IDEA model fits to daily Canadian COVID-19 data

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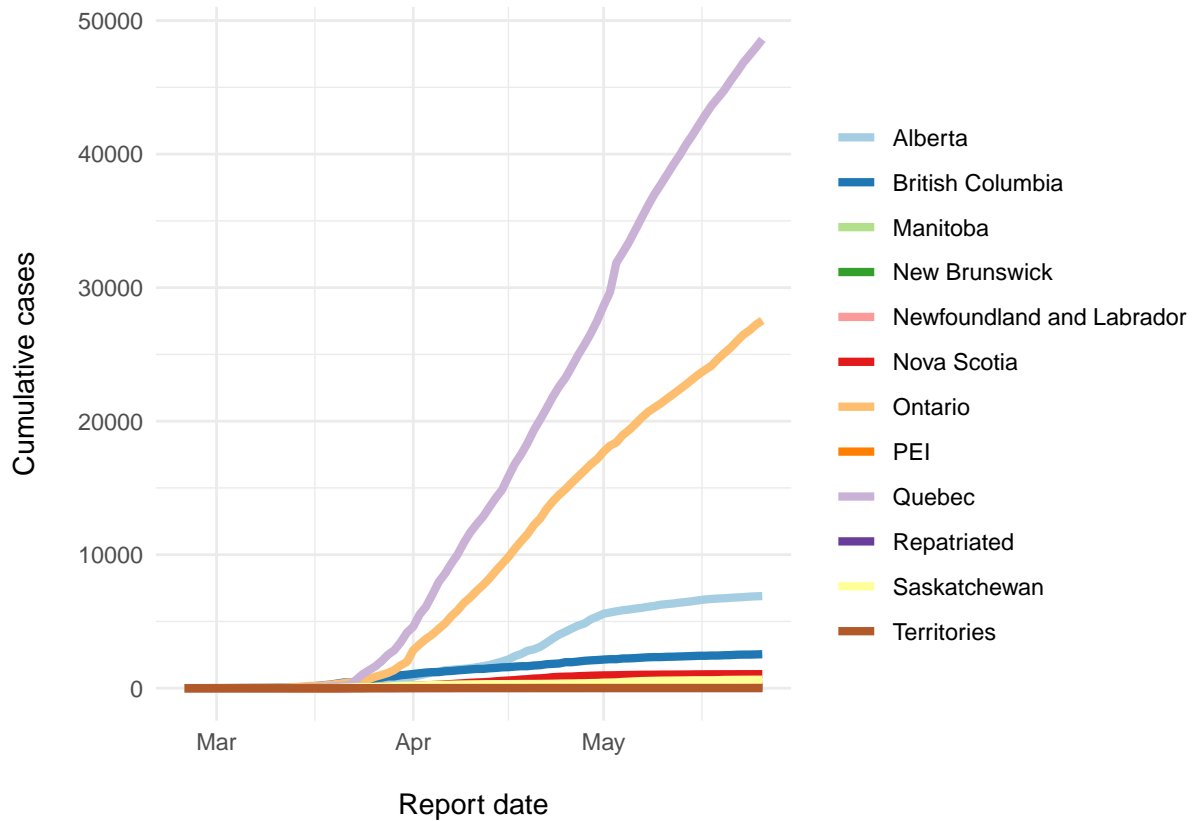

Figure 1: Cumulative cases

Overview

Daily fits to reported case counts are presented for provinces/regions reporting substantial COVID-19 activity using the IDEA model. This report was run on 2020-05-27 07:34:44. Forecasts are based on reported case data up to 2020-05-26. Data are collected by the COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group.

For each province, we show the model fit to incident and cumulative cases. We also include a daily estimate of the discount factor (d). The metric provides a measure of the degree of control that is occurring. A larger value is better - it suggests more control and therefore slowing epidemic growth. The value of d is estimated every day, using all of the case data up to the date of estimation. When estimates of d are stable (no large swings), this suggests that the model estimates are reliable. Large swings in estimates of d over time suggest unstable model estimates and less confidence in the forecasts – this may indicate that a new outbreak wave is coming or a change in case definition or testing criteria (as was seen in Quebec). A decline in d corresponds to worsening control.

The effective reproduction number (R_t) is calculated over time. Our goal is for this value to be less than 1. A value <1 indicates that each old case is making less than one new case on average and the epidemic is under control. Note that we're estimating R_t using the reported case data. Ideally, we'd want to use onset or

transmission dates but since we're using publicly-reported, aggregate data across jurisdictions with different reporting lags, we're not attempting to adjust the data. The method used is described here.

Table 1: Estimated effective reproductive numbers and 95% confidence intervals

Region	Rt	95% confidence interval
Canada	0.91	0.78-1.04
Alberta	0.67	0-1.37
British Columbia	0.87	0-1.89
Manitoba	1.00	0-4.58
New Brunswick	0.20	0-3.92
Newfoundland and Labrador	0.56	0-3.27
Nova Scotia	0.20	0-3.91
Ontario	0.91	0.66-1.1
Quebec	0.94	0.75-1.1
Saskatchewan	0.00	0-1.95
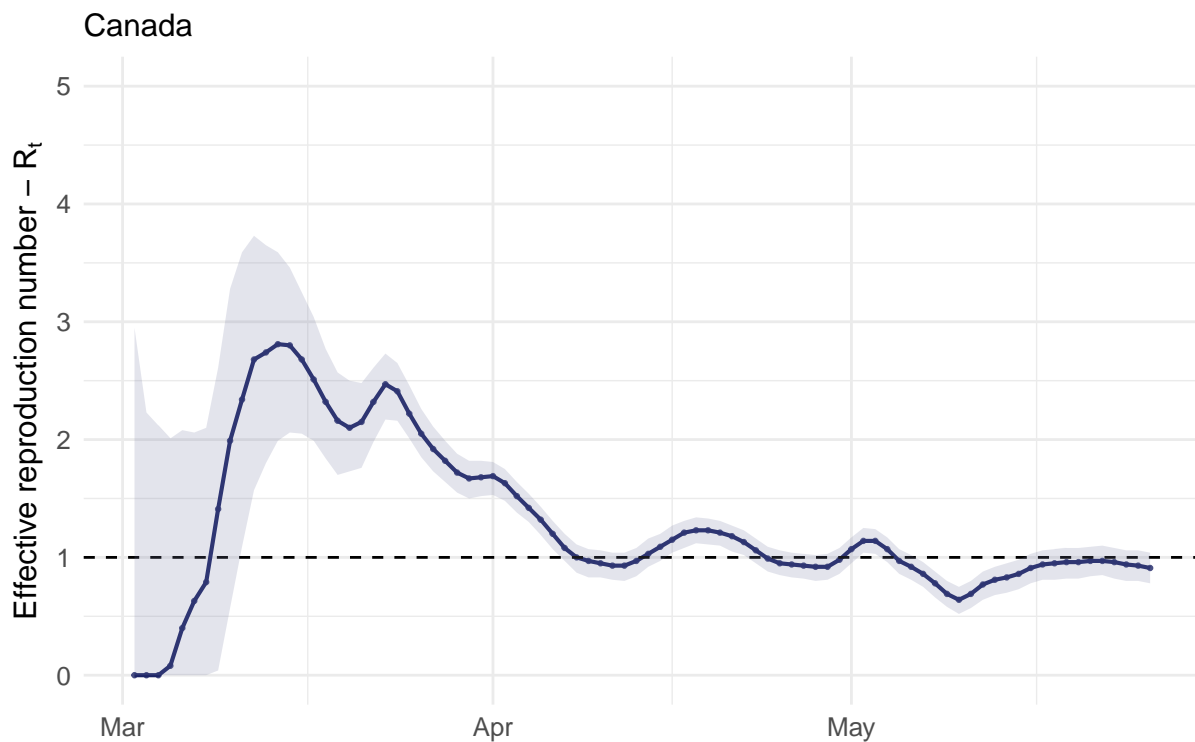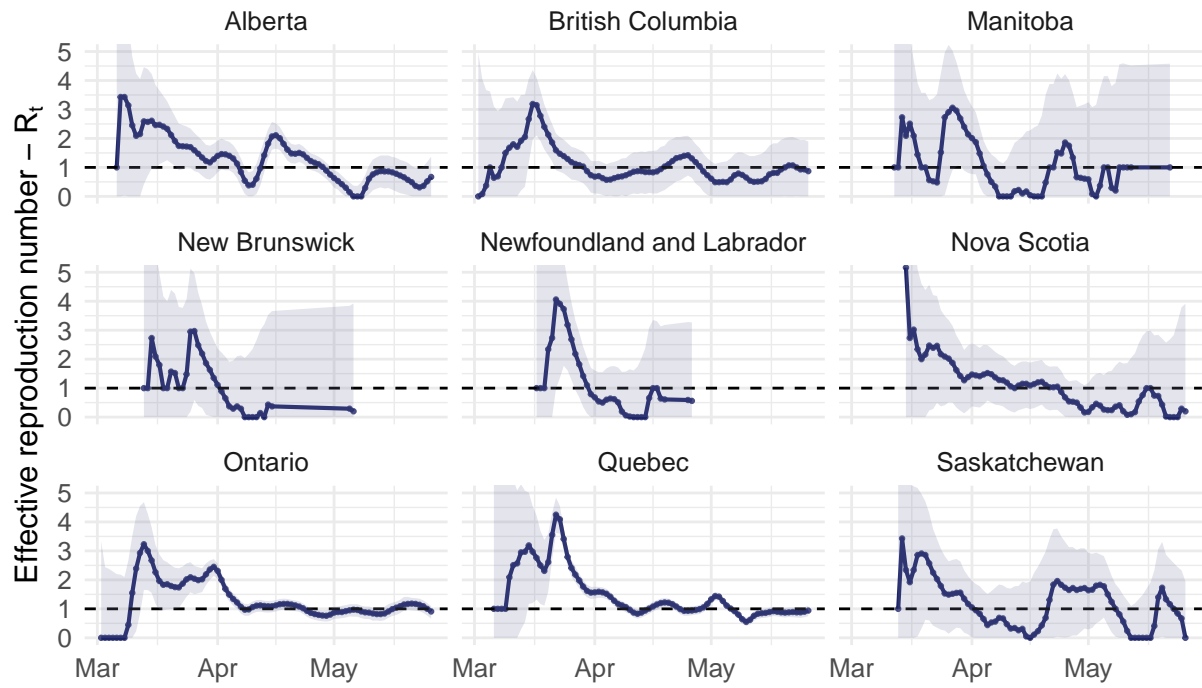
Canada

