



# Examining the S factor in US states

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## Abstract

A dataset of 25 diverse socioeconomic indicators for US states was compiled and subjected to factor analysis. Results showed that Washington DC was a strong outlier, but if it is excluded, then the S factor correlated strongly with state IQ (based on NAEP) at .75.

Ethnoracial demographics of the states were related to the state's IQ and S in the expected order (White>Hispanic>Black).

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