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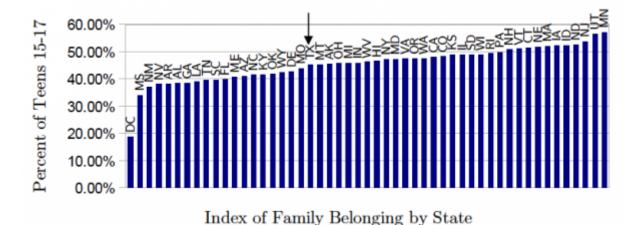
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The United States Family Belonging Index is 46 percent, with a corresponding Family Rejection Index of 54 percent, based on 2008-2012 data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. The action of parents determines the Family Belonging or Rejection Index within a nation, region, state, or racial or ethnic group—whether they marry and belong to each other, or whether they reject one another through divorce or other means. Rejection leaves children without married parents committed to one another and to their children.

The Index of Family Belonging is determined by the fraction of children aged 15 to 17 in a given area who live with both their biological parents, who have been married since before or around the time of their birth.

1. Index of Belonging

Texas has a Family Belonging Index of 45.2 percent. In other words, 45.2 percent of Texas teenagers aged 15 to 17 have lived with their always-married parents since their birth, whereas 54.8 percent of these adolescents were raised in a non-intact family. Texas ranks 32nd on the state ranking of the Index of Belonging and Rejection.¹⁾



2. Outcomes by Index of Belonging

Significant outcomes: Location between states at the extremes followed by state ranking, for Texas Family Intactness 31^{st} % children grown up in intact families 5 10 32 MD VT Adoptions 33^{rd} Adoptions per 1,000 live births 4.9 6.3 13 WA DC Infant Mortality 35^{th} Deaths of infants under one year old per 1,000 live births $\begin{array}{c|c} 0.06 & 0.1 & 0.22 \\ \hline DC & AK \end{array}$ Suicide 40^{th} Suicides per 1,000 inhabitants Violent Crime 16^{th} Violent crimes per 1,000 inhabitants Property Crime 17.7 37.8 47.8
per 1,000 inhabitants ND DC Property crimes per 1,000 inhabitants 5.6 6.2 11.2 NJ H Young Adult Alcoholism % 18-25 year olds reporting alcohol dependence 48^{th} Adolescent Painkiller Abuse 29^{th} % 12-17 year olds with nonmedical use of painkillers 4.5 6.6 12 IA RI Young Adult Drug Treatment Need 38^{th} % 18-25 year olds needing but not receiving, for illicit use 60 110 Federal Head Start Aid 23^{rd} Federal Head Start aid per family household in state 400 + 800 MS + Federal Adoption & Foster Care Aid

2.1 Youth Outcomes

Youth Outcomes	Texas	Weakest State	Strongest State
Graduation rates (high	73.1	51.3 (NV)	89.6 (WI)
school)			
NAEP reading scores (eighth	260	251 (MS)*	274 (MA)
grade)			
Child poverty (percent in)	24%	31% (MS)	11% (NH)
Births to unmarried teenagers (percent of)	11.6%	14.1% (MS)	5.3% (UT)

