



# **Alzheimer's Prediction**

## Team 8

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# Problem Statement

With the aging of Populations across the world, there has never been a better time to understand the factors affecting cognitive health. This survey-based dataset cover older adults in the area of cognitive health regarding factors such as memory issues, mental well-being, and the ability to perform daily activities. By analyzing the variations across demographic groups such as age, gender, and other characteristics the study looks to identify early signs of Alzheimer's disease. The insights derived will support healthcare professionals in improving early detection, guide targeted interventions and inform public health strategies that promote healthy aging. Our data was published by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), which is a comprehensive, nationwide survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

# Business Understanding

- ❑ The goal of cognitive progression in health is early detection of disorders in cognition before these disorders have adverse health consequences.
- ❑ This helps in understanding who or which groups are at risk of developing conditions such as memory loss and finding ways to support them, thus reducing suffering from such conditions as dementia.
- ❑ It improves the quality of healthcare and helps in formulating public health policies that deal with the many problems associated with aging.
- ❑ It aids in decision-making on resource allocation, promotes awareness and concern, and improves the well-being of the elderly.
- ❑ It also encourages practical steps toward decreasing the burden of cognitive decline to ensure better results for individuals and communities.

# Data Understanding

The dataset “Alzheimer’s Disease and Healthy Ageing” contains **284,142** rows and **31** columns, which include year, location, mental health topics, demographic stratifications, and detailed questions about aging and mental health metrics.

Columns	Description
YearStart/YearEnd	Specifies the year of data collection
LocationDesc	Provides information about location where the data is collected from.
Question	Gives the context about the data collected
Data_Value	Responses to the questions asked in the survey.
Confidence_Limits	Lower and upper bounds of confidence limits while giving responses to questions in the form of data value.
Stratification	Classification of the individual for whom we have our response for. (Gender, Race/Ethnicity )

# Before Preprocessing

```
print(df.isnull().sum())
df.info()
```

```

RowId          0
YearStart      0
YearEnd        0
LocationAbbr    0
LocationDesc    0
Datasource     0
Class          0
Topic          0
Question       0
Data_Value_Unit 0
DataValueTypeID 0
Data_Value_Type 0
Data_Value     91334
Data_Value_Alt  91334
Data_Value_Footnote_Symbol 174166
Data_Value_Footnote 174166
Low_Confidence_Limit 91545
High_Confidence_Limit 91545
StratificationCategory1 0
Stratification1 0
StratificationCategory2 36873
Stratification2 36873
Geolocation    30489
ClassID        0
TopicID        0
QuestionID     0
LocationID     0
StratificationCategoryID1 0
StratificationID1 0
StratificationCategoryID2 0
StratificationID2 0

```

Data columns (total 31 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	RowId	284142 non-null	object
1	YearStart	284142 non-null	int64
2	YearEnd	284142 non-null	int64
3	LocationAbbr	284142 non-null	object
4	LocationDesc	284142 non-null	object
5	Datasource	284142 non-null	object
6	Class	284142 non-null	object
7	Topic	284142 non-null	object
8	Question	284142 non-null	object
9	Data_Value_Unit	284142 non-null	object
10	DataValueTypeID	284142 non-null	object
11	Data_Value_Type	284142 non-null	object
12	Data_Value	192808 non-null	float64
13	Data_Value_Alt	192808 non-null	float64
14	Data_Value_Footnote_Symbol	109976 non-null	object
15	Data_Value_Footnote	109976 non-null	object
16	Low_Confidence_Limit	192597 non-null	float64
17	High_Confidence_Limit	192597 non-null	float64
18	StratificationCategory1	284142 non-null	object
19	Stratification1	284142 non-null	object
20	StratificationCategory2	247269 non-null	object
21	Stratification2	247269 non-null	object
22	Geolocation	253653 non-null	object
23	ClassID	284142 non-null	object
24	TopicID	284142 non-null	object
25	QuestionID	284142 non-null	object
26	LocationID	284142 non-null	int64
27	StratificationCategoryID1	284142 non-null	object
28	StratificationID1	284142 non-null	object
29	StratificationCategoryID2	284142 non-null	object
30	StratificationID2	284142 non-null	object

dtypes: float64(4), int64(3), object(24)

# After Preprocessing

```
print(df.isnull().sum())
df.info()
```

```

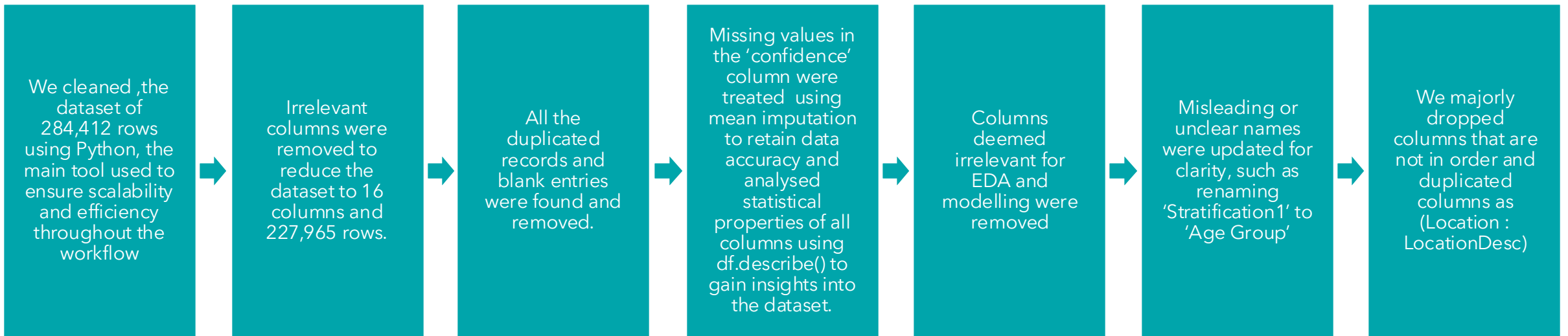
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Question       0
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Low_Confidence_Limit 0
High_Confidence_Limit 0
AgeGroup       0
Stratification2 0
QuestionID     0
Alzheimers     0
dtype: int64
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Index: 227965 entries, 0 to 284141
Data columns (total 14 columns):
#   Column              Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ---
0   YearStart            227965 non-null  int64
1   YearEnd              227965 non-null  int64
2   LocationDesc         227965 non-null  object
3   Class               227965 non-null  object
4   Topic               227965 non-null  object
5   Question            227965 non-null  object
6   Data_Value_Type     227965 non-null  object
7   Data_Value          227965 non-null  float64
8   Low_Confidence_Limit 227965 non-null  float64
9   High_Confidence_Limit 227965 non-null  float64
10  AgeGroup            227965 non-null  object
11  Stratification2     227965 non-null  object
12  QuestionID          227965 non-null  object
13  Alzheimers          227965 non-null  object

