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Part A – Data Visualization Report

Answer 1. Business Understanding

Malaysia's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system plays a vital role in preparing a skilled workforce for national development. Between 2021 and 2025, accredited centres doubled from 150 to 300, with many institutions improving quality and expanding training in high-demand sectors like Information Technology, Renewable Energy, and Automation Technology.

Despite this progress, several key issues persist: mismatches between graduate supply and job demand, uneven quality of training centres across states, high dropout rates in certain fields, and regional differences in job opportunities. These challenges limit the effectiveness of the TVET system in supporting industry needs and offering equitable outcomes for all students.

This study aims to identify gaps and opportunities by analyzing integrated data from 2021 to 2025, including centre quality, student performance, job market demand, and salary trends. The goal is to help ministries such as KESUMA (Ministry of Human Resources), KPM (Ministry of Education), and KKDW (Ministry of Rural and Regional Development) make informed, data-driven decisions.

The following objectives and corresponding insights have been identified to help achieve a comprehensive analysis:

Graduate Supply vs. Job Market Demand

This objective aims to understand whether the number of TVET graduates in each field matches the job demand across industries. By identifying shortages and oversupply, this use case helps improve workforce planning and supports more effective program allocation.

- To compare the number of graduates by field with job openings in 2025.
- To identify fields with a significant talent shortage or surplus across Malaysia.
- To analyze whether the most popular fields among students align with job demand and salary prospects.

Centre Quality and Student Performance

This objective aims to evaluate how the quality of accredited TVET centres affects student success. By linking centre ratings to student outcomes, this use case supports decisions on accreditation, funding, and quality improvement.

- To assess the distribution of centre quality ratings (High, Moderate, Low) across 2021, 2023, and 2025.
- To determine if students in Low Quality centres experience higher failure or dropout rates.
- To track whether the quality of centres has improved over time, especially in rural or underserved states.

Student Dropout and Field-Level Performance

This objective focuses on identifying fields and regions with high student attrition. By analyzing dropout and failure patterns, the insights can inform better resource planning and student support strategies.

- To identify TVET fields with the highest dropout or failure rates from 2021 to 2024.
- To compare dropout trends across states, especially between urban and rural areas.
- To analyze how dropout rates relate to centre quality and field-specific challenges.

Career Outcomes and Salary Trends

This objective explores how different TVET fields impact graduate earnings. Understanding salary trends helps guide student enrollment decisions and policy support for high-impact training areas.

- To compare average salaries by field to identify which offer the best financial return.
- To highlight the top three highest-paying TVET fields in 2025.
- To assess whether students are choosing high-paying, in-demand fields or entering oversaturated, lower-paying areas.

Regional Access and Job Opportunities

This objective examines geographic disparities in TVET access and employment. By mapping where students are trained and where jobs are located, this use case helps ensure balanced development and policy support across all regions.

- To visualize student enrollment and graduate numbers by state and region.
- To identify areas with high graduate supply but low job demand, or the reverse.
- To map the location of job opportunities to understand whether students need to relocate for employment.

Use Cases and Business Questions

Use Case 1: Matching Graduate Supply with Job Demand

This use case focuses on identifying gaps between the number of TVET graduates and available job opportunities, helping align training efforts with real market needs.

1. What is the total number of graduates in each TVET field from 2021 to 2024?
2. Which fields have the highest number of job openings in 2025?
3. Where are the mismatches between graduate supply and job demand across fields?

Use Case 2: Assessing Centre Quality Across States

This use case examines how centre accreditation ratings vary by year and region, helping decision-makers identify where quality improvements are needed.

4. What is the distribution of High, Moderate, and Low Quality centres from 2021 to 2025?
5. Which states have the largest concentration of Low Quality centres?
6. How has the number of High Quality centres changed over time?

Use Case 3: Analyzing Student Dropout and Failure Rates

This use case aims to uncover fields and locations with high dropout or failure rates, allowing for targeted support to improve completion.

7. Which TVET fields recorded the highest student failure rates between 2021 and 2024?
8. Where are student dropout rates highest across Malaysian states?
9. What is the relationship between centre quality and dropout rates?

Use Case 4: Understanding Salary Trends by Field

This use case explores salary levels across TVET fields, helping students and ministries prioritize high-impact and financially rewarding programs.

10. What is the average salary for each field based on 2025 job market data?
11. Which TVET fields offer the top three highest-paying career paths?
12. How do salary levels compare between fields with high vs. low job demand?

Use Case 5: Exploring Regional Access and Employment Distribution

This use case investigates how training and job opportunities are spread across Malaysia, supporting balanced regional development.

13. Which states produce the most and least number of TVET graduates?
14. Where are job opportunities most concentrated across the country?
15. How closely does student location match job location, and do students need to migrate for work?

Answer 2. Data Understanding and Preparation

a) Identify the Data Relevant for the Insights Above

To support the five use cases and fifteen business questions outlined in the previous section, the following datasets were identified as relevant and are used in this project. These datasets cover information on accredited centres, student outcomes, job market demand, salary data, and geographic distribution from 2021 to 2025.

1. Accredited Centre Quality Dataset (2021, 2023, 2025)

Purpose:

- Analyze changes in the number and quality (High, Moderate, Low) of accredited TVET centres over time
- Compare centre distribution across states and fields
- Support insights for Use Case 2 and Use Case 3

Relevant Fields: Centre Name, State, Field of Study, Quality Rating, Year

2. TVET Student Performance Dataset (2021–2024)

File name: *TVET_Students_Dataset_With_Failures_English.xlsx*

Purpose:

- Identify failure and dropout rates by field and state
- Compare student outcomes based on centre quality
- Link performance with job market supply
- Supports Use Case 1 and Use Case 3

Relevant Fields: Student Count, Field, State, Year, Dropout %, Failure %, Total Graduates

3. Final TVET Job Market Dataset (2025)

File name: *Final_Adjusted_TVET_Job_Dataset_English.xlsx*

Purpose:

- Analyze job demand by field and state
- Identify top-paying job sectors for TVET graduates
- Support insights for Use Case 1 and Use Case 4

Relevant Fields: Job Title, TVET Field, Required Skills, Number of Vacancies, Average Salary, State

4. TVET Socioeconomic Dataset (2022–2025)

File name: *TVET_Socioeconomic_2022_2025(Final).csv*

Purpose:

- Compare training access and job opportunities across rural and urban states
- Support regional analysis in Use Case 5

Relevant Fields: State, Year, Number of Centres, Employment Rate, Average Household Income

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External Data Sources

To support Use Case 5: Regional Access and Employment Distribution, an external dataset titled *TVET_Socioeconomic_2022_2025(Final).csv* was created specifically for this project. This dataset was constructed by extracting and combining key indicators from four public sources available on the ILO Asia and the Pacific Data Portal: [ILO ASIA](#)

Source Files Used

- data-S4doK.csv
- unemployment rate.csv
- Working_Poverty_Rate_By_Age_2022_2025.csv
- malaysia.csv

These datasets contained information on:

- Labour force participation
- Unemployment and NEET rates
- Informal employment
- Working poverty and income share

After filtering the columns most relevant to Malaysia's TVET landscape, the datasets were cleaned, trimmed, and merged by year (2022–2025). The result was a consolidated and structured dataset:

TVET_Socioeconomic_2022_2025(Final).csv

Purpose and Contribution

This external dataset enriches the internal TVET analysis by:

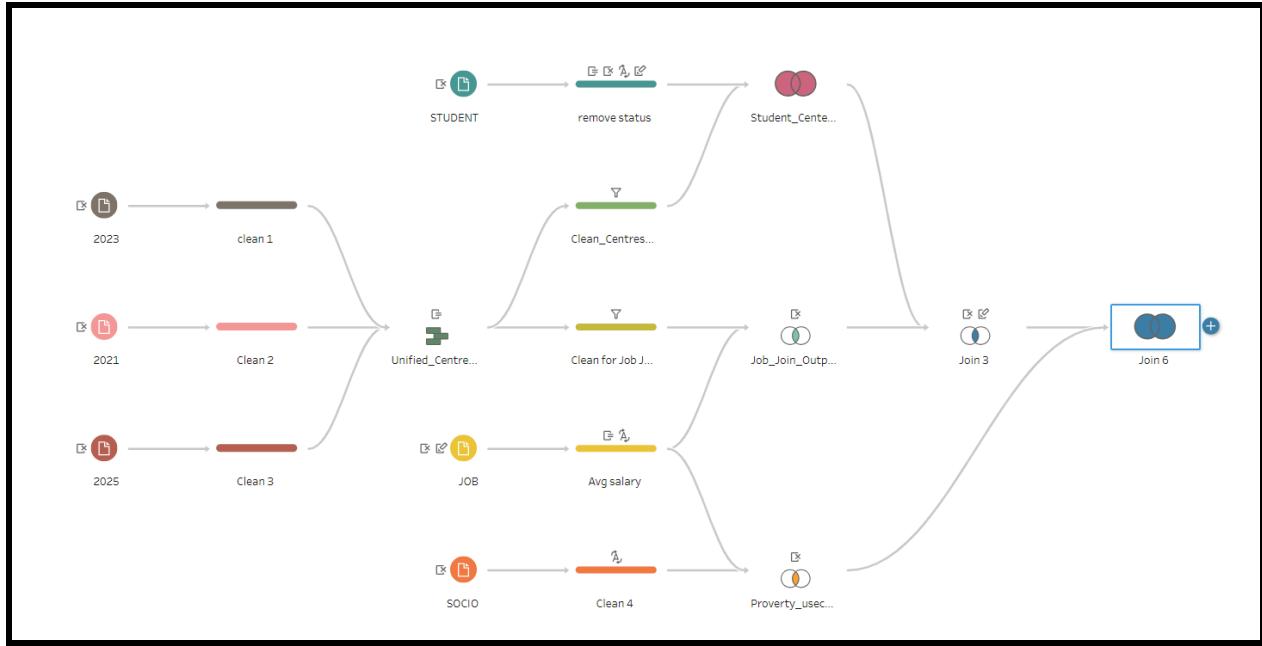
- Supporting comparisons between graduate supply and job demand by state
- Revealing how socioeconomic conditions influence dropout or failure rates
- Strengthening recommendations with national labor indicators like NEET and poverty
- Helping policymakers target underserved or high-risk regions

By integrating macroeconomic context into the visualization, this dataset directly supports the core objective of bridging the gap between TVET education and industry needs with data-driven insights.

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(b) Overall Data Flow Description

The overall data flow begins by unioning the Accredited Centers datasets from 2021, 2023, and 2025 to create a unified table with a new “Year” field. This unioned dataset is then joined with the student dataset using a cleaned join key (TVET Field and State). The result is further joined with the job dataset to enrich it with employment and salary details. Lastly, the flow joins with the socioeconomic dataset, which was cleaned and duplicated by states and federal territories, allowing the final dataset to support complete visualizations. All joins are based on common fields like TVET Field, State, and Year.



3. Lower-Level Structure (Worksheets)

a) Pre-attentive Elements

Pre-attentive elements are visual attributes that our brain processes almost instantly, without conscious effort. These include color, shape, orientation, position, and size, which help us identify trends, anomalies, and patterns in data quickly. By leveraging these elements in data visualizations, we improve readability and enhance decision-making. Below, we explore how pre-attentive elements like points, lines, spatial placement, and color are utilized in Tableau with supporting examples and explanation.

Points

Points are used in scatter plots to represent individual data records and can quickly highlight clusters and outliers.

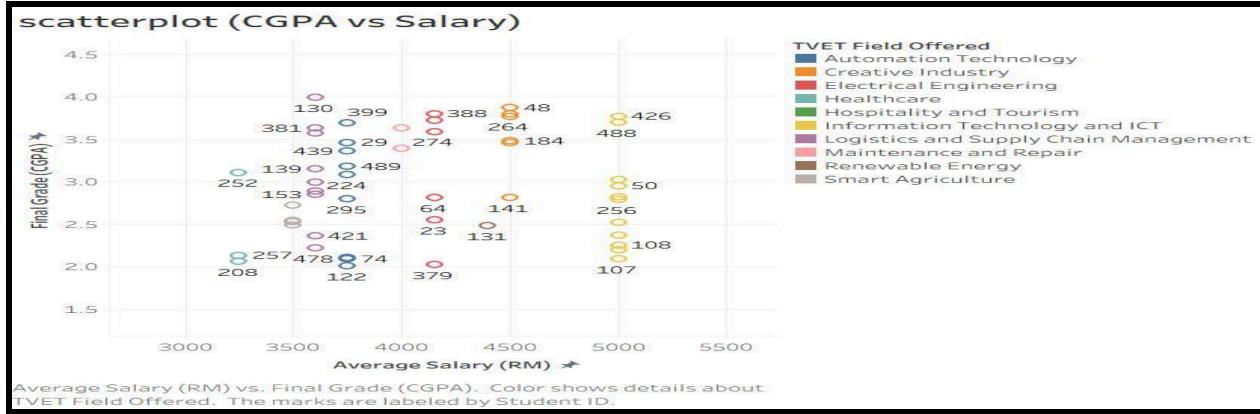


Figure 01: Visualization: Average Salary vs. CGPA Scatter Plot

This scatter plot shows the relationship between students' Final Grade (CGPA) and Average Salary (RM). Each point represents a student, and their location is defined by two quantitative variables—CGPA and salary. The pre-attentive feature used here is position, which allows immediate recognition of distribution, density, and outliers.

Using color for different TVET fields offered makes clusters easily distinguishable. For instance, Smart Agriculture students cluster around higher CGPA and salary ranges. Viewers can quickly draw insights without needing to analyze raw values, which is the power of using position and color as pre-attentive cues.

Line

Line elements represent continuity and movement across time or ordered data categories.

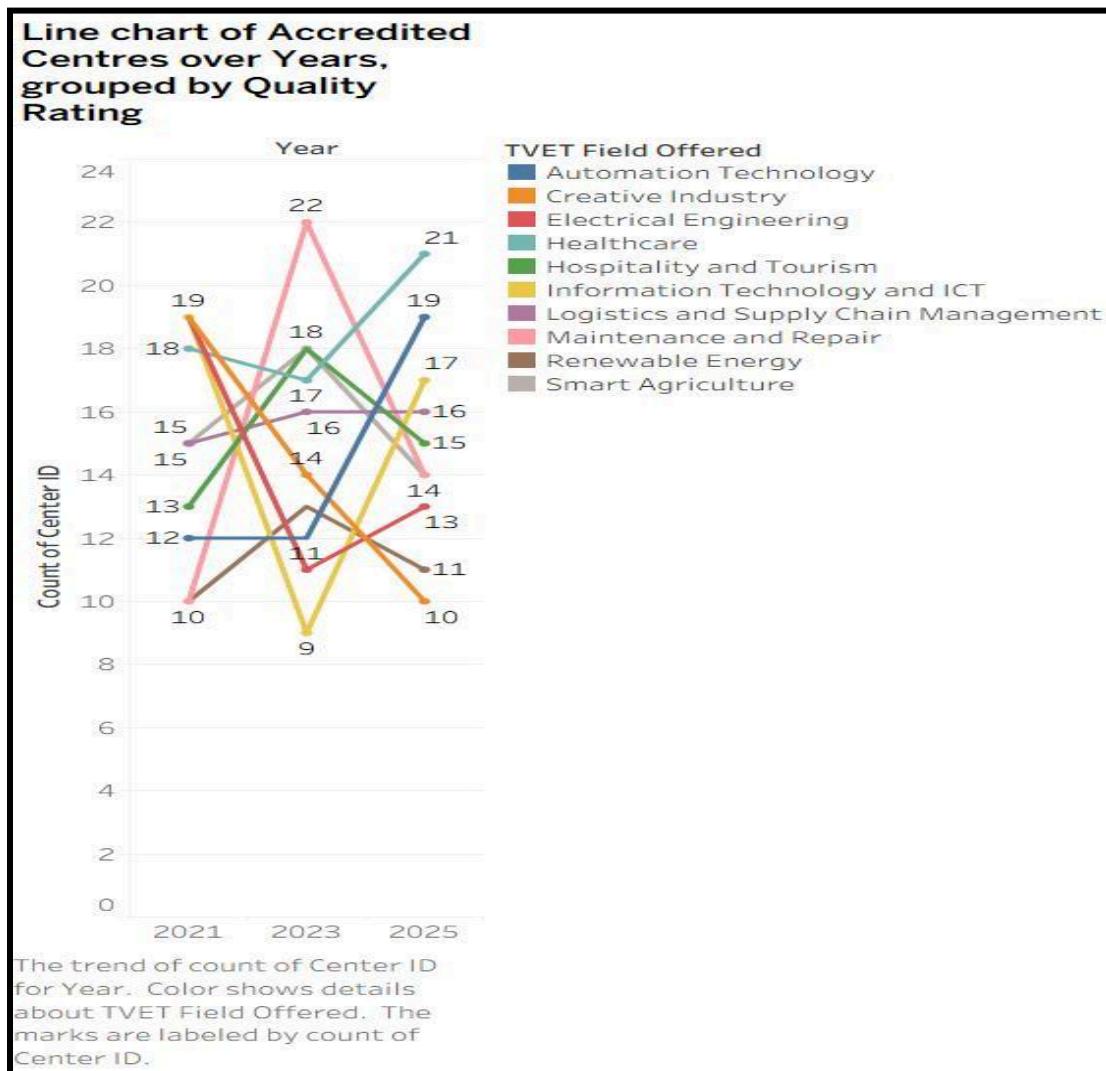


Figure 02: Visualization: Count of Accredited Centers over Years

This line chart visualizes the number of accredited centers by year, broken down by TVET fields. The pre-attentive feature is orientation, where the slopes and trends of the lines are instantly visible.

By using colored lines for each field, the chart allows viewers to easily detect rising or falling trends. For example, the Renewable Energy field shows a consistent increase, while some others fluctuate. This allows faster comparison and highlights fields requiring attention or investment.

Spatial

Spatial placement maps data geographically, utilizing our brain's familiarity with spatial orientation.

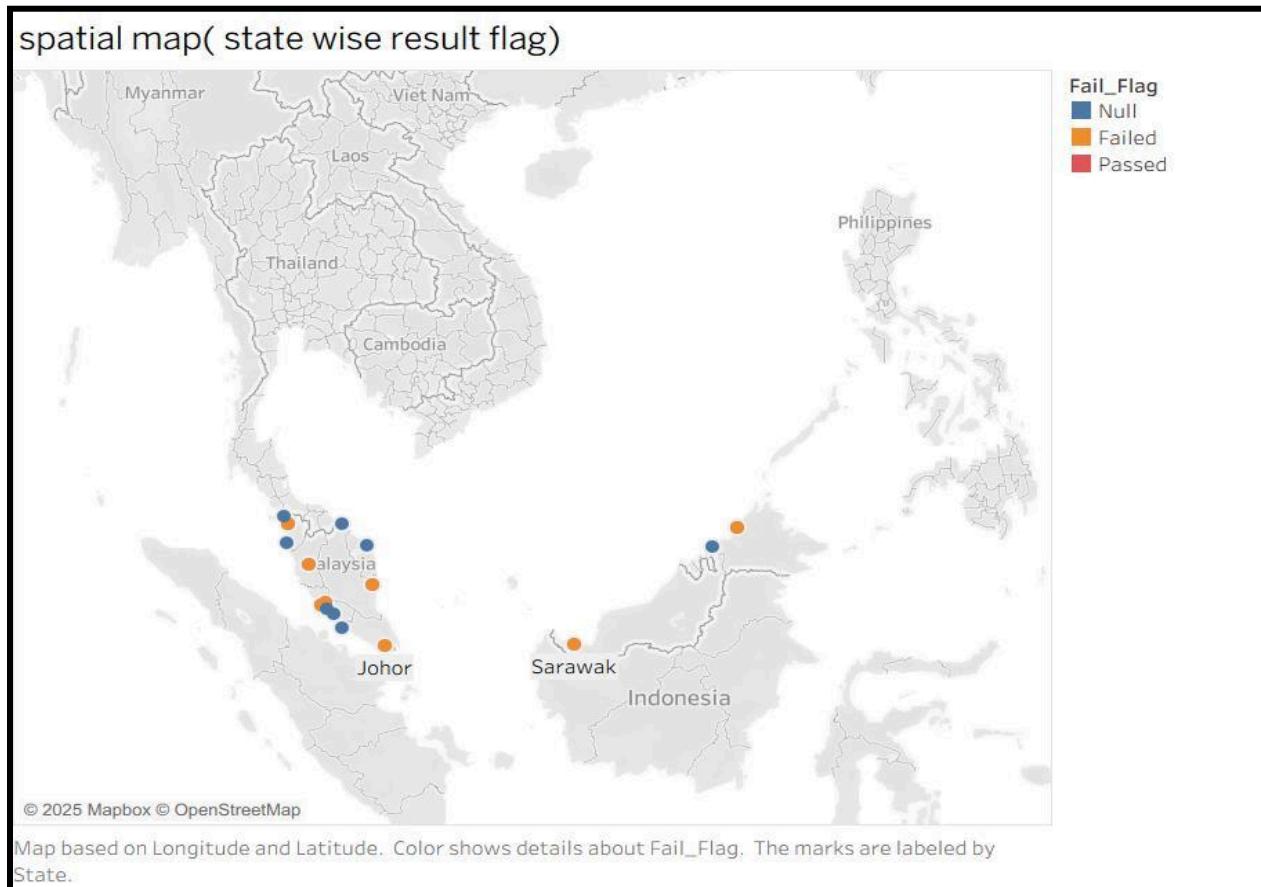


Figure 03: Visualization: State-wise Fail Flag Map

This map shows TVET center outcomes (Pass/Fail) by state in Malaysia, using the pre-attentive feature location. Dots are plotted by longitude and latitude, enabling immediate recognition of regional differences.