Figure 2: Alternate method for estimating effective reproductive number
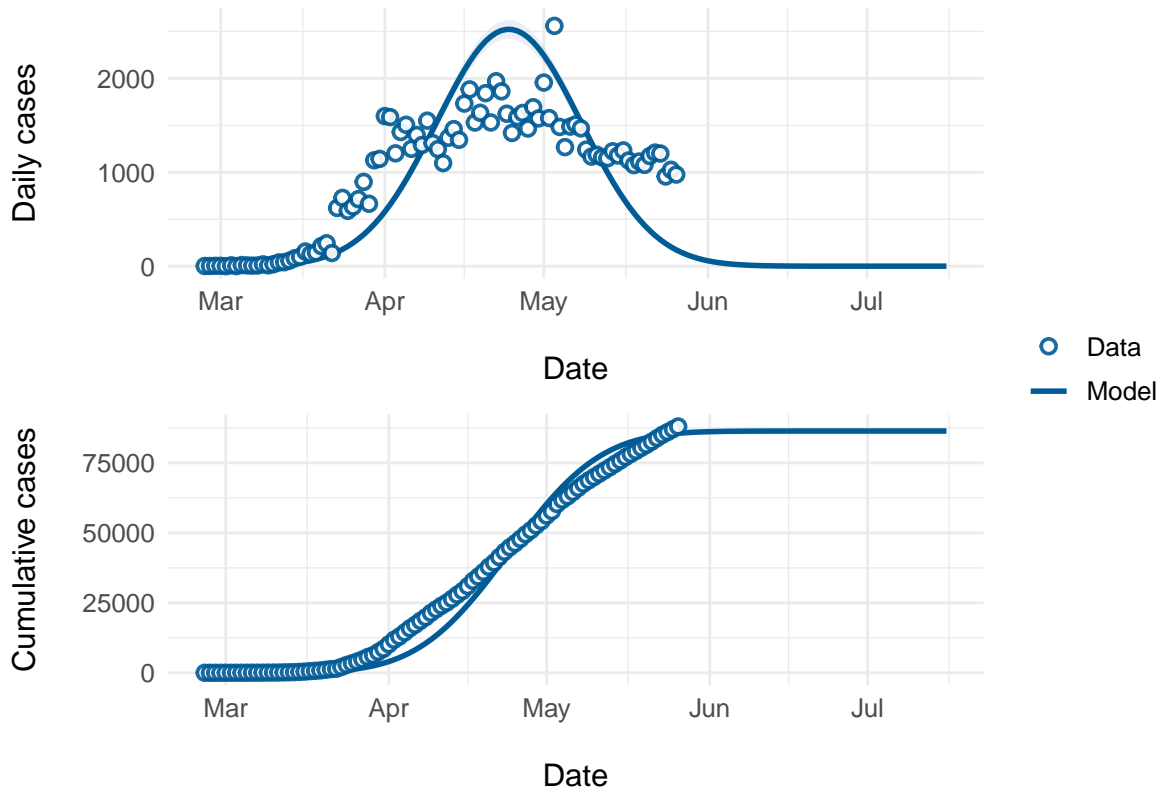
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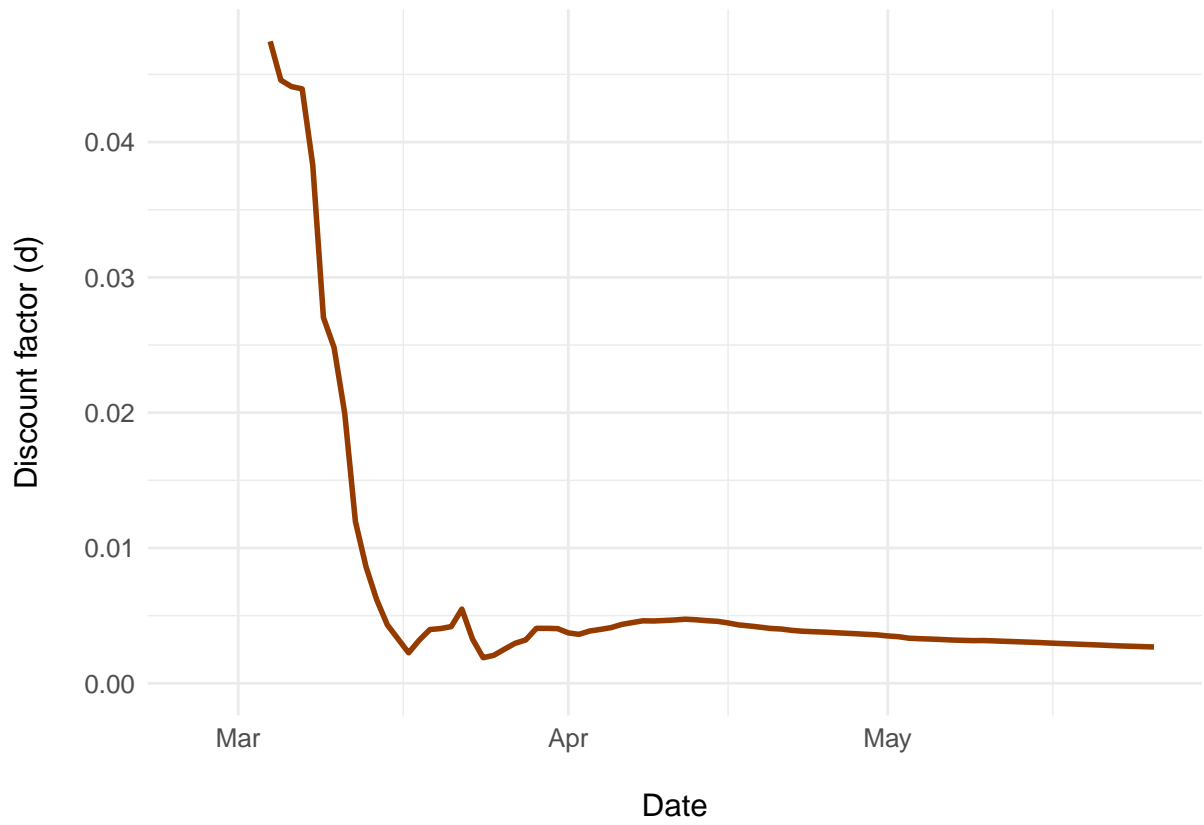
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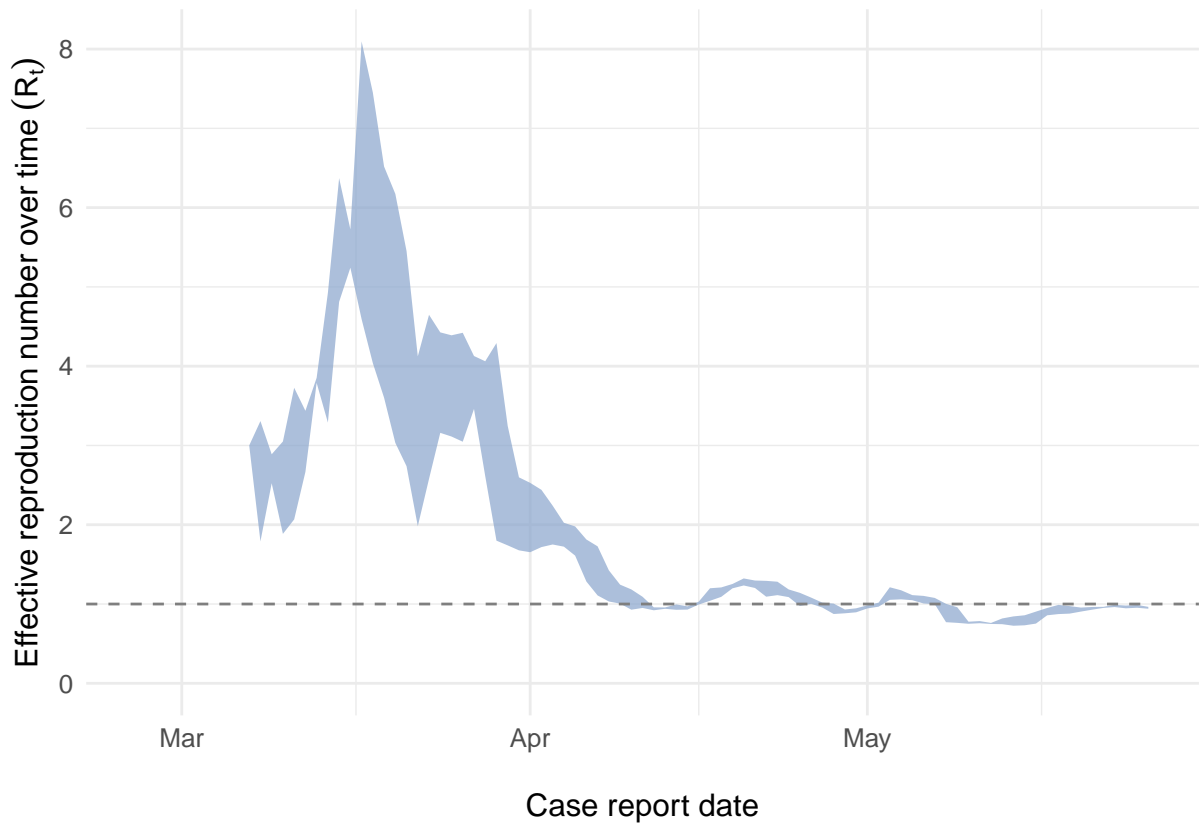
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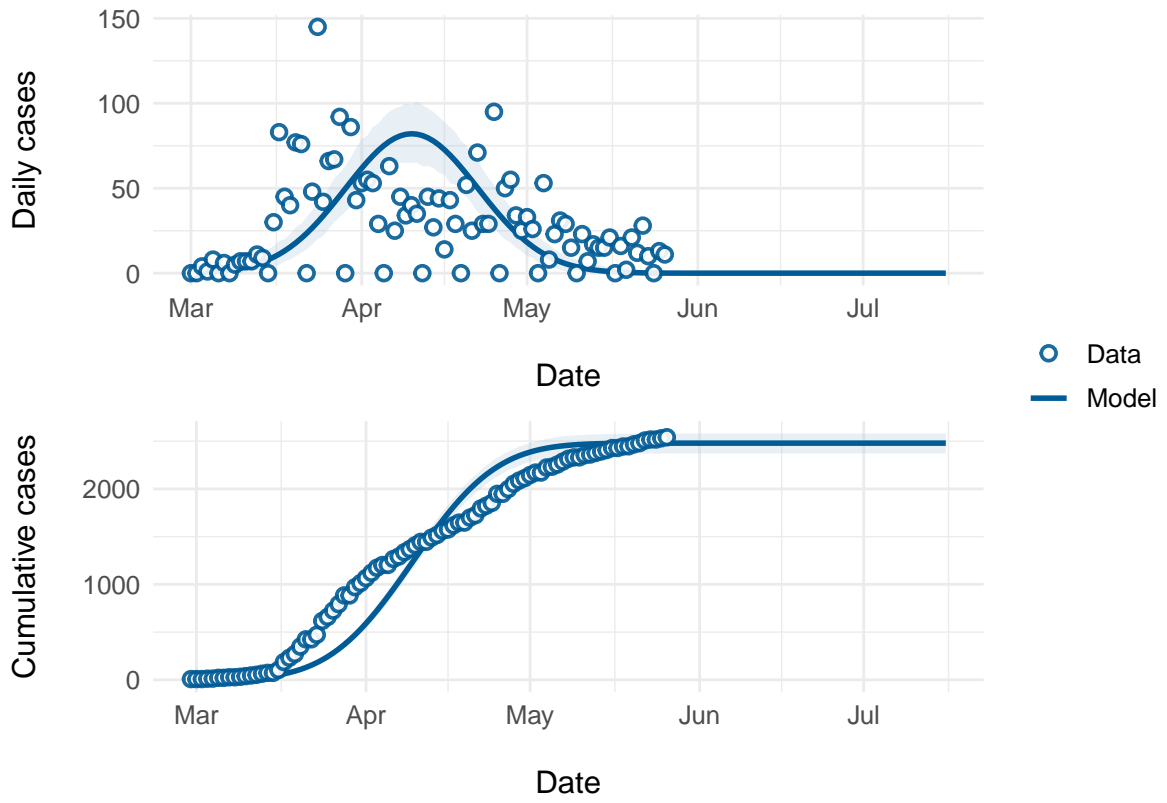
