



Blood Pressure Analysis

Team 12: Chris Coker, Isaac Graham, and Rhiannon Stracener

Research Question:

How does physical activity affect blood pressure after controlling for demographic information, BMI and smoking/alcohol use?




Data Description

Our data came from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) from 2017-2018. This survey is a major program of studies designed to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States. It combines demographic and health interviews with physical examinations and lab tests to collect the data.

We used the following variables (some that we combined/created):

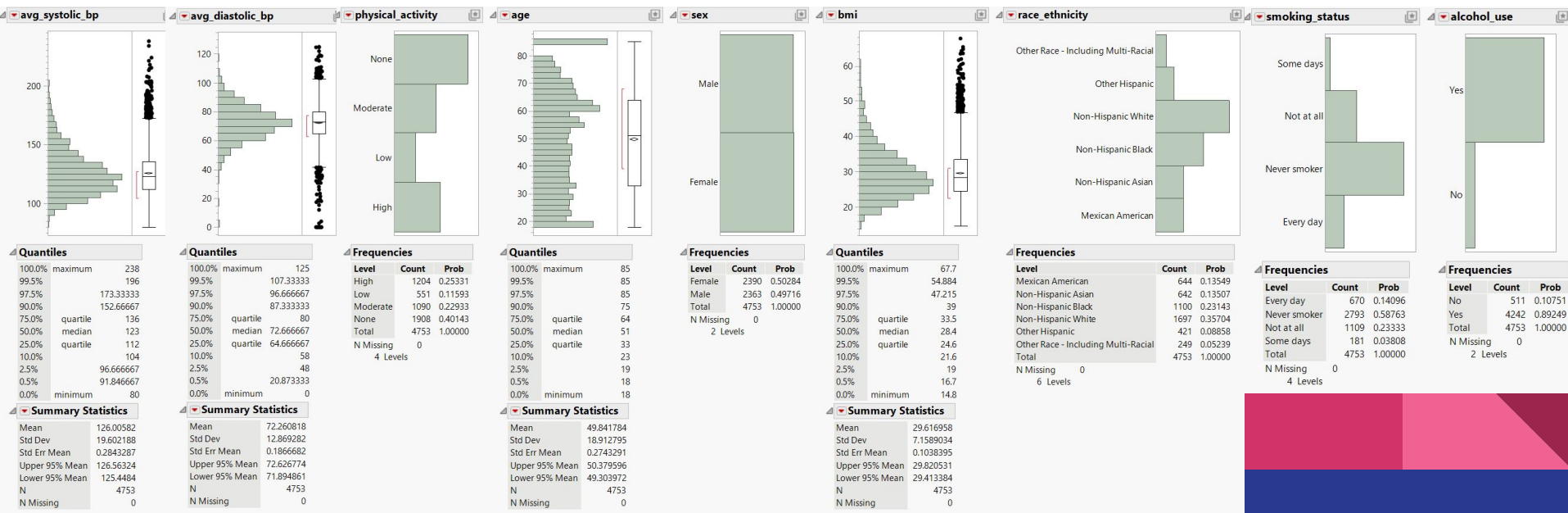
- Responses
 - Systolic blood pressure (Continuous)
 - Diastolic blood pressure (Continuous)
- Treatment
 - Physical activity (Nominal - 4 levels)
- Covariates
 - Age (Continuous)
 - Sex (Nominal)
 - Race/ethnicity (Nominal)
 - BMI (Continuous)
 - Smoking status (Nominal)
 - Alcohol use (Nominal)
- Systolic and diastolic blood pressure were recorded separately. Thus, we run two analyses, one on each type of blood pressure. Systolic and diastolic are our two outcomes.
 - Systolic - measures pressure in arteries when heart beats and pumps blood out to your body (top number)
 - Major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, especially in older adults
 - Diastolic - measures pressure in arteries when heart rests between beats and refills with blood (bottom number)

Data Preparation

- This dataset was imported, prepped, and cleaned using R.
 - Blood pressure was recorded at three different intervals. For analysis purposes, we created one factor that averaged the three recordings.
 - There are over 200 recorded variables in the 2017-2018 survey. As seen by our research question, we only wanted variables about blood pressure, physical activity, and possible covariates.
 - As a result, we intuitively removed all variables not related to one of these categories.
 - Additionally, we only used data points with complete data. This still left us with 4,753 data points to analyze.
 - Finally, we renamed the variables to be easier to read.
- 

