



The 'VID

Anti-Rona Task Force

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Why COVID?

The COVID-19 epidemic continues to have an unprecedented negative impact on our economy and communities.

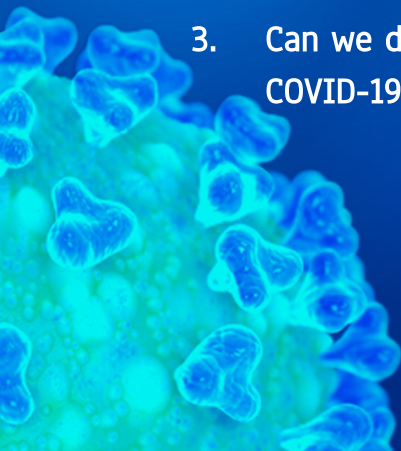
For this presentation, we will be focusing on COVID-19 related data sets to analyze and diagnose total cases, total deaths, survival rates, state success stories and anomalies in infection numbers.



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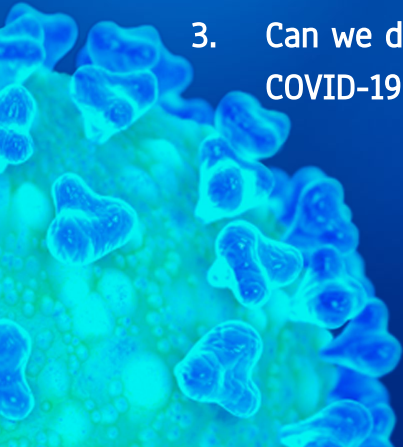
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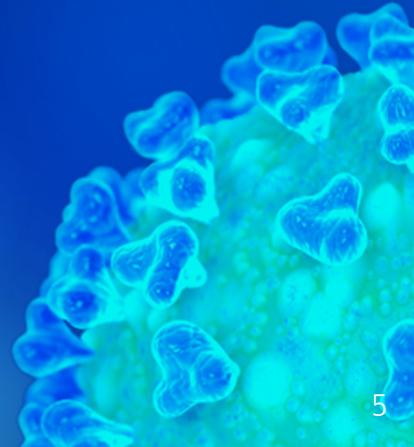
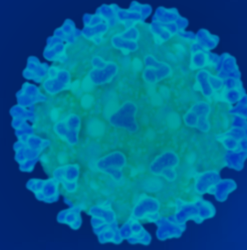
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Sec. I

Time Series Forecasting

Predict Future U.S. COVID-19 Trends

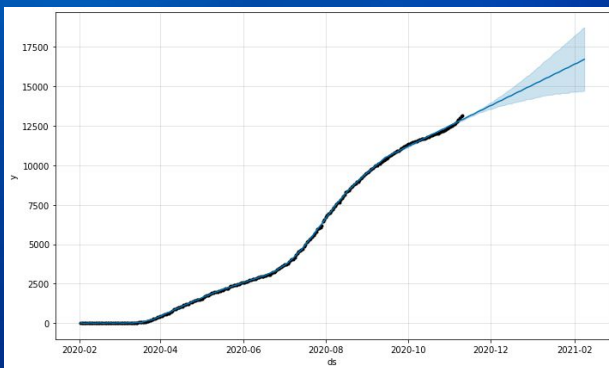


Time Series Forecasting

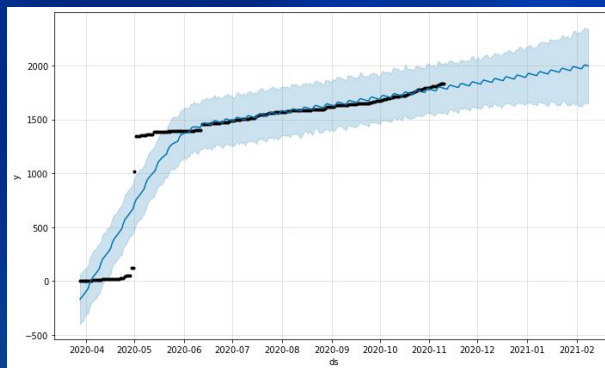
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Using Facebook Prophet we looked at record data to project the rates per county 90 days into the future. (With and without feature engineering.)

San Francisco County, CA



Trousdale County, TN



Resources/Tools

Facebook Prophet

- facebook.github.io/prophet
- Time Forecasting using an additive model



NY Times

- Data contains a running total of cases accumulated per day
- ~700k lines of data
- Updated multiple times per day
- github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data

```
date,county,state,fips,cases,deaths
2020-01-21,Snohomish,Washington,53061,1,0
2020-01-22,Snohomish,Washington,53061,1,0
2020-01-23,Snohomish,Washington,53061,1,0
2020-01-24,Cook,Illinois,17031,1,0
2020-01-24,Snohomish,Washington,53061,1,0
2020-01-25,Orange,California,06059,1,0
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2020-01-26,Maricopa,Arizona,04013,1,0
2020-01-26,Los Angeles,California,06037,1,0
```

US Census

- Data from 2019 to calculate rates per 100,000
- Adjacent County Data
- www.census.gov



InformationIsBeautiful

- Deadliness/Contagiousness chart
- <https://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/the-microbescope-infectious-diseases-in-context/>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluviewinteractive.htm>

Method

Standard data science libraries + Prophet

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import plotly.express as px
from fbprophet import Prophet
```

Merged and preprocessed data into cases per 100,000

```
df = df.merge(popdf, how='left', left_on='fips', right_on='FIPS')
...
df['rate'] = df['deaths'] / df['ratio']
```

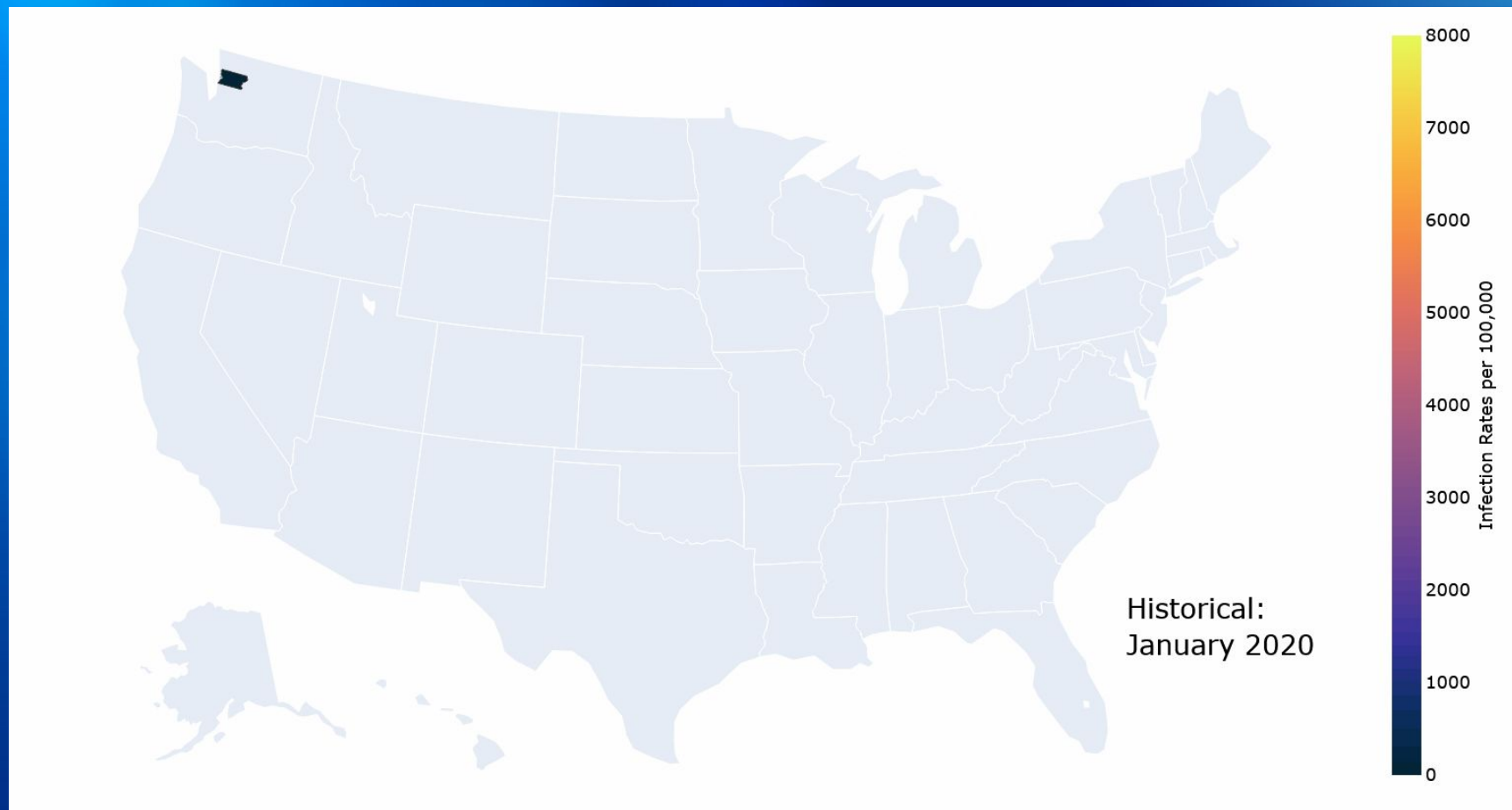
Concurrently ran each county through Prophet

