



# Death Rate in Asia & North America

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## Dataset Used

- World Development Indicators dataset
  - Specifically, the statistic we'll be looking into is "Death rate, crude (per 1000 people)".



# Why care about Death Rate?

*"Communities and countries and ultimately the world are only as strong as the health of their women."*

*Michelle Obama, May 16th 2014*

In a world where waste is abundant, but resource-need is still high, humanity has a responsibility of helping thy neighbor, ensuring a better tomorrow by doing something today. To do so, we must find out which nations/communities need the most help.

Looking into Death Rate will give us a solid understanding and assessment of a nation's overall health status, especially since many Causes of Death are preventable/treatable.



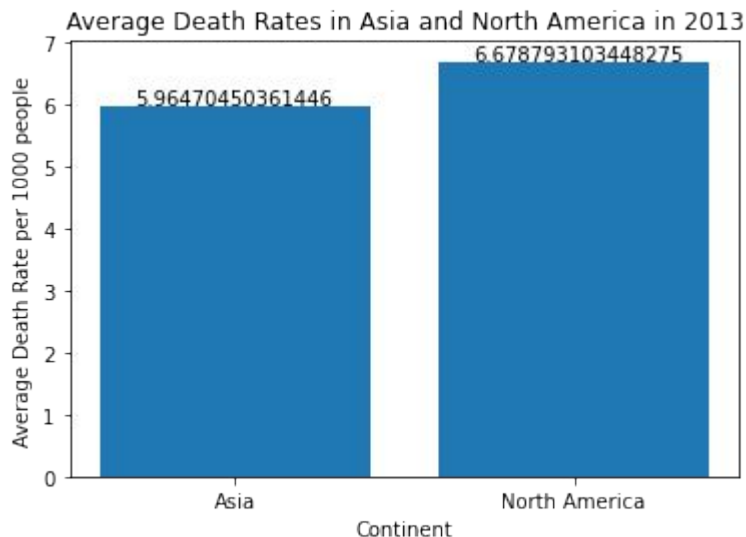
# Research Question

Today we're going to be looking into continents that hit close to home for me, being a first Generation Asian American in the United States.

**Research Question:** *Do Asian countries tend to have higher death rates compared to North American countries?*

Being born in an immigrant family, my parents immigrated to the United States in search of a better life. This fact gave to my curiosity, what would my life look like if they didn't immigrate? How much "worse" is life in Asia?

# Findings

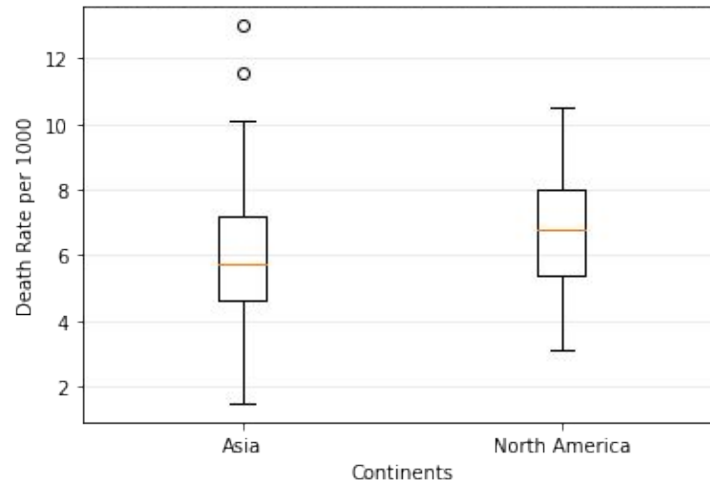


- 2013 is the most recent year we have data on.
- North America had less data points (29), compared to Asia's 46, this makes sense since Asia has more countries.
- We see that North America has a slightly higher death rate. Since the difference is so small, this doesn't tell us much.
  - Let's look at the distributions:

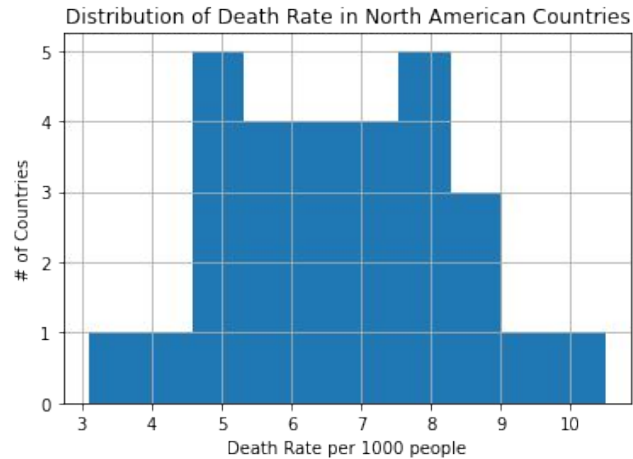
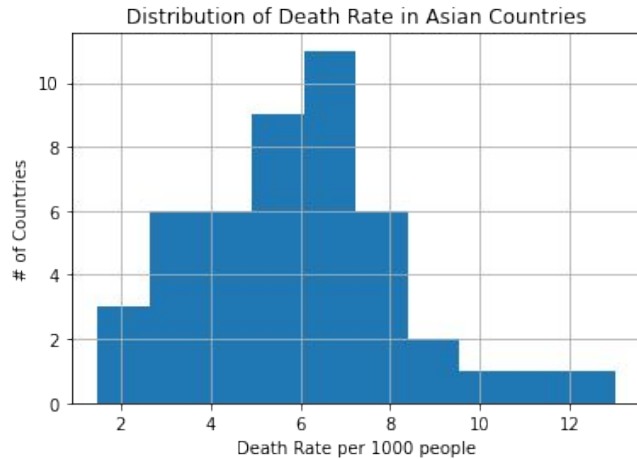
## Findings (part 2)

- We see the following:
  - Box-plot whiskers are much longer in Asia than in North America.
  - Asia has a lower minimum than North America.
  - Asia has 2 upper outliers.
- This tells us:
  - Range of data is much larger in Asia.
  - A few asian countries have very low death rates.
  - Average Death Rate for Asia would become much lower if we dropped the outliers, increasing the gap between Death Rate in Asia and Death Rate in North America.

Distributions of Death Rate in Asian Countries and North America Countries in 2013



## Findings (part 3)



Histograms further confirm our findings as well as tell us a few other things:

- Majority of Asian countries have death rates that are less than or equal to 6.
- Most North American countries have death rate between 4 and 8, fairly evenly spread out.



# Conclusion

**Research Question:** *Do Asian countries tend to have higher death rates compared to North American countries?*

**Answer:** Using Data Exploration, Data Analyzation, and Data Visualization, we can confidently say the answer to the research question is “No, Asian countries actually tend to have lower death rates compared to North American countries”.

While the highest death rates are from Asia, we can see from our visualizations that more North American countries need our help rather than Asian countries.





# Where to go from here?

With the information found from this study, logically we can start to research the following:

- What variables have the most impact to death rate?
  - Readily available access to health care?
  - Overall food quality of a country?
  - Frequency of violent crimes in a country?



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# Project Notebook

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## 1 Do Asian Countries tend to have higher death rates compared to North American countries?

In a world where waste is abundant but need for resources is still high, humanity has a responsibility to find out where resources need to go, especially in today's society with COVID-19.

Today, we're going to take a deep dive into Mortality Statistics. In particular, we're going to look at Crude Death Rate per 1000 people.

Motivation: Where should we divert global attention to? Food, water, resources, etc?

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[14]: import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

indicators = pd.read_csv('./World Indicators/Indicators.csv')