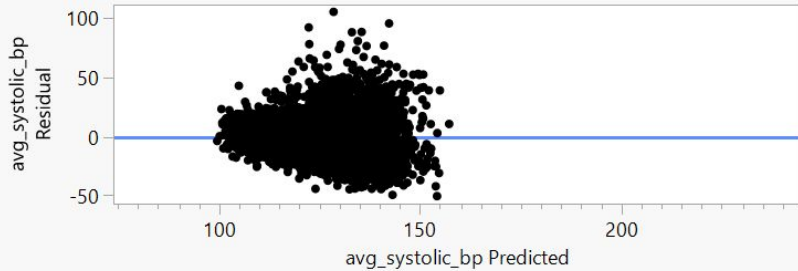
Exploratory Data Analysis

- We re-coded ages 80+ to be the weighted mean age for ages 80+, 85 (stated in NHANES documentation). This is because the original dataset sets a ceiling age of 80 which underestimates the true age of the oldest participants. This change treats the 80+ group as having an average age of 85 which is statistically more accurate for regression

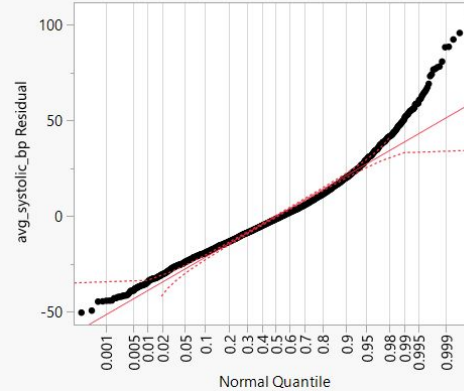


Assumptions Check: Systolic

Residual by Predicted Plot



Residual Normal Quantile Plot



Goodness-of-Fit Test

| | A ² | Simulated p-Value |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Anderson-Darling | 31.0416 | <.0001* |

Note: Ho = The data is from the Normal distribution. Small p-values reject Ho.

Analysis of Variance

| Source | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Ratio |
|----------|------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Model | 51 | 523318.7 | 10261.2 | 37.0314 |
| Error | 4701 | 1302617.2 | 277.1 | Prob > F |
| C. Total | 4752 | 1825936.0 | | <.0001* |

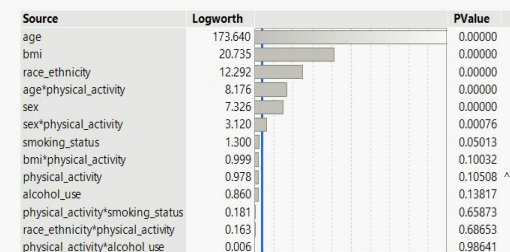
- Looking at the residual QQ plot, we can see that while not perfectly normal, the skewness is moderate. With a sample size of over 4,000, this only moderate skewness is acceptable as ANCOVA is generally considered robust to violations of normality with such a large sample size.
- The residual by predicted plot shows our homogeneity of variances assumption is satisfied

Model (Systolic)

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{\text{physical activity}} + \beta_2 X_{\text{age}} + \beta_3 X_{\text{sex}} + \beta_4 X_{\text{bmi}} + \beta_5 X_{\text{race}} + \beta_6 X_{\text{smoking}} + \beta_7 X_{\text{alcohol}} + \text{PA*age} + \text{PA*sex} + \text{PA*bmi} + \text{PA*Race} + \text{PA*smoking} + \text{PA*alcohol} + \epsilon$$

- We used an ANCOVA model.
- Y_i is the model outcome: avg_systolic_bp
- β_0 is the model intercept.

