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Covid Lessons, Pandemic Predictors



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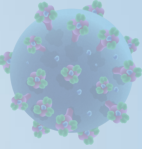


Problem Statement

The Department of Health and Human Services has hired our firm to study the covid-19 pandemic in order to make recommendations to prepare for future pandemic.

- Which variables are most strongly linked to covid outcomes?
- Which policies if any were significant?
- How did demographics and pre-existing conditions play a role?

Presentation Overview



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Previous Research

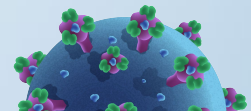
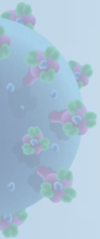
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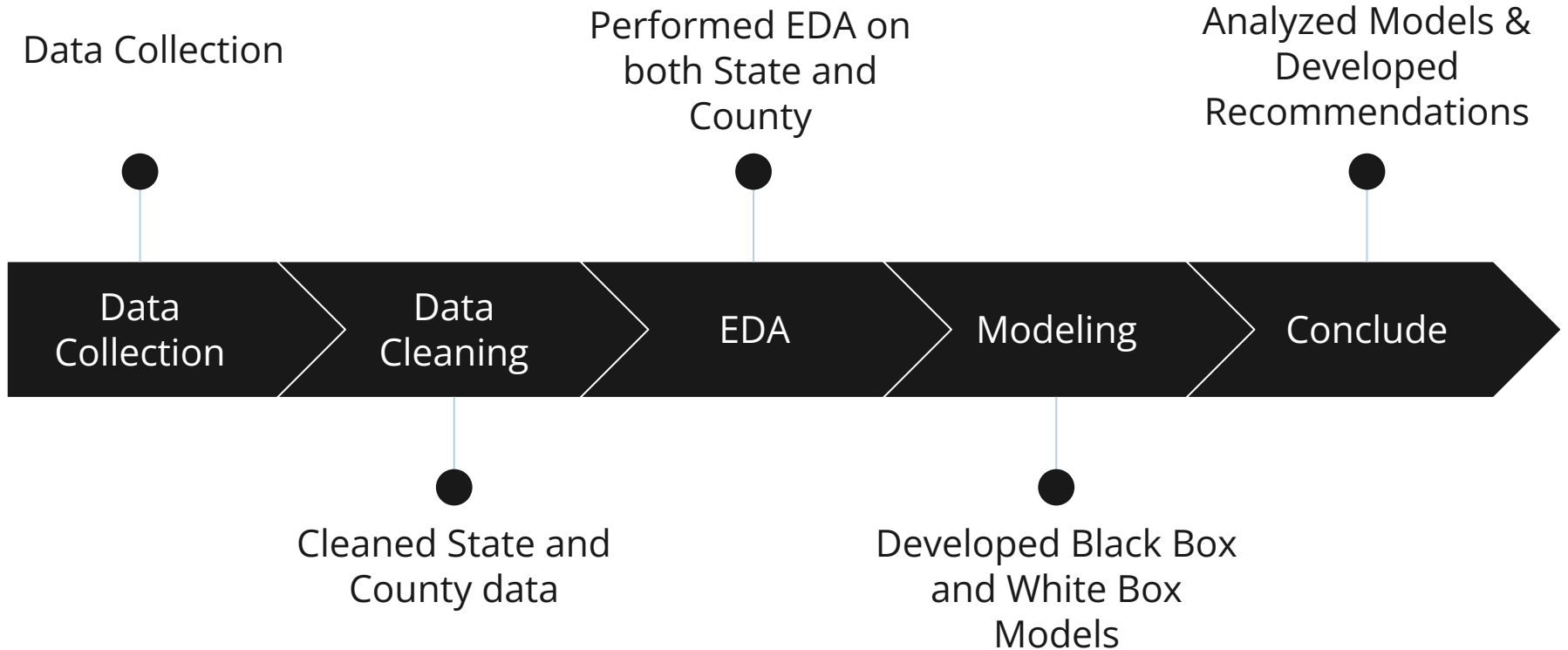
Background

- The United States fared poorly during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Only Peru had more deaths per capita than the United States
- The United States had the most overall deaths

Previous Research

- Lancet Study- 50 States
 - Inequality
 - Mask policy and stay at home orders
 - Access to healthcare
- UK study
 - Racial disparities in outcomes
- Ohio vs Florida County-Level Comparison
 - Political leanings of population affected outcomes

