FEMA Trailers in Post-Katrina New Orleans Codebook

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Stata Variable Name: zip_code
Full Variable Name: Zip code Identifier
type: numeric (long)

range: [70037,71353] units: 1
unique values: 114 missing: 0/114

This variable provides the five digit ZIP-code identified used by the Postal System and the US government for each observation. The dataset includes the 114 zip codes in and around metropolitan New Orleans, Louisiana where temporary FEMA trailers could have been placed post-Katrina.

Stata Variable Name: numftrailersites
Full Variable Name: Number of Trailer Sites

type: numeric (byte)

range: [1,73] units: 1
unique values: 20 missing: 0/114

mean: 5.64035
std. dev: 10.4958

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	1	1	2	5	13

This variable measures the number of FEMA trailer sites per zip code area. It is based upon the *TAC-RC-IA Priority Sites Report*. We aggregated individual counts within each zip code to the zip code level.

Stata Variable Name: numtrailerunits
Full Variable Name: Number of Trailer Units

type: numeric (int)

range: [3,3787] units: 1
unique values: 94 missing: 0/114

mean: 465.044
std. dev: 624.175

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	33	99	227.5	520	1239

This variable uses the *TAC-RC-IA Priority Sites Report* to calculate, per zip code, the number of trailer units, as opposed to trailer sites, per zip code.

Stata Variable Name: nola_dummy
Full Variable Name: New Orleans, Louisiana Dummy Variable

type: numeric (byte)

range: [0,1] units: 1
unique values: 2 missing: 0/114

tabulation: Freq. Value
96 0
18 1

This variable captures whether or not the zip code is within the New Orleans, Louisiana city limits.

Stata Variable Name: total_pop
Full Variable Name: Total Population per Zip Code Bloc

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            type:  numeric (long)

           range:  [472,57638]              units:  1
     unique values:  114                    missing:  0/114

            mean:   17426.1
         std. dev:   13516.8

      percentiles:       10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                        2547      6383     14927     24760     36847
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This variable captures the total number of individuals within the zip code according to U.S. census statistics.

Stata Variable Name: voting_age_pop
Full Variable Name: Population of Voting Age Individuals

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            type:  numeric (long)

           range:  [351,40600]              units:  1
     unique values:  114                    missing:  0/114

            mean:     12617
         std. dev:   9829.24

      percentiles:       10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                        1838      4582     10521     18243     28897
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This variable calculates the number of individuals of voting age (18 or older) within the population.

Stata Variable Name: votingage_
Full Variable Name: Voting Age Percentage
type: numeric (float)

range: [14.3,86.8] units: .1
unique values: 74 missing: 0/114

mean: 71.5421
std. dev: 6.45761

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%
68.4 69.9 71.65 73.3 76.8

This variable shows what percentage of the total population in a zip code is old enough to vote (18 or older).

Stata Variable Name: perctpop__65
Full Variable Name: Percentage of the Population 65 and older
type: numeric (float)

range: [3.8,20.2] units: .1
unique values: 70 missing: 0/114

mean: 11.3175
std. dev: 2.92288

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%
7.6 9.3 11.3 13.3 15.2

This variable records what percentage of the population within the zip code is aged 65 or older.

Stata Variable Name: areamiles
Full Variable Name: Area in Square Miles

type: numeric (float)

range: [.4,445.7] units: .1
unique values: 108 missing: 0/114

mean: 75.6921
std. dev: 98.1641

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	3.8	8.9	39.3	91.3	217

This records how large the zip code bloc is in square miles.

Stata Variable Name: popdensity
Full Variable Name: Population Density
type: numeric (float)

range: [7.4826117,12836.923] units: 1.000e-07
unique values: 114 missing: 0/114

mean: 1676.12
std. dev: 2720.31

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	46.687	85.5569	277.158	2234.38	5913.54

Calculated using the variables area and population, this measure captures the number of people per square mile within the zip code.

Stata Variable Name: houseprice
Full Variable Name: Median House Price

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            type:  numeric (long)

           range:  [42900,184300]           units:  100
    unique values:  107                     missing:  0/114

            mean:   79577.2
         std. dev:   25839.1

      percentiles:       10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                       51900     61200     75500     89600    112400
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This measure captures the median house price in the zip code in dollars.

Stata Variable Name: income
Full Variable Name: Average Income

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            type:  numeric (long)

           range:  [7448,52375]             units:  1
    unique values:  114                     missing:  0/114

            mean:   30544.7
         std. dev:   8524.12

      percentiles:       10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                       20977     24353     29454     35294     44268
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This measure captures the median household income in the zip code in US dollars.

