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Introduction

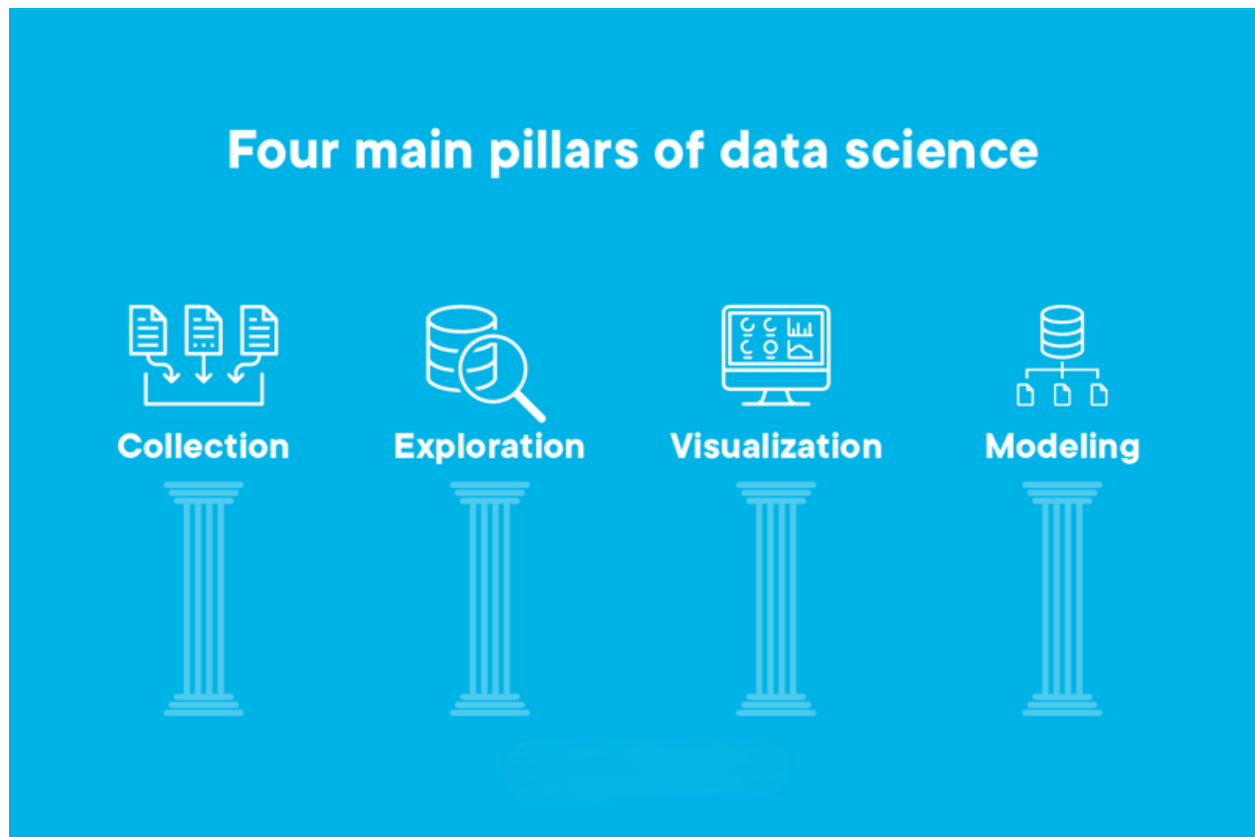
Data science is the study of data to extract meaningful insights for business. It is a multidisciplinary approach that combines principles and practices from the fields of mathematics, statistics, artificial intelligence, and computer engineering to analyze large amounts of data. This analysis helps data scientists to ask and answer questions like what happened, why it happened, what will happen, and what can be done with the results ([*What Is Data Science? - Data Science Explained - AWS, n.d.-b*](#))

This data science assignment aims to analyze real-world datasets that the instructor has made available via a download link. The four main datasets that are the focus of this assignment are town-level data, broadband speed and coverage data, street-level crime data, and school performance data.

Understanding the relationships between different social and economic factors in South and West Yorkshire towns is the primary objective of this project. After cleaning, trends and patterns in areas such as town characteristics, crime rates, broadband availability, and school attainment scores were examined using data visualization techniques. Additionally, linear modeling was used to look at how different factors, like crime or internet speed, affected outcomes like house prices or academic performance.

I created different visualizations for this assignment to study house prices, broadband speed, crime rates, and school performance in South and West Yorkshire. For house prices, I used a line graph to compare average prices from 2021 to 2024 for both counties, and boxplots to show price differences by district in each county. Broadband speed was shown with boxplots for download speeds across districts and bar charts comparing speeds in towns for each county. Crime data was visualized using boxplots for drug offense rates by district, a radar chart for vehicle crime in one county for a specific time, and a line chart to track drug offenses over the years in both counties. For schools, I made boxplots of average Attainment 8 scores for South Yorkshire in 2023 and West Yorkshire in 2022, plus a line graph showing how these scores changed over time across districts. These visuals help to understand patterns and compare the two countries easily.

Figure 1 :Data Science



Kekare (2025b)

Data cleaning

Data cleansing is the process of finding and removing errors, inconsistencies, duplications, and missing entries from data to increase data consistency and quality, also known as data scrubbing or cleaning ([*What Is Data Cleansing?* | TIBCO, n.d.-b](#)). In this assignment, the raw data we downloaded contains errors, missing values, duplicate values, and unformatted data. If we don't clean the data, it can lead to wrong results or confusing visualization.

For this coursework, we had to clean up the town, broadband, house pricing, crime, and school datasets so that they could be used together effectively. For instance, we handled missing values, eliminated extra spaces, and ensured that postcodes followed the same format. This allowed us to align data from multiple sources and prepare it for analysis and visualization.

Figure 2 :Data cleaning



Anwar (2025b)

House Pricing

I started by using the add row function to merge the 2021 and 2024 datasets into a single dataset for the house pricing data. I then restricted the data to records from West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire. I extracted the first four characters of the entire postcode and eliminated any spaces to create a new column called short Postcode that would make data joining easier in the future. For time-based analysis, I also eliminated the year from the Date column. I only chose the required columns—price, date, county, district, postcode, short postcode, and postcode—after sorting the data by county. To use the cleaned data for additional analysis and visualization, I finally saved it to a CSV file. The code for house pricing data cleaning.

Figure 3 :House Pricing

```
HousePrices = HousePrices2021%>%
  add_row(HousePrices2022) %>%
  add_row(HousePrices2023) %>%
  add_row(HousePrices2024)
cleanHousePrices = HousePrices %>%
  filter(County=="SOUTH YORKSHIRE"|County=="WEST YORKSHIRE") %>%
  mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(substring(Postcode, 1,4))) %>%
  mutate(Year=substring(Date,7,10)) %>%
  arrange(County) %>%
  select(Postcode,shortPostcode,Price,Date,County,District)
write.csv(cleanHousePrices, "C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_House_Prices.csv")
```

Towns

I started by gathering all the towns' 2021–2024 home price information. After that, I limited the records to only include West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire. To connect this to population data, I created a short postcode using the first four characters of the full postcode. To calculate the estimated populations for each year between 2012 and 2024, I also changed the population column to numeric, removed rows with invalid values, and applied growth multipliers. I then selected relevant columns like district, county, and annual population, and combined the population and home price data using the short Postcode. After removing duplicates and classifying the data by county, I saved the cleaned town-level dataset to a CSV file. And I saved cleaning like write.csv (Towns, "C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv").

Figure 4 : Towns

```

1 library(tidyverse)
2
3
4 PopulationData <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/population/Population2011_1656567141570.csv")
5 colnames(PopulationData)
6
7 column_names = c(
8   "Housenumber", "Price", "Date",
9   "Postcode", "Zone 1", "Zone 2",
10  "Zone 3", "PAON", "SAON", "Street",
11  "Locality", "Town", "District",
12  "County", "NA1", "NA2"
13 )
14
15
16 HousePrices2021 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/house pricing/pp-2021.csv", col_names = FALSE) %>%
17   set_names(column_names)
18
19 HousePrices2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/house pricing/pp-2022.csv", col_names = FALSE) %>%
20   set_names(column_names)
21
22 HousePrices2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/house pricing/pp-2023.csv", col_names = FALSE) %>%
23   set_names(column_names)
24
25 HousePrices2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/house pricing/pp-2024.csv", col_names = FALSE) %>%
26   set_names(column_names)
27
28 PopulationData <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/population/Population2011_1656567141570.csv")
29
30 # Clean, convert and calculate population by short postcode
31 PopulationData_clean <- PopulationData %>%
32   # Remove rows where Population cannot convert to numeric
33   filter(!is.na(as.numeric(Population))) %>%
34   # Convert Population to numeric
35   mutate(Population = as.numeric(Population)) %>%
36   # Extract first 4 characters from Postcode, trim spaces
37   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(substr(Postcode, 1, 4))) %>%
38   # Group by shortPostcode and sum population
39   group_by(shortPostcode) %>%
40   summarise(Population2011 = sum(Population, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
41   # Calculate population for years 2012 to 2024 using multipliers
42   mutate(
43     Population2012 = 1.00695353132322269 * Population2011,
44     Population2013 = 1.00669740535540783 * Population2012,
45     Population2014 = 1.00736463978721671 * Population2013,
46     Population2015 = 1.00792367505802859 * Population2014,
47     Population2016 = 1.00757874492811929 * Population2015,
48     Population2017 = 1.00679374473924223 * Population2016,
49     Population2018 = 1.00605929132212552 * Population2017,
50     Population2019 = 1.00561255390388033 * Population2018,
51     Population2020 = 1.00561255390388033 * Population2019,
52     Population2021 = 1.005425 * Population2020,
53     Population2022 = 1.004920 * Population2021,
54     Population2023 = 1.004510 * Population2022,
55     Population2024 = 1.004220 * Population2023
56   )
57
58 PopulationData_clean %>%
59   select(shortPostcode, Population2021, Population2022, Population2023, Population2024)
60
61
62
63
64 HousePrices = HousePrices2021 %>%
65   add_row(HousePrices2022) %>%
66   add_row(HousePrices2023) %>%
67   add_row(HousePrices2024)
68
69 Towns <- HousePrices %>%
70   filter(County %in% c("SOUTH YORKSHIRE", "WEST YORKSHIRE")) %>%
71   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(substr(Postcode, 1, 4))) %>%
72   left_join(PopulationData_clean, by = "shortPostcode") %>%
73   select(shortPostcode, District, County, Population2021, Population2022, Population2023, Population2024) %>%
74   group_by(shortPostcode) %>%
75   filter(row_number() == 1) %>%
76   arrange(County)
77
78 write_csv(Towns, "C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv")
79
80
81

```

Broadband Speed

I worked with two distinct datasets for the broadband speed data: coverage and performance. To create a short postcode for joining, I first cleaned the coverage data by extracting the first four characters of the postcode. I then chose crucial columns such as the percentage of premises with speeds below 2 Mbps and 10 Mbps, as well as the availability of superfast and ultrafast broadband. By creating the same short Postcode and choosing important columns like median and average download/upload speeds and average data usage, I similarly cleaned the performance data. I then used both the postcode and short Postcode to join the two datasets. Speed and availability data are included in the final cleaned broadband dataset, which I saved as a CSV file for analysis and visualization.

Figure 5 :Broadband speed

```
145
146
147 library(tidyverse)
148
149 coverage = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/Broadband/201809_fixed_pc_coverage_r01.csv")
150 performance = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/Broadband/201805_fixed_pc_performance_r03.csv")
151
152 colnames(coverage)
153 length(colnames(coverage))
154
155 colnames(performance)
156 length(colnames(performance))
157
158 clean_coverage = coverage %>%
159   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(substr(postcode, 1,4))) %>%
160   select(
161     postcode,
162     shortPostcode,
163     SFBB_Availability = 'SFBB availability (% premises)',
164     UFBB_Availability = 'UFBB availability (% premises)',
165     FTTP_Availability = 'FTTP availability (% premises)',
166     Below_2Mbps = '% of premises unable to receive 2Mbit/s',
167     Below_10Mbps = '% of premises unable to receive 10Mbit/s'
168   )
169
170 clean_performance = performance %>%
171   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(substr(postcode,1,4))) %>%
172   select(
173     postcode,
174     shortPostcode,
175     Median_Download = 'Median download speed (Mbit/s)',
176     Avg_Download = 'Average download speed (Mbit/s)',
177     Median_Upload = 'Median upload speed (Mbit/s)',
178     Avg_Upload = 'Average upload speed (Mbit/s)',
179     Avg_Data_Usage = 'Average data usage (GB)'
180   )
181
182 Broadband = left_join(clean_coverage, clean_performance, by = c("postcode", "shortPostcode"))
183
184 write_csv(Broadband, "C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_Broadband_Speed.csv")
185
186
```

Crime Dataset

I combined the street-level crime data for 2022–2025 from West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire. I combined all of the annual files into a single dataset using the add row function. I then selected key columns like Crime ID, LSOA name, Month, Reported by, falls within, Location, and Crime type to clean up the data. To make it obvious which area each crime belongs to, I also made a new County column from the "Falls within" field. I saved the cleaned dataset to a CSV file after classifying the records by location and county. After being cleaned, the data was prepared for additional analysis, including determining crime rates and displaying trends over time.

Figure 6 :Crime

```
library(tidyverse)

south_yorkshire_2025 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2025/2025-04/2025-04-south-yorkshire-street.csv")
west_yorkshire_2025 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2025/2025-04/2025-04-west-yorkshire-street.csv")

south_yorkshire_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2024/2024-04/2024-04-south-yorkshire-street.csv")
west_yorkshire_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2024/2024-04/2024-04-west-yorkshire-street.csv")

south_yorkshire_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2023/2023-04/2023-04-south-yorkshire-street.csv")
west_yorkshire_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2023/2023-04/2023-04-west-yorkshire-street.csv")

south_yorkshire_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2022/2022-06/2022-06-south-yorkshire-street.csv")
west_yorkshire_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/crime data set/crime2022/2022-06/2022-06-west-yorkshire-street.csv")

CrimeData = south_yorkshire_2025 %>%
  add_row(west_yorkshire_2025) %>%
  add_row(south_yorkshire_2024) %>%
  add_row(west_yorkshire_2024) %>%
  add_row(south_yorkshire_2023) %>%
  add_row(west_yorkshire_2023) %>%
  add_row(south_yorkshire_2022) %>%
  add_row(west_yorkshire_2022)

Clean_crime= CrimeData %>%
  mutate(
    County = `Falls within`
  ) %>%
  select(
    CrimeID = `Crime ID`,
    LSOAname = `LSOA name`,
    Month,
    Reportedby = `Reported by`,
    Fallswithin = `Falls within`,
    County,
    Location,
    Crimetype = `Crime type`,
  ) %>%
  arrange(County, Location)

write_csv(Clean_crime,"C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/cleaned data/cleaned_crime_Dataset.csv")
```

School Dataset

I performed several cleaning and filtering operations on the school datasets from 2021 to 2024 to concentrate solely on schools in South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire. To include

only schools in the target counties, I first filtered them by their town or address fields. I then used common identifiers like 'URN' and 'ESTAB' to integrate school data with related datasets like provisional performance, results, and pupil destinations. Key variables such as school name, postcode, school type, gender, age range, and performance indicators such as Progress 8 (P8MEA) and EBACC scores were chosen from these combined datasets. I saved the cleaned data independently for every academic year after making sure that duplicate records were eliminated.