Project Flow



Data Collection & Cleaning

- Web Scraping / Downloaded CSVs
- Ignore files for large data
- Began pulling in data by State, after modeling, we decided to also pull in County data
- Filled missing data
 - 0 for masks
 - Substituted 2018 pre-existing conditions stats for NJ (2019 missing)
- Dropped duplicates
- Delegated unallocated values, county population percentage, distributed State values to the county
- Concatenated and merged data collections to make a State and County dataframe

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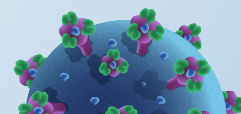
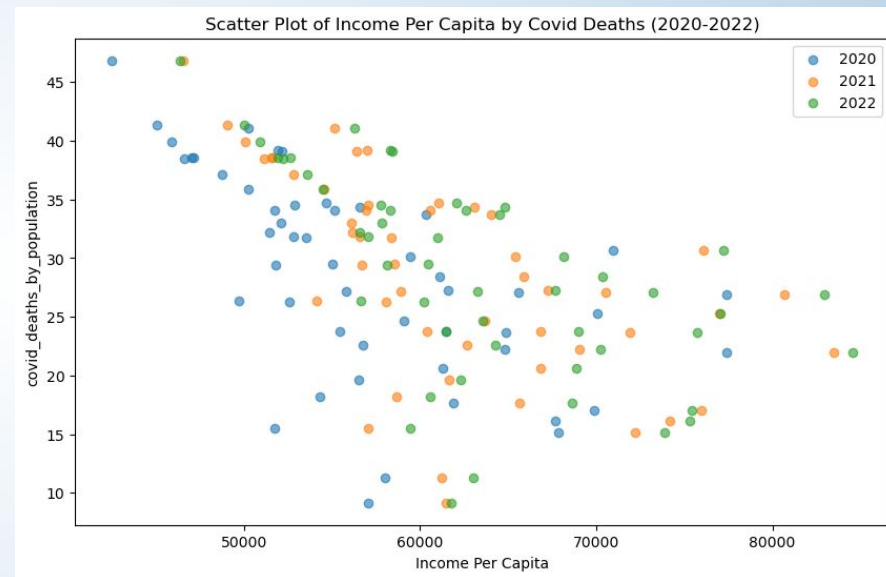
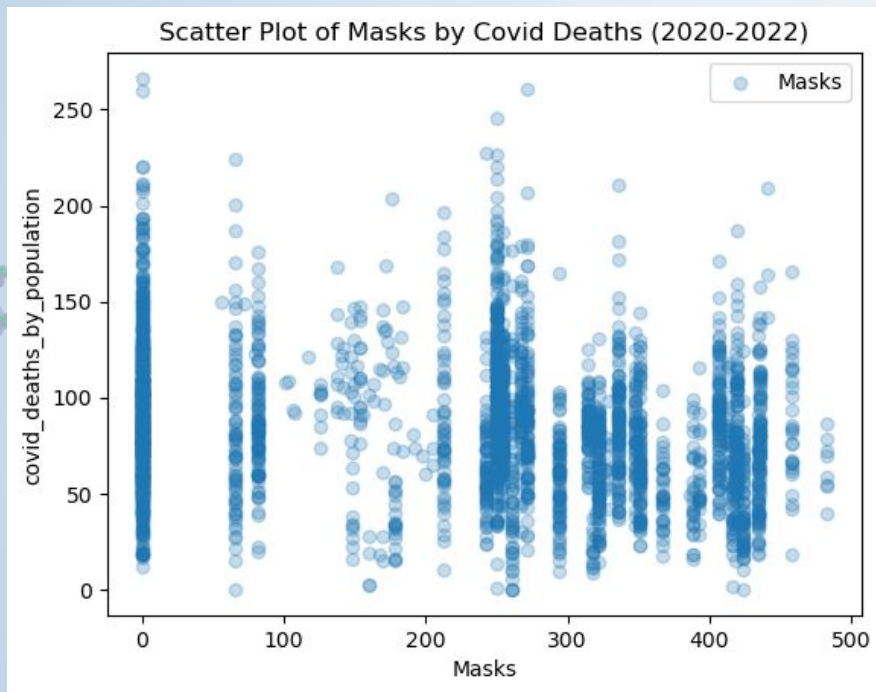
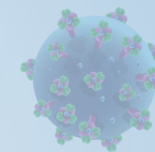
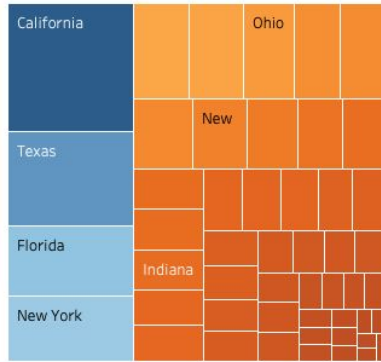
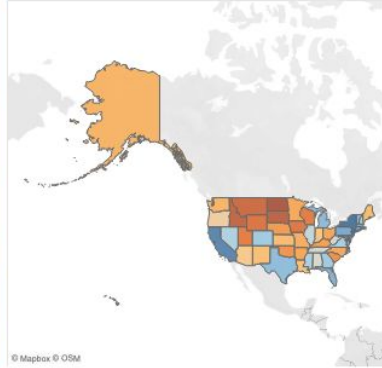