[15]: #List for all countries in each continent, got from wikipedia
asianCountries = ['ARB', 'ARM', 'AZE', 'BHR', 'BGD', 'BTN', 'BRN', 'KHM',
↳ 'CHN', 'TLS', 'GEO', 'IND', 'IDN', 'IRN', 'IRQ', 'ISR', 'JPN', 'JOR', 'KAZ',
↳ 'KWT', 'KGZ', 'LAO', 'LBN', 'MYS', 'MDV', 'MNG', 'MMR', 'NPL', 'PRK', 'OMN',
↳ 'PAK', 'PSE', 'PHL', 'QAT', 'RUS', 'SAU', 'SGP', 'KOR', 'LKA', 'SYR', 'TJK',
↳ 'TWN', 'THA', 'TUR', 'TKM', 'ARE', 'UZB', 'VNM', 'YEM']
northAmericanCountries = ['CAN', 'USA', 'MEX', 'BLZ', 'ATG', 'AIA', 'ABW',
↳ 'BHS', 'BRB', 'BMU', 'VGB', 'CYM', 'CRI', 'CUB', 'CUW', 'DOM', 'SLV', 'GRL',
↳ 'GRD', 'GTM', 'HTI', 'HND', 'JAM', 'MSR', 'NIC', 'PAN', 'PRI', 'BLM', 'KNA',
↳ 'LCA', 'MAF', 'SPM', 'VCT', 'SXM', 'TTO', 'TCA', 'VIR']

#DF for all indicators in NA or in ASIA
northAmericaDF = indicators[indicators['CountryCode'].
↳ isin(northAmericanCountries)]
asiaDF = indicators[indicators['CountryCode'].isin(asianCountries)]

#Masks for wanted indicators
northAmericaDeathMask = northAmericaDF['IndicatorName'].str.contains('Death_
↳ rate')
asiaDeathMask = asiaDF['IndicatorName'].str.contains('Death rate')
northAmericaLifeMask = northAmericaDF['IndicatorName'].str.contains('Life_
↳ expectancy at birth, total')
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asiaLifeMask = asiaDF['IndicatorName'].str.contains('Life expectancy at birth,
↳total')
northAmericaBirthMask = northAmericaDF['IndicatorName'].str.contains('Birth
↳rate')
asiaBirthMask = asiaDF['IndicatorName'].str.contains('Birth rate')

#New DFs
northAmericaDeath = northAmericaDF[northAmericaDeathMask]
asiaDeath = asiaDF[asiaDeathMask]
northAmericaLife = northAmericaDF[northAmericaLifeMask]
asiaLife = asiaDF[asiaLifeMask]
northAmericaBirth = northAmericaDF[northAmericaBirthMask]
asiaBirth = asiaDF[asiaBirthMask]

#New DFs for strictly year 2013
northAmericaDeath2013 = northAmericaDeath[northAmericaDeath['Year'] == 2013]
asiaDeath2013 = asiaDeath[asiaDeath['Year'] == 2013]
northAmericaLife2013 = northAmericaLife[northAmericaLife['Year'] == 2013]
asiaLife2013 = asiaLife[asiaLife['Year'] == 2013]
northAmericaBirth2013 = northAmericaBirth[northAmericaBirth['Year'] == 2013]
asiaBirth2013 = asiaBirth[asiaBirth['Year'] == 2013]

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## 1.1 Death Rate Comparisons between the two continents

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[16]: northAmericaDeath2013.info()
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 29 entries, 5400420 to 5531416
Data columns (total 6 columns):
#   Column          Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ---
0   CountryName     29 non-null    object
1   CountryCode     29 non-null    object
2   IndicatorName   29 non-null    object
3   IndicatorCode   29 non-null    object
4   Year            29 non-null    int64
5   Value          29 non-null    float64
dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(4)
memory usage: 1.6+ KB

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[17]: asiaDeath2013.info()
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 46 entries, 5377513 to 5532201
Data columns (total 6 columns):
#   Column          Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0   CountryName     46 non-null    object

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1  CountryCode    46 non-null    object
2  IndicatorName  46 non-null    object
3  IndicatorCode  46 non-null    object
4  Year          46 non-null    int64
5  Value         46 non-null    float64
dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(4)
memory usage: 2.5+ KB

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We see from above, that in 2013 we have more data points in Asia(46) than we do in North America(29). This would make sense, since there are more countries in Asia than in North America.