States with more orange dots (Fail) become obvious without needing to read legends. For instance, more failures appear in southern states, while central regions perform better. This helps identify geographic gaps at a glance.

Color

Color is a dominant pre-attentive element used to encode categories or intensity.

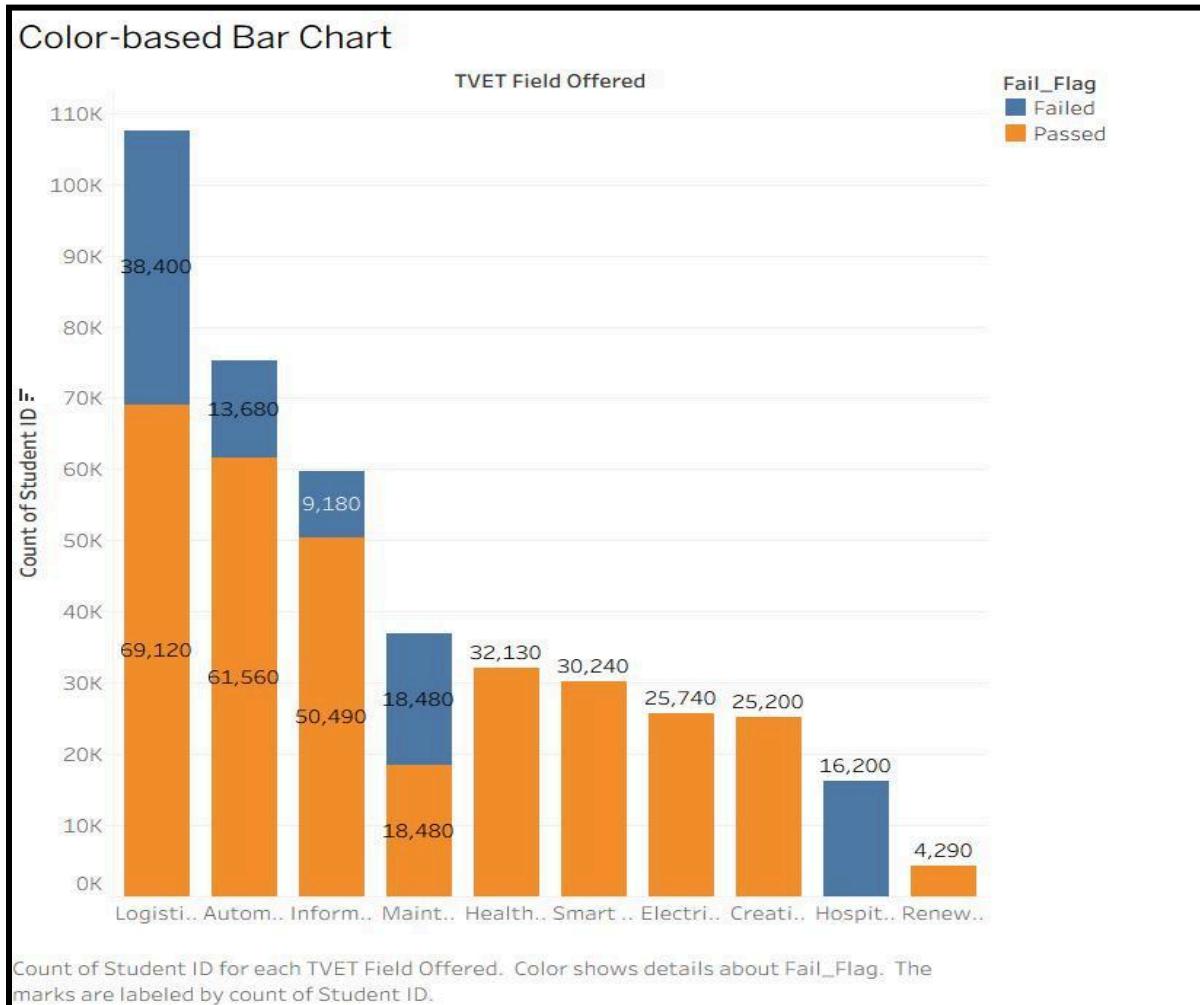


Figure 04: Visualization: Pass vs. Fail by TVET Field (Bar Chart)

This bar chart visualizes student outcomes by TVET fields, where colors distinguish Pass and Fail outcomes. The pre-attentive feature color hue is used to differentiate success vs. failure instantly. Fields like Logistics and Automation Technology show taller bars with large blue segments, indicating high fail rates. This quick visual cue supports faster data interpretation and directs viewer attention where it's most needed.

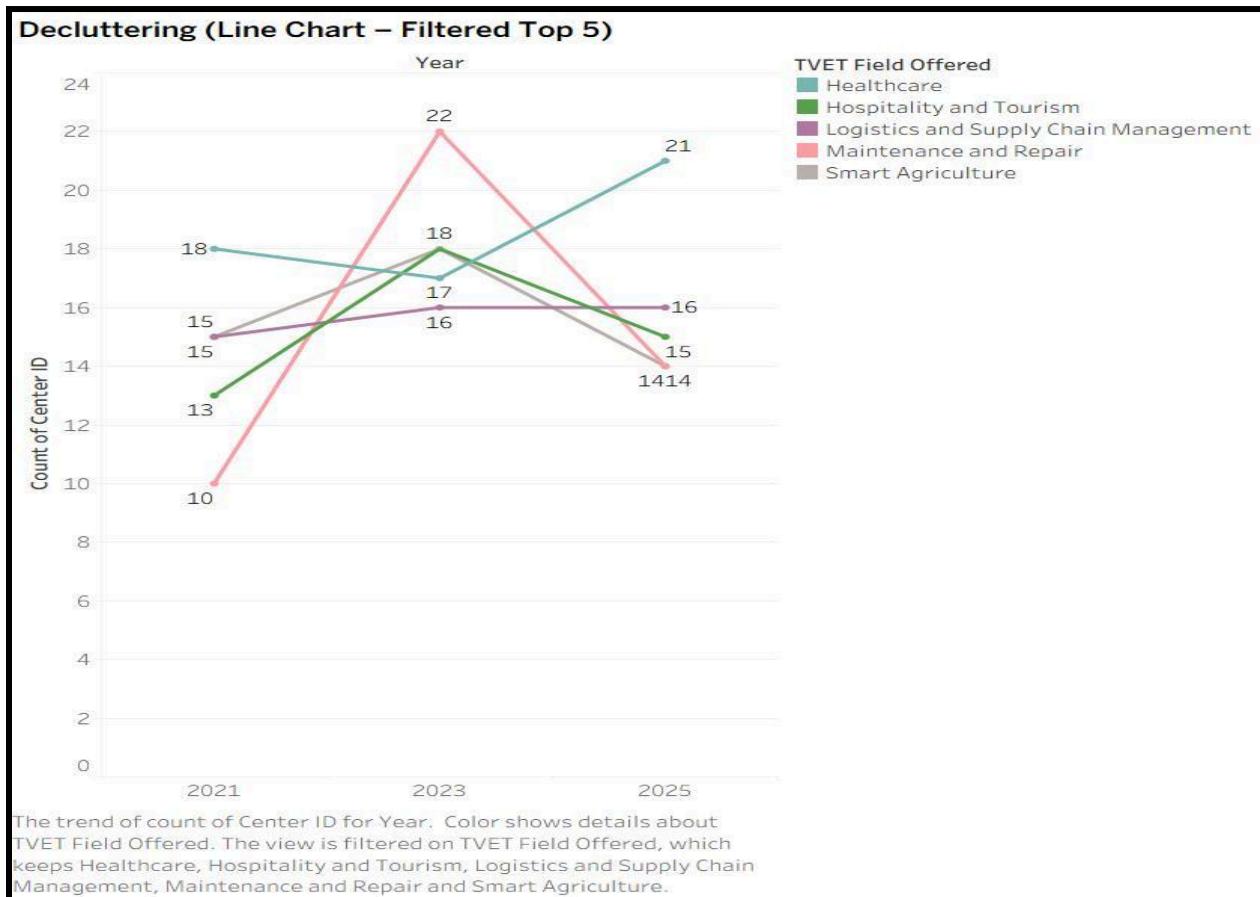
3. (b) Lower-Level Structure (Worksheets)

Analytical Reasoning

Analytical reasoning in data visualization refers to methods used to guide users in discovering insights through comparison, sorting, focus, and filtering. These techniques help simplify complex datasets, highlight gaps, and lead to better decision-making. Below are five core reasoning strategies used in Tableau, with snapshots and explanations.

Decluttering – Line Chart (Top 5 TVET Fields)

Decluttering is a visualization technique used to remove unnecessary data to enhance clarity. In this example, the original line chart included **all TVET fields**, causing visual overlap and making it hard to interpret trends.



To declutter the chart, a Top 5 filter was applied based on the count of Center ID. This filter limited the view to only the five most prominent fields with the highest number of accredited centers across the years.

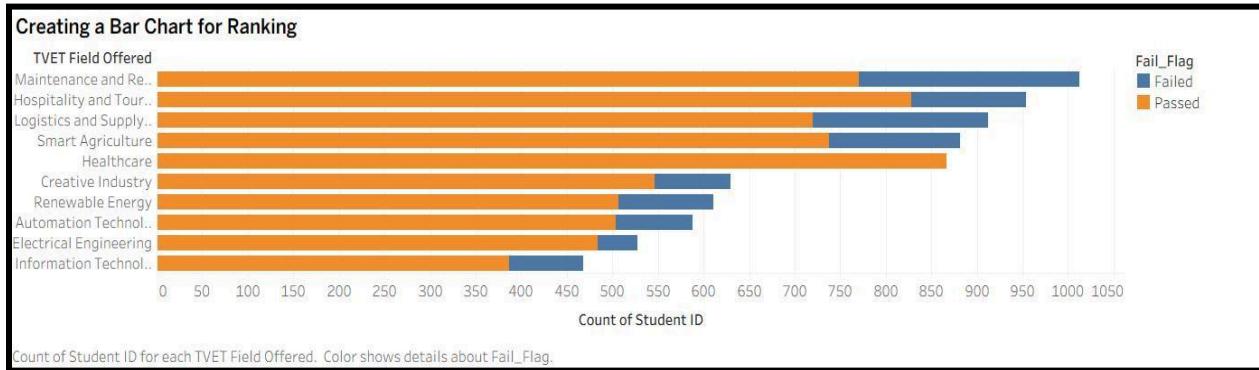
This method reduces cognitive load and allows the viewer to:

- Quickly identify key trends over time

- Focus on the most impactful categories
- Avoid distraction from low-activity fields

The result is a cleaner, more focused chart that supports clearer analytical reasoning for performance comparison.

Ranking – Bar Chart: Pass vs. Fail by TVET Field



Visualization Technique: Horizontal Bar Chart

Ranking is an analytical technique that arranges data in order to quickly compare performance across categories. In this visualization, a horizontal bar chart is used to display the total number of students per TVET field, segmented by Pass vs. Fail outcomes (Fail_Flag).

By sorting the bars in descending order, it becomes easy to identify which TVET fields have the highest or lowest student participation. The length of the bars provides a clear indication of volume, while the color encoding helps differentiate student performance.

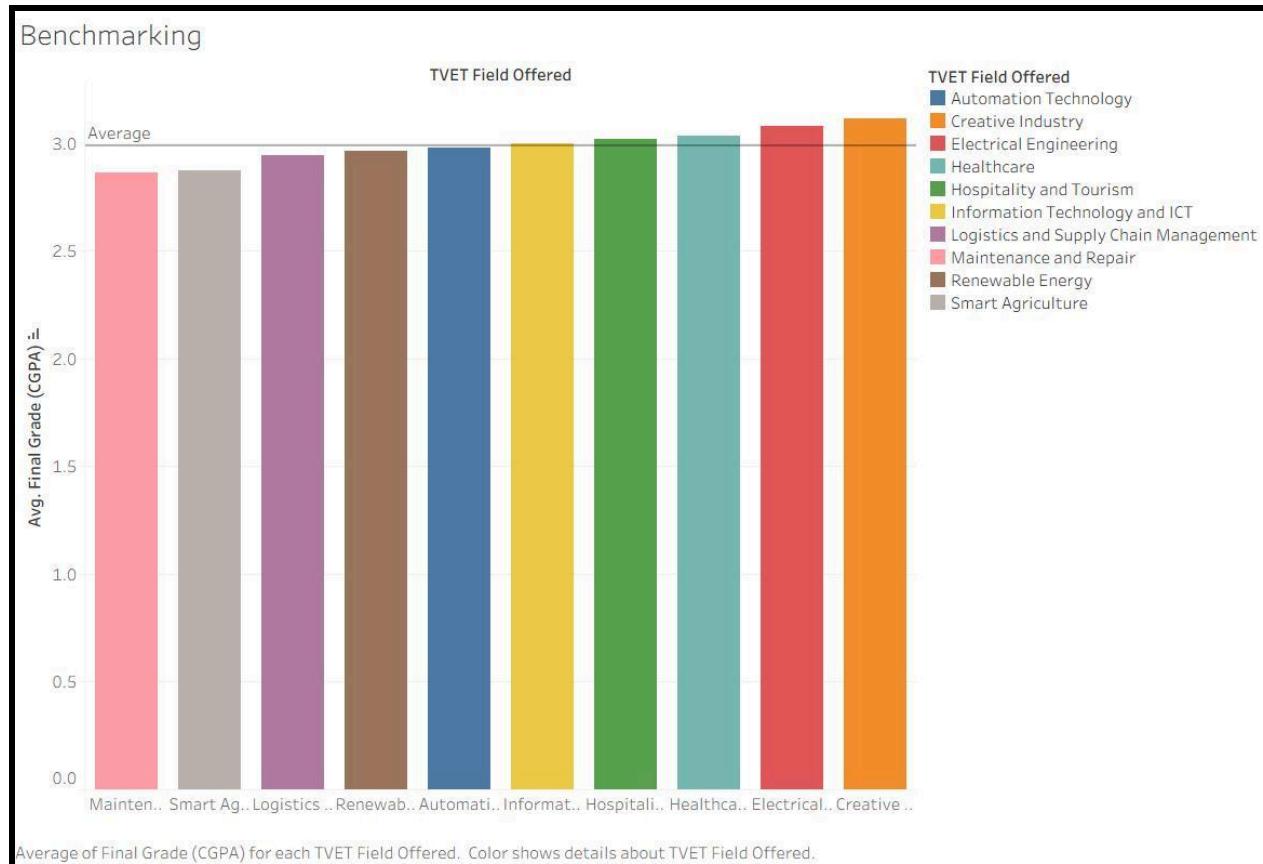
This ranking approach enables:

- Quick identification of top-performing or high-enrollment programs
- Targeting fields with high failure rates despite high student numbers
- Informing decisions about resource allocation, intervention, or curriculum reform

Such prioritization helps stakeholders focus attention where improvement is most needed.

Benchmarking – Bar Chart with Average Line

A vertical bar chart was created to display the Average Final Grade (CGPA) across various TVET Fields Offered, with a horizontal reference line indicating the overall average CGPA. Benchmarking enables the identification of categories performing above or below a defined standard. In this case, the average line serves as a benchmark to visually compare the performance of each TVET field.



Insights from the Chart:

- Fields such as *Creative Industry* and *Electrical Engineering* show performance above the average benchmark.
- Fields like *Maintenance and Repair* or *Smart Agriculture* fall below the benchmark.
- This analytical reasoning approach supports performance evaluation, policy adjustments, and strategic planning.

By positioning a reference line, the visualization highlights the performance gap across TVET fields in a clear and intuitive manner. Benchmarking facilitates quick identification of areas requiring improvement and supports data-driven decision-making.

Clueing

Clueing refers to using visual cues such as color, shape, or size to draw the viewer's attention to specific aspects of the data. It helps users immediately recognize important patterns or anomalies without needing to explore all values in detail.



This spatial map utilizes color cues based on the Fail_Flag field to visually distinguish result outcomes (Passed, Failed, Null) across various Malaysian states. Each dot on the map represents a center, and the color of each mark serves as a visual clue to its performance classification:

- Orange indicates students who failed,
- Red indicates students who passed,
- Blue indicates null or missing data.

These visual indicators act as pre-attentive attributes, allowing the viewer to instantly identify high-failure regions or anomalies in the dataset. This kind of cueing minimizes cognitive load and enhances the interpretability of geospatial performance data—making it easier to spot regional trends and areas that may require strategic attention or improvement.

Filtering

Filtering allows viewers to isolate and examine specific segments of data without being overwhelmed by the full dataset. By narrowing down the scope of information, users can focus on particular time periods, categories, or metrics, enabling detailed analysis and comparative exploration.

