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# Data Analytics Research (MATP 4910)

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# Social Determinants Cleanup - Problem

- Social Determinants (SD) visualizations for states show lots of raw numbers as protective/destructive factors
  - Best practice is to view *rates* and averages to get better picture of [...]
- SD charts repeat many attributes (i.e. **# Infant Deaths** & **% Infant Deaths**)
  - Both give the same information → redundant to include both in graphs
- Some factors are not of interest for COVIDMINDER analysis
  - Latitude
  - Longitude

# Social Determinants Cleanup - Solution

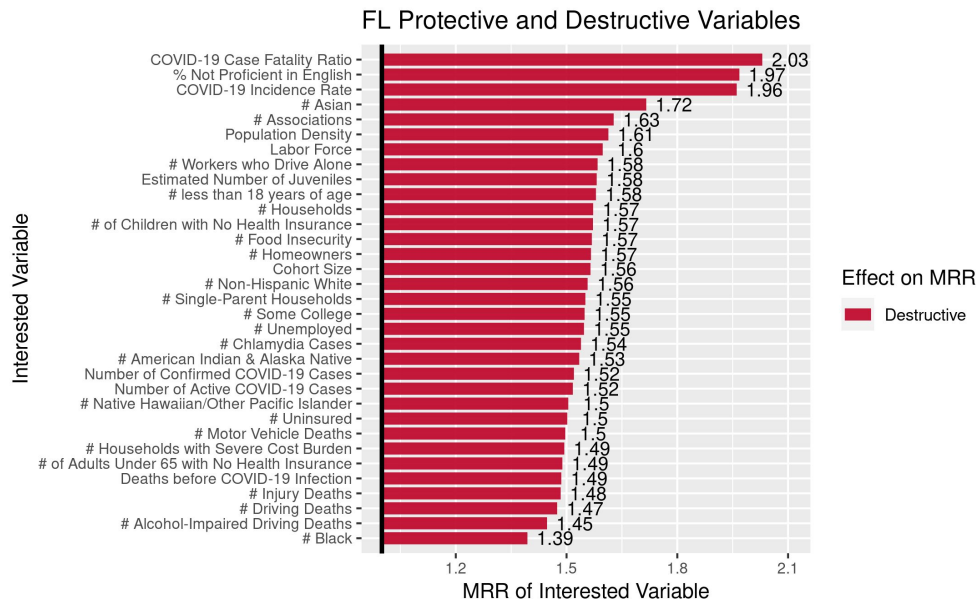
- Remove raw value factors from data prior to building SD graphs
  - Avoids repetition of attributes
  - Allows for more fair comparison between states of different populations and demographic compositions