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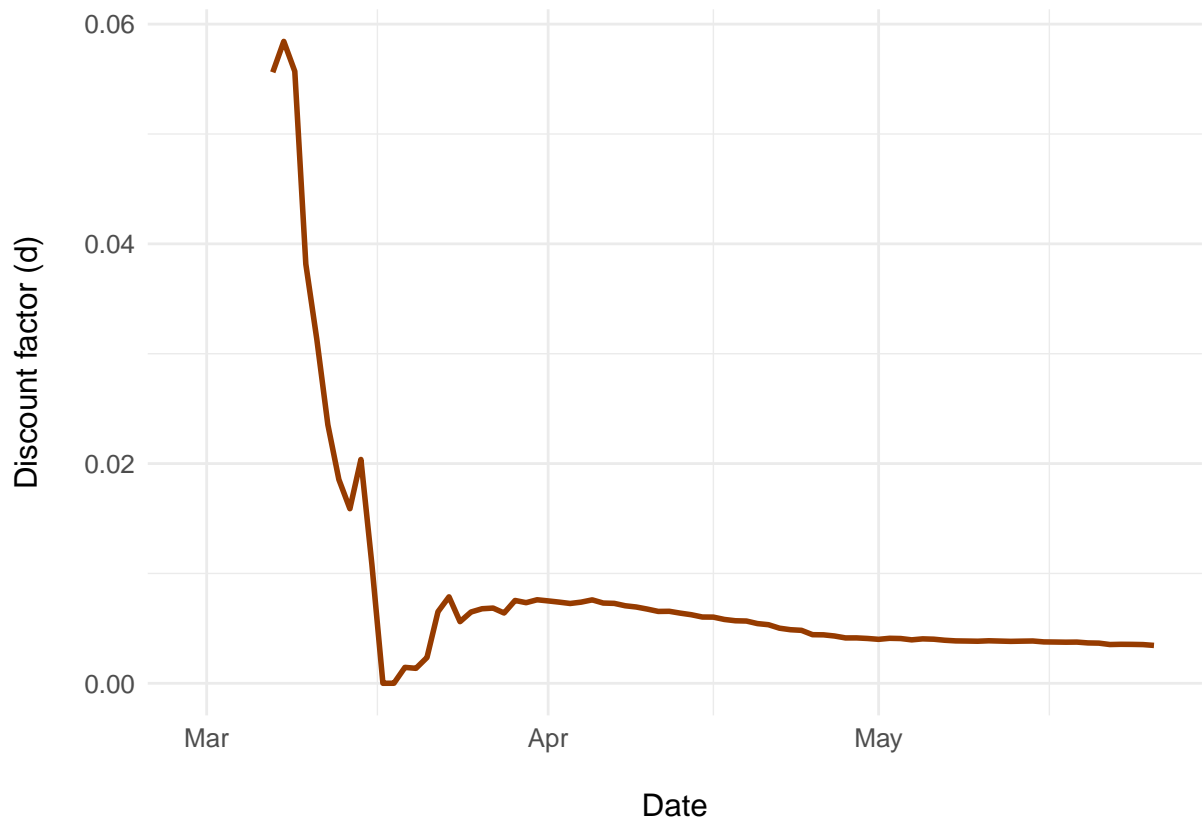
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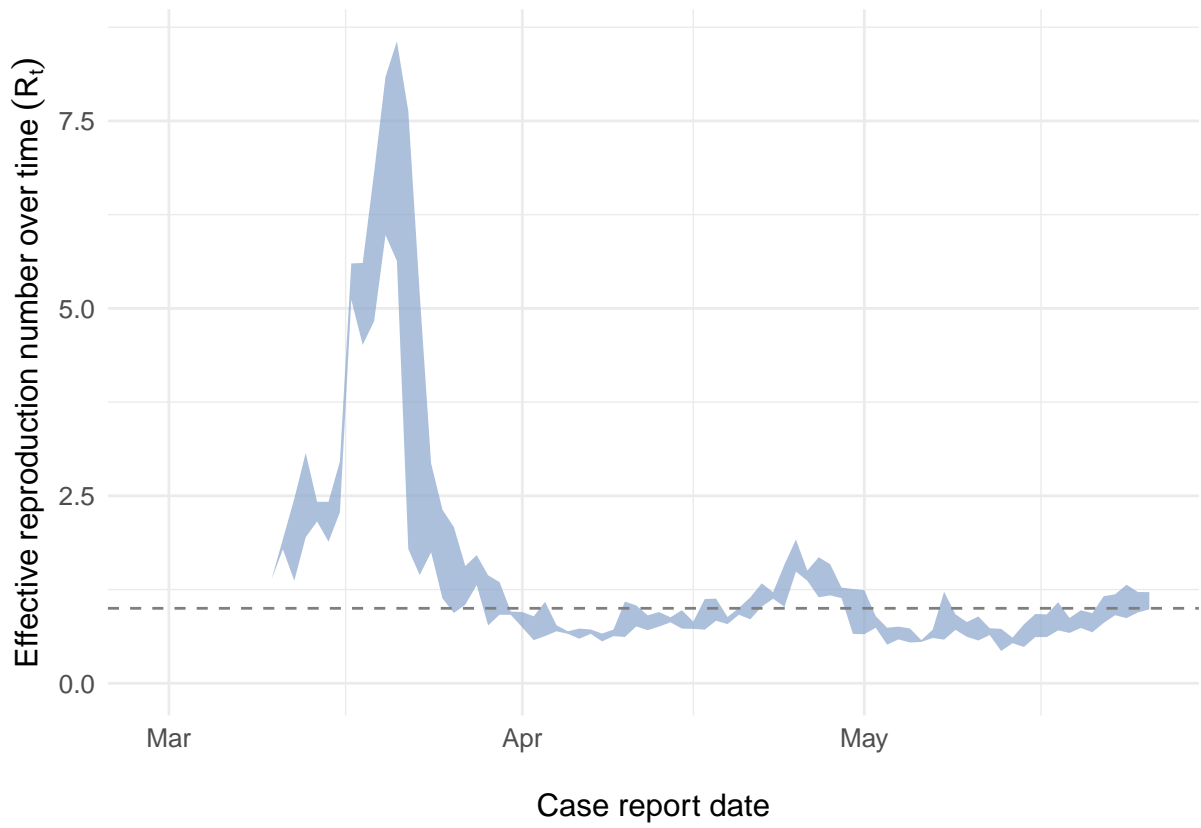
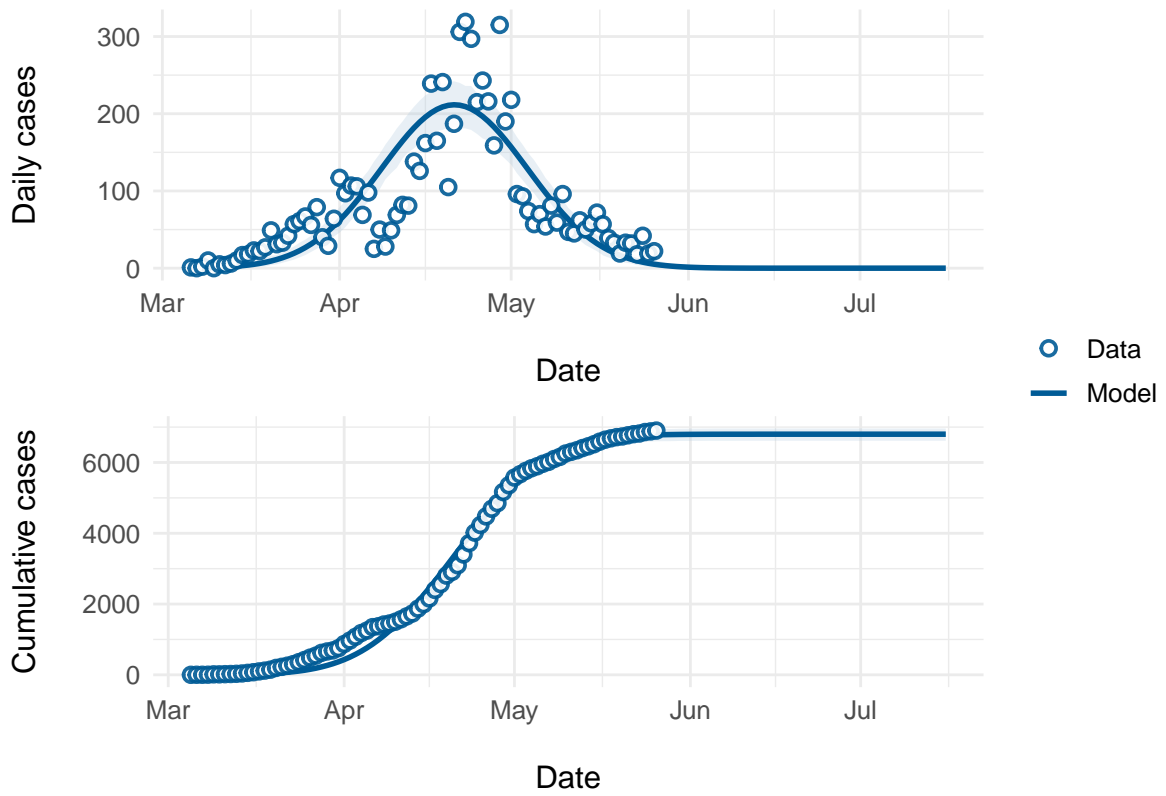Figure 8: Effective reproductive number - British Columbia
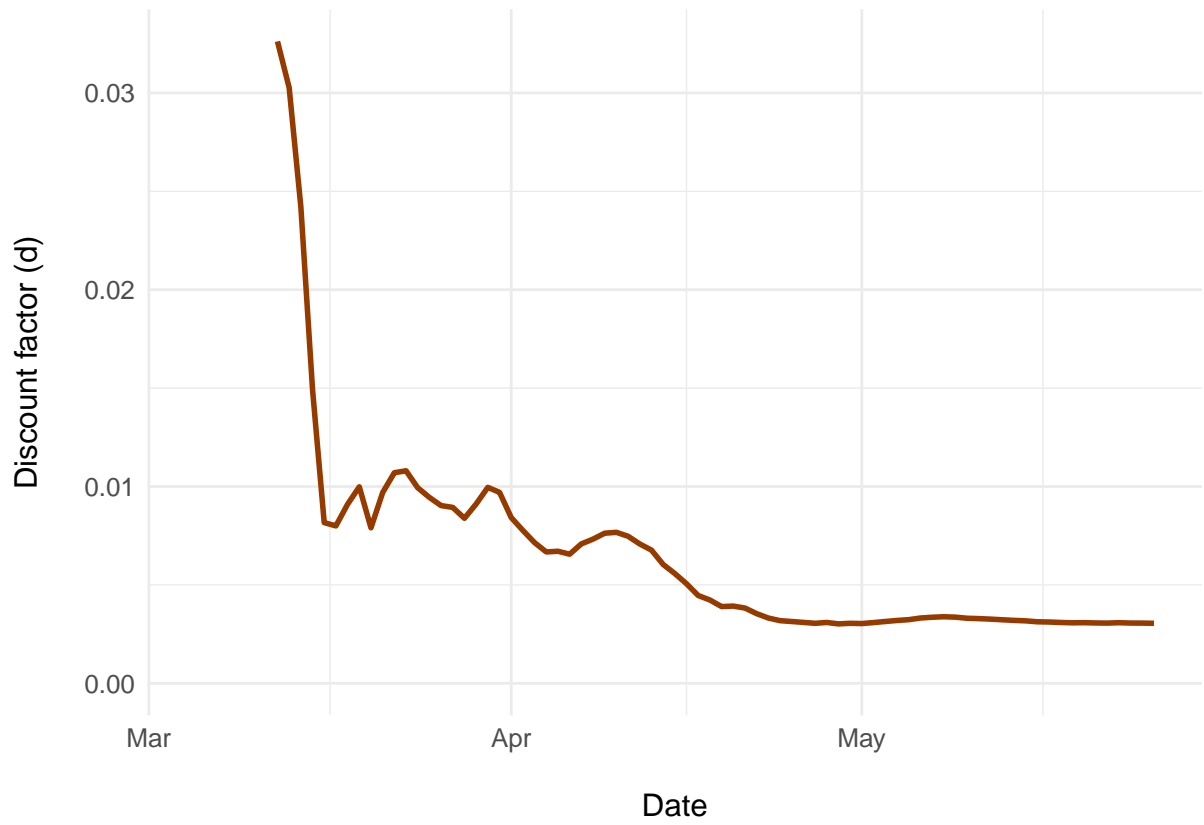
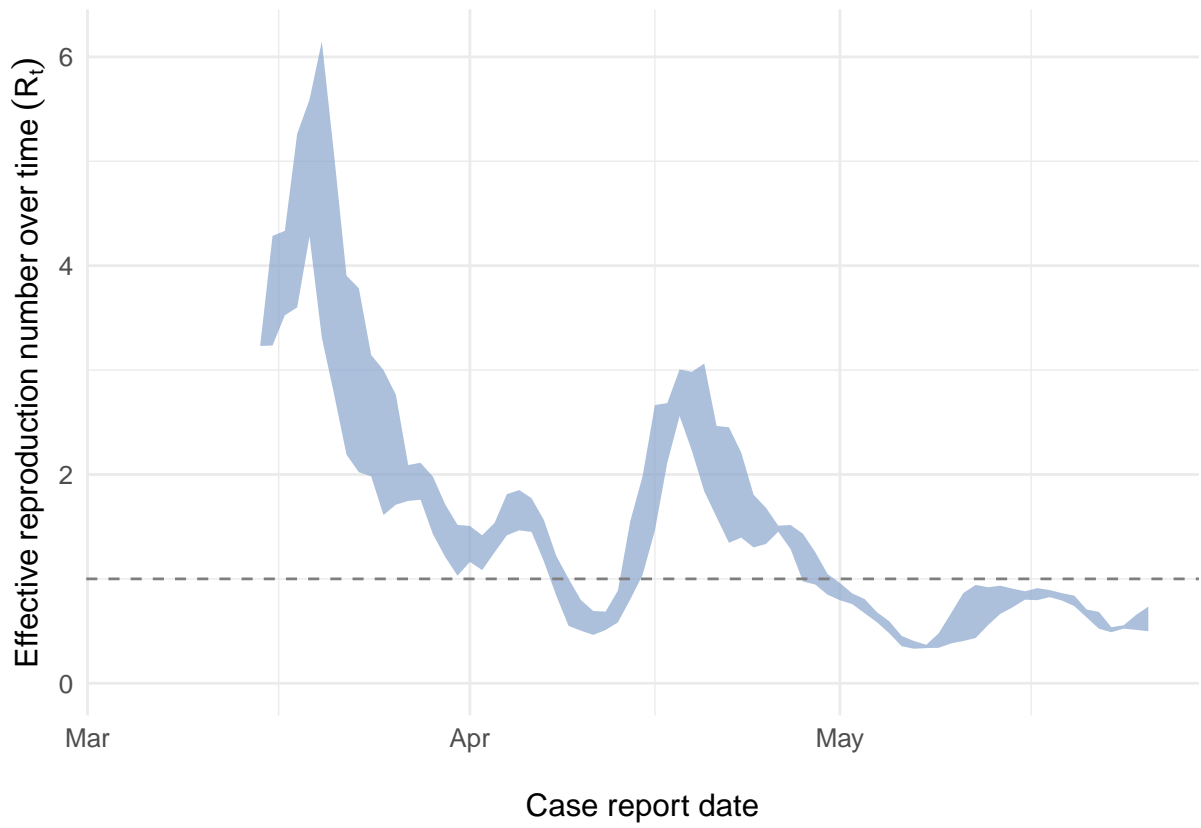Figure 9: Alberta

