

311 Service Request Analysis & Prediction



Springboard - Data Science Career Track

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Problem Statement:

- NYC's 311 data reflects how the city responds to resident concerns.
- Delays and inconsistencies in complaint resolution reduce public satisfaction.
- Analyze trends and build a model to predict delayed service requests.

Project Goals

Goal 1

Identify high-volume and slow-responding complaint types

Goal 2

Highlight underperforming agencies, underserved boroughs and predict which complaints are likely to be delayed

Goal 3

Deliver actionable recommendations for improving city responsiveness

Understanding the Data

Data Overview

- Source: NYC Open Data — 311 Service Requests
 - Key fields: Created Date, Complaint Type, Agency, Borough, Response Time
 - ~185358 rows after cleaning
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Data Wrangling

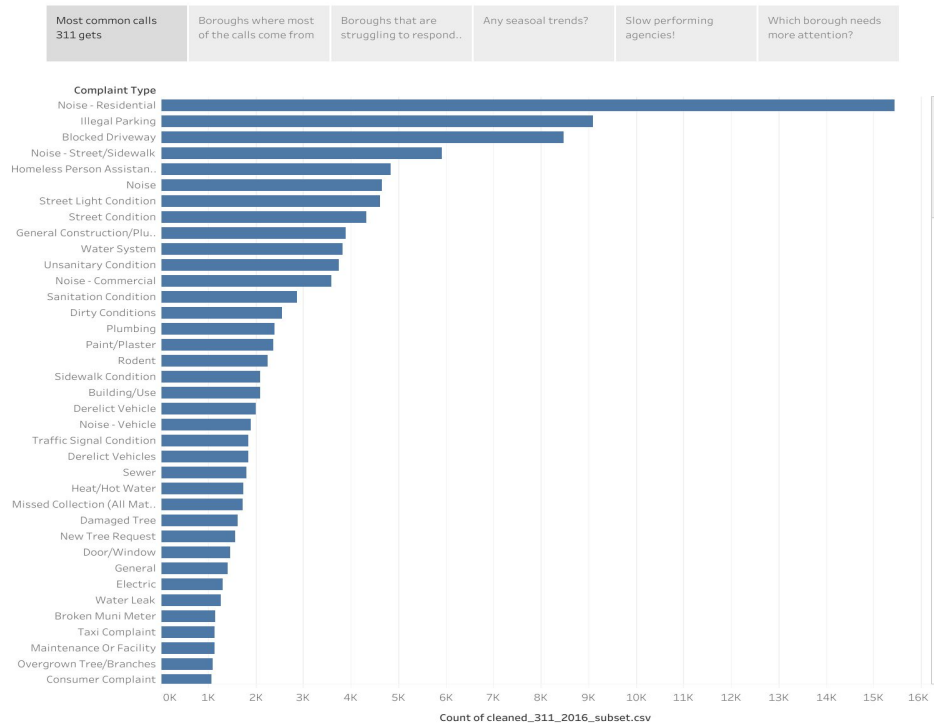
- Dropped irrelevant columns
- Converted time columns to datetime
- Feature Engineered “Response Time (Hours)” and “Is Closed”
- Standardized categorical variables
- Focused on top 3 boroughs
- Removed duplicates

EDA - Exploratory Data Analysis

Common complaints

Key insight: Noise complaint dominate, especially Noise - Residential.

