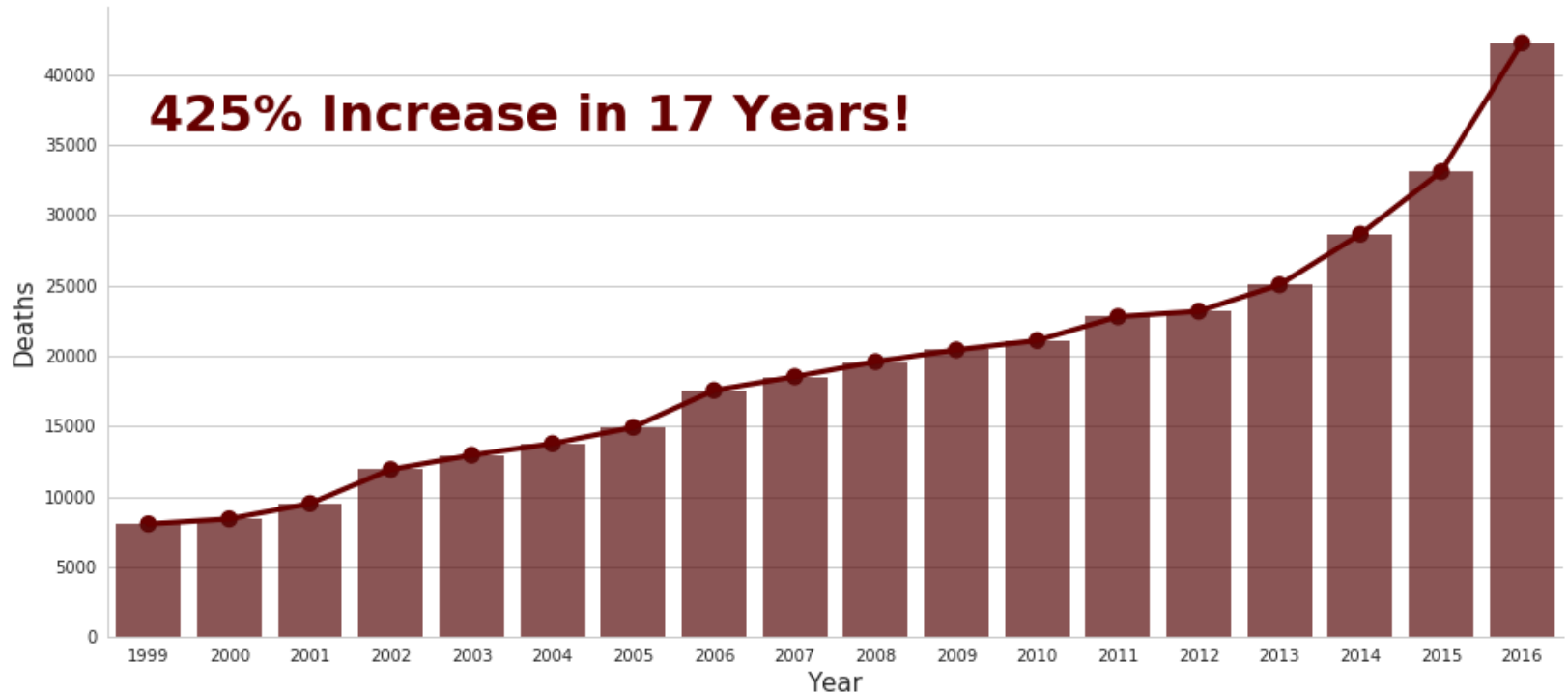


# Predicting the Mortality Rate Due to Opioid Addiction At the County Level

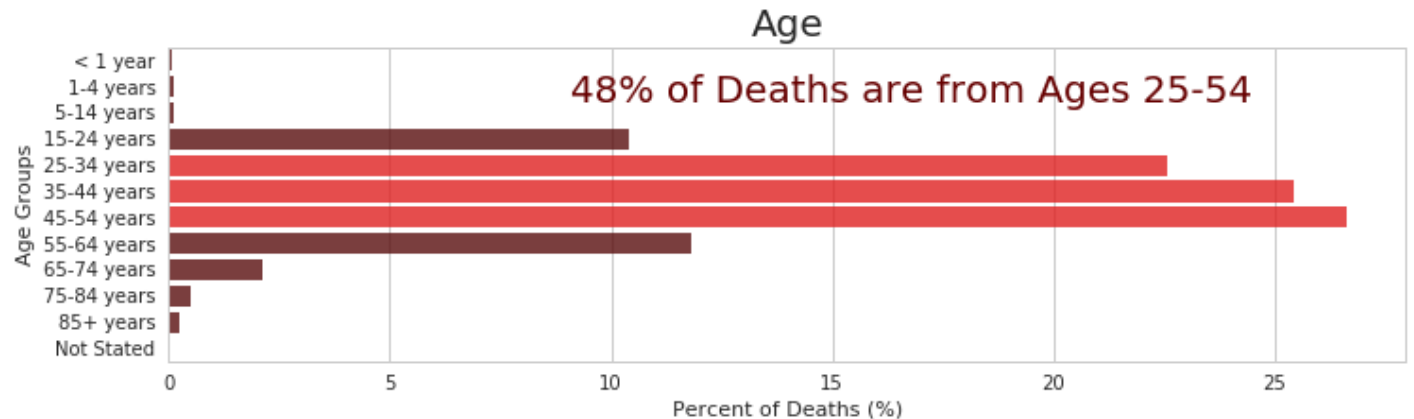
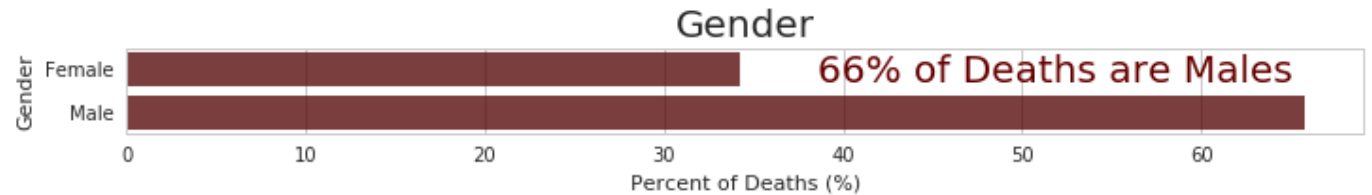
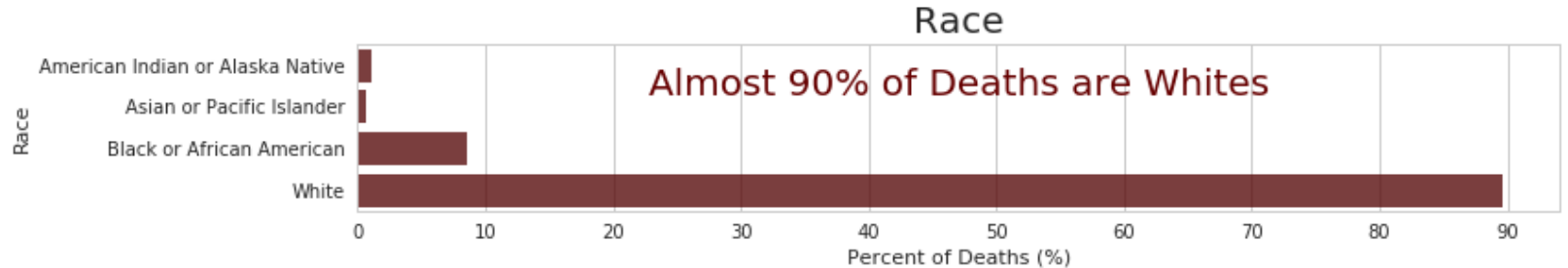
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# Annual Cause of Death by Opioid Overdose



# Number of Deaths by Demographic Factors 1999 - 2016



## **Living with an Opioid Addiction**

## Reading Between the Numbers - Why We Should Care

- Not represented in the death numbers are those who are struggling with opioid addiction
- Addiction to opioids, like any other addictions, leads to
- Health Problems
- Financial Problems
- Relational Problems



