

# Stroke Mortality Predictor

University of Minnesota Data Visualization and Analytics Boot Camp

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# Team 2

Team 2 members all work at Mayo Clinic.



**Janice Courtois**

- Works in Healthcare Technology Management
- Lives on horse ranch in AZ
- Travels often to visit kids & grandson



**Alex Norgren**

- Works in a Lab
- Enjoys to golf



**Tom Pankratz**

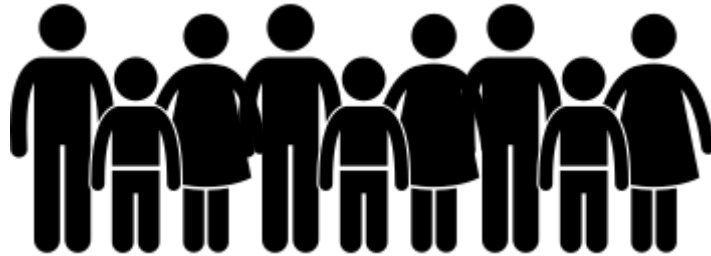
- 19 years at Mayo Clinic
- Manages a digital experimentation team
- Dad of 4



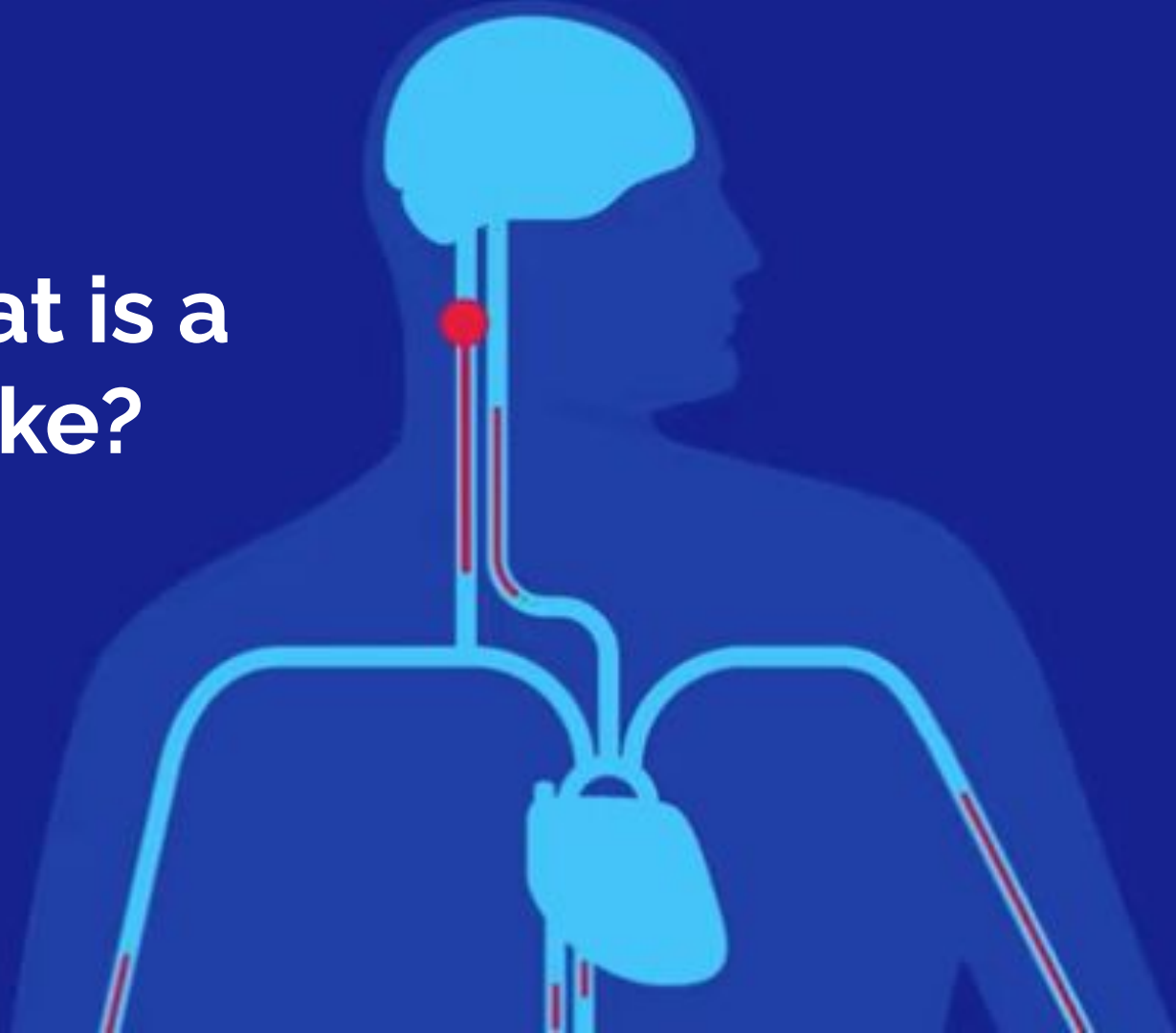
**Rachel Rautenberg**

- Holds MHA
- 14 years at Mayo
- Mom of 4
- Enjoys the chaos

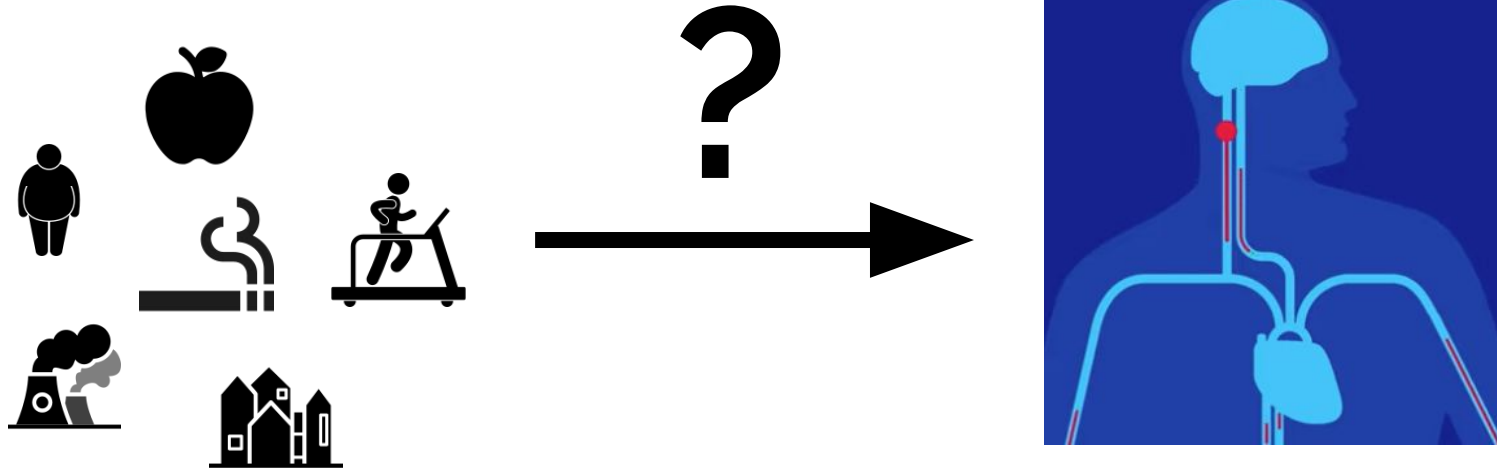
# Topic: Stroke mortality



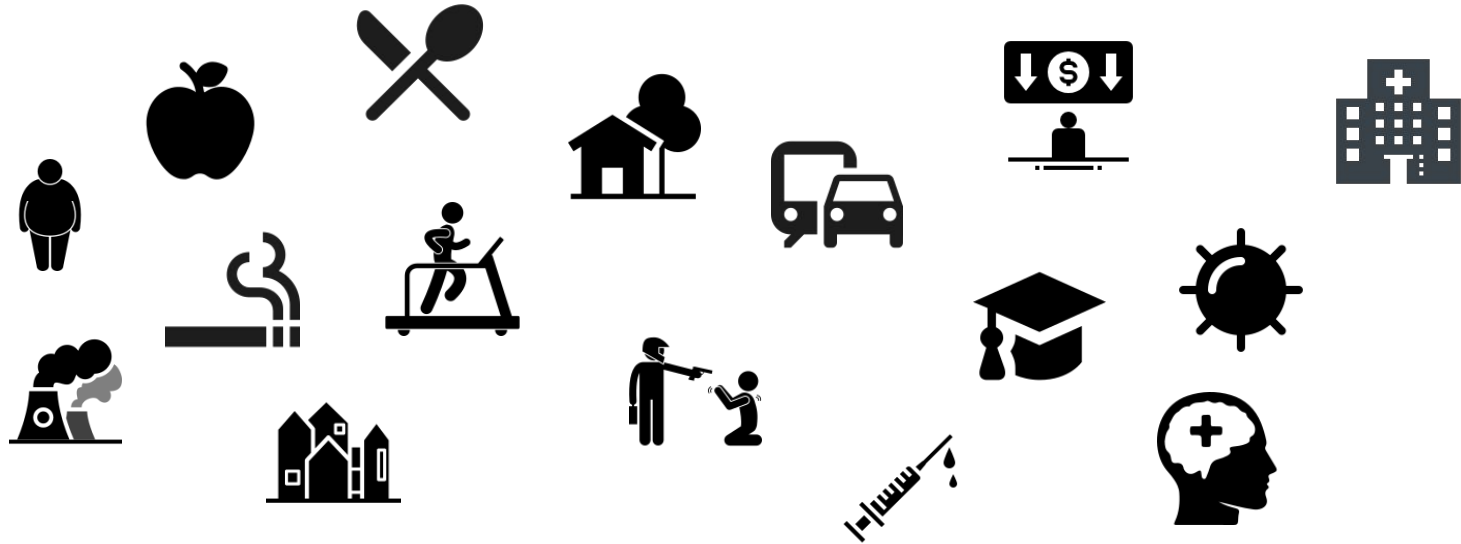
**What is a  
stroke?**



# Goal of project & questions?



# Brainstorming possible factors



# Factors we landed on

## Health-related:

- Smoking
- Obesity
- Access to healthy foods
- Access to exercise opportunities
