

# U6614: Assignment 2: COVID-19 Country Case Data

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```
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```

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## Introduction

Load packages:

```
library(tidyverse)
```

## 1 Load and prep the data

Load the COVID-19 data from class and only keep observations without NA values for cases (not deaths). Data source: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/data-national-14-day-notification-rate-covid-19>

```
#load raw data
covid <- read.csv("ecdc_national_2021-01-14.csv")
covid <- na.omit(covid) #remove all observations with NA values

#clean raw data as needed and assign to new data frame to answer questions
#NOTE: this combines code from class into a single pipe
covid_cases <- covid %>%
  mutate(ind.fac = as.factor(indicator)) %>%
  select(-indicator, -continent, -source) %>%
  filter(ind.fac == "cases") %>%
  mutate(ind.char = as.character(ind.fac),
         ind.fac = as.factor(ind.char)) %>%
  filter(country_code != "") %>%
  select(country, year_week, rate_14_day, ind.fac)
```

```
head(covid_cases, n = 10)
```

```
##      country year_week rate_14_day ind.fac
## 1  Afghanistan 2020-02 0.000000000 cases
## 2  Afghanistan 2020-03 0.000000000 cases
## 3  Afghanistan 2020-04 0.000000000 cases
## 4  Afghanistan 2020-05 0.000000000 cases
## 5  Afghanistan 2020-06 0.000000000 cases
## 6  Afghanistan 2020-07 0.000000000 cases
## 7  Afghanistan 2020-08 0.000000000 cases
## 8  Afghanistan 2020-09 0.002568823 cases
## 9  Afghanistan 2020-10 0.010275290 cases
## 10 Afghanistan 2020-11 0.038532338 cases
```

## 2 Describe the data

Provide the following, along with any other information you think might be useful for the reader to know about the data.

- *unit of observation*
- *date range observed in the data*
- *number of countries (or administrative entities reporting data)*

Each observation is the week-country pair; in other words, we observe every reporting country for each week in the period covered by the data.

```
covid_dates <- covid_cases %>%
  summarise(num_of_weeks = n_distinct(year_week), # num of countries
            firstweek = min(year_week),          #first week
            lastweek = max(year_week))           #last week
covid_dates
```

```
##   num_of_weeks firstweek lastweek
## 1           53 2020-02 2021-01
```

The data spans 53 weeks, from 2020-02 through 2021-01.

## 3 Latest global 14-day case rate (per 100,000 population)

a. Create a new data frame that only includes observations for the most recent week.

*Note: don't hard-code a date to filter on, find the latest week, store as a data object, and then refer back to (the element in) that object (see Lecture2-inclass.r for guidance)*

```
#find latest week
lastweek <- covid_cases %>% summarise(max(year_week))

#filter on last week
covid_cases_last <- covid_cases %>%
  filter(year_week == lastweek[,1])
head(covid_cases_last)
```

```
##      country year_week rate_14_day ind.fac
```

```
## 1 Afghanistan 2021-01 4.051033 cases
## 2 Albania 2021-01 245.351235 cases
## 3 Algeria 2021-01 8.011212 cases
## 4 Andorra 2021-01 1437.441748 cases
## 5 Angola 2021-01 2.729242 cases
## 6 Anguilla 2021-01 13.331556 cases
```

b. What was max 14-day rate for the most recent week observed in the data?

```
#sort in descending order
covid_cases_last_sort <- covid_cases_last %>%
  arrange(desc(rate_14_day)) %>%
  select(rate_14_day, country, year_week)

#store first row in sorted data frame as its own object
lastweek_max <- covid_cases_last_sort[1,]
```

The largest reported 14-day case rate per 100,000 population for 2021-01 was 4345 for Gibraltar.

c. List the top 10 countries by 14-day rate for the most recent week observed in the data?

```
covid_cases_last %>%
  select(rate_14_day, country) %>%
  arrange(desc(rate_14_day)) %>%
  head(n = 10)
```

```
## rate_14_day country
## 1 4345.374 Gibraltar
## 2 1512.836 Czechia
## 3 1437.442 Andorra
## 4 1253.691 Ireland
## 5 1171.892 Slovenia
## 6 1137.782 San Marino
## 7 1114.255 United Kingdom
## 8 1054.309 Panama
## 9 1052.239 Israel
## 10 1004.837 Lithuania
```

d. How many countries had zero reported cases for the most recent week?

```
zerocases <- covid_cases_last %>%
  select(rate_14_day, country) %>%
  arrange(country) %>%
  filter(rate_14_day == 0)
zerocases
```

```
## rate_14_day country
## 1 0 Laos
## 2 0 Liberia
## 3 0 Marshall Islands
## 4 0 Montserrat
## 5 0 Solomon Islands
## 6 0 Sudan
## 7 0 Tanzania
## 8 0 the Holy See/ Vatican City State
## 9 0 Vanuatu
```

```
## 10      0      Wallis and Futuna
## 11      0      Western Sahara
```

There were 11 countries reporting 0 COVID-19 cases for Gibraltar.

## 4 Panama 14-day case rates

a. Create a new data frame for the 14-day rate for Panama only. Sort in descending data order.

```
covid_cases_panama <- covid_cases %>%
  filter(country == "Panama") %>%
  arrange(desc(year_week))

head(covid_cases_panama)
```

```
##   country year_week rate_14_day ind.fac
## 1  Panama  2021-01   1054.3093   cases
## 2  Panama  2020-53    920.0495   cases
## 3  Panama  2020-52    943.2257   cases
## 4  Panama  2020-51    841.7370   cases
## 5  Panama  2020-50    655.3771   cases
## 6  Panama  2020-49    531.5697   cases
```

b. Find the weekly mean, min, and max 14-day rate for Panama over all included data and name each column appropriately.

```
panama <- covid_cases_panama %>%
  summarise(panama_mean = mean(rate_14_day),
            panama_min = min(rate_14_day),
            panama_max = max(rate_14_day))

panama
```

```
##   panama_mean panama_min panama_max
## 1    287.2175    7.254156   1054.309
```

The average 14-day case rate for Panama over the period covered in this data is 287.2, with daily counts ranging from 7.3 to 1054.3.

c. What was the average 14-day rate in Panama over the *last* 10 weeks of reported data?

[HINT: See Lecture2.1 -> Section 4.2 for examples of subsetting syntax that can help you refer to the first 10 rows of sorted data. If you're having trouble, you can also try using the `row_number()` function]

```
panama_last10weeks_mean <- covid_cases_panama %>%
  arrange(desc(year_week)) %>%
  filter(row_number() <= 10) %>%
  summarise(mean(rate_14_day))
```

The average 14-day rate in Panama over the *last* 10 weeks was 624.4.

d. What was the average 14-day rate in Panama over the *first* 10 weeks of reported data?

```
panama_first10weeks_mean <- covid_cases_panama %>%
  arrange(year_week) %>%
  filter(row_number() <= 10) %>%
  summarise(mean(rate_14_day))
```

The average 14-day rate in Panama over the *first* 10 weeks was 47.5.