

# **VISUALIZING US NATURAL DISASTER DECLARATION – TRENDS AND PATTERNS**

**Week 2 Documentation/ Screenshots**

**Data Cleaning in Python (Pandas)**

## Data Cleaning in Python in VS Code

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface in VS Code. The code cell contains:

```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv("C:/Users/Carin CSE/Desktop/InfoInternshipDataVisualization/dataset/femaWebDisasterDeclarations.csv")
```

The output cell displays the first 5 rows of the DataFrame:

	disasterNumber	declarationDate	disasterName	incidentBeginDate	incidentEndDate	declarationType	stateCode	stateName	incidentType	entryDate	hmProgramDeclared	designatedInIncidentTypes	
0	5243	2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z	GRAHAM FIRE	2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z	2018-06-25T00:00:00.000Z	Management	OR	Oregon	Fire	2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z	...	1.0	NaN
1	5554	2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z	COVINGTON DRIVE FIRE	2025-03-01T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	Management	SC	South Carolina	Fire	2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z	...	1.0	R
2	4859	2025-01-15T00:00:00.000Z	SEVERE STORM AND FLOODING	2024-10-20T00:00:00.000Z	2024-10-23T00:00:00.000Z	Major Disaster	AK	Alaska	Severe Storm	2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z	...	1.0	S.W
3	4856	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	WILDFIRES AND STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS	2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-31T00:00:00.000Z	Major Disaster	CA	California	Fire	2025-01-09T00:00:00.000Z	...	1.0	2.R
4	5551	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	HURST FIRE	2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	Management	CA	California	Fire	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	...	1.0	R

5 rows × 26 columns

Fig 1.1 Importing .csv file

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface in VS Code. The code cell contains:

```
df = df.drop(columns = [ "stateCode", "disasterPageUrl", "shapefileUrl", "kmzfileUrl", "geoJsonUrl", "id", "hash", "lastRefresh" ])
df.head(10)
```

The output cell displays the first 10 rows of the cleaned DataFrame:

	disasterNumber	declarationDate	disasterName	incidentBeginDate	incidentEndDate	declarationType	stateName	incidentType	entryDate	updateDate	closeoutDate	region	ihProgramDeclare
0	5243	2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z	GRAHAM FIRE	2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z	2018-06-25T00:00:00.000Z	Management	Oregon	Fire	2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z	2025-03-13T00:00:00.000Z	2025-03-13T00:00:00.000Z	10	0.
1	5554	2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z	COVINGTON DRIVE FIRE	2025-03-01T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	Management	South Carolina	Fire	2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z	2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z	2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	4.
2	4859	2025-01-15T00:00:00.000Z	SEVERE STORM AND FLOODING	2024-10-20T00:00:00.000Z	2024-10-23T00:00:00.000Z	Major Disaster	Alaska	Severe Storm	2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	10.
3	4856	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	WILDFIRES AND STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS	2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-31T00:00:00.000Z	Major Disaster	California	Fire	2025-01-09T00:00:00.000Z	2025-02-18T00:00:00.000Z	2025-02-18T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	1.
4	5551	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	HURST FIRE	2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	Management	California	Fire	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	0.
5	5550	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	EATON FIRE	2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	Management	California	Fire	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	9.
6	5549	2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z	PALISADES FIRE	2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	Management	California	Fire	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	9.
7	4854	2025-01-01T00:00:00.000Z	WILDFIRES	2024-07-10T00:00:00.000Z	2024-08-23T00:00:00.000Z	Major Disaster	Oregon	Fire	2025-01-02T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-02T00:00:00.000Z	2025-01-02T00:00:00.000Z	NaN	10.
8	53	1956-04-05T00:00:00.000Z	TORNADO	1956-04-05T00:00:00.000Z	1956-04-05T00:00:00.000Z	Major Disaster	Michigan	Tornado	1993-07-21T00:00:00.000Z	2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z	2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z	3070000000000Z	5.
9	52	1956-03-29T00:00:00.000Z	FLOOD	1956-03-29T00:00:00.000Z	1956-03-29T00:00:00.000Z	Major Disaster	New York	Flood	1993-07-21T00:00:00.000Z	2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z	2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z	0170000000000Z	2.

