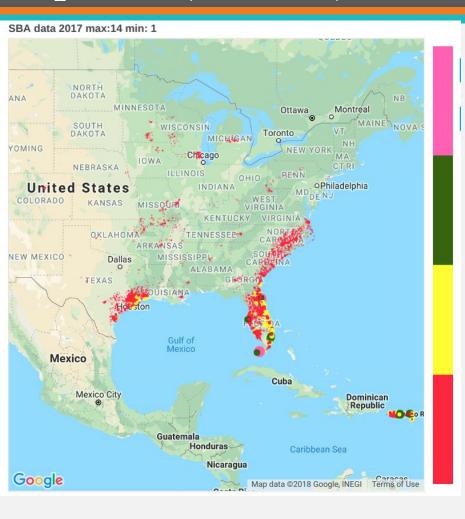


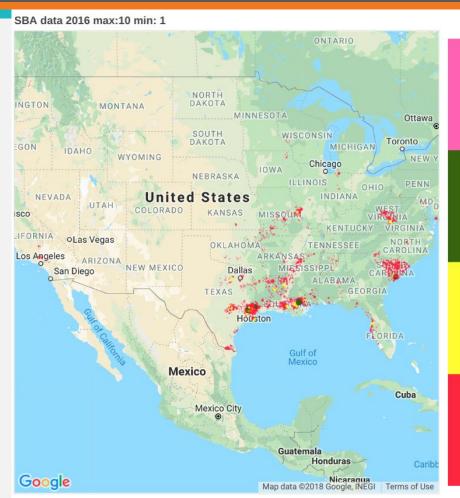
Emergency assistance and median income by zip code Puerto Rico Analysis (2017)





Emergency assistance Application Frequency according to zipcode (2015-17)







2017

2016

2015 (Saipan)

Phase 2

- Addressing the structural conditions of disaster relief policy-making.
- Mapping the spending on disaster relief efforts in all US zip codes.
- Mapping the zip codes in the US by median income.

Phase 2: Project outputs

- Panel presentation at interdisciplinary conference in UK
- Peer reviewed journal article
- Funding bid to research council for (Phase 3) comparative project on natural disaster relief and migration

Phase 2: Costings

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Travel	\$1,210	2 x flights from US to UK
	\$160	4 x off peak return train tickets from Birmingham to Oxford.
Conference costs	\$1,000	4 x IMISCOE migration studies conference data science pane
		4 x TORCH University of Oxford migration conference for panel
	\$200	discussing data science in migration and diversity studies.
	\$76	Refreshments for University of Birmingham Seminar
Accommodation costs	\$750	2 x Hotel in Birmingham for one week
Publishing	\$1,595	Article publishing fees at PLOS1 (General and interdisciplinary)
		US zipcodes database boundaries bundle (For median income
Data costs	\$500	data by zipcode)
		FOIA Request for data from FEMA on disaster relief by zipcode
	\$50	between 2008 and 2016, Immigration status and Ethnicity

Phase 2: Project timeline

•Step 1: Data science workshop, mapping disaster relief and income for Puerto Rico, Florida (2017) •Step 2: Mapping disaster relief and income for all US states (2008-2017)

 Step 3 Preparation and presentation at interdisciplinary migration research conference in UK

Step 4 Revision of paper following conference feedback and submission to Journal

May 2018

June - September 2018

October - May 2019

June - September 2019

Phase 3

Seed funding for phase 2 would enable us to apply for grant funding for phase 3.

Objective:

• Compare US disaster relief distribution with other nations.

Questions?