

# Spatiotemporal Impacts of Ideology and Social Vulnerability on COVID-19: Supplemental Appendix

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# Appendix Overview

## Summary

Below are examinations of COVID-19 cumulative deaths adjusted by population, at a county level. We look at spatial and temporal variations for the entire United States, as well by region.

### Part 1: Study Area and Regionalization

Regionalization is based on United States(US) Health and Human Services (HHS) health regions.

- Region 1 and 2 (combined): NorthEast: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New York and New Jersey
- Region 3: MidEast: Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia
- Region 4: SouthEast: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky
- Region 5: Midwest: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota
- Region 6: MidSouth: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and New Mexico, Oklahoma
- Region 7: Middle West: Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas
- Region 8: MidNorth: Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota
- Region 9: West: California, Nevada, and Arizona
- Region 10: Pacific Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

### Part 2: Datasets and Modeling Framework

Part 2 of our analysis documents the datasets and modeling methodology employed as part of this effort.

### Part 3: Exploratory Data Analysis and Regression Modeling

Our regional analysis examines COVID-19 parameters for the entire United States, as well as for each of the nine (9) regions listed above.

- The first plot (1) shows fatality rates vs. logarithmic population density, categorized by voting ideology summarized by the 2020 Presidential Election. 100-75% vote for Biden = very liberal, 75-50% for Biden = moderately liberal, 100-75% for Trump = very conservative, and 75-50% for Trump = moderately conservative. Each observation represents one county.
- The second plot (2) shows cumulative cases, adjusted for population, vs. cumulative deaths, adjusted for population, categorized by voting ideology - as noted above.
- The third (3) and fourth (4) plots show the relationship of the four ideology groupings across the specified region, over time - examining deaths for a rolling window, as well as cumulative deaths. These plots provide a summary view of the change in ideological and regional associations with cases and deaths.

For each region, we have outputs for three linear linear models, with population adjusted deaths (by county) as the dependent variable - for each of the three time windows (alpha, delta, and omicron variant). In addition, we have standardized coefficients graphs, that indicates the effect for each variable, for each model.

## **Part 4: Spatial Autocorrelation**

The second portion of this analysis evaluates the spatial autocorrelation of population adjusted county deaths, for all three time periods examined.

## **Part 5: Geographically Weighted Random Forest (GWRF) Modeling**

The third portion of this analysis attempts to model spatial variation for the entire United States, using geographically weighted random forest modeling (GWRF). Our model incorporates the same independent variables that are used as part of our regionalized linear models.

Geographical Weighted Random Forest (GWRF) is a spatial analysis method using a local version of the Random Forest Regression Model. It allows for the investigation of spatial non-stationarity, and the relationship between a dependent and a set of independent variables. The latter is possible by fitting a sub-model for each observation in space, taking into account the neighboring observations. This technique adopts the idea of the Geographically Weighted Regression Kalogirou (2003). The main difference between a tradition (linear) GWR and GRF is that we can model non-stationarity coupled with a flexible non-linear model which is very hard to overfit due to its bootstrapping nature, thus relaxing the assumptions of traditional Gaussian statistics. Essentially it was designed to be a bridge between machine learning and geographical models, combining inferential and explanatory power. Additionally, it is suited for datasets with numerous predictors, due to the robust nature of the random forest algorithm with regards to high dimensionality.

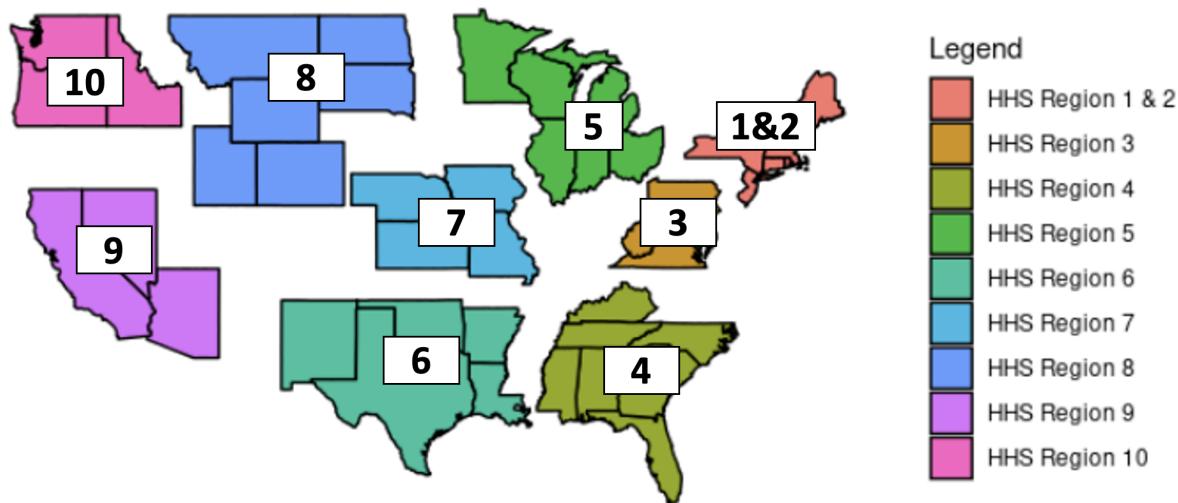
For this analysis, We generate GWRF localized model fits and feature importances (IncMSE). The feature importance algorithmic process is:

1. Compute model MSE
2. For each variable in the model:
  - a. Permute variable
  - b. Calculate new model MSE according to variable permutation
  - c. Take the difference between model MSE and new model MSE
3. Collect the results in a list

## Part 1: Study Area and Regionalization

For the initial portion of our analysis, we examine COVID-19 cases and deaths for the entire United States, as well as by U.S. Human Health Services (HHS) regions, as noted in Figure S1 below.

**Figure S1: Study Area**



## Part 2: Datasets and Modeling Framework

We utilize fifteen (15) independent variables and one (1) dependent variable for our analysis, which are as follows:

**Table T1: Variable Descriptions**

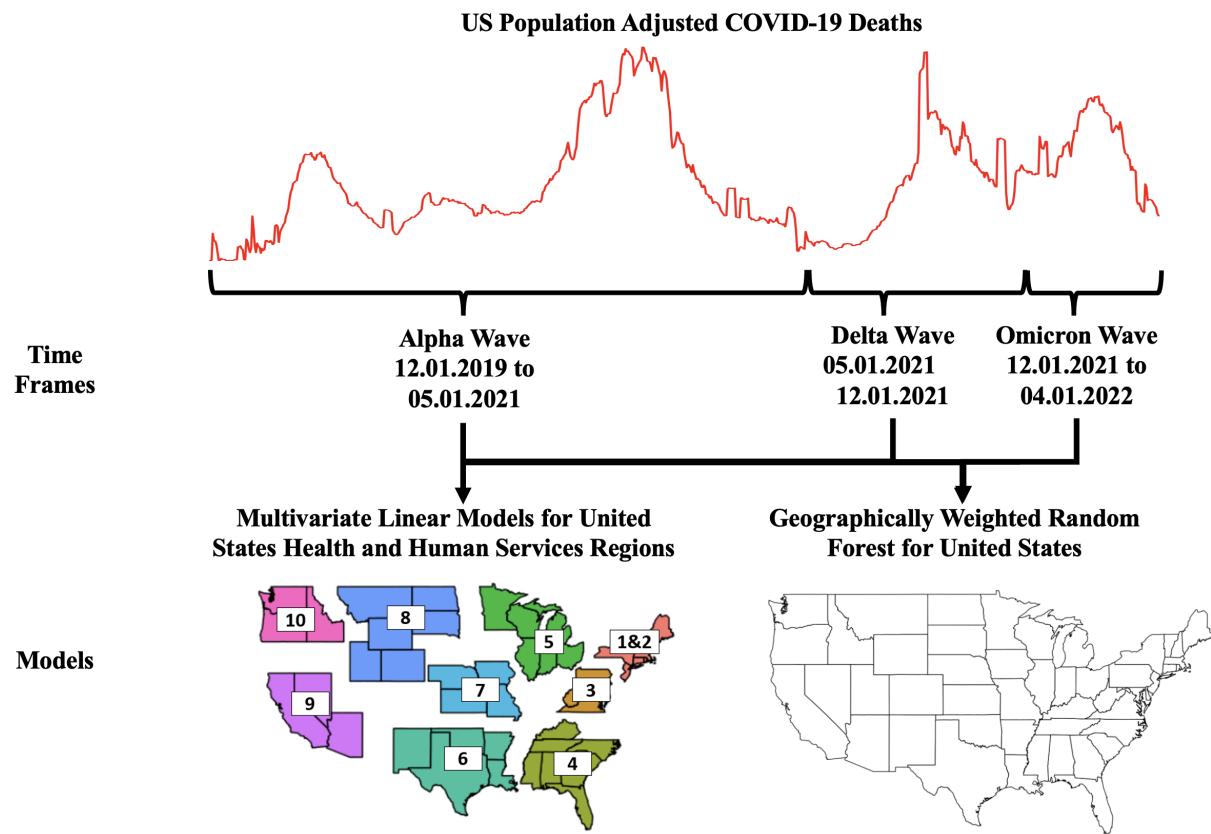
Table 1: Table T1: Variable Descriptions. \* = dependent variable

| Variables                            | Description   | Data Source  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Socioeconomic Status                 | Index which represents income, poverty, employment, and education.                  |  |
| Household Composition and Disability | Index with represents age, single parenting, and disability.                        |  |
| Minority Status                      | Index which represents race and ethnicity.  | Social Vulnerability Indices (SVI) taken from the US Census agency for toxic substances and disease registry (ATSDR) |
| Housing Type and Transportation      | Index which represents housing structure, crowding and vehicle access.              |  |
| Obesity                              | Number of people who are obese, at a county level.                                  |  |
| Unemployment                         | Number of unemployed adults per county.   |  |
| Uninsured Adults                     | Number of uninsured adults per county.  |  |
| Social Associations                  | Number of people who are members of a social organization (churches, clubs, etc).   |  |
| Diabetes                             | Number of people with diabetes at a county level.                                   |  |
| Food Insecurity                      | Index indicating the relative level of food insecurity in a county.                 | University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute  |
| Broadband Access                     | Number of people without broadband access.  |  |
| Population Density                   | Population density at a county level.   |  |
| Population Age 65+                   | Number of people age 65 or older in a county.                                       | 2020 US Census   |
| Democratic Voting Percentage         | Represents voting outcomes from the 2020 presidential general election.             | Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Election Lab   |
| Vaccination Rate                     | CDC data for two dose vaccination rates at a county level, ending in April 1, 2022. |  |
| Population adjusted COVID-19 deaths* | Population-adjusted COVID-19 deaths per county.                                     | US Centers for Disease Control (CDC)   |

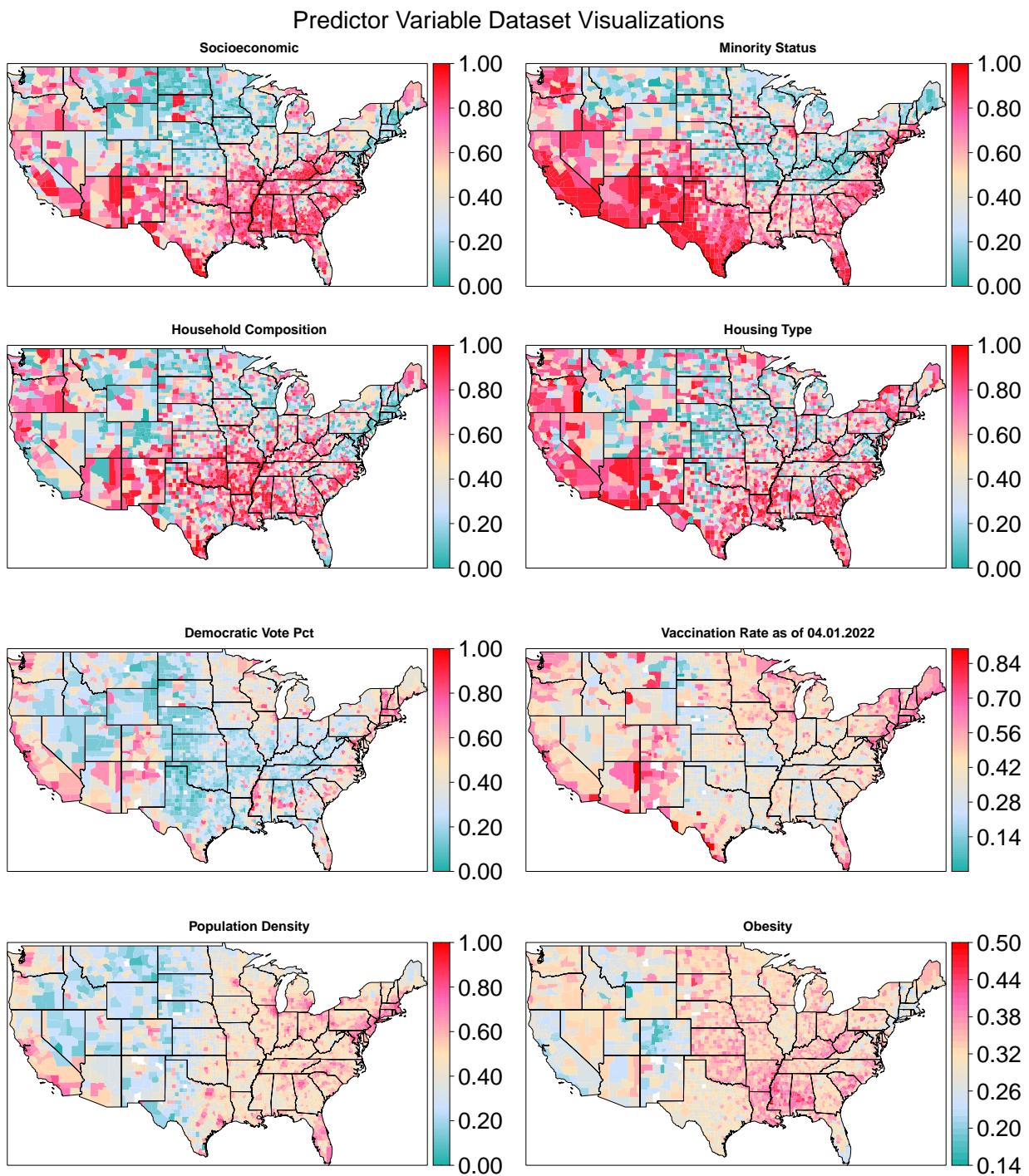
Using this framework, we constructed three (3) temporal model time frames:

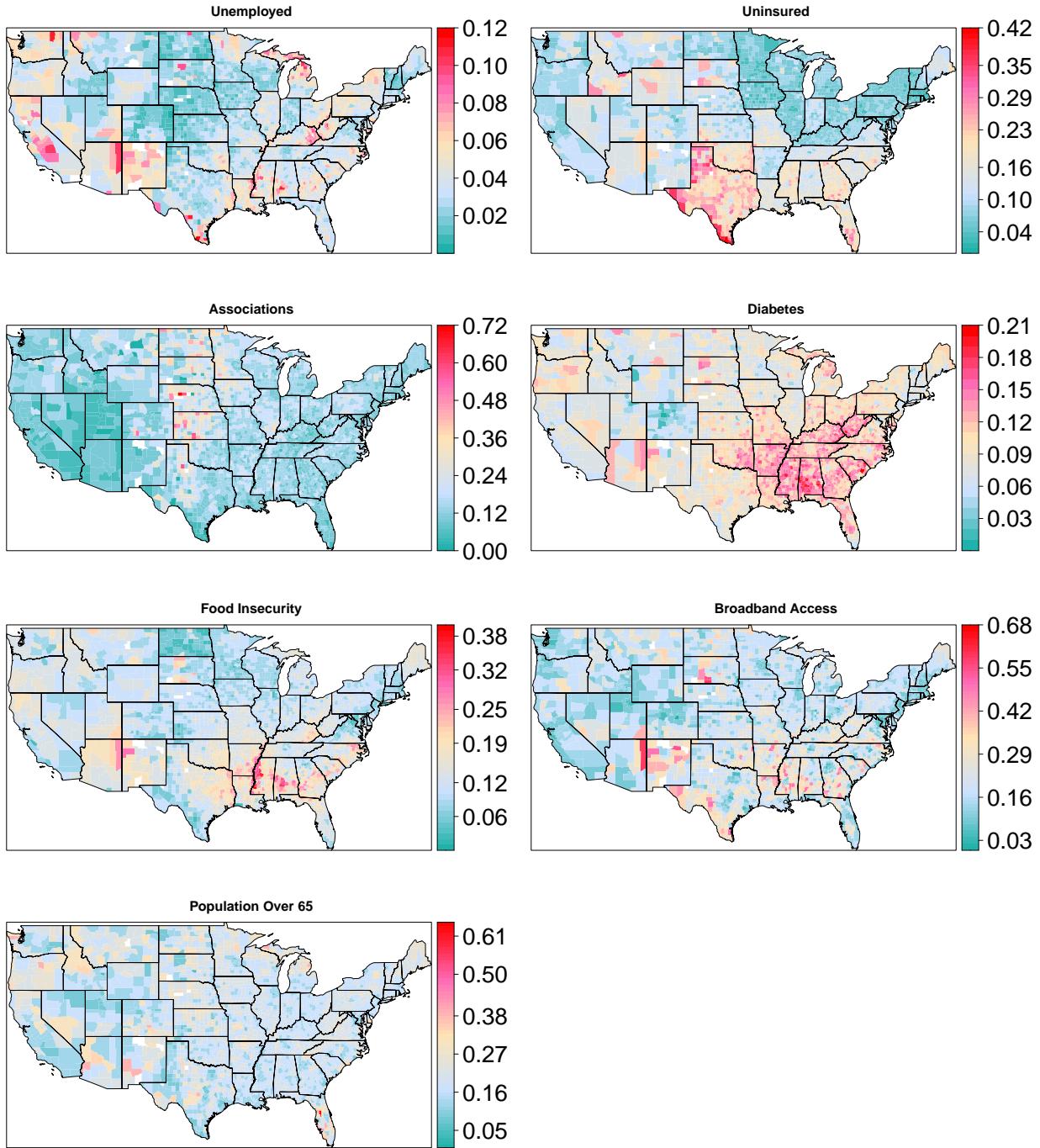
1. Alpha variant time window (deaths calculated from December 1, 2019 to May 1, 2021)
2. Delta variant time window (deaths calculated from May 1, 2021, to December 1, 2021)
3. Omicron variant time window (deaths calculated from December 1, 2021 to April 1, 2022)

Figure S2: Model Framework

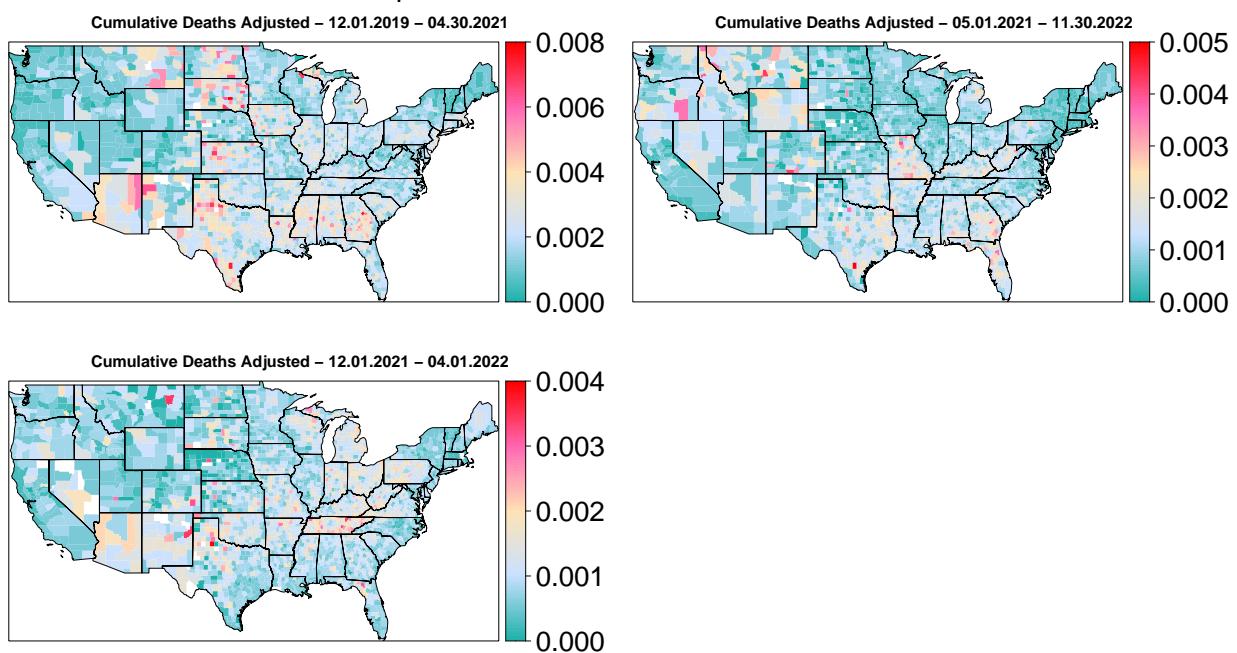


**Figure S3: Dataset Visualizations**

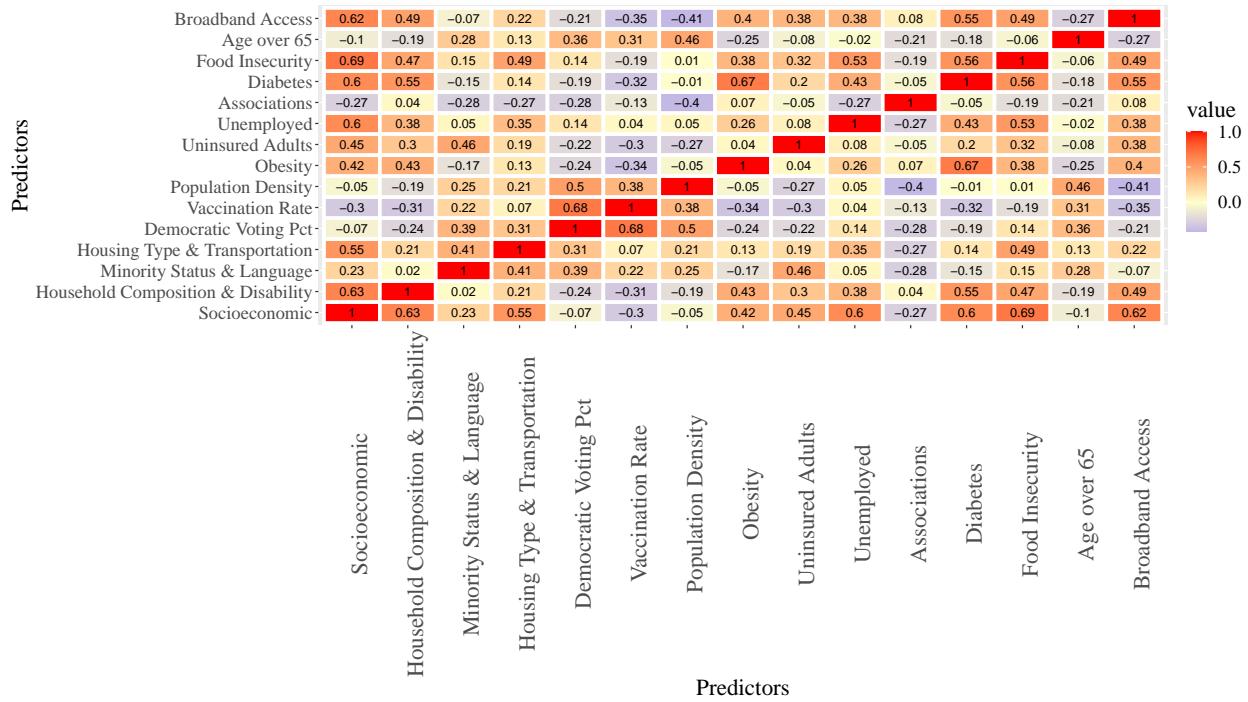




### Response Variable Dataset Visualizations



**Figure S4: Correlation HeatMap**



## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: United States

Figure S5: Fatality Rate vs. Population Density

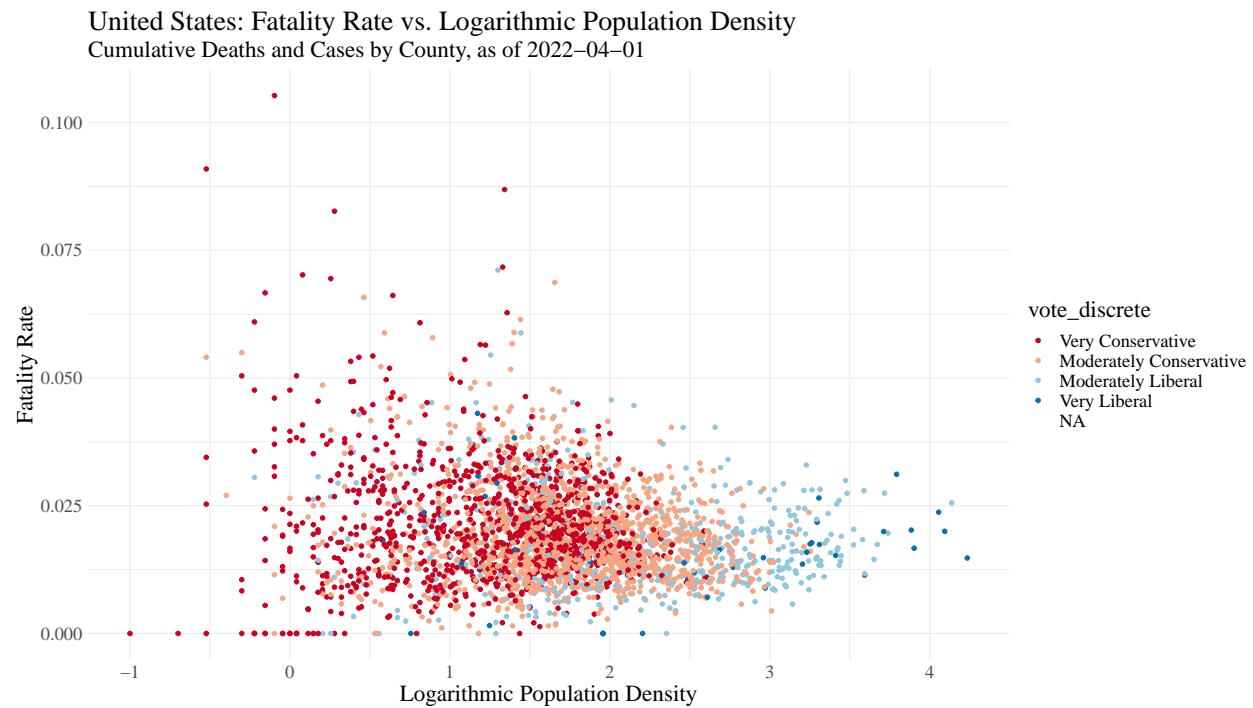
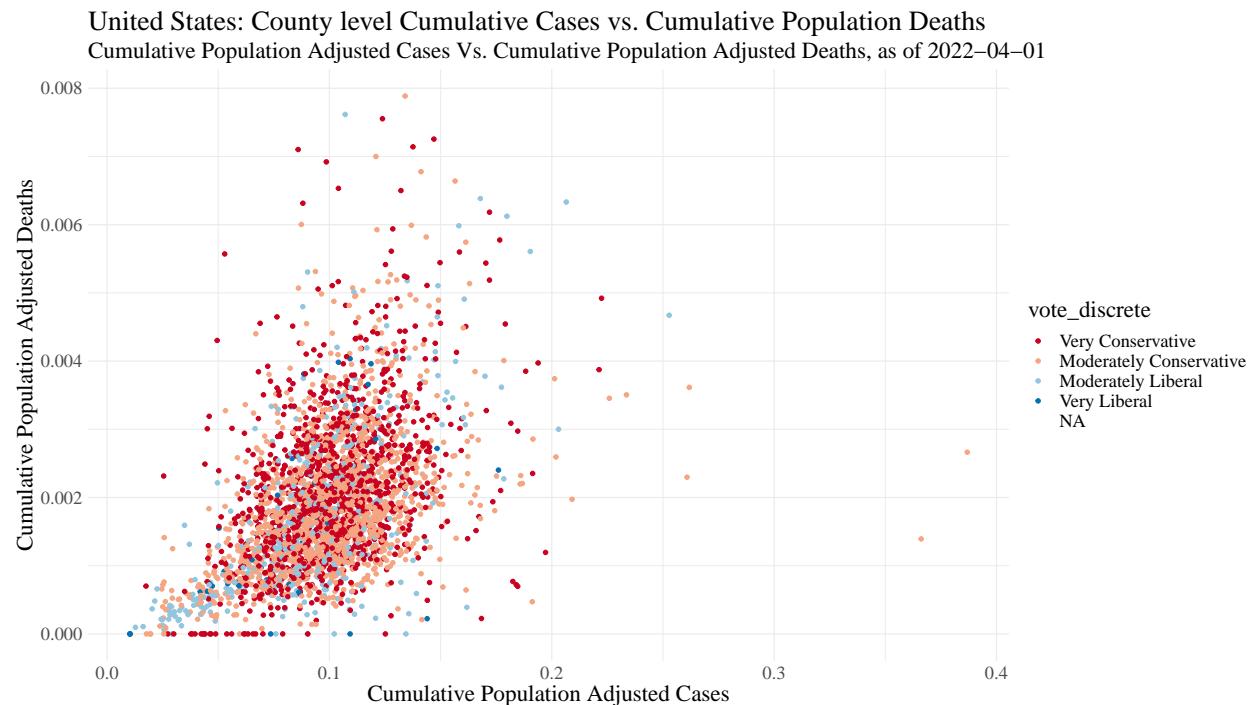
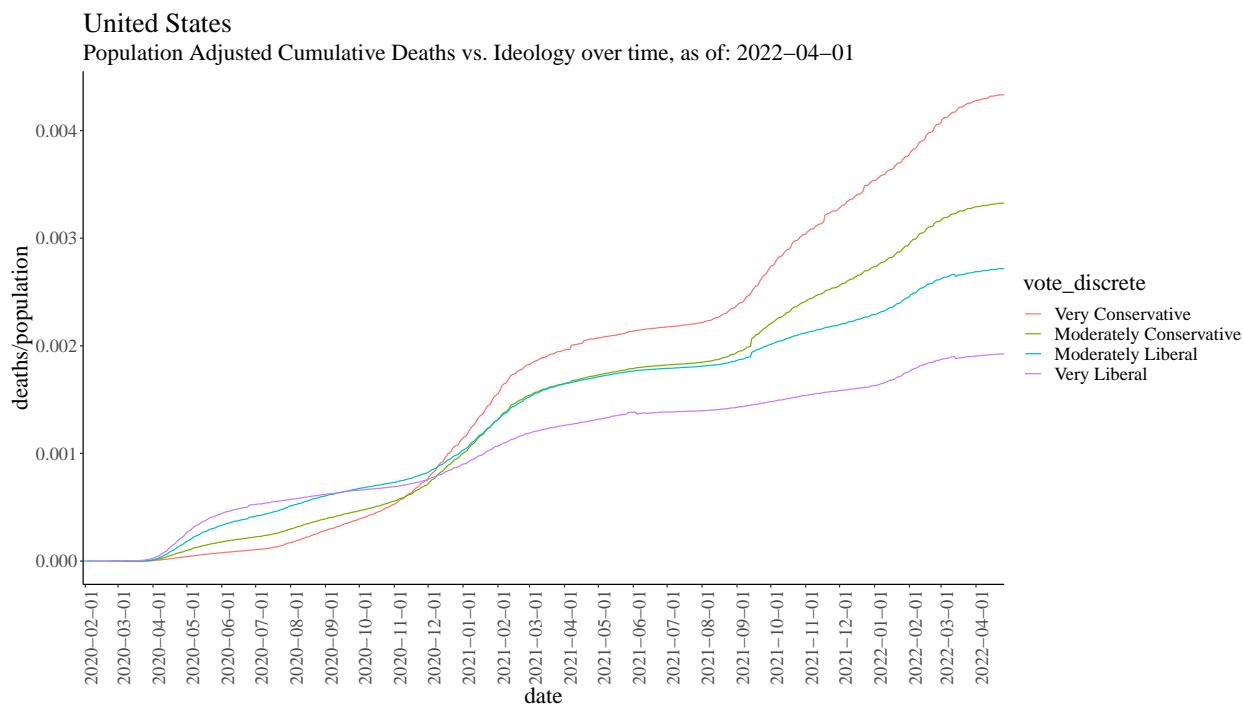


