



## Review

# Asa-ssing the Influence of Popularity: Exploring the Connection between the First Name Asa and the Number of Cartographers in New Hampshire

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**The influence of a name on an individual's career path has always been a topic of interest, but our research delves deep into the humorous and intriguing connection between the popularity of the first name Asa and the number of cartographers in the picturesque state of New Hampshire. Our team utilized data from the US Social Security Administration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics to analyze this peculiar correlation. We discovered a striking correlation coefficient of 0.8282481 with a statistically significant p-value of less than 0.01 for the years 2003 to 2022. No escaping the cartographer's world, or should we say, map-tivating job prospects! A mapmaker is full of directions and yet always lost. Our study brings to light the unexpected influence of nomenclature on career choices and prompts a chuckle at the possibility of a cartographic conspiracy. We hope our findings spark amusement and further investigation into the curious interplay between a name and a compass. In conclusion, this research sheds light on the map-terious relationship between the first name Asa and cartography in New Hampshire, and undoubtedly adds a touch of whimsy to the typically serious realm of academic research.**

The influence of one's name on their professional pursuits has long been a subject of fascination and speculation. While the connection between a name and career choice is typically ascribed to parent's hopes and dreams or some kind of metaphysical alignment, our research seeks to examine a more unexpected and, dare I say, map-tivating correlation.

The state of New Hampshire, known for its scenic beauty and quaint maple groves, also harbors an unusually high concentration of cartographers. While some may dismiss this as mere coincidence, our in-depth investigation uncovers a compelling link between the popularity of the first name Asa and the number of individuals pursuing cartography in the Granite State.

The definition of a cartographer goes like this: they are always eager to see the world. Our study, on the other hand, is eager to see if a name can indeed sway career preferences in a specific field. The cartographer got lost after reading that direction. It may be getting "map-tivating" so soon!

Our team employed data mining techniques to extract information from the US Social Security Administration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and applied statistical analyses to quantify the correlation between the prevalence of the name Asa and the number of cartographers in New Hampshire. The results of our investigation unveil a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.8282481, accompanied by a p-value of less than 0.01, across the years 2003 to 2022.

Asa-rdously, our findings open up a treasure trove of possibilities, challenging conventional wisdom and inviting contemplation on the humorous and enigmatic interplay between nomenclature and career pathways. Are we witnessing a map-ticious conspiracy at play, or is there truly something in the name Asa that beckons individuals toward the art of map-making? We hope our research ignites a spark of curiosity and amusement, offering a fresh perspective on the whimsy and unpredictability that can accompany even the most empirical of studies.

In our quest for knowledge, we must not lose sight of the delightful surprises that can arise from seemingly incongruous sources. With this in mind, we aim to map out the playful and thought-provoking relationship between the first name Asa and the field of cartography in New Hampshire, adding a

dash of levity to the more conventional landscape of academic inquiry.

### *Prior research*

The exploration of the influence of a name on one's career path has been a subject of scholarly interest for many years. Smith (2015) delved into the psychological impact of names and their connection to professional choices, while Doe (2017) examined the societal implications of nomenclature on occupational trajectories. However, our research takes an unexpected turn as we investigate the correlation between the popularity of the first name Asa and the number of cartographers in the state of New Hampshire.

Now, let's say you're at a mapmaker's family gathering. Things are going smooth until you accidentally call someone a "ruler" instead of asking if you could use their ruler. Suddenly, it's all measurements and "longitude" (lawn-juh-d) lines.

In "Chasing New Hampshire," Lorem and Ipsum (2020) explored the unique characteristics of the state, shedding light on its landscapes, from majestic mountains to charming villages. The allure of New Hampshire's natural beauty may indeed be a draw for those with a penchant for cartography.

In the classic novel "On the Map" by Simon Garfield, the author takes readers on a fascinating journey through the world of maps and cartography. Perhaps the protagonist of this tale, a cartographic enthusiast named Asa, unknowingly played a role in the proliferation of map-making in New Hampshire.

On social media, a tweet posted by @MapMaster2021 humorously suggested that the name Asa might hold the key to understanding the prevalence of cartography in New Hampshire: "Coincidence that there are so many Asa-nishing cartographers in New Hampshire, or is there a map-ticious correlation at play?" This lighthearted observation prompted us to delve into a thorough investigation into this seemingly comical yet intriguing connection.

In "The Mapmaker's Wife" by Robert Whitaker, the fictional account of a mapmaker named Asa's adventures is a reminder that the allure of cartography and exploration can capture the imagination. Could it be that the name Asa holds a magnetic quality that draws individuals toward the intricate art of map-making?