Effect Summary

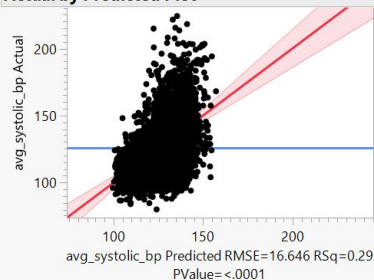


Parameter Estimates

| Term | Estimate | Std Error | t Ratio | Prob> t |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Intercept | 90.598966 | 1.50425 | 60.23 | <.0001* |
| age | 0.4721459 | 0.016069 | 29.38 | <.0001* |
| sex[Female] | -1.529164 | 0.279527 | -5.47 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American] | -0.135975 | 0.686014 | -0.20 | 0.8429 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian] | -0.459725 | 0.715741 | -0.64 | 0.5207 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black] | 3.920968 | 0.573715 | 6.83 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White] | -2.156322 | 0.527928 | -4.08 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic] | -0.274247 | 0.814466 | -0.34 | 0.7363 |
| bmi | 0.3975737 | 0.041587 | 9.56 | <.0001* |
| physical_activity[High] | 1.3712466 | 1.073303 | 1.28 | 0.2015 |
| physical_activity[Low] | -2.347168 | 1.580101 | -1.49 | 0.1375 |
| physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.862246 | 1.080771 | -0.80 | 0.4250 |
| smoking_status[Every day] | -1.089422 | 0.870744 | -1.25 | 0.2109 |
| smoking_status[Never smoker] | -0.17274 | 0.531066 | -0.33 | 0.7450 |
| smoking_status[Not at all] | -1.304572 | 0.641153 | -2.03 | 0.0419* |
| alcohol_use[No] | 0.7225754 | 0.487276 | 1.48 | 0.1382 |
| (age-49.8418)*physical_activity[High] | -0.074758 | 0.025759 | -2.90 | 0.0037* |
| (age-49.8418)*physical_activity[Low] | -0.058592 | 0.035588 | -1.63 | 0.1025 |
| (age-49.8418)*physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.001966 | 0.025346 | -0.08 | 0.9382 |
| physical_activity[High]*smoking_status[Every day] | 1.2693852 | 1.136362 | 1.12 | 0.2640 |
| physical_activity[High]*smoking_status[Never smoker] | -0.765578 | 0.799751 | -0.96 | 0.3385 |
| physical_activity[High]*smoking_status[Not at all] | 0.2861791 | 0.944373 | 0.30 | 0.7619 |
| physical_activity[Low]*smoking_status[Every day] | -1.091265 | 2.230244 | -0.49 | 0.6246 |
| physical_activity[Low]*smoking_status[Never smoker] | 0.8394064 | 1.176811 | 0.71 | 0.4757 |
| physical_activity[Low]*smoking_status[Not at all] | 0.3825128 | 1.474498 | 0.26 | 0.7953 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*smoking_status[Every day] | 0.2217241 | 1.255737 | 0.18 | 0.8599 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*smoking_status[Never smoker] | 1.1065653 | 0.878708 | 1.26 | 0.2080 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*smoking_status[Not at all] | 0.5632077 | 1.030817 | 0.55 | 0.5848 |
| physical_activity[High]*alcohol_use[No] | 0.2003486 | 0.849741 | 0.24 | 0.8136 |
| physical_activity[Low]*alcohol_use[No] | -0.35468 | 1.057348 | -0.34 | 0.7373 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*alcohol_use[No] | 0.161465 | 0.775349 | 0.21 | 0.8350 |
| (bmi-29.617)*physical_activity[High] | 0.0357383 | 0.063734 | 0.56 | 0.5750 |
| (bmi-29.617)*physical_activity[Low] | -0.011868 | 0.096321 | -0.12 | 0.9019 |
| (bmi-29.617)*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.0922453 | 0.064339 | 1.43 | 0.1517 |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American]*physical_activity[High] | -1.381453 | 1.064449 | -1.30 | 0.1944 |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American]*physical_activity[Low] | 0.9812728 | 1.462936 | 0.67 | 0.5024 |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.2598876 | 1.185496 | 0.22 | 0.8265 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian]*physical_activity[High] | -0.407347 | 1.395392 | -0.29 | 0.7704 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian]*physical_activity[Low] | -0.548767 | 1.273373 | -0.43 | 0.6665 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.0437278 | 1.26572 | 0.03 | 0.9724 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black]*physical_activity[High] | 0.4067717 | 0.924126 | 0.44 | 0.6598 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black]*physical_activity[Low] | -0.720088 | 1.221638 | -0.59 | 0.5556 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black]*physical_activity[Moderate] | -1.197205 | 0.982296 | -1.22 | 0.2230 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White]*physical_activity[High] | 0.2580864 | 0.815311 | 0.32 | 0.7516 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White]*physical_activity[Low] | -0.078195 | 1.19315 | -0.07 | 0.9477 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.9048768 | 0.838275 | 1.08 | 0.2804 |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic]*physical_activity[High] | 0.9262517 | 1.340633 | 0.69 | 0.4897 |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic]*physical_activity[Low] | 0.5666975 | 1.708799 | 0.33 | 0.7402 |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic]*physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.573831 | 1.406285 | -0.41 | 0.6833 |
| sex[Female]*physical_activity[High] | -0.627895 | 0.463242 | -1.36 | 0.1753 |
| sex[Female]*physical_activity[Low] | -1.037954 | 0.590687 | -1.76 | 0.0789 |
| sex[Female]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.067911 | 0.46297 | 0.15 | 0.8834 |

Response avg_systolic_bp

Actual by Predicted Plot



Summary of Fit

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| RSquare | 0.286603 |
| RSquare Adj | 0.278864 |
| Root Mean Square Error | 16.64613 |
| Mean of Response | 126.0058 |
| Observations (or Sum Wgts) | 4753 |

Analysis of Variance

| Source | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Ratio | Prob > F |
|----------|------|----------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| Model | 51 | 523318.7 | 10261.2 | 37.0314 | |
| Error | 4701 | 1302617.2 | 277.1 | | |
| C. Total | 4752 | 1825935.9 | | | <.0001* |

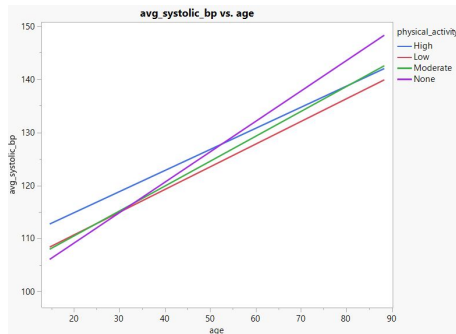
- Significant main effects:
 - Age, sex, race_ethnicity, and bmi
 - Significant interactions:
 - physical_activity*sex and physical_activity*age
- provides evidence of unequal slopes
→ the effect of physical activity on blood pressure varies depending on sex and age