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76 # remove unneeded attributes
77 |
78 #tempb4 <- nrow(GWAS_MRR) # check the number of rows before
   extracting non_rate variables
79 #tempb4
80 #namesb4 <- rownames(GWAS_MRR)
81 #namesb4
82
83 GWAS_MRR <- GWAS_MRR[ !(row.names(GWAS_MRR) %in% non_rate), ]
84
85 #tempAFTR <- nrow(GWAS_MRR) # check that rows have been removed
86 #tempAFTR
87 #namesAFTR <- rownames(GWAS_MRR)
88 #namesAFTR
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# factors that are not rates, to be removed before analysis
non_rate <- c("Lat", "Long_", "# Alcohol-Impaired Driving
Deaths", "# Driving Deaths", "# Chlamydia Cases", "# Chlamydia
Cases", "# Uninsured", "# Primary Care Physicians", "#
Dentists", "# Mental Health Providers", "# Some College", "#
Unemployed", "# Single-Parent Households", "# Households", "#
Associations", "# Injury Deaths", "# Workers who Drive Alone",
"pre_covid_deaths", "child_deaths", "infant_deaths", "# HIV
Cases", "# Food Insecure", "# Limited Access", "# Drug Overdose
Deaths", "# Motor Vehicle Deaths", "# Uninsured_1", "#
Uninsured_2", "# Firearm Fatalities", "# Homeowners", "#
Households with Severe Cost Burden", "# less than 18 years of
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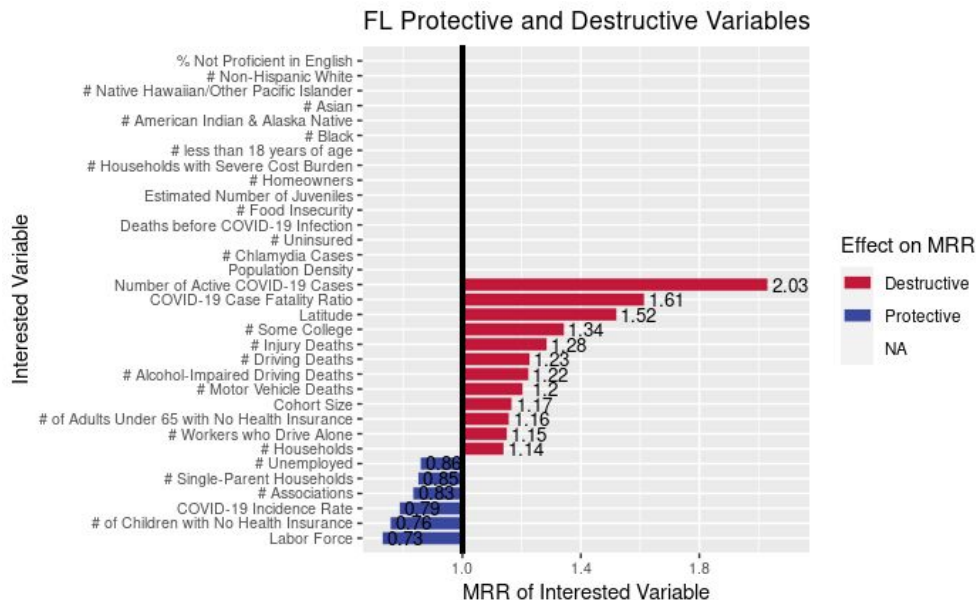
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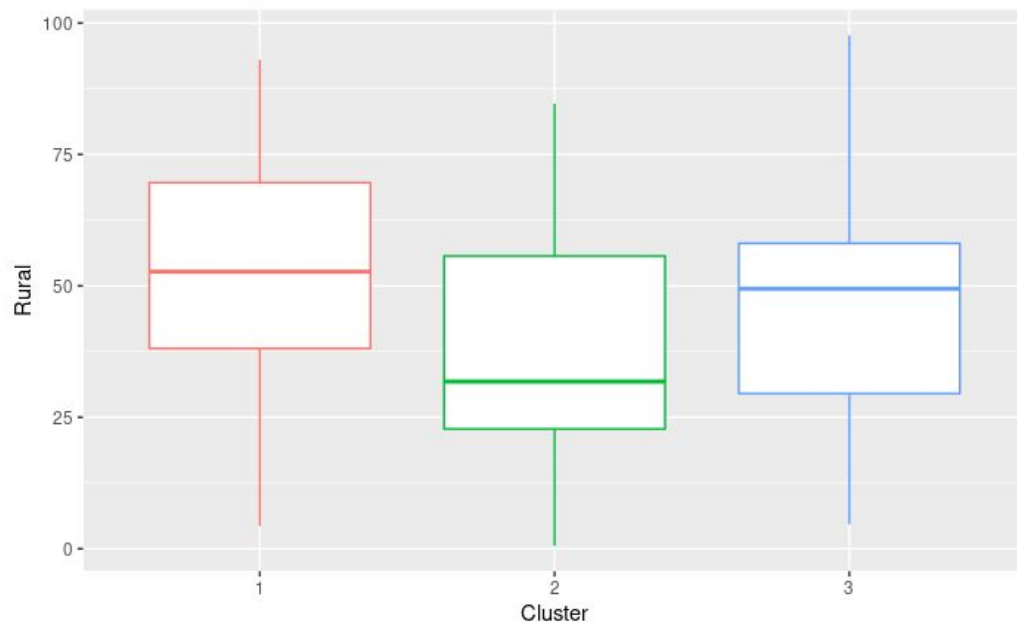
# MortalityMinder Visualization Attempt - Plan

- Social Determinants and Risk Groups Relationship Box Plot.
- Social Determinants, COVID-19 Mortality and Risk Groups Relationship Scatter Plot.
- Deaths of COVID-19 Trends for Risk Groups across single state.
- Kendall Correlation between social and economic factors and mortality risk groups.

# MortalityMinder Visualization Attempt - Progress

## Percentage of Rural Area and COVID-19 Risk Groups Relationship Box Plot for Ohio

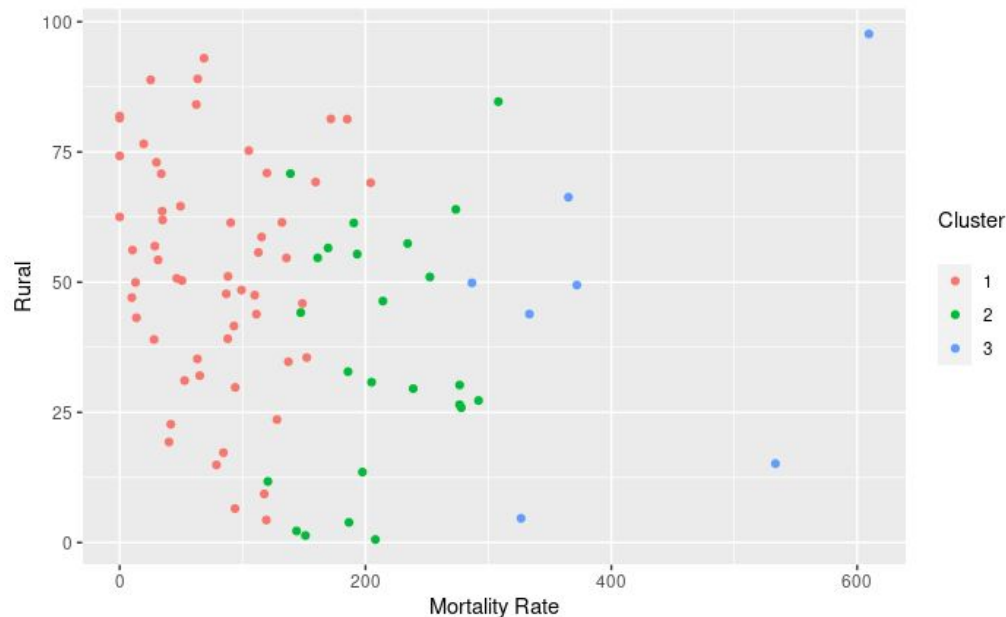
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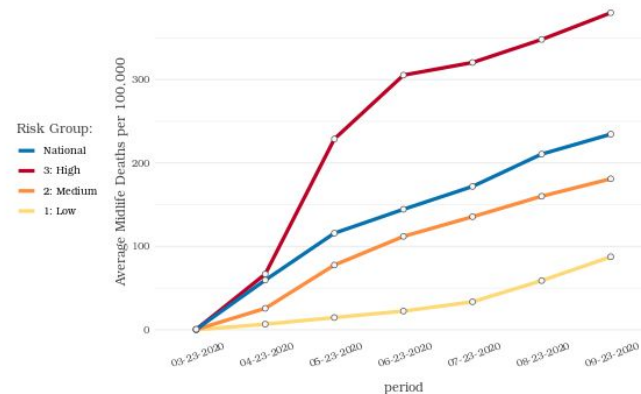
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Ohio

