# PREDICTING VACCINATION RATES

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### BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

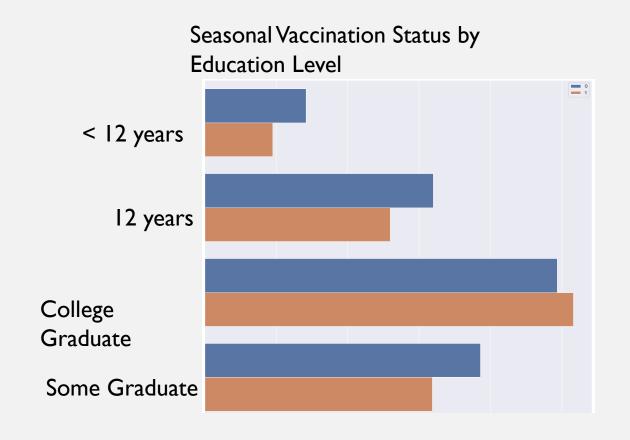
- The Covid— 19 pandemic exposed the ineffectiveness of vaccination policies.
- Vaccinations are effective in preventing deaths or adverse effects of viruses.
- Reviewed data on the seasonal flu to predict whether a patient should get a vaccination.
- Created a model aimed to identify as many people who require vaccination.

#### **DATA**

- The data set contains data on the HINI pandemic of 2009 and the seasonal flu.
- In this study, we will only be focused on the features and predicting vaccination for the seasonal flu.
- The training data for the model contains around 26 thousands records and 35 data features.
- Key features include: age, race, educational level, doctors recommendation.

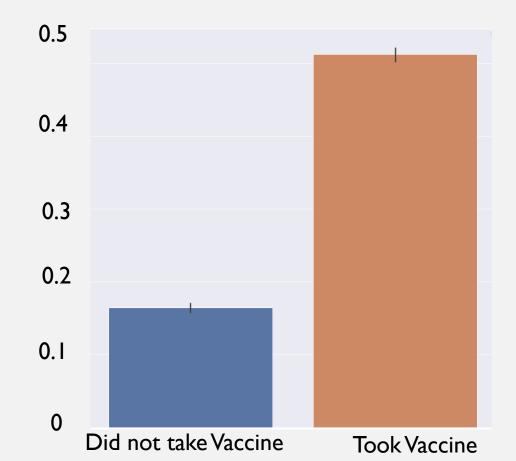
#### DATA EXPLORATION - EDUCATION

• Higher education generally correlates with higher vaccination rates.



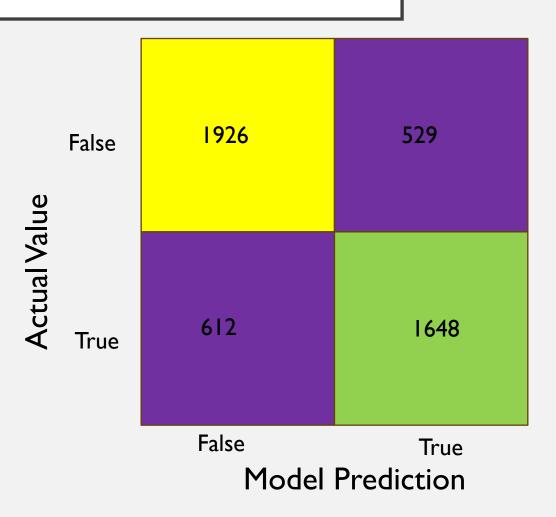
#### DATA EXPLORATION - DOCTORS RECOMMENDATION

• People who got a doctor's recommendation are almost 3 times as likely to take a vaccine.



### MODEL RESULTS

- The final model was selected on reducing False negatives
- It had an accuracy of 76%.
- Recall of 76%



#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Focus on ensuring that doctor's give vaccine recommendations.
- Target groups with less education for vaccine outreach.
- Optimize on identifying patients who need the vaccine.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

• Apply different models to different populations. Reduce false negatives in vurnerable populations, but reduce false positives in healthier ones.

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