

**HEALTH METRICS IN  
PREDICTING  
DIABETES**





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# PRACTICAL MOTIVATION





# 422 MILLION

Individuals has diabetes worldwide according to the World Health Organisation (2022).

The prevalence of diabetes in Singapore is costing our country over \$1 billion a year to manage. Learn more about how we intend to win the war against this lifestyle condition.



The Singapore government has issued a clarion call — it officially declared war on diabetes, calling the disease one of the biggest drains on the healthcare system, and one which costs the country over \$1 billion a year to manage.

## Prevalence of Diabetes

During the 2016 Committee of Supply debates in Parliament, Health Minister Gan Kim Yong revealed that over 400,000 people have diabetes in Singapore. Of these, one in three is not aware he/she has the disease, and of the rest who do know, one in three has poor control of it. If left unchecked, nearly one million people in Singapore will have diabetes by 2050.

Fig. 1: *Prevalence of Diabetes in Singapore.*  
(Singapore's War on Diabetes, 2021)

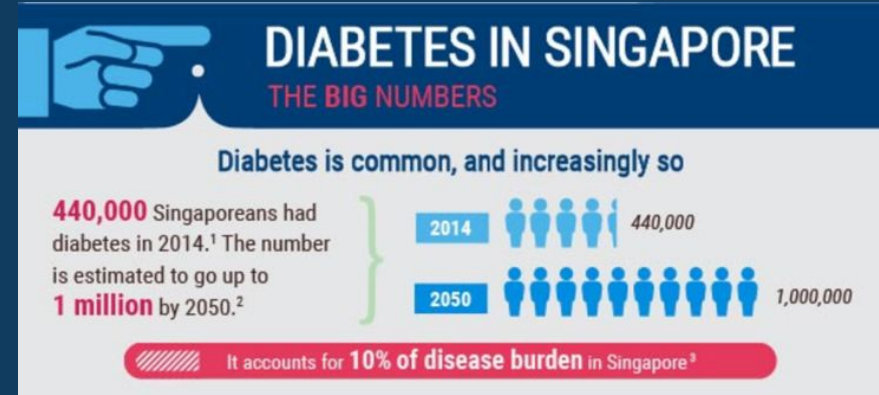


Fig. 2: *Diabetes in Singapore.*  
(James, T., n.d.)



