

Mapping Inequality
Sociology 162
Pomona College
Claremont, CA

Intermediate elective for
Sociology, American Studies,
Environmental Analysis

Goals for the Course

Increase spatial fluency

Demonstrate usefulness of maps and spatial understanding

Cultivate an aesthetic appreciation of maps

Encourage healthy skepticism about maps

Develop technical skills in spatial analysis

Provide basic spatial data and suggestions for further data acquisition

Content (Data) – Primarily U.S.

U.S. Maps of Regions, States, Counties

California

Los Angeles County or Metropolitan Area

Claremont, nearby cities

Claremont Colleges

Students' hometowns

Mapping Inequality: Demonstration or Student Project Example

Are multipurpose senior centers located where older persons (ages 60+) live?

Are senior centers equally accessible to all race or ethnic groups?

Multipurpose Senior Centers

Originally funded through the Older Americans Act (for persons ages 60+)

Lunch program & other food distribution

Health assessment

Recreation

Legal services & advocacy

Assistance to promote independent living

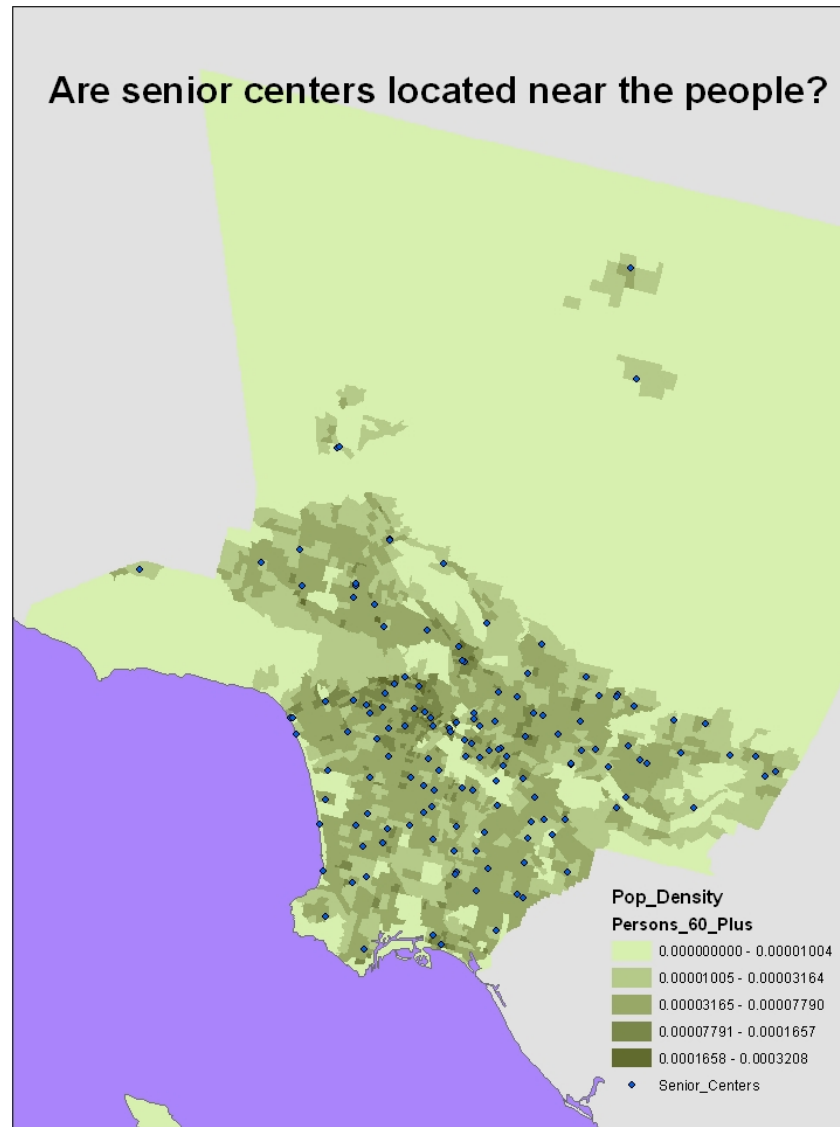
Over 140 centers in LA County



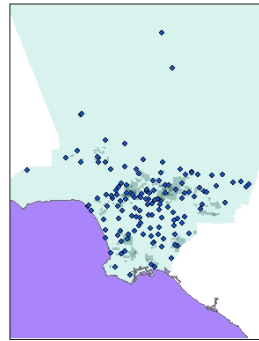
YOUNG ISRAEL OF SANTA MONICA

Shabbat Services 9AM
201 Ocean Front Walk
(Corner of Ozone Ave.)