- Primary care availability
- Availability of mental health providers

## Social-related:

- College education
- Unemployment
- Income
- Violent crime rate
- Air pollution
- Length and type of commute to work
- Urban vs. rural

# Source data



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**Stroke Mortality Data Among US Adults  
(35+) by State/Territory and County (2018)**



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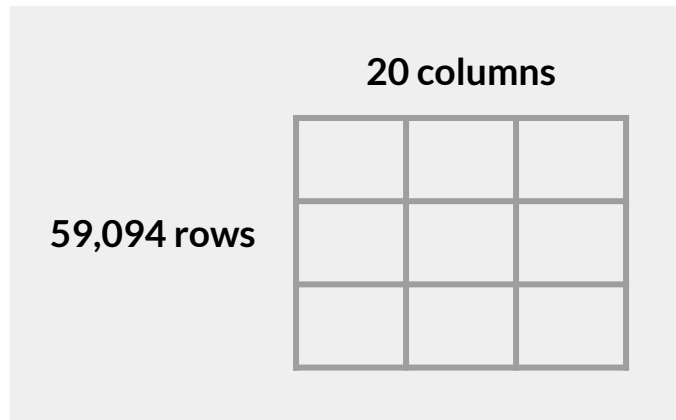
**County Health Rankings (2018)**



