

Leveraging Power BI to Explore Restaurant Data and Consumer Feedback

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WHAT IS BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE?

- Business Intelligence, or BI, refers to the collection of technologies, tools, and processes that help organizations analyze and make sense of their data.
- BI helps organizations make data-driven decisions by providing insights into business operations and performance.
- The goal of BI is to transform raw data into valuable information that can be used for analysis and decision-making.
- BI is used in a variety of industries, including finance, healthcare, retail, and manufacturing, to name a few.
- BI tools and techniques include data warehousing, data mining, reporting and analysis, and business performance management.
- Benefits of BI include improved decision-making, increased efficiency, and a competitive advantage in the market.



Dataset Overview

- This dataset was downloaded from Kaggle, a popular platform for data science competitions and datasets. “Restaurant Data with Consumer Ratings” dataset is a collection of information related to restaurants, including their names, locations, types of cuisine served, price range, and customer ratings. The dataset also includes demographic information about the customers who provided the ratings, such as their occupation, marital status, height, and weight. The ratings themselves range from 0 to 2 stars, with 0 being the lowest rating and 2 being the highest.
- This dataset can be used to analyze customer preferences and behavior in the restaurant industry, such as which types of cuisine are most popular, which restaurants have the highest customer satisfaction ratings, and which factors are most important in influencing customer ratings, such as wait time, food quality, and service quality. The dataset can also be used to identify areas for improvement for restaurants, as well as to provide recommendations for restaurant owners and managers to improve their performance and customer satisfaction.



OBJECTIVE

The objective of this analysis is to gain insights into customer preferences and behavior in the restaurant industry, as well as identify areas for improvement for restaurants based on consumer feedback.



REQUIREMENTS

- 1) What is the overall rating distribution of restaurants in the dataset?
- 2) What is the average rating for restaurants in each city represented in the dataset?
- 3) What is the general opinion of the service among social drinkers?
- 4) Which is the most popular cuisine among students?
- 5) Which is the most common type of cuisine served by the restaurants?
- 6) What is the average rating given by customers of different religious groups, and are there any notable differences in satisfaction levels between these groups?



- 7) How does the availability of different modes of payment (e.g., cash, credit, mobile payments) impact a restaurant's overall rating or consumer satisfaction?
- 8) Are there differences in the amount of money spent by smokers vs. non-smokers at restaurants?
- 9) Do customers tend to give higher ratings to restaurants that offer lower-priced food?
- 10) What is the age distribution of customers who visit restaurants?
- 11) Are customers more likely to visit restaurants with a certain type of ambience?



REQUIREMENT 1: What is the overall rating distribution of restaurants in the dataset?

- Using the DAX code below, a new column named "Overall Rating" was added to the "Final Rating" table,

Overall Rating = ('Final Rating'[rating] + 'Final Rating'[food_rating] + 'Final Rating'[service_rating]) / 3

- Included an additional column called "Remark on Overall Rating" where the overall ratings of 0 are marked as "Outstanding," 1 as "Satisfactory," and 3 as "Poor." using the following DAX function,

Remark on Overall Rating = IF('Final Rating'[Overall Rating] = 2, "Outstanding", IF('Final Rating'[Overall Rating] = 1, "Satisfactory", IF('Final Rating'[Overall Rating] = 0, "Poor")))



MID-SEM_PROJECT_RESTAURANT ANALYTICS - Power BI Desktop

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Name: Overall Rating Format: General Summarization: Sum Data category: Uncategorized Sort by column: Sort Data groups: Groups Manage relationships: Relationships New column: Calculations

Structure Formatting Properties

Overall Rating = ('Final Rating'[rating] + 'Final Rating'[food_rating] + 'Final Rating'[service_rating]) / 3

userID	placeID	rating	food_rating	service_rating	Overall Rating	Name	Remark on Rating	Religion	Drink Level
U1077	135085	2	2	2	2	Tortas Locas Hipocampo	Highest	Catholic	social drink
U1077	132825	2	2	2	2	puesto de tacos	Highest	Catholic	social drink
U1067	132584	2	2	2	2	Gorditas Dona Tota	Highest	Christian	abstemious
U1103	132613	2	2	2	2	carnitas_mata	Highest	Jewish	abstemious
U1103	132733	2	2	2	2	Little Cesarz	Highest	Jewish	abstemious
U1107	132584	2	2	2	2	Gorditas Dona Tota	Highest	Catholic	abstemious
U1107	132733	2	2	2	2	Little Cesarz	Highest	Catholic	abstemious
U1044	135088	2	2	2	2	Cafeteria cenedet	Highest	Catholic	social drink
U1060	132564	2	2	2	2	churchs	Highest	Catholic	casual drink
U1060	132717	2	2	2	2	tortas hawai	Highest	Catholic	casual drink
U1123	135104	2	2	2	2	Vips	Highest	Catholic	abstemious
U1026	132626	2	2	2	2	la perica hamburguesa	Highest	Catholic	abstemious
U1021	132668	2	2	2	2	TACOS EL GUERO	Highest	Catholic	social drink
U1022	135934	2	2	2	2	Midlife Restaurant	Highest	Catholic	social drink

