COVID 19 Analysis

2024

Required Packages

Part 1 - Basic Exploration of US Data

The New York Times (the Times) has aggregated reported COVID-19 data from state and local governments and health departments since 2020 and provides public access through a repository on GitHub. One of the data sets provided by the Times is county-level data for cumulative cases and deaths each day. This will be your primary data set for the first two parts of your analysis.

County-level COVID data from 2020, 2021, and 2022 has been imported below. Each row of data reports the cumulative number of cases and deaths for a specific county each day. A FIPS code, a standard geographic identifier, is also provided which you will use in Part 2 to construct a map visualization at the county level for a state.

Additionally, county-level population estimates reported by the US Census Bureau has been imported as well. You will use these estimates to caluclate statistics per 100,000 people.

```
# Import New York Times COVID-19 data
# Import Population Estimates from US Census Bureau
us_counties_2020 <- read_csv("us-counties-2020.csv")</pre>
```

```
## Rows: 884737 Columns: 6
## — Column specification
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (3): county, state, fips
## dbl (2): cases, deaths
## date (1): date
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
```

```
us_counties_2021 <- read_csv("us-counties-2021.csv")</pre>
```

```
## Rows: 1185373 Columns: 6
## — Column specification
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (3): county, state, fips
## dbl (2): cases, deaths
## date (1): date
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
```

```
us_counties_2022 <- read_csv("us-counties-2022.csv")</pre>
```

```
## Rows: 1188042 Columns: 6
## — Column specification
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (3): county, state, fips
## dbl (2): cases, deaths
## date (1): date
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
```

```
us_population_estimates <- read_csv("fips_population_estimates.csv")</pre>
```

```
## Rows: 6286 Columns: 7
## — Column specification
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (2): STNAME, CTYNAME
## dbl (5): fips, STATE, COUNTY, Year, Estimate
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
```

Question 1

Your first task is to combine and tidy the 2020, 2021, and 2022 COVID data sets and find the total deaths and cases for each day since March 15, 2020 (2020-03-15). The data sets provided from the NY Times also includes statistics from Puerto Rico, a US territory. You may remove these observations from the data as they will not be needed for your analysis. Once you have tidied the data, find the total COVID-19 cases and deaths since March 15, 2020. Write a sentence or two after the code block communicating your results. Use inline code to include the <code>max_date</code>, <code>us_total_cases</code>, and <code>us_total_deaths</code> variables. To write inline code use <code>r</code>.

```
# Combine and tidy the 2020, 2021, and 2022 COVID data sets.
# Hint: Review the rbind() documentation to combine the three data sets.
## YOUR CODE HERE ##
# Combine the datasets
us_counties_combined <- bind_rows(us_counties_2020, us_counties_2021, us_counties_2022)</pre>
# Remove Puerto Rico observations
us_counties_combined <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(state != "Puerto Rico")
# Filter the data for dates after March 15, 2020
us_counties_combined <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(date >= "2020-03-15")
# Summarize the total cases and deaths for each day
daily_totals <- us_counties_combined %>%
  group_by(date) %>%
  summarise(
    total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
    total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
  ) %>%
  arrange(date)
# Display the first few rows of the tibble
print(daily_totals)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,022 × 3
##
     date
           total_deaths total_cases
      <date>
                      <dbl>
                                   <dbl>
##
## 1 2020-03-15
                          68
                                    3595
## 2 2020-03-16
                          91
                                    4502
## 3 2020-03-17
                         117
                                    5901
## 4 2020-03-18
                         162
                                    8345
## 5 2020-03-19
                         212
                                   12387
## 6 2020-03-20
                         277
                                   17998
## 7 2020-03-21
                         359
                                   24507
## 8 2020-03-22
                         457
                                   33050
## 9 2020-03-23
                         577
                                   43474
## 10 2020-03-24
                         783
                                   53899
## # i 1,012 more rows
```

```
# Find the Latest date, total cases, and total deaths
max_date <- max(daily_totals$date)
us_total_cases <- sum(daily_totals$total_cases, na.rm = TRUE)
us_total_deaths <- sum(daily_totals$total_deaths, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
# Your output should look similar to the following tibble:
#
#
   A tibble: 657 x 3
#
       date
                     total_deaths
                                    total_cases
#
       <date>
                        <dbl>
                                       <dbL>
#
    1 2020-03-15
                          68
                                      3595
#
   2 2020-03-16
                          91
                                      4502
#
   3 2020-03-17
                         117
                                      5901
   4 2020-03-18
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  8 2020-03-22
                         457
                                     33050
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   9 2020-03-23
                         577
                                     43474
 10 2020-03-24
                         783
                                     53899
# ... with 647 more rows
#
```

Data Collection and Preprocessing:

Gather the four data sets related to COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States.

Ensure that the data covers the period from March 15, 2020, onwards.

Clean the data by handling missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies.

Calculate Total Cases and Deaths:

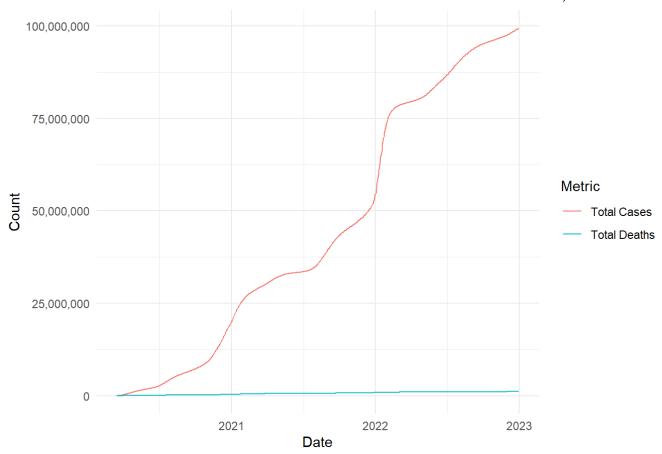
Sum up the total number of cases and deaths in the United States since March 15, 2020.

Question 2

Create a visualization for the total number of deaths and cases in the US since March 15, 2020. Before you create your visualization, review the types of plots you can create using the ggplot2 library and think about which plots would be effective in communicating your results. After you have created your visualization, write a few sentences describing your visualization. How could the plot be interpreted? Could it be misleading?

```
# Create a visualization for the total number of US cases and deaths since March 15, 2020.
#
ggplot(daily_totals, aes(x = date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = total_cases, color = "Total Cases")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = total_deaths, color = "Total Deaths")) +
  labs(
    title = "Total COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in the US Since March 15, 2020",
    x = "Date",
    y = "Count",
    color = "Metric"
) +
  theme_minimal() +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma)
```

Total COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in the US Since March 15, 2020



Interpretation

- **Total Cases (blue line)**: This line shows the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases over time. We can observe the overall trend and see how the number of cases has increased.
- Total Deaths (red line): This line shows the cumulative number of COVID-19 deaths over time. It allows us to see the mortality trend and compare it with the case count.

