QTM 350 Final Project Report

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1 Introduction

For this project, we will be investigating population dynamics from the Caribbean and Central and South America from 1975-2024. We are specifically interested in analyzing how indicators such as life expectancy, mortality rate, and adolescent fertility rate interact with one another. We will be utilizing data from the publicly available World Development Index (WDI) from the World Bank. We will use additional attributes like immunization (measles, DPT, HEPB3), HIV prevalence, urban and rural populations, unemployment rates, and surface area for a deeper look at our specified region's status and history.

1.0.1 Central Question:

How do various health-related, economic, and geographic factors contribute towards and interact with life expectancy at birth, mortality

2 Data Description

We chose to focus on the 'population dynamics' research question within the WDI Dataset. Specifically, we wanted to explored how various health-related, economic, and geographic factors contributed towards and interacted with life expectancy at birth, mortality rate, and adolescent fertility rate. Some of these factors (or 'services,' as named by the WDI) include immunization rates for DPT, HepB3, measles, prevalence of HIV, TB case detection rates, proportion of expenditure spent on health-related measures, urban and rural populations, unemployment rates, surface area, and rule of law estimates. To narrow our focus, we only included data from Central and South American countries: Argentina, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico (territory), St. Martin. Finally, we included data from the past 50 years (1975-2024).

3 Data Cleaning and Preparation

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3.1 Loading + Creating the Database.

```
import os
print(os.getcwd())
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```
# Relevant packages:
import sqlite3
import pandas as pd

# Loading the WDI data as a csv (using pandas):
# Change relative path to your downloaded WDI data
df = pd.read_csv("data/wdi_rawdata.csv", encoding='latin1')

# Created a database by running the following two commands in my terminal:
## cd "C:\Users\lcsrl\Downloads"
## touch qtm350_project.db

import warnings
warnings.simplefilter(action='ignore', category=FutureWarning)
```

```
# Set up connection:
conn = sqlite3.connect("data/qtm350_project.db")
cursor = conn.cursor()

# Write 'df' to SQL:
cursor.execute("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS wdi;")
df.to_sql('wdi', conn, if_exists='replace', index=False)
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3.2 Data Cleaning + Transformation:

Off the bat, there are lots of oddly-named variables and warped data. We'll create a new cleaned table. We'll drop/modify N/A values (denoted as ..) according to the following procedures.

```
# new, cleaned dataframe
# 1: create a new 'year' list (to replace the current format)
year_columns = [
    f'"{year} [YR{year}]" AS "{year}"' for year in range(1975, 2025)
]

# 2: new table only with relevant columns: country_name, indicator, and years
cursor.execute("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS wdi_renamed;")
q_keep = f"""
CREATE TABLE wdi_renamed AS
SELECT
    "Country Name" AS country_name,
    "Series Name" AS indicator,
    {', '.join(year_columns)}
FROM wdi
"""
conn.execute(q_keep)
```

<sqlite3.Cursor at 0x126110fc0>

```
pd.read sql("SELECT * FROM wdi renamed", conn).head()
```

	country_name	indicator	1975	1976	1977	1978
0	Argentina	Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	66.965	67.03	67.595	67.999
1	Argentina	Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	63.3	59.8	55.6	51.2
2	Argentina	Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 wo	73.076	74.913	76.634	77.695
3	Argentina	Prevalence of HIV, total (% of population ages				
4	Argentina	Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 mo				

Sorting the countries into three regions as follows:

Central America (9 countries): - Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Mexico, Bolivia,

South America (10 countries): - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, RB.

Caribbean (5 countries): - Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Martin (French part), Puerto Rico.

```
conn.execute("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS wdi_region;")
# writes an implicit 'if else' function in sql to create a new column 'region' based on the
q_region = """
CREATE TABLE wdi_region AS
SELECT
    country_name,
    CASE
        WHEN country name IN (
            'Belize', 'Costa Rica', 'El Salvador', 'Guatemala', 'Honduras', 'Nicaragua', 'Pa
        ) THEN 'Central America'
        WHEN country_name IN (
            'Argentina', 'Brazil', 'Chile', 'Colombia', 'Ecuador', 'Guyana', 'Paraguay', 'Pe
        ) THEN 'South America'
        WHEN country_name IN (
            'Cuba', 'Dominican Republic', 'Haiti', 'Jamaica', 'St. Martin (French part)', 'I
        ) THEN 'Caribbean'
        ELSE 'Other'
   END AS region,
    indicator,
    "1975", "1976", "1977", "1978", "1979", "1980", "1981", "1982", "1983", "1984", "1985",
    "1990", "1991", "1992", "1993", "1994", "1995", "1996", "1997", "1998", "1999", "2000",
    "2005", "2006", "2007", "2008", "2009", "2010", "2011", "2012", "2013", "2014", "2015",
    "2020", "2021", "2022", "2023", "2024"
FROM wdi renamed
11 11 11
conn.execute(q_region)
```

<sqlite3.Cursor at 0x1261108c0>

We'll create a pivot table (long) in order to display each variable in each year by country.