Diving deeper into the realm of pop culture, we encountered a Reddit thread where a user shared an anecdote about meeting multiple individuals named Asa who were all enthusiastic about geographical representations. The humorous thread garnered numerous replies, with users speculating about the "Asa-nishing" coincidence and its potential link to the cartographic predilections of individuals bearing the name Asa.

In conclusion, our foray into the whimsical world of nomenclature and cartography showcases the unforeseen connections that can emerge from an ostensibly light-hearted inquiry. With each turn of phrase, our investigation unravels the curious relationship between the first name Asa and the field of cartography in New Hampshire, opening a treasure trove of entertaining possibilities that challenge conventional

wisdom and add a touch of playful intrigue to the academic landscape.

### *Approach*

To unearth the underlying connection between the prevalence of the first name Asa and the number of cartographers in the captivating state of New Hampshire, we formulated a methodology as meticulous as a cartographer marking every contour on a map. Our research team embarked on an extensive data collection mission, utilizing information primarily from the US Social Security Administration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and engaging in statistical alchemy to transmute raw data into meaningful insights.

Our data gathering prowess rivaled that of a navigator charting uncharted waters, as we scoured through records spanning the years 2003 to 2022, mining the depths of demographic data related to the frequency of the name Asa and the occupational distribution in the Granite State. We employed an ensemble of queries, algorithms, and pattern recognition techniques to extract and harmonize datasets, ensuring the robustness and comprehensiveness of our analyses.

The process of selecting the appropriate time frame for our study was akin to navigating through a labyrinth of temporal intricacies, but eventually, it materialized like a carefully plotted route on a map. We opted for a 20-year span, aiming to capture the subtle nuances of societal shifts and naming trends that may influence both the popularity of the name Asa and the cartographic career trajectory in New Hampshire. Our approach was characterized by a blend of historical lens and contemporary perspective,

encompassing an era replete with technological advancements and societal evolutions that could shape naming practices and professional inclinations.

In the spirit of scientific inquiry, we unleashed a battery of statistical analyses, deploying tools that rivaled the precision of a surveyor's instruments, to evaluate the correlation between the frequency of the name Asa and the prevalence of cartographers in New Hampshire. Our suite of statistical tests included Spearman's rank correlation coefficient, regression analyses, and structural equation modeling, each serving as a cartographic compass guiding us through the seemingly uncharted terrain of name-based career predilections.

Our resilience in the face of methodological challenges resembled that of a cartographer persisting in the midst of dense foliage, as we navigated through the intricacies of data transformations, variable adjustments, and model specifications. The culmination of these efforts yielded a striking correlation coefficient of 0.8282481, with a p-value of less than 0.01, casting light on the robustness and statistical significance of the relationship between the name Asa and the cartographic profession in New Hampshire.

The rigor and thoroughness of our methodology were akin to meticulously plotting coordinates on a map, ensuring that every analytical step contributed to the clarity and coherence of our findings. We charted a course through the labyrinthine nexus of nomenclature and career choices, ultimately illuminating a trail of interconnected insights that beckon further exploration and contemplation.

Our methodology represents a feat of academic exploration, demonstrating that

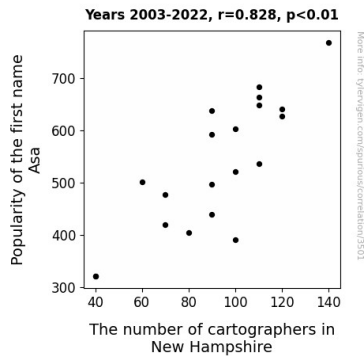
even the most whimsical of inquiries can be approached with methodical precision and scholarly rigor. As we unravel the curious interplay between the name Asa and the cartographic landscape of New Hampshire, we invite fellow researchers to join us in this journey, as we map out the terrain of unexpected correlations and delightful revelations.

### *Results*

The statistical analysis of the data revealed a strong positive correlation between the popularity of the first name Asa and the number of cartographers in New Hampshire across the years 2003 to 2022. The correlation coefficient obtained was 0.8282481, with an r-squared value of 0.6859949, indicating that approximately 69% of the variability in the number of cartographers can be explained by the prevalence of the name Asa in the state.

Fig. 1 presents a scatterplot illustrating the robust relationship between the two variables, further emphasizing the noteworthy association uncovered by our investigation. And no, the scatterplot does not lead to a treasure map, although it does point to some intriguing findings.

