



Los Angeles Traffic Collision Analysis

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IDENTIFYING PATTERNS
AND CORRELATIONS IN
ORDER TO HELP REDUCE
CRASHES AND
POTENTIALLY SAVE LIVES



254.4 million vehicles registered in the United States 2007 Estimate

Top 10 Cities in the US with the worst traffic based on data collected by TomTom

Seattle is the 6th most walkable city in the US, according to Walkscore

In Chicago, 1.64 million people ride by bus or rail on the average work day

72% of Washington, DC commuters travel from surrounding states and communities

Over 1.5 million cars and pick-ups are registered in Miami-Dade County

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N°8

Seattle

San Francisco

Los Angeles

San Diego

Houston

Atlanta

Chicago

Washington, DC

Miami

Tampa



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Los Angeles Traffic Collisions Dataset

Data Sources: Kaggle, Weather, Income

This dataset includes **90,881 rows and 22 feature variables**. Each row corresponds to a traffic collision, and includes these variables:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Time Occurred | Council Districts |
| Area Name | Median Income |
| Victim Age | Date |
| Victim Sex | Weekday |
| Victim Descent | Longitude |
| Premise Description | Latitude |
| Address | HighTemp |
| Cross Street | LowTemp |
| Location | Precipitation |
| Zip Codes | Sunrise Time |
| Median Income | Sunset Time |

Sample Data



| Time Occurred | Area Name | Victim Age | Victim Sex | Victim Descent | Premise Description | Address | Cross Street | Location | Zip Codes | Council Districts | Median Income | Date | year | month | weekday | hours | longitude | latitude |
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Los Angeles Traffic Collisions Dataset

Data Questions We Explored:

What are the most dangerous intersections?

What are the most common collision areas in Los Angeles?

What are the best/worst times of the day for accidents? Best/worst month?

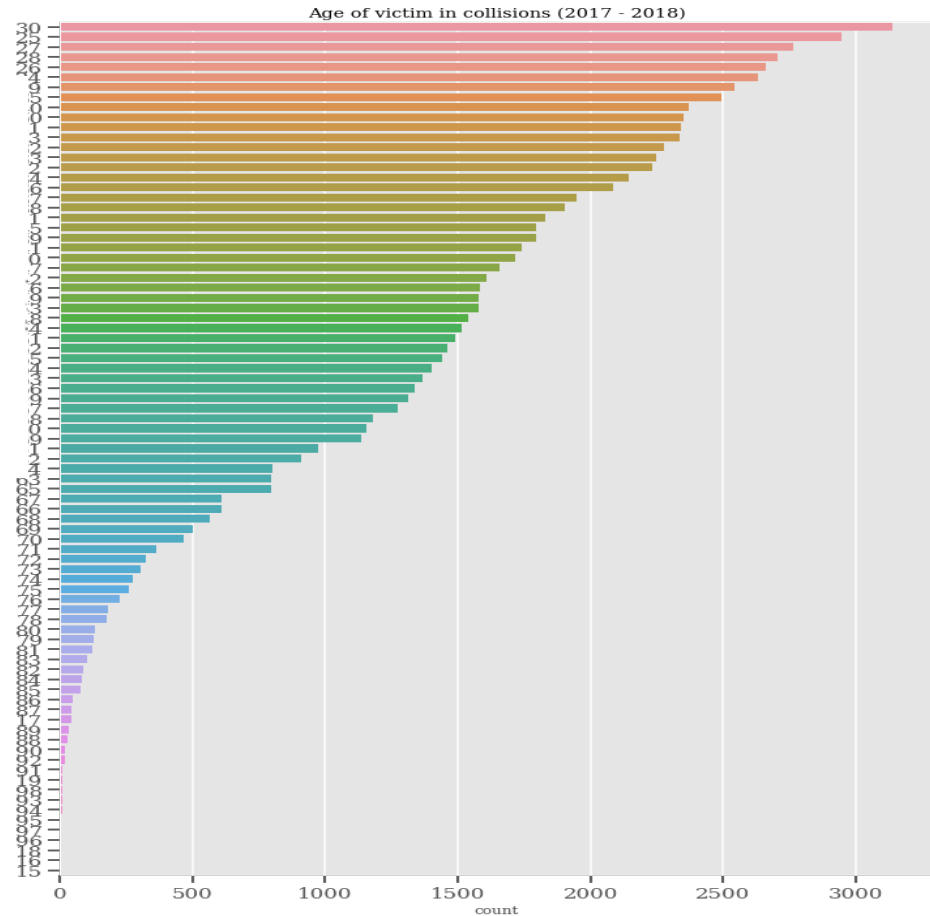
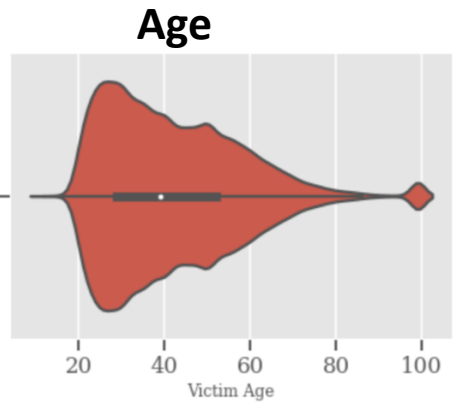
What is the demographic makeup of victims in collisions?