```
# SQL code that mimics 'melt' in python: iterates over each year and stores a list of queric
year_range = range(1975, 2025)
union_queries = []
```

```
# creates a list of SQL commands
# column order: year, country_name
conn.execute("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS wdi_long;")
for year in year_range:
   union_queries.append(f"""
    SELECT
        '{year}' AS year,
        country_name,
        region,
        indicator,
        "{year}" AS value
   FROM wdi_region
    WHERE "{year}" IS NOT NULL
# joins and executes each individual year using UNION ALL (basically stacks on top of each
q_long = f"""
CREATE TABLE wdi_long AS
{'UNION ALL'.join(union_queries)}
conn.execute(q_long)
```

<sqlite3.Cursor at 0x1261d4240>

Lots of information for various years is unavailable, perhaps because the country does not track certain info, they only started after a certain year, etc. We'll create a modified version of this pivot table to only include rows where the data is present

```
conn.execute("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS wdi_long_clean;")
q_filter_non_null = """
CREATE TABLE wdi_long_clean AS
SELECT *
FROM wdi_long
WHERE value IS NOT NULL AND value != '...'
"""
conn.execute(q_filter_non_null)

# Here's a sample of the cleaned data:
pd.read_sql("SELECT * FROM wdi_long_clean", conn).head(25)
```

	year	country_name	region	indicator	value
0	1975	Argentina	South America	Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	66.965
1	1975	Argentina	South America	Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	63.3
2	1975	Argentina	South America	Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 wo	73.076

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	year	country_name	region	indicator	value
3	1975	Argentina	South America	Urban population	20950006
4	1975	Argentina	South America	Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (2.3
5	1975	Argentina	South America	Trade ($\%$ of GDP)	11.802724
6	1975	Argentina	South America	Surface area (sq. km)	2780400
7	1975	Argentina	South America	School enrollment, primary (% net)	96.32775
8	1975	Argentina	South America	Rural population	4924101
9	1975	Belize	Central America	Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	65.377
10	1975	Belize	Central America	Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	80
11	1975	Belize	Central America	Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 wo	142.49
12	1975	Belize	Central America	Urban population	65416
13	1975	Belize	Central America	Surface area (sq. km)	22970
14	1975	Belize	Central America	Rural population	64971
15	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	70.253
16	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	45.4
17	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 wo	91.632
18	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	Urban population	865318
19	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	Trade (% of GDP)	68.60978
20	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	Surface area (sq. km)	51100
21	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	School enrollment, primary (% net)	90.45446
22	1975	Costa Rica	Central America	Rural population	1227401
23	1975	El Salvador	Central America	Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	53.422
24	1975	El Salvador	Central America	Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	130.7

3.3 Descriptive Statistics (in SQL)

1. Top 10 Countries by Average Life Expectancy across various time periods:

- 1975-2024 (all years in dataset).
- 1980-1989 (80s).
- 2010-2019 (2010s).

```
q1_a = """
SELECT country_name, AVG(value) AS avg_life_exp
FROM wdi_long_clean
WHERE indicator = 'Life expectancy at birth, total (years)'
GROUP BY country_name
ORDER BY avg_life_exp DESC
LIMIT 10
"""
q1_a_table = pd.read_sql(q1_a, conn)
q1_a_table
```

	country_name	avg_life_exp
0	Costa Rica	76.953000
1	St. Martin (French part)	76.319592
2	Puerto Rico	75.974449
3	Chile	75.545469
4	Cuba	75.323898
5	Uruguay	74.259551
6	Panama	73.476163
7	Argentina	73.002898
8	Venezuela, RB	71.322490
9	Colombia	71.205878

```
q1_b = """
SELECT country_name, AVG(value) AS avg_life_exp
FROM wdi_long_clean
WHERE indicator = 'Life expectancy at birth, total (years)'
   AND year IN ('1980', '1981', '1982', '1983', '1984', '1985', '1986', '1987', '1988', '1988'
GROUP BY country_name
ORDER BY avg_life_exp DESC
LIMIT 10
"""
q1_b_table = pd.read_sql(q1_b, conn)
q1_b_table
```

	country_name	avg_life_exp
0	Costa Rica	74.5500
1	Cuba	73.4186
2	Puerto Rico	73.0772
3	St. Martin (French part)	73.0160
4	Uruguay	71.7568
5	Chile	71.3751
6	Panama	70.2783
7	Argentina	69.8508
8	Venezuela, RB	69.7803
9	Belize	68.2004

```
q1_c = """
SELECT country_name, AVG(value) AS avg_life_exp
FROM wdi_long_clean
WHERE indicator = 'Life expectancy at birth, total (years)'
   AND year IN ('2010', '2011', '2012', '2013', '2014', '2015', '2016', '2017', '2018', '2019
GROUP BY country_name
ORDER BY avg_life_exp DESC
```

```
LIMIT 10
"""
q1_c_table = pd.read_sql(q1_c, conn)
q1_c_table
```

	country_name	avg_life_exp
0	Costa Rica	80.0098
1	Puerto Rico	79.9724
2	Chile	79.8613
3	St. Martin (French part)	79.4908
4	Cuba	77.7397
5	Panama	77.4483
6	Uruguay	77.1427
7	Argentina	76.2544
8	Ecuador	76.0896
9	Colombia	75.9536

2. Highest rates of immunization for DPT, HepB3, and measles for each country:

In other words, the number in each cell represents the immunization rate that was highest for that country across the years in the dataset. We will also include a value 'agg_immunization_rate', which is computed by taking teh average of the three maximum immunization rates.

```
q2 = """
SELECT country_name,
       MAX(CASE WHEN indicator = 'Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)' THEN
       MAX(CASE WHEN indicator = 'Immunization, HepB3 (% of one-year-old children)' THEN val
       MAX(CASE WHEN indicator = 'Immunization, measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)'
       (MAX(CASE WHEN indicator = 'Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)' THE
       MAX(CASE WHEN indicator = 'Immunization, HepB3 (% of one-year-old children)' THEN va
       MAX(CASE WHEN indicator = 'Immunization, measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)'
FROM wdi_long_clean
WHERE indicator IN (
    'Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)',
    'Immunization, HepB3 (% of one-year-old children)',
    'Immunization, measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)'
GROUP BY country_name
ORDER BY agg_immunization_rate DESC
LIMIT 23;
11 11 11
q2_table = pd.read_sql(q2, conn)
q2_table
```

	country_name	max_dpt	max_hepb3	max_measles	agg_immunization_rate
0	Mexico	99	99	99	99
1	Honduras	99	99	99	99
2	Guyana	99	99	99	99
3	El Salvador	99	99	99	99
4	Cuba	99	99	99	99
5	Brazil	99	99	99	99
6	Panama	99	98	99	98
7	Nicaragua	98	98	99	98
8	Costa Rica	99	98	99	98
9	Chile	99	97	99	98
10	Belize	98	98	99	98
11	Uruguay	97	96	99	97
12	Peru	99	95	98	97
13	Ecuador	96	96	99	97
14	Argentina	98	94	99	97
15	Guatemala	96	96	96	96
16	Paraguay	98	93	96	95
17	Bolivia	95	95	96	95
18	Colombia	94	95	95	94
19	Dominican Republic	91	90	96	92
20	Venezuela, RB	87	88	98	91
21	Suriname	94	87	91	90
22	Haiti	9	68	8	28

3. Yearly change in urban population for Mexico and Brazil (two countries with generally high urban populations) from 1975 to 2000:

We will use the LAG() function in SQL, which allows us to access data from a previous row in the same result set without the use of a self-join, in order to calculate the difference between years.