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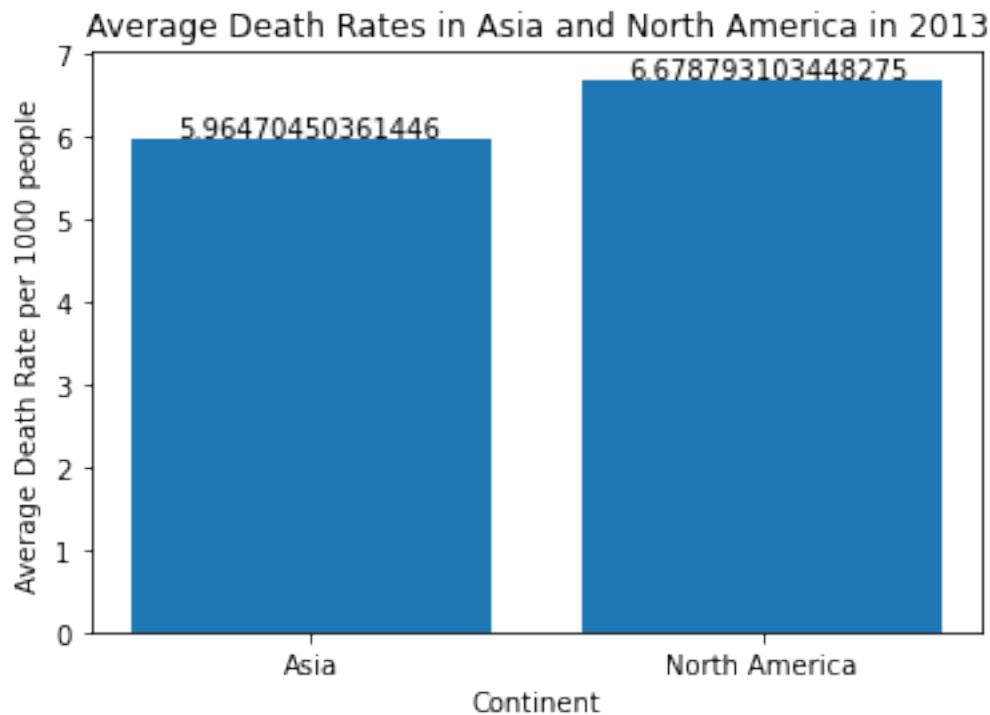
[18]: #Creating our first bar plot
countries = ['Asia', 'North America']
averages = [asiaDeath2013['Value'].mean(), northAmericaDeath2013['Value'].
↪mean()]

plt.bar(countries, averages)
plt.xlabel('Continent')
plt.ylabel('Average Death Rate per 1000 people')
plt.title('Average Death Rates in Asia and North America in 2013')

xlocs, xlabs = plt.xticks()
for index, value in enumerate(averages):
    plt.text(xlocs[index] - 0.3, value + 0.01, str(value))

plt.show()

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From above, we can see that in 2013, the death rate in North America is higher than it was in Asia.

Our indicator is “Death rate, crude (per 1,000 people)”. From wikipedia, this indicator “specifies the number of deaths in a population (scaled) per unit of time”. This means that in 2013, more people died in North America than Asia each unit of time. Although, the difference between the two continents is less than one so it’s hardly a difference.

Let’s look at the distributions of values between these two countries in 2013:

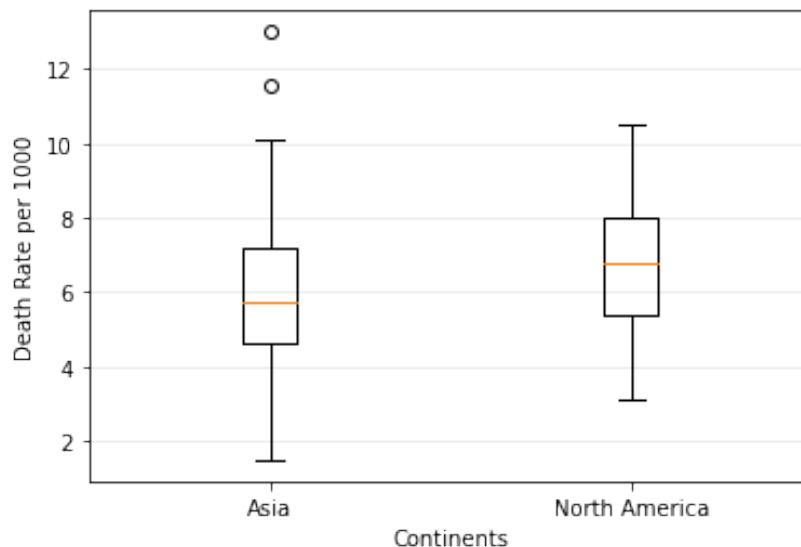
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[19]: #Creating our first box plot
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