```
m = Prophet()
m.fit(data)
result = m.predict(future)
```

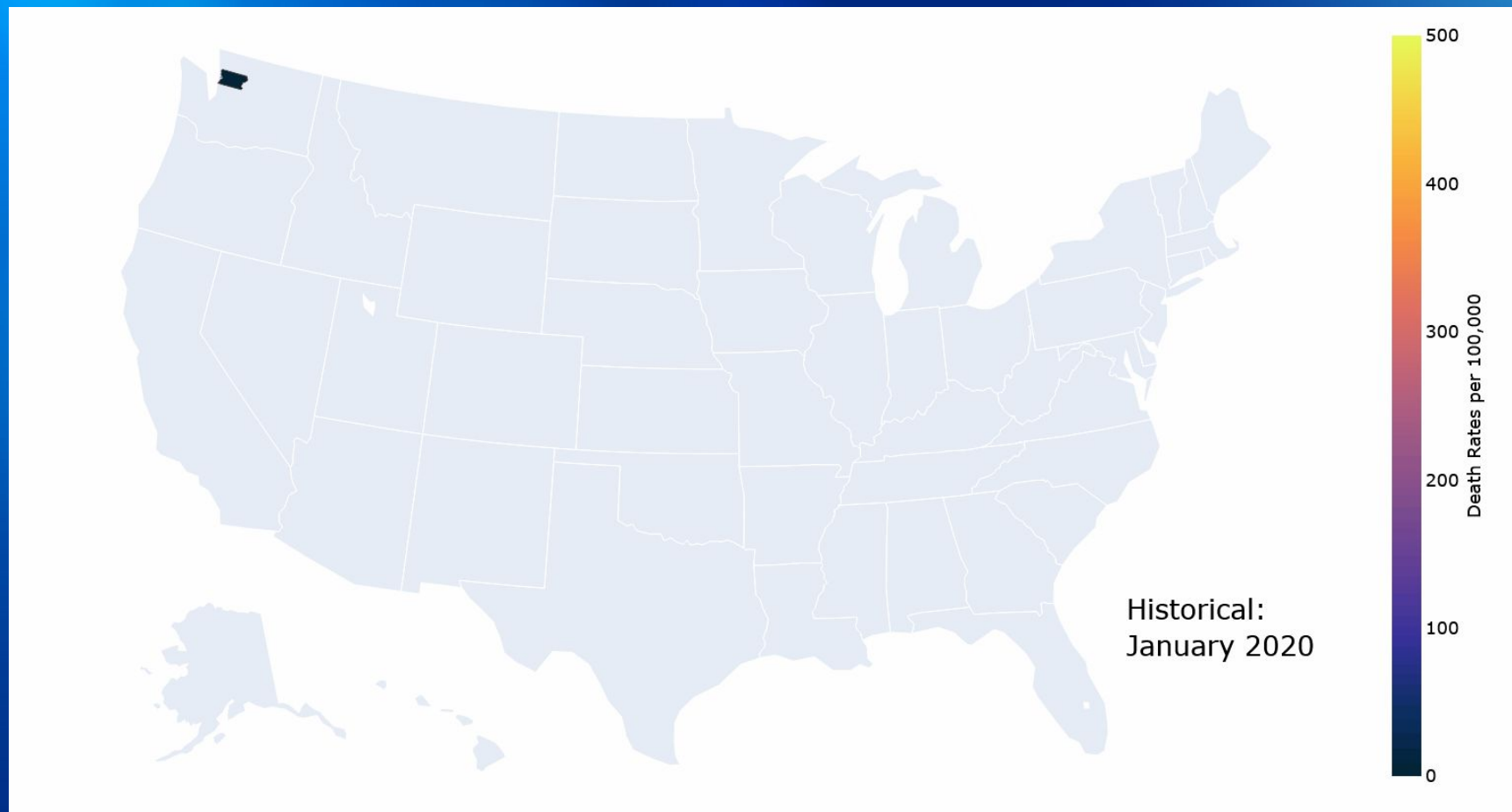
Plotted counties historical and projected rates

- Data had to be condensed into weekly
- Plotted using choropleth maps and county data provided by plotly

U.S. COVID-19 Cases per 100,000



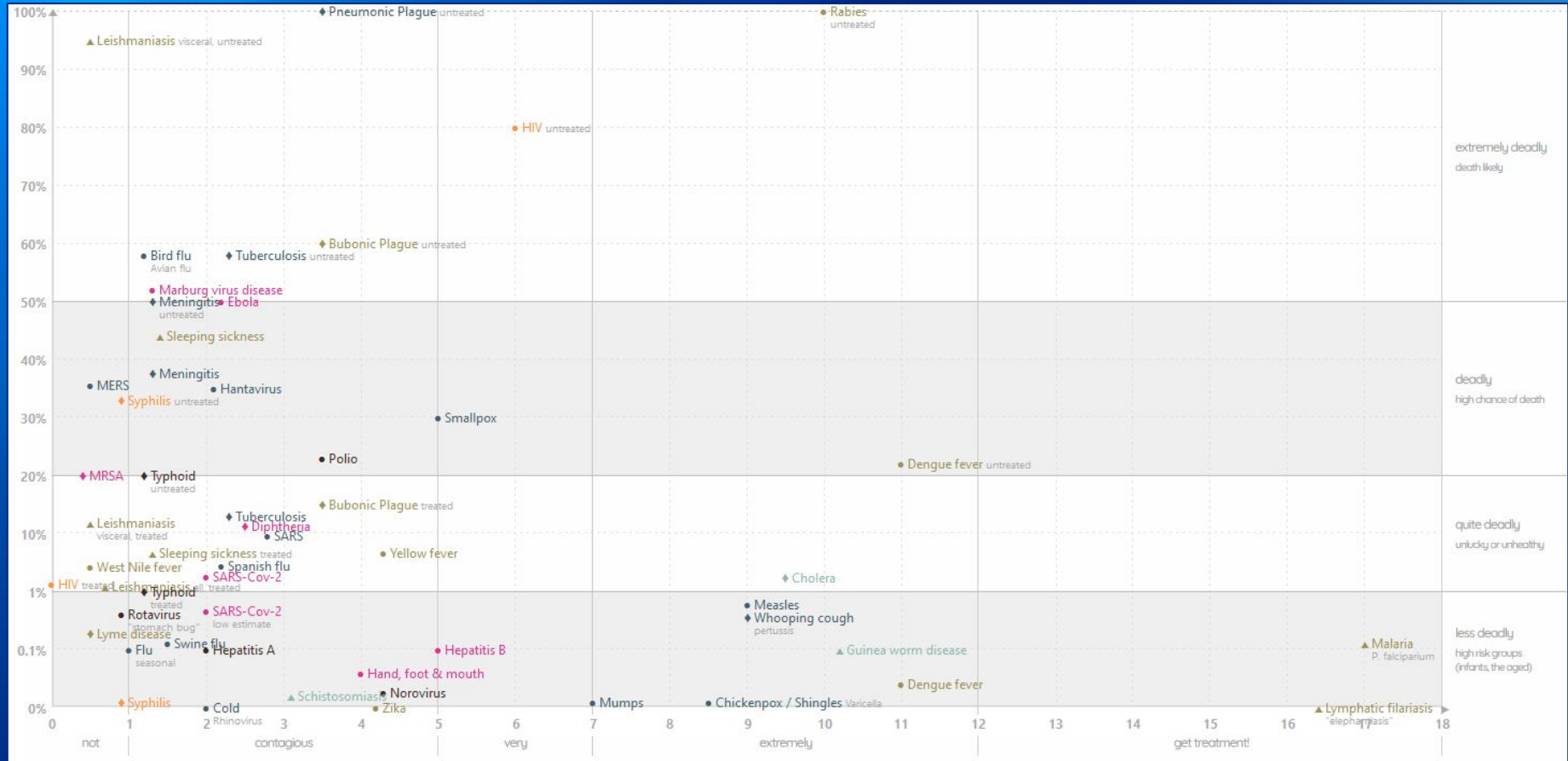
U.S. COVID-19 Deaths per 100,000



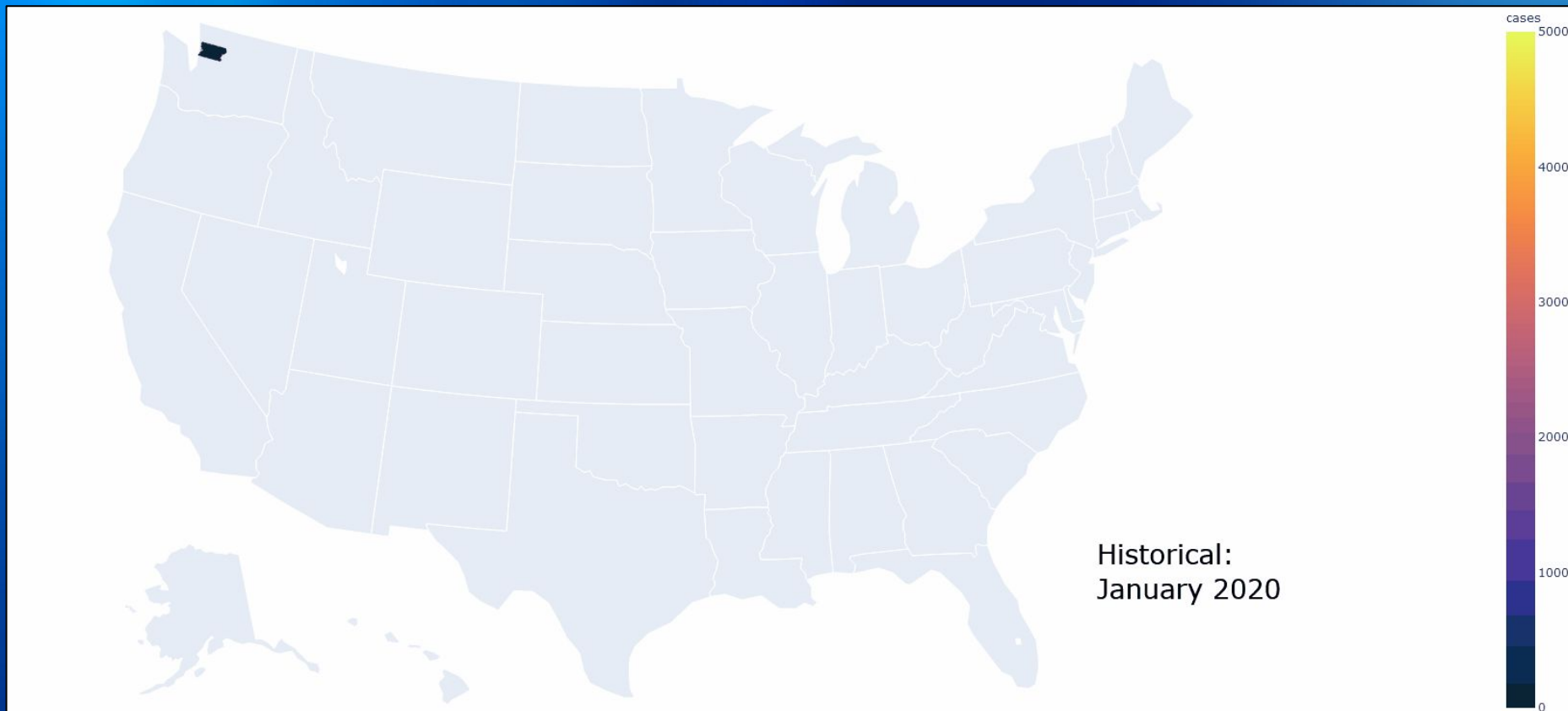
Further Feature Engineering

- **Adjacency**
 - <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/technical-documentation/records-layout/county-adjacency-record-layout.html>
 - **Training Data**
 - Using provided census data about adjacent counties the sum of cases in and around a county can be generated when combined with the NYTimes dataset
 - **Predicting Data**
 - Prophet was utilized to predict the sum of adjacent cases
- **Virus Projections**
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluviewinteractive.htm>
 - **Training Data**
 - Using CDC data from 2018-2019 on the amount of influenza-like illness cases weekly with linear interpolation to fill in daily data. Shift the dates to line up with the NYTimes data
 - Normalize ILI cases for each state, then average over all states for each day to be used as a feature
 - **Predicting Data**
 - "Future" ILI normalized values are already known

Why the flu?



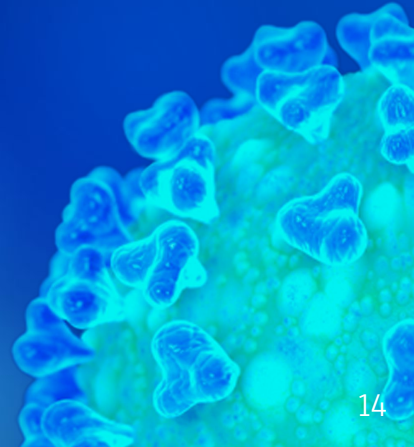
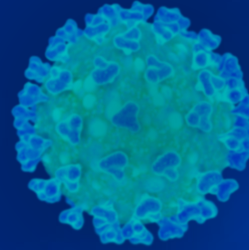
U.S. COVID-19 Projected Cases with Adjacency



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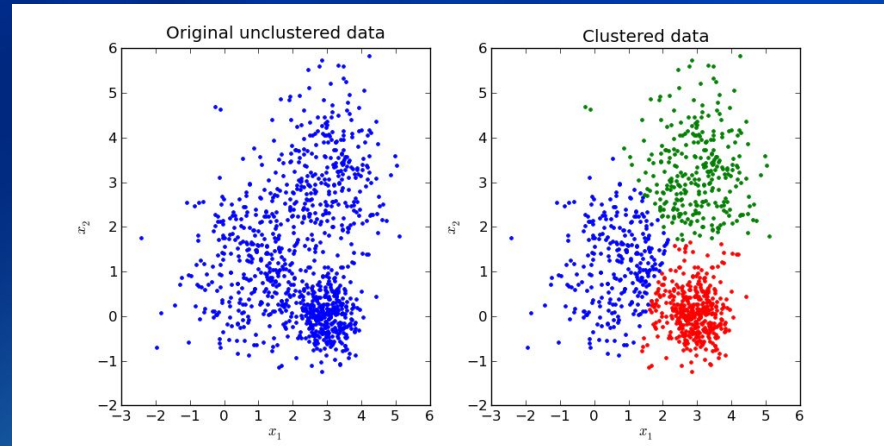
Clustering

Compare and Contrast County-by-County COVID-19 Response



Clustering

- Is the overall rate of infection related to state and county responses? How can we compare U.S. counties based on their COVID-19 response performance?
