B518 | Week 4 | Group Project | Submission 1

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1 Project Idea One - Covid 19 (2021 ONLY - USA, UK, China, Belgium)

2 Selection Criteria:

The data (see above) does meet the criteria of the assignment. In that it is relevant to health, publically accessible, sizable (61 columns and 530,292 rows), includes both categorical (e.g. country) and continuous variables (e.g. new_cases_per_million, total_deaths_per_million) and finally has been ethically sourced and de-identified.

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    [7] "new_cases_per_million"
                                           "new_cases_smoothed_per_million"
    [9] "total_deaths"
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## [11] "new_deaths_smoothed"
                                           "total_deaths_per_million"
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                                        "United Arab Emirates"
## [3] "United Kingdom"
                                        "United States"
## [5] "United States Virgin Islands"
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3 Introduction

This project uses Covid 19 data from 'Our world in data'. We use this to primarily compare how daily new cases per million varied across four countries in 2021. We focus on 2021 to keep our comparisons on a common phase of the pandemic. The dataset itself does cover many more countries and years and also includes data on total cases and total deaths. We used the fields that have the suffix 'per_million'as any comparisons scale by population size.

4 Dataset justification

Relevance: Directly biomedical/public-health, reflecting real-world cases and death metrics during COVID-19.

Size/structure: The file far exceeds the minimum requirements (61 columns and 530k rows) and includes both categorical (e.g. Country) and continuous fields (total_deaths_per_million, new_cases_per_million)

Source Location: https://docs.owid.io/projects/covid/en/latest/dataset.html Raw data Location: https://catalog.ourworldindata.org/garden/covid/latest/compact/compact.csv

Accessibility/ethics: Publicly accessible aggregated, de-identified counts suitable for academic use.

Analytical potential: Feasible for tables, histograms, boxplots, time trends. Using the fields with the suffix "per_million" allows better scaling for cross country comparisons and summaries.

Ethical use. The dataset consists of aggregated, de-identified counts without PII; no patient-level identifiers are present, aligning with course requirements for ethical, public data.

5 Variables and structure

This analysis focuses on a few key variables from the dataset. The primary categorical variable is 'country', which we have filtered to four specific nations. The main continuous variable is 'new_cases_per_million', which allows for a fair comparison of infection rates by account for population differences. Finally, the 'date' variable was used to filter the data to the 2021 calendar year.

A list of all the fields: - "country" - "date" - "total_cases", "total_cases_per_million" - "new_cases", "new_cases_smoothed", "new_cases_per_million", "new_cases_smoothed_per_million" - "total_deaths", "new_deaths", "new_deaths smoothed", "total_deaths_per_million"

6 Research questions

- 1. What share of days exceed a threshold (to simulated a government policy threshold to "flatten the curve") e.g 50 cases per million in each country
- 2. Which of the selected countries had the highest typical daily new cases per million in 2021
- 3. How did the monthly mean of new cases per million over 2021 for each country

7 Data clean up & Processing plan

We parsed the date field and derived a 'year' variable, then restricted the dataset to 2021 to keep figures more legible and comparable. We fixed our analysis to a small set of countries (United States, United Kingdom, China, Belgium) and then verified each has sufficient non missing values for 'new_cases_per_million' in 2021. this processing prepares the data for descriptive statistics and many visualisations.

8 Descriptive statistics (figures in Appendix)

Our descriptive analysis for 2021 reveals starkly different pandemic experiences among the four selected countries. The most significant finding is the extreme contrast between China, which reported virtually no community spread, and the western nations all experienced substantial waves of the Covid virus.

Answering our first research question, the two way frequency shows that China had reported zero days exceeding a 50 new cases per million threshold. In contrast this threshold was crossed 94.% of days in Belgium, 89.9% in the USA and 84.9% in the UK.