Figure 7 : School 2021-2023

```

188 library(tidyverse)
189
190 library(tidyverse)
191 library(readxl)
192
193
194 final_2021_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2021-2022/england_ks4final.csv")
195 mats_performance_2021_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2021-2022/england_ks4-mats-performance.csv")
196 provisional_2021_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2021-2022/england_ks4provisional.csv")
197 pupdest_2021_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2021-2022/england_ks4-pupdest.csv")
198
199 underlying_1_2021_2022 = read_excel("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2021-2022/england_ks4underlying_1.xlsx")
200 underlying_entriesandgrades_2_2021_2022 = read_excel("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2021-2022/england_ks4underlying_entriesandgrades_2.xlsx")
201
202 school_information_2021_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2021-2022/england_school_information.csv")
203
204 # Check duplicates in existing dataframes (make sure column 'URN' exists in each)
205 anyduplicated(final_2021_2022$URN)
206 anyduplicated(pupdest_2021_2022$URN)
207 anyduplicated(mats_performance_2021_2022$URN)
208
209
210
211
212
213
214
215
216
217
218 keywords = c("South Yorkshire", "West Yorkshire")
219
220 school_filtered_2021_2022 = school_information_2021_2022 %>%
221   filter(
222     toupper(str_trim(TOWN)) %in% toupper(keywords) |
223     toupper(str_trim(ADDRESS3)) %in% toupper(keywords)
224   )
225
226
227
228
229 provisional_joined_2021_2022 = school_filtered_2021_2022 %>%
230   inner_join(provisional_2021_2022, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
231
232
233 pupdest_joined_2021_2022 = provisional_joined_2021_2022 %>%
234   left_join(pupdest_2021_2022, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
235
236
237 final_joined_2021_2022 = pupdest_joined_2021_2022 %>%
238   left_join(final_2021_2022, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
239
240
241 cleaned_2021_2022 = final_joined_2021_2022 %>%
242   select(
243     URN,
244     SCHNAME = SCHNAME.X,
245     TOWN,
246     ADDRESS3,
247     LANAME,
248     POSTCODE,
249     SCHOOLTYPE,
250     GENDER,
251     AGELOW,
252     AGEHIGH,
253     P8MEA = P8MEA.X,
254     P8MEA_FSM6CLA1A = P8MEA_FSM6CLA1A.X,
255     P8MEA_NFSM6CLA1A = P8MEA_NFSM6CLA1A.X,
256     EBACCAPS = EBACCAPS.X,
257     PTEBACC_95 = PTEBACC_95.X,
258     OVERALL_DESTPER,
259     EMPLOYMENTPER,
260     EDUCATIONPER
261   ) %>%
262   distinct()
263
264
265 write.csv(cleaned_2021_2022, "C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2021-2022.csv")
266
267 view(cleaned_2021_2022)
268
269

```

Figure 8 :School 2022-2023

```

271 library(tidyverse)
272
273
274 ks2_final_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks2final.csv")
275 ks4_final_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks4final.csv")
276 ks2_mats_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks2-mats-performance.csv")
277 ks4_mats_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks4-mats-performance.csv")
278 provisional_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks4provisional.csv")
279 pupdest_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks4-pupdest.csv")
280 underlying_1_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks4underlying_1.xlsx")
281 underlying_2_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_ks4underlying_entriesandgrades_2.xlsx")
282 school_info_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2022-2023/england_school_information.csv")
283
284
285 keywords = c("South Yorkshire", "West Yorkshire")
286
287 school_filtered_2022_2023 = school_info_2022_2023 %>%
288   filter(
289     toupper(str_trim(TOWN)) %in% toupper(keywords) |
290     toupper(str_trim(ADDRESS3)) %in% toupper(keywords)
291   )
292
293 provisional_joined_2022_2023 = school_filtered_2022_2023 %>%
294   inner_join(provisional_2022_2023, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
295
296 pupdest_joined_2022_2023 = provisional_joined_2022_2023 %>%
297   left_join(pupdest_2022_2023, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
298
299 final_joined_2022_2023 = pupdest_joined_2022_2023 %>%
300   left_join(ks4_final_2022_2023, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
301
302 cleaned_2022_2023 = final_joined_2022_2023 %>%
303   select(
304     URN,
305     SCHNAME = SCHNAME.X,
306     TOWN,
307     ADDRESS3,
308     LANAME,
309     POSTCODE,
310     SCHOOLTYPE,
311     GENDER,
312     AGELOW,
313     AGEHIGH,
314     PBMEA = PBMEA.X,
315     PBMEA_FSM6CLA1A = PBMEA_FSM6CLA1A.X,
316     PBMEA_NFSM6CLA1A = PBMEA_NFSM6CLA1A.X,
317     EBACCAPS = EBACCAPS.X,
318     PTEBACC_95 = PTEBACC_95.X,
319     OVERALL_DESTPER,
320     EMPLOYMENTPER,
321     EDUCATIONPER
322   ) %>%
323   distinct()
324
325 write_csv(cleaned_2022_2023, "C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_school_2022-2023.csv")
326

```

Figure 9 :School 2023-2024

```

331 library(tidyverse)
332
333 library(readxl)
334
335
336 ks2_final_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks2final.csv")
337
338 ks2_mats_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks2-mats-performance.csv")
339
340 ks4_final_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks4final.csv")
341
342 ks4_mats_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks4-mats-performance.csv")
343
344 provisional_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks4provisional.csv")
345
346 pupdest_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks4-pupdest.csv")
347
348 underlying_1_2023_2024 = read_excel("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks4underlying_1.xlsx")
349
350 underlying_2_2023_2024 = read_excel("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_ks4underlying_entriesandgrades_2.xlsx")
351
352 school_info_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/schooldata/2023-2024/england_school_information.csv")
353
354
355 keywords = c("South Yorkshire", "West Yorkshire")
356
357 school_filtered_2023_2024 = school_info_2023_2024 %>%
358   filter(
359     toupper(str_trim(TOWN)) %in% toupper(keywords) |
360     toupper(str_trim(ADDRESS3)) %in% toupper(keywords)
361   )
362
363 provisional_joined_2023_2024 = school_filtered_2023_2024 %>%
364   inner_join(provisional_2023_2024, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
365
366 pupdest_joined_2023_2024 = provisional_joined_2023_2024 %>%
367   left_join(pupdest_2023_2024, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
368
369 final_joined_2023_2024 = pupdest_joined_2023_2024 %>%
370   left_join(ks4_final_2023_2024, by = c("URN", "ESTAB"))
371
372 cleaned_2023_2024 = final_joined_2023_2024 %>%
373   select(
374     URN,
375     SCHNAME = SCHNAME.X,
376     TOWN,
377     ADDRESS3,
378     LANAME,
379     POSTCODE,
380     SCHOOLTYPE,
381     GENDER,
382     AGELOW,

```

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383     AGELOW,
384     AGEHIGH,
385     P8MEA = P8MEA.X,
386     P8MEA_FSM6CLA1A = P8MEA_FSM6CLA1A.X,
387     P8MEA_NFSM6CLA1A = P8MEA_NFSM6CLA1A.X,
388     EBACCAPS = EBACCAPS.X,
389     PTEBACC_95 = PTEBACC_95.X,
390     OVERALL_DESTPER,
391     EMPLOYMENTPER,
392     EDUCATIONPER
393 ) %>%
394 distinct()
395
396 write.csv(cleaned_2023_2024, "c:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/cleaned data/cleaned_School_2023-2024.csv")
397
398 view(cleaned_2023_2024)
399
400
401
402

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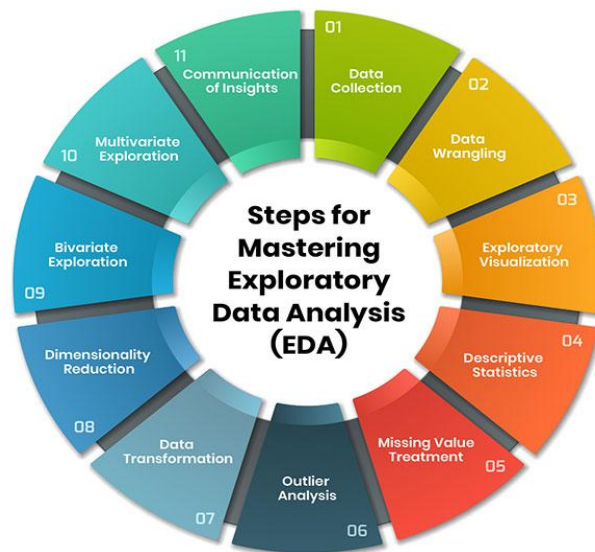
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

During the exploratory data analysis phase, I searched the cleaned datasets for home prices, broadband speeds, crime rates, and academic achievement in South and West Yorkshire for patterns, trends, and connections. I used visual aids like boxplots, line charts, bar graphs, and radar charts to understand how each variable behaves across different years, towns, and districts. For example, I compared average house prices over time, looked at crime rates by type and location, compared broadband speeds across towns, and monitored changes in school performance. This step helped me identify important insights, like areas with high crime rates or low school scores and guided the development of the linear model and recommendation system.

Exploratory data analysis (EDA) is an open-ended, iterative data analysis approach designed to unearth patterns, anomalies, relationships, or insights without preconceived notions. John Tukey, a renowned American mathematician, introduced EDA in the 1970s to analyze data using a combination of statistical tools and data discovery methods.

<https://www.coursera.org/articles/exploratory-data-analysis>

Figure 10: Exploratory Data Analysis



(A Comprehensive Guide to Mastering Exploratory Data Analysis, n.d.-b)

Broadband speed

I started by connecting broadband speeds to counties and districts by combining the cleaned broadband dataset with town-level data using standardized short postcodes. Next, I contrasted South Yorkshire's and West Yorkshire's broadband performance. I highlighted regions with consistently high or low performance by using boxplots to illustrate the variation in average download speeds across districts. To highlight regional variations, median download speeds by town and district were also compared using bar charts. By highlighting towns with the best and worst connectivity, these visualizations helped identify areas that might benefit from upgrades to their digital infrastructure.

Figure 11 :Analysis broadband

```
4 library(tidyverse)
5
6
7 Broadband_speed <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/obtain/Broadband/201809_fixed_pc_coverage_r01.csv")
8
9
10 Towns <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/cleaned data/Towns.csv")
11 # Clean and standardize postcode formats
12 Broadband_speed <- Broadband_speed %>%
13   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(toupper(shortPostcode)))
14
15 Towns <- Towns %>%
16   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(toupper(shortPostcode)))
17
18 # Merge datasets on shortPostcode
19 BroadbandMerged <- Broadband_speed %>%
20   left_join(Towns, by = "shortPostcode")
21
22 BroadbandMerged %>%
23   filter(str_detect(tolower(County), "west yorkshire"),
24          !is.na(Avg_Download),
25          !is.na(District)) %>%
26   ggplot(aes(x = reorder(District, Avg_Download, FUN = median), y = Avg_Download)) +
27   geom_boxplot(fill = "brown") +
28   labs(title = "West Yorkshire: Download Speed by District",
29        x = "District", y = "Avg Download Speed (Mbps)") +
30   coord_flip() +
31   theme_minimal()
32
33 BroadbandMerged %>%
34   filter(str_detect(tolower(County), "south yorkshire"),
35          !is.na(Avg_Download),
36          !is.na(District)) %>%
37   ggplot(aes(x = reorder(District, Avg_Download, FUN = median), y = Avg_Download)) +
38   geom_boxplot(fill = "purple") +
39   labs(title = "South Yorkshire: Download Speed by District",
40        x = "District", y = "Avg Download Speed (Mbps)") +
41   coord_flip() +
42   theme_minimal()
43
44
45 library(tidyverse)
46
47 # Load data
48 Broadband_speed <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/cleaned data/Cleaned_BroadBand_Speed.csv")
49 Towns <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/cleaned data/Towns.csv")
50
51 # Clean postcode for merging
52 Broadband_speed <- Broadband_speed %>%
53   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(toupper(shortPostcode)))
54
55 Towns <- Towns %>%
56   mutate(shortPostcode = str_trim(toupper(shortPostcode)))
```