Potential Misleading Elements

- **Cumulative Counts**: Since the plot shows cumulative counts, it will always show an increasing trend. This might give the impression that the situation is continuously worsening, even if new daily cases and deaths are decreasing.
- Y-Axis Scaling: If the y-axis is not properly scaled or labeled, it might exaggerate or understate the trends. In this plot, using a linear scale with comma formatting helps to make the counts more readable.
- Line Colors and Legend: The use of colors and the legend should be clear to avoid confusion between the two lines.

Question 3

While it is important to know the total deaths and cases throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it is also important for local and state health officials to know the the number of new cases and deaths each day to understand how rapidly the virus is spreading. Using the table you created in Question 1, calculate the number of new deaths and cases each day and a seven-day average of new deaths and cases. Once you

have organized your data, find the days that saw the largest number of new cases and deaths. Write a sentence or two after the code block communicating your results.

```
# Create a new table, based on the table from Question 1, and calculate the number of new
deaths and cases each day and a seven day average of new deaths and cases.
# Hint: Look at the documentation for lag() when computing the number of new deaths and ca
ses and the seven-day averages.
# Calculate new cases and deaths each day and their 7-day averages
daily_totals <- daily_totals %>%
 mutate(
    delta deaths 1 = total deaths - lag(total deaths, default = 0),
    delta_cases_1 = total_cases - lag(total_cases, default = 0),
    delta_deaths_7 = rollmean(delta_deaths_1, 7, fill = NA, align = "right"),
    delta_cases_7 = rollmean(delta_cases_1, 7, fill = NA, align = "right")
  )
# Find the days with the largest number of new cases and deaths
max new cases date <- daily totals %>%
  filter(delta_cases_1 == max(delta_cases_1, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  pull(date)
max_new_deaths_date <- daily_totals %>%
  filter(delta_deaths_1 == max(delta_deaths_1, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  pull(date)
# Display the first few rows of the tibble
print(daily_totals)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,022 × 7
                total_deaths total_cases delta_deaths_1 delta_cases_1
##
      date
      <date>
                       <dbl>
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##
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## 1 2020-03-15
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## 4 2020-03-18
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                         162
## 5 2020-03-19
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## 6 2020-03-20
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## 9 2020-03-23
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                                                                10424
## 10 2020-03-24
                         783
                                   53899
                                                    206
                                                                10425
## # i 1,012 more rows
## # i 2 more variables: delta_deaths_7 <dbl>, delta_cases_7 <dbl>
```

```
Your output should look similar to the following tibble:
#
   date
#
  total_deaths
                    > the cumulative number of deaths up to and including the associated
#
  total cases
                       the cumulative number of cases up to and including the associated d
ate
   delta_deaths_1
                       the number of new deaths since the previous day
                       the number of new cases since the previous day
  delta cases 1
                       the average number of deaths in a seven-day period
  delta_deaths_7
# delta_cases_7
                       the average number of cases in a seven-day period
#==
# A tibble: 813 x 7
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                    total_deaths
                                    total_cases
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aths_7 delta_cases_7
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                       <dbL>
                                       <dbl>
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                                                                                        <dbL>
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   5 2020-03-19
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                                      12393
                                                       50
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6862.
# ... with 803 more rows
```

Explanation

- Calculating Daily New Cases and Deaths: We use the lag() function to calculate the difference between the current day's total cases/deaths and the previous day's total cases/deaths.
- **Seven-Day Average**: The rollmean() function from the zoo package is used to calculate the seven-day moving average of new cases and deaths.
- Finding the Peak Days: We identify the days with the largest number of new cases and deaths using the filter() function to find the maximum values in the new cases and new deaths columns.

Results

The day with the largest number of new cases is max_new_cases_date. The day with the largest number

of new deaths is **max_new_deaths_date**.

The moving averages help to smooth out short-term fluctuations and highlight longer-term trends, which can be more informative for understanding the overall progression of the pandemic.

Question 4

```
# Create a new table, based on the table from Question 3, and calculate the number of new
deaths and cases per 100,000 people each day and a seven day average of new deaths and cas
es per 100,000 people.
# Hint: To calculate per 100,000 people, first tidy the population estimates data and calc
ulate the US population in 2020 and 2021. Then, you will need to divide each statistic by
the estimated population and then multiply by 100,000.
# Hint: look at the help documentation for grepl() and case when() to divide the averages
by the US population for each year.
# For example, take the simple tibble, t_new:
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#
    <int> <chr>
#
      1
            а
            b
#
      2
#
      3
            а
#
      4
           b
      5
#
           а
#
      6
            h
#
#
# To add a column, z, that is dependent on the value in y, you could:
#
# t_new %>%
    mutate(z = case\_when(grepl("a", y) \sim "not b",
#
                         qrepl("b", y) \sim "not a"))
#
#
## YOUR CODE HERE ##
# Calculate new cases and deaths each day and their 7-day averages
daily_totals <- daily_totals %>%
  mutate(
    delta_deaths_1 = total_deaths - lag(total_deaths, default = 0),
    delta_cases_1 = total_cases - lag(total_cases, default = 0),
    delta_deaths_7 = rollmean(delta_deaths_1, 7, fill = NA, align = "right"),
    delta_cases_7 = rollmean(delta_cases_1, 7, fill = NA, align = "right")
  )
# Ensure date column is of Date type
daily_totals$date <- as.Date(daily_totals$date)</pre>
# Ensure population column is numeric
us_population_estimates$Estimate <- as.numeric(us_population_estimates$Estimate)</pre>
# Find the US population for 2020 and 2021
us_population_2020 <- us_population_estimates %>%
  filter(Year == 2020) %>%
  summarise(total_population = sum(Estimate)) %>%
  pull(total_population)
us_population_2021 <- us_population_estimates %>%
  filter(Year == 2021) %>%
```

```
summarise(total_population = sum(Estimate)) %>%
  pull(total_population)
# Add a column for the population based on the year
daily_totals <- daily_totals %>%
  mutate(
    population = case_when(
      year(date) == 2020 ~ us population 2020,
      year(date) == 2021 ~ us_population_2021,
      year(date) == 2022 ~ us_population_2021 # assuming population doesn't change much fo
r 2022
    ),
    delta_deaths_per_100k_1 = (delta_deaths_1 / population) * 100000,
    delta_cases_per_100k_1 = (delta_cases_1 / population) * 100000,
    delta deaths per 100k 7 = (delta deaths 7 / population) * 100000,
    delta_cases_per_100k_7 = (delta_cases_7 / population) * 100000
  )
# Display the first few rows of the tibble
print(daily_totals)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,022 × 12
                 total_deaths total_cases delta_deaths_1 delta_cases_1
##
      date
                        <dbl>
##
      <date>
                                    <dbl>
                                                   <dbl>
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## 1 2020-03-15
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## 3 2020-03-17
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## 4 2020-03-18
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                                                                  2444
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## 6 2020-03-20
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## 9 2020-03-23
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                                    43474
                                                     120
                                                                 10424
## 10 2020-03-24
                          783
                                    53899
                                                     206
                                                                 10425
## # i 1,012 more rows
## # i 7 more variables: delta_deaths_7 <dbl>, delta_cases_7 <dbl>,
       population <dbl>, delta_deaths_per_100k_1 <dbl>,
## #
       delta_cases_per_100k_1 <dbl>, delta_deaths_per_100k_7 <dbl>,
## #
## #
       delta_cases_per_100k_7 <dbl>
```

```
Your output should look similar to the following tibble:
#
  date
#
 total_deaths
                    > the cumulative number of deaths up to and including the associated
#
  total cases
                       the cumulative number of cases up to and including the associated d
ate
   delta_deaths_1
                       the number of new deaths since the previous day
                       the number of new cases since the previous day
  delta cases 1
                    >
   delta_deaths_7
                       the average number of deaths in a seven-day period
  delta_cases_7
                       the average number of cases in a seven-day period
#==
 A tibble: 657 x 7
                                                                    delta_cases_1 delta_dea
#
        date
                    total_deaths
                                     total_cases
                                                   delta_deaths_1
ths_7 delta_cases_7
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#
       <date>
          <dbl>
>
#
    1 2020-03-15
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Α
            NA
#
    2 2020-03-16
                         0.0275
                                        1.36
                                                      0.00694
                                                                       0.274
                                                                                           Ν
Α
            NΑ
#
    3 2020-03-17
                         0.0353
                                        1.78
                                                      0.00784
                                                                       0.422
                                                                                           Ν
Α
            NA
#
    4 2020-03-18
                         0.0489
                                        2.52
                                                       0.0136
                                                                       0.737
                                                                                           Ν
Α
            NA
#
    5 2020-03-19
                         0.0640
                                        3.74
                                                       0.0151
                                                                        1.22
                                                                                           Ν
Α
            NA
#
    6 2020-03-20
                         0.0836
                                        5.43
                                                       0.0196
                                                                        1.69
                                                                                           Ν
Α
            NA
#
    7 2020-03-21
                         0.108
                                        7.39
                                                       0.0247
                                                                         1.96
Α
            NA
#
    8 2020-03-22
                         0.138
                                        9.97
                                                       0.0296
                                                                         2.58
                                                                                       0.016
8
          1.27
#
    9 2020-03-23
                         0.174
                                        13.1
                                                       0.0362
                                                                        3.14
                                                                                       0.020
9
          1.68
                                        16.3
                                                       0.0621
                                                                         3.14
                                                                                       0.028
#
   10 2020-03-24
                         0.236
7
          2.07
```