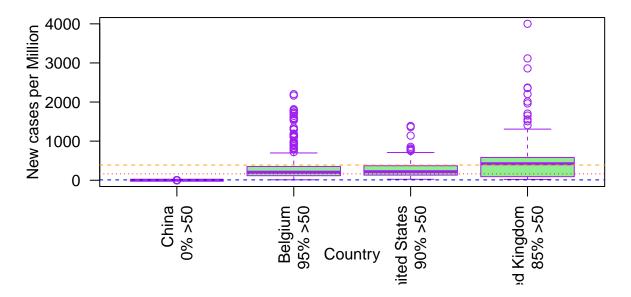
For our second question, the summary statistics table identified the UK as having the highesy typical daily caseload, with a median of 421.6 new cases per million, nearly double that of the USA at 218.4. The overall distribution o cases is heavily right skewed, a pattern confirmed visually by the histogram and the numerous high end outliers visible in the boxplot.

Lastly, for our third research question. the time trend plot is sustrates how these case rates evolved monthly. China's rate remained flat, the US, UK and Belgium all experienced a summer drop followed by a big surge in Q4 of 2021.

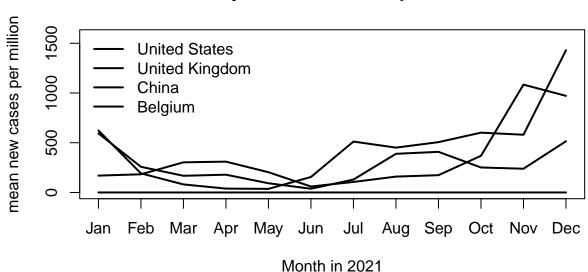
8.1 Boxplot (numeric by category)

Boxplot (Mortality rate by category)

Daily new cases per million, by country in 2021



8.2 Time trend (average by year)



Monthly mean new cases per million

9 Planned statistical methods

To formally test for differences in the median daily new cases between the four countries, we plan to use a non-parametric test such as the Kruskal-Wallis test, given the skewed nature of the data. Further analysis could involve using correlation to explore the relationship between vaccination rates and new cases over time for each country.

10 Limitations

- Measurement differences countries have different reporting rules, testing cadence & breadth.
- Scope Only 2021 was analysed. Other years or waves of the disease may show other patterns.
- per million rates do not adjust for demographics of each country, which may show other patterns.
- China has several near zero analysis This may reflect reporting practices of this specific country

11 Appendix - Project One

11.1 One-Way frequency table (categorical)

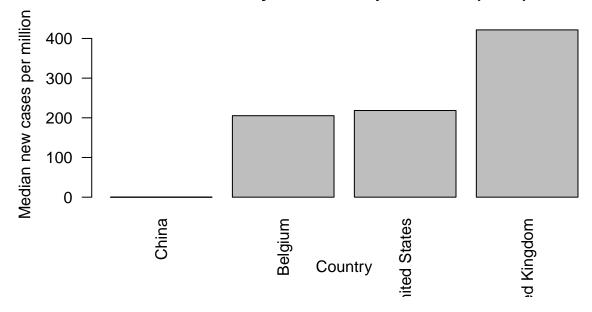
Counts and proportions for a categorical variable

##				
##	China	Belgium	United States	United Kingdom
##	365	365	365	365
##				
##	China	Belgium	United States	United Kingdom
##	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

11.2 Bar Chart of Disease.Category (counts)

Bar chart / Bar plot of disease category by count

Median daily new cases per million (2021)



11.3 Two way table (category by category)

##			
##		FALSE	TRUE
##	China	365	0
##	Belgium	20	345
##	United States	37	328
##	United Kingdom	55	310
##			
##		FALSE	TRUE
##	China	1.000	0.000
##	Belgium	0.055	0.945
##	United States	0.101	0.899
##	United Kingdom	0.151	0.849