Figure S6: County Level Cumulative Cases vs. Cumulative Deaths



**Figure S7: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time**



**Table T2: United States: Regression Model Results**

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -7.73313   | <b>0</b>          | -7.05210   | <b>0</b>          | -7.49889     | <b>0</b>          |
| Socioeconomic                      | 0.04435    | 1                 | -0.03913   | 1                 | 0.05413      | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.26958    | <b>2.84e-07</b>   | 0.28751    | <b>3.83e-09</b>   | 0.36952      | <b>1.7e-14</b>    |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | 0.11719    | 0.57              | 0.020256   | <b>5.18e-05</b>   | -0.09546     | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | 0.86481    | <b>5.59e-13</b>   | -0.06978   | 1                 | 0.33055      | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -1.22957   | <b>6.24e-47</b>   | 1.02947    | <b>1.21e-31</b>   | 0.04276      | 1                 |
| Broadband Access                   | 2.87818    | <b>2.49e-60</b>   | -0.99263   | <b>3.65e-06</b>   | 1.17898      | <b>2.31e-08</b>   |
| Diabetes                           | 0.71078    | <b>2.65e-13</b>   | 1.30850    | <b>4.96e-48</b>   | 0.49088      | <b>1.89e-05</b>   |
| Obesity                            | -0.22955   | 1                 | -0.49613   | <b>2.47e-06</b>   | 0.27717      | 0.381             |
| Population Density                 | 0.09549    | <b>6.62e-42</b>   | -0.01686   | 1                 | 0.05980      | <b>8.87e-14</b>   |
| Associations                       | 1.46995    | <b>2.52e-18</b>   | -0.94949   | <b>6.9e-07</b>    | 0.23206      | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | <b>1.03e-18</b>   | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | <b>7.46e-13</b>   |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -0.62271   | <b>1.3e-11</b>    | -1.41023   | <b>1.77e-59</b>   | -0.98851     | <b>5.87e-27</b>   |
| Vaccination Rate                   | -0.08105   | 1                 | -0.29546   | 1                 | -0.35674     | 0.368             |
| Minority Status and Language       | 0.44996    | <b>1.88e-19</b>   | -0.32104   | <b>4.78e-10</b>   | -0.24493     | <b>4.06e-05</b>   |
| Uninsured Adults                   | -0.10371   | 1                 | 1.25487    | <b>3.2e-89</b>    | -0.56820     | <b>1.15e-15</b>   |

**Note:**

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.416      | 0.675      | 0.505        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Regions 1 and 2 (Northeast)

Figure S8: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

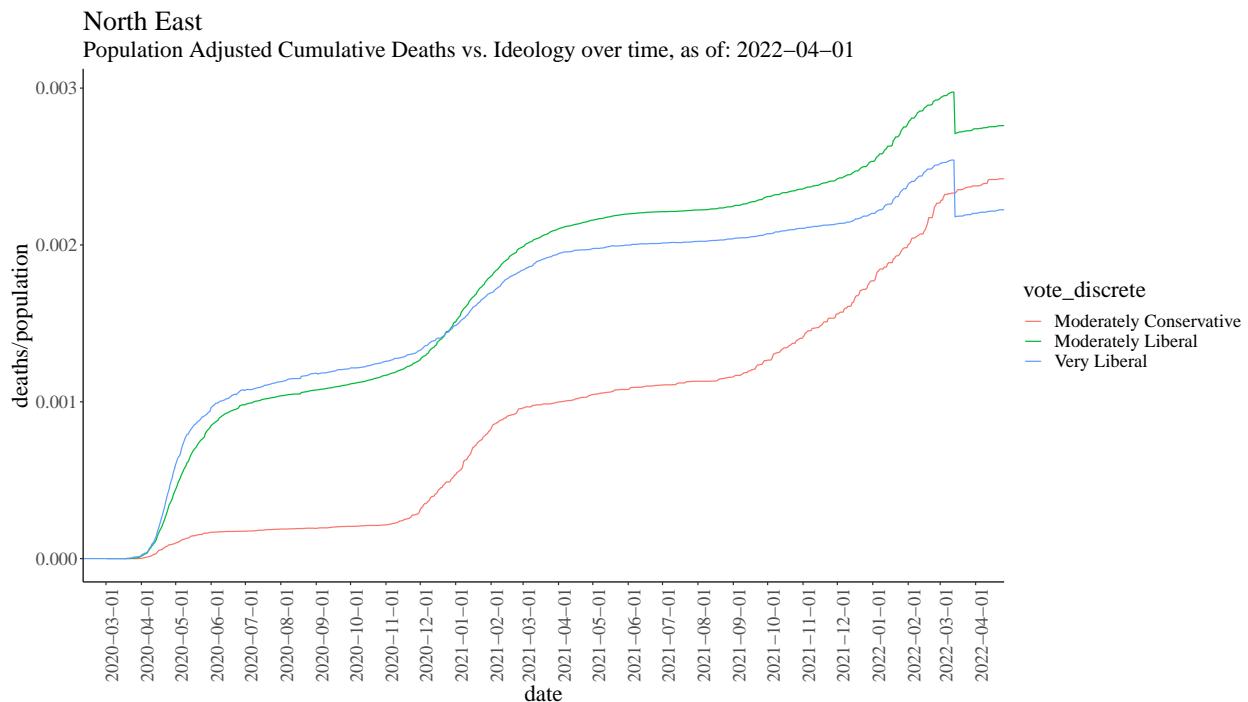


Table T3: Region 1 & 2 (Northeast): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -6.86873   | <b>1.35e-23</b>   | -7.74156   | <b>1.48e-28</b>   | -7.96547     | <b>1.66e-22</b>   |
| Socioeconomic                      | -0.26708   | 1                 | 0.04714    | 1                 | -1.02173     | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.52020    | 1                 | 0.57848    | 1                 | 0.09737      | 1                 |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | -0.19817   | 1                 | -0.25663   | 1                 | -0.34620     | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | 1.20729    | 1                 | -0.18706   | 1                 | 0.04937      | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -0.65298   | 1                 | 0.74533    | 1                 | 2.96898      | <b>0.00599</b>    |
| Broadband Access                   | -0.35437   | 1                 | -1.19573   | 1                 | 1.13081      | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 0.75029    | 1                 | 1.59200    | 0.487             | -0.67270     | 1                 |
| Obesity                            | -0.39090   | 1                 | 0.60732    | 1                 | 1.15140      | 1                 |
| Population Density                 | 0.13353    | 0.26              | -0.01360   | 1                 | 0.02968      | 1                 |
| Associations                       | -1.29308   | 1                 | -1.18799   | 1                 | 0.24632      | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | 1                 |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | 0.39742    | 1                 | -0.04418   | 1                 | -2.46815     | <b>0.000359</b>   |
| Vaccination Rate                   | -1.73077   | <b>0.0322</b>     | -1.32625   | 0.32              | 0.36338      | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | 1.25563    | <b>7.79e-05</b>   | -0.02484   | 1                 | 0.47390      | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | -0.24291   | 1                 | 0.52166    | 1                 | 2.32747      | <b>5.13e-07</b>   |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.746      | 0.687      | 0.579        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 3 (Mideast)

Figure S9: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

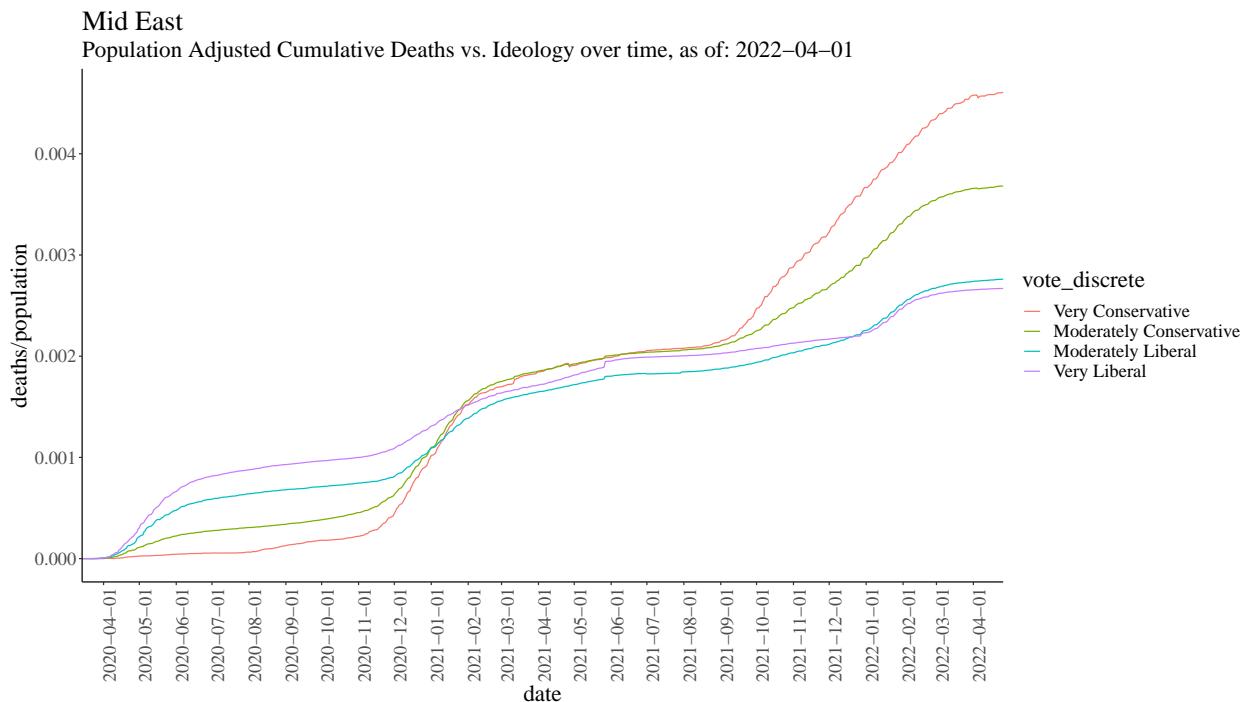


Table T4: Region 3 (Mideast): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -8.19564   | <b>1.69e-19</b>   | -6.35088   | <b>1.15e-16</b>   | -7.13452     | <b>2.03e-19</b>   |
| Socioeconomic                      | -0.48507   | 1                 | -0.03362   | 1                 | 0.00117      | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.10017    | 1                 | 0.18438    | 1                 | 0.14994      | 1                 |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | 0.25276    | 1                 | 0.18837    | 1                 | 0.15533      | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | 1.10955    | 1                 | -0.50541   | 1                 | -0.44242     | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -0.99300   | 1                 | 1.50070    | 1                 | 0.17215      | 1                 |
| Broadband Access                   | 1.22363    | 1                 | 0.30970    | 1                 | 1.43765      | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 1.53415    | 1                 | 0.46753    | 1                 | 0.53123      | 1                 |
| Obesity                            | -0.13497   | 1                 | 0.22203    | 1                 | 0.56479      | 1                 |
| Population Density                 | 0.12248    | 1                 | -0.09856   | 1                 | 0.04430      | 1                 |
| Associations                       | 2.53055    | 0.572             | 1.61776    | 1                 | 0.84714      | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | 1                 |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -0.81226   | 1                 | -1.05361   | 1                 | -1.56177     | 0.308             |
| Vaccination Rate                   | -0.69419   | 1                 | -1.43693   | 1                 | -1.23740     | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | 0.56628    | 1                 | 0.03903    | 1                 | 0.49975      | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | 0.89883    | 1                 | -1.44345   | 1                 | -1.52570     | 1                 |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.601      | 0.902      | 0.846        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 4 (Southeast)

Figure S10: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

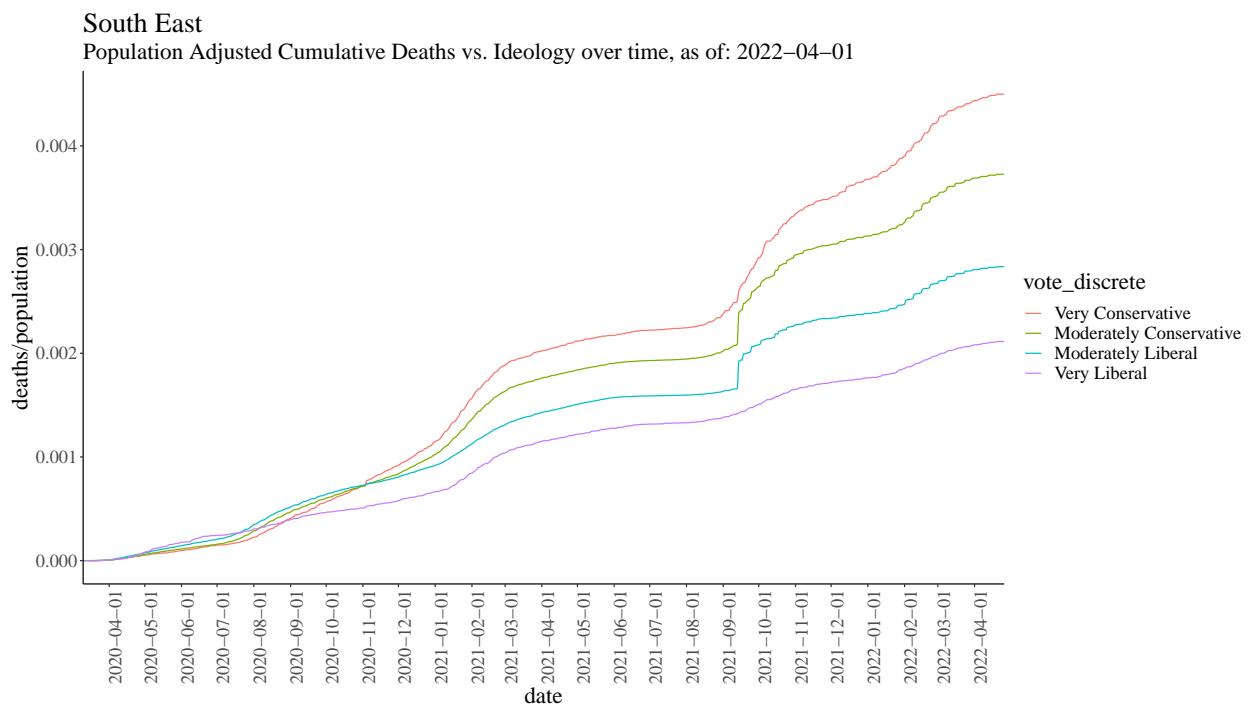


Table T5: Region 4 (Southeast): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -6.85646   | <b>1.7e-78</b>    | -7.30640   | <b>1.39e-85</b>   | -8.12183     | <b>2.66e-77</b>   |
| Socioeconomic                      | 0.06928    | 1                 | 0.33690    | 1                 | 0.48855      | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.03956    | 1                 | 0.06639    | 1                 | 0.02512      | 1                 |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | 0.22072    | 1                 | 0.11574    | 1                 | 0.09814      | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | 1.52933    | 0.265             | -0.96852   | 1                 | -0.72504     | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -0.13147   | 1                 | 1.08227    | <b>0.00374</b>    | -0.30966     | 1                 |
| Broadband Access                   | 0.49178    | 1                 | -0.44920   | 1                 | 0.33004      | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 1.22163    | <b>6.26e-06</b>   | 1.74104    | <b>2e-13</b>      | 1.56182      | <b>5.01e-07</b>   |
| Obesity                            | -0.51579   | 1                 | -0.28424   | 1                 | -0.41424     | 1                 |
| Population Density                 | 0.00438    | 1                 | 0.09345    | 0.0518            | 0.11829      | <b>0.0304</b>     |
| Associations                       | 0.67955    | 1                 | -1.43454   | 0.39              | 0.32951      | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | <b>0.000176</b>   | 0.00000    | 0.312             | 0.00000      | 1                 |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -0.43876   | 1                 | -1.86379   | <b>2.59e-16</b>   | -0.90938     | 0.0513            |
| Vaccination Rate                   | -0.85461   | <b>0.0477</b>     | 0.22911    | 1                 | -0.41733     | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | -0.22207   | 1                 | -0.40134   | 1                 | -0.51729     | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | 0.64855    | 1                 | 0.85339    | 0.491             | 0.55185      | 1                 |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.584      | 0.667      | 0.51         |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 5 (Midwest)

Figure S11: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

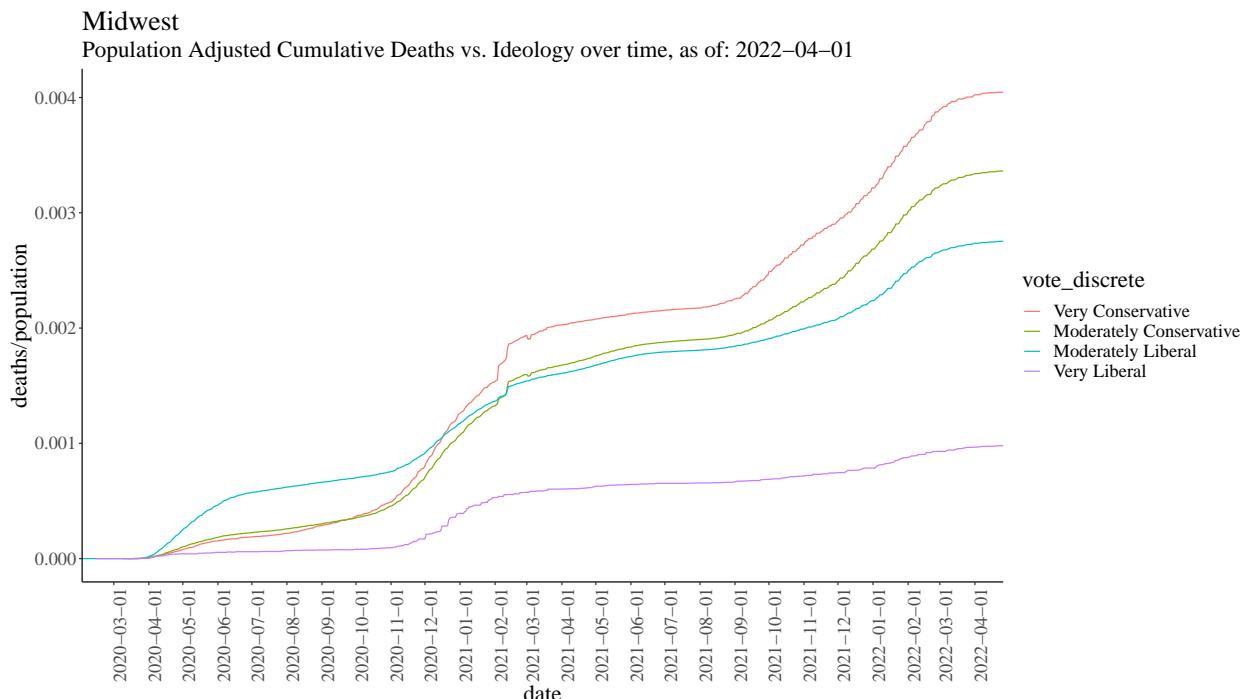


Table T6: Region 5 (Midwest): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -6.94886   | <b>2.88e-120</b>  | -6.54557   | <b>7.3e-117</b>   | -6.90905     | <b>3.73e-127</b>  |
| Socioeconomic                      | 0.55317    | 0.382             | 0.41446    | 1                 | 0.18806      | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.15342    | 1                 | 0.00564    | 1                 | 0.05908      | 1                 |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | -0.33920   | <b>0.00177</b>    | -0.19458   | 1                 | -0.23791     | 0.28              |
| Unemployed                         | -0.12705   | 1                 | 0.16473    | 1                 | 0.47176      | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -0.19024   | 1                 | 0.55389    | 1                 | 0.52868      | 1                 |
| Broadband Access                   | 1.17890    | 1                 | -0.22728   | 1                 | -0.20504     | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 0.19387    | 1                 | 0.98215    | <b>0.00602</b>    | 1.04838      | <b>0.00174</b>    |
| Obesity                            | 0.11704    | 1                 | 0.07098    | 1                 | 0.41692      | 1                 |
| Population Density                 | 0.09447    | <b>0.00495</b>    | -0.01116   | 1                 | 0.04381      | 1                 |
| Associations                       | 1.31211    | <b>0.0295</b>     | 0.03780    | 1                 | -0.16923     | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | <b>4.37e-07</b>   | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | 1                 |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -1.06926   | <b>0.0115</b>     | -0.51710   | 1                 | -0.68378     | 1                 |
| Vaccination Rate                   | -0.25797   | 1                 | -1.83330   | <b>3.9e-08</b>    | -1.35636     | <b>0.000416</b>   |
| Minority Status and Language       | 0.24760    | 1                 | -0.21075   | 1                 | -0.01256     | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | -0.58554   | 1                 | -1.04889   | 0.303             | -1.14056     | 0.0716            |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.475      | 0.729      | 0.663        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 6 (MidSouth)

Figure S12: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

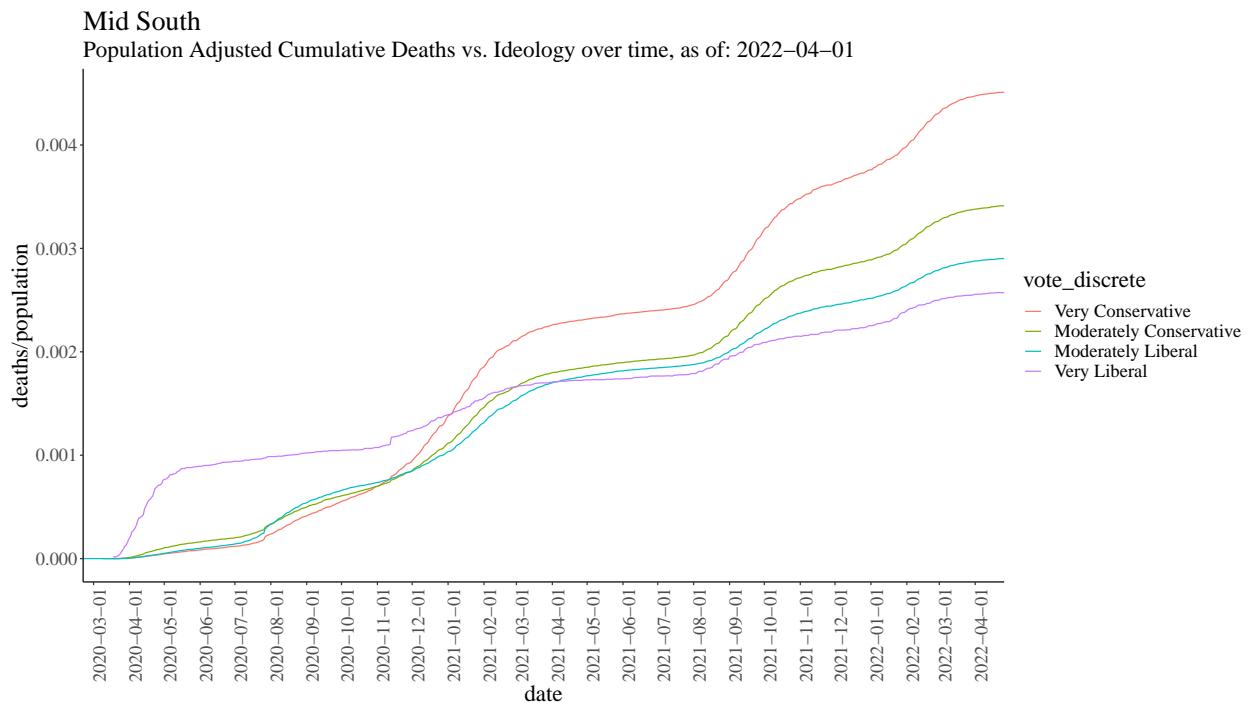


Table T7: Region 6 (Midsouth): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -7.65733   | <b>3.5e-151</b>   | -6.97919   | <b>4e-114</b>     | -6.87554     | <b>2.46e-84</b>   |
| Socioeconomic                      | 0.53296    | <b>0.00621</b>    | -0.30269   | 1                 | 0.86127      | <b>0.000984</b>   |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.29521    | <b>0.0367</b>     | 0.39013    | <b>0.00337</b>    | 0.43952      | <b>0.0348</b>     |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | -0.02747   | 1                 | 0.39149    | <b>0.00522</b>    | -0.24974     | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | -0.26979   | 1                 | 0.71855    | 0.9               | -0.90166     | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -0.33501   | 1                 | -0.02349   | 1                 | -0.27052     | 1                 |
| Broadband Access                   | 1.42132    | <b>2.84e-05</b>   | -0.02865   | 1                 | 0.51295      | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 0.27870    | 1                 | 0.57168    | 1                 | -0.15867     | 1                 |
| Obesity                            | 0.16686    | 1                 | 0.04141    | 1                 | -0.88882     | 0.204             |
| Population Density                 | 0.03436    | 1                 | 0.00827    | 1                 | -0.00184     | 1                 |
| Associations                       | 1.20362    | 0.135             | 0.20369    | 1                 | 1.71743      | 0.132             |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | <b>0.00671</b>    | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | 0.653             |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -0.43711   | 1                 | -1.07261   | <b>5.23e-05</b>   | -0.67672     | 1                 |
| Vaccination Rate                   | 0.41396    | 1                 | -1.02493   | <b>0.014</b>      | -0.25775     | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | 0.10192    | 1                 | 0.00175    | 1                 | 0.06413      | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | 0.53406    | <b>3.32e-05</b>   | 0.52512    | <b>0.00708</b>    | -0.63743     | <b>0.0094</b>     |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.735      | 0.646      | 0.543        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 7 (Middle West)

Figure S13: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

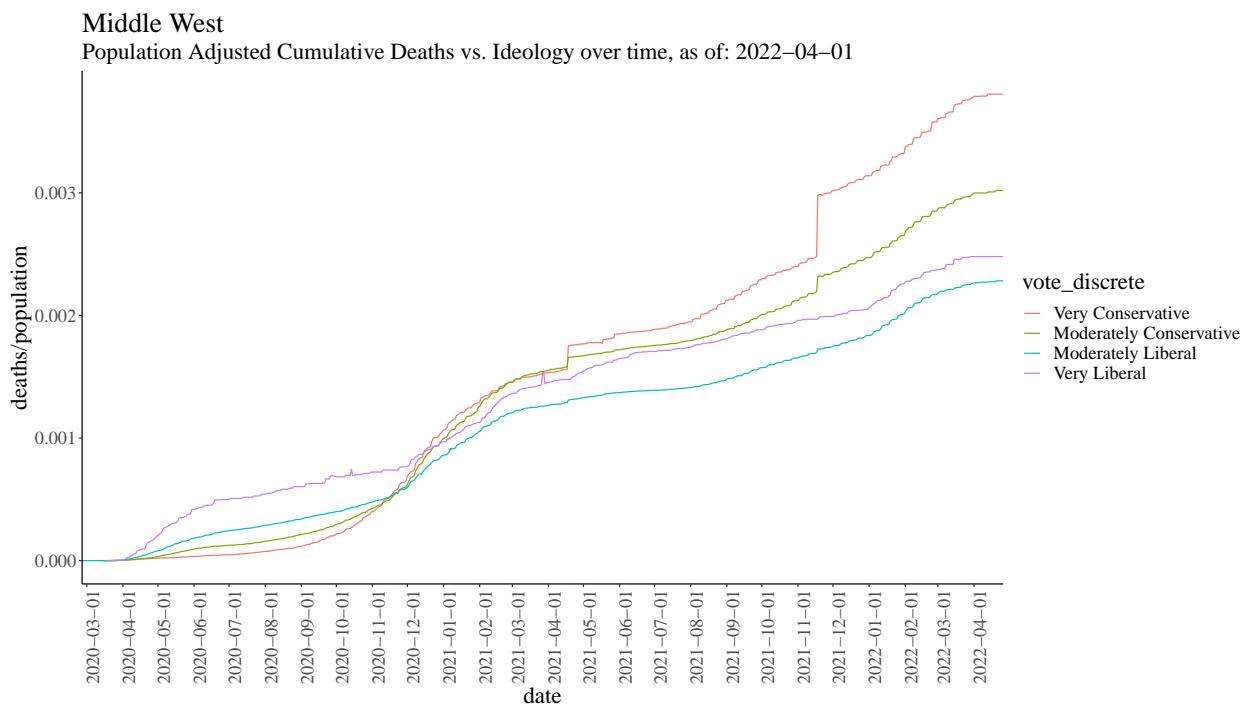


Table T8: Region 7 (Middle West): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -7.46413   | <b>3.53e-91</b>   | -8.41197   | <b>6.27e-104</b>  | -8.15363     | <b>6.83e-111</b>  |
| Socioeconomic                      | 0.97137    | <b>0.00203</b>    | 0.22546    | 1                 | 0.46984      | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | -0.01422   | 1                 | -0.02338   | 1                 | 0.25401      | 1                 |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | 0.12783    | 1                 | 0.23982    | 1                 | 0.29623      | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | -0.78433   | 1                 | 1.98276    | 0.433             | 0.75574      | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -1.62269   | <b>0.0316</b>     | -0.10961   | 1                 | -1.30323     | 0.292             |
| Broadband Access                   | 1.04802    | 1                 | 2.05093    | <b>0.0172</b>     | 1.34660      | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 0.66050    | 1                 | 1.02775    | 0.226             | 1.44357      | <b>0.000162</b>   |
| Obesity                            | 0.84039    | 1                 | 0.03524    | 1                 | 0.09693      | 1                 |
| Population Density                 | -0.04989   | 1                 | 0.17783    | <b>6.22e-05</b>   | 0.04196      | 1                 |
| Associations                       | 1.89596    | <b>1.37e-06</b>   | 0.10615    | 1                 | -0.18211     | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00001    | <b>6.45e-10</b>   | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | 0.199             |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -0.41993   | 1                 | -2.23074   | <b>3.24e-07</b>   | -0.25273     | 1                 |
| Vaccination Rate                   | 0.93607    | 1                 | 0.24890    | 1                 | 0.32851      | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | -0.03396   | 1                 | -0.83243   | <b>4.12e-07</b>   | -0.64657     | <b>0.000186</b>   |
| Uninsured Adults                   | -1.46429   | <b>0.00165</b>    | 0.64250    | 1                 | -1.02792     | 0.164             |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.406      | 0.705      | 0.469        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 8 (Midnorth)