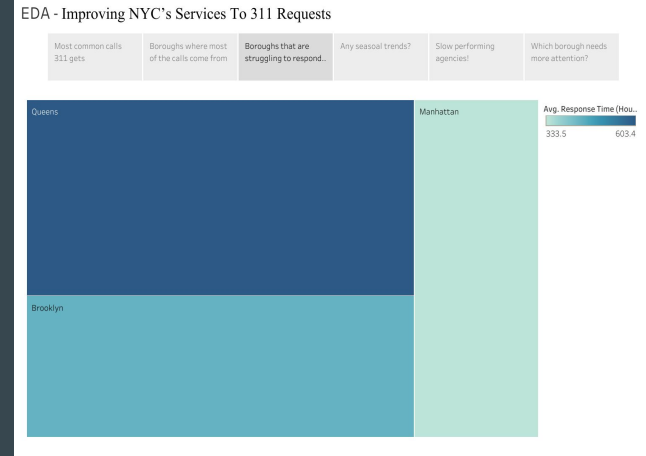
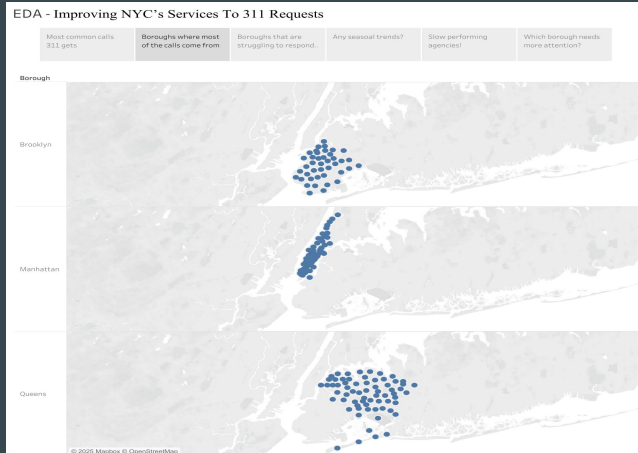
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Borough Trends

Key insight: Queens had the highest volume and the slowest response time.



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Agency Performance & Time Trends

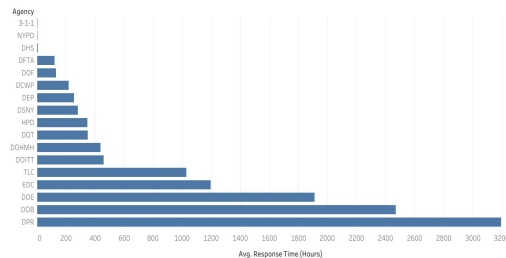
Key insight:

NYPD = Slowest agency

Fewer complaints on Fridays and on weekends

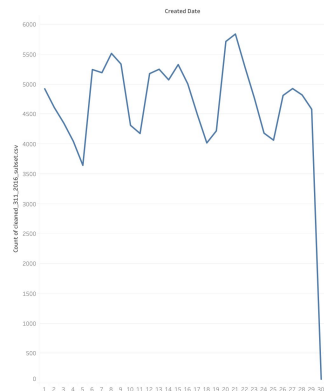
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Preprocessing & Modeling

