Find an example of crazy, surprising, or misleading statistics in data and write a brief op-ed on the situation.

Include the URL for your source.

Lately Autism has been a hot topic for the last couple of years, this for many reasons such as: we live in the so called information age where data (and conclusions from it) is easily accessible to everyone at a click of a button and also by the fact that this is a topic that affect people and families in an emotional level and as a consequence leave them open for blind spots.   
  
At the end of the 90s a lot of misinformation started to flow by a questionable study provided by Dr. Andrew Wakefiled that allegedly proved a connection between autism to child vaccination. A decade later these claims where denied, but at that point the damage was already done and people started looking for correlations to find a cause/reason for the seemingly increase cases of autism which also coincides with the increase capability to detect this brain disorder.  
The fact that in the last decades tests to detect Autism has noticeably increase makes it easy to start seeing correlation with other phenomena that has been increasing lately (for independent reasons), this and the fact that Autism is a very complicated topic from the scientific (Brain study) stand point makes oversimplification a tempting path to follow.

Autism has been linked to at least tenths of factors such as:

Ultrasound

High-fructose corn syrup

Lortab/Acetaminophen while pregnant

Pitocin

C-Section

Antibiotics

Vaccines

Acetaminophen/Paracetamol

Fluoride

GMOs

WiFi Signals

Among many others

(Example: The blog “The Thinking Mom’s Revolution. See the URL below)

As you can see from the plots in the URL: <https://geneticliteracyproject.org/2016/09/22/autism-increase-mystery-solved-no-its-not-vaccines-gmos-glyphosate-or-organic-foods/>  
We can find a correlation between Autism and Organic Food Sales and Cell Phone Subscribers, which has been increasing in the last decade at a seemingly rate and are very likely not a factor on this very complex metal disorder (or at least not the main factors then).

All this to stress the dangers of the Correlation/Causation fallacy and the importance of looking at experiments that can provide a better understanding of the relationship between 2 or more variables and not getting to the immediate conclusion that correlation between 2 variables means a causation relationship between one to the other but just an indication that further analysis must be done.

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Other URLs:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html>

<https://foodinsight.org/what-vaccine-opponents-can-teach-us-about-food-biotechnology/>

<https://thinkingmomsrevolution.com/how-i-gave-my-son-autism/>