REPORT Data Analysis

CORRELATION BETWEEN LIFE EXPECTANCY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS
WORLD BANK DATASET - 2000-2019

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Background and Objective

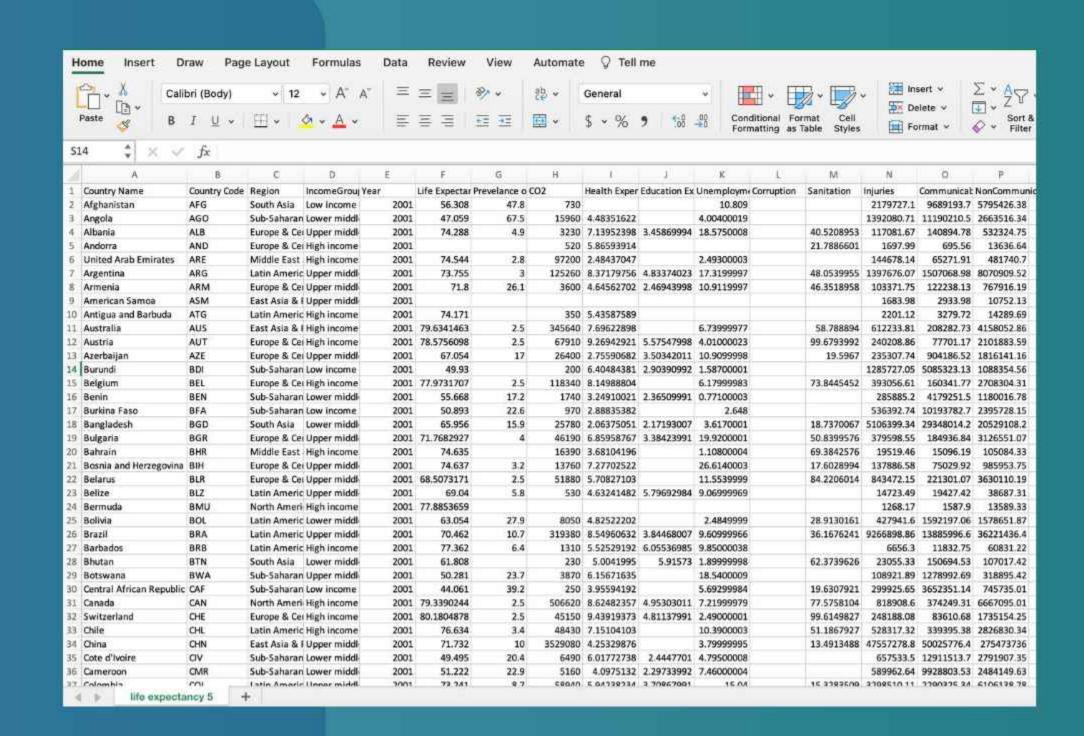
Life expectancy is a key metric used by countries across the world to assess their population health and overall well-being. Over the years, life expectancy has increased significantly, owing to factors such as improvements in medicine, sanitation, nutrition and education. Yet, despite these improvements, we still see inequity in life expectancy across and within countries.

The objective of this analysis is to determine if various socio-economic factors (such as income levels, CO2 emissions, health expenditure, etc.) are a useful indicator or predictor of life expectancy.

Overview of the Dataset

The dataset I have chosen is a World Bank CSV Dataset which covers a period of 20 years – from 2000 to 2019. For the purpose of this report, I would like to specifically focus on **2019** to present a more current analysis.

The table in the original CSV contains sixteen (16) columns containing the Country Names and corresponding attributes, such as Region, Income Group, Life Expectancy, etc. Apart from filtering for the year, I have additionally filtered out columns which I have chosen to not incorporate into my analysis including "Country Code" and "Injuries".



Dataset Source:

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/mjshri23/lifeexpectancy-and-socio-economic-world-bank/data

Limitations of the Dataset

Limitation 1

For some countries, there are missing values for columns such as "Prevalence of Undernourishment", "CO2", "Education Expenditure %" and "Corruption". Caution will be exercised in interpreting the results, so that no invalid or biased conclusions be made.

Limitation 2

Ten (10) countries were missing values for Life Expectancy, and as such, were filtered out of the dataset for the analysis.

Automatic Data Download

```
IDLE Shell 3.12.0
    Python 3.12.0 (v3.12.0:0fb18b02c8, Oct 2 2023, 09:45:56) [Clang 13.0.0 (clang-1300.0.29.30)]
    on darwin
    Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>> import requests
>>>
>>> url = 'https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/mjshri23/life-expectancy-and-socio-economic-world-bank/
    download?datasetVersionNumber=1'
>>>
>>> response=requests.get(url)
>>> with open('life_expectancy.csv', 'wb') as f:
        if response.ok:
            f.write(response.content)
            print('finished writing')
    4913
    finished writing
>>>
```

Data Cleaning

```
>>>
    import pandas as pd
    df=pd.read_csv('file:///Users/jillianlee/Downloads/life%20expectancy.csv')
   df.drop(columns=['Country Code', 'Injuries'], inplace=True)
   df_2019=df.loc[df['Year'] == 2019]
   df_new=df_2019.dropna(axis=0, subset=['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
>>> print(df new)
                                 ... NonCommunicable
                   Country Name
    3132
                   Afghanistan
                                          7601757.82
                         Angola
    3133
                                          4176568.27
    3134
                       Albania
                                           631629.88
          United Arab Emirates
    3136
                                          1637717.40
    3137
                      Argentina
                                          9699014.80
    ...
    3301
                                            69213.56
                        Vanuatu
    3302
                          Samoa
                                            43798.62
    3303
                  South Africa
                                         10214261.89
    3304
                         Zambia
                                          2649687.82
    3305
                       Zimbabwe
                                          2364031.48
    [164 rows x 14 columns]
>>>
```

Here we are filtering the dataset to account for data from 2019 only, and dropping the columns we won't be needing, as well as the rows with missing life expectancy data.

