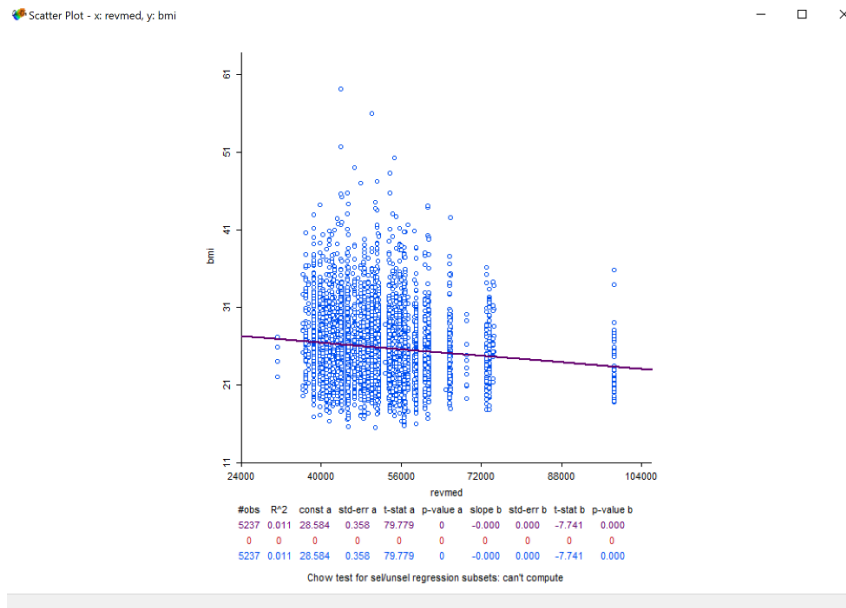


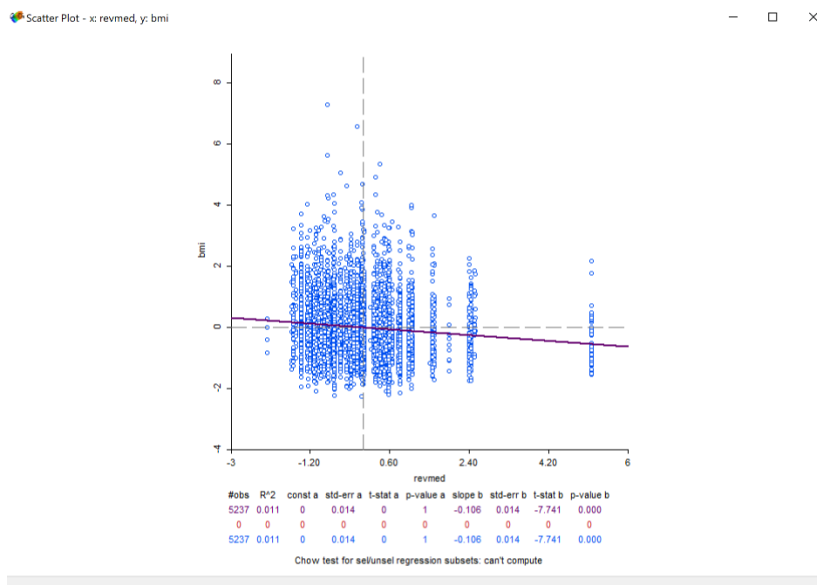
Exercise 5

Confounding factors & variable adjustment **Solution**

1. Produce a scatterplot of the relationship between BMI (y) and the median income (x); copy the scatterplot and paste it in a ms-word document



