Movie and Box Office Analysis

Exploring Factors Influencing Box Office Success

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Summary

This project analyzes various factors that influence the box office success of movies. By examining data on domestic and foreign gross, production budgets, genres, and ratings, we identify key trends and provide actionable insights for maximizing box office performance.

Methods Used: Data Cleaning, Data Exploration, Visualization, Correlation Analysis

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Business Problem

The main problem is to understand which factors most significantly impact a movie's box office performance. This knowledge can help movie studios make data-driven decisions on budget allocation, genre selection, and marketing strategies.

Data

The dataset includes information on domestic and foreign gross revenues, production budgets, genres, average ratings, and the number of votes. Data was collected from various sources including IMDb, The Numbers, Box Office Mojo, and The MovieDB.

Methods

- **Data Preparation:** Cleaning and merging datasets, handling missing values.

- **Analysis:** Exploratory data analysis (EDA) to understand data distribution and relationships.

- **Visualization:** Creating visualizations to identify patterns and insights.

- **Correlation Analysis:** Examining relationships between different variables to identify significant factors.

Results
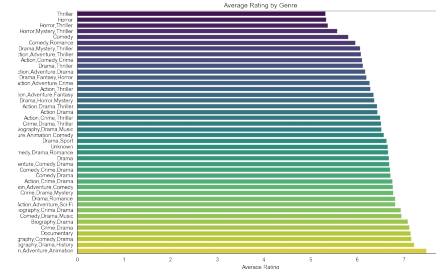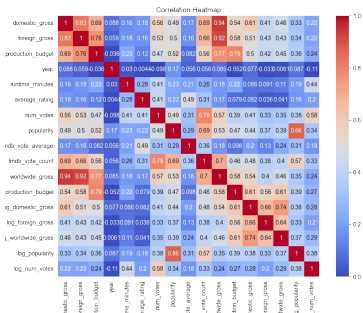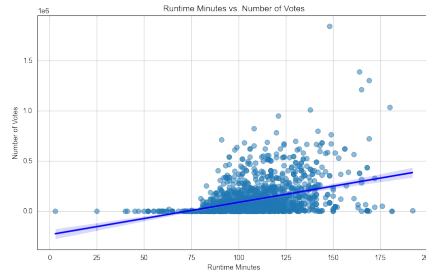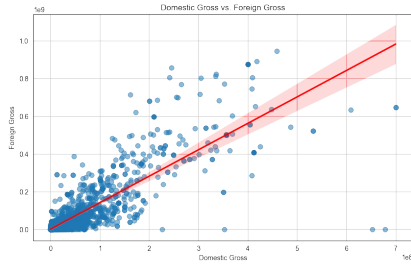
Business Recommendations:

1. **Invest in High Production Budgets**:
   - Given the strong correlation with worldwide gross, investing in higher production budgets could yield better financial returns.
2. **Focus on Popular Genres**:
   - Biography-Drama-History and Action-Adventure-Animation movies tend to receive higher ratings, indicating a potential area for strategic focus.
3. **Target Global Markets**:
   - Since domestic and foreign grosses are highly correlated, a strategy that maximizes domestic performance is likely to succeed internationally as well.