# WHAT ARE SOME OF THE IMPORTANT HEALTH METRICS IN DETERMINING RISK OF DIABETES?



# THE DATASET

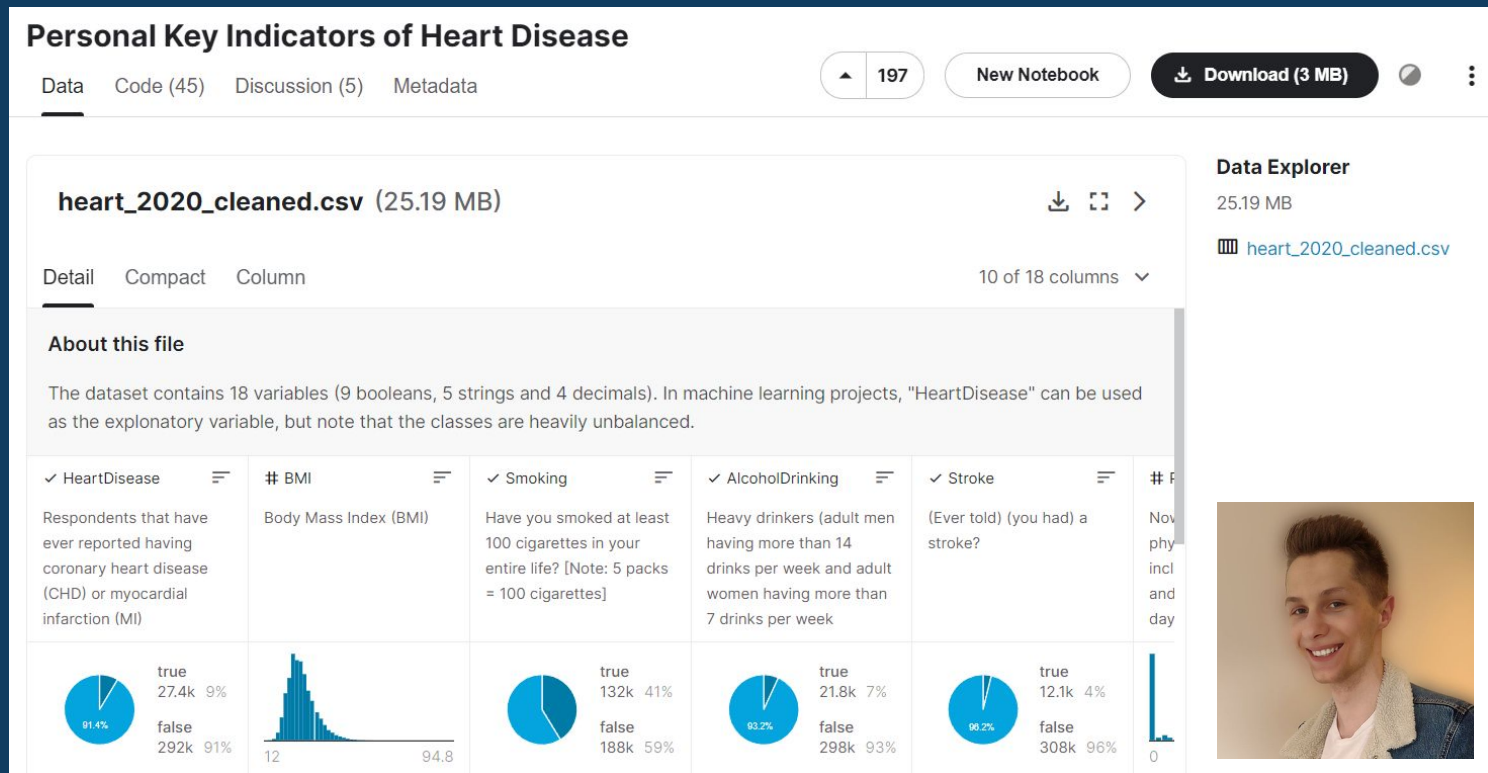
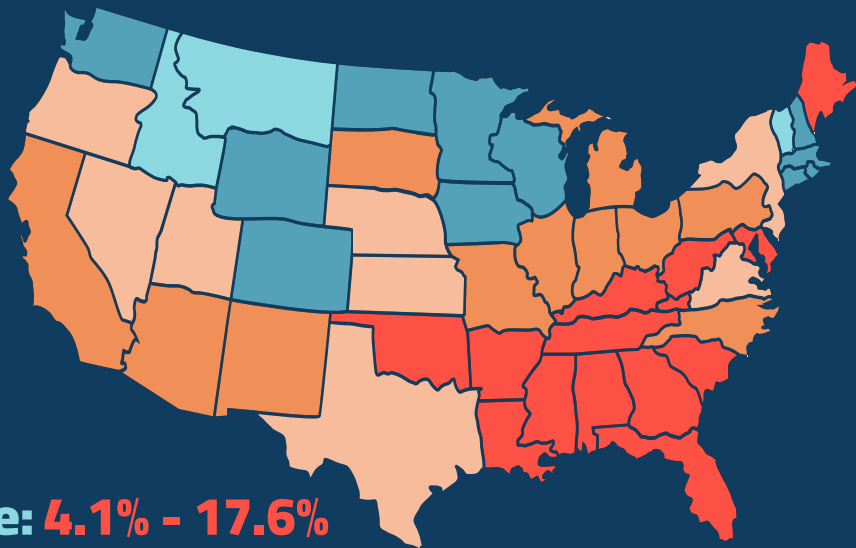


Fig. 3: *Personal key indicators of heart disease dataset on Kaggle* (Pytlak, K., 2022)



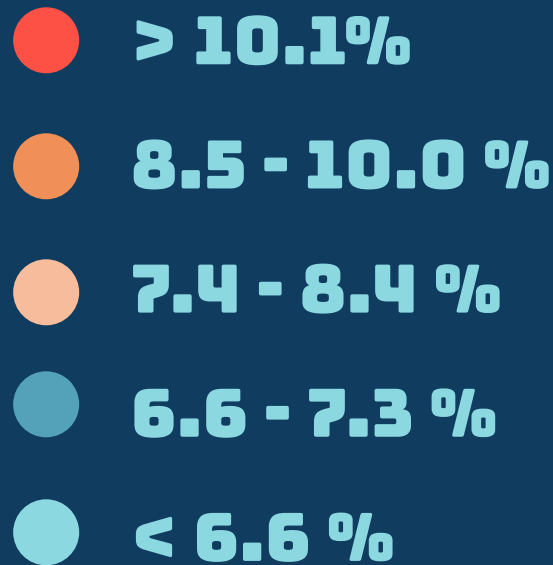
## PREVALENCE IN THE U.S. (2019)

