Relationship between Health Insurance and COVID-19 Rates and Deaths

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Social Determinants of Health



Source: https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/sdoh/index.html

Motivation and Goal

- We want to better understand how social determinants of health influence the spread and severity of disease outbreaks such as COVID-19.
- We will primarily focus on health insurance coverage because it reflects multiple social determinants at once (income, marriage, employment).

Main Key Questions

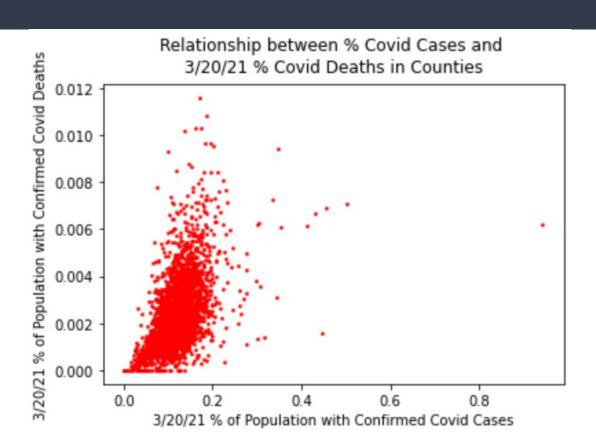
- 1. What is the relationship between coronavirus cases and access to health insurance? How does this relationship change across various states and counties in the United States?
- 2. What are other social determinants of health that affect coronavirus cases? How do these relationships compare with health insurance?

Data used

ID	Name	Demographic Group	Demographic Group	Uninsured: Number	Uninsured: MOE
1000	Alabama	3,955,117	0	470,052	13,365
1001	Autauga County, AL	46,709	0	4,693	553
1003	Baldwin County, AL	172,071	0	22,660	1,982
1005	Barbour County, AL	17,106	0	2,310	269
1007	Bibb County, AL	16,643	0	1,764	229
1009	Blount County, AL	47,053	0	6,642	656
1011	Bullock County, AL	6,864	0	815	109
1013	Butler County, AL	15,443	0	1,838	232
1015	Calhoun County, AL	91,554	0	10,166	1,054
1017	Chambers County, A	26,631	0	3,092	381
1019	Cherokee County, AL	19,892	0	2,682	301
1021	Chilton County, AL	36,290	0	5,930	604
1023	Choctaw County, AL	9,778	0	1,319	147
1025	Clarke County, AL	18,882	0	2,371	282
1027	Clay County, AL	10,358	0	1,651	189
1029	Clebume County, AL	11,936	0	1,623	186
1031	Coffee County, AL	42,793	0	5,359	537
1033	Colbert County, AL	43,574	0	4,936	570
1035	Conecuh County, AL	9,342	0	1,166	148
1037	Coosa County, AL	7,977	0	1,003	128
1039	Covington County, A	28,860	0	3,524	389
1041	Crenshaw County, Al	11,088	0	1,418	163
1043	Cullman County, AL	67,318	0	9,309	902
1045	Dale County, AL	39,754	0	4,378	521
1047	Dallas County, AL	30,554	0	3,478	435
1049	DeKalb County, AL	58,333	0	10,995	950
1051	Elmore County, AL	64,834	0	6,409	730
1053	Escambia County, A	27,401	0	4,094	449
1055	Etowah County, AL	81,286	0	10,125	986

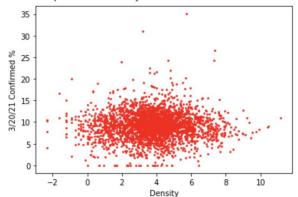
- US States/Counties
- Confirmed cases from 1/22/20 to 3/20/21
- Confirmed deaths from 1/22/20 to 3/20/21
- Number/percentage of insured/not insured
- Population density
- Latitudes and Longitudes

Confirmed % and Death %

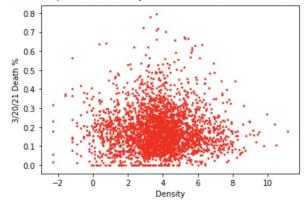


Population Density

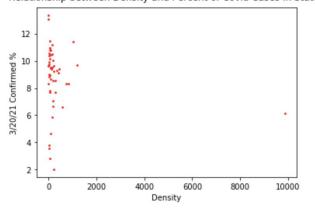
Relationship between Density and Percent of Covid Cases in Counties



