## EDA Report

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```
library(readxl)
library(dplyr)
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(ggplot2)
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(scales)
library(psych)
## Warning: package 'psych' was built under R version 4.3.3
##
## Attaching package: 'psych'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:scales':
##
       alpha, rescale
## The following objects are masked from 'package:ggplot2':
       %+%, alpha
library(corrplot)
## Warning: package 'corrplot' was built under R version 4.3.3
## corrplot 0.95 loaded
library(usmap)
## Warning: package 'usmap' was built under R version 4.3.3
data <- read_excel("Data/googleTrendsMH.xlsx", sheet = "googleTrendsMH")</pre>
# Check for columns with missing values
na_counts <- colSums(is.na(data))</pre>
na_columns <- na_counts[na_counts > 0]
```

```
if (any(na counts > 0)){
 paste("List of columns with missing values for examination")
 print(names(na columns))
 print("There are zero columns with null values.")
## [1] "There are zero columns with null values."
# Show summary statistics for numeric columns
numeric_cols <- select_if(data, is.numeric)</pre>
summary(numeric_cols)
##
        year
                       fips
                                  population_est
                                                       anxiety_ct
##
   Min.
          :2013
                  Min. : 1.00
                                  Min. : 579054
                                                     Min. :
                                                                217
##
                  1st Qu.:16.00
   1st Qu.:2015
                                  1st Qu.: 1945163
                                                     1st Qu.: 4604
   Median:2018
                  Median :30.00
                                  Median: 4636208
                                                     Median: 14139
                                  Mean : 6690537
                                                     Mean : 24279
##
   Mean
         :2018
                  Mean
                        :29.38
##
   3rd Qu.:2020
                  3rd Qu.:42.00
                                  3rd Qu.: 7502082
                                                     3rd Qu.: 31821
##
   Max.
          :2022
                  Max.
                         :56.00
                                  Max.
                                         :39437610
                                                     Max.
                                                           :177155
##
   trauma_stress_ct
                       adhd ct
                                      bipolar_ct
                                                     depression ct
##
   Min. :
              254
                    Min. :
                                    Min. : 415
                                                     Min. : 779
   1st Qu.: 4473
                                                     1st Qu.: 7854
                    1st Qu.: 2114
                                    1st Qu.: 4234
##
   Median : 12913
                    Median: 6441
                                    Median : 11342
                                                     Median : 23356
                                    Mean : 16884
   Mean : 23569
##
                    Mean
                          :13244
                                                     Mean
                                                           : 35634
   3rd Qu.: 31016
                    3rd Qu.:18996
                                    3rd Qu.: 21377
                                                     3rd Qu.: 45868
##
##
   Max.
         :142480
                                    Max.
                                           :113619
                                                     Max.
                                                            :201222
                    Max.
                           :76030
                    outpatient_util
   comm_psych_care
                                       state_psych_care private_psych_care
##
   Min. : 9426
                    Min.
                           :0.002403
                                       Min. : 14158
                                                         Min. : 13238
   1st Qu.: 32606
                    1st Qu.:0.012931
                                       1st Qu.: 63549
                                                         1st Qu.: 64165
##
   Median: 88102
                    Median: 0.019947
                                       Median: 171969
                                                         Median: 173716
   Mean
         :137769
                    Mean
                          :0.025145
                                       Mean : 265977
                                                         Mean
                                                               : 263710
                                                         3rd Qu.: 290914
##
   3rd Qu.:153101
                                       3rd Qu.: 293019
                    3rd Qu.:0.031510
                    Max.
                                             :1478138
##
   Max.
          :784665
                           :0.105976
                                                         Max.
                                                               :1465591
                                       Max.
##
   resid_psych_care
                     total_inpatient
                                       inpatient_util
                                                         total_civilian
   Min. : 11622
                     Min. : 39018
                                       Min.
                                             :0.01279
                                                         Min. : 50826
                     1st Qu.: 192051
   1st Qu.: 64165
                                                         1st Qu.: 224384
##
                                       1st Qu.:0.07423
##
   Median: 173264
                     Median: 519936
                                       Median :0.11536
                                                         Median: 607942
   Mean : 267244
                     Mean : 796930
                                       Mean :0.14564
                                                         Mean : 934699
   3rd Qu.: 294089
                     3rd Qu.: 876400
                                                         3rd Qu.:1029324
##
                                       3rd Qu.:0.18728
##
   Max.
          :1479114
                     Max.
                            :4422843
                                       Max.
                                              :0.62662
                                                         Max.
                                                                :5207508
##
     total_util
                      median_adhd
                                      median_ptsd
                                                     median_anxiety
          :0.01520
                     Min. :11.50
                                     Min. : 0.00
                                                     Min.
                                                           :34.00
##
   1st Qu.:0.08709
                     1st Qu.:21.00
                                     1st Qu.:11.50
                                                     1st Qu.:62.00
   Median : 0.13466
                     Median :23.00
                                     Median :13.00
                                                     Median :75.25
##
   Mean
          :0.17079
                     Mean
                           :26.59
                                     Mean :13.08
                                                     Mean
                                                            :72.22
   3rd Qu.:0.21907
                     3rd Qu.:26.50
                                      3rd Qu.:14.50
                                                     3rd Qu.:84.00
   Max.
##
          :0.73260
                     Max.
                            :64.00
                                     Max.
                                            :21.00
                                                            :92.50
                                                     Max.
##
   median_bipolar
                   median_depression median_mental_hospital
##
          :14.00
                          :36.5
                                     Min. : 0.00
   Min.
                   Min.
   1st Qu.:19.50
                   1st Qu.:62.0
                                     1st Qu.:30.62
## Median :21.00
                   Median:67.0
                                     Median :38.50
   Mean :20.67
                   Mean
                          :66.9
                                     Mean :34.93
```

3rd Qu.:45.88

## 3rd Qu.:22.00

3rd Qu.:72.0

