

Boston Crime Data Analysis

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Overview of "Crimes in Boston" Dataset

1. Purpose of the Dataset

- Documents initial details of incidents responded to by Boston Police Department officers.
- Emphasizes capturing the nature of crime incidents.

2. Structural Emphasis

- Highlights key details: type of offence, timing, and location.
- Critical for understanding crime patterns and trends in Boston.

3. Time Frame

- Spans from June 14, 2015, to September 3, 2018.
- Encompasses records crucial for historical analysis.

4. Additional Dataset

- Complementary dataset mapping OFFENSE_CODE to respective names.
- Enhances the interpretability of the primary dataset.

Key Takeaways

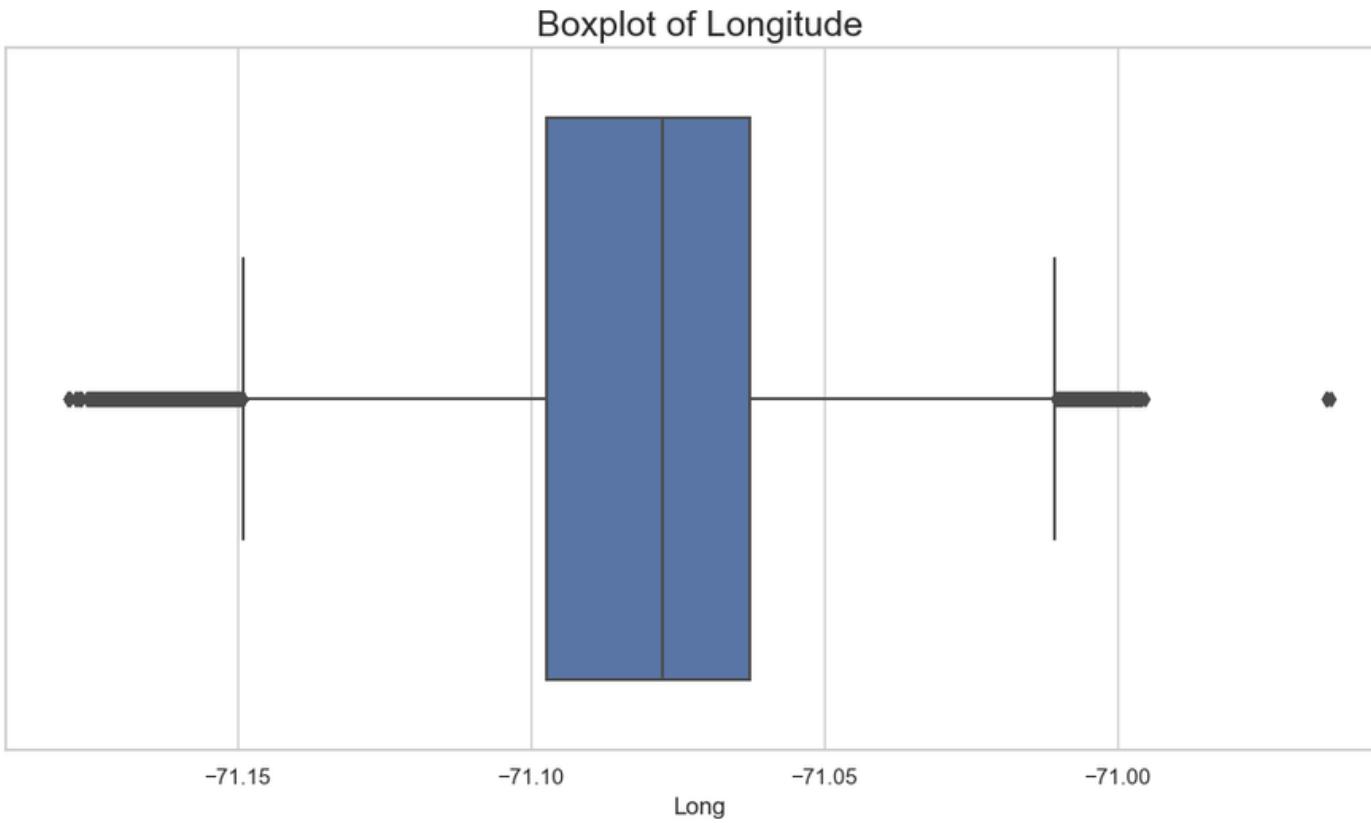
- Temporal and spatial attributes enable in-depth analysis of crime patterns.
- Integration with an additional dataset enhances the clarity of offense codes.

Data Preparation



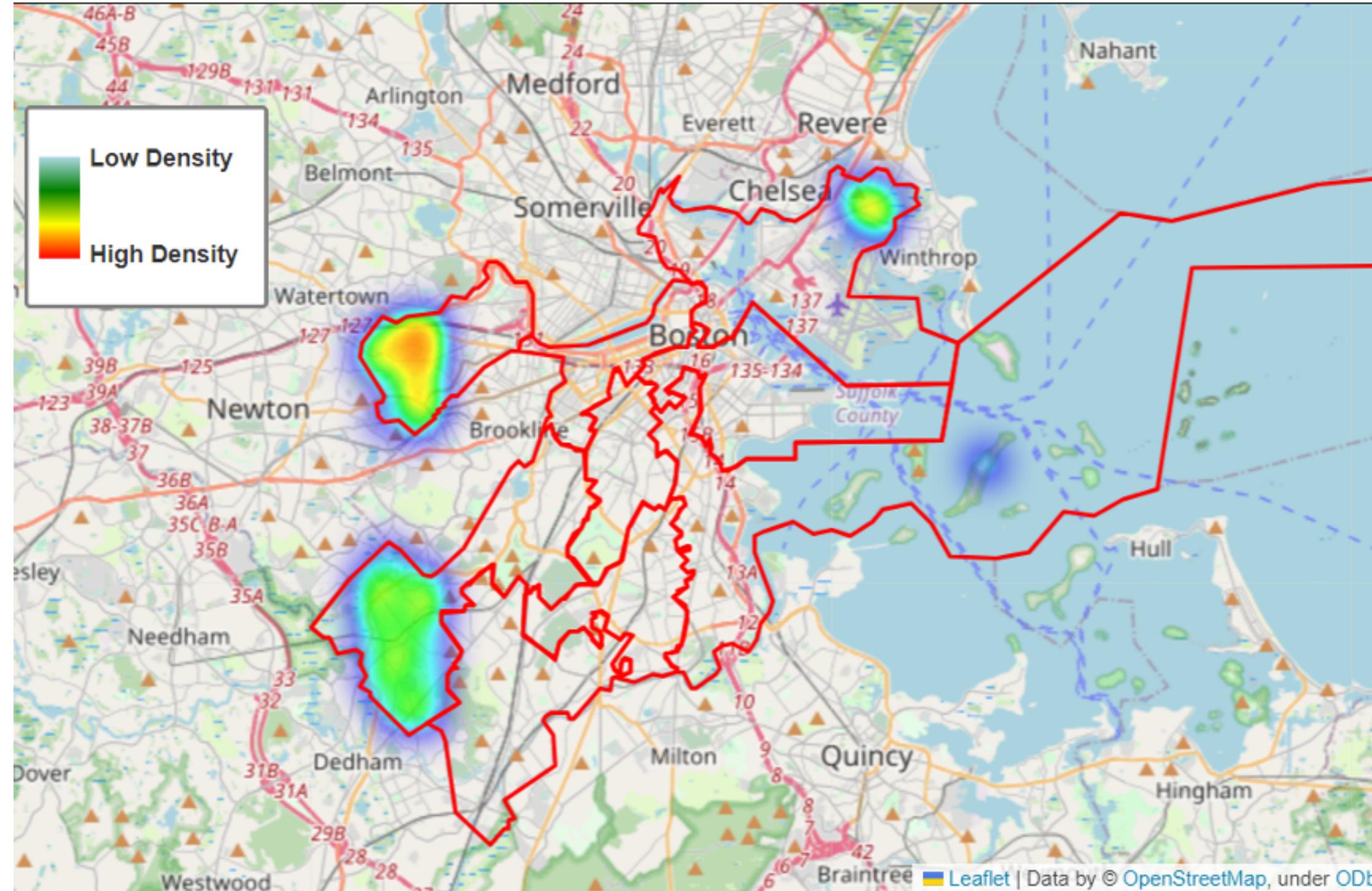
INCIDENT_NUMBER	OFFENSE_CODE	OFFENSE_CODE_GROUP	OFFENSE_DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	REPORTING_AREA	SHOOTING	OCCURRED_ON_DATE	YEAR	MONTH
I182070945	619	Lancerny	LARCENY ALL OTHERS	D14	808	NaN	2/9/18 13.00	2018	9
I182070943	1402	Vandalism	VANDALISM	C11	347	NaN	21/8/18 0.00	2018	8
I182070941	3410	Towed	TOWED MOTOR VEHICLE	D4	151	NaN	3/9/18 19.27	2018	9
I182070940	3114	Property	INVESTIGATE PROPERTY	D4	272	NaN	3/9/18 21.16	2018	9
I182070938	3114	Property	INVESTIGATE PROPERTY	B3	421	NaN	3/9/18 21.05	2018	9