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User Cuisine
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User Profile

➤ 490 restaurants obtained "Satisfactory" reviews, 435 received "Outstanding" ratings, and 236 received "Poor" ratings, according to the Stacked Column Chart.



REQUIREMENT 2: What is the average rating for restaurants in each city represented in the dataset?

- The highest average rating is received by the city “San Luis Potos”.



REQUIREMENT 3: What is the general opinion of the service among social drinkers?

- Created a new measure in Final Rating table using the following DAX function,

Service Rating for Social Drinkers =

```
CALCULATE(  
    AVERAGE('Final Rating'[service_rating]),  
    'User Profile'[drink_level] = "Social Drinker")
```

- From this, we discovered that the average service rating given by social drinkers is 1.



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Service Rating for Social Drinkers

REQUIREMENT 4: Which is the most popular cuisine among students?

➤ Firstly, I added a new column “Activity” from the “User Profile” table in the “User Cuisine” table using the following DAX function,

Activity = RELATED('User Profile'[activity])



A screenshot of a Microsoft Power BI Data view. The main area shows a table with three columns: userID, Rcuisine, and Activity. The Activity column contains the value "student" for all rows. The table has 14 rows, each with a userID starting from U1135. The Rcuisine column lists various cuisines: Organic-Healthy, Steaks, Middle_Eastern, Mediterranean, British, Austrian, Israeli, Doughnuts, Pizzeria, Seafood, Fast_Food, Moroccan, and Hot_Dogs. The right side of the screen shows the Power BI Fields pane, which lists several fields under the User Cuisine table, including Activity (which is highlighted), Rcuisine, userID, and others like Rambience, smoking_area, state, the_geom_meter, url, and zip.

userID	Rcuisine	Activity
U1135	Organic-Healthy	student
U1135	Steaks	student
U1135	Middle_Eastern	student
U1135	Mediterranean	student
U1135	British	student
U1135	Austrian	student
U1135	Israeli	student
U1135	Doughnuts	student
U1135	Pizzeria	student
U1135	Seafood	student
U1135	Fast_Food	student
U1135	Moroccan	student
U1135	Hot_Dogs	student

X ✓ 1 Activity = RELATED('User Profile'[activity]) Data

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User Cuisine

Activity

Rcuisine

userID

User Payment

- Created a new measure by using the following DAX function,

```
Students Choice = CALCULATE (
    MAXX (
        TOPN (
            1,
            SUMMARIZE (
                FILTER ( 'User Cuisine', 'User Cuisine'[Activity] = "Student" ),
                'User Cuisine'[Rcuisine],
                "Total", COUNTROWS ('User Cuisine')
            ),
            [Total], DESC
        ),
        [Rcuisine]
    )
)
```