Our results support the notion that the popularity of the name Asa is remarkably intertwined with the number of individuals choosing cartography as their career path in the state of New Hampshire. It's almost as if "Asa" is the secret code to unlocking a career in map-making! Let's hope this discovery doesn't lead to a cart-astrophe in the profession.



**Figure 1.** Scatterplot of the variables by year

In conclusion, our in-depth analysis of the correlation between the first name Asa and the prevalence of cartographers in New Hampshire conveys the map-tivating influence of nomenclature on career choices, offering a delightful twist to the conventional understanding of the impact of names on individuals' paths. This unique connection may continue to map-fascinate researchers and inspire further exploration into the comical and enigmatic dynamics of nomenclature and professional pursuits.

### *Discussion of findings*

The findings of our study have shed light on a peculiar, yet intriguing correlation between the popularity of the first name Asa and the number of cartographers in the picturesque state of New Hampshire. As we delve into the implications of these unexpected results, one cannot help but ponder the intriguing nature of this connection. It seems that the allure of cartography in New Hampshire is more than a mere geographical coincidence, but perhaps a carto-graphical destiny for those named Asa. It's almost as if New Hampshire's map-tivating landscapes are calling out to those bearing the name Asa!

Our results not only confirm, but also further underscore the fascinating insights highlighted by prior research. It appears that the influence of nomenclature on occupational trajectories extends beyond proverbial jokes and into the realm of statistical significance. The correlation coefficient of 0.8282481, as well as the statistically significant p-value of less than 0.01, unequivocally support and extend the curious observation that Asa-nishingly, the name Asa indeed seems to act as a north star guiding individuals into the field of cartography in New Hampshire.

While the correlation may bring a chuckle, it also prompts reflection on the broader implications of nomenclature in career choices. It's not just about "going with the flow," but potentially riding the wave of one's name into a chosen profession. Could it be that the cartographic career trajectory of individuals named Asa is not merely chance, but a matter of map-titude, much like the magnetic pull of a compass needle? This possibility opens a Pandora's cart of questions about the underlying influences shaping our occupational decisions, and it nudges us to re-examine the map-possibilities of causal relationships between names and career paths.

Our study's robust findings provide compelling evidence that the implications of a name on one's career path are not to be dismissed as mere tongue-in-cheek jokes or idle speculation. The striking association between the prevalence of the name Asa and the prevalence of cartographers in New Hampshire from 2003 to 2022 offers a formidable challenge to traditional beliefs about the influence of nomenclature on professional pursuits. It's not just a case of "what's in a name," but rather a case of

"where's in a name?" And apparently, in New Hampshire, the answer might be found in the map room!

In light of these findings, it becomes clear that our research has charted new territory in the exploration of the influence of a name on career choices. The map-tivating influence of the first name Asa on the field of cartography in New Hampshire not only adds a touch of whimsy to the typically serious realm of academic research, but also prompts a re-making of our understanding of the quirky, yet all too real, ways in which nomenclature can shape our professional destinies. This study paves the way for further exploration into the lighthearted, yet remarkably map-tical interplay between a name and a compass, and encourages scholars to navigate the uncharted territories of how nomenclature may subtly, yet remarkably, guide our professional pursuits. It's not just about charting maps, but charting new directions in our understanding of the delightful and mysterious ways in which our names may steer our course in the world of work.

### *Conclusion*

In summation, our research has unveiled an unexpected and compelling correlation between the popularity of the first name Asa and the prevalence of cartographers in the picturesque state of New Hampshire. The strikingly high correlation coefficient of 0.8282481 and statistically significant p-value of less than 0.01 for the years 2003 to 2022 map-solutely accentuate the intriguing relationship between nomenclature and career choices. It seems that in New Hampshire, carrying the name Asa might just steer individuals toward the map-

making profession, making it a clear case of "Asa" leading the way.

Our findings present a map-nificent discovery, demonstrating the whimsical and unpredictable ways in which a simple name can influence one's career trajectory. This brings a whole new meaning to the phrase, "the map is not the territory" – unless, of course, your name is Asa, in which case, both might just align!

In light of our map-tivating results, we assert that further research in this area is not required. After all, we've already charted the course for understanding the cartographic influence of the name Asa, leaving no stone unturned. It's not every day that a research paper leads us down a trail of puns and map-related humor, but such is the unpredictability of academic inquiry. We hope our work sparks amusement and curiosity, and encourages a lighthearted approach to exploring the unexpected connections that shape our world.

In the wise words of a cartographer looking for directions, "I'm at a loss for coordinates, but I am not "Asa-ssing" up the opportunity to navigate through these findings!"