Figure S14: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

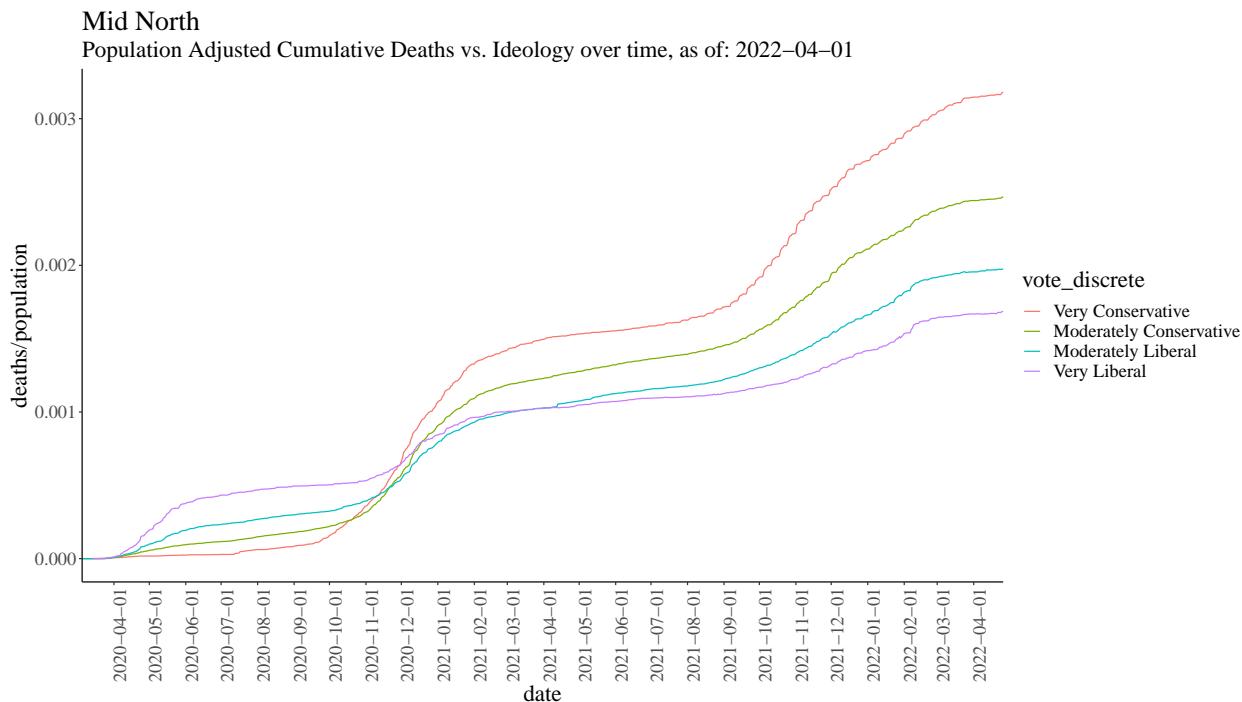


Table T9: Region 8 (Midnorth): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -7.91859   | <b>1.95e-97</b>   | -5.47511   | <b>7.93e-65</b>   | -7.50607     | <b>2.7e-92</b>    |
| Socioeconomic                      | 0.18120    | 1                 | 0.59815    | 1                 | 0.39659      | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.39364    | 1                 | 0.66044    | <b>0.0016</b>     | 0.73803      | <b>0.000143</b>   |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | 0.30730    | 1                 | 0.38971    | 0.521             | -0.04798     | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | 0.50777    | 1                 | 2.08208    | <b>0.0201</b>     | 0.92001      | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -1.76848   | <b>0.0275</b>     | -1.57352   | 0.291             | -1.61032     | 0.0853            |
| Broadband Access                   | 1.61826    | 1                 | -1.61975   | 1                 | 1.17985      | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 1.51712    | 1                 | 1.19272    | 1                 | 1.41921      | 1                 |
| Obesity                            | 0.34548    | 1                 | -1.55514   | <b>0.000938</b>   | -1.09261     | 0.203             |
| Population Density                 | 0.03450    | 1                 | -0.10705   | 0.143             | 0.07310      | 1                 |
| Associations                       | 2.05406    | <b>8.48e-06</b>   | 0.05882    | 1                 | 0.99016      | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00001    | <b>0.0346</b>     | 0.00000      | 1                 |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | 0.03840    | 1                 | -0.32925   | 1                 | -0.63898     | 1                 |
| Vaccination Rate                   | 0.35246    | 1                 | -2.03345   | <b>7.48e-05</b>   | -0.94783     | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | -0.07720   | 1                 | -0.41948   | 1                 | 0.13485      | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | -0.32234   | 1                 | 0.15231    | 1                 | 0.15209      | 1                 |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.599      | 0.658      | 0.512        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 9 (West)

Figure S15: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

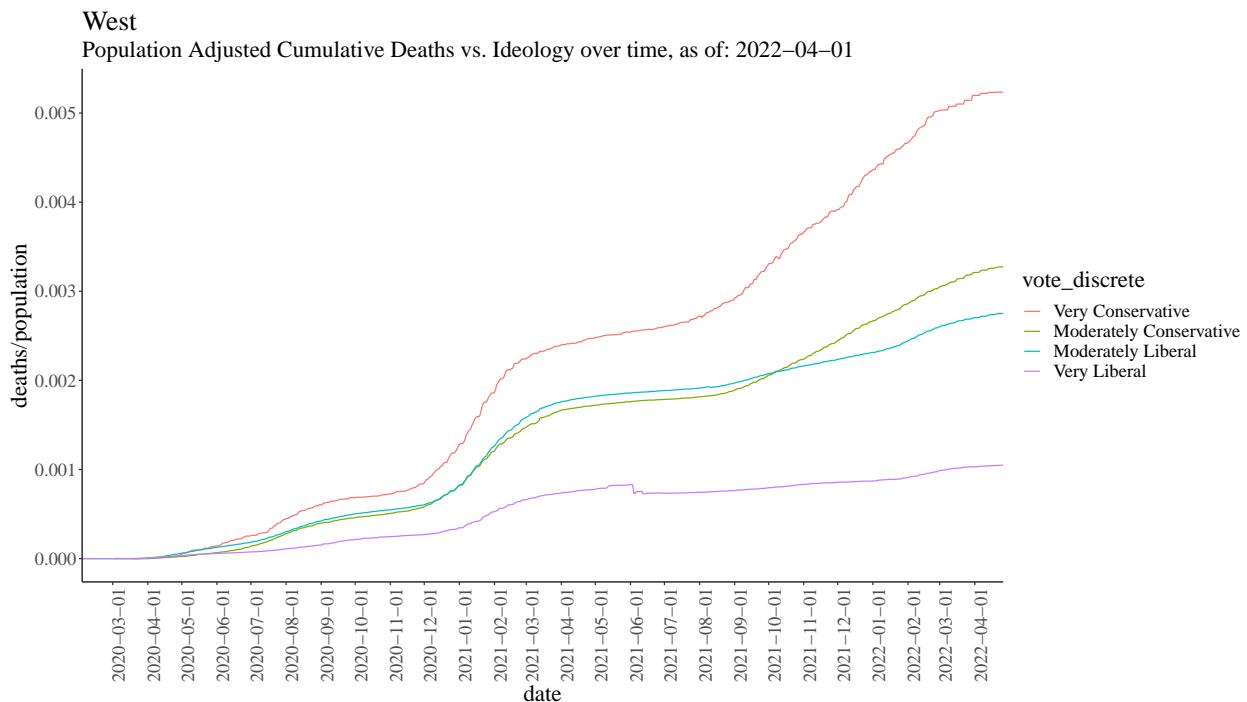


Table T10: Region 9 (West): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -7.98148   | <b>8.95e-20</b>   | -6.66531   | <b>2.1e-17</b>    | -8.37587     | <b>2.29e-23</b>   |
| Socioeconomic                      | 0.37314    | 1                 | -0.34068   | 1                 | -0.48551     | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | 0.64966    | 1                 | 0.91646    | 0.53              | 0.96979      | 0.0759            |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | 0.06940    | 1                 | -0.07575   | 1                 | 0.10618      | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | -0.33010   | 1                 | -0.74193   | 1                 | -0.19793     | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | 0.55654    | 1                 | 1.33930    | 1                 | 2.02330      | 1                 |
| Broadband Access                   | -1.14067   | 1                 | 2.33539    | 1                 | -1.59325     | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 0.45332    | 1                 | -0.25726   | 1                 | 0.25752      | 1                 |
| Obesity                            | -0.22381   | 1                 | 0.33973    | 1                 | 0.43690      | 1                 |
| Population Density                 | -0.02014   | 1                 | 0.01582    | 1                 | 0.01915      | 1                 |
| Associations                       | -2.57495   | 1                 | 0.25890    | 1                 | 2.03072      | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | <b>0.000941</b>   | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | 0.172             |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -1.99598   | <b>0.00721</b>    | 0.45966    | 1                 | -1.94638     | <b>0.0154</b>     |
| Vaccination Rate                   | 2.01693    | 0.309             | -3.28240   | <b>0.00398</b>    | 0.21535      | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | 0.58953    | 1                 | -0.36186   | 1                 | -0.13905     | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | 2.06686    | 0.467             | 1.83145    | 1                 | 3.31353      | <b>0.000356</b>   |

Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.834      | 0.856      | 0.898        |

## Part 3: Data Analysis and Regression: Region 10 (Pacific NW)

Figure S16: Population Adjusted Cumulative Deaths vs Ideology over time

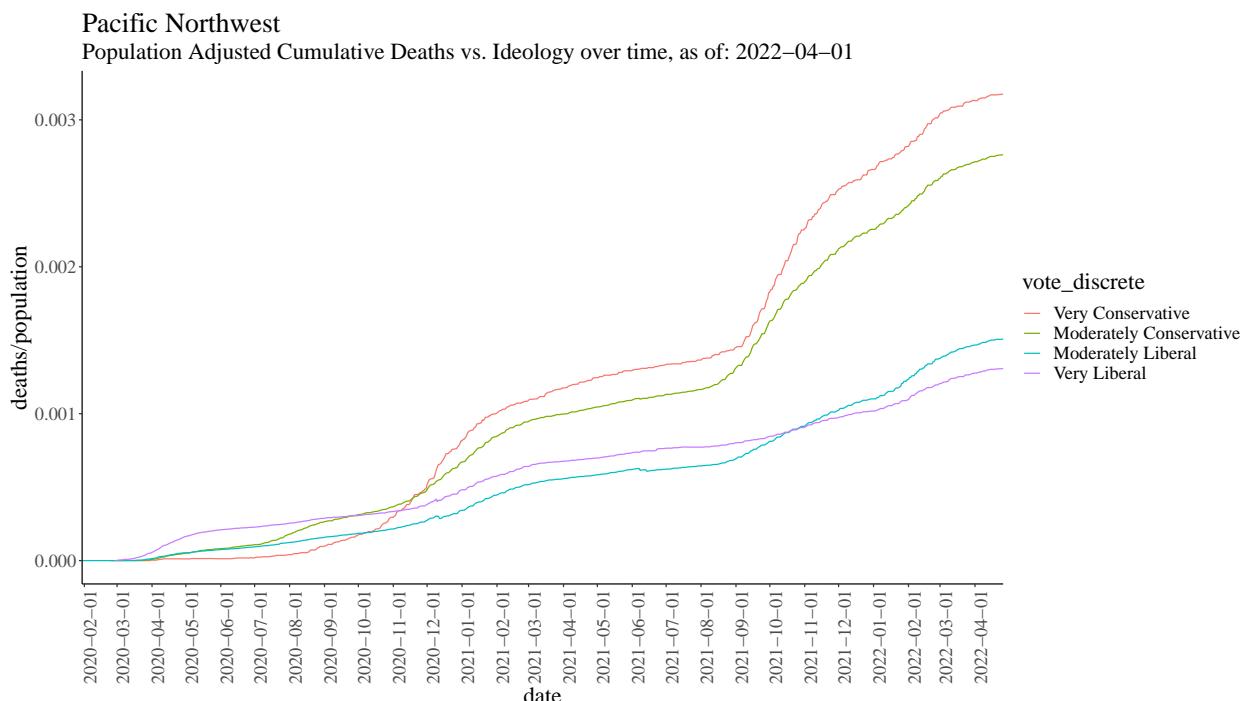


Table T11: Region 10 (Pacific Northwest): Regression Model Results

|                                    | Alpha Wave |                   | Delta Wave |                   | Omicron Wave |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                    | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates  | Adjusted P values | Estimates    | Adjusted P values |
| Intercept                          | -6.96286   | <b>7.27e-17</b>   | -6.05658   | <b>6.59e-20</b>   | -8.34470     | <b>1.82e-31</b>   |
| Socioeconomic                      | -0.70491   | 1                 | 0.46027    | 1                 | -0.69910     | 1                 |
| Household Composition & Disability | -0.00756   | 1                 | 0.49524    | 1                 | 0.59038      | 0.433             |
| Housing Type & Transportation      | 0.96654    | 0.0576            | 0.19635    | 1                 | 0.16829      | 1                 |
| Unemployed                         | 0.58820    | 1                 | 0.35461    | 1                 | 1.04207      | 1                 |
| Food Insecurity                    | -0.37086   | 1                 | 0.06493    | 1                 | 1.27980      | 1                 |
| Broadband Access                   | 1.28472    | 1                 | -1.12118   | 1                 | 2.18260      | 1                 |
| Diabetes                           | 0.60859    | 1                 | 1.72064    | 0.376             | 1.00624      | 1                 |
| Obesity                            | -1.47614   | 0.824             | -1.88333   | <b>0.00139</b>    | -0.52021     | 1                 |
| Population Density                 | 0.17573    | <b>0.0122</b>     | 0.10403    | 0.635             | 0.05367      | 1                 |
| Associations                       | 1.13769    | 1                 | 1.68158    | 1                 | -0.64760     | 1                 |
| Age over 65                        | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000    | 1                 | 0.00000      | 1                 |
| Democratic Voting Pct              | -3.14551   | <b>0.00511</b>    | -2.12781   | <b>0.0185</b>     | -0.71067     | 1                 |
| Vaccination Rate                   | -1.10760   | 1                 | -1.32513   | 1                 | -0.31436     | 1                 |
| Minority Status and Language       | 0.68178    | 1                 | -0.62560   | 1                 | 0.06624      | 1                 |
| Uninsured Adults                   | 2.12267    | 0.36              | 0.65449    | 1                 | 0.47717      | 1                 |

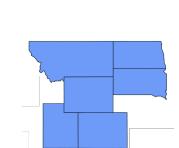
Note:

Bold = significant value

|           | Alpha Wave | Delta Wave | Omicron Wave |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Pseudo R2 | 0.63       | 0.853      | 0.674        |

## Part 3: Regression Modeling Summarized Model Results

**Table T12: Regionalized Regression Model Results: Significance Table**

| Regions     | Alpha  | AlphaR2 | Delta  | DeltaR2 | Omicron  | OmicronR2 | Map   |
|-------------|--|---------|--|---------|--|-----------|---|
| Regions 1-2 | Vaccination Rate,<br>Minority Status   | 0.746   |  | 0.687   | Food Insecurity,<br>Voting, Uninsured<br>Adults                  | 0.579     |    |
| Region 3    |  | 0.601   |  | 0.902   |  | 0.846     |    |
| Region 4    | Diabetes, Age over<br>65+, Vaccination<br>Rate   | 0.584   | Food Insecurity,<br>Diabetes, Voting   | 0.667   | Diabetes,<br>Population Density                                  | 0.51      |    |
| Region 5    | Housing Type,<br>Population<br>Density, Social<br>Associations, Age<br>over 65+, Voting                | 0.475   | Diabetes,<br>Vaccination Rate  | 0.729   | Diabetes,<br>Vaccination Rate                                    | 0.663     |   |
| Region 6    | Socioeconomics,<br>Household<br>Composition,<br>Broadband Access,<br>Age over 65+,<br>Uninsured Adults | 0.735   | Household<br>Composition,<br>Housing Type,<br>Voting,<br>Vaccination Rate,<br>Uninsured Adults | 0.646   | Socioeconomics,<br>Household<br>Composition,<br>Uninsured Adults | 0.543     |  |
| Region 7    | Socioeconomics,<br>Food Insecurity,<br>Social<br>Associations, Age<br>over 65+,<br>Uninsured Adults    | 0.406   | Broadband Access,<br>Population<br>Density, Voting,<br>Minority Status                         | 0.705   | Diabetes, Minority<br>Status                                     | 0.469     |  |
| Region 8    | Food Insecurity,<br>Social Associations  | 0.599   | Household<br>Composition,<br>Unemployment,<br>Obesity, Age over<br>65+, Vaccination<br>Rate    | 0.658   | Household<br>Composition   | 0.512     |  |
| Region 9    | Age over 65+,<br>Voting  | 0.834   | Vaccination Rate   | 0.856   | Voting, Uninsured<br>Adults                                      | 0.898     |  |
| Region 10   | Population<br>Density, Voting  | 0.63    | Obesity, Voting  | 0.853   |  | 0.674     |  |

## Part 4: Spatial Autocorrelation

Morans I is a test of spatial autocorrelation.

$$I = \frac{n}{S_0} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_j - \bar{x})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

- N: The number of spatial units indexed by i and j
- W: The sum of all  $w_{ij}$
- x: The variable of interest (in this instance, cumulative COVID cases, adjusted for population)
- $\bar{x}$ : The mean of x
- $w_{ij}$ : A matrix of spatial weights

Figure S17: Morans I results: United States - Alpha Wave, Dependent Variable

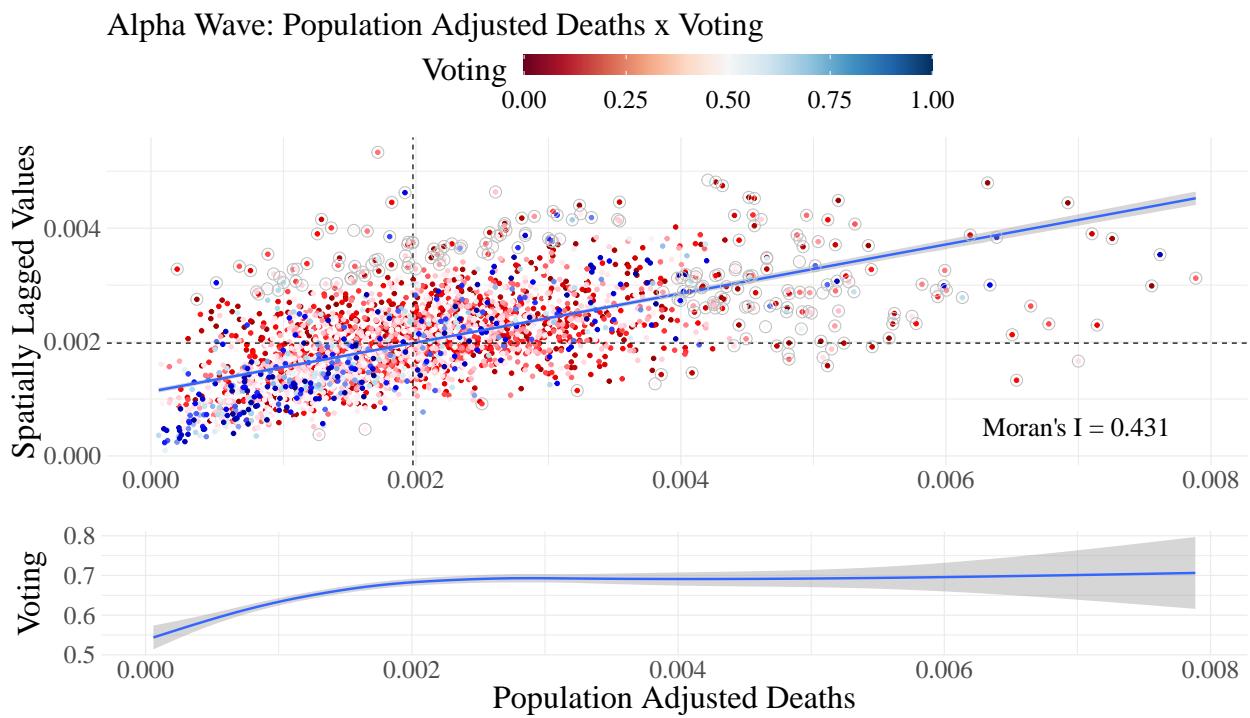
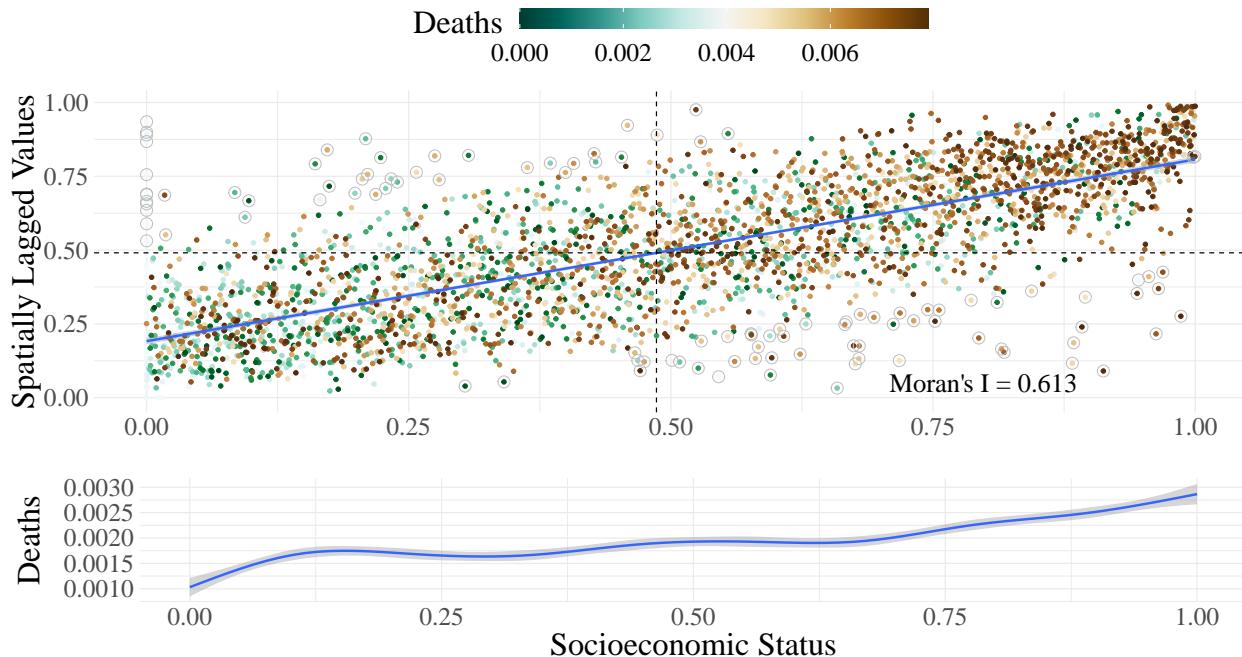
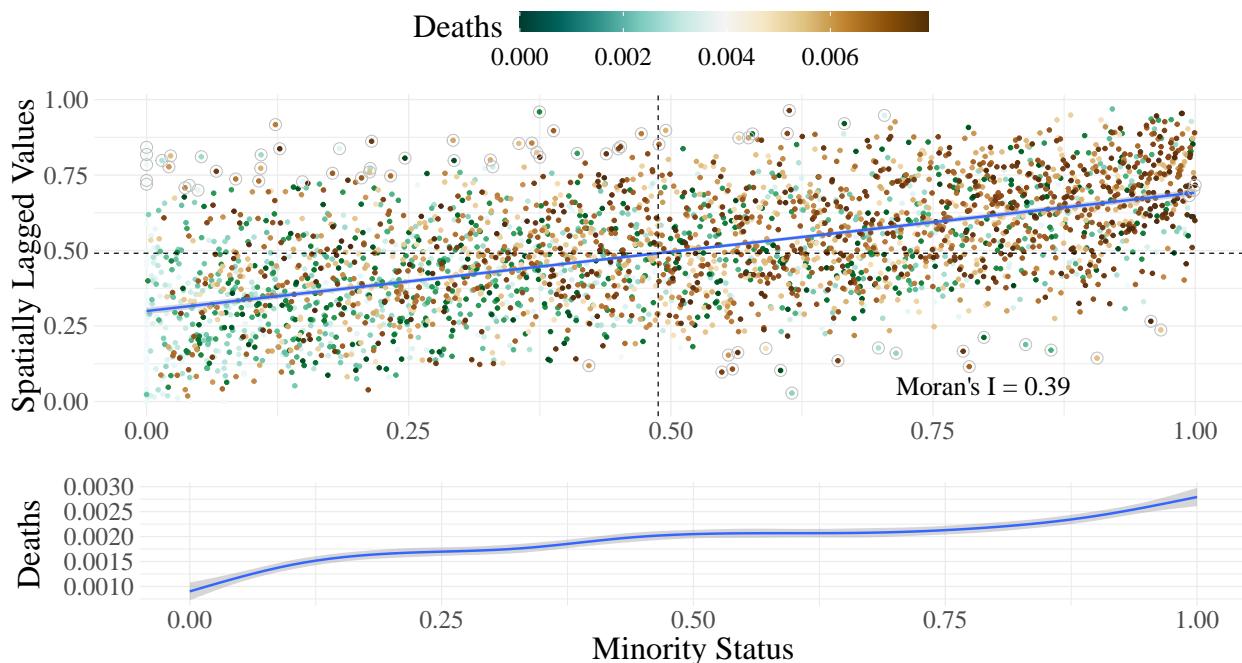


Figure S18: Morans I results: United States - Alpha Wave, Independent Variables

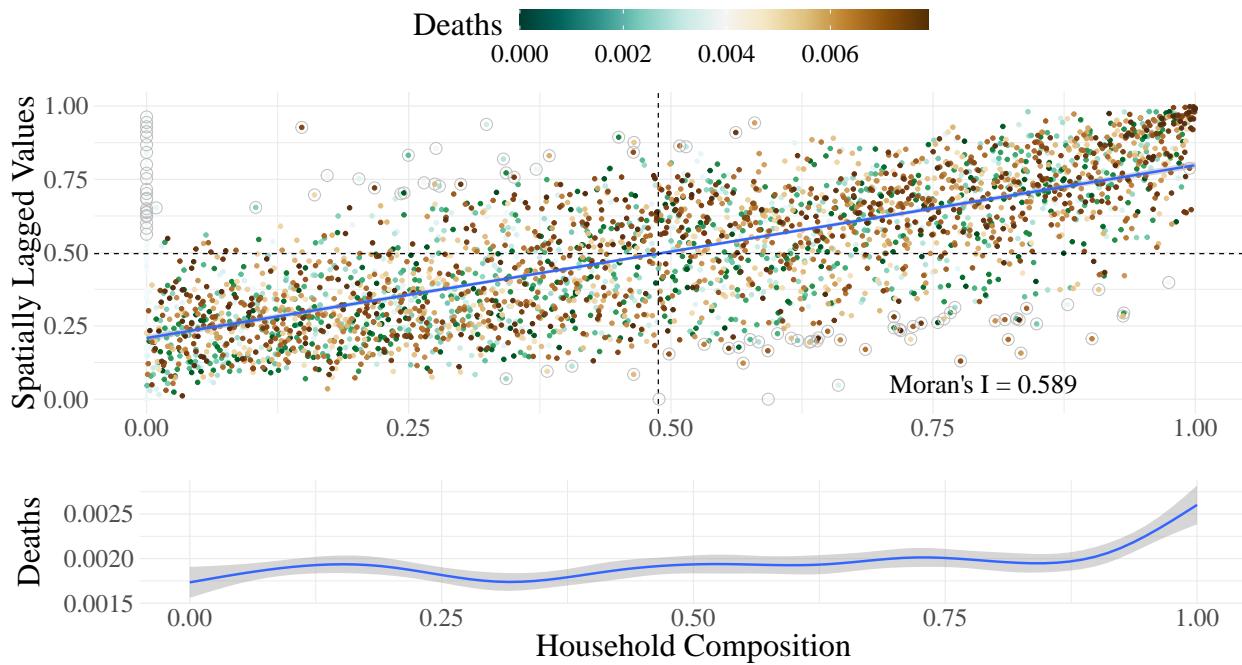
### Alpha Wave: Socioeconomic Status x Population Adjusted Deaths



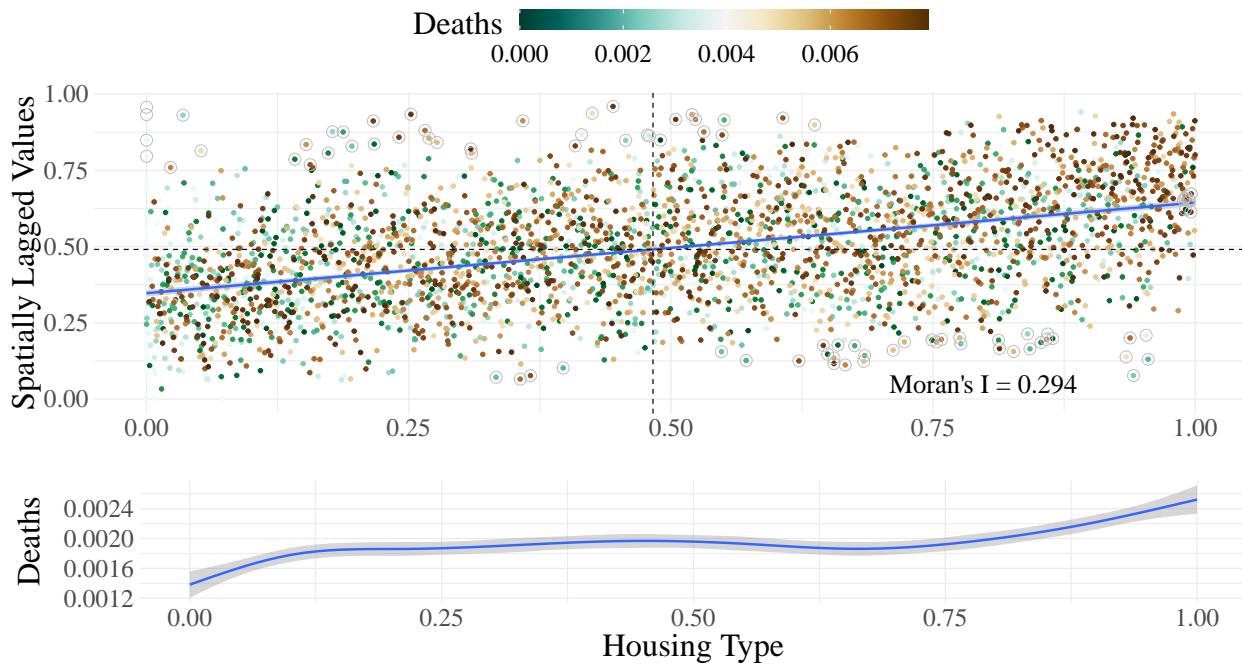
### Alpha Wave: Minority Status x Population Adjusted Deaths



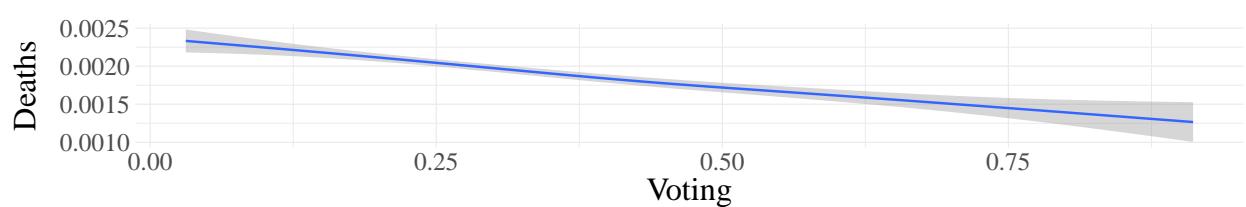
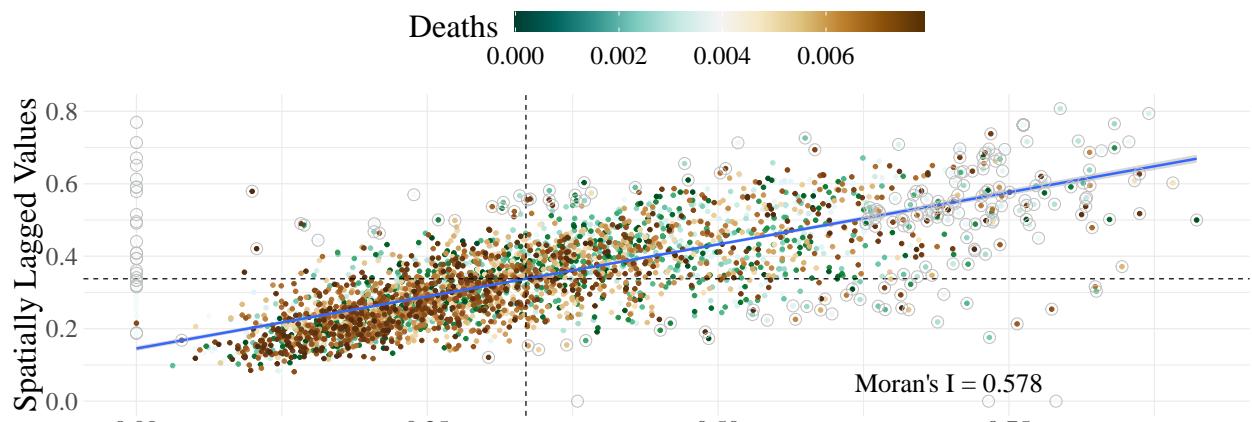
### Alpha Wave: Household Composition x Population Adjusted Deaths