Federal aid & assistance per # of births

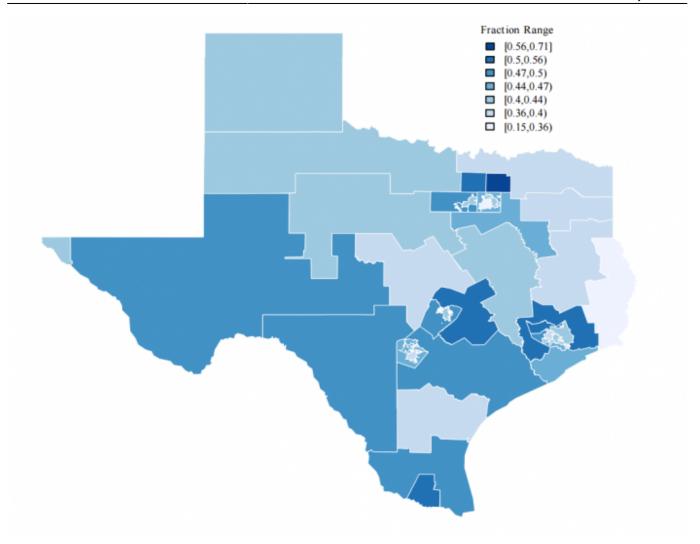
3. Mapping Texas

See Effects of Family Structure on Policy Outcomes

3.1 Family Intactness

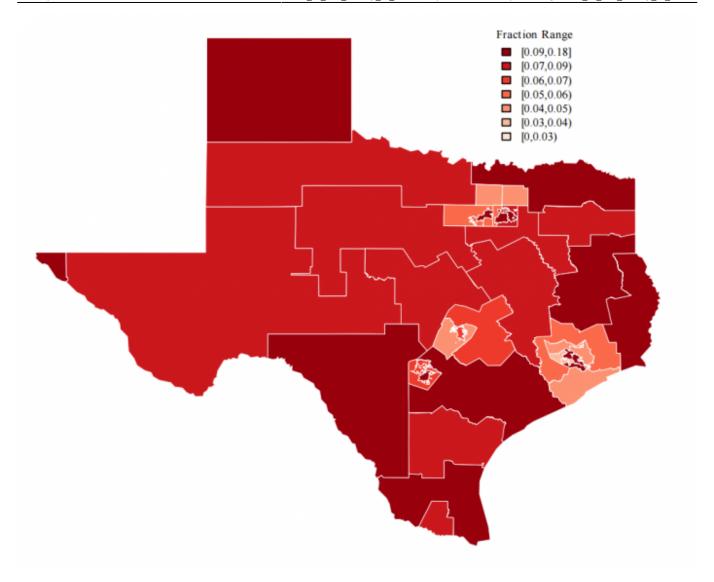
Fraction of Families Intact

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3.2 Teenage Out-of-Wedlock Births

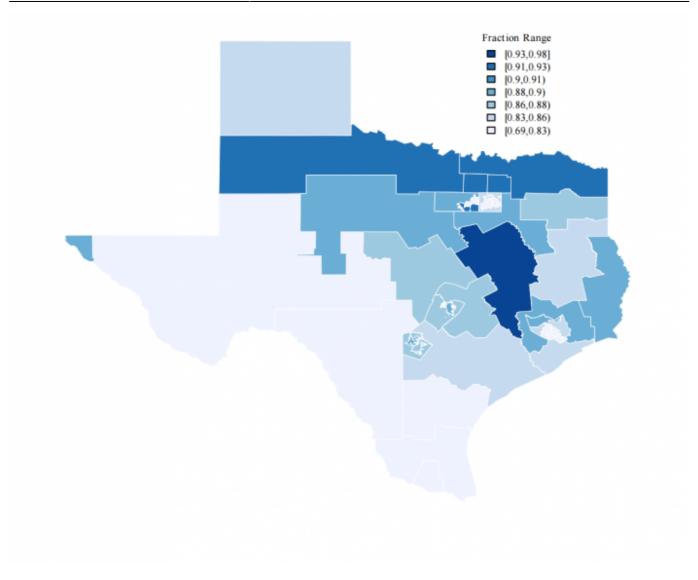
Fraction of teenage out-of-wedlock births out of all births



3.3 High School Graduates

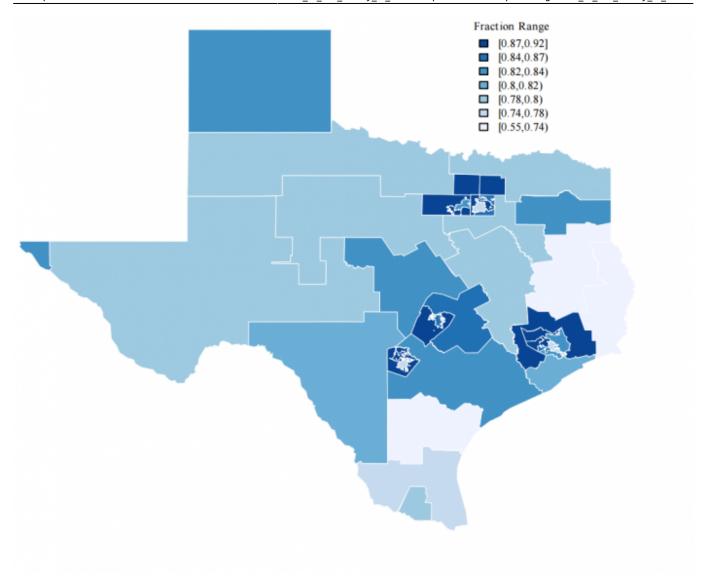
Fraction of 19- to 20-year-olds who are high school graduates