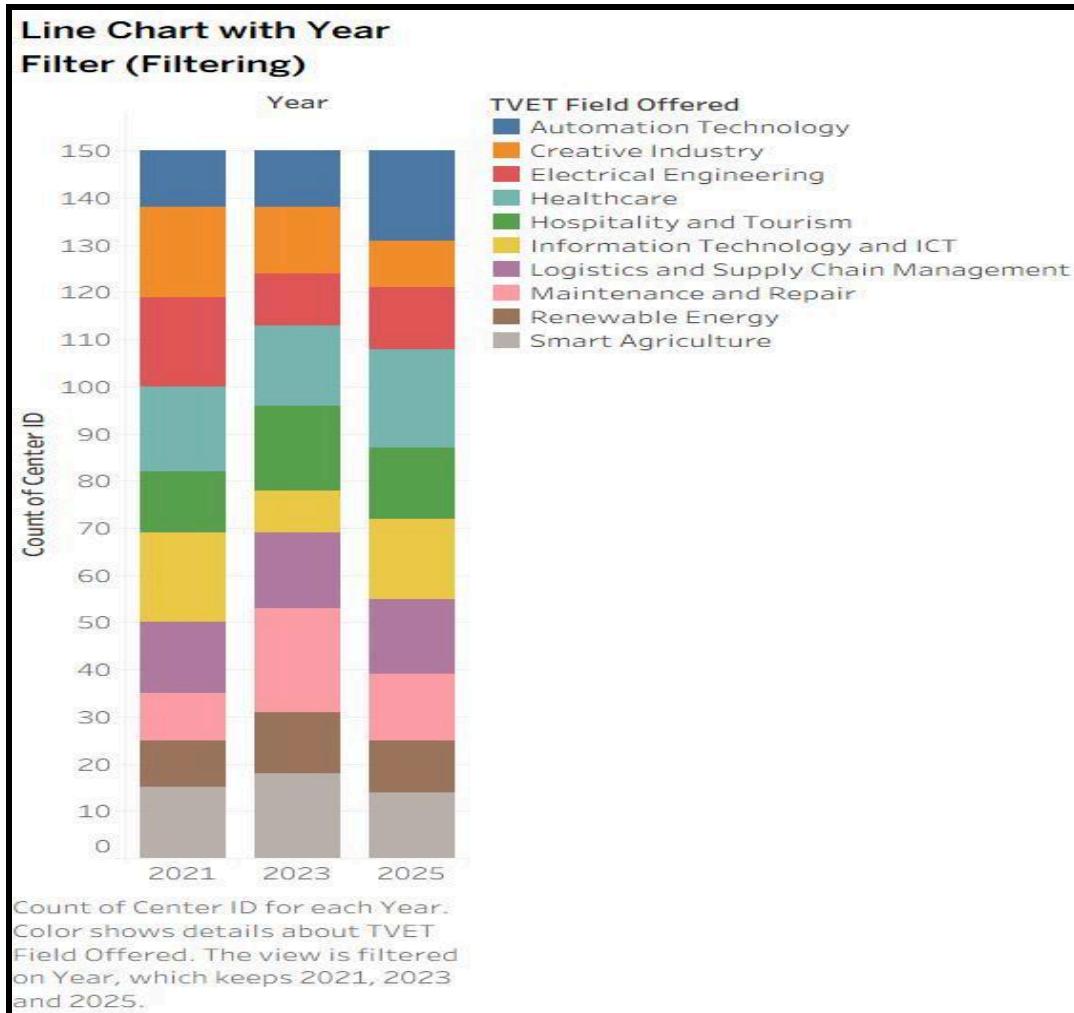


Figure: Interactive Bar Chart with Year Filter (Filtering)

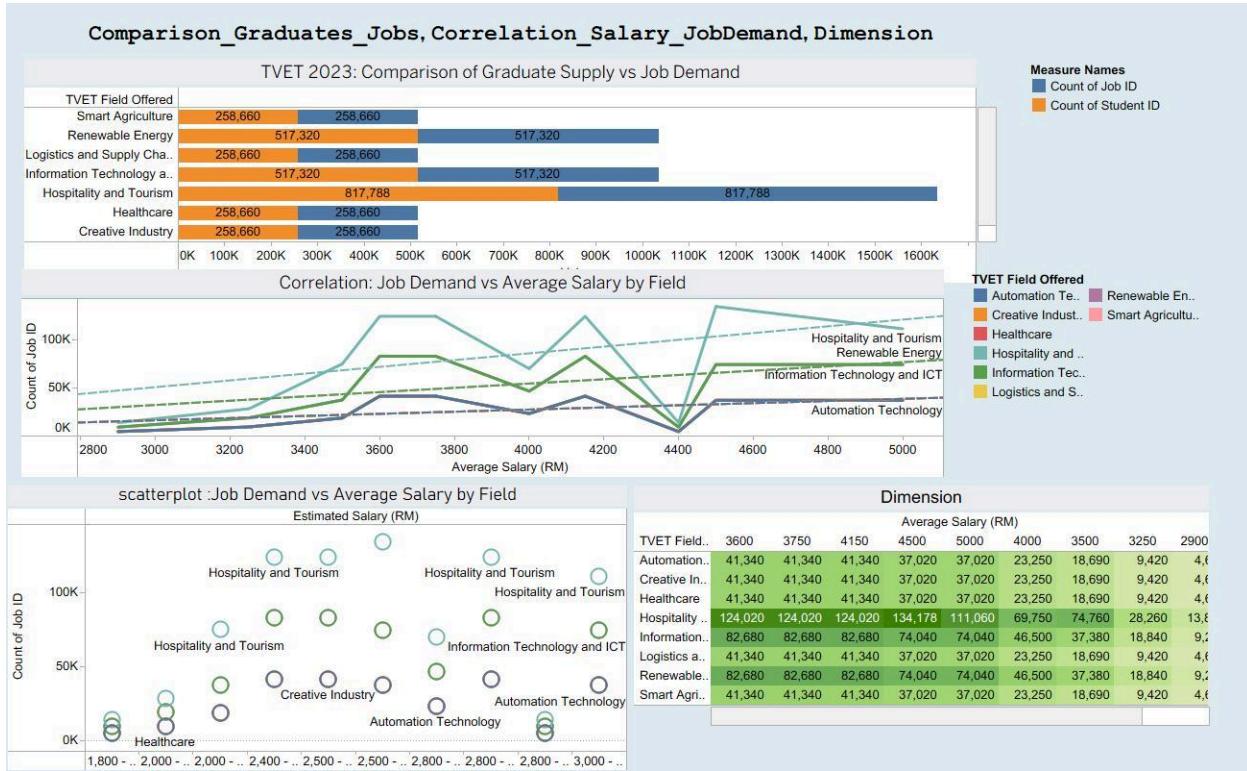
This bar chart displays the number of accredited TVET centers grouped by field and year. A filter control for Year is applied to the worksheet, allowing users to interactively select one or multiple years. This dynamic filtering enables the user to focus on a specific timeframe and analyze trends or anomalies without distractions from other periods.

The filter enhances user-driven analysis by providing flexibility to compare year-to-year changes or drill down into a particular time range. This improves clarity and supports targeted insights aligned with the principles of analytical filtering in data visualization.

Answer 4(a)Relationship Types

Below are the three required relationship types with one visual example each, labeled and explained based on the dashboards developed:

Comparison

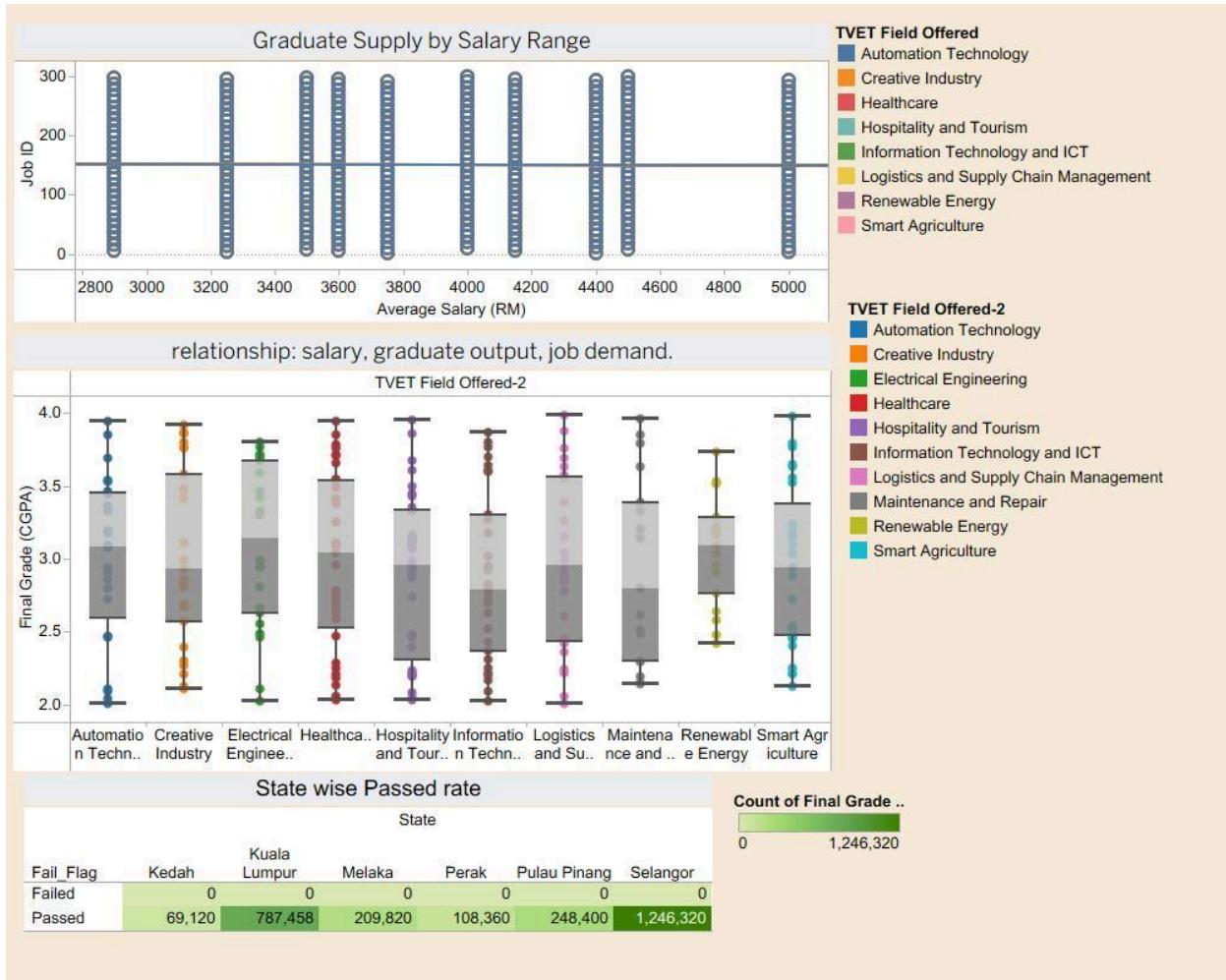


This bar chart compares the number of graduates (Student ID) with available jobs (Job ID) across various TVET fields in 2023. For example, Hospitality and Tourism shows the highest job demand (over 800K), while fields like Healthcare and Smart Agriculture show a perfect 1:1 match. This comparison helps stakeholders quickly identify overproduction or undersupply in training fields, which is essential for realigning educational focus.

This line chart shows a correlation relationship between average salary (RM) and job demand (Count of Job ID) across different fields. Fields like Hospitality and Tourism and Renewable Energy show high job demand despite salary fluctuations, indicating strong industry needs. This chart reveals how salary doesn't always align with job volume, which is critical for strategic policy adjustments.

The scatter plot displays the distribution of job demand across varying salary levels for each TVET field. It shows how most Healthcare jobs cluster at lower salary levels, while Information Technology and Hospitality jobs are more spread out. This distribution helps policymakers and job seekers understand the spread and density of opportunities within salary bands, supporting informed decision-making.

Correlation



This chart explores the correlation between student CGPA (Final Grade) and their respective TVET fields. Although not a direct numerical correlation like a scatterplot, it visually reveals that certain fields such as Creative Industry and Electrical Engineering have more consistent high performers, while others like Healthcare show a wider spread. This suggests possible relationships between field difficulty and student performance, helpful for improving curriculum or training strategies.

This dot plot shows the distribution of graduates by salary range. Each dot represents a job opportunity or graduate at a specific salary level, allowing us to see how salaries are spread out across the workforce. The relatively even spread suggests that graduates are distributed across various income levels, with no extreme concentration, indicating balanced employment across industries.

Distribution



This line chart shows the distribution of labour force participation over time from 2021 to 2024. It illustrates a downward trend, with the participation rate dropping significantly year after year. This distribution reveals a concerning national-level pattern, where fewer people are engaging in the formal workforce despite ongoing training and education programs.

This chart implies a possible correlation between state-wise development and working poverty rates. States like Selangor, which offer a wider variety of TVET fields (shown via stacked color bars), also report higher working poverty rates. This unusual trend invites deeper analysis into why diverse educational offerings do not necessarily reduce working poverty, possibly pointing to mismatched skills or underemployment.

This table allows for a comparison of NEET (Not in Employment, Education, or Training) rates across five states from 2021 to 2025. For example, Selangor consistently shows the highest NEET numbers, while Perak and Melaka have relatively lower rates. This helps identify which states may require more intervention to reduce youth unemployment and disengagement.

4(b) Pattern and Trend Identification from Overall Data Visualization

The development of the overall dashboards has uncovered several insightful patterns and trends that can support data-driven decision-making in the context of TVET infrastructure and workforce planning in Malaysia.

Identified Pattern: Mismatch Between Graduate Supply and Job Demand

One significant pattern observed is the discrepancy between the number of graduates and the availability of jobs across TVET fields. As visualized in the *Comparison_Graduates_Jobs* dashboard, fields such as *Hospitality and Tourism* and *Information Technology and ICT* show a considerable oversupply of graduates compared to available job positions. Conversely, fields like *Creative Industry* and *Healthcare* demonstrate more balanced or undersupplied conditions. This mismatch suggests that there is a misalignment between training output and labour market needs, potentially leading to underemployment or skill wastage.

This pattern highlights a critical area for policy intervention. By identifying which fields are producing an excess of graduates and which are lacking supply, education and labour authorities can realign training programs, revise course offerings, and adjust student intake according to market realities. Such data can also guide industry-academic partnerships to strengthen job placement pipelines and foster sector-specific talent development.

Identified Trend: Declining Labour Force Participation Rate

In the *Dimension* dashboard, a clear downward trend is evident in the labour force participation rate from 2021 to 2024. This indicates a steady decline in the number of individuals actively participating in the labour market, despite increased efforts in technical and vocational education and training. This trend may point to broader systemic issues such as job inaccessibility, regional disparity in employment opportunities, or a lack of incentives for workforce retention.

Understanding this trend is crucial for long-term planning. A declining participation rate undermines economic productivity and reflects potential gaps in infrastructure, policy execution, or support systems for graduates. Policymakers can leverage this insight to explore root causes, such as mismatches in wage expectations, inadequate career support services, or regional barriers to employment, and develop targeted initiatives to reverse the trend.

In summary, the dashboards not only provide a comprehensive overview of Malaysia's TVET ecosystem but also reveal actionable insights. The mismatch between supply and demand across fields, combined with the declining labour force engagement, underscores the importance of integrated planning between education, labour, and regional development sectors. These findings serve as a valuable foundation for evidence-based policy formulation and future infrastructure investment decisions.

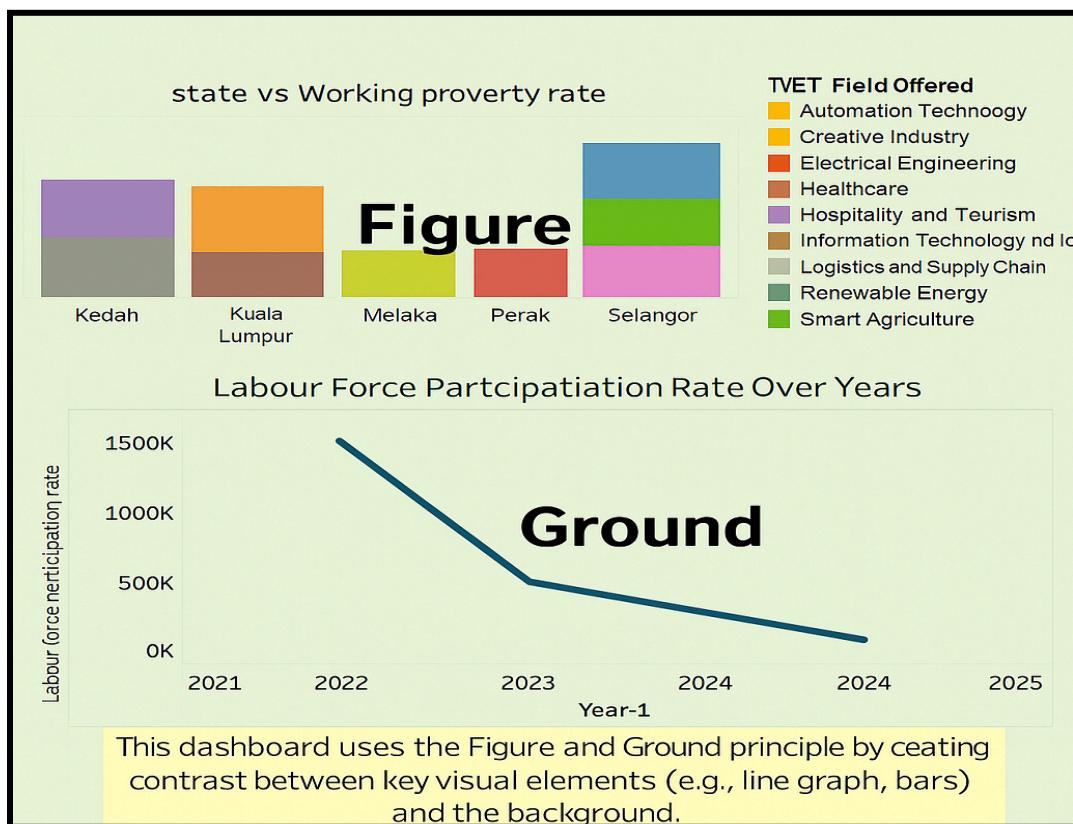
4c) Gestalt Principles

Figure and Ground

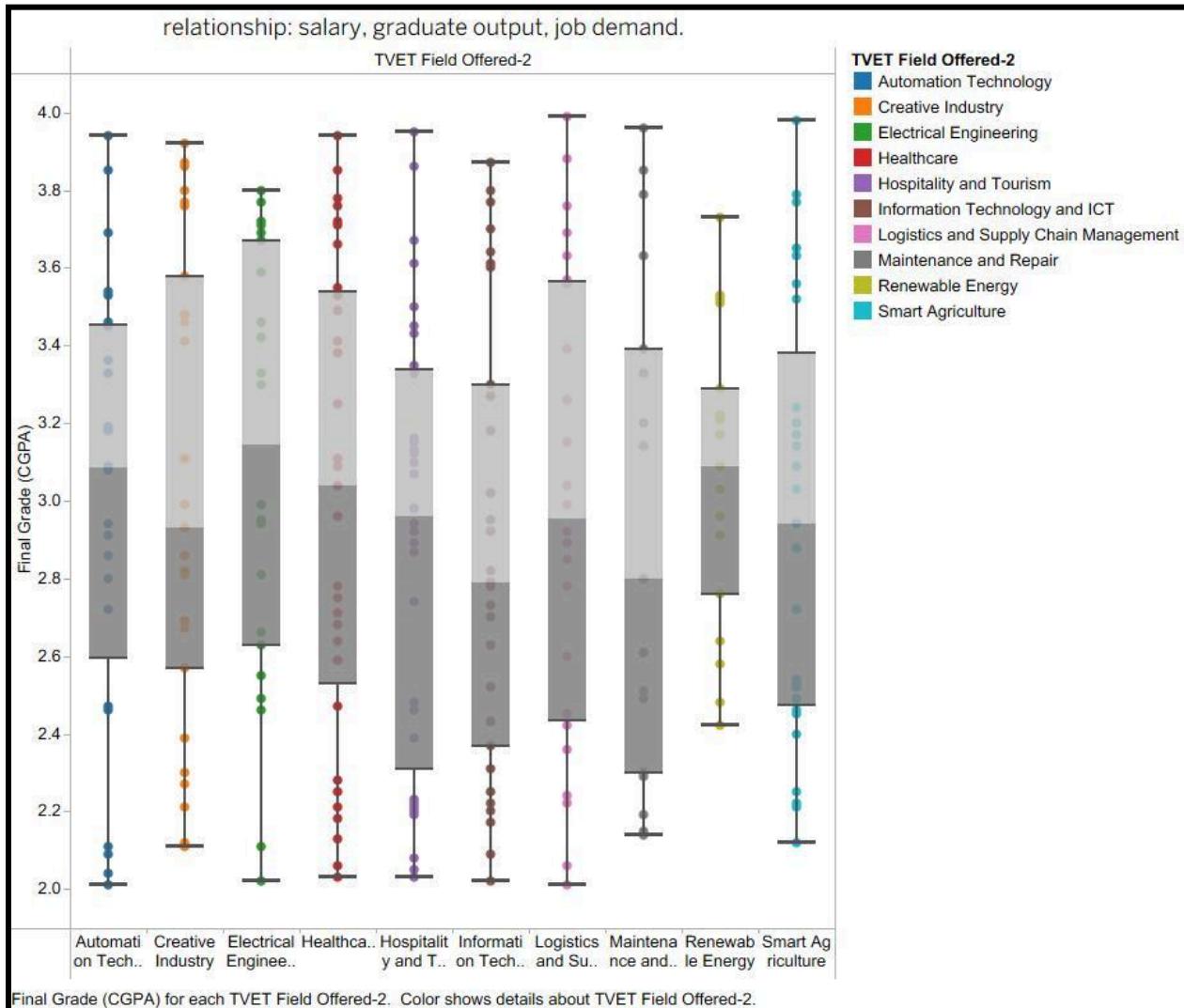
This dashboard applies the Figure and Ground principle by creating strong visual contrast between the key data elements (the “figure”) and the background (the “ground”).