## Estimates of diagnosed diabetes across US counties



**Range: 4.1% - 17.6%**

**Average: 8.7%**



Source: National Diabetes Statistics Report (CDC, 2020)

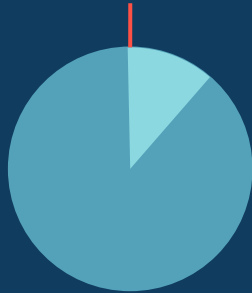




# SINGAPORE VS U.S.

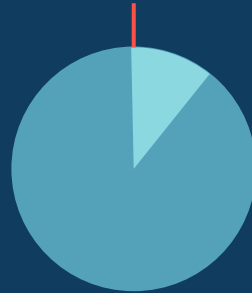
## Percentage Estimates of Individuals with Diabetes (2021)

**11.6%**



Singapore

**10.7%**



United States

Source: International Diabetes Federation, 2021

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# EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS





# INITIAL CLEANING OF DATA



- **Dropping** duplicate entries
- **Dropping** subjective variables:  
Mental health and physical health
- No missing values
- **Dropping** diabetic variable categories:  
No (with borderline diabetes) and Yes  
(during pregnancy) rows





# VARIABLES AT A GLANCE



<b>BMI</b>	<b>Sleep Time</b>	<b>Sex</b>
<b>Age Category</b>	<b>General Health</b>	<b>Race</b>
<b>Physical Activity</b>	<b>Alcohol Drinking</b>	<b>Smoking</b>
<b>Difficulty Walking</b>	<b>Asthma</b>	<b>Kidney Disease</b>
<b>Skin Cancer</b>	<b>Heart Disease</b>	<b>Stroke</b>

