Diary Entry 2

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(1) What is the question that you are going to answer? (**Title**: One sentence that ends with a question mark that could act like the title of your data story),

- How have alcohol-specific death rates varied across different deprivation quintiles from 2018 to 2022?

  (2) Why is this an important question? (Answer: 3 sentences, each of which has some evidence, e.g., *"According to the United Nations..."* to justify why the question you have chosen is important),

  This question is important as it highlights how alcohol related deaths are a serious issues and what factors play a part. For example my dataset is focused on the years 2018-2022 which coincided with the covid pandemic. There was a huge increase in the number of deaths meaning that mental health played a huge part in the increase due to people being isolated, away from family, dealing with death of family members or friends, unemployment etc had a toll on their mental health and led to them relying on drinking as an escape.

  (3) Which rows and columns of the dataset will be used to answer this question? (Answer: Actual names of the variables in the dataset that you plan to use).

  I will be focusing on 6 columns.

- Year of death registration

- Male number of deaths

- Male number of death per 1000

- Female number of deaths

- Female number of deaths per 1000

  Include the challenges and errors that you faced and how you overcame them.

- The major challenge was cleaning up my data which took a long time. Cleaning it up and trying to import also proved to be a major issue which took a long time. One way of overcoming it was being certain how I saved the file and that everything was save in the correct file.