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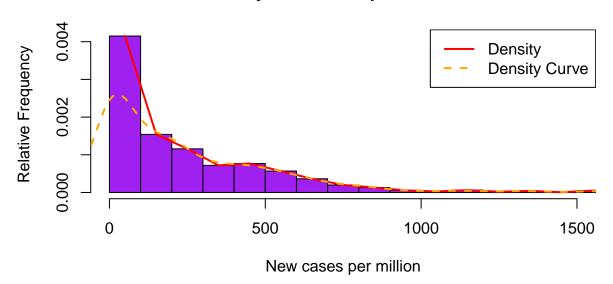
11.4 Center & Spread (overall, selected countries, 2021)

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## median IQR sd
## 162.9 379.7 357.4
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## country median IQR sd
## 1 China 0.0 0.1 0.1
## 2 Belgium 205.4 235.4 396.2
## 3 United States 218.4 240.7 201.6
## 4 United Kingdom 421.6 491.1 456.4
```

11.5 Histogram (shape of the distrubution)

Daily new cases per million



12 Project Idea Two - Covid 19 Hospitalizations in France

13 Link to the dataset

Kaggle - Coronavirusdataset France (file: chiffres-cles.csv)
Actual URL: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/mclikmb4/coronavirusdataset-france?select= chiffres-cles.csv Google drive URL: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rXHdGEDWFAMaitmkNSgehAt_e2FaC PZ/view?usp=sharing

14 Introduction to the dataset

This dataset provides daily COVID-19 surveillance indicators for France at multiple geographic granularities (country, region, department, overseas collectivities). Each record includes a calendar date, a location code, and a location name, enabling comparisons across space and time. Indicators cover hospitalized patients, ICU occupancy, cumulative deaths, cumulative recoveries, and daily flows of new admissions (hospital and ICU). Source/provenance fields support auditability. The structure suits descriptive analyses and visualizations, with optional regional comparisons to high-light spatial heterogeneity. These indicators and their definitions are documented on the Kaggle dataset page (mclikmb4, 2020-2021).

15 Dataset justification

Relevance: Directly biomedical/public-health, reflecting real-world hospital and ICU loads during COVID-19.

Size/structure: The file far exceeds the minimum requirements (well over 100 rows and more than 20 columns) and includes both categorical (granularity, location IDs, sources) and continuous (counts) variables.

Accessibility/ethics: Publicly accessible aggregated, de-identified counts suitable for academic use.

Analytical potential: Enables trend estimation, wave identification, geographic comparison, and lead-lag analysis between admissions ("flow") and occupancy ("stock").

Ethical use. The dataset consists of aggregated, de-identified counts without PII; no patient-level identifiers are present, aligning with course requirements for ethical, public data.

16 Variables description

Key columns:

date (daily), granularity (country, region, department), location_code (location code), location_name (location name).

Indicators:

- hospitalized - current hospitalized patients

- icu_patients current ICU patients
- deaths cumulative deaths
- recovered cumulative recoveries
- new_hospitalizations new daily hospital admissions
- new_icu_admissions new daily ICU admissions

Additional fields:

confirmed_cases and tested may be present with different levels of completeness.

Note: Due to several missing/invalid values (NaN/Inf), the tested column is largely unusable for analysis and is excluded from primary summaries and plots.