Stata Variable Name: perctuniv
Full Variable Name: Percentage of the Population which Attended University

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,50.6] units: .1
unique values: 93 missing: 0/114

mean: 14.6254
std. dev: 9.65234

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	5.4	8.2	11.3	18.2	29.1

This variable captures the percentage of the population which has obtained at least a bachelors degree. Specifically, it is the percentage of the population with bachelors degree plus the percentage of population holding a graduate or professional degree.

Stata Variable Name: percthighschool
Full Variable Name: Percentage of the Population which Graduated from High School

type: numeric (float)

range: [40.1,92.1] units: .1
unique values: 93 missing: 0/114

mean: 70.0579
std. dev: 9.77869

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	58.6	63.1	69.55	78.4	82.9

This variable captures the percentage of the population (per zip code) that graduated from high school.

Stata Variable Name: perctnonwhite
Full Variable Name: Percentage of the Population which is Non-White

type: numeric (float)

range: [2.4,98.5] units: .1
unique values: 108 missing: 0/114

mean: 42.9325
std. dev: 26.1834

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%
9.8 22.2 40.4 58 84.7

This variable captures the minority percentage in the zip code.

Stata Variable Name: perctbelowpoverty
Full Variable Name: Percentage of Families below the Poverty Line

type: numeric (float)

range: [5.6,71.9] units: .1
unique values: 97 missing: 0/114

mean: 23.1061
std. dev: 10.3692

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%
9.9 15.8 22.25 28.4 35.5

This variable captures the percentage of families within the zip code who were below the poverty line.

Stata Variable Name: perctunemployed
Full Variable Name: Percentage of the Population which is Unemployed

type: numeric (float)

range: [1,10.3] units: .1
unique values: 56 missing: 0/114

mean: 4.59649
std. dev: 1.9069

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%
2.5 3.2 4.3 5.4 7.2

This variable records the percentage of the population in the zip code which is unemployed.

Stata Variable Name: voterturnout
Full Variable Name: Percentage of Registered Votes who Voted in Presidential Election

type: numeric (float)

range: [.39053255,.76980484] units: 1.000e-08
unique values: 109 missing: 5/114

mean: .605261
std. dev: .065191

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%
.538486 .569165 .604528 .635445 .694561

This variable captures the voter turnout for each zip code bloc by averaging each voting precinct's voter turnout from the 2004 presidential election within the zip code. Voter turnout was defined as the number of people who actually voted in the election divided by the number of registered voters. The Louisiana Secretary of State website provided the number of voters that turned out for the 2004 presidential election for each of the voting precincts. (Voting precincts are smaller than zip code blocs). Using GIS data maps, we overlaid voting precincts with zip codes to calculate the average voter turnout per zip code.

Stata Variable Name: waterlevelrasterest
Full Variable Name: Water Level (Post-Katrina) Calculated using a Raster Map

type:	numeric (float)		
range:	[0,8.5]	units:	1.000e-08
unique values:	20	missing:	0/114
mean:	.727339		
std. dev:	1.6574		

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	0	0	0	.5	2.5

This variable captures water depth per zip code as estimated by raster map observations.

Stata Variable Name: waterlevelpointest
Full Variable Name: Water Level (Post-Katrina) Calculated using both Raster Maps and Available Estimates

type:	numeric (float)		
range:	[0,8.2200003]	units:	1.000e-08
unique values:	29	missing:	0/114
mean:	.74068		
std. dev:	1.65805		

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	0	0	0	.4	2.45

This variable captures the post-Katrina water level per zip code. It was calculated through averaging two observers' recorded estimates for these flood levels based on raster maps, FEMA maps, and a Times-Picayune map (sources are detailed at the end of this code book).

Stata Variable Name: waterlevelcga
Full Variable Name: Water Level (Post-Katrina) Calculated by the Center for Geographic Analysis

type: numeric (float)

range:	[0,8.117]	units:	.001
unique values:	29	missing:	0/114

mean:	.601588
std. dev:	1.53446

percentiles:	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%
	0	0	0	.011	2.207

This variable records, by zip code, the estimated level of water taken on using an analysis carried out by the Harvard University Center for Geographic Analysis on a LIDAR generated map created by C&C Technologies.

Data Sources for this Dataset:

Trailer Sites:

TAC-RC-IA Priority Sites Report (Master Copy). Dated 29 June 2006. Provided by New Orleans Housing Department and the Governor's Hurricane Housing Task Force officials.

Demographic Data:

United States Census Website (www.census.gov)

Political Data:

Louisiana Secretary of State Website (http://www.sec.state.la.us/).

Geographic Data:

ESRI Data and Maps, Louisiana. Tiger 95 Louisiana Voting District Polygons.

Flood Levels:

C&C Technologies LIDAR points (direct communication with Scott Croft). Harvard University Center for Geographic Analysis (CGS) 10-hour analysis of C&C LIDAR point blocs. Lorena Iniguez (Los Angeles Times) (undated) Times Picayune map. ITS FEMA Map dated 9/8/05.