# Opioids

- Diverse class of moderately strong painkillers

- Oxycodone



- Hydrocodone



- Fentanyl



# Problem

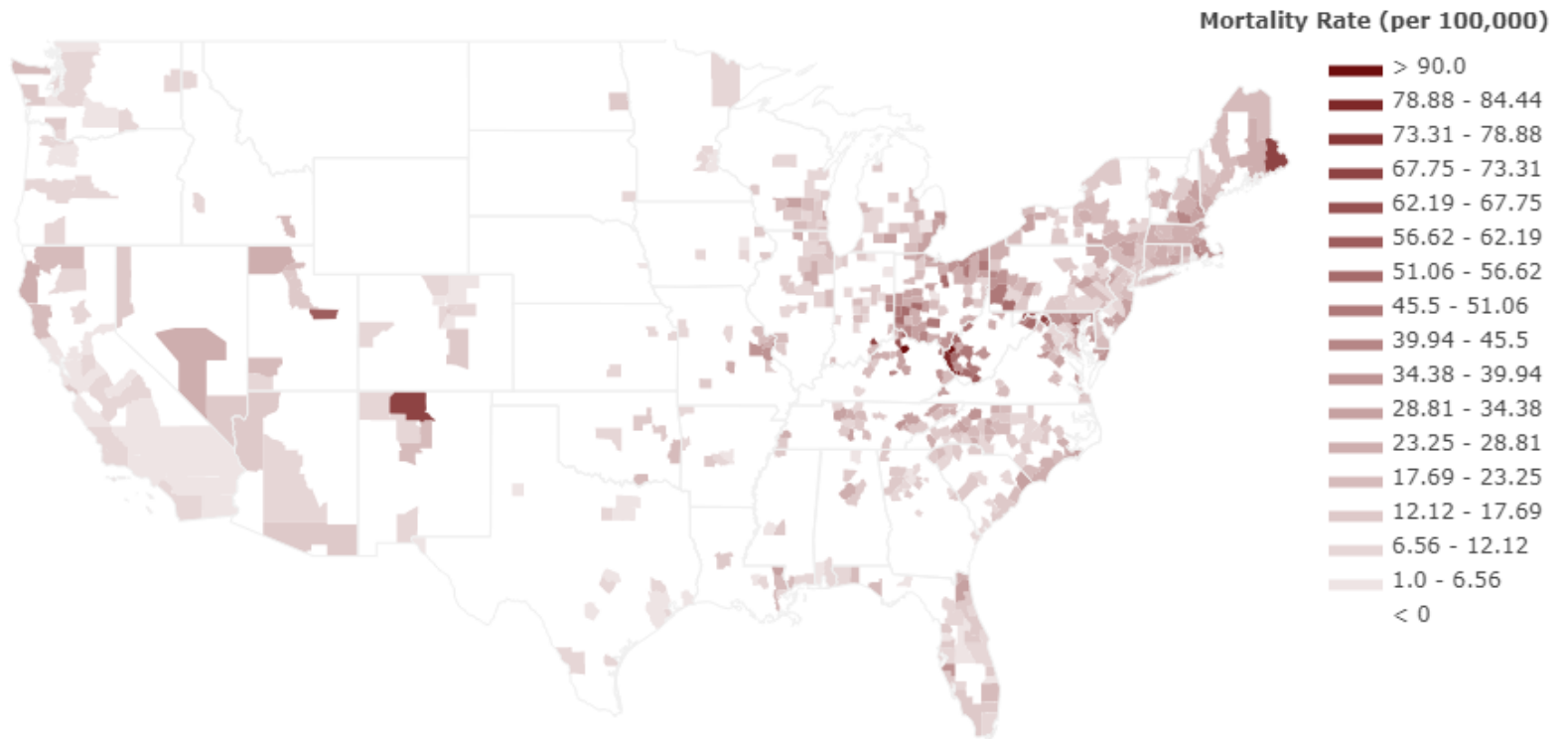
- Can we predict how bad the problem will be in a county?
  - Useful to help allocate resources
  - Learn more about causes of opioid overdose
  - Make biggest impact

# Problem

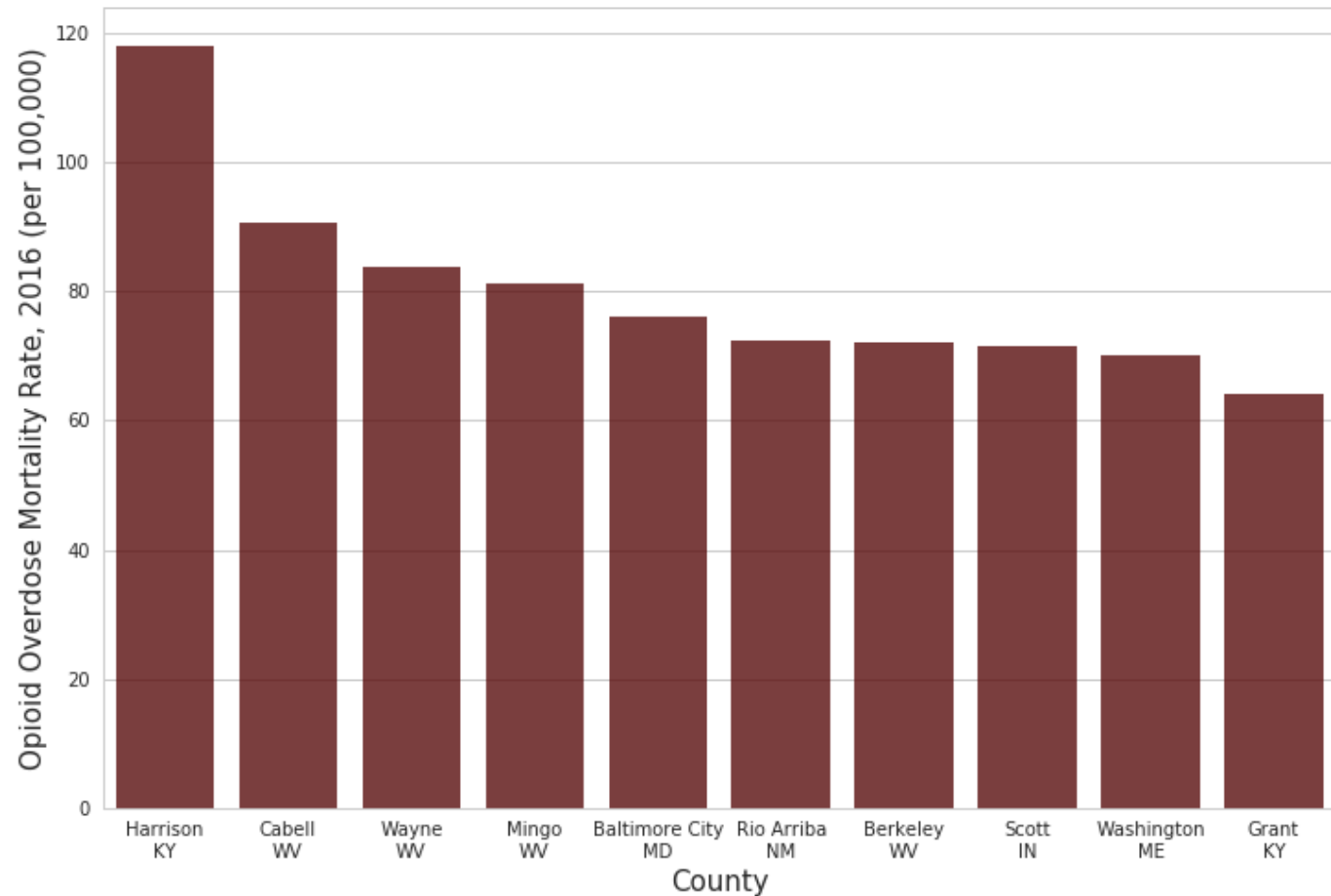
- Predict the county's mortality rate caused by drug overdose for 2016 given various independent variables
  - County's median household income
  - Population estimates
  - Unemployment
  - Poverty rate estimates
  - Educational attainment
  - Opioid prescription rate