Figure 10: Discount factor - Alberta

Figure 11: Effective reproductive number - Alberta
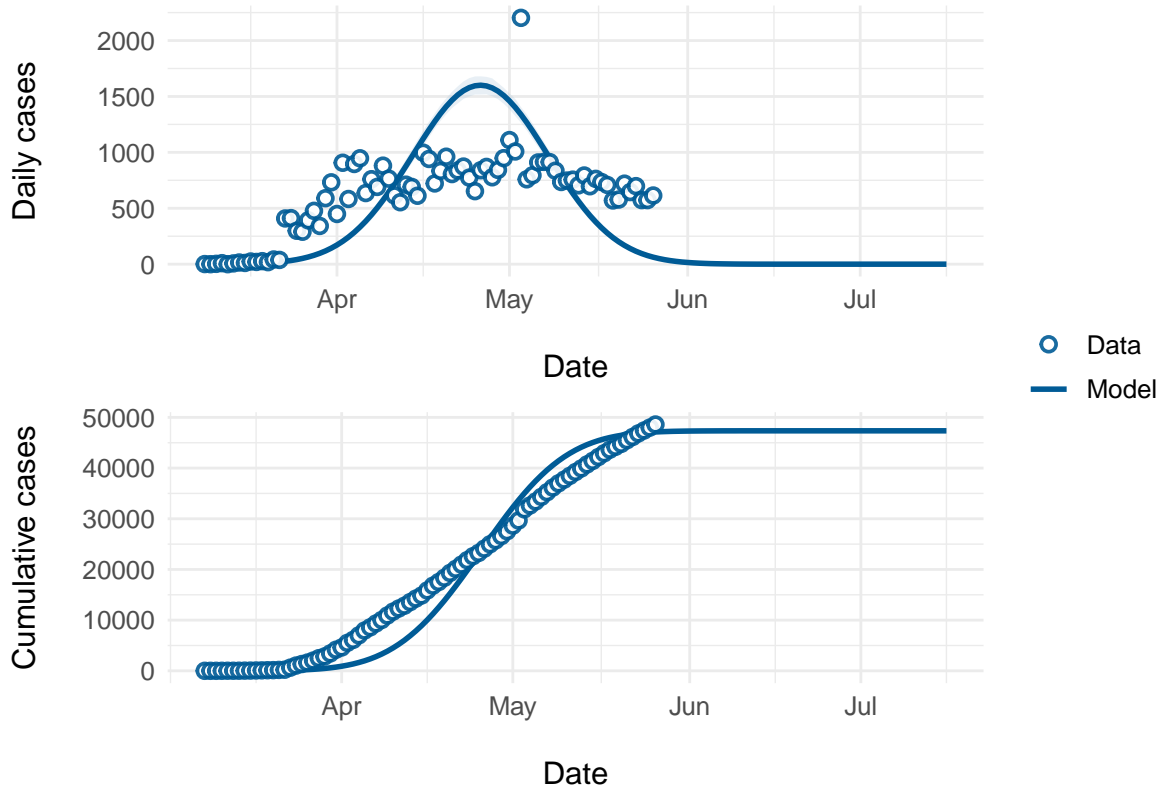
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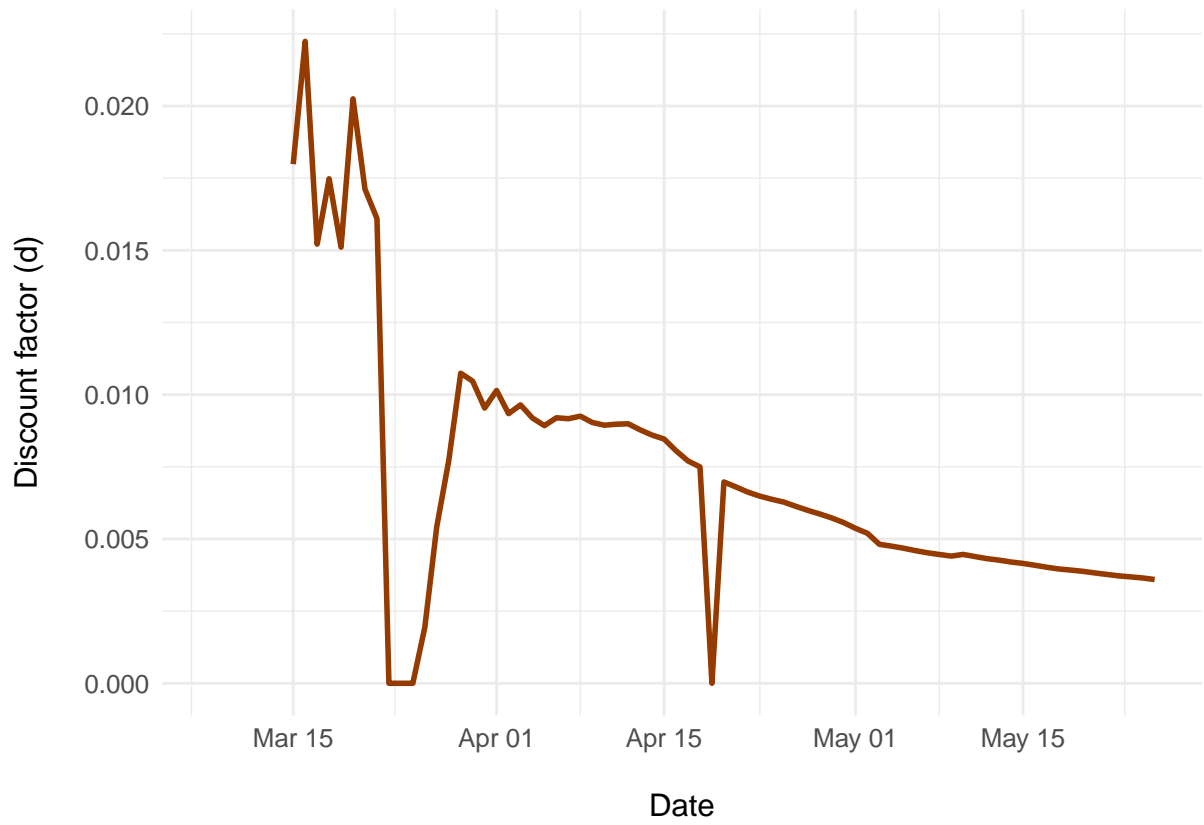
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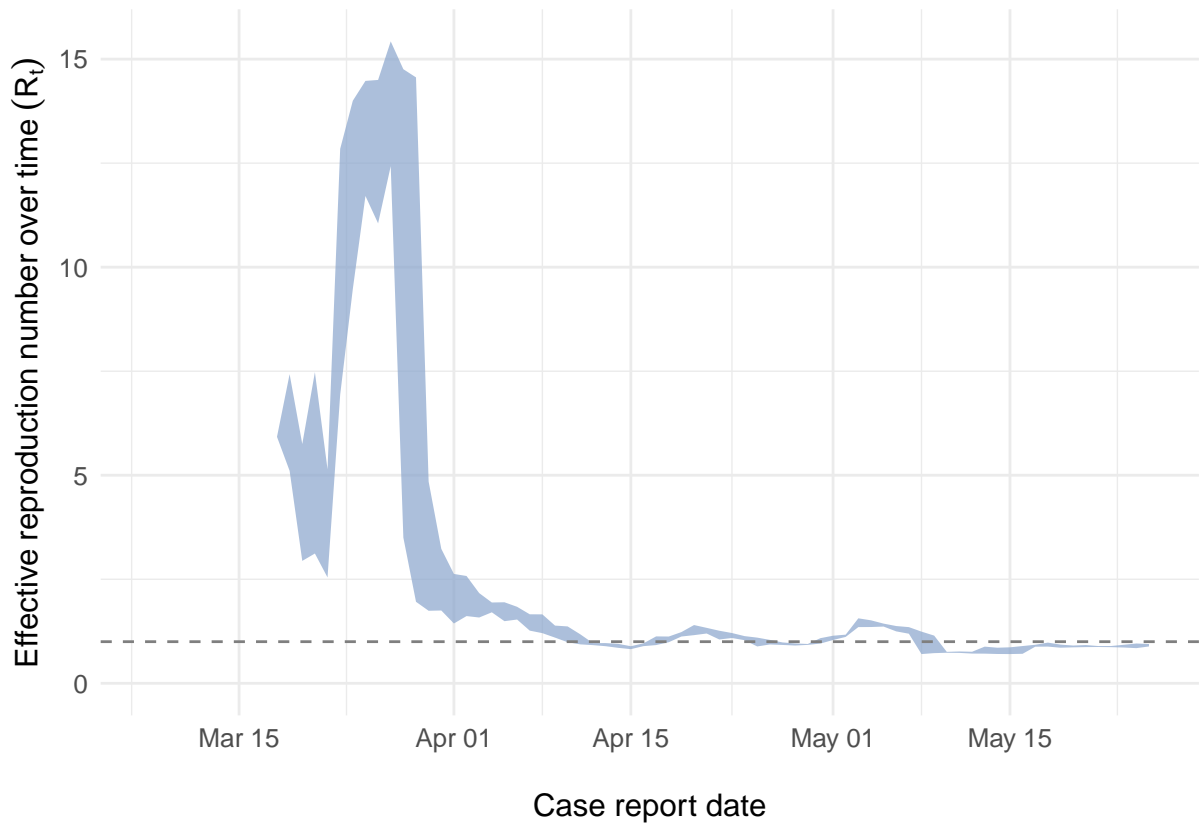
Figure 14: Effective reproductive number - Quebec