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3.4 Employment

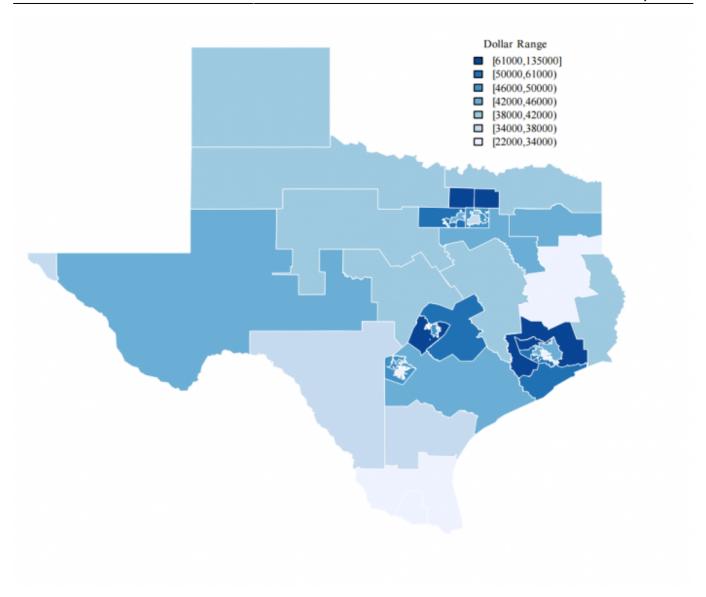
Fraction of 25- to 54-year-old men working



3.5 Earnings

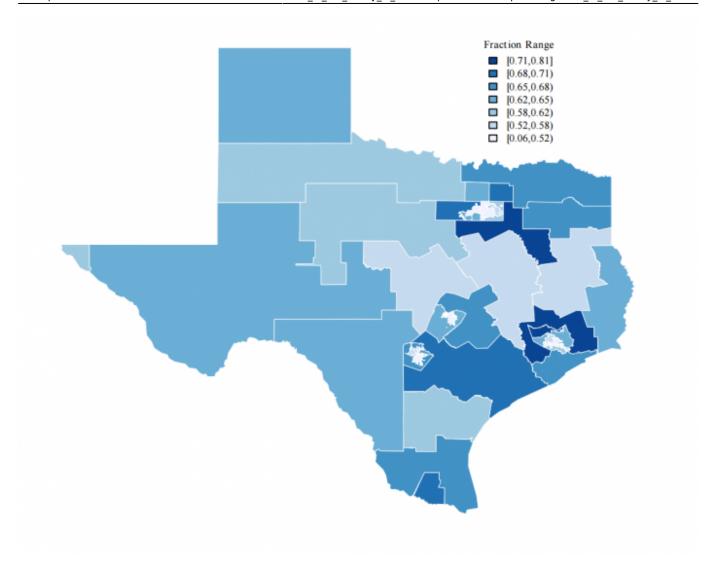
Average earnings per 25- to 54-year-old male