```
q3_a = """
SELECT year,
  value AS urban_population,
  value - LAG(value) OVER (ORDER BY year) AS yearly_growth
FROM wdi_long_clean
WHERE country_name = 'Mexico'
  AND indicator = 'Urban population'
  AND year BETWEEN '1975' AND '2000'
ORDER BY year;
"""
q3_a_table = pd.read_sql(q3_a, conn)
q3_a_table
```

	year	urban_population	yearly_growth
0	1975	37016764	NaN
1	1976	38504442	1487678.0
2	1977	40011399	1506957.0
3	1978	41544154	1532755.0
4	1979	43095854	1551700.0
5	1980	44646369	1550515.0
6	1981	46068153	1421784.0
7	1982	47469200	1401047.0
8	1983	48882146	1412946.0
9	1984	50305880	1423734.0
10	1985	51742434	1436554.0
11	1986	53195618	1453184.0
12	1987	54666745	1471127.0
13	1988	56155065	1488320.0
14	1989	57649750	1494685.0
15	1990	59149337	1499587.0
16	1991	60634660	1485323.0
17	1992	62132096	1497436.0
18	1993	63634911	1502815.0
19	1994	65145831	1510920.0
20	1995	66663966	1518135.0
21	1996	68109906	1445940.0
22	1997	69508938	1399032.0
23	1998	70903451	1394513.0
24	1999	72293903	1390452.0
25	2000	73694985	1401082.0

```
q3_b = """
SELECT year,
  value AS urban_population,
  value - LAG(value) OVER (ORDER BY year) AS yearly_growth
FROM wdi_long_clean
WHERE country_name = 'Brazil'
  AND indicator = 'Urban population'
  AND year BETWEEN '1975' AND '2000'
ORDER BY year;
"""
q3_b_table = pd.read_sql(q3_b, conn)
q3_b_table
```

	year	urban_population	yearly_growth
0	1975	65420857	NaN

	year	$urban_population$	yearly_growth
1	1976	68051232	2630375.0
2	1977	70760392	2709160.0
3	1978	73551099	2790707.0
4	1979	76416004	2864905.0
5	1980	79352101	2936097.0
6	1981	82340685	2988584.0
7	1982	85371053	3030368.0
8	1983	88441554	3070501.0
9	1984	91547882	3106328.0
10	1985	94673905	3126023.0
11	1986	97807964	3134059.0
12	1987	100930955	3122991.0
13	1988	104046863	3115908.0
14	1989	107150809	3103946.0
15	1990	110249653	3098844.0
16	1991	113322847	3073194.0
17	1992	116391291	3068444.0
18	1993	119447677	3056386.0
19	1994	122479568	3031891.0
20	1995	125522590	3043022.0
21	1996	128573880	3051290.0
22	1997	131742708	3168828.0
23	1998	134957264	3214556.0
24	1999	138164576	3207312.0
25	2000	141288924	3124348.0

4. Average trade amounts (as % of GDP) across 1975-2024, first by region, and second by country:

	region	avg_trade_gdp
0	Central America	75.001154
1	Caribbean	65.423034
2	South America	53.059413
3	Other	0.000000
3	Other	0.000000

	country_name	region	avg_trade_gdp
0	Guyana	South America	172.706599
1	Panama	Central America	123.698223
2	Puerto Rico	Caribbean	104.956422
3	Suriname	South America	97.518818
4	Honduras	Central America	95.767372
5	Belize	Central America	89.613579
6	Nicaragua	Central America	74.432156
7	Costa Rica	Central America	74.183460
8	Paraguay	South America	71.780297
9	El Salvador	Central America	65.621117
10	Dominican Republic	Caribbean	61.151605
11	Chile	South America	58.341319
12	Bolivia	Central America	56.918690
13	Venezuela, RB	South America	50.808681
14	Cuba	Caribbean	49.878871
15	Guatemala	Central America	49.082497
16	Ecuador	South America	48.241917
17	Mexico	Central America	47.184352
18	Uruguay	South America	45.534761
19	Peru	South America	41.024383
20	Haiti	Caribbean	38.153141
21	Colombia	South America	34.294808
22	Argentina	South America	24.314856

country_name		region	avg_trade_gdp	
23	Brazil	South America	22.548464	

4 Exploratory Data Analysis

import pandas as pd