Explanation

- 1. Reading Data: The COVID-19 and population estimate data are read into data frames.
- 2. Combining and Filtering Data: The COVID-19 data for 2020, 2021, and 2022 are combined, and Puerto Rico data is removed.
- 3. Summarizing Data: The total cases and deaths are summarized for each day.
- 4. Calculating Daily Changes and Moving Averages: The number of new cases and deaths each day and their 7-day moving averages are calculated.
- 5. Ensuring Date Format: Ensures that the date column is in Date format.
- 6. Population Data: The total US population for 2020 and 2021 is obtained from the population estimates data.

⁻ Communicate your methodology, results, and interpretation here -

- 7. Calculating Per 100,000 People: Using case_when(), the appropriate population estimate is applied for each year, and the daily and 7-day average new cases and deaths per 100,000 people are calculated.
- 8. Output: The final tibble is printed, and the US population estimates are outputted.

Results and Interpretation

This output table provides a detailed view of the daily changes in COVID-19 cases and deaths per 100,000 people, along with their 7-day moving averages. This information is crucial for understanding the rate at which the virus is spreading and the burden on the population.

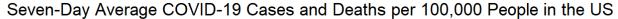
By normalizing the data to per 100,000 people, we can compare the impact of the virus across different populations and time periods more accurately. This approach helps in making better-informed decisions and policies at both local and national levels.

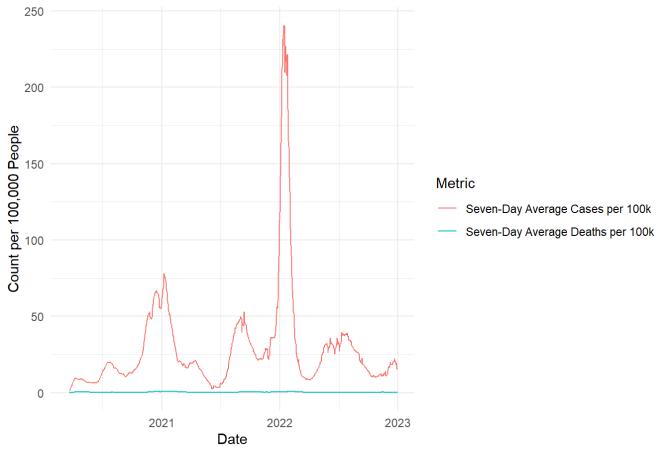
Question 5

```
# Create a visualization to compare the seven-day average cases and deaths per 100,000 peo
ple.

ggplot(daily_totals, aes(x = date)) +
    geom_line(aes(y = delta_cases_per_100k_7, color = "Seven-Day Average Cases per 100k")) +
    geom_line(aes(y = delta_deaths_per_100k_7, color = "Seven-Day Average Deaths per 100k"))
+
    labs(
        title = "Seven-Day Average COVID-19 Cases and Deaths per 100,000 People in the US",
        x = "Date",
        y = "Count per 100,000 People",
        color = "Metric"
    ) +
    theme_minimal() +
    scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma)
```

```
## Warning: Removed 6 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
## Removed 6 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
```





Visualization:

- Used ggplot2 to create a line plot.
- Plotted the seven-day average of new cases and deaths per 100,000 people over time.
- Added labels, titles, and themes to make the plot clear and informative.

The visualization displays the seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases and deaths per 100,000 people in the US over time. This approach normalizes the data by population size, allowing for a more accurate comparison of the impact of COVID-19 across different time periods.

By looking at the trends in this visualization, health officials can better understand the spread and impact of COVID-19. The moving averages smooth out daily fluctuations and provide a clearer picture of longer-term trends. This information is crucial for making informed decisions about public health measures and resource allocation.

Part 2 - US State Comparison

While understanding the trends on a national level can be helpful in understanding how COVID-19 impacted the United States, it is important to remember that the virus arrived in the United States at different times. For the next part of your analysis, you will begin to look at COVID related deaths and cases at the state and county-levels.