**Legend:**

**Numeric** Categorical





# BMI & DIABETES

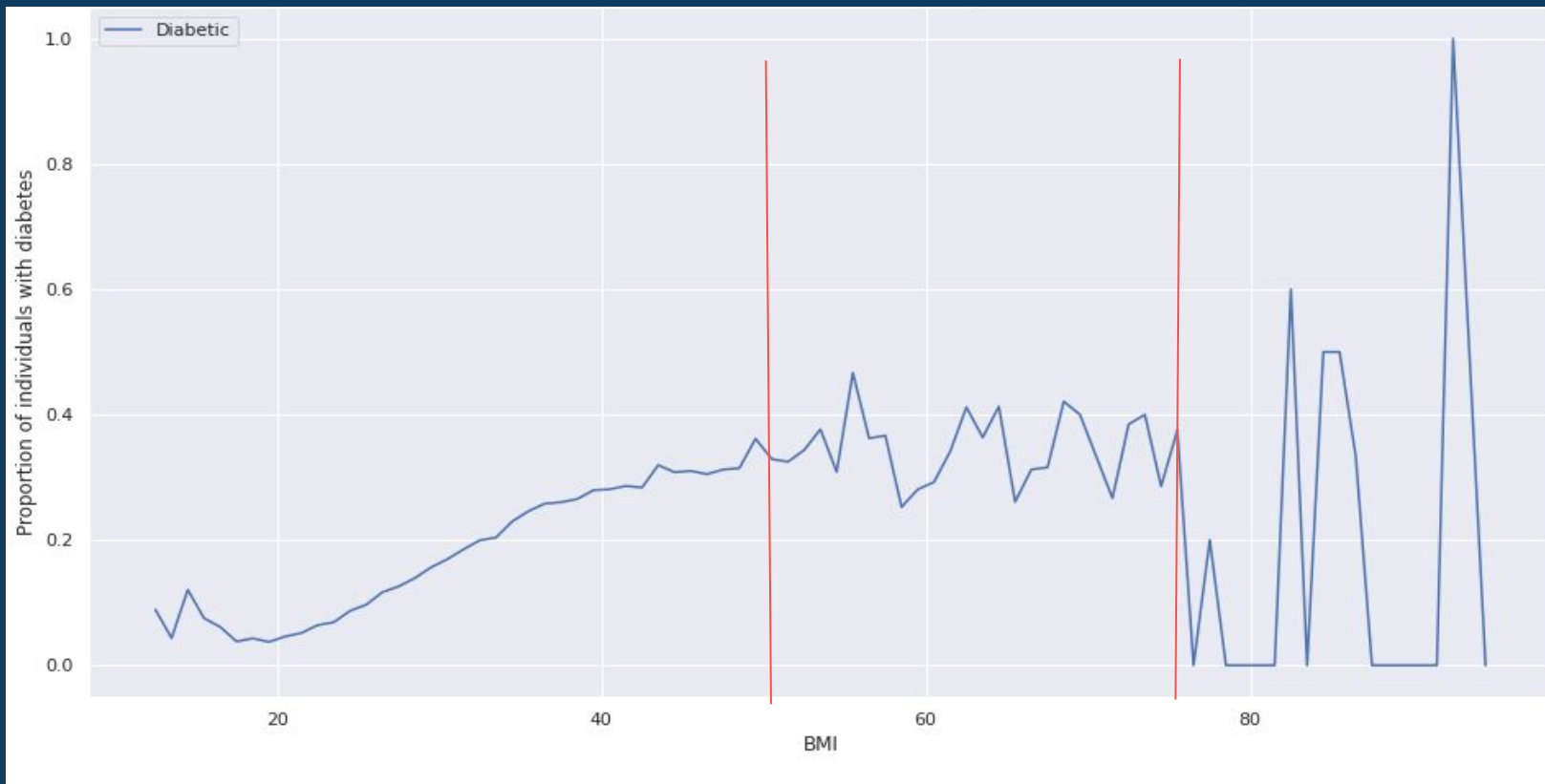


Fig. 4: *Proportion of diabetic individuals against BMI*





# SLEEP TIME & DIABETES

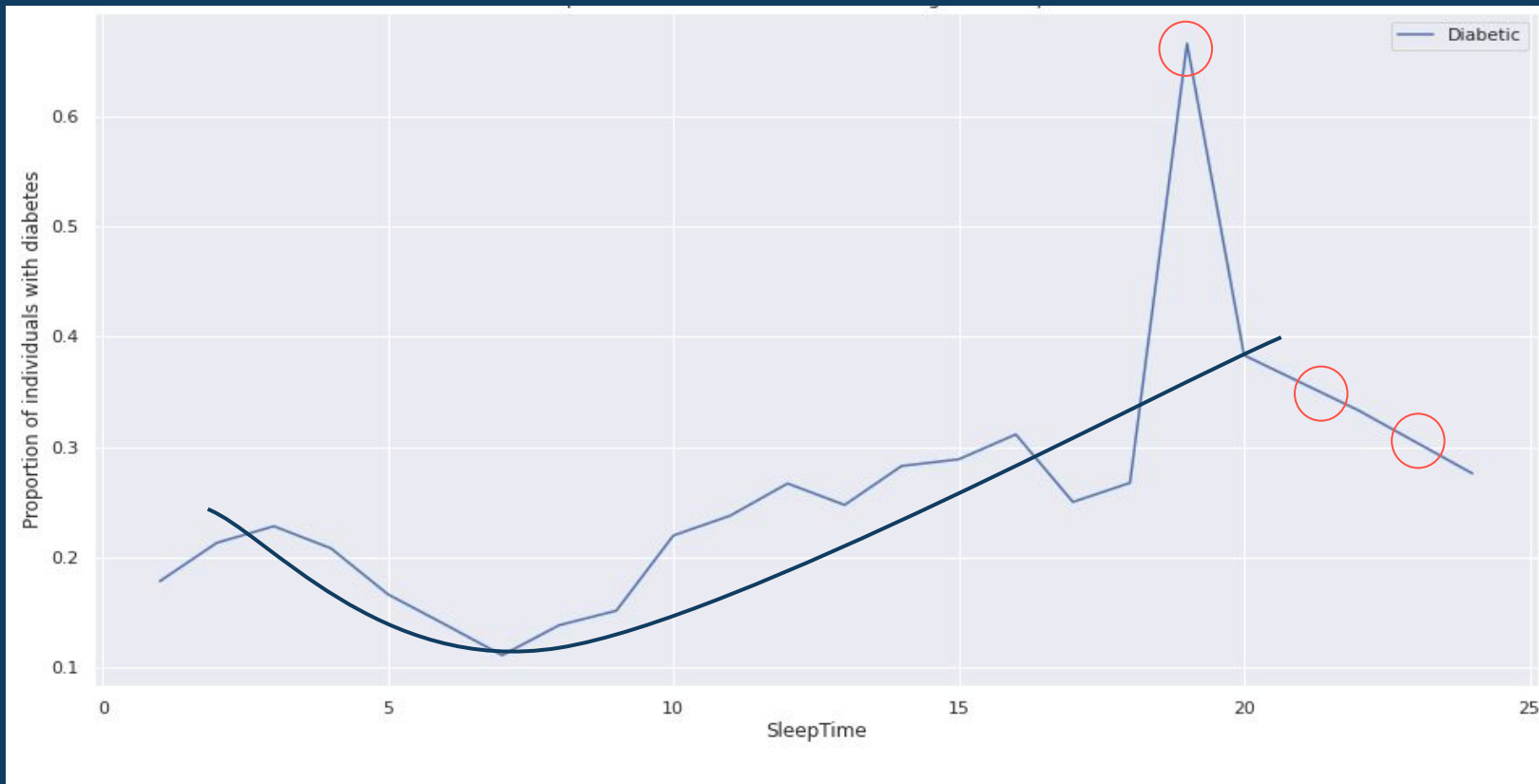


Fig. 5: Proportion of diabetic individuals against sleep time





# MODIFICATIONS TO DATASET



- **Polynomial Feature** was used to model sleep time.
- **Dropping outliers** based on box plots.
- The data was transformed into a **Gaussian distribution** of **mean = 0** and **s.d. = 1**.