```
:85.0
          :26.00 Max.
                                    Max.
                                          :78.00
## median_psychiatrists_near_me median_psychologist_near_me
## Min. : 0.0000
                               Min. : 0.000
## 1st Qu.: 0.0000
                               1st Qu.: 0.000
## Median: 0.0000
                               Median : 0.000
## Mean
         : 0.6561
                               Mean : 5.219
## 3rd Qu.: 0.0000
                               3rd Qu.:12.000
         :17.0000
## Max.
                               Max.
                                     :25.500
   median_therapist_near_me median_all_trends
                                              mean adhd
                                                             mean_ptsd
## Min. : 0.00
                          Min. : 0.00
                                            Min. :12.67
                                                            Min. : 3.083
## 1st Qu.: 0.00
                           1st Qu.:19.50
                                            1st Qu.:21.08 1st Qu.:11.667
## Median :16.00
                           Median :21.50
                                            Median :23.00
                                                           Median :13.250
## Mean :27.98
                           Mean
                                 :23.95
                                            Mean
                                                   :26.52
                                                            Mean
                                                                  :13.126
## 3rd Qu.:55.75
                           3rd Qu.:25.50
                                            3rd Qu.:26.67
                                                            3rd Qu.:14.583
## Max.
          :95.50
                           Max.
                                  :57.00
                                            Max.
                                                   :60.58
                                                            Max.
                                                                   :21.500
##
   mean_anxiety
                   mean_bipolar
                                  mean_depression mean_mental_hospital
## Min. :33.83
                  Min. :14.42
                                  Min. :38.75
                                                 Min. : 0.00
## 1st Qu.:62.19
                 1st Qu.:19.67
                                  1st Qu.:61.83
                                                 1st Qu.:30.50
## Median :75.79 Median :20.83 Median :66.58
                                                 Median :38.08
## Mean :72.31
                  Mean :20.78
                                  Mean :66.21
                                                 Mean :35.88
## 3rd Qu.:84.06
                  3rd Qu.:21.92
                                  3rd Qu.:71.17
                                                 3rd Qu.:45.29
## Max.
         :91.92
                  Max. :25.33 Max.
                                        :78.83
                                                 Max. :77.00
## mean_psychiatrists_near_me mean_psychologist_near_me mean_therapist_near_me
## Min. : 0.0000
                             Min. : 0.000
                                                      Min. : 0.00
## 1st Qu.: 0.0000
                             1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                      1st Qu.: 0.00
## Median: 0.0000
                             Median: 1.583
                                                      Median :16.71
## Mean : 0.8446
                             Mean : 5.522
                                                      Mean :28.01
## 3rd Qu.: 0.7500
                             3rd Qu.:11.479
                                                      3rd Qu.:53.58
## Max.
         :17.3333
                             Max. :25.167
                                                      Max. :91.75
## mean_all_trends
## Min.
          :15.34
## 1st Qu.:24.02
## Median:28.65
## Mean :29.91
## 3rd Qu.:35.96
## Max.
          :45.21
table1 <- data %>%
 group by (region) %>%
 summarise(
   avg_outpatient_util = mean(outpatient_util, na.rm = TRUE),
   avg_inpatient_util = mean(inpatient_util, na.rm = TRUE),
   avg_total_util = mean(total_util, na.rm = TRUE),
   avg median trend = mean(median all trends, na.rm = TRUE)
print(table1)
## # A tibble: 4 x 5
    region avg_outpatient_util avg_inpatient_util avg_total_util avg_median_trend
##
    <chr>>
                         <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                          <dbl>
                                                                           22.9
## 1 Atlant~
                         0.0302
                                            0.174
                                                          0.204
## 2 Central
                        0.0258
                                           0.150
                                                                           24.1
                                                          0.175
## 3 South
                        0.0181
                                           0.105
                                                          0.123
                                                                           25.6
## 4 West P~
                        0.0273
                                                                           23.1
                                           0.159
                                                          0.186
```

As part of the data preprocessing step, we conducted a check for missing values across all columns in the dataset. The script identifies any fields with missing values and prints a list of affected columns for further examination. In this case, the output confirmed that there were no missing values, allowing us to proceed with full confidence in the dataset's completeness. Following this, summary statistics were generated for all numerical variables, providing insight into the central tendencies and variability across key fields such as population estimates, mental health service utilization, and Google search interest scores. These summary statistics helped confirm reasonable data distributions and inform the creation of three new calculated variables used in subsequent analyses. Additionally, Table 1 was produced by aggregating average outpatient, inpatient, and total per capita utilization—as well as average median Google search interest—by region, setting the stage for regional-level comparisons throughout the rest of the analysis.

```
table2 <- data %>%
  arrange(desc(total_util)) %>%
  select(state, year, total_util, outpatient_util, inpatient_util, median_all_trends) %>%
  head(10)
print(table2)
##
  # A tibble: 10 x 6
##
      state
             year total_util outpatient_util inpatient_util median_all_trends
##
      <chr> <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
                         <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
##
    1 DC
              2021
                         0.733
                                         0.106
                                                          0.627
                                                                               18
    2 NM
             2022
                         0.703
                                                          0.601
                                                                               43.5
##
                                         0.102
##
    3 NM
             2019
                        0.671
                                         0.0972
                                                          0.574
                                                                               21.5
##
    4 IA
             2021
                         0.661
                                         0.0972
                                                          0.563
                                                                               37
##
    5 IA
             2022
                         0.659
                                         0.0985
                                                          0.561
                                                                               45.5
##
    6 NM
             2021
                         0.654
                                         0.0946
                                                          0.560
                                                                               35.5
##
    7 NM
             2020
                         0.592
                                         0.0856
                                                          0.506
                                                                               23.5
##
    8 IA
             2019
                         0.574
                                         0.0849
                                                          0.489
                                                                               24.5
##
    9 IA
              2020
                         0.512
                                         0.0774
                                                          0.434
                                                                               26
## 10 DC
             2020
                        0.501
                                         0.0724
                                                          0.429
                                                                               20.5
```

Table 2 presents the average per capita utilization of mental health services across different U.S. regions from the dataset, broken down by year. This table helps to reveal regional disparities and trends in outpatient and inpatient care. Notably, the Northeast consistently shows higher outpatient utilization rates, while the South exhibits lower overall utilization despite having large populations. These findings are important for targeting underserved areas and identifying regions where service expansion could meet unmet mental health needs.

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 6
##
      state
             year total_util state_util private_util diff_util
      <chr> <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                                   <dbl>
                                                             <dbl>
##
                         <dbl>
##
    1 DC
              2021
                         0.733
                                    0.208
                                                   0.209
                                                             0.315
    2 NM
              2022
                         0.703
                                    0.203
                                                   0.196
                                                             0.304
##
    3 NM
##
              2019
                         0.671
                                    0.193
                                                   0.187
                                                             0.291
```

