Example Manuscript Template for a Data Analysis Project

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The structure below is a possible setup for a data analysis project (including the course project). For a manuscript, adjust as needed.

# 1 Summary/Abstract

*Write a summary of your project.*

# 2 Introduction

## 2.1 General Background Information

*Provide enough background on your topic that others can understand the why and how of your analysis*

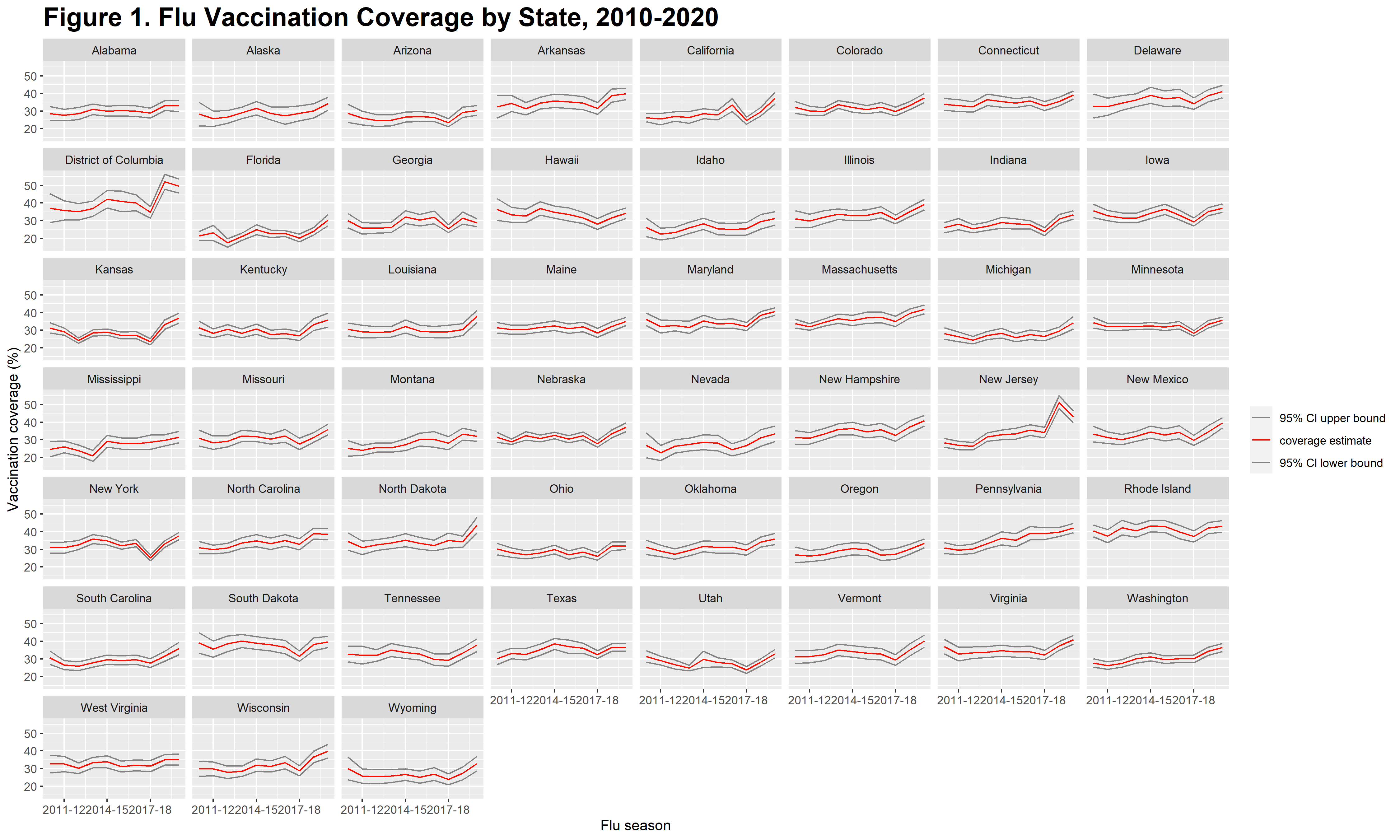
## 2.2 Description of data and data source