What is the relationship between income and collision victims?

Do certain temperatures or weather play a factor?

Does the amount of daylight play a factor?

Los Angeles Traffic Analysis: Demographics



Gender

There are substantially more men involved in collisions compared to women:

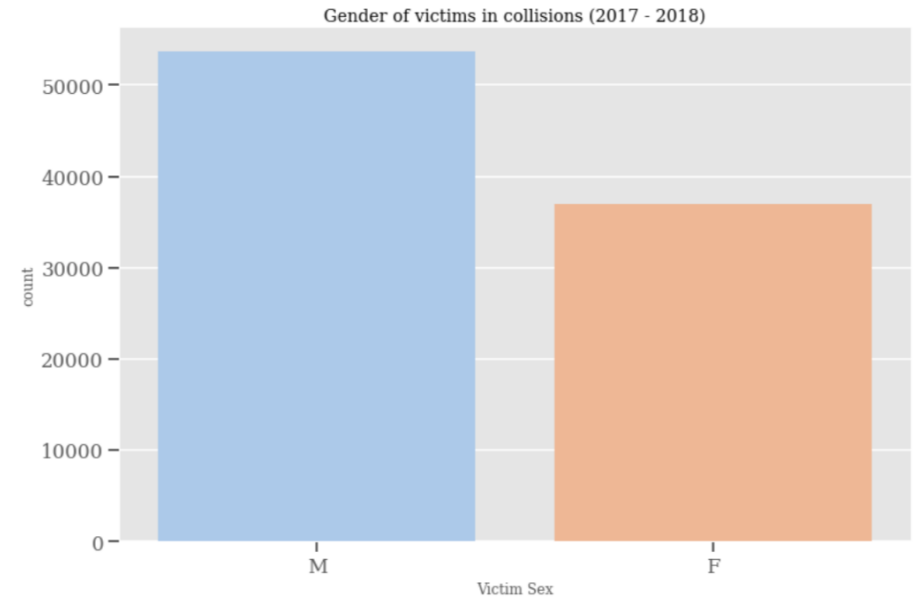


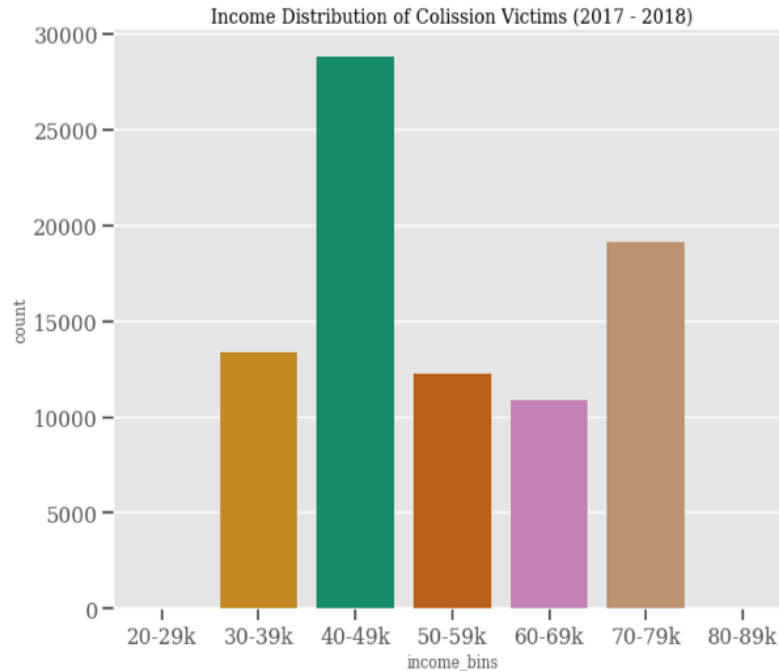
FIGURE 14

Los Angeles Traffic Analysis: Demographics

Median Income

| Victim Income Breakdown | | |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| Income Range | Count | Percentage |
| 30-39k | 13410 | 15.86% |
| 40-49k | 28816 | 34.08% |
| 50-59k | 12266 | 14.51% |
| 60-69k | 10900 | 12.89% |
| 70-79k | 19166 | 22.66% |

TABLE 3 - VICTIM INCOME BREAKDOWN



Ethnicities

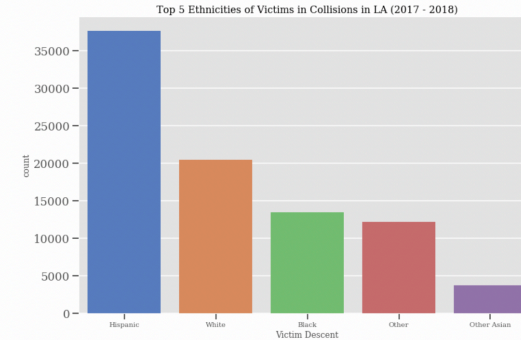
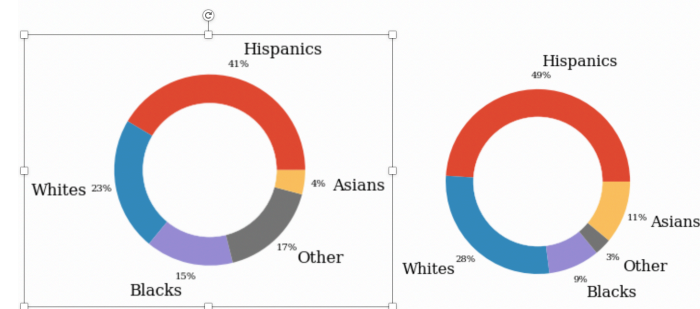


FIGURE 8



LA population source: <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US0644000-los-angeles-ca/>

About the program(s)

Scraping Weather

```
def get_dates(year, months):...

def empty_df():...

def insert_data(base_url, the_xpath, dates):...

dates17 = get_dates(2017, 12) #make dates list

#create container for data

df17 = empty_df() #make data frame

#get the data into a list of lists

data_points = insert_data(base_url1, the_xpath1, dates17)

df17 = df17.append(pd.DataFrame(data_points, columns=df17.columns))

#get working directory

my_cwd = os.getcwd()

df17.to_csv(my_cwd, '/2017weather.csv', index=False)
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Adding Robust Modular Code

```
def vc_fun(df, column_name, *args):

vc_fun(sunny_df, 'VictimSex')