# USA by Opioid Overdose Mortality Rate, 2016

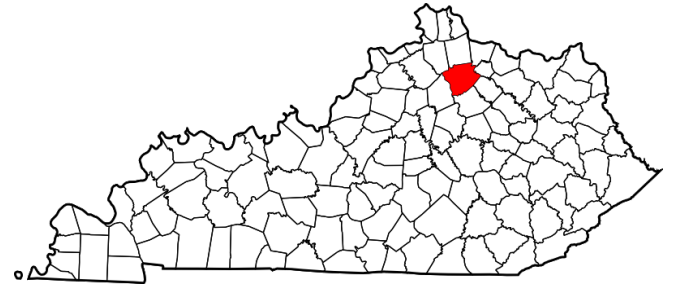


## Top Ten Counties with Highest Mortality Rate Caused by Opioid Overdose in 2016



## County with Highest Mortality Rate Due to Opioid Addiction

- Highest county: **Harrison, KY**
  - 118 deaths per 100,000 people due to opioid overdose



## Description of Data

- US County Opioid Prescribing Rates 2016
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/maps/rxcounty2016.html>  
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- Unemployment, median household income, educational attainment, poverty rate, and population:
  - <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/county-level-data-sets/download-data/> (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/county-level-data-sets/download-data/>).
- Underlying Cause of Death
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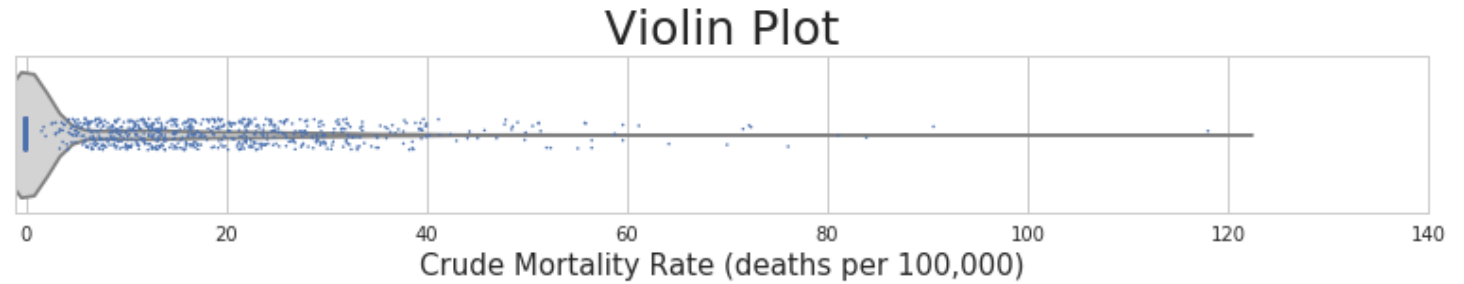
# Crude Opioid Mortality Rate

- Estimated rate for deaths caused by opioid overdose in the county for 2016 (per 100,000 people)
  - Specifically, the types of drug-related deaths include the following:
    - Drug poisonings (overdose)
    - Unintentional
    - Suicide
    - Homicide
    - Undetermined

# Crude Opioid Mortality Rate

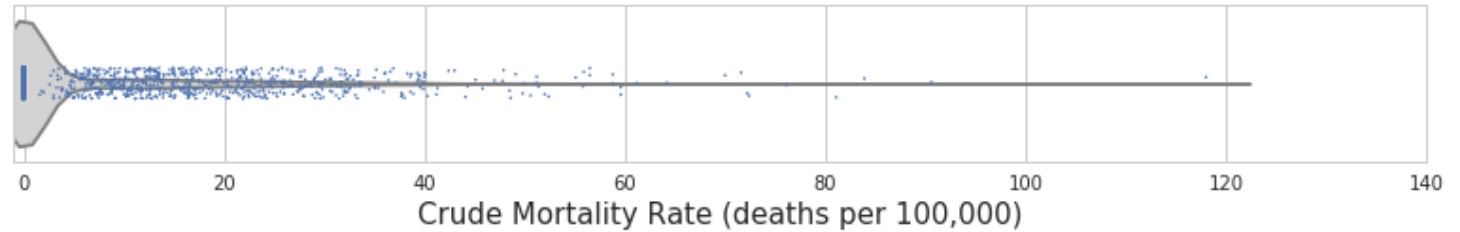
- The specific drugs included in the death rates are the following:
  - Opium
  - Heroin
  - Other opioids
  - Methadone
  - Other synthetic narcotics
  - Other unspecified narcotics