Figure 15: Ontario

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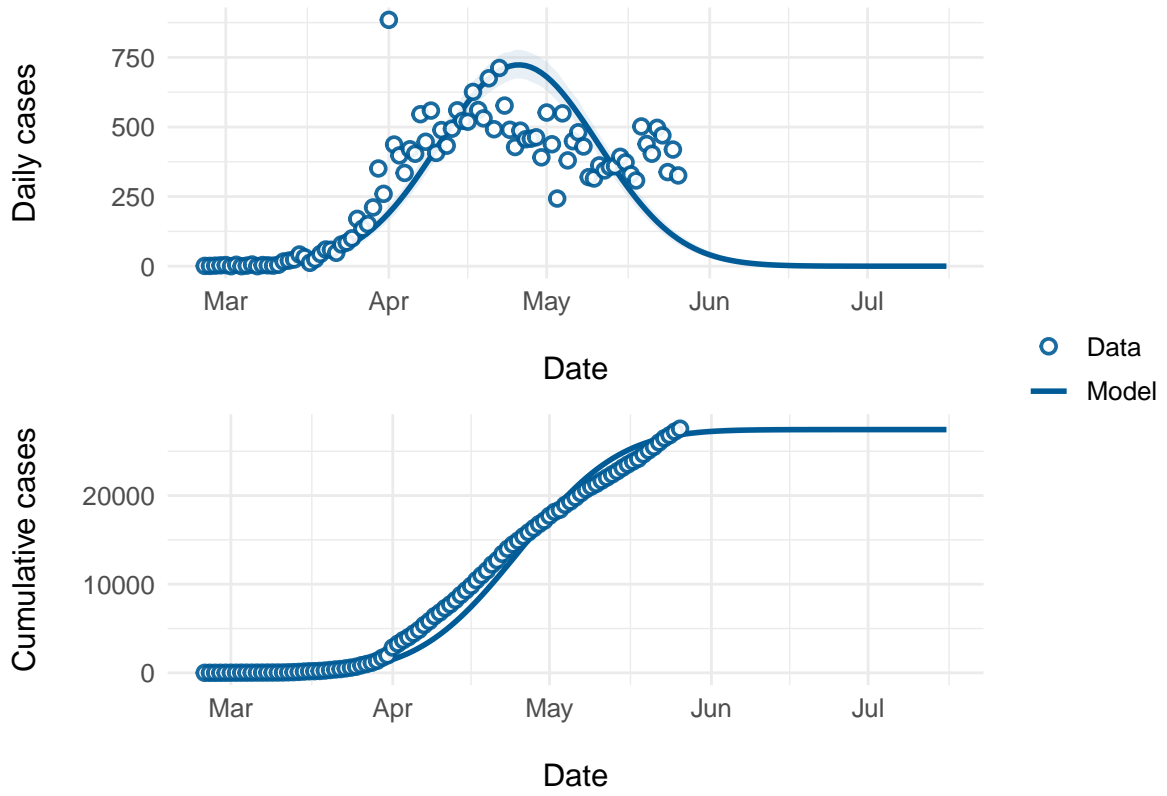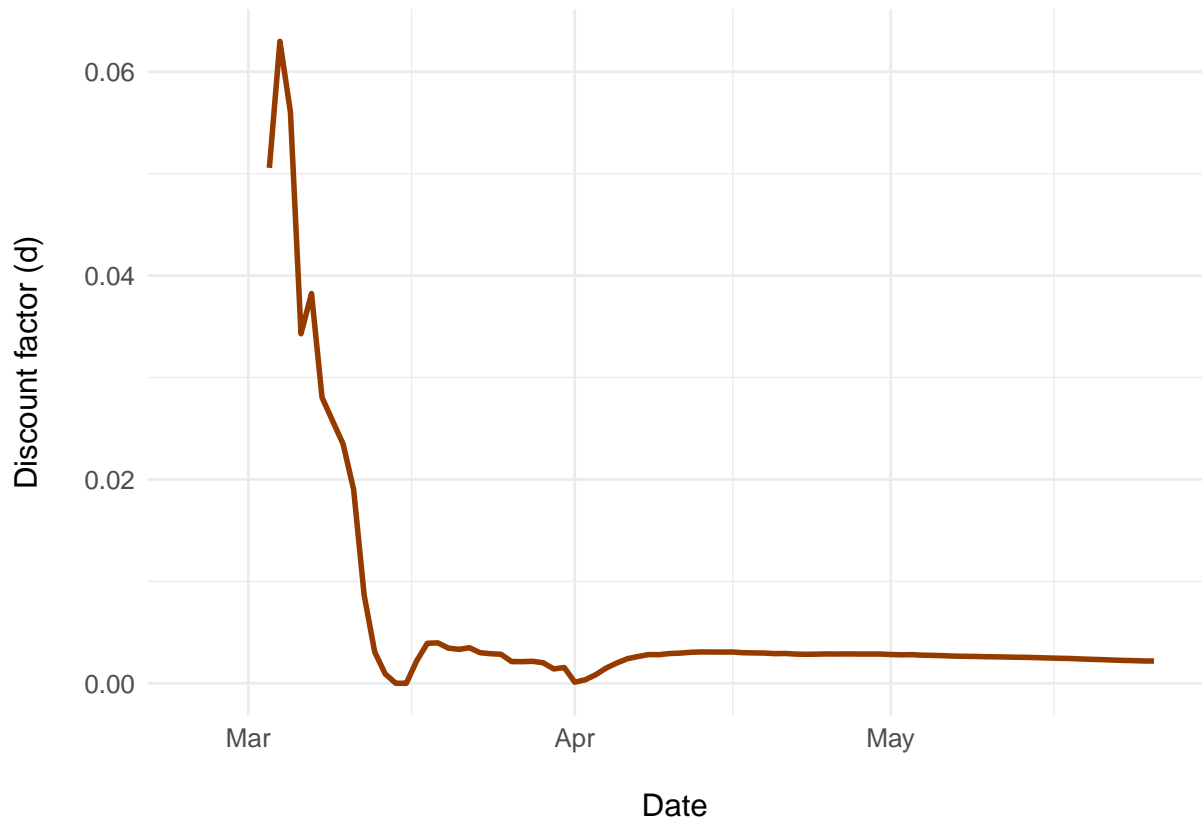
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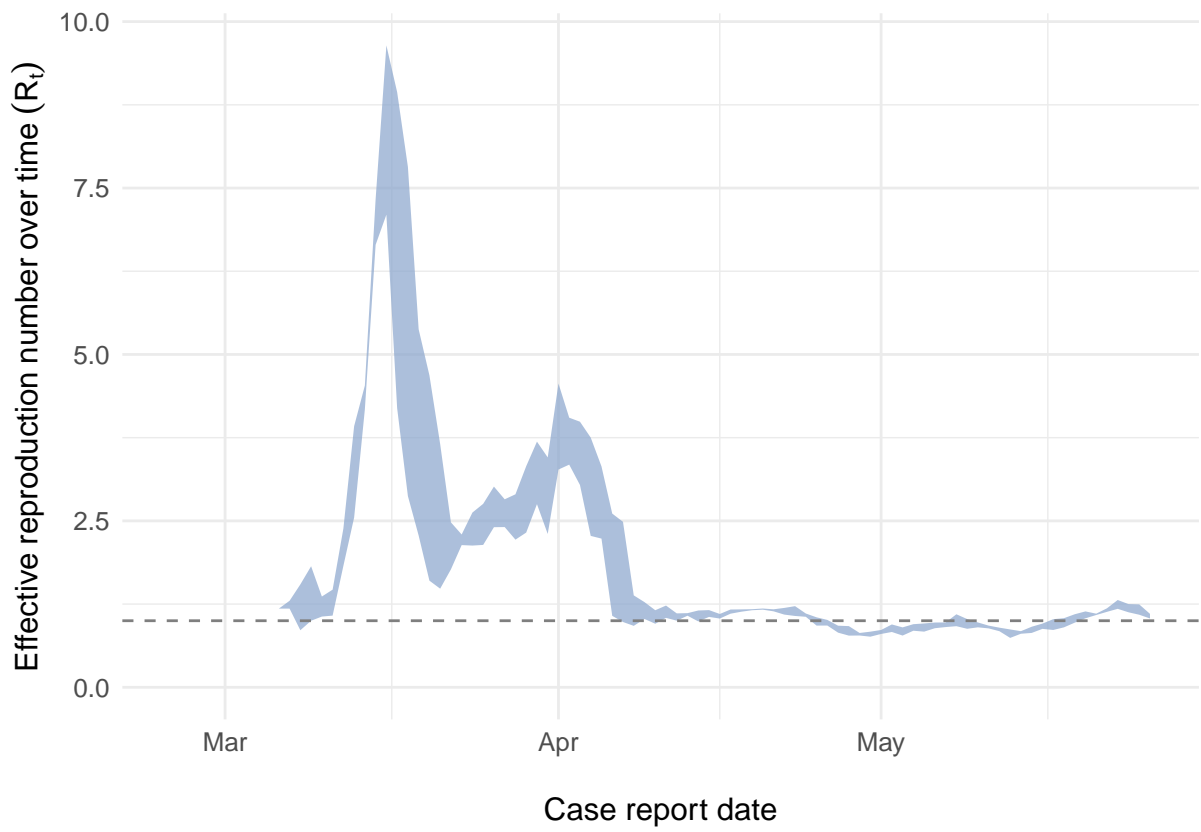
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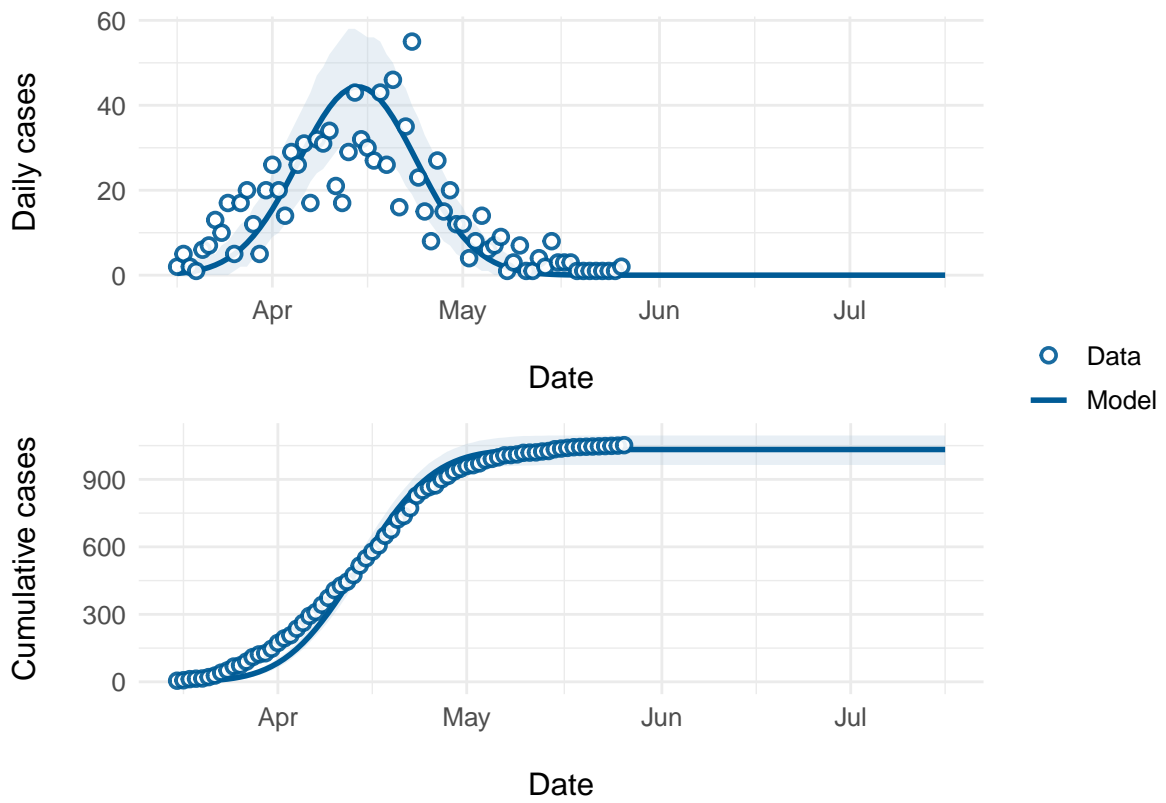