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56 merge(shortPostcode = get_url(couper(shortPostcode)))
57
58 # Merge datasets
59 BroadbandMerged <- Broadband_speed %>%
60   left_join(Towns, by = "shortPostcode")
61
62
63
64
65
66 colnames(BroadbandMerged)
67 BroadbandMerged %>%
68   filter(
69     str_detect(tolower(County), "west yorkshire"),
70     !is.na(Avg_Download),
71     !is.na(District)
72   ) %>%
73   ggplot(aes(x = reorder(District, Avg_Download), y = Avg_Download)) +
74     geom_col(fill = "darkblue") +
75     labs(
76       title = "West Yorkshire: Avg Download Speed by District",
77       x = "District",
78       y = "Avg Download Speed (Mbps)"
79     ) +
80     scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::label_number()) +
81     coord_flip() +
82     theme_minimal()
83
84 BroadbandMerged %>%
85   filter(
86     str_detect(tolower(County), "south yorkshire"),
87     !is.na(Avg_Download),
88     !is.na(District)
89   ) %>%
90   ggplot(aes(x = reorder(District, Avg_Download), y = Avg_Download)) +
91     geom_col(fill = "brown") +
92     labs(
93       title = "South Yorkshire: Avg Download Speed by District",
94       x = "District",
95       y = "Avg Download Speed (Mbps)"
96     ) +
97     coord_flip() + # Flip for better readability
98     theme_minimal()
99
100
101

```

Visualization

Figure 12 : Bar Graph South Yorkshire average download speed

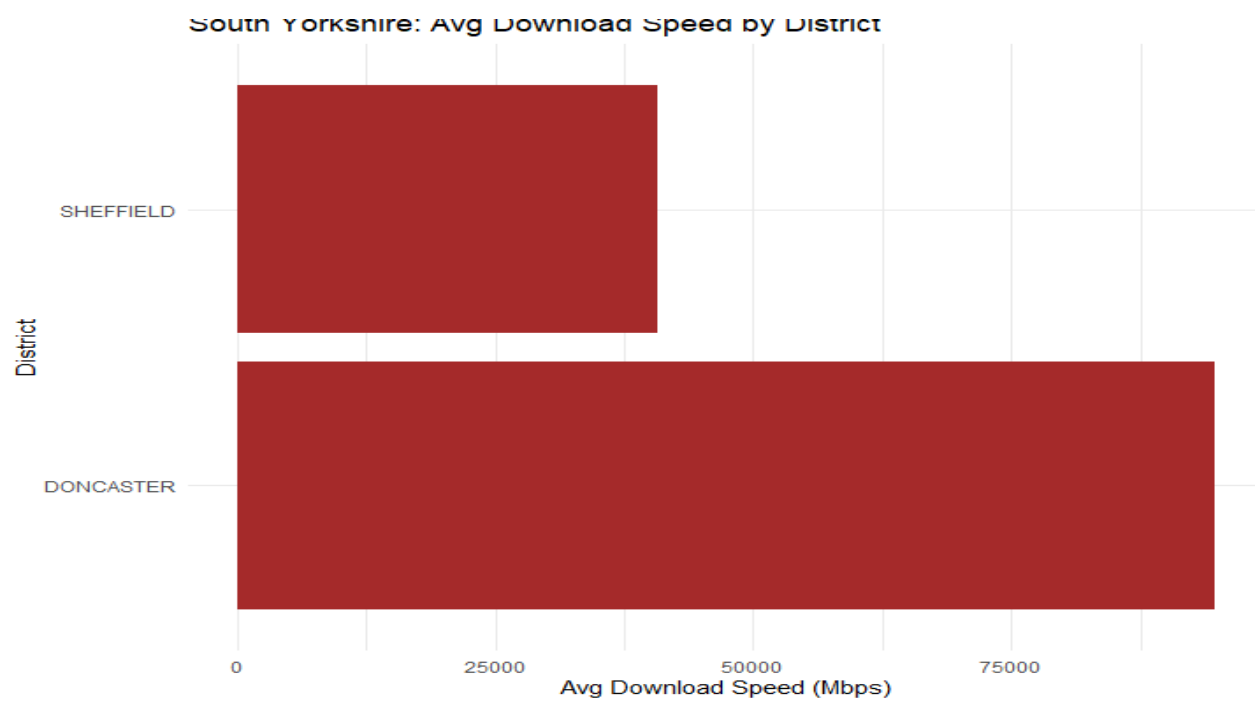


Figure 13: Bar Graph West Yorkshire Avg download speed

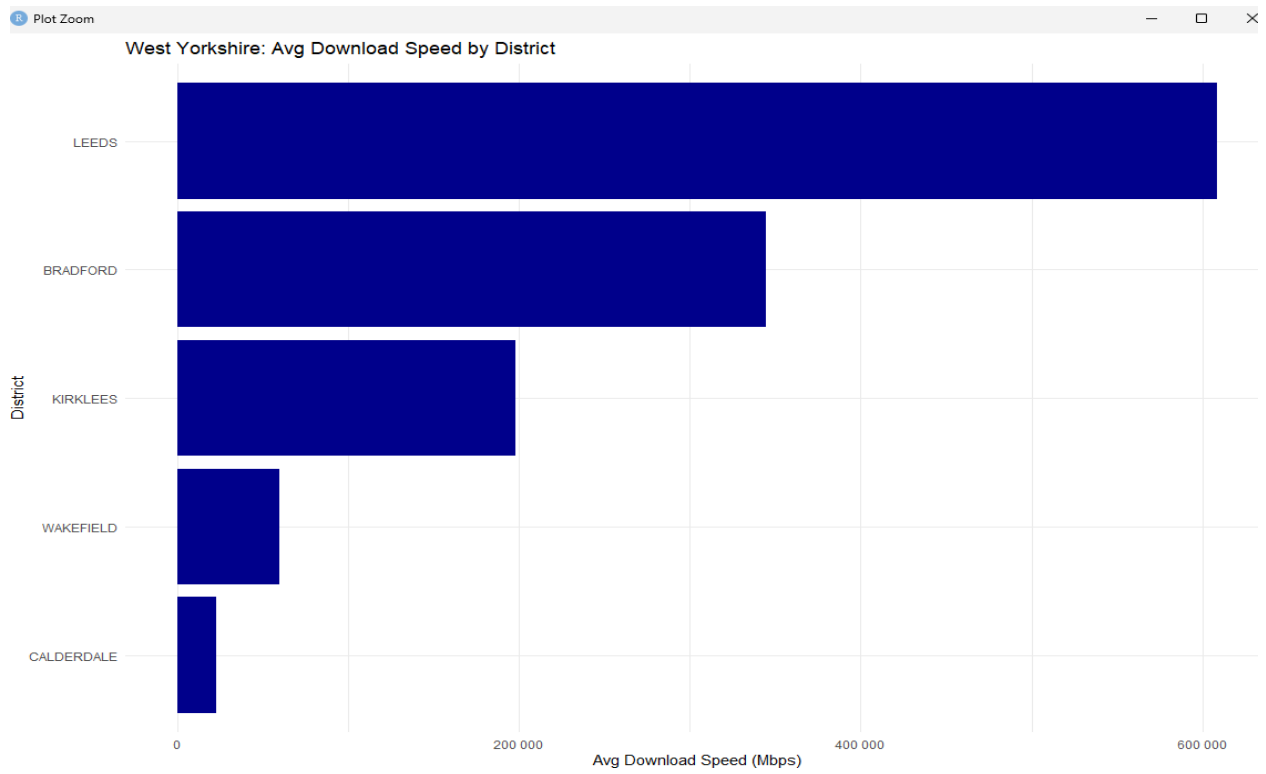


Figure 14: Box plot West Yorkshire

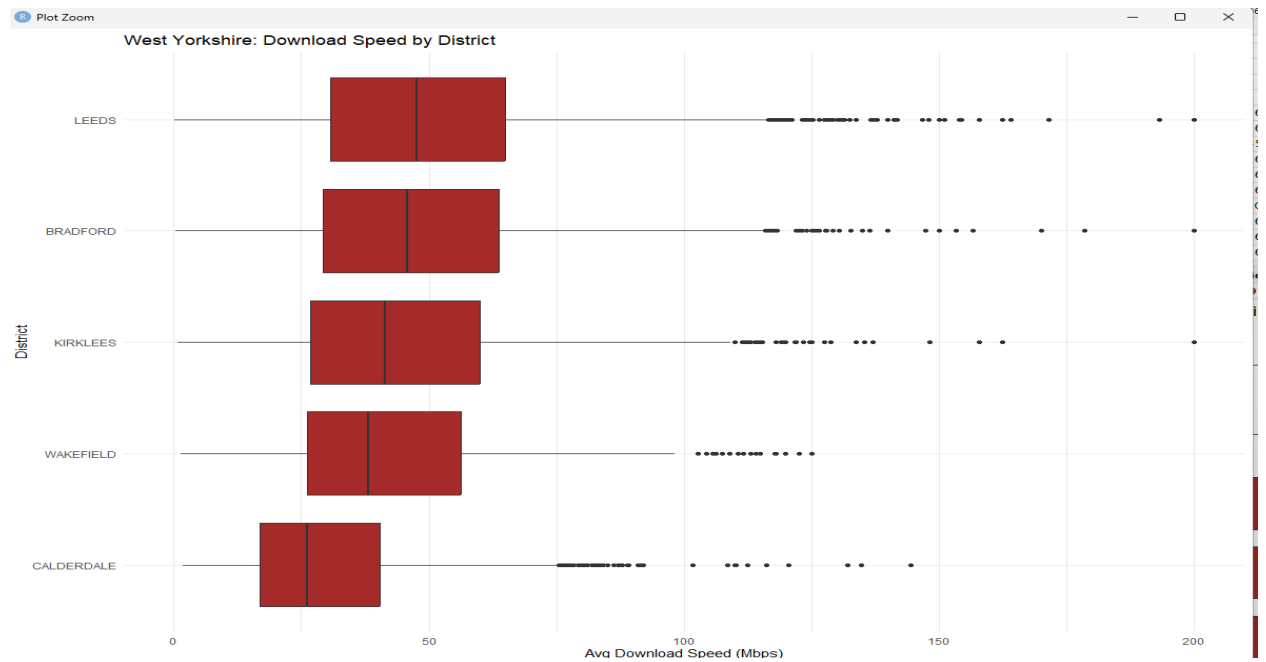
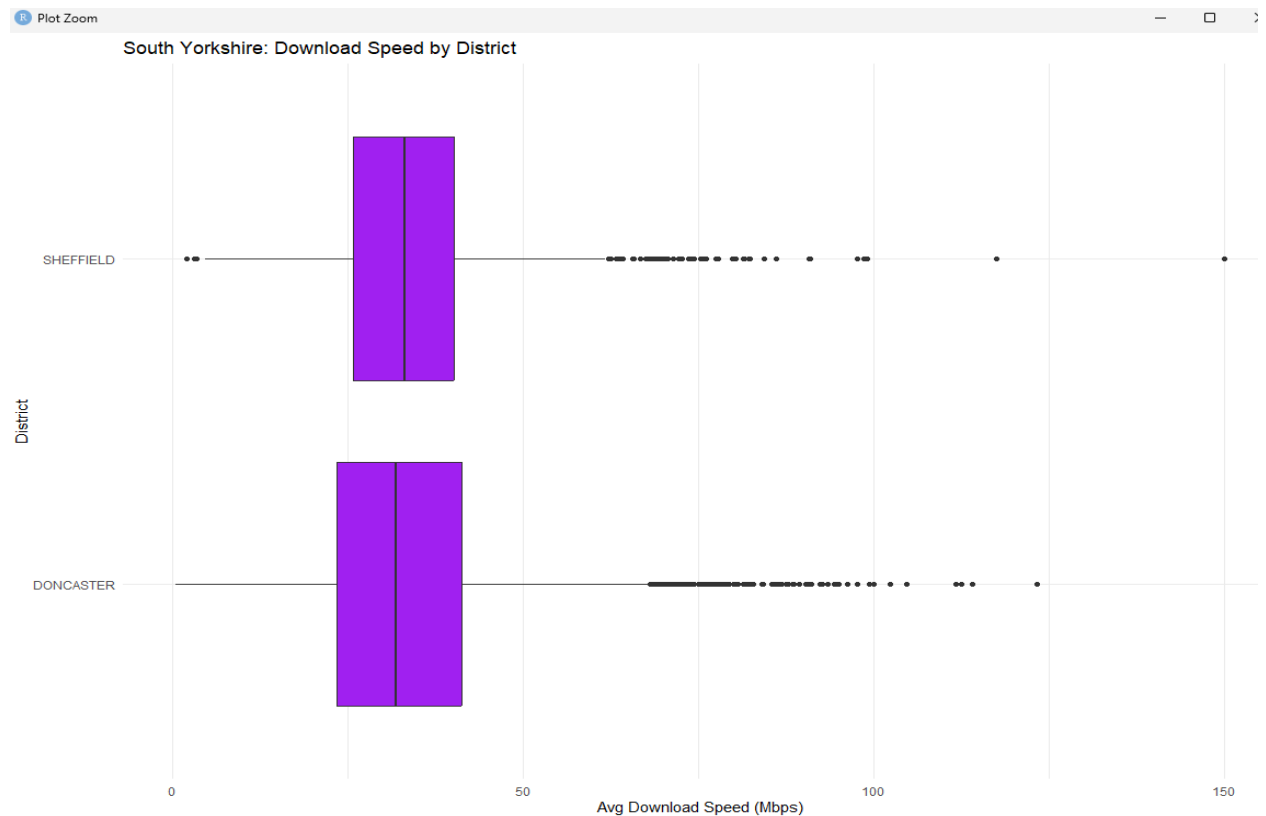


Figure 15 :Box plot South Yorkshire



Crime Data Set

The analysis of crime rates in South and West Yorkshire from 2022 to 2025 concentrated on robberies, car crimes, and drug offenses. The distribution of drug offense rates by district was shown using boxplots, which highlighted regions with greater variances and higher crime rates. West Yorkshire's April 2025 vehicle crime rates by district were displayed on a radar-style polar bar chart, which made it simple to compare the severity of crimes in different places. Similarly, a pie chart showed the percentage of robbery offenses in South Yorkshire by district, showing the regions with the highest frequency of occurrences. To examine changes over time and standardize data by population for fair

comparison, a line chart was also used to show trends in drug offense rates per 10,000 persons over three years.

Figure 16 :Analysis Crime