Tier 1 Analysis

For the first section, we will be seeking to extract the following data points:

- 1. Minimum and maximum life expectancy by Region
- 2. Sorted list of life expectancy by lowest to highest
- 3. Range in terms of life expectancy a) by Region; and b) by Income Group
- 4. Mean Life Expectancy a) overall; b) by Region; and b) by Income Group
- 5. Scatterplot Life expectancy vs. Health Expenditure %
- 6. Kernel Density Estimate (KDE) Plot Distribution of observations in terms of life expectancy
- 7. Ranking of top 10 and bottom 10 countries in terms of life expectancy
- 8. Sqlite3 Total number of countries with life expectancy lower than 50 years

1. Minimum and Maximum Life Expectancy - by Region

```
>>>
   result=df_new.groupby('Region').agg({'Life Expectancy World Bank': ['min', 'max']})
    print(result)
                               Life Expectancy World Bank
                                                      min
                                                                 max
    Region
    East Asia & Pacific
                                                64.501000 84.356341
    Europe & Central Asia
                                                68.191000 83.904878
                                                64.001000 80.279000
    Latin America & Caribbean
    Middle East & North Africa
                                                67,112000 82,858537
    North America
                                                78.787805 82.048780
    South Asia
                                                64.833000 78.921000
    Sub-Saharan Africa
                                                53.283000 74.235854
>>>
```

Here, we are using the groupby statement and aggregate function to retrieve the minimum and maximum values of life expectancy for each region.

This table shows the minimum and maximum life expectancy across all regions.

- From this table, we can see that the region with the minimum life expectancy (53 years)
 is Sub-Saharan Africa.
- The region with the maximum life expectancy (84 years) is East Asia & Pacific.

2. Sorted List of Life Expectancy by lowest to highest

```
>>>
>>> result=df_new.groupby('Life Expectancy World Bank')['Country Name'].sum()
>>> print(result)
    Life Expectancy World Bank
                 Central African Republic
    53.283000
    54,239000
                                      Chad
                                   Lesotho
    54.331000
    54,687000
                                   Nigeria
    54,696000
                              Sierra Leone
                            ...
    83.497561
                                     Italy
    83.595122
                                 Singapore
    83.831707
                                     Spain
                               Switzerland
    83,904878
    84.356341
                                     Japan
    Name: Country Name, Length: 164, dtype: object
>>>
```

We are also using the groupby statement on two columns to retrieve the life expectancy by country.

- From this table, we can see that the country with the lowest life expectancy is Central African Republic (53 years), and the country with the highest life expectancy is Japan (84 years).
- The data here is collapsed and is good for viewing the top/bottom values at a glance, but if we wanted to view the full table, we could input the following: pd.set_option('display.max_rows', 200)

3. Range in terms of Life Expectancy - (a) by Region

```
>>>
>>> df_new.groupby('Region').apply(lambda x: x['Life Expectancy World Bank'].max() - x['Life
    Expectancy World Bank'].min())
    Region
    East Asia & Pacific
                                  19.855341
    Europe & Central Asia
                                  15.713878
    Latin America & Caribbean
                                  16.278000
    Middle East & North Africa
                                  15.746537
    North America
                                  3.260976
    South Asia
                                  14.088000
    Sub-Saharan Africa
                                  20,952854
    dtype: float64
>>>
```

- We will use the groupby statement to filter by Region and use the lambda function to perform subtraction to determine the range of life expectancy (maximum - minimum values).
- As we can see from the table, the region with the largest variance in range (i.e. greatest disparity in terms of life expectancy) is Sub-Saharan Africa (20.95), followed by East Asia & Pacific (19.86) and Latin America & the Caribbean (16.28).

3. Range in terms of Life Expectancy - (b) by Income Group

- We apply the same methodology as we used before to retrieve the range of life expectancy by Income Group.
- The income group with the largest variance in range is "Lower Middle Income" (24.60), followed by "Upper Middle Income" (21.54).

4. Mean Life Expectancy - (a) overall; (b) by Region

```
>>>
>>> df_new['Life Expectancy World Bank'].mean()
    72.58911154074956
>>>
    region=df_new.groupby(['Region'])['Life Expectancy World Bank'].mean()
>>> print(region)
    Region
                                  74.096990
    East Asia & Pacific
    Europe & Central Asia
                                  78.212050
    Latin America & Caribbean
                                  75.295054
    Middle East & North Africa
                                  76.498838
                                   80,901057
    North America
    South Asia
                                  71.600875
    Sub-Saharan Africa
                                   62.715777
    Name: Life Expectancy World Bank, dtype: float64
>>>
```

