

Correlation Between Vaccination Rates and Covid Case, Hospitalization and Death Rates

Using data from *The New York Times'* [online Covid tracking tool](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html) (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>) from January 10, 2022, this notebook takes a high-level look at correlations between vaccination rates and case, hospitalization and death rates in the 50 U.S. states and Washington, D.C. It finds no meaningful correlation between vaccination rates and hospitalization and death rates, and a weak *positive* correlation with case rates, suggesting a higher case rate among the vaccinated. This analysis is subject to many caveats, including that it reflects just a single point in time and that the data is not adjusted for demographics and underlying health factors. But it is consistent with several recent studies finding little or no association between vaccination rates and Covid case, hospitalization and death rates.

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
pd.options.display.max_rows = 999
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', 500)
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=DeprecationWarning)
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In [2]: df=pd.read_excel("covid_vacc_correl_01_10_22.xls", index_col="Unnamed: 0")
df.head()
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Out[2]:

	Cases DAILY AVG.	Cases per 100000	14-day CHANGE	HOSPITALIZED DAILY AVG.	HOSPITALIZED per 100000	HOSPITALIZED 14-day CHANGE	DEATH DAILY AVG.
United States	677243	204	2.15	131361	40	0.82	14
Rhode Island ›	4371	413	2.16	435	41	0.58	1
New York ›	74182	381	1.28	12082	62	1.18	1
New Jersey ›	31512	355	1.25	5960	67	1.39	1
Massachusetts ›	19902	289	1.78	2556	37	0.91	1

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In [3]: df.columns = df.columns.str.strip().str.lower().str.replace(' ', '_').str.replace('(', '').str.replace(')', '').str.replace("'", '')
df.head()
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Out[3]:

	cases_daily_avg.	cases_per_100000	14-day_change	hospitalized_daily_avg.	hospit
United States	677243	204	2.15	131361	
Rhode Island ›	4371	413	2.16	435	
New York ›	74182	381	1.28	12082	
New Jersey ›	31512	355	1.25	5960	
Massachusetts ›	19902	289	1.78	2556	

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In [4]: df.columns
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Out[4]: Index(['cases_daily_avg.', 'cases_per_100000', '14-day_change', 'hospitalized_daily_avg.', 'hospitalized_per_100000', 'hospitalized_14-day_change', 'deaths_daily_avg.', 'deaths_per_10000', 'fully_vaccinated'], dtype='object')

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In [5]: df.head()
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Out[5]:

	cases_daily_avg.	cases_per_100000	14-day_change	hospitalized_daily_avg.	hospit
United States	677243	204	2.15	131361	
Rhode Island ›	4371	413	2.16	435	
New York ›	74182	381	1.28	12082	
New Jersey ›	31512	355	1.25	5960	
Massachusetts ›	19902	289	1.78	2556	

In [6]:

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df
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Out[6]:

	cases_daily_avg.	cases_per_100000	14-day_change	hospitalized_daily_avg.	hospit
United States	677243	204	2.15	131361	
Rhode Island ›	4371	413	2.16	435	
New York ›	74182	381	1.28	12082	
New Jersey ›	31512	355	1.25	5960	
Massachusetts ›	19902	289	1.78	2556	
Washington, D.C. ›	1969	279	0.5	861	
Delaware ›	2663	274	1.59	600	
Florida ›	58336	272	2.27	8641	
Hawaii ›	3409	241	1.51	242	
Illinois ›	29077	229	1.34	6826	
Texas ›	65087	224	6.78	9765	
Connecticut ›	7940	223	1.72	1878	
Maryland ›	13392	222	1.13	3461	
Louisiana ›	9967	214	5.46	1414	
Pennsylvania ›	26858	210	1.93	7085	
South Carolina ›	10419	202	6.52	1569	
Alabama ›	9870	201	5.22	1617	
Arkansas ›	6053	201	5.26	927	
Missouri ›	12127	198	3.95	3111	
Kansas ›	5738	197	4.18	1053	
Vermont ›	1223	196	1.92	98	
Kentucky ›	8620	193	5.78	1936	
California ›	74709	189	4.05	9757	
Mississippi ›	5351	180	7.02	1001	
Utah ›	5630	176	4.61	550	
Virginia ›	14645	172	1.85	3339	
Arizona ›	12439	171	3.77	2708	
Georgia ›	18092	170	2.11	5073	
West Virginia ›	2982	166	1.78	806	
Ohio ›	19358	166	0.6	6976	
Tennessee ›	11193	164	2.9	2494	
Michigan ›	16048	161	1.46	4609	
Wisconsin ›	9343	160	1.23	2241	
Indiana ›	10323	153	1.41	3274	