- In the bar chart (top), each state's poverty rate is shown with bold, colorful bars that stand out clearly against the light background.
- In the line chart (bottom), the labour force participation rate is represented by a thick blue line that contrasts with the pale chart background.

This contrast makes it easy for viewers to focus on the most important information without being distracted, helping improve understanding and insight from the dashboard.



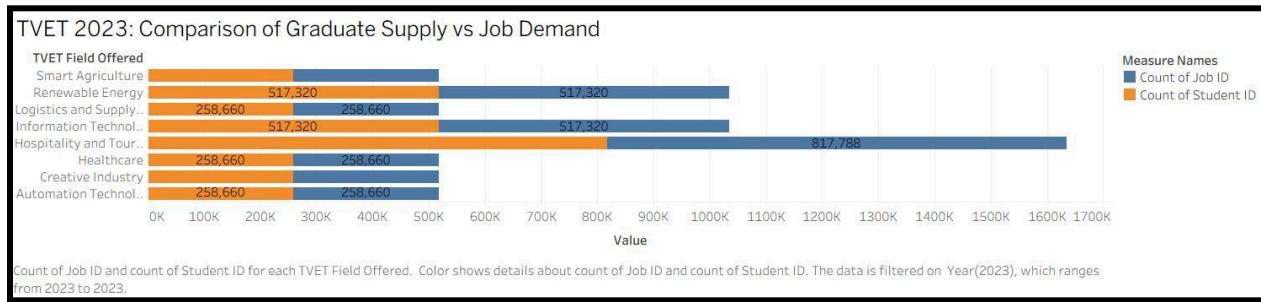
Proximity



This dashboard effectively applies the Proximity principle by visually grouping data points (CGPA scores) according to their corresponding TVET Field. Each vertical set of dots and boxes represents students' performance within a specific field, and the minimal spacing between groups allows the user to quickly interpret field-wise academic distribution.

The proximity of marks within each box encourages the brain to perceive them as a collective group rather than isolated points. This layout simplifies comparative analysis of academic performance across fields, aiding education policy analysts or administrators in making data-driven decisions regarding curriculum focus or intervention areas.

Pragnanz



This dashboard applies the Gestalt principle of Pragnanz by visually simplifying complex data into clean and easily understandable shapes. The stacked horizontal bars, separated by TVET fields, make it immediately clear where gaps exist between job demand (blue bars) and graduate supply (orange bars). Despite the large volume of data, the use of uniform bar shapes, consistent alignment, and distinct color coding allows viewers to perceive the imbalance intuitively.

For instance, the Hospitality and Tourism field shows a significant job demand exceeding graduate supply, which is visually prominent due to the extended length of the blue bar. This simple yet effective design supports decision-making by helping users identify priority areas without needing to analyze raw numbers.

5 (a) Story Development in Tableau

Introduction

In Malaysia, TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) institutions play a crucial role in developing skilled workers for key economic sectors. However, questions remain about the alignment between graduate output, job demand, salary levels, and socioeconomic disparities. This Tableau story visualizes data from 2021 to 2025, revealing mismatches in supply-demand, salary disparities, and socioeconomic indicators such as poverty and unemployment.

General and Specific Concepts (Theme from Business Understanding)

The main themes of this analysis revolve around providing a comprehensive understanding of the alignment between Malaysia's TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) education system and labor market dynamics. This story focuses on three primary objectives:

1. Graduate Supply vs Job Demand Alignment

This theme investigates the balance between the number of graduates produced by TVET institutions and the actual demand for those skills in the job market. It highlights fields where oversupply or undersupply is evident, helping stakeholders identify gaps in workforce planning.

2. Salary Distribution and Employment Opportunity

This aspect evaluates the salary trends across various TVET fields and how these relate to job demand. It provides insights into whether sectors with high demand are offering competitive remuneration, which directly affects graduate motivation, job satisfaction, and retention.

3. Socioeconomic Disparities and Regional Workforce Readiness

This component explores how factors such as working poverty rate, unemployment rate, NEET rate, and labor force participation vary across Malaysian states. It assesses how these socioeconomic indicators influence graduate outcomes, helping policymakers design targeted interventions for workforce development.

Relevant Story Type

This is an “Exploratory-Explanatory” hybrid story:

- Exploratory: It allows users to interact with dashboards and compare fields, states, and salary ranges.
- Explanatory: It guides users through clear insights using comparative and trend visuals, supported by captions and filters.

Story Punchline

There is a clear misalignment between the skills produced by TVET institutions and what the job market demands—exacerbated by regional salary inequality and socioeconomic pressures. This mismatch may hinder graduate employment and workforce productivity.

Conclusion

The visual data story reveals that while TVET programs contribute significantly to Malaysia's workforce, strategic mismatches exist. To build a more effective and inclusive system, data insights must be used to realign education with actual industry needs, promote salary equity, and support underrepresented regions.

(b) Three Rationales/Justifications for Visualization in Decision-Making

1. Strategic Workforce Planning through Graduate-Job-Salary Alignment

The dashboards visualize graduate supply, job demand, and salary data by TVET fields. This enables policymakers and training agencies to:

- Identify oversupply (e.g., Smart Agriculture, Healthcare) or undersupply (e.g., Hospitality and Tourism).
- Allocate training resources to fields with higher demand and better salary prospects.
- Forecast future demand and plan graduate output accordingly.

→ Decision Impact: Supports strategic realignment of education pathways with labour market needs.

2. Identifying Socioeconomic Risk Zones Across States

By mapping Youth NEET rate, unemployment, and working poverty rate over time and across states, the dashboard provides:

- Targeted insights into which regions are lagging behind (e.g., Selangor has higher working poverty rate and NEET numbers).
- Evidence to channel resources for job creation, upskilling, and state-specific policy intervention.
- Understanding of how social inequalities affect employment and workforce participation.

→ Decision Impact: Helps government prioritize support for high-risk states and populations.

3. Benchmarking CGPA and Employability by Field

The CGPA box plots and salary distribution charts by TVET field reveal:

- Which fields consistently produce high-achieving students.
- Whether good academic performance is translating into well-paid job opportunities.
- Whether specific fields need curriculum revamp, better industry linkage, or employment support.

→ Decision Impact: Informs curriculum planners and academic boards to improve employability outcomes.

(c) Proposed Solutions and Recommendations for TVET Improvement

Based on the insights from the developed visualizations, the following data-driven recommendations are proposed to strengthen Malaysia's TVET workforce development:

1. Realign TVET Programs with Job Market Needs

Focus on high-demand sectors like Hospitality and Tourism and reduce overproduction in saturated fields through intake planning.

2. Establish Salary Benchmarks to Attract Talent

Ensure competitive salaries in growing sectors (e.g., Renewable Energy, Logistics) to retain skilled workers and reduce brain drain.

3. Expand Targeted Support to Socioeconomically Disadvantaged States

Introduce special employment schemes, skill subsidies, or partnerships in states with high NEET/unemployment rates.

4. Develop a National Graduate-to-Job Matching Portal

Link TVET graduates with employers using data insights on demand-supply balance by field and region.

5. Monitor and Optimize Graduate Performance (CGPA)

Encourage performance-based funding or curriculum enhancements in fields showing low employment despite high grades.

6. Promote Industry Collaboration

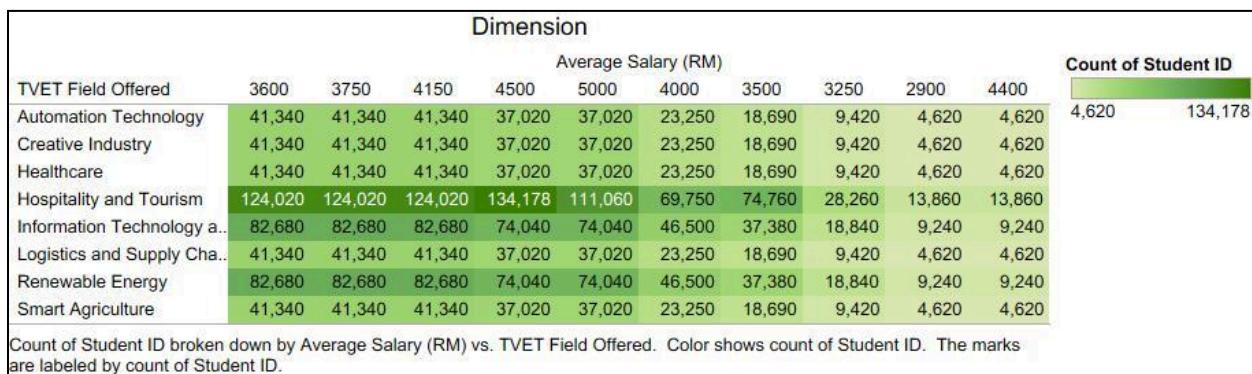
Regularly update course offerings in collaboration with industry experts to keep TVET programs aligned with real-world skills.

Answer 6(a): Lower-Level Structure – 15 Worksheets

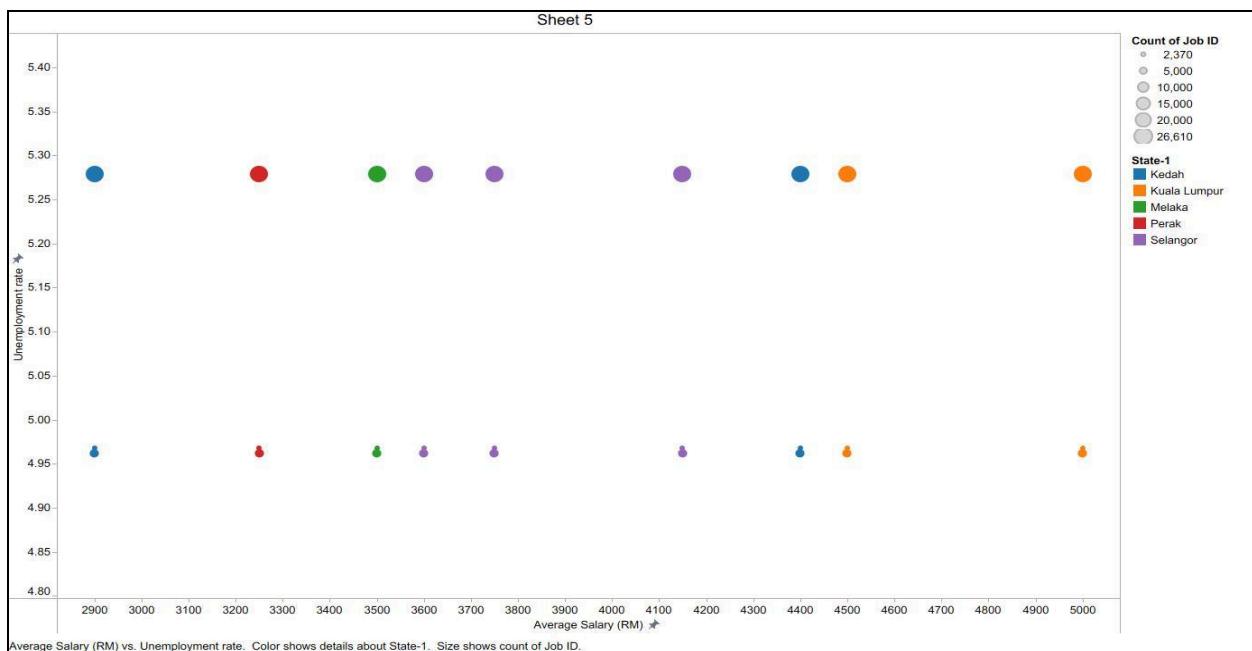
To support the business understanding defined in Question 1, I have developed 15 worksheets in Tableau, each reflecting a unique insight related to TVET education, graduate outcomes, and job market dynamics in Malaysia. These visualizations help uncover patterns, mismatches, and opportunities within the education-to-employment pipeline.

Among these, I have incorporated at least three advanced visualization techniques from the required list:

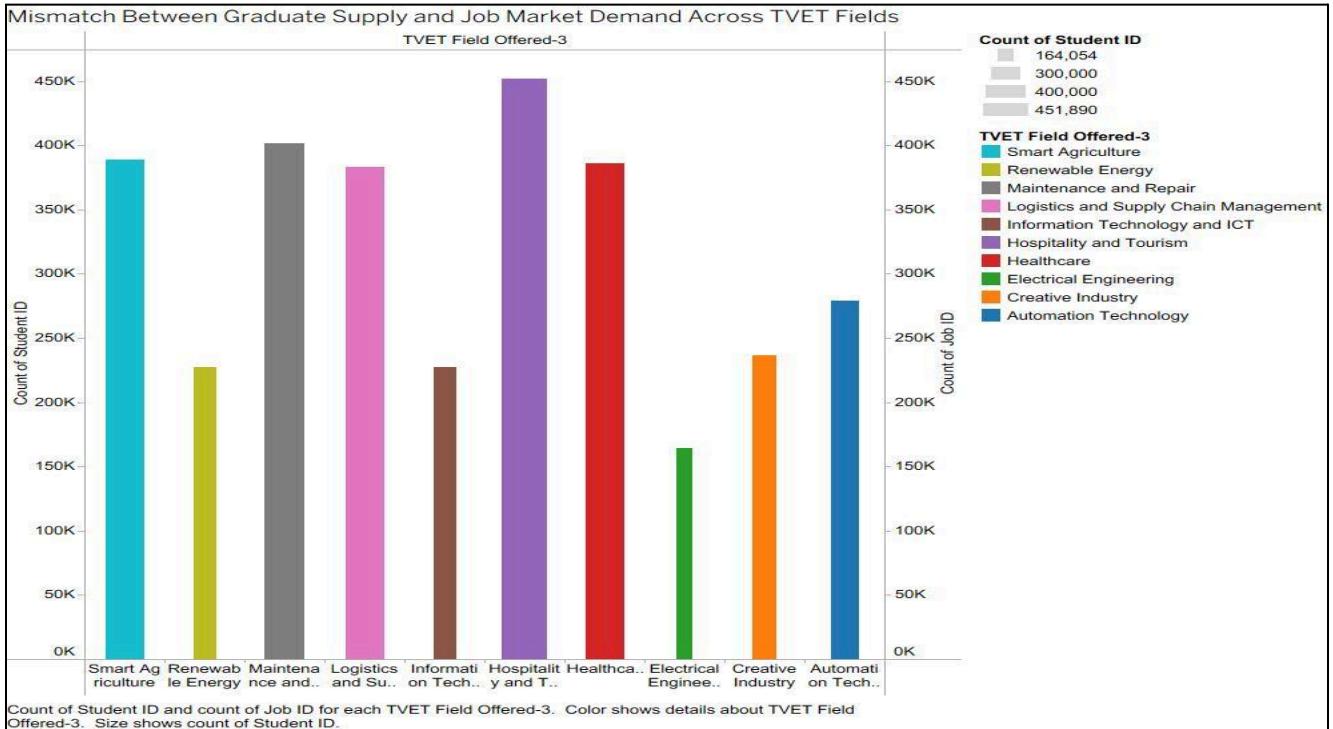
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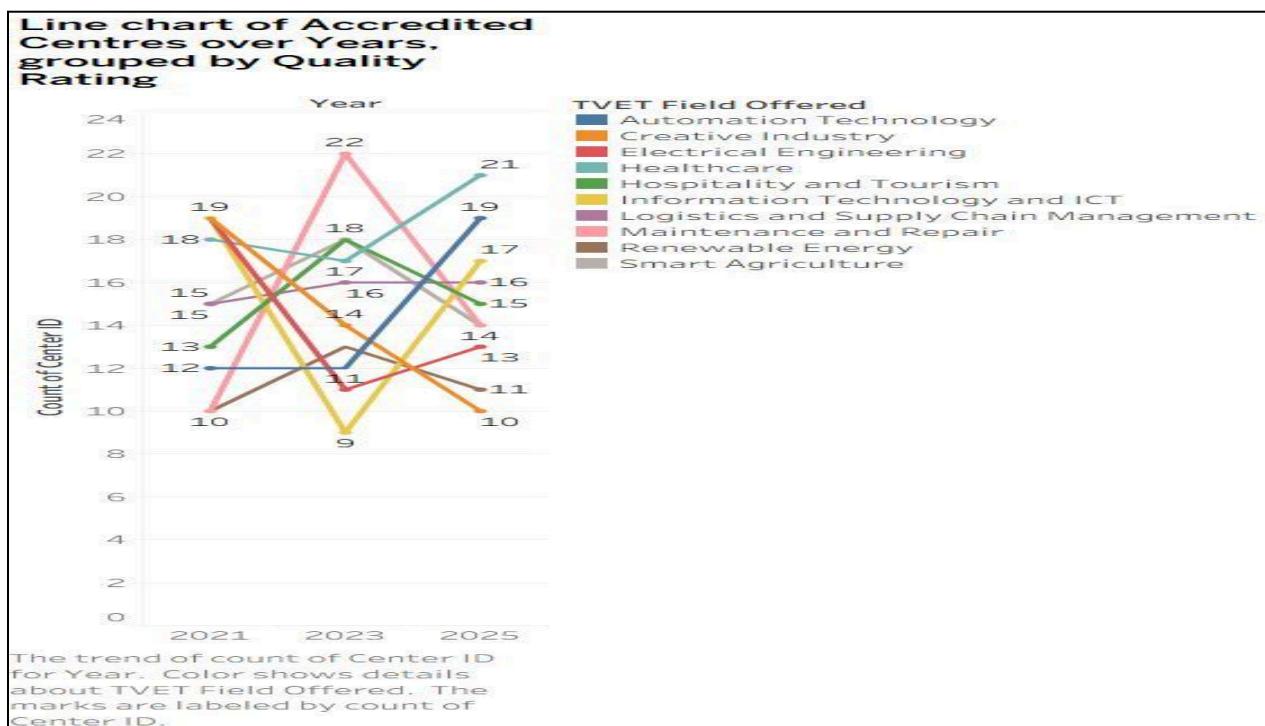
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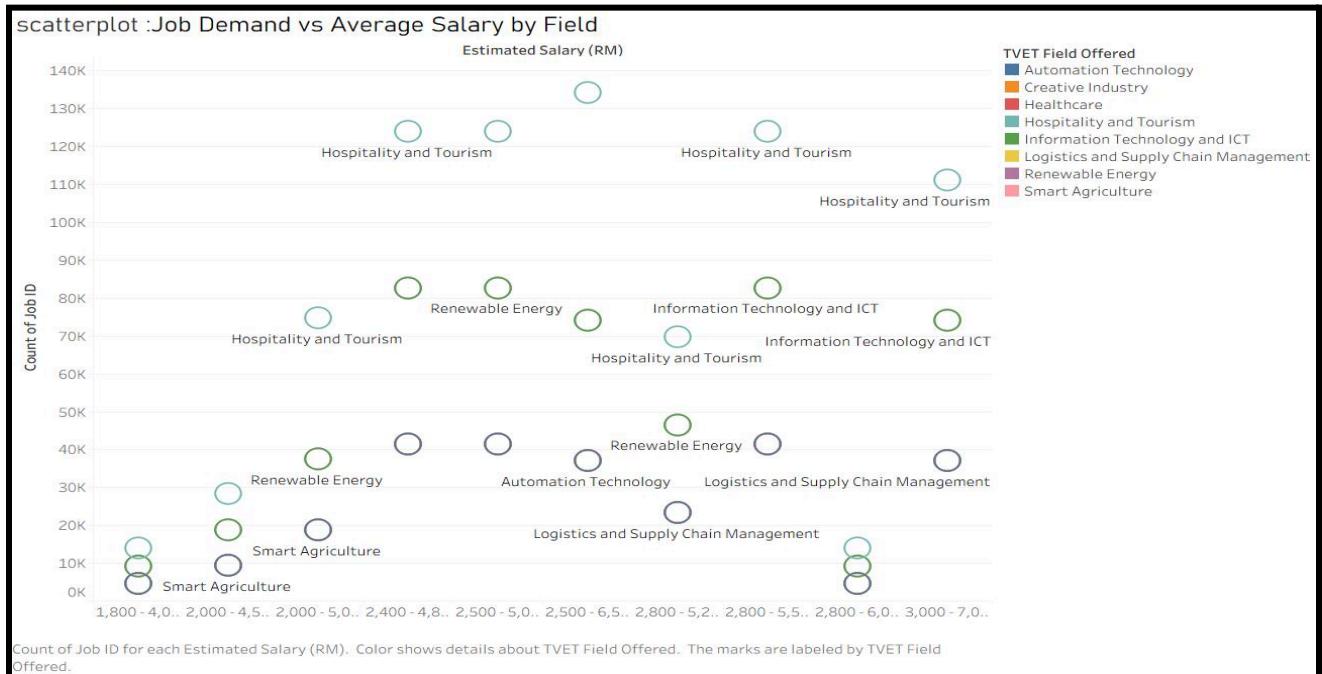
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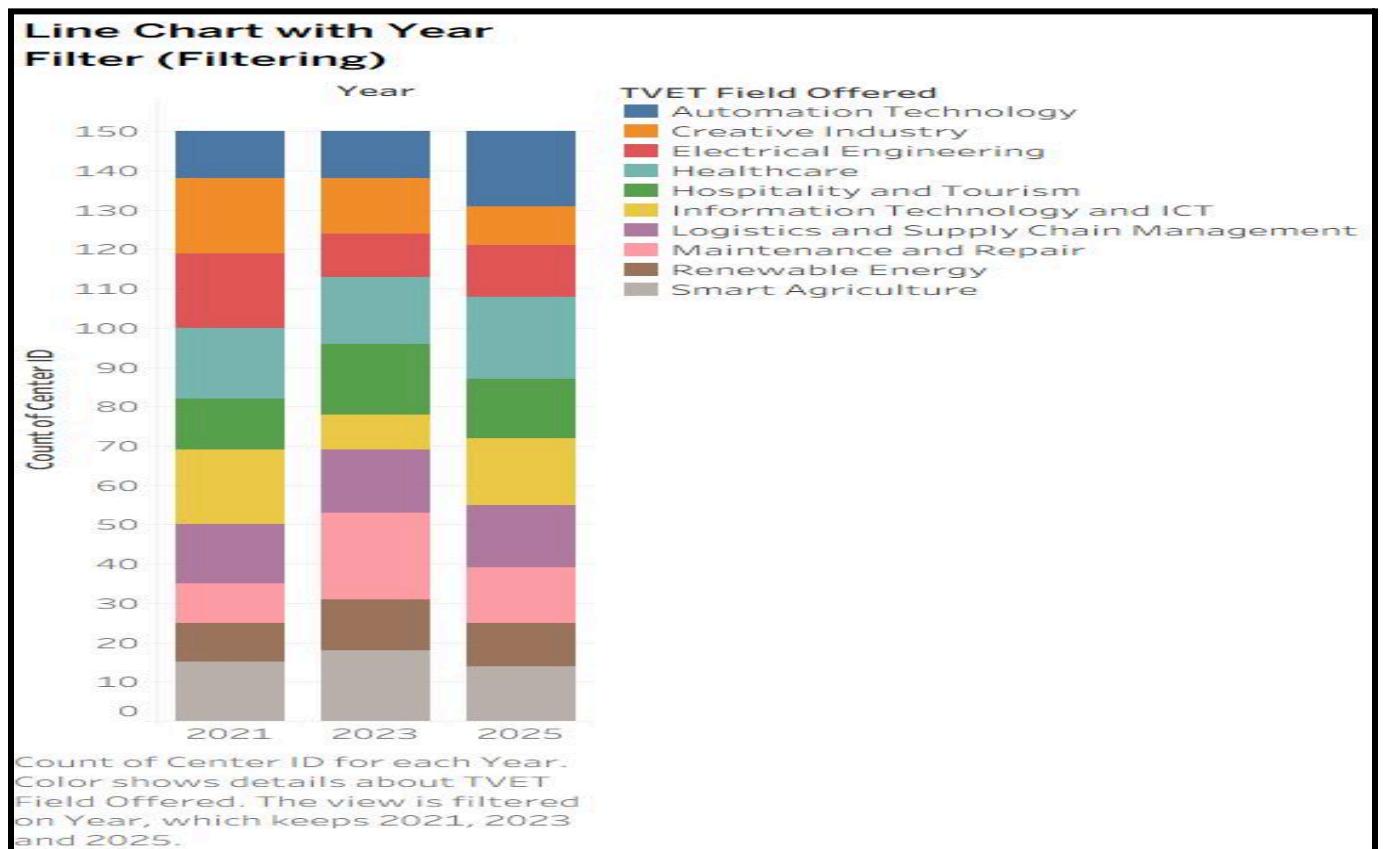
4. Accredited TVET Centres Over Time by Field (Line Chart)