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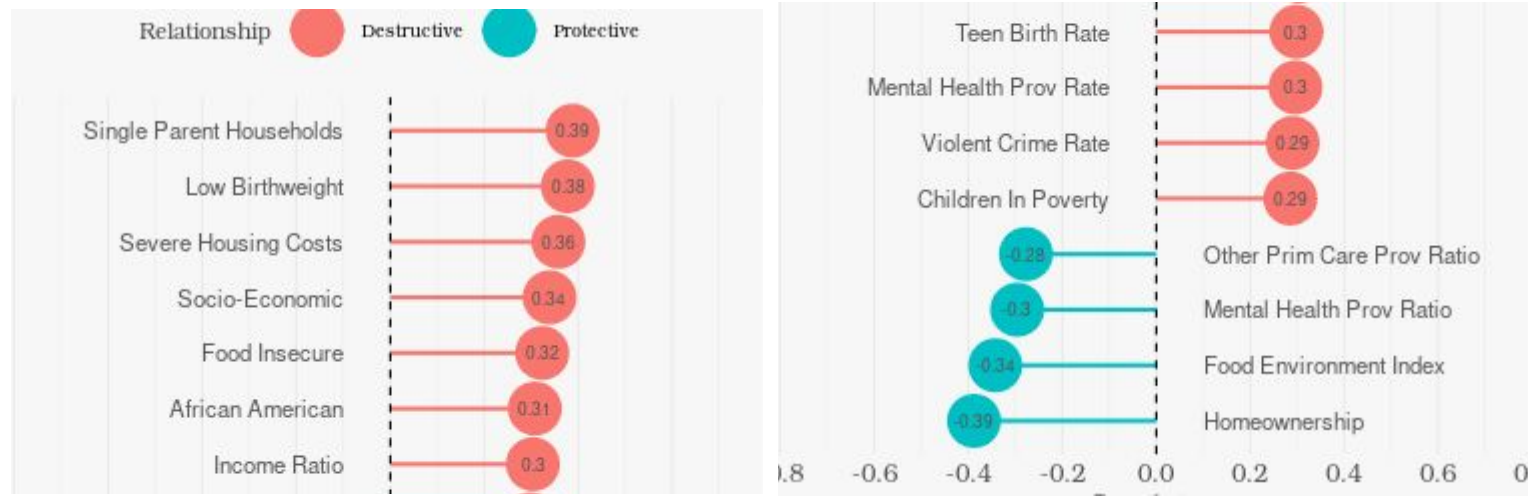
The average midlife death trends for each risk group compared with the national average (in blue).



Mortality Data: COVID Mortality  
Feature Data: County Health Rankings  
Analysis: The Rensselaer IDEA

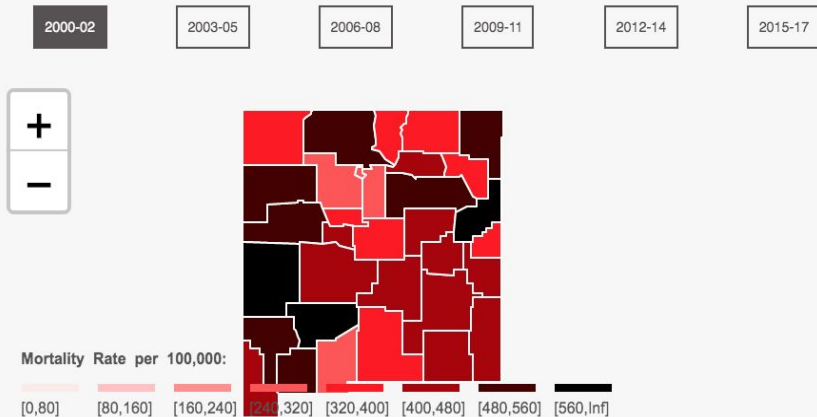
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- Abnormal output in Mortality Trends for Risk Groups across single state.
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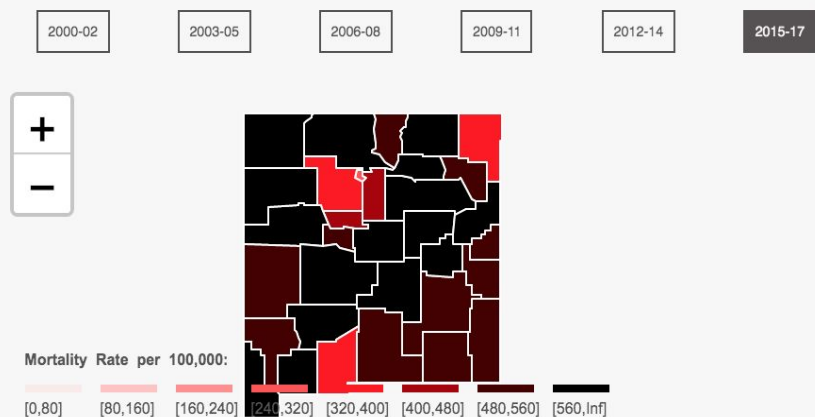
### All Cause Midlife Mortality Rates for New Mexico for 2000-2002

The geographic distribution of midlife mortality rates (ages 25-64) for New Mexico.