```
import numpy as np
from scipy.stats import linregress
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
region_mapping = {
    'Argentina': 'South America',
    'Belize': 'Central America',
    'Costa Rica': 'Central America',
    'El Salvador': 'Central America',
    'Guatemala': 'Central America',
    'Honduras': 'Central America',
    'Nicaragua': 'Central America',
    'Panama': 'Central America',
    'Mexico': 'Central America',
    'Bolivia': 'South America',
    'Brazil': 'South America',
    'Chile': 'South America',
    'Colombia': 'South America',
    'Ecuador': 'South America',
    'Guyana': 'South America',
    'Paraguay': 'South America',
    'Peru': 'South America',
    'Suriname': 'South America',
    'Uruguay': 'South America',
    'Venezuela, RB': 'South America',
    'Cuba': 'Caribbean',
    'Dominican Republic': 'Caribbean',
    'Haiti': 'Caribbean',
    'Jamaica': 'Caribbean',
    'St. Martin (French part)': 'Caribbean',
    'Puerto Rico': 'Caribbean',
df['Region'] = df['Country Name'].map(region_mapping)
life_expectancy_df = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Life expectancy at birth, total (years)'].copy
year_columns = [col for col in df.columns if '[YR' in col]
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life_expectancy_df.loc[:, year_columns] = life_expectancy_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_nume)
life_expectancy_df['Average Life Expectancy'] = life_expectancy_df[year_columns].mean(axis=
life_result = life_expectancy_df[['Region', 'Average Life Expectancy']]
life_result = life_result.dropna(subset=['Average Life Expectancy'])
life_result = life_result.groupby('Region')['Average Life Expectancy'].mean().reset_index()
life_result = life_result.sort_values(by='Average Life Expectancy', ascending=False)
print(life_result)
            Region Average Life Expectancy
0
         Caribbean
                                 70.697967
2
     South America
                                 69.356007
1 Central America
                                 68.988212
mortality_df = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)'].cd
mortality_df.loc[:, year_columns] = mortality_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors=
mortality_df['Average Mortality Under 5 yo'] = mortality_df[year_columns].mean(axis=1)
mort_result = mortality_df[['Region', 'Average Mortality Under 5 yo']]
mort_result = mort_result.dropna(subset=['Average Mortality Under 5 yo'])
mort_result = mort_result.groupby('Region')['Average Mortality Under 5 yo'].mean().reset_ind
mort_result = mort_result.sort_values(by='Average Mortality Under 5 yo', ascending=False)
print(mort_result)
            Region Average Mortality Under 5 yo
         Caribbean
                                      61.526531
1 Central America
                                      41.316837
    South America
                                      40.174876
fertility_df = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ag
fertility_df.loc[:, year_columns] = fertility_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors=
fertility_df['Average Fertility Rate'] = fertility_df[year_columns].mean(axis=1)
fertility_result = fertility_df[['Region', 'Average Fertility Rate']]
fertility_result = fertility_result.dropna(subset=['Average Fertility Rate'])
fertility_result = fertility_result.groupby('Region')['Average Fertility Rate'].mean().reset
fertility_result = fertility_result.sort_values(by='Average Fertility Rate', ascending=False
print(fertility_result)
            Region Average Fertility Rate
  Central America
                               100.462635
     South America
                                77.902779
         Caribbean
                                65.945947
immunization_group = [
    'Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)',
```

'Immunization, HepB3 (% of one-year-old children)',

```
'Immunization, measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)
immunization_df = df[df['Series Name'].isin(immunization_group)].copy()
immunization_df.loc[:, year_columns] = immunization_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, e:
immunization_df['Grouped Immunization Average'] = immunization_df[year_columns].mean(axis=1)
immune_result = immunization_df[['Region', 'Grouped Immunization Average']]
immune_result = immune_result.dropna(subset=['Grouped Immunization Average'])
immune_result = immune_result.groupby('Region')['Grouped Immunization Average'].mean().rese
immune_result = immune_result.sort_values(by='Grouped Immunization Average', ascending=False
print(immune_result)
            Region Grouped Immunization Average
  Central America
                                      84.240333
     South America
                                      80.869707
         Caribbean
                                       74.12531
health_df = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Current health expenditure (% of GDP)'].copy()
health_df.loc[:, year_columns] = health_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerco
health_df['Average Health Expenditure'] = health_df[year_columns].mean(axis=1)
health_result = health_df[['Region', 'Average Health Expenditure']]
health_result = health_result.dropna(subset=['Average Health Expenditure'])
health_result = health_result.groupby('Region')['Average Health Expenditure'].mean().reset_:
health_result = health_result.sort_values(by='Average Health Expenditure', ascending=False)
print(health_result)
            Region Average Health Expenditure
  Central America
                                     6.785006
2
     South America
                                     6.429862
         Caribbean
                                     6.312227
ranking_merge = life_result.merge(mort_result, on='Region')
ranking_merge = ranking_merge.merge(fertility_result, on='Region')
ranking_merge = ranking_merge.merge(immune_result, on='Region')
ranking_merge = ranking_merge.merge(health_result, on='Region')
ranking_merge['Life Expectancy Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Life Expectancy'].rank(ascend
ranking_merge['Mortality Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Mortality Under 5 yo'].rank(ascend:
ranking_merge['Grouped Immunization Rank'] = ranking_merge['Grouped Immunization Average'].
ranking_merge['Health Expenditure Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Health Expenditure'].rank
ranking_merge['Fertility Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Fertility Rate'].rank(ascending=Tro

ranking_result = ranking_merge[['Region',
                            'Life Expectancy Rank',
```

```
'Mortality Rank',
'Grouped Immunization Rank',
'Health Expenditure Rank',
'Fertility Rank']]

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16, 4)) #
ax.axis('off')

table = ax.table(
    cellText=ranking_result.values,
    colLabels=ranking_result.columns,
    cellLoc='center',
    loc='center'
)

table.auto_set_font_size(False)
table.set_fontsize(12)
plt.savefig('health_region_ranking.png', bbox_inches='tight', dpi=150)
```

Region	Life Expectancy Rank	Mortality Rank (ouped Immunization Ra	Health Expenditure Rank	Fertility Rank
Caribbean	1	3	3	3	1
South America	2	1	2	2	2
Central America	3	2	1	1	3

```
# Define a function to find the highest and lowest values for a given metric

def analyze_metric(df, metric_name):
    metric_df = df[df['Series Name'] == metric_name].copy()
    year_columns = [col for col in df.columns if '[YR' in col]
    metric_df.loc[:, year_columns] = metric_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='cometric_df['Average Value'] = metric_df[year_columns].mean(axis=1)