Effect Tests

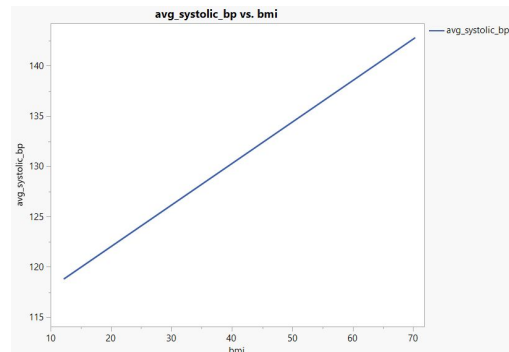
| Source | Nparm | DF | Sum of Squares | F Ratio | Prob > F |
|----------------------------------|-------|----|----------------|----------|----------|
| age | 1 | 1 | 239222.90 | 863.3287 | <.0001* |
| sex | 1 | 1 | 8292.55 | 29.9269 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity | 5 | 5 | 18592.27 | 13.4195 | <.0001* |
| bmi | 1 | 1 | 25325.31 | 91.3962 | <.0001* |
| physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 1701.74 | 2.0471 | 0.1051 |
| smoking_status | 3 | 3 | 2165.34 | 2.6048 | 0.0501 |
| alcohol_use | 1 | 1 | 609.32 | 2.1990 | 0.1382 |
| age*physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 11397.80 | 13.7111 | <.0001* |
| physical_activity*smoking_status | 9 | 9 | 1882.06 | 0.7547 | 0.6587 |
| physical_activity*alcohol_use | 3 | 3 | 39.24 | 0.0472 | 0.9864 |
| bmi*physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 1731.19 | 2.0826 | 0.1003 |
| race_ethnicity*physical_activity | 15 | 15 | 3297.23 | 0.7933 | 0.6865 |
| sex*physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 4676.52 | 5.6257 | 0.0008* |

Systolic Interpretation

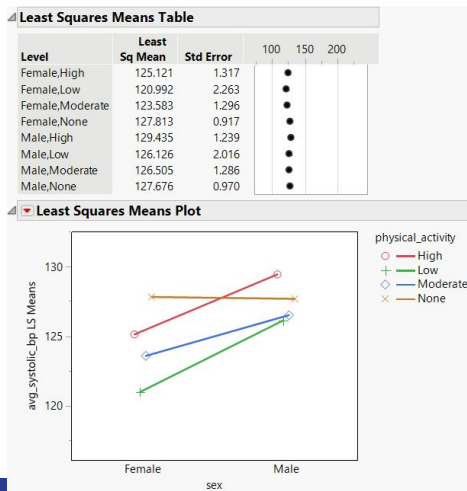
- **age*physical_activity**
 - For the reference group, systolic blood pressure rises 0.47 points per year increase in age. For the high activity group, it rises only 0.4 each year relative to the average age of 49.84. The negative interaction estimate says the slope is flatter (effect of age is weaker) for that group.



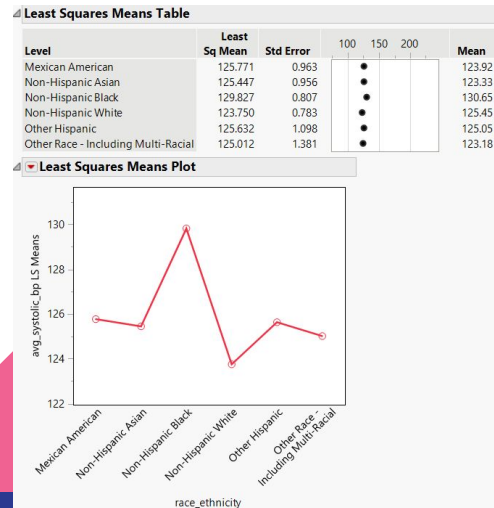
- **bmi**
 - For every 1 unit increase in BMI, systolic blood pressure increases by 0.39 points, holding all other variables constant



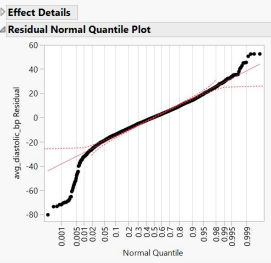
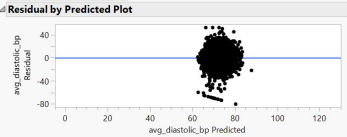
- **sex*physical_activity**
 - None of the groups are statistically different from the reference (Male-no physical activity), so there's likely differences between non-reference groups
 - LSMeans shows Males have higher BP on average compared to Females at all physical activity levels



- **Race_ethnicity**
 - Non-Hispanic Black individuals have a systolic blood pressure that's, on average, 3.92 points higher than the reference group
 - Non-Hispanic White individuals have a systolic blood pressure that's, on average, 2.15 points lower than the reference group



Assumptions Check: Diastolic



Goodness-of-Fit Test

| | A ² | Simulated p-Value |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Anderson-Darling | 17.010034 | <.0001* |

Note: Ho = The data is from the Normal distribution. Small p-values reject Ho.

