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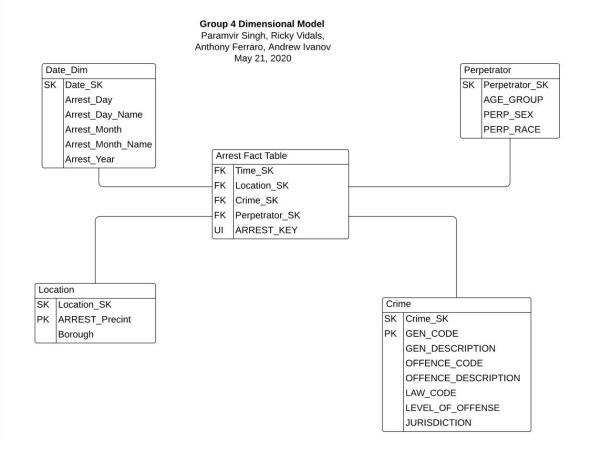
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**NYPD** Arrests

## Introduction

The source data we are using for our data warehouse is the New York City the NYPD Arrest Dataset. There are over 215,000 entries in the NYPD Arrest data. The data will be used to NYPD headquarters to understand crime in New York City. The NYPD will be able to use the data warehouse to identify areas where more policing is needed and where certain types of crimes are happening more often.

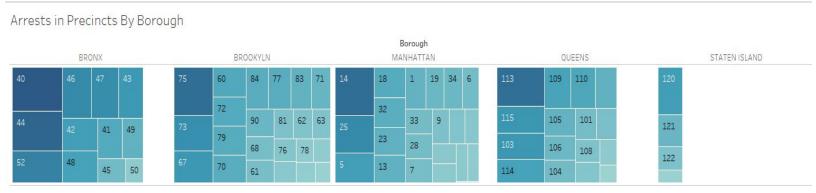


A description and screen pictures of the ETL processes.



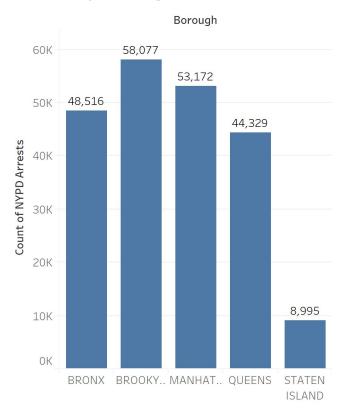


Screen shots and descriptions of the analytics (at least 3) on the dashboard application developed based on the data warehouse data.

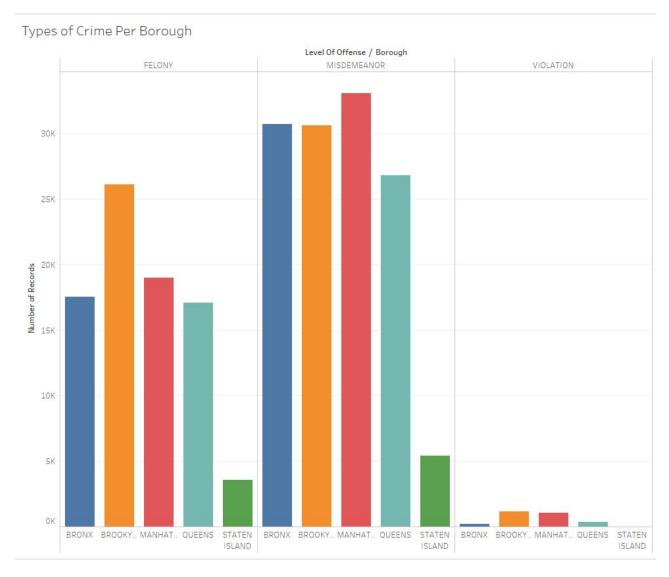


This heat map identifies the precincts with the highest arrests per borough and compared arrests to all precincts in the city.

## Arrests by Borough



This bar chart gives you a total count of arrests by borough.



This is a graph of crime per borough. Brooklyn has almost 8,000 more felony arrests than the second highest borough Manhattan.

## Conclusion

a) the group's experience with the project (which steps were the most difficult? Which were the easiest? what did you learn that you did not imagine you would have? if you had to do it all over again, what would you have done differently?)

The most difficult part of the project was figuring out how our source data was going to be transformed into dimensions. We had to rework the star schema a couple of times because of the time dimension. First, the original schema included two fact tables. However, the fact tables were of different granularity so that made it not possible to use two different data sources. One of the datasets was property values that were evaluated annually and the other was arrest data that was recorded daily. A solution we thought might fix this is making everything yearly. We did not get a chance to explore this because of time restraints so we ended up using only one dataset. As a result, we learned that the planning stage needs to be revisited multiple times. The easiest part of the project was getting everyone on board to help out in some way. Each of us has a different skill that benefits our project. If we had a second chance we would spend more time learning the advanced tools provided in Pentaho.

b) if the proposed benefits can be realized by the new system.

NYC would be safer because not only would the system track crime but also identify areas where policing can make a difference. There are ethical issues in using such a powerful tool and that should be addressed by the local government. Despite this drawback, we think a tool like this can prevent future crime in areas where cooperation is difficult. The data warehouse can also be used by the NYPD to identify areas in the city where additional police presence is needed to lower the amount of crimes occurring.

## c) any final comments and conclusions

In our final remarks, we wish to mention that this project was extremely hard to complete. We spent a lot of time focusing on combining our NYPD data with the real estate dataset that we had. After emailing with the professor last week, we decided to drop the real estate dataset and focus only on creating a data warehouse for the NYPD data. Nevertheless, we came together at a time when we are very much physically far apart. We overcame our challenges as a team and this taught us lessons that hopefully will carry over into our future careers.