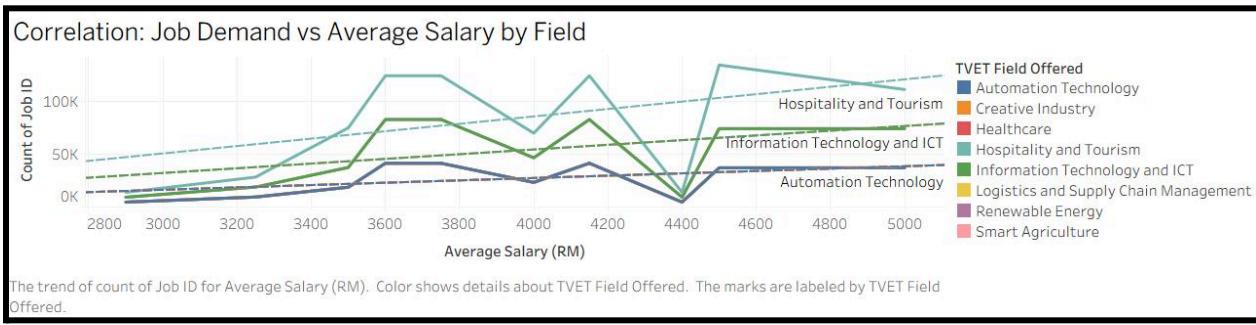
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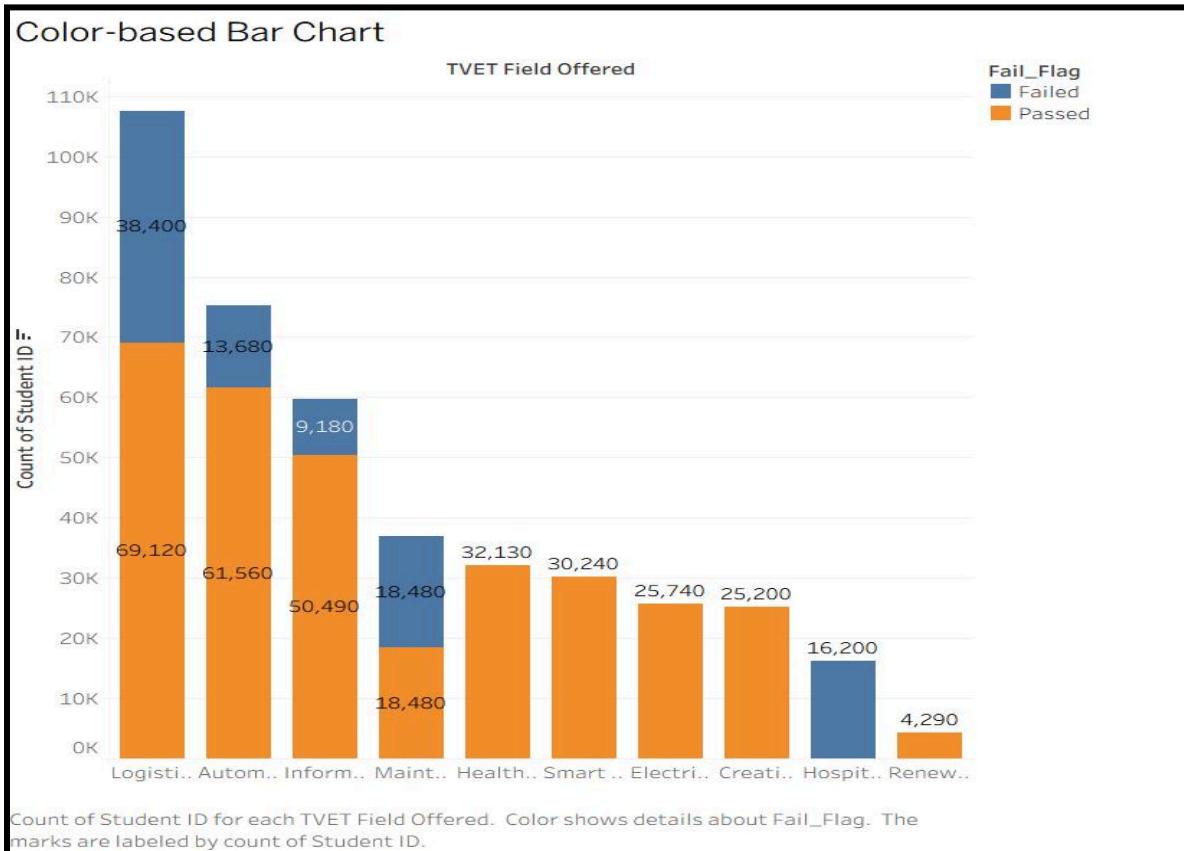
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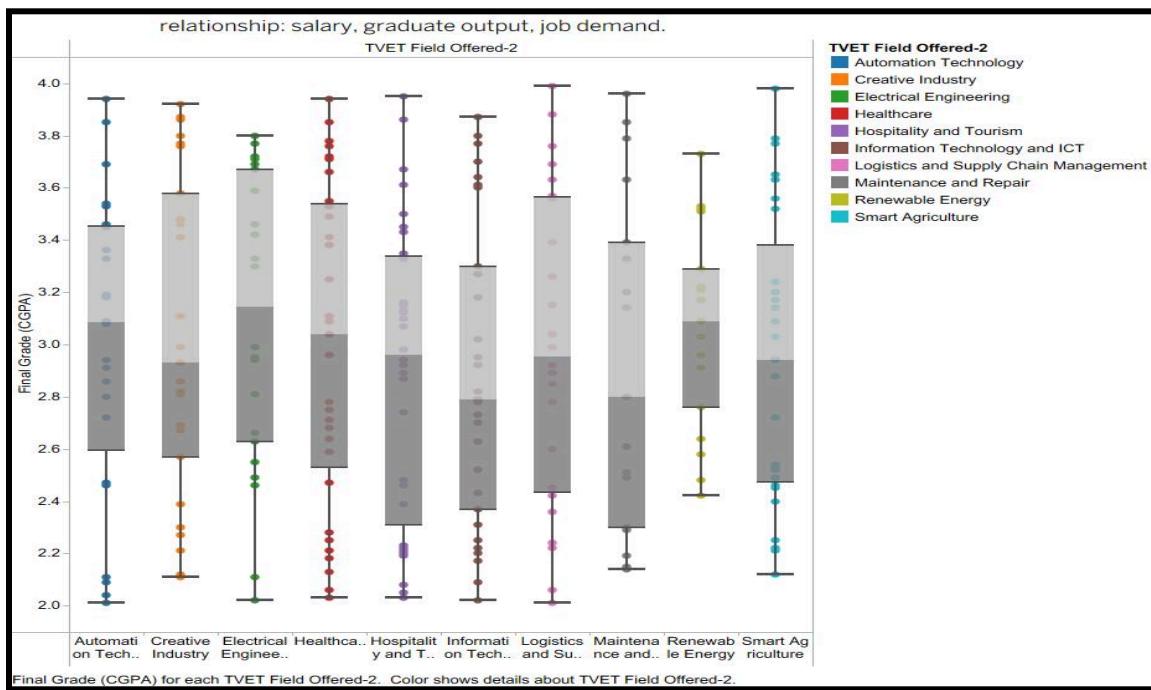
8. Scatterplot: Job Demand vs Average Salary by Field



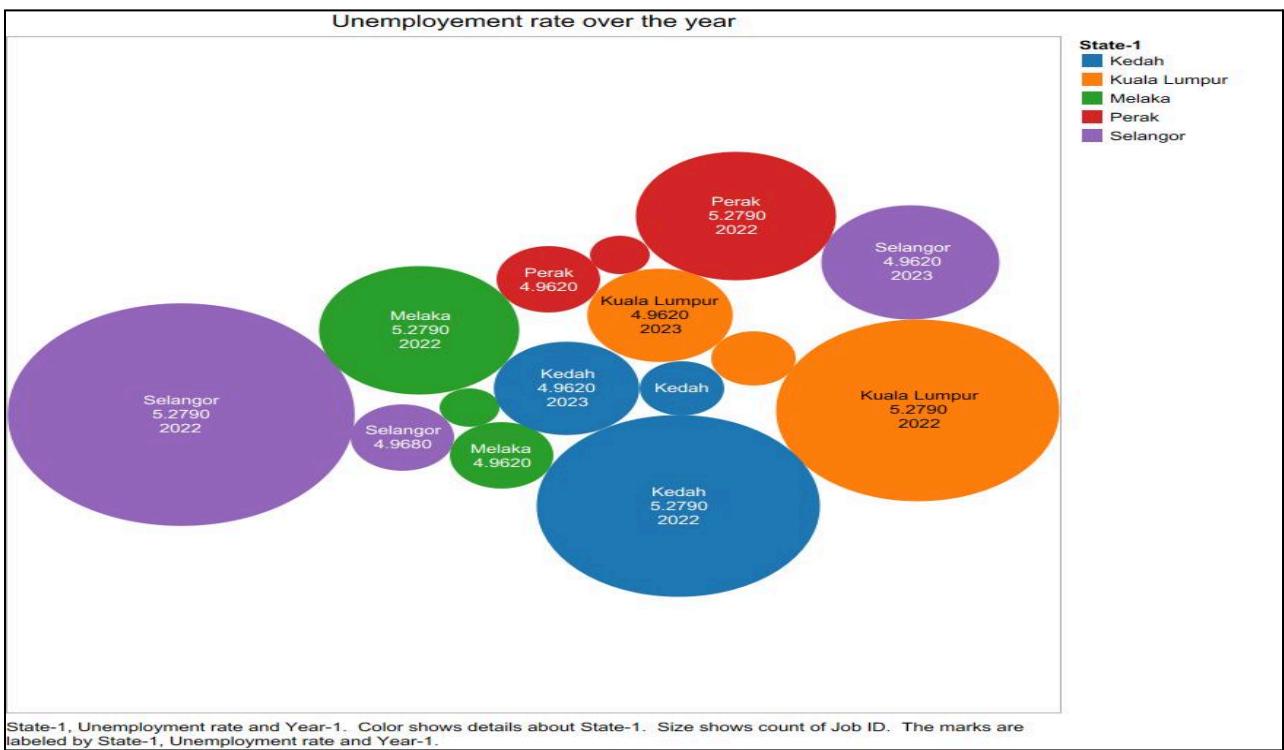
9. Color-based Bar Chart (Pass/Fail Rate by Field)



10. Boxplot- CGPA Distribution by State

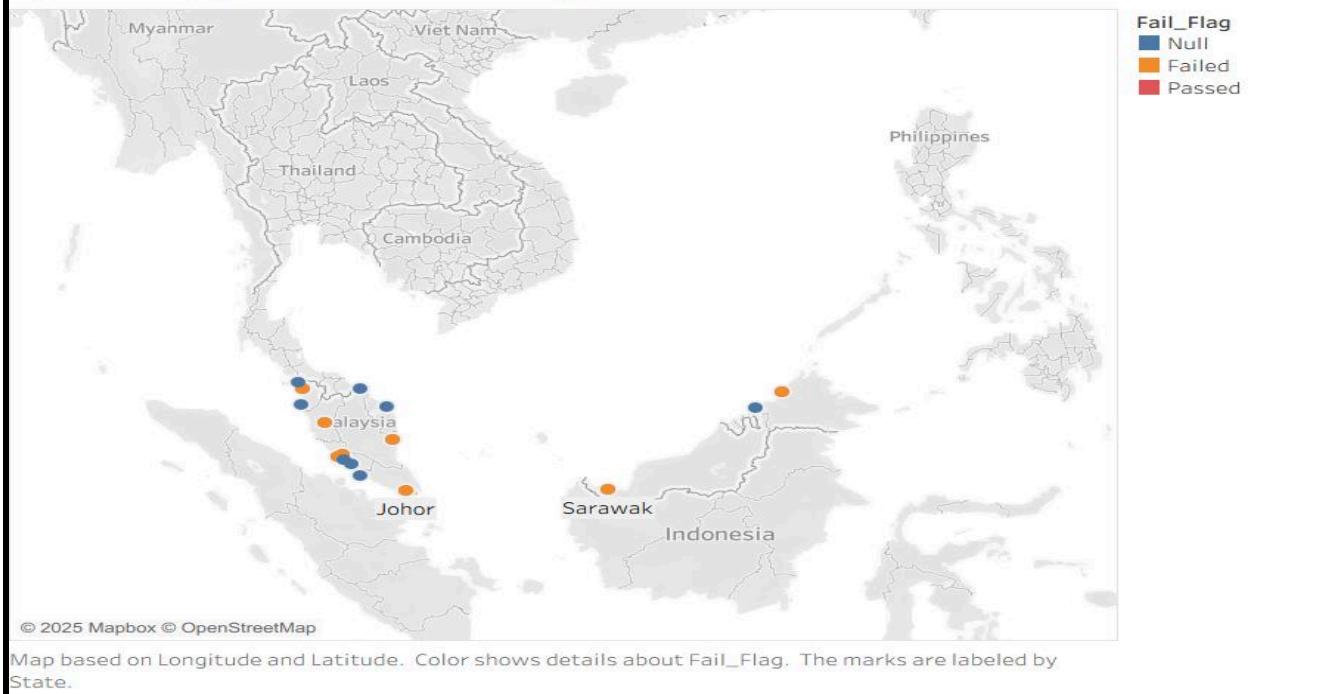


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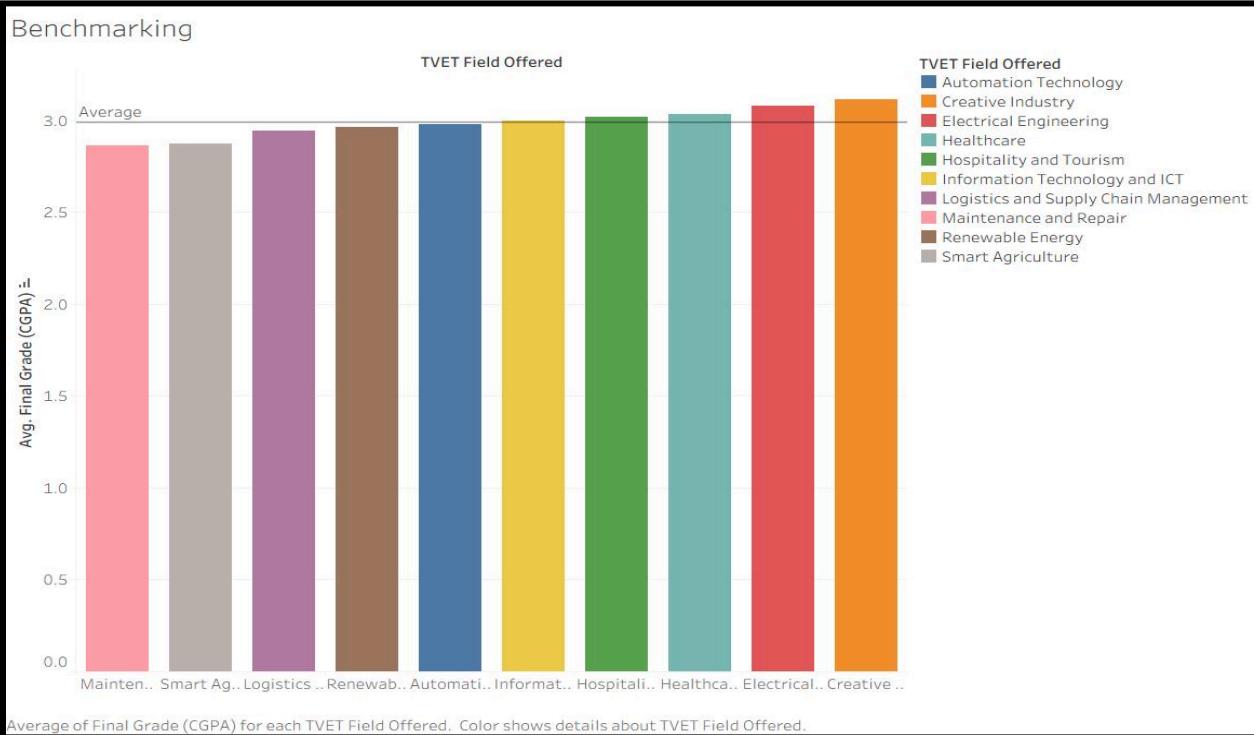