# Group by region and find the highest and lowest values
    grouped = metric_df.groupby('Region')
    highest = grouped.apply(lambda x: x.loc[x['Average Value'].idxmax(), ['Country Name', 'Arroturn highest, lowest

# 1. Life expectancy at birth, total (years)

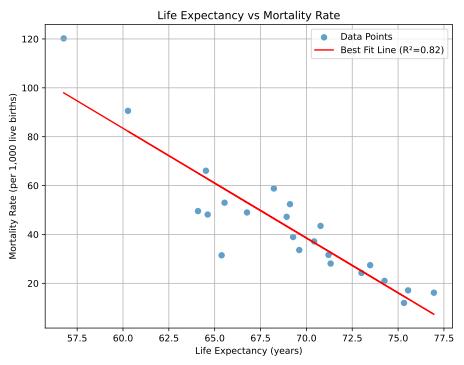
life_expectancy_highest, life_expectancy_lowest = analyze_metric(
    df, 'Life expectancy at birth, total (years)'
```

print("Life Expectancy (Highest):")

```
print(life_expectancy_highest)
print("\nLife Expectancy (Lowest):")
print(life_expectancy_lowest)
Life Expectancy (Highest):
                             Country Name
                                           Average Value
Region
Caribbean
                 St. Martin (French part)
                                               76.319592
Central America
                               Costa Rica
                                               76.953000
                                    Chile
                                               75.545469
South America
Life Expectancy (Lowest):
                Country Name Average Value
Region
Caribbean
                                  56.766245
                       Haiti
Central America
                   Guatemala
                                  64.522265
South America
                     Bolivia
                                  60.270714
# 2. Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)
mortality_highest, mortality_lowest = analyze_metric(
    df, 'Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)'
print("\nMortality Rate (Highest):")
print(mortality_highest)
print("\nMortality Rate (Lowest):")
print(mortality_lowest)
Mortality Rate (Highest):
                Country Name Average Value
Region
Caribbean
                                 120.226531
                       Haiti
Central America
                   Guatemala
                                  66.069388
South America
                     Bolivia
                                  90.569388
Mortality Rate (Lowest):
                Country Name Average Value
Region
Caribbean
                        Cuba
                                  11.965306
Central America
                  Costa Rica
                                  16.157143
South America
                       Chile
                                  17.112245
# 3. Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)
fertility_highest, fertility_lowest = analyze_metric(
   df, 'Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)'
)
```

```
print("\nAdolescent Fertility Rate (Highest):")
print(fertility_highest)
print("\nAdolescent Fertility Rate (Lowest):")
print(fertility_lowest)
Adolescent Fertility Rate (Highest):
                       Country Name Average Value
Region
Caribbean
                 Dominican Republic
                                         99.143898
Central America
                          Nicaragua
                                        126.473429
South America
                             Guyana
                                         97.110224
Adolescent Fertility Rate (Lowest):
                             Country Name Average Value
Region
Caribbean
                 St. Martin (French part)
                                               35.587714
Central America
                               Costa Rica
                                               75.293102
South America
                                    Chile
                                               55.050367
# Filter the dataset for the three variables
life expectancy = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Life expectancy at birth, total (years)'].copy()
mortality_rate = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)']
fertility_rate = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women
# Extract year columns and calculate averages
year_columns = [col for col in map(str, df.columns) if '[YR' in col]
# Calculate the average values for each variable
life_expectancy['Average Value'] = life_expectancy[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors
mortality_rate['Average Value'] = mortality_rate[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors=
fertility_rate['Average Value'] = fertility_rate[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors=
# Merge the datasets on 'Country Name' for scatterplots
merged_df = life_expectancy[['Country Name', 'Average Value']].merge(
    mortality_rate[['Country Name', 'Average Value']],
    on='Country Name',
    suffixes=('_LifeExpectancy', '_MortalityRate')
    fertility_rate[['Country Name', 'Average Value']],
    on='Country Name'
merged_df.rename(columns={'Average Value': 'AdolescentFertilityRate'}, inplace=True)
# Ensure no NaN values in the data for each scatterplot
valid_data1 = merged_df[['Average Value_LifeExpectancy', 'Average Value_MortalityRate']].drc
```

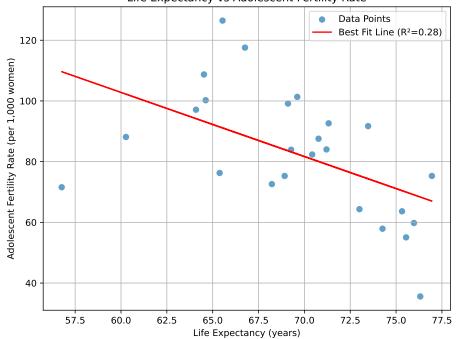
```
x1 = valid_data1['Average Value_LifeExpectancy']
y1 = valid_data1['Average Value_MortalityRate']
valid_data2 = merged_df[['Average Value_LifeExpectancy', 'AdolescentFertilityRate']].dropna
x2 = valid_data2['Average Value_LifeExpectancy']
y2 = valid_data2['AdolescentFertilityRate']
valid_data3 = merged_df[['Average Value_MortalityRate', 'AdolescentFertilityRate']].dropna()
x3 = valid_data3['Average Value_MortalityRate']
y3 = valid_data3['AdolescentFertilityRate']
# Scatterplot 1: Life Expectancy vs Mortality Rate with regression line
slope1, intercept1, r_value1, p_value1, std_err1 = linregress(x1, y1)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.scatter(x1, y1, alpha=0.7, label='Data Points')
plt.plot(x1, slope1 * x1 + intercept1, color='red', label=f'Best Fit Line (R2={r_value1**2:
plt.title('Life Expectancy vs Mortality Rate')
plt.xlabel('Life Expectancy (years)')
plt.ylabel('Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



```
# Scatterplot 2: Life Expectancy vs Adolescent Fertility Rate with regression line
x2 = merged_df['Average Value_LifeExpectancy']
y2 = merged_df['AdolescentFertilityRate']
slope2, intercept2, r_value2, p_value2, std_err2 = linregress(x2, y2)

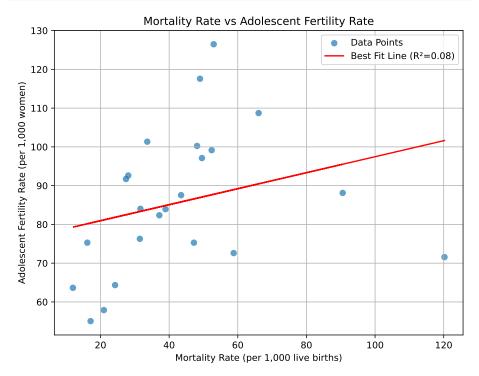
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.scatter(x2, y2, alpha=0.7, label='Data Points')
plt.plot(x2, slope2 * x2 + intercept2, color='red', label=f'Best Fit Line (R2={r_value2**2:
plt.title('Life Expectancy vs Adolescent Fertility Rate')
plt.xlabel('Life Expectancy (years)')
plt.ylabel('Adolescent Fertility Rate (per 1,000 women)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Life Expectancy vs Adolescent Fertility Rate