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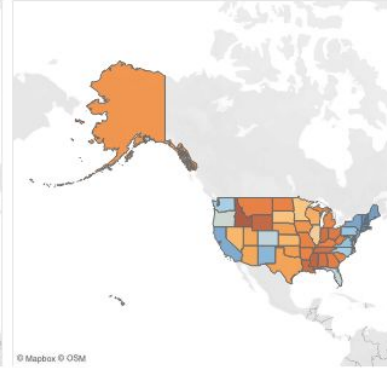
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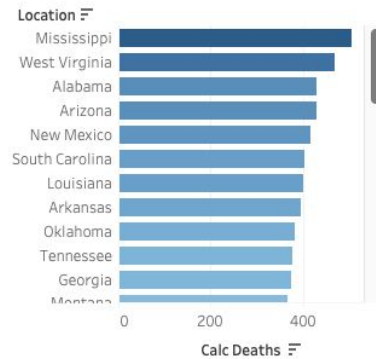
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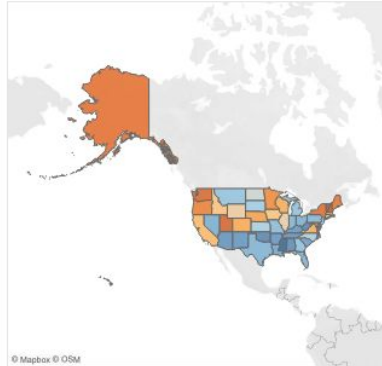
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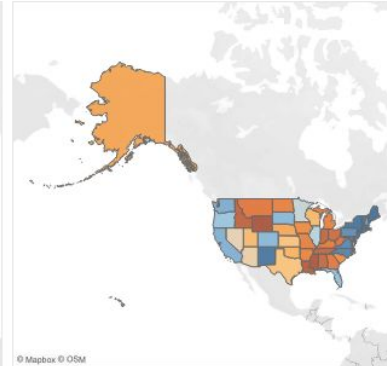
Deaths



Cases



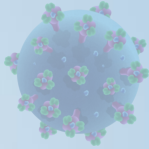
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Model Summaries

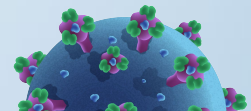
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State WhiteBox Vs BlackBox Models



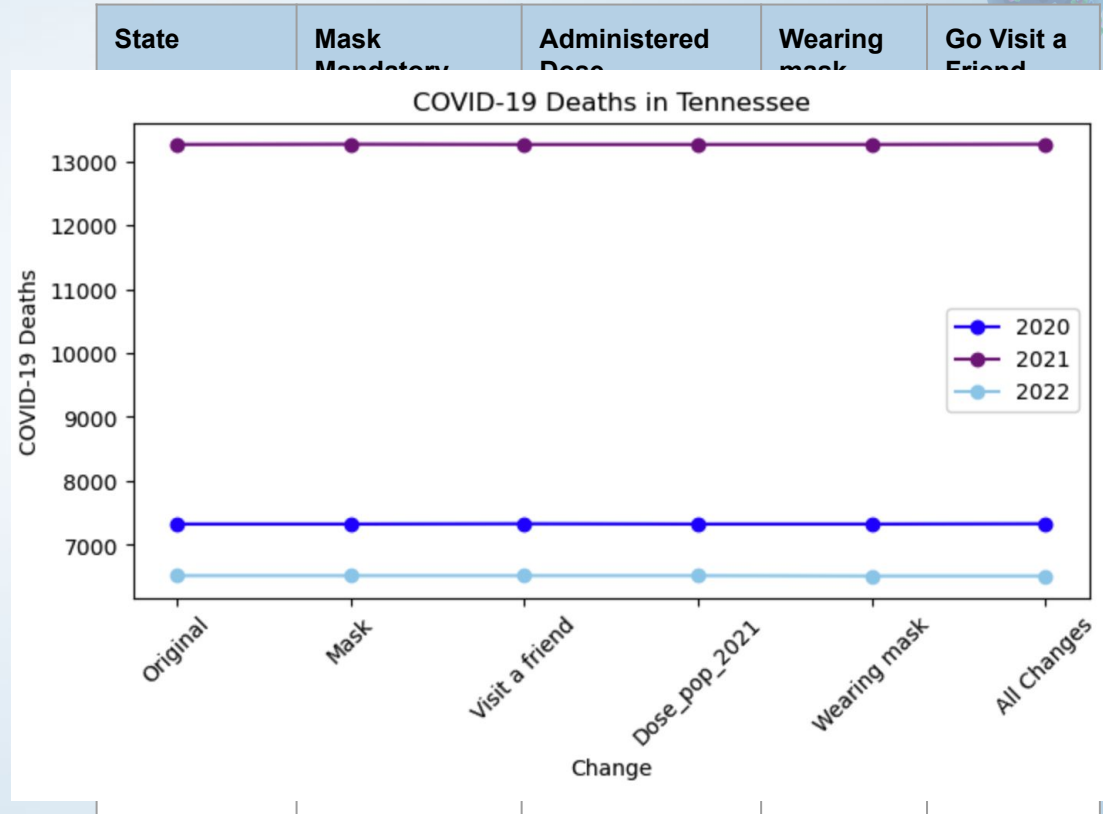
- Two Sets of y variables - Excess Deaths and Number of Covid Deaths
- Key Restriction of only 50 States
- Wide variety of features and each only have a small impact on the predicted deaths
- Use of MultiOutput Regressor

