

# PREDICTION OF SEASONAL FLU VACCINATIONS



#### INTRODUCTION

 Influenza is an illness that causes respiratory problems and can lead to hospitalisation or even death in some cases as a result of its complications.

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Vaccine hesitancy is the unwillingness to receive vaccines due to fears of the vaccine's effects on one's body and is one of the biggest threats to global health.
- People's views on vaccination are influenced by the personal and social circumstances and they can change over time.

#### MAIN OBJECTIVE

To create a model that can predict seasonal flu vaccine uptake based on a person's background and behavioral patterns.

# EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

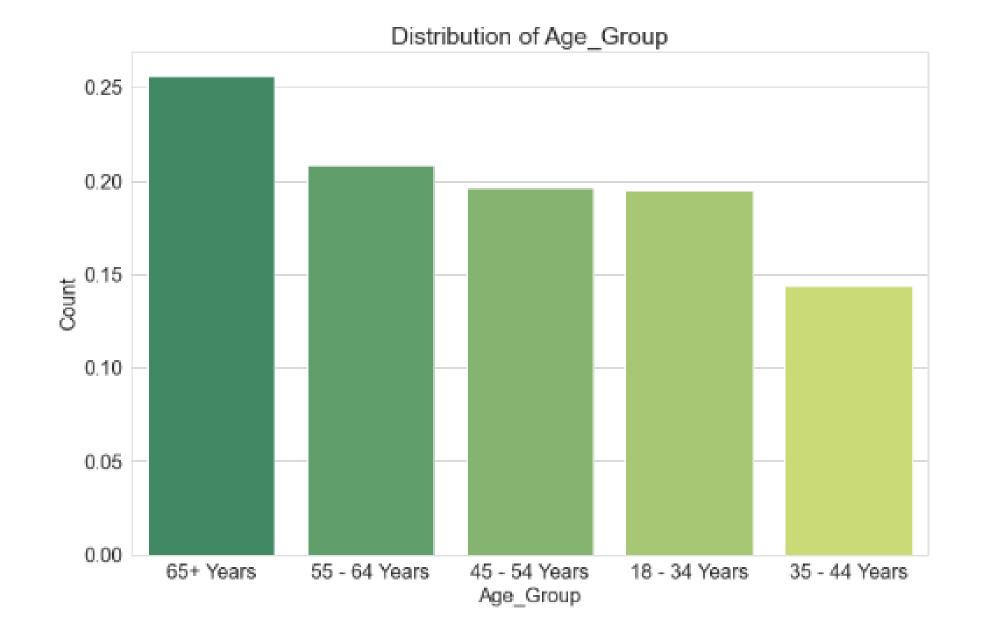


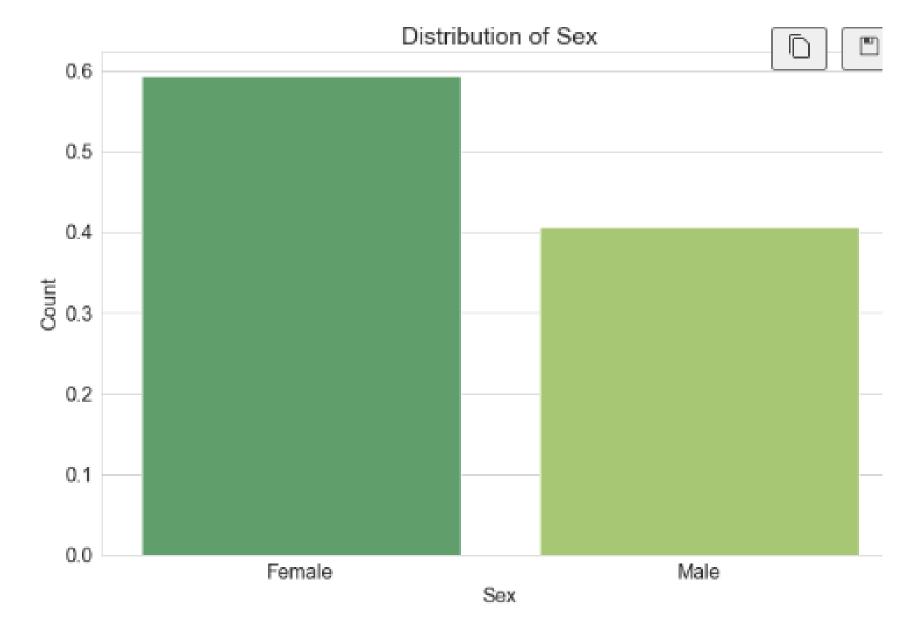


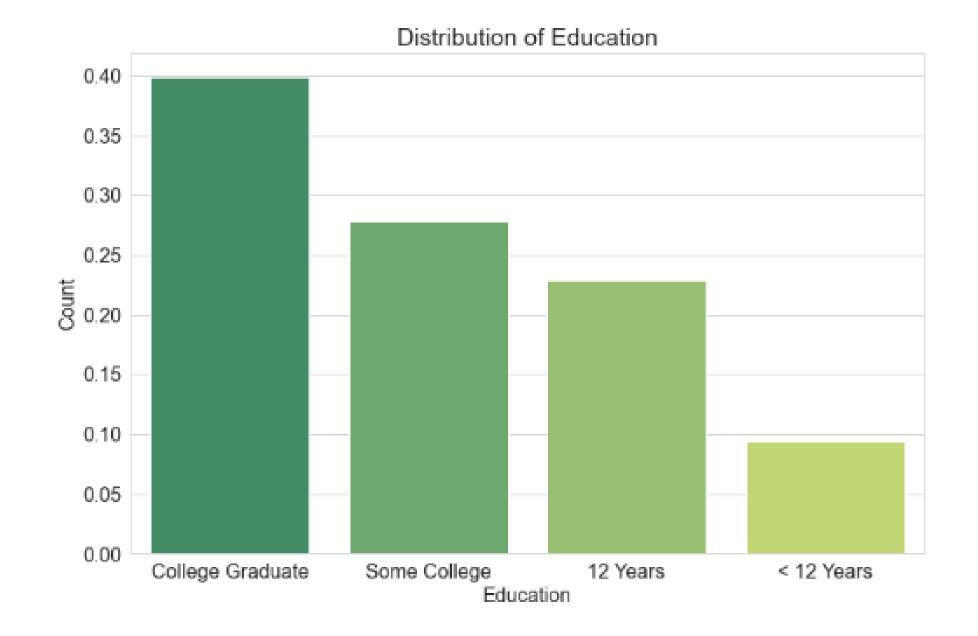


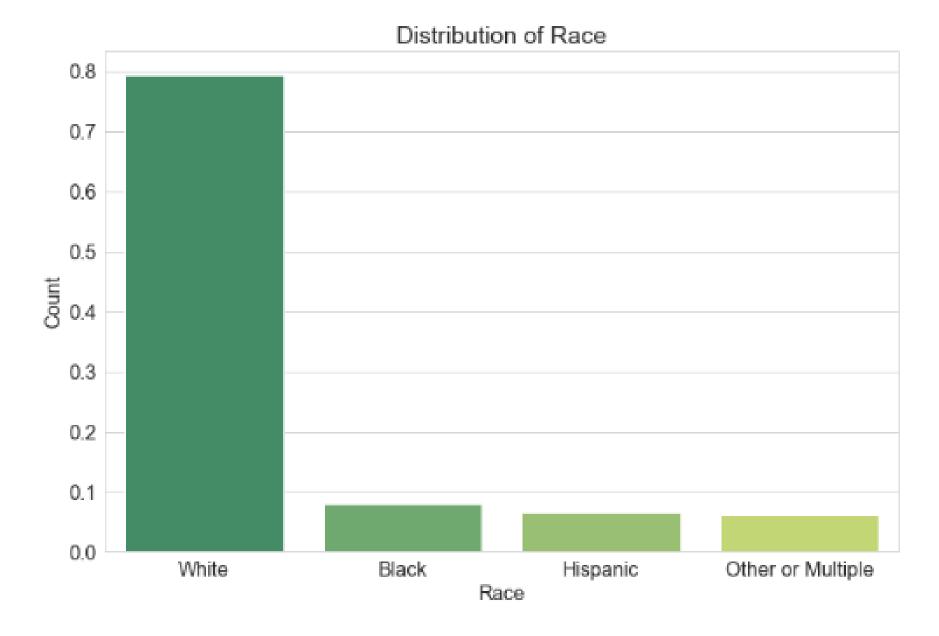




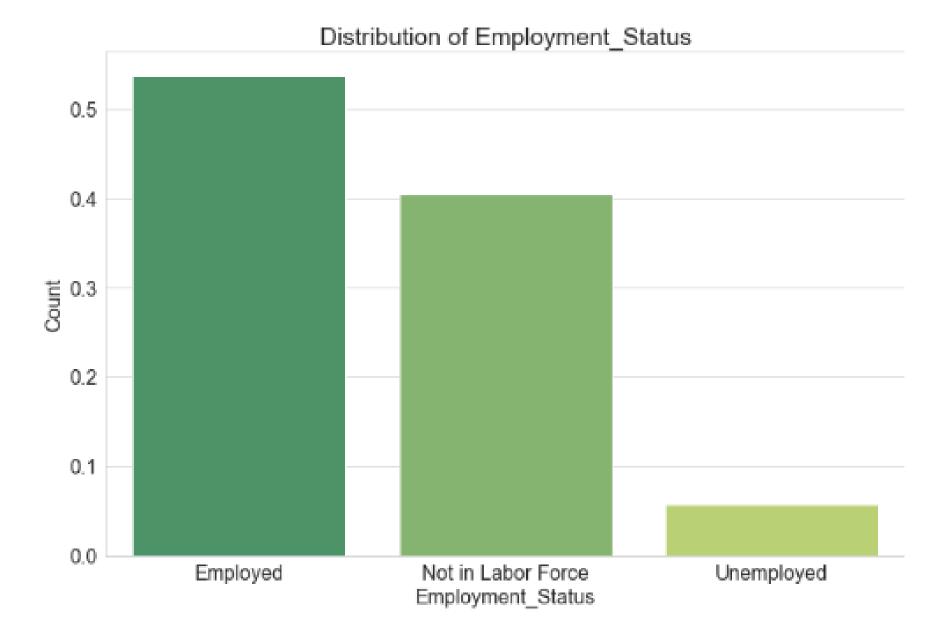




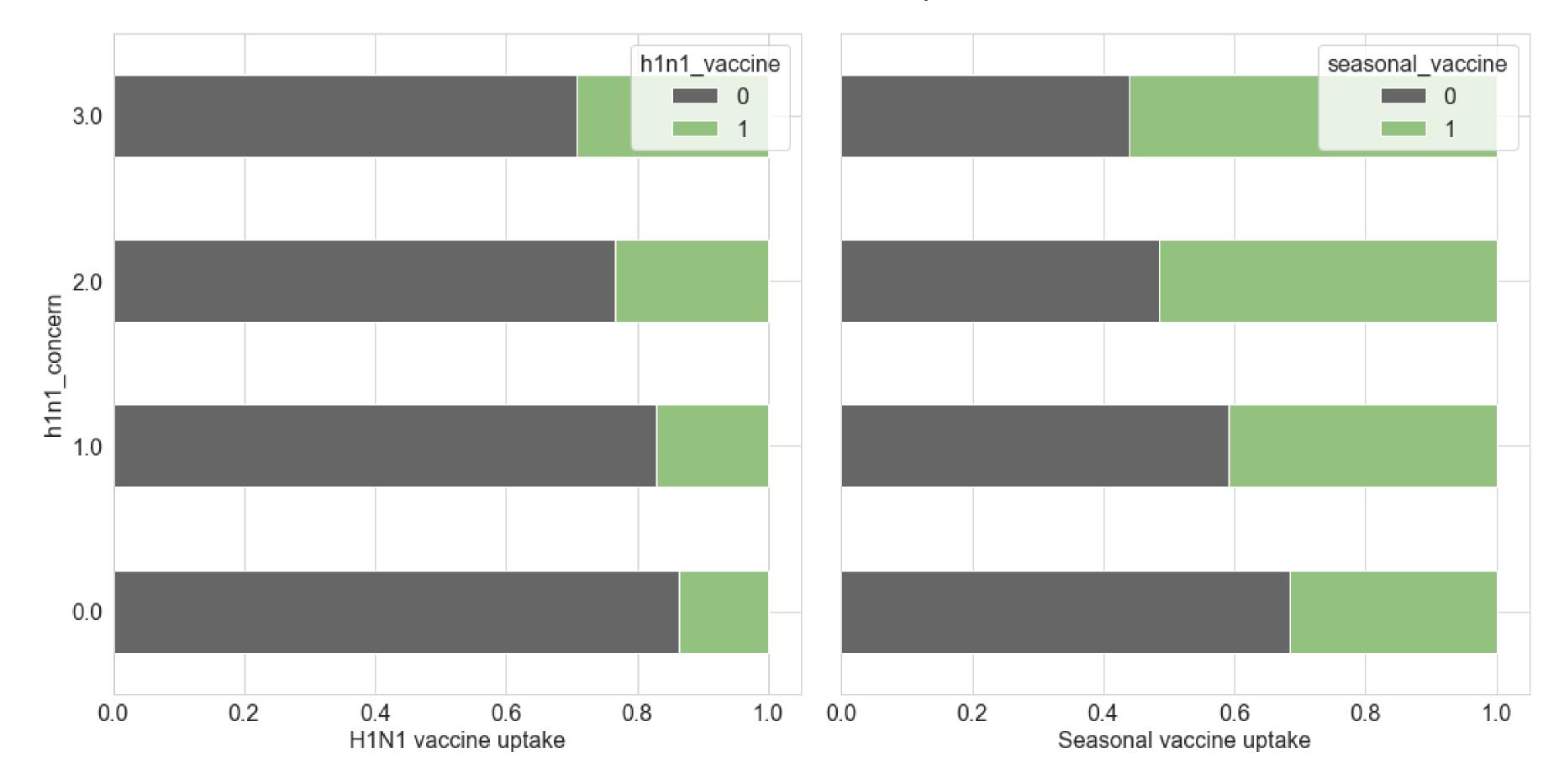




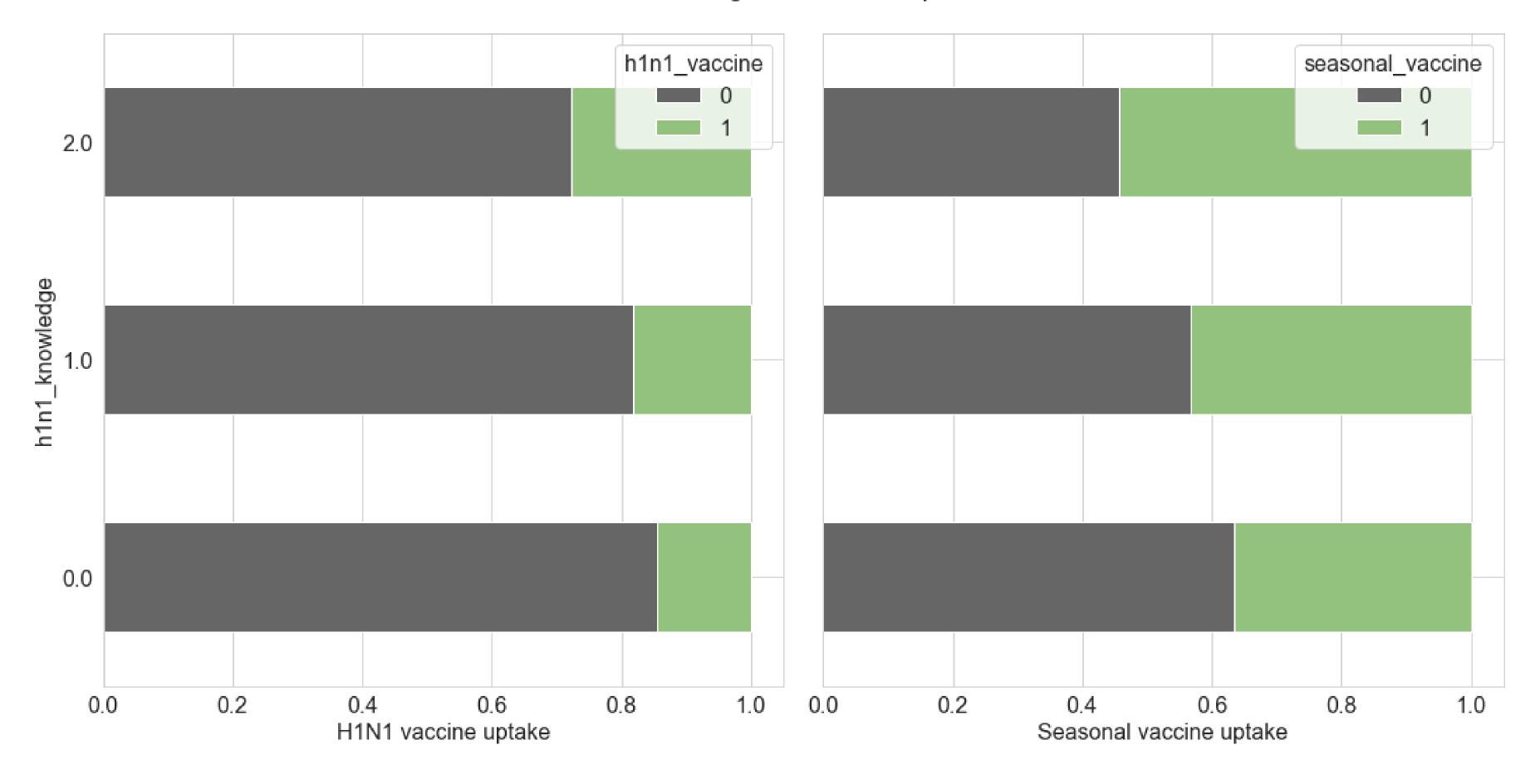