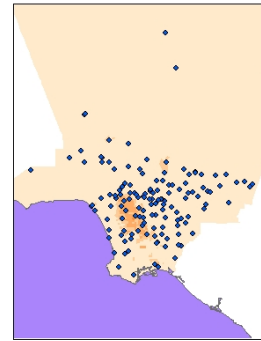
Are senior centers located near the people?



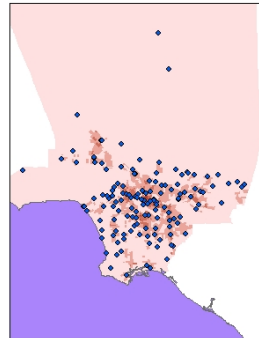
Are all groups equally served?



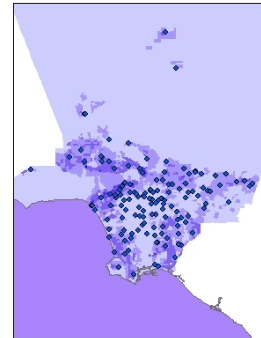
Asian



Black

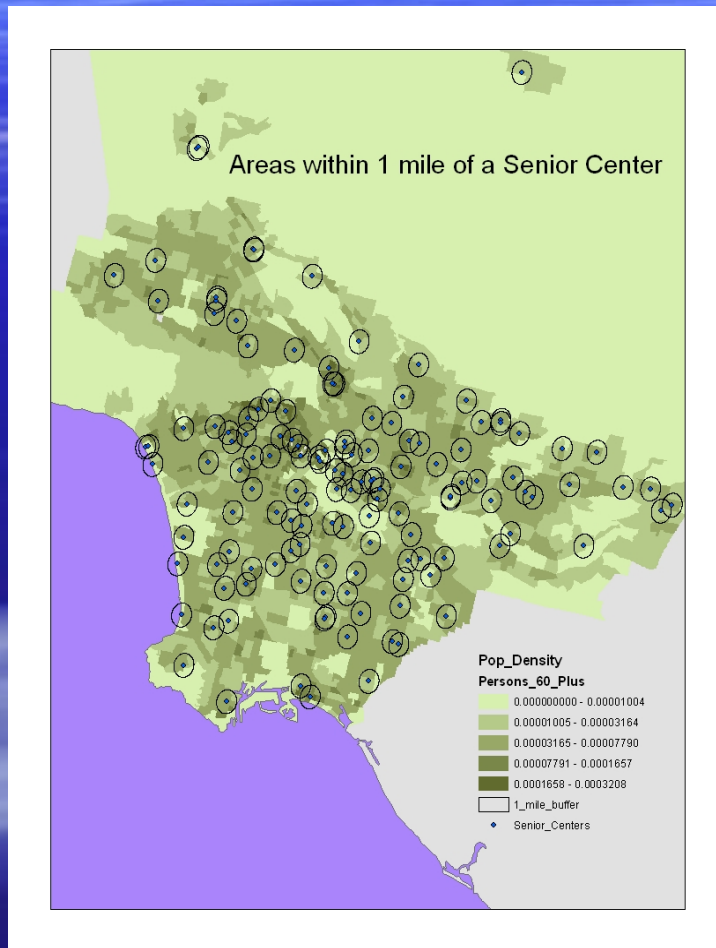


Hispanic



White

Questions for Discussion



Where are older persons underserved?

Which senior centers might need to close or change?

What proportion of older persons live within 1 mile of a senior center?

What further information should inform policy decisions about the location of senior centers?

Mapping Inequality

Spatial Education for
Liberal Arts Education