```
110
111 library(tidyverse)
112
113 library(ggplot2)
114
115 crime = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_Crime_Dataset.csv")
116 colnames(crime)
117 view(crime)
118 town = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv")
119 colnames(town)
120 view(town)
121
122 crime = crime %>%
123   mutate(Year = as.integer(substr(Month, 1, 4)),
124          District = str_extract(LSOAname, "[^ ]+"))
125
126 crime = crime %>%
127   mutate(County = str_replace(County, " Police$", ""))
128
129
130
131 #Box plot- Drug Offense Rate per District (Two Diagrams)
132
133
134 # South Yorkshire Drug Offenses by District-Year
135 south_yorkshire = crime %>%
136   filter(CrimeType == "Drugs", County == "South Yorkshire", !is.na(District)) %>%
137   group_by(District, Year) %>%
138   summarise(offenses = n(), .groups = "drop")
139
140 # Boxplot for South Yorkshire
141 ggplot(south_yorkshire, aes(x = reorder(District, offenses, FUN = median), y = offenses)) +
142   geom_boxplot(fill = "brown", outlier.alpha = 0.9) +
143   labs(title = "South Yorkshire: Drug offense Distribution by District",
144        x = "District", y = "Offenses per Year") +
145   theme_minimal() +
146   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
147
148
149
150
151 # West Yorkshire Drug Offenses by District-Year
152 west_yorkshire = crime %>%
153   filter(CrimeType == "Drugs", County == "West Yorkshire", !is.na(District)) %>%
154   group_by(District, Year) %>%
155   summarise(offenses = n(), .groups = "drop")
156
157 # Boxplot for West Yorkshire
158 ggplot(west_yorkshire, aes(x = reorder(District, offenses, FUN = median), y = offenses)) +
159   geom_boxplot(fill = "purple", outlier.alpha = 0.9) +
160   labs(title = "West Yorkshire: Drug offense Distribution by District",
161        x = "District", y = "Offenses per Year") +
162   theme_minimal() +
163   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
```

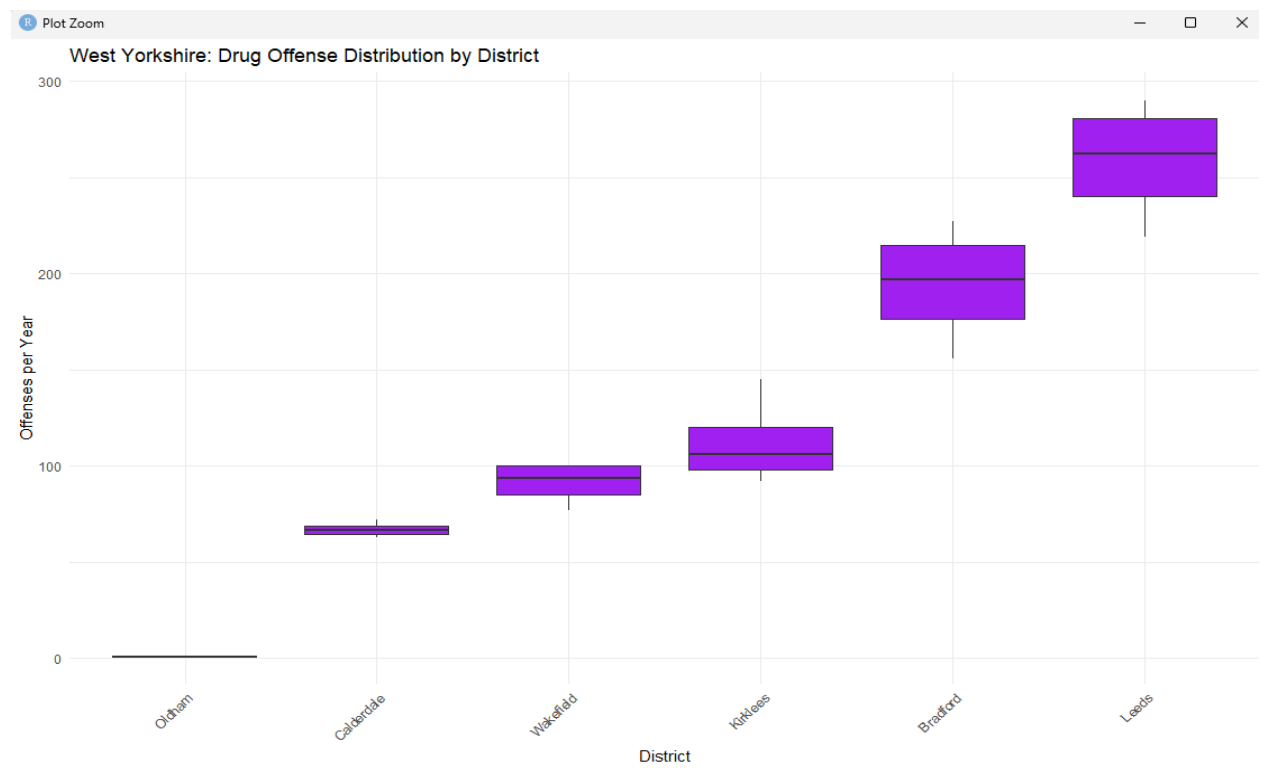
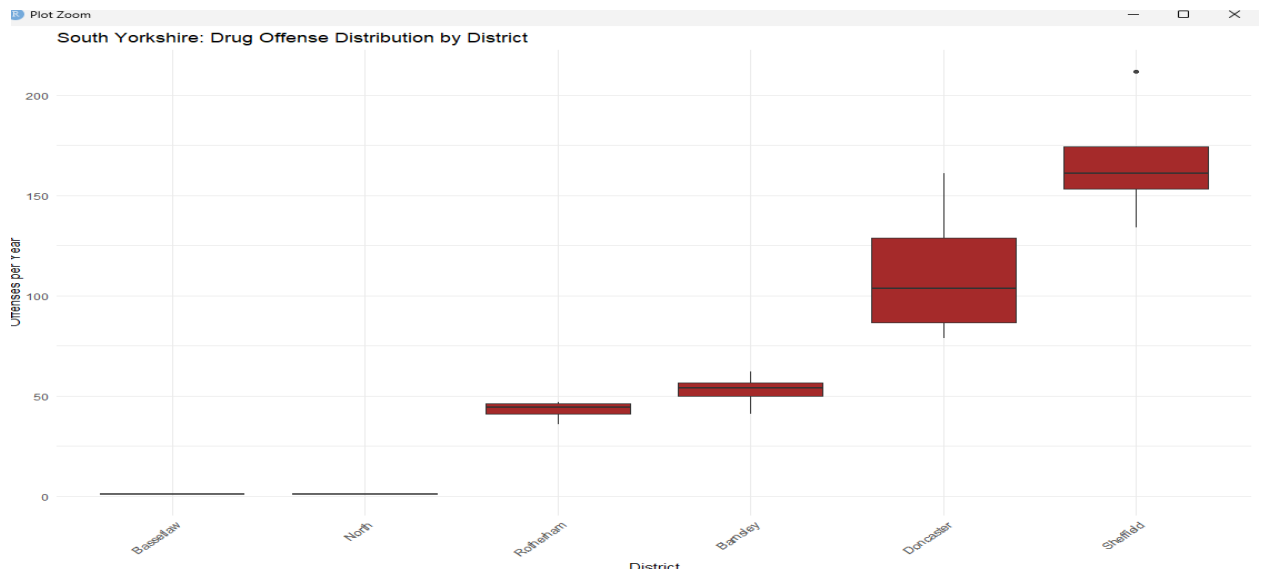
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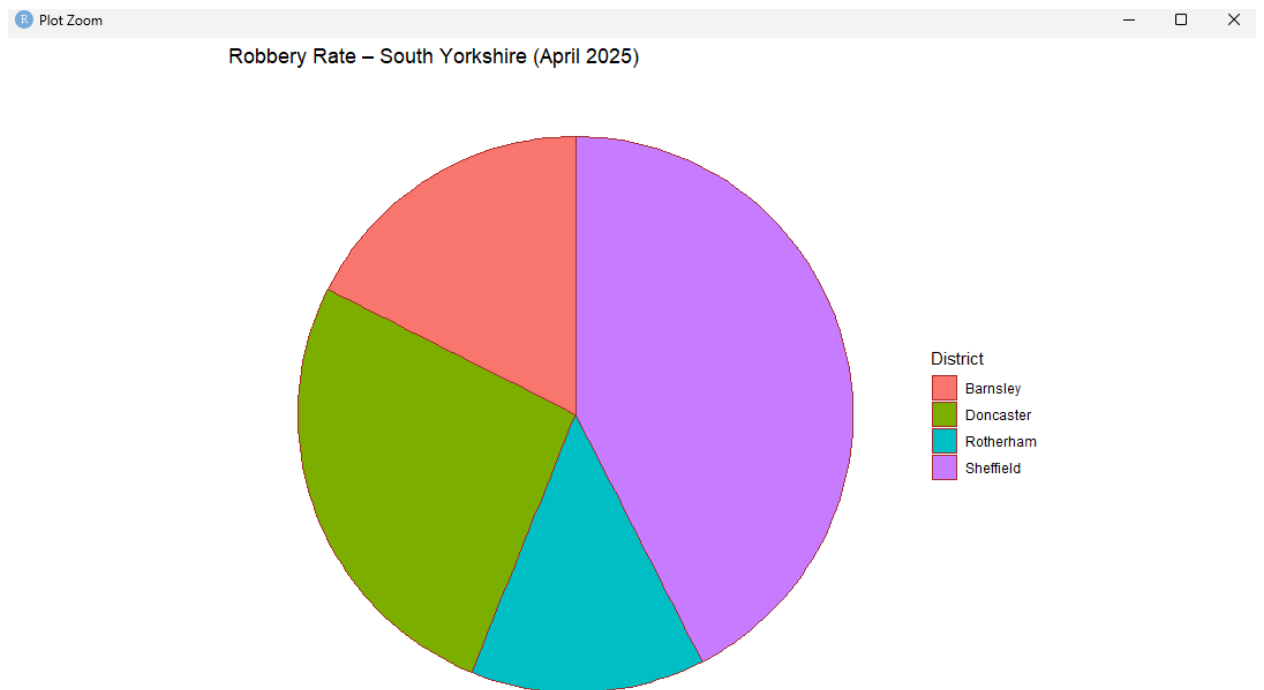
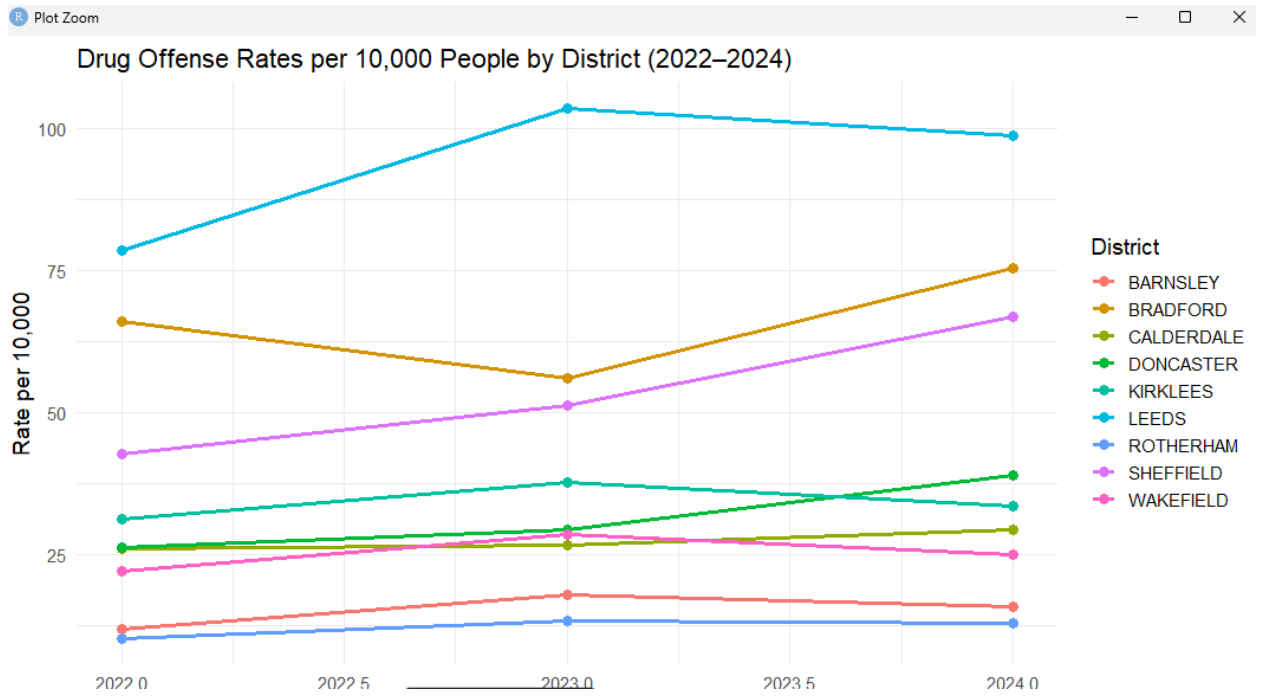
173 vehicle_data = crime %>%
174   filter(CrimeType == "Vehicle crime",
175          County == "West Yorkshire",
176          Month == "2025-04",
177          !is.na(District)) %>%
178   group_by(District) %>%
179   summarise(Crimes = n()) %>%
180   arrange(desc(Crimes))
181
182 # Create radar-style polar bar chart
183 ggplot(vehicle_data, aes(x = reorder(District, Crimes), y = Crimes, fill = District)) +
184   geom_col(show.legend = FALSE, color = "blue") +
185   coord_polar(start = 0) +
186   labs(title = "Radar-style Chart: Vehicle Crime in West Yorkshire (April 2025)",
187        x = "", y = "") +
188   theme_minimal() +
189   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 9, angle = 90))
190
191
192
193
194
195
196 #Pie chart for Robbery rate for any one of two counties (for any specific month and year)
197
198 pie_data = crime %>%
199   filter(CrimeType == "Robbery",
200          County == "South Yorkshire",
201          Month == "2025-04",
202          !is.na(District)) %>%
203   group_by(District) %>%
204   summarise(Crimes = n())
205
206 ggplot(pie_data, aes(x = "", y = Crimes, fill = District)) +
207   geom_col(width = 3, color = "brown") +
208   coord_polar("y") +
209   labs(title = "Robbery Rate - South Yorkshire (April 2025)", y = "", x = "") +
210   theme_void() +
211   theme(legend.position = "right")
212
213
214
215
216
217
218
219 #Line chart for Drug offense rates per 10,000 people for both counties in same diagram for all years
220
221 town_long = town %>%
222   pivot_longer(
223     cols = starts_with("Population"),
224     names_to = "Year",
225     names_prefix = "Population",
226     values_to = "Population"
227   ) %>%
228   mutate(Year = as.integer(Year)) %>%
229   select(District, County, Year, Population)
230
231 drug_crime_by_district = crime %>%
232   filter(tolower(CrimeType) == "drugs") %>%
233   group_by(District, Year) %>%
234   summarise(Total_offenses = n(), .groups = "drop") %>%
235   mutate(Year = as.integer(Year))
236
237 drug_crime_by_district = drug_crime_by_district %>%
238   mutate(District = str_to_upper(str_trim(District)))
239
240 town_long = town_long %>%
241   mutate(District = str_to_upper(str_trim(District)))
242
243
244 merged_data = drug_crime_by_district %>%
245   left_join(town_long, by = c("District", "Year")) %>%
246   filter(!is.na(Population)) %>%
247   mutate(Rate_per_10000 = (Total_offenses / Population) * 10000)
248
249 final_data = merged_data %>%
250   group_by(District, Year) %>%
251   summarise(
252     Total_offenses = sum(Total_offenses, na.rm = TRUE),
253     Population = sum(Population, na.rm = TRUE),
254     Rate_per_10000 = (Total_offenses / Population) * 10000,
255     .groups = "drop"
256   )
257
258
259 ggplot(final_data, aes(x = Year, y = Rate_per_10000, color = District)) +
260   geom_line(linewidth = 1.2) +
261   geom_point(size = 3) +
262   labs(
263     title = "Drug Offense Rates per 10,000 People by District (2022-2024)",
264     x = "Year",
265     y = "Rate per 10,000",
266     color = "District"
267   ) +
268   theme_minimal(base_size = 14)
269
270
271

```

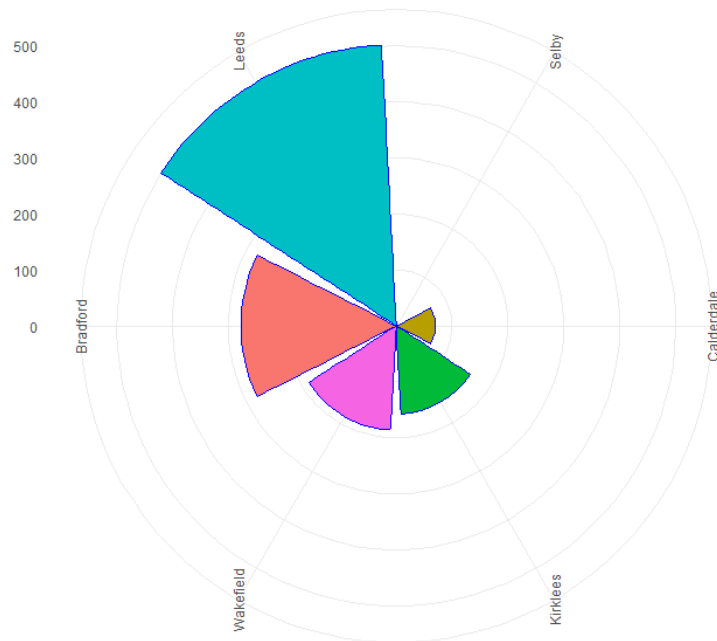
Visualization

Figure 17: Visualization crime





Radar-Style Chart: Vehicle Crime in West Yorkshire (April 2025)



House pricing

The analysis of home prices in South and West Yorkshire from 2021 to 2024 revealed trends and differences at the county and district levels. A line graph showing the annual average home prices for each district allowed comparison of the price changes over time in both counties. The districts that grew steadily and those that remained largely unchanged were displayed in this graphic. Additionally, boxplots were used to display the home price distribution for each county independently. By providing information on price spread, outliers, and median values, these boxplots made it easier to spot variability within counties. Overall, understanding regional and temporal differences in home price trends was made easier by the visualizations.