Heatmap of Correlations

Correlation Heatmap
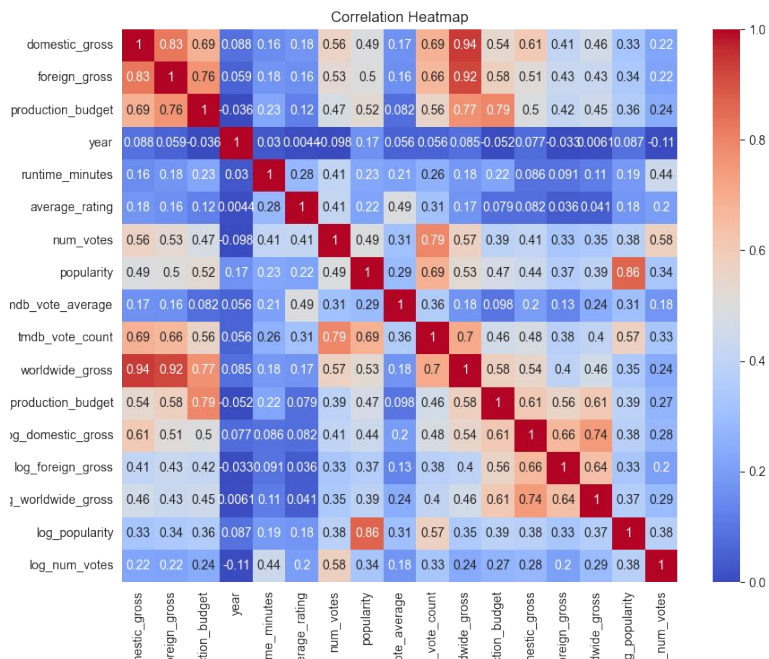
- This heatmap illustrates the correlation between various numerical features. Strong correlations can be observed between:
  - domestic_gross and foreign_gross
  - production_budget and worldwide_gross

- As well as a moderate correlation between:
  - runtime_minutes and num_votes

Scatter Plot: Domestic Gross vs. Foreign Gross


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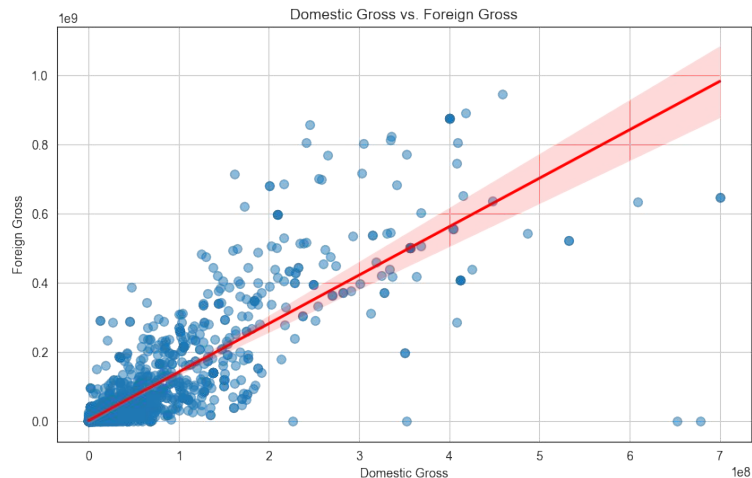
- This scatter plot shows a positive correlation between domestic gross and foreign gross. Meaning higher domestic gross is associated with higher foreign gross.

- This supports the argument that:

  - If a movie release does well domestically, it will most likely have similar success internationally. Further increasing revenue.

Scatter Plot: Production Budget vs. Worldwide Gross


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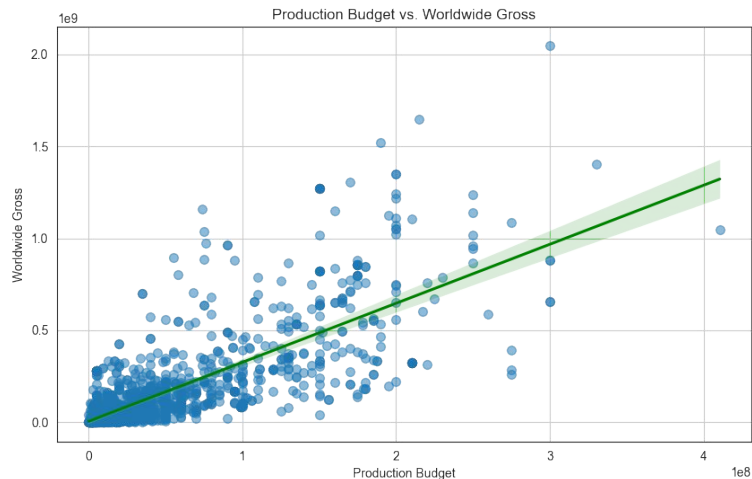
- This scatter plot demonstrates that movies with higher production budgets tend to have higher worldwide gross revenues.
- This correlation can also be observed with production budget and both domestic and foreign gross. Further validating that a higher production budget tends to produce a higher worldwide gross.