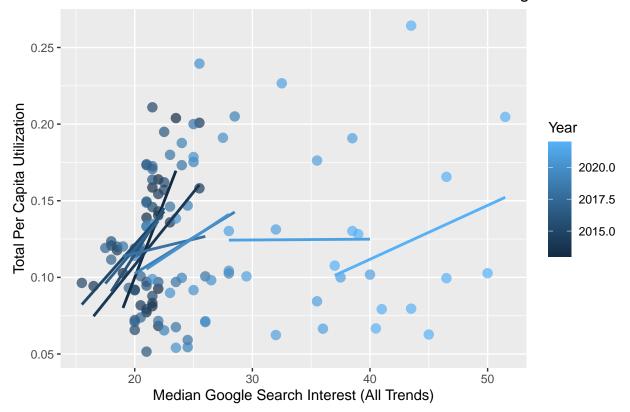
```
##
    4 IA
              2021
                         0.661
                                     0.191
                                                    0.186
                                                               0.283
##
    5 IA
              2022
                         0.659
                                     0.193
                                                    0.179
                                                               0.287
                                     0.189
##
    6 NM
              2021
                         0.654
                                                    0.182
                                                               0.283
    7 NM
              2020
                         0.592
                                     0.170
                                                    0.166
                                                               0.255
##
##
    8 IA
              2019
                         0.574
                                     0.166
                                                    0.161
                                                               0.247
    9 IA
              2020
                                     0.149
                                                               0.222
##
                         0.512
                                                    0.141
## 10 DC
              2020
                         0.501
                                     0.143
                                                    0.143
                                                               0.216
```

This table shows the mean number of individuals receiving care for specific diagnoses—such as anxiety, depression, ADHD, bipolar disorder, and trauma/stress-related disorders—across all states. Depression and anxiety stand out as the most common diagnoses, highlighting widespread mental health challenges across the country. By contrasting diagnostic trends across states, this table provides insight into population-level needs and potential diagnostic bias or access issues influencing reporting.

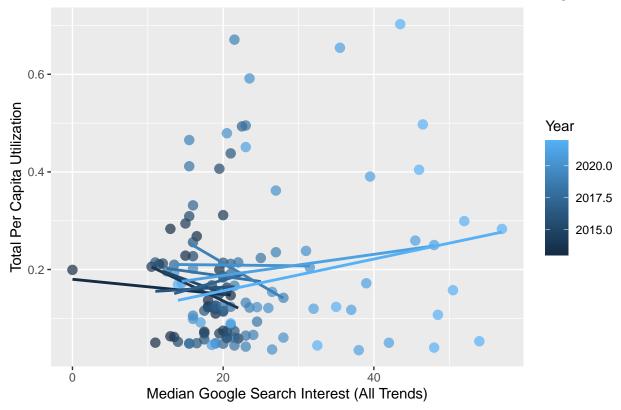
```
for (i in unique(data$region)){
   print(ggplot(data %>% filter(region == i), aes(x = median_all_trends, y = total_util)) +
        geom_point(aes(color = year), size = 3, alpha = 0.7) +
        geom_smooth(aes(group = year, color = year), method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
        labs(title = paste("Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest:", i, "Region"),
        x = "Median Google Search Interest (All Trends)",
        y = "Total Per Capita Utilization",
        color = "Year")
}
```

## `geom\_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'

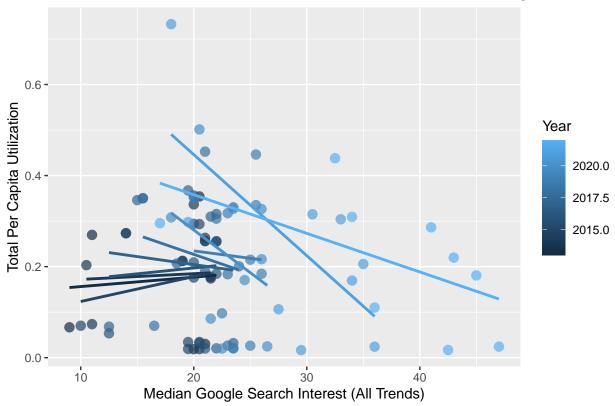
#### Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest: South Region



Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest: West Pacific Region



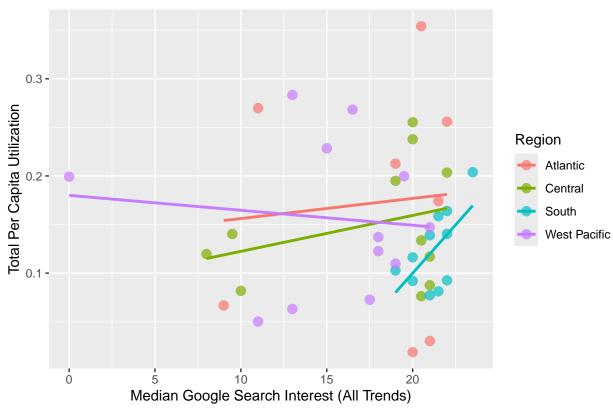
Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest: Atlantic Region



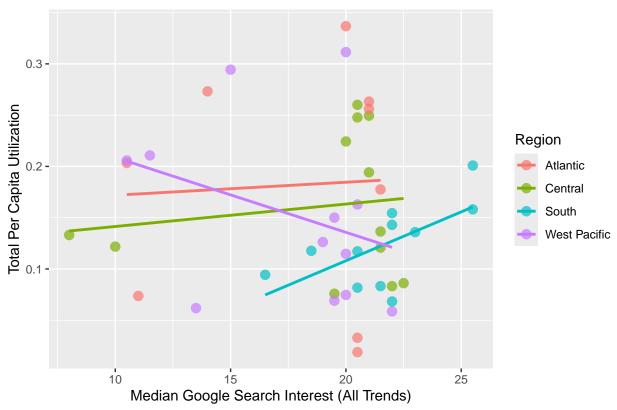
#### Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest: Central Region