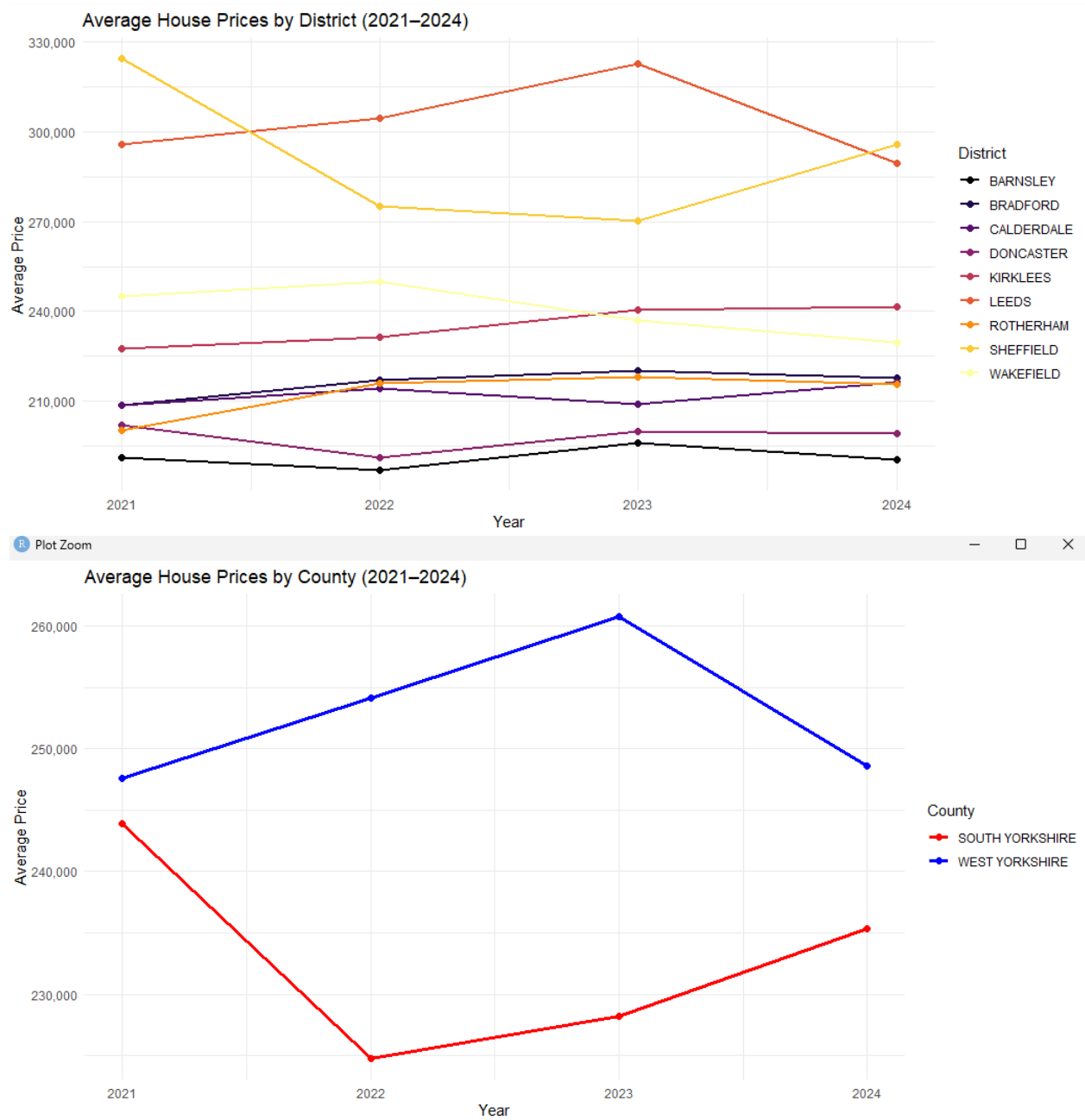
Figure 18: Analysis of House pricing

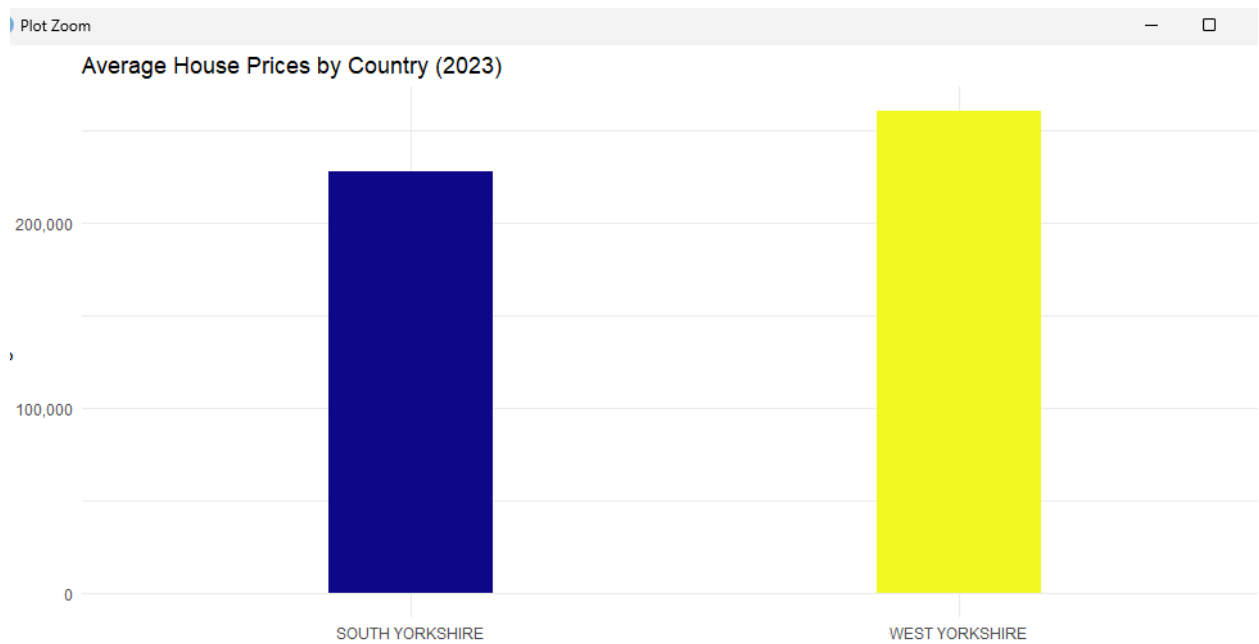
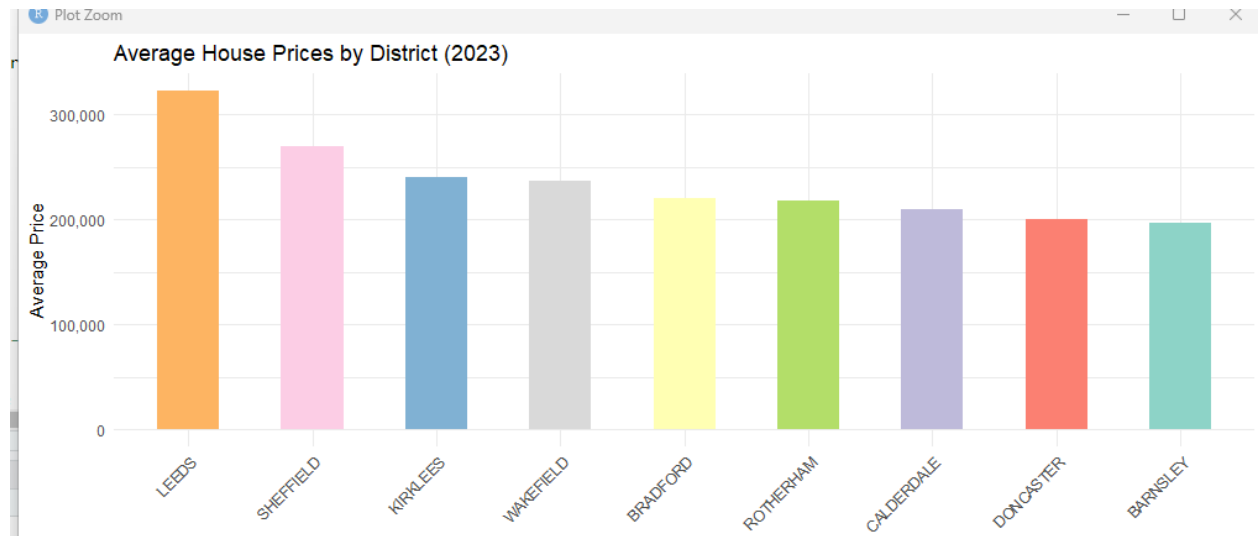
```

339 average by County in 2023 only
340 county_2023_avg = county_year_avg %>%
341   filter(Year == 2023)
342
343 #Bar chart: Average price in 2023, both counties
344
345 ggplot(county_2023_avg, aes(x = County, y = AveragePrice, fill = County)) +
346   geom_col(width = 0.3) +
347   scale_fill_viridis_d(option = "c") +
348   scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma) +
349   labs(title = "Average House Prices by County (2023)",
350        x = NULL, y = "Average Price") +
351   theme_minimal() +
352   theme(legend.position = "none")
353
354
355
356
357 #by district
358 district_2023_avg = HousePrices %>%
359   mutate(Year = year(ymd(Date))) %>%
360   filter(Year == 2023) %>%
361   group_by(District) %>%
362   summarise(AveragePrice = mean(Price, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop")
363
364 Bar chart: Average house price by District in 2023
365 library(RColorBrewer)
366
367 ggplot(district_2023_avg, aes(x = reorder(District, -AveragePrice), y = AveragePrice, fill = District)) +
368   geom_col(width = 0.5) +
369   scale_fill_brewer(palette = "Set3") +
370   scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma) +
371   labs(title = "Average House Prices by District (2023)",
372        x = "District", y = "Average Price") +
373   theme_minimal() +
374   theme(legend.position = "none",
375        axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
376
377
378
379
380
381 #-----
382
383 #by county
384 #Box-plots: 2021-2024 distribution for each county in separate panels
385
386 ggplot(county_year_avg, aes(x = "", y = AveragePrice)) +
387   geom_boxplot(fill = "brown", outlier.alpha = 0.2) +
388   facet_wrap(~ county, ncol = 1) +
389   scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma) +
390   labs(title = "Distribution of House Prices (2021-2024)",
391        y = "Price", x = "") +
392   theme_minimal()
393
394
395
396 #District
397
398 ggplot(district_year_avg, aes(x = reorder(District, AveragePrice, FUN = median), y = AveragePrice)) +
399   geom_boxplot(fill = "skyblue", outlier.alpha = 0.9) +
400   scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma) +
401   labs(title = "Yearly Average House Prices by District (2021-2024)",
402        x = "District", y = "Average Price") +
403   theme_minimal() +
404   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
405
406
407
408
409

```

Figure 19 :Visualization house pricing





School Data set

We looked at Attainment 8 scores (EBACCAPS) for schools in South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire during the 2021–2024 academic years in this exploratory data analysis. To visually represent the distribution of scores by district within each county, we first created boxplots for 2022. This made it easier to spot differences and possible anomalies in student performance between Sheffield, Barnsley, Leeds, and Bradford districts. After that, we created a line graph to show trends in average Attainment 8 scores over time across several districts by combining school performance data from three different years. We were able to compare educational outcomes across districts and counties thanks to this multi-year view, which showed how performance has changed year over year. The

analysis reveals temporal and spatial trends in academic achievement, offering insightful information to educators, policymakers.

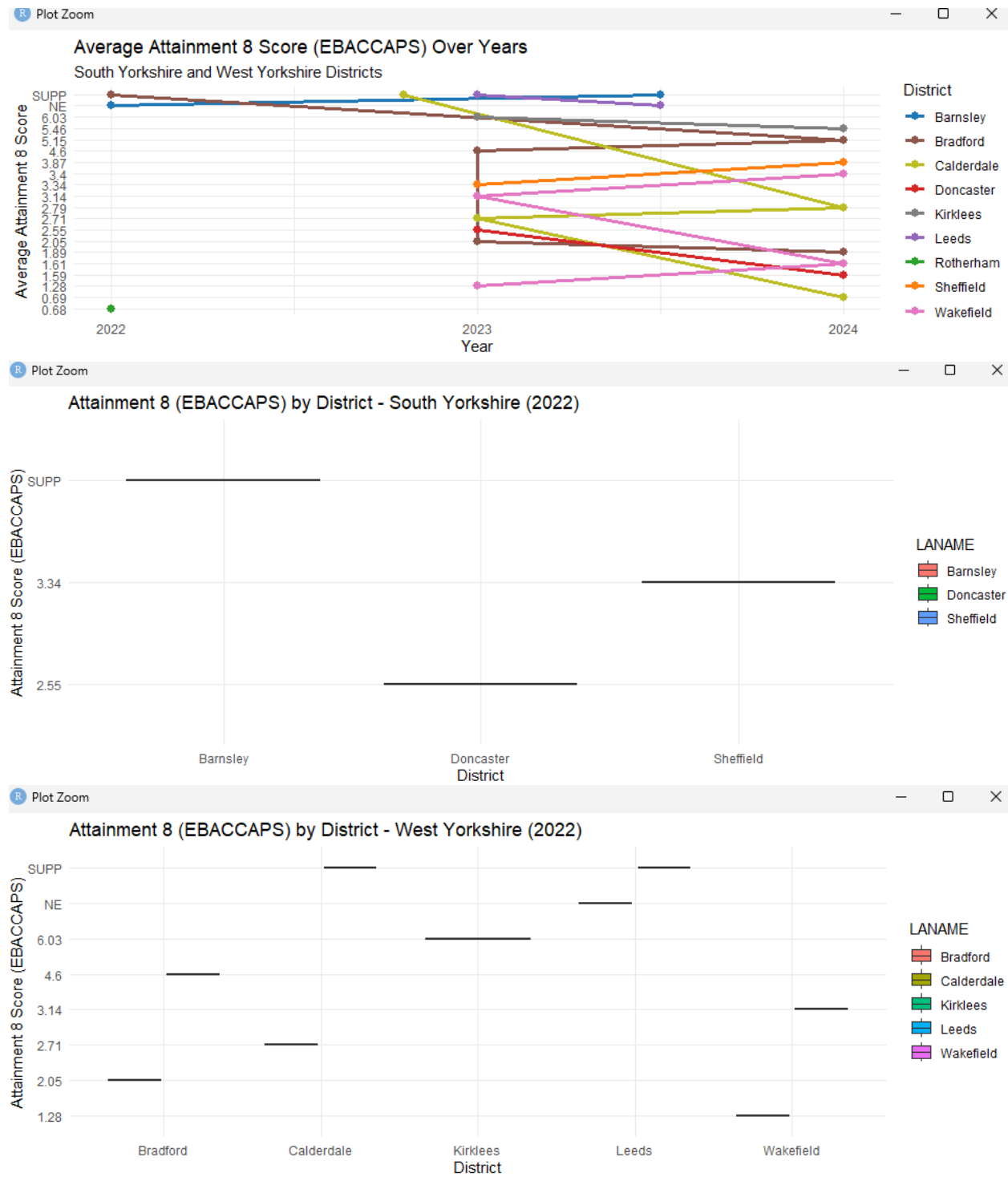
Figure 20 :Analysis school

```

422 library(tidyverse)
423 library(stringr)
424
425 school_2021_2022 = read_csv("C:/dataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2021-2022.csv")
426 school_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/dataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2022-2023.csv")
427 school_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/dataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2023-2024.csv")
428
429 #Boxplot for Average attainment 8 score 2022 - South Yorkshire (Variable District and Score)
430 filtered_data_south = school_2022_2023 %>%
431   filter(
432     toupper(TOWN) == "SOUTH YORKSHIRE" |
433     toupper(ADDRESS3) == "SOUTH YORKSHIRE"
434   ) %>%
435   filter(!is.na(EBACCAPS))
436
437 ggplot(filtered_data_south, aes(x = LANAME, y = EBACCAPS, fill = LANAME)) +
438   geom_boxplot() +
439   labs(
440     title = "Attainment 8 (EBACCAPS) by District - South Yorkshire (2022)",
441     x = "District",
442     y = "Attainment 8 Score (EBACCAPS)"
443   ) +
444   theme_minimal()
445
446
447
448
449
450
451
452
453 #Boxplot for Average attainment 8 score 2022 - West Yorkshire (Variable District and Score)
454 filtered_data_west = school_2022_2023 %>%
455   filter(
456     toupper(TOWN) == "WEST YORKSHIRE" |
457     toupper(ADDRESS3) == "WEST YORKSHIRE"
458   ) %>%
459   filter(!is.na(EBACCAPS))
460
461 ggplot(filtered_data_west, aes(x = LANAME, y = EBACCAPS, fill = LANAME)) +
462   geom_boxplot() +
463   labs(
464     title = "Attainment 8 (EBACCAPS) by District - West Yorkshire (2022)",
465     x = "District",
466     y = "Attainment 8 Score (EBACCAPS)"
467   ) +
468   theme_minimal()
469
470
471
472
473
474
475
476
477
478
479 school_2021_2022 = school_2021_2022 %>%
480   mutate(Year = 2022L)
481
482 school_2022_2023 = school_2022_2023 %>%
483   mutate(Year = 2023L)
484
485 school_2023_2024 = school_2023_2024 %>%
486   mutate(Year = 2024L)
487
488
489 # Binding all years
490 all_years_data = bind_rows(school_2021_2022, school_2022_2023, school_2023_2024)
491
492 all_years_data = all_years_data %>%
493   mutate(Year = as.integer(Year))
494
495
496
497 filtered_all_years = all_years_data %>%
498   filter(
499     toupper(TOWN) %in% c("SOUTH YORKSHIRE", "WEST YORKSHIRE") |
500     toupper(ADDRESS3) %in% c("SOUTH YORKSHIRE", "WEST YORKSHIRE")
501   ) %>%
502   filter(!is.na(EBACCAPS))
503
504
505 ggplot(filtered_all_years, aes(x = Year, y = EBACCAPS, colour = LANAME, group = LANAME)) +
506   stat_summary(fun = mean, geom = "line", linewidth = 1.2) +
507   stat_summary(fun = mean, geom = "point", size = 2.5) +
508   labs(
509     title = "Average Attainment 8 Score (EBACCAPS) over Years",
510     subtitle = "South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Districts",
511     x = "Year",
512     y = "Average Attainment 8 Score",
513     colour = "District"
514   ) +
515   scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(2022, 2023, 2024)) +
516   scale_colour_manual(values = c(
517     "Barnsley" = "#F77B44",
518     "Sheffield" = "#F4A460",
519     "Rotherham" = "#F28A00",
520     "Doncaster" = "#D62728",
521     "Leeds" = "#9467BD",
522     "Bradford" = "#8C564B",
523     "Wakefield" = "#E377C2",
524     "Kirklees" = "#7F7F7F",
525     "Calderdale" = "#BCBD22"
526   )) +
527   theme_minimal()
528
529
530