DAY_OF_WEEK	HOUR	UCR_PART	STREET	LAT	LONG	LOCATION	OFFENSE_NAME
Sunday	13	Part One	LINCOLN ST	42.357791	-71.139371	(42.35779134, -71.13937053)	LARCENY OTHER \$200 & OVER
Tuesday	0	Part Two	HECLAST	42.306821	-71.060300	(42.30682138, -71.06030035)	VANDALISM
Monday	19	Part Three	CAZENOUE ST	42.346589	-71.072429	(42.34658879, -71.07242943)	TOWED MOTOR VEHICLE
Monday	21	Part Three	NEWCOMB ST	42.334182	-71.078664	(42.33418175, -71.07866441)	INVESTIGATE PROPERTY
Monday	21	Part Three	DELHI ST	42.275365	-71.090361	(42.27536542, -71.09036101)	INVESTIGATE PROPERTY



- **Data cleaning and preparation**
- We have **added** the “**OFFENSE_NAME**” from the secondary dataset to the main dataset
- Handling **Missing Values**
- **Outlier** detection and correction
- Descriptive statistics revealed **anomalies** in Lat and Long, removed for accurate spatial analysis.
- **Boxplots** were used to identify outliers; and confirmed longitude data deviations.

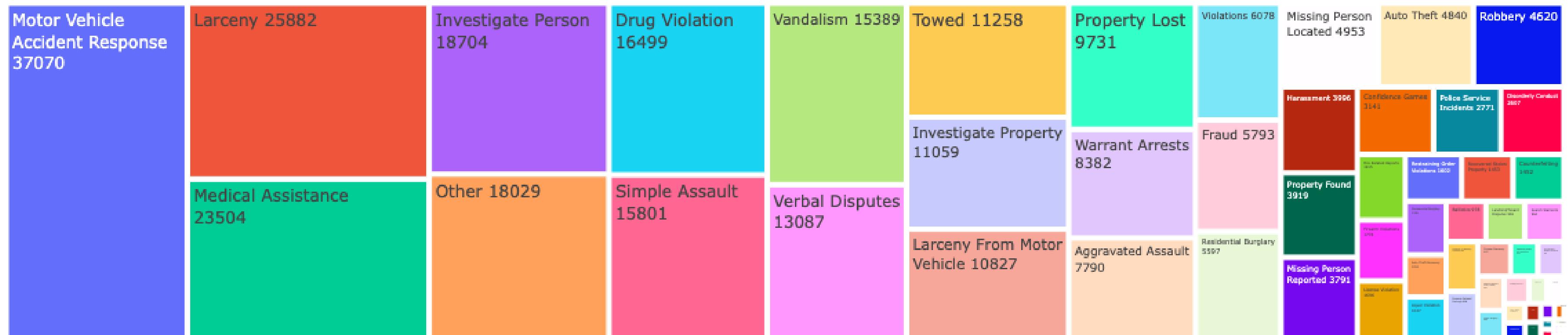
Data Preparation



- **Heatmap** visualization with Boston City Council Districts for outlier validation.
- Ensuring **Data Integrity**
- **EDA** has been concentrated on subsets of features from the dataset.

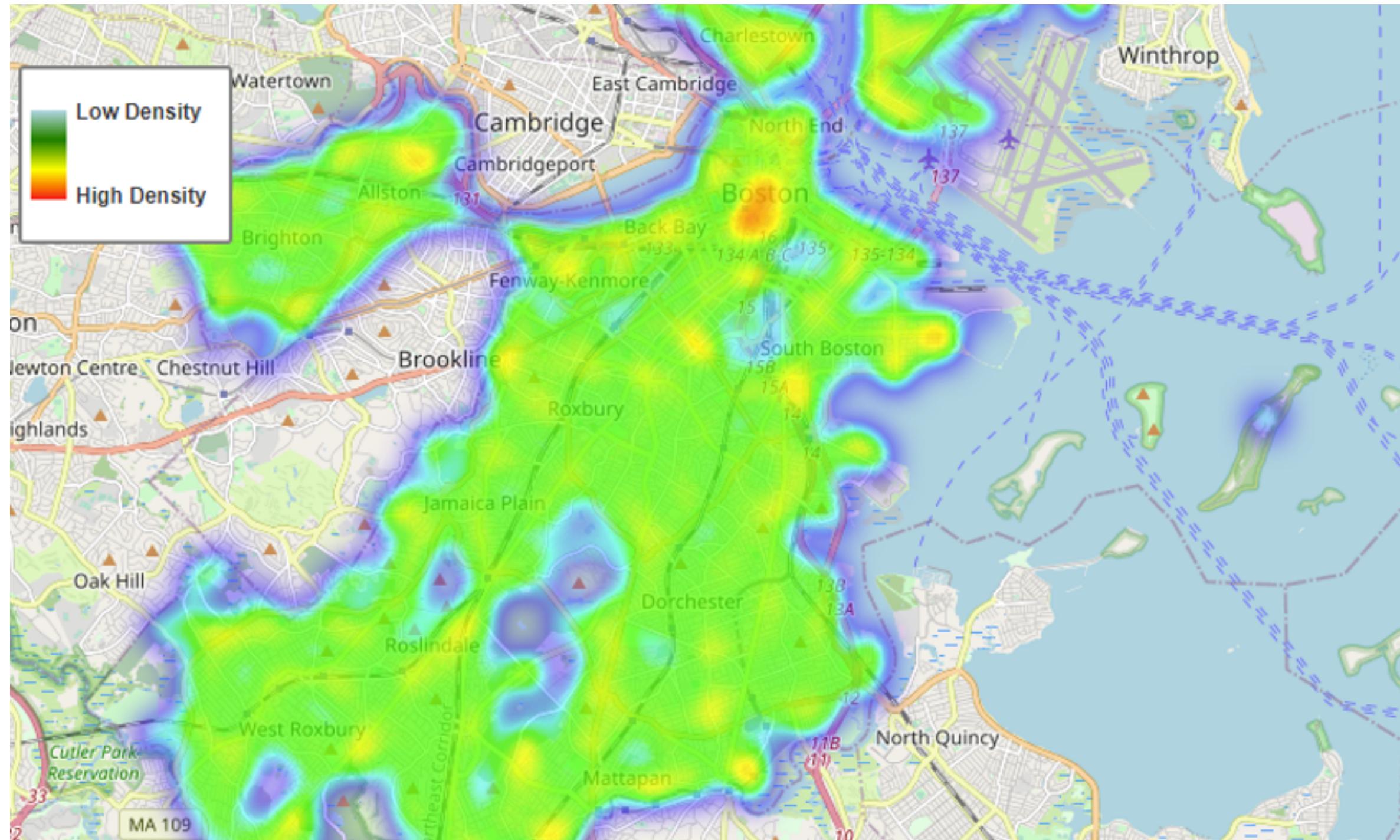
Crime distribution

Major Crimes in Boston from mid 2015 until 2018



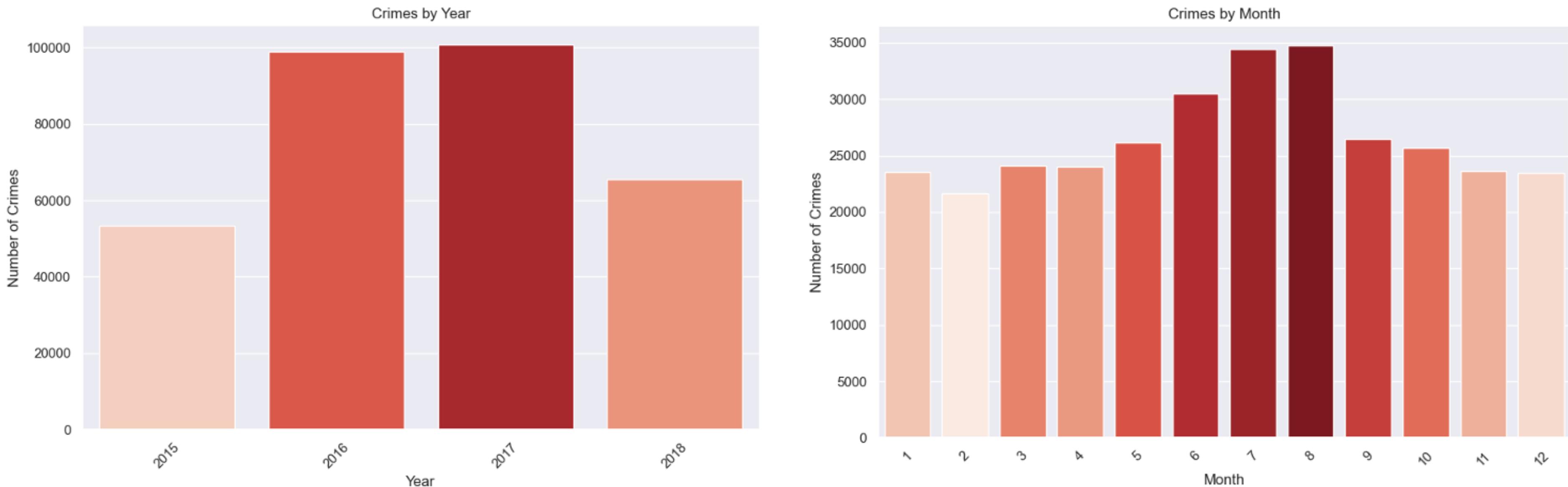
- Wide range of crime types
 - The most common are the Motor Vehicle Accident and Larceny
 - Least Common are Biological Threat, Burglary and Human Trafficking