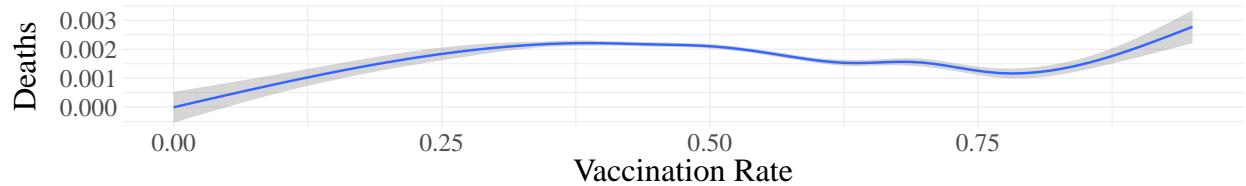
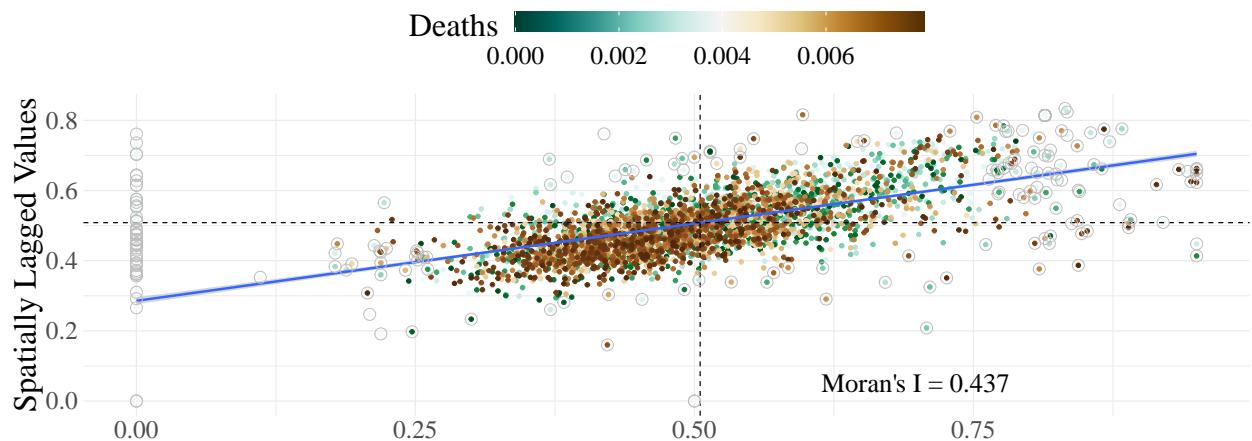
### Alpha Wave: Housing Type x Population Adjusted Deaths



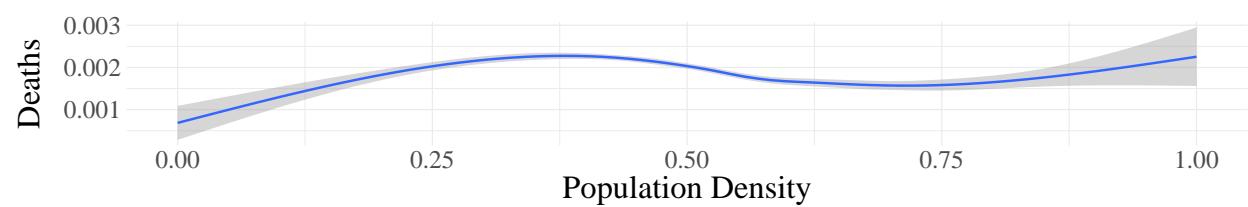
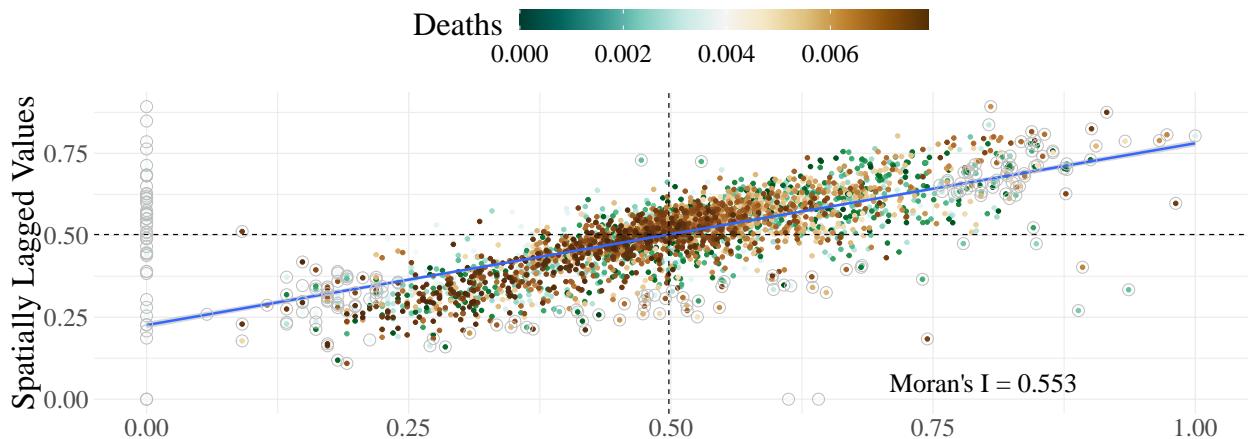
### Alpha Wave: Voting x Population Adjusted Deaths



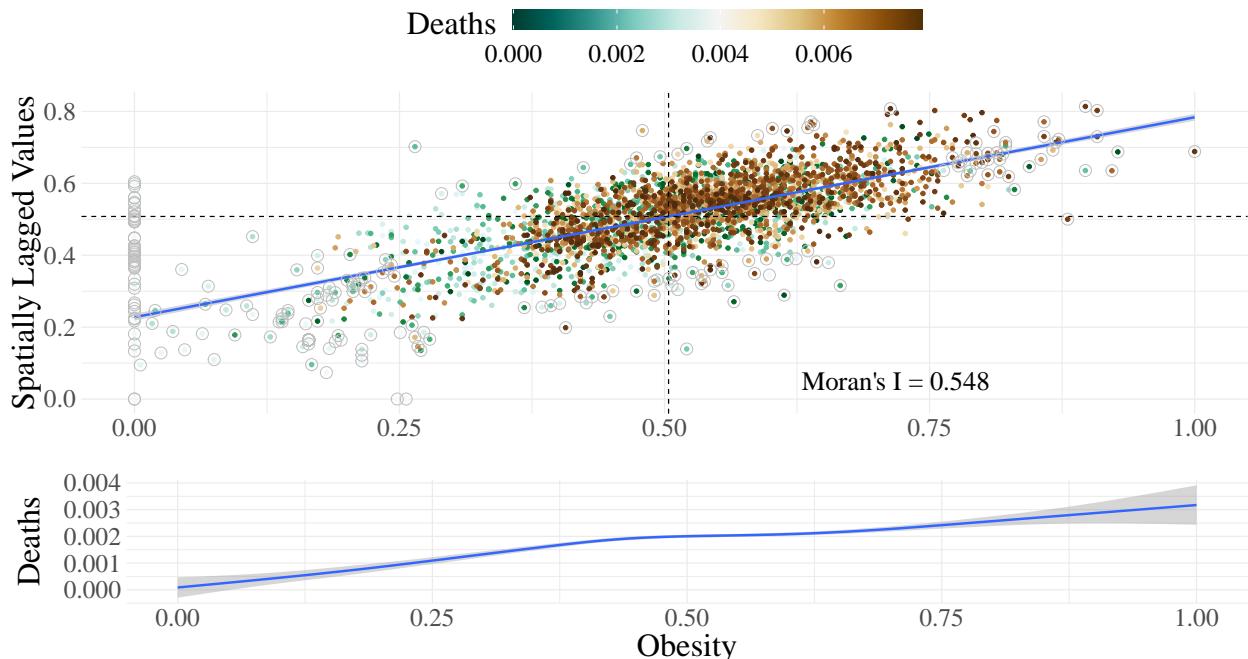
### Alpha Wave: Vaccination Rate x Population Adjusted Deaths



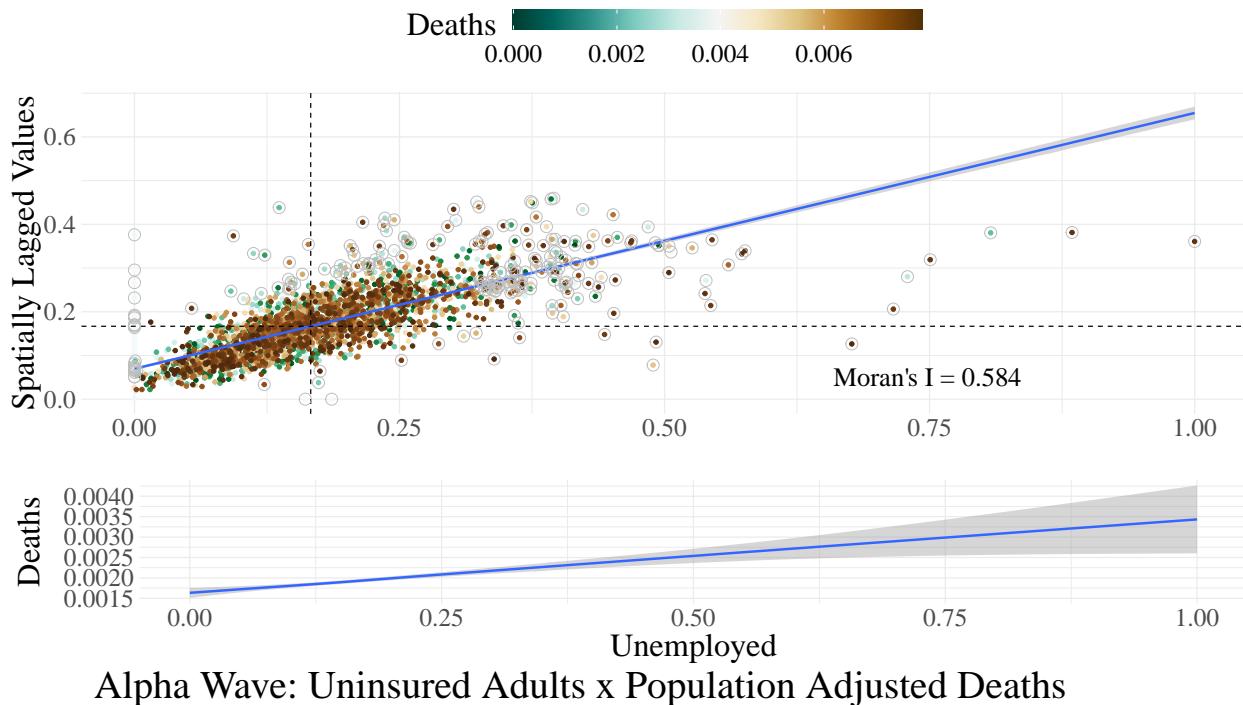
### Alpha Wave: Population Density x Population Adjusted Deaths



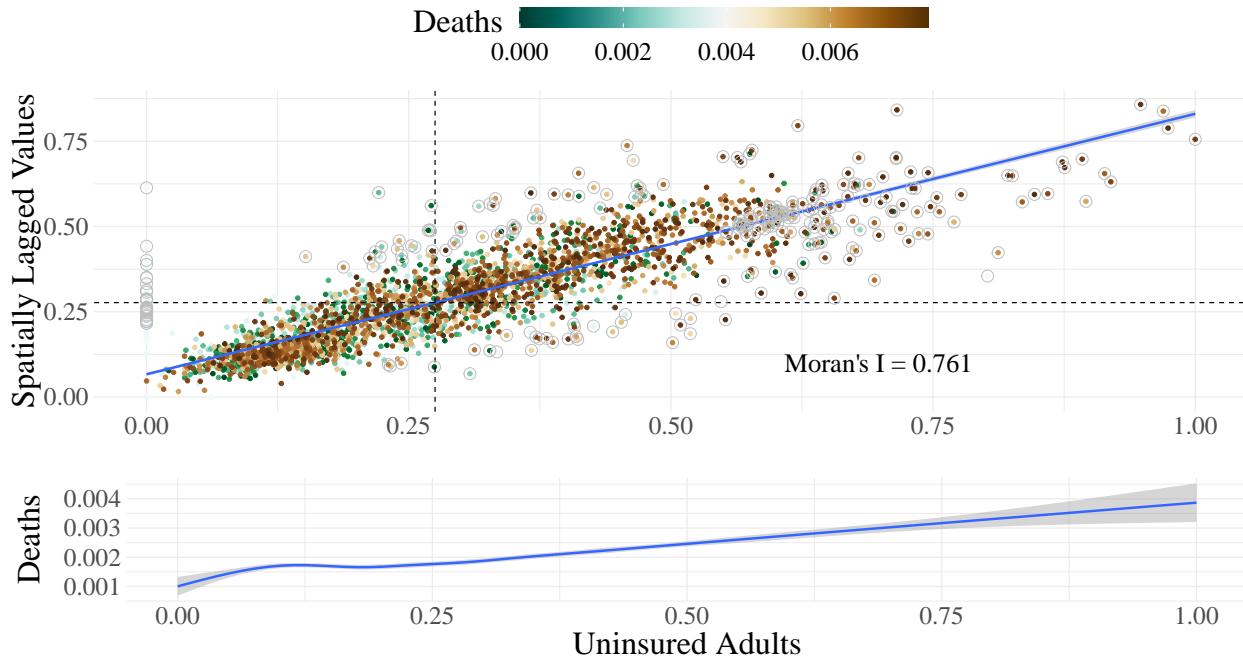
### Alpha Wave: Obesity x Population Adjusted Deaths



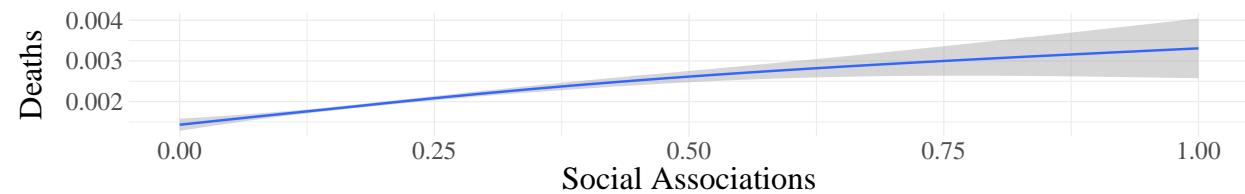
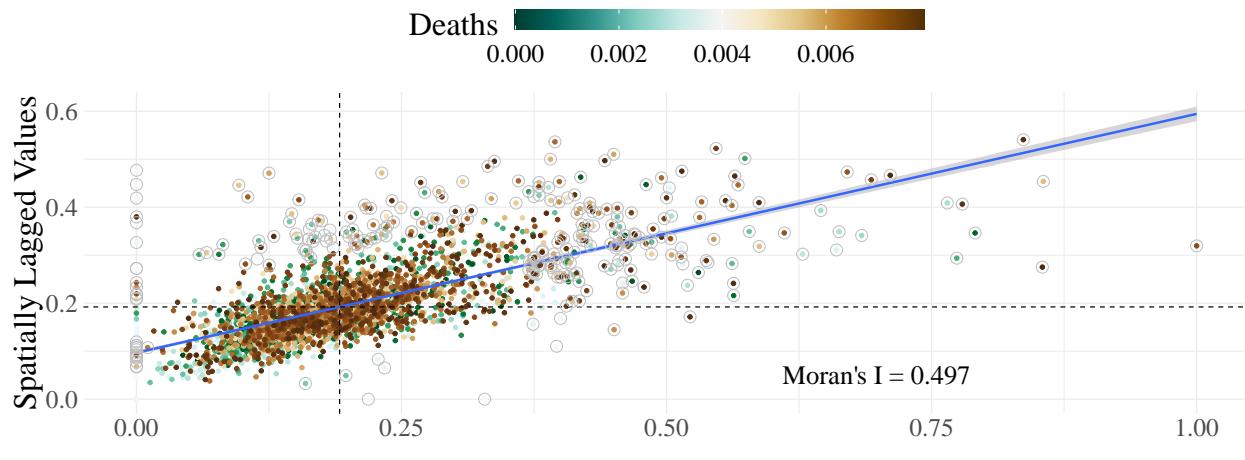
### Alpha Wave: Unemployed x Population Adjusted Deaths



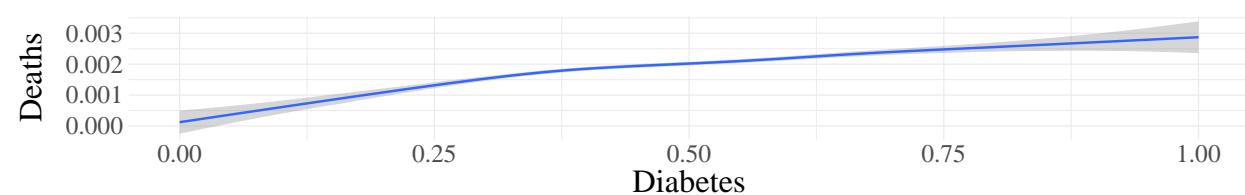
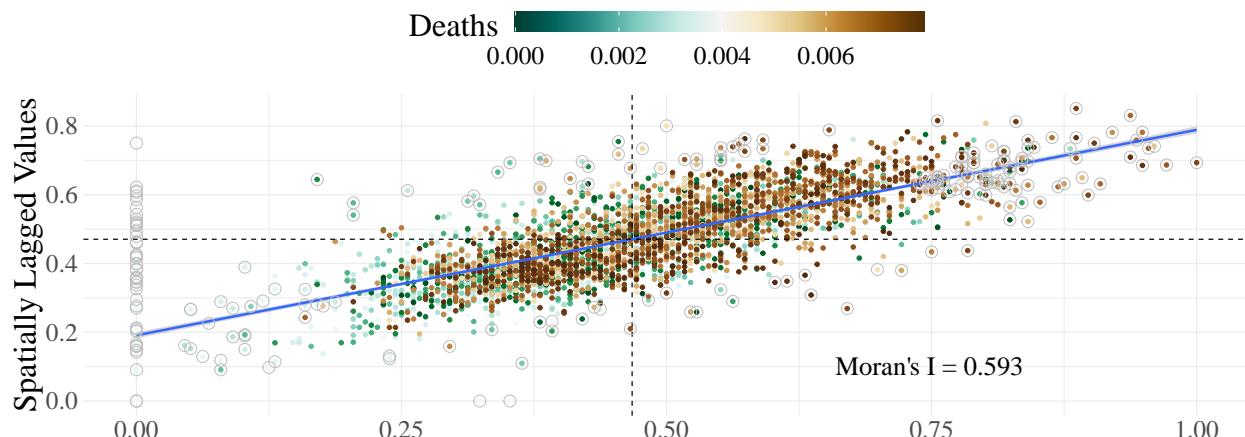
### Alpha Wave: Uninsured Adults x Population Adjusted Deaths



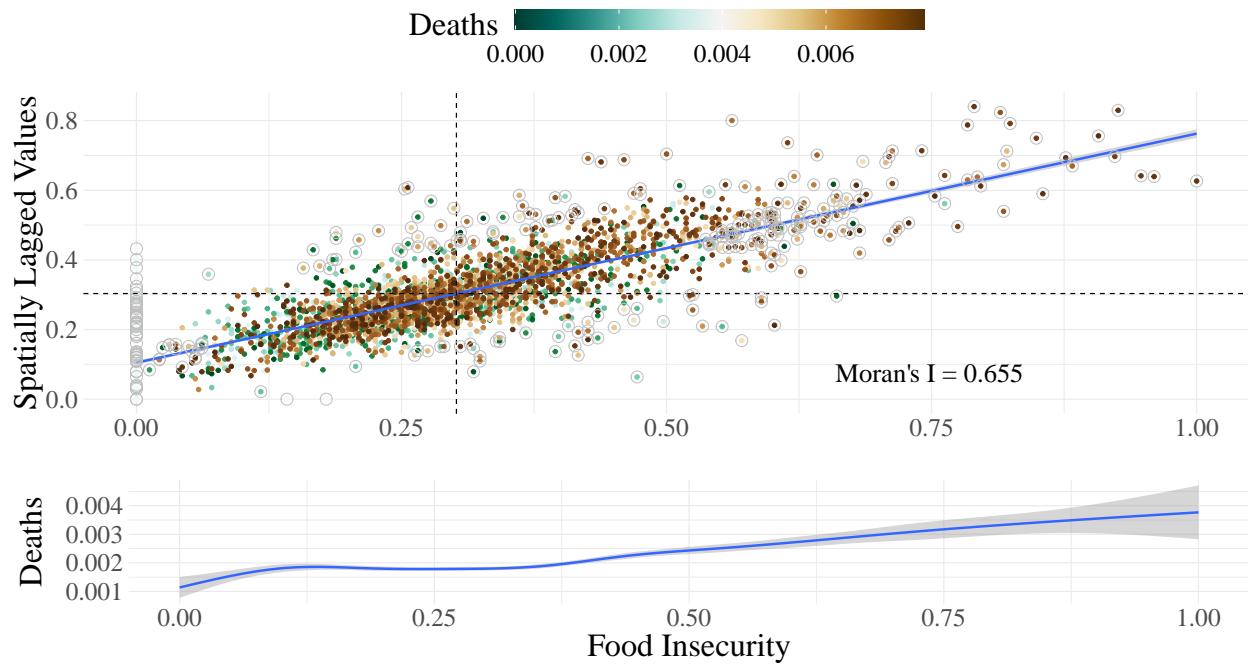
### Alpha Wave: Social Associations x Population Adjusted Deaths



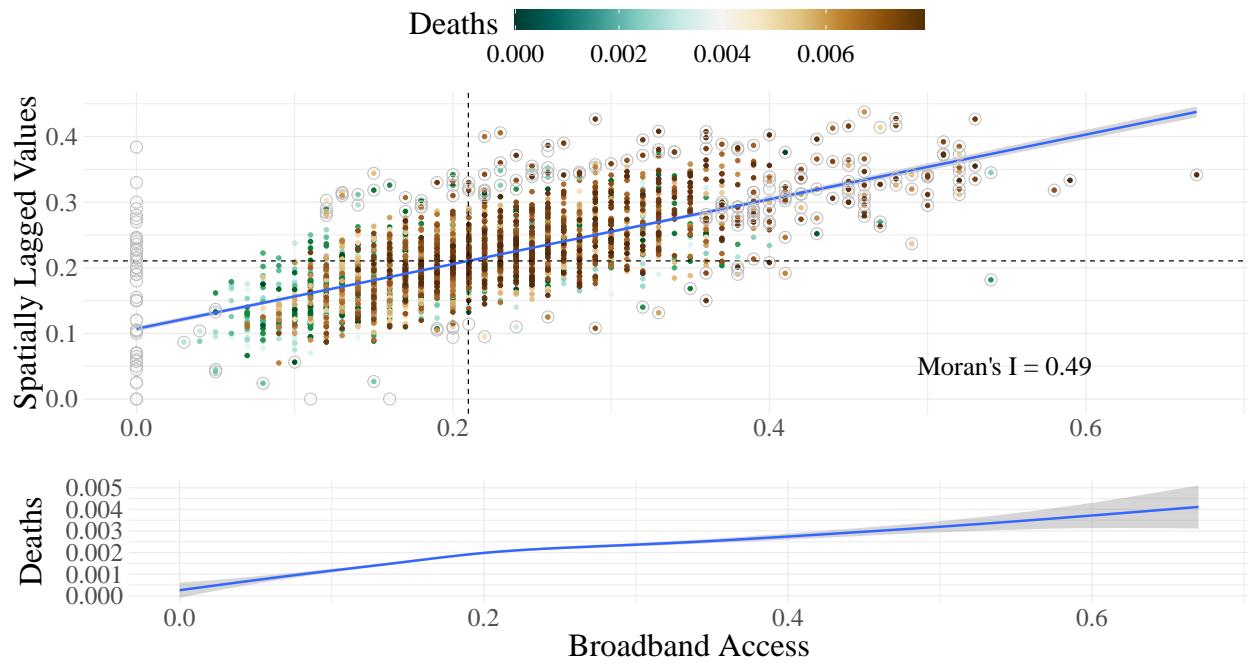
### Alpha Wave: Diabetes x Population Adjusted Deaths



### Alpha Wave: Food Insecurity x Population Adjusted Deaths



### Alpha Wave: Broadband Access x Population Adjusted Deaths



### Alpha Wave: Age Over 65 x Population Adjusted Deaths

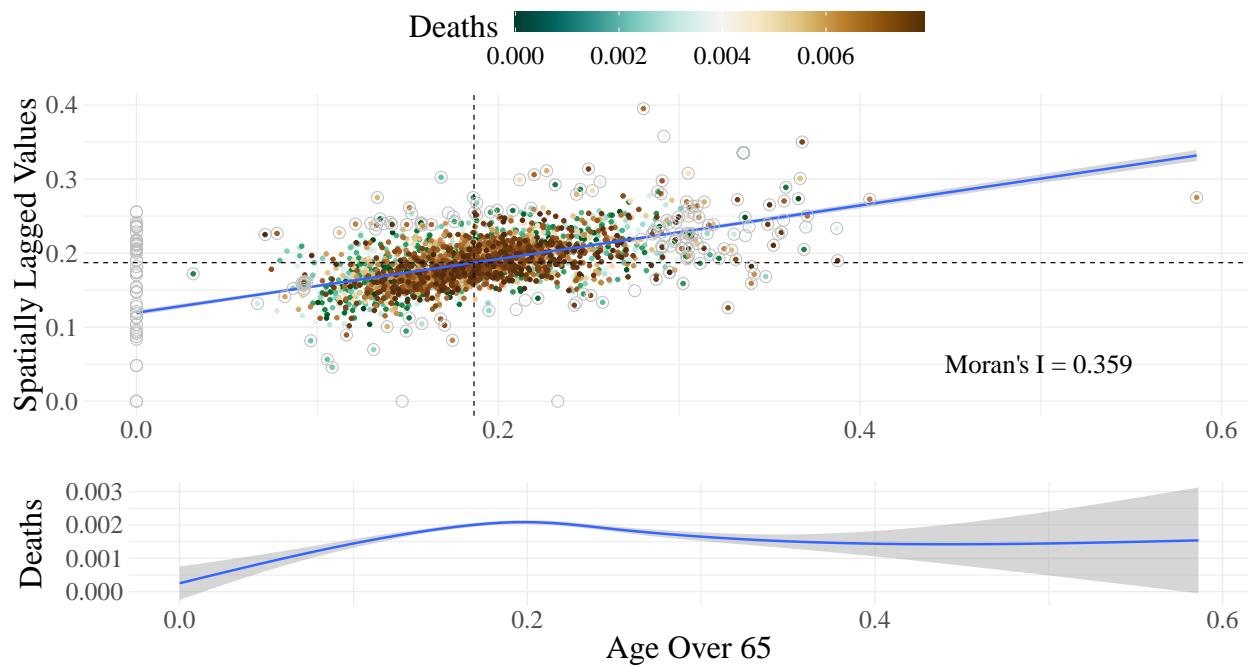


Figure S19: Morans I results: United States - Delta Wave, Dependent Variable

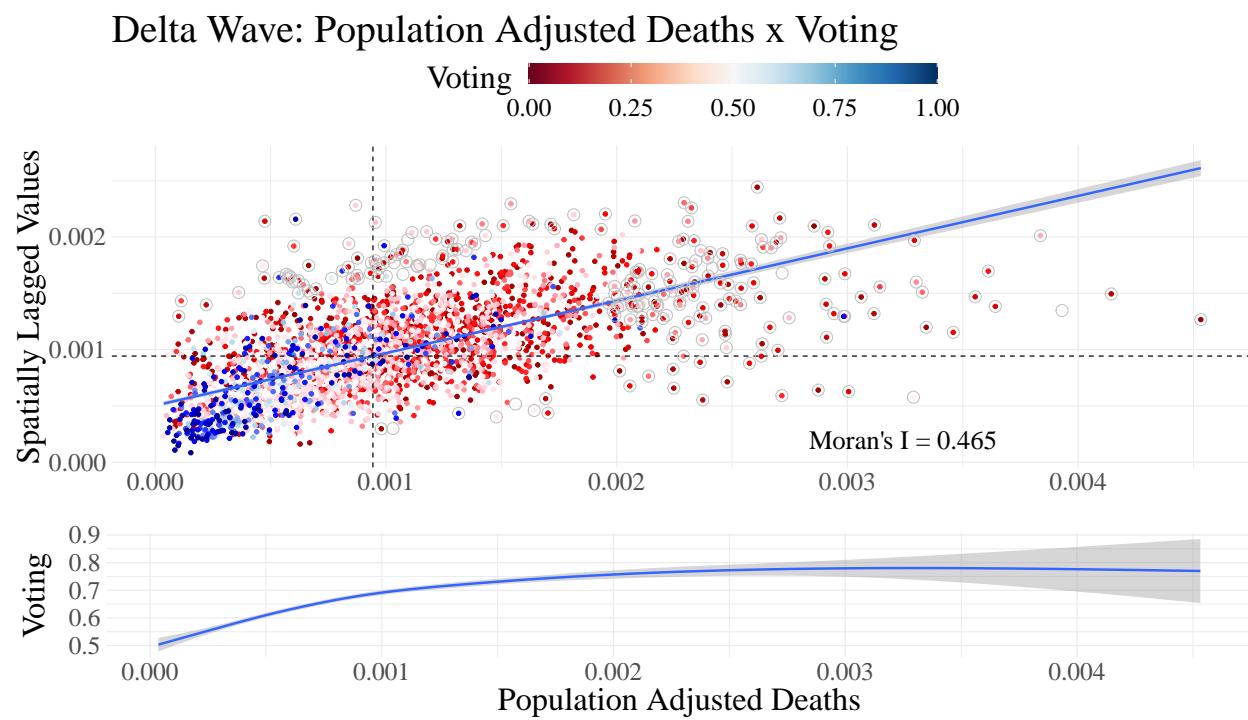
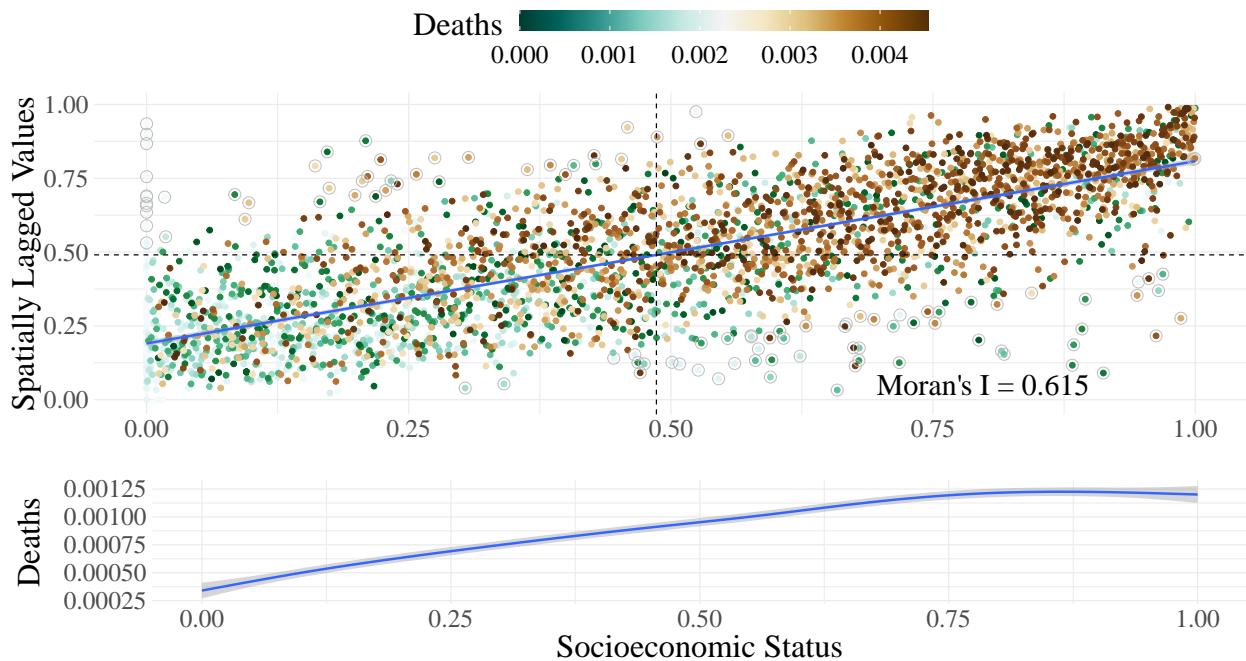
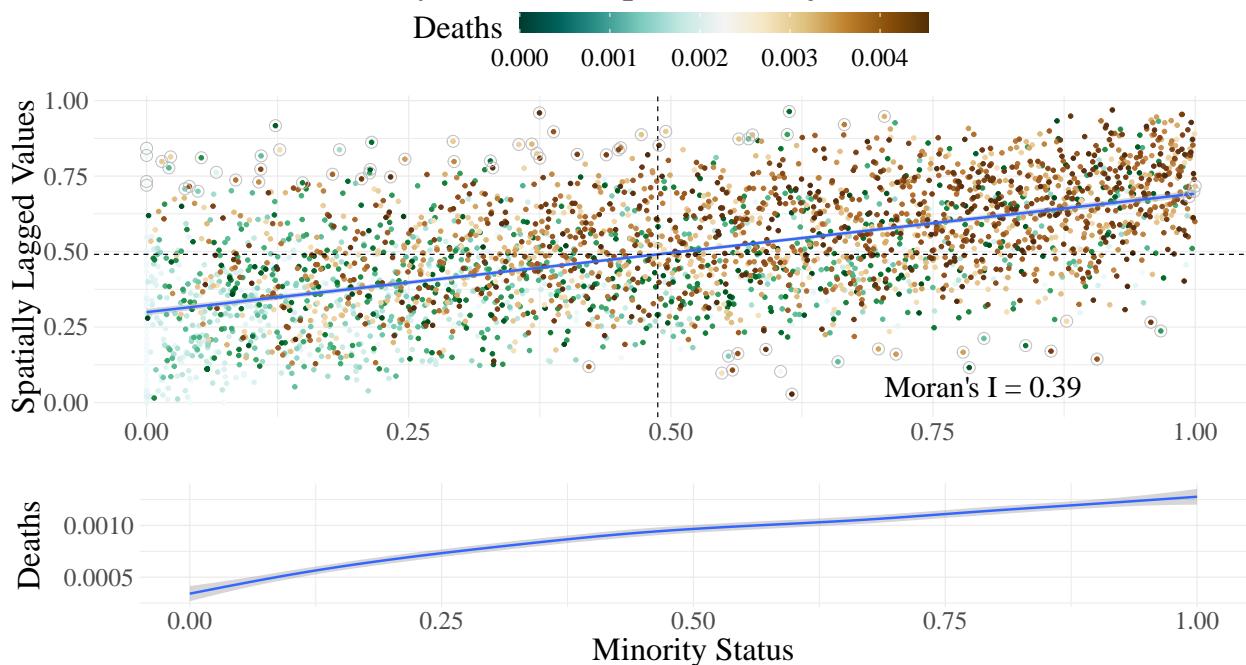