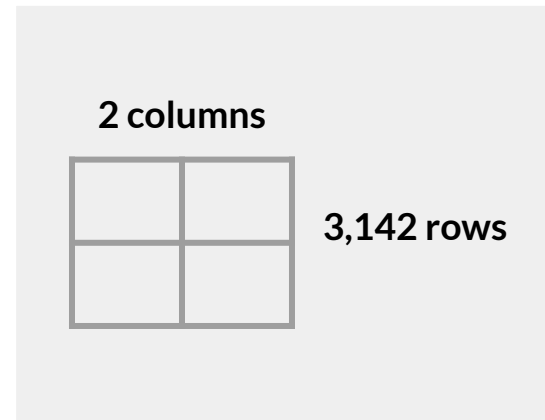
# Data exploration and integration



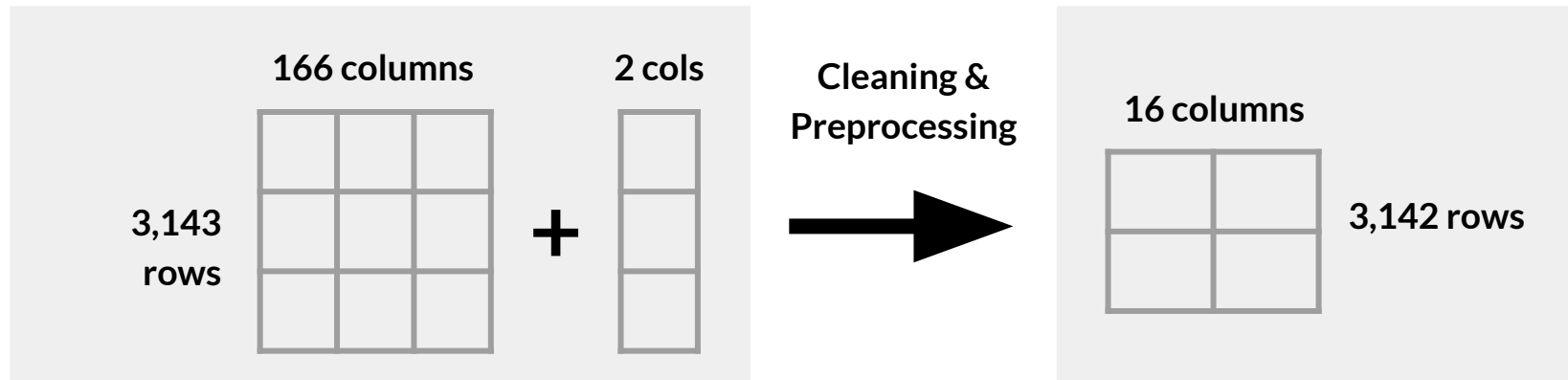
# Target: Stroke mortality dataset



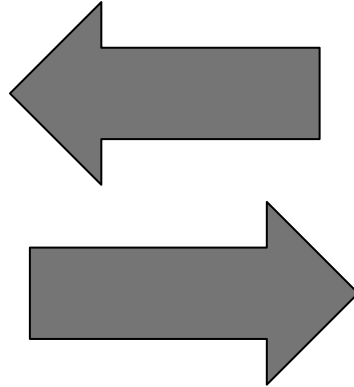
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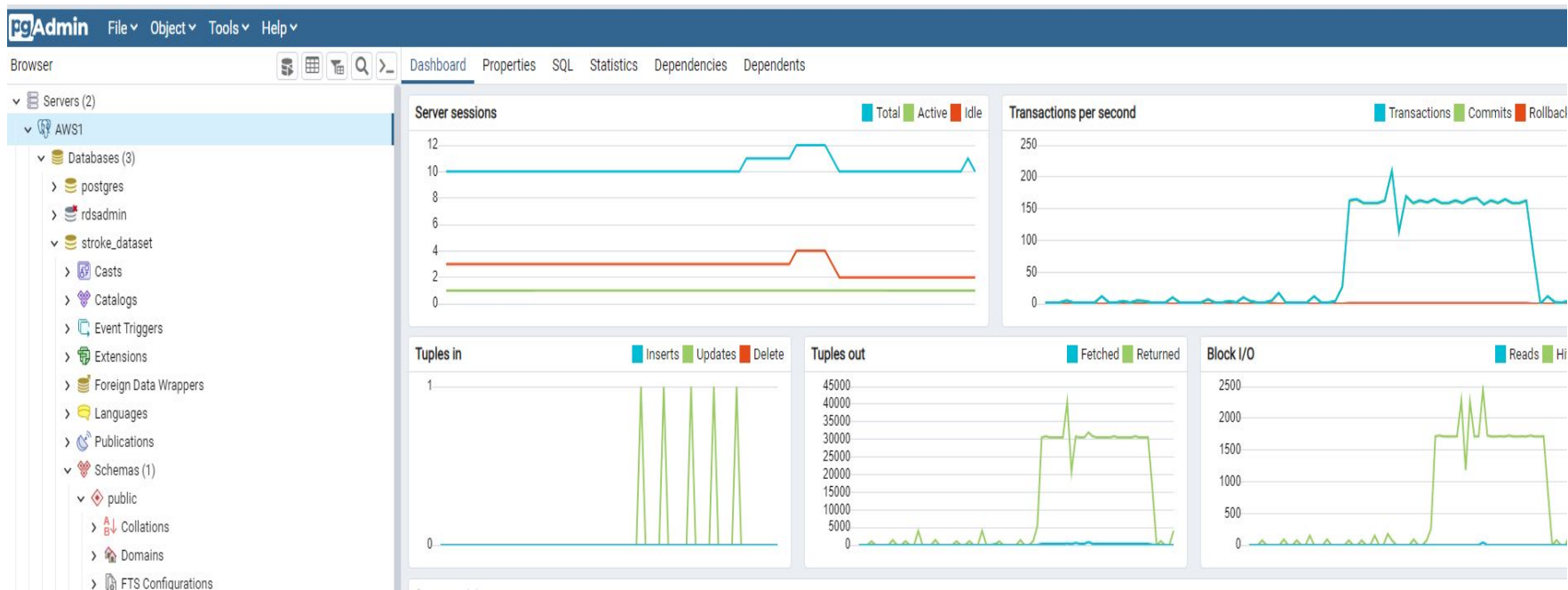
# Features: Health rankings datasets