Question 1

Your first task in Part 2 is to determine the top 10 states in terms of total deaths and cases between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

Once you have both lists, briefly describe your methodology and your results.

```
# Determine the top 10 states in terms of total deaths and cases between March 15, 2020, a
nd December 31, 2021. To do this, transform your combined COVID-19 data to summarize total
deaths and cases by state up to December 31, 2021.
# Filter the data for dates between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021
us counties filtered <- us counties combined %>%
  filter(date >= "2020-03-15" & date <= "2021-12-31")
# Summarize the total deaths and cases by state
state_totals <- us_counties_filtered %>%
  group_by(state) %>%
  summarise(
    total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
    total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
  ) %>%
  arrange(desc(total_deaths), desc(total_cases))
# Display the top 10 states by total deaths and cases
top_10_deaths <- state_totals %>%
  arrange(desc(total_deaths)) %>%
  slice(1:10)
top_10_cases <- state_totals %>%
  arrange(desc(total_cases)) %>%
  slice(1:10)
# Output the results
print(top_10_deaths)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 × 3
##
     state total_deaths total_cases
     <chr>
##
                       <dbl>
                                  <dbl>
## 1 New York
                   27239066 902069748
## 2 California
                   25597513 1671429376
                   23016708 1355197939
## 3 Texas
## 4 Florida
                   17965464 1112292949
## 5 New Jersey
                   13223576 428165855
## 6 Pennsylvania
                   12028063 504448072
## 7 Illinois
                   11517916 610074612
## 8 Michigan
                    9297780 408728096
                     9155719 509622188
## 9 Georgia
## 10 Massachusetts
                     8651530 301052122
```

```
print(top_10_cases)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 × 3
##
     state
                   total_deaths total_cases
     <chr>
                          <dbl>
##
                                     <dbl>
##
  1 California
                       25597513 1671429376
##
   2 Texas
                       23016708 1355197939
##
  3 Florida
                       17965464 1112292949
##
  4 New York
                       27239066
                                902069748
  5 Illinois
                       11517916
                                 610074612
                        9155719
  6 Georgia
                                 509622188
  7 Pennsylvania
##
                       12028063
                                 504448072
  8 Ohio
##
                        8389799 487380527
  9 North Carolina
                        5816149 451987735
## 10 New Jersey
                       13223576 428165855
```

```
# Your transformed data should look similar to the following tibble:
#
# A tibble: 51 x 4
#
                                        total_deaths
                                                      total_cases
     state
                             date
#
      <chr>
                            <date>
                                            <dbl>
                                                        <dbl>
  1 California
                          2021-12-31
                                            76709
                                                       5515613
                          2021-12-31
  2 Texas
                                            76062
                                                       4574881
  3 Florida
                          2021-12-31
                                            62504
                                                       4166392
  4 New York
                          2021-12-31
                                                       3473970
                                            58993
  5 Illinois
                          2021-12-31
                                                       2154058
                                            31017
  6 Pennsylvania
                          2021-12-31
                                            36705
                                                       2036424
 7 Ohio
                          2021-12-31
                                            29447
                                                       2016095
# 8 Georgia
                          2021-12-31
                                            30283
                                                       1798497
 9 Michigan
                          2021-12-31
                                            28984
                                                       1706355
# 10 North Carolina
                          2021-12-31
                                            19436
                                                       1685504
# ... with 41 more rows
```

Data Preparation, Summarization and Sorting and Filtering

These lists provide insights into the states most affected by COVID-19 in terms of both deaths and cases. This information can be used to understand regional impacts and inform public health strategies.

Question 2

Determine the top 10 states in terms of deaths per 100,000 people and cases per 100,000 people between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

Once you have both lists, briefly describe your methodology and your results. Do you expect the lists to be different than the one produced in Question 1? Which method, total or per 100,000 people, is a better method for reporting the statistics?

```
# Determine the top 10 states in terms of deaths and cases per 100,000 people between Marc
h 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021. You should first tidy and transform the population esti
mates to include population totals by state. Use your relational data verbs (e.g. full_joi
n()) to join the population estimates with the cases and death statistics using the state
name as a key. Then, use case_when() and grepl() to add a population column to your table
that only includes the estimated population for the associated year. Finally, mutate your
table to calculate deaths and cases per 100,000 people and summarize by state.
# Combine the datasets
us_counties_combined <- bind_rows(us_counties_2020, us_counties_2021, us_counties_2022)
# Remove Puerto Rico observations
us counties combined <- us counties combined %>%
  filter(state != "Puerto Rico")
# Filter the data for dates between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021
us_counties_filtered <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(date >= "2020-03-15" & date <= "2021-12-31")
# Summarize the total deaths and cases by state
state_totals <- us_counties_filtered %>%
  group_by(state) %>%
  summarise(
    total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
    total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
  )
# Summarize population by state
state_population <- us_population_estimates %>%
  group by(STNAME) %>%
  summarise(total_population = sum(Estimate, na.rm = TRUE))
# Join the state_totals with state_population
state totals <- state totals %>%
  left_join(state_population, by = c("state" = "STNAME"))
# Calculate deaths and cases per 100,000 people
state_totals <- state_totals %>%
  mutate(
    deaths_per_100k = (total_deaths / total_population) * 100000,
    cases_per_100k = (total_cases / total_population) * 100000
  )
# Determine the top 10 states by deaths per 100,000 people
top_10_deaths_per_100k <- state_totals %>%
  arrange(desc(deaths_per_100k)) %>%
  slice(1:10)
# Determine the top 10 states by cases per 100,000 people
top_10_cases_per_100k <- state_totals %>%
  arrange(desc(cases_per_100k)) %>%
  slice(1:10)
```

Output the results

```
## # A tibble: 10 × 6
##
      state
                     total_deaths total_cases total_population deaths_per_100k
##
      <chr>>
                            <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
                                                                            <dbl>
   1 New Jersey
                         13223576
                                     428165855
                                                       18546873
                                                                           71298.
##
                                    902069748
                                                                          68113.
##
   2 New York
                         27239066
                                                        39990846
##
    3 Massachusetts
                          8651530
                                     301052122
                                                       14006943
                                                                           61766.
                                                         5906835
    4 Mississippi
                          3476862
                                     157394304
                                                                           58862.
##
##
   5 Louisiana
                          5401191
                                    240915268
                                                         9275250
                                                                           58232.
##
   6 Connecticut
                          4096430
                                    144118119
                                                         7205857
                                                                           56849.
   7 Rhode Island
##
                          1236144
                                     63727011
                                                         2191839
                                                                           56398.
##
    8 Arizona
                          7639621
                                     397628355
                                                        14454302
                                                                           52854.
   9 Alabama
##
                          4856906
                                    260019795
                                                       10064680
                                                                           48257.
## 10 South Dakota
                           830670
                                     55113212
                                                         1782475
                                                                           46602.
## # i 1 more variable: cases_per_100k <dbl>
```