- To answer these questions, we construct a clustering model that groups U.S. counties together based on COVID-19 response performance metrics. We investigate if these metrics are correlated to overall infection rates.





New York Times Live COVID-19 Infections Dataset

<https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data>

County-By-County Case Data.

This information is necessary to compare counties based on response performance and COVID-19 infections per capita.

county	state	fips	cases	deaths	confirmed_cases	confirmed_deaths	probable_cases	probable_deaths
Autauga	Alabama	01001	2456	36	2199	33	257	3
Baldwin	Alabama	01003	7646	84	6397	80	1249	4
Barbour	Alabama	01005	1128	9	766	9	362	0
Bibb	Alabama	01007	986	17	887	13	99	4
Blount	Alabama	01009	2549	34	1949	33	600	1
Bullock	Alabama	01011	677	19	631	15	46	4
Butler	Alabama	01013	1087	41	1031	40	56	1
Calhoun	Alabama	01015	5608	77	4738	68	870	9
Chambers	Alabama	01017	1570	48	1010	41	560	7
Cherokee	Alabama	01019	908	15	650	14	258	1
Chilton	Alabama	01021	2078	36	1869	29	209	7
Choctaw	Alabama	01023	411	12	378	12	33	0
Clarke	Alabama	01025	1503	18	1225	16	278	2
Clay	Alabama	01027	850	13	727	13	123	0
Cleburne	Alabama	01029	669	11	623	11	46	0
Coffee	Alabama	01031	2170	14	1609	7	561	7

U.S. Census County Populations Dataset

<https://covid19.census.gov/datasets/21843f238cbb46b08615fc53e19e0daf?geometry=136.810%2C28.795%2C-136.179%2C67.148>

Attributes as Features. Many of these attributes, such as total population, population density, and average household size should intuitively be correlated with COVID-19 infections

Attributes

Chart

Area of Land (square meters)
Number

Area of Water (square meters)
Number

Average Household Size
Number

Average Household Size - Margin of Error