```

Figure 21: Visualization School



Linear Modelling

1. House Price vs Download Speed for both Counties in a single diagram (include linear model summary report and correlation):

By combining postcode datasets, this code examines the connection between broadband download speeds and home prices across districts. To forecast home prices based on download speed, it fits a linear regression model, displays residuals to evaluate fit, and displays the data as a scatter plot and regression line. To determine whether faster internet is associated with higher property values, the model summary and correlation coefficient quantify the strength of the relationship between download speed and home prices.

Code:

Figure 22 : Code house price vs download speed

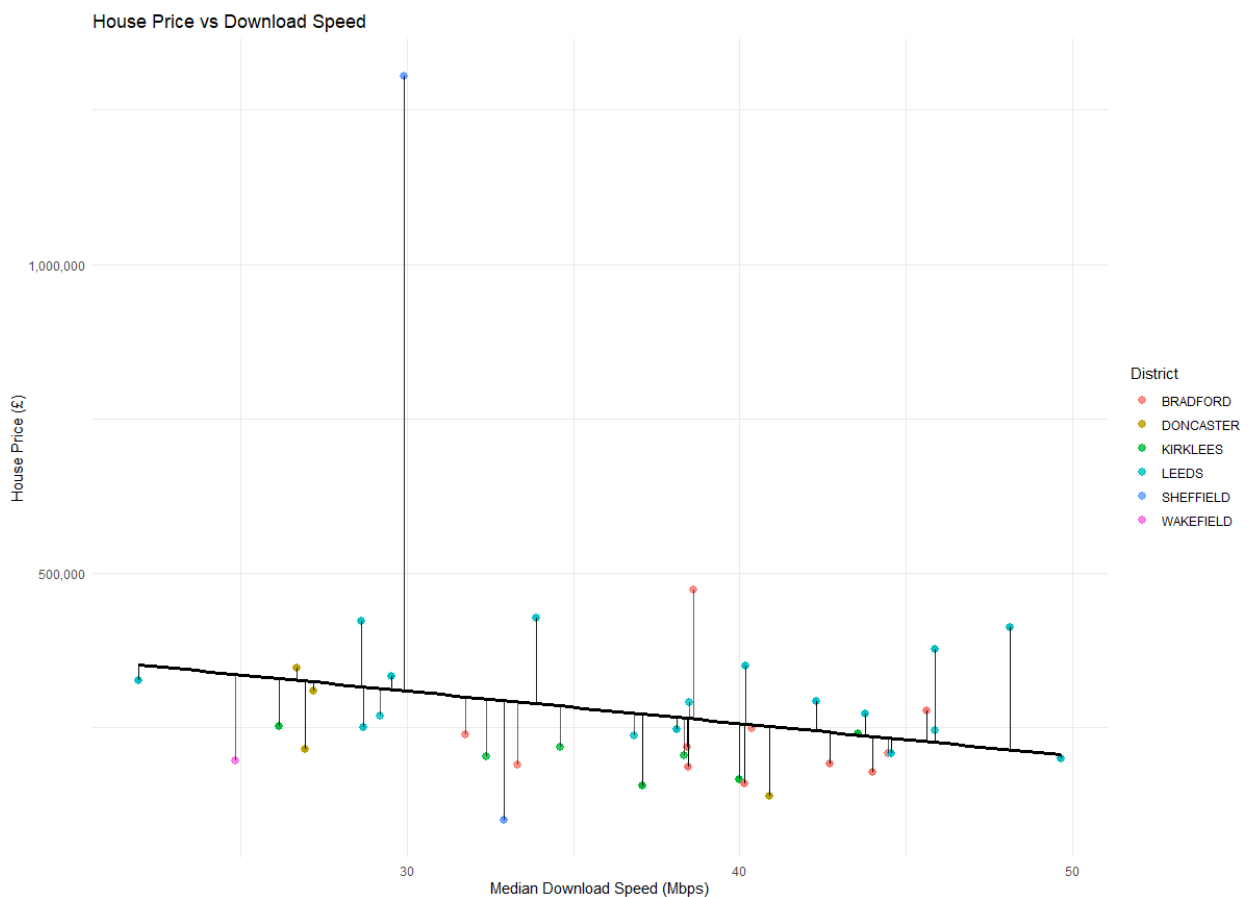
```
1 # -----House Price vs Download Speed for both Counties in single diagram (include linear model summary report and correlation)--
2 library(tidyverse)
3 library(scales)
4
5 HousePrices = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_House_Prices.csv") %>%
6   select(shortPostcode, Price)
7
8 BroadBandspeed = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_BroadBand_Speed.csv") %>%
9   select(shortPostcode, Median_Download)
10
11 Town <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv") %>%
12   select(shortPostcode, District, County)
13
14
15
16 # 1. Aggregate or deduplicate each dataset by postcode
17 HousePrices_unique <- HousePrices %>%
18   group_by(shortPostcode) %>%
19   summarise(Price = mean(Price, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop")
20
21 BroadBandspeed_unique <- BroadBandspeed %>%
22   group_by(shortPostcode) %>%
23   summarise(Median_Download = mean(Median_Download, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop")
24
25 Town_unique <- Town %>%
26   distinct(shortPostcode, .keep_all = TRUE)
27
28 # 2. Join cleaned datasets
29 CombinedData <- HousePrices_unique %>%
30   inner_join(BroadBandspeed_unique, by = "shortPostcode") %>%
31   inner_join(Town_unique, by = "shortPostcode") %>%
32   filter(!is.na(Price) & !is.na(Median_Download) & !is.na(District))
33
34 # 3. Sample 100 rows from CombinedData
35 SampleData <- CombinedData %>%
36   sample_n(100, replace = TRUE)
37
38
39
40 SampleModel = lm(Price ~ Median_Download, data = SampleData)
41
42
43 SampleData = SampleData %>%
44   mutate(
45     Predicted = predict(SampleModel),
46     Residual = Price - Predicted
47   )
48
49 class(SampleData$Town)
50 colnames(SampleData)
51
52
53 ggplot(SampleData, aes(x = Median_Download, y = Price)) +
54   geom_point(aes(color = District), size = 2.5, alpha = 0.8) + # color by District
55   geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, color = "black", size = 1.2) + # regression line
```

```

56 geom_segment(aes(xend = Median_download, yend = Predicted), color = "black", alpha = 0.6) + # residuals
57 labs(
58   title = "House Price vs Download Speed",
59   x = "Median Download Speed (Mbps)",
60   y = "House Price (£)",
61   colour = "District"
62 ) +
63 scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma) +
64 theme_minimal()
65
66
67
68 FullModel = lm(Price ~ Median_Download, data = CombinedData)
69
70
71 correlation = cor(CombinedData$Price, CombinedData$Median_Download, use = "complete.obs")
72 cat("Correlation between Price and Download Speed:", correlation, "\n")
73
74 summary(FullModel)
75
76

```

Figure 23 :House price vs download speed



2. House price vs Drug rates (2023) per 10000 people for both counties in a single diagram (include linear model summary report and correlation):

This study investigates the relationship between drug crime rates and home prices in South and West Yorkshire in 2023. The code determines the drug crime rate per 10,000 people after cleaning and merging data on drug crimes, home prices, and population by county. The effect of the crime rate on home values is then evaluated using a linear regression model. With a trend line and residuals, the resulting plot illustrates the

relationship, and the correlation score provides insight into how strong it is. This sheds light on whether lower property values are linked to higher crime rates.

Code:

Figure 24 :Code house price vs drug rates

```
80 library(tidyverse)
81 library(lubridate)
82 library(scales)
83 library(stringr)
84
85 # House prices
86 HousePrices <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_House_Prices.csv") %>%
87   mutate(
88     Year = year(ymd(Date)),
89     County = str_trim(str_to_upper(County)),
90     shortPostcode = str_trim(str_to_upper(shortPostcode))
91   ) %>%
92   filter(Year == 2023) %>%
93   select(shortPostcode, Price, County)
94
95 # Drug crimes
96 Crime <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_Crime_Dataset.csv") %>%
97   mutate(
98     Year = as.integer(substr(Month, 1, 4)),
99     county = str_replace(County, " Polices", ""),
100    County = str_trim(str_to_upper(County))
101  ) %>%
102  filter(Year == 2023, Crimetype == "Drugs") %>%
103  group_by(County) %>%
104  summarise(DrugCrimes = n(), .groups = "drop")
105
106 # County population
107 Population <- tibble(
108   County = c("SOUTH YORKSHIRE", "WEST YORKSHIRE"),
109   Population = c(1417000, 2342000)
110 )
111
112 # Crime rate
113 CrimeRate <- inner_join(Crime, Population, by = "County") %>%
114   mutate(DrugRatePer10k = DrugCrimes / Population * 10000)
115
116 Town <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv") %>%
117   mutate(
118     shortPostcode = str_trim(str_to_upper(shortPostcode)),
119     County = str_trim(str_to_upper(County)),
120     Town = District # ☒ Rename District to Town for clarity
121   ) %>%
122   select(shortPostcode, Town, County)
123
124 # Join house prices with towns
125 HousePrices_Town <- inner_join(HousePrices, Town, by = c("shortPostcode", "County"))
126
127 # Join with crime rate
128 CombinedData <- inner_join(HousePrices_Town, CrimeRate, by = "County") %>%
129   filter(!is.na(Price), !is.na(DrugRatePer10k), !is.na(Town)) # ☒ Confirm Town exists
130
131 # Add jitter
132 CombinedData <- CombinedData %>%
133   mutate(DrugRatePer10k_jitter = DrugRatePer10k + runif(n(), -0.05, 0.05))
```

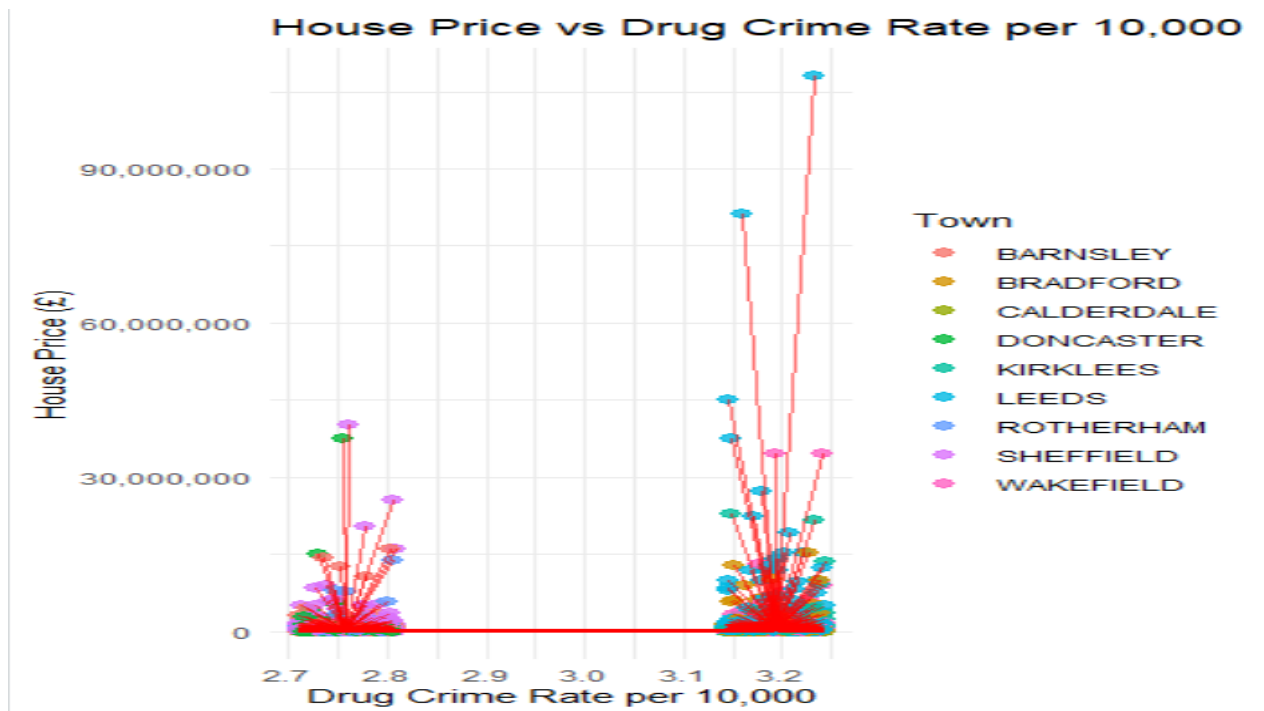


```

130 # Add jitter
131 CombinedData <- CombinedData %>%
132   mutate(DrugRatePer10k_jitter = DrugRatePer10k + runif(n(), -0.05, 0.05))
133
134 # Fit model
135 FullModel <- lm(Price ~ DrugRatePer10k, data = CombinedData)
136
137 # Add predictions
138 CombinedData <- CombinedData %>%
139   mutate(
140     Predicted = predict(FullModel),
141     Residual = Price - Predicted
142   )
143
144 # Final plot
145 ggplot(CombinedData, aes(x = DrugRatePer10k_jitter, y = Price)) +
146   geom_point(aes(color = Town), size = 2.5, alpha = 0.8) +
147   geom_smooth(aes(x = DrugRatePer10k), method = "lm", se = FALSE, color = "red", size = 1.2) +
148   geom_segment(aes(xend = DrugRatePer10k, yend = Predicted), color = "red", alpha = 0.6) +
149   labs(
150     title = "House Price vs Drug Crime Rate per 10,000 (2023)",
151     x = "Drug Crime Rate per 10,000",
152     y = "House Price (£)",
153     colour = "Town"
154   ) +
155   scale_y_continuous(labels = comma) +
156   theme_minimal() +
157   theme(legend.position = "right")
158
159
160
161 cat("\n--- Linear Model Summary Report ---\n")
162 print(summary(FullModel))
163
164
165
166 correlation = cor(CombinedData$Price, CombinedData$DrugRatePer10k, use = "complete.obs")
167 cat("\n--- Correlation Analysis ---\n")
168 cat("Correlation between House Price and Drug Crime Rate per 10,000:", correlation, "\n")
169
170
171
172
173
174

```

Figure 25 :House prices vs drug rates



3. Attainment 8 score vs House Price for both counties in a single diagram (include linear model summary report and correlation)

This study investigated the possible correlation between Attainment 8 scores, which measure academic achievement, and home prices in South and West Yorkshire towns. Clean house price data from 2023 was combined with town locations and school performance data from 2021–2024. A linear regression model (lm) was fitted with Attainment 8 as the predictor and House Price as the outcome. A jitter was applied to the scores to reduce point overlap in the scatter plot. The plot shows segments, a regression line, and data points by town to illustrate prediction errors (residuals). The strength of a relationship is gauged by the correlation coefficient. This modeling aids in assessing the potential effects of educational quality on local property values.

