scotland_hygiene_analysis

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1 Scotland-wide Food Hygiene Data Analysis

1.1 Setup

Import the SQLite database for analysis. The database contains business names, post codes, coordinates and hygiene rating. To update the database, use the data/fetch_master_data.py file to update the database from the XML source on the food ratings website: https://ratings.food.gov.uk/open-data

In this case we will be using Highland data for local business insights. The food hygiene ratings have the following scheme in Scotland:

- Pass: means they meet the legal requirements for food hygiene.
- Improvement Requried: means the business didn't meet the legal requirements and needs to make improvements.
- Exempt Premises means the business has been inspected by a local authority food safety officer, met the pass criteria, but don't meet the criteria to be part of the scheme. These businesses are low-risk to people's health in terms of food safety and you perhaps wouldn't normally think of them as a food business for example, newsagents, chemist shops or visitor centres selling tins of biscuits.
- Awaiting Inspection: means a new business or new business owner is waiting for an inspection.

Further information can be found at this link: https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/consumers/foodsafety/buying-food-eating-out/food-hygiene-information-scheme/about-the-food-hygiene-information-scheme

```
import sqlite3
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.patches import Patch
import seaborn as sns
from os import getcwd
import folium
from folium.plugins import HeatMap, MarkerCluster

# Configure plots
sns.set(style="whitegrid")
plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (15, 9)
```

1.2 Overview of Data

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Have a quick look at the data to understand the column types and structure.

```
[2]: #Initial scoping of the SQL database to confirm all is working well

df = pd.read_sql_query("SELECT * FROM establishments;", conn)

#print(df.head(10))

df.info()
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 57043 entries, 0 to 57042
Data columns (total 23 columns):

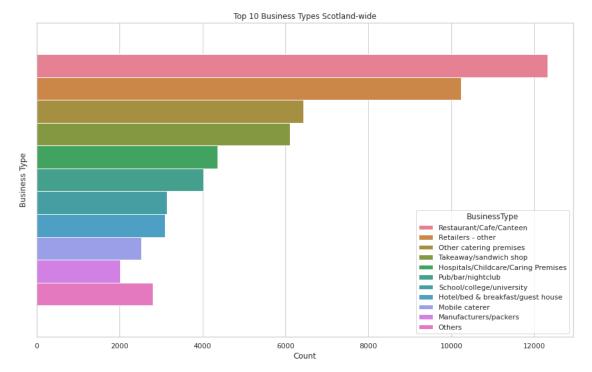
#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	FHRSID	57043 non-null	object
1	${ t Local Authority Business ID}$	57043 non-null	object
2	BusinessName	57043 non-null	object
3	BusinessType	57043 non-null	object
4	BusinessTypeID	57043 non-null	object
5	AddressLine2	42031 non-null	object
6	AddressLine3	33839 non-null	object
7	PostCode	51739 non-null	object
8	RatingValue	57043 non-null	object
9	RatingKey	57043 non-null	object
10	RatingDate	53931 non-null	object
11	LocalAuthorityCode	57043 non-null	object
12	${ t Local Authority Name}$	57043 non-null	object
13	${ t Local Authority Web Site}$	57043 non-null	object
14	${\tt LocalAuthorityEmailAddress}$	57043 non-null	object
15	Scores	0 non-null	object
16	SchemeType	57043 non-null	object
17	NewRatingPending	57043 non-null	object
18	Longitude	46340 non-null	object
19	Latitude	46340 non-null	object
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21	AddressLine1	33817 non-null	object
22	Geocode	0 non-null	object

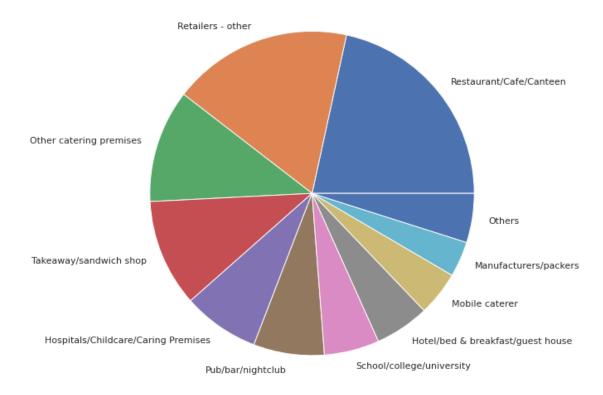
1.3 Top 10 Business Types by Count

Look at the top 10 business categories by number registered in Scotland. We can generate a bar plot with the count of businesses and a pie chart to show their distribution.

```
[5]: #Use SQL to read the database and write to a Pandas DataFrame
     business_counts = pd.read_sql_query("""
     SELECT BusinessType, COUNT(*) as Count
     FROM establishments
     GROUP BY BusinessType
     ORDER BY Count DESC;
     """, conn)
     #Manipulate the dataframe to produce an others category for below top 10
     def topN(df, N, column):
         """A function that takes an ordered, counted, categorised dataframe and \Box
      \hookrightarrow sums all categories
         for chosen column over >N to Others
         df - Pandas dataframe
         N - integer, top N categories
         column - str, column in df over which to sum other categories"""
         df2 = df[:N].copy()
         new_row = pd.DataFrame(data = {
         column : ['Others'],
         'Count' : [df['Count'][N:].sum()]
         })
         df = pd.concat([df2,new_row])
         return df
     #the top 10
     business_counts = topN(business_counts, 10, "BusinessType")
     print(business_counts)
     #Plotting
     #print(business_counts)
     sns.barplot(data=business_counts, x="Count", hue="BusinessType", legend = True)
     plt.title("Top 10 Business Types Scotland-wide")
     plt.xlabel("Count")
     plt.ylabel("Business Type")
     plt.show()
     #Pie chart
     # define Seaborn color palette to use
```

	BusinessType	Count
0	Restaurant/Cafe/Canteen	12316
1	Retailers - other	10240
2	Other catering premises	6426
3	Takeaway/sandwich shop	6113
4	Hospitals/Childcare/Caring Premises	4356
5	Pub/bar/nightclub	4025
6	School/college/university	3136
7	Hotel/bed & breakfast/guest house	3096
8	Mobile caterer	2530
9	Manufacturers/packers	2011
0	Others	2794





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1.4 Hygiene Score Distribution

We can group the businesses by hygiene rating score to get an idea of the proportion who have passed, who needs improvement and other circumstances.