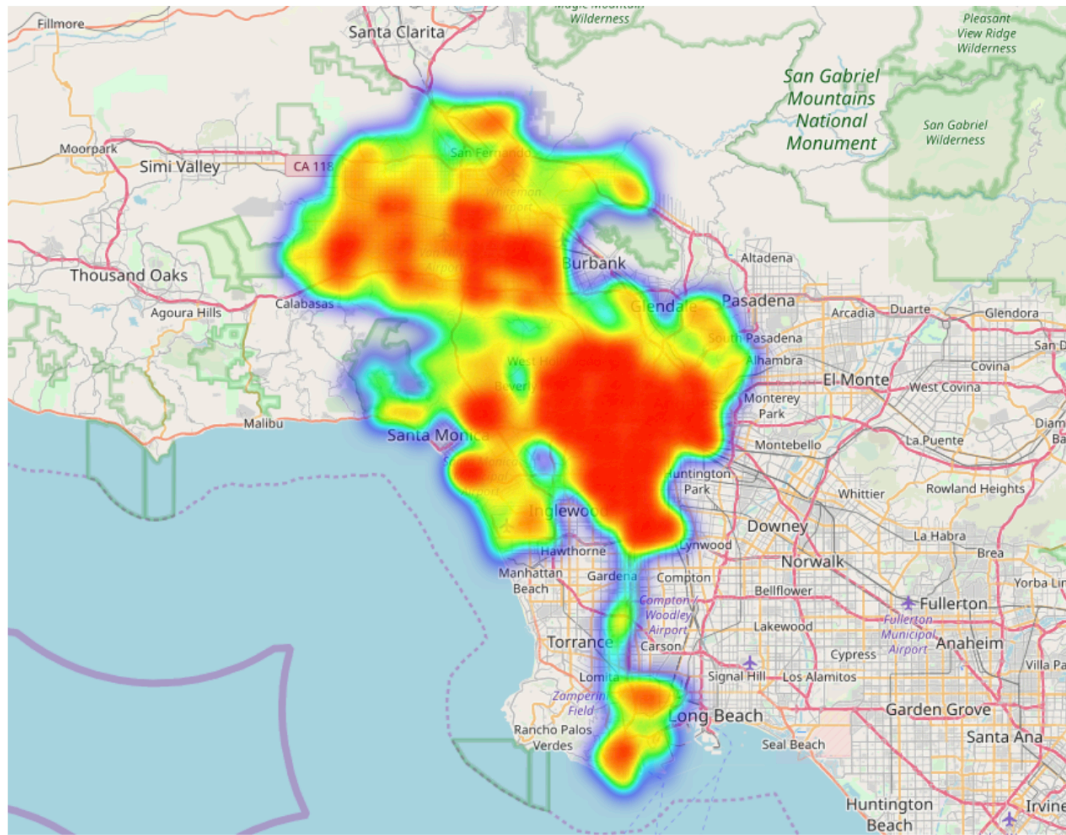
def get_coords(df):...

def map_LAcoords(tuple_list, size,
desired_file_name, type):...

coordSunny = get_coords(sunny_df)

#make the map save it
map_LAcoords(coordSunny, 13,
'SunnyCrash', 'heat')
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Los Angeles Traffic Analysis: Time of Day