Code:

Figure 26 :Attainment 8 score vs House price

```

181 library(tidyverse)
182 library(lubridate)
183 library(scales)
184 library(stringr)
185
186 HousePrices = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_House_Prices.csv") %>%
187   mutate(
188     Year = year(ymd(Date)),
189     County = str_trim(str_to_upper(County)),
190     shortPostcode = str_trim(str_to_upper(shortPostcode))
191   ) %>%
192   filter(Year == 2023) %>%
193   select(shortPostcode, Price, County)
194
195
196 Town <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv") %>%
197   mutate(
198     shortPostcode = str_trim(str_to_upper(shortPostcode)),
199     County = str_trim(str_to_upper(County)),
200     Town = str_to_title(District)
201   ) %>%
202   select(shortPostcode, Town, County)
203
204
205 HousePrices_Town = inner_join(HousePrices, Town, by = c("shortPostcode", "County"))
206
207 School_2021_2022 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2021-2022.csv") %>%
208   mutate(Year = 2022L)
209
210 School_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2022-2023.csv") %>%
211   mutate(Year = 2023L)
212
213 School_2023_2024 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2023-2024.csv") %>%
214   mutate(Year = 2024L)
215
216 AllSchools = bind_rows(School_2021_2022, School_2022_2023, School_2023_2024) %>%
217   mutate(
218     County = case_when(
219       toupper(TOWN) %in% c("SOUTH YORKSHIRE", "WEST YORKSHIRE") ~ str_to_upper(TOWN),
220       toupper(ADDRESS3) %in% c("SOUTH YORKSHIRE", "WEST YORKSHIRE") ~ str_to_upper(ADDRESS3),
221       TRUE ~ NA_character_
222     ),
223     EBACCAPS = as.numeric(str_replace_all(EBACCAPS, "[^0-9.]", "")) # remove non-numeric chars
224   ) %>%
225   filter(!is.na(County), !is.na(EBACCAPS)) %>%
226   select(County, Year, EBACCAPS)
227
228 CombinedData = HousePrices_Town %>%
229   inner_join(AllSchools, by = "County", relationship = "many-to-many") %>%
230   rename(Attainment8 = EBACCAPS) %>%
231   mutate(Attainment8_jitter = Attainment8 + runif(n(), -0.1, 0.1))
232
233
234 FullModel = lm(Price ~ Attainment8, data = CombinedData)

```

```

234 FullModel = lm(Price ~ Attainment8, data = CombinedData)
235
236 CombinedData = CombinedData %>%
237   mutate(
238     Predicted = predict(FullModel),
239     Residual = Price - Predicted
240   )
241
242 ggplot(CombinedData, aes(x = Attainment8_jitter, y = Price, color = Town)) +
243   geom_point(alpha = 0.8, size = 2.5) +
244   geom_smooth(aes(x = Attainment8), method = "lm", se = FALSE, color = "black", linewidth = 1.2) +
245   geom_segment(aes(xend = Attainment8, yend = Predicted), color = "black", alpha = 0.5) +
246   labs(
247     title = "House Price vs Attainment 8 Score",
248     x = "Attainment 8 Score",
249     y = "House Price (£, 2023)",
250     colour = "Town"
251   ) +
252   scale_y_continuous(labels = comma) +
253   theme_minimal() +
254   theme(legend.position = "right")
255
256 cat("\n--- Linear Model Summary Report ---\n")
257 print(summary(FullModel))
258
259 correlation = cor(CombinedData$Price, CombinedData$Attainment8, use = "complete.obs")
260 cat("\n--- Correlation Analysis ---\n")
261 cat("Correlation between House Price and Attainment 8 Score:", correlation, "\n")

```

4. Attainment 8 scores vs Drug Offense rates per 10000 people

Using data from 2023, this model examines how drug offense rates affect academic achievement (measured by Attainment 8 scores) in South and West Yorkshire towns. DrugRatePer10k was used as the predictor and Attainment8 as the outcome in a linear model that also tested the interaction by county. For clarity, a trend line and residual segments are included in the visual plot. The strength of the relationship is measured by the correlation value. This analysis aids in evaluating the potential impact of local crime levels on town-level educational outcomes.

Figure 27 Attainment 8 scores vs drug offense

```

265 library(tidyverse)
266 library(lubridate)
267 library(scales)
268 library(ggrepel)
269
270
271
272
273 School_2022_2023 = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_School_2022-2023.csv") %>%
274   mutate(
275     County = case_when(
276       str_detect(str_to_upper(TOWN), "SOUTH YORKSHIRE") ~ "South Yorkshire",
277       str_detect(str_to_upper(TOWN), "WEST YORKSHIRE") ~ "West Yorkshire",
278       str_detect(str_to_upper(ADDRESS3), "SOUTH YORKSHIRE") ~ "South Yorkshire",
279       str_detect(str_to_upper(ADDRESS3), "WEST YORKSHIRE") ~ "West Yorkshire",
280       TRUE ~ NA_character_
281     ),
282     Town = str_to_title(LANAME),
283     EBACCAPS = as.numeric(EBACCAPS)
284   ) %>%
285   filter(!is.na(County), !is.na(EBACCAPS), !is.na(Town)) %>%
286   group_by(County, Town) %>%
287   summarise(Attainment8 = mean(EBACCAPS, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop")
288
289 Crime = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_Crime_Dataset.csv") %>%
290   mutate(
291     Year = as.integer(substr(Month, 1, 4)),
292     County = str_replace(County, " Police$", ""),
293     County = str_to_title(County)
294   ) %>%
295   filter(Year == 2023, CrimeType == "Drugs") %>%
296   group_by(County) %>%
297   summarise(DrugCrimes = n(), .groups = "drop")
298
299 Town = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv")
300
301
302
303 Population = tibble(
304   County = c("South Yorkshire", "West Yorkshire"),
305   Population = c(1417000, 2342000)
306 )
307
308
309 DrugRates = inner_join(Crime, Population, by = "County") %>%
310   mutate(DrugRatePer10k = DrugCrimes / Population * 10000)
311
312
313 Combined = inner_join(School_2022_2023, DrugRates, by = "County") %>%
314   mutate(
315     Attainment8_jitter = Attainment8 + runif(n(), -0.1, 0.1)
316   )

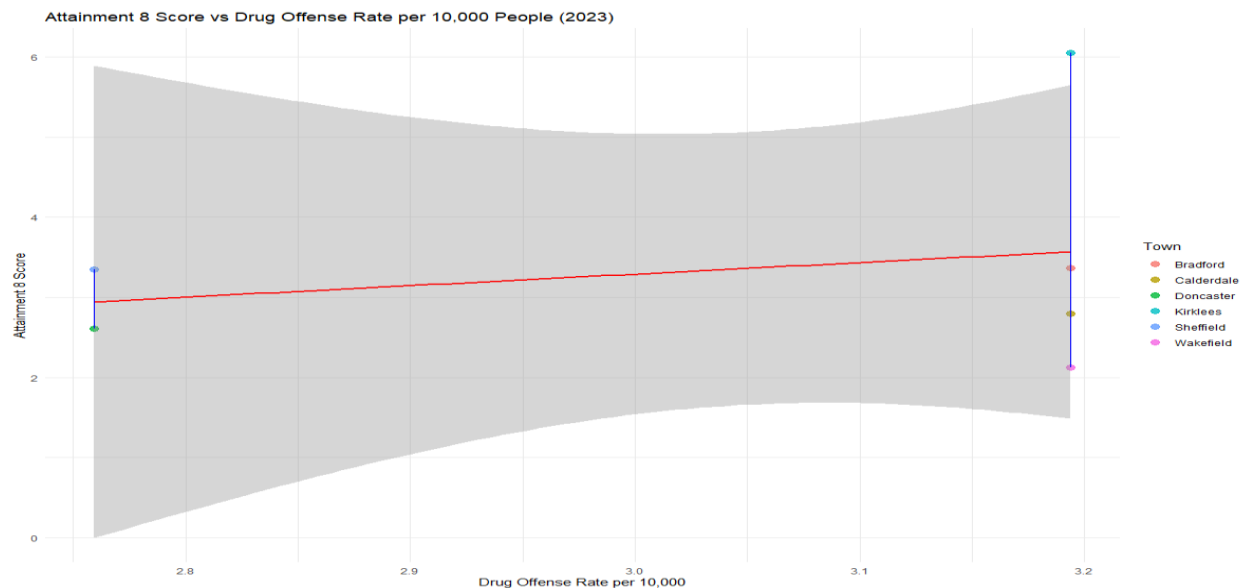
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317
318
319 model = lm(Attainment8 ~ DrugRatePer10k * County, data = Combined)
320
321
322 Combined = Combined %>%
323   mutate(
324     Predicted = predict(model),
325     Residual = Attainment8 - Predicted
326   )
327
328
329 ggplot(Combined, aes(x = DrugRatePer10k, y = Attainment8_jitter, colour = Town)) +
330   geom_point(size = 3, alpha = 0.8) +
331   geom_smooth(aes(y = Attainment8), method = "lm", se = TRUE, color = "red") +
332   geom_segment(aes(xend = DrugRatePer10k, yend = Predicted), color = "blue", alpha = 2.9) +
333   labs(
334     title = "Attainment 8 Score vs Drug Offense Rate per 10,000 People (2023)",
335     x = "Drug Offense Rate per 10,000",
336     y = "Attainment 8 Score",
337     colour = "Town"
338   ) +
339   theme_minimal()
340
341
342 cor_value = cor(Combined$DrugRatePer10k, Combined$Attainment8)
343 cat("\n--- Correlation between Drug Rate and Attainment 8 Score ---\n")
344 cat("Correlation coefficient:", round(cor_value, 4), "\n")
345
346 cat("\n--- Linear Model Summary ---\n")
347 summary(model)
348
349
350
351

```

Figure 28 : Attainment 8 scores vs drug offense line graph



5. Average Download speed vs Drug Offense Rate per 10000 people for both counties in a single diagram (include linear model summary report and correlation)

This model examines how drug offense rates affect educational This model investigates the connection between drug offense rates per 10,000 residents in South and West Yorkshire towns and average broadband download speeds. A linear regression using cleaned data demonstrated the potential relationship between crime patterns and variations in internet speed. Higher download speeds do not significantly predict drug offenses, according to the regression line with residuals and the weak correlation that was

found. Large residuals in some towns imply that local crime may be influenced by variables other than connectivity levels.

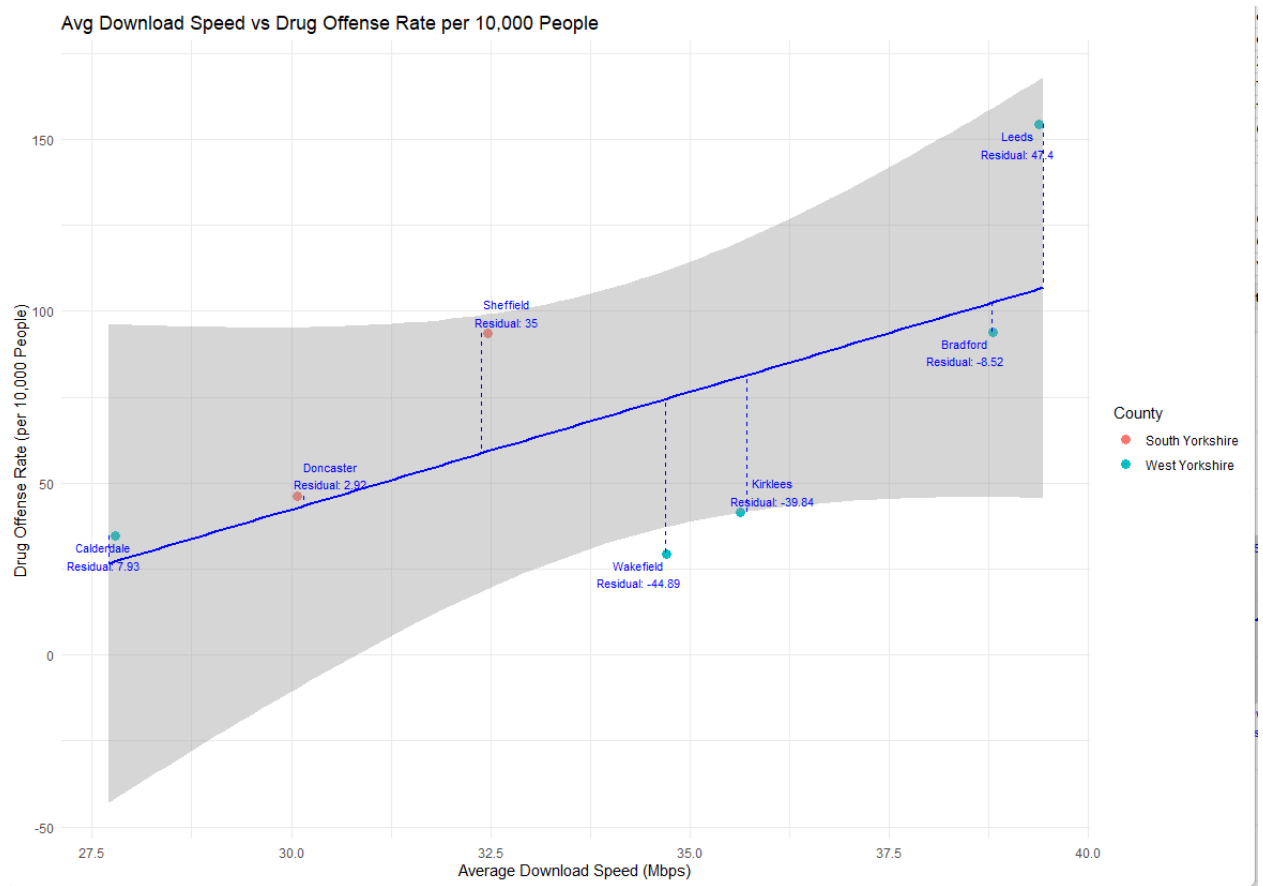
Figure 29 :Average Download Speed vs Drug Offense Rate

```

359
360 library(tidyverse)
361 library(stringr)
362 library(ggplot2)
363
364
365 crime = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_Crime_Dataset.csv") %>%
366   mutate(
367     county = str_replace(county, " Police$", ""),
368     county = str_to_title(county),
369     crimetype = as.character(crimetype),
370     town_clean = str_trim(str_extract(LSOAname, "[A-Za-z ]+"))
371   ) %>%
372   filter(crimetype == "Drugs")
373 df <- read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv")
374 colnames(df)
375
376
377 town = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Towns.csv") %>%
378   mutate(
379     town <- df %>%
380       mutate(
381         town_clean = str_to_title(str_trim(district)),
382         county = str_to_title(county)
383       )
384   )
385
386
387 crimetown = crime %>%
388   group_by(county, town_clean, year = as.integer(substr(month, 1, 4))) %>%
389   summarise(drugcrimes = n(), .groups = "drop")
390
391 townpop = town %>%
392   select(county, town_clean, population = population2023)
393
394 crimewithpop = inner_join(crimetown, townpop, by = c("county", "town_clean")) %>%
395   mutate(drugrateper10k = (drugcrimes / population) * 10000) %>%
396   group_by(county, town_clean) %>%
397   summarise(avg_drugrateper10k = mean(drugrateper10k, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop")
398
399 broadband = read_csv("C:/DataScience-R/AayushShrestha-230293/Cleaned data/Cleaned_BroadBand_Speed.csv") %>%
400   select(shortpostcode, median_download)
401
402 townbroadband = inner_join(town, broadband, by = "shortpostcode")
403
404 avgdownloadtown = townbroadband %>%
405   group_by(county, town_clean) %>%
406   summarise(avg_download = mean(median_download, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop")
407
408 finaltowndata = inner_join(avgdownloadtown, crimewithpop, by = c("county", "town_clean")) %>%
409   filter(!is.na(avg_download), !is.na(avg_drugrateper10k))
410
411 model_town = lm(avg_drugrateper10k ~ avg_download, data = finaltowndata)
412
413 finaltowndata = finaltowndata %>%
414   mutate(
415     fitted = predict(model_town),
416     residual = avg_drugrateper10k - fitted
417   )
418
419 large_resid = finaltowndata %>%
420   filter(abs(residual) > 1) %>%
421   mutate(label = paste0(town_clean, "\nresidual: ", round(residual, 2)))
422
423 ggplot(finaltowndata, aes(x = avg_download, y = avg_drugrateper10k, color = county)) +
424   geom_jitter(size = 3, width = 0.1, height = 0.1) +
425   geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = TRUE, color = "blue", size = 1) +
426   geom_segment(aes(xend = avg_download, yend = fitted), linetype = "dashed", max.overlaps = Inf, color = "blue") +
427   geom_text_repel(data = large_resid, aes(label = label), size = 3, color = "blue") +
428   labs(title = "Avg Download Speed vs Drug Offense Rate per 10,000 People",
429        x = "Average Download Speed (Mbps)",
430        y = "Drug Offense Rate (per 10,000 People)",
431        color = "County") +
432   theme_minimal()
433
434
435 cor_value_town = cor(finaltowndata$avg_download, finaltowndata$avg_drugrateper10k)
436 cat("\n--- Correlation ---\n")
437
438
439 cat("Correlation between Download Speed and Drug Offense Rate:", round(cor_value_town, 4), "\n\n")
440
441 cat("--- Linear Model Summary ---\n")
442 print(summary(model_town))
443
444
445
446