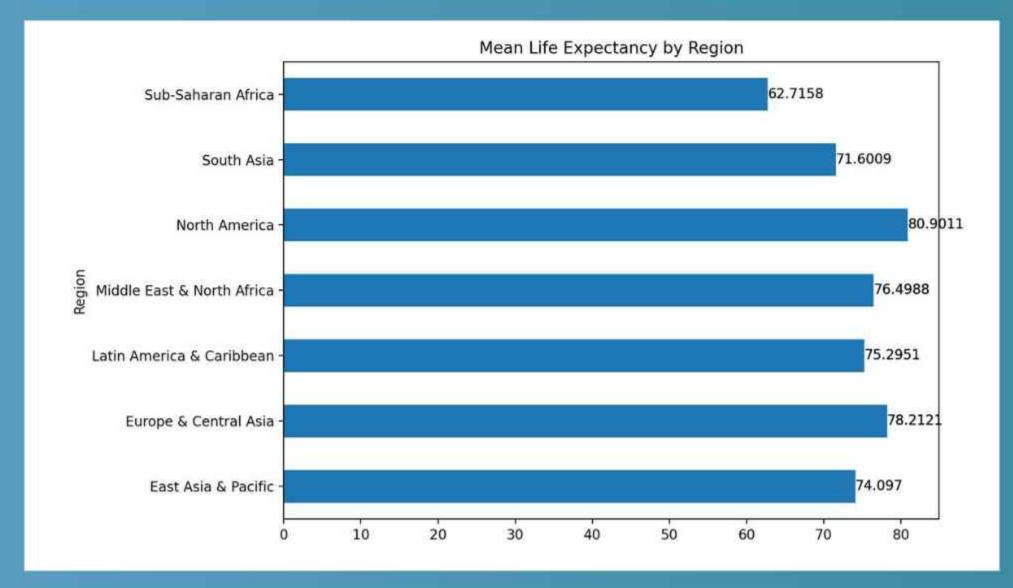
- The mean life expectancy for the dataset is 72 years.
- We can use the groupby statement to retrieve the mean life expectancy by Region. This is shown in the table above.
- The region with the highest mean life expectancy is North America (80 years), followed by Europe & Central Asia (78 years). The region with the lowest mean life expectancy is Sub-Saharan Africa (62 years), followed by South Asia (71 years).

4. BAR CHART - Mean Life Expectancy - (b) by Region

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

region_plot=region.plot.barh(x='Region', y='Mean Life Expectancy')
region_plot.bar_label(region_plot.containers[0])
[Text(0, 0, '74.097'), Text(0, 0, '78.2121'), Text(0, 0, '75.2951'), Text(0, 0, '76.4988'), Text(0, 0, '80.9011'), Text(0, 0, '71.6009'), Text(0, 0, '62.7 158')]

>>> plt.title('Mean Life Expectancy by Region')
Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Mean Life Expectancy by Region')
>>> plt.show()
```



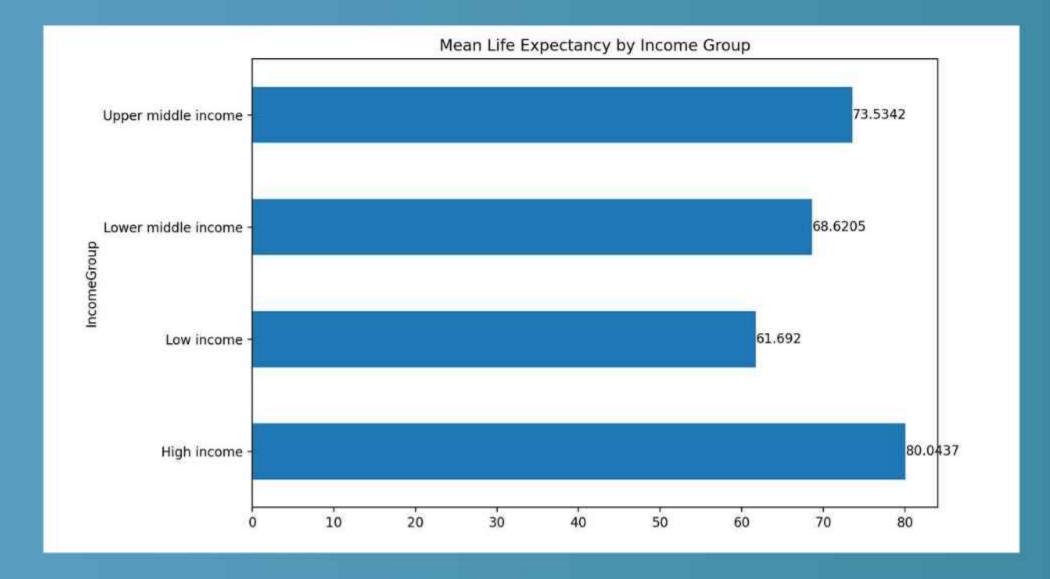
- We can visualize our data by creating a bar chart.
- To begin, we will need to import the matplotlib.pyplot library and then define our x and y axes.
- In the third statement, we access the containers in the axes to assign a label so that we can see the values for each bar.
- In the fourth statement, we set a title for our Figure, and lastly we enter plt.show() which will open an interactive window to display our bar chart.

4. Mean Life Expectancy - (c) by Income Group

- We can use the groupby statement to retrieve the mean life expectancy by Income Group. The results are shown in the table above.
- The income group with the highest mean life expectancy is the High Income Group (80 years).
 The income group with the lowest mean life expectancy is the Low Income Group (61 years).

4. BAR CHART - Mean Life Expectancy - (c) by Income Group

```
>>>
>>>
income_plot=income.plot.barh(x='Income Group', y='Mean Life Expectancy')
>>> income_plot.bar_label(income_plot.containers[0])
[Text(0, 0, '80.0437'), Text(0, 0, '61.692'), Text(0, 0, '68.6205'), Text(
     0, 0, '73.5342')]
>>> plt.title('Mean Life Expectancy by Income Group')
    Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Mean Life Expectancy by Income Group')
>>> plt.show()
```



We apply the same methodology as before to create the bar chart to represent Mean Life Expectancy by Income Group.

5. SCATTERPLOT - Life Expectancy vs. Health Expenditure %

