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COVID-19 TOPIC

- COVID-19 is an infectious disease discovered in Wuhan, resulting in the 2020 pandemic outbreak.
- Personal and familial experiences with COVID-19 short-term and drastic long-term symptoms.
- Over 1.1 million deaths in U.S. and 86 million people worldwide.

RESEARCH QUESTION: What is the relationship between age groups and COVID-19 mortality rates in the United States over time, and how have these rates evolved from the start of the pandemic until June 28, 2023?





OUR DATASET

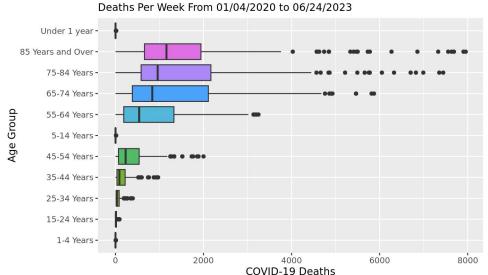
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Data as of <chr></chr>	State <chr></chr>	MMWR Week <dbl></dbl>	End Week <chr></chr>	Sex <chr></chr>	Age Group <chr></chr>	Total Deaths <dbl></dbl>	COVID-19 Deaths <dbl></dbl>
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	Under 1 year	403	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	1-4 Years	79	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	5-14 Years	99	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	15-24 Years	605	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	25-34 Years	1261	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	35-44 Years	1771	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	45-54 Years	3284	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	55-64 Years	7936	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	65-74 Years	11789	0
06/28/2023	United States	1	01/04/2020	All Sex	75-84 Years	14546	0

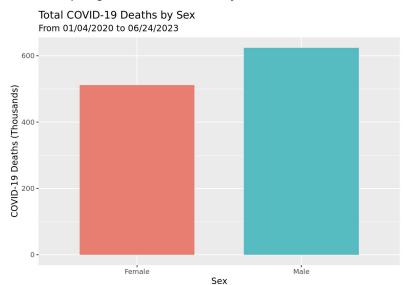
- The data in this data set is collected and updated every week and covers information within all 50 states of the USA and the District of Columbia.
- Sourced from the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS, 2023).

EDA Highlights

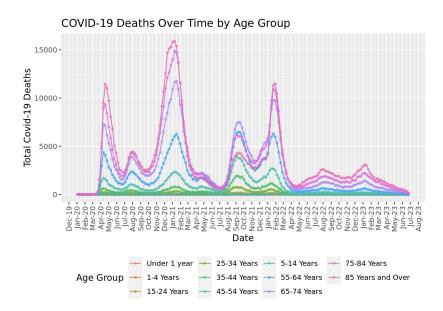


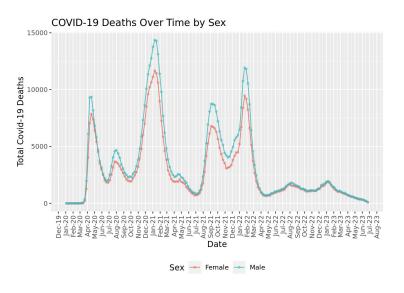


Bar Plot comparing women and men mortality



EDA Highlights Cont.





The line plot showing the relationship between covid-19 deaths of males compared to females illustrates consistently higher number of deaths among males over time.

Models and Other Analysis

Table of coefficients for easier visualization:

Term

Male

Age Group 85 Years and

Over:Sex Male

Coefficient

-198.97253

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm COVID-19\,Deaths} = 0.70330 \\ +5.98352 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{15-24}} + 25.41758 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{25-34}} \\ +62.17033 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{35-44}} + 141.42308 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{45-54}} \\ +0.63187 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{5-14}} + 337.03297 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{55-64}} \\ +570.49451 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{65-74}} + 717.50549 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{75-84}} \\ +944.03297 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{85+}} + 0.55495 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{75-84}} \\ +0.09890 \cdot {\rm Gender} + 3.02198 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{15-24}} \cdot {\rm Gender} \\ +15.27473 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{25-34}} \cdot {\rm Gender} + 38.73626 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{35-44}} \cdot {\rm Gender} \\ +106.48901 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{45-54}} \cdot {\rm Gender} - 0.02747 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{5-14}} \cdot {\rm Gender} \\ +197.43956 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{55-64}} \cdot {\rm Gender} + 258.33516 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{65-74}} \cdot {\rm Gender} \\ +194.54945 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{75-84}} \cdot {\rm Gender} - 198.97253 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{85+}} \cdot {\rm Gender} \\ +0.14286 \cdot {\rm AgeGroup_{-1}} \cdot {\rm Gender} \end{array}$

$$ext{Gender} = egin{cases} 1 & ext{if Male} \ 0 & ext{if Female} \end{cases}$$

Separate linear regression models were constructed for age and sex.

Additive Model AIC: 60474.25 Interaction Model AIC: 60423.79

Lower AIC for the interaction model indicates an important interaction effect.

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Intercept	0.70330	Age Group 55-64 Years	337.03297
Age Group 15-24 Years	5.98352	Age Group 65-74 Years	570.49451
Age Group 25-34 Years	25.41758	Age Group 75-84 Years	717.50549
Age Group 35-44 Years	62.17033	Age Group 85 Years and Over	944.03297
Age Group 45-54 Years	141.42308	Age Group Under 1 year	0.55495
Age Group 5-14 Years	0.63187	Sex Male	0.09890
Age Group 15-24 Years:Sex Male	3.02198	Age Group 35-44 Years:Sex Male	38.73626
Age Group 25-34 Years:Sex Male	15.27473	Age Group 45-54 Years:Sex Male	106.48901
Age Group 5-14 Years:Sex Male	-0.02747	Age Group 55-64 Years:Sex Male	197.43956
Age Group 65-74 Years:Sex	258.33516	Age Group 75-84 Years:Sex	194.54945

Male

Age Group Under 1 year:Sex

Interaction Model

Term

Coefficient

0.14286

CONCLUSION AND LIMITATIONS

- Age appears to have a significant impact on COVID-19 deaths.
 - The higher the age group an individual is in, the higher their mortality likelihood.
- Effect of age group on deaths is different for males and females.
 - Males had a higher mortality rate.
- Applicable to vaccine research with emphasis on uncovering treatments for older individuals rather than focusing on gender related treatments.
- <u>Limitations</u>: underlying health conditions, behavioral impacts, socioeconomic status, country of collected dataset. Future work could explore these variables' impact on COVID-19 deaths.