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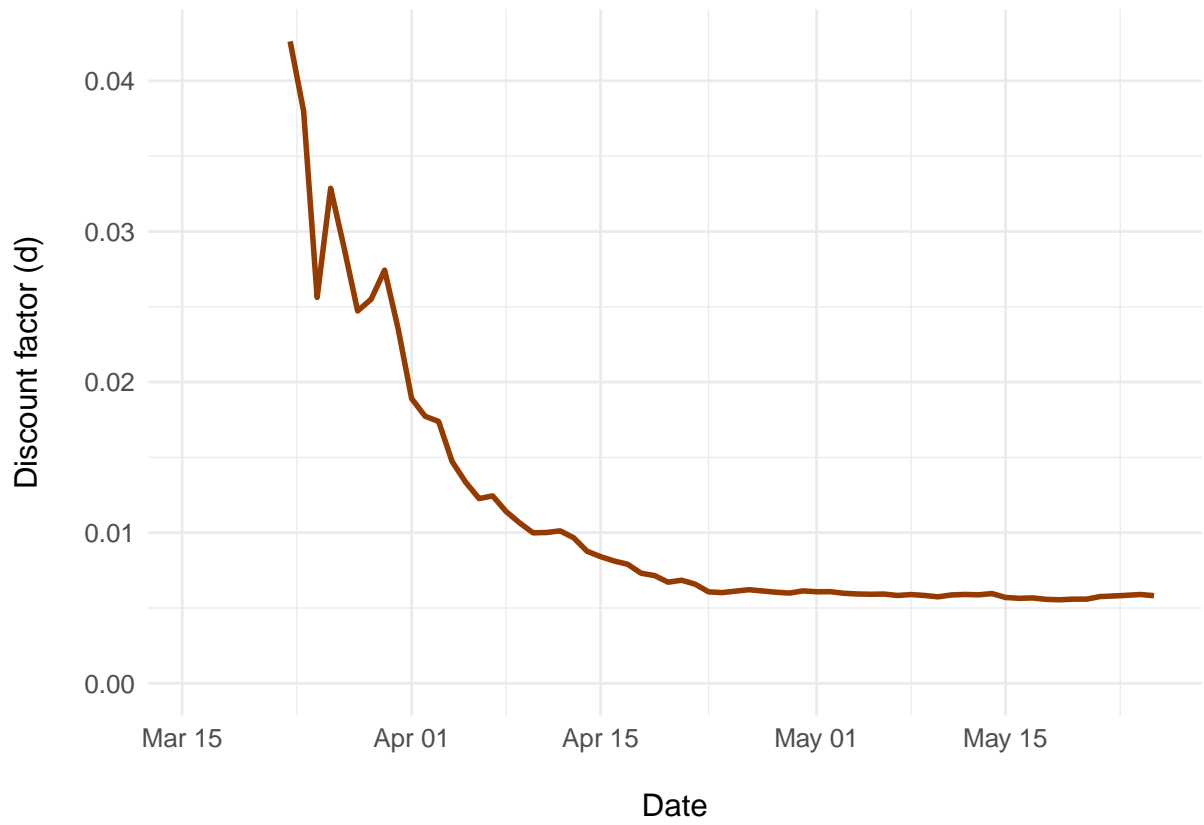
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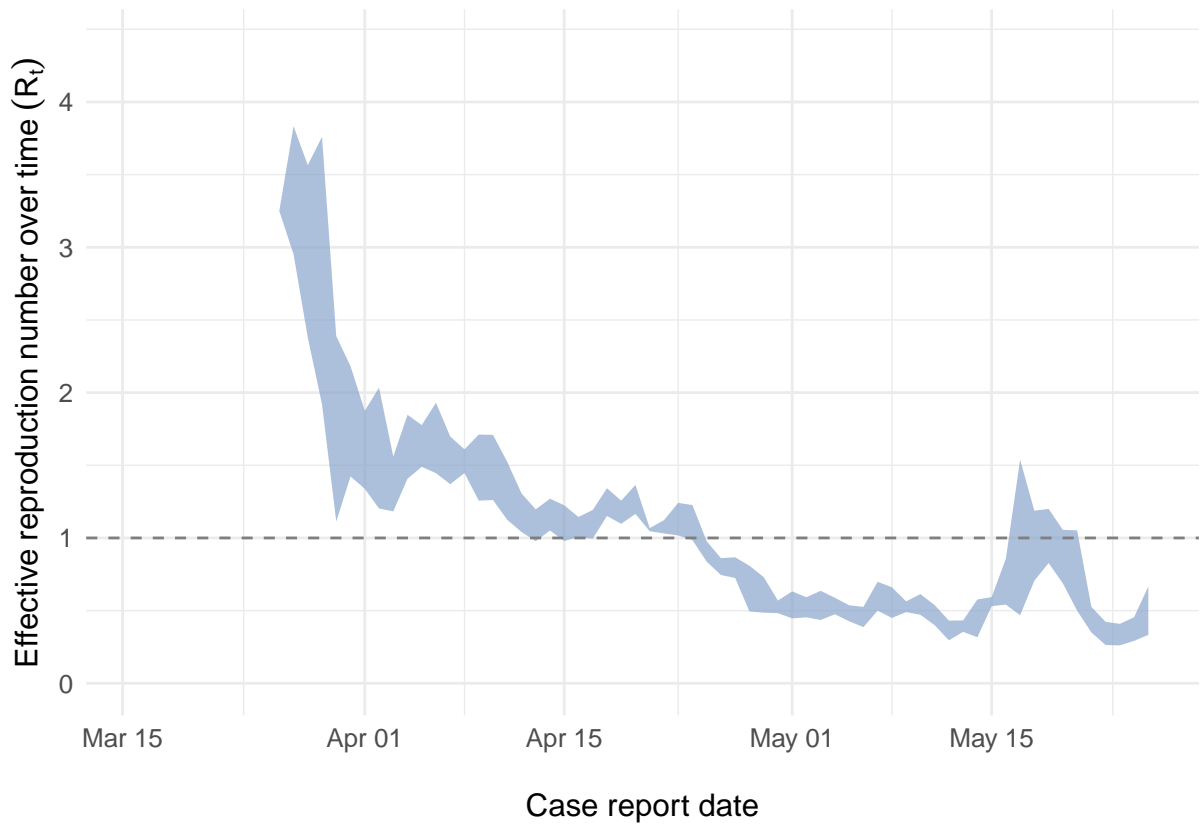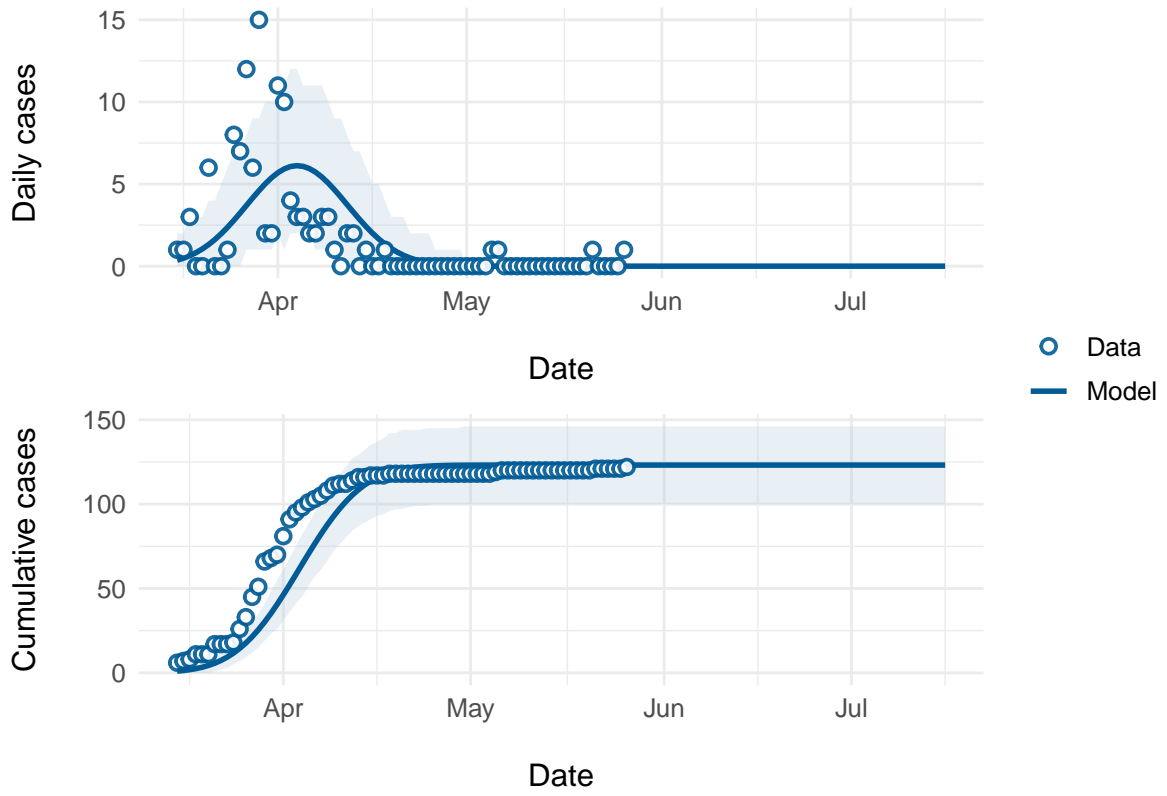
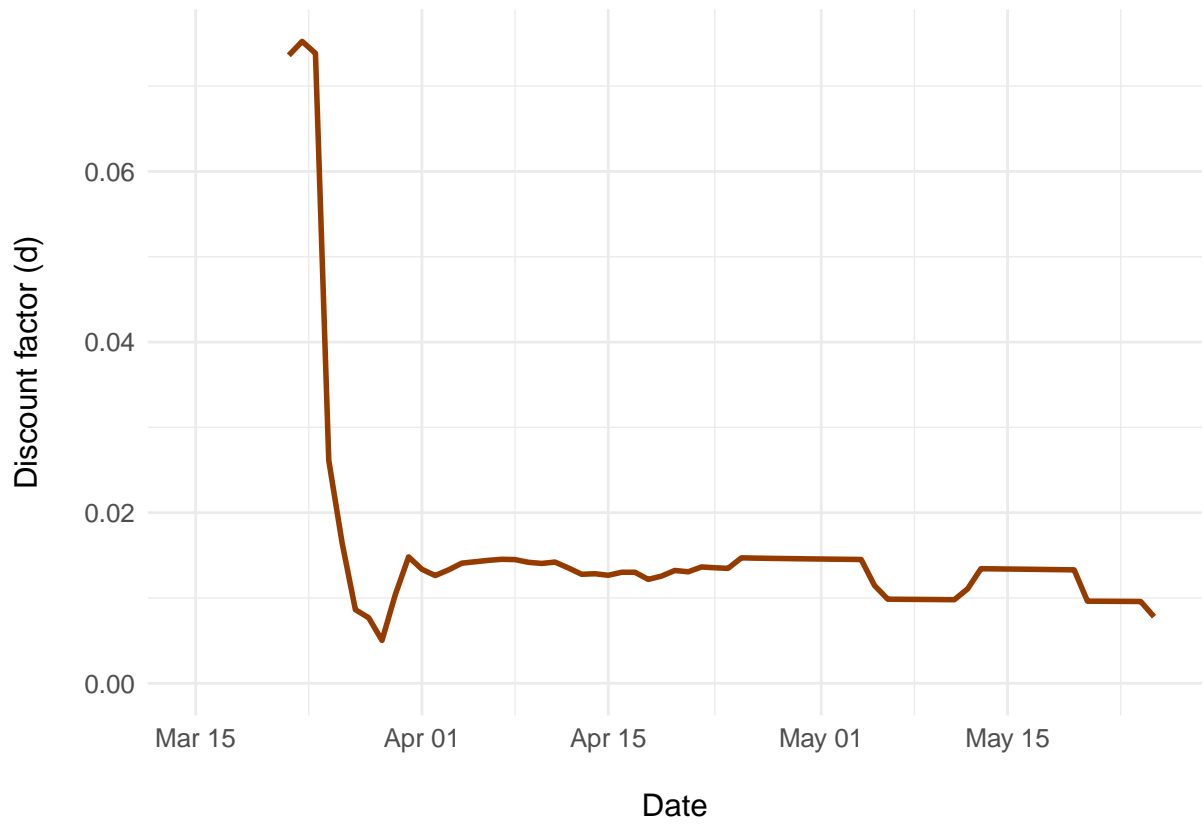Figure 20: Effective reproductive number - Nova Scotia