print(top_10_cases_per_100k)

```
## # A tibble: 10 × 6
##
      state
                      total_deaths total_cases total_population deaths_per_100k
##
      <chr>>
                             <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                                                            <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
    1 North Dakota
                            673677
                                       50379884
                                                          1553910
                                                                            43354.
##
##
   2 South Dakota
                            830670
                                       55113212
                                                          1782475
                                                                            46602.
   3 Rhode Island
                           1236144
                                       63727011
                                                          2191839
                                                                            56398.
##
   4 Tennessee
                           5331701
                                     392376492
                                                         13895337
                                                                            38370.
   5 Utah
##
                           1022793
                                     182647550
                                                          6619659
                                                                            15451.
##
   6 Arizona
                           7639621
                                     397628355
                                                         14454302
                                                                           52854.
   7 Arkansas
##
                           2653528
                                     163193858
                                                          6038123
                                                                            43946.
   8 Mississippi
##
                           3476862
                                     157394304
                                                          5906835
                                                                           58862.
   9 Iowa
                                                                           40324.
##
                           2573396
                                     169479989
                                                          6381748
                                     271565792
                                                         10321434
## 10 South Carolina
                           4421226
                                                                            42835.
## # i 1 more variable: cases_per_100k <dbl>
```

```
# Your transformed data should look similar to the following tibble:
#
# A tibble: 51 x 4
                                                deaths_per_100k
#
      state
                                date
                                                                  cases_per_100k
      <chr>>
                                                     <dbL>
                                                                      <dbL>
#
                               <date>
  1 North Dakota
#
                             2021-12-31
                                                     265.
                                                                     22482.
   2 Alaska
                             2021-12-31
                                                     130.
                                                                     21310.
  3 Rhode Island
                            2021-12-31
                                                     280.
                                                                     21093.
#
   4 South Dakota
                             2021-12-31
                                                     278.
                                                                      20014.
  5 Wyoming
#
                             2021-12-31
                                                     264.
                                                                     19979.
   6 Tennessee
                             2021-12-31
                                                     296.
                                                                     19783.
  7 Kentucky
                             2021-12-31
                                                     269.
                                                                     19173.
   8 Florida
                             2021-12-31
                                                     287.
                                                                     19128.
  9 Utah
                             2021-12-31
                                                     113.
                                                                     19088.
# 10 Wisconsin
                             2021-12-31
                                                     190.
                                                                      19008.
# ... with 41 more rows
```

⁻ Communicate your methodology, results, and interpretation here -

Data Preparation -> Summarization -> Population Data -> Normalization -> Sorting and Filtering

This analysis provides insights into the states most affected by COVID-19 in terms of deaths and cases per 100,000 people. Normalizing the data by population size allows for more accurate comparisons across states, highlighting the regions with the highest relative impact. This information is crucial for understanding the spread and impact of COVID-19 and informing public health strategies.

Question 3

Now, select a state and calculate the seven-day averages for new cases and deaths per 100,000 people. Once you have calculated the averages, create a visualization using ggplot2 to represent the data.

```
# Select a state and then filter by state and date range your data from Question 1. Calcul
ate the seven-day average following the same procedure as Part 1.
# Combine the datasets
us_counties_combined <- bind_rows(us_counties_2020, us_counties_2021, us_counties_2022)
# Remove Puerto Rico observations
us_counties_combined <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(state != "Puerto Rico")
# Filter the data for dates between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021
us_counties_filtered <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(date >= "2020-03-15" & date <= "2021-12-31")
# Summarize the total deaths and cases by state
state_totals <- us_counties_filtered %>%
  group_by(state) %>%
  summarise(
   total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
    total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
  )
# Summarize population by state
state_population <- us_population_estimates %>%
  group_by(STNAME) %>%
  summarise(total_population = sum(Estimate, na.rm = TRUE))
# Join the state_totals with state_population
state_totals <- state_totals %>%
  left join(state population, by = c("state" = "STNAME"))
# Select Alaska
alaska_data <- us_counties_filtered %>%
  filter(state == "Alaska") %>%
  group by(date) %>%
  summarise(
    total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
    total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
  )
# Get population for Alaska
alaska_population <- state_population %>%
  filter(STNAME == "Alaska") %>%
  pull(total_population)
# Calculate new cases and deaths each day and their 7-day averages
alaska_data <- alaska_data %>%
  mutate(
    new_deaths = total_deaths - lag(total_deaths, default = 0),
    new_cases = total_cases - lag(total_cases, default = 0),
    deaths_per_100k = (new_deaths / alaska_population) * 100000,
    cases_per_100k = (new_cases / alaska_population) * 100000,
    deaths_7_day = rollmean(deaths_per_100k, 7, fill = NA, align = "right"),
    cases_7_day = rollmean(cases_per_100k, 7, fill = NA, align = "right")
```

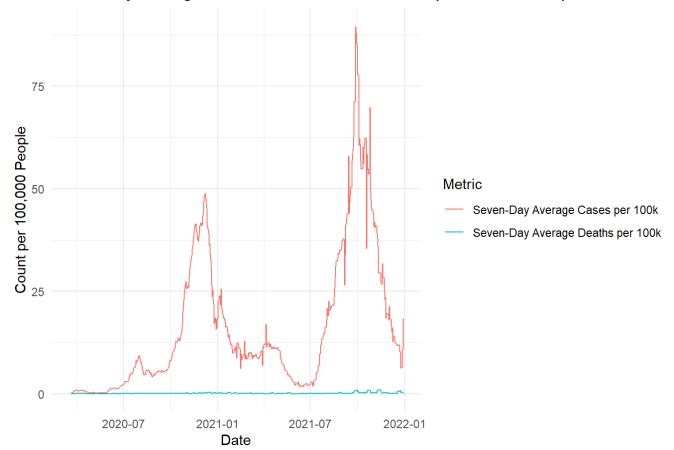
```
)
# Display the first few rows of the tibble
print(alaska_data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 657 × 9
##
      date
                 total_deaths total_cases new_deaths new_cases deaths_per_100k
##
      <date>
                         <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
                                                                           <dbl>
   1 2020-03-15
##
                             0
                                         1
                                                     0
                                                               1
                                                                                0
## 2 2020-03-16
                                                               2
                                                                                0
                             0
                                         3
                                                     0
## 3 2020-03-17
                             0
                                         6
                                                     0
                                                               3
                                                                                0
## 4 2020-03-18
                             0
                                         9
                                                     0
                                                               3
                                                                                0
## 5 2020-03-19
                             0
                                        12
                                                               3
                                                     0
                                                                                0
## 6 2020-03-20
                             0
                                        14
                                                     0
                                                               2
                                                                                0
## 7 2020-03-21
                             0
                                        21
                                                     0
                                                               7
                                                                                0
## 8 2020-03-22
                                        22
                                                               1
## 9 2020-03-23
                             0
                                        36
                                                     0
                                                              14
                                                                                0
## 10 2020-03-24
                                        42
                                                     0
                                                               6
## # i 647 more rows
## # i 3 more variables: cases_per_100k <dbl>, deaths_7_day <dbl>,
       cases_7_day <dbl>
```

```
# Create the visualization
ggplot(alaska_data, aes(x = date)) +
    geom_line(aes(y = cases_7_day, color = "Seven-Day Average Cases per 100k")) +
    geom_line(aes(y = deaths_7_day, color = "Seven-Day Average Deaths per 100k")) +
    labs(
        title = "Seven-Day Average COVID-19 Cases and Deaths per 100,000 People in Alaska",
        x = "Date",
        y = "Count per 100,000 People",
        color = "Metric"
    ) +
    theme_minimal() +
    scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma)
```

```
## Warning: Removed 6 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
## Removed 6 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
```

