The Avengers are a well-known and widely-loved team of superheroes in the Marvel universe that were originally introduced in the 1960's comic book series. The recent Disney movies re-popularized them, as part of the new [Marvel Cinematic Universe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marvel_Cinematic_Universe).

Because the writers killed off and revived many of the superheroes, the team at FiveThirtyEight was curious to explore data from the [Marvel Wikia site](http://marvel.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page) further. To learn how they collected their data, which is available in their [GitHub repository](https://github.com/fivethirtyeight/data/tree/master/avengers), read the write-up they published on [the FiveThirtyEight website](http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/avengers-death-comics-age-of-ultron/).