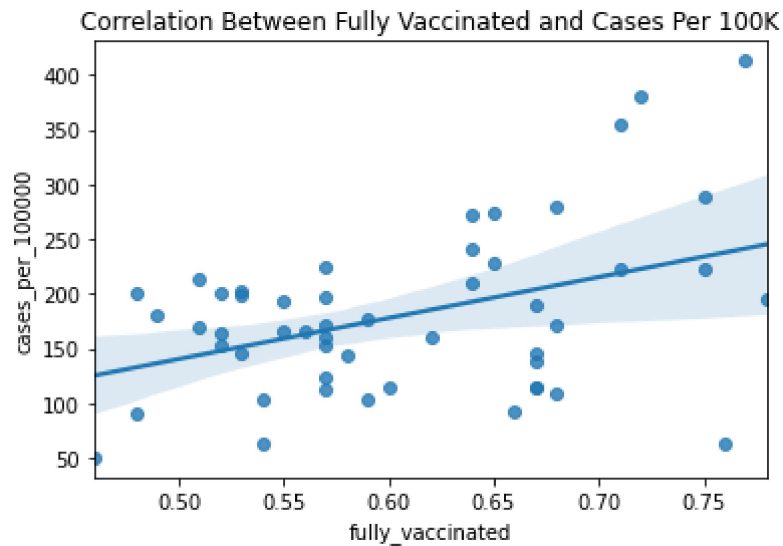
	cases_daily_avg.	cases_per_100000	14-day_change	hospitalized_daily_avg.	hospit
North Carolina ›	15925	152	3.19	3804	
New Hampshire ›	1988	146	0.67	394	
North Dakota ›	1114	146	2.91	226	
South Dakota ›	1276	144	2.69	296	
Colorado ›	7963	138	1.77	1447	
Alaska ›	903	123	5.04	75	
Nebraska ›	2209	114	1.85	595	
Oregon ›	4805	114	4.31	679	
New Mexico ›	2384	114	1.37	598	
Nevada ›	3464	112	2.4	1283	
Washington ›	8257	108	2.49	1726	
Oklahoma ›	4094	103	2.45	1255	
Iowa ›	3250	103	1.16	869	
Minnesota ›	5232	93	0.76	1585	
Wyoming ›	527	91	3.83	71	
Montana ›	676	63	3.26	156	
Maine ›	830	62	-10%	418	
Idaho ›	896	50	1.69	299	

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In [7]: df.drop(['United States'], axis=0, inplace=True)
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In [8]: corr_vac_and_cases=df['fully_vaccinated'].corr(df['cases_per_100000'])
print("The correlation between vaccination rate and case rate is: ",corr_vac_and_cases)
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The correlation between vaccination rate and case rate is: 0.41749233614606396

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In [9]: # use the function regplot to make a scatterplot
sns.regplot(y=df['cases_per_100000'], x=df['fully_vaccinated']).set_title("Correlation Between Fully Vaccinated and Cases Per 100K")
plt.show()
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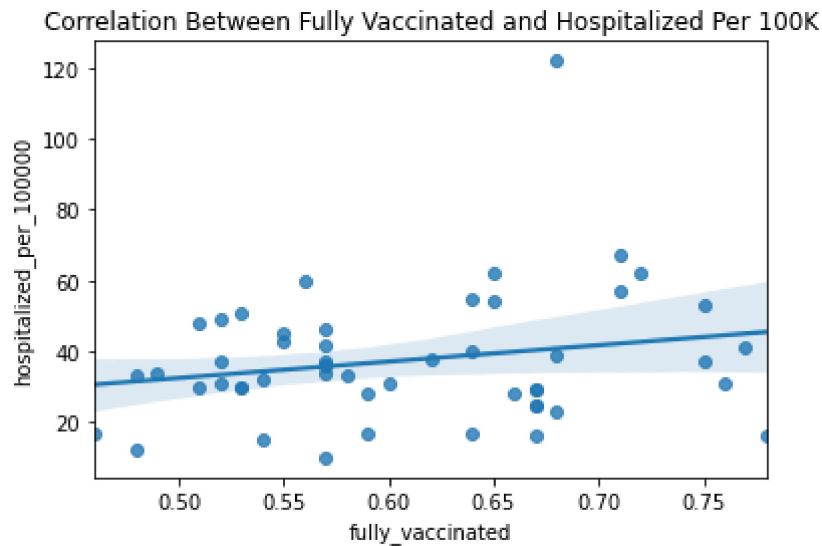
This means that there is a weak association between vaccination rate and *increased* number of cases.

Below, the data show no meaningful correlation between vaccination rates and hospitalization and death rates.

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In [10]: corr_vac_and_hospitalized=df['hospitalized_per_100000'].corr(df['fully_vaccinated'])
print("The correlation between vaccination rate and hospitalization rate is: ", corr_vac_and_hospitalized)
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The correlation between vaccination rate and hospitalization rate is: 0.2128437125507713

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In [11]: # use the function regplot to make a scatterplot
sns.regplot(y=df['hospitalized_per_100000'], x=df['fully_vaccinated']).set_title("Correlation Between Fully Vaccinated and Hospitalized Per 100K")
plt.show()
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In [12]: corr_vac_and_deaths=df['deaths_per_100000'].corr(df['fully_vaccinated'])
print("The correlation between vaccination rate and death rate is: ",corr_vac_and_deaths)
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The correlation between vaccination rate and death rate is: 0.06096962841484327

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In [13]: # use the function regplot to make a scatterplot
sns.regplot(y=df['deaths_per_100000'], x=df['fully_vaccinated']).set_title("Correlation Between Fully Vaccinated and Deaths Per 100K")
plt.show()
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