```

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memory usage: 26.1+ MB

# Data Preprocessing



## **Synthetic Column Generation for Alzheimer's Analysis**

### **Purpose of Synthetic Column:**

- Classify data into 'Yes' or 'No', based on the classification on the health topics, questions, data values, and their conditions.
- Emphasize trends in health topics touching on Alzheimer's, lifestyle habits, and health screenings.
- Estimate the chances of developing Alzheimer's disease and how our lifestyle, daily routine, and healthy aging would influence our cognitive health.



## Logic for Creating Synthetic Column:

### Set 1:

These are negative questions where the new synthetic column of likely to obtain alzheimer's would be yes (depending on the confidence bounds) if the answer for Data\_Value is  $>$  Mean value, which is 39.74.

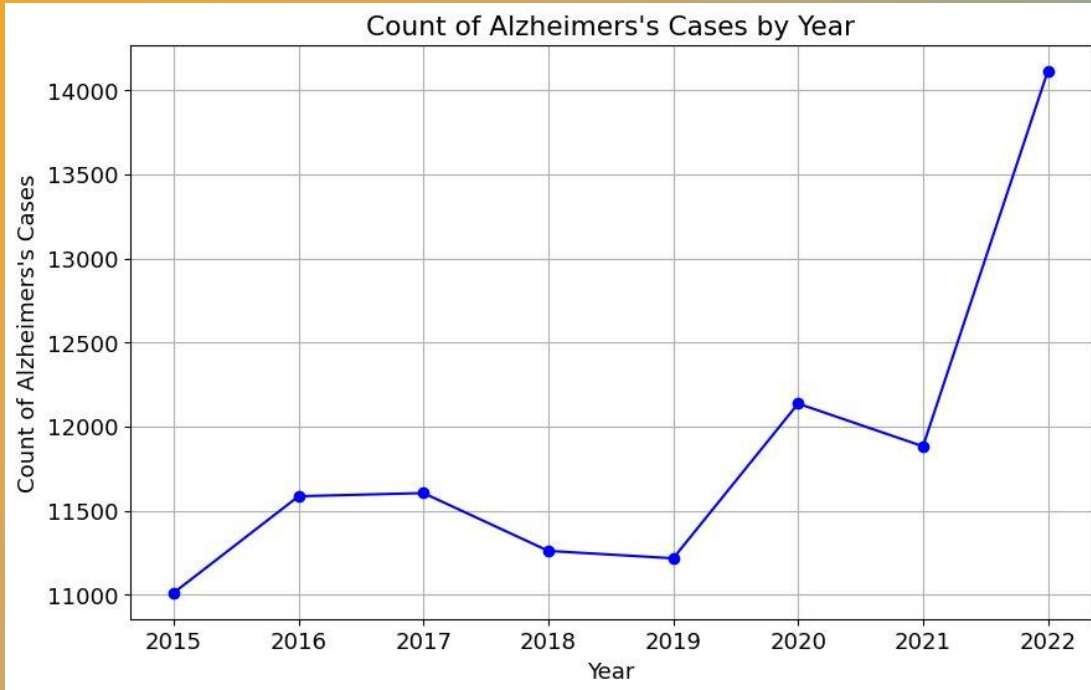
### Set 2:

These are Positive questions where the new synthetic column of likely to obtain alzheimer's would be yes (depending on the confidence bounds), if the answer for Data\_Value is  $<$  Mean value, which is 39.74.

High and low confidence limits depend on the boundaries of the confidence that express how confident or unconfident the person is to give a response to the inquiry with regard to the data value; high  $>$  low means they are confident, and low  $>$  high means vice-versa.

```
Is Topic in Set 1?  
├─ Yes: Is Data_Value > 39.740172 AND High > Low?  
│   ├── Yes: Set "Yes"  
│   └─ No: Set "No"  
└─ No: Is Topic in Set 2?  
    ├── Yes: Is Data_Value >= 39.740172 AND Low > High?  
    │   ├── Yes: Set "No"  
    │   └─ No: Set "Yes"  
    └─ No: Set "No"
```

## Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Trends and Distribution : Yearly Trends in Alzheimer's Cases