```
import seaborn as sns
>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 4))
>>> colors = {'East Asia & Pacific': 'red', 'South Asia': 'pink', 'Europe & Ce
    ntral Asia': 'cyan', 'Latin America & Caribbean': 'green', 'Middle East &
   North Africa': 'yellow', 'North America': 'brown', 'Sub-Saharan Africa': '
    purple'}
>>> sns.scatterplot(data=df_new, x='Health Expenditure %', y='Life Expectancy
   World Bank', hue='Region', palette=colors, ax=ax)
    <Axes: xlabel='Health Expenditure %', ylabel='Life Expectancy World Bank'>
>>>
>>> ax.set(xlabel='Health Expenditure %', ylabel='Life Expectancy World Bank')
    4443, 0.5, 'Life Expectancy World Bank')]
>>> fig.suptitle('Life Expectancy vs Health Expenditure %')
   Text(0.5, 0.98, 'Life Expectancy vs Health Expenditure %')
>>> plt.show()
```



Methodology:

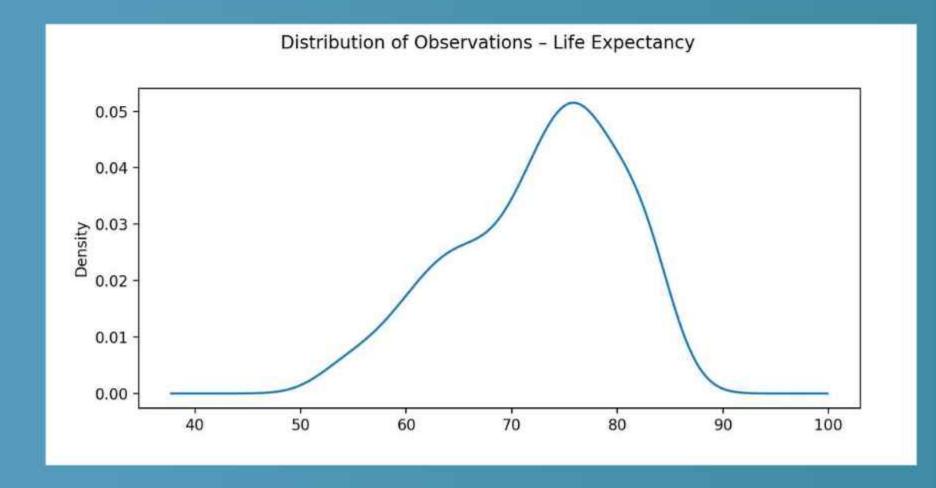
- To get a general idea of the relationship between Life Expectancy and Health Expenditure %, we can plot a scatterplot.
- We start by importing the seaborn library, which is a popular data visualization library.
- In the subsequent lines, we set the figure size of the plot, assign colors for each Region being graphed, set our x and y axes, and create a title.
- We enter plt.show() to display our scatterplot.

Analysis:

- From the plot, we can see that although East Asia & Pacific has the highest value in terms of life expectancy, the life expectancy for most countries within that region ranges between 60-80 years.
- Many countries in Europe & Central Asia have high life expectancy and report high levels of health expenditure% (light blue datapoints concentrated towards the top-right of the chart).
- Most countries within Sub-Saharan Africa have low life expectancies, and even those with high health expenditure still report some of the lowest levels of life expectancy.

6. KERNEL DENSITY ESTIMATE (KDE) PLOT - Distribution of Observations in Terms of Life Expectancy