#### H1N1 concern vs Vaccine Uptake



#### H1N1 Knowledge vs Vaccine Uptake



### MODELLING













#### MODELLING

- Logistic Regression
- Random ForestClassifier
- XGBoost Classifier
- Gradient Boosting
   Classifier

#### LOGISTIC REGRESSION

- This was the baseline model.
- It first had an accuracy of 78.22%
- After feature selection, the accuracy improved to 78.45%

#### RANDOM FOREST

- The first model had an accuracy of 77.14%
- The model was then tuned and the accuracy improved to 77.56%

#### XGBOOST CLASSFIER

- The default model had an accuracy of 77.49%
- After tweaking the model, it returned an accuracy of 78.62%

## GRADIENT BOOSTING CLASSIFIER

- The default model had an accuracy of 78.12%
- The accuracy improved to 78.99% after once it was tuned.

#### EVALUATION

• The Gradient Boosting Classifier model was chosen as the final model as it had an accuracy of 78.99%

#### EVALUATION

Most important predictors were determined to be:

- The respondent's opinion on the effectiveness of the vaccine.
- Doctor's recommendation to take the vaccine.
- The respondent's opinion on the risks involved with not being vaccinated.
- People older than 65 and the general older population.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Public awareness campaigns should be made regarding the effectiveness of the seasonal flu vaccine as well as the risks associated with the flu.
- It would help to emphasise the safety of the vaccines for use by the public.
- Older people are more likely to take the seasonal flu vaccine. The younger population could, therefore, be targeted for such campaigns.



#### THANK YOU!

### QUESTIONS?