12. Spatial Map (Result Flags by State)

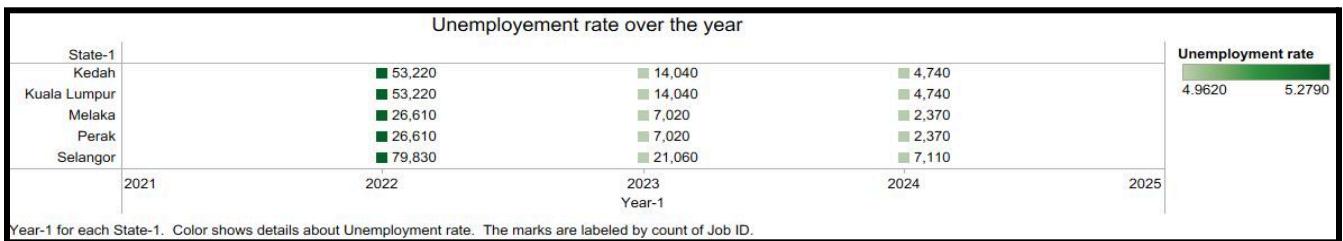
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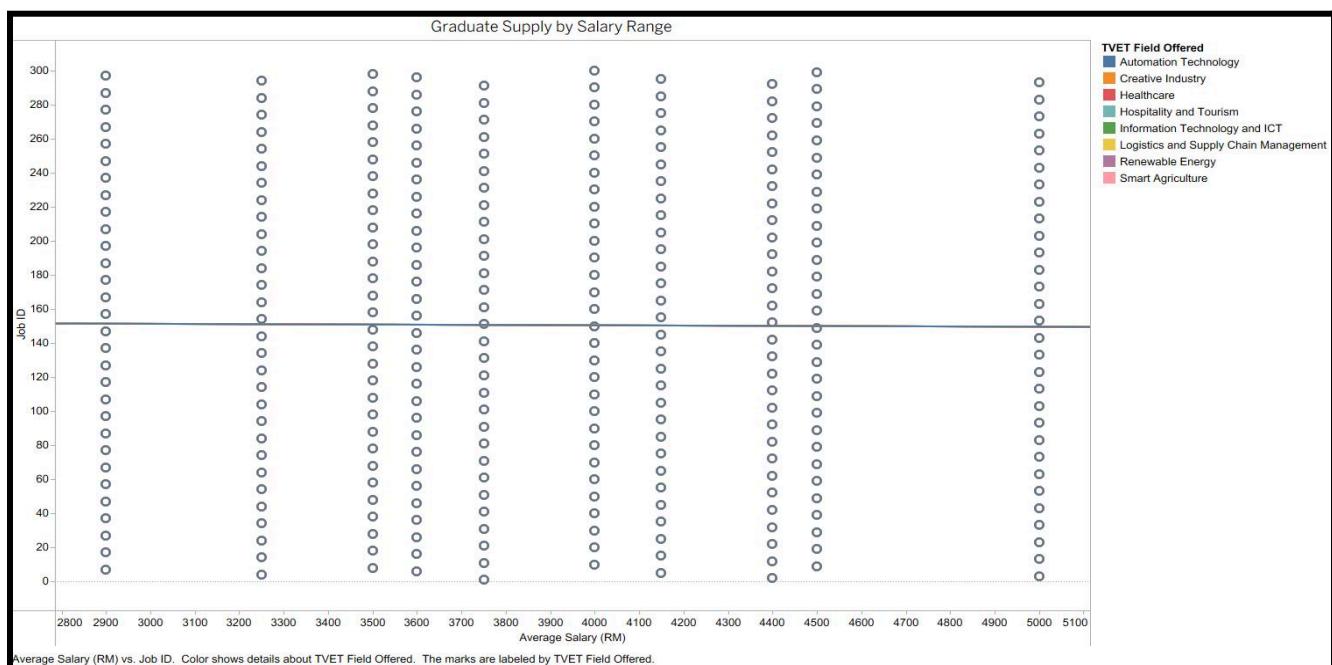
13. Bar Chart of Avg. CGPA by Field



14. Unemployment Rate Over the Years (2021–2024) – Heatmap Table by State

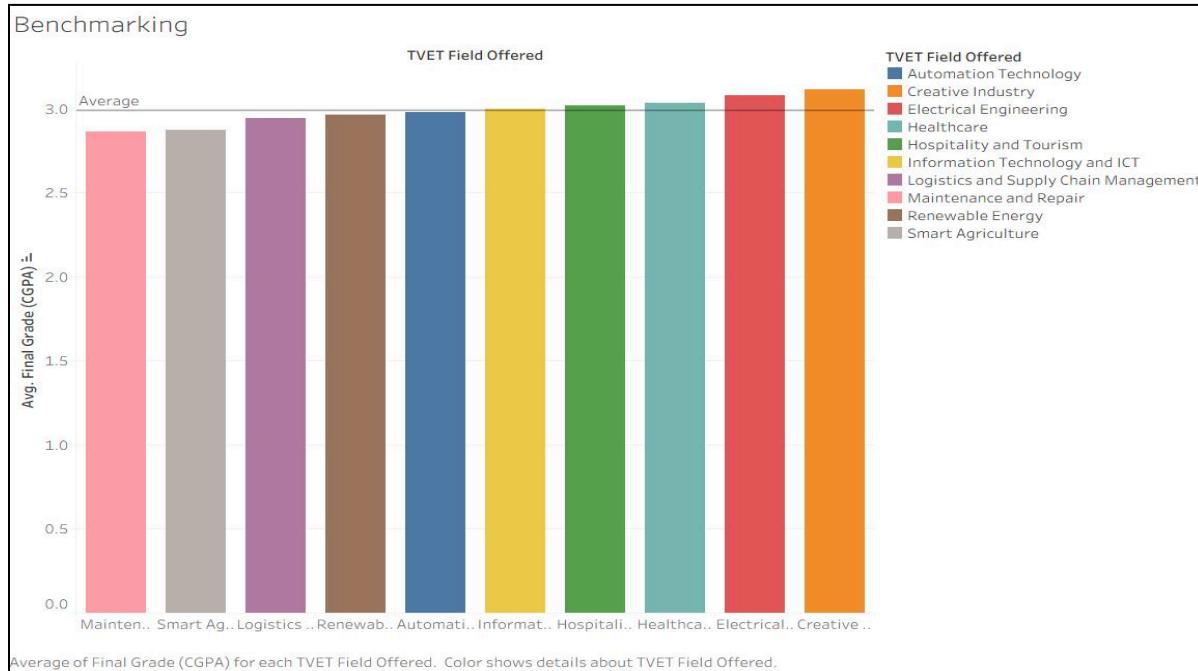


15. Dot Matrix Plot – Salary Distribution



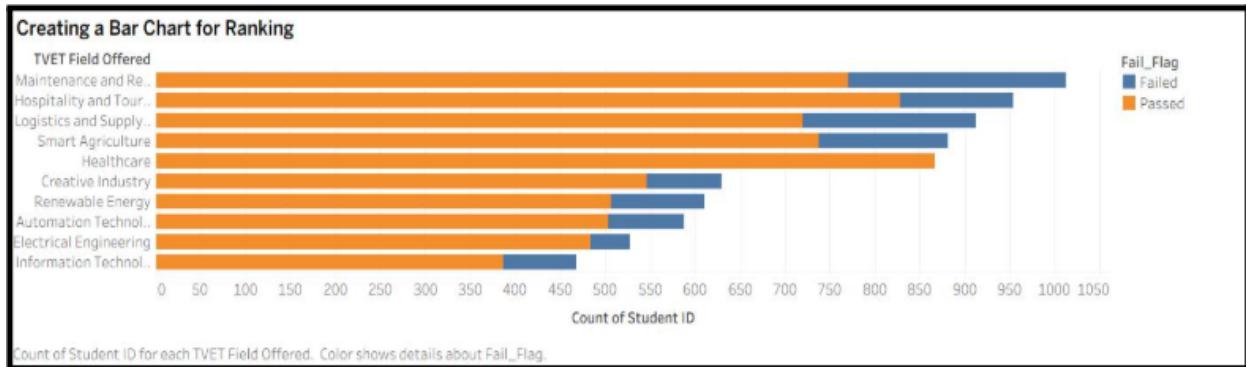
6(b) Application of Analytical Reasoning Techniques in Tableau Visualizations

Benchmarking



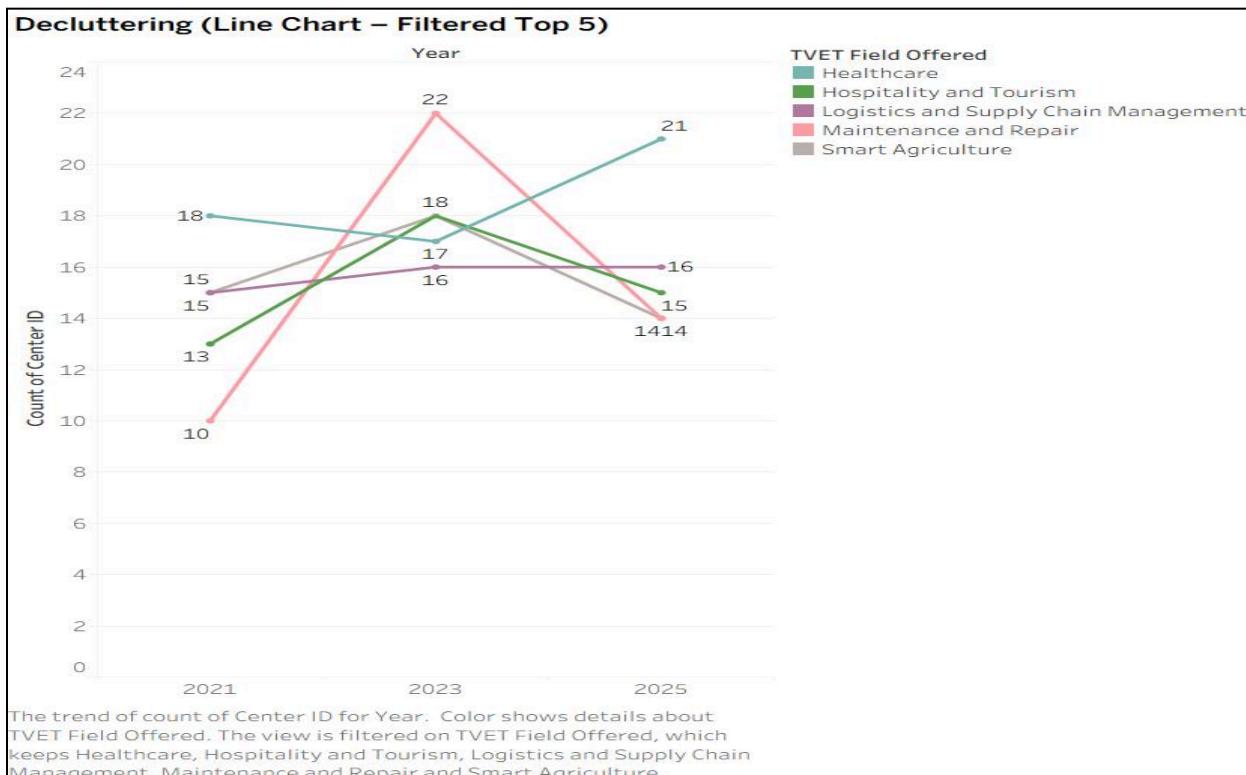
- **Purpose:** This chart helps compare each TVET field's average CGPA against the overall average line. It identifies which fields are performing above or below the benchmark, facilitating performance evaluation.
- **Reasoning:** Users can quickly recognize strong and weak-performing fields relative to the national average.

Ranking



- **Purpose:** The chart ranks TVET fields based on student count, enabling identification of fields with the highest number of students and fail flags.
- **Reasoning:** It supports decision-makers in spotting overcrowded or underperforming fields and prioritizing improvement strategies.

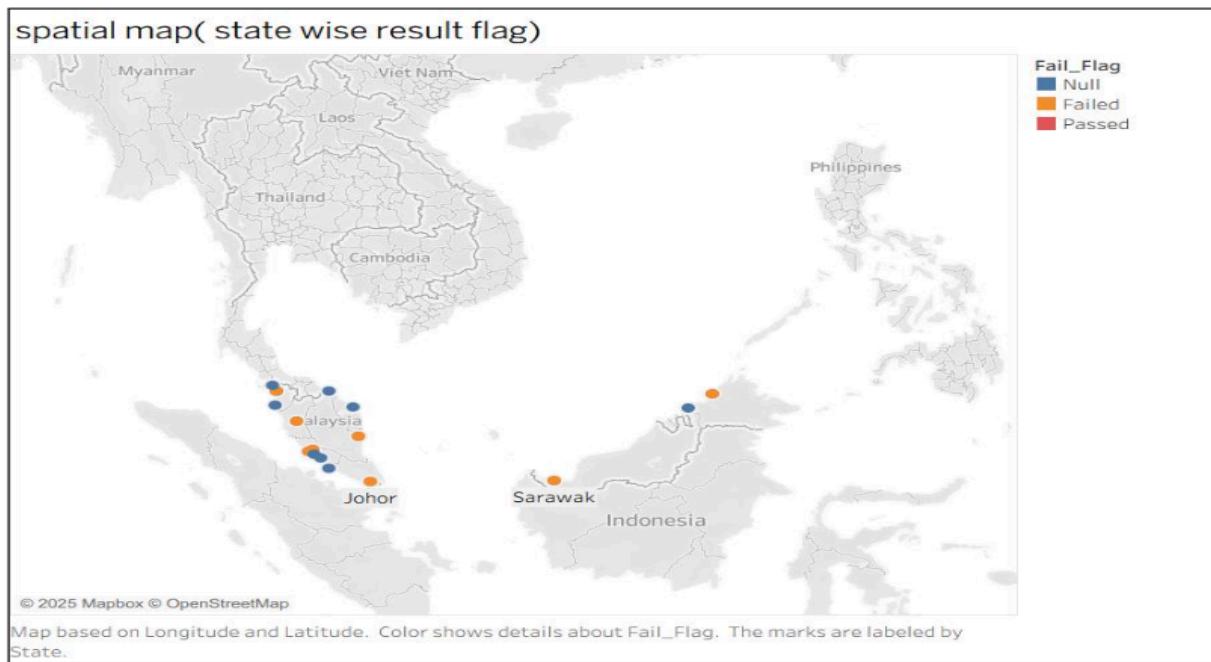
Decluttering



- **Purpose:** This line chart is simplified by showing only the top 5 most relevant TVET fields, avoiding visual overload and enabling clearer pattern detection.

- **Reasoning:** Reducing data clutter allows users to focus only on key trends, making interpretation faster and cleaner.

Clueing



- **Purpose:** The map uses colors (red/orange/blue) to give visual clues about pass/fail status in each state, guiding the viewer to potential problem regions.
- **Reasoning:** This aids in regional targeting of education policies or interventions by visually indicating performance zones.

Answer 7. Interconnection

a. Development of THREE Dashboards with Two Relationship Types

In this project, a total of three interactive Tableau dashboards were developed using worksheets from Question 6. Each dashboard visualizes distinct aspects of TVET graduate data and labor market dynamics using different types of analytical reasoning. The two reasoning types highlighted are Differences and Distribution.

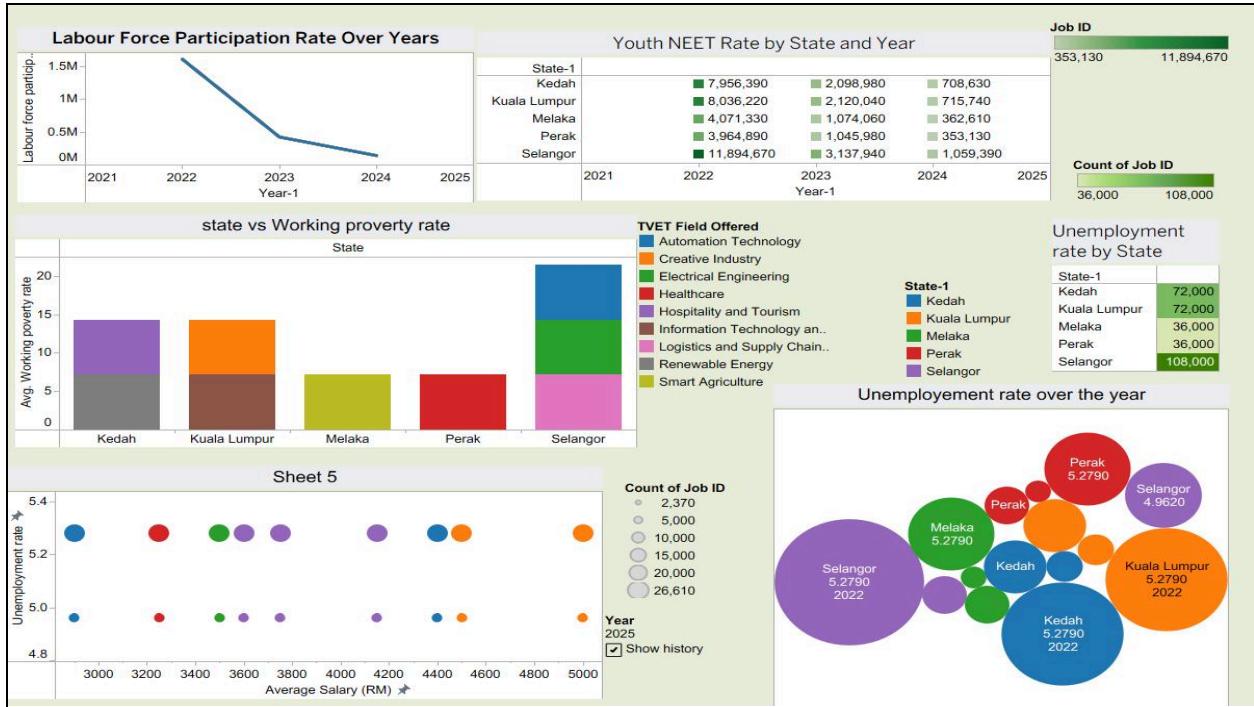
Dashboard 1: Graduate Supply vs Job Demand and Salary Trends

- Differences:** This dashboard includes a bar chart comparing the number of graduates vs. job market demand across various TVET fields. This highlights the supply-demand mismatch.
- Distribution:** A box plot shows the distribution of CGPA scores by field, and a dot plot visualizes graduate supply across salary ranges, demonstrating the spread of graduates in relation to salary expectations



Dashboard 2: Socioeconomic Indicators and Employment Outcomes

- Differences:** The working poverty rate and unemployment rate are compared across states using bar charts and bubble charts, indicating disparities between regions.
- Distribution:** A scatter plot (Sheet 5) visualizes unemployment rate spread across salary levels, revealing variations in employment status across salary brackets.