```
[26]: # Get rating value counts
    rating_counts = pd.read_sql_query("""
    SELECT RatingValue, COUNT(*) as Count
    FROM establishments
    GROUP BY RatingValue
    ORDER BY Count DESC
    """, conn)

# Plot
    print(rating_counts) # print the data frame
    total = rating_counts["Count"].sum()
    print("Total counts is: ", total)
```

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rating_counts.plot.pie(y = "Count", labels = rating_counts["RatingValue"],__
 →legend = False)
plt.title("Distribution of Hygiene Ratings Scotland-wide")
plt.xlabel("Rating")
plt.ylabel("Number of Establishments")
plt.show()
#Generate a list of local authorities from the master database
local_authorities = pd.read_sql_query("""
SELECT LocalAuthorityCode, LocalAuthorityName
FROM establishments
GROUP BY LocalAuthorityCode
ORDER BY LocalAuthorityName ASC
""", conn)
#Show local authority list
#print(local authorities)
authorities_list = local_authorities["LocalAuthorityName"].to_list()
print(authorities list)
master df = pd.read sql query("""
SELECT COUNT(*) as Count, LocalAuthorityName, LocalAuthorityCode, RatingValue
FROM establishments
GROUP BY LocalAuthorityName, RatingValue
ORDER BY Count DESC
""", conn)
#Use a for loop to generate results for each authority
for authority in authorities_list:
    local_df = master_df[master_df["LocalAuthorityName"] == authority]
    local_df.plot.pie(y = "Count", labels = local_df["RatingValue"], legend = local_df["RatingValue"], legend
 →False)
    plt.title("Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in " + authority)
    plt.xlabel("Rating")
    plt.ylabel("Number of Establishments")
    plt.show()
```

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RatingValue Count

Pass 41802

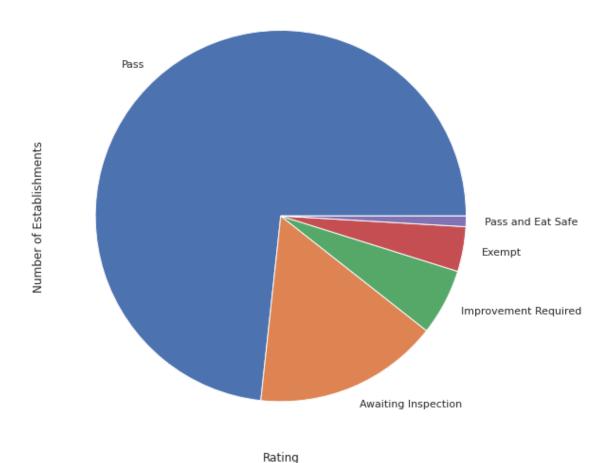
Awaiting Inspection 9191

Improvement Required 3298

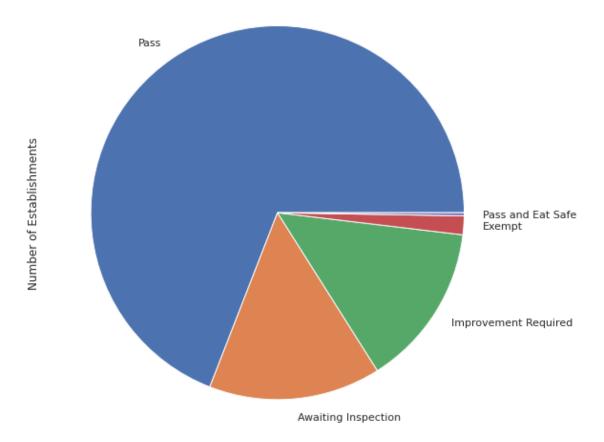
Exempt 2226

Pass and Eat Safe 526

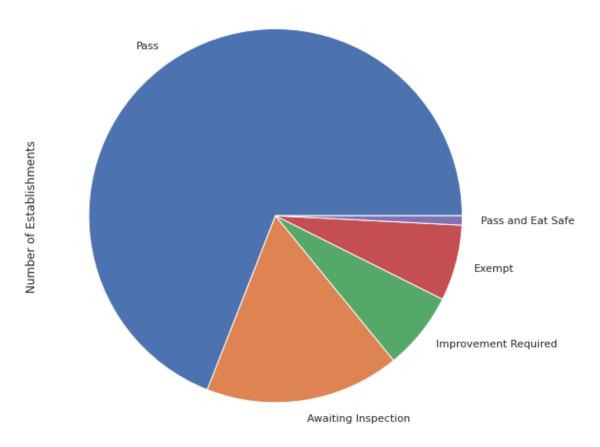
Total counts is: 57043
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['Aberdeen City', 'Aberdeenshire', 'Angus', 'Argyll and Bute',
'Clackmannanshire', 'Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles)', 'Dumfries and
Galloway', 'Dundee City', 'East Ayrshire', 'East Dunbartonshire', 'East
Lothian', 'East Renfrewshire', 'Edinburgh (City of)', 'Falkirk', 'Fife',
'Glasgow City', 'Highland', 'Inverclyde', 'Midlothian', 'Moray', 'North
Ayrshire', 'North Lanarkshire', 'Orkney Islands', 'Perth and Kinross',
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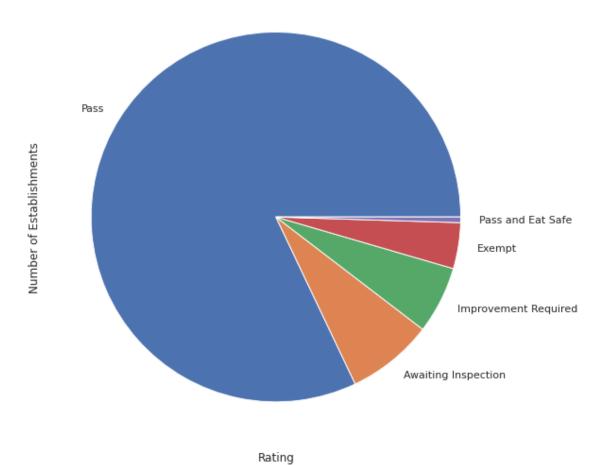


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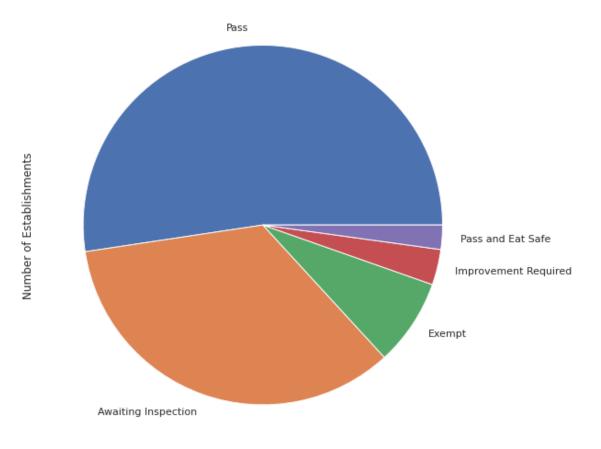