Scatter plot on raw values

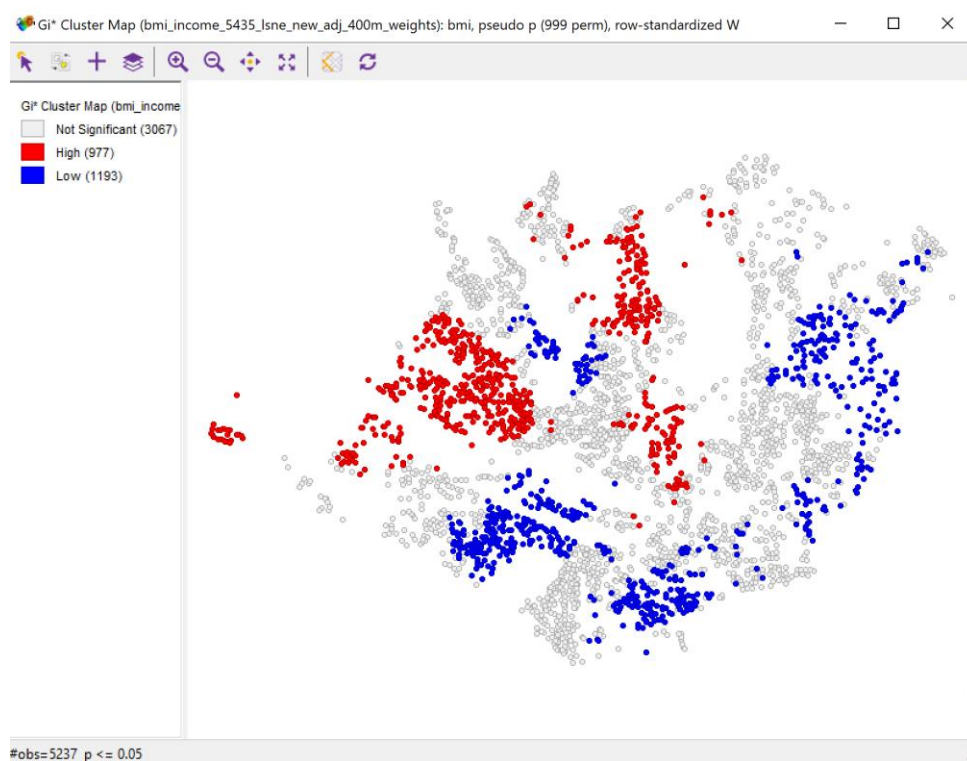


Scatter plot, on standardized values

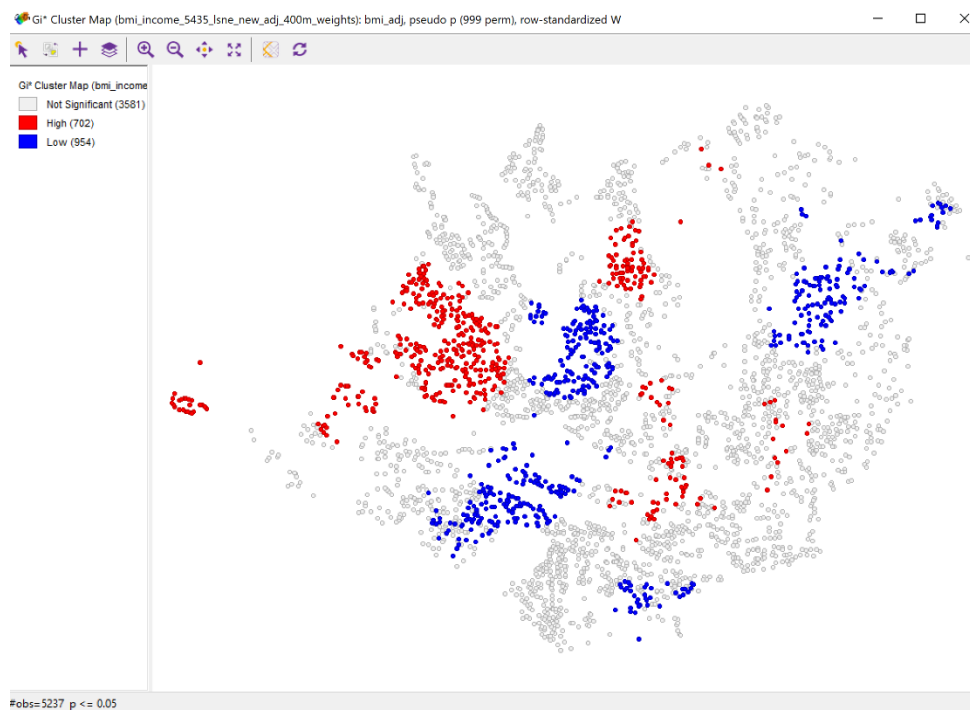
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5. Process the Getis-Ord Gi* statistics (weight row-standardized) for the raw BMI variable



Getis-ord Gi BMI non-adjusted*



Getis-ord Gi BMI adjusted for median income*

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9. We can observe smaller clusters (see the number of individuals within spatial autocorrelation classes), while the neutral class increases. Eastern and South-Eastern cold spots mainly disappear when adjusting for median income. A larger cold spot appears downtown.