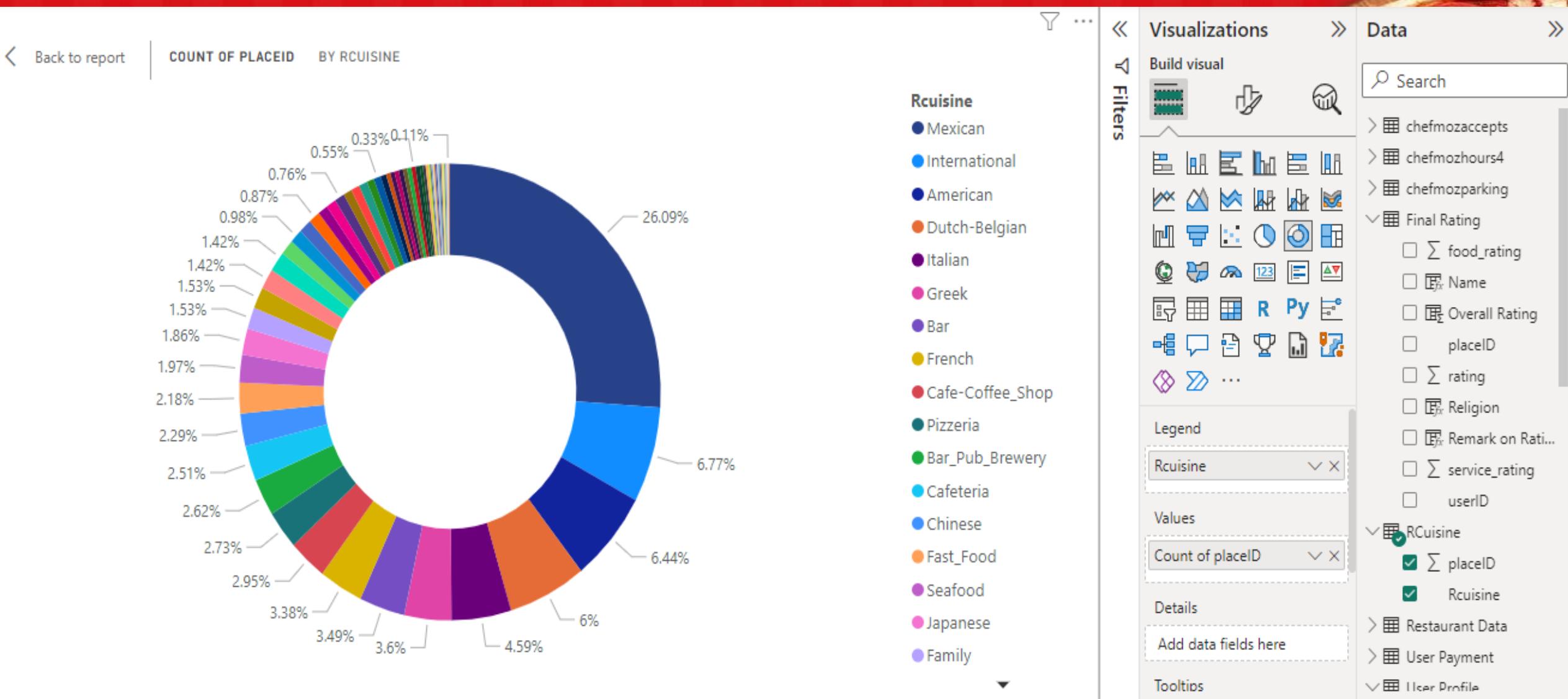
- From this, we discovered that Mexican cuisine is the most popular among students.



Mexican
Students Choice

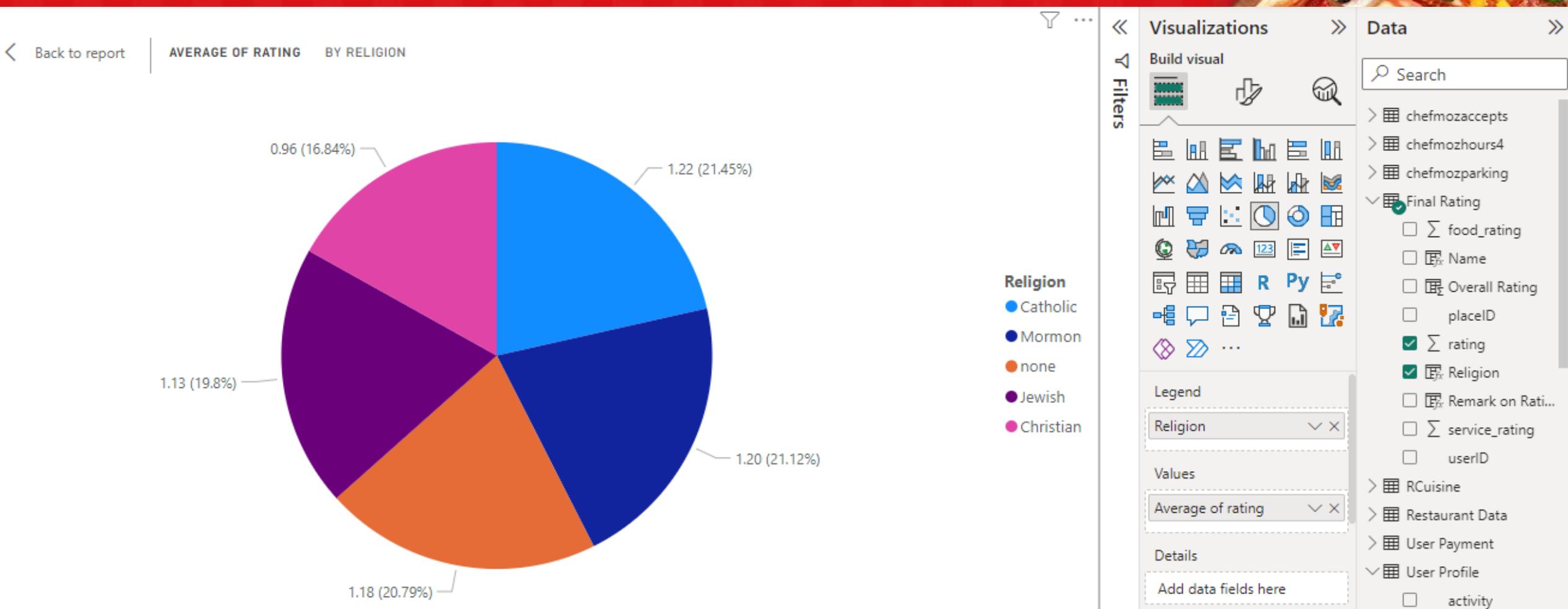
REQUIREMENT 5: Which is the most common type of cuisine served by the restaurants?

