
Social Work[er] Model:

*a supervised machine learning model to predict
mental health statuses from self-reported lifestyles factors
for social work use*

Social workers access the mental health statuses among patients *before meetings to...*

*build a mutual understanding
for timely referrals
to improve workflows
& more*



utilizing a dataset of 250,000 surveyed, we can train a supervised machine learning model to predict on a lifestyle factor like **mental health**

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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**Incidence of End-Stage Renal Disease
Attributed to Diabetes Among
Persons with Diagnosed Diabetes —
United States and Puerto Rico,
2000–2014**

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250,000+ were surveyed across 20 lifestyle factors

Perceived Health

- **Mental Health**
- Health Burden Score*
- Physical Health
- General Health
- Difficulty Walking

Background

- Age
- Any Healthcare
- Last DR's Visit
- Education
- Income

Health Factors

- Smoker
- BMI
- [Pre]Diabetes or Not
- Stroke
- (X) Heart Disease
- High Cholesterol
- High BP
- Heavy Alc.

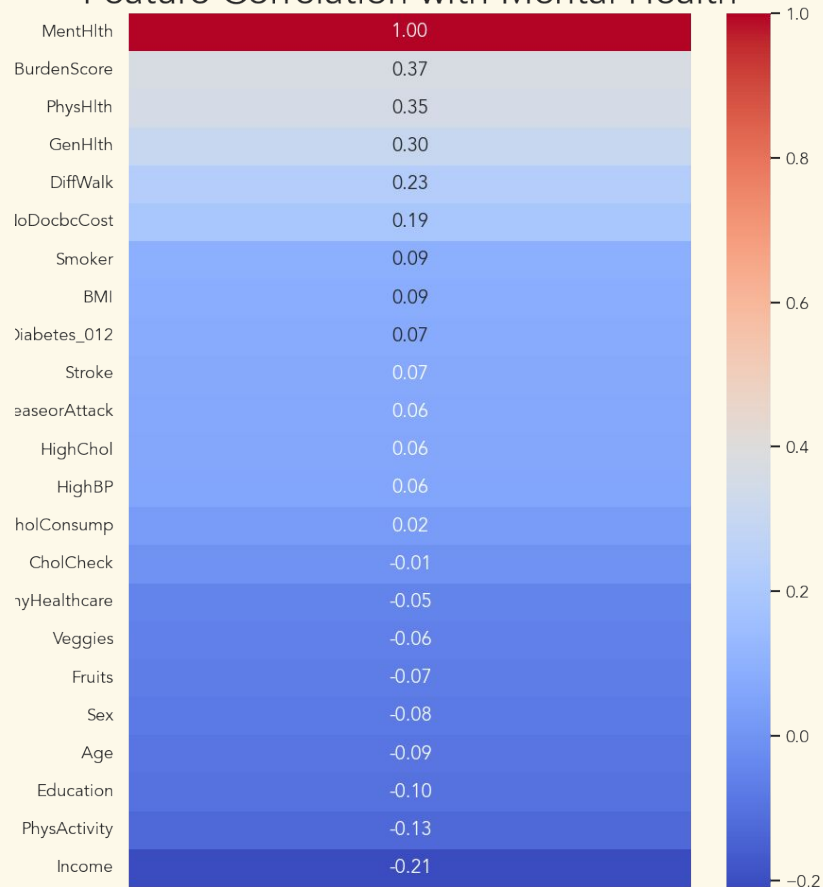
Other

- Physical Activity
- (X) Veggies
- (X) Fruits

Key:
(X) factors removed for
output variable in red

some factors
correlated with
mental health
better than
others...

Feature Correlation with Mental Health

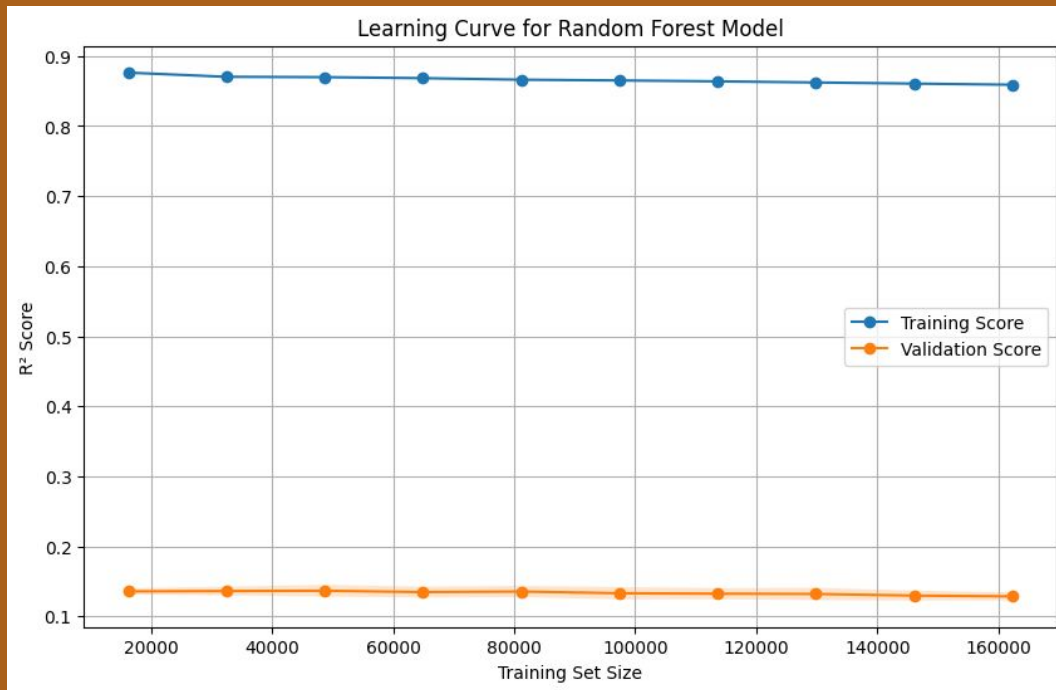


the **mental health factor** comes from self-reports of poor mental health days in a month



Model for Predicting Poor Avg. Mental Health Days

Random Forest Regression



the model could likely be overfit... so, more attempts to follow!

TRAIN

R2: 0.85

MAE: 1.67

RMSE: 2.81

TEST

R2: 0.86

MAE: 1.63

RMSE: 2.81

CONCLUSIONS :

- *likely overfit...*
- *adding or removing factors / creating synthetic factors could help tune the model!*
- *a good first attempt*