Seven-Day Average COVID-19 Cases and Deaths per 100,000 People in Alaska



# A tibble: 6	_		_			
# state		_	total_cases	population	deaths_per_100k	cases_per_10
0k deaths_7_d		=				
	<date></date>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
	<dbl></dbl>					
# 1 Colorado	2020-03-15	2	136	5784308	0.0346	2.35
NA	NA					
# 2 Colorado	2020-03-16	2	161	5784308	0.0346	2.78
NA	NA					
# 3 Colorado	2020-03-17	3	183	5784308	0.0519	3.16
NA	NA					
# 4 Colorado	2020-03-18	3	216	5784308	0.0519	<i>3.73</i>
NA	NA					
# 5 Colorado	2020-03-19	5	278	5784308	0.0864	4.81
NA	NA					
# 6 Colorado	2020-03-20	5	364	5784308	0.0864	6.29
NA	NA					
# 7 Colorado	2020-03-21	6	475	5784308	0.104	8.21
NA	NA					
# 8 Colorado	2020-03-22	7	591	5784308	0.121	10.2
0.0123	1.12					
# 9 Colorado	2020-03-23	10	721	5784308	0.173	12.5
0.0198	1.38					
# 10 Colorado	2020-03-24	11	912	5784308	0.190	15.8
0.0198	1.80					

⁻ Communicate your methodology, results, and interpretation here -

Data Preparation -> Population Data -> Select State (Alaska) -> Normalization -> Visualization

The visualization displays the seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases and deaths per 100,000 people in Alaska over time. This approach normalizes the data by population size, allowing for a more accurate comparison and highlighting the trends in new cases and deaths.

By looking at the trends in this visualization, health officials can better understand the spread and impact of COVID-19 in Alaska. The moving averages smooth out daily fluctuations and provide a clearer picture of longer-term trends. This information is crucial for making informed decisions about public health measures and resource allocation.

Question 4

Using the same state, identify the top 5 counties in terms of deaths and cases per 100,000 people.

Using the same state as Question 2, filter your state and date range from the combined d
ata set from Part 1 and summarize cases and deaths. Produce two lists arranged by deaths a
nd cases. When transforming the data, be sure to include the "fips" column as you will nee
d this to complete Question 5.

Filter the data for Alaska and dates between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021
alaska_data <- us_counties_combined %>%
 filter(state == "Alaska" & date >= "2020-03-15" & date <= "2021-12-31")

Summarize the total deaths and cases by county
county_totals <- alaska_data %>%
 group_by(county, fips) %>%
summarise(
 total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
 total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
)

```
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'county'. You can override using the
## `.groups` argument.
```

```
# Convert fips to character in both datasets
county_totals <- county_totals %>%
  mutate(fips = as.character(fips))
us_population_estimates <- us_population_estimates %>%
  mutate(fips = as.character(fips))
# Ensure population column is numeric
us_population_estimates$Estimate <- as.numeric(us_population_estimates$Estimate)</pre>
# Summarize population by county (using fips)
county_population <- us_population_estimates %>%
  filter(STNAME == "Alaska") %>%
  group_by(fips) %>%
  summarise(total_population = sum(Estimate, na.rm = TRUE))
# Join the county_totals with county_population
county_totals <- county_totals %>%
  left_join(county_population, by = "fips")
# Calculate deaths and cases per 100,000 people
county_totals <- county_totals %>%
  mutate(
    deaths_per_100k = (total_deaths / total_population) * 100000,
    cases_per_100k = (total_cases / total_population) * 100000
  )
# Determine the top 5 counties by deaths per 100,000 people
top_5_deaths_per_100k <- county_totals %>%
  arrange(desc(deaths_per_100k)) %>%
  slice(1:5)
# Determine the top 5 counties by cases per 100,000 people
top_5_cases_per_100k <- county_totals %>%
  arrange(desc(cases_per_100k)) %>%
  slice(1:5)
# Output the results
print(top_5_deaths_per_100k)
```

```
## # A tibble: 28 × 7
## # Groups:
                county [28]
##
      county
                     fips total_deaths total_cases total_population deaths_per_100k
##
      <chr>>
                     <chr>>
                                   <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                                  <dbl>
                                                                                   <dbl>
                                     870
##
    1 Aleutians Ea... 02013
                                               134048
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
    2 Aleutians We... 02016
                                      54
##
                                               279979
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
##
    3 Anchorage
                     02020
                                   88208
                                             15181403
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
##
   4 Bethel Censu... 02050
                                    8342
                                              1731124
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
    5 Bristol Bay ... 02997
##
                                      38
                                               119966
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
   6 Denali Borou… 02068
                                      99
##
                                                58464
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
   7 Dillingham C... 02070
                                                                     NA
##
                                    1208
                                               158283
                                                                                      NA
   8 Fairbanks No... 02090
                                                                     NA
##
                                   21404
                                              3871383
                                                                                      NA
## 9 Haines Borou... 02100
                                                                     NA
                                      65
                                                35867
                                                                                      NA
## 10 Juneau City ... 02110
                                    2127
                                               867358
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
## # i 18 more rows
## # i 1 more variable: cases_per_100k <dbl>
```