- We can infer from the donut chart that Mexican food is the restaurant's most popular cuisine. Mexican food is offered in about 26% of restaurants in Mexico's various cities.



REQUIREMENT 6: What is the average rating given by customers of different religious groups, and are there any notable differences in satisfaction levels between these groups?

➤ The pie chart below allows us to quickly see the average rating provided by customers from various religious groups. We can observe that there are no significant variations in the ratings across different religious groups, such as Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, and Christian, and also those people who don't belong to any group. In other words, they all have an average rating of 1.



REQUIREMENT 7: How does the availability of different modes of payment (e.g., cash, credit, mobile payments) impact a restaurant's overall rating or consumer satisfaction?

- Create a new measure that calculates the average rating for each mode of payment. Use the following DAX function,

Average Rating by Payment Method = AVERAGE('Final Rating'[rating])

- So the customers have given the same rating for all different types of payment modes, it can be inferred that the restaurant has done a good job of providing a consistent and reliable payment experience across different modes, thereby reducing the impact of payment options on the overall rating.



REQUIREMENT 8: Are there differences in the amount of money spent by smokers vs. non-smokers at restaurants?

- Created a new measure using the following DAX function which extracts all the customers who actually do smoke,

Smoker Count = CALCULATE(COUNT('User Profile'[smoker]), 'User Profile'[smoker] = "true")

The screenshot shows the Power BI Desktop interface with the title bar "MID-SEM_PROJECT_RESTAURANT ANALYTICS - Power BI Desktop". The ribbon menu is open with "Measure tools" selected. In the "Measure tools" tab, a new measure named "Smoker Count" is being defined using the DAX formula: `Smoker Count = CALCULATE(COUNT('User Profile'[smoker]), 'User Profile'[smoker] = "true")`. The "Formatting" section shows the measure is set to a whole number format. The "Properties" section shows the measure is categorized under "Uncategorized". The "Calculations" section includes "New measure" and "Quick measure" buttons.

The main area displays a table of data with columns: userID, latitude, longitude, smoker, drink_level, dress_preference, ambience, transport, marital_status, hijos, birth_year, interest, personality. A calculated column "Smoker Count" is added to the table, showing values ranging from 0 to 1. The data rows represent various user profiles with their respective details.

On the right side, a data pane is open, listing various dimensions and measures with their data types:

- ambience: categorical
- birth_year: numerical
- budget: numerical
- color: categorical
- dress_preference: categorical
- drink_level: categorical
- height: numerical
- hijos: numerical
- interest: categorical
- latitude: numerical
- longitude: numerical
- marital_status: categorical
- personality: categorical
- religion: categorical
- smoker: categorical
- Smoker Count: numerical

- Created a new measure using the following DAX function which extracts all the customers who don't smoke,

Non-Smoker Count = CALCULATE(COUNT('User Profile'[smoker]), 'User Profile'[smoker] = "false")