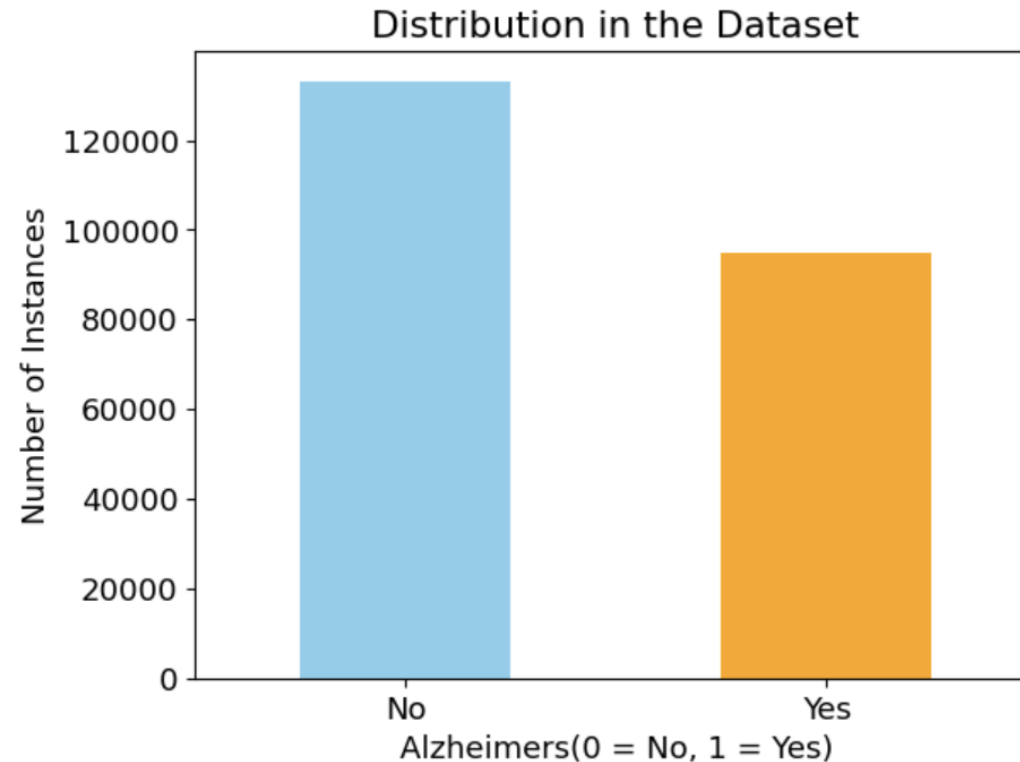
- Filtered the data on Alzheimer's cases: filtered in 'Alzheimer's=Yes', then grouped by YearEnd to count the occurrences.
- Plotted a line chart to visualize how the cases of Alzheimer's varies across years, including markers and gridlines for better readability.
- Trend analysis gave a temporal view showing the possible growth or reduction of the cases over time.

# Bar Plot Visualization of Alzheimer's

Distribution of the Alzheimer's cases as 0=No and 1=Yes

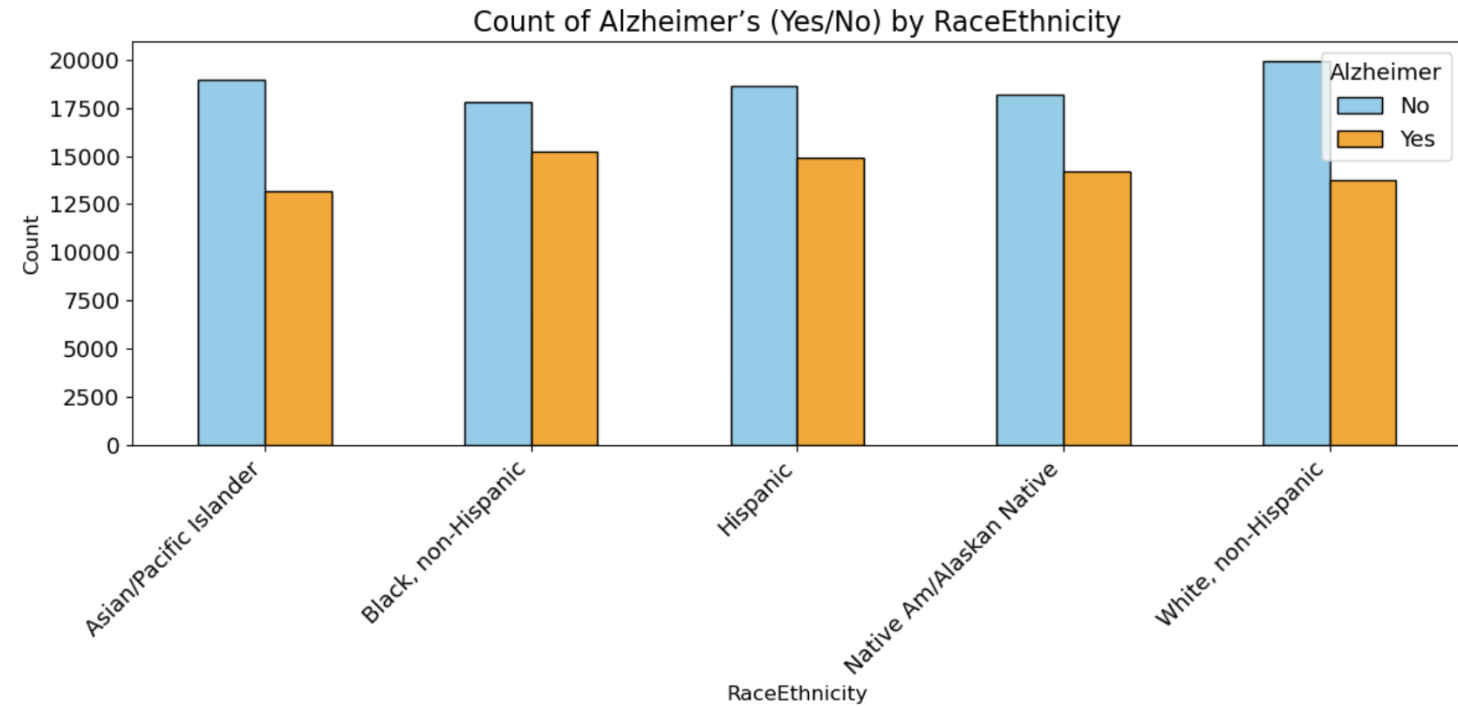
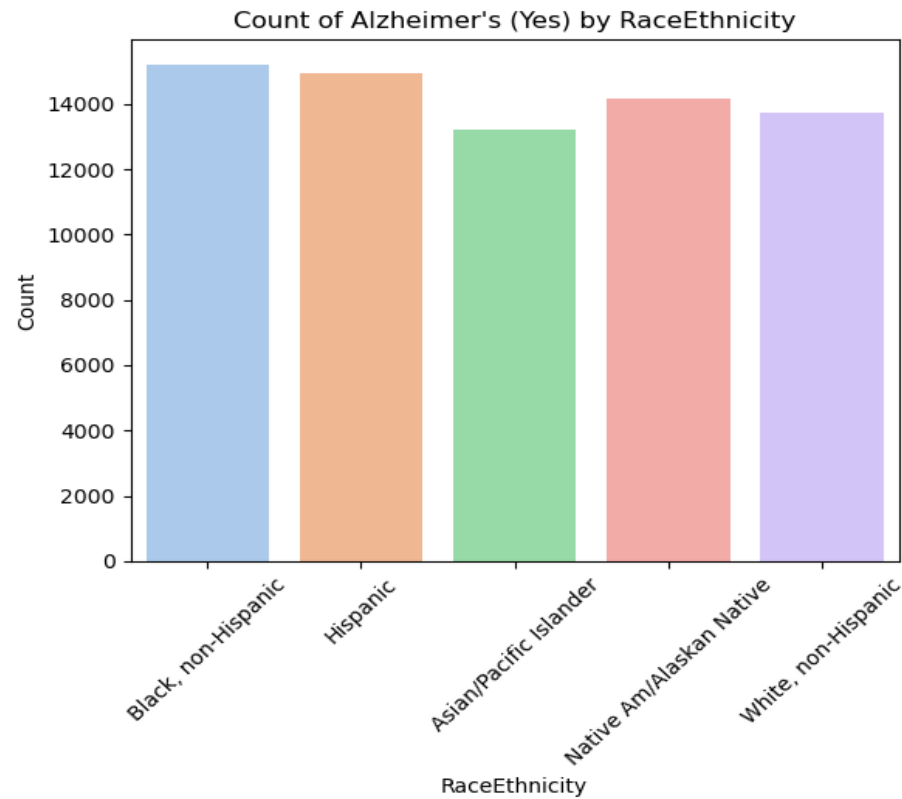
```
Distribution:  
Alzheimers  
No      133157  
Yes      94808  
Name: count, dtype: int64
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Percentage:  
Alzheimers  
No      58.41116  
Yes     41.58884  
Name: count, dtype: float64
```