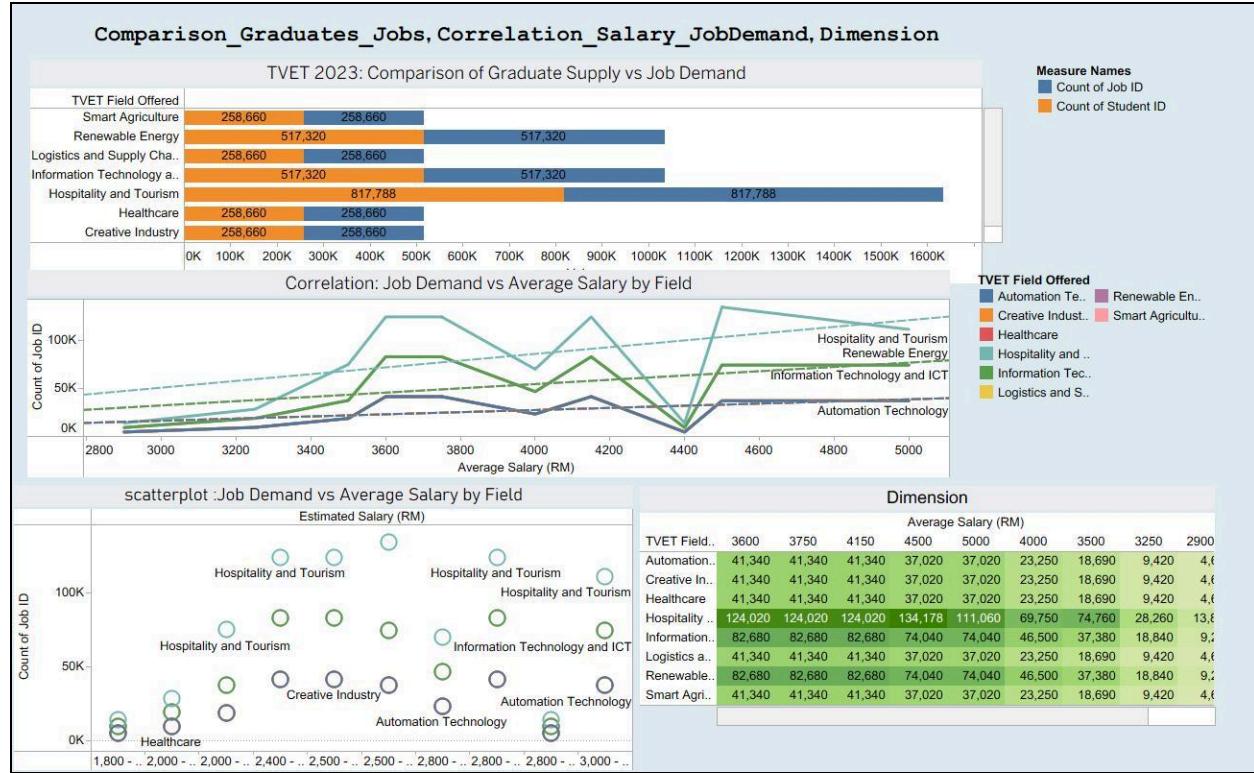
Dashboard 3: Graduate Performance and Field-Wise Salary Heatmap

Differences:

The horizontal bar chart titled "TVET 2023: Comparison of Graduate Supply vs Job Demand" effectively highlights the **differences** between the number of graduates and the actual job market demand across various TVET fields. Each bar visually contrasts the graduate supply (student ID count) against job demand (Job ID count), enabling stakeholders to easily identify mismatches such as surplus in Smart Agriculture and shortages in fields like Hospitality and Tourism.

Distribution:

The scatter plot titled "Job Demand vs Average Salary by Field" demonstrates **distribution** by plotting the spread of job opportunities across different salary ranges for each TVET field. Each bubble represents a field, with the size indicating the volume of job demand. This visualization allows us to see how job demand is distributed across salary brackets, revealing fields like Hospitality and Tourism with widespread opportunities at various salary levels, while others like Healthcare remain more concentrated in the lower range.



7b. Pattern and Trend Identified from the Dashboard

Pattern Identified:

From the scatter plot and correlation line chart, a consistent mismatch pattern is observed between graduate supply and job demand. For example, fields like Smart Agriculture and Creative Industry show a high number of graduates but relatively low job demand. In contrast, Hospitality and Tourism has higher job demand than graduate supply, indicating an imbalance between educational output and labor market needs.

Trend Identified:

A positive trend is visible in the line chart titled “*Correlation: Job Demand vs Average Salary by Field*.” Fields with higher job demand such as Hospitality and Tourism and Renewable Energy tend to offer higher average salaries, especially in the RM 4000–5000 range. This suggests a trend where industries with more job openings are also offering better pay, possibly to attract talent.

8(a): Develop ONE STORY in Tableau using dashboards and worksheets

Answer:

A single Tableau Story was developed to present the critical issue of graduate supply and job market demand mismatch in Malaysia's TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) sector. The story consolidates multiple dashboards and worksheets into three logical segments:

1. Slide 1 – Introduction & Business Understanding:

- Introduces the problem by outlining the rise in TVET graduates vs job market absorption.
- Explains the misalignment between supply and demand, especially in fields like *Creative Industry* (oversupply) and *Hospitality & ICT* (undersupply).

Bridging the Gap Between TVET Education and Industry Needs in Malaysia

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Introduction:
This story explores the alignment between TVET education and job market demands in Malaysia, focusing on graduate supply, job mismatch, salary trends, and socioeconomic disparities. Using data from 2021 to 2025, we analyze how well the TVET system is preparing students for actual employment needs.

Business Understanding:
General: Malaysia is producing an increasing number of TVET graduates to boost workforce readiness.
Specific: However, some fields like *Creative Industry* are oversupplied while others like *Hospitality & ICT* face skill shortages, indicating a misalignment between education output and industry demand.

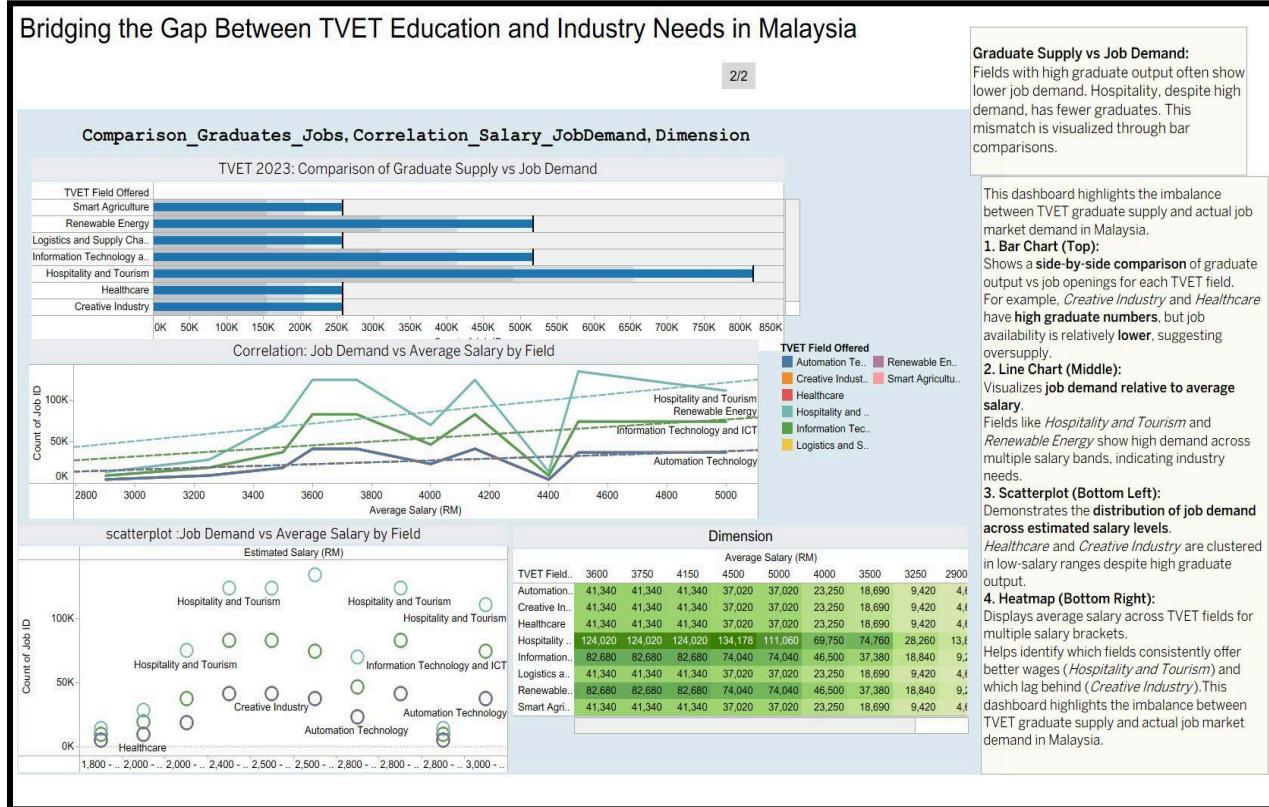
Type of Story:
This is a "Contrary + Zoom-In" story.
Contrary to public assumptions, not all high-supply fields lead to better employment. We zoom into specific fields and states (e.g., Selangor, Kelantan) to explore local gaps and salary differences.

Story Punchline:
There is a clear mismatch between graduate supply and job market demand across fields. Moreover, salary inequality across regions and low pay in critical fields may reduce the motivation of students to join high-need sectors.

Conclusion & Recommendation:
TVET institutions should realign programs with real-time job demand
Government must invest in underperforming states
Salary incentives are needed to attract graduates to high-demand, low-paying sectors
Data dashboards should be used for ongoing curriculum planning and graduate tracking

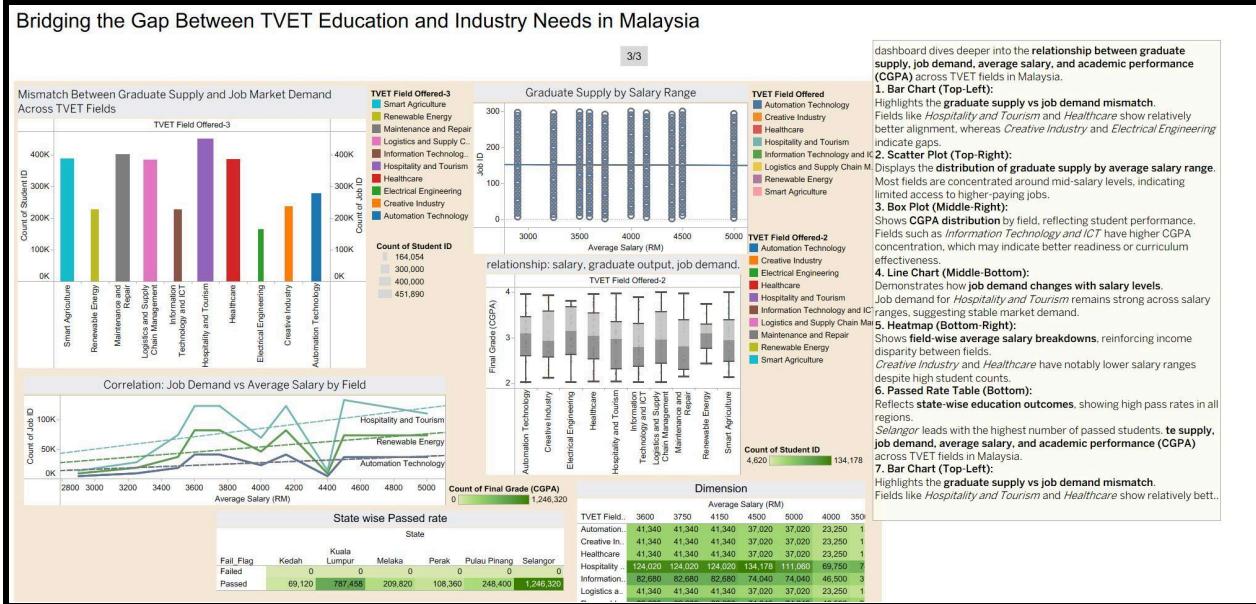
2. Slide 2 – Dashboard 1 Analysis:

- Visuals include a bar chart (graduate vs job demand), line chart (job demand vs salary), scatterplot (distribution of demand across salary), and heatmap (average salary range).
- The analysis shows contradictions—fields with many graduates (e.g., Healthcare) have fewer job openings, while fields with fewer graduates (e.g., Hospitality) show higher demand and better salaries.
- Key insight: Mismatch in training vs real-world job needs.



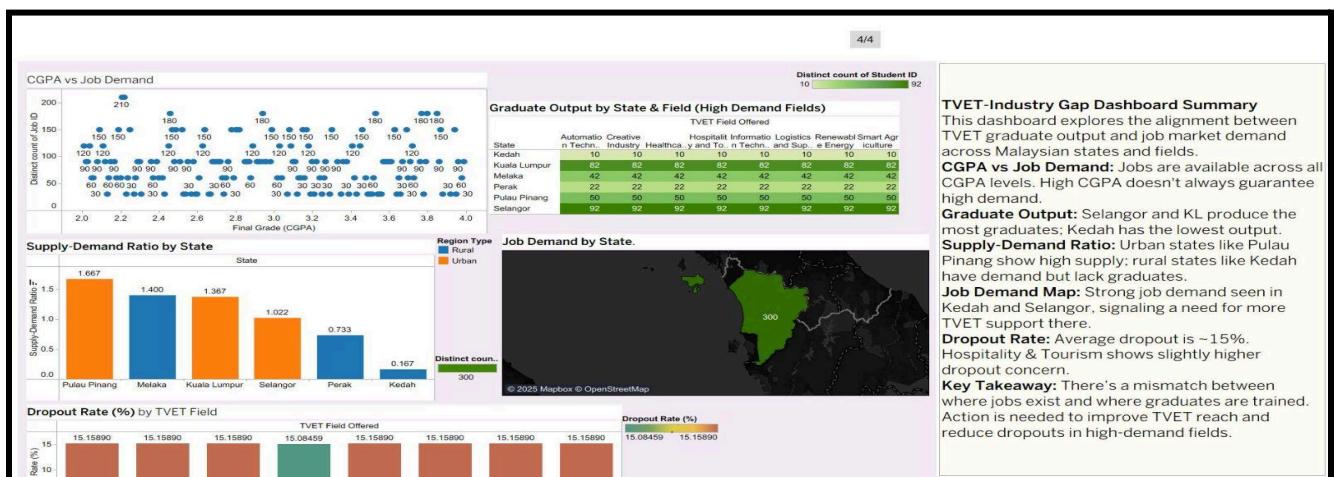
3. Slide 3 – Dashboard 2 Deeper Dive:

- More granular analysis using **box plots (CGPA by field)**, **salary distribution scatterplots**, and **state-wise pass rate tables**.
- Focuses on **academic performance**, **salary inequality**, and **regional education outcomes**.
- Reveals salary disparities and suggests that even students with high grades are entering fields with fewer job opportunities.



Slide 4: Graduate Performance, Demand & Dropout Trends

- Differences:** This dashboard compares regional and field-based disparities using a map and a table. The map highlights **job demand concentration by state**, while the graduate output table shows how graduate distribution varies by state and TVET field. This showcases the **regional imbalance** in supply and demand.
- Distribution:** A dot plot visualizes the relationship between **CGPA scores and job demand**, indicating that high academic performance does not always correlate with high-demand fields. A bar chart presents the **supply-demand ratio by state**, showing that **urban states** tend to have better alignment. Additionally, a **dropout rate chart** by field reveals that most fields have similar dropout rates (~15%), with minor deviations in Hospitality & Tourism.

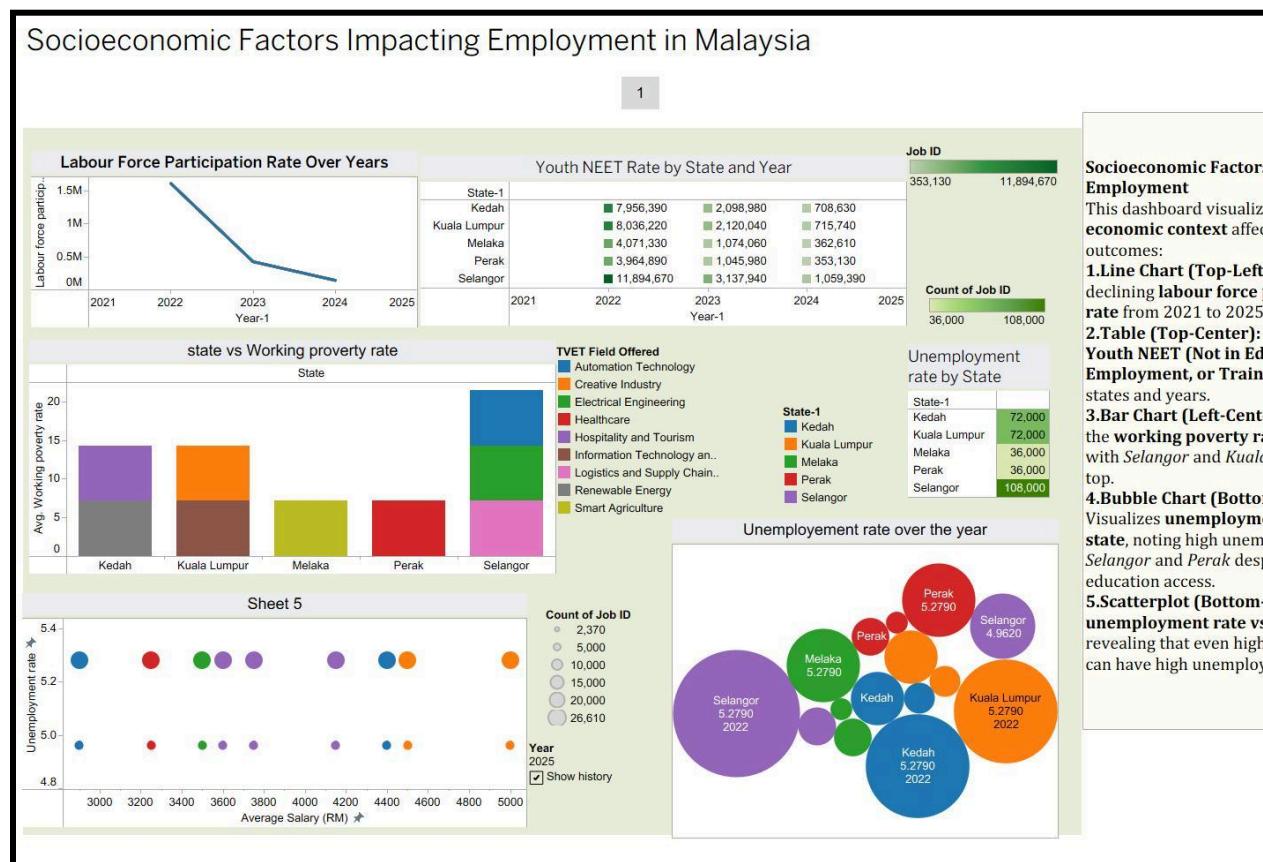


Slide 5: Socioeconomic Factors Impacting Employment

This dashboard visualizes the broader economic context affecting graduate outcomes:

- Line Chart (Top-Left): Shows a declining labour force participation rate from 2021 to 2025.
- Table (Top-Center): Displays the Youth NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) rate across states and years.
- Bar Chart (Left-Center): Highlights the working poverty rate by state, with *Selangor* and *Kuala Lumpur* at the top.
- Bubble Chart (Bottom-Right): Visualizes unemployment rate by state, noting high unemployment in *Selangor* and *Perak* despite high education access.
- Scatterplot (Bottom-Left): Plots unemployment rate vs average salary, revealing that even high-paying states can have high unemployment.

This final slide connects education outcomes with labor market and socioeconomic disparities, providing critical policy insights.



8(b): Structure the Story Using Storytelling Components

Introduction

This data-driven story explores the misalignment between TVET education and job market demands in Malaysia. It highlights key issues like graduate oversupply in some fields, low job availability in others, unequal salary distributions, regional academic performance, and social inequalities. Using Tableau dashboards, the story visually examines data from 2021 to 2025 to assess how well the current education system is serving industry needs.