### All Cause Midlife Mortality Rates for New Mexico for 2015-2017

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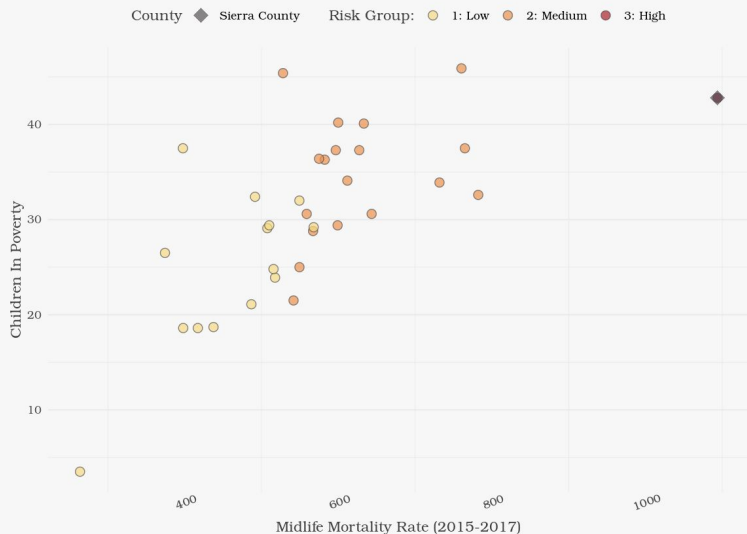
# New Mexico

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## Children In Poverty and Mortality Relationship for New Mexico

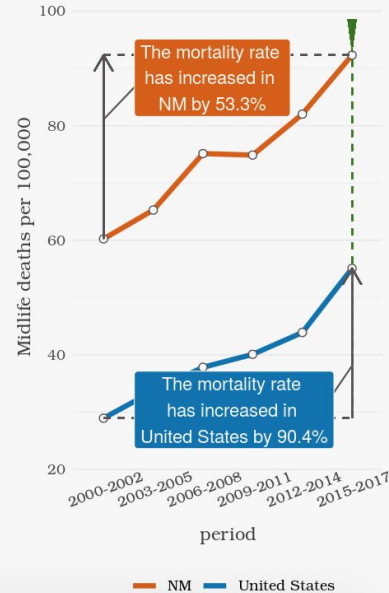
Each dot represents a county's midlife mortality rate, factor, and risk group. Click county to see map location and name.



- Leading factor for all cause midlife deaths is children in poverty
- Correlation between midlife mortality and children in poverty
- Sierra County experiences extremely high rates of both midlife mortality and children in poverty
- Policy aimed at reducing rates of impoverished children may also reduce rates of midlife mortality

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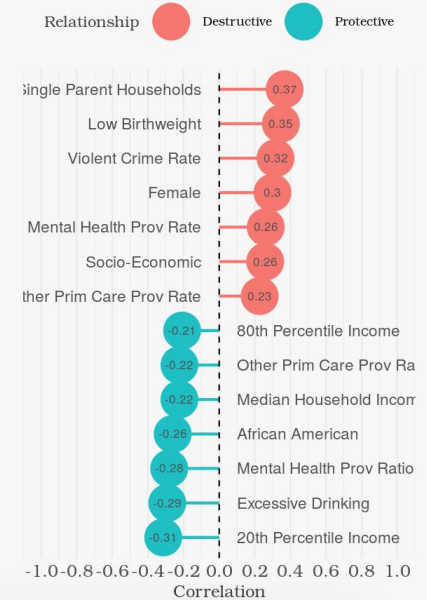
Midlife Mortality Rates for Deaths of Despair in New Mexico vs. United States



- Deaths of despair on the rise
- Factors such as access to health care could be changed at the state policy level

Factors Associated with Deaths of Despair for New Mexico

Kendall Correlation between social and economic factors and mortality risk groups. Positively (Negatively) correlated factors indicate potential Destructive (Protective) determinants of mortality. Click dot for details.



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## SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN

UNDERSTANDING DISABILITIES

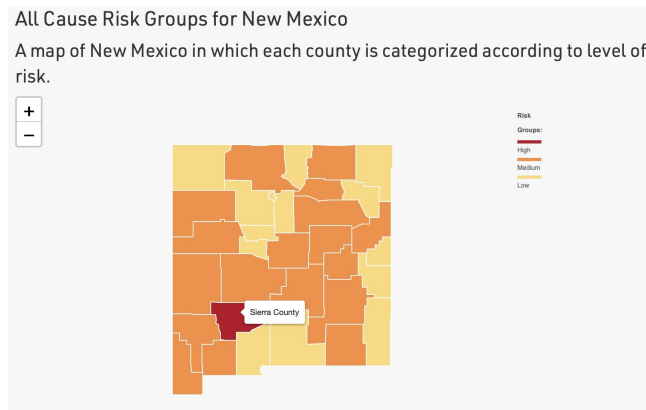
### Difficulties of finding a primary care doctor

By Andy Winnegar Sep 12, 2020 Updated Sep 12, 2020  0

“Economics might play a role in New Mexico’s shortage of primary care doctors.