Figure S20: Morans I results: United States - Delta Wave, Independent Variables

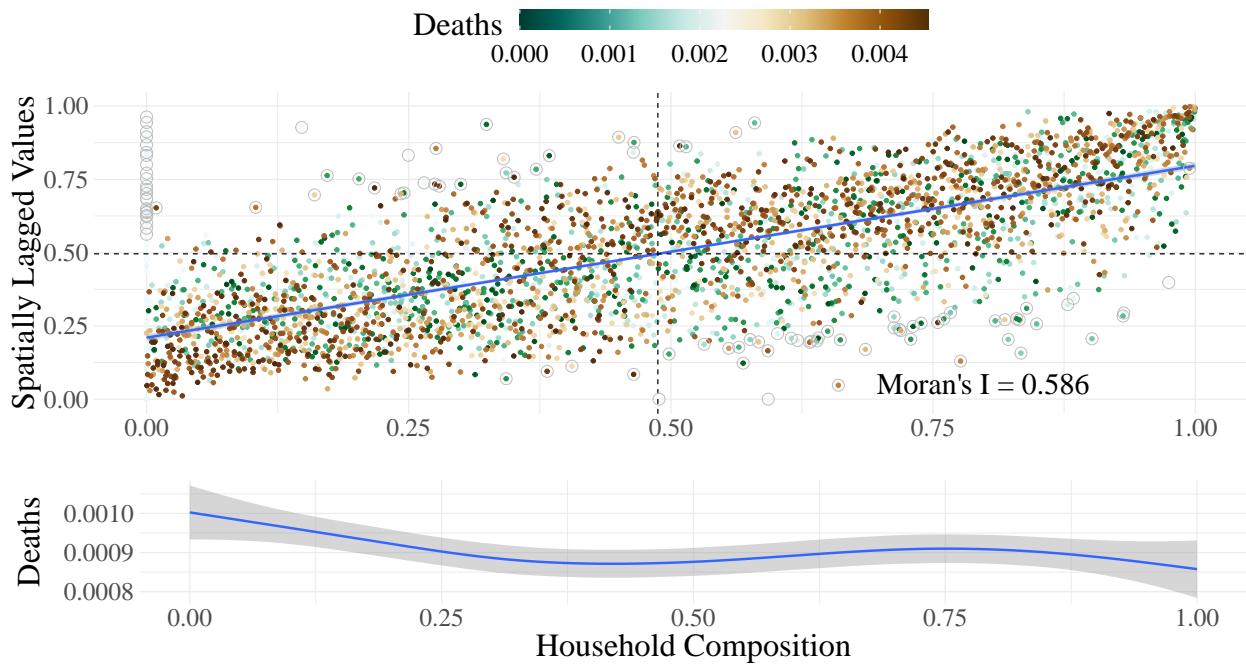
### Delta Wave: Socioeconomic Status x Population Adjusted Deaths



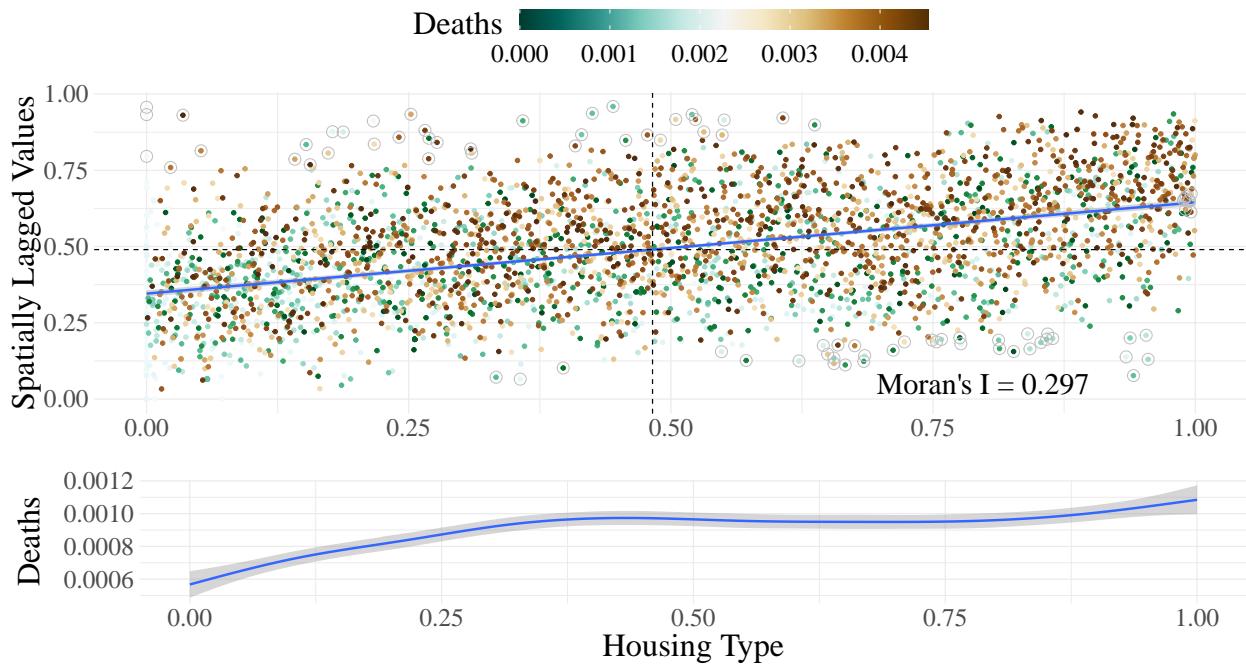
### Delta Wave: Minority Status x Population Adjusted Deaths



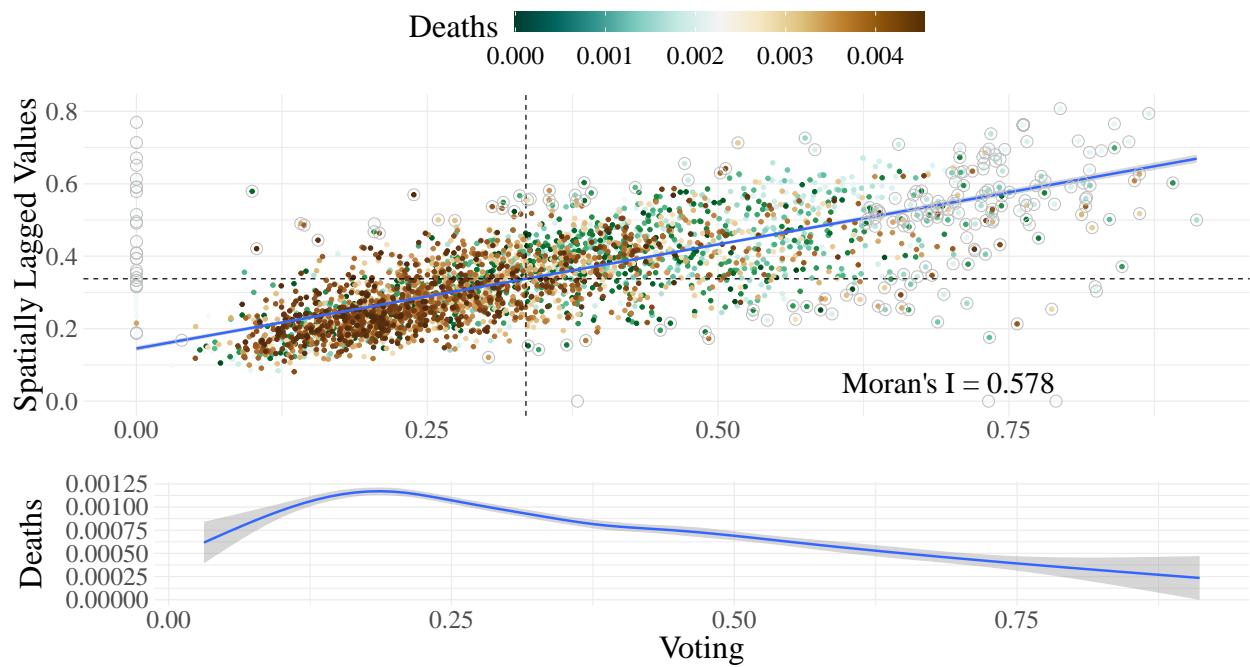
### Delta Wave: Household Composition x Population Adjusted Deaths



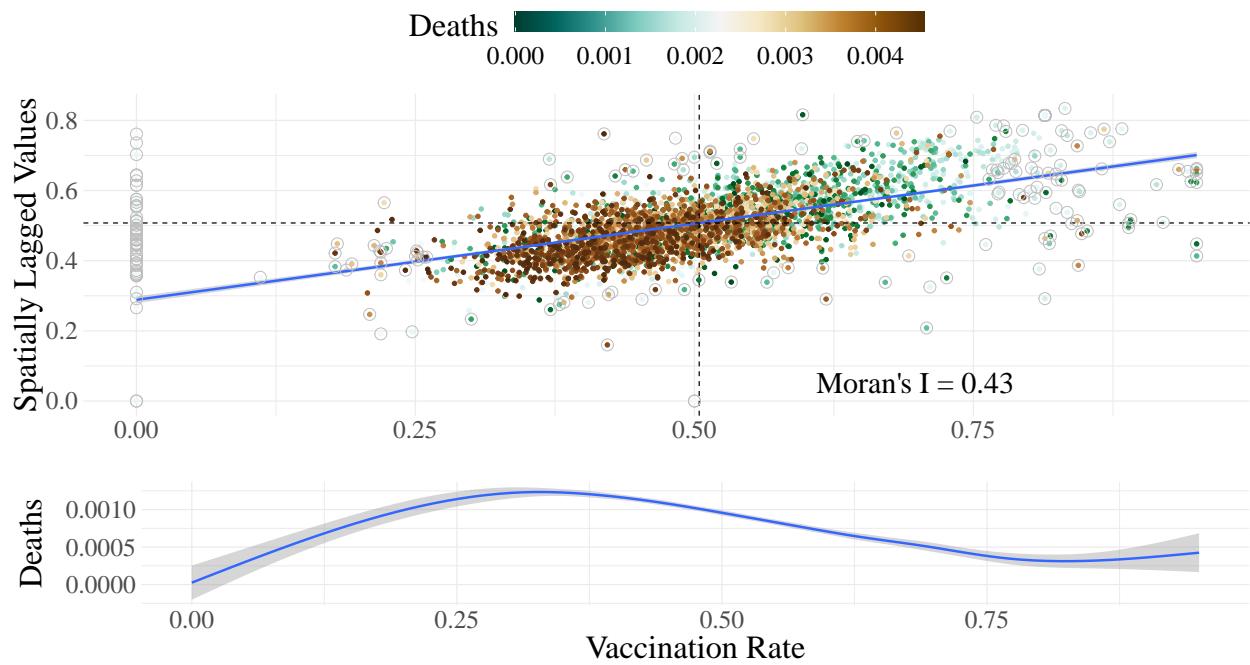
### Delta Wave: Housing Type x Population Adjusted Deaths



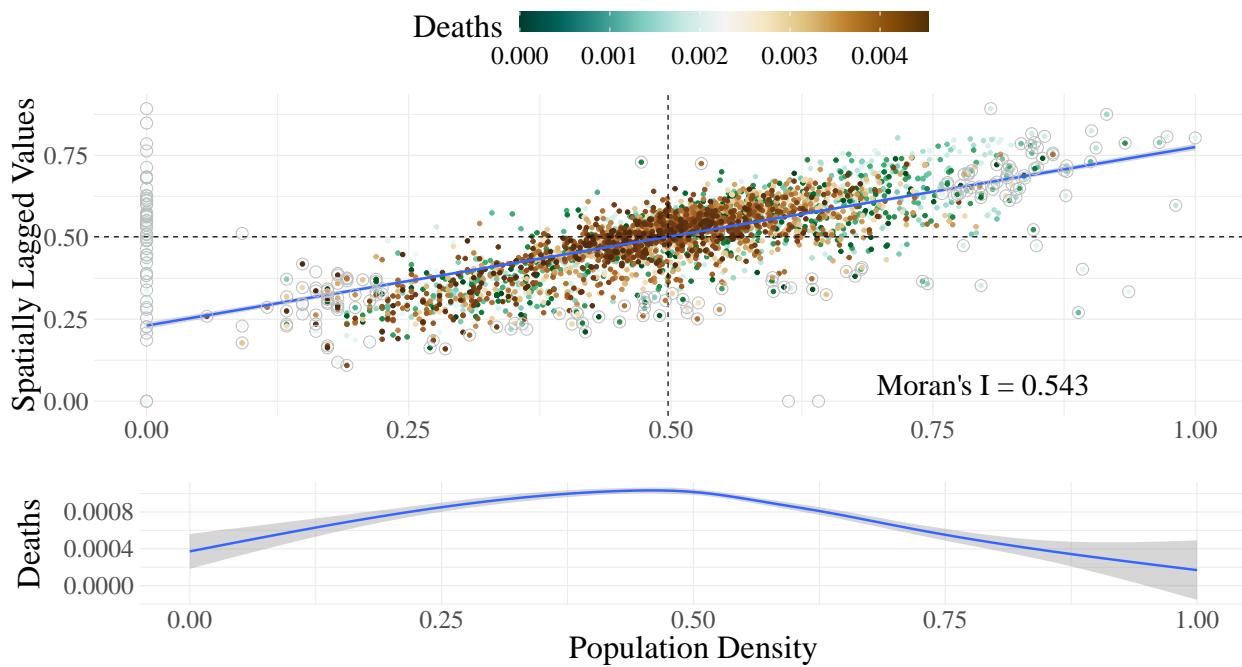
### Delta Wave: Voting x Population Adjusted Deaths



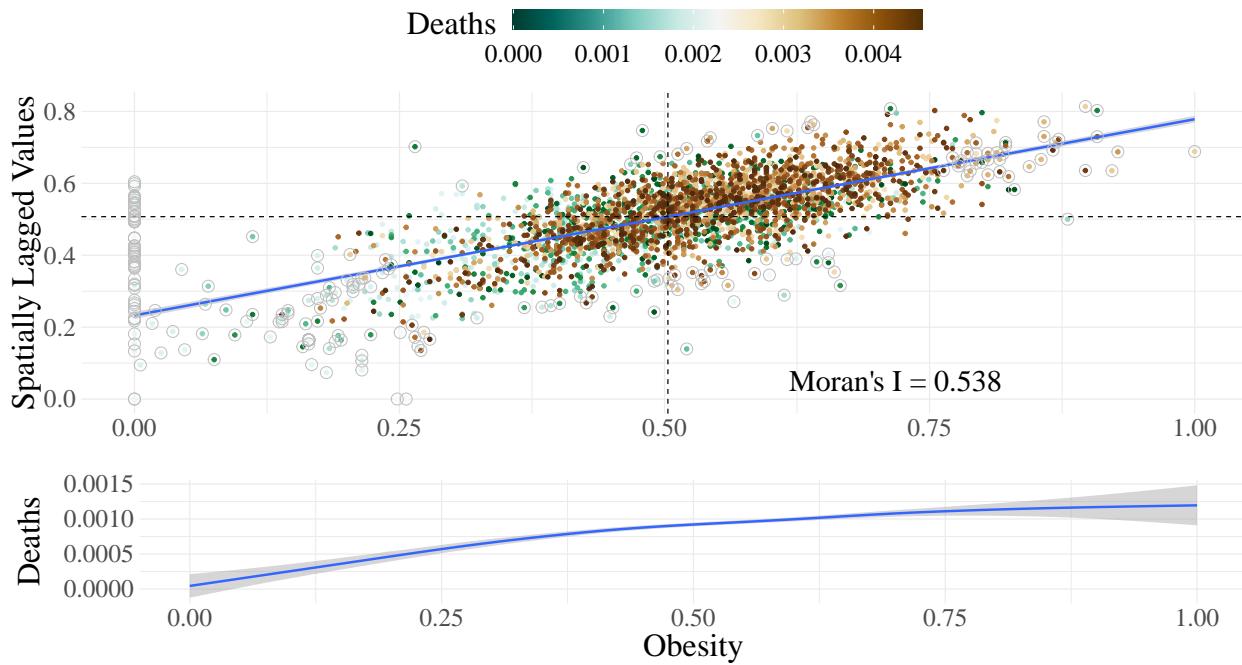
### Delta Wave: Vaccination Rate x Population Adjusted Deaths



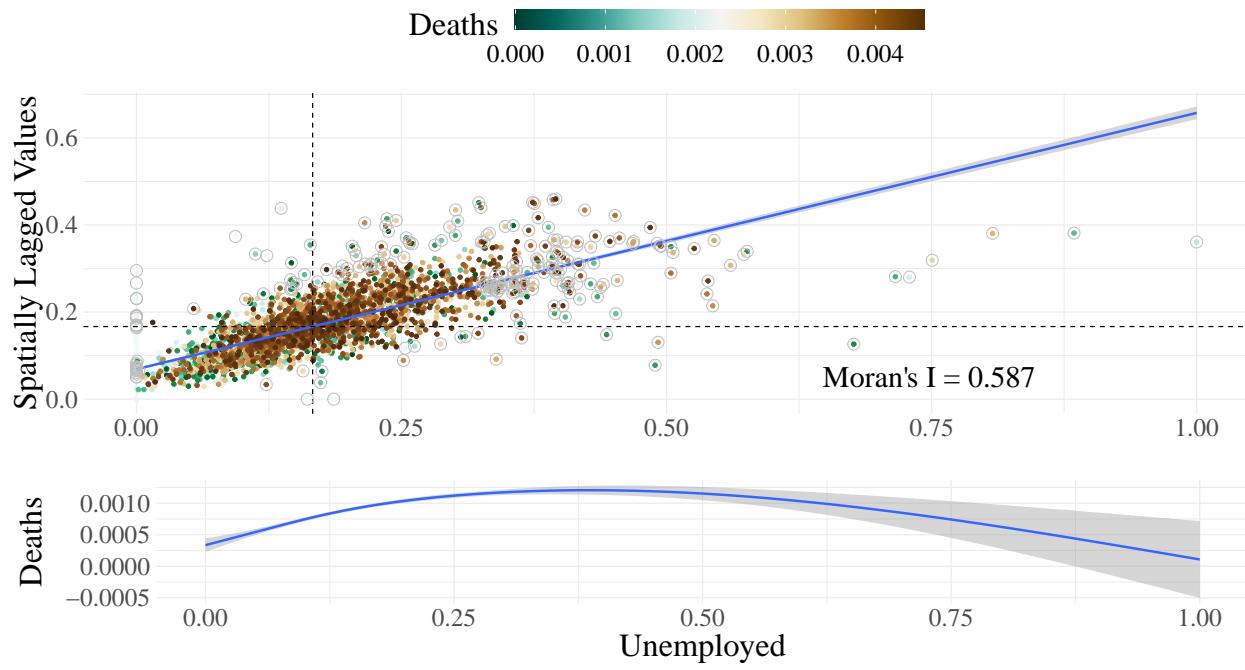
### Delta Wave: Population Density x Population Adjusted Deaths



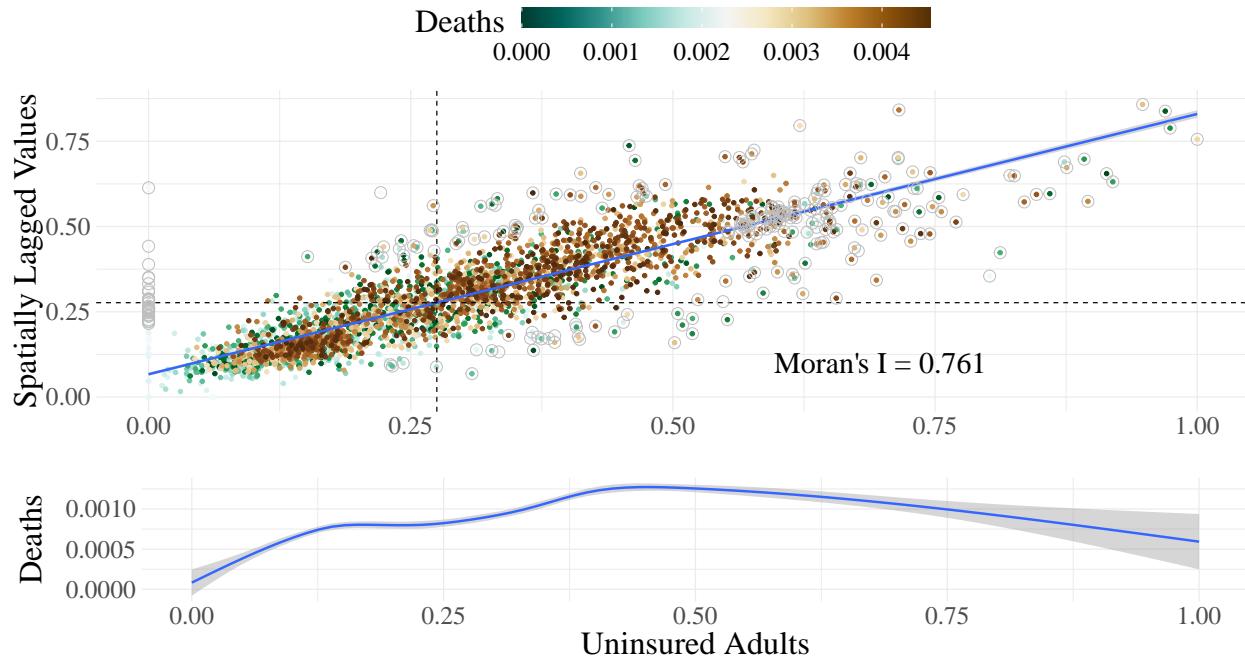
### Delta Wave: Obesity x Population Adjusted Deaths



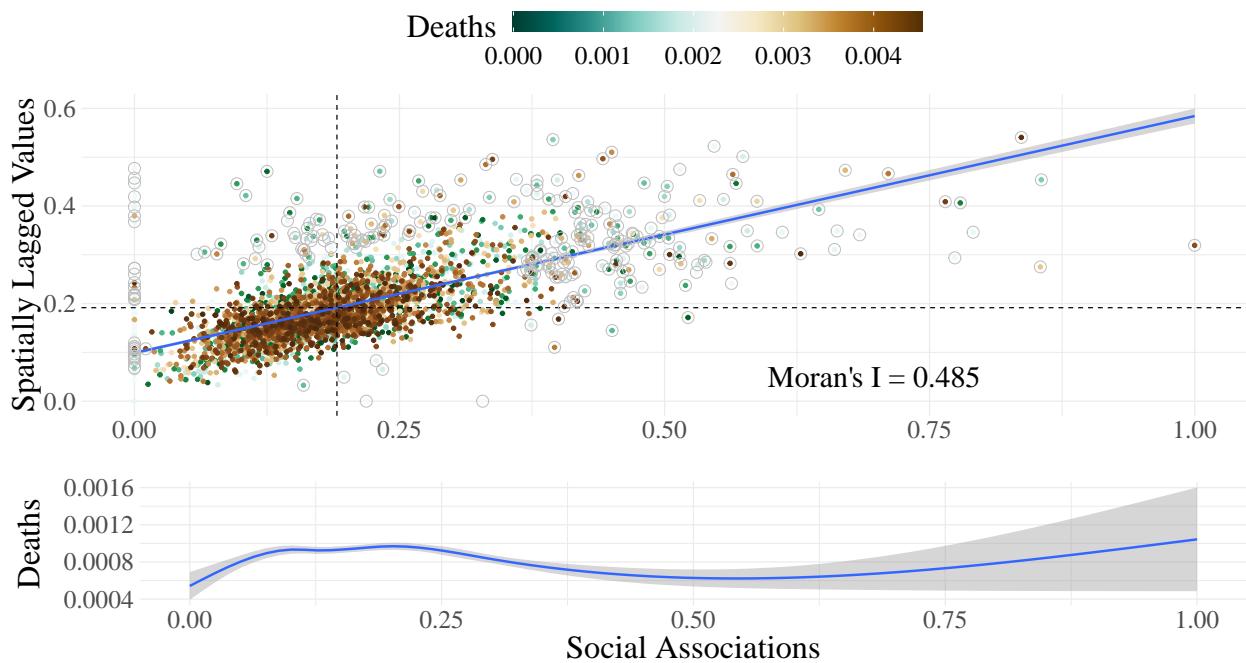
### Delta Wave: Unemployed x Population Adjusted Deaths



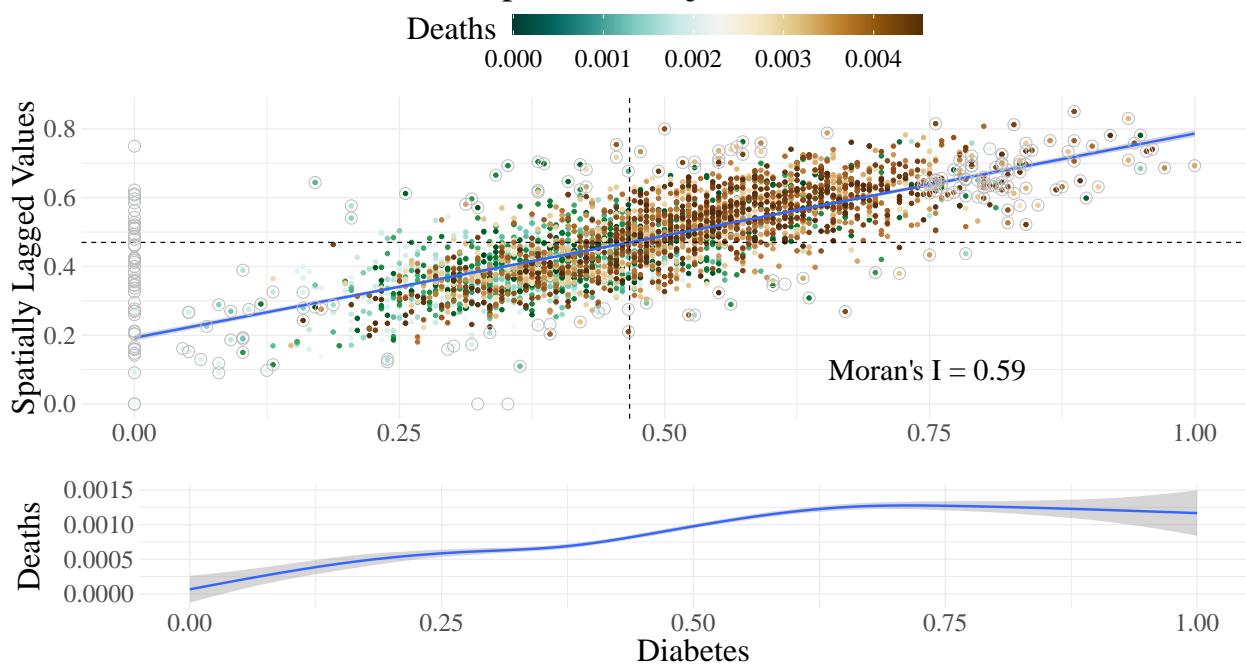
### Delta Wave: Uninsured Adults x Population Adjusted Deaths



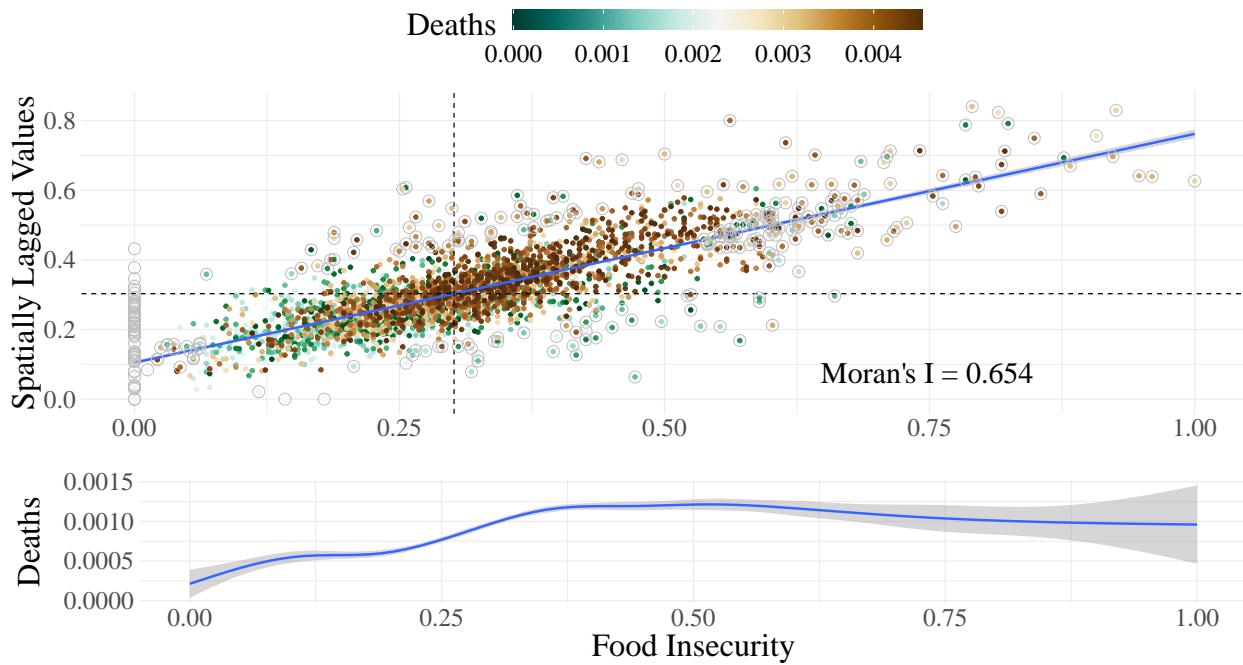
### Delta Wave: Social Associations x Population Adjusted Deaths