```
# Scatterplot 3: Mortality Rate vs Adolescent Fertility Rate with regression line
slope3, intercept3, r_value3, p_value3, std_err3 = linregress(x3, y3)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.scatter(x3, y3, alpha=0.7, label='Data Points')
plt.plot(x3, slope3 * x3 + intercept3, color='red', label=f'Best Fit Line (R2={r_value3**2:
plt.title('Mortality Rate vs Adolescent Fertility Rate')
plt.xlabel('Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Adolescent Fertility Rate (per 1,000 women)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



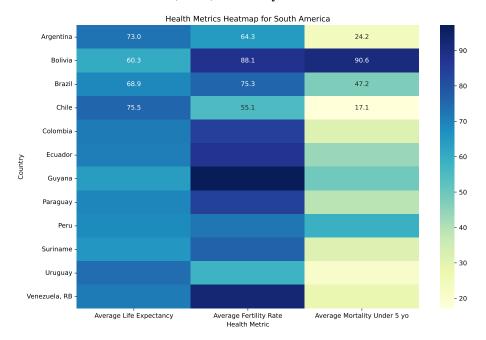
In order to do analysis on the data and comparing the countries within these regions to one another, need to modify the dataframes previously created. This will help in making visualizations easier.

```
#Fertility Rate
fertility_df = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women as
fertility_df.loc[:, year_columns] = fertility_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors=
fertility_result = fertility_df.groupby(['Country Name', 'Region'])[year_columns].mean().res
fertility_result['Average Fertility Rate'] = fertility_result[year_columns].mean(axis=1)
fertility_result = fertility_result[['Region', 'Country Name', 'Average Fertility Rate']]
#merge the dfs
combined = life_result.merge(mort_result, on=['Country Name', 'Region'])
combined = combined.merge(fertility_result, on=['Country Name', 'Region'])
Now let's add two additional dataframes to work with to get better insight into
health indicators:
immunization_group = [
    'Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)',
    'Immunization, HepB3 (% of one-year-old children)',
    'Immunization, measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)'
]
immunization_df = df[df['Series Name'].isin(immunization_group)].copy()
immunization_df.loc[:, year_columns] = immunization_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, ex
immune_result = immunization_df.groupby(['Country Name', 'Region'])[year_columns].mean().rea
immune_result['Grouped Immunization Average'] = immune_result[year_columns].mean(axis=1)
immune_result = immune_result[['Region', 'Country Name', 'Grouped Immunization Average']]
health_df = df[df['Series Name'] == 'Current health expenditure (% of GDP)'].copy()
health_df.loc[:, year_columns] = health_df[year_columns].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce
health_result = health_df.groupby(['Country Name', 'Region'])[year_columns].mean().reset_ind
health_result['Average Health Expenditure'] = health_result[year_columns].mean(axis=1)
health_result = health_result[['Region', 'Country Name', 'Average Health Expenditure']]
south_america_df = combined[combined['Region'] == 'South America']
heatmap = south_america_df[['Country Name',
                             'Average Life Expectancy',
                            'Average Fertility Rate',
                            'Average Mortality Under 5 yo']]
heatmap = heatmap.set_index('Country Name')
heatmap = heatmap.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
```

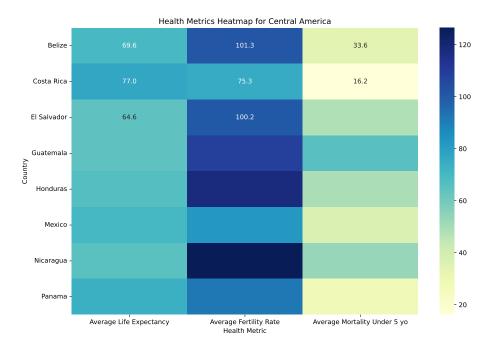
sns.heatmap(heatmap, annot=True, cmap="YlGnBu", fmt=".1f")

```
plt.title('Health Metrics Heatmap for South America')
plt.xlabel('Health Metric')
plt.ylabel('Country')
```

Text(364.1666666666663, 0.5, 'Country')



Text(364.1666666666663, 0.5, 'Country')