Crime distribution



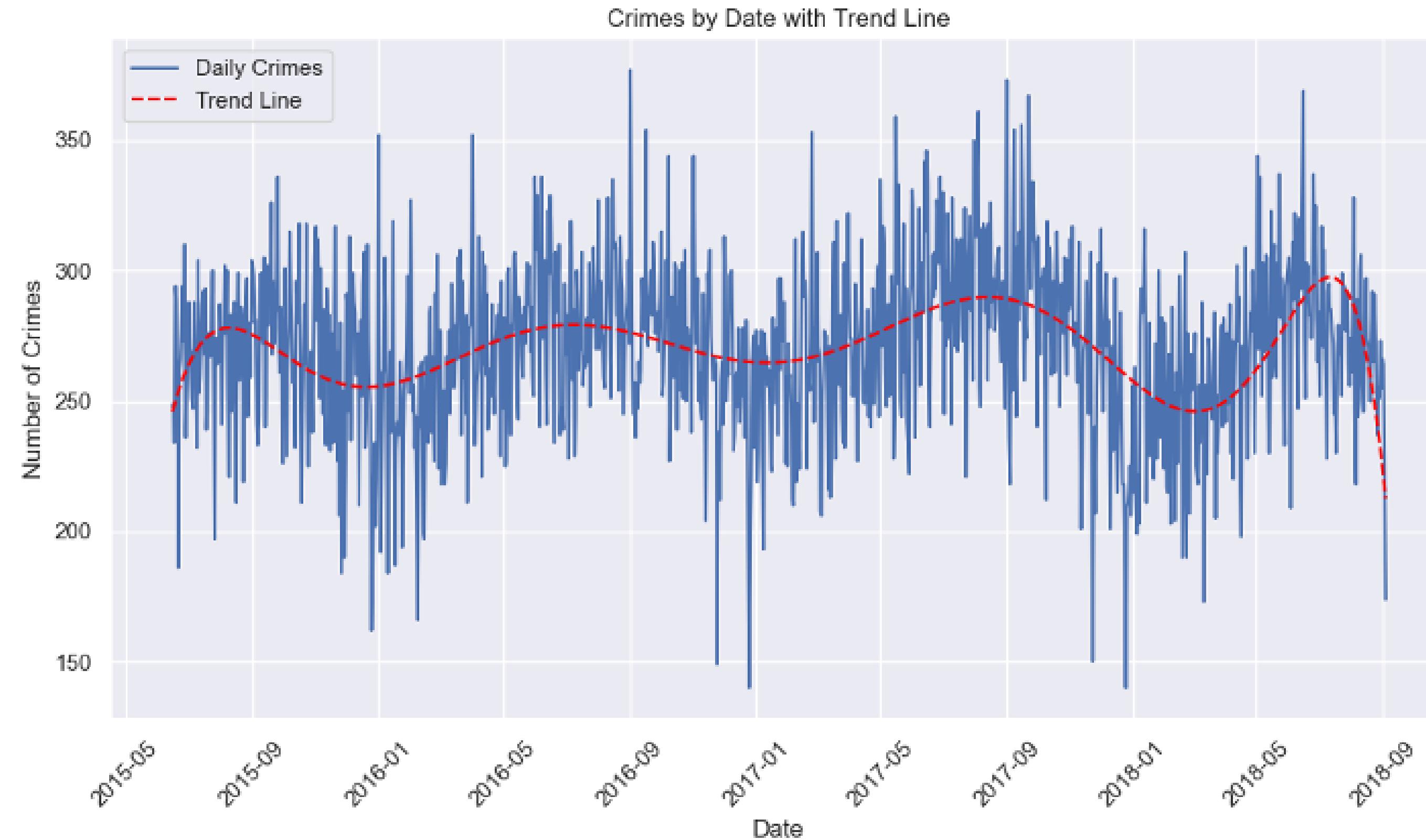
The heatmap represents the **density of the crimes** across Boston districts. The **city centre** has the highest density of crimes, followed by the **South Boston district**

Crime distribution over time



- **Uneven distribution** across the years attributable to the dataset's timeframe (starting June 14, 2015, ending on September 3, 2018)
- **2016 and 2017** have almost **double** the number of crimes compared to **2015 and 2018**
- It seems that crimes tend to **increase during the summer months** however it is not reliable due to partial presence of data in 2015 and 2018