data = [asiaDeath2013['Value'], northAmericaDeath2013['Value']]
bp = ax.boxplot(data)

ax.yaxis.grid(True, linestyle='--', which='major', color='lightgrey', alpha=0.5)
ax.set_xticklabels(['Asia', 'North America'])

plt.xlabel('Continents')
plt.ylabel('Death Rate per 1000')
plt.title('Distributions of Death Rate in Asian Countries and North America_
↪Countries in 2013')
plt.show()
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Distributions of Death Rate in Asian Countries and North America Countries in 2013



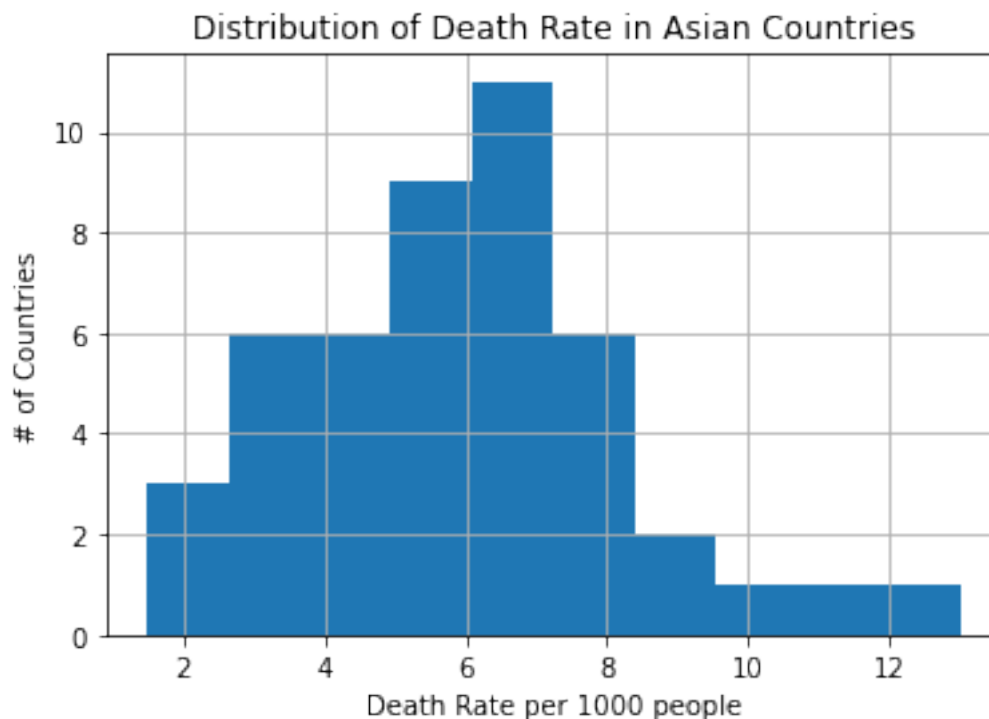
This box plot is also very interesting. We see the following things \* We see that the whiskers in Asia are much longer than the whiskers for North America. \* We see that Asia has a lower minimum

value than North America does. \* We also see that Asia has 2 upper outliers, meaning two asian countries have very high death rates.