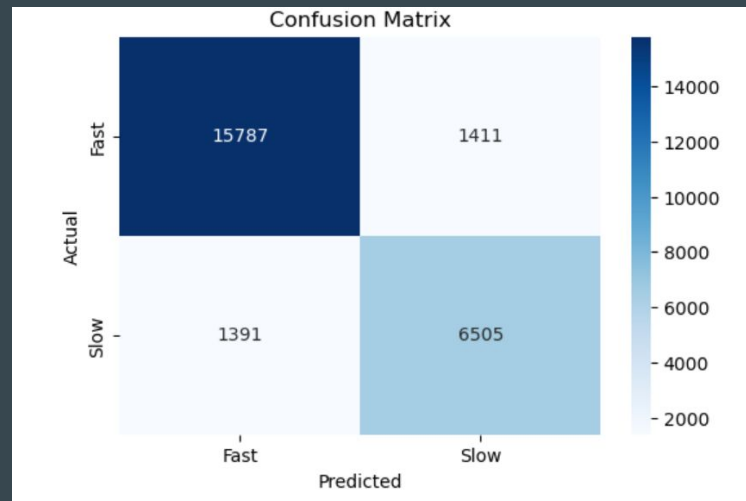
Model: Logistic Regression

Target: Slow response

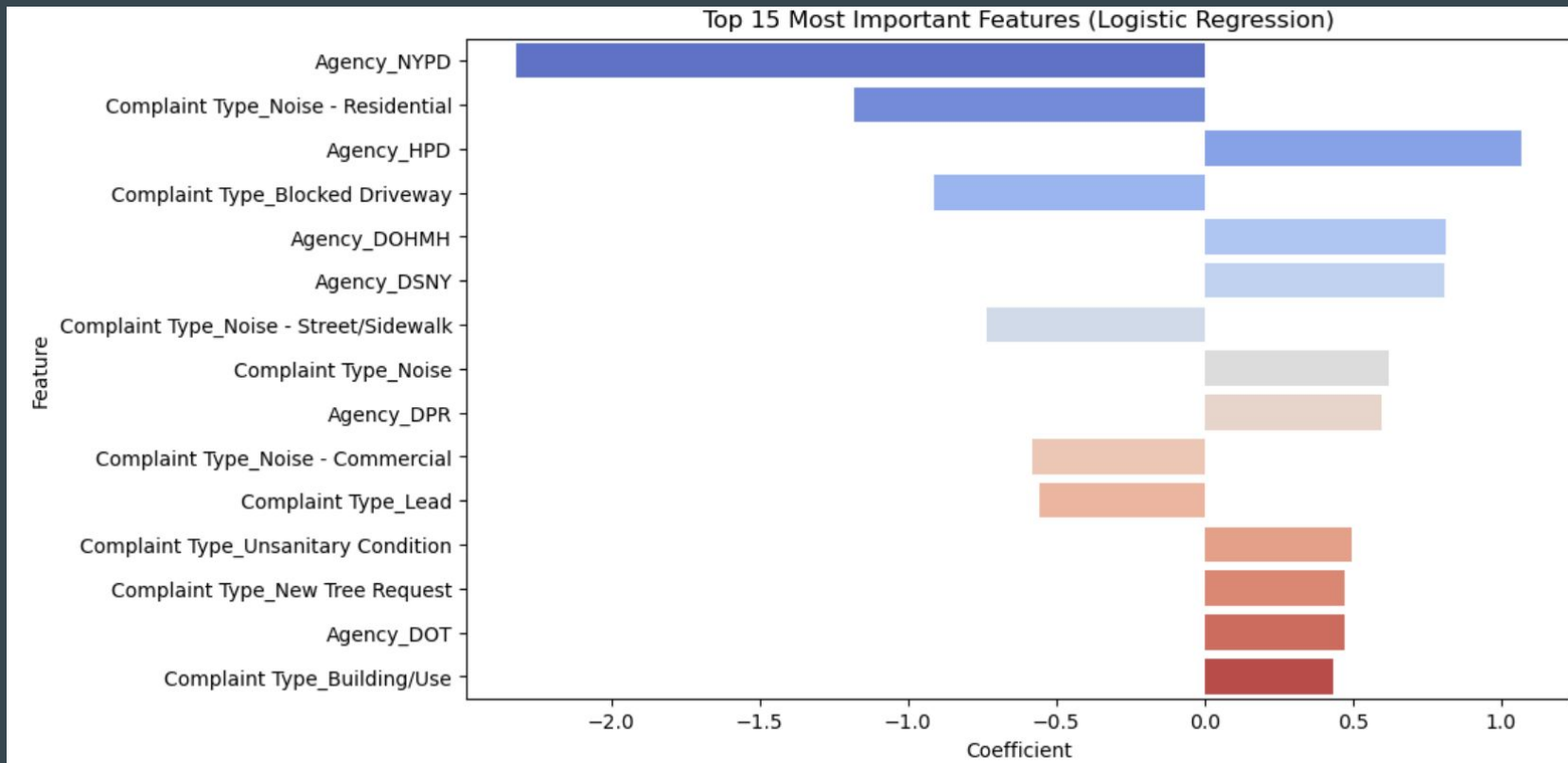
Features: Complaint Type, Borough, Agency

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.92	0.92	0.92	17198
1	0.82	0.82	0.82	7896
accuracy			0.89	25094
macro avg	0.87	0.87	0.87	25094
weighted avg	0.89	0.89	0.89	25094

Confusion Matrix:
[[15787 1411]
[1391 6505]]
ROC AUC Score: 0.9539899022211413



Preprocessing and Modeling



Recommendations:

- Improve NYPD's responses for noise complaints
- Allocate more resources to Queens and Brooklyn
- Deploy a predictive dashboard to prioritize at risk complaints.

Thank you

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