Number

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Unit
Number

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Unit - Margin of Error
Number

Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Unit
Number

Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Unit - Margin of Error
Number

created_date
Date or Time

created_user
Text

Geographic Identifier - FIPS Code
Text

GNIS County Code
Text

last_edited_date
Date or Time

last_edited_user
Text

Name
Text

OBJECTID
Unique ID

Population Density - Margin of Error
Number

Population Density (people per square kilometer)
Number

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Number

Shape__Length
Number

State
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Total Population
Number

Total Population - Margin of Error
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SHOW FEWER
Attributes

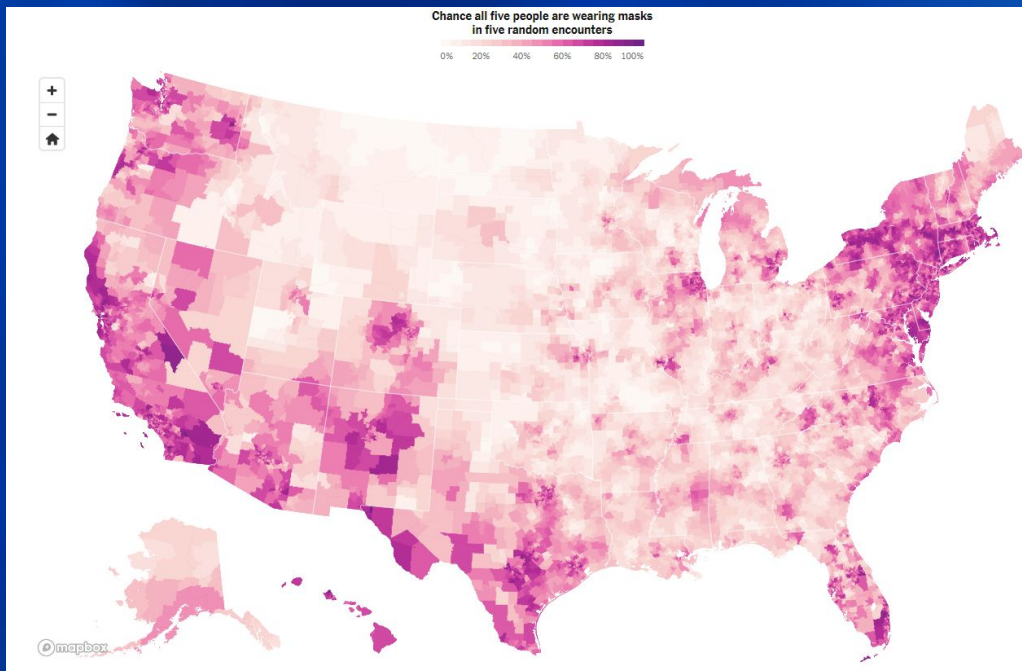
The New York Times COVID-19 Mask Use Dataset

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/07/17/upshot/coronavirus-face-mask-map.html>

How Does Mask Use Correspond to Infection Rates?

Mention Back to Time Series.

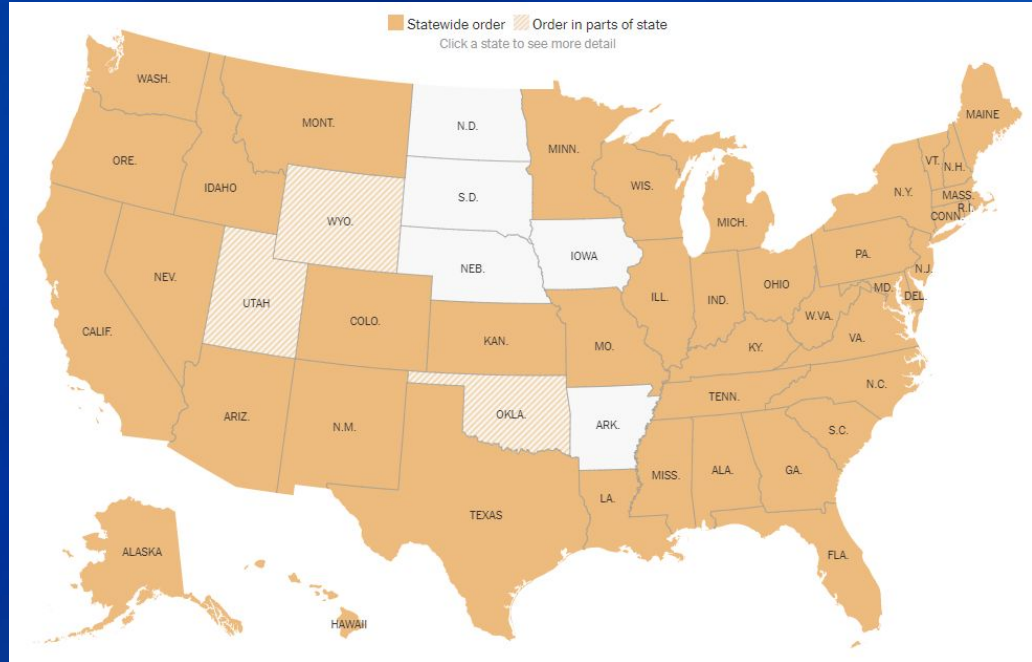
Counties with high mask use seemed to have high infection rates early on, but our forecasting model predicts lower infection rates for these counties in the future.



U.S. County Lockdown Dates Dataset

<https://www.kaggle.com/lin0li/us-lockdown-dates-dataset>

How Do Lockdown Dates Correspond to Infection Rates?



Tools

- Pandas dataframes
- Matplotlib visualizations
- Scikit-learn clustering algorithms
 - DBSCAN, MeanShift, AgglomerativeClustering, OPTICS
- Plotly express choroplex maps

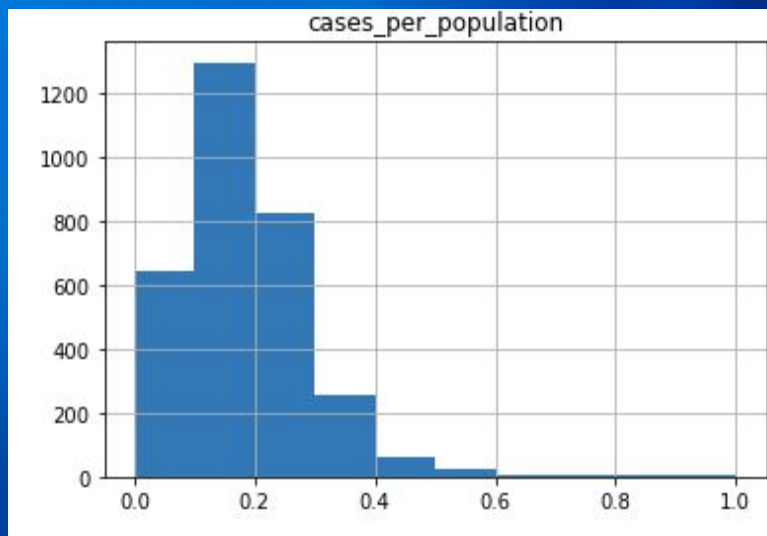




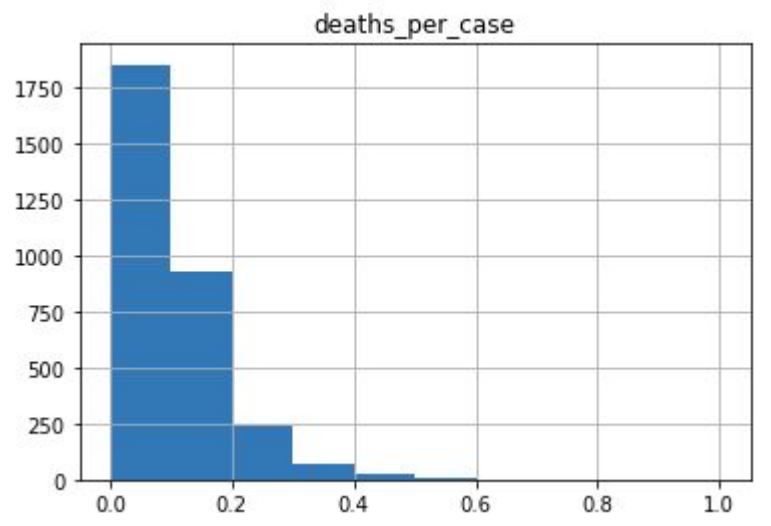