# Distribution of County Level Opioid Overdose Mortality Rate

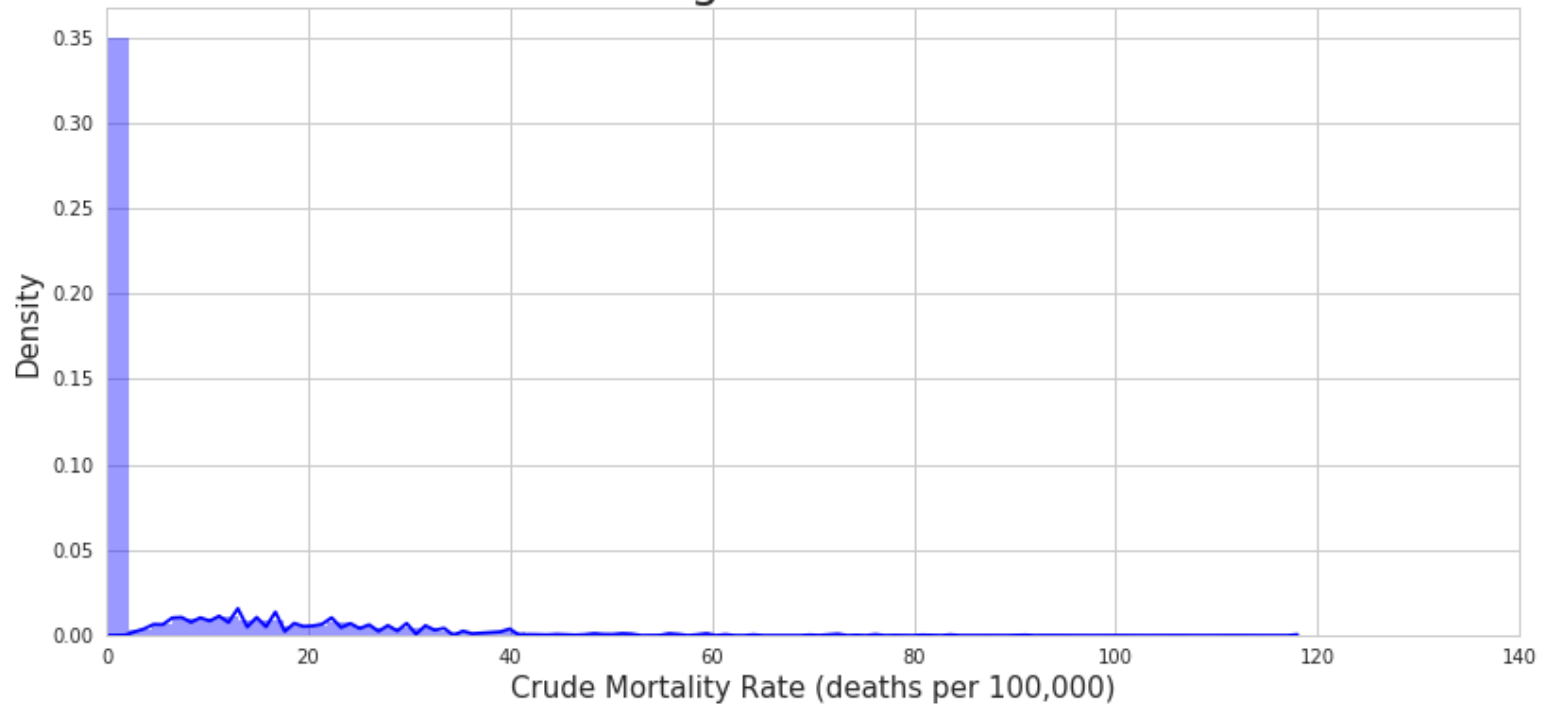


# Distribution of County Level Opioid Overdose Mortality Rate

Violin Plot



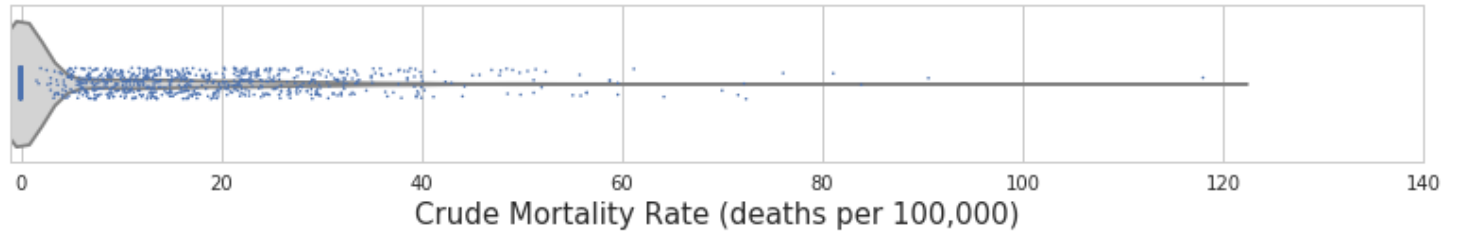
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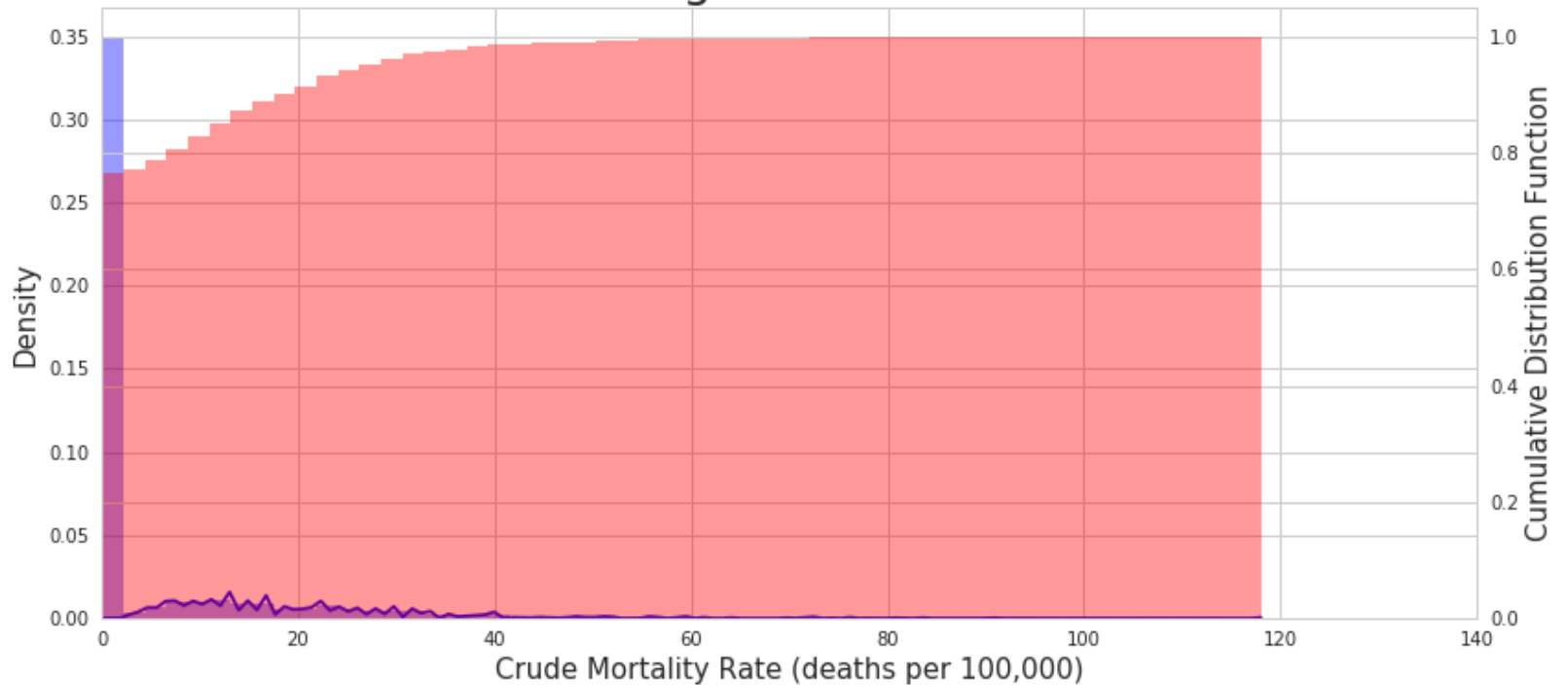


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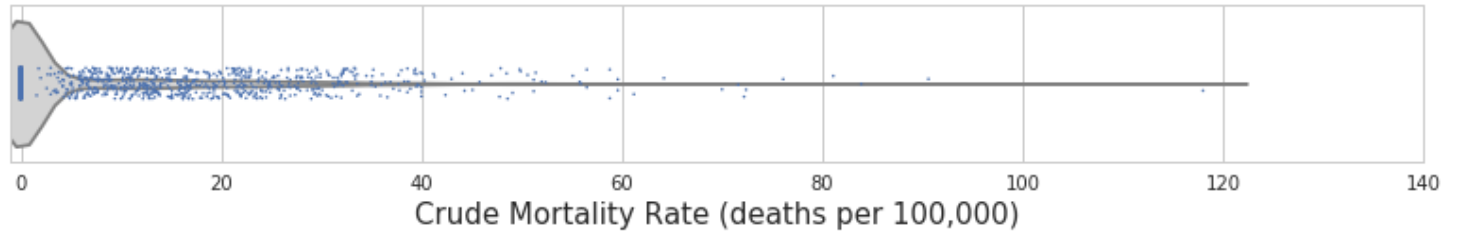


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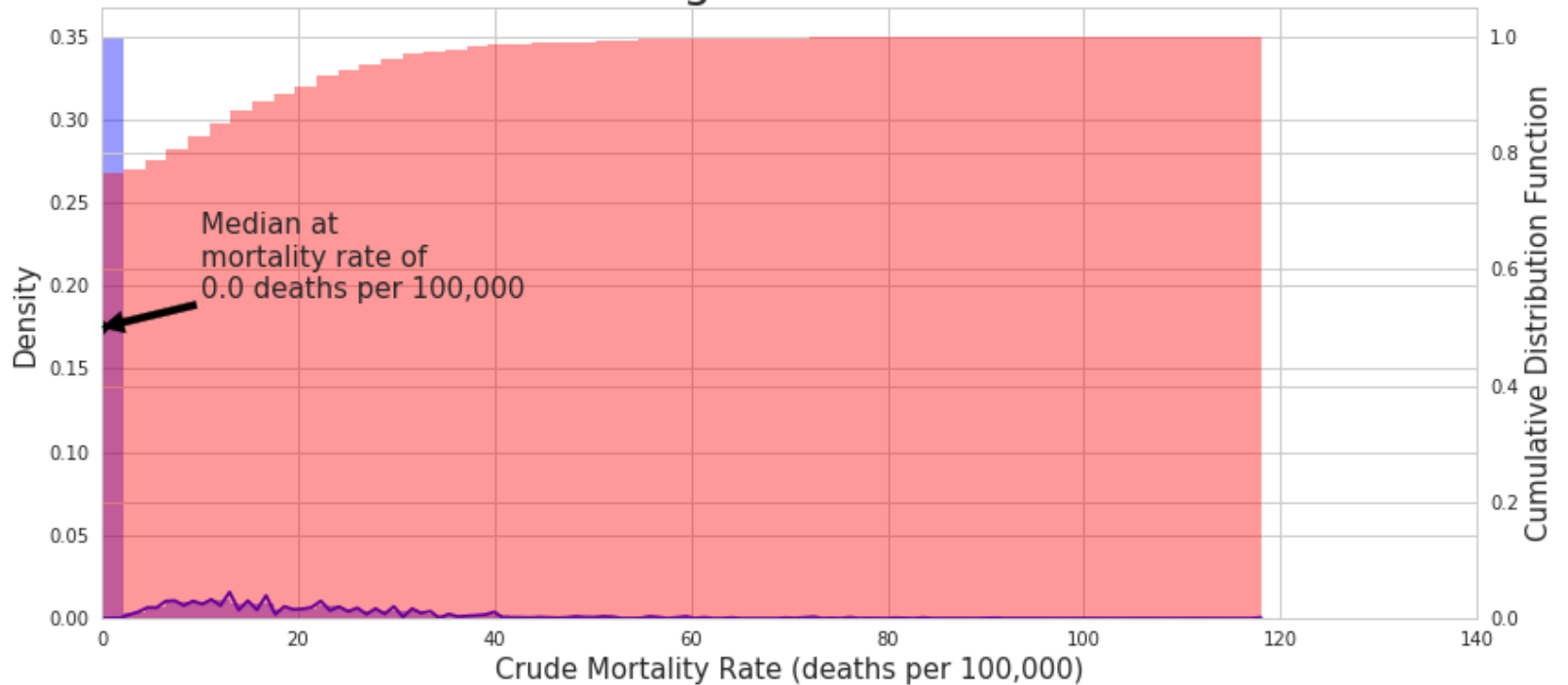