The heatmaps show the breakdown of each South and Central American country and their average for the following metrics. The darker the color indicates the higher the frequency for that certain attribute. This graph is able to display the countries in these regions that relate to mortality, life expectancy and fertility rates. Additionally, there is a table that ranks the Caribbean region along with the south and central American regions based on the five metrics listed in the table. By looking at this, we are able to see an overall ranking of which region has high mortality, low fertility, etc. This was further evaluated in the analysis by looking at each individual metric and comparing it with the regions.

```
# Dropping NA values in the dataframe
fertility_result = fertility_result.dropna(subset=['Average Fertility Rate'])
immune_result = immune_result.dropna(subset=['Grouped Immunization Average'])
life_result = life_result.dropna(subset=['Average Life Expectancy'])
mort_result = mort_result.dropna(subset=['Average Mortality Under 5 yo'])
health_result = health_result.dropna(subset=['Average Health Expenditure'])

ranking_merge = life_result.merge(mort_result, on=['Region','Country Name'])
ranking_merge = ranking_merge.merge(fertility_result, on=['Region','Country Name'])
ranking_merge = ranking_merge.merge(immune_result, on=['Region','Country Name'])
ranking_merge = ranking_merge.merge(health_result, on=['Region','Country Name'])

ranking_merge['Life Expectancy Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Life Expectancy'].rank(ascend:
ranking_merge['Mortality Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Mortality Under 5 yo'].rank(ascend:
ranking_merge['Grouped Immunization Rank'] = ranking_merge['Grouped Immunization Average'].
```

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ranking_merge['Health Expenditure Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Health Expenditure'].rank
ranking_merge['Fertility Rank'] = ranking_merge['Average Fertility Rate'].rank(ascending=Tree
ranking_result = ranking_merge[['Region',
                            'Life Expectancy Rank',
                            'Mortality Rank',
                            'Grouped Immunization Rank',
                            'Health Expenditure Rank',
                            'Fertility Rank']]
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16, 4)) #
ax.axis('off')
table = ax.table(
   cellText=ranking_result.values,
   colLabels=ranking_result.columns,
   cellLoc='center',
   loc='center'
)
table.auto_set_font_size(False)
table.set_fontsize(12)
plt.savefig('health_region_ranking.png', bbox_inches='tight', dpi=150)
```

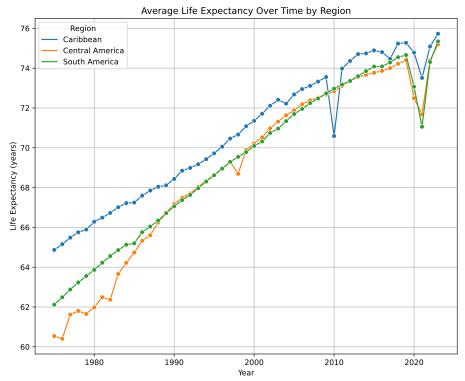
Region	Life Expectancy Rank	Mortality Rank	Grouped Immunization Rai	Health Expenditure Rank	Fertility Rank
South America	6	5	5	2	4
Central America	11	10	9	20	20
South America	22	22	22	15	14
South America	14	14	12	4	7
South America	2	3	1	6	1
South America	8	9	13	11	12
Central America	1	2	3	9	8
Caribbean	3	1	2	1	3
Caribbean	13	18	19	19	18
South America	9	13	17	12	13
Central America	19	15	10	3	19
Central America	20	21	20	13	21
South America	21	17	8	22	17
Caribbean	23	23	23	21	5
Central America	16	16	7	7	22
Central America	10	11	11	16	10
Central America	17	19	14	8	23
Central America	5	6	6	10	15
South America	12	12	16	14	11
South America	15	20	15	18	6
South America	18	8	18	17	9
South America	4	4	4	5	2
South America	7	7	21	23	16

```
# Fix year columns
year_columns = [col for col in df.columns if '[YR' in col]

# Melt from wide to long format
df_long = df.melt(
    id_vars=['Country Name', 'Country Code', 'Region', 'Series Name', 'Series Code'],
    value_vars=year_columns,
    var_name='Year',
    value_name='Value'
)
```

```
# Clean Year (remove [YRxxxx] formatting)
df_long['Year'] = df_long['Year'].str.extract('(\d+)').astype(int)
# Clean Value: Turn '..' into NaN, ensure numeric
df_long['Value'] = pd.to_numeric(df_long['Value'], errors='coerce')
# Now your structure is:
# Country Name | Country Code | Region | Series Name | Series Code | Year | Value
print(df_long.head())
  Country Name Country Code
                                    Region \
0
     Argentina
                        ARG South America
                        ARG South America
1
     Argentina
2
     Argentina
                       ARG South America
3
    Argentina
                       ARG South America
     Argentina
                        ARG South America
                                                         Series Code Year \
                                         Series Name
0
             Life expectancy at birth, total (years) SP.DYN.LEOO.IN 1975
    Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)
1
                                                         SH.DYN.MORT 1975
2 Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 wo...
                                                         SP.ADO.TFRT 1975
3 Prevalence of HIV, total (% of population ages... SH.DYN.AIDS.ZS 1975
  Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 mo...
                                                        SH.IMM.IDPT 1975
   Value
0 66.965
1 63.300
2 73.076
3
      NaN
     NaN
# Filter only Life Expectancy
life_exp = df_long[df_long['Series Name'] == 'Life expectancy at birth, total (years)'].cop
# Group by Region and Year, and take average across countries
region_life_exp = life_exp.groupby(['Region', 'Year'])['Value'].mean().reset_index()
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
sns.lineplot(
   data=region_life_exp,
   x='Year',
    y='Value',
   hue='Region',
   marker='o'
)
```

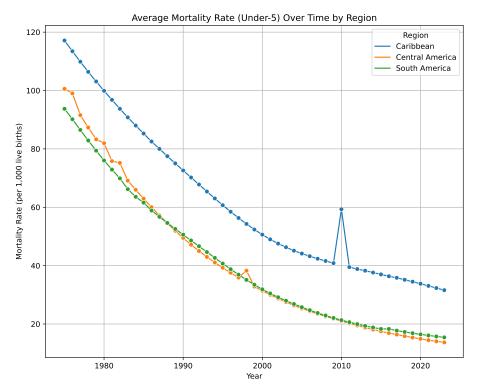
```
plt.title('Average Life Expectancy Over Time by Region')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Life Expectancy (years)')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend(title='Region')
plt.show()
```