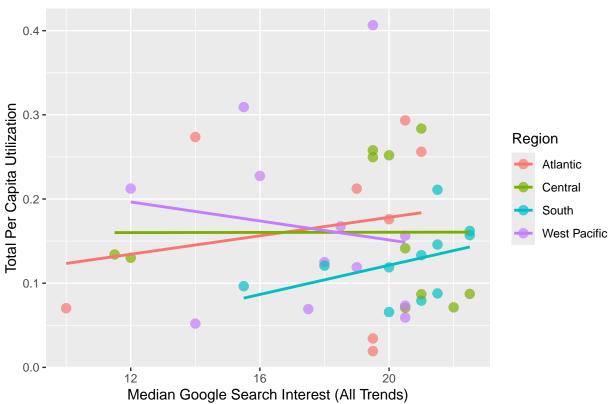




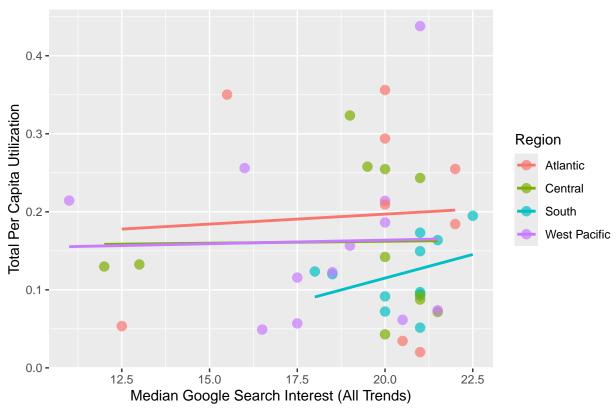
### Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest in 2014



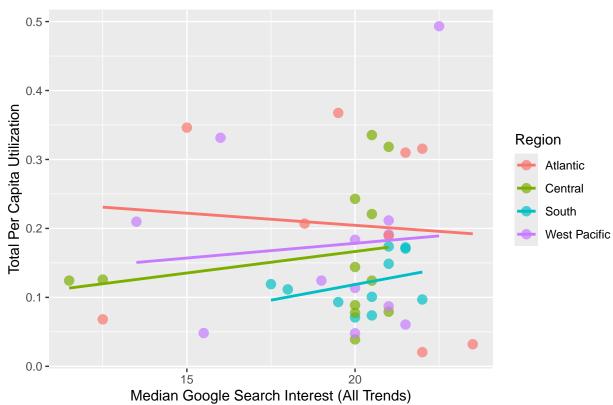




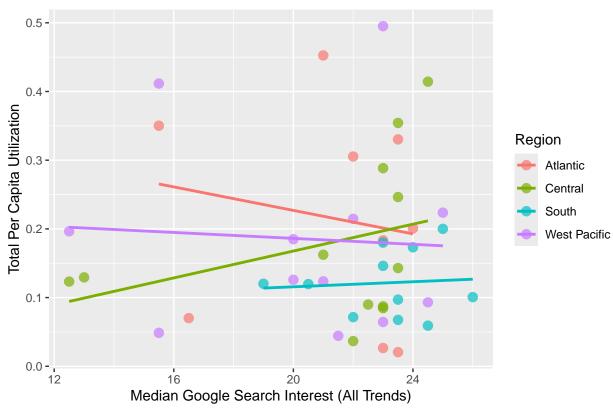




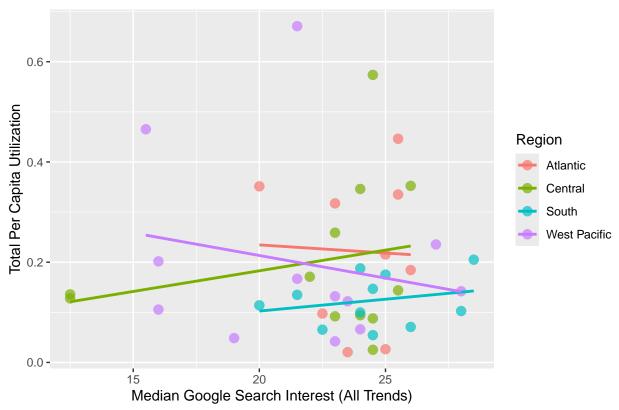


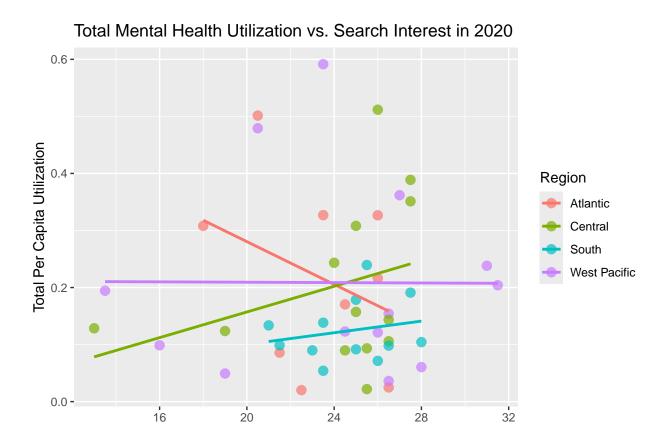






### Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest in 2019

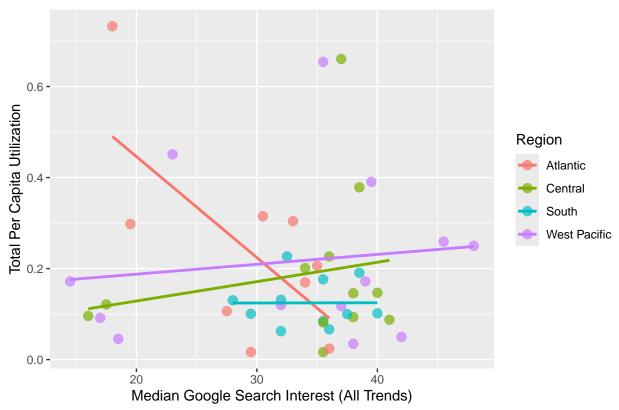




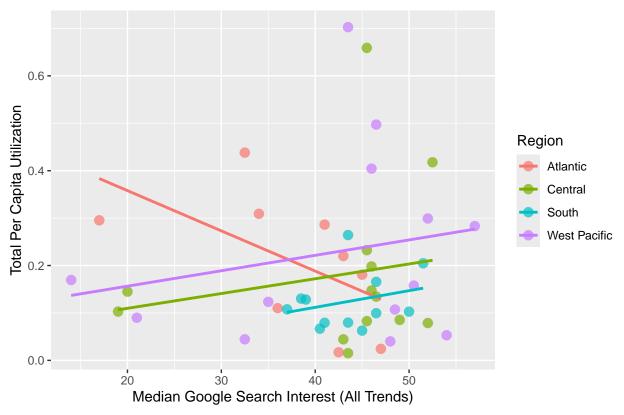
Median Google Search Interest (All Trends)