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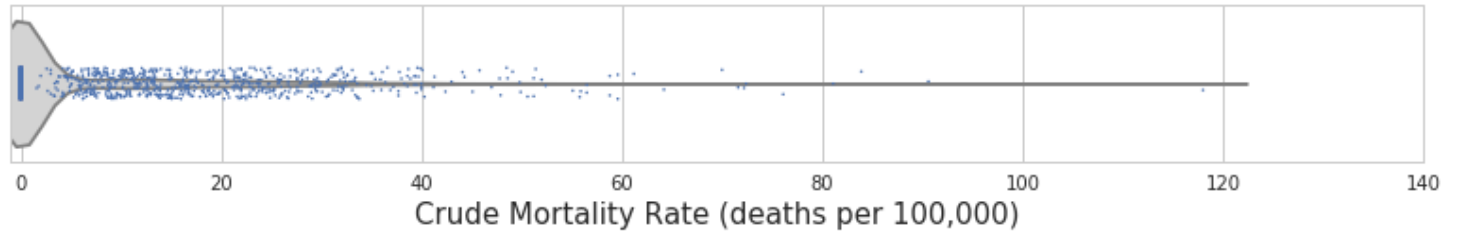


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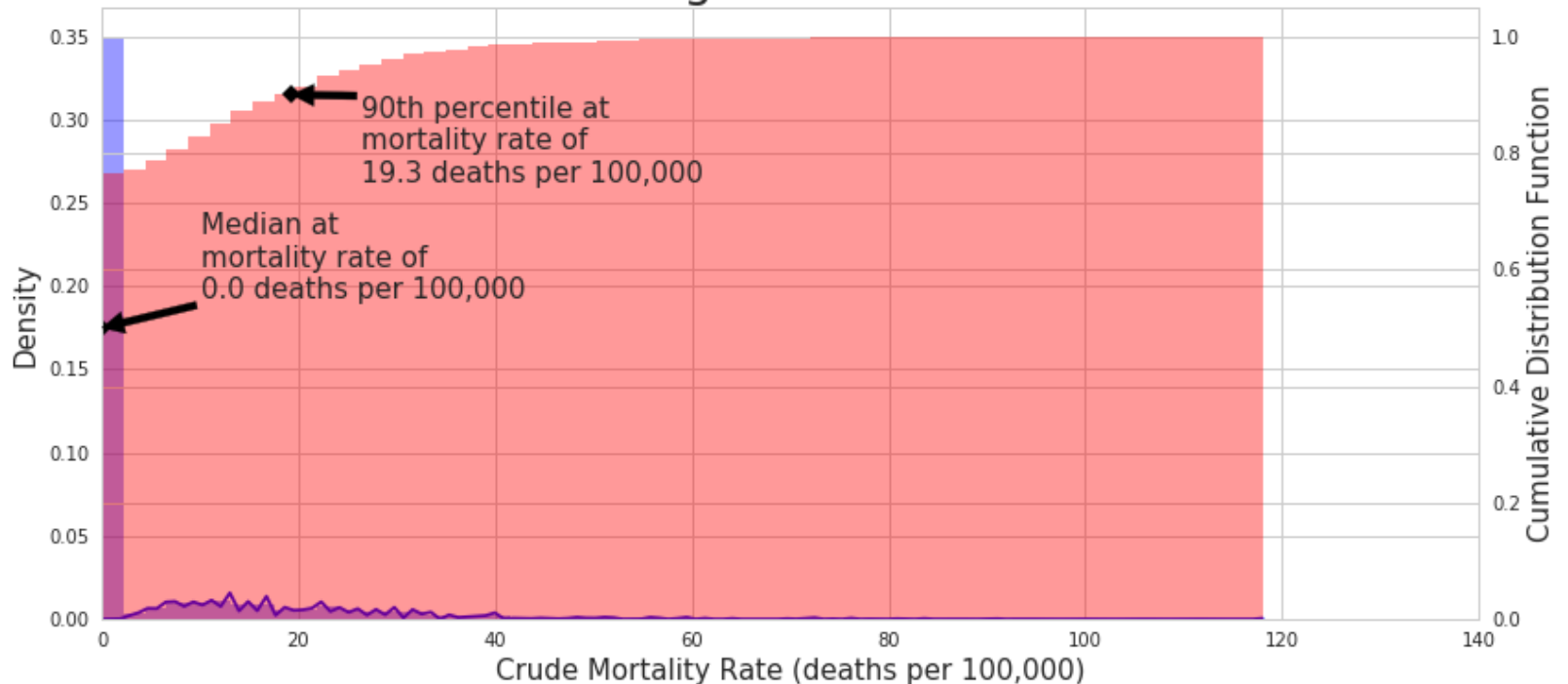