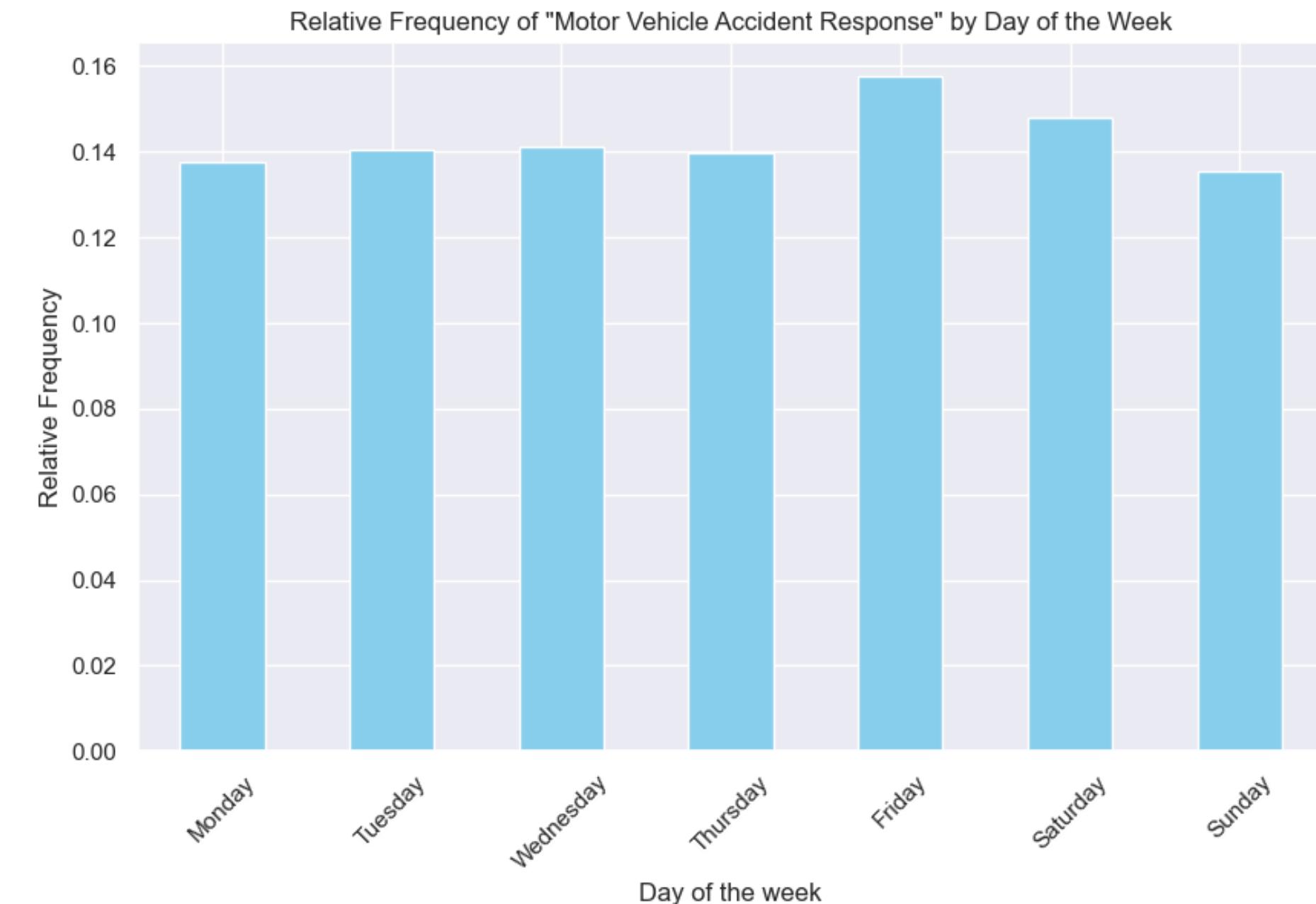
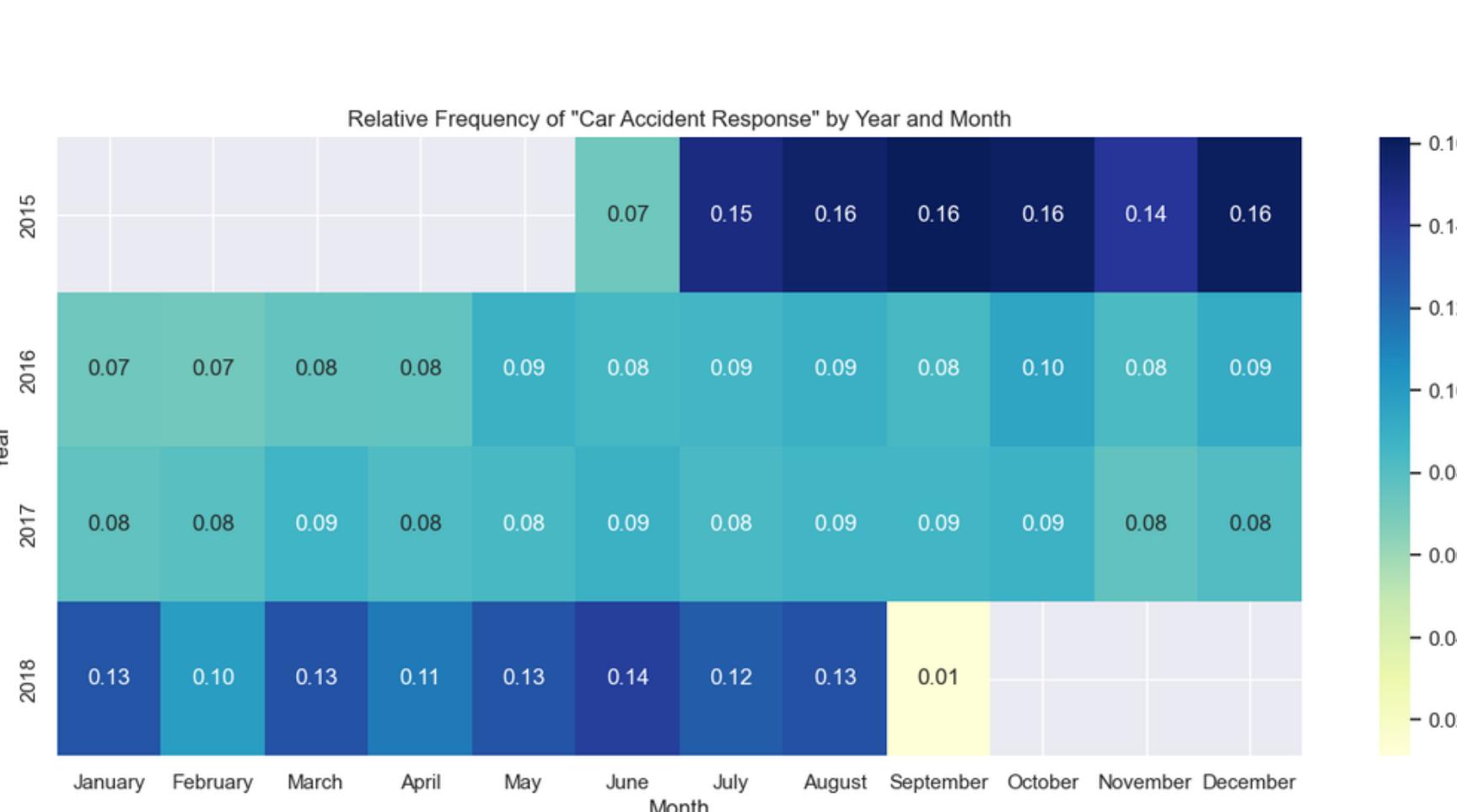
Seasonal trend in crimes



- The graph highlights a pattern that suggests a **strong seasonal influence**
- The crime rates **decrease towards January**, rising to a **peak around July**

