

# Visualization of BLS Geospatial Data using R/Shiny

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# Can we do this in R - Why R?

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- R is an open source software.
  - ▶ Free
  - ▶ Versatile
  - ▶ Functional
  - ▶ Trendy
- FREE!
- And, Yes, it can make maps.

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# What is OES?

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- OES provides employment and wage estimates for
  - Over 800 occupations
  - Over 300 industries
  - More than 375 Metropolitan areas
  - 34 metropolitan divisions
  - All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands
  - Non-metropolitan areas.
- Published annually.

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# OES maps

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- OES Maps

# Making a Dynamic Tool: Using Shiny

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- Shiny is a package within R for interactive applications
  - ▶ Works with other packages in R for maps, graphs, tables, etc.
  - ▶ Deployed via a server
    - Deployment options include a local server or cloud based server
    - Users do not require R, the packages, or data to use the application

# Mapping in R

## ■ ChoroplethR package

- ▶ Pros: very useful to make a quick state map
- ▶ Cons: limited interactivity and difficult to incorporate shape files to map MSAs

### OES map

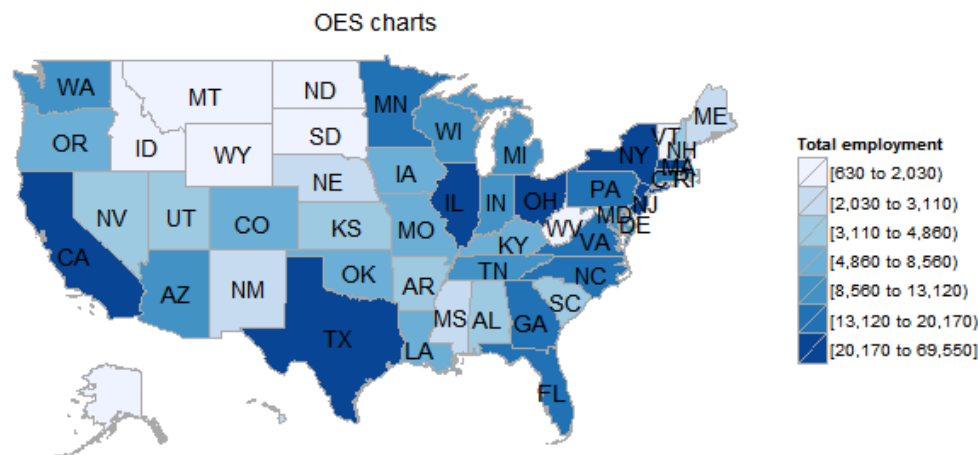
Inputs will go here

**Choose a statistic**

mean annual wage ▼

**Choose a job**

Financial Managers ▼



# Early trials with Leaflet

- Pros: Increased interactivity with maps, Easy compatibility with shape files
- Cons: Difficult to change projection

## OES map

Choose a statistic  
mean annual wage

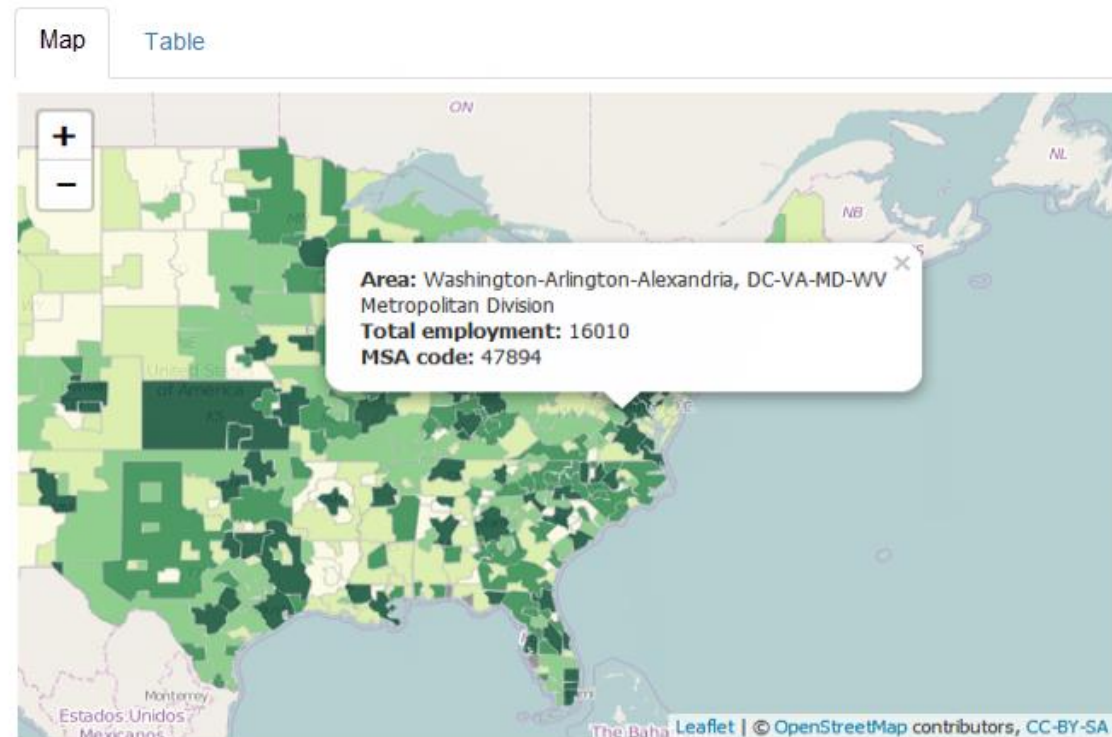
Choose a major occupational group  
Computer and Mathematical Occs

Choose a job  
Computer Programmers

Choose map type  
 State  
 MSA  
 County

Year  
1,995 2,003 2,011

Plot Data



# Can we add a legend?

## ■ No.

▶ Leaflet had a legend tool, but not dynamic.

▶ Joe Cheng, Leaflet developer, showed us how. Special Thanks!

Show values instead of percentile ranges in legends that use colorQuantile palette #113

 chokn opened this issue on Jun 5 · 2 comments



chokn commented on Jun 5

When using a `colorQuantile` color palette, is it possible to have the legend show the numeric values corresponding to the percentile ranges instead of the percentile ranges themselves?



jcheng5 commented on Jun 5

Owner


You can do it by providing your own `labFormat` function:

```
leaflet() %>% addLegend(pal=colorQuantile("Blues", 1:10), values=1:10, labFormat = function(type, c
n = length(cuts)
p = paste0(round(p * 100), '%')
cuts = paste0(formatC(cuts[-n]), " - ", formatC(cuts[-1]))
# mouse over the legend labels to see the percentile ranges
paste0(
  '<span title="' , p[-n], " - ", p[-1], '">', cuts,
  '</span>'
)
})
```



chokn commented on Jun 5

Thanks so much for the quick response!

 chokn closed this on Jun 5

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# Thanks to Everyone!

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- Other features added with input from
  - ▶ Jean Fox
  - ▶ David Hiles
  - ▶ Ben Cover
  - ▶ Michael Schwarz
- Resources
  - ▶ Shiny Tutorial at <http://shiny.rstudio.com/>
  - ▶ SuperZip Example by Rstudio
  - ▶ GitHub
  - ▶ StackOverflow

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# **CAN WE DEPLOY OUR DYNAMIC MAPPING TOOL FOR OES DATA?**

# Demonstration

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