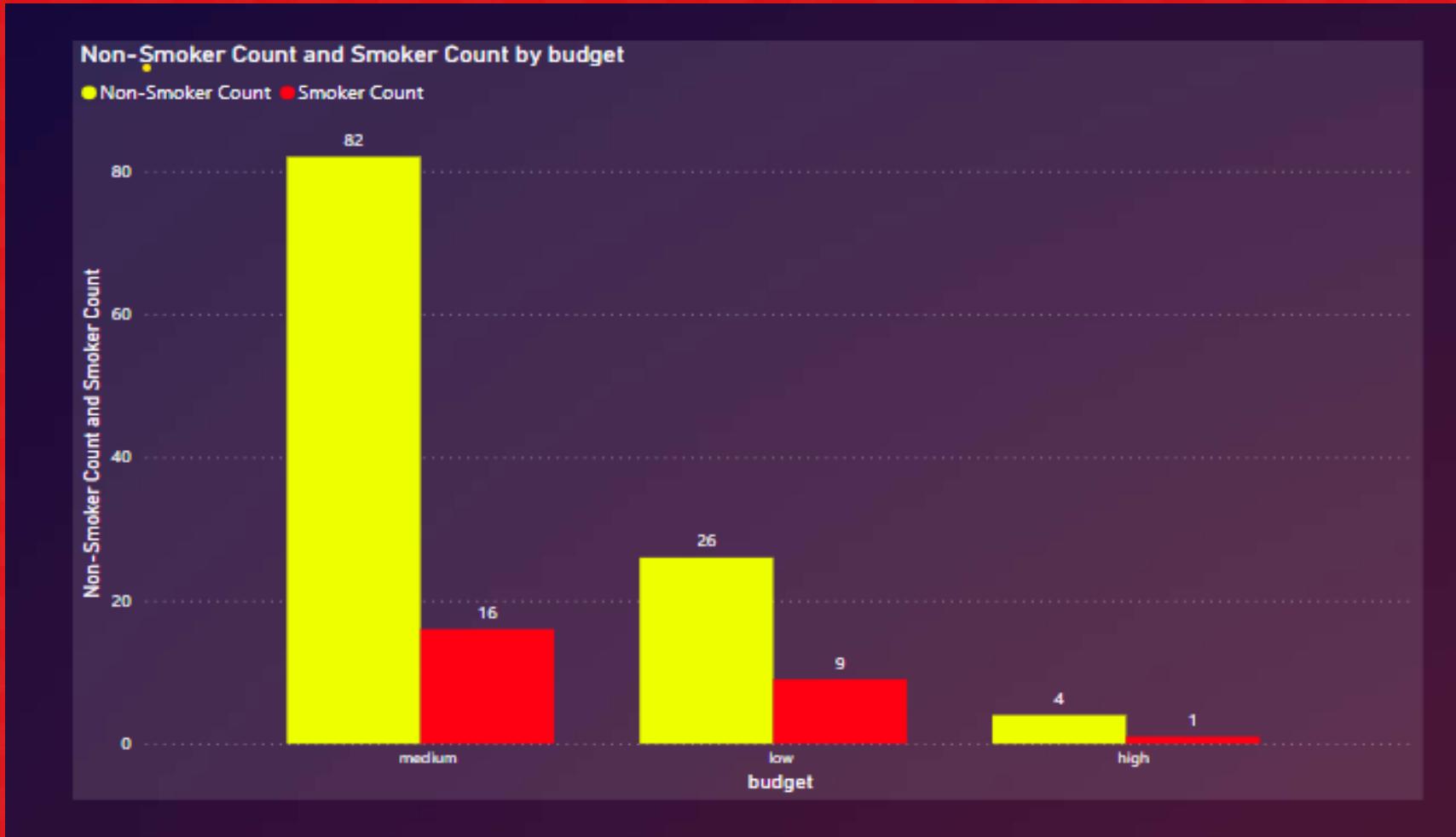
The screenshot shows the Power BI Data Editor interface. The top navigation bar includes File, Home, Help, Table tools, and Measure tools. The Measure tools tab is selected, displaying a 'Name' field containing 'Non-Smoker Count', a 'Format' dropdown set to 'Whole number', a 'Data category' dropdown set to 'Uncategorized', and two buttons: 'New measure' and 'Quick measure'.

The main area displays a table of user profile data. The columns are: userID, latitude, longitude, smoker, drink_level, dress_preference, ambience, transport, marital_status, hijos, birth_year, interest, and personality. A calculated column 'Non-Smoker Count' is shown in the first column, populated with the formula: `1 Non-Smoker Count = CALCULATE(COUNT('User Profile'[smoker]), 'User Profile'[smoker] = "false")`.