Rating

Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Angus

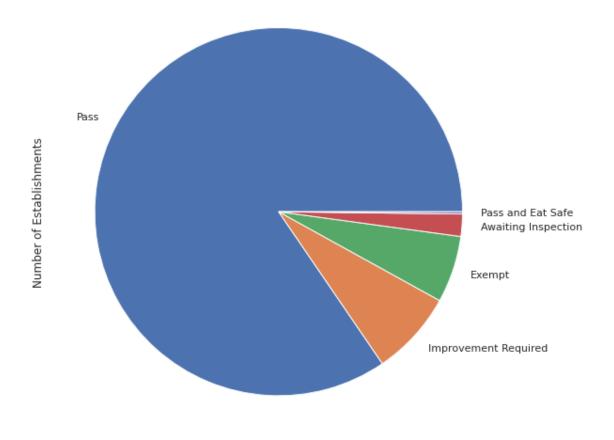


Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Argyll and Bute

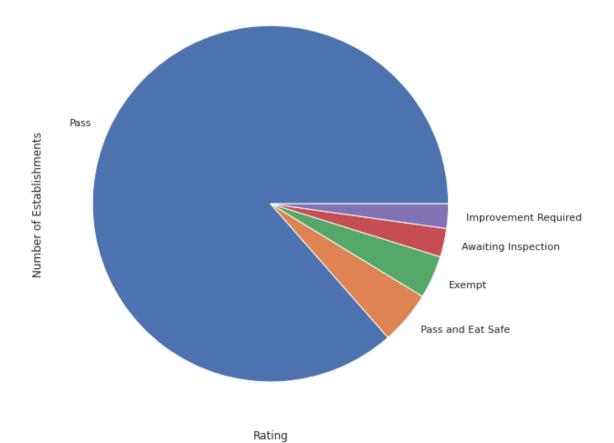


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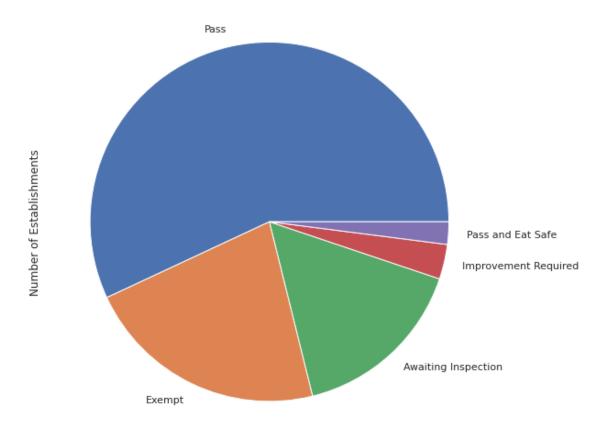
Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Clackmannanshire



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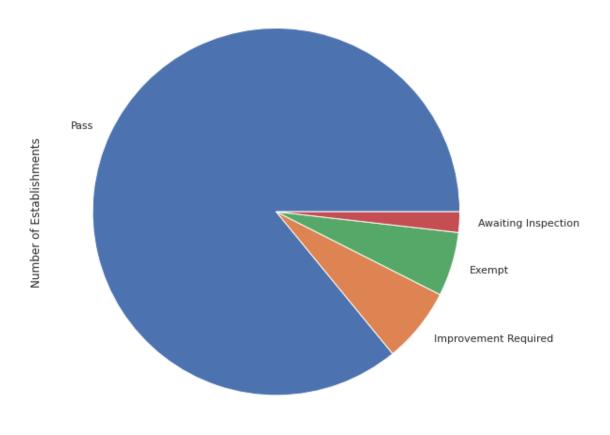


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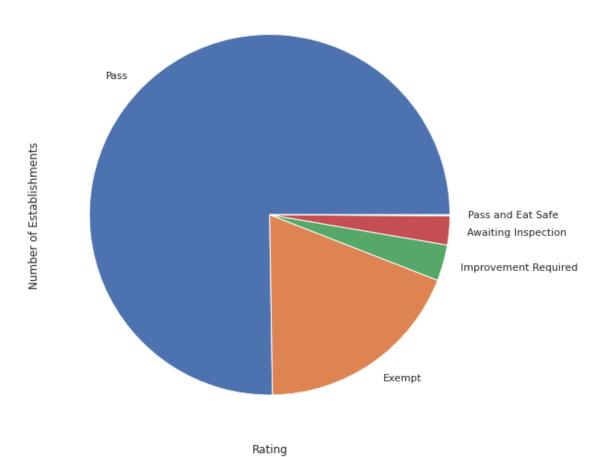


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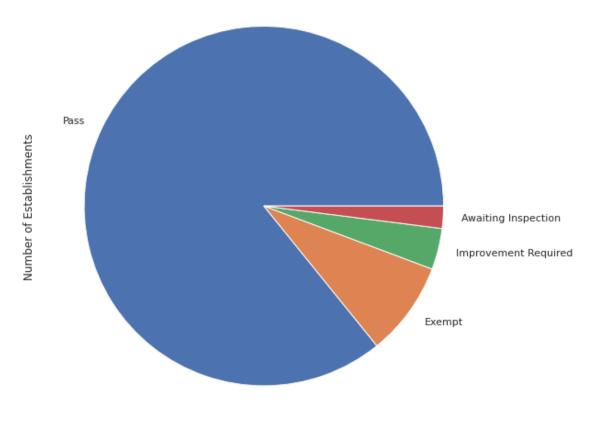
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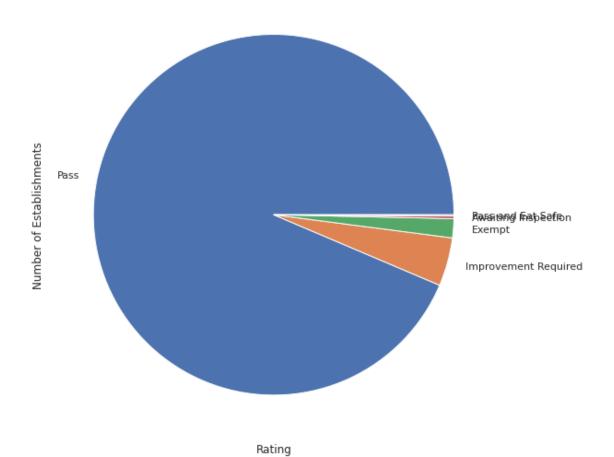
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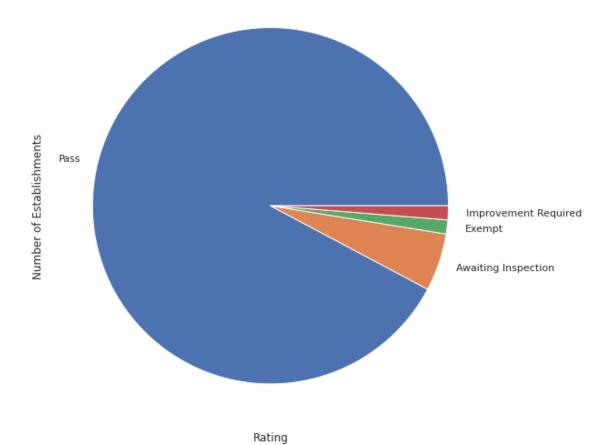
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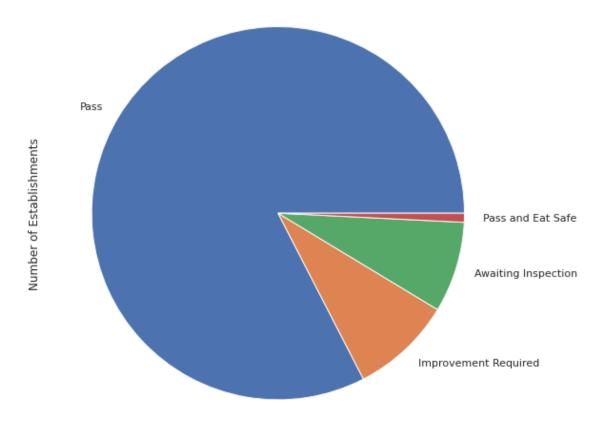


Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in East Lothian



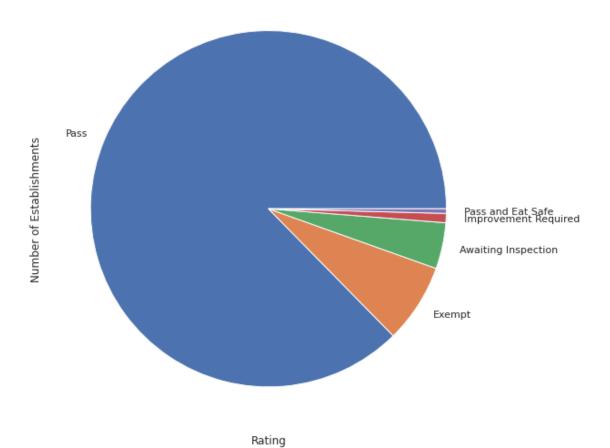
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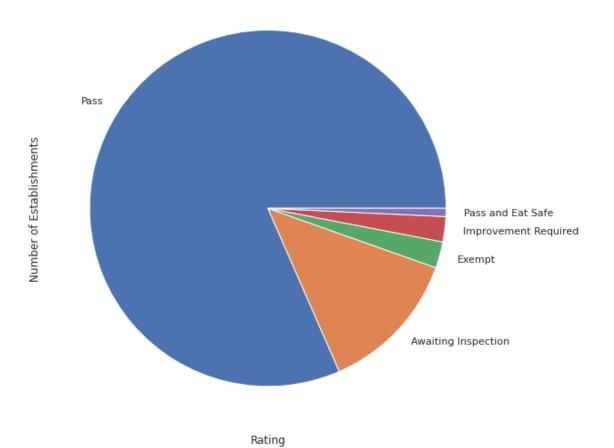


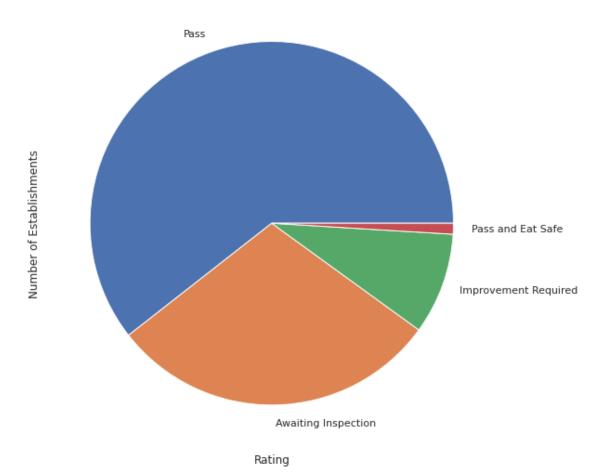


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Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Falkirk

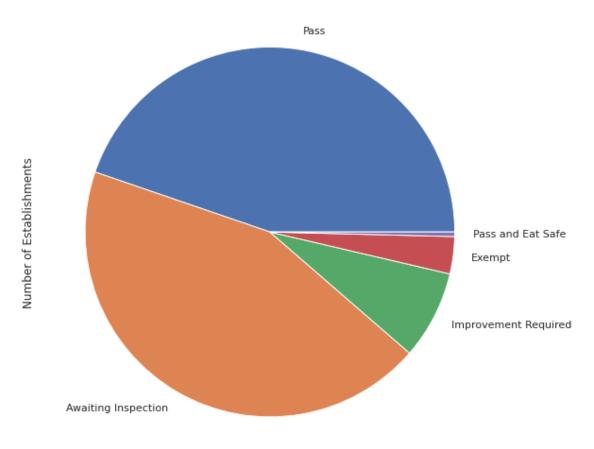






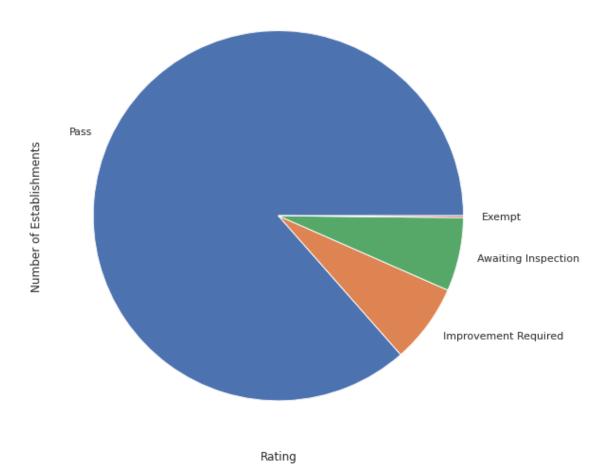
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Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Highland

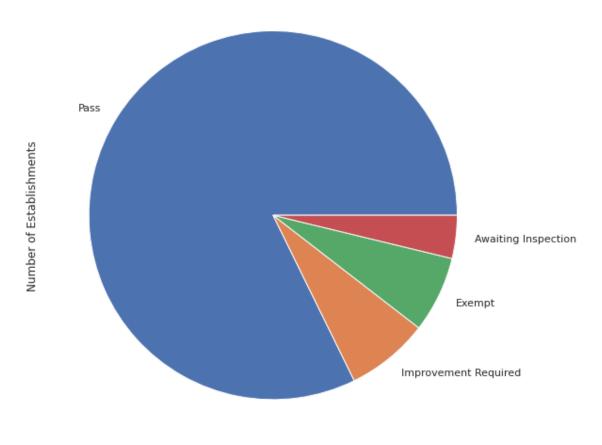


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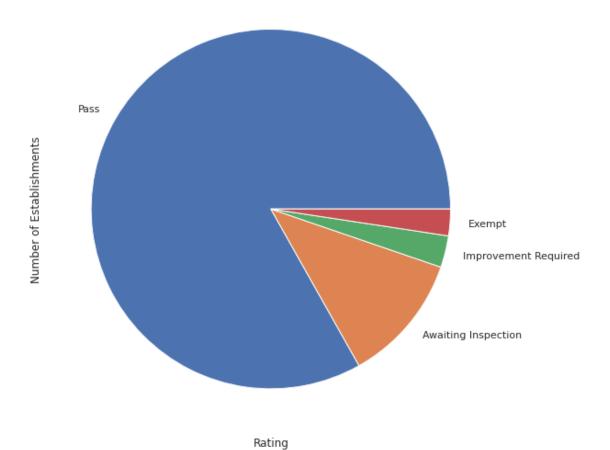


Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Midlothian

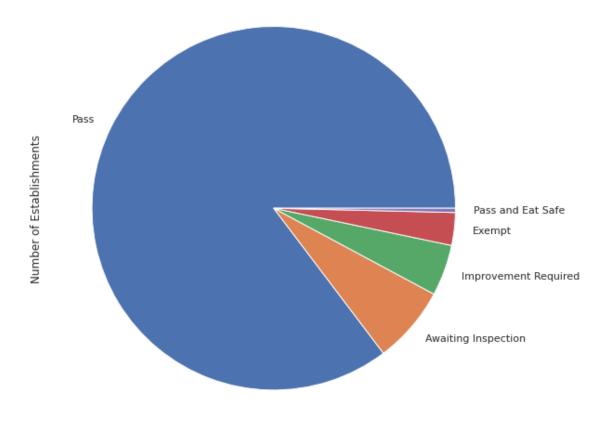


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Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Moray