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Figure 22: Discount factor - New Brunswick

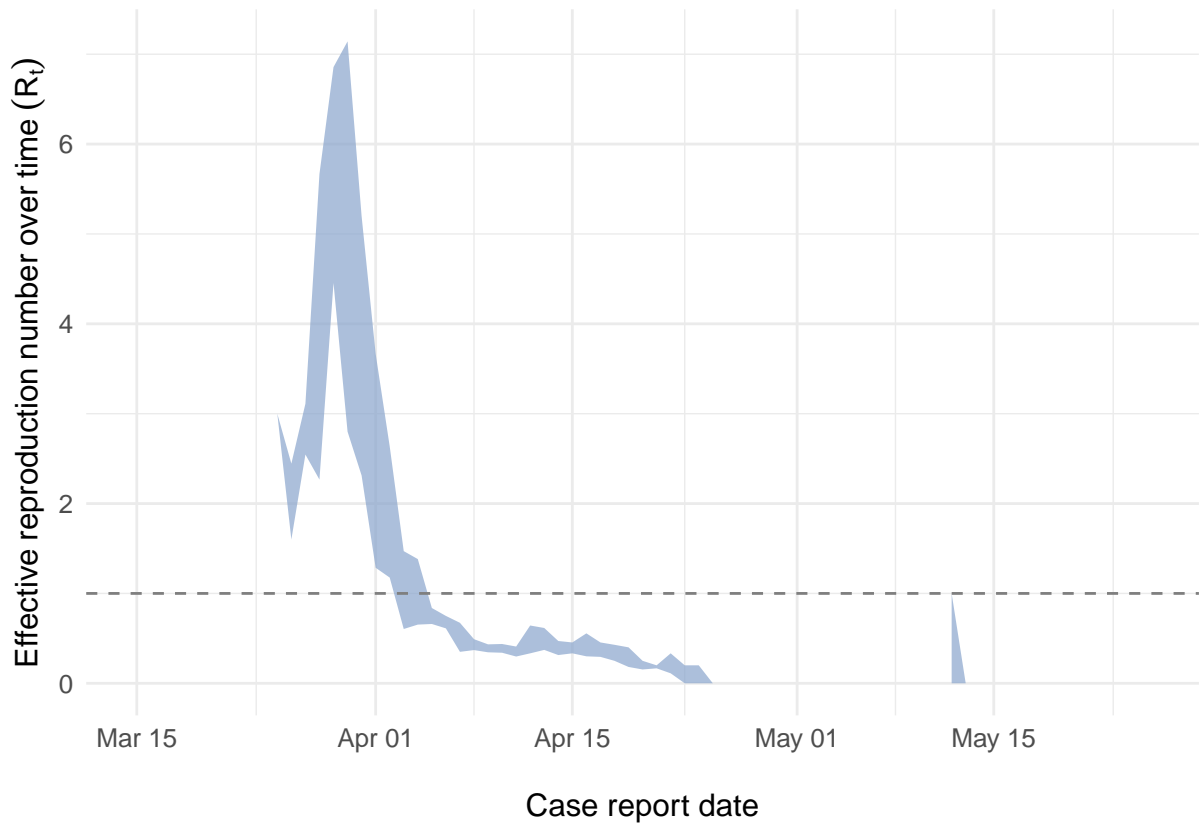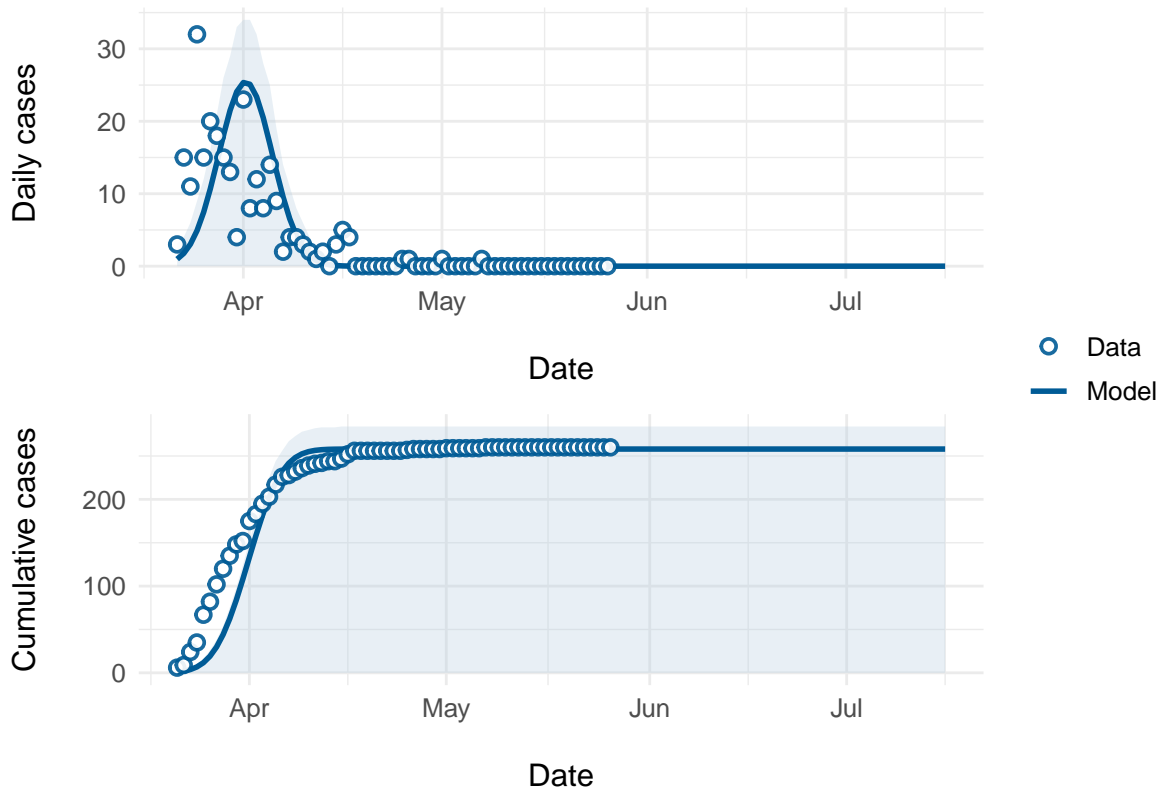Figure 23: Effective reproductive number - New Brunswick
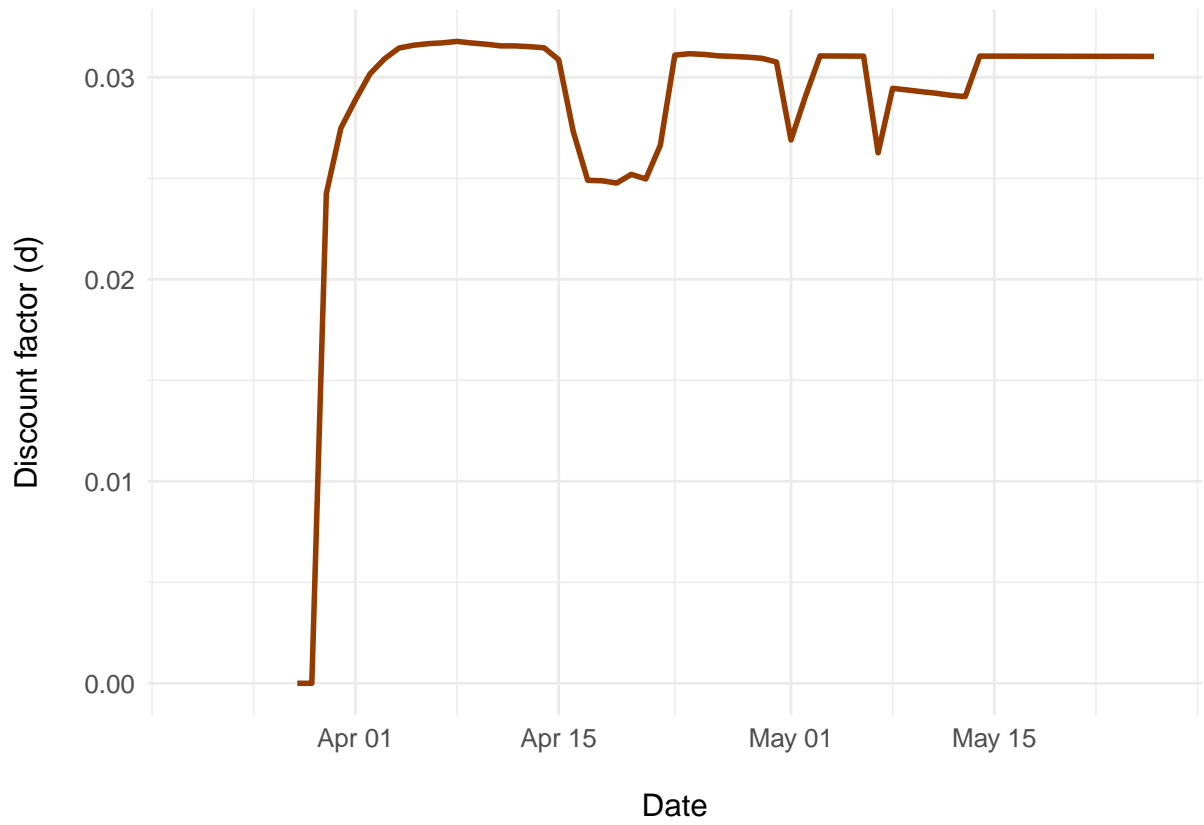
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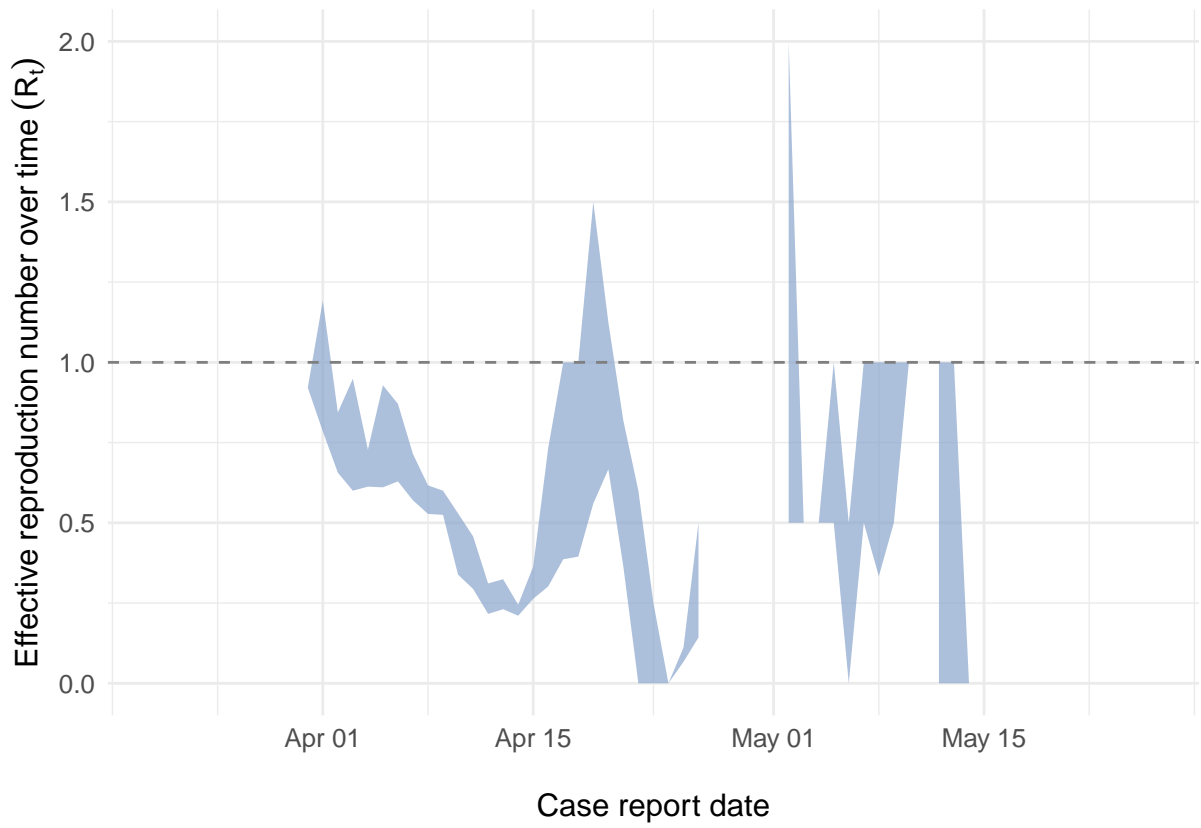Figure 25: Discount factor - Newfoundland and Labrador