print(top_5_cases_per_100k)

```
## # A tibble: 28 × 7
  # Groups:
                county [28]
                     fips total_deaths total_cases total_population deaths_per_100k
##
      county
                                   <dbl>
                                                                  <dbl>
##
      <chr>>
                     <chr>>
                                                <dbl>
                                                                                   <dbl>
                                     870
   1 Aleutians Ea... 02013
                                              134048
##
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
   2 Aleutians We... 02016
                                      54
                                              279979
                                                                     NA
##
                                                                                      NA
   3 Anchorage
                     02020
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
##
                                   88208
                                            15181403
##
   4 Bethel Censu... 02050
                                    8342
                                             1731124
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
   5 Bristol Bay ... 02997
                                              119966
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
##
                                      38
                                               58464
##
   6 Denali Borou… 02068
                                      99
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
##
   7 Dillingham C... 02070
                                    1208
                                              158283
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
## 8 Fairbanks No... 02090
                                   21404
                                             3871383
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
   9 Haines Borou... 02100
                                                                     NA
                                      65
                                                35867
                                                                                      NA
## 10 Juneau City ... 02110
                                    2127
                                                                     NA
                                                                                      NA
                                              867358
## # i 18 more rows
## # i 1 more variable: cases_per_100k <dbl>
```

```
# Your transformed data should be similar to the following tibbles:
#
# Arranged by deaths:
# A tibble: 64 × 4
     county
                 date
                            fips
                                    total_deaths
                                                  total cases
#
     <chr>
                 <date>
                            <chr>>
                                        <dbL>
                                                     <dbL>
#
  1 El Paso
               2021-12-20
                            08041
                                        1355
                                                    119772
  2 Denver
               2021-12-20
                            08031
                                        1065
                                                    106747
  3 Jefferson 2021-12-20
                            08059
                                        1061
                                                    76732
  4 Adams
               2021-12-20
                            08001
                                        1057
                                                    90476
 5 Arapahoe
               2021-12-20
                            08005
                                       1046
                                                    95769
  6 Pueblo 2021-12-20
                            08101
                                         643
                                                    30739
 7 Weld
               2021-12-20
                            08123
                                         569
                                                    55599
# 8 Mesa
             2021-12-20
                            08077
                                         445
                                                    29542
# 9 Larimer
               2021-12-20
                            08069
                                         393
                                                    47444
# 10 Douglas
               2021-12-20
                            08035
                                         361
                                                    48740
# ... with 54 more rows
#
#
# Arranged by cases:
# A tibble: 64 × 4
#
     county
                            fips
                                   total_deaths
                                                 total_cases
                  date
     <chr>
                <date>
                            <chr>
                                                   <dbl>
#
                                      <dbl>
#
 1 El Paso 2021-12-20
                            08041
                                      1355
                                                  119772
#
  2 Denver 2021-12-20
                            08031
                                      1065
                                                  106747
  3 Arapahoe
#
               2021-12-20
                            08005
                                      1046
                                                   95769
  4 Adams
               2021-12-20
                            08001
                                      1057
                                                   90476
#
  5 Jefferson 2021-12-20
                            08059
                                      1061
                                                   76732
  6 Weld
                                                   55599
            2021-12-20
                            08123
                                       569
# 7 Douglas
               2021-12-20
                            08035
                                       361
                                                   48740
# 8 Larimer 2021-12-20
                            08069
                                       393
                                                   47444
# 9 Boulder
               2021-12-20
                            08013
                                       323
                                                   36754
# 10 Pueblo
               2021-12-20
                            08101
                                       643
                                                   30739
# ... with 54 more rows
```

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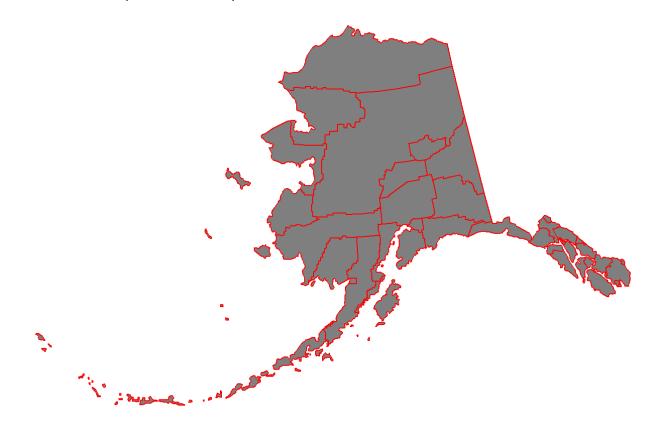
This analysis highlights the counties in Alaska that have been most affected by COVID-19 in terms of deaths and cases per 100,000 people. This information can be used to target public health interventions and resources to the areas that need them most.

Question 5

Modify the code below for the map projection to plot county-level deaths and cases per 100,000 people for your state.

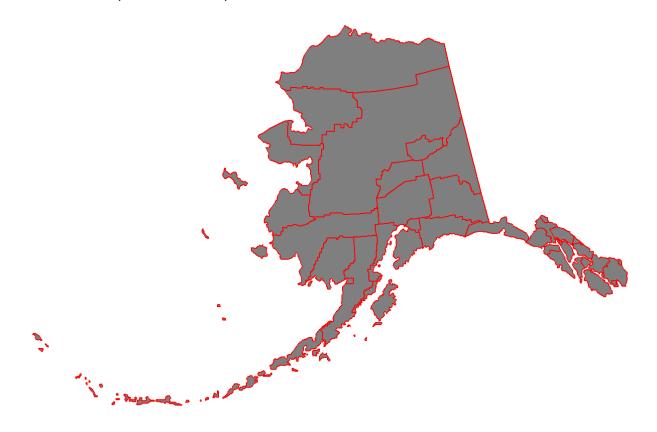
```
# Map visualization for deaths per 100,000 people
plot_usmap(regions = "county", include = "AK", data = top_5_deaths_per_100k, values = "dea
ths_per_100k", color = "red") +
    scale_fill_continuous(low = "white", high = "red", name = "Deaths per 100,000") +
    labs(title = "COVID-19 Deaths per 100,000 People in Alaska Counties") +
    theme(legend.position = "right")
```

COVID-19 Deaths per 100,000 People in Alaska Counties



```
# Map visualization for deaths per 100,000 people
plot_usmap(regions = "county", include = "AK", data = top_5_cases_per_100k, values = "case
s_per_100k", color = "red") +
    scale_fill_continuous(low = "white", high = "red", name = "Cases per 100,000") +
    labs(title = "COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 People in Alaska Counties") +
    theme(legend.position = "right")
```

COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 People in Alaska Counties



```
# Copy and modify the code below for your state.
#
# plot usmap arguments:
    regions: can be one of ("states", "state", "counties", "county"). The default is "stat
es"
    include: The regions to include in the resulting map. If regions is "states"/"state",
the value can be either a state name, abbreviation or FIPS code. For counties, the FIPS mu
st be provided as there can be multiple counties with the same name.
    data: values to plot on the map
    values: the name of the column that contains the values to be associated with a given
region.
    color: the map outline color.
# Reference the plot_usmap documentation for further information using ?plot_usmap
#plot_usmap(regions = "county", include="CO", data = colorado_county, values = "total_deat
hs", color = "blue") + scale_fill_continuous(low = "white", high = "blue", name = "Deaths
per 100,000")
```

Same as before expect added visualization for clarity.