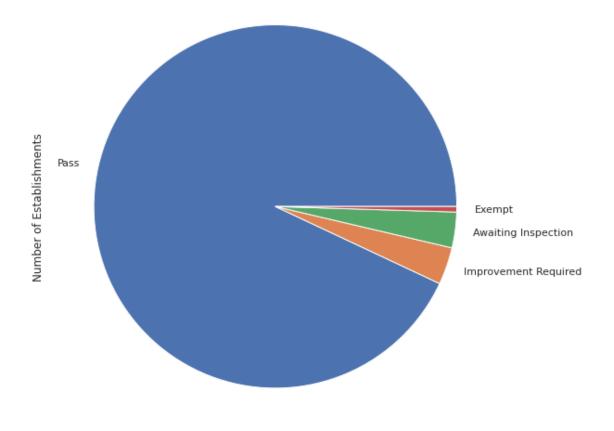


Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in North Ayrshire

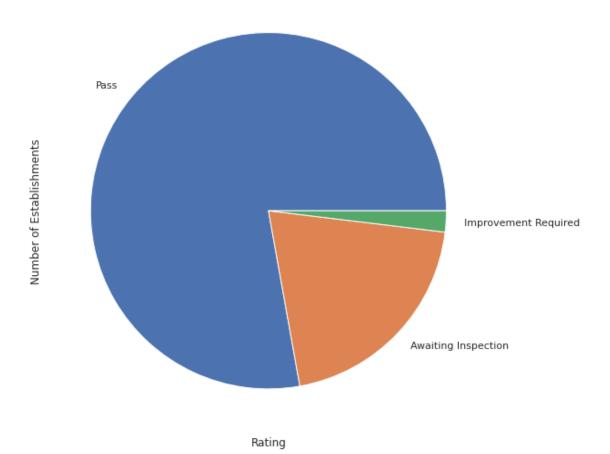


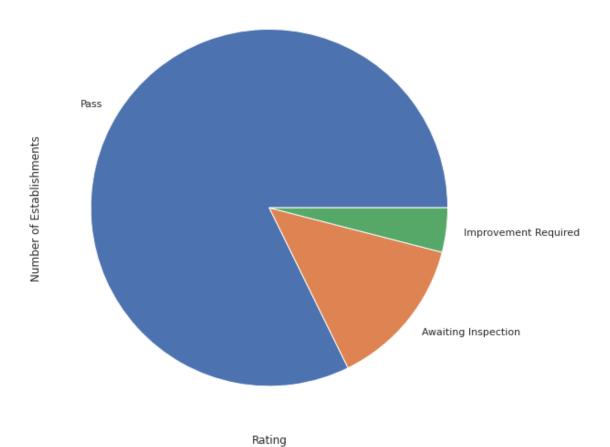
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Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in North Lanarkshire

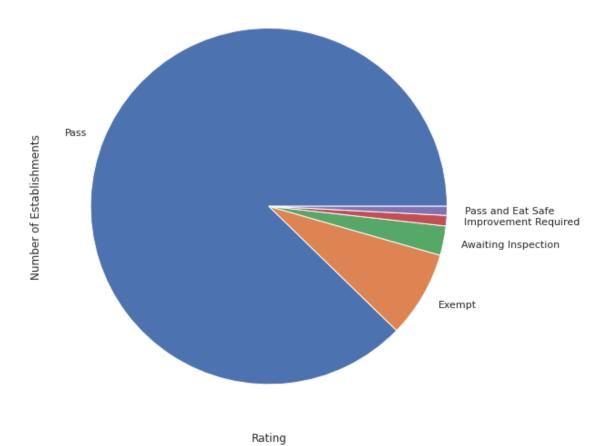


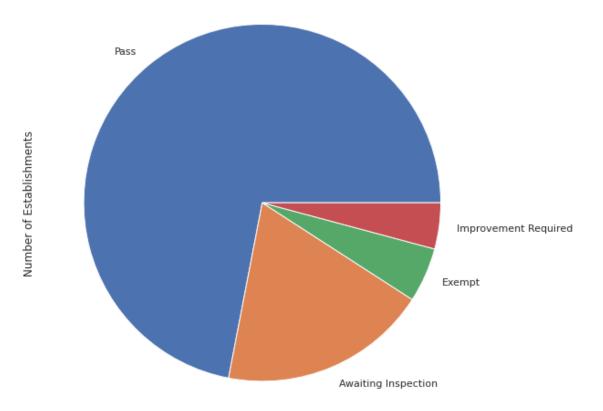
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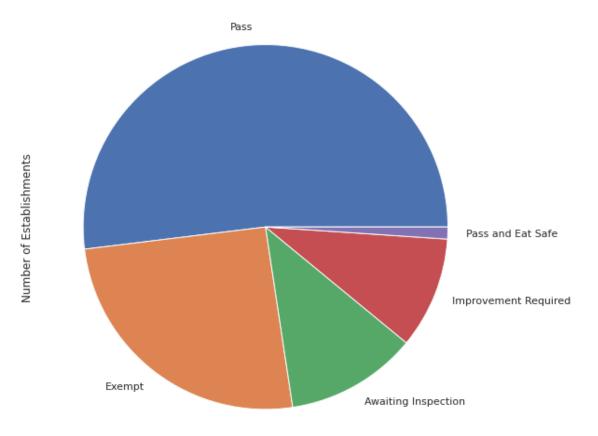
Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Renfrewshire





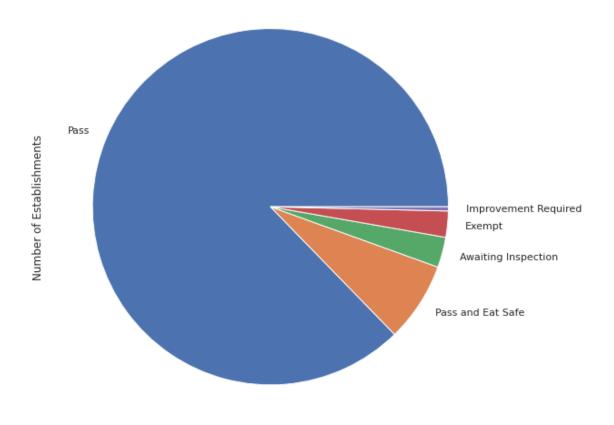
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Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Shetland Islands

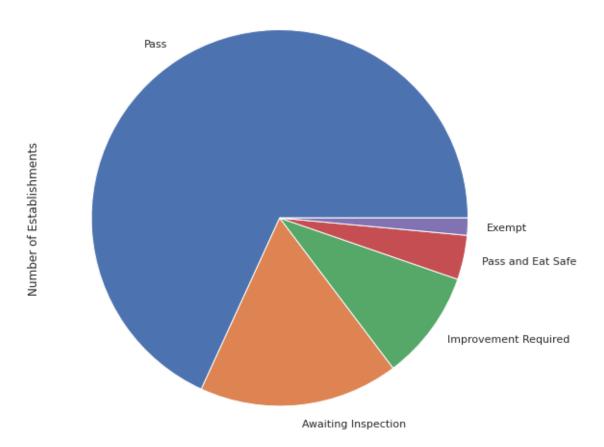


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Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in South Ayrshire