# AGE CATEGORY & DIABETES

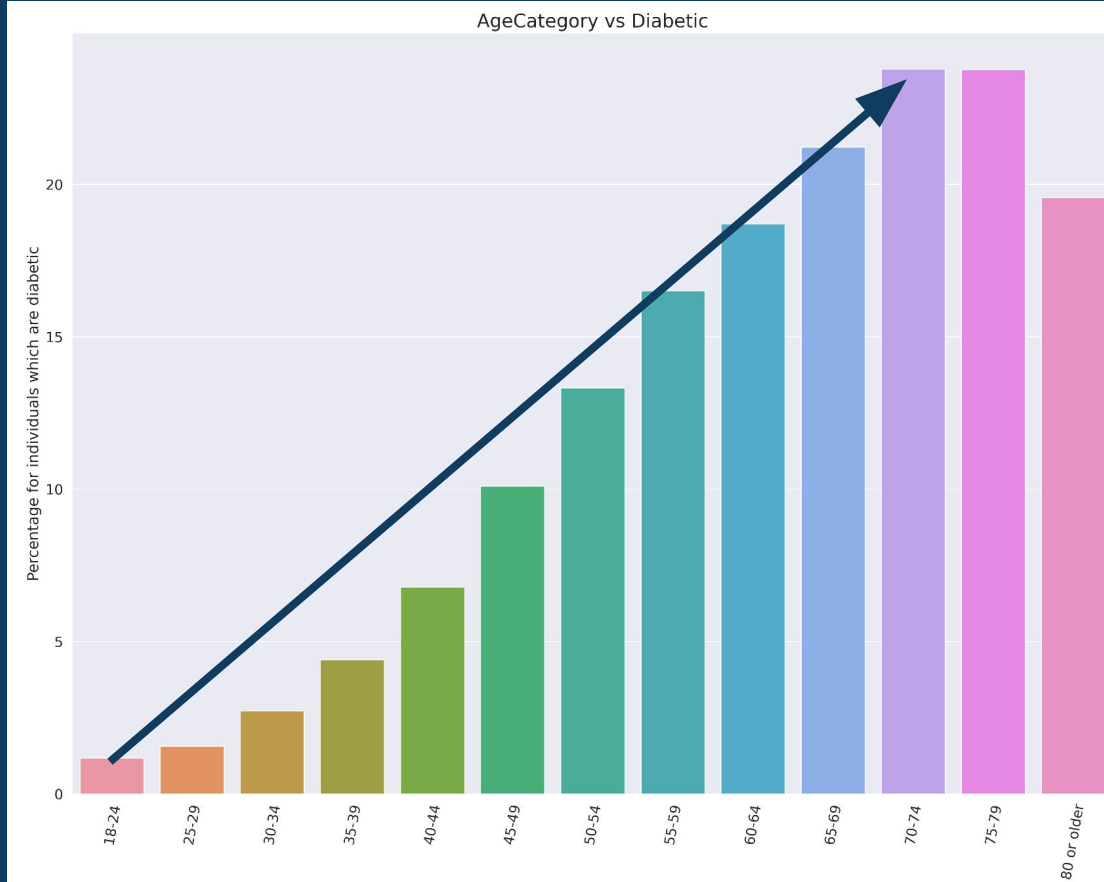


Fig. 6: *Percentage of diabetic individuals with age category*





# INITIAL INSIGHTS



Categorical variable	Relationship with Diabetes (response variable)
Age Category	Proportion <b>increases</b> with age
Others	Proportion <b>changes significantly</b>
Sex, Asthma, Skin Cancer	Proportion remains <b>relatively similar</b>

Most categorical variables show a **relationship** with diabetes.