Analysis of Variance

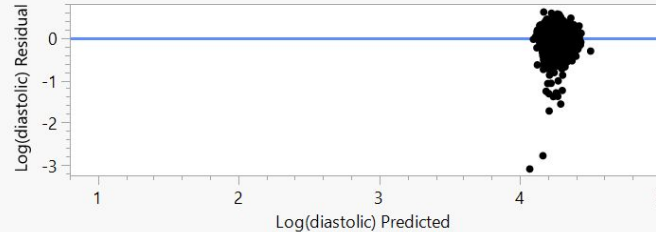
| Source | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Ratio |
|----------|------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Model | 51 | 53957.72 | 1057.99 | 6.7847 |
| Error | 4701 | 733061.06 | 155.94 | Prob > F |
| C. Total | 4752 | 787018.78 | | <.0001* |

<- Non-transformed data

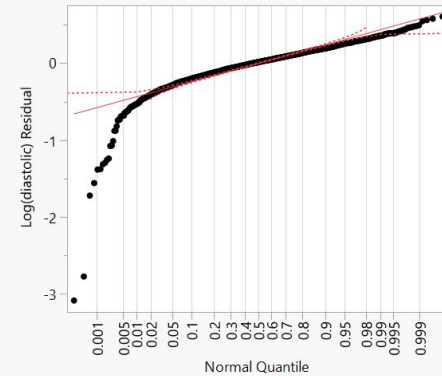
Log-Transformed data

->

Residual by Predicted Plot



Residual Normal Quantile Plot



- We chose to use $\log(\text{avg_diastolic_bp})$ rather than avg_diastolic because when looking at the avg_diastolic Normal Quantile Plot, there was much more severe left skewness in the non-transformed version.
- Looking at the residual by predicted plot, our homogeneity of variance assumption is satisfied.

Goodness-of-Fit Test

| | A ² | Simulated p-Value |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Anderson-Darling | 51.141488 | <.0001* |

Note: Ho = The data is from the Normal distribution. Small p-values reject Ho.

Analysis of Variance

| Source | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Ratio |
|----------|------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Model | 51 | 11.70644 | 0.229538 | 6.5500 |
| Error | 4687 | 164.25034 | 0.035044 | Prob > F |
| C. Total | 4738 | 175.95679 | | <.0001* |

Model (Diastolic)

$$Y_i = \square_0 + \square_1 X_{\text{physical activity}} + \square_2 X_{\text{age}} + \square_3 X_{\text{sex}} + \square_4 X_{\text{bmi}} + \square_5 X_{\text{race}} + \square_6 X_{\text{smoking}} + \square_7 X_{\text{alcohol}} + PA * \text{age} + PA * \text{sex} + PA * \text{bmi} + PA * \text{Race} + PA * \text{smoking} + PA * \text{alcohol}$$

- We used an ANCOVA model.
- Y_i is the model outcome: Log(avg_diastolic_bp)
- \square_0 is the model intercept.

-PA is physical activity abbreviated

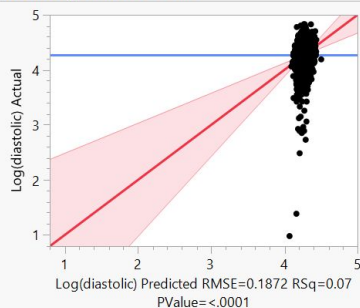
Effect Summary

| Source | Logworth | PValue |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|
| bmi | 12.781 | 0.00000 |
| sex | 11.872 | 0.00000 |
| race_ethnicity | 11.364 | 0.00000 |
| alcohol_use | 5.325 | 0.00000 |
| age*physical_activity | 5.314 | 0.00000 |
| age | 3.226 | 0.00059 |
| smoking_status | 2.889 | 0.00129 |
| bmi*physical_activity | 2.064 | 0.00864 |
| physical_activity | 1.940 | 0.01149 |
| physical_activity*alcohol_use | 1.753 | 0.01765 |
| sex*physical_activity | 1.567 | 0.02709 |
| physical_activity*smoking_status | 0.330 | 0.46748 |
| race_ethnicity*physical_activity | 0.182 | 0.65788 |

Remove Add Edit Exclude FDR

Response Log(diastolic)

Actual by Predicted Plot



Summary of Fit

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| RSquare | 0.06653 |
| RSquare Adj | 0.056373 |
| Root Mean Square Error | 0.1872 |
| Mean of Response | 4.26691 |
| Observations (or Sum Wgts) | 4739 |