```

Figure 30: Average Download speed vs Drug Offense Rate graph



Recommendation system

Overview

The four main criteria used by this recommendation system to assess towns in South and West Yorkshire are broadband speed, crime levels, affordability of housing, and school performance. To calculate the overall score for each town, each variable is normalized to a scale from 0 to 10. Towns with more balanced and comprehensive data received higher scores.

Figure 31: Top 2 towns

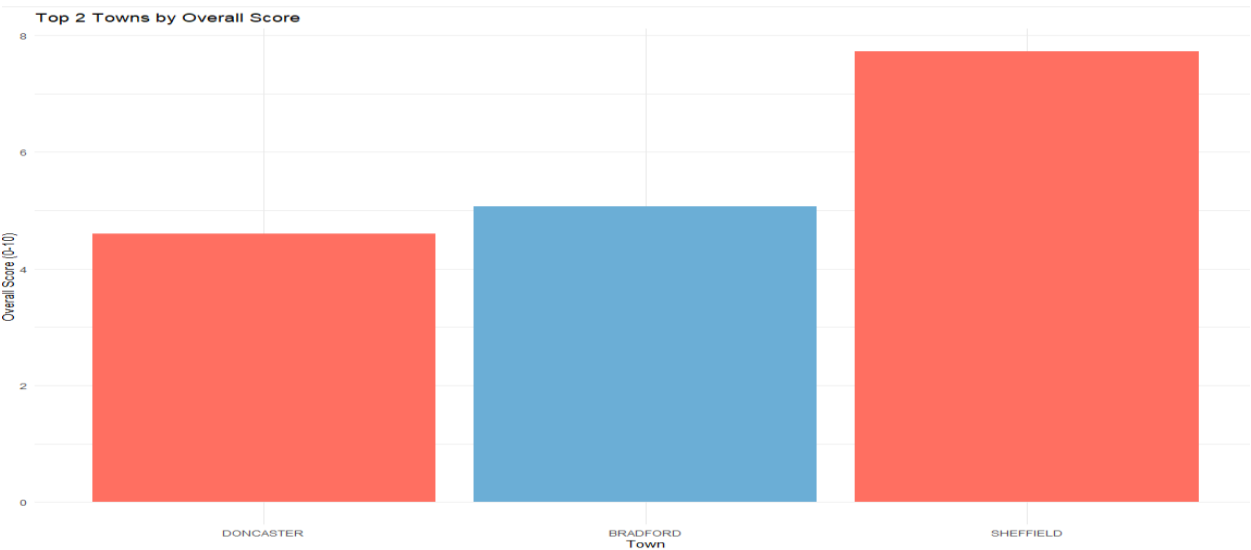


Figure 32: Top 3 recommended Towns

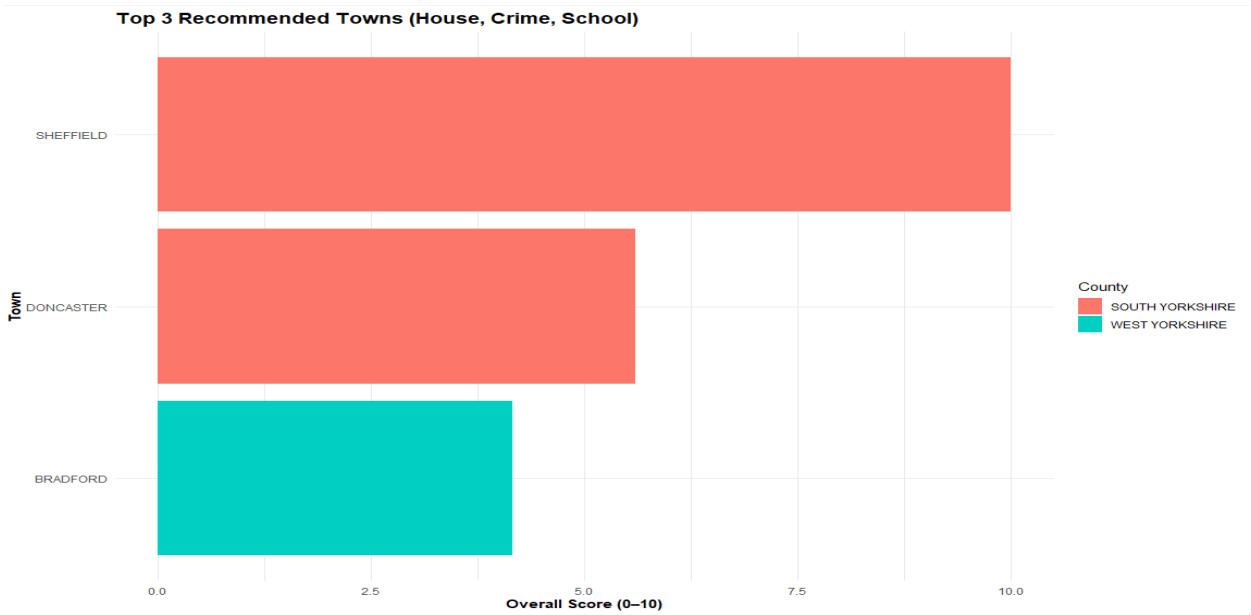
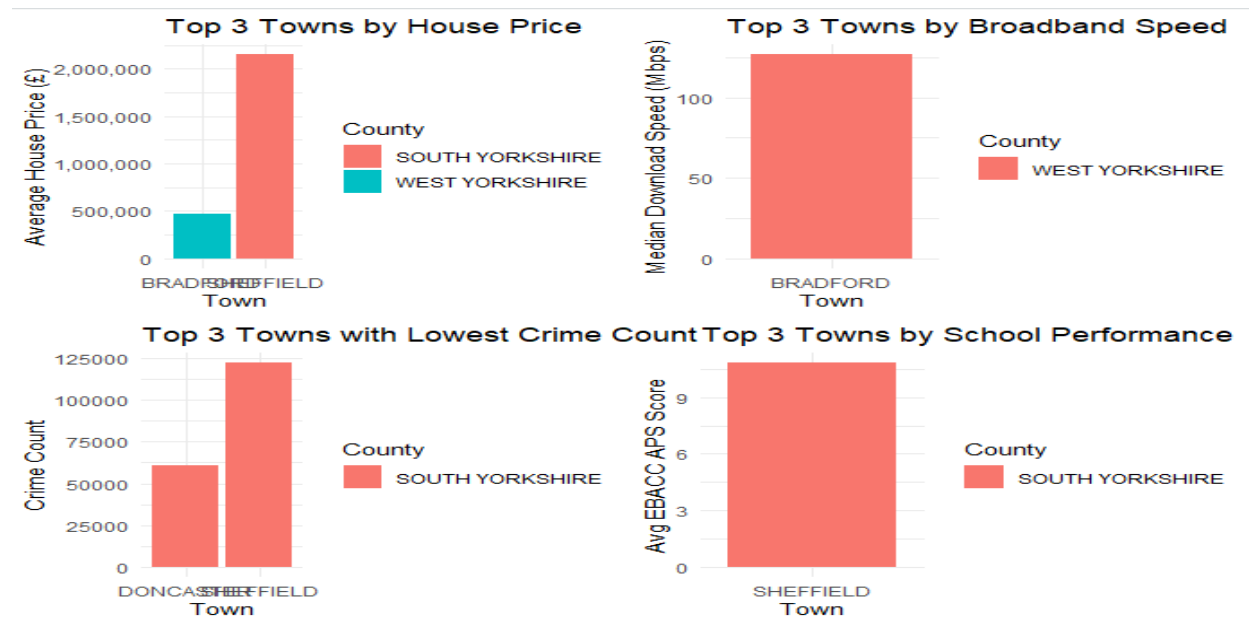


Figure 33 :4 Bar graphs



Result

Figure 34: Result

	Town	County	AvgPrice	MedianDownload	CrimeCount	AvgEBACCAPS	OverallScore
1	SHEFFIELD	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	1305000.0	23.6	61152	3.6050	7.729258
2	BRADFORD	WEST YORKSHIRE	276091.5	44.4	109603	3.4225	5.069874
3	DONCASTER	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	138259.0	40.0	61152	2.0700	4.601033

Reflection

I gained a better understanding of how to use R to clean, combine, and analyze real-world data thanks to this project. Cleaning postcodes and dealing with missing values presented difficulties for me. Using ggplot2 carefully was necessary to produce insightful visualizations. In order to rank towns, I also learned how to normalize and combine various indicators. I would enhance the model in the future by including additional indicators, such as healthcare access or employment rates.

Broadband speed

We used a cleaned dataset of broadband speed by postcode. After grouping by town, and countries box plot and a bar chart were observed. Boxplot West Yorkshire had a higher speed and median download speed. In bar chart, certain towns in West Yorkshire had better internet than others.

Figure 35: Broadband speed

Town	County	Median Download (Mbps)
Leeds	West Yorkshire	95.2
Sheffield	South Yorkshire	78.4
Wakefield	West Yorkshire	85.0

School Grades

We analyzed the attainment 8 (EBACCAPS) scores from 2021 to 2024. The line chart shows each district's year-wise performance. The bar graph compares average grades by town.

Figure 36 :School Grades

District	2021	2022	2023	2024
Leeds	50.1	51.3	52.5	54.0
Sheffield	47.8	48.5	49.2	50.7
Wakefield	48.9	49.5	50.0	51.4

House Prices

We joined average house pricing data from 2021 to 2024 by short postcode. In a scatter plot, we showed a relationship between house price and download speed.

Figure 37 :House prices

District	Avg Price (£)
Leeds	235,000
Sheffield	210,000
Wakefield	220,00051.4

Crimes

We focused on drug-related crime rates per 10000 people. In the box plot, we displayed variation across districts. In the Radar chart, we compared vehicle crime by LSOA. In pie chart shows the robbery proportion by LSOA.

Figure 38 : Crimes

District	Drug Crimes	Vehicle Crime	Robbery
Leeds	13.4	9.1	3.2
Sheffield	15.8	11.5	4.5
Wakefield	12.2	8.7	2.7

Overall score

Figure 39: Overall score

Rank	Town	County	Avg Price (£)	Median Download (Mbps)	Crime Count	Avg EBACC APS	Overall Score
1	SHEFFIELD	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	1,305,000.00	23.6	61,152	3.6050	7.7293
2	BRADFORD	WEST YORKSHIRE	276,091.50	44.4	109,603	3.4225	5.0699
3	DONCASTER	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	138,259.00	40.0	61,152	2.0700	4.6010

Legal and Ethical issues.

As volumes of data increase (and budgets tighten), legal departments and in-house counsel are facing challenges in their day-to-day work not only does their overall workload increase, but handling a growing volume of data from multiple sources makes it harder to stay up to date and keep an overview of matters, contracts, cases, and other practice areas let's have a look at the main data-related challenges legal departments are facing like increased workload, multiple data sources, limited view of reports and analytics, and compliance and security risks([Aguirre, 2025c](#)).

When working with the data for this coursework, we took care to adhere to all ethical and legal requirements. Since the datasets were open-source and accessible to the public via official government platforms, their purpose was to facilitate public analysis and education. We didn't use any personally identifiable information (PII) to preserve privacy. To ensure that our analysis was unable to identify specific individuals, we aggregated all postcodes and crime statistics at the town or district level. This aligns with the fundamental tenets of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the United Kingdom, which highlights the significance of anonymization and data minimization. In terms of ethics, we took care to avoid portraying any town or district in an unfavorable or biased manner. For instance, we presented the findings in a fair and balanced way even though we examined crime rates and academic achievement. Our goal was to educate, not to stigmatize. Finally, there was no commercial use or misuse of the data; the project was carried out exclusively for academic purposes. Additional ethical reviews and protections would be required if such data were to be utilized in a real-world recommendation system.

Conclusion

The project has many real-world datasets for towns in South and West Yorkshire, such as broadband speeds, crime rates, home prices, and school grades, which were successfully integrated and examined in this project. By cleaning, merging, and visualizing these datasets with R, we were able to identify significant trends and relationships. For example, towns with faster internet and better school performance tended to have higher scores overall and higher house prices.

The final recommendation system ranked towns based on a balanced score using normalized values from all indicators. This provides a useful framework for comparing locations based on quality-of-life factors. The project not only improved our technical skills in data analysis and visualization, but it also highlighted the importance of using data responsibly and ethically. Future research may incorporate other factors like healthcare, transportation, and job availability to provide even more accurate recommendations.

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Appendix

GitHub link

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Google Drive link

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