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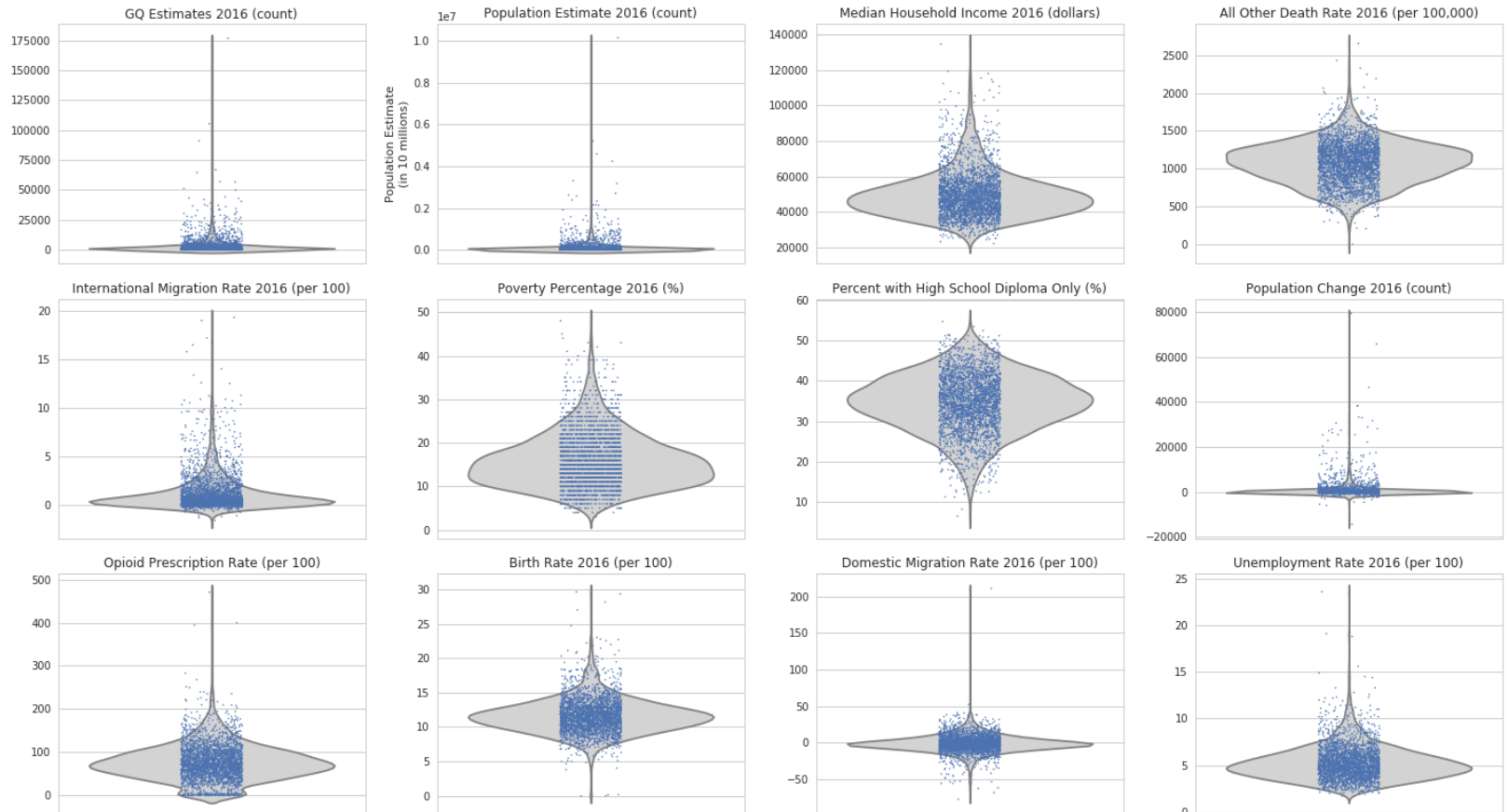
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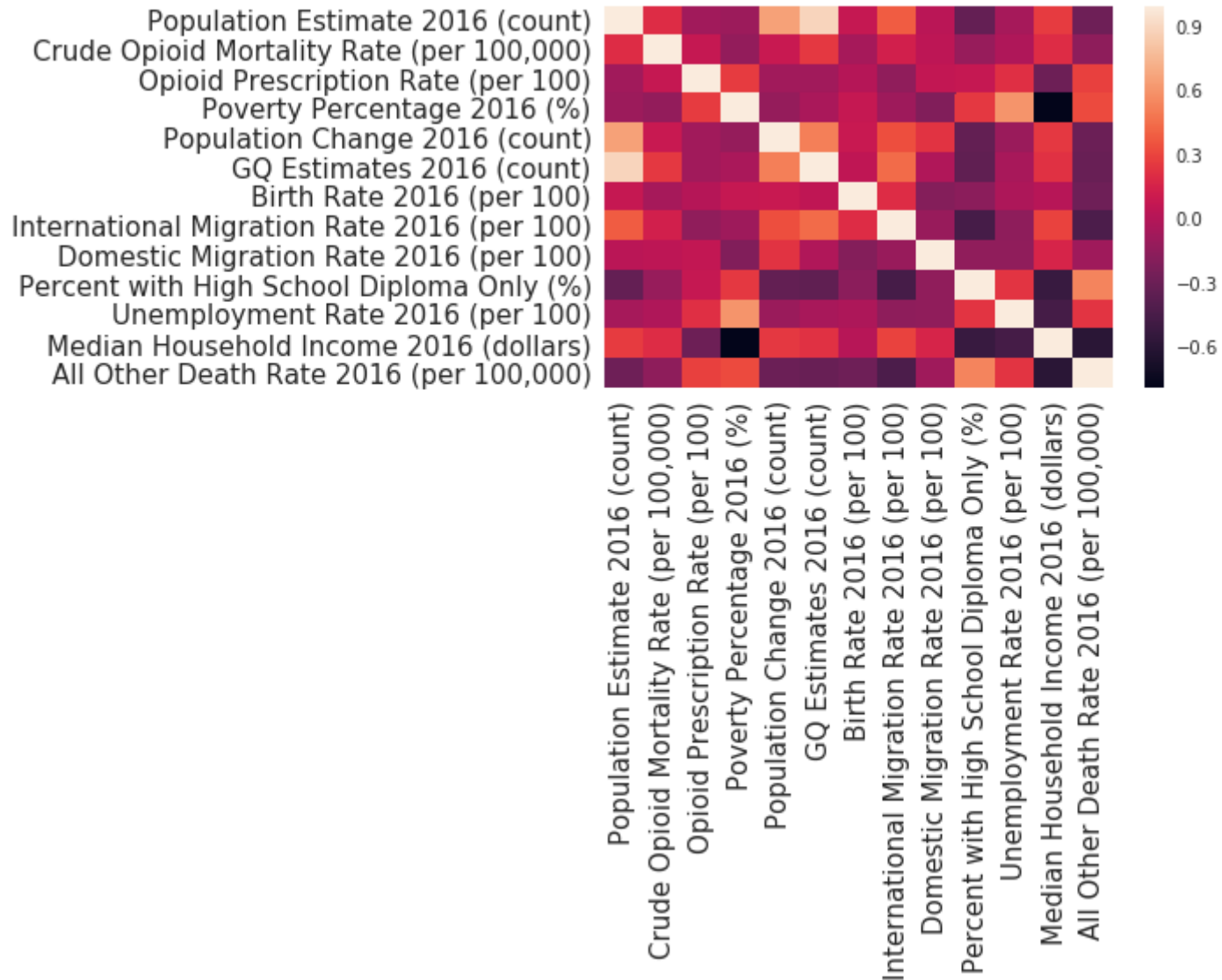
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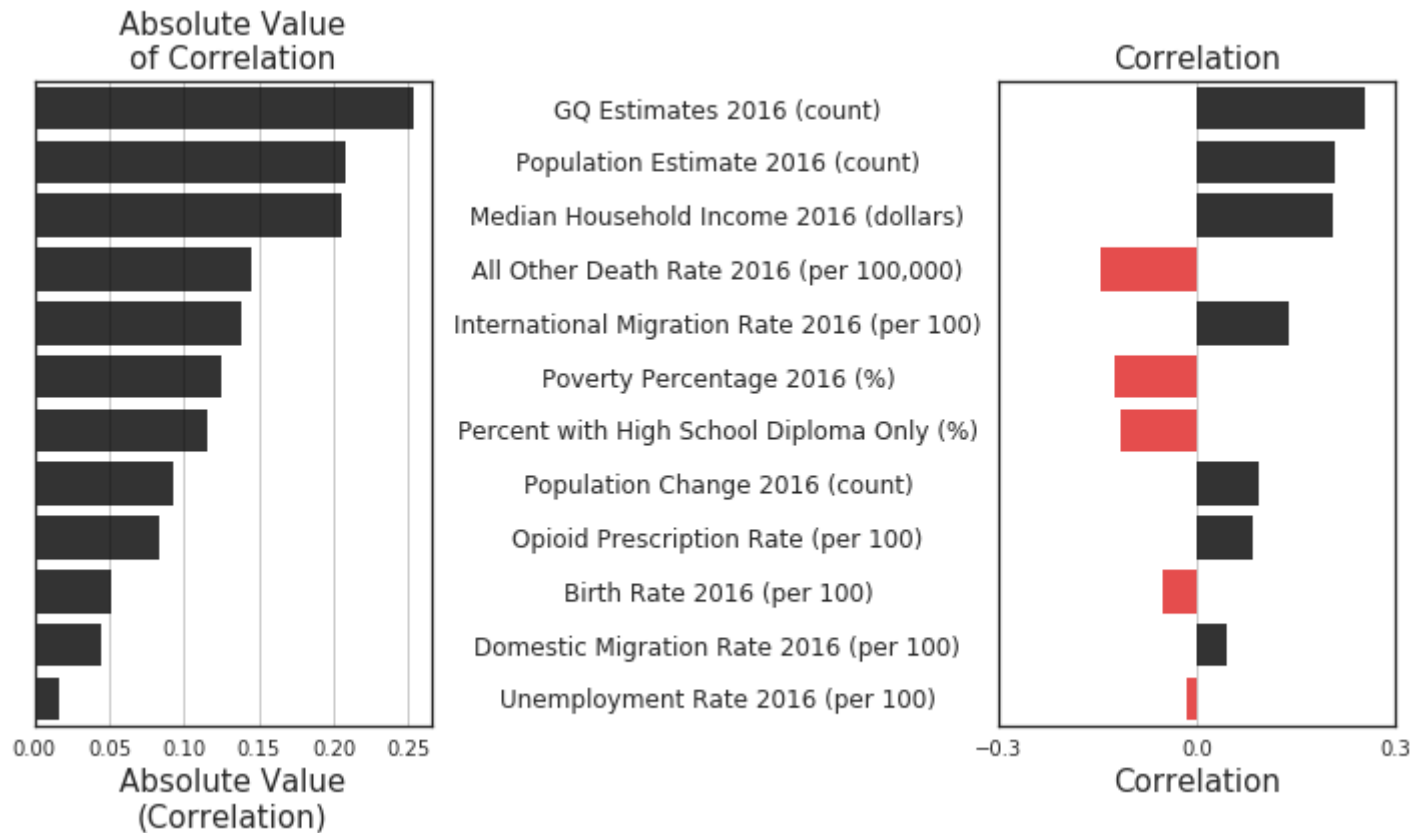
# Violin Plots of All Variables Except Crude Mortality Rate