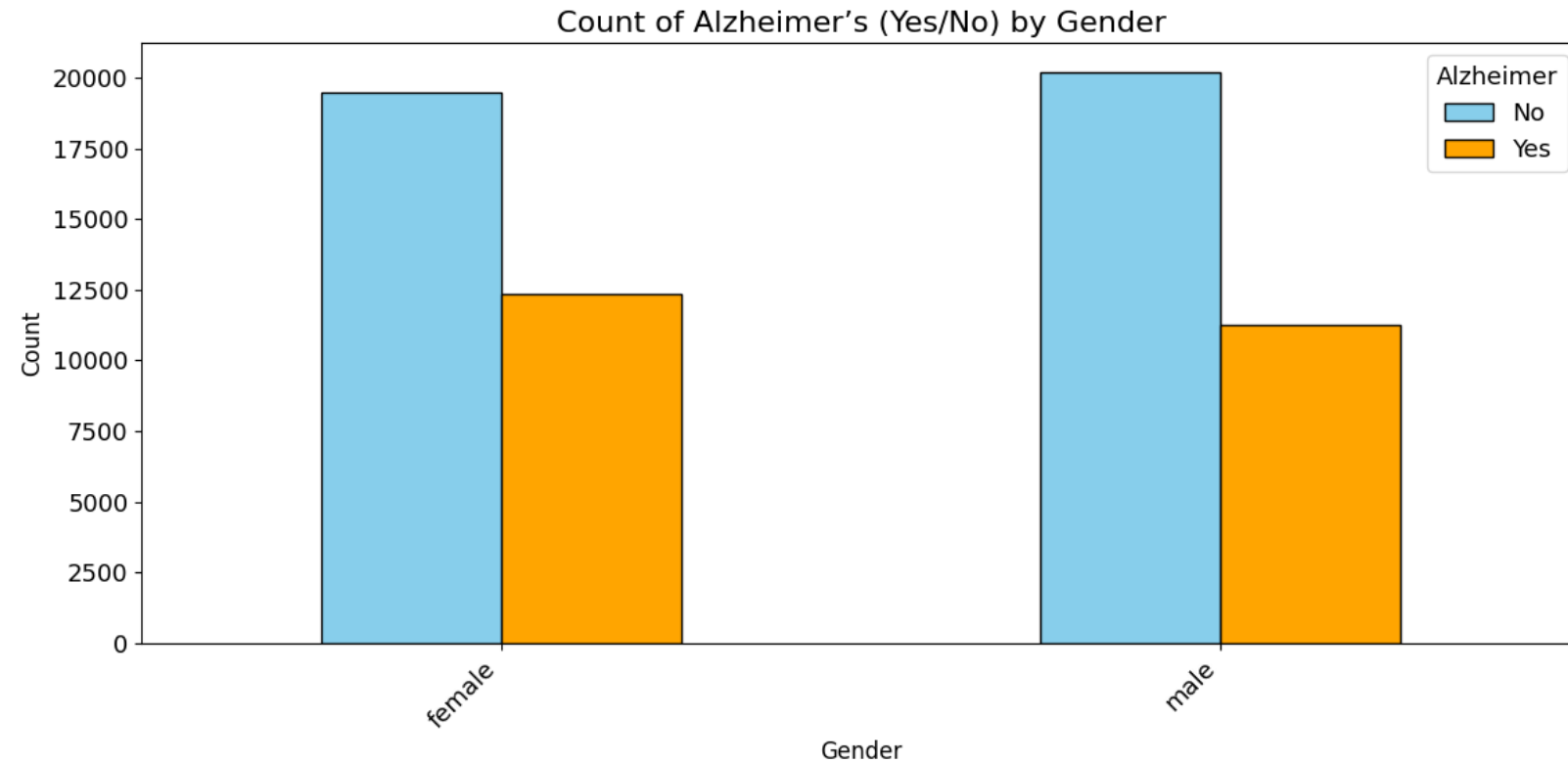
## Analysis by Race/Ethnicity:

- ❑ Used count plots to study how Alzheimer's varies across racial and ethnic groups.
- ❑ Developed grouped bar plots to analyze the distribution of Alzheimer's cases across different racial and ethnic groups.
- ❑ This visualization highlights disparities and prevalence patterns across different communities.

