



Geospatial Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences

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Dear Colleagues,

Geospatial methods have been used in social and behavioral science research to examine a wide range of issues (e.g., residential segregation, commuting behavior, active transportation, accessibility to urban facilities, spatial mismatch between jobs and housing, spatial patterns of crime, activity–travel behavior, spatial inequality in health behaviors and outcomes, political redistricting, substance use behavior, natural disasters, and so on). However, recent advances in and widespread use of geospatial technologies for collecting and analyzing high-resolution space–time data (e.g., real-time sensing, GPS tracking, and LiDAR) provide many opportunities to bring forth new insights to these issues. Further, recent studies have also used geospatial methods (e.g., GeoAI and geovisualization) that go beyond the conventional spatial framework of fixed areal units (e.g., census tracts) and the static temporal framework to examine many issues in social and behavioral science research.





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