To the right of the table, a search bar is present, followed by a list of available columns: birth_year, budget, color, dress_preference, drink_level, height, hijos, interest, latitude, longitude, marital_status, Non-Smoker Count, personality, religion, smoker, Smoker Count, transport, and userID.

userID	latitude	longitude	smoker	drink_level	dress_preference	ambience	transport	marital_status	hijos	birth_year	interest	personality
U1002	22.150087	-100.983325	false	abstentious	informal	family	public	single	independent	1990	technology	hunter-os
U1003	22.119847	-100.946527	false	social drinker	formal	family	public	single	independent	1989	none	hard-work
U1005	22.183477	-100.959891	false	abstentious	no preference	family	public	single	independent	1992	none	thrifty-pro
U1007	22.118464	-100.938256	false	casual drinker	informal	solitary	public	single	independent	1989	variety	thrifty-pro
U1008	22.122989	-100.923811	false	social drinker	formal	solitary	public	single	independent	1989	technology	hard-worl
U1011	23.724972	-99.152856	false	abstentious	no preference	family	public	single	independent	1989	variety	hard-worl
U1012	18.813348	-99.243697	false	casual drinker	formal	family	public	single	independent	1988	technology	hard-worl
U1014	23.751607	-99.170108	false	abstentious	?	friends	public	single	independent	1990	none	hard-worl
U1015	22.12676	-100.905209	true	social drinker	informal	family	public	single	independent	1989	technology	thrifty-pro
U1016	22.156247	-100.977402	false	casual drinker	informal	friends	on foot	single	independent	1991	eco-friendly	thrifty-pro
U1019	22.153385	-100.975294	false	casual drinker	no preference	family	public	single	independent	1989	variety	thrifty-pro
U1022	22.146708	-100.964355	false	casual drinker	formal	family	car owner	single	independent	1990	variety	hard-worl
U1023	23.752943	-99.166589	false	casual drinker	informal	friends	car owner	single	independent	1988	none	hard-worl
U1026	23.733	-99.133	false	abstentious	formal	family	public	single	independent	1989	technology	hunter-os
U1027	22.16515	-100.987015	true	social drinker	no preference	?	public	single	independent	1989	retro	thrifty-pro
U1029	22.151796	-100.989075	true	casual drinker	formal	family	public	single	independent	1990	variety	conformis
U1030	18.844818	-99.182758	false	casual drinker	formal	family	on foot	single	independent	1991	eco-friendly	hard-worl
U1032	22.169184	-100.986843	false	abstentious	formal	family	public	single	independent	1989	variety	hard-worl
U1034	22.137178	-101.013169	false	casual drinker	informal	family	public	single	independent	1990	technology	thrifty-pro
U1036	22.160572	-100.989418	false	social drinker	informal	family	public	single	independent	1991	none	hard-worl
U1037	22.15031	-100.900536	false	social drinker	no preference	family	public	single	independent	1990	variety	thrifty-pro

- From the data, we can infer that the majority of the customers are non-smokers with a medium budget. Non-smokers with medium budget constitute 59.4% of the total customers. On the other hand, customers who are smokers have a lower presence, with only 9.4% of the total customers being smokers. Out of the smokers, customers with a medium budget are the most frequent.



REQUIREMENT 9: Do customers tend to give higher ratings to restaurants that offer lower-priced food?

- The conclusion that can be made is that customers are rating restaurants equally in all three price categories, i.e., high, medium, and low. This indicates that price may not be the only crucial factor in determining a customer's rating of a restaurant. Other aspects, such as food quality, service, ambiance, location, and individual preferences, may also affect the customer's perception of the restaurant and their overall satisfaction.



REQUIREMENT 10: What is the age distribution of customers who visit restaurants?

- First we will calculate the exact age of the customer using “birth_year” column by creating a new column using the following DAX function,