Model Type	Train Score	Test Score
Linear Regression	1	0.8804713015
Random Forest	0.9592415099	0.8145570907
Bagging	0.9684471928	0.8230630848
Gradient Boosting	0.9999918873	0.9182707939
LASSO	0.99999914	0.9226665135



Production Model Testing

- Taking the 5 States with the highest number of Covid deaths.
- Chose a few parameters to change that had the highest feature importance.
- Taking values from the States that had the least amount of deaths



County White Box Models: Linear Regression

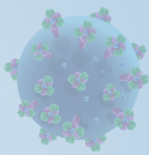
Cases (Test Score: 0.93)

Key Variable	Coefficient
percent Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	-3,673.5
Percent Unemployed	-1,178.9
Average Daily PM2.5	-1,033.1
percent_smokers	-771.1
percent Excessive Drinking	-409.1
percent African American	1,746.4
percent Hispanic	1,876.8
percent Non-Hispanic White	1,960.5
percent American Indian/Alaskan Native	2,064.7
water	2,682.2

Deaths (Test Score: 0.90)

Variable Name	Coefficient
percent Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	-196.4
Food Environment Index	-30.6
Percent Food Insecure	-23.0
% Fair/Poor Health	-17.7
Inadequate Facilities	-11.3
Percent Insufficient Sleep	27.3
percent Non-Hispanic White	28.1
percent Hispanic	29.2
percent American Indian/Alaskan Native	33.7
water	50.3

County Black Box Models

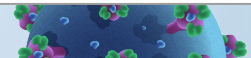


Cases (Test Score: 0.90)
**Extra Trees (ET) w/
Random Search CV**

Features	Importance
Population	0.691067
percent Asian	0.059093
Percent Severe Housing Problems	0.055242
Severe Housing Cost Burden	0.023799
Average Daily PM2.5	0.018630
percent Not Proficient in English	0.018506
Overcrowding	0.016577

Deaths (Test Score: 0.91)
**Random Forest (RF) w/
GradBoost & Random Search CV**

Features	Importance
Population	0.725828
Inadequate Facilities	0.196904
Percent Severe Housing Problems	0.018299
Segregation index black/white	0.012491
Severe Housing Cost Burden	0.009958
% Physically Inactive	0.009101
Income Ratio	0.003917



Initial Findings & Analysis

- No solid takeaways yet from the state-level analysis
- Policies such as mask mandates did have an impact though limited
- The average behaviors and choices of individuals seemed to impact outcomes
- Regional differences
- Inequality and Access

Recommendations

- Reducing racial segregation and inequality
- Increasing healthcare access
- Outreach and education programs to increase trust in public health officials and organizations
- Vaccine Public Health Campaign
- Subsidizing insurance further to reduce rates of uninsured

Next Steps

- Further Data Engineering:
 - Combining similar/collinear variables into index variables
 - Use PCA to reduce dimensionality & combine factors into 1 to 3 variables
- More Data Collection
- Future Models:
 - Time-Series Analysis
 - Clustering

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