## `geom\_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'

# Total Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest in 2021





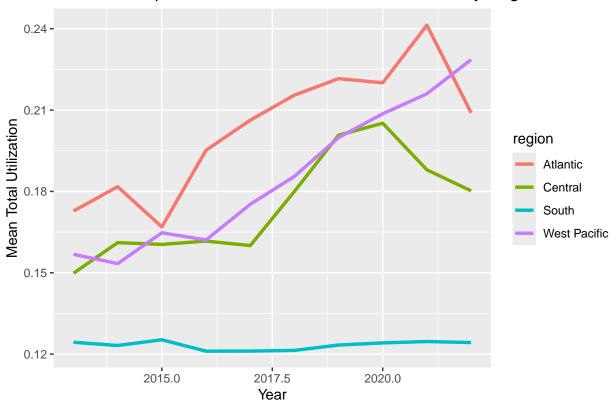


#### rm(i)

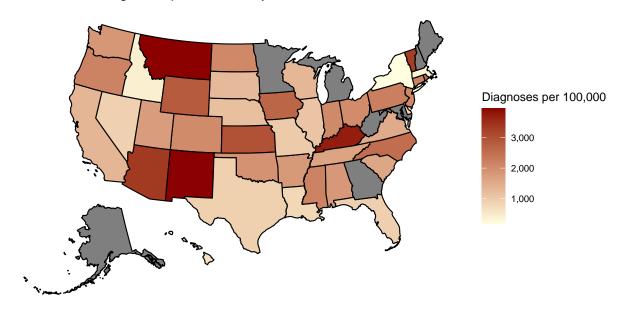
This scatterplot explores the relationship between median Google search interest for mental health-related terms and the total per capita utilization of mental health services across U.S. states. Each point represents a state-year observation, with colors indicating the reporting year and shapes distinguishing U.S. regions. A linear regression line is overlaid to illustrate the overall trend, revealing a positive association between search interest and service utilization. This suggests that states with higher public interest in mental health topics—as reflected in online searches—tend to also exhibit higher levels of mental health service use. The use of both color and shape dimensions helps identify potential temporal or regional clustering that may influence this relationship.

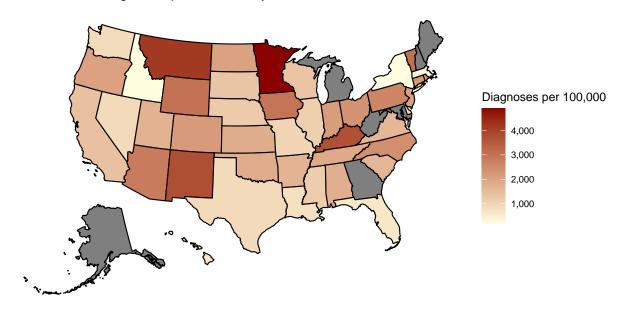
```
## Warning: Using `size` aesthetic for lines was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use `linewidth` instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.
```

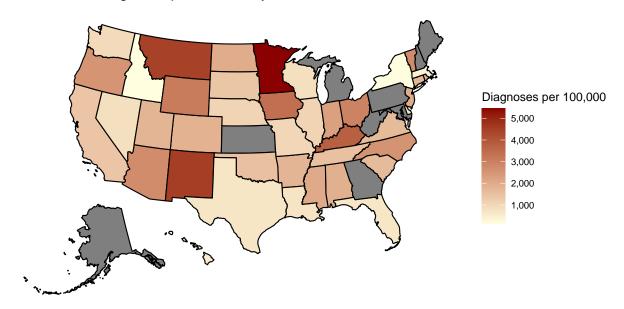


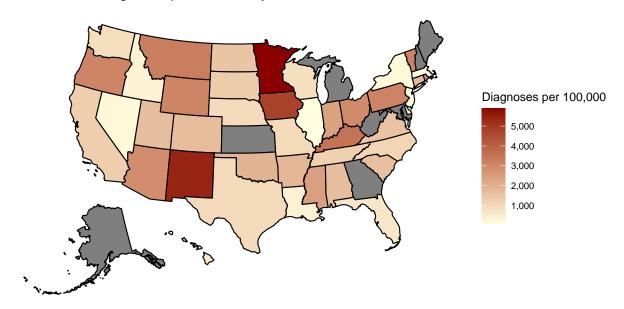


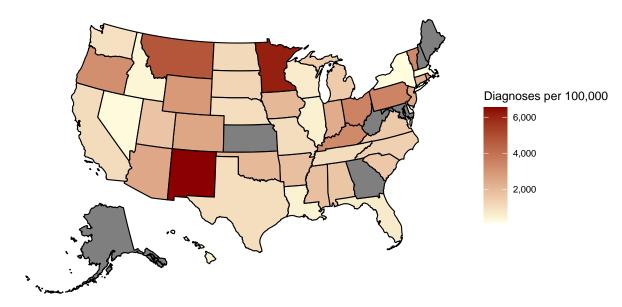
This line graph illustrates trends in average per capita mental health service utilization across different U.S. regions over time. Each line represents the mean total utilization within a region for a given year, with color used to differentiate between regions. The visualization captures regional variation and temporal trends in mental health care access and use. For example, some regions may demonstrate a steady increase in utilization over time, while the Southern region shows stagnation. These patterns can point to disparities in mental health infrastructure, policy, or awareness campaigns, and highlight where further investigation or targeted interventions may be needed.