Analysis of Variance

| Source | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Ratio |
|----------|------|----------------|-------------|---------|
| Model | 51 | 11.70644 | 0.229538 | 6.5500 |
| Error | 4687 | 164.25034 | 0.035044 | |
| C. Total | 4738 | 175.95679 | | |

Parameter Estimates

| Term | Estimate | Std Error | t Ratio | Prob> t |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Intercept | 4.131869 | 0.01693 | 244.06 | <.0001* |
| age | 0.0006242 | 0.000182 | 3.44 | 0.0006* |
| sex[Female] | -0.02237 | 0.003147 | -7.11 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American] | -0.017773 | 0.007721 | -2.30 | 0.0214* |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian] | 0.0417081 | 0.008065 | 5.17 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black] | 0.0120717 | 0.006454 | 1.87 | 0.0615 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White] | -0.032172 | 0.005941 | -5.42 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic] | -0.004792 | 0.009161 | -0.52 | 0.6009 |
| bmi | 0.0034602 | 0.000468 | 7.40 | <.0001* |
| physical_activity[High] | -0.026424 | 0.01207 | -2.19 | 0.0286* |
| physical_activity[Low] | 0.0304837 | 0.017766 | 1.72 | 0.0863 |
| physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.020375 | 0.012154 | -1.68 | 0.0937 |
| smoking_status[Every day] | -1.089e-5 | 0.009793 | -0.00 | 0.9991 |
| smoking_status[Never smoker] | -0.003277 | 0.005976 | -0.55 | 0.5834 |
| smoking_status[Not at all] | -0.027422 | 0.007215 | -3.80 | 0.0001* |
| alcohol_use[No] | -0.025122 | 0.005483 | -4.58 | <.0001* |
| (age-49.7913)*physical_activity[High] | -0.000034 | 0.00029 | -0.12 | 0.9067 |
| (age-49.7913)*physical_activity[Low] | 0.0016036 | 0.000407 | 3.94 | <.0001* |
| (age-49.7913)*physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.000336 | 0.000286 | -1.17 | 0.2402 |
| sex[Female]*physical_activity[High] | -0.01511 | 0.005212 | -2.90 | 0.0038* |
| sex[Female]*physical_activity[Low] | 0.0135258 | 0.006647 | 2.03 | 0.0419* |
| sex[Female]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.0027741 | 0.005211 | 0.53 | 0.5945 |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American]*physical_activity[High] | -0.018571 | 0.011985 | -1.55 | 0.1213 |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American]*physical_activity[Low] | 0.0046128 | 0.016455 | 0.28 | 0.7792 |
| race_ethnicity[Mexican American]*physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.001413 | 0.013338 | -0.11 | 0.9156 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian]*physical_activity[High] | 0.0028694 | 0.015701 | 0.18 | 0.8550 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian]*physical_activity[Low] | 0.0084746 | 0.014346 | 0.59 | 0.5547 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Asian]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.0016639 | 0.01428 | 0.12 | 0.9072 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black]*physical_activity[High] | -0.013493 | 0.010394 | -1.30 | 0.1943 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black]*physical_activity[Low] | -0.005515 | 0.013741 | -0.40 | 0.6882 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic Black]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.0046801 | 0.01105 | 0.42 | 0.6719 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White]*physical_activity[High] | -0.000978 | 0.009172 | -0.11 | 0.9151 |
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White]*physical_activity[Low] | -0.003831 | 0.013422 | -0.29 | 0.7753 |

| | | | | |
|--|-----------|----------|-------|---------|
| race_ethnicity[Non-Hispanic White]*physical_activity[Moderate] | 0.0052346 | 0.009433 | 0.55 | 0.5790 |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic]*physical_activity[High] | 0.0321506 | 0.015078 | 2.13 | 0.0330* |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic]*physical_activity[Low] | -0.01119 | 0.01922 | -0.58 | 0.5605 |
| race_ethnicity[Other Hispanic]*physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.012101 | 0.015817 | -0.77 | 0.4443 |
| (bmi-29.6194)*physical_activity[High] | 0.0016547 | 0.000717 | 2.31 | 0.0210* |
| (bmi-29.6194)*physical_activity[Low] | 0.0007353 | 0.001083 | 0.68 | 0.4974 |
| (bmi-29.6194)*physical_activity[Moderate] | -0.000801 | 0.000724 | -1.11 | 0.2684 |
| physical_activity[High]*smoking_status[Every day] | 0.003142 | 0.01278 | 0.25 | 0.8058 |
| physical_activity[High]*smoking_status[Never smoker] | 0.0144342 | 0.008998 | 1.60 | 0.1087 |
| physical_activity[High]*smoking_status[Not at all] | -0.002124 | 0.010624 | -0.20 | 0.8416 |
| physical_activity[Low]*smoking_status[Every day] | -0.007519 | 0.025081 | -0.30 | 0.7644 |
| physical_activity[Low]*smoking_status[Never smoker] | -0.009465 | 0.013244 | -0.71 | 0.4748 |
| physical_activity[Low]*smoking_status[Not at all] | -0.001965 | 0.016592 | -0.12 | 0.9057 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*smoking_status[Every day] | 0.0150882 | 0.014122 | 1.07 | 0.2854 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*smoking_status[Never smoker] | 0.004494 | 0.009887 | 0.45 | 0.6495 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*smoking_status[Not at all] | 0.0165525 | 0.011597 | 1.43 | 0.1535 |
| physical_activity[High]*alcohol_use[No] | -0.02701 | 0.009558 | -2.83 | 0.0047* |
| physical_activity[Low]*alcohol_use[No] | 0.0106617 | 0.011894 | 0.90 | 0.3701 |
| physical_activity[Moderate]*alcohol_use[No] | 0.0028603 | 0.008724 | 0.33 | 0.7430 |