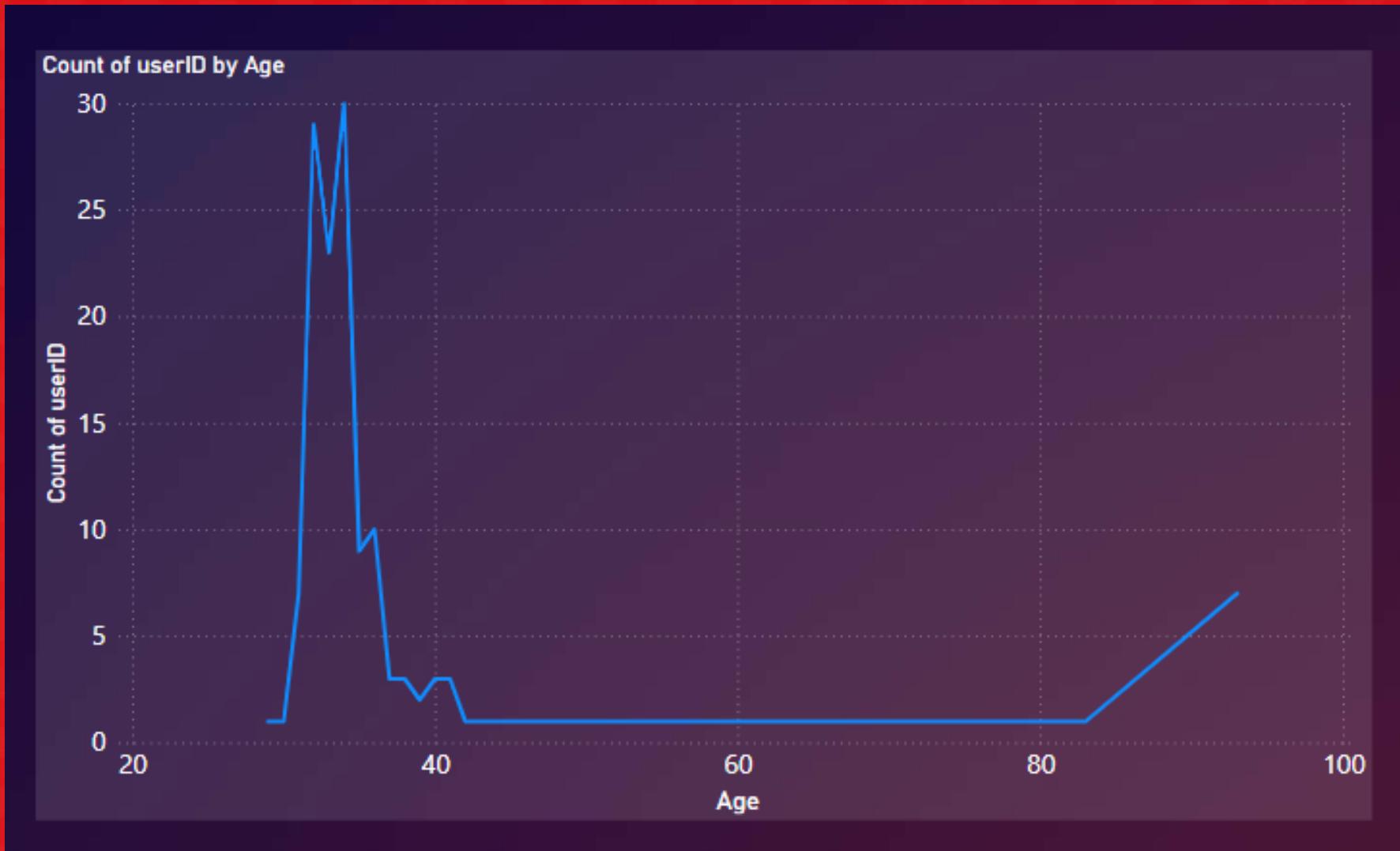
Age = YEAR(TODAY()) - 'User Profile'[birth_year]

The screenshot shows the Power BI Desktop interface with the following details:

- Top Bar:** MID-SEM_PROJECT_RESTAURANT ANALYTICS - Power BI Desktop, Search bar, Sign in button.
- Menu Bar:** File, Home, Help, Table tools (selected), Column tools.
- Column Tools Panel:** Shows a table for the "Age" column with the formula `Age = YEAR(TODAY()) - 'User Profile'[birth_year]`.
- Data View:** A table with columns: ambience, transport, marital_status, hijos, birth_year, interest, personality, religion, activity, color, weight, budget, height, Age. The "Age" column is highlighted in green.
- Data Model View:** Shows the data source structure with nodes like User Cuisine, Activity, Marital Status, Rcuisine, Students Choice, userID, User Payment, Upayment, userID, User Profile, activity, and Age.