```
>>>
>>>
    df_new['Life Expectancy World Bank'].plot(kind='kde')
        <Axes: ylabel='Density'>
>>> plt.suptitle('Distribution of Observations - Life Expectancy')
        Text(0.5, 0.98, 'Distribution of Observations - Life Expectancy')
>>> plt.show()
```



- Here, we are plotting the Kernel Density
 Estimate (KDE) to show the distribution of observations of life expectancy.
- The plot is negatively skewed which indicates to us that most countries in our dataset have higher life expectancies.

7. Ranking - Top 10/Bottom 10 Countries by Life Expectancy

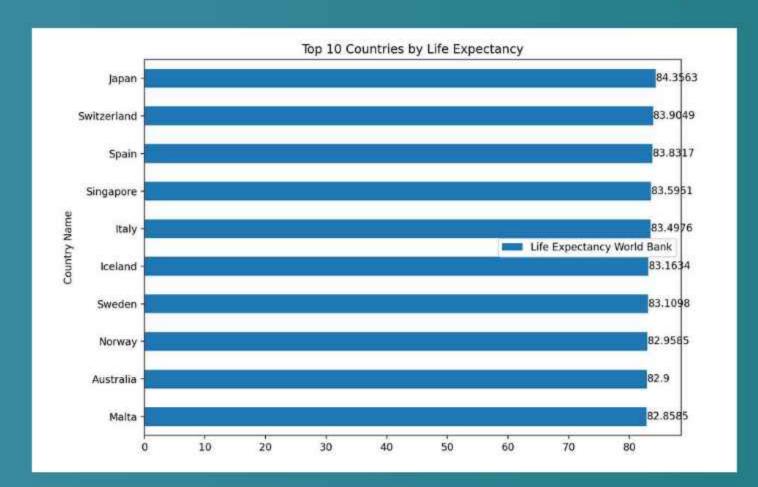
```
top 10=df new.nlargest(10,['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
    print(top 10)
                                            Region ... Communicable NonCommunicable
         Country Name
    3212
                Japan
                               East Asia & Pacific ...
                                                          2030122.25
                                                                           31250149.03
          Switzerland
                             Europe & Central Asia ...
                                                             84137.81
    3162
                                                                            1937774.53
    3180
                Spain
                             Europe & Central Asia ...
                                                           494856.88
                                                                           11233598.70
    3271
                                                            84309.18
            Singapore
                               East Asia & Pacific ...
                                                                             871899.33
    3209
                Italy
                             Europe & Central Asia ...
                                                           552868.23
                                                                           16313740.19
                             Europe & Central Asia ...
    3207
                                                             3333.12
              Iceland
                                                                              67186.17
    3282
               Sweden
                             Europe & Central Asia ...
                                                           103748.70
                                                                            2403126.02
    3250
               Norway
                             Europe & Central Asia ...
                                                            59204.16
                                                                            1182175.35
    3141
            Australia
                               East Asia & Pacific
                                                           217234.75
                                                                            5323684.11
                Malta Middle East & North Africa
    3235
                                                              5685.89
                                                                             108042.18
    [10 rows x 14 columns]
>>>
    bottom 10=df new.nsmallest(10,['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
   print(bottom 10)
                                     ... NonCommunicable
                      Country Name
    3160 Central African Republic
                                              1000223.98
    3285
                                              2459705.38
                               Chad
    3222
                            Lesotho
                                               454034.40
    3247
                            Nigeria
                                             31050075.61
    3273
                      Sierra Leone
                                              1399862.43
    3276
                            Somalia
                                              3026841.19
                     Cote d'Ivoire
    3165
                                              3722986.86
    3278
                        South Sudan
                                              1305031.76
    3191
                     Guinea-Bissau
                                               319742.08
                 Equatorial Guinea
    3192
                                               167488.68
    [10 rows x 14 columns]
>>>
```

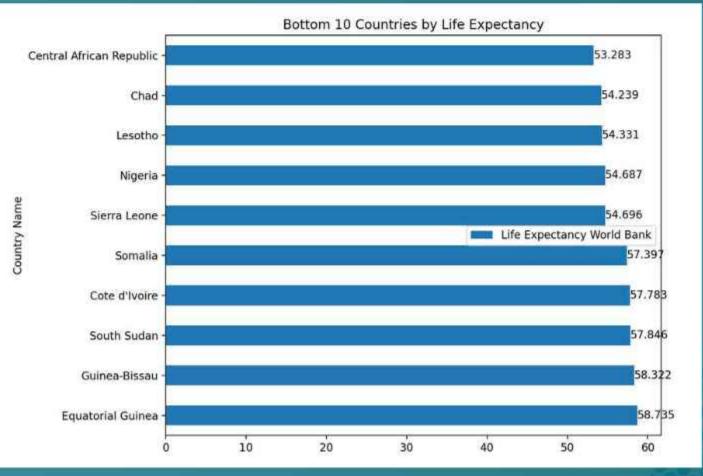
- We can find the top 10 and bottom 10 countries in terms of life expectancy by using the nlargest and nsmallest methods respectively.
- We specify that we are looking for the top 10/bottom 10 values as shown in the brackets.

7. BAR CHART - Ranking of Top 10/Bottom 10 Countries by Life Expectancy

```
>>> top_10_plot=top_10.plot.barh(x='Country Name', y='Life Expectancy World Bank')
>>> top 10 plot.bar label(top 10 plot.containers[0])
    [Text(0, 0, '84.3563'), Text(0, 0, '83.9049'), Text(0, 0, '83.8317'), Text(0, 0, '83.595
    1'), Text(0, 0, '83.4976'), Text(0, 0, '83.1634'), Text(0, 0, '83.1098'), Text(0, 0, '82
    .9585'), Text(0, 0, '82.9'), Text(0, 0, '82.8585')]
>>> top_10_plot.invert_yaxis()
>>> plt.title('Top 10 Countries by Life Expectancy')
    Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Top 10 Countries by Life Expectancy')
>>> plt.show()
>>>
>>> bottom_10_plot=bottom_10.plot.barh(x='Country Name', y='Life Expectancy World Bank')
>>> bottom 10 plot.bar label(bottom 10 plot.containers[0])
    [Text(0, 0, '53.283'), Text(0, 0, '54.239'), Text(0, 0, '54.331'), Text(0, 0, '54.687'),
    Text(0, 0, '54.696'), Text(0, 0, '57.397'), Text(0, 0, '57.783'), Text(0, 0, '57.846'),
    Text(0, 0, '58.322'), Text(0, 0, '58.735')]
>>> bottom 10 plot.invert vaxis()
>>> plt.title('Bottom 10 Countries by Life Expectancy')
    Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Bottom 10 Countries by Life Expectancy')
>>> plt.show()
```

- We input the code above to plot horizontal bar graphs for the data, assign value labels, and add titles.
- We also take an extra step to invert the y-axes so that the data for the top 10/bottom 10 countries is in order (descending and ascending respectively).





8. Sqlite3 - Total Number of Countries with Life Expectancy <50 years