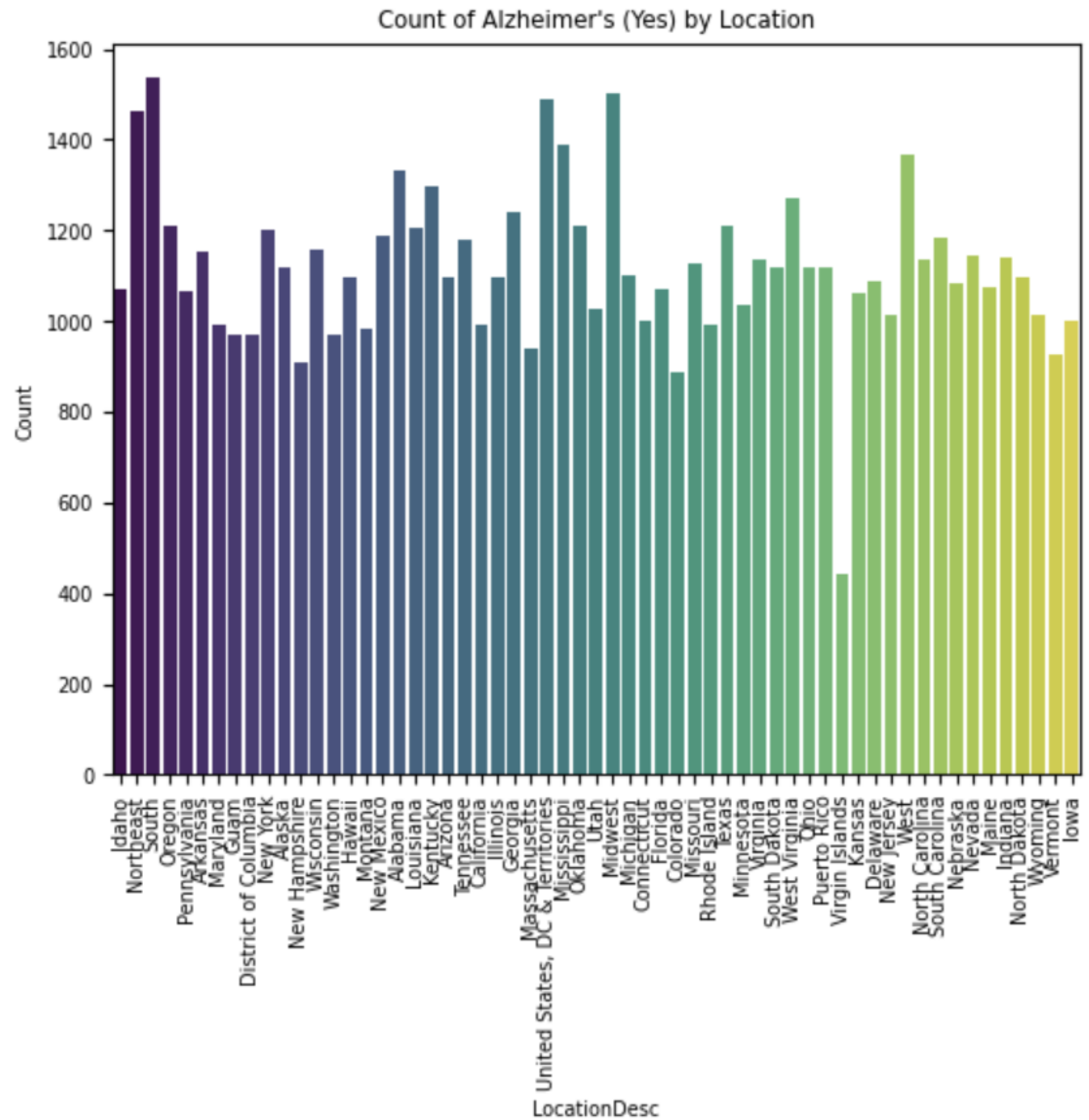


# Focus on Alzheimer's by Gender

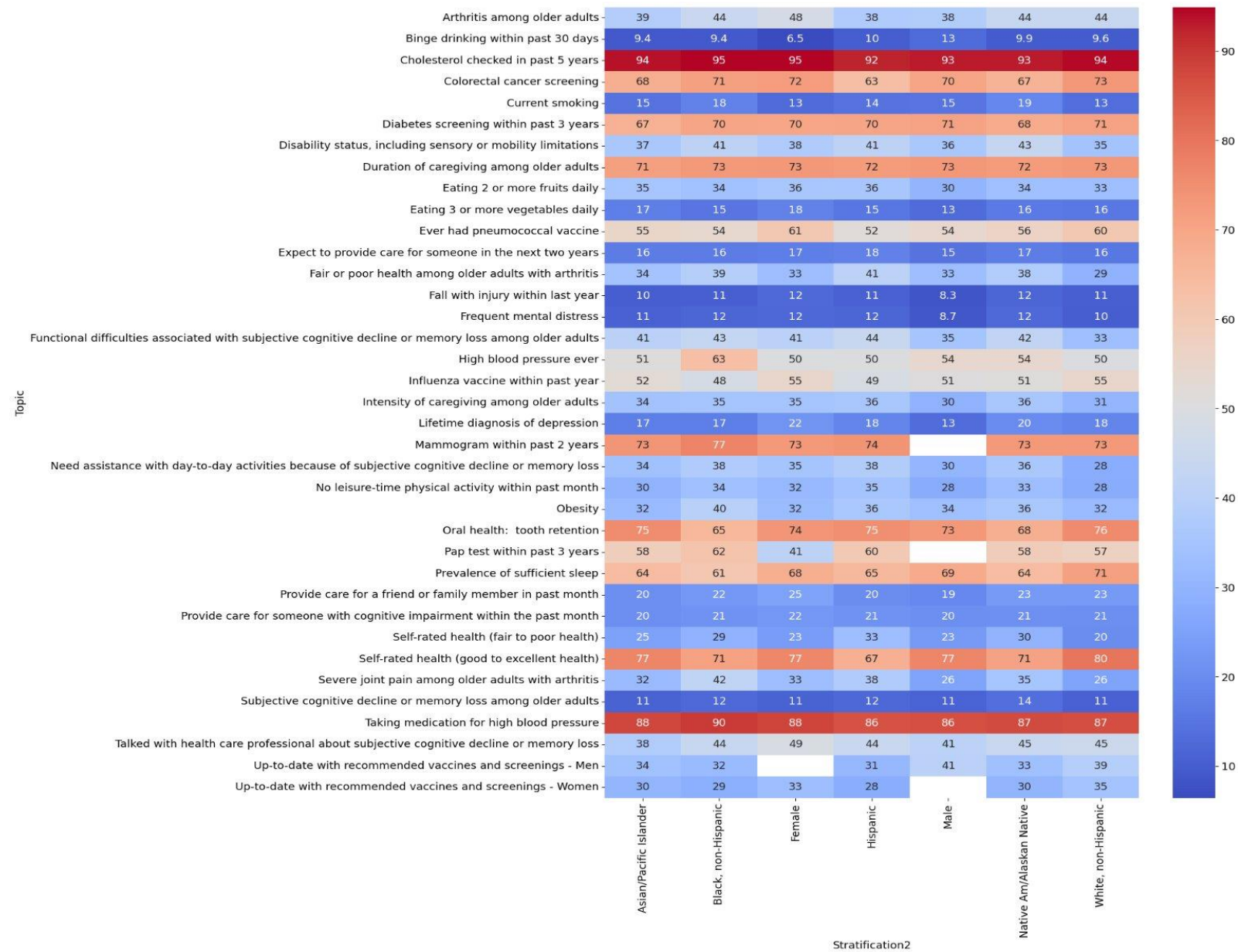
❑ Distribution of Alzheimer's cases where the condition is “Yes” or “No”



