Borough of Manhattan Community College | City University of New York
CRJ 204 1900: Criminal Justice and the Urban Community | Spring 2020
M/W 7-8:15 PM in Fiterman 302 | Professor Ronda

RESEARCH PROJECT ON NEIGHBORHOODS, CRIME, AND JUSTICE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSIGNMENT # 1: Gathering statistical data
(Maximum = 50 points of the total of 350)

In this first step of your research project, you are asked to select a neighborhood in **New York City** on which to focus this semester, gather some statistical data about it, and submit your findings to me. Most people select their own neighborhood, and that is usually a great choice, but you can choose any neighborhood about which you want to learn more. You will eventually use these data in the final paper, so save a copy.

Follow these steps to complete Assignment 1, DUE in Blackboard on Monday, March 2 by 11:59 pm:

1. Visit the NYU Furman Center's New York City Neighborhood Data Profiles website at

   http://furmancenter.org/neighborhoods

2. Decide which neighborhood you are going to focus on for your research project this semester, and then use the drop-down menu to select that neighborhood. Your exact neighborhood name may not be included, so pick the one closest to it. It may also be combined with another neighborhood.

3. After you select the neighborhood, you will be redirected to a page for the neighborhood that has descriptions for DEMOGRAPHICS, HOUSING, and NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND CONDITIONS. This is your neighborhood "**DATA PROFILE**." Print this page, and save it as a PDF, because you will need it to complete this assignment, and may need it again later this semester for your project.

4. On the same page, you will also see this line beneath the summary paragraphs: *Community District Data Summary (PDF) »*; click on that link. A PDF will open that contains important data about the neighborhood that you have selected. This is your "**DATA SUMMARY**." Print and save this document. You will need it to complete this assignment, and may need it again later this semester for your project.

5. Using the two sources above (the DATA PROFILE and DATA SUMMARY) for your chosen neighborhood, fill in the information on the following pages. Also submit a PDF of the DATA PROFILE and the DATA SUMMARY.

DATA SHEET FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RESEARCH | ASSIGNMENT 1 | CRJ 204 1900 | Spring 2020
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FULL NAME: _____

NAME OF NEIGHBORHOOD I SELECTED: _____

BOROUGH OF NEIGHBORHOOD: _____

Why did you choose this area as your focus this semester?

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Consult the DATA PROFILE to answer these questions:

1. **What is the community district number and name?** For example, if you chose Greenpoint, you would enter this below: BK01: Greenpoint/Willamsburg.
    a. _____
2. **Look at DEMOGRAPHICS. Enter the following information about your chosen neighborhood:**
    a. 2017 population (in terms of numbers): _____
    b. Percent who identified as Asian: _____
    c. Percent who identified as Black: _____
    d. Percent who identified as Latinx (Hispanic): _____
    e. Percent who identified as White: _____
    f. Median household income for the neighborhood: _____
    g. Percent compared to median household income for NYC, which was $62,040 in 2017 (enter the % and whether it was more or less than citywide): _____
    h. Neighborhood poverty rate in 2017 (NYC was 17.9%): _____
3. **Look at HOUSING for the area. Enter the following information about your chosen neighborhood:**
    a. Median gross rent (amount agreed to in the lease plus utilities) in 2006: _____
    b. Median gross rent in 2017: _____
    c. Median asking rent in neighborhood in 2017: _____
    d. Median asking rent in borough in 2017: _____
    e. Median asking rent in NYC in 2017: _____
    f. Percent of renter households that were severely rent burdened (spent more than 50% of income on rent): _____
4. Look at the **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND CONDITIONS**. Enter the following information about your chosen neighborhood:
    a. 4th grade students performing at grade level in math in neighborhood: _____
    b. 4th grade students performing at grade level in math in borough: _____
    c. 4th grade students performing at grade level in math in NYC: _____
    d. 4th grade students performing at grade level in English in neighborhood: _____
    e. 4th grade students performing at grade level in English in borough: _____
    f. 4th grade students performing at grade level in English in NYC: _____
    g. Serious crime rate in neighborhood (not a percent): _____
    h. Serious crime rate in NYC (not a percent): _____

Now, consult the neighborhood DATA SUMMARY to answer these questions:

5. Looking at **household income distribution (the figure in the top left of the sheet)**, how did the distribution change from 2000 to 2013-2017?
    a. Percent earning less than $20,000 in 2000: _____
    b. Percent earning less than $20,000 in 2013-17: _____
    c. Percent earning $20,001-$40,000 in 2000: _____
    d. Percent earning $20,001-$40,000 in 2013-17: _____
    e. Percent earning $40,001-$60,000 in 2000: _____
    f. Percent earning $40,001-$60,000 in 2013-17: _____
    g. Percent earning $60,001-100,000 in 2000: _____
    h. Percent earning $60,001-100,000 in 2013-17: _____
    i. Percent earning $100,001-$250,000 in 2000: _____
    j. Percent earning $100,001-$250,000 in 2013-17: _____
    k. Percent earning more than $250,000 in 2000: _____
    l. Percent earning more than $250,000 in 2013-17: _____
6. Looking at **race and ethnicity (the figure in the top right of sheet)**, how did the distribution change from 2000 to 2017?
    a. Percent Asian in 2000: _____
    b. Percent Asian in 2017: _____
    c. Percent Black in 2000: _____
    d. Percent Black in 2017: _____
    e. Percent Latinx/Hispanic in 2000: _____
    f. Percent Latinx/Hispanic in 2017: _____
    g. Percent White in 2000: _____
    h. Percent White in 2017: _____
7. For the most recent year available, what percentage of the neighborhood population were over age 65?
    a. Year: _____ Population aged 65+: _____
8. For the most recent year available, what percentage of the neighborhood were households with children under 18 years old?
    a. Year: _____ Households with children under 18 years old: _____
9. For the most recent year available, what percentage of the neighborhood population is foreign-born?
    a. Year: _____ Foreign-born population: _____
10. What is the neighborhood **rank** for poverty rate in 2017-18? [Be careful here, rank and rate are not the same thing. Rank is not a percentage.]
    a. _____ out of 59 neighborhoods
11. What is the neighborhood **rank** for unemployment rate?
    a. _____ out of 59 neighborhoods
12. What is the neighborhood **rank** for population aged 25+ with a bachelor's degree or higher?
    a. _____ out of 59 neighborhoods
13. What is the neighborhood **rank** for population aged 25+ without a high school diploma?
    a. _____ out of 59 neighborhoods
14. For the most recent year, what is the **rate** (not rank) of serious housing code violations?
    a. Year: _____ Serious housing code violations: _____
15. What is the 2017-18 neighborhood **rank** for serious crime rate?
    a. _____ out of 59 neighborhoods