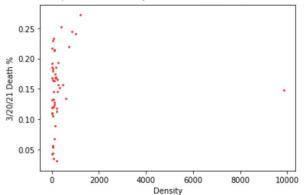
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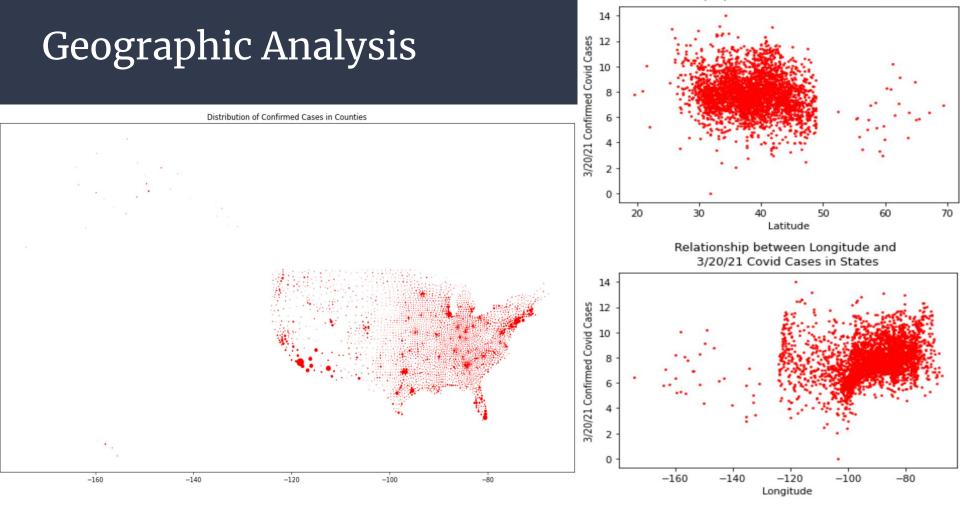


Relationship between Density and Percent of Covid Cases in States



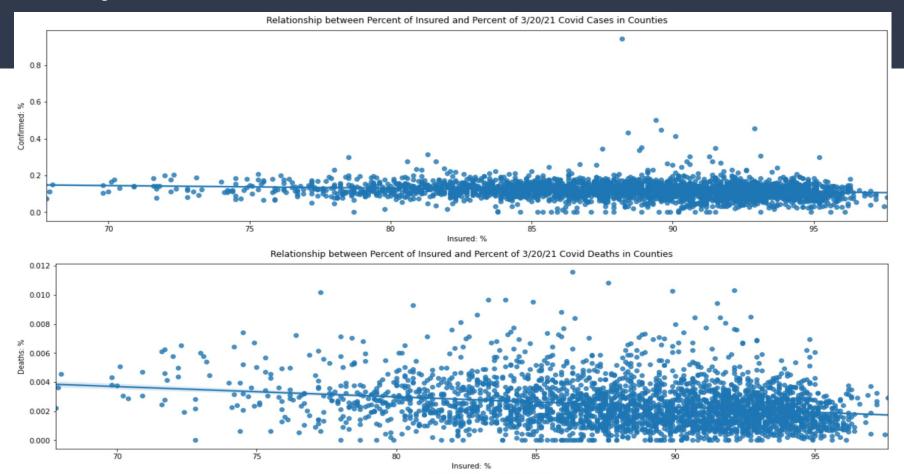
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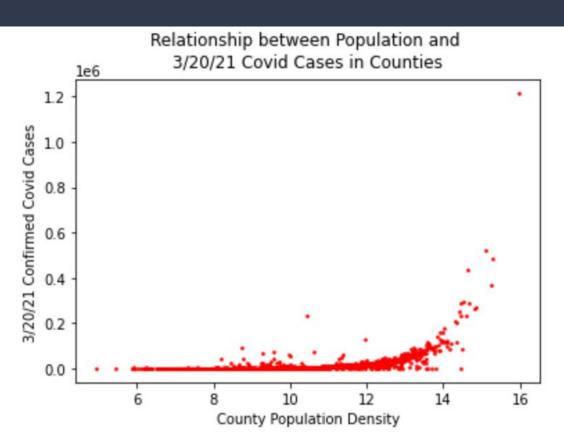


Relationship between Latitude and 3/20/21 Covid Cases in States

Analysis - Insured %, Confirmed %, Deaths %

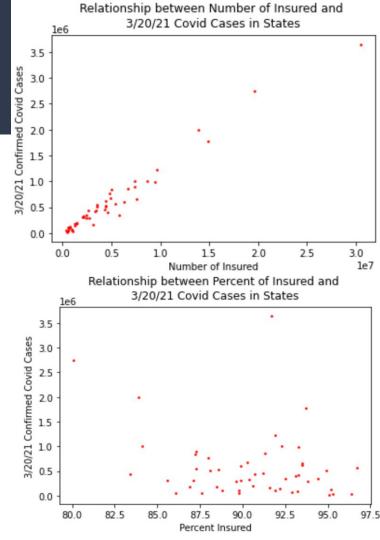


Analysis - County Population Density



Challenges along the way

- Clean up/aligning process
- Manually parsed (pandas)
- Finding the best method to interpret the data
- Population, cause of relationships
- Testing frequency
- Asymptomatic



Limitations / Next Steps

- Relevant vaccine data was difficult to find at this stage
- There could have been other interesting factors
 - Demographics, lock down periods, climate differences, etc.

Thank you!