LocationDesc	
South	1535
Midwest	1503
United States, DC & Territories	1490
Northeast	1462
Mississippi	1388
West	1365
Alabama	1332
Kentucky	1298
West Virginia	1273
Georgia	1241
Texas	1212
Oklahoma	1211
Oregon	1209
Louisiana	1204
New York	1203
New Mexico	1189
South Carolina	1183
Tennessee	1180
Wisconsin	1158
Arkansas	1155
Nevada	1145
Indiana	1142
North Carolina	1138
Virginia	1134
Missouri	1129
South Dakota	1120
Puerto Rico	1118
Ohio	1117
Alaska	1117
Michigan	1103
Arizona	1098
North Dakota	1096
Hawaii	1095
Illinois	1095
Delaware	1088
Nebraska	1084
Maine	1076
Florida	1071
Idaho	1070
Pennsylvania	1068
Kansas	1061
Minnesota	1036
Utah	1029
Wyoming	1013
New Jersey	1012
Iowa	1002
Connecticut	1001
Rhode Island	994
Maryland	993
California	992
Montana	985
Washington	972
District of Columbia	972
Guam	968
Massachusetts	938
Vermont	926
New Hampshire	911
Colorado	889
Virgin Islands	442

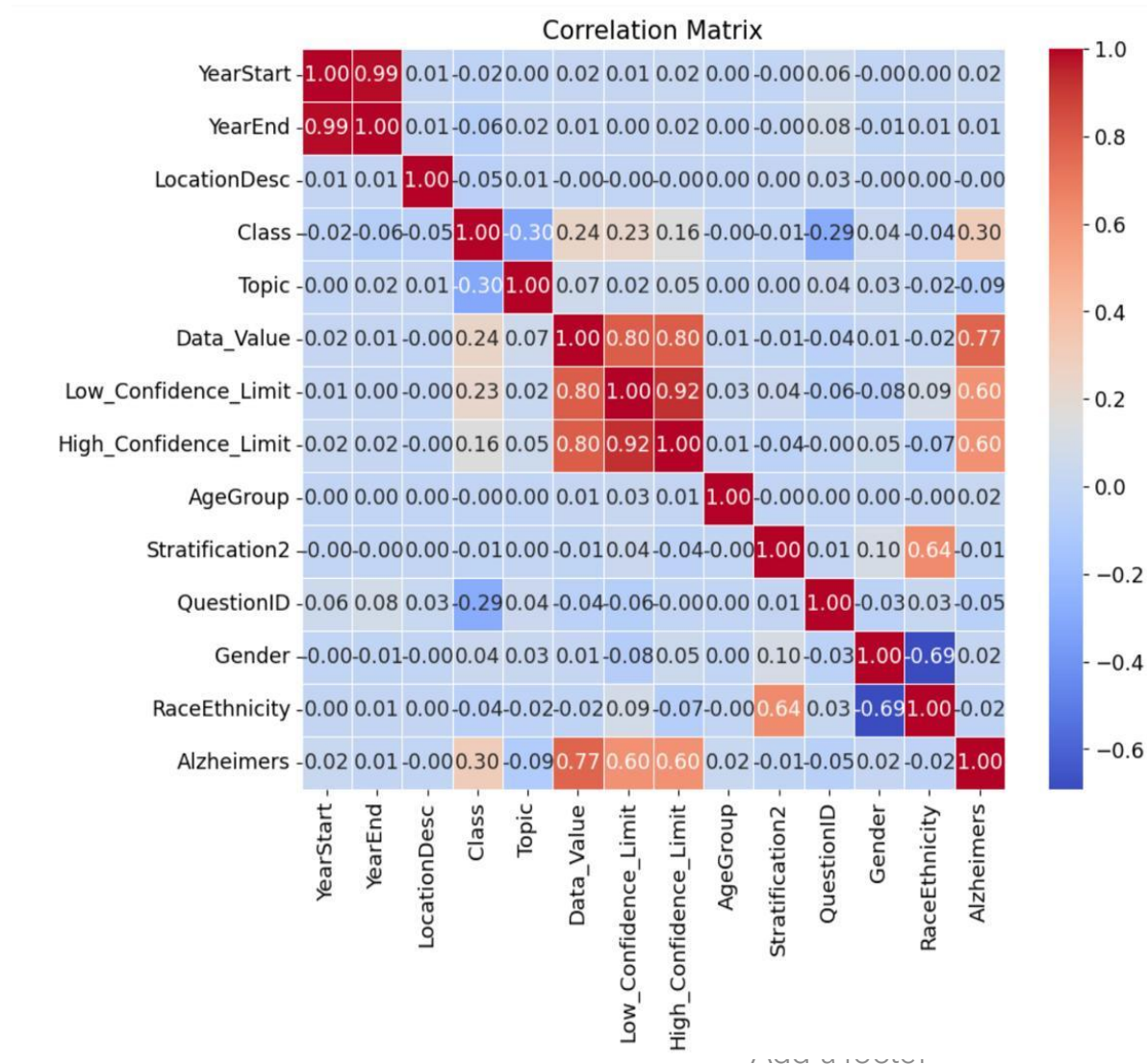


# Topic-Wise Data Insights Using a Heatmap:





# Correlation Matrix Calculation:





```
[77... import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Assuming df is already defined and contains your dataset

print("Dataset Shape:", df.shape)
print("Column Names:", df.columns)

if 'Alzheimers' in df.columns:
    print("Unique values in 'Alzheimers':", df['Alzheimers'].unique())
else:
    raise ValueError("'Alzheimers' column not found!")

# Filter out rows where 'Alzheimers' is null
df = df[df['Alzheimers'].notnull()]

# Map 'Yes' to 1 and 'No' to 0
df['Alzheimers'] = df['Alzheimers'].map({'Yes': 1, 'No': 0})

# Check if the conversion was successful
print("Unique values in 'Alzheimers' after mapping:", df['Alzheimers'].unique())

print("Class 0 samples:", len(df[df['Alzheimers'] == 0]))
print("Class 1 samples:", len(df[df['Alzheimers'] == 1]))

# Set sample size for balancing classes
sample_size = min(len(df[df['Alzheimers'] == 0]), len(df[df['Alzheimers'] == 1]), 113982)
print("Sample size:", sample_size)

# Sample from both classes
class_0 = df[df['Alzheimers'] == 0].sample(n=sample_size, random_state=42)
class_1 = df[df['Alzheimers'] == 1].sample(n=sample_size, random_state=42)

# Concatenate and shuffle the DataFrame
balanced_df = pd.concat([class_0, class_1]).sample(frac=1, random_state=42).reset_index(drop=True)

print("\nBalanced Class Distribution:\n", balanced_df['Alzheimers'].value_counts())

# Save the balanced DataFrame to a CSV file
balanced_df.to_csv('balanced_dataset.csv', index=False)
print("Balanced dataset saved to 'balanced_dataset.csv'.")

Dataset Shape: (227965, 16)
Column Names: Index(['YearStart', 'YearEnd', 'LocationDesc', 'Class', 'Topic', 'Question',
                    'Data_Value_Type', 'Data_Value', 'Low_Confidence_Limit',
                    'High_Confidence_Limit', 'AgeGroup', 'Stratification2', 'QuestionID',
                    'Gender', 'RaceEthnicity', 'Alzheimers'],
                    dtype='object')
Unique values in 'Alzheimers': ['No' 'Yes']
Unique values in 'Alzheimers' after mapping: [0 1]
Class 0 samples: 133157
Class 1 samples: 94808
Sample size: 94808

Balanced Class Distribution:
  Alzheimers
0    94808
1    94808
Name: count, dtype: int64
Balanced dataset saved to 'balanced_dataset.csv'.
```

# Modelling

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```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split  
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
```

```
selected_features = ['Alzheimers', 'Data_Value', 'AgeGroup', 'YearStart', 'YearEnd', 'Stratification2']  
X = balanced_df[selected_features]  
y = balanced_df['Alzheimers']
```

```
X_train, X_temp, y_train, y_temp = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=42, stratify=y)
```

```
X_val, X_test, y_val, y_test = train_test_split(X_temp, y_temp, test_size=0.5, random_state=42, stratify=y_temp)
```

```
print(f"Training set: {X_train.shape}, {y_train.shape}")  
print(f"Validation set: {X_val.shape}, {y_val.shape}")  
print(f"Test set: {X_test.shape}, {y_test.shape}")
```

✓ 0.1s

```
Training set: (159575, 6), (159575,)
```

```
Validation set: (34195, 6), (34195,)
```

```
Test set: (34195, 6), (34195,)
```

# Model Evaluation and Selection

## Model Evaluation:

- ❑ Applied several machine learning algorithms: Random Forest, KNN, SVM and Logistic Regression
- ❑ Feature selection and data imputation were performed to prepare the dataset for robust analysis.

## Insights into Model Performance :

- ❑ Some models showed signs of overfitting, making unreliable for unseen data.
- ❑ KNN and Random Forest showed strong performance but overfitting and interpretability concerns came forward.

## K-Nearest Neighbors(KNN):

- ❑ Achieved 98.68% Validation accuracy and 98.72% test accuracy, indicating strong performance.
- ❑ However, KNN may overfit easily in case of noisy data, affecting its reliability.

```
#KNN
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, accuracy_score, confusion_matrix

knn = KNeighborsClassifier()
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_val_pred = knn.predict(X_val)
print("KNN Validation Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_val, y_val_pred))

y_test_pred = knn.predict(X_test)
print("Knn Test Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred))
```

✓ 3.2s

KNN Validation Accuracy: 0.9868401813130575  
Knn Test Accuracy: 0.9872788419359555

# Model Selection: Why SVM?

## Support Vector Machine (SVM):

- ❑ The model shows consistency in results with a validation accuracy of 82.31%
- ❑ Precision, recall and F1-scores of the model provide evidence that it generalizes well with no overfitting.
- ❑ The usage of SVM is highly reliable in this case as the model is robust in handling high dimensional data and works great when the dataset size is low.

## Why?

- ❑ Because the other models overfitted or didn't generalize well and hence cannot be very reliable on unseen data.
- ❑ KNN and Random Forest did a great job but raised some flags on overfitting.
- ❑ SVM was chosen since it balanced the trade-off between accuracy, generalization, and reliability.
- ❑ This ability of the model to avoid overfitting and provide robust predictions across datasets made it the fittest for our problem.