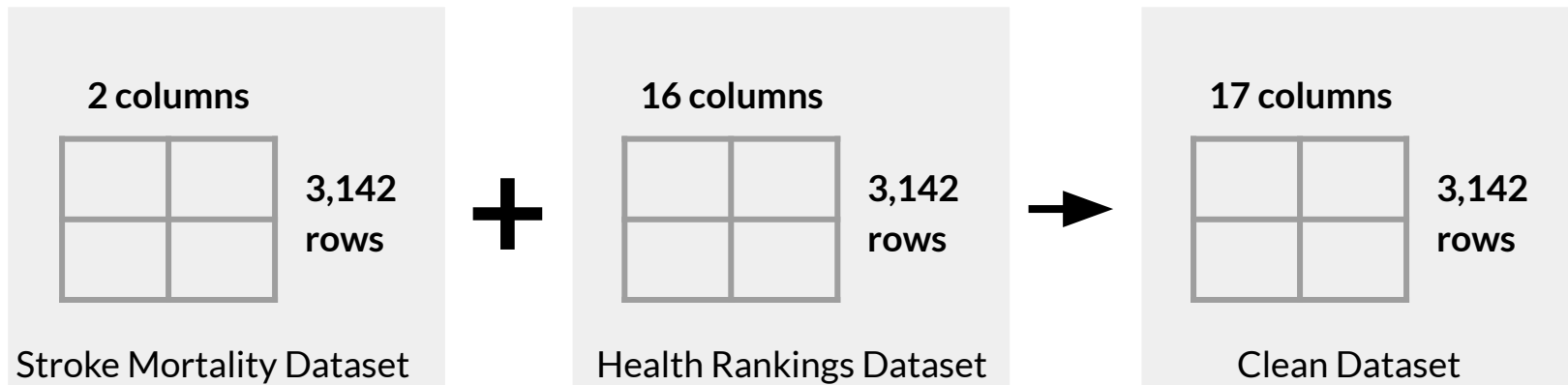
# Establish Connection to Database



# View of live connection via AWS



# Datasets merge via PostgreSQL



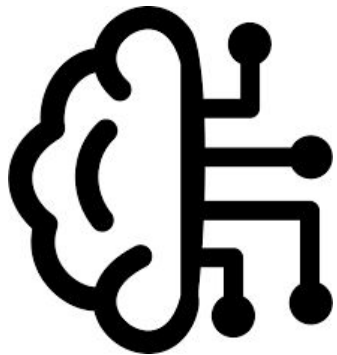
**Ready for Machine Learning!**



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# Exploring for Machine Learning