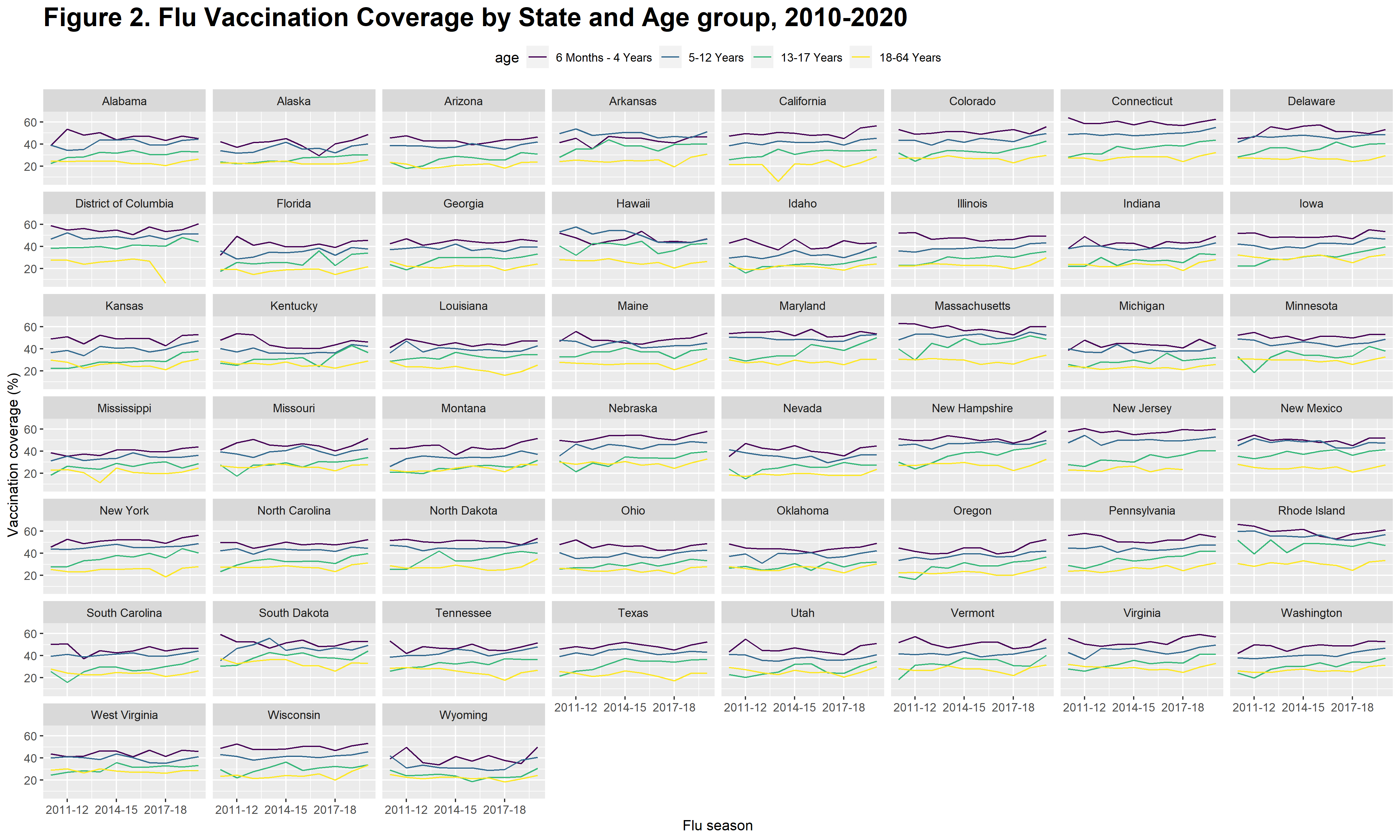
*Describe what the data is, what it contains, where it is from, etc. Eventually this might be part of a methods section.*

