Average Miles Traveled Per Person

- Data based on anonymized cellphone location data that is updated daily.
- Miles traveled is derived from trips, where a trip is counted if the end point is more than one mile from the person’s home, and the trip is more than 10 minutes; it does not count short trips like checking the mail.
- Includes all modes (car, train, bus, plane, bike, walk, etc.).
- Overall measure of interactions with each other; the more miles traveled the more interaction, and the more chance to spread the virus.

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