```
>>> df= pd.read_csv('file:///Users/jillianlee/Downloads/life%20expectancy.csv')
>>> df.drop(columns=['Country Code', 'Injuries'], inplace=True)
>>> df 2019=df.loc[df['Year'] == 2019]
>>> df_new=df_2019.dropna(axis=0, subset=['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
>>> print(df new)
                  Country Name
                               ... NonCommunicable
                   Afghanistan ...
                                         7601757.82
    3132
                        Angola ...
    3133
                                         4176568.27
    3134
                       Albania ...
                                         631629.88
    3136 United Arab Emirates
                                         1637717.40
    3137
                     Argentina
                                         9699014.80
    ...
                                           69213.56
    3301
                       Vanuatu ...
                                           43798.62
    3302
                         Samoa ...
                  South Africa ...
    3303
                                        10214261.89
    3304
                        Zambia
                                         2649687.82
                      Zimbabwe ...
    3305
                                         2364031.48
    [164 rows x 14 columns]
>>> con = sqlite3.connect('life_expectancy.db')
>>> cursor=con.cursor()
>>> df_new.to_sql('MyTable', con, if_exists='replace')
    164
>>> result = cursor.execute("SELECT COUNT(*) from 'Country Name' where 'Life Expectancy World Bank' < 50")
```

 We can use the SELECT statement in Sqlite3 as shown above to extract the total number of countries with life expectancy <50 years.

Tier 2 Analysis

For this section, we will be seeking to extract the following data points:

- Median percentage spent on healthcare over the past 10 years (2010-2019) group by (a) region and by (b) region & income group.
- CO2 emissions (megatons) for countries with life expectancy lower than 60 years and over 75 years.

Median Percentage Spent on Healthcare - 2010-2019 Group By - (a) Region

```
>>>
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> df=pd.read_csv('file:///Users/jillianlee/Downloads/life%20expectancy.csv')
>>> df_2010_2019=df.loc[df['Year']>=2010].loc [df['Year']<=2019]
>>> df_new= df_2010_2019.dropna(axis=0, subset=['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
>>>
>>> result=df_new.groupby(['Region'])['Health Expenditure %'].median()
>>> print(result)
    Region
    East Asia & Pacific
                                   4.408508
    Europe & Central Asia
                                  8.079246
    Latin America & Caribbean
                              6,647565
    Middle East & North Africa
                                   5.172563
    North America
                                  13.543739
    South Asia
                                   3,663719
    Sub-Saharan Africa
                                   5.007354
    Name: Health Expenditure %, dtype: float64
>>>
```

- Although we filtered earlier for 2019, we are going to use a different filter here to extract data for the 10-year period being studied (2010-2019).
- Historically over the 10-year period, we see that the median is highest for North America (13.54)
 and lowest for South Asia (3.66), with East Asia & Pacific (4.41) having the second-lowest median.

1. Median Percentage Spent on Healthcare - 2010-2019 Group By - (b) Region & Income Group

Region	IncomeGroup	
East Asia & Pacific	High income	9.243402
	Lower middle income	4.392903
	Upper middle income	3.802595
Europe & Central Asia	High income	8.910776
	Lower middle income	6.738881
	Upper middle income	7.119706
Latin America & Caribbean	High income	6.866024
	Lower middle income	7.251419
	Upper middle income	6.071579
Middle East & North Africa	High income	4.180218
	Lower middle income	6.099394
	Upper middle income	5.263421
North America	High income	13.543739
South Asia	Low income	9.817109
	Lower middle income	3.454076
	Upper middle income	8.311842
Sub-Saharan Africa	High income	4.868223
	Low income	5.312203
	Lower middle income	4.244715
	Upper middle income	5.751601

- We can go further by seeing which income segments of the population receive the most healthcare (in terms of healthcare expenditure %). We use the groupby statement to filter for two columns "Region" and "IncomeGroup" and find the corresponding "Health Expenditure %" values.
- As we can see from the table, for even some of the poorest segments of the population (i.e. Low Income Group) in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, priority is placed on healthcare. In South Asia, for example, the figure is 9.81% for the low-income group, which is higher than the health expenditure % for other income segments in that region.

2. CO2 Emissions (Megatons) for Countries with Life Expectancy Lower than 60 Years

```
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> df=pd.read_csv('file:///Users/jillianlee/Downloads/life%20expectancy.csv')
   df.drop(columns=['Country Code', 'Injuries'], inplace=True)
>>> df filtered=df.loc[(df['Year'] == 2019) & (df['Life Expectancy World Bank']<60)]
   df_new=df_filtered.dropna(axis=0, subset=['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
    result=df_new.groupby(['Country Name'])['CO2'].sum()
    print(result//1000)
    Country Name
    Cameroon
    Central African Republic
                                  0.0
                                  2.0
    Chad
    Cote d'Ivoire
                                  10.0
    Equatorial Guinea
                                  5.0
    Guinea-Bissau
    Lesotho
                                   0.0
    Mali
                                   5.0
                                115.0
    Nigeria
    Sierra Leone
                                   0.0
    Somalia
                                  0.0
    South Sudan
                                  1.0
    Name: CO2, dtype: float64
>>>
    mean= (df_new['CO2'].mean())//1000
    print(mean)
    12.0
```

Methodology:

- Here we are filtering for 2019 data, as previously done in our Tier 1 analysis. We use the ampersand (&) in our df.loc attribute to also filter for life expectancy < 60 years.
- We use the groupby statement to filter for CO2 by Country.
- The table shows the CO2 emissions for countries with life expectancy lower than 60 years. The numbers shown as zeroes reflect as such (but are not missing values or equal to 0) because all values have been converted from kilotons to megatons (division by 1000).

Analysis:

- The CO2 emissions (megatons) for countries with life expectancy lower than 60 years is 12 megatons. Despite life expectancy being low, there are not a high level of CO2 emissions. As we will see on the next slide, even countries with higher life expectancies have much higher levels of CO2. CO2 emissions by itself may therefore not be a very strong predictor of life expectancy.
- Before we make any definitive conclusions, we will explore the correlation between all variables in our dataset later in our Tier 3 analysis.

2. CO2 Emissions (Megatons) for Countries with Life Expectancy Over 75 Years