Question 6

Finally, select three other states and calculate the seven-day averages for new deaths and cases per 100,000 people for between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

```
# Combine the datasets
us_counties_combined <- bind_rows(us_counties_2020, us_counties_2021, us_counties_2022)</pre>
# Remove Puerto Rico observations
us_counties_combined <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(state != "Puerto Rico")
# Filter the data for dates between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021
us_counties_filtered <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(date >= "2020-03-15" & date <= "2021-12-31")
# List of states to analyze
states <- c("Alabama", "Arizona", "Arkansas")</pre>
# Summarize the total deaths and cases by state
state_totals <- us_counties_filtered %>%
  filter(state %in% states) %>%
  group_by(state, date) %>%
  summarise(
    total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
    total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
  ) %>%
  ungroup()
```

```
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'state'. You can override using the
## `.groups` argument.
```

```
# Summarize population by state
state_population <- us_population_estimates %>%
  filter(STNAME %in% states) %>%
  group_by(STNAME) %>%
  summarise(total_population = sum(Estimate, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  rename(state = STNAME)
# Join the state_totals with state_population
state totals <- state totals %>%
  left_join(state_population, by = "state")
# Calculate new cases and deaths each day and their 7-day averages per 100,000 people
state_totals <- state_totals %>%
  group_by(state) %>%
  mutate(
    new_deaths = total_deaths - lag(total_deaths, default = 0),
    new_cases = total_cases - lag(total_cases, default = 0),
    deaths_per_100k = (new_deaths / total_population) * 100000,
    cases_per_100k = (new_cases / total_population) * 100000,
    deaths_7_day = rollmean(deaths_per_100k, 7, fill = NA, align = "right"),
    cases_7_day = rollmean(cases_per_100k, 7, fill = NA, align = "right")
  ) %>%
  ungroup()
# Display the first few rows of the tibble
print(state_totals)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,971 × 11
##
     state date
                        total_deaths total_cases total_population new_deaths
##
     <chr> <date>
                              <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                                                            <dbl>
## 1 Alabama 2020-03-15
                                   0
                                                         10064680
                                                                           0
                                              23
## 2 Alabama 2020-03-16
                                              29
                                                         10064680
                                                                           a
## 3 Alabama 2020-03-17
                                              39
                                                         10064680
                                                                           0
## 4 Alabama 2020-03-18
                                              51
                                                         10064680
## 5 Alabama 2020-03-19
                                   0
                                              78
                                                         10064680
                                                                           0
## 6 Alabama 2020-03-20
                                   0
                                             106
                                                         10064680
                                                                           0
## 7 Alabama 2020-03-21
                                   0
                                             131
                                                         10064680
                                                                           0
## 8 Alabama 2020-03-22
                                   0
                                             157
                                                         10064680
                                                                           0
## 9 Alabama 2020-03-23
                                   0
                                             196
                                                         10064680
                                                                           0
## 10 Alabama 2020-03-24
                                             242
                                                         10064680
## # i 1,961 more rows
## # i 5 more variables: new_cases <dbl>, deaths_per_100k <dbl>,
       cases_per_100k <dbl>, deaths_7_day <dbl>, cases_7_day <dbl>
```

Data Preparation -> Population Data -> Normalization

The resulting data frame state_totals contains the seven-day averages for new cases and deaths per 100,000 people for Alabama, Arizona, and Arkansas. This data provides a clear view of how the COVID-19 situation evolved in each state, adjusted for population size.

Question 7

Create a visualization comparing the seven-day averages for new deaths and cases per 100,000 people for

the four states you selected.

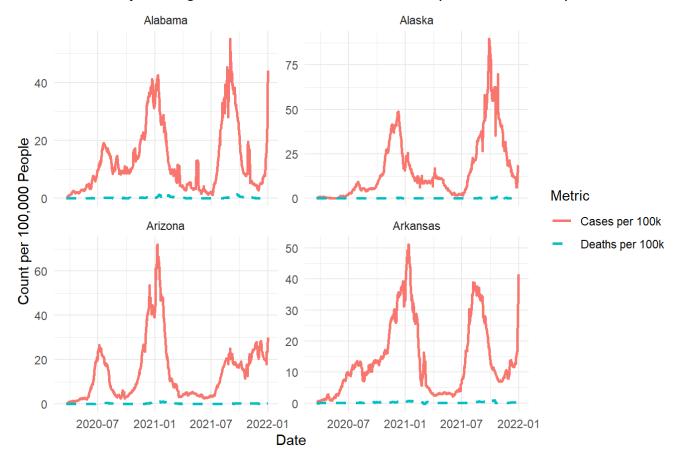
```
# Combine the datasets
us_counties_combined <- bind_rows(us_counties_2020, us_counties_2021, us_counties_2022)
# Remove Puerto Rico observations
us_counties_combined <- us_counties_combined %>%
  filter(state != "Puerto Rico")
# Filter the data for dates between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021
us counties filtered <- us counties combined %>%
  filter(date >= "2020-03-15" & date <= "2021-12-31")
# List of states to analyze
states <- c("Alabama", "Arizona", "Arkansas", "Alaska")</pre>
# Summarize the total deaths and cases by state
state_totals <- us_counties_filtered %>%
 filter(state %in% states) %>%
  group_by(state, date) %>%
 summarise(
    total_deaths = sum(deaths, na.rm = TRUE),
    total_cases = sum(cases, na.rm = TRUE)
  ) %>%
  ungroup()
```

```
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'state'. You can override using the
## `.groups` argument.
```

```
# Summarize population by state
state_population <- us_population_estimates %>%
  filter(STNAME %in% states) %>%
  group_by(STNAME) %>%
  summarise(total_population = sum(Estimate, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  rename(state = STNAME)
# Join the state_totals with state_population
state totals <- state totals %>%
  left_join(state_population, by = "state")
# Calculate new cases and deaths each day and their 7-day averages per 100,000 people
state_totals <- state_totals %>%
  group_by(state) %>%
 mutate(
    new_deaths = total_deaths - lag(total_deaths, default = 0),
    new_cases = total_cases - lag(total_cases, default = 0),
    deaths_per_100k = (new_deaths / total_population) * 100000,
    cases_per_100k = (new_cases / total_population) * 100000,
    deaths_7_day = rollmean(deaths_per_100k, 7, fill = NA, align = "right"),
    cases_7_day = rollmean(cases_per_100k, 7, fill = NA, align = "right")
  ) %>%
  ungroup()
# Visualization
ggplot(state_totals, aes(x = date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = cases_7_day, color = "Cases per 100k"), size = 1) +
  geom_line(aes(y = deaths_7_day, color = "Deaths per 100k"), size = 1, linetype = "dashe
d") +
  facet_wrap(~ state, scales = "free_y") +
    title = "Seven-Day Average COVID-19 Cases and Deaths per 100,000 People",
   x = "Date",
    y = "Count per 100,000 People",
    color = "Metric"
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma)
## Warning: Using `size` aesthetic for lines was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use `linewidth` instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.
```

```
## Warning: Removed 6 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
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## (`geom_line()`).
```

Seven-Day Average COVID-19 Cases and Deaths per 100,000 People



- Communicate your methodology, results, and interpretation here -

Data Preparation -> Visualization

The visualization shows the seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases and deaths per 100,000 people for Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, and Arkansas. The solid lines represent the cases per 100,000 people, and the dashed lines represent the deaths per 100,000 people.

By comparing these trends, we can see how the pandemic affected each state over time. This information is crucial for understanding regional differences in the spread and impact of COVID-19 and can inform public health strategies and resource allocation.