Feature Engineering

- COVID-19 Infections per Capita
 - `df['cases_per_population'] = df['cases'] / df['population']`
- COVID-19 Deaths per Case
 - `df['deaths_per_population'] = df['deaths'] / df['cases']`
- Population Density
- Average Household Size
- Mask Use Score
 - `df['mask_use'] = df['mask_always'] * 1 + df['mask_frequently'] * 0.75 + df['mask_sometimes'] * 0.5 + df['mask_rarely'] * 0.25 + df['mask_never'] * 0`
- Lockdown Score
 - `df['lockdown_score'] = df.lockdown.dt.dayofyear`
 - `df['lockdown_score'] = (df.lockdown_score - df.lockdown_score.min()) / (df.lockdown_score.max() - df.lockdown_score.min())`
 - `df['lockdown_score'] = 1 - df.lockdown_score`
- All input features are then standardized to range between 0 and 1
 - `df[column] = (df[column] - df[column].min()) / (df[column].max() - df[column].min())`
- Except for the lockdown score of counties that did not go into lockdown; they receive a lockdown score of -1.
 - `df['lockdown_score'] = df.lockdown_score.fillna(-1)`

Input Feature Histograms

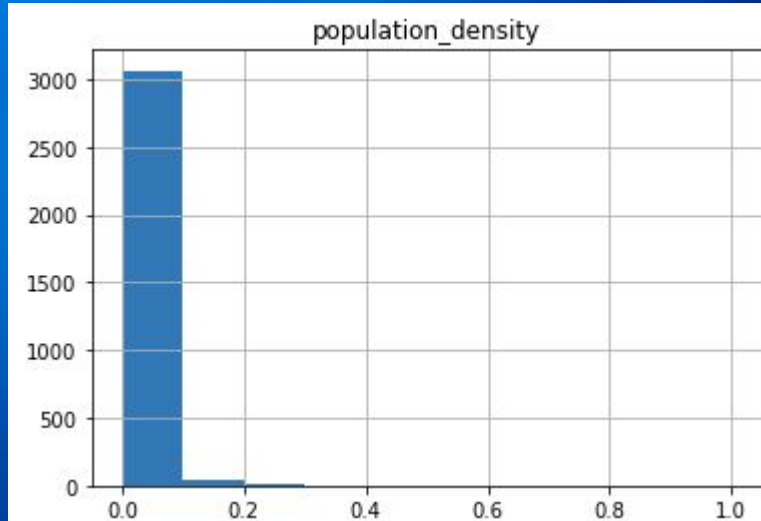


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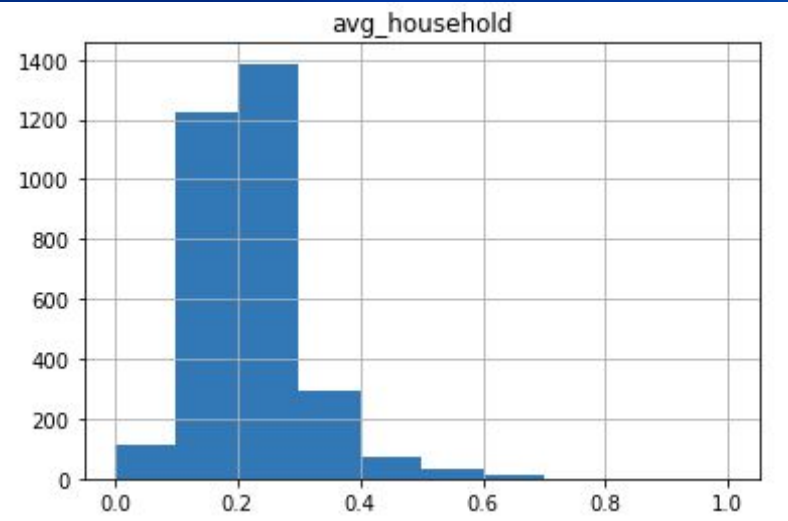


Mean: 0.102980

Input Feature Histograms Contd.

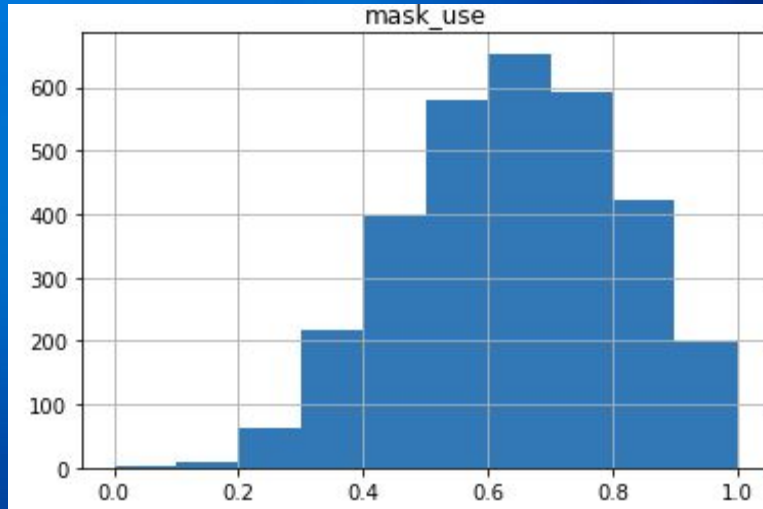


Mean: 0.011643

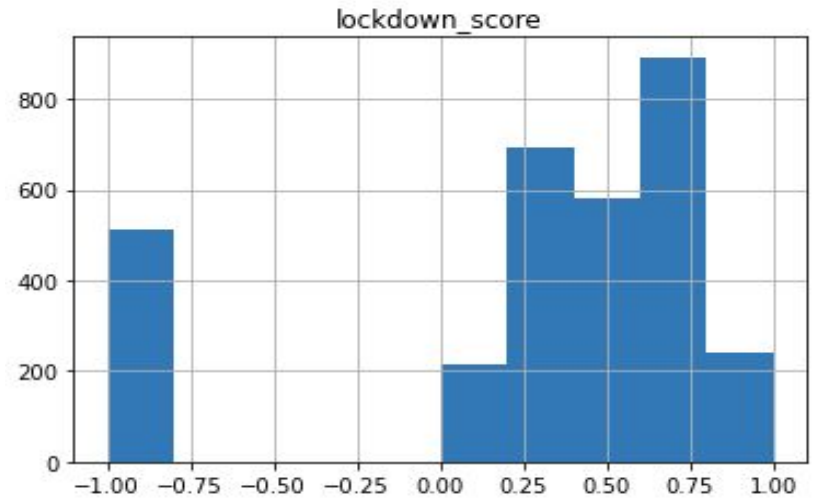


Mean: 0.222057

Input Feature Histograms Contd.



Mean: 0.640252



Mean: 0.254943



Input Feature Sets

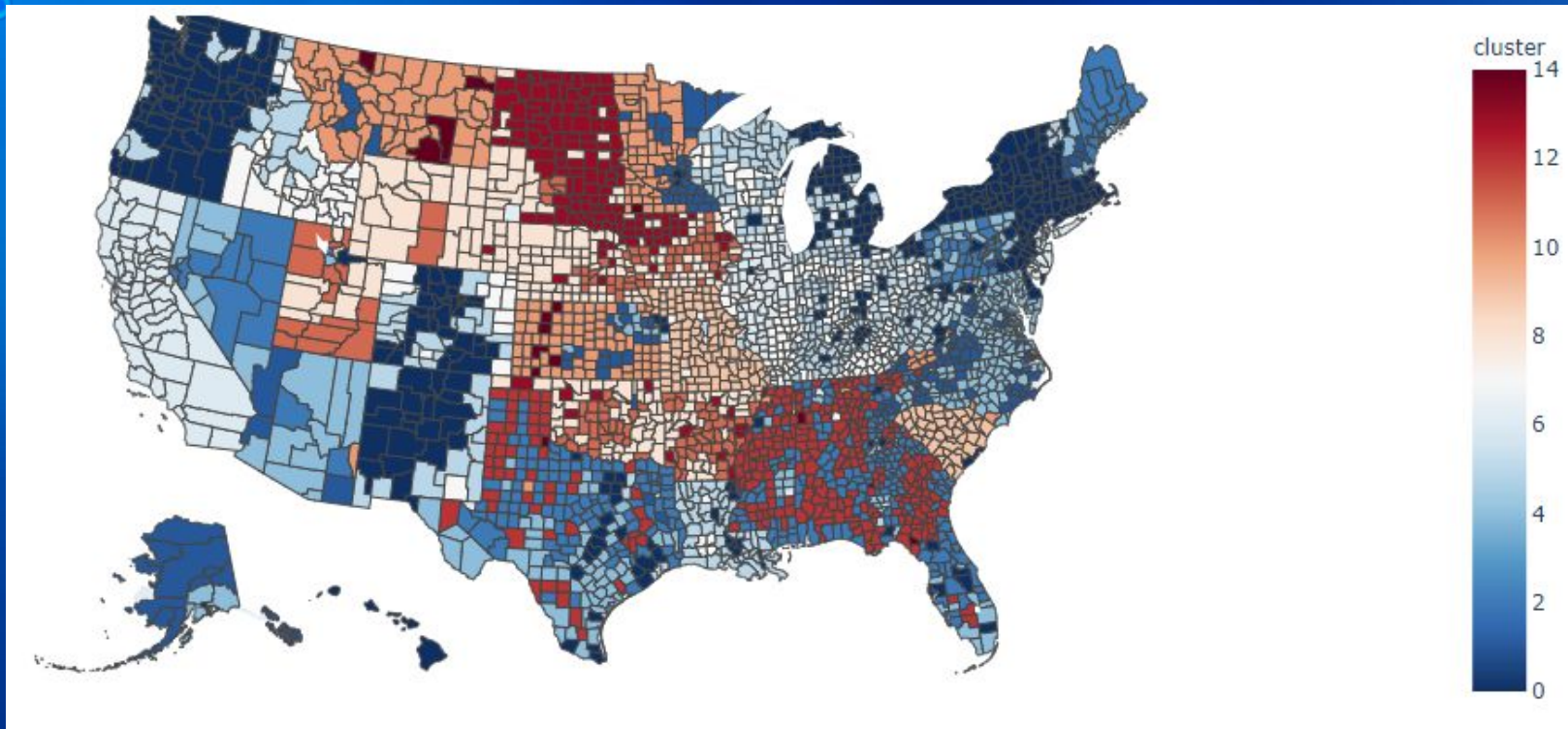
- All Input Features
 - Cases per capita
 - deaths per case
 - population density
 - average household size
 - mask use score
 - lockdown score
- Reduced Input Features
 - Cases per capita
 - population density
 - mask use score
 - lockdown score
- Reduced and Infectionless Features
 - Population density
 - mask use score