Specific Crime Analysis

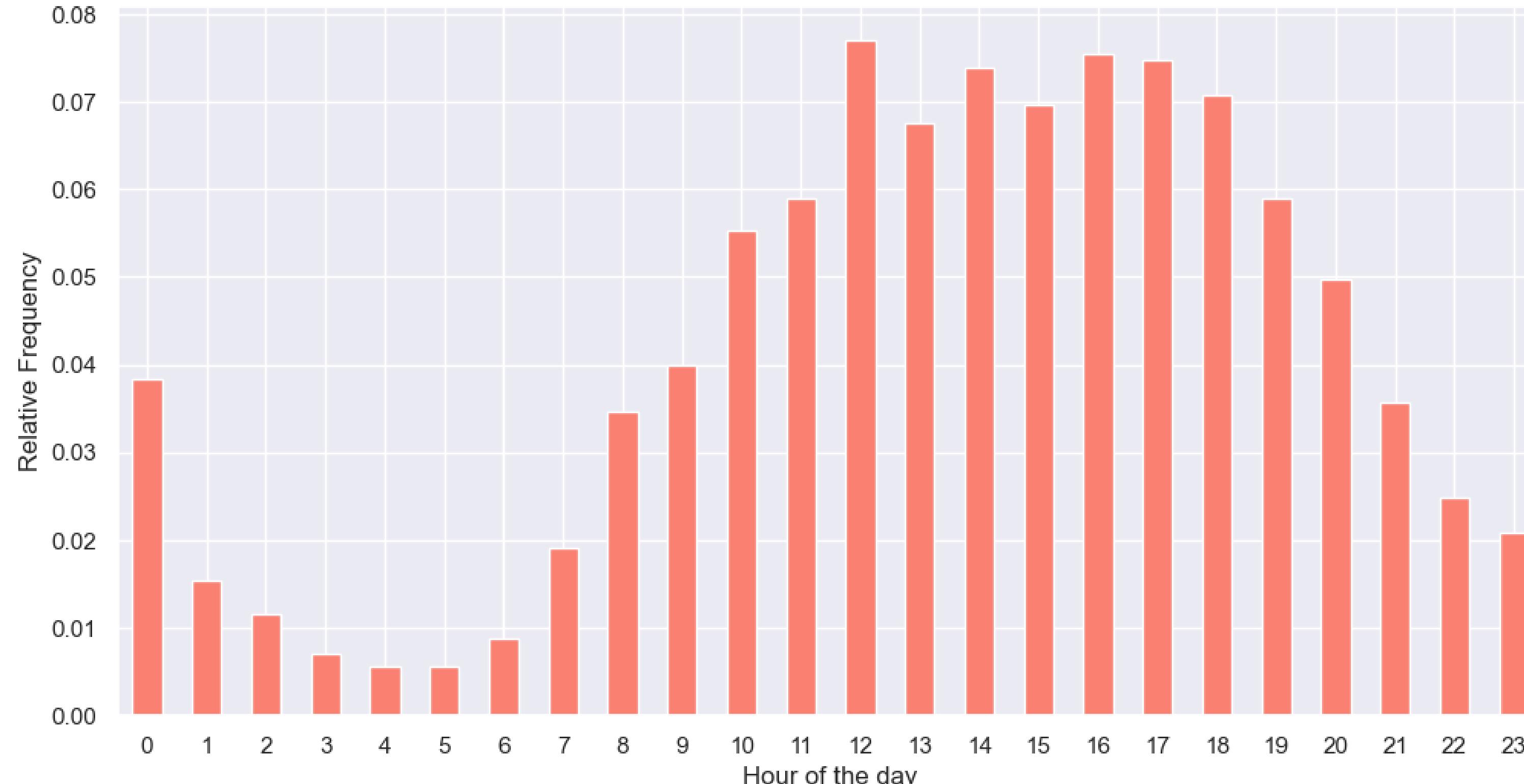
Motor vehicle accidents



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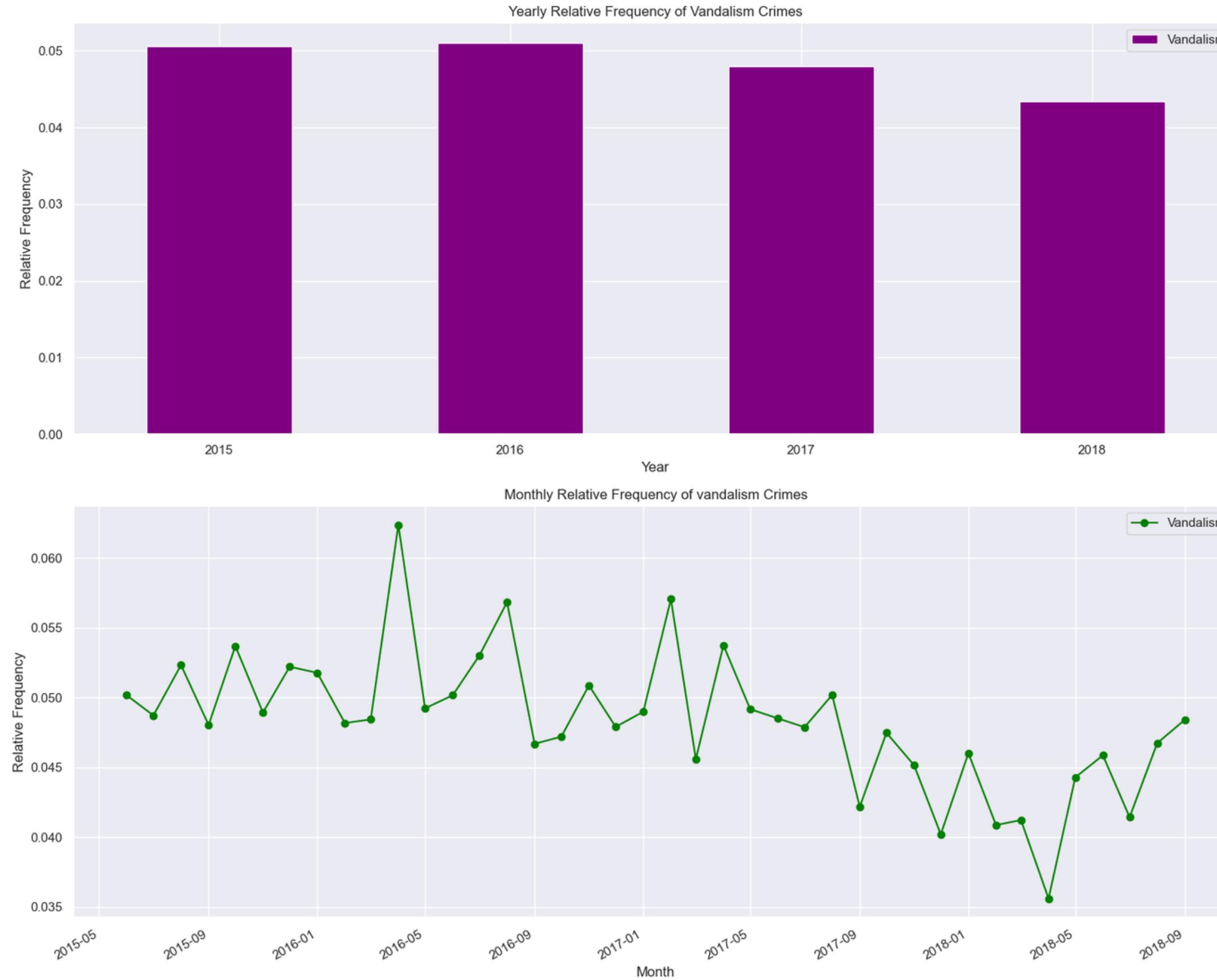
Larceny

Relative Frequency of "Larceny" by Time of Day



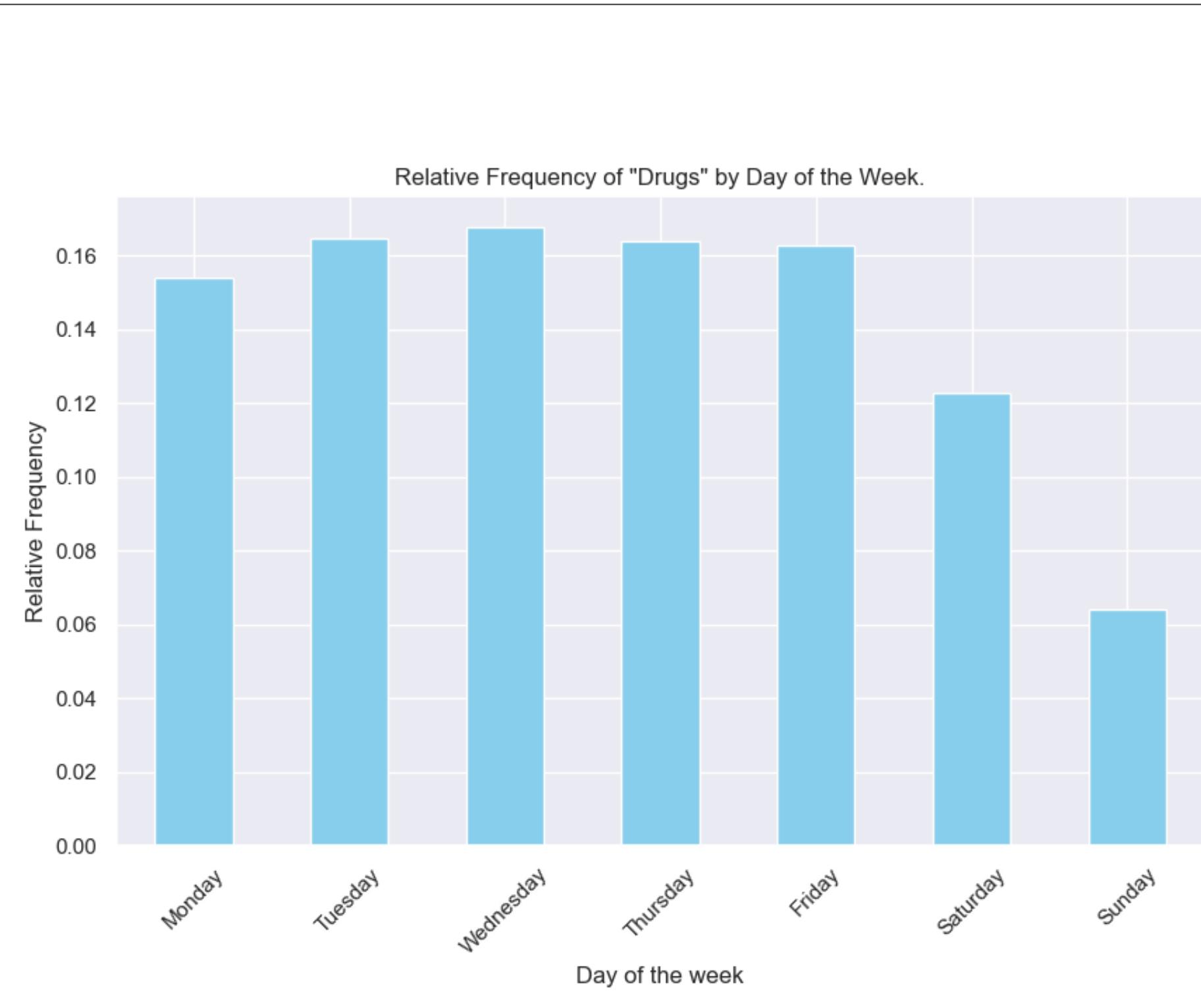
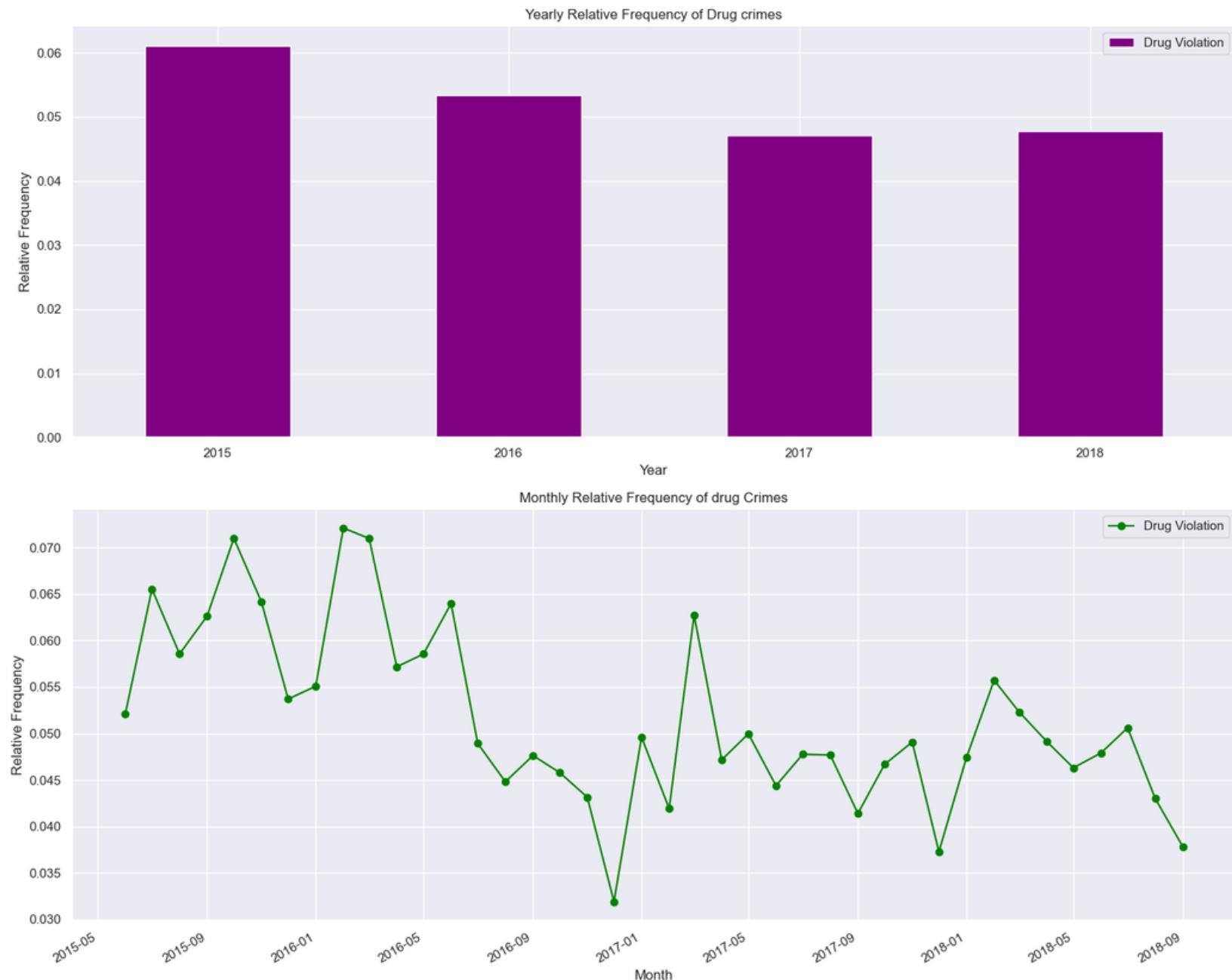
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Vandalism