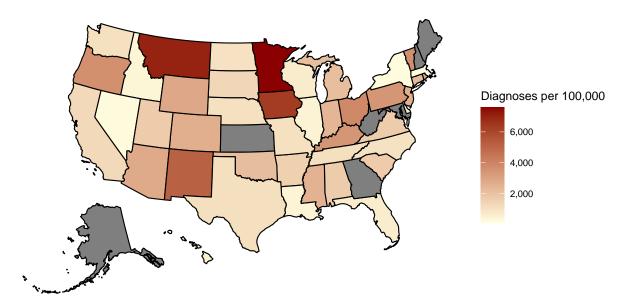


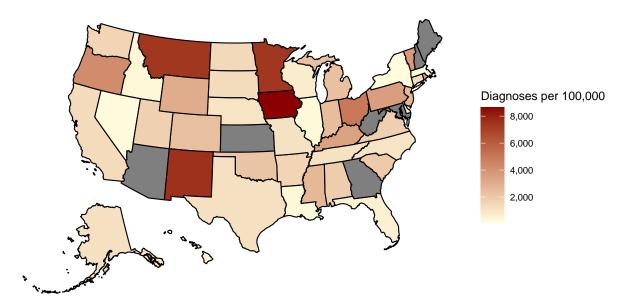


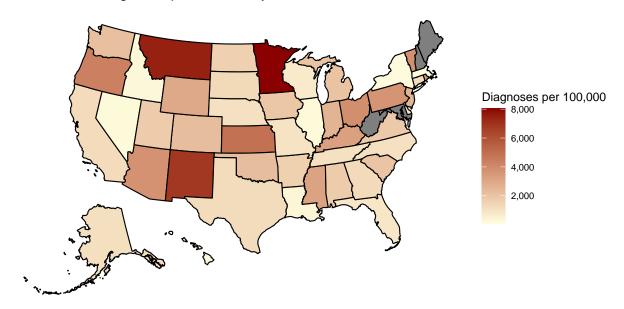


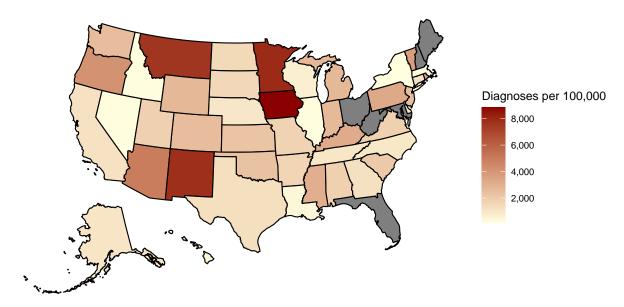


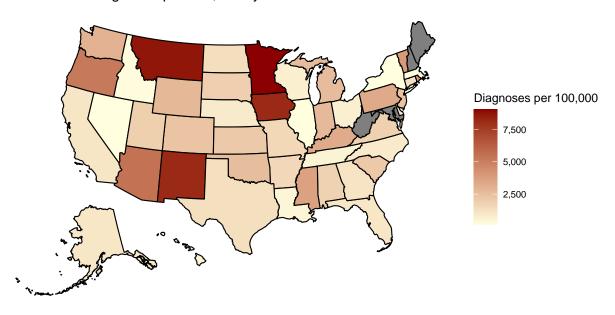












#### rm(i)

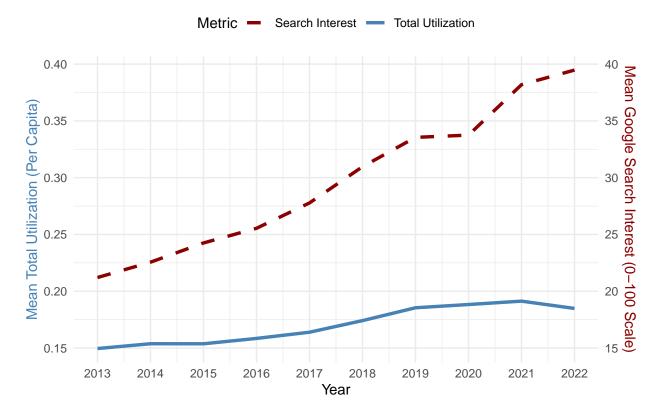
This horizontal bar chart displays the ten states with the highest total number of reported mental health diagnoses in the most recent year of available data (as determined by the dataset). The diagnoses include anxiety, depression, ADHD, bipolar disorder, and trauma-related stress. By aggregating these categories into a single metric (diagnoses\_total), this visualization provides a snapshot of the states with the greatest mental health treatment burden. States are ranked in descending order, making it easy to compare the relative magnitude of cases across regions. This plot can help prioritize resource allocation, policy attention, and further research into population mental health needs in the most affected areas.

```
summary_by_year <- data %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
summarise(
  mean_total_util = mean(total_util, na.rm = TRUE),
  mean_search_interest = mean(mean_all_trends, na.rm = TRUE)
)

ggplot(summary_by_year, aes(x = year)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = mean_total_util, color = "Total Utilization"), size = 1.2) +
  geom_line(aes(y = mean_search_interest / 100, color = "Search Interest"), size = 1.2, linetype = "das."
  scale_y_continuous(
   name = "Mean Total Utilization (Per Capita)",
   sec.axis = sec_axis(~ . * 100, name = "Mean Google Search Interest (0-100 Scale)")
) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = unique(summary_by_year$year)) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Total Utilization" = "steelblue", "Search Interest" = "darkred")) +
  labs(
```

```
title = "Mean Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest Over Time",
    x = "Year",
    color = "Metric"
) +
theme_minimal() +
theme(
    axis.title.y.left = element_text(color = "steelblue"),
    axis.title.y.right = element_text(color = "darkred"),
    legend.position = "top")
```

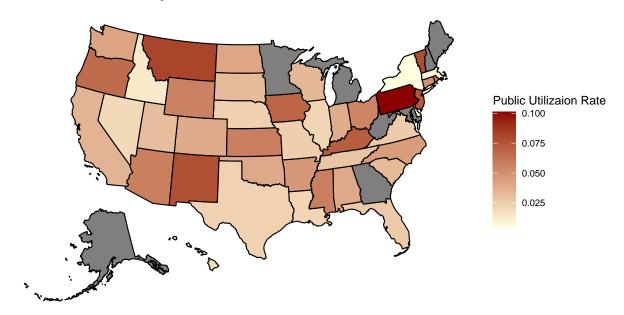
#### Mean Mental Health Utilization vs. Search Interest Over Time