Scatter Plot: Runtime Minutes vs. Number of Votes

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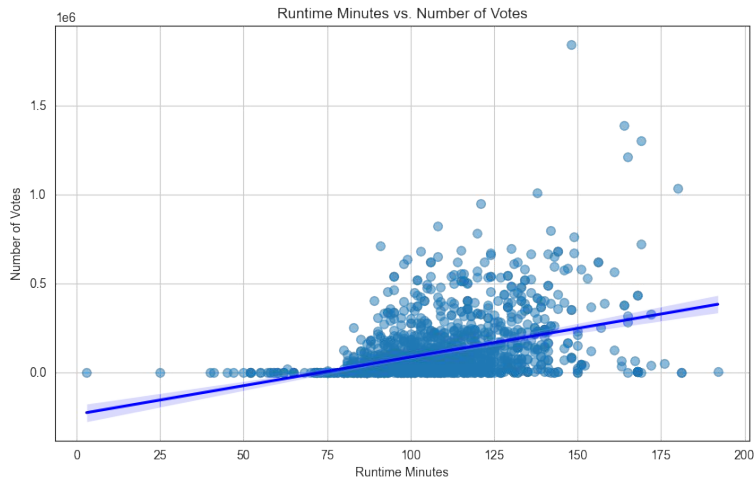
- This scatter plot shows the relationship between runtime minutes and the number of votes received.

- Longer movies tend to have more votes, indicating higher engagement.

- This also can give insight into how long movies should be before viewers experience viewing fatigue

Bar Plot: Average Rating by Genre

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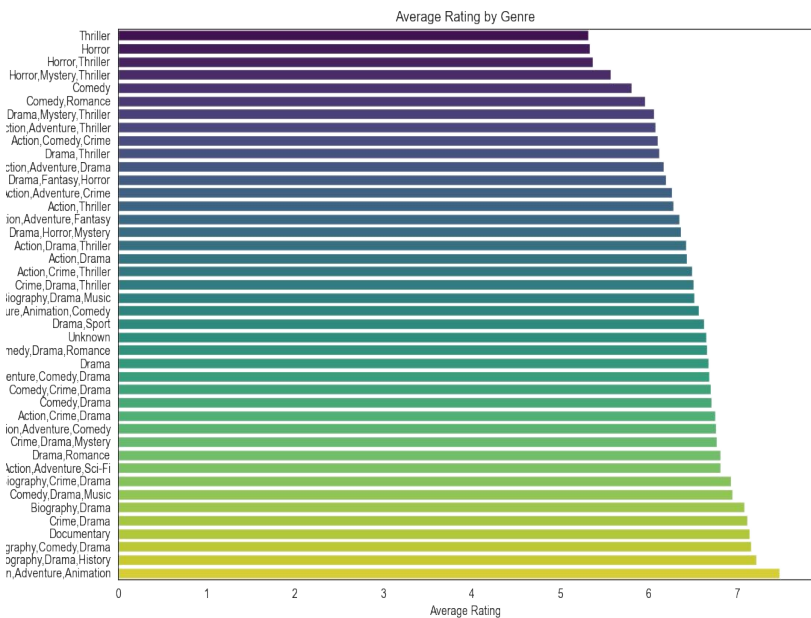
- The bar plot highlights the average rating of different genres. By filtering out genres with fewer movies, we focus on the more popular genres to avoid crowding.
- With this, the movie studio will be able to focus on popular genres which will in turn receive high ratings, indicating a potential area for strategic focus.

Conclusions

In Summary:

My analysis provides actionable insights for the new movie studio:

1. **Investment Strategy**: Focus on movies with higher production budgets to maximize revenue potential.

2. **Genre Selection**: Prioritize genres like Biography-Drama-History and Action-Adventure-Animation movies that tend to receive higher ratings and audience engagement.

3. **Global Market Strategy**: Develop marketing and distribution strategies that enhance domestic performance, which in turn could boost international revenues when released internationally.

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