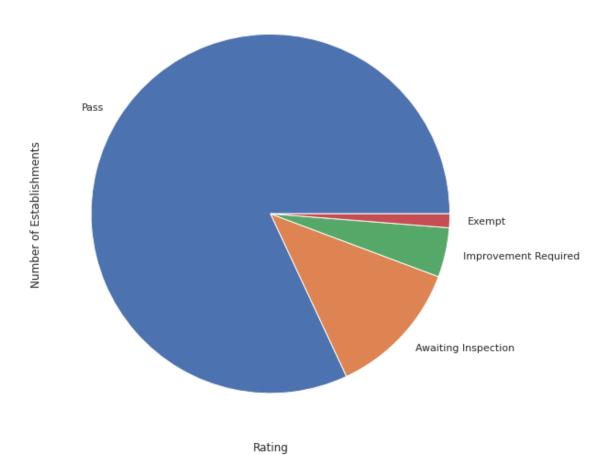


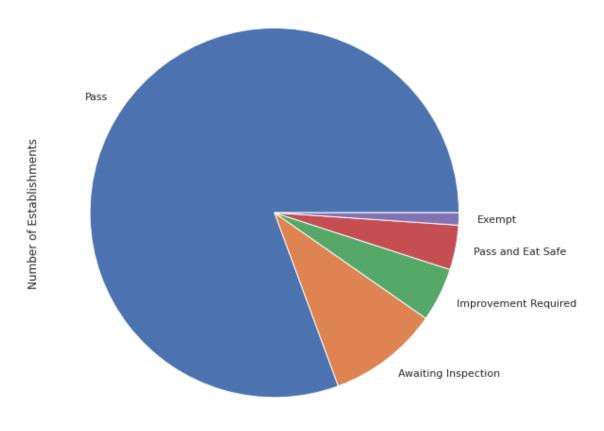
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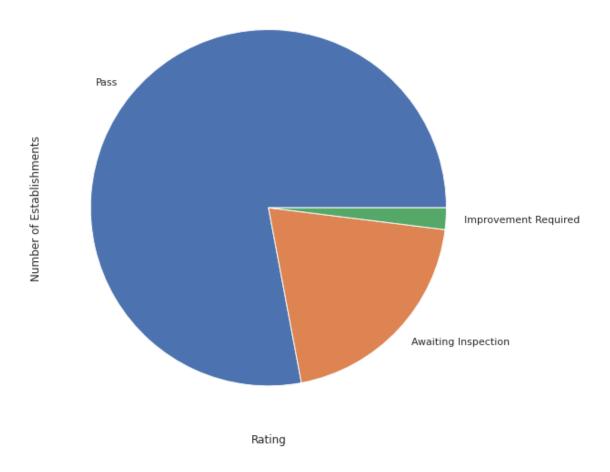
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Distribution of Hygiene Ratings in Stirling





Rating



1.5 Deep dive into hygiene ratings

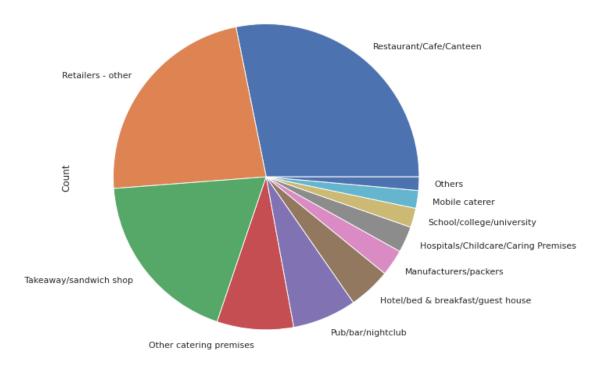
We can breakdown the individual ratings to find any correlations between business type and hygiene rating.

```
[30]: #Get the improvement required ratings along with various parameters
improvement_required = pd.read_sql_query("""
SELECT RatingValue, BusinessType, COUNT(*) as Count
FROM establishments
WHERE RatingValue = 'Improvement Required'
GROUP BY BusinessType
ORDER BY Count DESC;
""", conn)

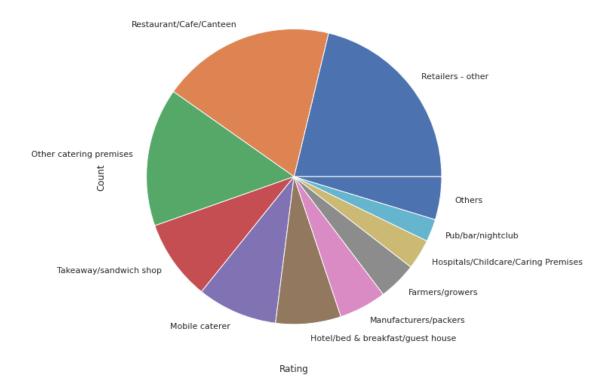
#Print
#print(improvement_required) # print the data frame
```

```
#Plotting
improvement required = topN(improvement required, 10, "BusinessType")
 ⇔#convertunder top 10 to others
improvement required.plot.pie(y = "Count", labels = 11
 →improvement_required["BusinessType"], legend = False)
plt.title("Distribution of Business Type for Improvement required hygiene⊔
⇔rating (Scotland)")
plt.xlabel("Rating")
#plt.ylabel("Number of Establishments")
plt.show()
#Get the Exempt ratings along with various parameters
waiting_df = pd.read_sql_query("""
SELECT RatingValue, BusinessType, COUNT(*) as Count
FROM establishments
WHERE RatingValue = 'Awaiting Inspection'
GROUP BY BusinessType
ORDER BY Count DESC;
""", conn)
#Print
#print(exempt) # print the data frame
#Plotting
waiting_df = topN(waiting_df, 10, "BusinessType")
waiting_df.plot.pie(y = "Count", labels = waiting_df["BusinessType"], legend = u
plt.title("Distribution of Business Type for Awaiting inspection hygiene rating⊔
 plt.xlabel("Rating")
#plt.ylabel("Number of Establishments")
plt.show()
# #Show distribution for improvement require by local authority, want this to \Box
⇔be a percentage
# local_df = master_df[master_df["RatingValue"] == "Improvement Required"]
# local_df.plot.pie(y = "Count", labels = local_df["LocalAuthorityName"],
\hookrightarrow legend = False)
# plt.title("Distribution of Improvement Required by Authority")
# plt.xlabel("Rating")
# plt.ylabel("Number of Establishments")
```

Distribution of Business Type for Improvement required hygiene rating (Scotland)



Rating

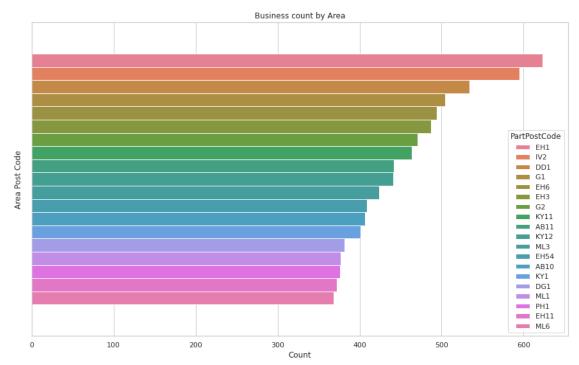


Exempt status is granted for businesses that don't produce their own food but do sell pre-packaged products and medicines which is corroborated here: https://essentialfoodhygiene.co.uk/what-are-the-three-food-hygiene-ratings-for-scotland/.

1.6 Businesses by Post Code

Using the intial part of a UK postcode, an indication of geographical area can be found. Lets find how many business fit in these areas.

```
plt.xlabel("Count")
plt.ylabel("Area Post Code")
plt.show()
```



1.7 Map business location data using Geopandas

Using a shapefile for the local authority boundaries from the Improvement Service (license below), the business location data can be placed on a map.