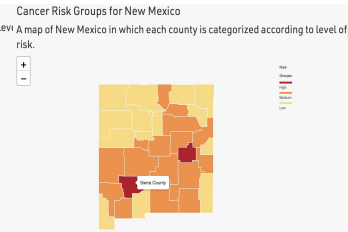
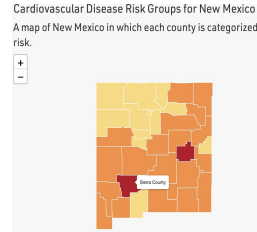
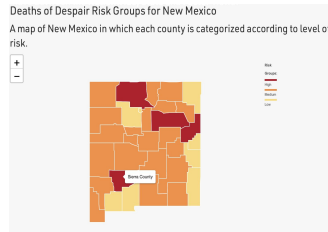
The state had the lowest pay for primary care doctors in the U.S. in 2017, with doctors here averaging around \$160,780 a year, according to a report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That compares with an average of \$237,000 per year nationwide, while specialists make \$341,000 per year, according to the bureau.”

Winnegar, Andy (2020, September 12). “Difficulties of finding a primary care doctor” Santa Fe New Mexican. [https://www.santafenewmexican.com/life/family/difficulties-of-finding-a-primary-care-doctor/article\\_0022e824-d993-11e9-a-ae9b-b1e12e723148.html](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/life/family/difficulties-of-finding-a-primary-care-doctor/article_0022e824-d993-11e9-a-ae9b-b1e12e723148.html). Accessed on 2020, October 12.



# Sierra County, New Mexico

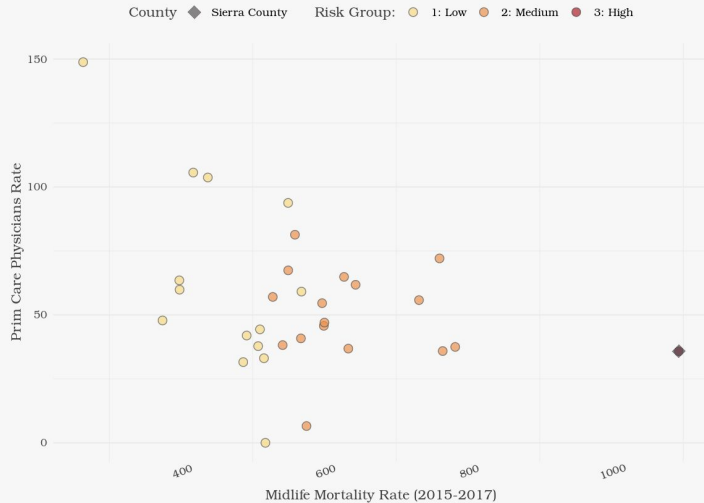
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## Prim Care Physicians Rate and Mortality Relationship for New Mexico

Each dot represents a county's midlife mortality rate, factor, and risk group. Click county to see map location and name.

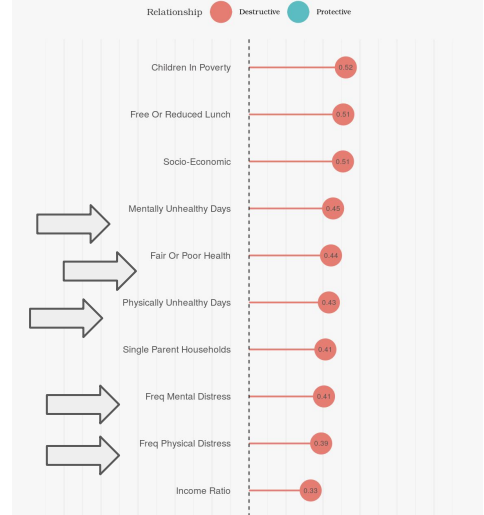


- Low primary care rates
- High midlife mortality rates
- The impact of half of the leading factors of all cause midlife deaths may be lessened with intervention from a primary care physician

## Factors Associated with All Cause for New Mexico



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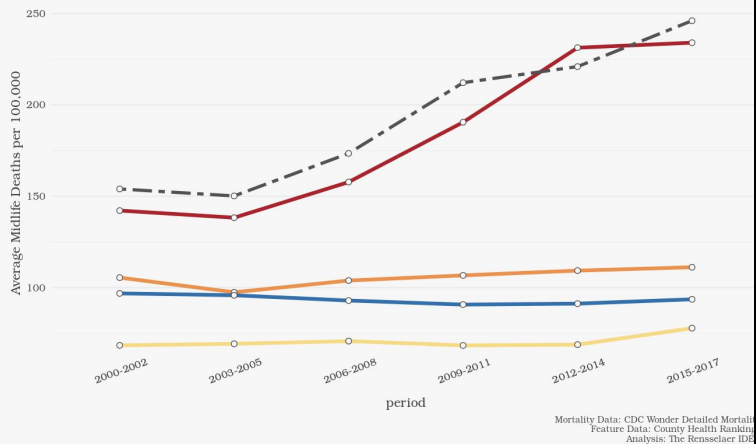