```
from sklearn.svm import SVC

# Support Vector Machine Classifier
svm = SVC(random_state=42)
svm.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_val_pred = svm.predict(X_val)
print("SVC Validation Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_val, y_val_pred))

y_test_pred = svm.predict(X_test)
print("SVC Test Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred))

print("\nClassification Report (Validation):")
print(classification_report(y_val, y_val_pred))

print("\nConfusion Matrix (Validation):")
print(confusion_matrix(y_val, y_val_pred))
```

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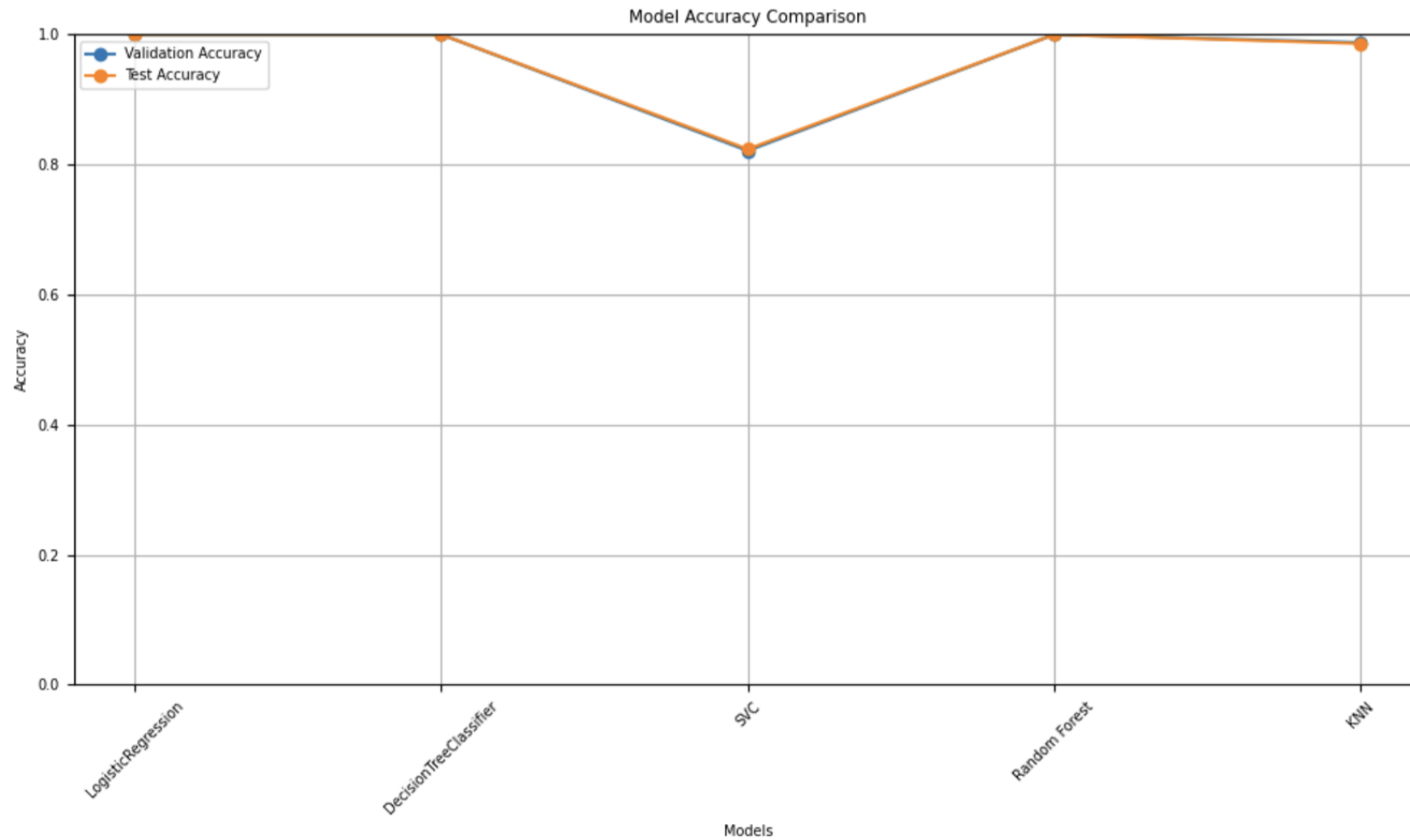
SVC Validation Accuracy: 0.8231320368474924

SVC Test Accuracy: 0.8217868109372716

Classification Report (Validation):

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.81	0.92	0.86	19973
1	0.86	0.69	0.76	14222
accuracy			0.82	34195
macro avg	0.83	0.80	0.81	34195
weighted avg	0.83	0.82	0.82	34195

# Model Accuracy Comparision



# Prediction Results :

- ❑ The model predicts possibility of Alzheimer's disease based on given features of demographic and cognitive health metrics.
- ❑ For this prediction, based on the input features, the model predicts no signs of Alzheimer's, hence the individual is cognitively healthy and safe.
- ❑ These results pinpoint the model's capability for reliable insights into early detection and informed decision making

```
svm_model=SVC(class_weight='balanced',random_state=42)
svm_model.fit(X_train,y_train)
if svm_model.predict([X_test.iloc[2]]):
    print("Indication of Alzheimer's disease detected")
else:
    print("No indication of Alzheimer's disease")
```

No indication of Alzheimer's disease

```
svm_model=SVC(class_weight='balanced',random_state=42)
svm_model.fit(X_train,y_train)
if svm_model.predict([X_test.iloc[25]]):
    print("Indication of Alzheimer's disease detected")
else:
    print("No indication of Alzheimer's disease")
```

Indication of Alzheimer's disease detected

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warnings.warn(

References: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X-RHfXRFxaBbKhgfoEd\\_gVrKFLEe72a0h-9EYsIxaZM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X-RHfXRFxaBbKhgfoEd_gVrKFLEe72a0h-9EYsIxaZM/edit?usp=sharing)



**Thank you**