```
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> df=pd.read_csv('file:///Users/jillianlee/Downloads/life%20expectancy.csv')
>>> df.drop(columns=['Country Code', 'Injuries'], inplace=True)
>>> df filtered=df.loc[(df['Year'] == 2019) & (df['Life Expectancy World Bank']>75)]
>>> df_new=df_filtered.dropna(axis=0, subset=['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
>>> df new2=df new.dropna(axis=0, subset=['C02'])
>>> df_new3=df_new2.groupby(['Country Name'])['CO2'].sum()
>>> print(df new3//1000)
    Country Name
    Albania
                               4.0
    Algeria
                             171.0
    Antiqua and Barbuda
                               0.0
    Argentina
                             168.0
    Armenia
                               6.0
    United Arab Emirates
                             188.0
    United Kingdom
                             348.0
    United States
                            4817.0
                               6.0
    Uruguay
                             336.0
    Vietnam
    Name: CO2, Length: 72, dtype: float64
>>> mean=(df_new3.mean())//1000
>>> print(mean)
    338.0
>>>
```

Methodology:

We follow the same methodology as before, but now filter for life expectancy above 75 years (in our 4th statement).

Analysis:

The mean CO2 emissions (megatons) for countries with life expectancy over 75 years is 338 megatons. As noted before, even countries with higher life expectancies have much higher levels of CO2.

Tier 3 Analysis

For this section, we will be seeking to determine the Pearson's correlation coefficient between all of columns or variables in our dataset.

The Pearson's correlation coefficient, also known as Pearson's r, measures the strength of a relationship between two variables and their association with one another.

We will use the corr method in our Pandas Dataframe to calculate the Pearson's correlation coefficient between the variables. We will then use data visualization library, Seaborn, to generate a heatmap to visualize the data.

Based on our findings, we will answer the following types of questions:

- (a) What are the strongest predictors of life expectancy?
- (b) Do factors like corruption and unemployment rate impact life expectancy?
- (c) How does the prevalence of undernourishment and communicable disease affect life expectancy?

1. Pearson Correlation Coefficient Matrix - Heatmap

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>>> import numpy as np
    import pandas as pd
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> import seaborn as sns
>>> df=pd.read csv('file:///Users/jillianlee/Downloads/life%20expectancy.csv')
>>> df.drop(columns=['Country Code', 'Injuries'], inplace=True)
>>> df_2019=df.loc[df['Year'] == 2019]
>>> df_new=df_2019.dropna(axis=0, subset=['Life Expectancy World Bank'])
>>> pd.set_option('display.max_rows', 100)
>>> pd.set_option('display.max_columns', 100)
>>> pearsoncorr=df_new.corr(method='pearson',numeric_only=True)
>>> pearsoncorr
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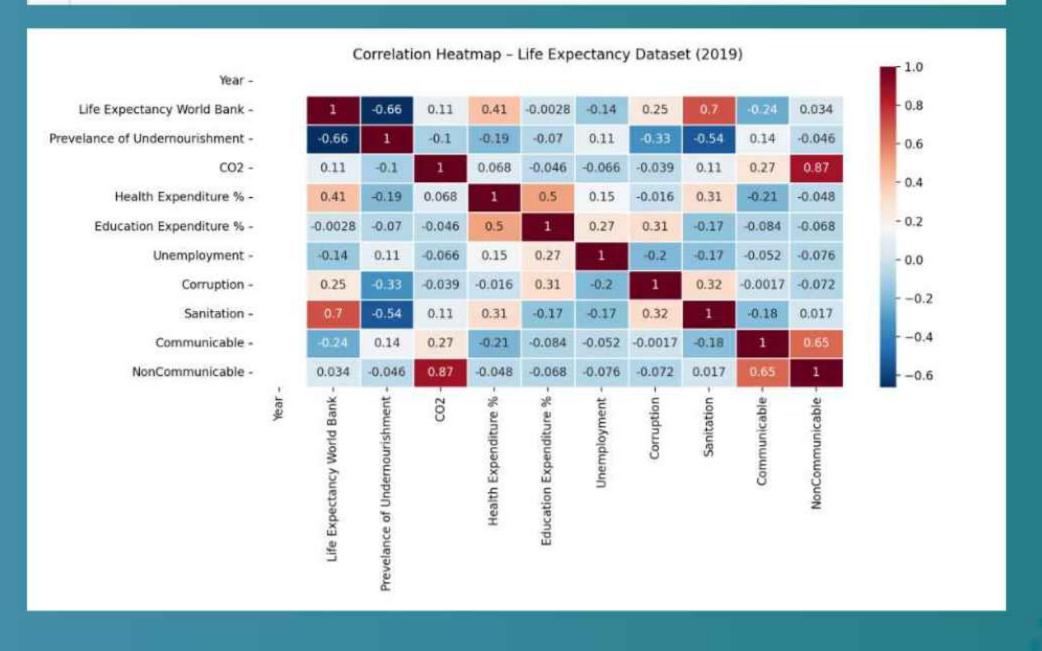
 We apply the Pandas df_corr() function [df_new.corr() in our case] to find the correlation among the columns in our dataframe using the 'Pearson' method. We retrieve the values as shown in the table in blue font.

1. Pearson Correlation Coefficient Matrix (cont.) -Heatmap

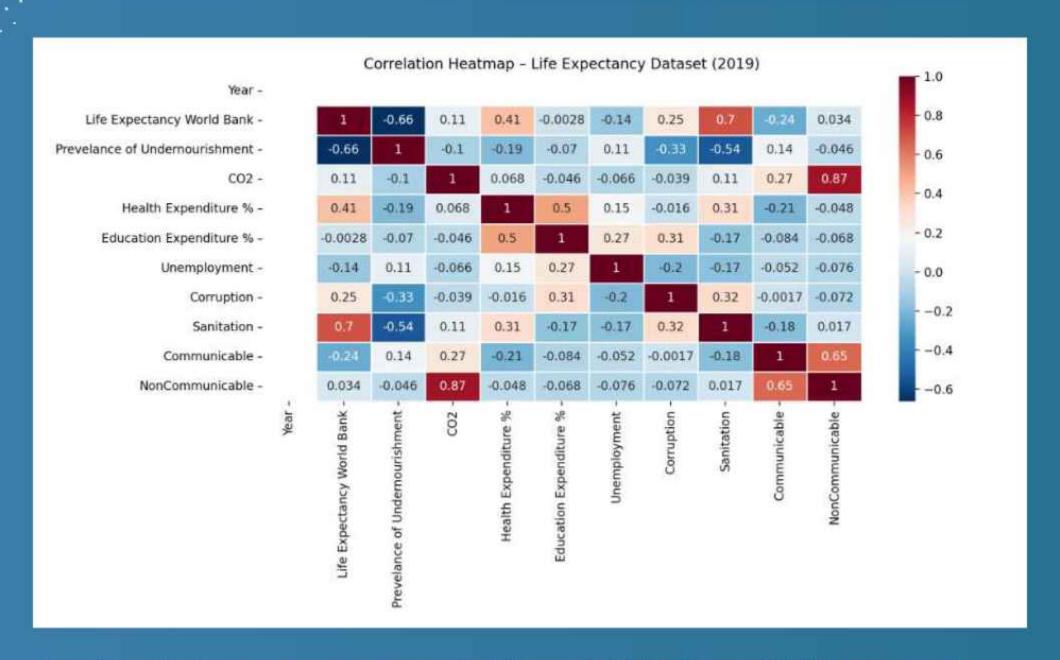
 We then use the function sns.heatmap() to plot the data as a color-encoded matrix.

Interpreting the Pearson Correlation Matrix

Degree of Correlation	Interpretation
Perfect	If the value is near ±1, it is a perfect correlation – As one variable increases, the other tends to also increase (if positive) or decrease (if negative).
High Degree	If the coefficient value lies between ±0.5 and ±1, then there is a strong correlation.
Moderate Degree	If the value lies between ±0.30 and ±0.49, then there is a medium correlation.