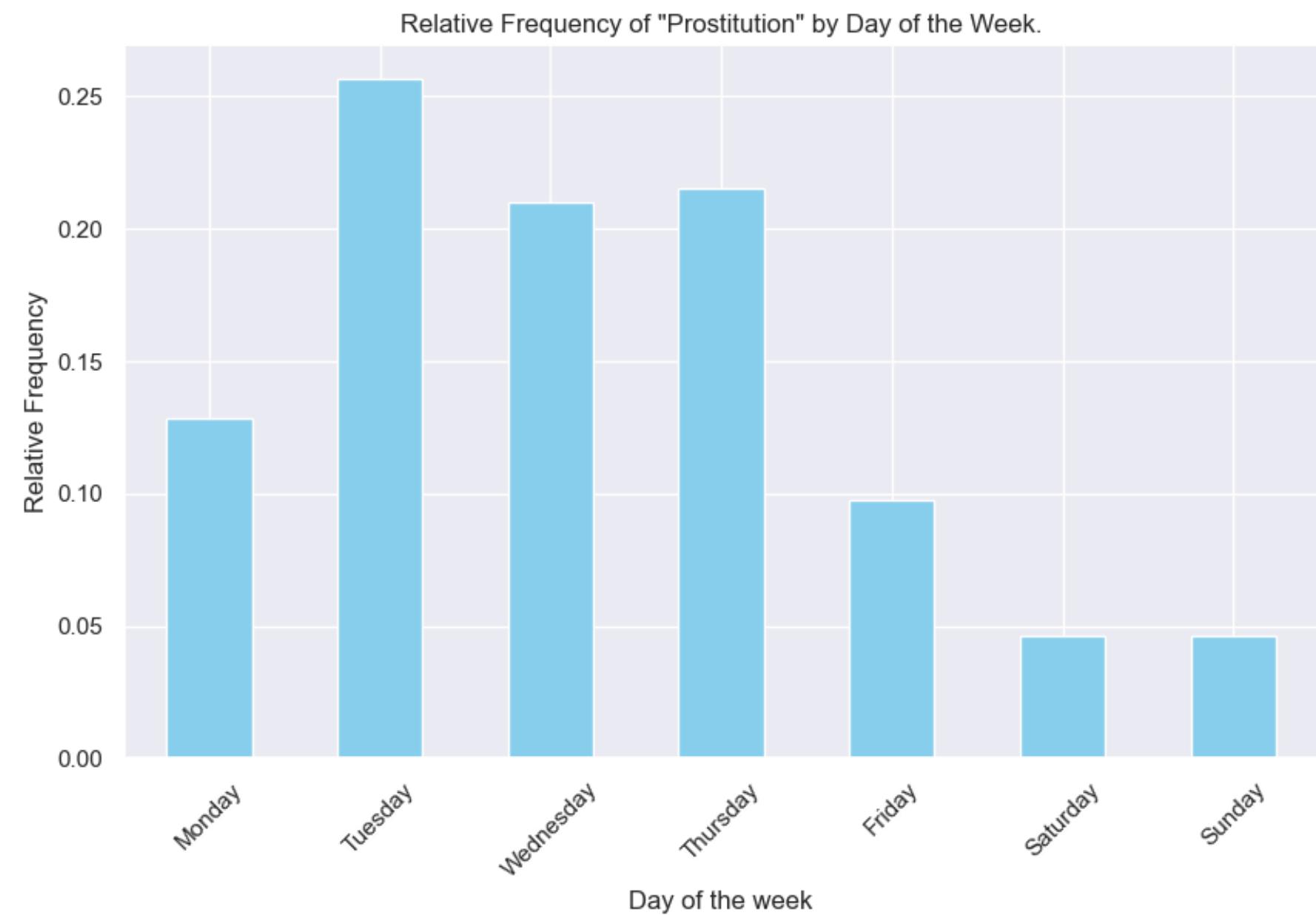
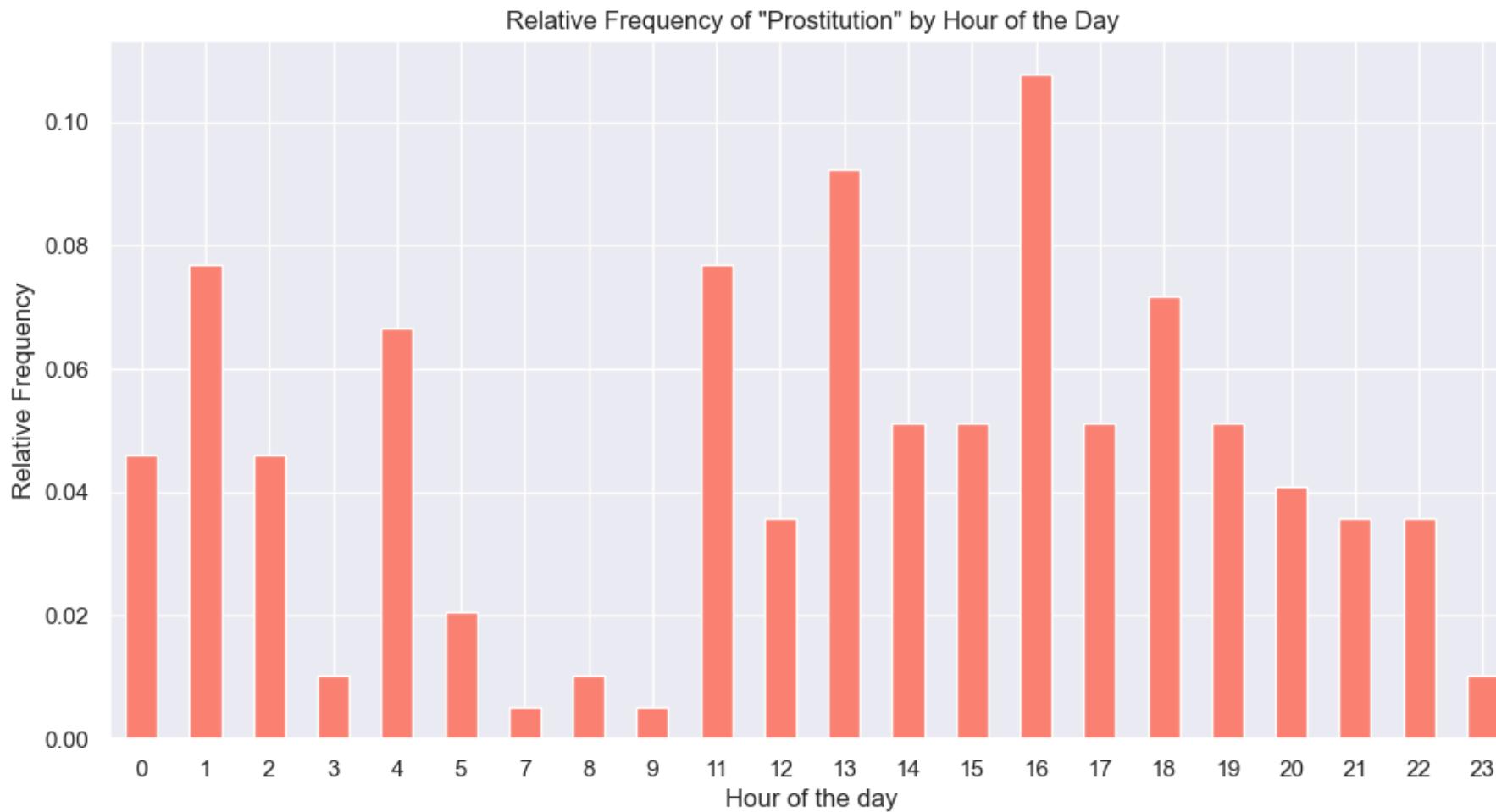
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Drug Crime