Source metadata:

source_name, source_url, source_archive, source_type.

Table 1: Row counts by geographic granularity

granularity	n
department	40715
region	7708
country	817
overseas_collectivity	131
world	83

Table 2: Summary statistics for key numeric indicators

variable	n	mean	sd	median	min	max
confirmed_cases	3081	121010.685	508142.429	27.0	0	3560764
deaths	47928	920.086	4150.452	135.0	0	70574
hospitalized	46826	578.225	2597.057	91.0	0	33497
icu_patients	46743	80.489	387.667	10.0	0	7148
new_hospitalizations	46095	32.664	166.648	4.0	0	4281
$new_icu_admissions$	46095	5.421	28.033	0.0	0	771
recovered	46712	3949.800	17835.138	645.5	0	299624
tested	0	NaN	NA	NA	Inf	-Inf

17 Research question(s)

- 1. **National waves:** How did France's national hospitalization and ICU occupancy evolve across early pandemic waves (2020-2021)?
- 2. Flow-stock timing: Do peaks in new hospital admissions precede peaks in current hospitalizations, and by roughly how many days?

18 Data cleanup and processing plan

- Parsing and types: Ensure the date field is properly parsed as a date variable and convert indicator fields into numeric types for consistency.
- Subsetting: For national trends, include only rows classified as country with location_code = "FRA". For geographic comparisons, restrict the dataset to rows where granularity is region.
- Missingness: Quantify missing values for each column and handle them transparently by applying listwise deletion for plotted series (no imputation).
- **Duplicates:** Identify and remove duplicate entries defined by the combination of date and location_code.
- **Provenance:** Retain all source metadata fields, and include them in the appendix when relevant for transparency.

19 Descriptive statistics (figures in Appendix)

France's national indicators exhibit multi-wave patterns during 2020-2021. Hospital occupancy and ICU burden rise and fall in tandem with case surges, while cumulative deaths increase monotonically. The timing relationship between new admissions (flow) and current occupancy (stock) suggests admissions lead occupancy by several days. For visuals supporting these statements, see Appendix Figures A1-A3. Tables above summarize structure and central tendencies.

Across all rows, the median current hospitalizations was 91, with an IQR of 25-285; ICU occupancy had a much lower median, which is expected since ICU is a subset of the total hospital (median 10), consistent with ICU being a subset of total hospital burden.

20 Planned statistical methods

- Lagged cross-correlation between new_hospitalizations (flow) and hospitalized (stock) to estimate lead time from admissions to occupancy.
- Regional comparison of ICU vs hospital burden by wave period (medians, IQRs).
- Simple time-series decomposition on national hospitalizations to separate trend/seasonal/residual components (if applicable).

21 Limitations