"The dataset is provided under Open Government Licence (OGL) for download and use. You are free to copy, publish, distribute and transmit the information as long as you acknowledge the source as coming from Improvement Service under OGL."

```
#Get dataframe

df_geo = pd.read_sql_query("""

SELECT BusinessName, BusinessType, RatingValue, PostCode, SUBSTR(PostCode, 1, u)

instr(PostCode, ' ')) as PartPostCode, Longitude, Latitude

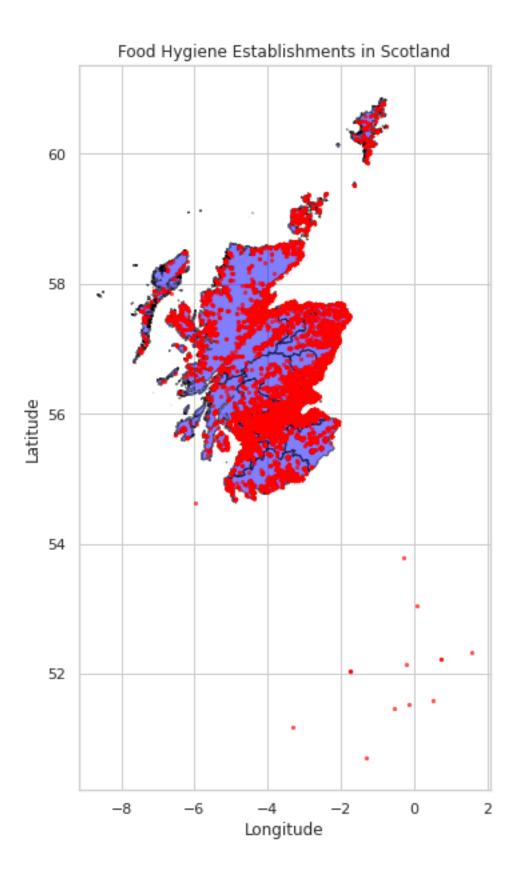
FROM establishments;

""", conn)

#Load Scottish local authority boundaries

#Please look at the README file to find instructions on how to download the boundary shapefiles
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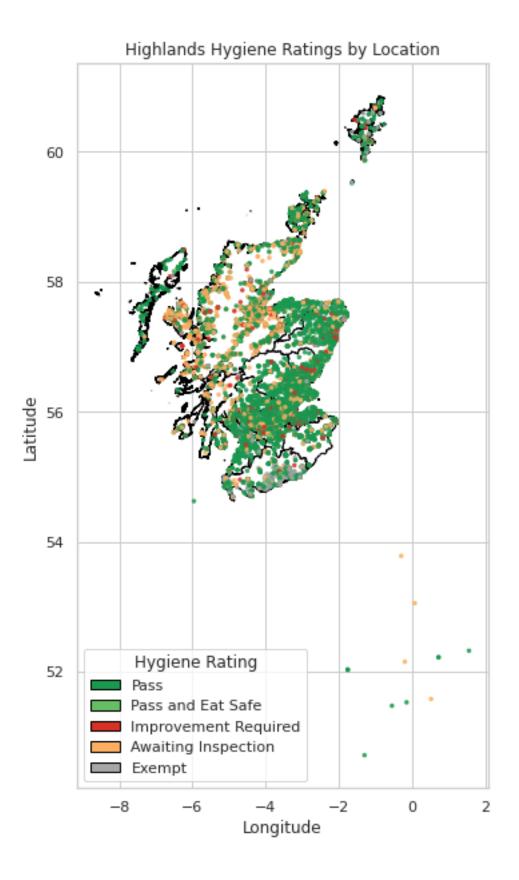
```
la_gdf = gpd.read_file("/mnt/d/renfrewshire_business_insights/data/pub_las.
 →shp") #local authority GeoDataFrame
#print(la qdf.columns.tolist()) #print all available columns in the GeoDataFrame
#print("All available authority names: ") #Check all available authority names
#print(la qdf["local auth"].unique()) # Optional: inspect names
#Filter
#high_gdf = la_gdf[la_gdf["local_auth"] == "Highland"].copy()
#Filter out null coordinates from the hygiene dataframe
df_geo = df_geo[df_geo['Latitude'].notnull() & df_geo['Longitude'].notnull()]
#Convert DataFrame to GeoDataFrame
points_gdf = gpd.GeoDataFrame(
   df_geo,
   geometry=gpd.points_from_xy(df_geo.Longitude.astype(float), df_geo.Latitude.
→astype(float)),
   crs="EPSG:4326"
)
#Ensure CRS matches
la_gdf = la_gdf.to_crs(epsg=4326)
#Plotting
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 10))
la gdf.plot(ax=ax, color='blue', edgecolor='black', alpha = 0.5)
points_gdf.plot(ax=ax, markersize=5, alpha=0.6, color='red')
plt.title("Food Hygiene Establishments in Scotland")
plt.xlabel("Longitude")
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
plt.show()
```



The highlighted area corresponds to Scotland

Before that, we can plot hygiene ratings onto this map as follows.

```
[33]: ##Generate the local authority boundaries to a single GeoDataFrame
      #included_areas = ["Highland", "Na h-Eileanan an Iar"]
      \#boundary\_gdf = la\_gdf[la\_gdf["local\_auth"].isin(included\_areas)].copy()_{\sqcup}
       ⇔#boundary dataframe
      #boundary_gdf = boundary_gdf.to_crs(epsg=4326) #covnert to consitent CRS
      # Map each string rating to a colour
      rating_colors = {
          "Pass": "#1a9850",
                                             # green
          "Pass and Eat Safe": "#66bd63", # light green
          "Improvement Required": "#d73027", # red
          "Awaiting Inspection": "#fdae61", # orange
          "Exempt": "#a6a6a6"
      }
      #Create a legend for the plot
      legend_elements = [
          Patch(facecolor=color, edgecolor='black', label=label)
          for label, color in rating_colors.items()
      ]
      # Map rating to colours by adding a colour column to the dataframe
      points_gdf["color"] = points_gdf["RatingValue"].map(rating_colors)
      # #Diagnostics
      # print(points_qdf[["Longitude", "Latitude", "geometry"]].head())
      # print(points_qdf.qeom_type.unique())
      # print(points_gdf.crs)
      #Plot
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 10))
      la_gdf.plot(ax=ax, color="white", edgecolor="black")
      points_gdf.plot(ax=ax, markersize=6, color=points_gdf["color"], alpha=0.8)
      plt.title("Highlands Hygiene Ratings by Location")
      plt.xlabel("Longitude")
      plt.ylabel("Latitude")
      plt.grid(True)
      plt.legend(handles=legend_elements, title="Hygiene Rating", loc='lower left')
      plt.show()
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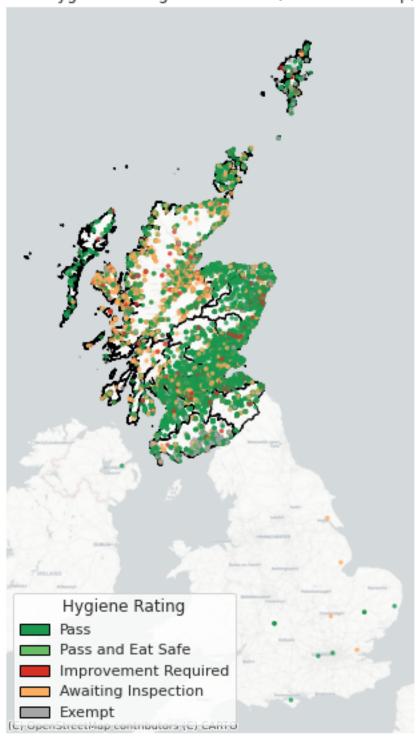


As the vast majority of hygiene ratings were pass, it is expected to see most of the data points be the same colour.