Fig 1.2 Drop unnecessary columns

```

# check datatype
df["disasterNumber"] = df["disasterNumber"].astype(int)
date_cols = ["declarationDate","IncidentBeginDate", "incidentEndDate", "entryDate","closeoutDate","updateDate"]
for col in date_cols:
    df[col] = pd.to_datetime(df[col], errors="coerce")

[11] ✓ 0.1s Python

flag_cols = ["iaProgramDeclared","ihProgramDeclared","paProgramDeclared","hmProgramDeclared"]
for col in flag_cols:
    df[col] = df[col].astype(bool)
df.head()

[12] ✓ 0.0s Python

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stateName	incidentType	entryDate	updateDate	closeoutDate	region	ihProgramDeclared	iaProgramDeclared	paProgramDeclared	hmProgramDeclared	designatedIncidentTypes	declarationRequestDate
Oregon	Fire	2018-06-22	2025-03-13	2025-03-13	10	False	False	True	True	NaN	2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z
South Carolina	Fire	2025-03-10	2025-03-10	NaT	4	False	False	True	True	R	2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z
Alaska	Severe Storm	2025-01-16	2025-01-16	NaT	10	False	False	True	True	5,W	2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z
California	Fire	2025-01-09	2025-02-18	NaT	9	True	False	True	True	2,R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z
California	Fire	2025-01-08	2025-01-08	NaT	9	False	False	True	True	R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z

Fig 1.3 Check the datatype of every column and convert flag columns to boolean

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# from closeOutDate
df["status"] = df["closeoutDate"].apply( lambda x: "Closed" if pd.notnull(x) else "Open" )
df.head()

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```

ne	incidentType	entryDate	updateDate	closeoutDate	region	ihProgramDeclared	iaProgramDeclared	paProgramDeclared	hmProgramDeclared	designatedIncidentTypes	declarationRequestDate	status
on	Fire	2018-06-22	2025-03-13	2025-03-13	10	False	False	True	True	NaN	2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z	Closed
ith ina	Fire	2025-03-10	2025-03-10	NaT	4	False	False	True	True	R	2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z	Open
ika	Severe Storm	2025-01-16	2025-01-16	NaT	10	False	False	True	True	5,W	2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z	Open
nia	Fire	2025-01-09	2025-02-18	NaT	9	True	False	True	True	2,R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	Open
nia	Fire	2025-01-08	2025-01-08	NaT	9	False	False	True	True	R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	Open

Fig 1.4 Create a derived column 'status' from closeOutDate column

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# fiscal year
df["fyDeclared"] = df["declarationDate"].apply( lambda x: x.year+1 if x.month > 9 else x.year )
df.head()

[14] ✓ 0.0s Python

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Type	entryDate	updateDate	closeoutDate	region	ihProgramDeclared	iaProgramDeclared	paProgramDeclared	hmProgramDeclared	designatedIncidentTypes	declarationRequestDate	status	fyDeclared
Fire	2018-06-22	2025-03-13	2025-03-13	10	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	NaN	2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z	Closed	2018
Fire	2025-03-10	2025-03-10	NaT	4	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	R	2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025
torm	2025-01-16	2025-01-16	NaT	10	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	5,W	2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025
Fire	2025-01-09	2025-02-18	NaT	9	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2,R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025
Fire	2025-01-08	2025-01-08	NaT	9	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025

Fig 1.5 Create a derived column 'fyDeclared' from declarationDate column

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```
df["incidentDuration"] = ( df["incidentEndDate"] - df["incidentBeginDate"] ).dt.days
df.head()
```

Python

entryDate	updateDate	...	region	ihProgramDeclared	isProgramDeclared	paProgramDeclared	hmProgramDeclared	designatedIncidentTypes	declarationRequestDate	status	fyDeclared	incidentDuration
2018-06-22 00:00:00+00:00	2025-03-13 00:00:00+00:00	--	10	False	False	True	True	NaN	2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z	Closed	2018	4.0
2025-03-10 00:00:00+00:00	2025-03-10 00:00:00+00:00	--	4	False	False	True	True	R	2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025	NaN
2025-01-16 00:00:00+00:00	2025-01-16 00:00:00+00:00	--	10	False	False	True	True	5,W	2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025	3.0
2025-01-09 00:00:00+00:00	2025-02-18 00:00:00+00:00	--	9	True	False	True	True	Z,R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025	24.0
2025-01-08 00:00:00+00:00	2025-01-08 00:00:00+00:00	--	9	False	False	True	True	R	2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z	Open	2025	NaN

Fig 1.6 Create a derived column ‘incidentDuration’

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```
df = df.drop_duplicates()
✓ 0s
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Python

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```
df.to_csv("femaDisasterCleaned.csv", index=False)
✓ 0.1s
```

Python

Fig 1.7 Save the cleaned .csv file