Several fields like tested and early confirmed_cases have bad coverage over time, and indicators are hospital-centric rather than community-representative. Counts are aggregated and de-identified, so patient-level cannot be controlled. Because the dataset mixes granularities (national, regional, departmental), comparing across levels requires careful subsetting (granularity == "country"

for national trends). These constraints limit causal interpretation, so we have to focus more on descriptive trends and clearly labeled comparisons.

22 Appendix - Project Two

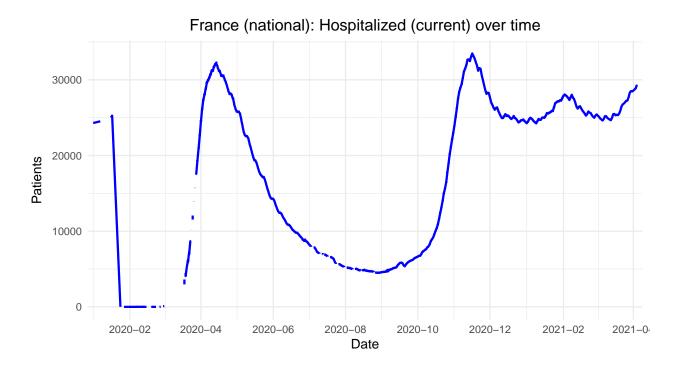


Figure 1: France (national): Hospitalized (current) over time.

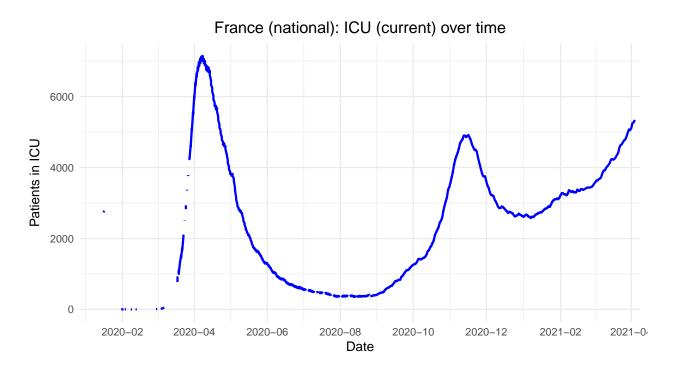


Figure 2: France (national): ICU (current) over time.

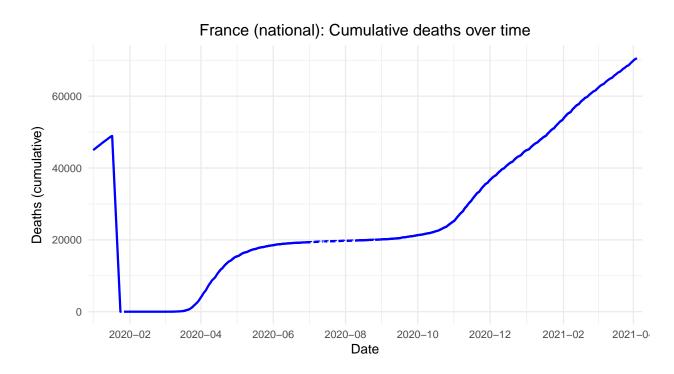


Figure 3: France (national): Cumulative deaths over time.

23 Project Idea Three - Heart attack

24 Link to the dataset

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/iamsouravbanerjee/heart-attack-prediction-dataset

25 Introduction to dataset

The Heart Attack Prediction Dataset, available on Kaggle, is a comprehensive resource for studying the clinical, lifestyle, and demographic factors associated with cardiovascular risk. It consists of 8,763 de-identified patient records, including continuous variables such as age, cholesterol, blood pressure, and heart rate, as well as categorical features like sex, chest pain type, smoking habits, diabetes status, and dietary patterns. Socioeconomic and geographic attributes, including income and region, further enrich the dataset by adding broader context to heart health predictors. The primary outcome variable indicates whether a patient is at risk of a heart attack, making the dataset well-suited for statistical analysis, visualization, and classification tasks. Its diverse mix of variables supports exploration of correlations, risk factors, and group comparisons, while also providing an ethical and accessible foundation for predictive modeling in cardiovascular health research.

26 Dataset justification

I chose the Heart Attack Prediction Dataset because it directly addresses a critical biomedical challenge cardiovascular disease which remains one of the leading causes of mortality worldwide. The dataset integrates clinical, lifestyle, and demographic variables, making it highly relevant for exploring the multifactorial nature of heart health. With its balanced mix of categorical and continuous features, it offers strong potential for applying a variety of statistical methods, visualizations, and predictive modeling techniques. Its size and diversity of attributes make it complex enough to yield meaningful insights, yet still manageable for academic analysis. Overall, this dataset provides both real-world relevance and analytical richness, making it an excellent candidate for this project.

27 Variables description

Key columns include Patient ID (unique identifier for each record), Age (in years), Sex (male or female), Cholesterol (cholesterol levels in mg/dL), Blood Pressure (systolic/diastolic in mmHg), Heart Rate (beats per minute), and BMI (body mass index, kg/m^2). Clinical indicators capture Diabetes status (Yes/No), Family History of heart problems (1 = Yes, 0 = No), Previous Heart Problems (1 = Yes, 0 = No), Medication Use (1 = Yes, 0 = No), and Triglyceride levels (mg/dL).