 - lockdown score



Clustering Model Performance

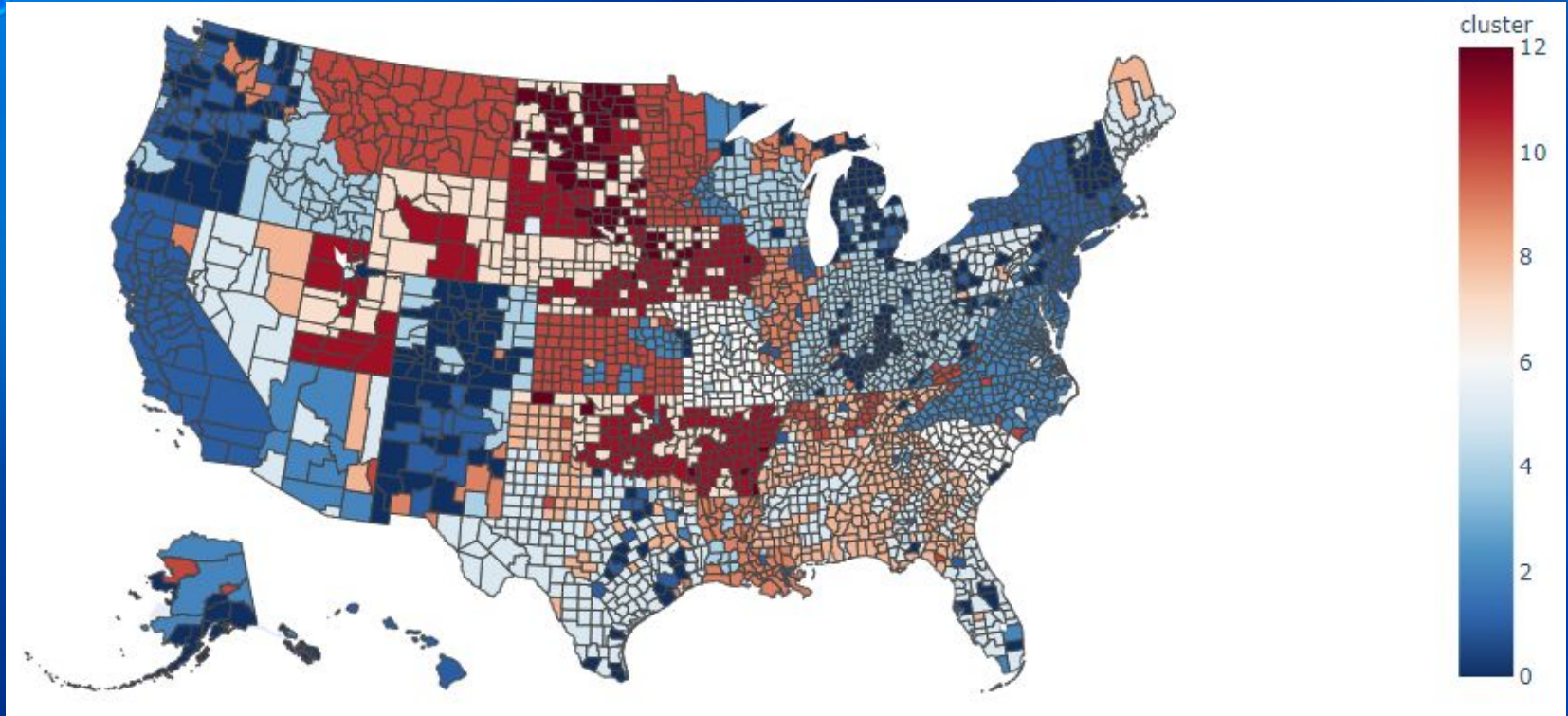
- The feature set containing all input features negatively impacted clustering models by adding greater variance to cluster sizes and feature values.
- OPTICS clustering algorithm failed to cluster almost every county
- DBSCAN and MeanShift models generated a few superclusters that were too varied to perform detailed analysis
- AgglomerativeClustering model performed very well, generating ~10 similarly sized clusters with discernable similarities in feature values.

Clustering Model Visualization - Yesterday Reduced Input Feature Set



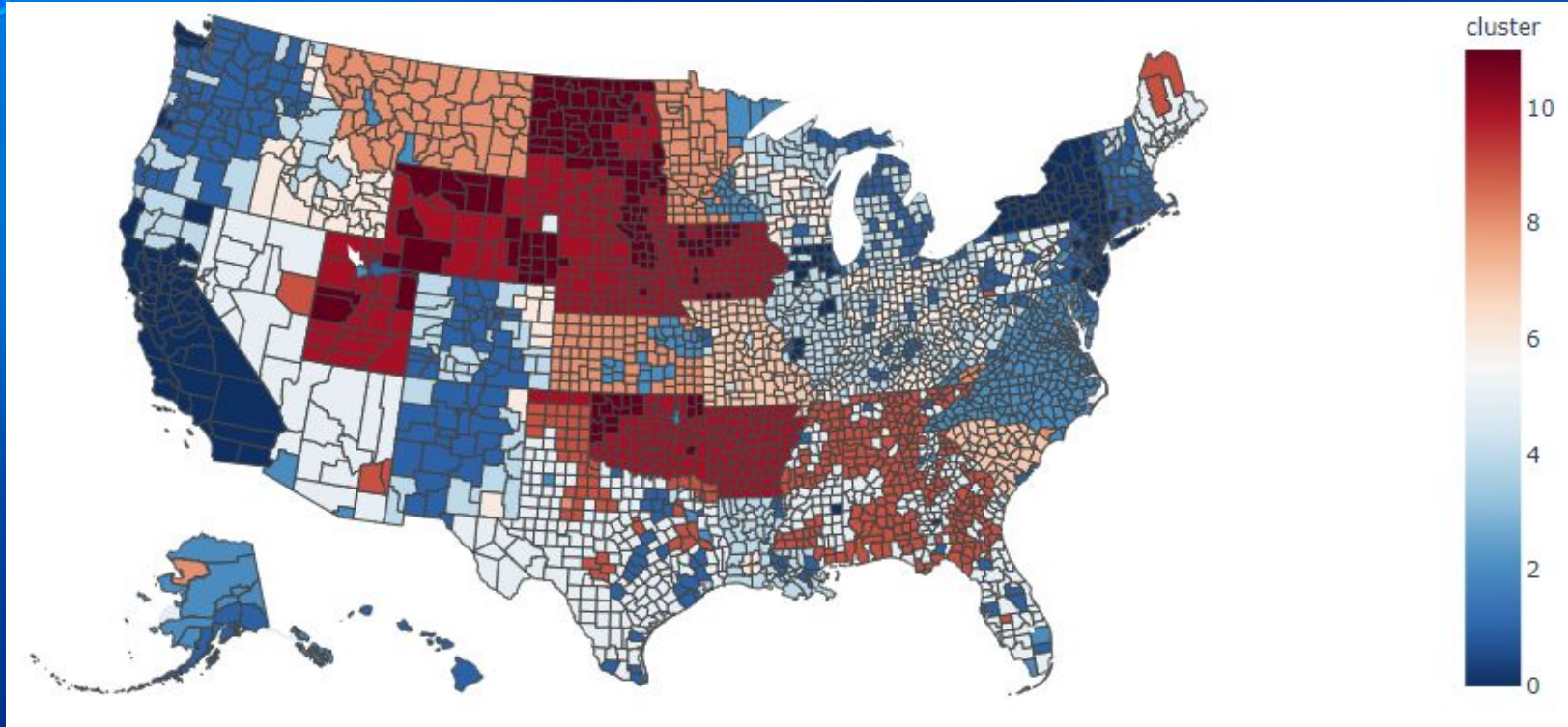
Clustering Model Visualization - Today

Reduced Input Feature Set



Clustering Model Visualization

Reduced and Infectionless Input Feature Set





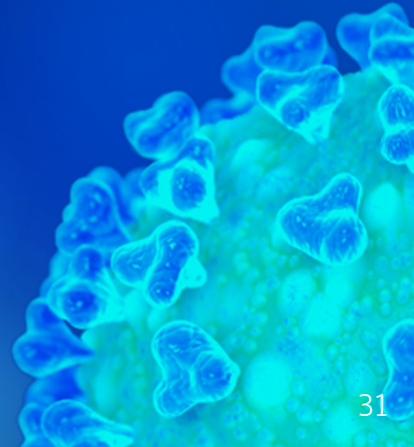
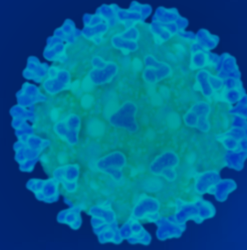
Results

- County-by-county COVID-19 response varies with county political affiliation
- COVID-19 response metrics are strongly correlated with decreased infection rates
 - **Mask use score and COVID-19 cases per capita** correlation coefficient = -0.361809
 - **Lockdown score and COVID-19 cases per capita** correlation coefficient = -0.351241
 - **Population density and COVID-19 cases per capita** correlation coefficient = -0.050637
 - **Cluster and COVID-19 cases per capita** correlation coefficient = 0.435473
 - **Cluster and population density** correlation coefficient = -0.212152
 - **Cluster and mask use score** correlation coefficient = -0.744674
 - **Cluster and lockdown score** correlation coefficient = -0.765620