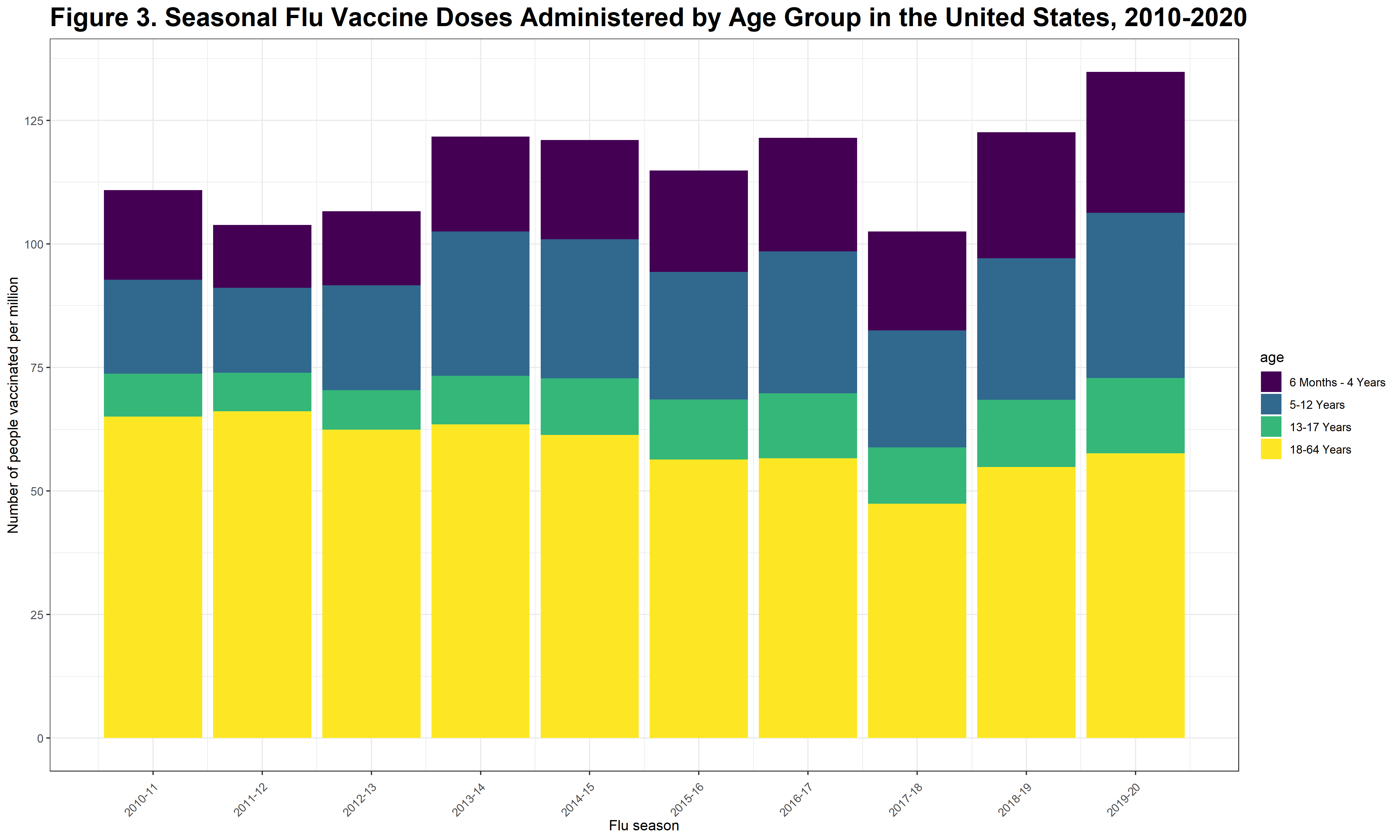
## 2.3 Questions/Hypotheses to be addressed

*State the research questions you plan to answer with this analysis.*

# 3 Methods and Results







## 3.1 Full analysis

*Use one or several suitable statistical/machine learning methods to analyze your data and to produce meaningful figures, tables, etc. This might again be code that is best placed in one or several separate R scripts that need to be well documented. You want the code to produce figures and data ready for display as tables, and save those. Then you load them here.*

# 4 Discussion

## 4.1 Summary and Interpretation

*Summarize what you did, what you found and what it means.*

## 4.2 Strengths and Limitations

*Discuss what you perceive as strengths and limitations of your analysis.*

## 4.3 Conclusions

*What are the main take-home messages?*

*Include citations in your Rmd file using bibtex, the list of references will automatically be placed at the end*

This paper (Leek & Peng, 2015) discusses types of analyses.

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# 5 References

Leek, J. T., & Peng, R. D. (2015). Statistics. What is the question? *Science (New York, N.Y.)*, *347*(6228), 1314–1315. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aaa6146>