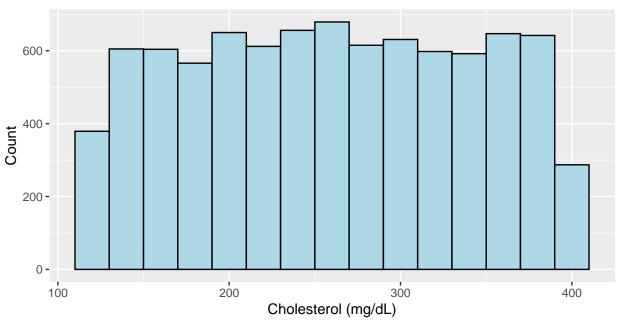
Lifestyle-related attributes include Smoking (1 = Smoker, 0 = Non-smoker), Obesity (1 = Obese, 0 = Not obese), Alcohol Consumption (None, Light, Moderate, Heavy), Diet (Healthy, Average, Unhealthy), Exercise Hours Per Week, Physical Activity Days Per Week, Stress Level (1–10 scale), Sedentary Hours Per Day, and Sleep Hours Per Day. Socioeconomic and demographic fields consist of Income, Country, Continent, and Hemisphere.

The target variable, Heart Attack Risk, is a binary indicator (1 = Yes, 0 = No) denoting whether the patient is at risk of a heart attack.

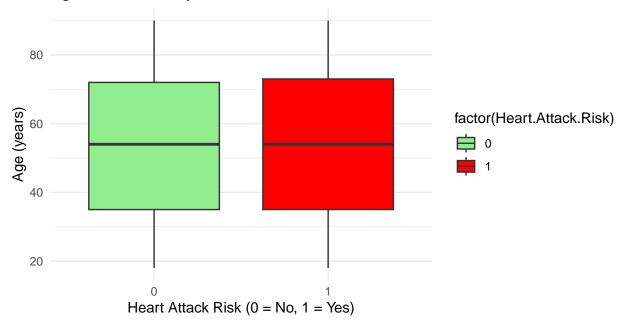
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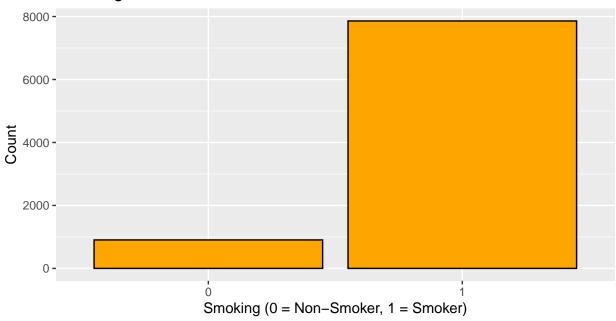
Distribution of Cholesterol Levels



Age Distribution by Heart Attack Risk



Smoking Status of Patients



28 Research questions

- 1. Which clinical, lifestyle, and demographic factors are most strongly associated with the risk of heart attack in patients?
- 2. Which features contribute most to a machine learning model's decision boundary for predicting heart attack risk?

29 Data cleanup and processing plan

- Check for missing values: Identify NAs using colSums(is.na(hd)); if very few, remove those rows; if moderate, impute using mean/median for continuous variables (e.g., Cholesterol, BMI) and mode for categorical variables (e.g., Diet, Alcohol Consumption).
- Remove duplicate entries: Drop exact duplicates or repeated Patient IDs to avoid over-representation using hd <- hd[!duplicated(hd),].
- Fix inconsistent formats: Split Blood Pressure into two numeric columns (Systolic and Diastolic) and convert binary indicators (0/1) like Diabetes, Smoking, and Heart Attack Risk into categorical factors.
- Validate ranges & handle outliers: Review continuous variables (e.g., Cholesterol, Triglycerides, BMI, Sleep Hours) for biologically implausible values; correct, cap, or remove extreme outliers as appropriate.
- Standardize categorical variables: Ensure consistent levels for Sex (Male/Female), Diet (Healthy/Average/Unhealthy), and Alcohol Consumption (None/Light/Moderate/Heavy).

• Create derived variables: Add new groupings such as Age Groups (e.g., 18–30, 31–50, 51–70, 71–90) and BMI Categories (Underweight, Normal, Overweight, Obese) to facilitate group comparisons in descriptive statistics and visualization.

30 Descriptive statistics (figures in Appendix)

31 Planned statistical methods

As the project progresses, I plan to use chi-square tests to assess associations between categorical factors (e.g., smoking, diabetes) and heart attack risk, and t-tests/ANOVA to compare continuous measures (e.g., cholesterol, BMI) across groups. To build predictive insight, I will apply logistic regression and may explore machine learning models such as decision trees or random forests. These methods will help identify key risk factors and evaluate their predictive power.

32 Limitations

33 Appendix - Project Three