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## Cardiovascular Disease Trends for Risk Groups across New Mexico

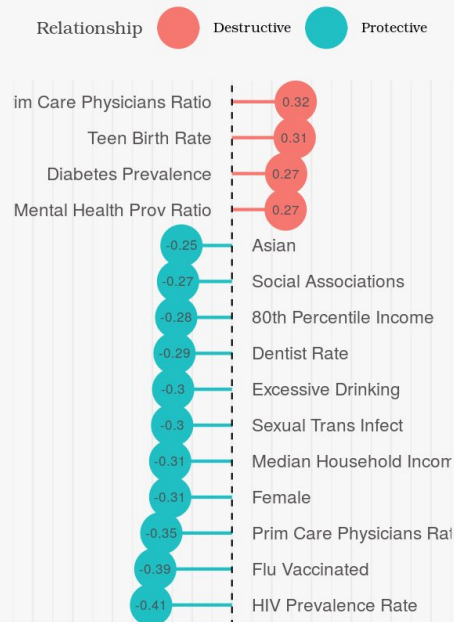
The average midlife death trends for each risk group compared with the national average (in blue). Click on any map to see the trend for a specific county.



- Deaths due to cardiovascular disease have increased by 10.5%
- Teen birth rate and diabetes prevalence are factors that should be targeted for improvement

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## New Mexico Delegation Announces \$600,000 to Combat Opioid Epidemic in Rural Communities

May 30, 2019 | Press Release

**WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, along with U.S. Representatives Ben Ray Luján, Deb Haaland, and Xochitl Torres Small,** announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded three grants totaling \$600,000 to rural communities across New Mexico and Indian Country in order to help combat the opioid epidemic. The funding, which was championed by the New Mexico delegation, comes through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and will support treatment, prevention, and recovery efforts in Santa Fe County, San Juan County, and the rural southern counties of Catron, Chaves, Cibola, De Baca, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, Roosevelt, Sierra, and Socorro, as well as the rural-designated regions of Torrance and Valencia.



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Haaland, Deb. (2019, May 30). "New Mexico Delegation Announces \$600,000 to combat opioid epidemic in rural communities". Deb Haaland.

<https://haaland.house.gov/media/press-releases/new-mexico-delegation-announces-600000-combat-opioid-epidemic-rural-communities>. Accessed on 2020, October 19.



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## Case study : States of same population size

	Washington	Arizona	New Jersey	Massachusetts
Population	7.615 million	7.279 million	8.882 million	6.893 million
Size ranking	13	14	11	15
Despair rate	<b>+43.5%</b>	<b>+55.2%</b>	<b>+96.7%</b>	<b>+152.7%</b>

\*Rates based on increase from 2000

Do states of comparable population sizes experience similar trends in mortality relating to despair?

# Top determinants for despair

## Washington

### Destructive

1. Older than 65
2. Diabetes prevalence
3. Non-Hispanic white
4. Food insecure

### Protective

1. Younger than 18
2. Not Proficient in English
3. Hispanic
4. Sexual Trans Infect

## Arizona

### Destructive

1. Segregation (black / white)
2. Single parent household
3. Food insecure
4. Amer. indian/alaskan native

### Protective

1. Food Environment Index
2. Hispanic
3. Native Hawaiian Islander
4. Air Quality

## New Jersey

### Destructive

1. Mentally Unhealthy days
2. Limited access to healthy food
3. Pct Unemployed
4. Adult Smoking

### Protective

1. Food Environment Index
2. 80th Percentile Income
3. Asian
4. Dentist rate

## Massachusetts

### Destructive

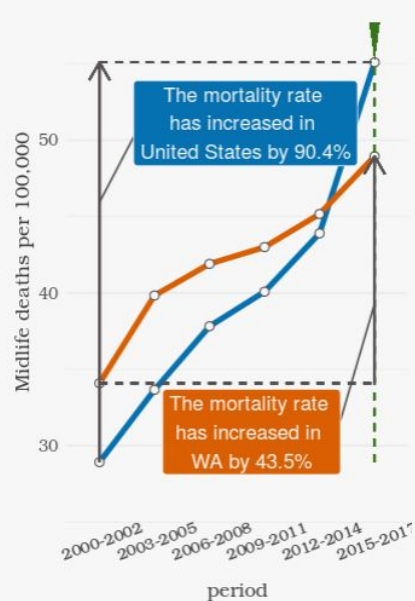
1. Diabetes prevalence
2. Socio-economic
3. Driving alone
4. Disconnected youth