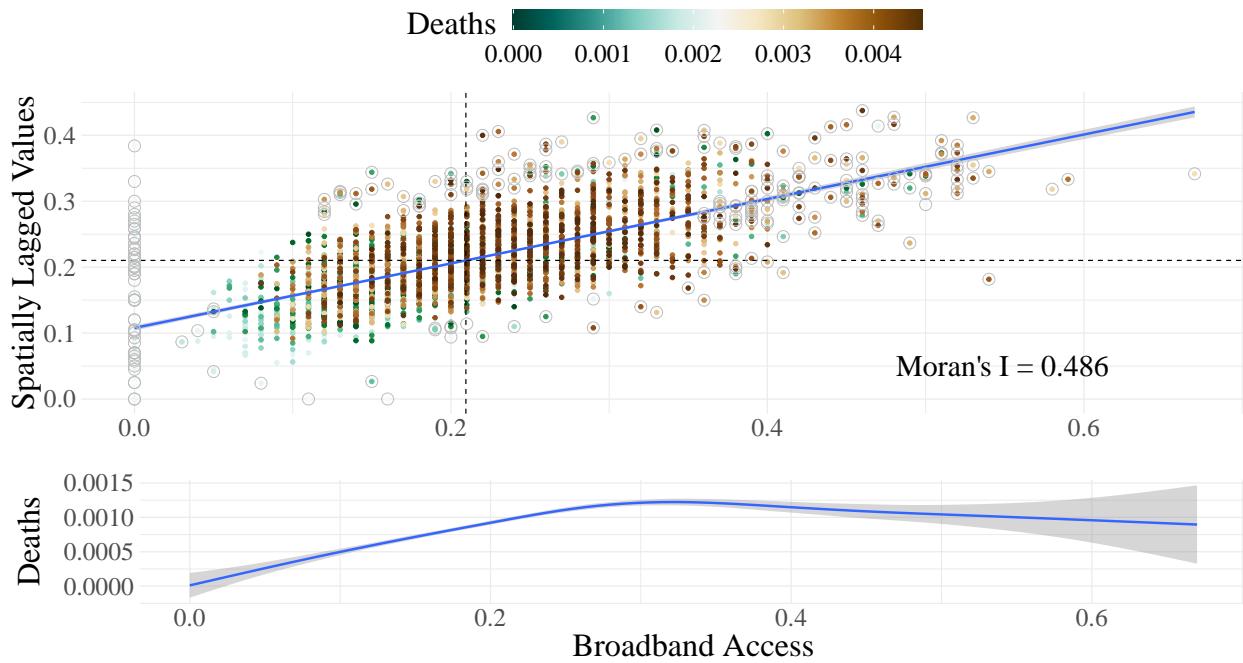
### Delta Wave: Diabetes x Population Adjusted Deaths



### Delta Wave: Food Insecurity x Population Adjusted Deaths



### Delta Wave: Broadband Access x Population Adjusted Deaths



## Delta Wave: Age Over 65 x Population Adjusted Deaths

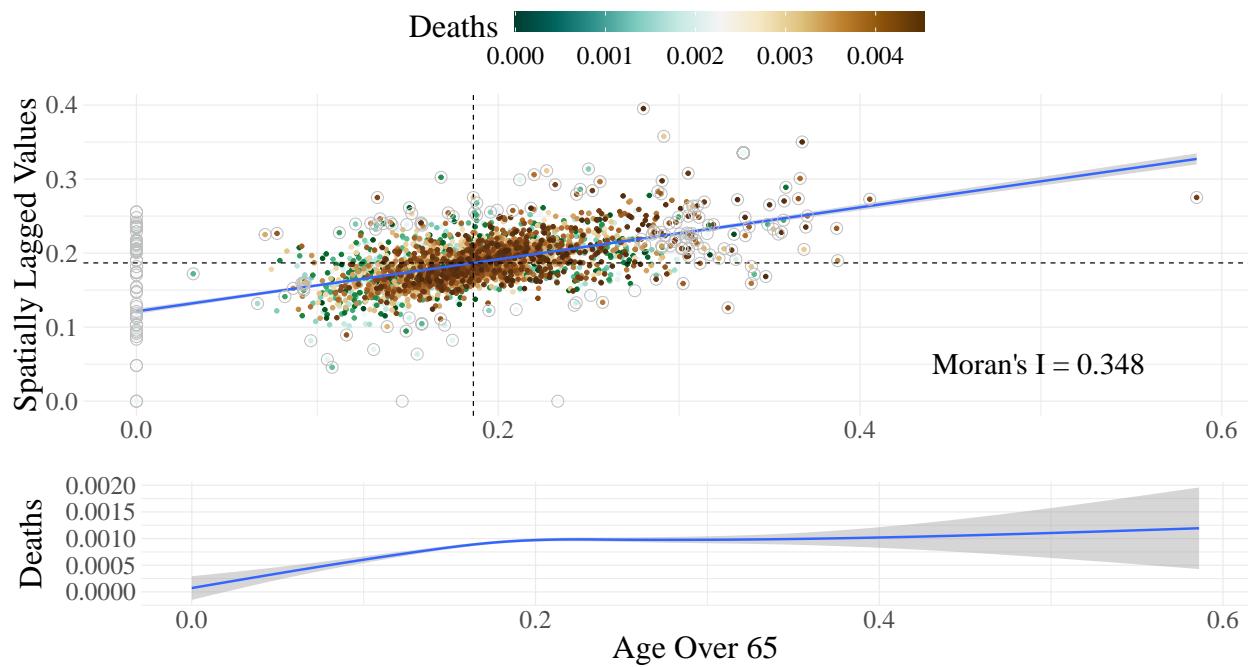
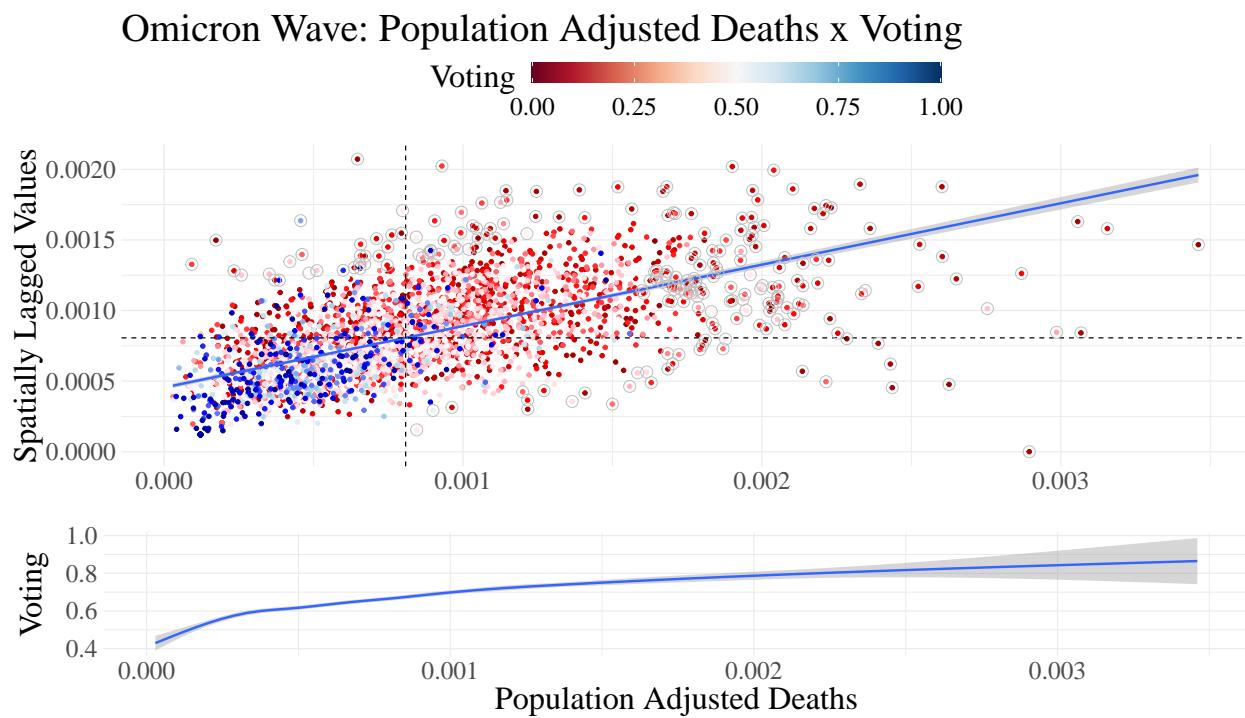
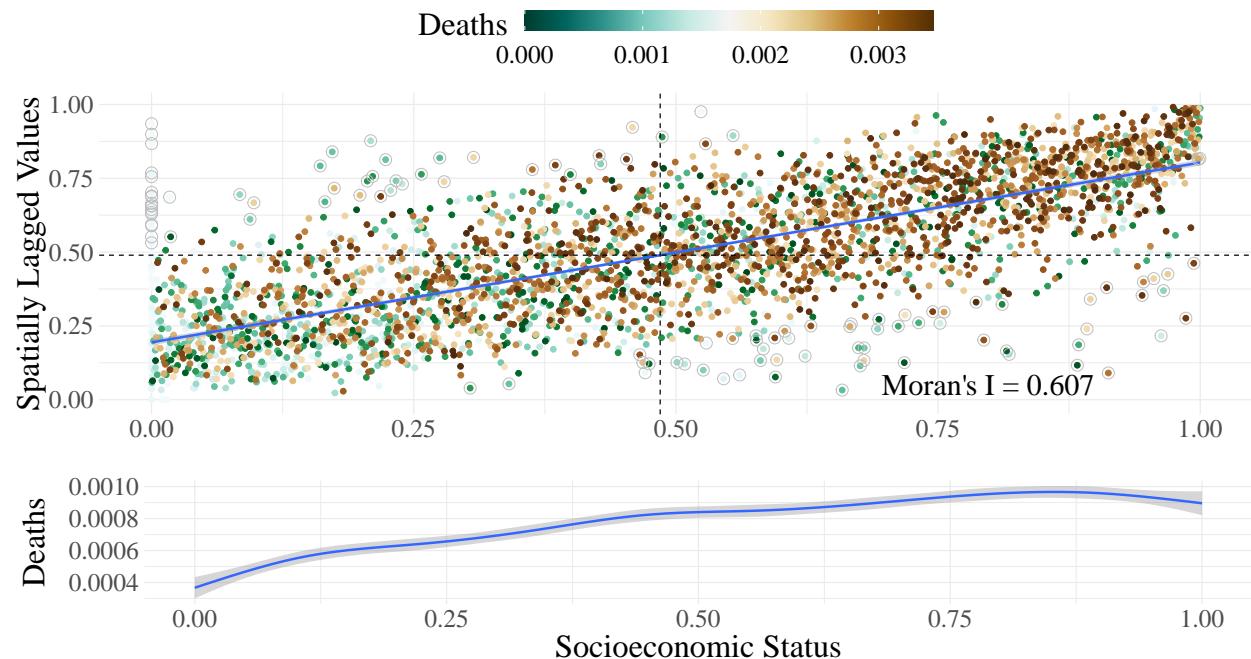


Figure S21: Morans I results: United States - Omicron Wave, Dependent Variable

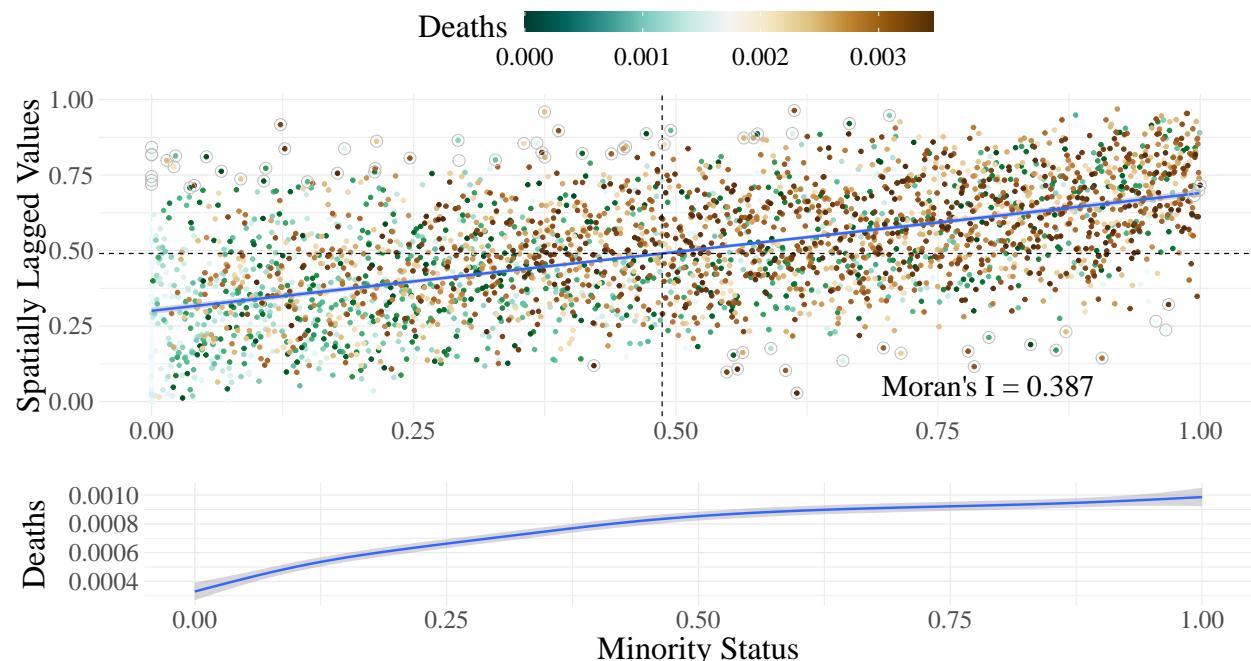


**Figure S22: Morans I results: United States - Omicron Wave, Independent Variables**

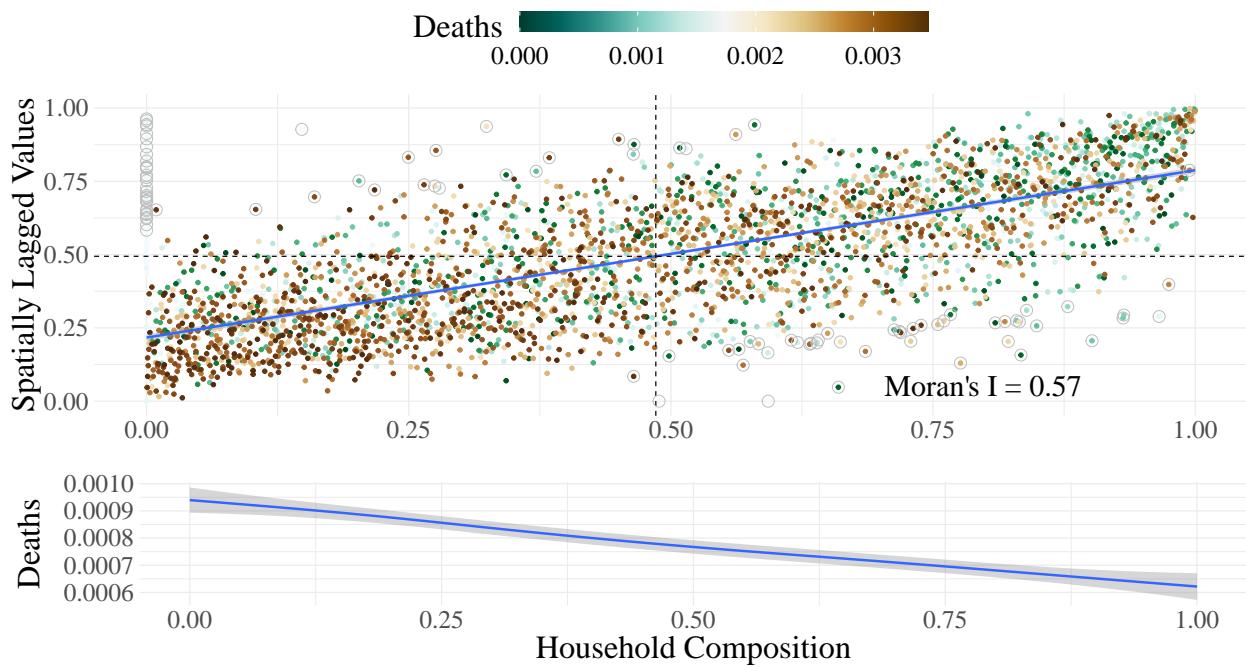
### Omicron Wave: Socioeconomic Status x Population Adjusted Deaths



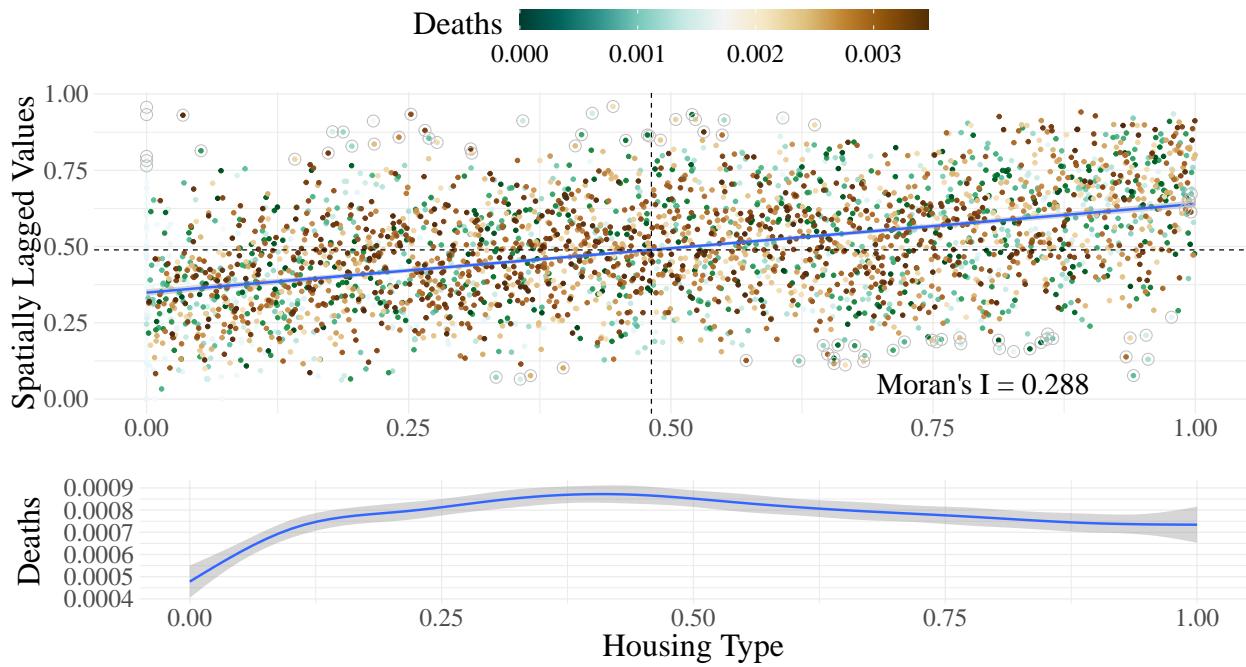
### Omicron Wave: Minority Status x Population Adjusted Deaths



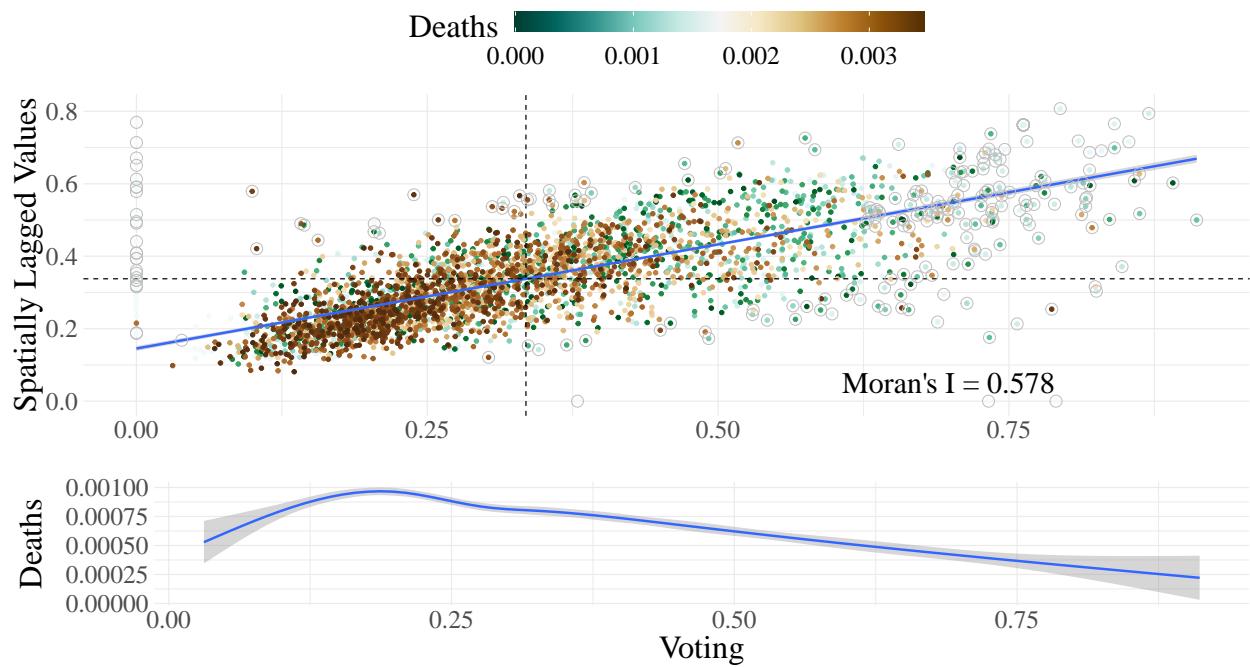
### Omicron Wave: Household Composition x Population Adjusted Deaths



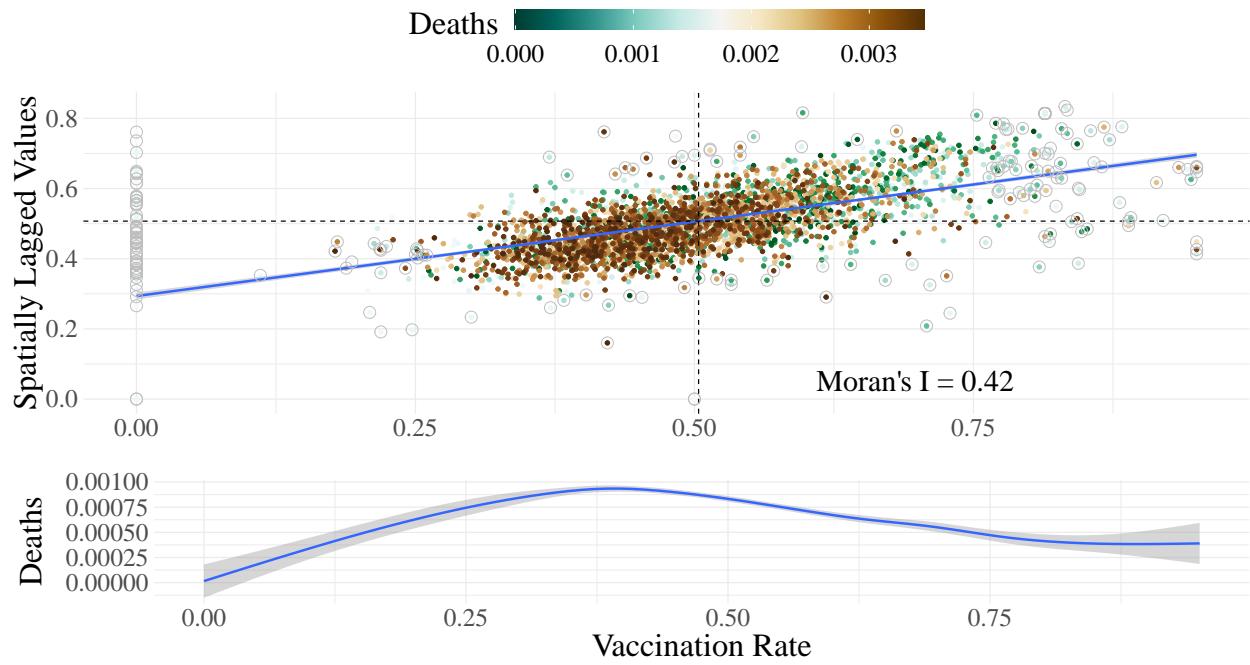
### Omicron Wave: Housing Type x Population Adjusted Deaths



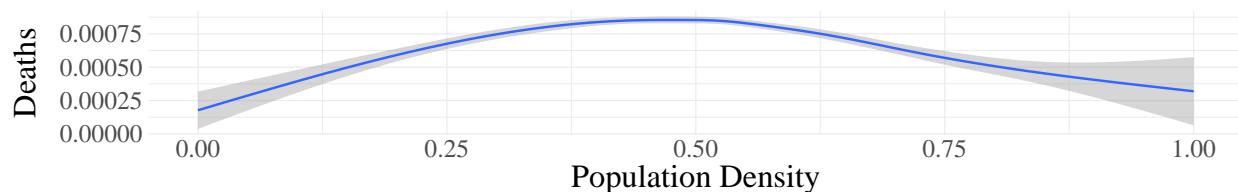
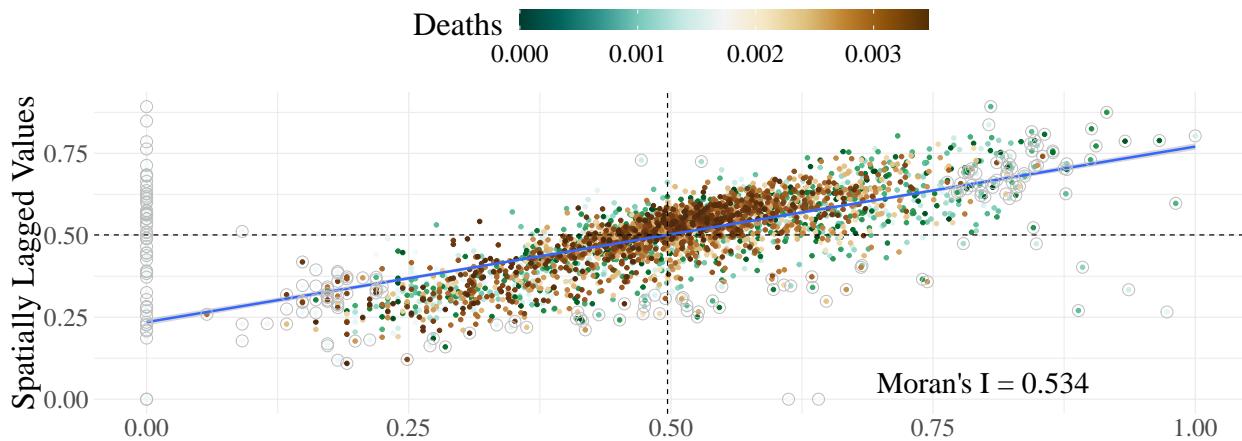
### Omicron Wave: Voting x Population Adjusted Deaths



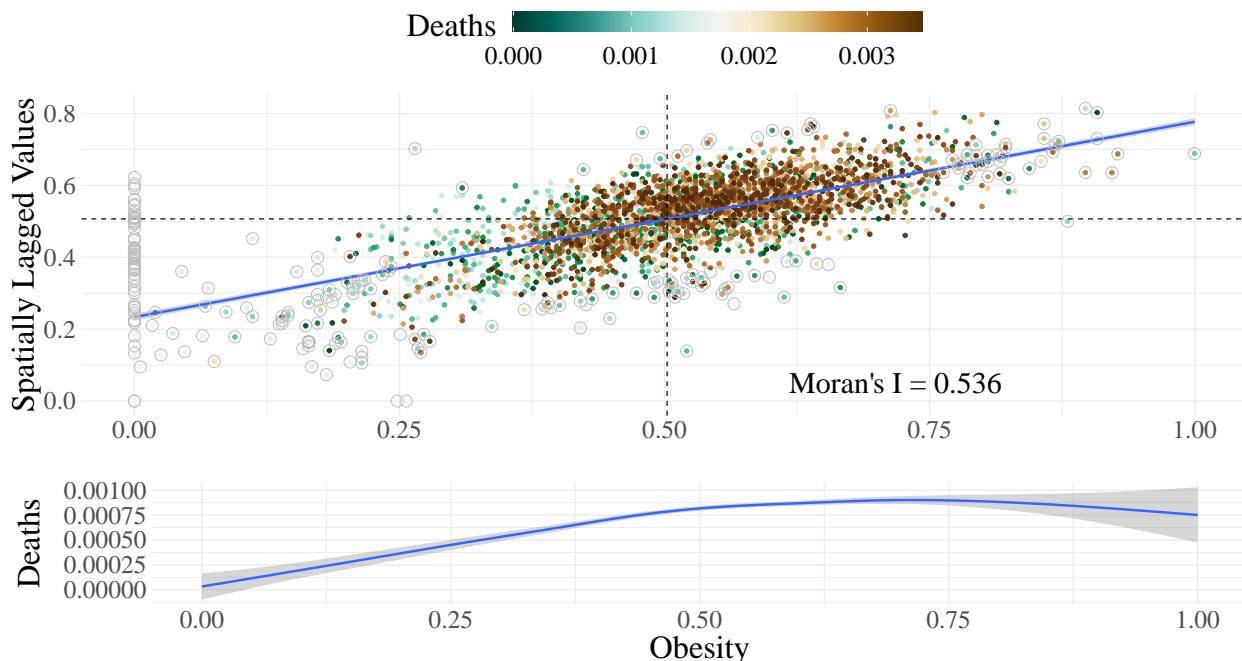
### Omicron Wave: Vaccination Rate x Population Adjusted Deaths



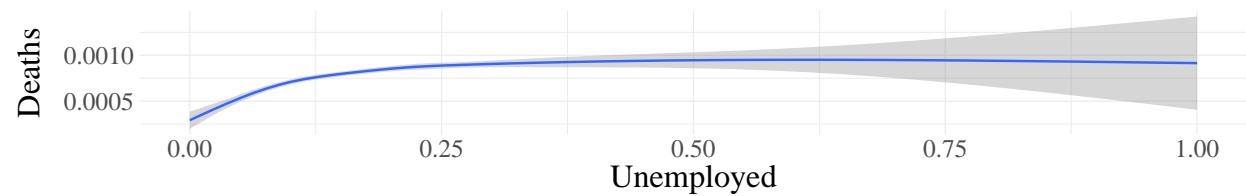
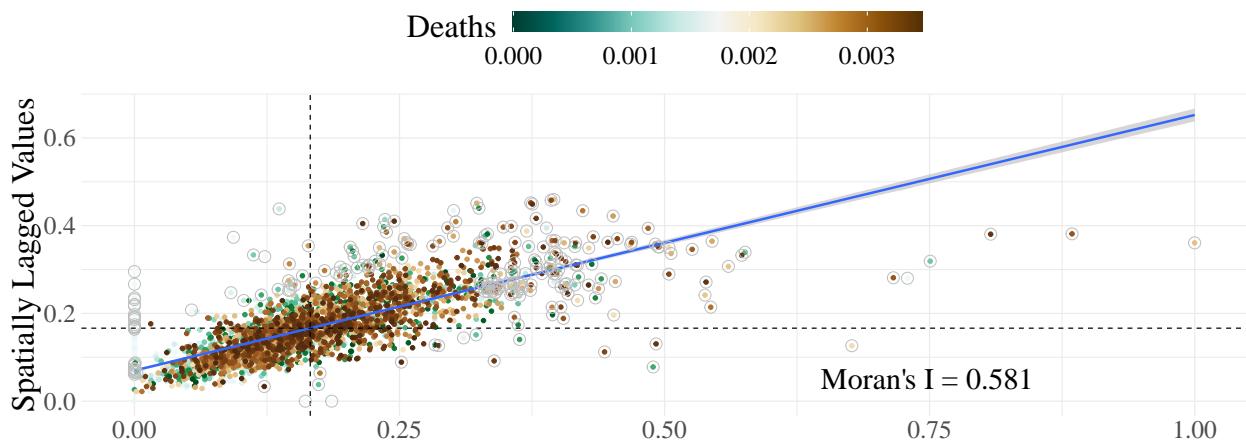
### Omicron Wave: Population Density x Population Adjusted Deaths