- Decide prediction target
  - Research & decide machine learning model
  - Build machine learning model
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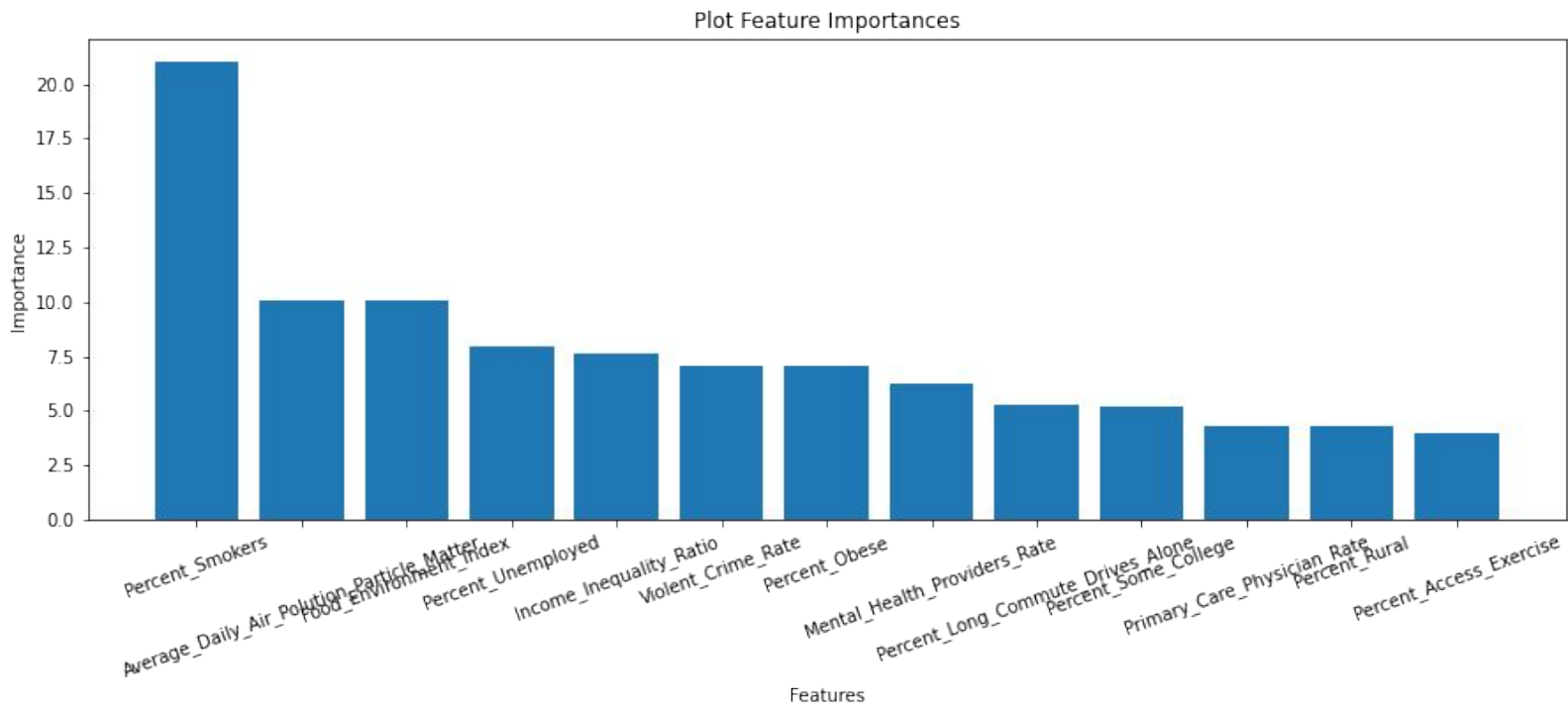
# Machine Learning