ambience	transport	marital_status	hijos	birth_year	interest	personality	religion	activity	color	weight	budget	height	Age
family	public	single	independent	1990	technology	hunter-ostentatious	Catholic	student	red	40	low	1.87	33
family	public	single	independent	1989	none	hard-worker	Catholic	student	blue	60	low	1.69	34
family	public	single	independent	1992	none	thrifty-protector	Catholic	student	black	65	medium	1.69	31
solitary	public	single	independent	1989	variety	thrifty-protector	Catholic	student	purple	60	low	1.59	34
solitary	public	single	independent	1989	technology	hard-worker	Catholic	student	green	68	low	1.72	34
family	public	single	independent	1989	variety	hard-worker	Catholic	student	purple	68	medium	1.78	34
family	public	single	independent	1988	technology	hard-worker	Catholic	student	red	98	medium	1.84	35
friends	public	single	independent	1990	none	hard-worker	Catholic	student	blue	53	medium	1.69	33
family	public	single	independent	1989	technology	thrifty-protector	Catholic	student	black	87	medium	1.67	34
friends	on foot	single	independent	1991	eco-friendly	thrifty-protector	Catholic	student	green	70	medium	1.67	32
family	public	single	independent	1989	variety	thrifty-protector	Catholic	student	purple	59	medium	1.6	34
family	car owner	single	independent	1990	variety	hard-worker	Catholic	student	purple	46	medium	1.54	33
friends	car owner	single	independent	1988	none	hard-worker	Catholic	student	blue	103	low	1.79	35
family	public	single	independent	1989	technology	hunter-ostentatious	Catholic	student	red	49	medium	1.55	34
family	public	single	independent	1989	retro	thrifty-protector	Catholic	student	purple	60	low	1.65	34
family	public	single	independent	1990	variety	conformist	Catholic	student	white	58	low	1.6	33
family	on foot	single	independent	1991	eco-friendly	hard-worker	Catholic	student	black	64	medium	1.75	32
family	public	single	independent	1989	variety	hard-worker	Catholic	student	blue	40	medium	1.75	34
family	public	single	independent	1990	technology	thrifty-protector	Catholic	student	yellow	50	medium	1.58	33
family	public	single	independent	1991	none	hard-worker	Catholic	student	blue	76	medium	1.7	32

➤ According to the line chart, customers between the ages of 20 and 40 are more likely to visit the restaurant.



REQUIREMENT 11: Are customers more likely to visit restaurants with a certain type of ambience?

- The inference that can be drawn from this is that among the 130 restaurants, the ambience that is most preferred by the customers is the familiar ambience. It implies that customers tend to prefer restaurants that have a warm and comfortable ambience, which makes them feel at home. It could also mean that customers prefer restaurants that have a traditional and welcoming feel, rather than those that have a modern or upscale ambience.



DAX FUNCTION USED IN THIS DATA ANALYSIS

- ✓ IF FUNCTION
- ✓ CALCULATE FUNCTION
- ✓ AVERAGE FUNCTION
- ✓ RELATED FUNCTION
- ✓ MAXX FUNCTION
- ✓ TOPN FUNCTION
- ✓ SUMMARIZE FUNCTION
- ✓ FILTER FUNCTION
- ✓ AVERAGE FUNCTION
- ✓ COUNT FUNCTION
- ✓ YEAR FUNCTION
- ✓ TODAY FUNCTION



KEY INSIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Majority of the restaurants received satisfactory or outstanding ratings, with a relatively small proportion of restaurants receiving poor ratings. This insight would be useful to explore why some restaurants received poor ratings and identify any common themes or issues that need to be addressed.
- The highest average rating is received by the city 'San Luis Potosi'. This analysis can help identify what makes the restaurants in San Luis Potosi successful and help other cities replicate this success. Additionally, the restaurants in this city can use this information to further improve and differentiate themselves from their competitors.
- As the statement suggests that the average service rating given by social drinkers is medium, it can be inferred that social drinkers are not extremely satisfied with the service provided by the restaurants they visited, but they are also not completely dissatisfied.
- Mexican cuisine is the most popular among students
- Mexican food is the restaurant's most popular cuisine. Mexican food is offered in about 26% of restaurants in Mexico's various cities.
- We can observe that non-smokers tend to have higher budgets compared to smokers.
- Customers between the ages of 20 and 40 are more likely to visit the restaurant.
- The popularity of the familiar ambience could be an important factor for restaurants to consider when trying to attract and retain customers.



CONCLUSION

Overall, this analysis provides valuable insights into consumer preferences and behavior in the restaurant industry. By identifying key factors that impact customer satisfaction and highlighting areas for improvement, this analysis can help restaurants make data-driven decisions to improve their performance and better meet the needs of their customers.



REFERENCES

- For downloading the dataset,
<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/uciml/restauran t-data-with-consumer-ratings>





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