- We would expect population density to be positively correlated with COVID-19 cases per capita, but this is not the case as population density is also positively correlated with COVID-19 response measures, like mask usage and lockdowns. **Counties at higher risk are taking more precautions, and the data shows them to be effective.**

Sec. III

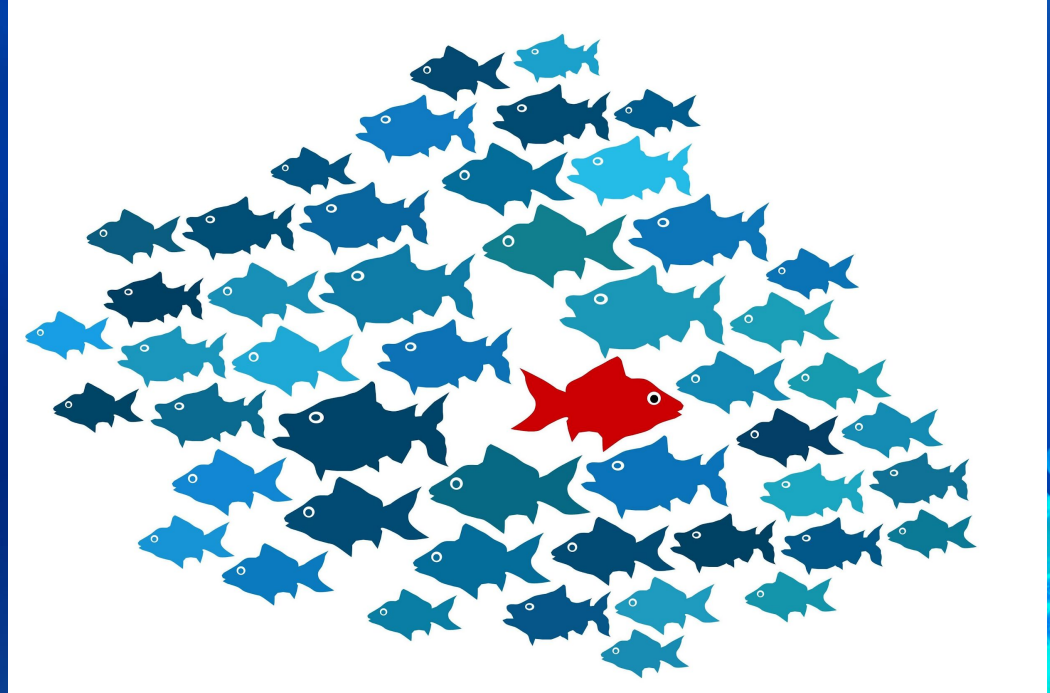
Anomaly Detection

Detect Abnormalities in U.S. COVID-19 Data



Anomaly Detection

Can we detect and explain anomalies in U.S. COVID-19 infections and deaths? Are there new insights about COVID-19 in the U.S. that can be determined by exploring these anomalies?



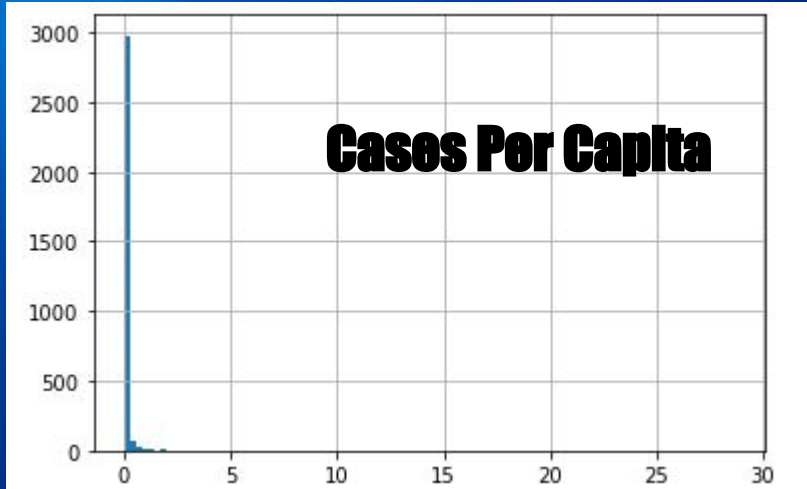


Tie in

- Find anomalies in data to see if we can find any counties that did a good/bad job at preventing COVID spread
- Sanity check data to make sure that there isn't any obvious mistakes

Exploratory Data Analysis

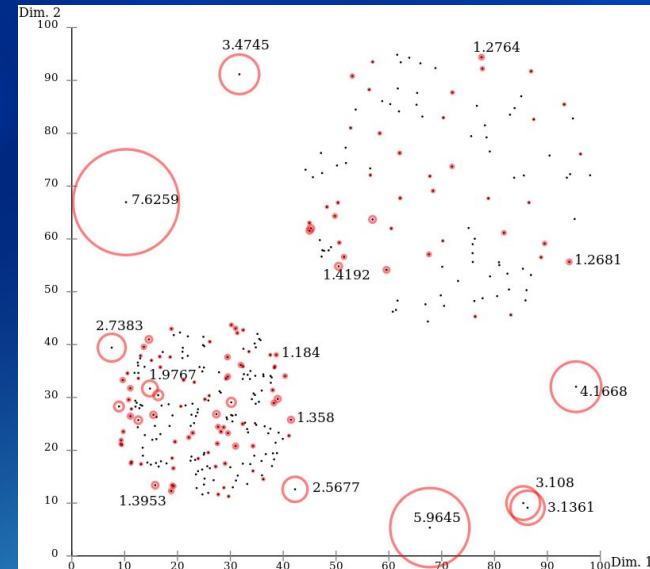
- Created histograms of cases and deaths data per county per capita to check to see if data matches any known models/pdfs
- Discussed interdependence of cases and deaths
- Decided Classical Methods for anomaly detection was out of play



Methods

- Isolation Forests and Local Outlier Factor to find anomalies on both the cases and deaths per county per capita
- Isolation Forests worked well in both cases and deaths
- LOF worked poorly for deaths because of low amounts of deaths

Isolation Forest

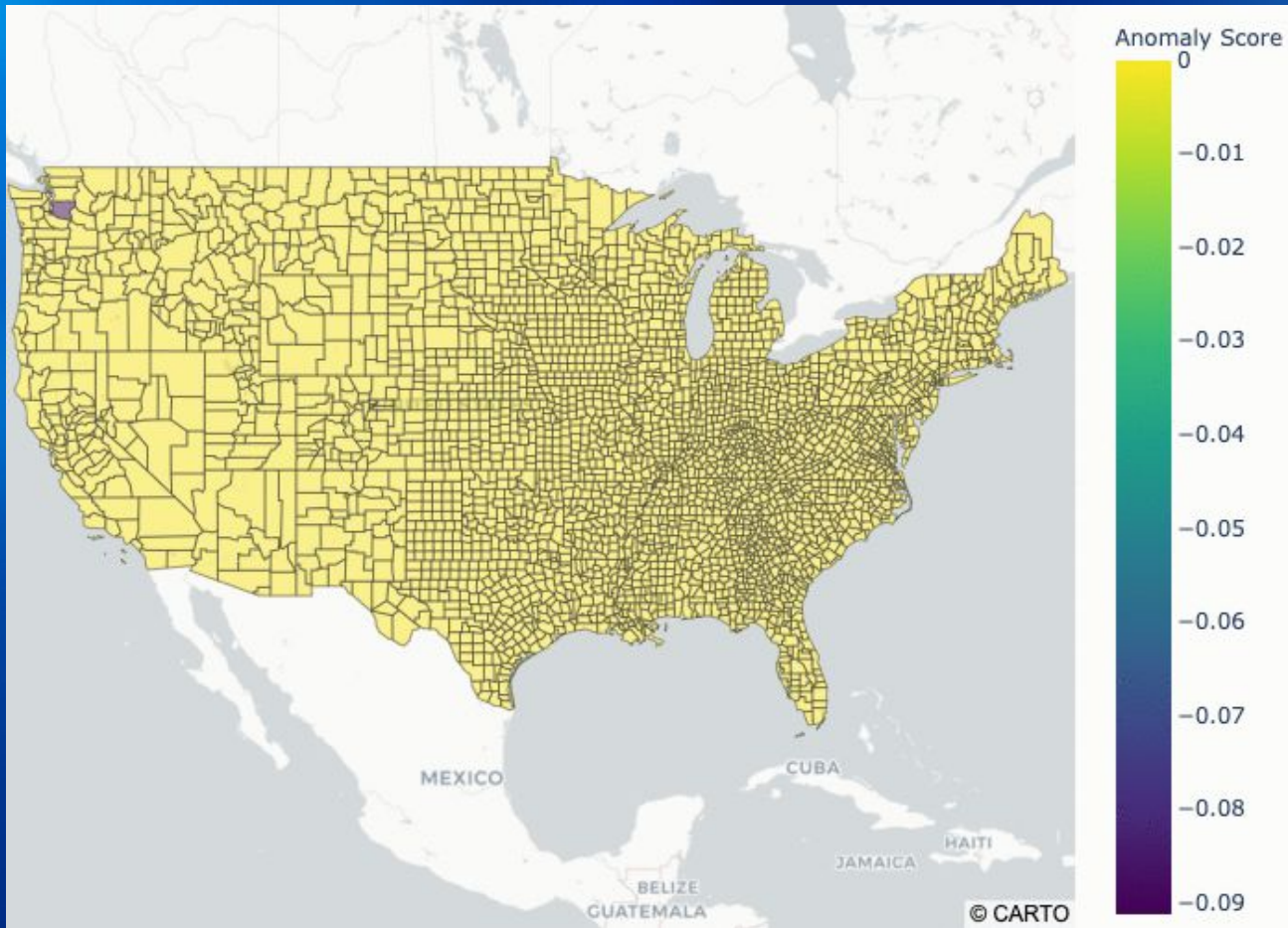




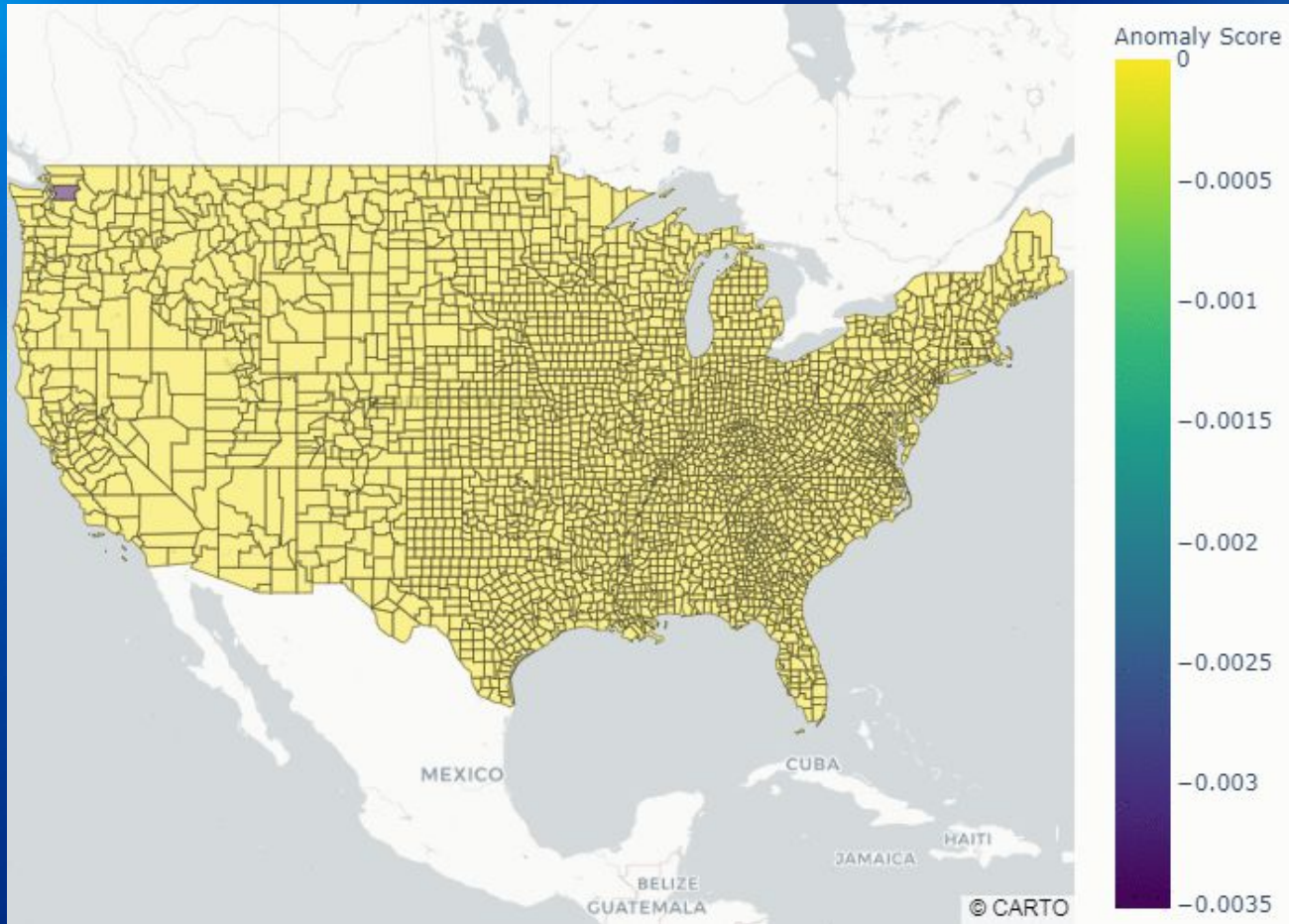
Tools

- Pandas for using dataframes
- Matplotlib.pyplot for creating histograms
- sklearn.ensemble for IsolationForest
- sklearn.neighbors for LocalOutlierFactor
- Plotly.express for animating anomaly data on US county map

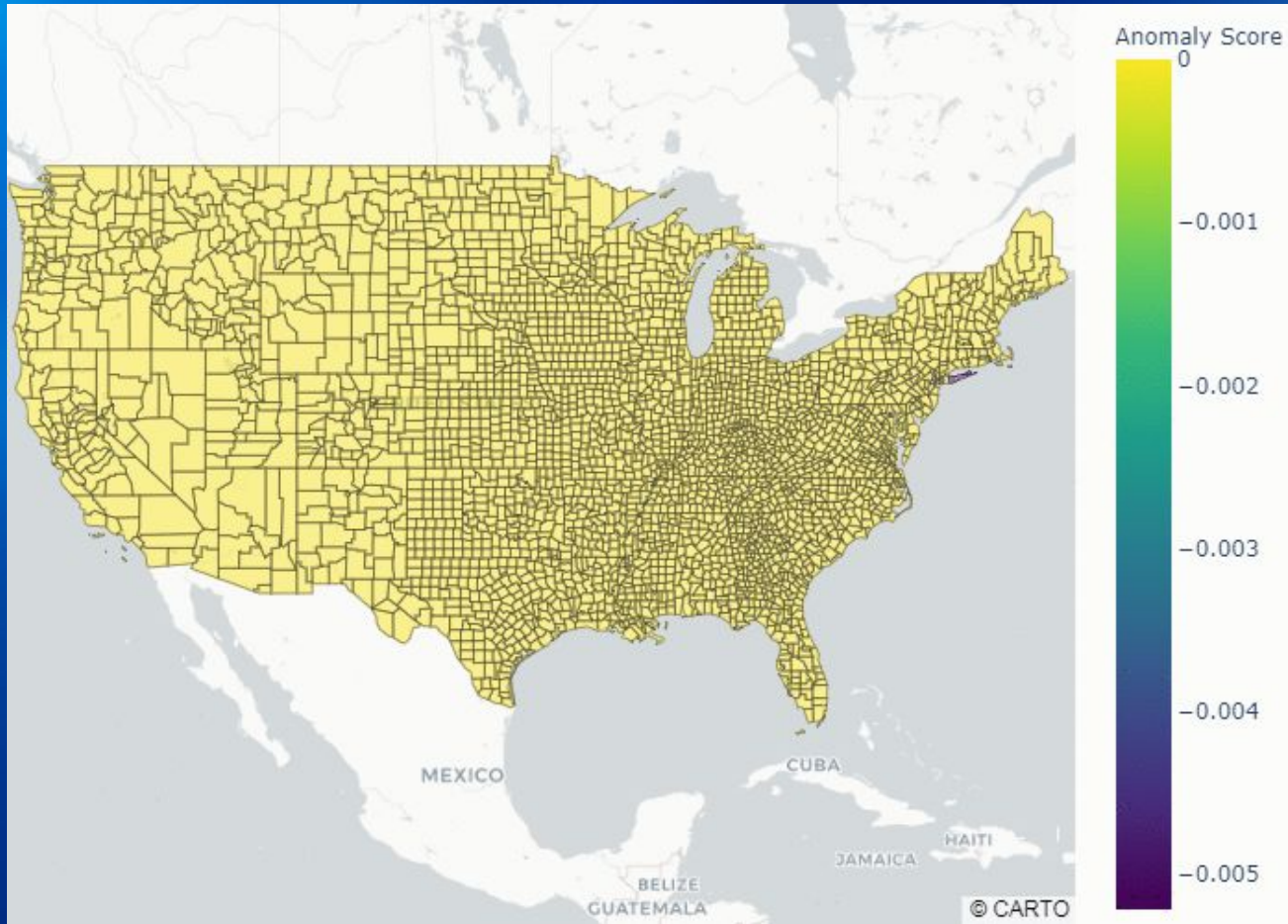
US COVID Death (Isolation Forest) Focal Points



US COVID Cases (Isolation Forest) Focal Points