- Training & testing split
- Optimization

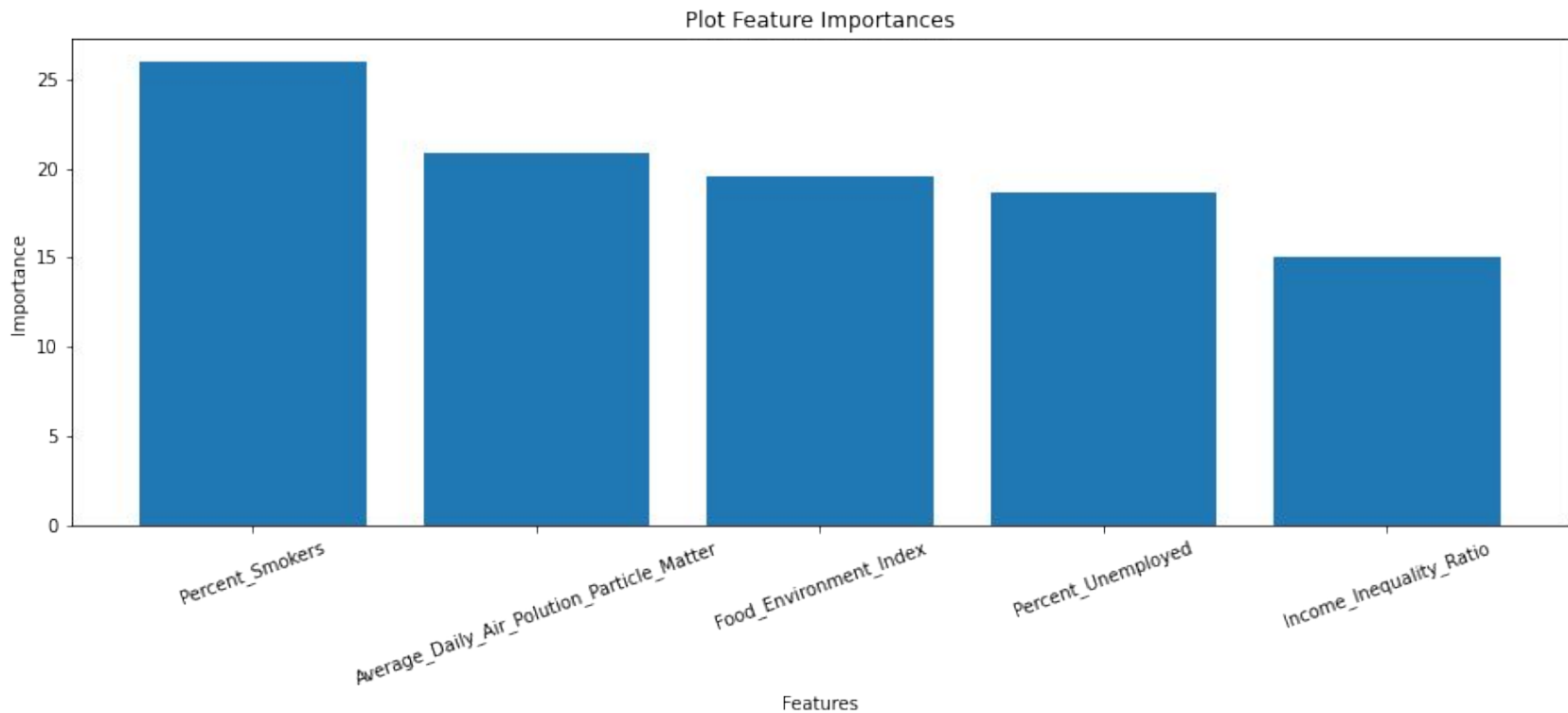




# Model importances



# Model importances: Top 5



# Results

Did the model work?

- All data : 12.13
- Health features: 13.12
- Economic/Environmental Features: 13.21

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# Model output and usage


We wondered:

Could we input variations of the feature data to determine what sort of effect it would have on stroke mortality?

# The stroke mortality predictor form & dashboard

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## Stroke Mortality Predictor



Enter any combination of health and social factor values below to predict effect on Stroke Mortality

**Percent Smokers:**\*  
 (U.S. counties range: 7-43%); [Learn more](#)

**Average Daily Air Pollution Particle Matter:**\*  
 (U.S. counties range: 4.2-15.4); [Learn more](#)

**Food Environment Index:**\*  
 (U.S. counties range: 0-10); [Learn more](#)

**Percent Unemployed:**\*  
 (U.S. counties range: 1.7-23.5%); [Learn more](#)

**Income Inequality Ratio:**\*  
 (U.S. counties range: 2.7-8.9); [Learn more](#)

**Required\***

**Predict effect on stroke mortality**

**Stroke Mortality per 100,000 people:**  
**96.6 deaths**

**Percent Smokers:**  
81.2

**Average Daily Air Pollution Particle Matter:**  
4.2

**Food Environment Index:**  
8.7

**Percent Unemployed:**  
4.5

**Income Inequality Ratio:**  
3.3

# Results



**Percent Smokers** appeared to have the largest impact on stroke mortality, but beyond that, it was difficult to determine impacts from the other features. It was likely less a matter of machine learning model choice, and more a matter of the choice of features/factors.

# Recommendations

(what could we have done differently?)

As a starting point, we could have chosen features/factors that have already been determined by the health care community to have a larger impact on predicting stroke mortality.

According to Mayo Clinic.org, here are several:

- Physical inactivity
- Heavy or binge drinking
- Use of illegal drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine
- High blood pressure
- Cigarette smoking or secondhand smoke exposure
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes



**Questions?**