

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Three Years of Mostly Bad

Coronavirus Graphs

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Abstract

We all most likely have seen numerous statistical graphics and infographic visualizations related to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic in the past three years. In this presentation, we look at some of the worst (most misleading) and a few excellent (very informative) ones. We discuss which elements contribute to a good graphic and a bad graphic, respectively, based on these examples. While some of the bad Covid-19 graphs resulted in some extensive discussion on the web that eventually resulted in their removal, others were hardly noticed, but nevertheless may have misled numerous viewers of the underlying web pages.