HEAT MAP OF CRASHES BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET

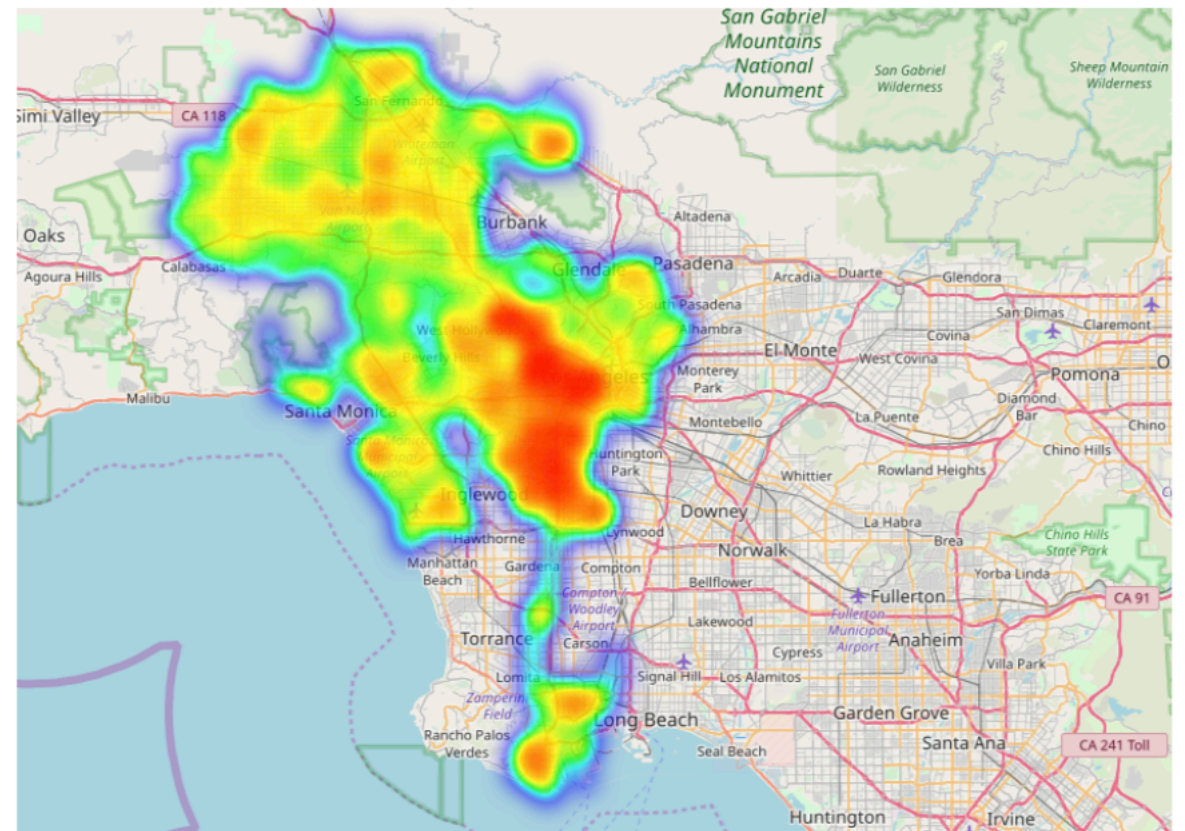
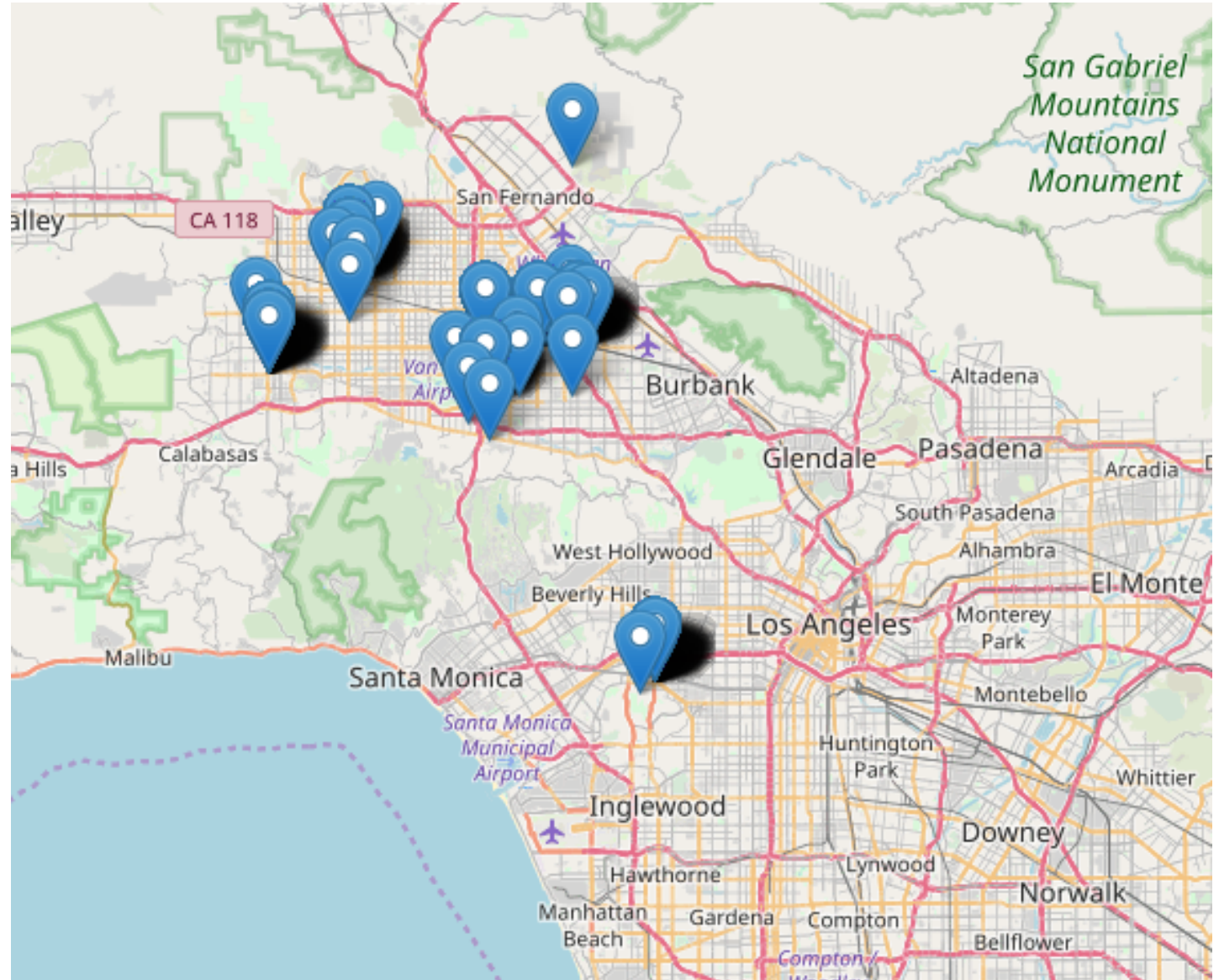