### Protective

1. Some college
2. Prim Care Physicians Rate
3. Flu Vaccinated
4. Asain

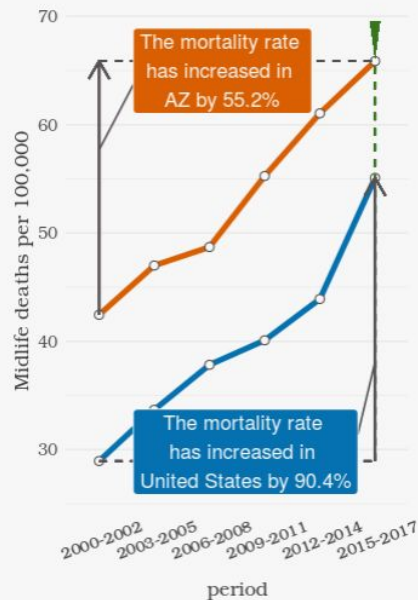
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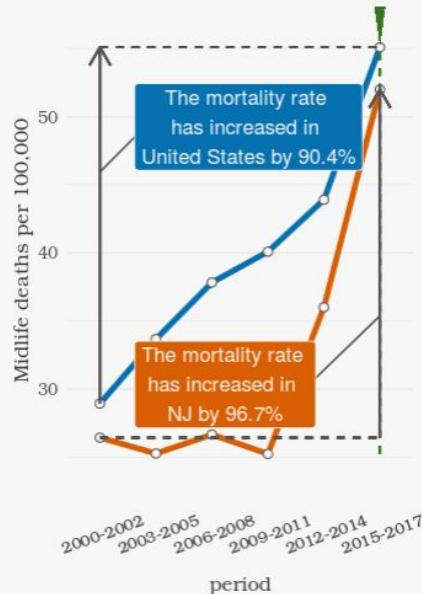
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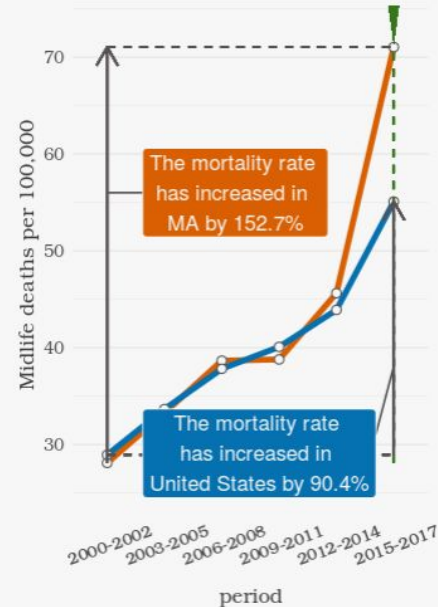
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## Massachusetts

Midlife Mortality Rates for Deaths of Despair in Massachusetts vs. United States



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## Case study : States of same population size

### Conclusions:

- The **shared destructive determinants** for this case study were **diabetes prevalence** and **food insecurity**
- Shared Protective determinants were being **hispanic, asian, and food environment index**
- The death rate of despair is not similar between states of same size
- Important to note that each state did not start at the same rate in 2000
  - Massachusetts had the quickest rate increase in a 2 year span
  - New Jersey had the most radical overall change

### Key points:

- Each state has unique determinants to address
- States of similar population sizes typically share top determinants
- Population sizes have little to do with mortality rate for states
- Location has an effect on mortality rate

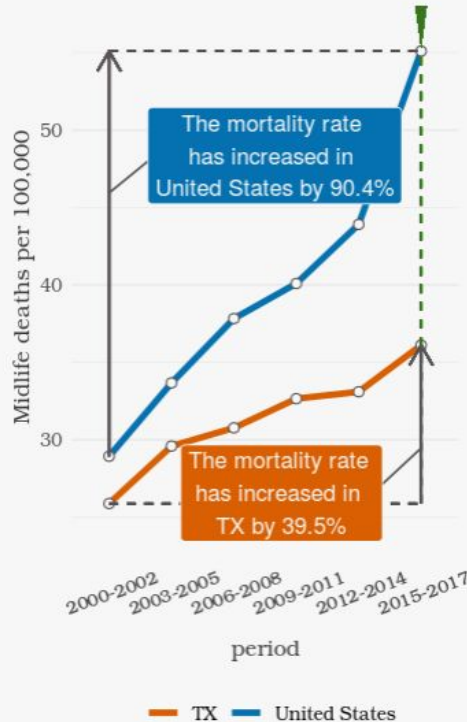
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Case study: States of High Mortality vs Low  
How mortality determinants illustrate the difference in increased rates?

## Texas:

- Lowest mortality rate
- **39.5%** increase in death of despair

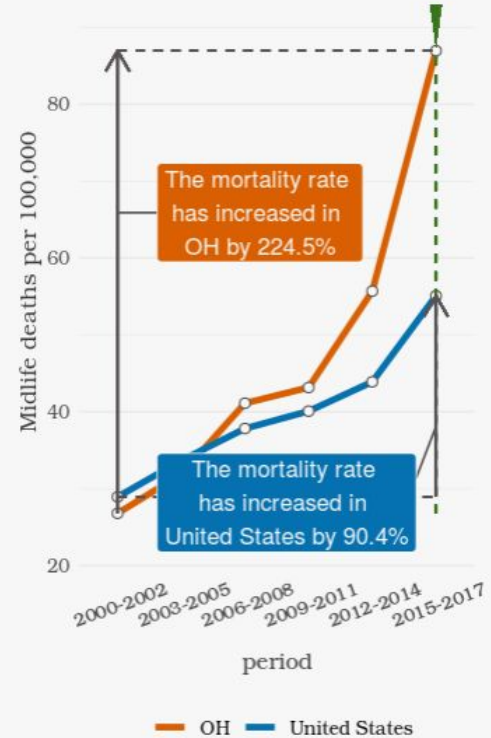
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## Ohio:

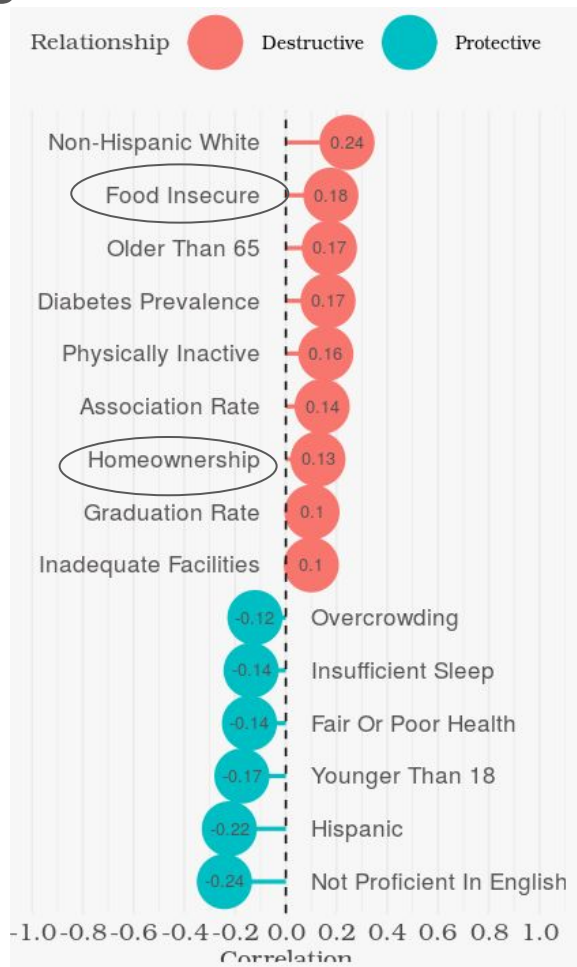
- Highest mortality rate
- **224.5%** increase in death of despair

Midlife Mortality Rates for Deaths of Despair in Ohio vs. United States

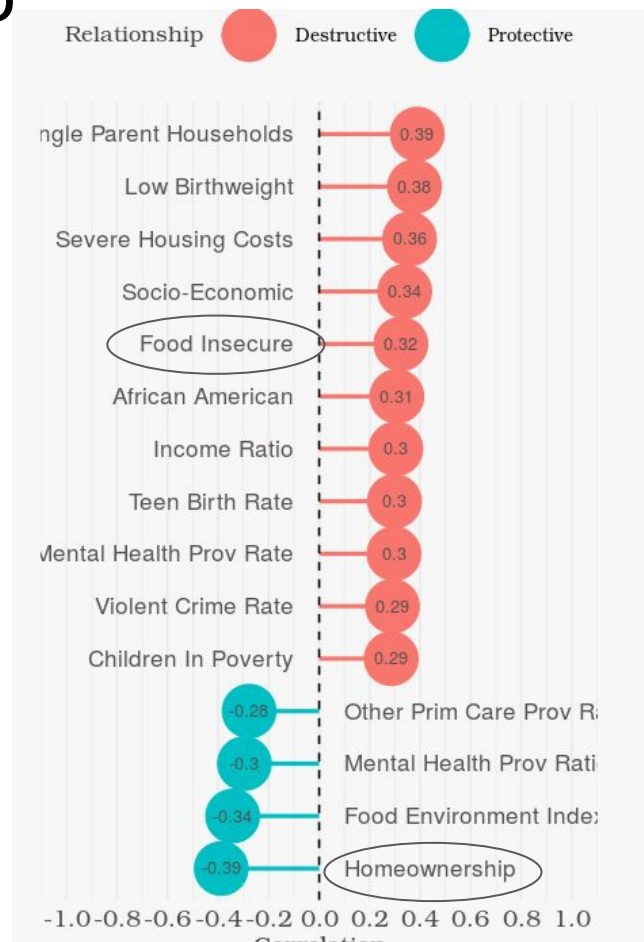




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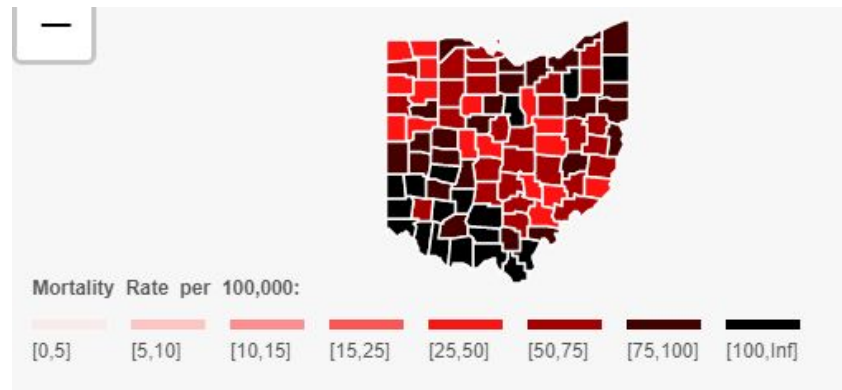
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Case study: States of High Mortality vs Low mortality

## Conclusion:

- As hypothesized, the large difference in increased rate is shown by its determinants
  - The determinants in Ohio may have greater “weight” in the increase that Ohio experienced
- Each state has unique conditions that affect midlife mortality
- Location of the state has low prediction ability
  - Supported by population size case and high/low mortality case

### Ohio



### Texas