Significant main effects:

- Age, sex, race_ethnicity, bmi, physical_activity, smoking_status, and alcohol_use

Significant interactions:

- physical_activity*sex, physical_activity*age, physical_activity*bmi, and physical_activity*alcohol_use

→ provides evidence of unequal slopes

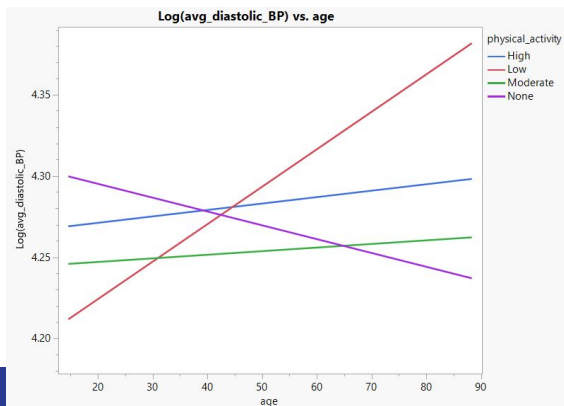
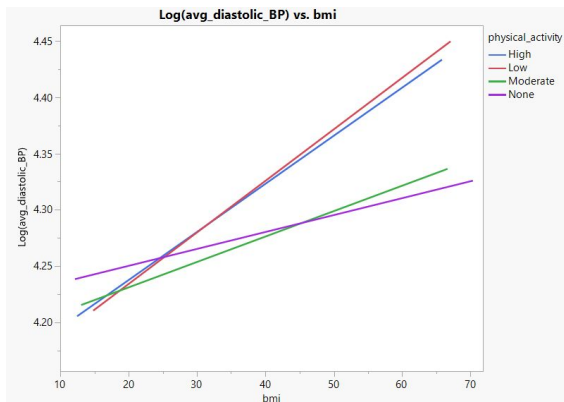
→ the effect of physical activity on blood pressure varies depending on age, sex, BMI, and alcohol use.

Effect Tests

| Source | Nparm | DF | Sum of Squares | F Ratio | Prob > F |
|----------------------------------|-------|----|----------------|---------|----------|
| age | 1 | 1 | 0.4138328 | 11.8090 | 0.0006* |
| sex | 1 | 1 | 1.7712434 | 50.5437 | <.0001* |
| race_ethnicity | 5 | 5 | 2.1924161 | 12.5124 | <.0001* |
| bmi | 1 | 1 | 1.9168780 | 54.6995 | <.0001* |
| physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 0.3874544 | 3.6854 | 0.0115* |
| smoking_status | 3 | 3 | 0.5519072 | 5.2497 | 0.0013* |
| alcohol_use | 1 | 1 | 0.7356686 | 20.9928 | <.0001* |
| age*physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 0.9629666 | 9.1596 | <.0001* |
| sex*physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 0.3216950 | 3.0599 | 0.0271* |
| race_ethnicity*physical_activity | 15 | 15 | 0.4302333 | 0.8185 | 0.6579 |
| bmi*physical_activity | 3 | 3 | 0.4091382 | 3.8917 | 0.0086* |
| physical_activity*smoking_status | 9 | 9 | 0.3041779 | 0.9644 | 0.4675 |
| physical_activity*alcohol_use | 3 | 3 | 0.3546468 | 3.3734 | 0.0177* |

Diastolic Interpretation

- The reference groups in our models are ~49.84 year old “other” race males who have a BMI of 29.62, do no physical activity, smoke some days, and do use alcohol