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3.6 Homeowners

Fraction of households owning a home

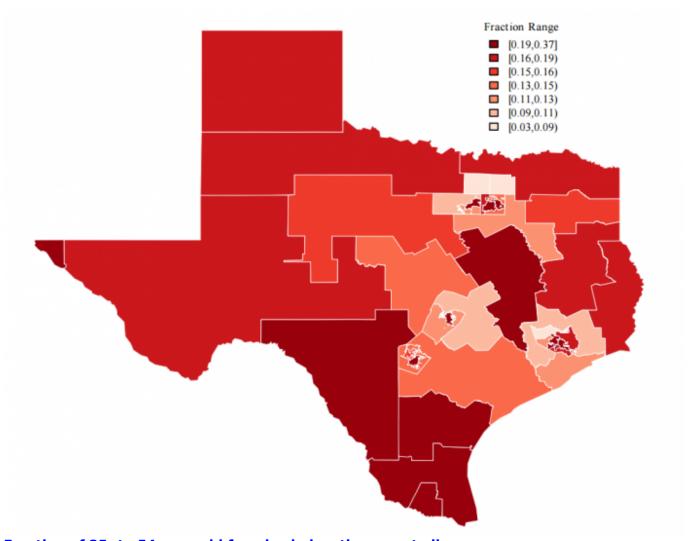


3.7 Poverty

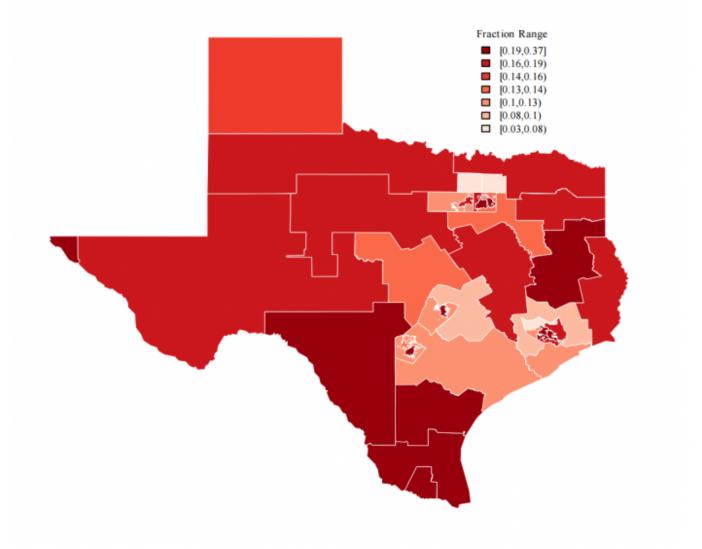
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Fraction of the overall population below poverty

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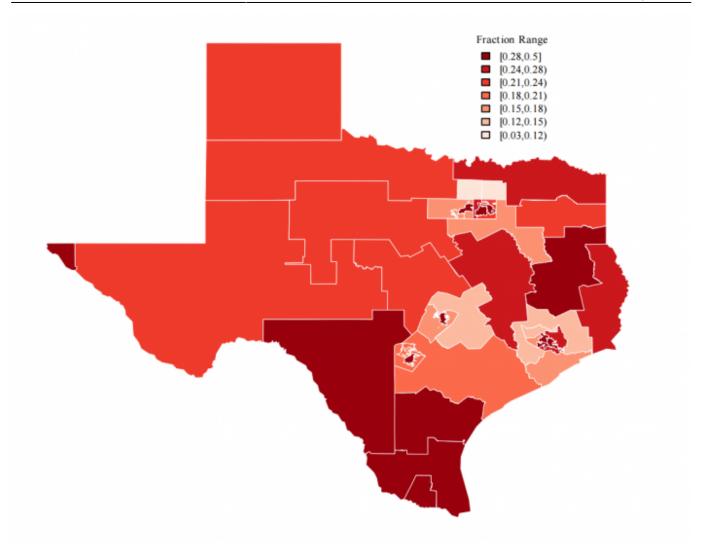