# CHI-SQUARED TEST OF INDEPENDENCE

Null hypothesis  
Independence

Alternative hypothesis  
Association

Degrees of Freedom	Chi-Square ( $\chi^2$ ) Distribution									
	Area to the Right of Critical Value									
	0.995	0.99	0.975	0.95	0.90	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005
1	—	—	0.001	0.004	0.016	2.706	3.841	5.024	6.635	7.879
2	0.010	0.020	0.051	0.103	0.211	4.605	5.991	7.378	9.210	10.597
3	0.072	0.115	0.216	0.352	0.584	6.251	7.815	9.348	11.345	12.838
4	0.207	0.297	0.484	0.711	1.064	7.779	9.488	11.143	13.277	14.860
5	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.145	1.610	9.236	11.071	12.833	15.086	16.750

Fig. 7: Chi-square distribution table (Seb, 2021)

Existence of Relationship

Strength

Chi-squared value ( $\chi^2$ )  $\geq$  critical value

$\chi^2 \rightarrow$  Cramer's V



# CHI-SQUARED TEST RESULTS



Categorical variable	General Health	Age Category
Chi-squared value	23453.4700	15657.2020
Critical value	9.488	21.026
Critical value $\geq$ chi-squared value?	Yes $\rightarrow$ Relationship exists	Yes $\rightarrow$ Relationship exists
Cramer's V	0.2832	0.2314

General Health and Age Category show the **strongest relationship** with diabetes.



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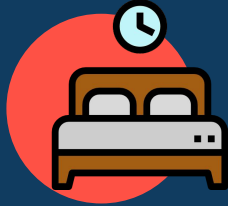
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ANALYSES  
USED



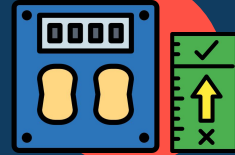


# VARIABLES USED



## SLEEP TIME

The approximate amount of sleep the respondents had.



## BMI

Body mass index. A typical measurement for an individual's physical metrics.



## GENERAL HEALTH

Respondents were asked to rate their own personal health over the past 30 days.



## AGE CATEGORY

Respondents' ages in discrete categories.



# HANDLING DATA IMBALANCE

- Our data was **moderately unbalanced**.
- Downsampling & Upweighting
  - **Downsampling** - Undersampling
  - **Upweighting** - Relative class weight
- We decided to **downsample** and **upweight** it by a factor of 6.6.

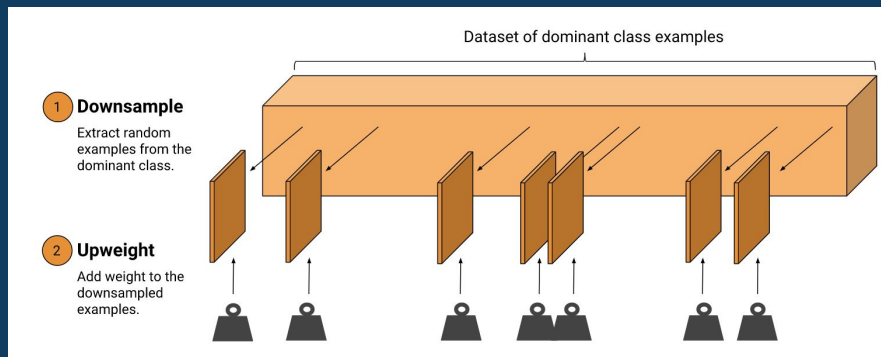


Fig. 8: Downsample and upweight  
(Imbalanced Data, 2021)