FIGURE 7, HEAT MAP OF CRASHES BEFORE SUNRISE AND AFTER SUNSET

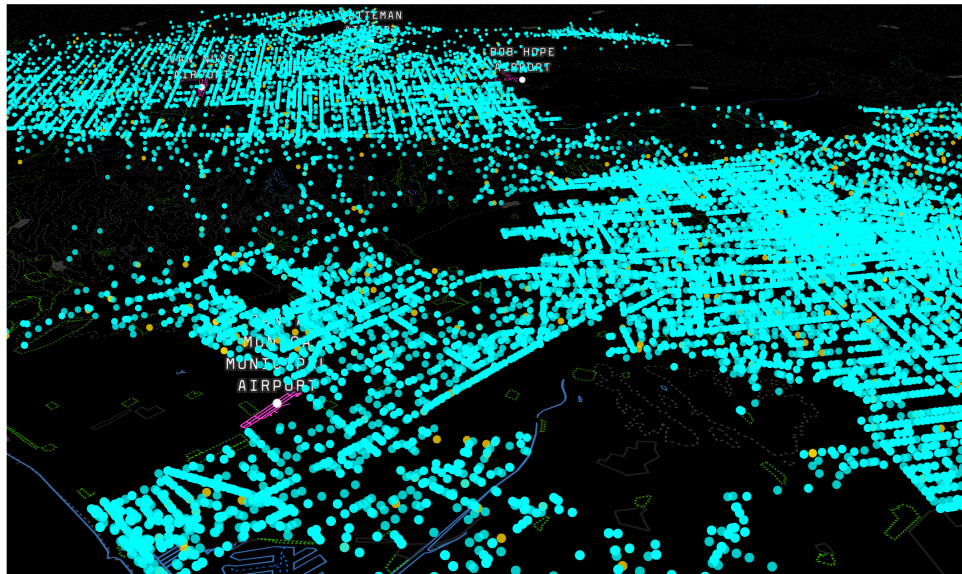
Most collisions by Address and Cross street