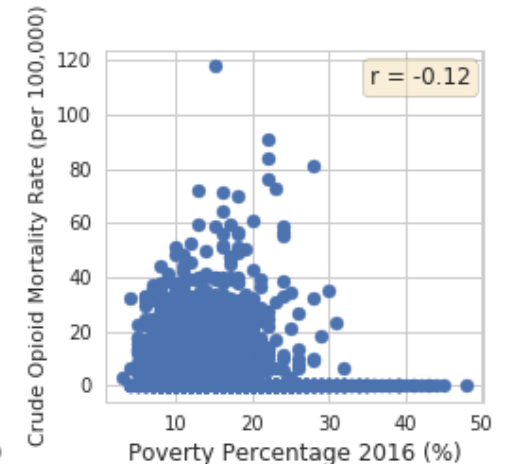
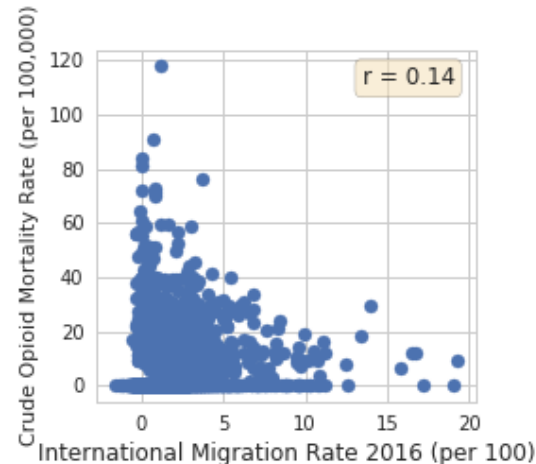
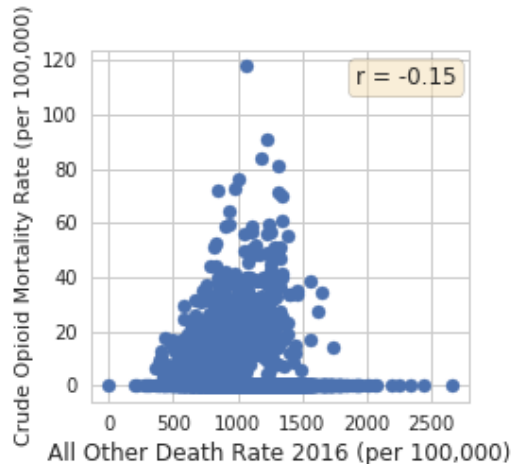
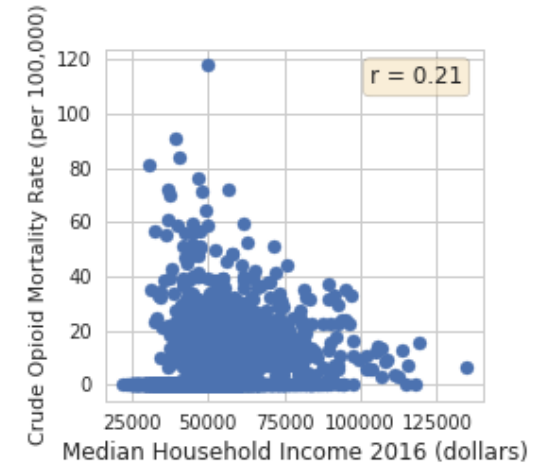
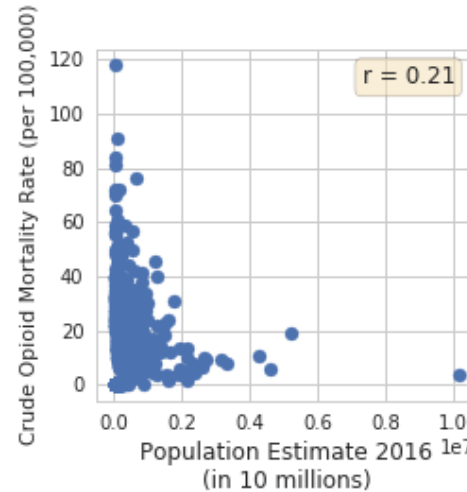
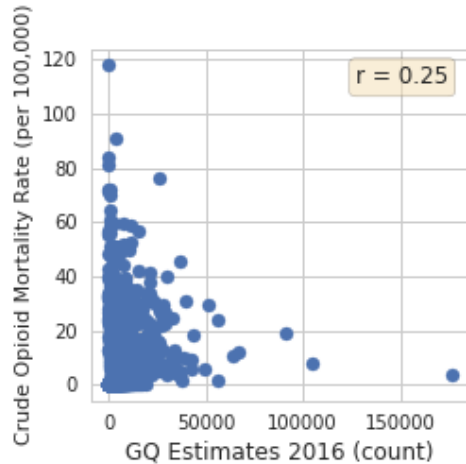
## Correlation Heat Map of All the Variables