Fraction of 25- to 54-year-old females below the poverty line



Fraction of minors below the poverty line

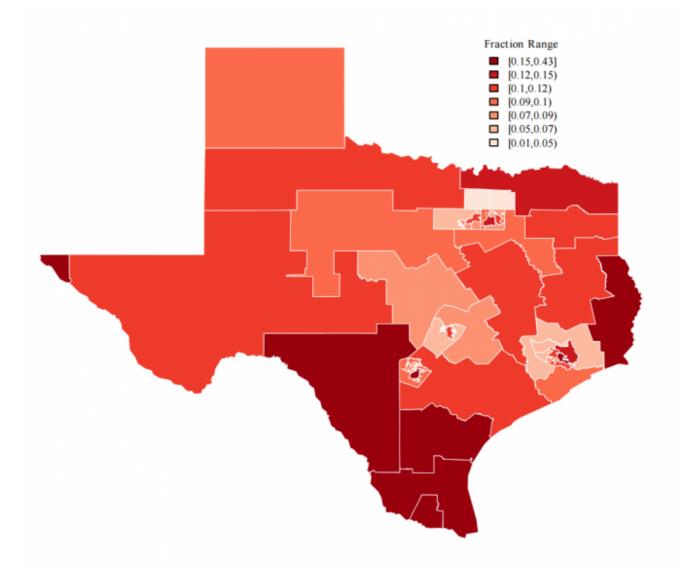
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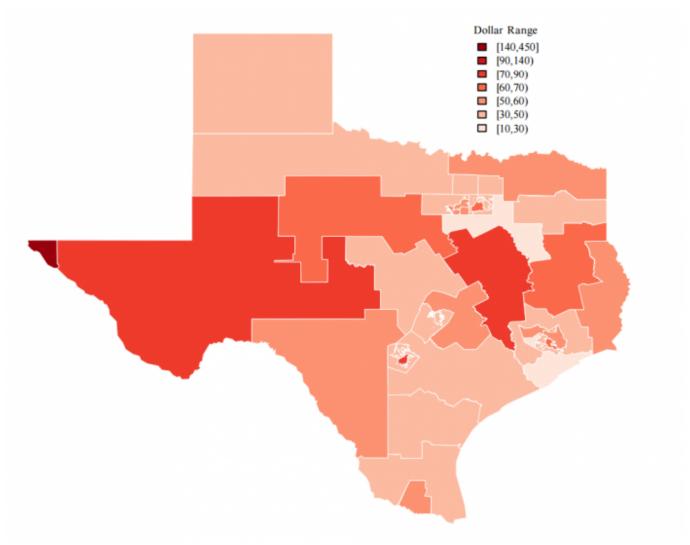
3.8 Government Dependence

See Effects of Family Structure on Government Dependency and Effects of Welfare on Families

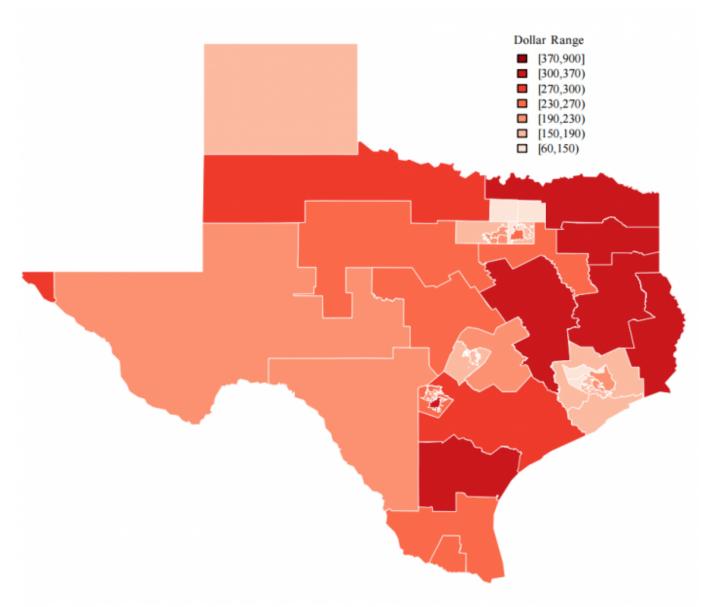
Fraction of households receiving food stamps



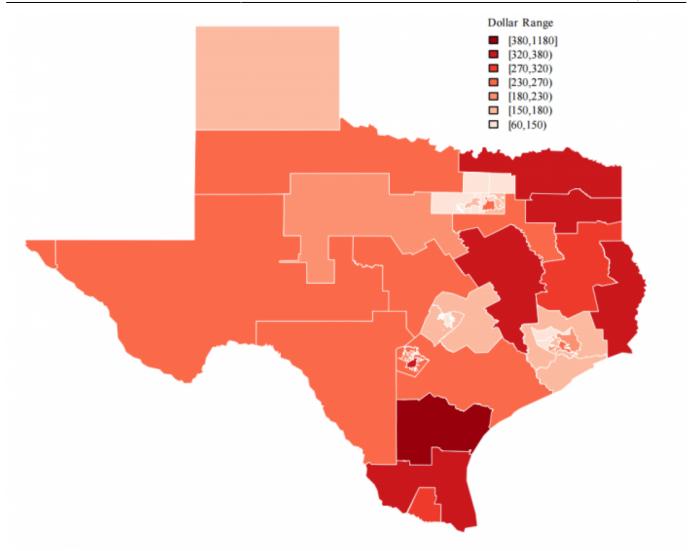
Average TANF and State Welfare Transfers per 25- to 54-year-old females