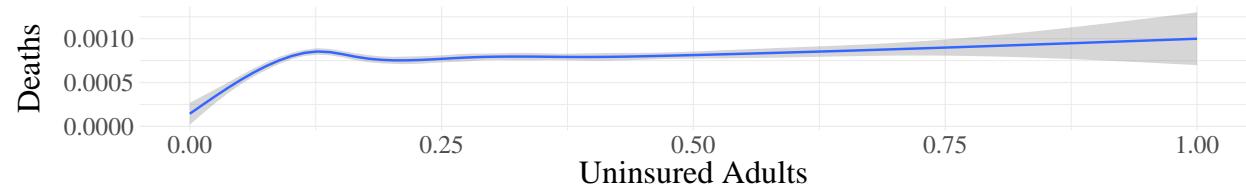
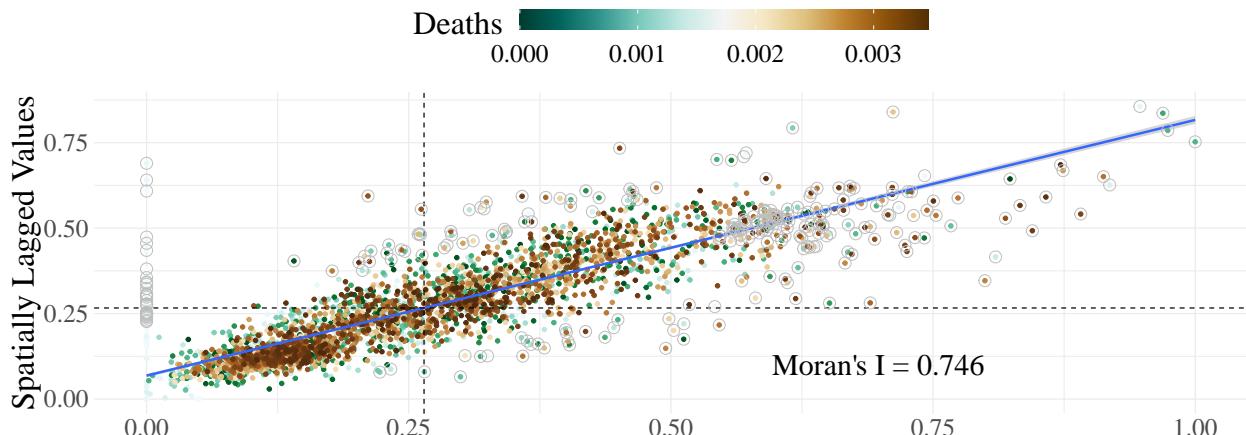
### Omicron Wave: Obesity x Population Adjusted Deaths



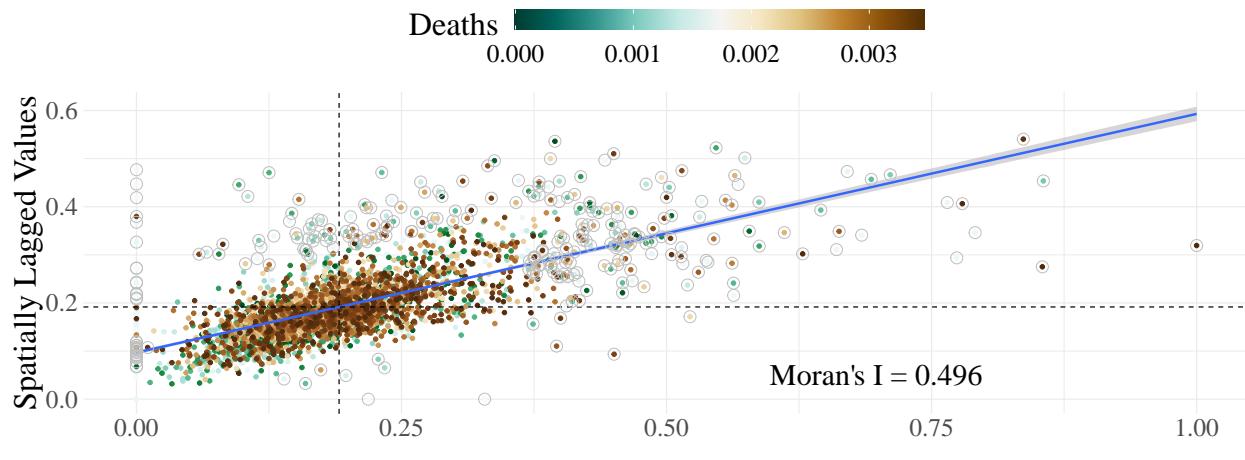
### Omicron Wave: Unemployed x Population Adjusted Deaths



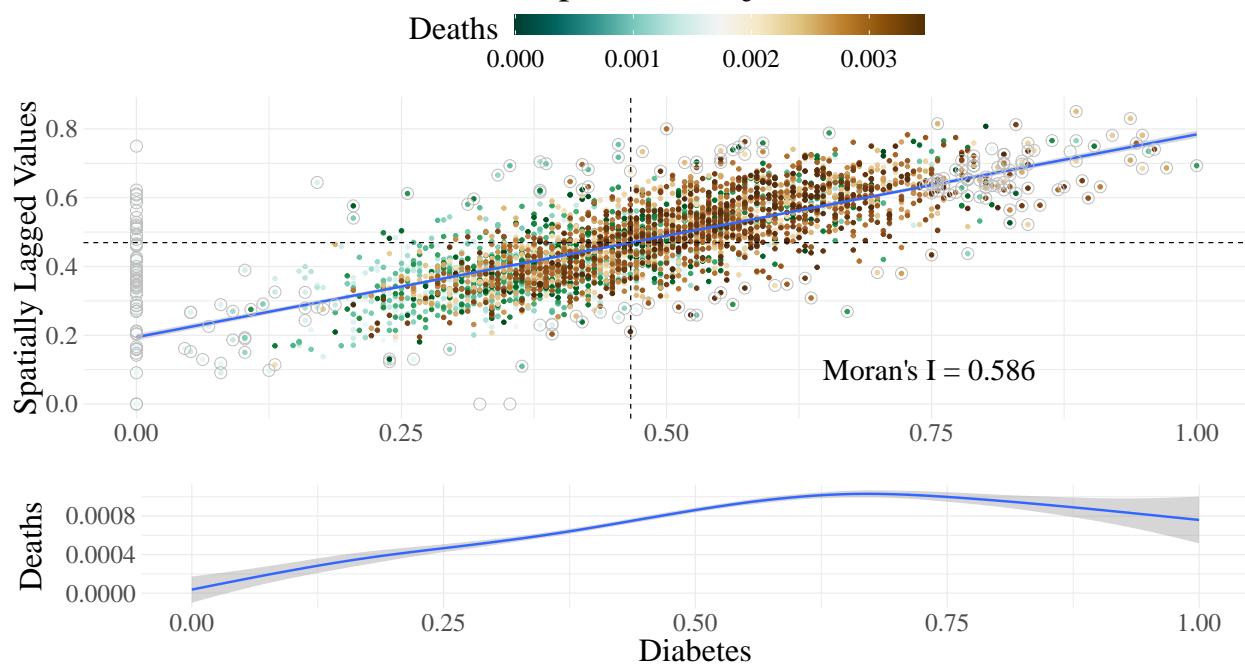
### Omicron Wave: Uninsured Adults x Population Adjusted Deaths



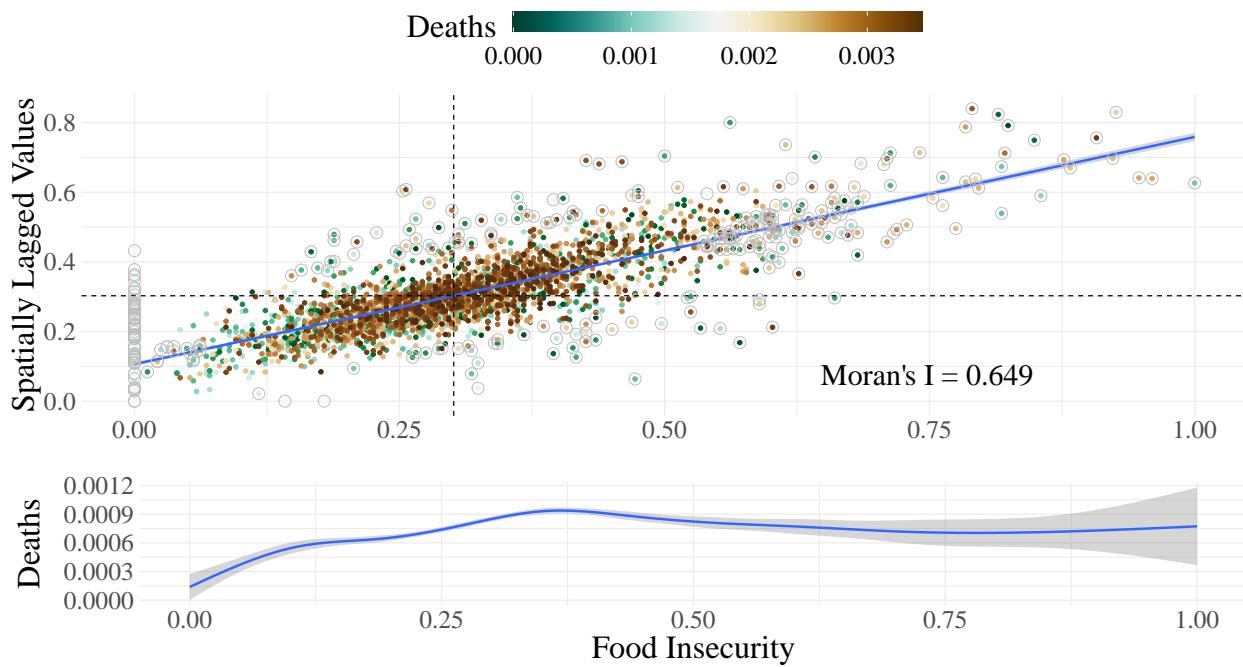
### Omicron Wave: Social Associations x Population Adjusted Deaths



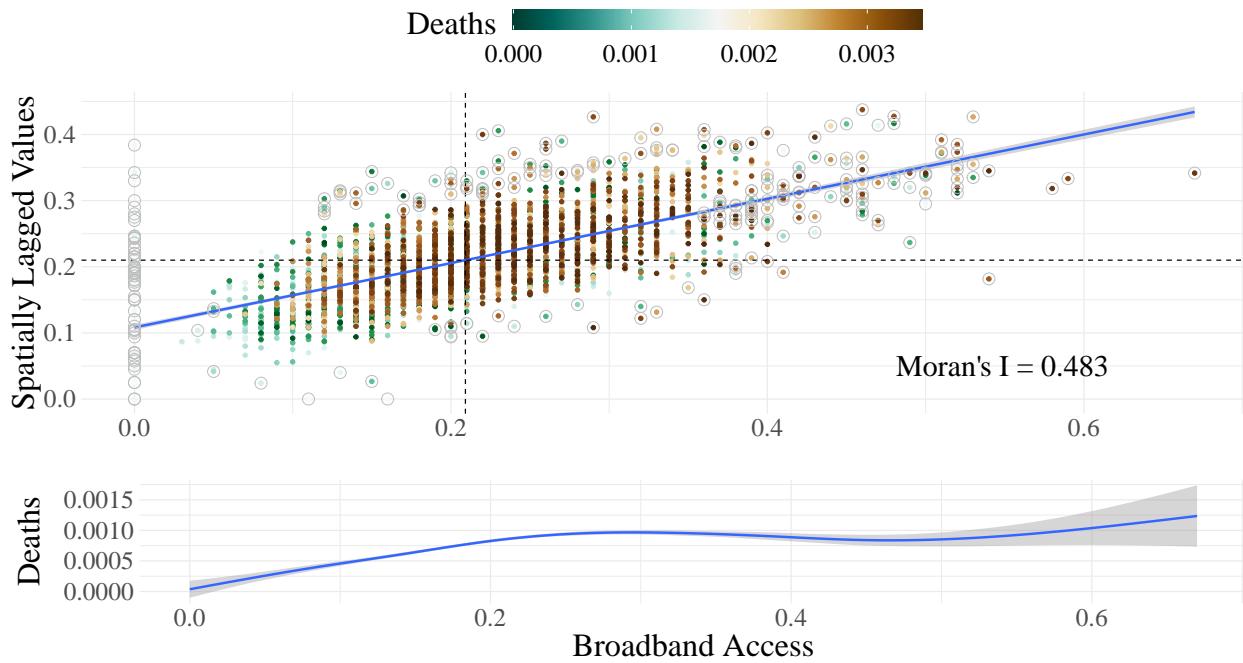
### Omicron Wave: Diabetes x Population Adjusted Deaths



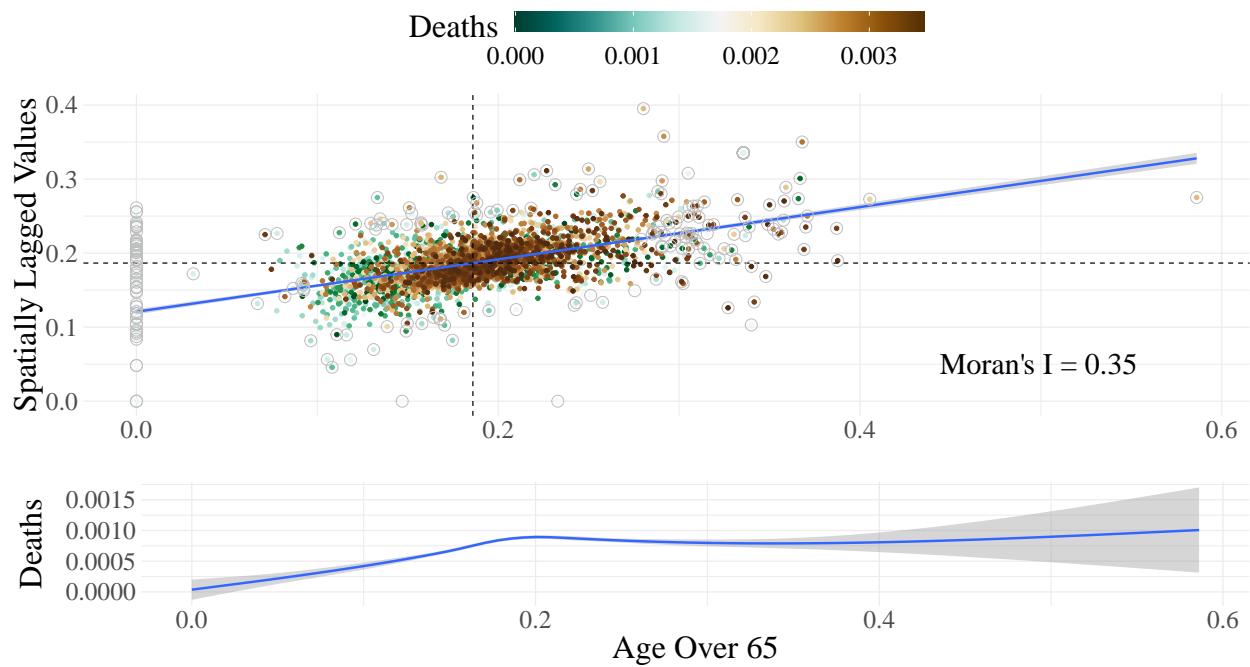
### Omicron Wave: Food Insecurity x Population Adjusted Deaths



### Omicron Wave: Broadband Access x Population Adjusted Deaths



## Omicron Wave: Age Over 65 x Population Adjusted Deaths



## Part 5: Geographically Weighted Random Forest Modeling: Model Alpha Wave

Figure S23: GWRF Alpha Wave: Model Weighting

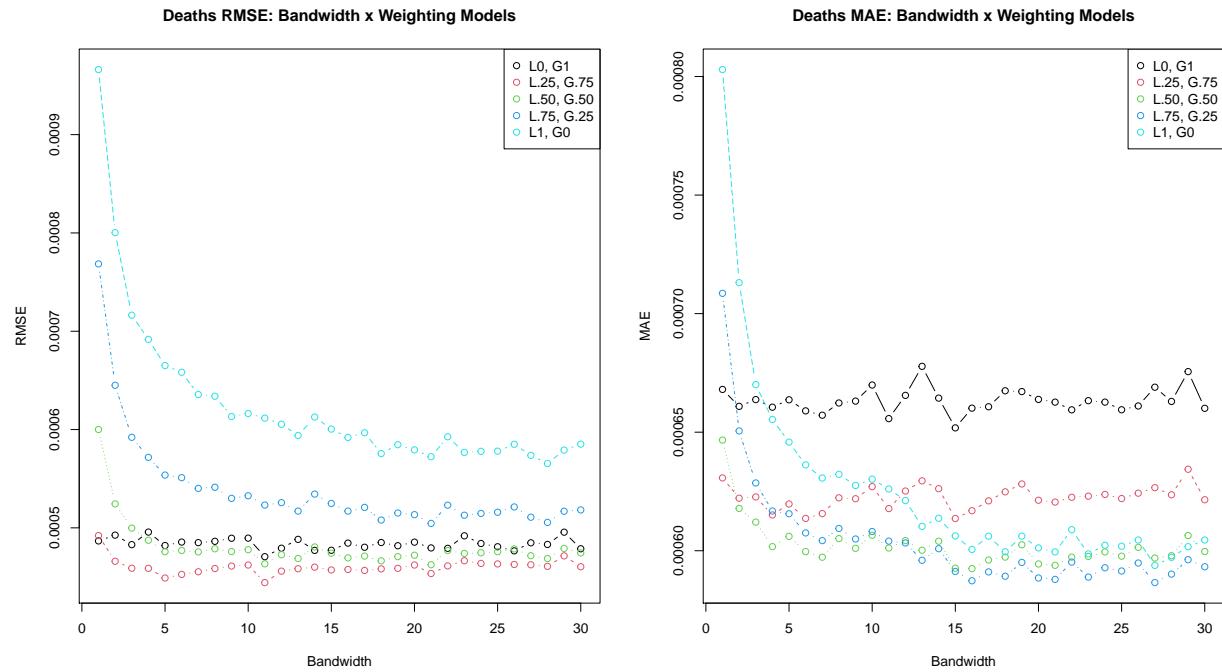
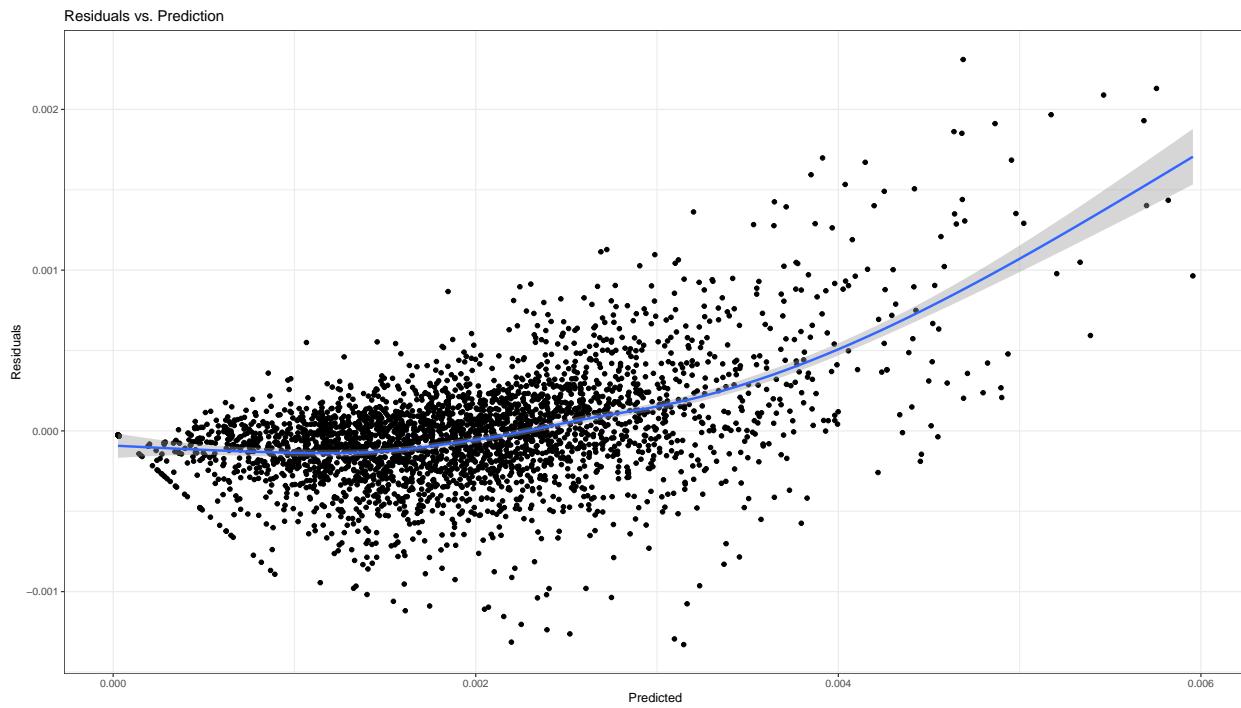


Figure S24: GWRF Alpha Wave: Residuals vs. Predicted



```
##  
## Pearson's product-moment correlation  
##  
## data: risk_final5@data$deaths_adjusted and risk_final5@data$LM_ResPred  
## t = 54.605, df = 3152, p-value < 0.0000000000000022  
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## 0.6788410 0.7147329  
## sample estimates:  
## cor  
## 0.6972236
```

**Figure S25: GWRF Alpha Wave: Model Prediction Results**

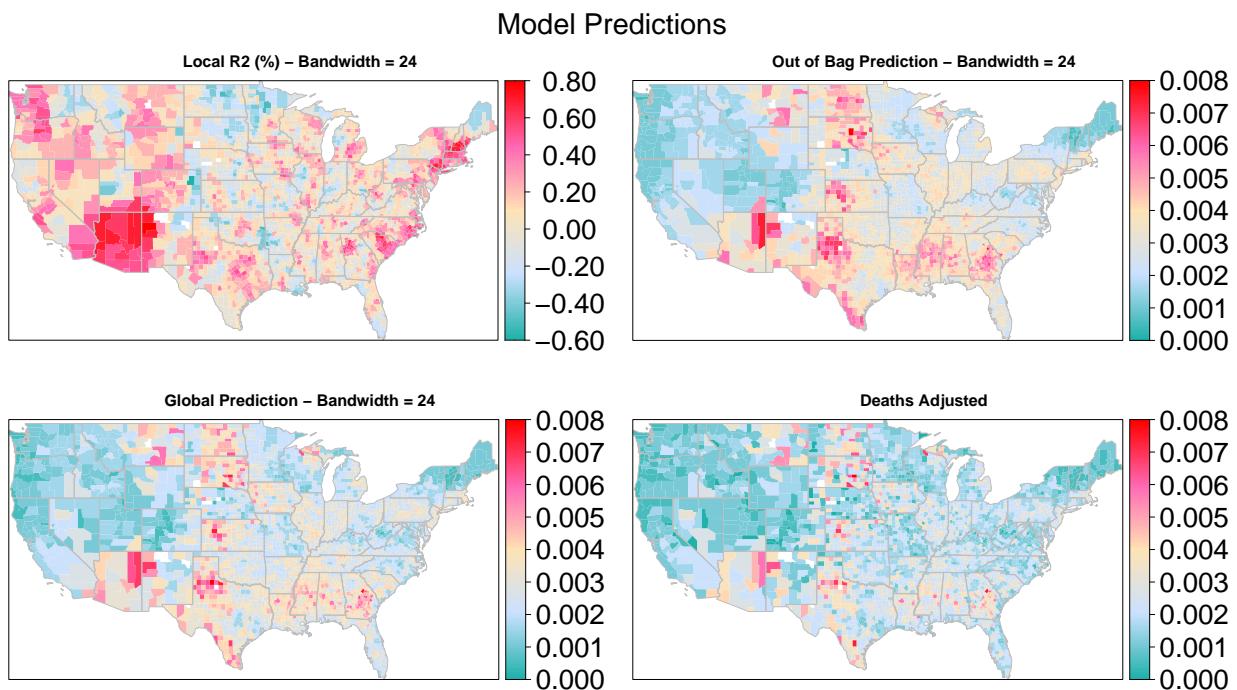
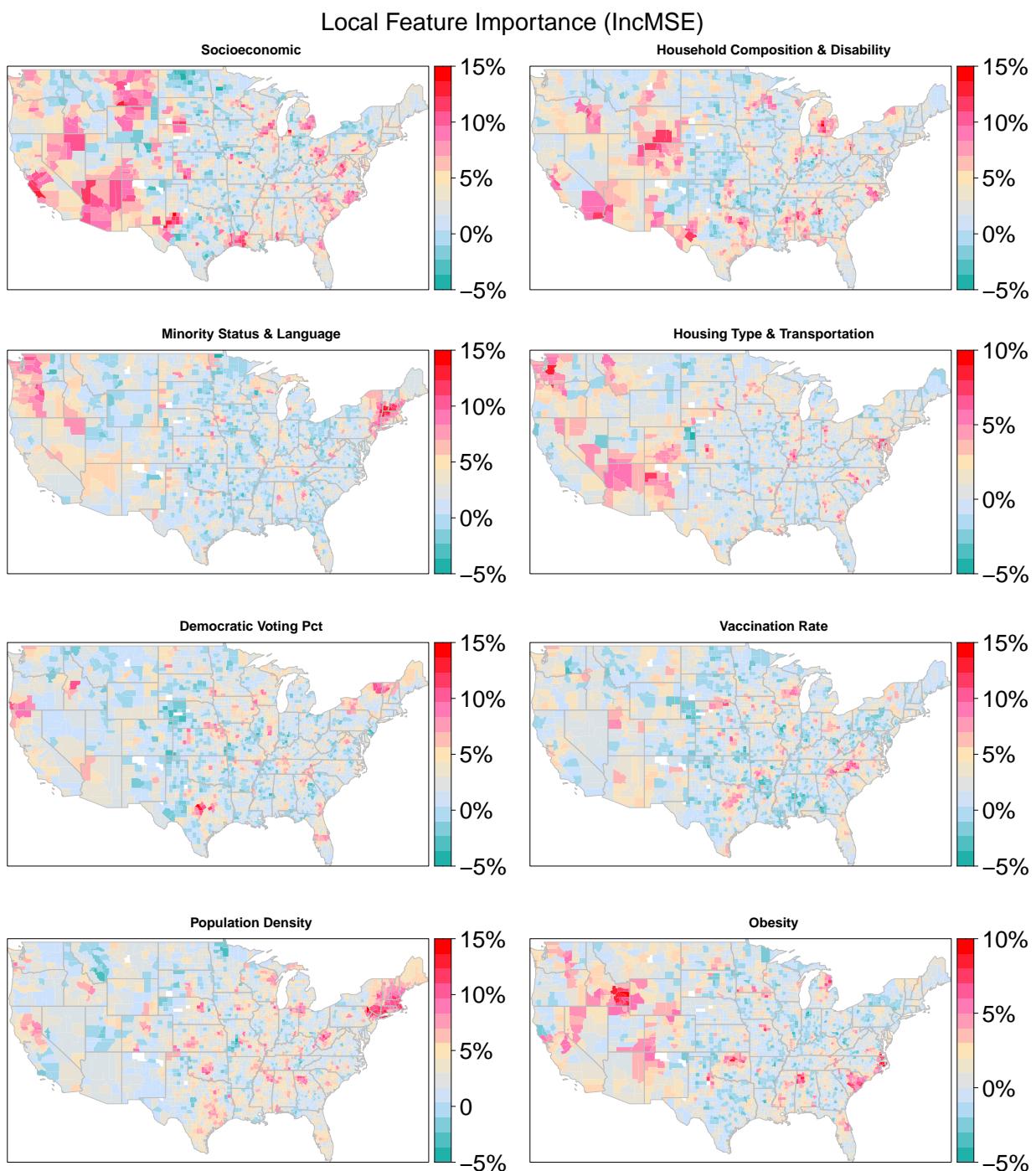
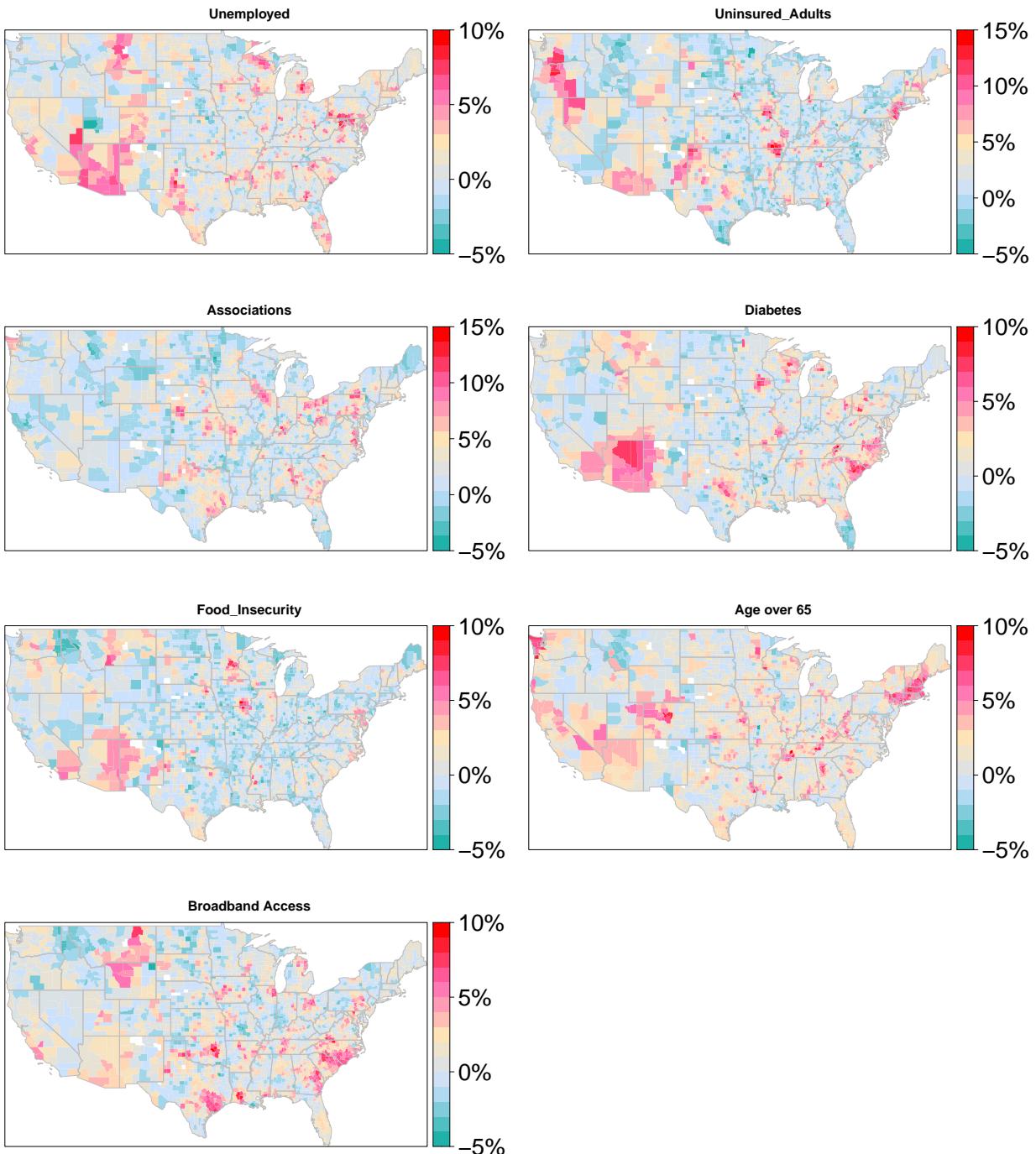


Figure S26: GWRF Alpha Wave: Feature Importance





**Table T13: GWRF Alpha Wave OOB vs. Global R2**

| Out of Bag R2 | Global R2 |
|---------------|-----------|
| 0.4037901     | 0.8949985 |