Low Degree	When the value lies below ±0.29, then there is a small correlation.
No Correlation	When the value is zero.



1. Pearson Correlation Coefficient Matrix (cont.) - Heatmap Analysis



Based on the heatmap, we can see that the variable/column with the strongest degree of correlation (r) to life expectancy is Sanitation (0.7). The variables are positively correlated, and the higher the life expectancy, the higher the levels of sanitation (% of people in the population using safely managed sanitation services).

The variable with the second highest degree of correlation to life expectancy is undernourishment (-0.66). The variables are negatively correlated meaning that when one variable increases, the other decreases. This is expected with these two variables, as the lower the life expectancy, the higher the prevalence of undernourishment, and vice versa.

We can also see that there is a moderate degree of correlation (0.41) between life expectancy and health expenditure (%). These variables are positively correlated – the higher the health expenditure, the higher the life expectancy.

From our matrix, we also can see that the variable with the lowest correlation (-0.0028) relative to life expectancy is education expenditure (%). It is negatively correlated meaning that the higher the life expectancy, the lower the education expenditure (%).

Conclusion

Based on our findings, the variables with the strongest degree of correlation to Life Expectancy are "Sanitation" (r=0.7) and "Undernourishment" (r=-0.66). Variables with a small or negligible association to Life Expectancy are "Education Expenditure %" (r=-0.0028) and "Non Communicable" (r=0.034; i.e. disability-adjusted life years due to non-communicable diseases).

We also concluded that Health Expenditure has a moderate degree of correlation with Life Expectancy (r=0.41). An interesting finding from our analysis was that healthcare spend was found to be higher amongst the lowest income groups (relative to other income segments) in regions such as Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. These regions were also found to have the lowest mean life expectancy.

It is worthwhile to note that a degree of caution should be taken when interpreting the correlation of variables such as "Corruption" (r=0.25) since over half of the countries lacked data for that variable. Even if the data were filtered to omit the missing values, we would run the risk of misinterpreting the results and making biased conclusions.

The dataset provides a valuable opportunity for even further analysis using machine learning libraries such as scikit learn. We can use such tools to perform clustering to partition the data into logical groupings, or run a regression model to predict future trends in life expectancy.

Appendix

DEFINITION OF VARIABLES USED IN THE DATASET

Definition of Variables Used in the Dataset

Variable	Definition
Prevalence of Undernourishment	% of the undernourishment of the population
CO2	Kilotons of carbon dioxide emissions
Health Expenditure %	Level of current health expenditure expressed as a percentage of GDP
Education Expenditure %	General government expenditure on education expressed as a percentage of GDP
Unemployment	% of the share of the labor force that is without work but available for and seeking employment
Corruption	Corruption rating as obtained from the World Bank's Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) survey (1=low to 6=high)
Sanitation	% of the population using safely managed sanitation facilities
Communicable	Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) due to communicable diseases – One DALY represents the loss of the equivalent of one year of full health
Non Communicable	Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) due to non-communicable diseases – One DALY represents the loss of the equivalent of one year of full health