

Lecture 2a: Tuesday, January 22, Lorlene Hoyt

Part I of Lecture 2: INTRODUCTION TO DATABASE MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Crime Case Study

Overview

The Philadelphia Police Department (*as an example*)
Too Much Data?
Business Improvement Districts
Research Design (*that relies on MS Access and ArcView*)
Spatio-temporal Method of Crime Analysis
Findings

Spatial Analyses

Questions (hypotheses)
GIS to conduct an analysis of crime patterns in business improvement districts (BIDs)
GIS to create a new spatio-temporal method of analysis
Regression to control for socio-economic variation (U.S. Census Data)
Findings that support the effectiveness of BID security patrols

Professional Skill & Information Infrastructure

Importance of running queries in large databases
Advantages (and disadvantages) of combining data from different sources
A GIS depends on the data "behind the scenes"
The value of analyzing the spatio-temporal nature of data