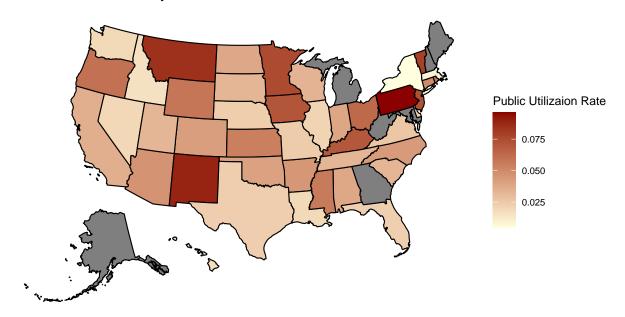


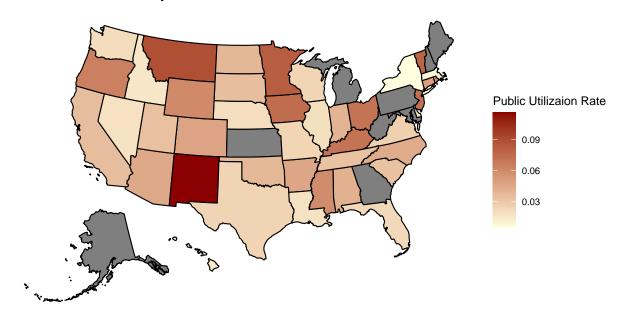
This dual-axis line chart compares the mean per capita mental health service utilization (total\_util) with average Google search interest in mental health-related terms (mean\_all\_trends) across all states, over time. To enable meaningful visual comparison, search interest (originally on a 0–100 scale) is scaled down on the primary y-axis and also displayed on a secondary y-axis in its original form. The solid blue line represents mental health service use, while the dashed red line reflects online search trends. The chart offers insight into whether public awareness or concern—reflected in search behavior—moves in tandem with actual utilization of mental health services. Patterns of convergence or divergence between the two lines over time may inform whether increases in search interest precede or lag changes in service demand, which is valuable for proactive mental health planning and outreach.

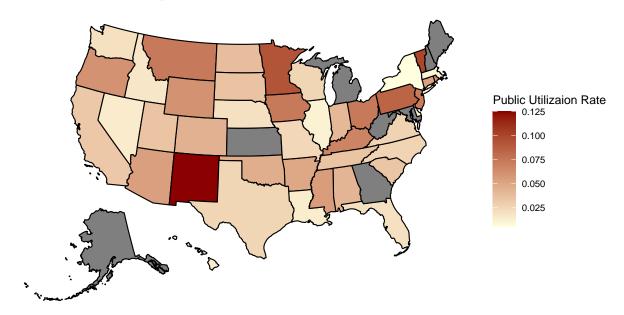
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for (i in unique(data$year)){
   print(plot_usmap(data = data %>% filter(year == i), values = "state_util", regions = "states") +
        scale_fill_continuous(
        name = "Public Utilizaion Rate",
        label = scales::comma,
        low = "lightyellow",
```

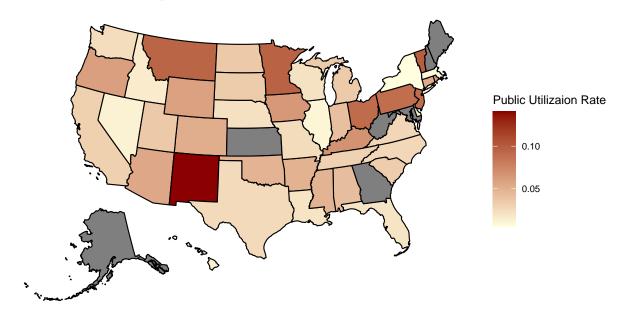
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high = "darkred"
) +
labs(title = paste("Public Utilization Rates by State in", i)) +
theme(legend.position = "right"))
}
```

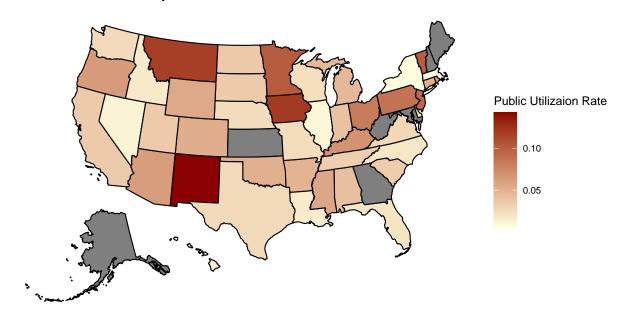


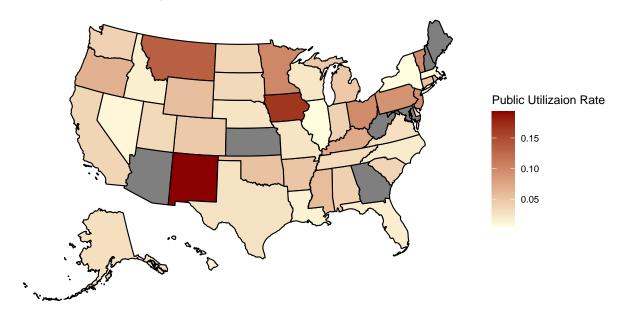


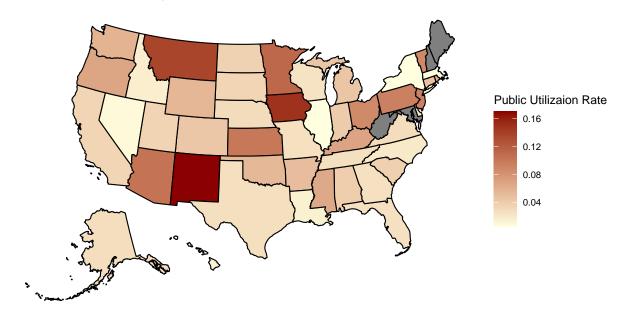


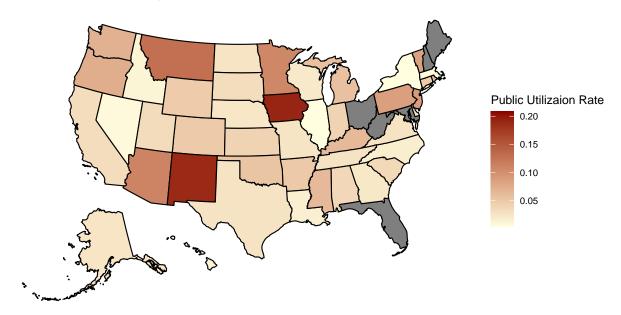


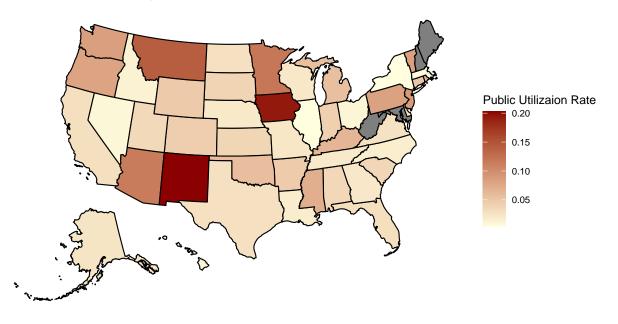












### rm(i)

This horizontal bar chart highlights the top 10 states with the highest public mental health service utilization (state\_util) in the most recent year of the dataset. States are sorted by utilization, and the bars represent the total number of mental health-related diagnoses, including anxiety, depression, ADHD, bipolar disorder, and trauma-related conditions. The visualization allows for a quick comparison between states with the most active public service usage and the corresponding mental health burden. It provides insight into whether states with higher utilization are also experiencing a greater volume of mental health diagnoses, which may indicate stronger reporting, access to care, or elevated need.