```
##
## Variable: Age
## Mean: 53.70798
## Median: 54
## Range: 72
## Standard Deviation: 21.24951
##
## Variable: Cholesterol
## Mean: 259.8772
## Median: 259
## Range: 280
## Standard Deviation: 80.86328
##
## Variable: Heart.Rate
## Mean: 75.02168
## Median: 75
## Range: 70
## Standard Deviation: 20.55095
##
## Variable: BMI
## Mean: 28.89145
## Median: 28.769
## Range: 21.99487
## Standard Deviation: 6.319181
## Variable: Triglycerides
```

```
## Mean: 417.6771
## Median: 417
## Range: 770
## Standard Deviation: 223.7481
##
## Variable: Exercise.Hours.Per.Week
## Mean: 10.01428
## Median: 10.06956
## Range: 19.99627
## Standard Deviation: 5.783745
##
## Variable: Stress.Level
## Mean: 5.469702
## Median: 5
## Range: 9
## Standard Deviation: 2.859622
## Variable: Sedentary.Hours.Per.Day
## Mean: 5.99369
## Median: 5.933622
## Range: 11.99805
## Standard Deviation: 3.466359
## Variable: Income
## Mean: 158263.2
## Median: 157866
## Range: 279892
## Standard Deviation: 80575.19
## Variable: Physical.Activity.Days.Per.Week
## Mean: 3.489672
## Median: 3
## Range: 7
## Standard Deviation: 2.282687
## Variable: Sleep.Hours.Per.Day
## Mean: 7.023508
## Median: 7
## Range: 6
## Standard Deviation: 1.988473
##
## Variable: Sex
##
## Female
           Male
##
     2652
           6111
##
```

Variable: Diabetes

