Shifting Demographics in Houston

Map Warper

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This project focuses on the shifting demographics of the Houston area in order to trace the growth of Latino neighborhoods and changes due to gentrification.

Introduction

Resources & Tools

Future Work / Next Steps

1950-1980 census of population and housing. Census tracts. Houston, Tex., standard metropolitan statistical area.. U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. data.census.gov
HathiTrust Digital Library
QGIS
Google Spreadsheets
Tableau

Challenges

Charted out census tract data for every decade starting in 1950.

Current Work

I created a percentage statistic for every value, with the concentrations of Latinx people divided in four categories

- 1.0-25%
- 2.25-50%
- 3.50-75%
- 4.75-100%

Latinx census statistics presents the challenges of location and underreporting:

- The 1950 and 1960 censuses do not explicitly ask Hispanic/Latino origin, rather their designation is based on whether or not the person has a Spanish Surname.
- Zoning creates census tracts that are partially in Houston and partially in another city, leaving the data potentially inaccurate

With the data centralized in a google spreadsheet and categorized into a common statistical value, the next step is to map out the data as a means of visualizing what has been accomplished. I am hoping to use Q Geographic Information System, a free open source software, as a means of visualizing the data in an interactive and easy-to-read digital map.

U.S. Bureau of the Census. U.S. Censuses of Population and Housing: 1960. Map. U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1962.

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	Total Persons	Spanish Sur Native	Spanish Sur Foreign	Percent Nat	Percent For	Total Spanish Sur
23	6765	4663	900	68.93%	13.30%	82.23%
24	2723	1431	281	52.55%	10.32%	62.87%
19	8661	4053	982	46.80%	11.34%	58.13%
17	3284	1328	275	40.44%	8.37%	48.81%
20	9480	3607	901	38.05%	9.50%	47.55%
10	13760	4979	859	36.18%	6.24%	42.43%
16	5179	1750	268	33.79%	5.17%	38.97%
15	7985	1947	282	24.38%	3.53%	27.91%
6	6820	1522	240	22.32%	3.52%	25.84%
7b	4767	1058	128	22.19%	2.69%	24.88%
56	8812	1434	237	16.27%	2.69%	18.96%
54	10953	1750	255	15.98%	2.33%	18.31%
97b	3195	498	86	15.59%	2.69%	18.28%
22	9721	1433	271	14.74%	2.79%	17.53%
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