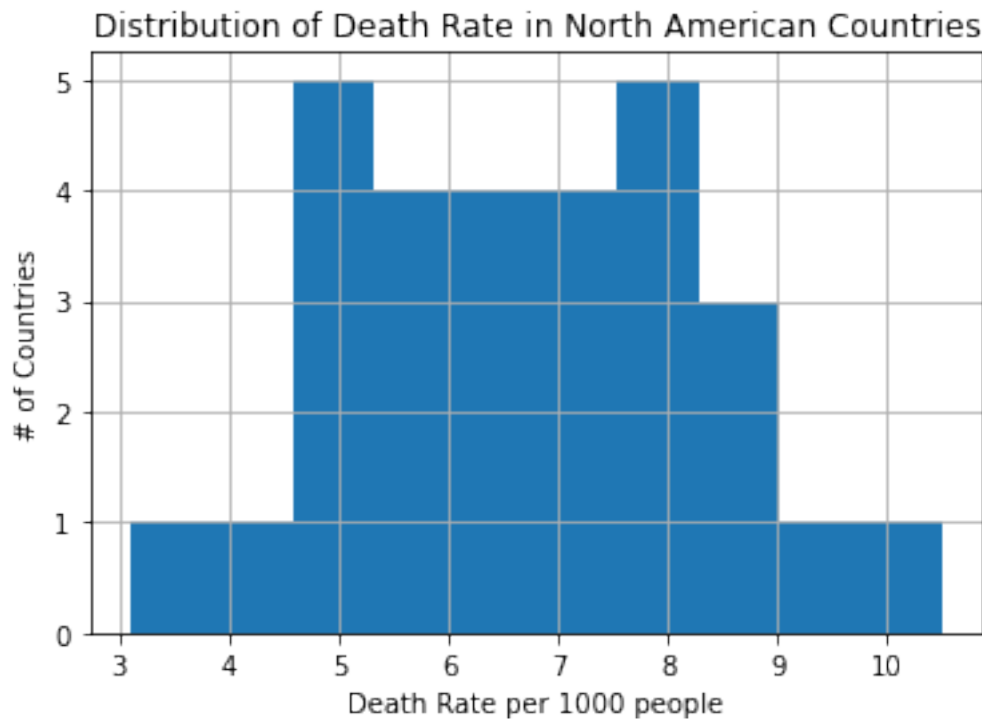
This information can tell us 3 things: \* We see that the range of data in Asian countries is much larger than the data in North America. The data is much more spread out. \* This makes sense, we have data for Asia than we do in North America, because Asia has more countries in general! \* The minimum for Death Rate in Asian Countries is lower than the (minimum) for death rate in North America! That means that some asian countries have very low death rates, much lower than in North America. \* When pairing the knowledge of our previous bar plot with knowing that there are 2 upper outliers in asia, we can imagine that the average values for Death Rate in Asia in 2013 would drastically decrease! Thus widening the gap between the comparisons of Average Death Rates in each continent!

Growing up in the United States from an immigrant family (from asia), I was always told that my parents immigrated here for a better life. While that could mean many things, I assumed that one of those reasons meant that the United States was the healthiest, safest country (I.E. you'll live a longer life here). From this data, we can see that that is not necessarily true.

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[20]: #Histogram for Asia 2013 Death Rate
plt.hist(asiaDeath2013['Value'])
plt.xlabel('Death Rate per 1000 people')
plt.ylabel('# of Countries')
plt.title('Distribution of Death Rate in Asian Countries')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
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```
[21]: #Histogram for North America 2013 Death Rate
plt.hist(northAmericaDeath2013['Value'])
plt.xlabel('Death Rate per 1000 people')
plt.ylabel('# of Countries')
plt.title('Distribution of Death Rate in North American Countries')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
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These histograms showing the distribution of these two variables obviously coincide with the box plots. We can see that the majority (11) of Asian countries have a death rate between 6 and 7. But for North America, almost all the countries have a death rate between 4.5 and 8.2, and it's almost evenly spread out.

The histograms also show us that there are two outlier countries in Asia that have really high death rates. North America has similar outliers, but they aren't as extreme.

All this information tells us that, while certain countries in Asia have the highest death rates in our selected pool, the majority of North American countries have higher death rates than Asian countries.

This information can be very useful for global health initiatives. For example, perhaps most North American countries need more health resources sent to them such as healthy food and clean water, while only some countries in Asia need this extra help.

From here, additional research needs to be done to see what has the most influence to a high/low death rate. Perhaps more access to health care will cause a decrease in death rate, or increasing



the overall food quality, or lowering the frequency of violent crimes.

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