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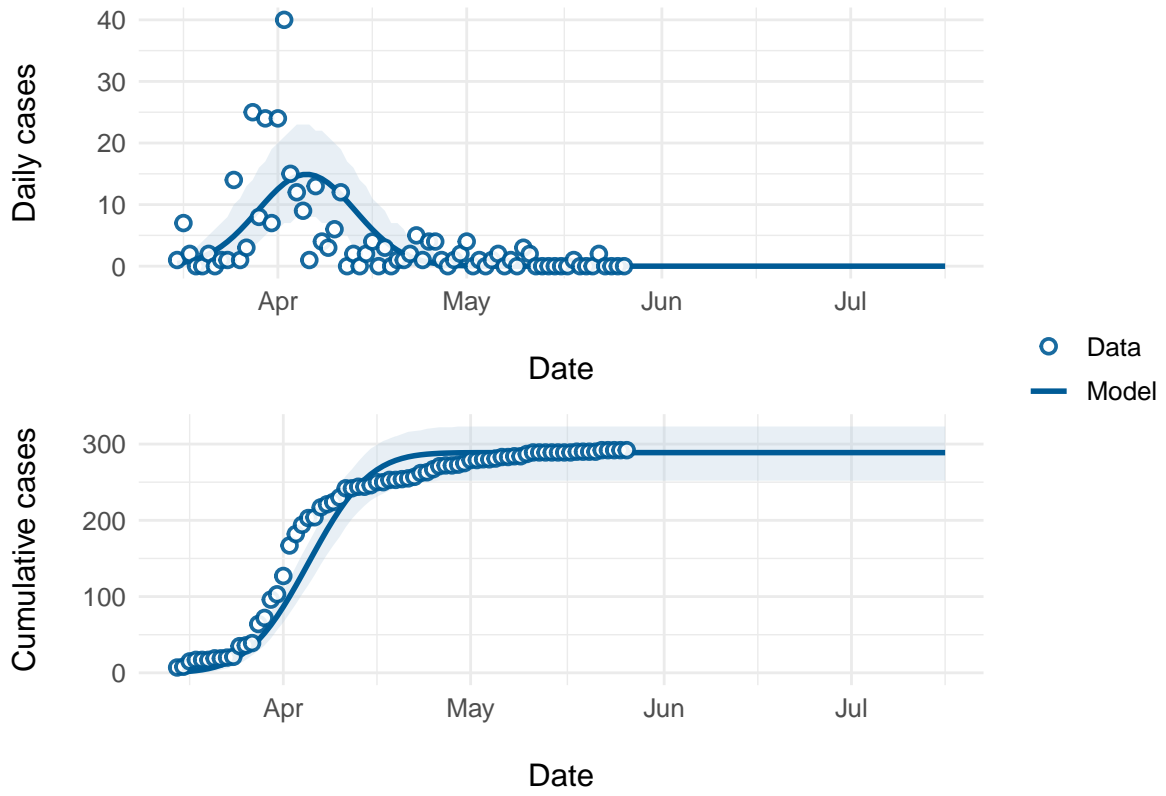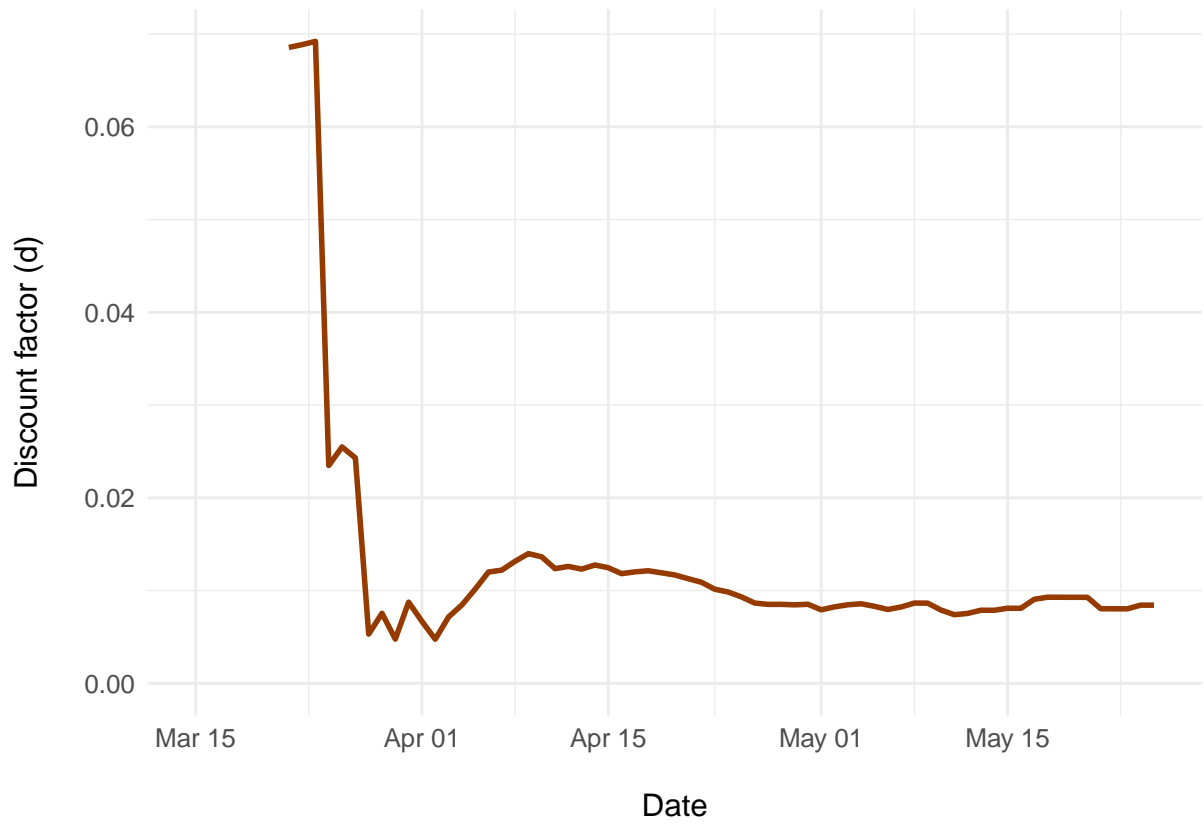
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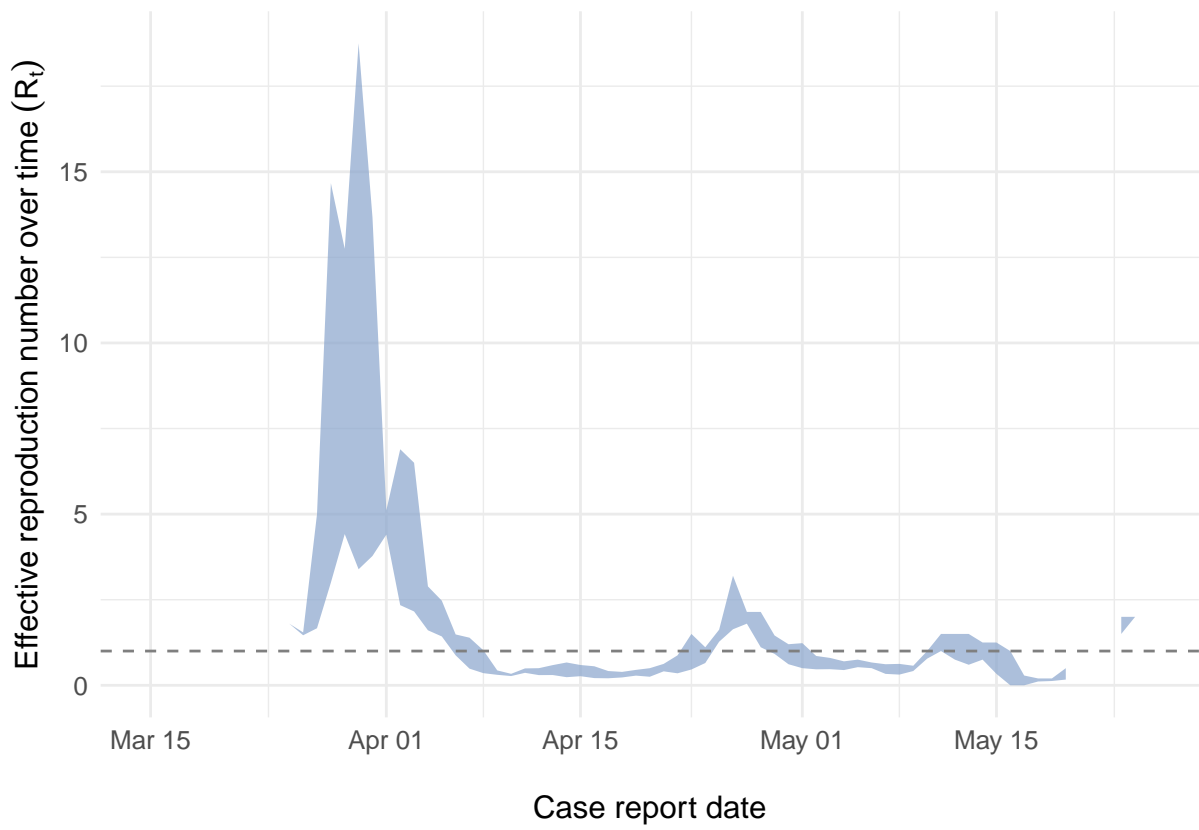
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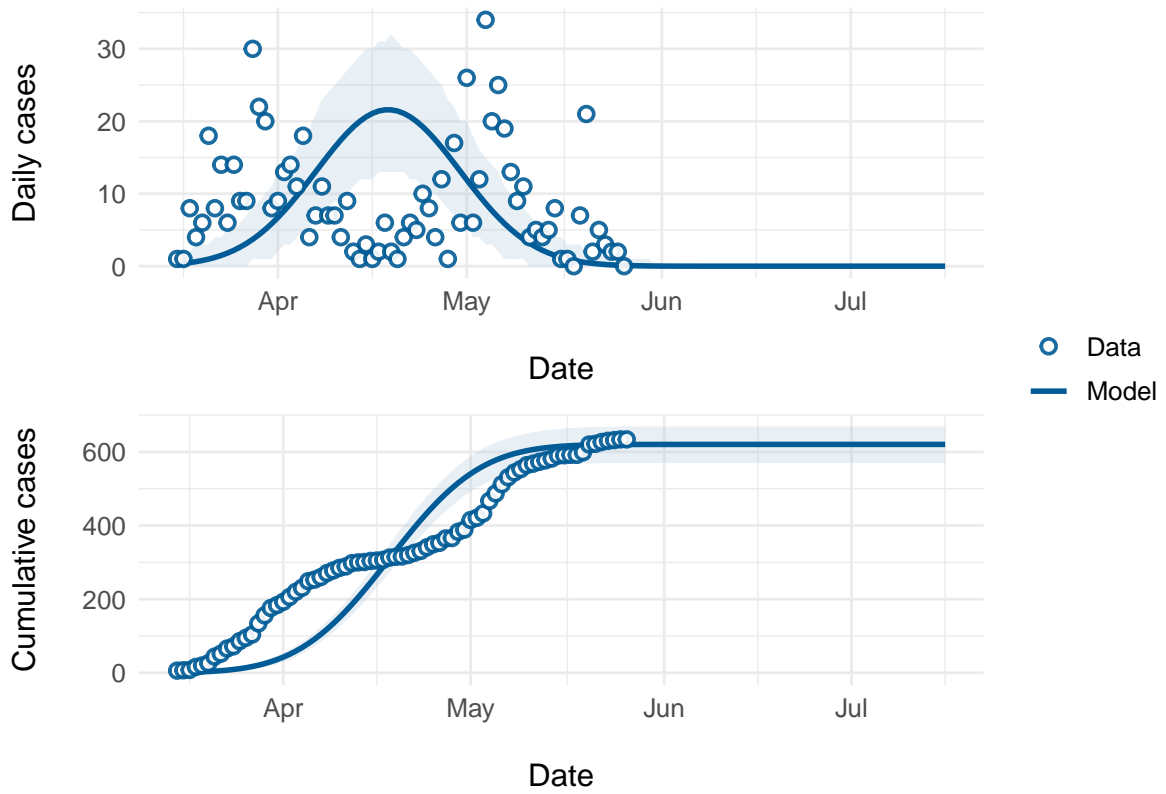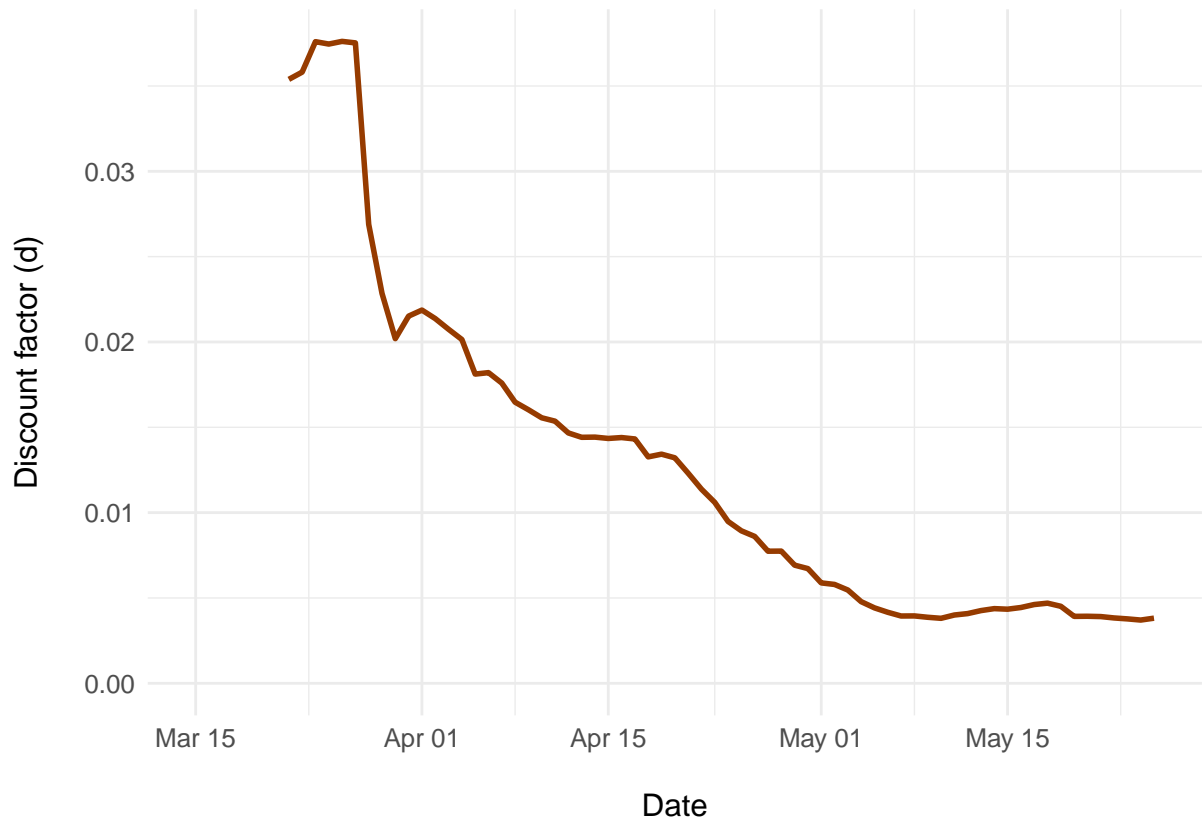Figure 29: Effective reproductive number - Manitoba
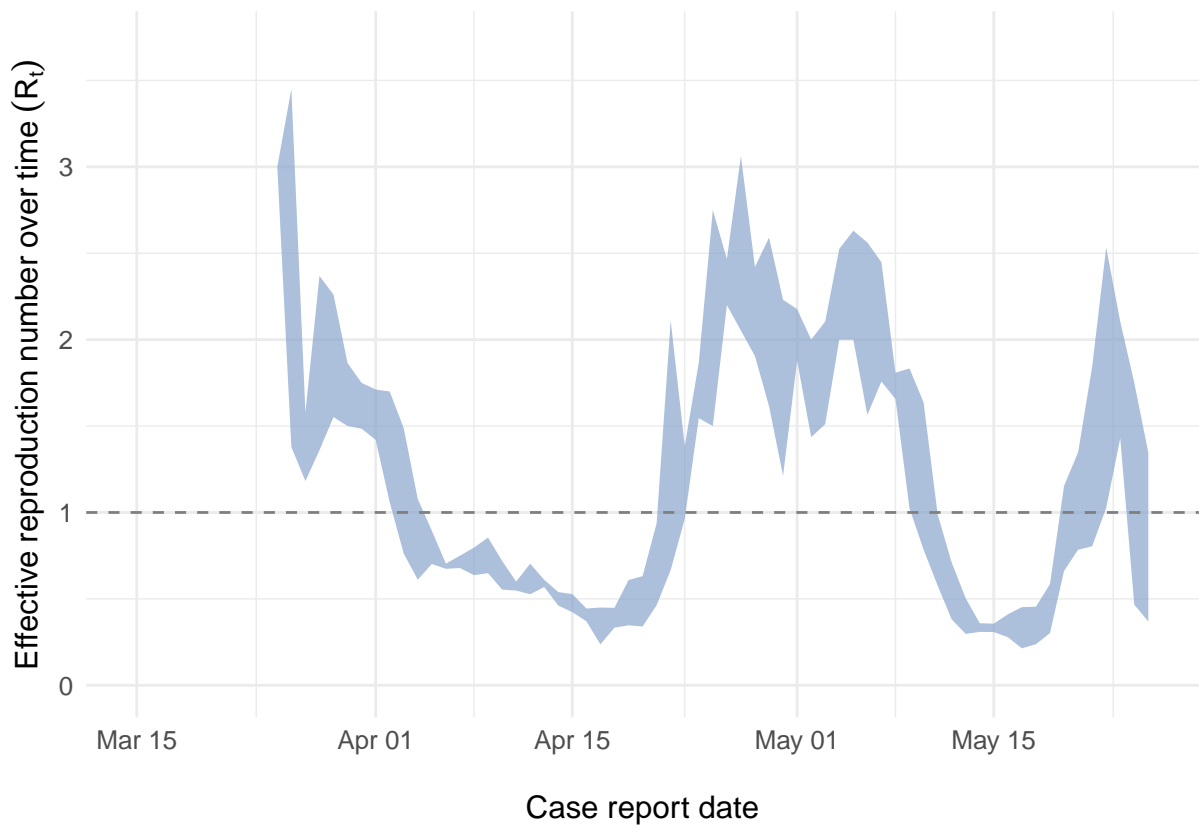
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Figure 31: Discount factor - Saskatchewan

Figure 32: Effective reproductive number - Saskatchewan