Over 400 Collisions occurred in these area. We can see how the collisions were in the concentrated area of crashes to the north of LA in the crashes during day light.



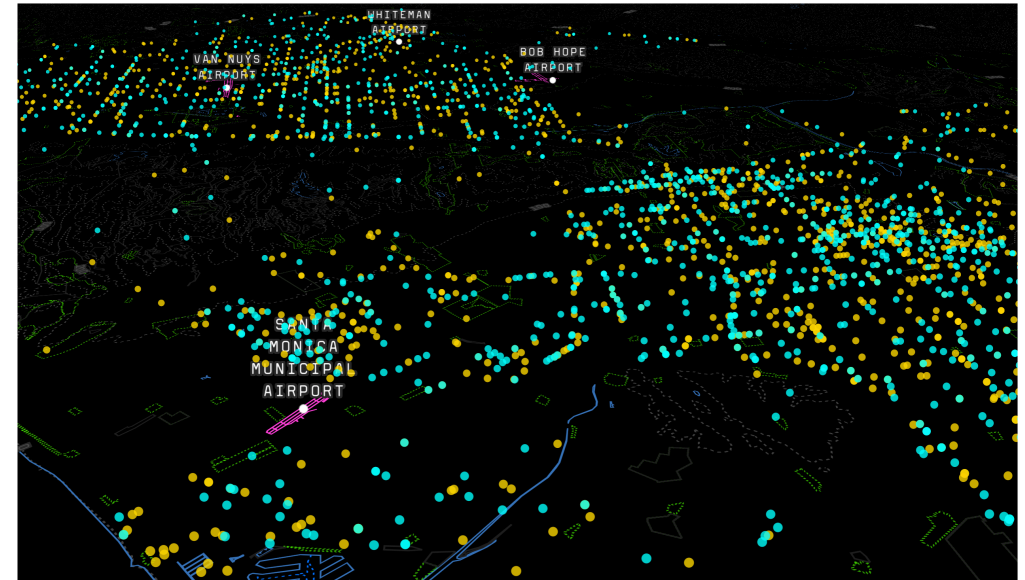
Los Angeles Traffic Analysis: Weather

LA Accidents 2017-2018 with/without precipitation



● rain
● no rain

LA Accidents 2017-2018 on Hot and Cool Days



● Hot
● Cool

[Demo of zooming and panning in MapBox/Plotly](#)

Los Angeles Traffic Conclusions and Recommendations

The results of this study provide additional insights that can be used by city planners, government officials and citizens to better understand the Los Angeles traffic conditions in 2017 and 2018.

We recommend the use of this information in the following areas:

1. Additional studies of dangerous intersections and locations.
2. Warnings on interactive road signs during rush hour when it is raining.
3. Utilize this data and interactive maps for planning sessions with subject matter experts and citizens when starting new projects which impact roadways.
4. Public service campaign to educate the public (with targeted messages to men).

Visualization Packages

- MapBox/Plot.ly
 - <https://plot.ly/python/scattermapbox/>
- Folium
 - <https://pypi.org/project/folium/>
- Matplotlib
 - <https://matplotlib.org/>