```
##
##
      0
## 3047 5716
##
## Variable: Family. History
##
      0
##
           1
## 4443 4320
## Variable: Smoking
##
##
      0
           1
## 904 7859
##
## Variable: Obesity
##
##
      0
           1
## 4369 4394
## Variable: Alcohol.Consumption
##
      0
## 3522 5241
## Variable: Diet
##
##
     Average
                Healthy Unhealthy
        2912
                   2960
                             2891
##
##
## Variable: Previous.Heart.Problems
##
      0
## 4418 4345
## Variable: Medication.Use
##
##
      0
## 4396 4367
##
## Variable: Country
##
##
                                           Brazil
        Argentina
                        Australia
                                                           Canada
                                                                            China
##
              471
                               449
                                              462
                                                              440
                                                                              436
##
         Colombia
                           France
                                          Germany
                                                            India
                                                                            Italy
##
              429
                              446
                                              477
                                                              412
                                                                              431
##
            Japan
                      New Zealand
                                          Nigeria
                                                     South Africa
                                                                      South Korea
##
               433
                               435
                                               448
                                                                              409
##
            Spain
                         Thailand United Kingdom United States
                                                                          Vietnam
```

```
##
              430
                              428
                                              457
                                                              420
                                                                              425
##
## Variable: Continent
##
##
          Africa
                           Asia
                                    Australia
                                                      Europe North America
             873
                           2543
                                                         2241
                                                                        860
##
                                           884
## South America
##
            1362
## Variable: Hemisphere
##
## Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere
                  5660
                                        3103
##
##
## Variable: Heart.Attack.Risk
##
      0
## 5624 3139
## Categorical Columns:
## [1] "Patient.ID"
                         "Sex"
                                           "Blood.Pressure" "Diet"
## [5] "Country"
                         "Continent"
                                           "Hemisphere"
##
## Numerical Columns:
                                            "Cholesterol"
##
    [1] "Age"
    [3] "Heart.Rate"
                                            "Diabetes"
    [5] "Family.History"
                                            "Smoking"
                                            "Alcohol.Consumption"
    [7] "Obesity"
##
   [9] "Exercise.Hours.Per.Week"
                                            "Previous.Heart.Problems"
##
## [11] "Medication.Use"
                                            "Stress.Level"
## [13] "Sedentary.Hours.Per.Day"
                                            "Income"
## [15] "BMI"
                                            "Triglycerides"
## [17] "Physical.Activity.Days.Per.Week" "Sleep.Hours.Per.Day"
## [19] "Heart.Attack.Risk"
##
                                                             variable
                                                                                 mean
                                                                                53.71
## Age
                                                                  Age 8763
                                                          Cholesterol 8763
## Cholesterol
                                                                               259.88
## Heart.Rate
                                                           Heart.Rate 8763
                                                                                75.02
## Diabetes
                                                             Diabetes 8763
                                                                                 0.65
## Family.History
                                                      Family. History 8763
                                                                                 0.49
## Smoking
                                                              Smoking 8763
                                                                                 0.90
## Obesity
                                                              Obesity 8763
                                                                                 0.50
## Alcohol.Consumption
                                                 Alcohol.Consumption 8763
                                                                                 0.60
```

```
## Exercise.Hours.Per.Week
                                             Exercise. Hours. Per. Week 8763
                                                                                10.01
## Previous.Heart.Problems
                                             Previous.Heart.Problems 8763
                                                                                 0.50
## Medication.Use
                                                      Medication.Use 8763
                                                                                 0.50
## Stress.Level
                                                         Stress.Level 8763
                                                                                 5.47
## Sedentary.Hours.Per.Day
                                             Sedentary. Hours. Per. Day 8763
                                                                                 5.99
## Income
                                                               Income 8763 158263.18
## BMI
                                                                  BMI 8763
                                                                                28.89
## Triglycerides
                                                        Triglycerides 8763
                                                                               417.68
## Physical.Activity.Days.Per.Week Physical.Activity.Days.Per.Week 8763
                                                                                 3.49
## Sleep.Hours.Per.Day
                                                 Sleep.Hours.Per.Day 8763
                                                                                 7.02
                                                                                 0.36
## Heart.Attack.Risk
                                                   Heart.Attack.Risk 8763
##
                                        median
                                                   range
                                                   72.00
                                         54.00
## Age
## Cholesterol
                                                  280.00
                                        259.00
## Heart.Rate
                                         75.00
                                                   70.00
## Diabetes
                                          1.00
                                                    1.00
## Family.History
                                          0.00
                                                    1.00
## Smoking
                                          1.00
                                                    1.00
## Obesity
                                          1.00
                                                    1.00
## Alcohol.Consumption
                                          1.00
                                                    1.00
## Exercise.Hours.Per.Week
                                         10.07
                                                   20.00
## Previous.Heart.Problems
                                          0.00
                                                     1.00
## Medication.Use
                                          0.00
                                                    1.00
## Stress.Level
                                          5.00
                                                    9.00
## Sedentary.Hours.Per.Day
                                          5.93
                                                   12.00
                                     157866.00 279892.00
## Income
## BMI
                                         28.77
                                                   21.99
## Triglycerides
                                        417.00
                                                  770.00
## Physical.Activity.Days.Per.Week
                                                    7.00
                                          3.00
## Sleep.Hours.Per.Day
                                          7.00
                                                    6.00
## Heart.Attack.Risk
                                          0.00
                                                    1.00
```

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