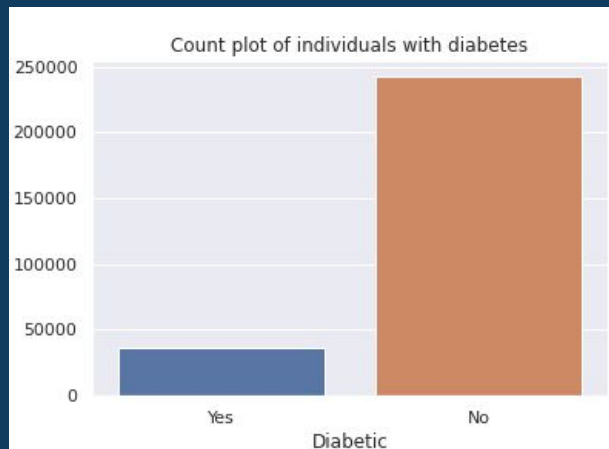


Fig. 9:  
*Count plot of  
diabetic  
individuals*



# MACHINE LEARNING TOOLS

## Logistic Regression

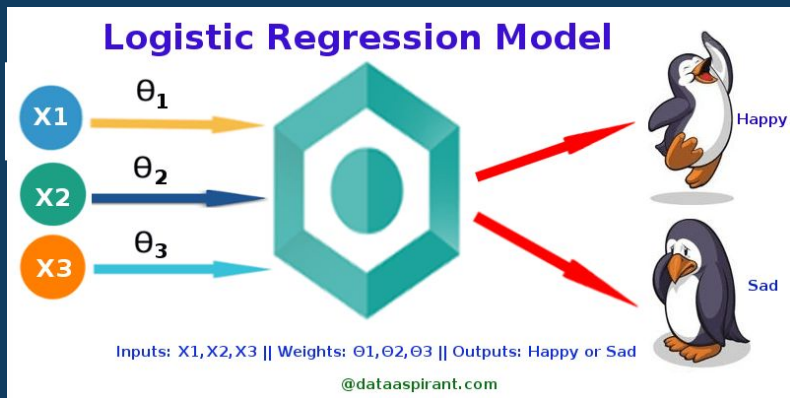


Fig. 10: *Logistic Regression Model*  
(Polamuri, S., 2017)

## Random Forest Classifier

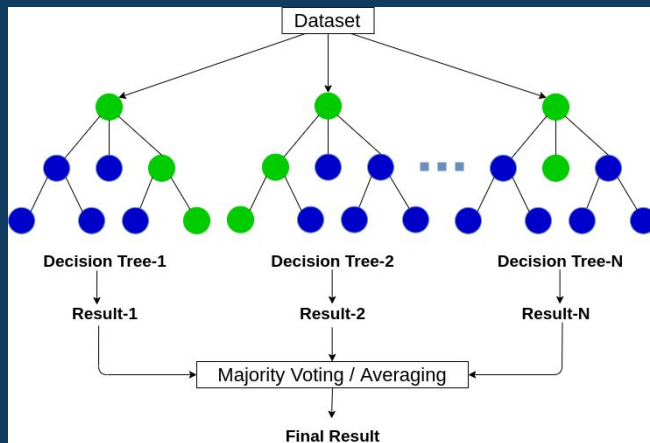


Fig. 11: *Random Forest Classifier*  
(Sharma, A., 2020)





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# OUR INSIGHTS




# PERFORMANCE OF EACH MODEL



Fig. 12: *Confusion metrics for random forest classifier and logistic regression models*

# PERFORMANCE OF EACH MODEL

<div>Model</div> <div>Metrics</div>	<div>Logistic Regression</div> 	<div>Random Forest Classifier</div> 	
	Accuracy	0.699553	0.674173
	FPR	0.3117	0.333896
	FNR	0.225872	0.272356
	AUC	0.802888	0.761871