```
# Filter only Mortality Rate
mortality = df_long[df_long['Series Name'] == 'Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live birt]
# Group by Region and Year, and average across countries
region_mortality = mortality.groupby(['Region', 'Year'])['Value'].mean().reset_index()
# Plot
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
sns.lineplot(
   data=region_mortality,
   x='Year',
   y='Value',
   hue='Region',
```

```
marker='o'
)

plt.title('Average Mortality Rate (Under-5) Over Time by Region')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend(title='Region')
plt.show()
```



```
# Investigating sharp spikes for Caribbean region

# Step 1: Focus on Caribbean mortality
caribbean_mortality = mortality[mortality['Region'] == 'Caribbean'].copy()
caribbean_life_exp = life_exp[life_exp['Region'] == 'Caribbean'].copy()

# Step 2: Choose a suspicious year range (e.g., 2000-2024)
suspect_mort_years = caribbean_mortality[(caribbean_mortality['Year'] >= 2009) & (caribbean_suspect_life_years = caribbean_life_exp[(caribbean_life_exp['Year'] >= 2009) & (caribbean_life_exp['Year'] >= 2009) & (caribbean_life_exp['Year'] >= 2009)
```

```
# Step 3: See country-level stats year by year
pivot_mort = suspect_mort_years.pivot_table(
    index='Year',
    columns='Country Name',
    values='Value'
)

pivot_life = suspect_life_years.pivot_table(
    index='Year',
    columns='Country Name',
    values='Value'
)

print(pivot_mort)
print(pivot_life)
```

```
Country Name Cuba Dominican Republic Haiti
Year
2009
               6.3
                                  35.2
                                        81.1
2010
               6.2
                                  35.1 136.7
2011
               6.1
                                  35.0
                                         77.4
Country Name
               Cuba Dominican Republic
                                           Haiti Puerto Rico \
Year
2009
              77.584
                                  71.587 61.694
                                                       78.377
              77.876
                                  72.039 45.577
                                                       78.717
2010
2011
              78.051
                                  72.496 61.581
                                                       78.766
Country Name St. Martin (French part)
Year
2009
                                78.513
```

It seems there was something that affected Haiti's life expectancy and mortality in 2010. After doing research, we found out that a catastrophic earthquake decimated Haiti, killing over 200,000 people.

78.752

79.016

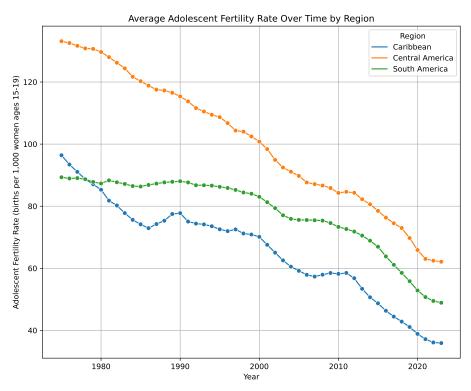
2010

2011

```
# Filter only Adolescent Fertility Rate
adolescent_fertility = df_long[df_long['Series Name'] == 'Adolescent fertility rate (births
# Group by Region and Year, and average across countries
region_adolescent_fertility = adolescent_fertility.groupby(['Region', 'Year'])['Value'].mean
# Plot
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
sns.lineplot(
```

```
data=region_adolescent_fertility,
    x='Year',
    y='Value',
    hue='Region',
    marker='o'
)

plt.title('Average Adolescent Fertility Rate Over Time by Region')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Adolescent Fertility Rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend(title='Region')
plt.show()
```



5 Results and Discussion

For data analysis, we analyzed 5 certain metrics and compared the 3 regions to one another. The first was average life expectancy, where the Caribbean had the highest with ~ 70 years and the lowest being Central America with ~ 68 years old. This metric showed us that generally, these regions had fairly

similar life expectancies. For Average mortality, that is where we begin to see a disparity between the regions. For example, the Caribbean exhibits a high mortality under 5 years old, around 61%, whereas Central and South America are both around 40%. For average fertility rates, Central America has the highest fertility rate, with the Caribbean being the lowest. Now, I looked at group immunization averages, which included DPT, measles, and HEPB3. It was mentioned that Central America had the highest, with Caribbean being the lowest. This could be due to the fact that Central America does have a higher fertility rate, and these immunizations were the % of children around the ages of 1-2. Finally, the last metric observed was average health expenditure. The region that utilizes on average the most for health expenditure is Central America, with again the Caribbean being the lowest.

6 Conclusion

Insights:

- Costa Rica, St. Martin, and Puerto Rico have the three highest average life expectancies out of the included countries. They are all located in the Caribbean, which has the higher average life expectancy than South and Central America. Interestingly, the Caribbean region also has a higher average mortality under 5 years old than Central and South America.
- Many countries (6, to be exact: Mexico, Honduras, Guyana, El Salvador, and Cuba) have a 99%+ maximum immunization rate for dpt, hepb3, and measles across 1975-2024. Conversely, countries like Haiti only have 9%, 68%, and 8% max immunization rates for these three diseases, respectively.
- As we would expect, there is a strict negative correlation between the life expectancy in years and mortality rate (per 1k live births), perhaps suggesting that the health procedures that increase life expectancy also reduce mortality rates. Also, there is a negative (though not as strong) relationship between life expectancy and adolescent fertility rate. The correlation between mortality rate and adolescent fertility rate is positive.
- As we analyze life expectancy over time, grouped by region, we see that the Caribbean region has consistently higher rates than Central and South America, with the exception of a few dips in 2010 and 2021. The average life expectancy and mortality rate for South and Central America are largely very similar between 1975 and 2024.

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