Using contextily we can create static map with geographic data to layer under the above plot.

```
[55]: #Use contextily to plot street map underneath plots
      import contextily as ctx
      #Reproject both GeoDataFrames to EPSG:3857 (Web Mercator)
      points_web = points_gdf.to_crs(epsg=3857)
      la_web = la_gdf.to_crs(epsg=3857)
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 10))
      #Plot boundary outline
      la_web.plot(ax=ax, color='none', edgecolor='black')
      points_web.plot(ax=ax, markersize=6, color=points_web['color'], alpha=0.7)_u
       →#Plot hygiene points (coloured by rating, as before)
      #Add basemap tiles
      \#ctx.add\_basemap(ax, source=ctx.providers.OpenStreetMap.Mapnik) \#OpenMap full_{\sqcup}
       ⇔colour
      ctx.add_basemap(ax, source=ctx.providers.CartoDB.Positron) #qrayscale overlay
      plt.title("Food Hygiene Ratings in Scotland (with Street Map)")
      plt.axis("off")
      plt.legend(handles=legend_elements, title="Hygiene Rating", loc='lower left')
      plt.show()
```

Food Hygiene Ratings in Scotland (with Street Map)



1.8 Interactive map using Folium and GeoPandas

```
[56]: #print(points web["color"])
      #Generate the base map
      #map_center = [points_web["Latitude"].astype(float).mean(),__
       ⇒points_web["Longitude"].astype(float).mean()]
      #m = folium.Map(location=map_center, zoom_start=12, tiles="CartoDB Positron")
      points_web.info()
      m = folium.Map(
          location=[points_web["Latitude"].astype(float).mean(),_
       →points_web["Longitude"].astype(float).mean()],
          zoom_start=7,
          tiles=None
      )
      cluster_layer = folium.FeatureGroup(name="All Businesses (Clustered)", __
       ⇔show=True)
      marker_cluster = MarkerCluster().add_to(cluster_layer)
      for _, row in points_web.iterrows():
          popup_text = (
              f"<b>{row['BusinessName']}</b><br>"
              f"Rating: {row['RatingValue']}<br>"
              f"Postcode: {row['PostCode']}"
          )
          folium.CircleMarker(
              location=[row["Latitude"], row["Longitude"]],
              radius=4,
              color=row["color"], # Use your hex color code
              fill=True,
              fill_color=row["color"],
              fill_opacity=0.8,
              popup=folium.Popup(popup_text, max_width=250)
          ).add_to(marker_cluster)
      cluster_layer.add_to(m)
      # m = points_web.explore(
             column = "RatingValue",
             tiles = None,
             tooltip = ["BusinessName", "PostCode", "RatingValue"],
      #
             popup = False,
            cmap = "jet_r",
      #
             legend_kwds = {"caption": "Markers Hygiene Rating"},
             name = "Markers" #name of the layer
```

```
# )
#Add tile layer with customer layer name
folium.TileLayer(
   tiles="https://{s}.basemaps.cartocdn.com/light_all/{z}/{x}/{y}{r}.png",
   attr="@ OpenStreetMap contributors & CartoDB",
   name="Light map", #This name appears in the layer control
   control=True,
   show = True
).add to(m)
# #Dark Mode (CartoDB Dark Matter)
# folium.TileLayer(
       tiles = "https://{s}.basemaps.cartocdn.com/dark_all/{z}/{x}/{y}{r}.png",
       name="Dark Map",
       attr="@ OpenStreetMap & CartoDB",
      show = False,
# ).add_to(m)
# # #Satellite (Esri World Imagery)
# folium.TileLayer(
      tiles="https://server.arcgisonline.com/ArcGIS/rest/services/World_Imagery/
 \negMapServer/tile/{z}/{y}/{x}",
     name="Satellite", attr="Tiles © Esri",
      show = False
# ).add_to(m)
#add a business density heatmap
heat_data = [[row["Latitude"], row["Longitude"]] for _, row in points_web.
 →iterrows()]
heat = folium.FeatureGroup(name="Business density heatmap", show = True)
HeatMap(heat_data, min_opacity=0.4, radius=15).add_to(heat)
heat.add_to(m)
#Add a layer highlighting Improvement required
improve_df = points_web[points_web["RatingValue"] == "Improvement Required"]__
 ⇔#find the points
improve_layer = folium.FeatureGroup(name = "Improvement Required (Redu

→Markers)", show = False)
for _, row in improve_df.iterrows():
   tooltip_text = (
       f"<b>{row['BusinessName']}</b><br>"
       f"Hygiene Rating: {row['RatingValue']}<br>"
       f"Postcode: {row['PostCode']}"
   )
   folium.CircleMarker(
```

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location=[row["Latitude"], row["Longitude"]],
        radius=5,
        color="black",
        weight = 2,
        fill=True,
        fill_color="red",
        fill_opacity=0.9,
        tooltip=folium.Tooltip(tooltip_text)
    ).add_to(improve_layer)
improve_layer.add_to(m)
#Add improvement required heatmap
improve_heat_layer = folium.FeatureGroup(name="Improvement Required (Heatmap)",__
 ⇒show = False)
heat_data = [[row["Latitude"], row["Longitude"]] for _, row in improve_df.
 ⇒iterrows()]
HeatMap(heat_data, min_opacity=0.4, radius=15, blur=10).
 ⇒add_to(improve_heat_layer)
improve_heat_layer.add_to(m)
#Add layer control toggle
folium.LayerControl(collapsed = False).add_to(m)
#add sources
m.get_root().html.add_child(folium.Element("""
    <div style="position: fixed; bottom: 5px; left: 5px; font-size: 11px;_</pre>
 ⇒background-color: white; padding: 4px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">
        Source: <a href='https://ratings.food.gov.uk/open-data/en-GB'u
 ⇔target='_blank'>FSA Hygiene Ratings</a>
    </div>
"""))
m.save("/mnt/d/renfrewshire_business_insights/docs/scotland_hygiene_ratings.
  ⇔html")
<class 'geopandas.geodataframe.GeoDataFrame'>
Index: 46340 entries, 0 to 57042
Data columns (total 9 columns):
 #
    Column
                  Non-Null Count Dtype
                  -----
 0
    BusinessName 46340 non-null object
    BusinessType 46340 non-null object
    RatingValue 46340 non-null object
    PostCode
                  45873 non-null object
```

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4
    PartPostCode 45873 non-null object
 5
                   46340 non-null object
    Longitude
 6
    Latitude
                   46340 non-null
                                   object
 7
                   46340 non-null
                                   geometry
     geometry
     color
                   46340 non-null
                                   object
 8
dtypes: geometry(1), object(8)
memory usage: 3.5+ MB
```

1.8.1 Outliers

Use the WHERE SQL command to find specific postcodes for outlier analysis.

```
[]: outliers = pd.read_sql_query("""
    SELECT BusinessName, BusinessType, PostCode, AddressLine1,
    AddressLine2, AddressLine3, AddressLine4
    FROM establishments
    WHERE PostCode LIKE "G%" OR PostCode LIKE "A%";
    """, conn)
    outliers.head()
```

Two of the results are mobile caterers which could explain the lack of a business address within the confines of Renfrewshire.

1.9 Tableau conversion

1.10 Conclusions

"This analysis explored food hygiene trends in the Highlands using publicly available inspection data, geospatial mapping, and simulated Yelp enrichment. It demonstrates core data skills including SQL, Python, spatial joins, and visual communication."

1.11 Save and Close

```
[]: conn.close()
[]:
```