# RELATIVE FEATURE IMPORTANCES FOR *LOGISTIC REGRESSION*

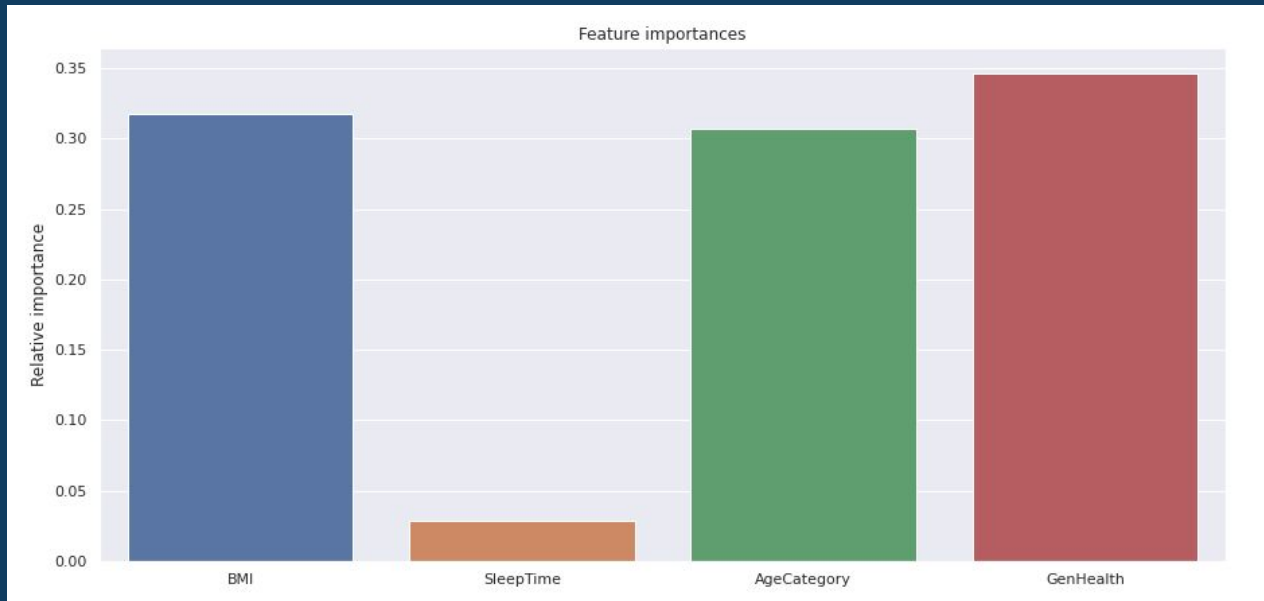


Fig. 13: *Feature importances proportion in logistic regression model*

# RELATIVE FEATURE IMPORTANCES FOR *RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER*

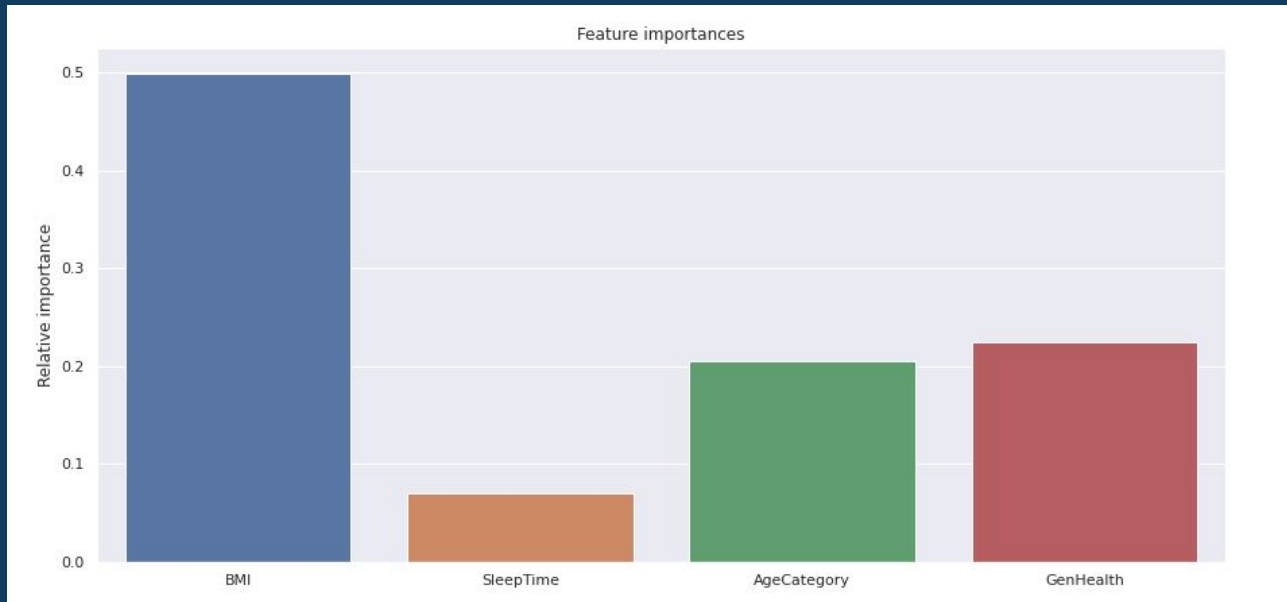


Fig. 14: *Feature importances proportion in random forest classifier model*



# CONCLUSIONS



## LOGISTIC REGRESSION > RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER

Logistic Regression was more accurate (70%) as compared to Random Forest Classifier (67%).



## IMPORTANCE OF VARIABLES: SIMILARITIES



Both models considered sleep time an unimportant factor.





# CONCLUSIONS



## IMPORTANCE OF VARIABLES: DIFFERENCES

The two models also placed a different level of importance on each of the variables.

**NUMERIC VARIABLES > CATEGORICAL VARIABLES**



# + PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE +



## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Regular aerobic and  
resistance exercises.



## HEALTHY DIET

Less sweet fruits and  
starchy foods. More  
grains and legumes.



## PORTION SIZES

Smaller portions reduce  
calorie intake and regulate  
insulin fluctuations.





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