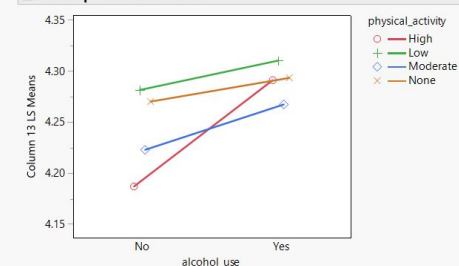


Alcohol Use

Least Squares Means Table

| Level | Least Sq Mean | Std Error | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|
| High,No | 4.18688 | 0.0225 | | | | | • |
| High,Yes | 4.29114 | 0.0091 | | | | • | • |
| Low,No | 4.28146 | 0.0343 | | | | • | • |
| Low,Yes | 4.31038 | 0.0172 | | | | • | • |
| Moderate,No | 4.22280 | 0.0207 | | | | • | • |
| Moderate,Yes | 4.26732 | 0.0104 | | | | • | • |
| None,No | 4.27012 | 0.0143 | | | | • | • |
| None,Yes | 4.29339 | 0.0081 | | | | • | • |

Least Squares Means Plot

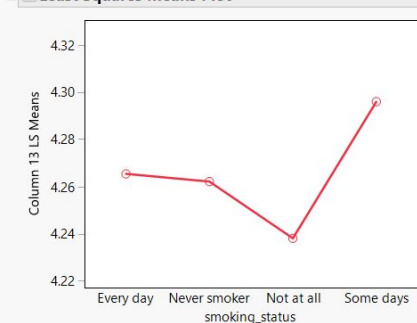


Smoking Status

Least Squares Means Table

| Level | Least Sq Mean | Std Error | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Mean |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Every day | 4.26543 | 0.0134 | | | | | • | 4.2772 |
| Never smoker | 4.26216 | 0.0063 | | | | • | • | 4.2653 |
| Not at all | 4.23801 | 0.0090 | | | | • | • | 4.2567 |
| Some days | 4.29615 | 0.0161 | | | | • | • | 4.3163 |

Least Squares Means Plot

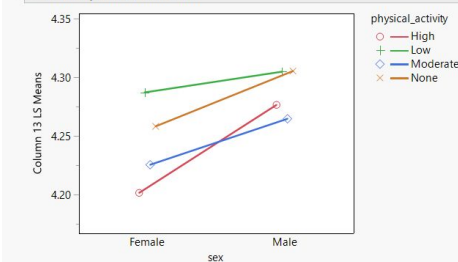


Sex

Least Squares Means Table

| Level | Least Sq Mean | Std Error | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Female,High | 4.20153 | 0.0148 | | | | | • |
| Female,Low | 4.28708 | 0.0254 | | | | • | • |
| Female,Moderate | 4.22547 | 0.0146 | | | | • | • |
| Female,None | 4.25819 | 0.0103 | | | | • | • |
| Male,High | 4.27649 | 0.0139 | | | | • | • |
| Male,Low | 4.30476 | 0.0227 | | | | • | • |
| Male,Moderate | 4.26466 | 0.0145 | | | | • | • |
| Male,None | 4.30531 | 0.0109 | | | | • | • |

Least Squares Means Plot

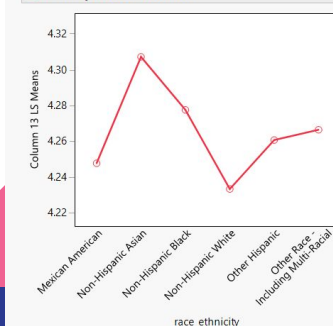


Race_Ethnicity

Least Squares Means Table

| Level | Least Sq Mean | Std Error | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Mean |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Mexican American | 4.24766 | 0.0108 | | | | | • | 4.2592 |
| Non-Hispanic Asian | 4.30715 | 0.0108 | | | | • | • | 4.2932 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 4.27751 | 0.0091 | | | | • | • | 4.2927 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 4.23326 | 0.0088 | | | | • | • | 4.2424 |
| Other Hispanic | 4.26064 | 0.0123 | | | | • | • | 4.2641 |
| Other Race - Including Multi-Racial | 4.26639 | 0.0155 | | | | • | • | 4.2769 |

Least Squares Means Plot



Results

- There is evidence that physical activity affects blood pressure in a non-uniform way, i.e., we have evidence of unequal slopes. This is concluded as we have significant interactions.
- However, which factors the slopes differ on is unique to systolic and diastolic.
- Systolic varies on age and sex.
- Diastolic varies on age, sex, BMI, and alcohol use.



Practical Conclusion

- How much a person's physical activity affects their blood pressure depends on several different characteristics and also affects diastolic and systolic differently.
- Many people assume that higher physical activity will bring their blood pressure closer to 120/80. However, in reality, how much physical activity helps depends on other factors.
- Thus, those who are looking to control their blood pressure, must take into account which type they need help controlling (diastolic or systolic) as well as their age, sex, BMI, and alcohol use when considering increasing physical activity as a solution



References:

- Dataset:
<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/continuousnhanes/default.aspx?BeginYear=2017>
- Information about blood pressure:
<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/high-blood-pressure#:~:text=The%20first%20number%20is%20your,day%20based%20on%20your%20activities.>