US COVID Cases (Local Outlier Factor) Focal Points





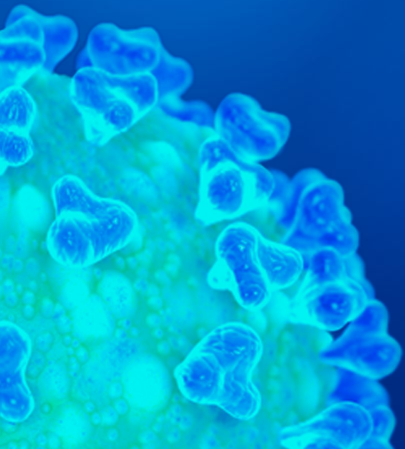
Highest Anomaly Counties

County, State - [Max Cases Per Capita](#)

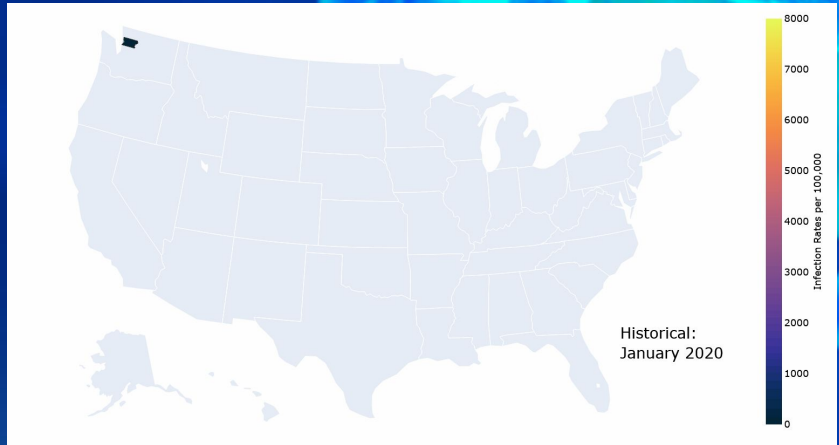
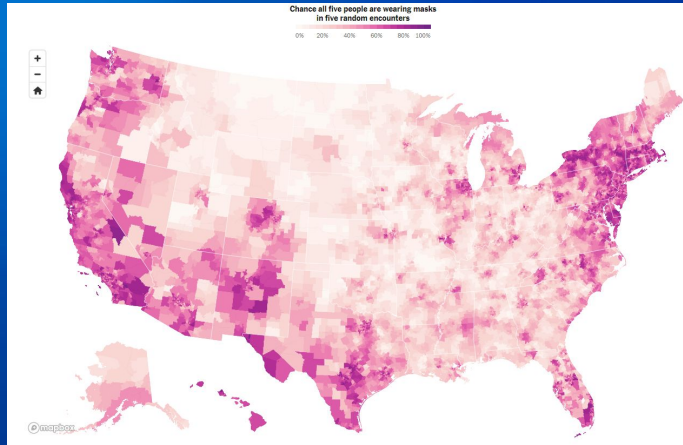
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Westchester County, New York - <u>3.022067</u>	Riverside County, California - <u>3.030819</u>
Cook County, Illinois - <u>3.059203</u>	Summit County, Ohio - <u>3.02349</u>
Los Angeles County, California - <u>3.045838</u>	Mecklenburg County, North Carolina - <u>3.018874</u>
Prince George's County, Maryland - <u>3.140716</u>	Santa Clara County, California - <u>3.035557</u>
Sussex County, Delaware - <u>2.914094</u>	Sumner County, Tennessee - <u>3.041611</u>
Miami-Dade County, Florida - <u>3.078938</u>	Bexar County, Texas - <u>3.04314</u>
Providence County, Rhode Island - <u>3.05906</u>	St. Louis County, Missouri - <u>3.028151</u>
Maricopa County, Arizona - <u>3.075498</u>	Prince William County, Virginia - <u>2.913647</u>
San Bernardino County, California - <u>3.025381</u>	Tulsa County, Oklahoma - <u>2.913457</u>
San Diego County, California - <u>3.019064</u>	Orange County, Florida - <u>3.023089</u>
Broward County, Florida - <u>3.038232</u>	Marion County, Indiana - <u>3.022992</u>
Milwaukee County, Wisconsin - <u>3.02498</u>	Hennepin County, Minnesota - <u>3.052729</u>
Dallas County, Texas - <u>3.041544</u>	

Results

- The counties with highest chance of anomalies tended to be densely populated counties
- Counties hit early seemed to have a high chance of an anomaly even after they recovered from the initial hit



Expectations vs. Reality



What did our end results yield vs. what did we expect?





Thank You

Questions?

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