# Excess mortality in Puerto Rico after Hurricane María.

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### **Prepare**

```
library(excessmort)
library(dplyr)
library(lubridate)
library(ggplot2)
library(readxl)
data("puerto_rico_counts")
head(puerto_rico_counts)
```

```
agegroup date sex population outcome
1 0-4 1985-01-01 female 158843.0 2
2 0-4 1985-01-01 male 164476.6 0
3 0-4 1985-01-02 female 158837.8 0
4 0-4 1985-01-02 male 164471.2 0
5 0-4 1985-01-03 female 158832.6 1
6 0-4 1985-01-03 male 164465.9 0
```

#### Task 2

```
pre_2017_data <- puerto_rico_counts %>%
  filter(date < as.Date("2017-01-01")) %>%
  mutate(
    year = year(date),
    week_of_year = epiweek(date)
```

```
# Aggregate by year, week_of_year, agegroup, and sex, and ensure full weeks (7 distinct days
weekly_data <- pre_2017_data %>%
  group_by(year, week_of_year, agegroup, sex) %>%
  summarise(
   weekly_outcome = sum(outcome, na.rm = TRUE),
   ndays = n_distinct(date), # Count distinct days in this week-group
    .groups = 'drop'
  ) %>%
 filter(ndays == 7) # Keep only full weeks
# Compute baseline statistics across all pre-2017 years
baseline_stats <- weekly_data %>%
  group_by(agegroup, sex, week_of_year) %>%
  summarise(
   mean_outcome = mean(weekly_outcome, na.rm = TRUE),
   sd_outcome = sd(weekly_outcome, na.rm = TRUE),
    .groups = 'drop'
  )
# Check if data is available
if (nrow(baseline_stats) == 0) {
  stop("No data available for baseline after filtering full weeks.")
}
print("Baseline Weekly Statistics (Pre-2017):")
```

[1] "Baseline Weekly Statistics (Pre-2017):"

#### print(baseline\_stats)

# A tibble: 1,872 x 5 agegroup sex week\_of\_year mean\_outcome sd\_outcome <fct> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> 10-4female 6.08 3.38 1 2 0-4 female2 6.59 3.40 3 0-4 female 3 5.31 3.64 4 0-4 female 4 5.47 2.90 5 0-4 female 5 5.94 3.17 6 0-4 female 6 5.75 3.57

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7
7 0-4
            female
                                         5.59
                                                     3.64
8 0-4
            female
                                         5.41
                                                     3.04
                               8
9 0-4
            female
                               9
                                         6.03
                                                     3.11
10 0-4
            female
                                         5.16
                                                     2.92
                              10
# i 1,862 more rows
```

```
pre_2017_data <- puerto_rico_counts %>%
  filter(date < as.Date("2017-01-01")) %>%
  mutate(
    year = year(date),
    week_of_year = epiweek(date)
## Combine data into bigger age groups
# - Combine (0-4, 5-9, 10-14) into "0-14"
# - Combine (15-19,20-24,25-29,30-34,35-39) into "15-39"
\# - Combine (40-44,45-49,50-54,55-59) into "40-59"
\# - Combine (60-64,65-69,70-74) into \# - Combine (60-64,65-69,70-74)
# - Combine (75-79,80-84,85-Inf) into "75+"
combined_data <- pre_2017_data %>%
  mutate(combined_agegroup = case_when(
    agegroup %in% c("0-4", "5-9", "10-14") ~ "0-14",
    agegroup %in% c("15-19", "20-24", "25-29", "30-34", "35-39") ~ "15-39",
    agegroup %in% c("40-44", "45-49", "50-54", "55-59") ~ "40-59",
    agegroup %in% c("60-64", "65-69", "70-74") ~ "60-74",
    agegroup %in% c("75-79", "80-84", "85-Inf") ~ "75+",
    TRUE ~ agegroup
  ))
# Aggregate by year, week_of_year, combined_agegroup, and sex, ensuring full weeks (7 distinguished)
weekly_data_combined <- combined_data %>%
  group_by(year, week_of_year, combined_agegroup, sex) %>%
  summarise(
    weekly outcome = sum(outcome, na.rm = TRUE),
    ndays = n_distinct(date),
    .groups = 'drop'
  ) %>%
  filter(ndays == 7)
# Compute baseline statistics across all pre-2017 years
baseline_stats_combined <- weekly_data_combined %>%
  group_by(combined_agegroup, sex, week_of_year) %>%
```

```
summarise(
    mean_outcome = mean(weekly_outcome, na.rm = TRUE),
    sd_outcome = sd(weekly_outcome, na.rm = TRUE),
    .groups = 'drop'
)