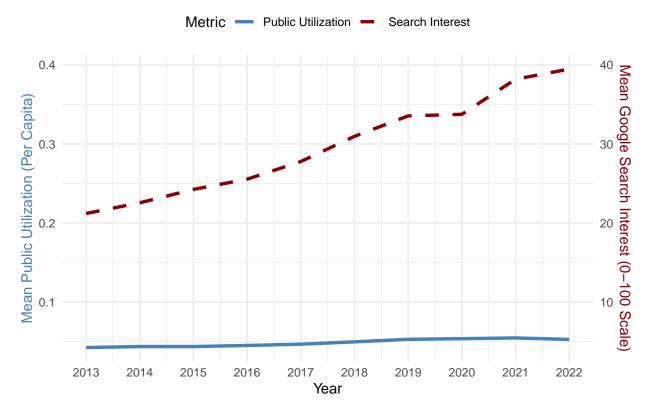
```
### Removing, as we are focusing on public usage, not private
# for (i in unique(data$year)){
    print(plot_usmap(data = data %>% filter(year == i), values = "private_util", regions = "states") +
#
            scale_fill_continuous(
#
              name = "Private Utilizaion Rate",
#
              label = scales::comma,
              low = "lightyellow",
#
              high = "darkred"
#
#
              ) +
#
            labs(title = paste("Private Utilization Rates by State in", i)) +
            theme(legend.position = "right"))
#
#
 }
#
# rm(i)
```

This chart displays the top 10 states with the highest private sector mental health service utilization (private\_util) in the latest available year. Each bar reflects the total number of mental health diagnoses

(covering anxiety, depression, ADHD, bipolar disorder, and trauma-related conditions) for each state. The visualization allows us to examine whether high levels of private utilization correspond to a greater mental health burden. It offers insight into how the private healthcare system is being leveraged across different states and can help identify regions with strong insurance access or provider networks supporting mental health care.

```
summary_by_year <- data %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
  summarise(
   mean_state_util = mean(state_util, na.rm = TRUE),
   mean_search_interest = mean(mean_all_trends, na.rm = TRUE)
  )
ggplot(summary_by_year, aes(x = year)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = mean_state_util, color = "Public Utilization"), size = 1.2) +
  geom_line(aes(y = mean_search_interest / 100, color = "Search Interest"), size = 1.2, linetype = "das"
  scale_y_continuous(
   name = "Mean Public Utilization (Per Capita)",
   sec.axis = sec_axis(~ . * 100, name = "Mean Google Search Interest (0-100 Scale)")
  ) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = unique(summary_by_year$year)) +
  scale color manual(values = c(
    "Public Utilization" = "steelblue",
   "Search Interest" = "darkred"
  )) +
  labs(
   title = "Mean Mental Health Public Utilization vs. Search Interest Over Time",
   x = "Year",
    color = "Metric"
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(
   axis.title.y.left = element_text(color = "steelblue"),
   axis.title.y.right = element_text(color = "darkred"),
   legend.position = "top"
 )
```

#### Mean Mental Health Public Utilization vs. Search Interest Over Time



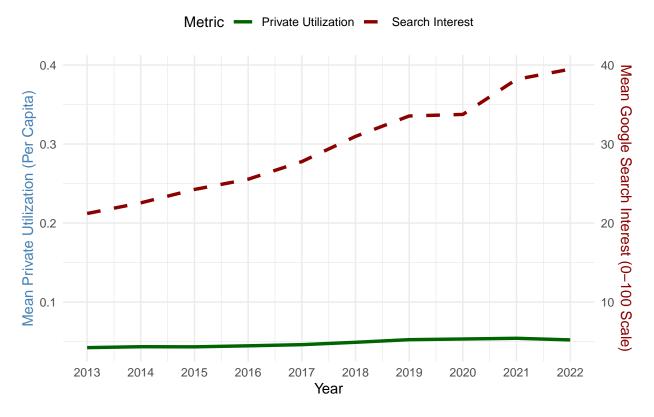
This dual-axis line graph compares mean per capita public mental health service utilization (state\_util) with mean Google search interest in mental health topics across years. Public utilization is shown as a solid blue line, while search interest is represented by a red dashed line, scaled to align visually. This visualization helps illustrate whether public mental health service demand tracks with public awareness or concern, as reflected in search trends. Notably, the alignment (or divergence) between the two trends across time may reveal gaps between perceived need and service access in public health systems, guiding future policy considerations.

```
summary_by_year <- data %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
  summarise(
   mean_private_util = mean(private_util, na.rm = TRUE),
    mean_search_interest = mean(mean_all_trends, na.rm = TRUE)
  )
ggplot(summary_by_year, aes(x = year)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = mean_private_util, color = "Private Utilization"), size = 1.2) +
  geom_line(aes(y = mean_search_interest / 100, color = "Search Interest"), size = 1.2, linetype = "das
  scale_y_continuous(
   name = "Mean Private Utilization (Per Capita)",
    sec.axis = sec_axis(~ . * 100, name = "Mean Google Search Interest (0-100 Scale)")
  ) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = unique(summary_by_year$year)) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c(
    "Private Utilization" = "darkgreen",
    "Search Interest" = "darkred"
  )) +
```

labs(

```
title = "Mean Mental Health Private Utilization vs. Search Interest Over Time",
    x = "Year",
    color = "Metric"
) +
theme_minimal() +
theme(
    axis.title.y.left = element_text(color = "steelblue"),
    axis.title.y.right = element_text(color = "darkred"),
    legend.position = "top"
)
```

#### Mean Mental Health Private Utilization vs. Search Interest Over Time



This dual-axis line graph compares mean per capita private mental health service utilization (private\_util) with mean Google search interest in mental health topics over time. The private utilization is displayed with a solid dark green line, while search interest is shown as a dashed red line, scaled to fit the graph. The visualization provides insight into the relationship between the use of private mental health services and the public's awareness or concern as measured by search trends. This plot helps identify whether changes in private service usage coincide with shifts in search interest, potentially indicating shifts in public awareness or engagement with mental health resources.