## Pearson's Correlation Between Crude Mortality Rate and All Other Variables

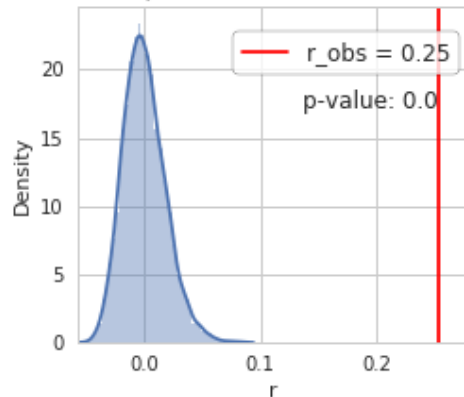


## Scatter Plots of Crude Opioid Mortality Rate and Other Variables

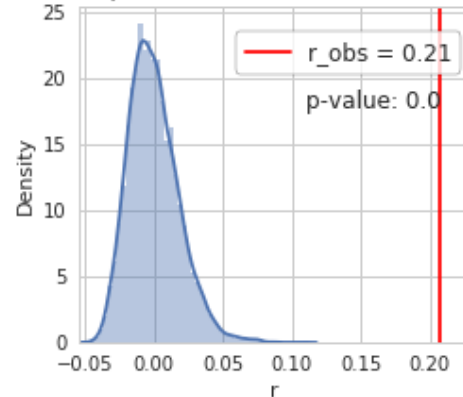


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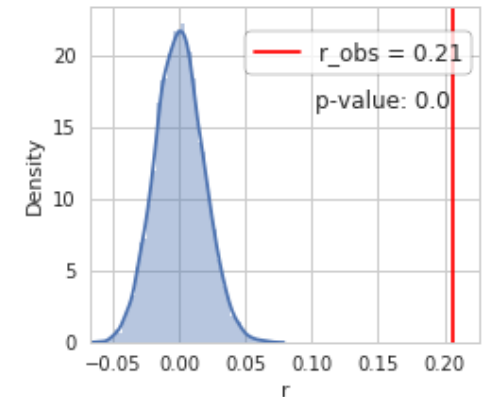
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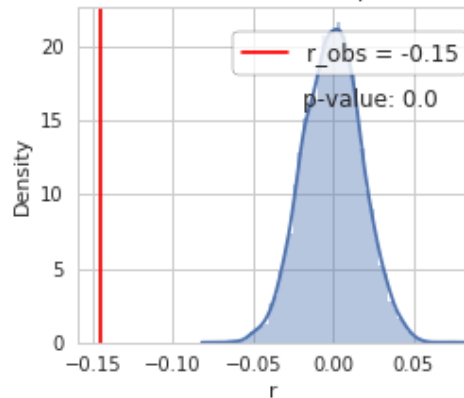
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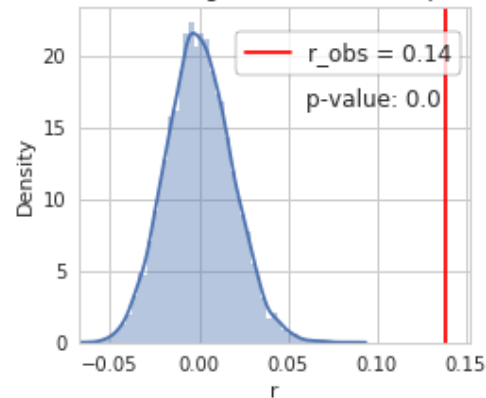
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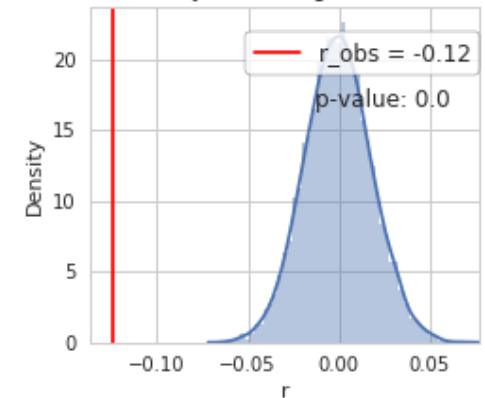
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Opioid Mortality Rate (per 100,000) and  
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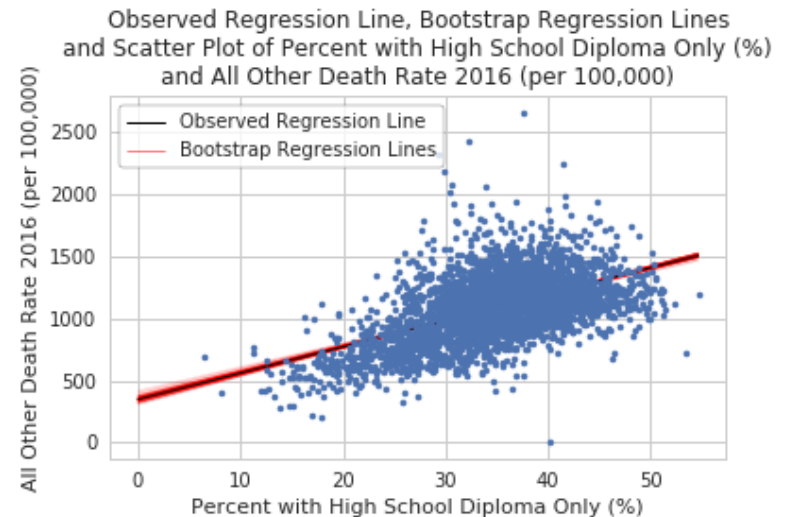
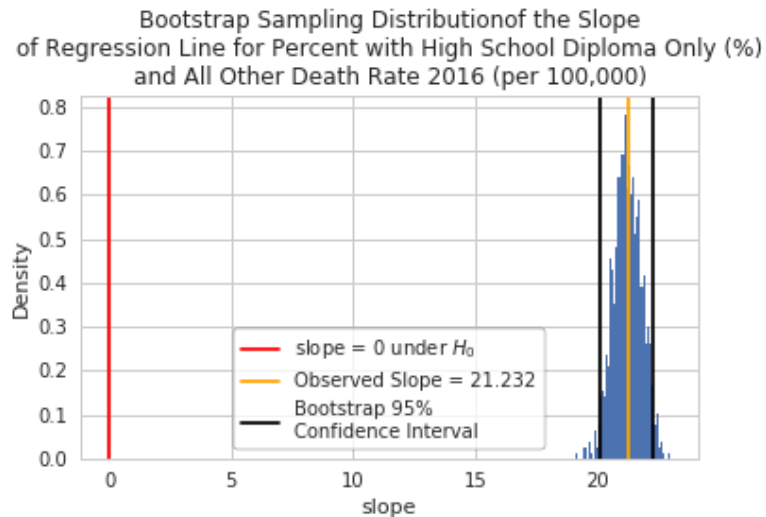
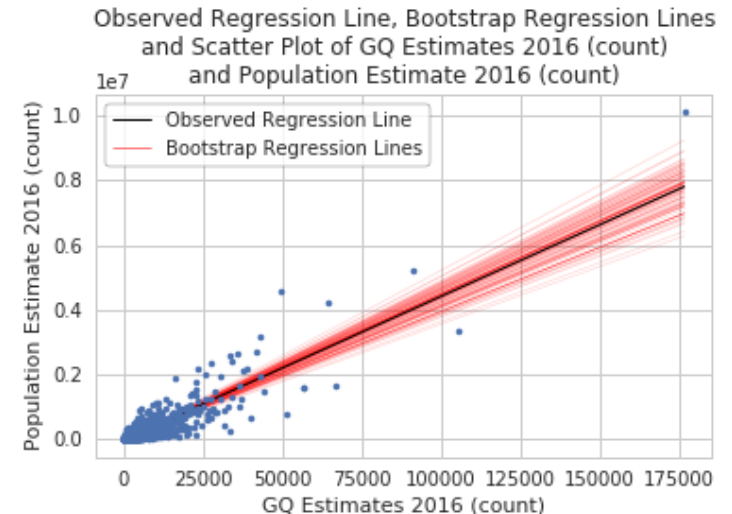
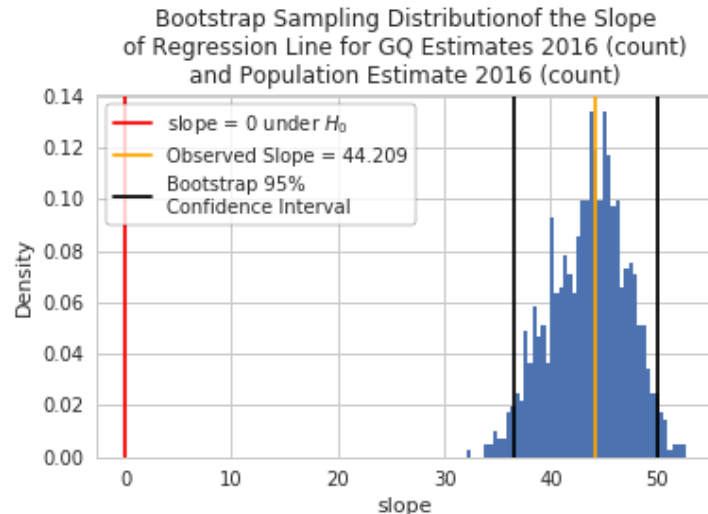


Opioid Mortality Rate (per 100,000) and  
Poverty Percentage 2016 (%)





# Linear Regression and Confidence Interval Using Pairs Bootstrap



## Conclusion From Exploratory Data Analysis

- Counties with higher opioid addiction mortality rates have
  - Higher GQ estimates
  - Higher population estimates
  - Higher median household income

## Conclusion From Exploratory Data Analysis

- Further research
  - Why do counties that have higher population living in group quarters have higher opioid overdose mortality rates?
    - Possibly consider looking into specific group quarters estimates by county