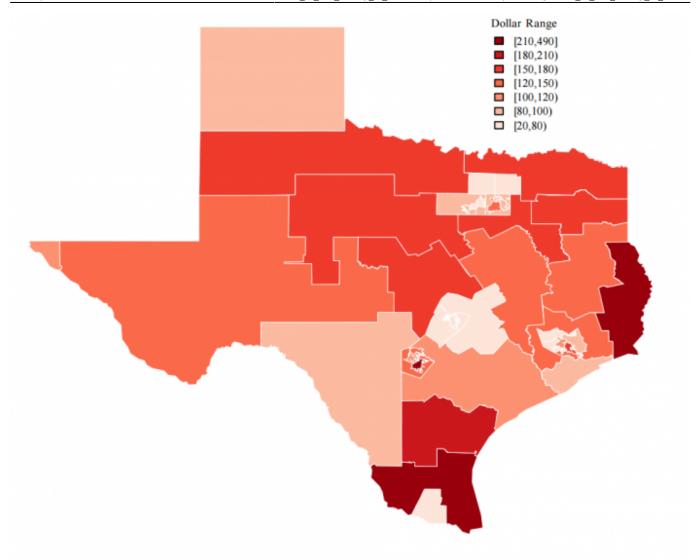
Average Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) per 25- to 54-year-olds



Average Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) per 25- to 54-year-old male

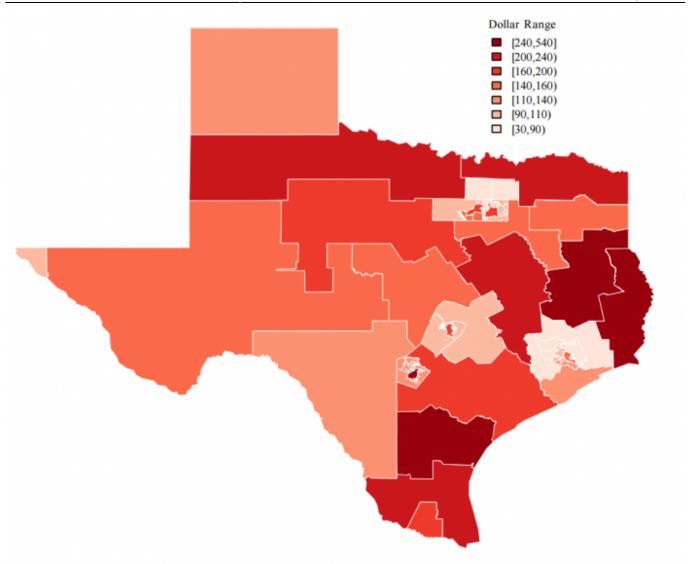


Average Supplemental Security Income (SSI) per 25- to 54-year-old male



Average Supplemental Security Income (SSI) per 25- to 54-year-old female

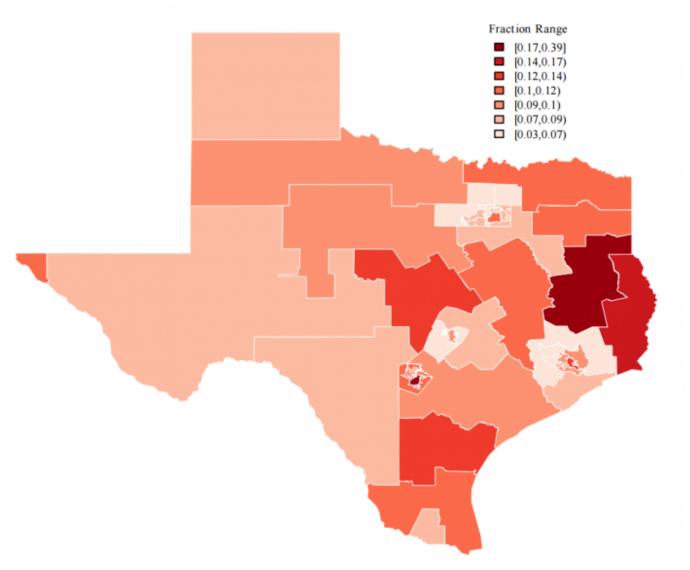
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3.9 Healthcare