# Check if data is available
if (nrow(baseline_stats_combined) == 0) {
    stop("No data available for baseline after filtering full weeks.")
}

print("Baseline Weekly Statistics With Combined Age Groups:")
```

[1] "Baseline Weekly Statistics With Combined Age Groups:"

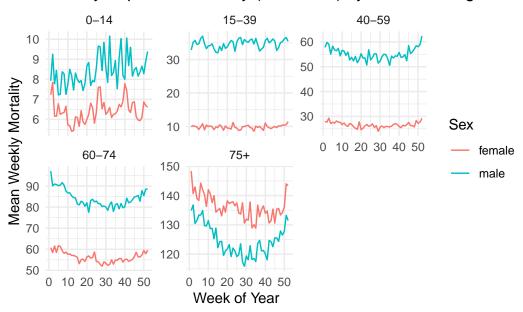
```
print(baseline_stats_combined)
```

```
# A tibble: 520 x 5
  combined_agegroup sex
                             week_of_year mean_outcome sd_outcome
                                    <dbl>
   <chr>
                                                  <dbl>
                                                             <dbl>
                     <chr>
1 0-14
                                                   7.23
                     female
                                                              3.88
                                        1
20-14
                     female
                                        2
                                                  7.84
                                                              4.13
3 0-14
                                        3
                     female
                                                  6.16
                                                              3.84
4 0-14
                     female
                                        4
                                                  6.16
                                                              3.15
5 0-14
                     female
                                        5
                                                  6.78
                                                              3.47
6 0-14
                     female
                                        6
                                                  6.25
                                                              3.72
7 0-14
                     female
                                        7
                                                  6.31
                                                              3.82
8 0-14
                     female
                                                  6.34
                                                              3.30
                                        8
9 0-14
                     female
                                        9
                                                  6.66
                                                              3.55
10 0-14
                     female
                                                  5.72
                                                              3.20
                                       10
# i 510 more rows
```

```
# Plot the combined groups
ggplot(baseline_stats_combined, aes(x = week_of_year, y = mean_outcome, color = sex)) +
    geom_line() +
    facet_wrap(~ combined_agegroup, scales = "free_y") +
    labs(
        title = "Weekly Expected Mortality (Pre-2017) by Combined Age Groups and Sex",
        x = "Week of Year",
        y = "Mean Weekly Mortality",
```

```
color = "Sex"
) +
theme_minimal()
```

# Weekly Expected Mortality (Pre-2017) by Combined Age Grou



## Task 5

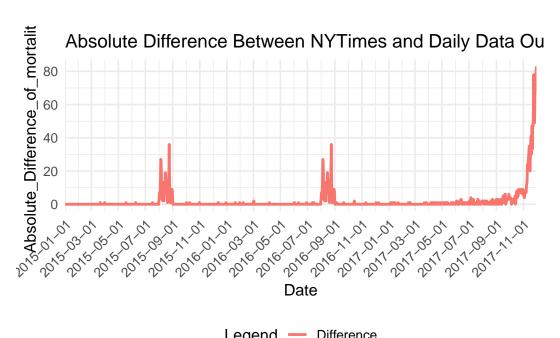
```
# Read and prepare NYTimes data
ny_times <- read_excel("../data/ny_times_data.xlsx") %>%
    arrange(Date) %>%
    mutate(Date = as.Date(Date)) # Ensure Date column is in Date format

# Prepare Puerto Rico daily data
daily_data <- puerto_rico_counts %>%
    filter(date >= as.Date("2015-01-01") & date <= as.Date("2017-11-30")) %>% # Filter date regroup_by(date) %>%
    summarize(Outcome = sum(outcome, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop") %>%
    rename(Date = date) %>% # Rename `date` to `Date` for consistency
arrange(Date)

# Join datasets and calculate the difference
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compared_data <- ny_times %>%
 left_join(daily_data, by = "Date") %>%
 rename(Outcome_NYTimes = Outcome.x, Outcome_DailyData = Outcome.y) %>%
 mutate(Difference = Outcome_NYTimes - Outcome_DailyData) # Add Difference column
ggplot(compared_data, aes(x = Date)) +
 # Plot the difference
 geom_line(aes(y = abs(Difference), color = "Difference"), size = 1) +
   title = "Absolute Difference Between NYTimes and Daily Data Outcomes Over Time",
   x = "Date",
   y = "Absolute_Difference_of_mortality",
   color = "Legend"
 ) +
 scale_x_date(
   breaks = "2 months",
                                    # Add breaks every 2 months
   date_labels = "%Y-%m-%d",
                                        # Format labels as "Year-Month"
   expand = c(0, 0)
                                   # Remove extra space on the x-axis
 ) +
 theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
 theme(
   axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1), # Rotate x-axis labels
   legend.position = "bottom"
                                                        # Move legend to the bottom
```

Warning: Using `size` aesthetic for lines was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0. i Please use `linewidth` instead.



Legend — Difference