Data analysis in R

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Materials for this class

https://economic.github.io/data_bootcamp/

Outline for today

- 1. Review of R basics
- 2. Inflation adjust minimum wage data
- 3. Calculate shares of workers affected by minimum wage

Review

- 1. Calculations, functions, objects
- 2. Packages
- 3. rstudio basics

Inflation adjust minimum wage data

Ohio raised its minimum wage in 2007 and indexed to inflation.

Goal: calculate and create a figure of inflation-adjusted Ohio minimum wage since 1970s.

Minimum wage data:

https://github.com/benzipperer/historicalminwage/releases

Inflation data:

https://www.bls.gov/cpi/research-series/r-cpi-u-rs-home.htm

Convert 1978 minimum wage to 2021 dollars

The 1978 wage in 1978 dollars:

$$wage_{1978} = 2.65$$

The 1978 wage in 2021 dollars

$$=\mathrm{wage}_{1978}\times\frac{\mathrm{CPI}_{2021}}{\mathrm{CPI}_{1978}}=2.65\times\frac{399.0}{104.4}=10.13$$

Every ggplot has three components

- 1. data
- 2. aesthetic mapping
- 3. geoms and other layers

```
ggplot(data, aes(x = xvar, y = yvar)) +
geom_line()
```

Who earns near the minimum wage?

Goal: calculate how many Ohio workers earn near actual/hypothetical minimum wage.

CPS ORG data: https://microdata.epi.org/

Resources

R tutorials

- ggplot book: https://ggplot2-book.org/
- R for data science: https://r4ds.had.co.nz/

CPS data

- CPS ORG data: https://microdata.epi.org/
- epiextractr: https://economic.github.io/epiextractr/