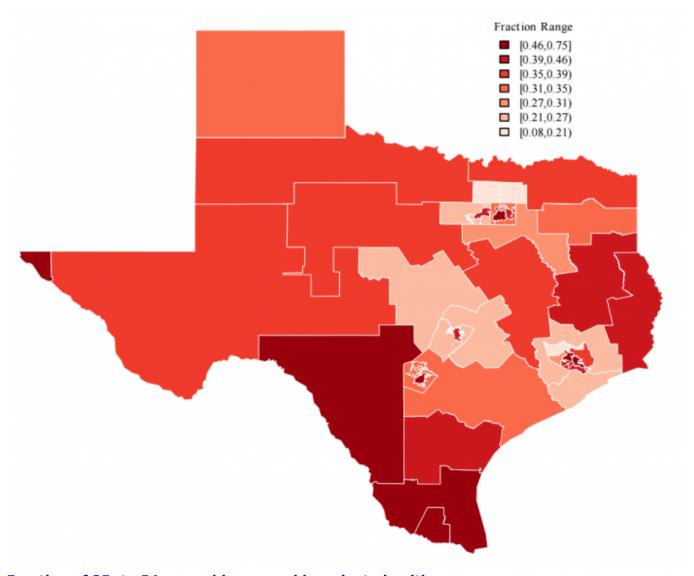
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Fraction of 25- to 54-year-olds receiving public healthcare

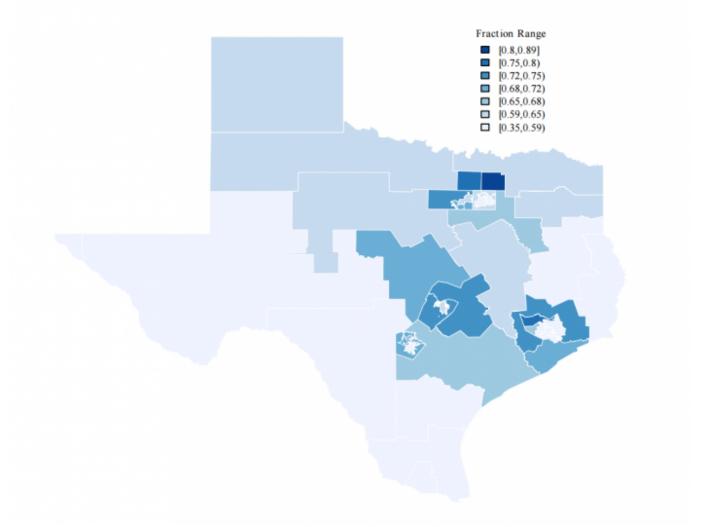


Fraction of minors receiving public healthcare

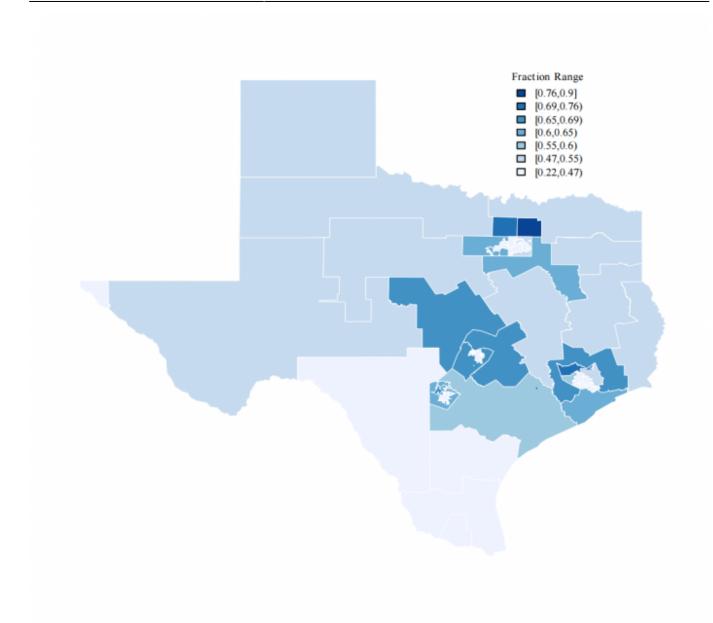
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Fraction of 25- to 54-year-olds covered by private healthcare



Fraction of minors covered by private healthcare



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