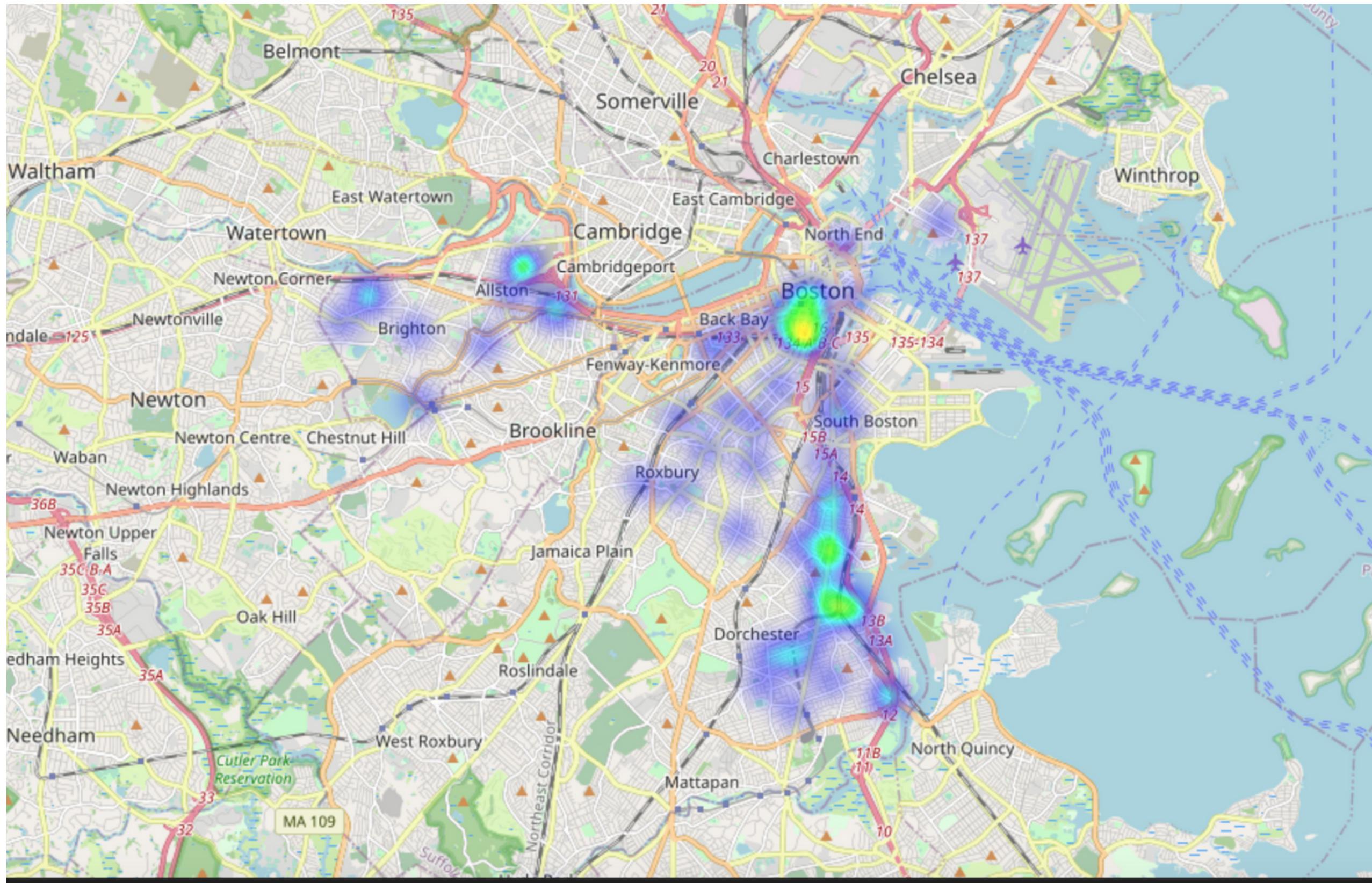
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Prostitution