## Part 5: Geographically Weighted Random Forest Modeling: Delta Wave

Figure S27: GWRF Delta Wave: Model Weighting

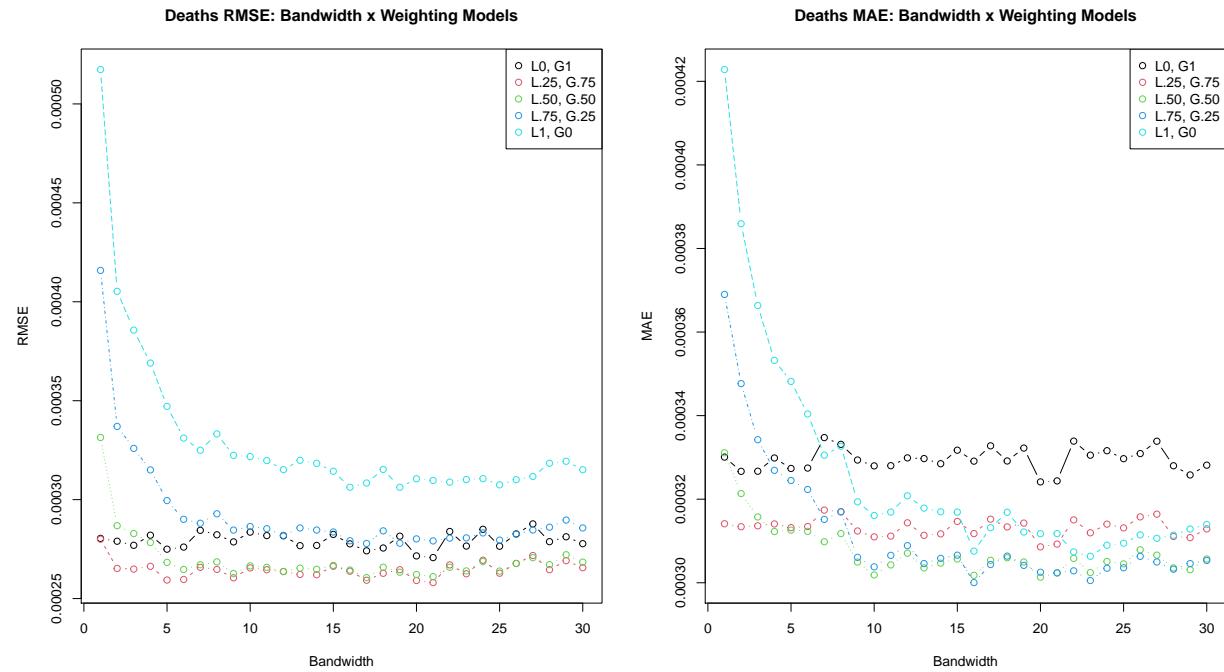
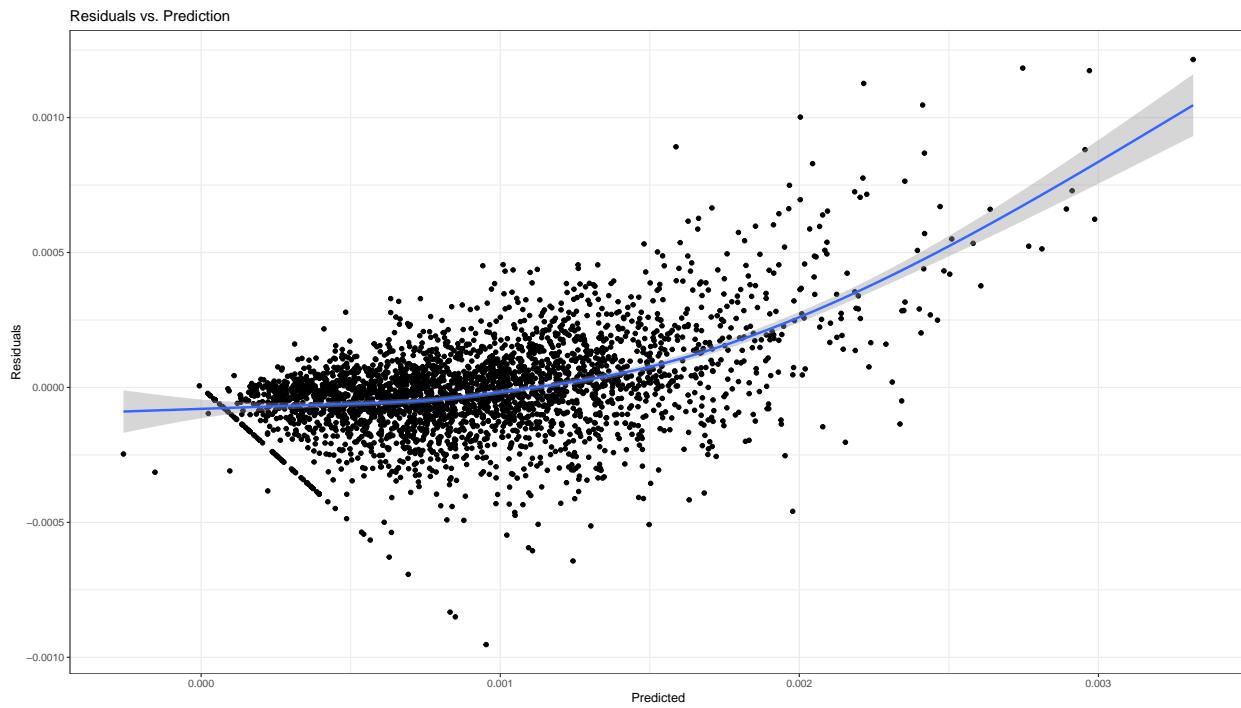


Figure S28: GWRF Delta Wave: Residuals vs. Predicted



```
##  
## Pearson's product-moment correlation  
##  
## data: risk_final5@data$deaths_adjusted and risk_final5@data$LM_ResPred  
## t = 53.402, df = 3152, p-value < 0.0000000000000022  
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## 0.6704279 0.7070959  
## sample estimates:  
## cor  
## 0.6892029
```

**Figure S29: GWRF Delta Wave: Model Prediction Results**

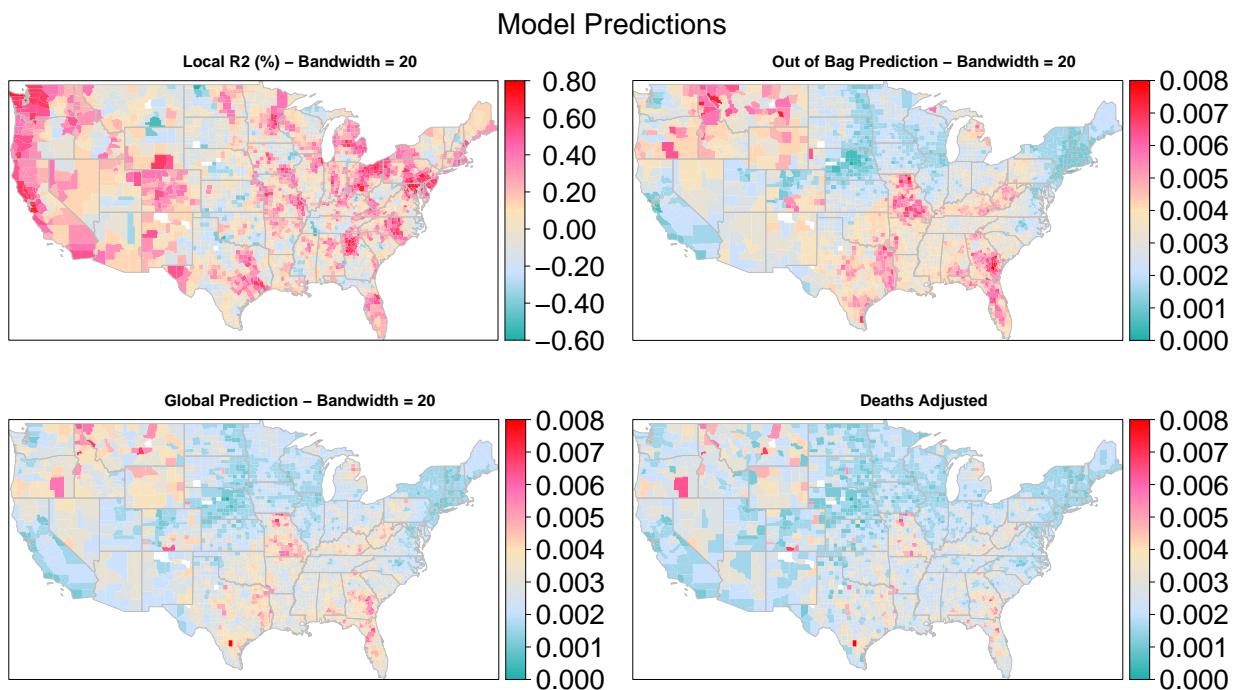
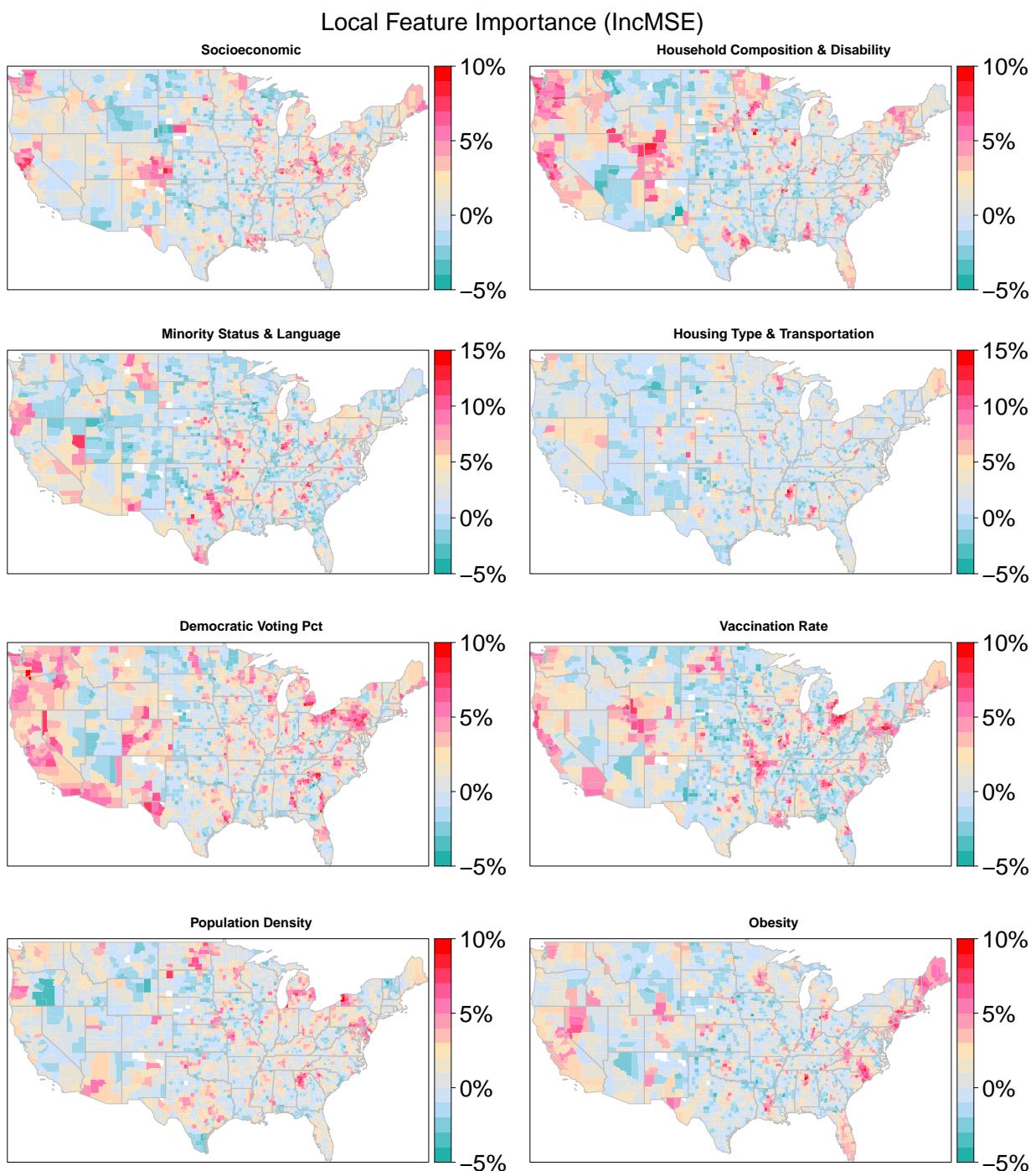
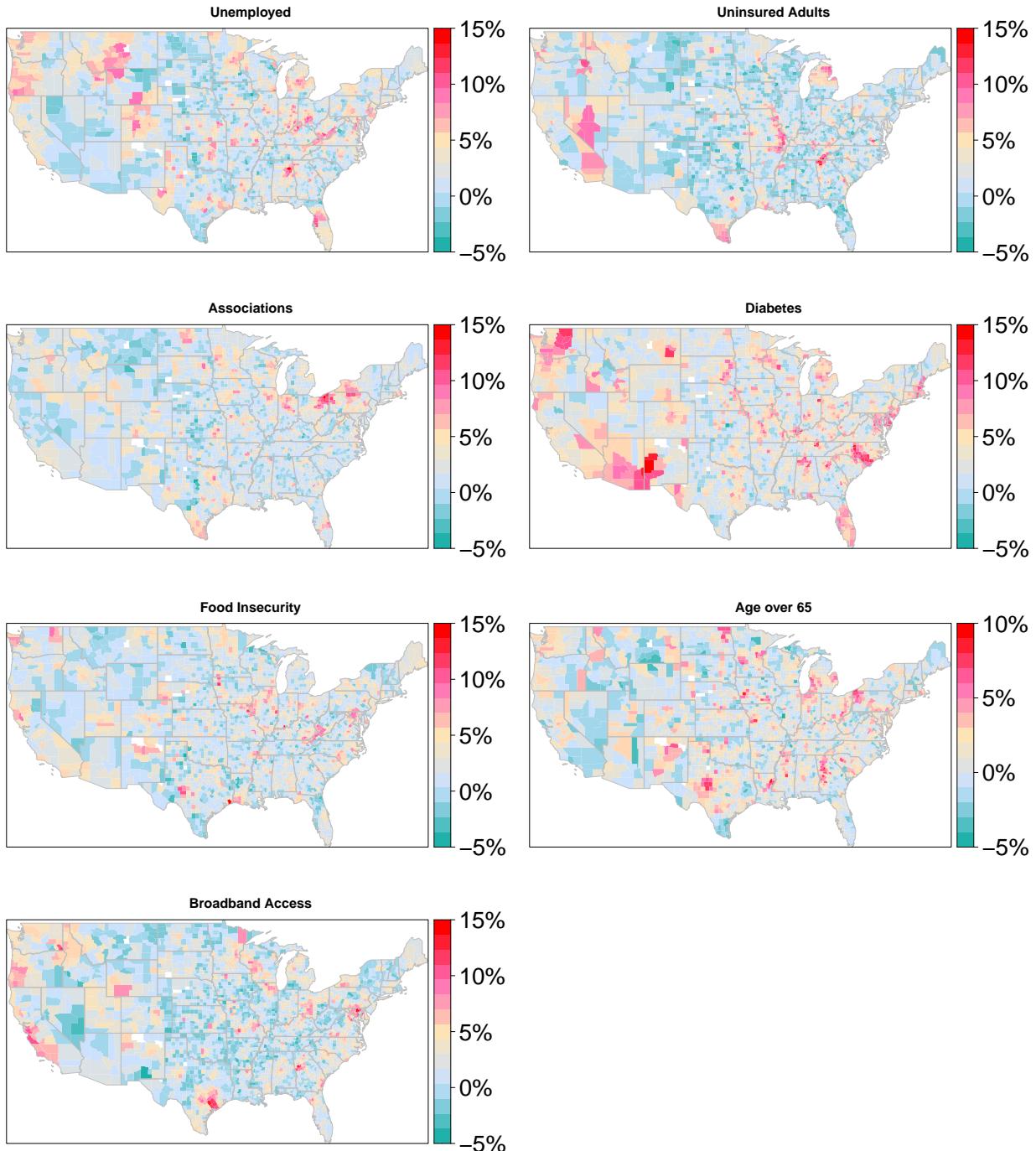


Figure S30: GWRF Delta Wave: Model Feature Importance



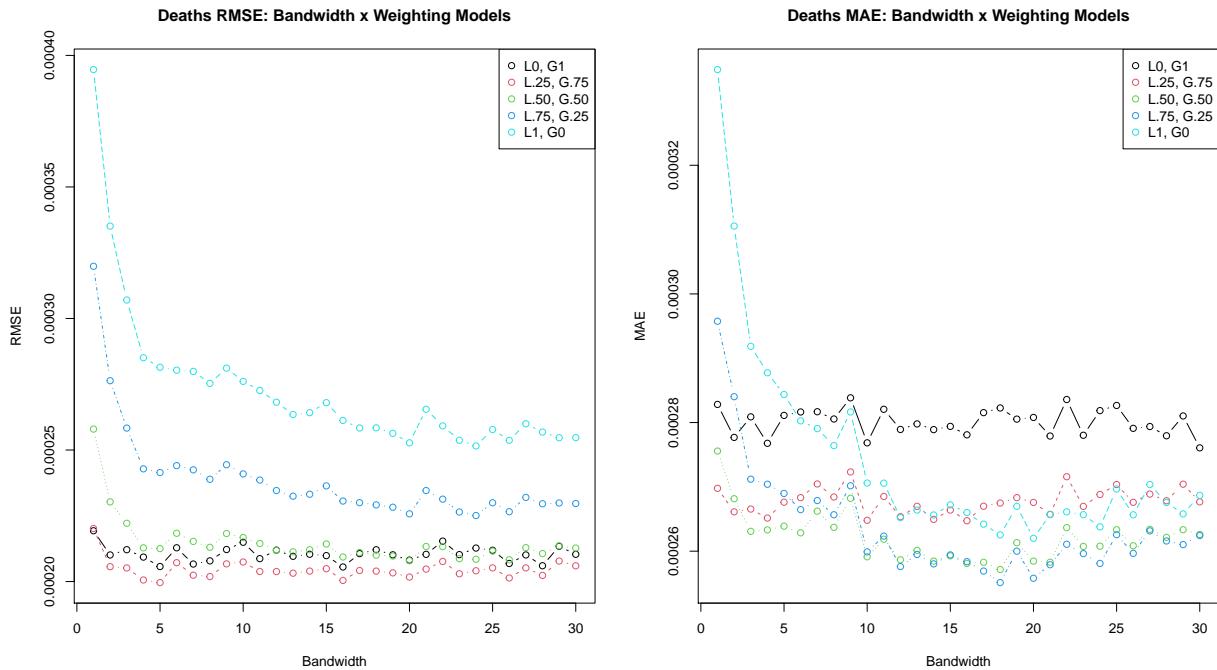


**Table T14: GWRF Delta Wave: OOB vs Global R2**

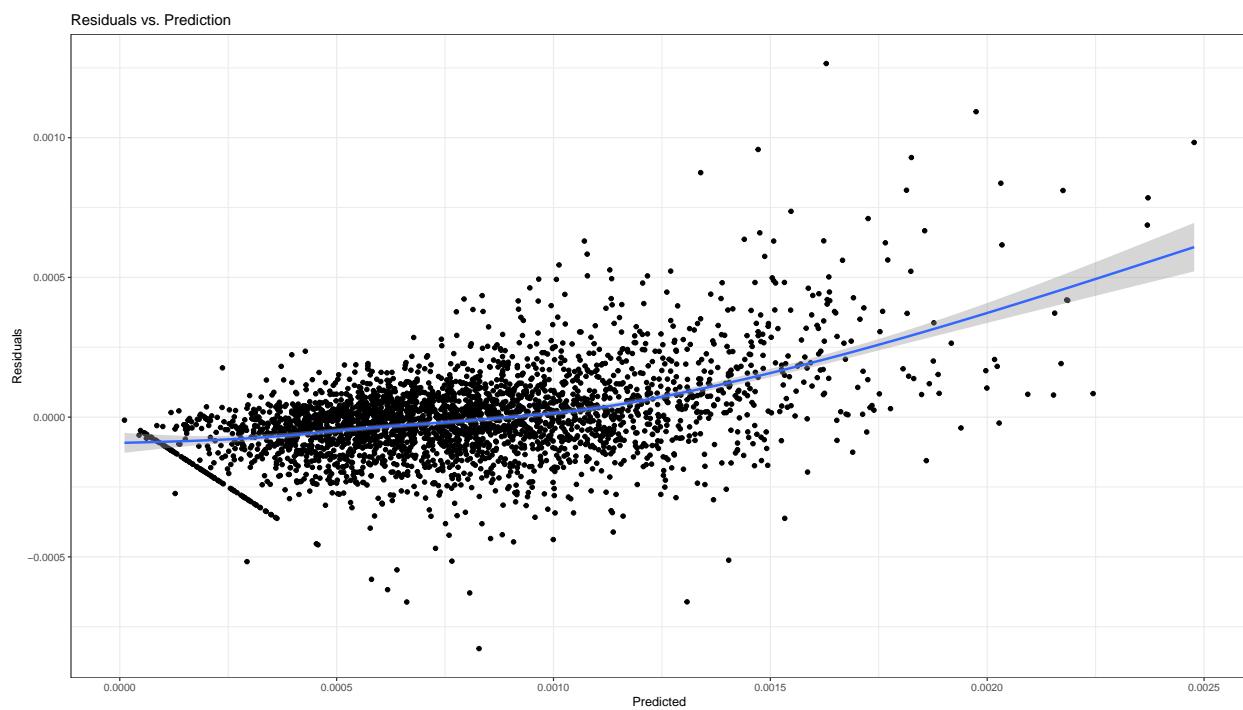
| Out of Bag R2 | Global R2 |
|---------------|-----------|
| 0.4452838     | 0.9023839 |

## Part 5: Geographically Weighted Random Forest Modeling: Omicron Wave

Figure S31: GWRF Omicron Wave: Model Weighting



**Figure S32: GWRF Omicron Wave: Residuals vs. Predicted**



```
## 
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
## 
## data: risk_final5@data$deaths_adjusted and risk_final5@data$LM_ResPred
## t = 54.688, df = 3152, p-value < 0.0000000000000022
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  0.6794105 0.7152495
## sample estimates:
##        cor
## 0.6977664
```

**Figure S33: GWRF Omicron Wave: Model Prediction Results**

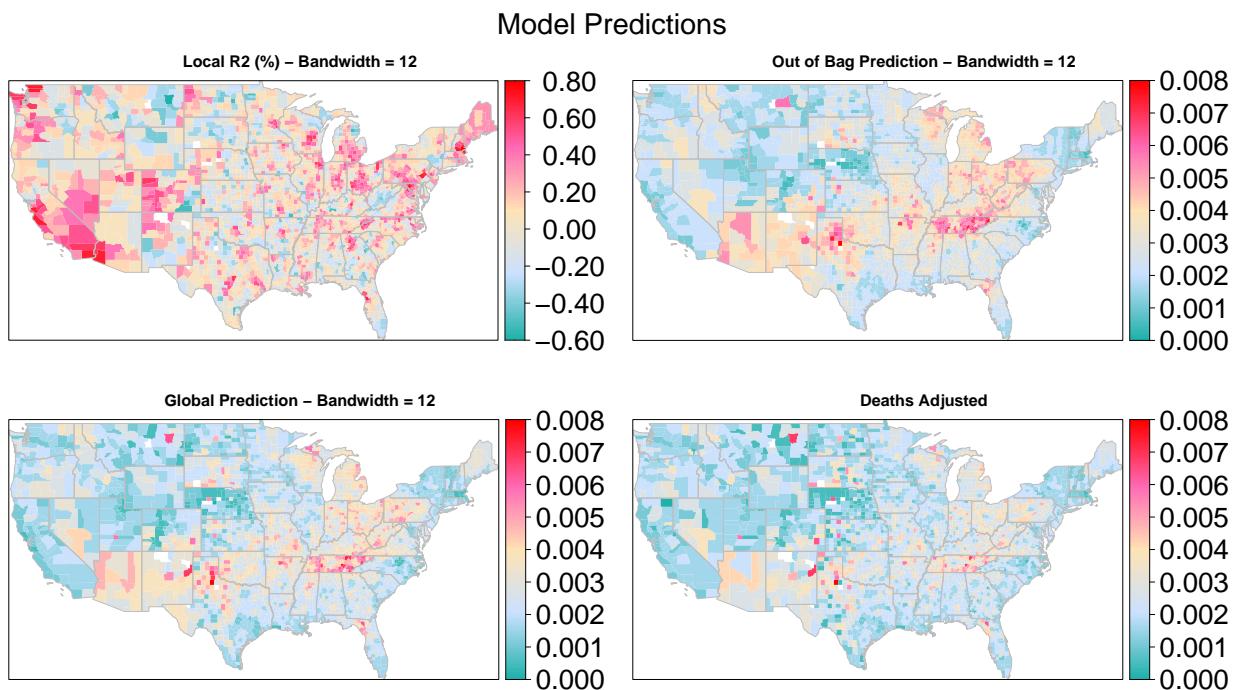
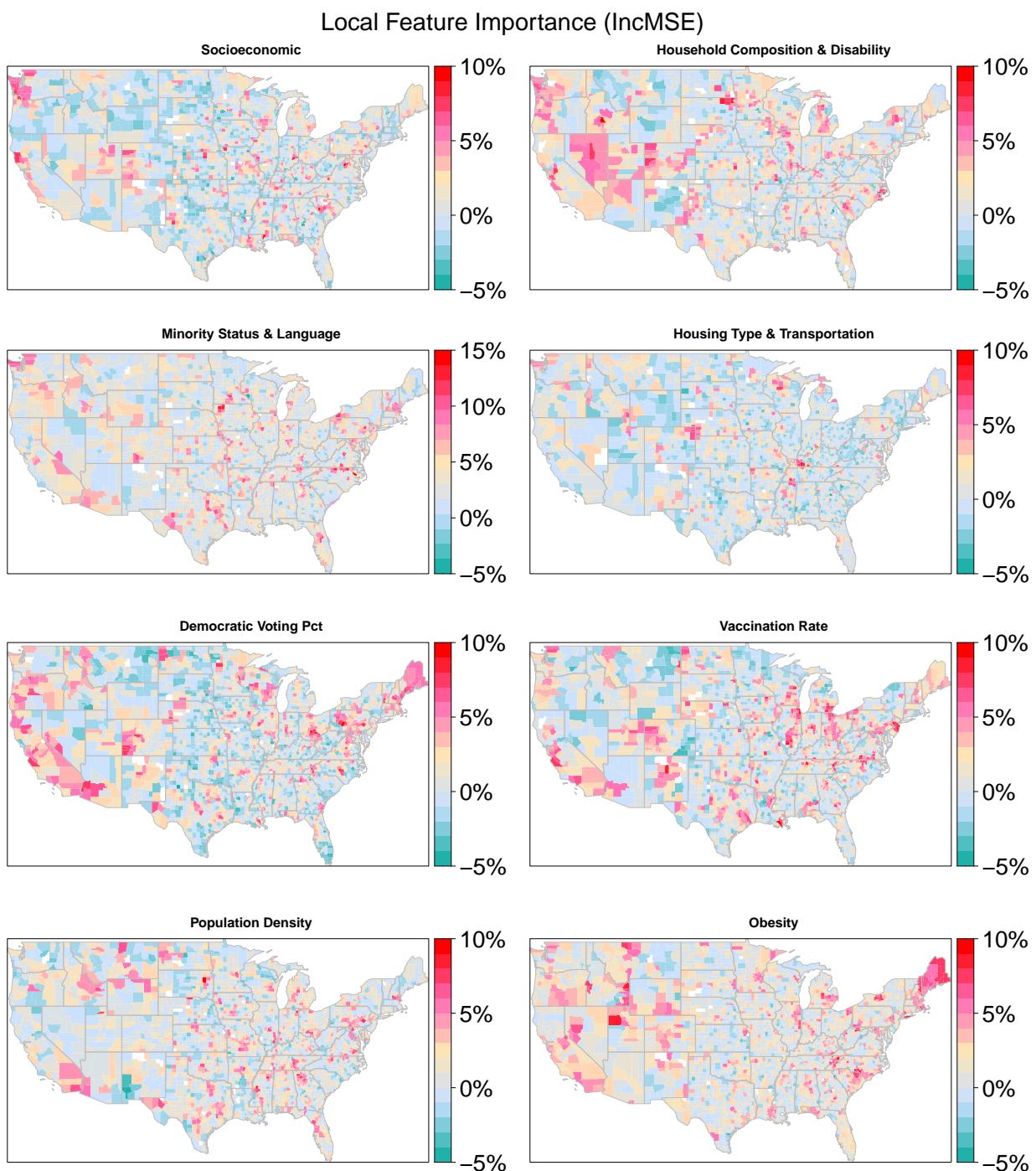
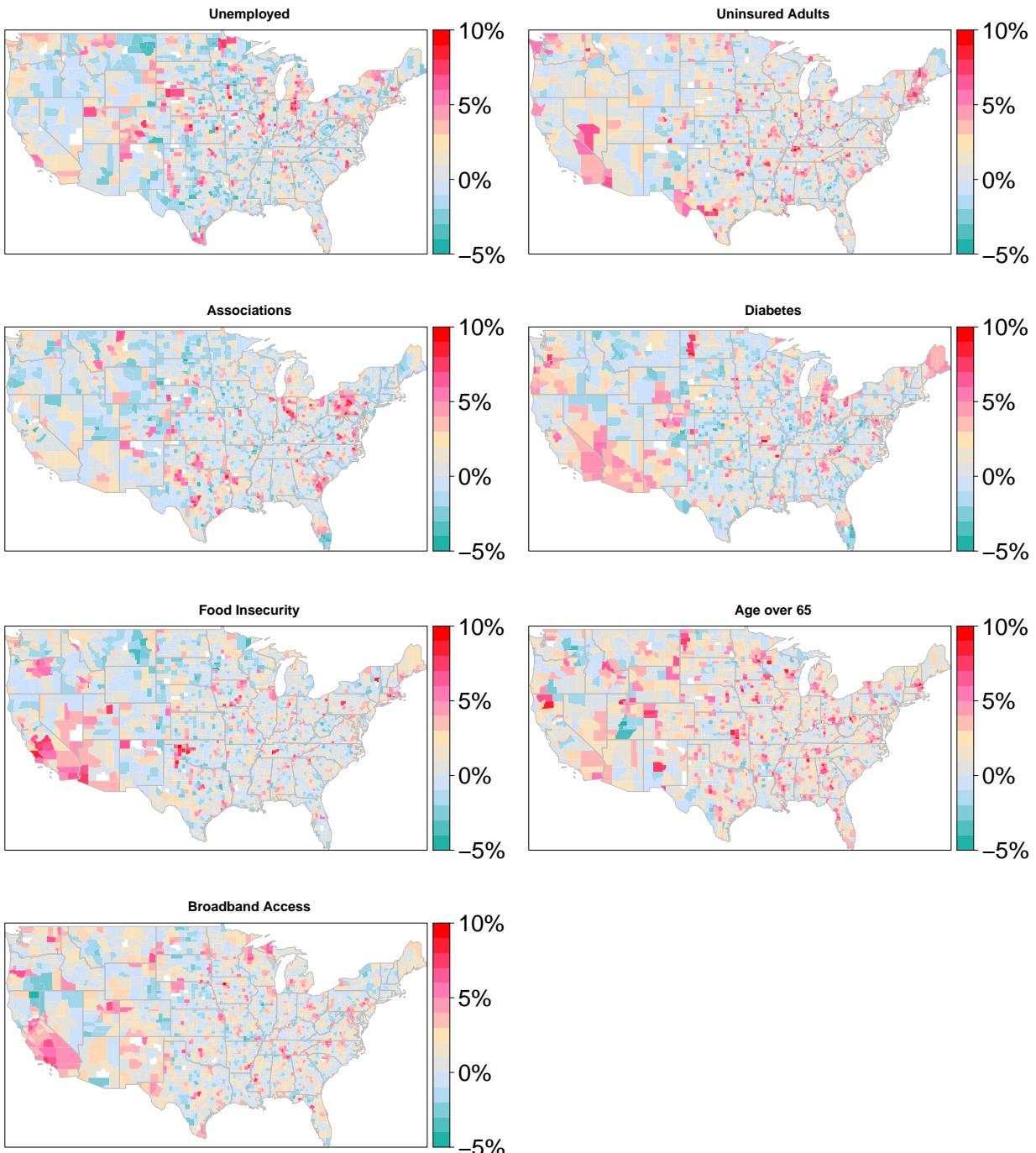


Figure S34: GWRF Omicron Wave: Model Feature Importance





**Table T15: GWRF Omicron Wave: OOB vs Global R2**

| Out of Bag R2 | Global R2 |
|---------------|-----------|
| 0.3424833     | 0.8803354 |