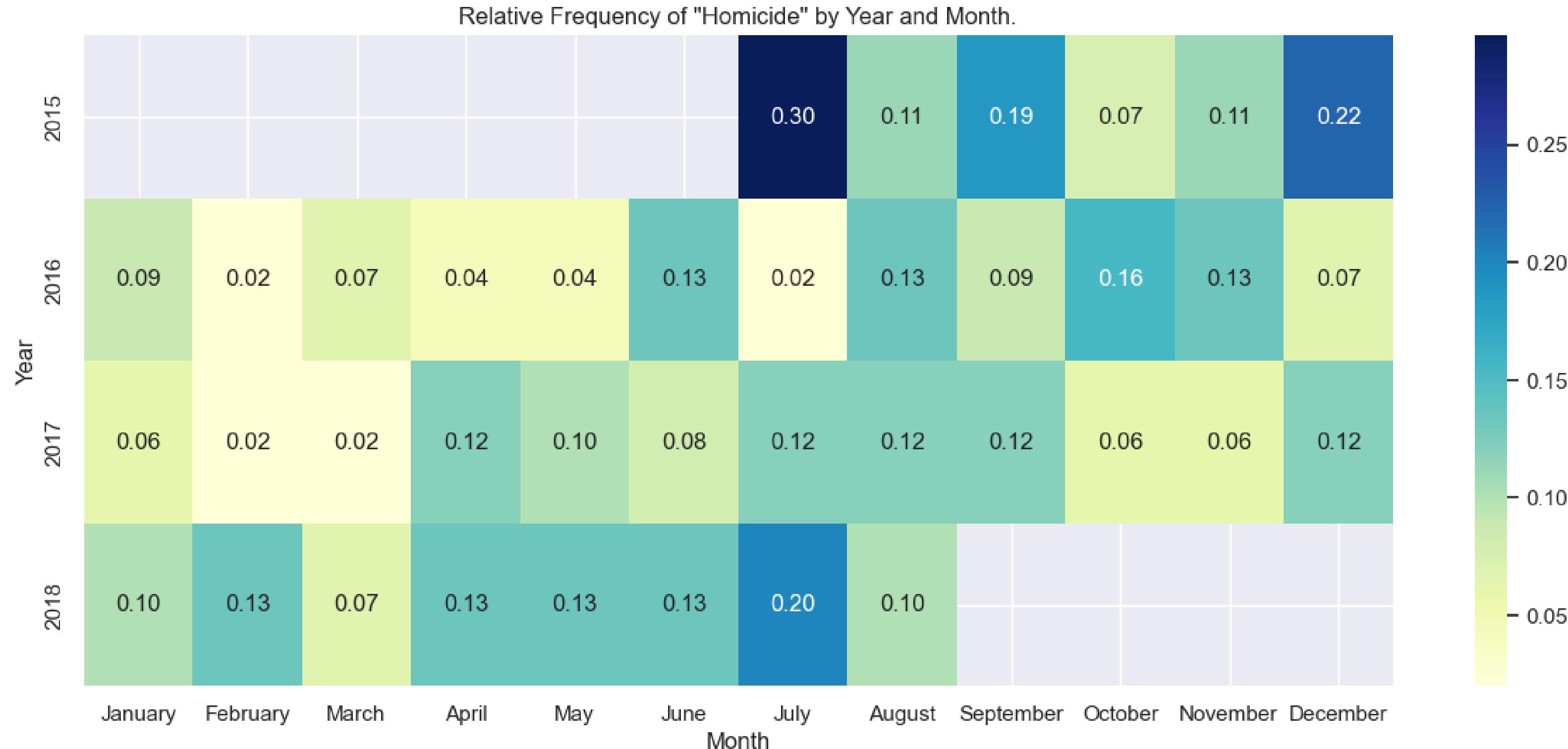
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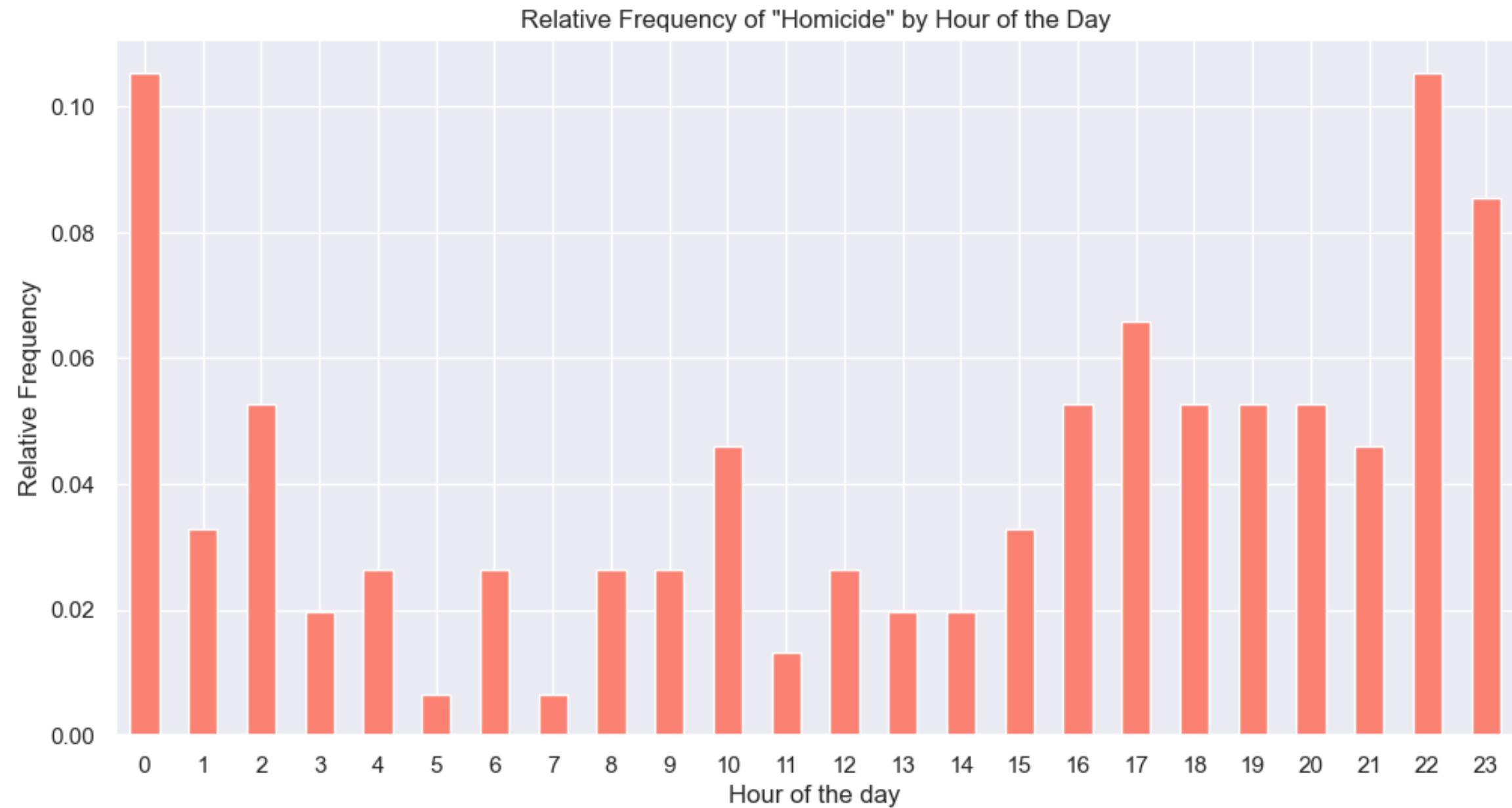
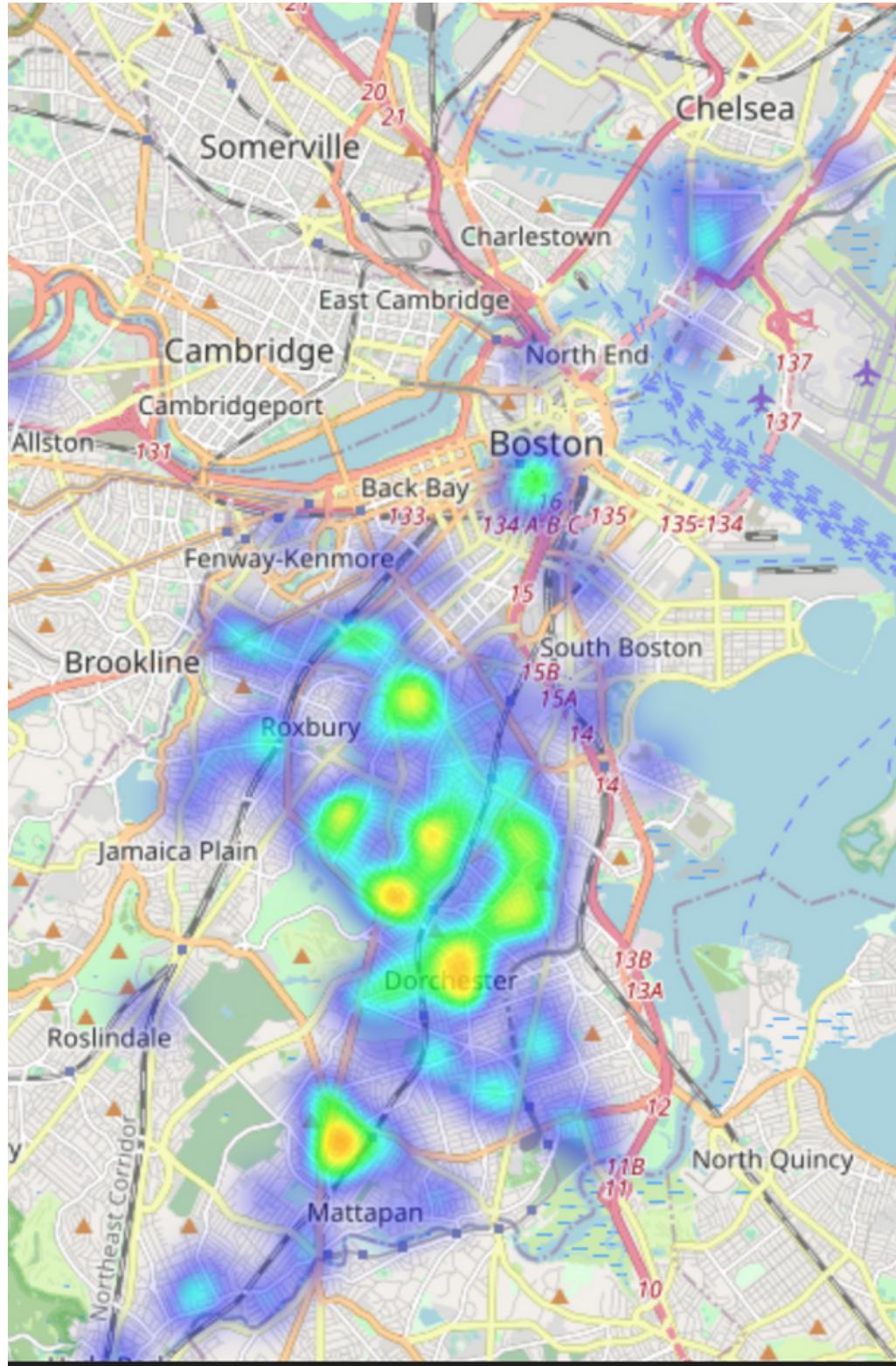
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Homicide



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Findings and Conclusion

1. Critical Emphasis:

- Crime analysis requires understanding socioeconomic, demographic, and cultural context.
- Lack of additional data on population, income, education, unemployment hampers accurate conclusions.

2. Importance of Contextual Data:

- Detailed demographic data (age, gender) is crucial for a comprehensive understanding of crime landscape.

3. Analysis as a Starting Point:

- Current analysis provides a foundation.
- Emphasizes need for further research with broader contextual data.

4. Call for Additional Research:

- Highlight the necessity for sociological, economic, and demographic analyses.
- Identify more significant correlations and trends.

5. Conclusion:

- Data collected is a starting point.
- Solid foundation for future criminology and crime prevention research in Boston.

6. Potential Impact:

- Work could lead to more detailed analyses.
- Facilitate the development of targeted intervention strategies.

7. Final Message:

- Stress the role of ongoing research in improving safety and quality of life in the city.

Thank you for your attention!

Do you have any question?