Business Understanding

Malaysia has prioritized TVET education as a way to address employment readiness and national skill gaps. However, the data reveals clear mismatches. Fields such as *Creative Industry* and *Healthcare* produce more graduates than the job market requires. Meanwhile, fields like *Hospitality* and *ICT*—which are in high demand—face skill shortages. This misalignment not only reduces employment opportunities but also contributes to wage stagnation in oversupplied sectors.

Type of Story

This story follows a “Contrary + Zoom-In” format. Contrary to the belief that more graduates in a field will automatically lead to better job outcomes, the story shows that *Creative Industry* and *Healthcare* have oversupply issues. Zooming in, it explores how specific states (e.g., *Selangor*, *Kelantan*) perform in terms of job demand, salary levels, and education outcomes. It also incorporates time-based trends to show changes in labor force participation and youth NEET rates.

Story Punchline

There is a clear mismatch between TVET graduate supply and actual job market demand. Some fields are flooded with graduates but offer few jobs and low salaries. Conversely, high-demand fields lack qualified candidates. This mismatch is further aggravated by regional socioeconomic issues such as high NEET rates, rising unemployment, and persistent working poverty—even in industrial hubs like *Selangor*. These findings indicate the urgent need for data-informed education reforms.

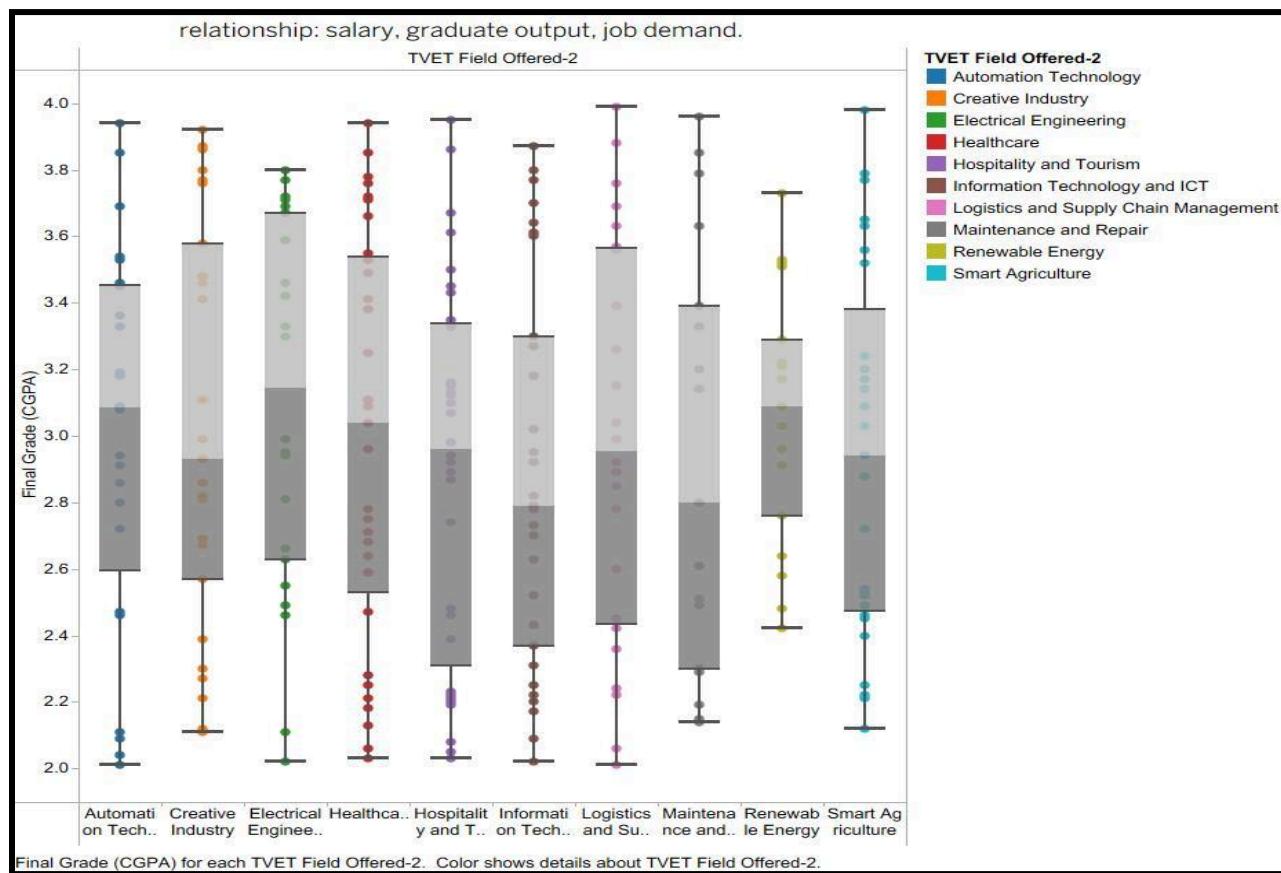
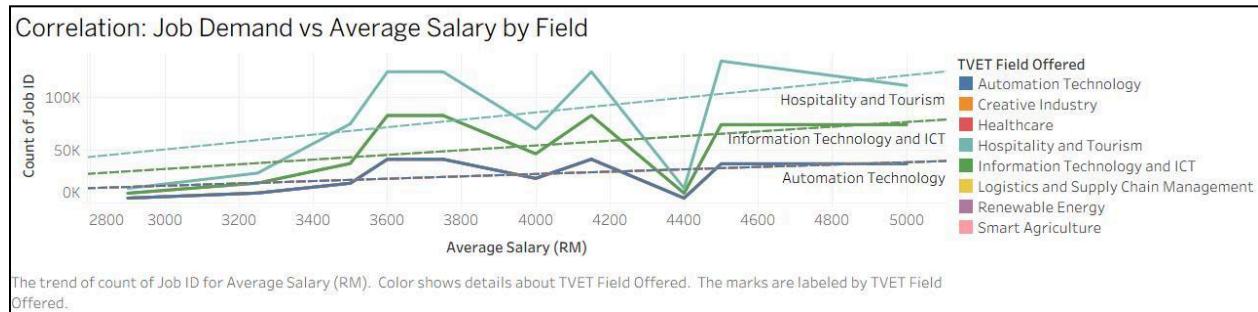
Conclusion and Recommendations

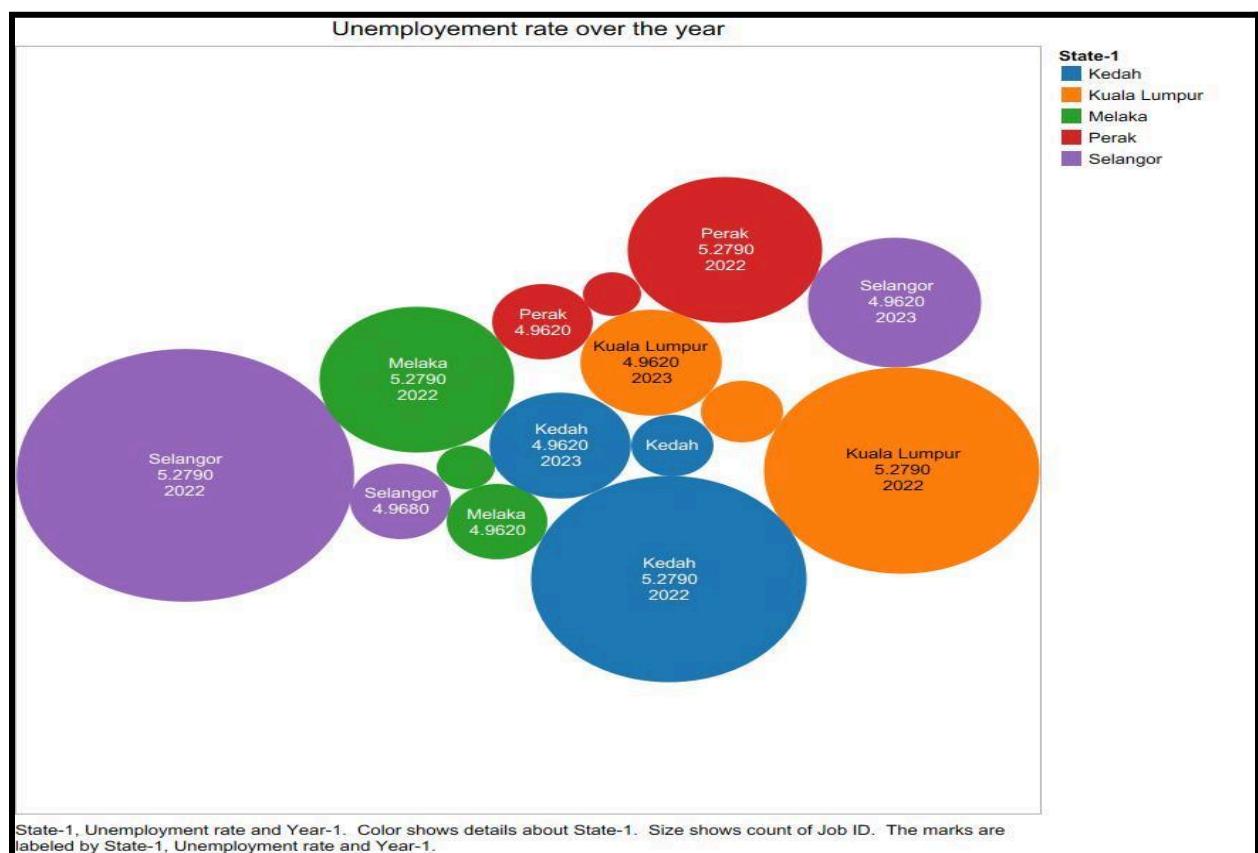
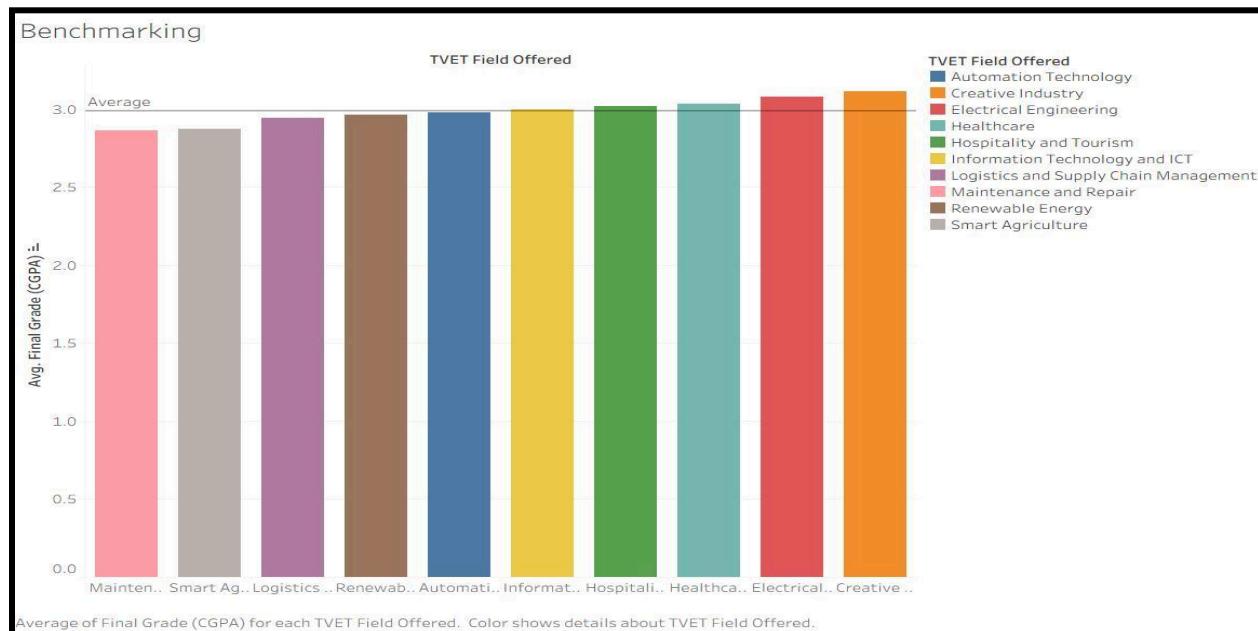
Several key insights emerge from the full story:

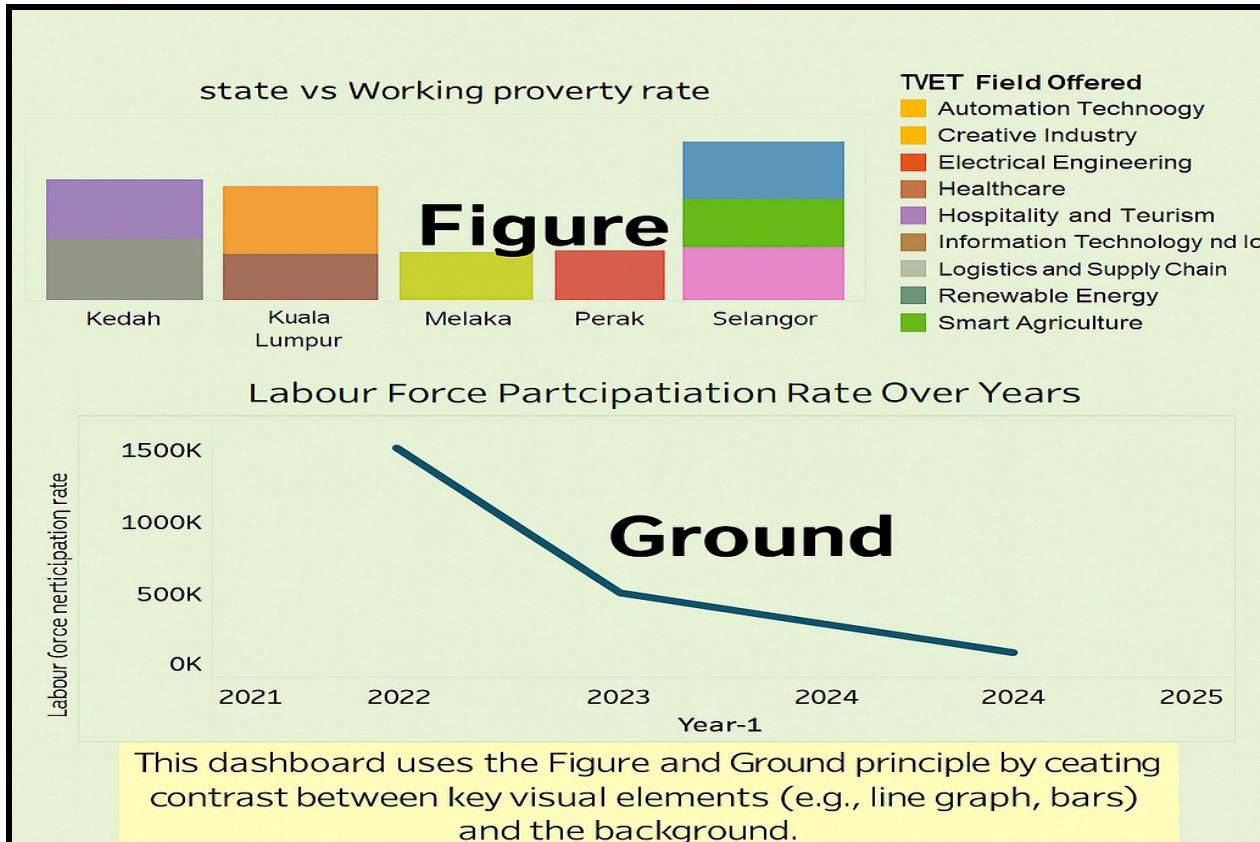
- **Curriculum Realignment:** TVET programs must be redesigned based on real-time job market data, focusing on undersupplied fields with strong demand.
- **Salary Incentives:** High-demand but low-paying fields (e.g., *Healthcare*) require better pay to attract and retain talent.
- **Regional Investment:** States like *Perak* and *Selangor*, which show high unemployment and working poverty rates, need targeted economic support and job-matching programs.

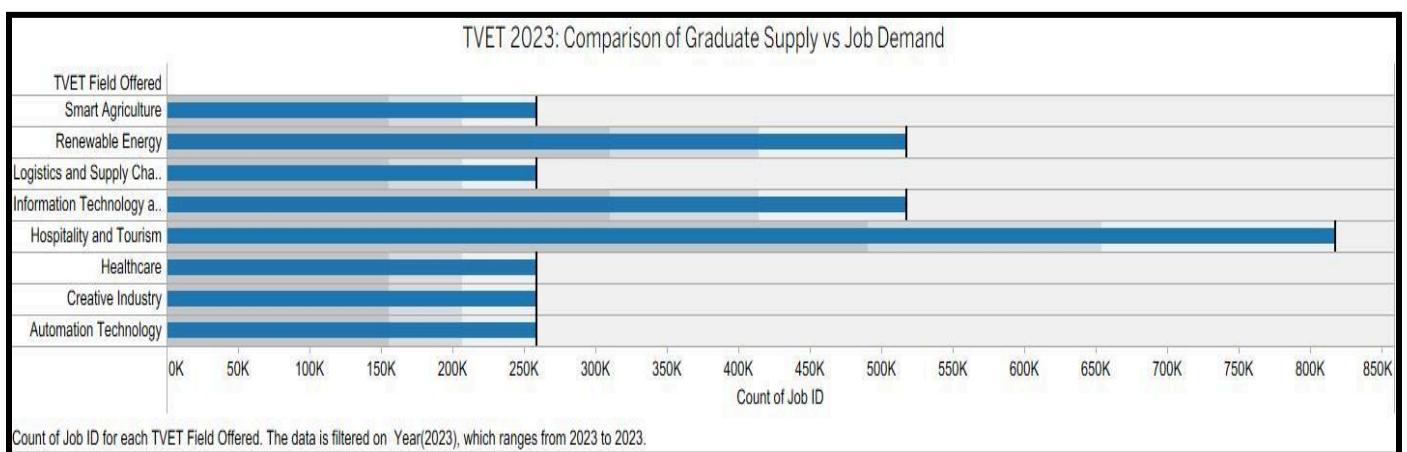
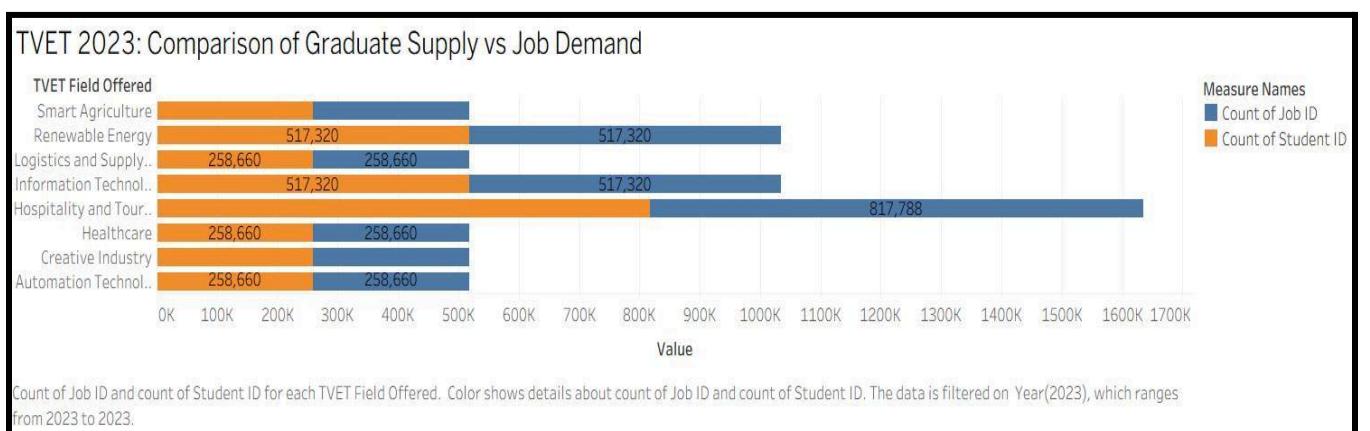
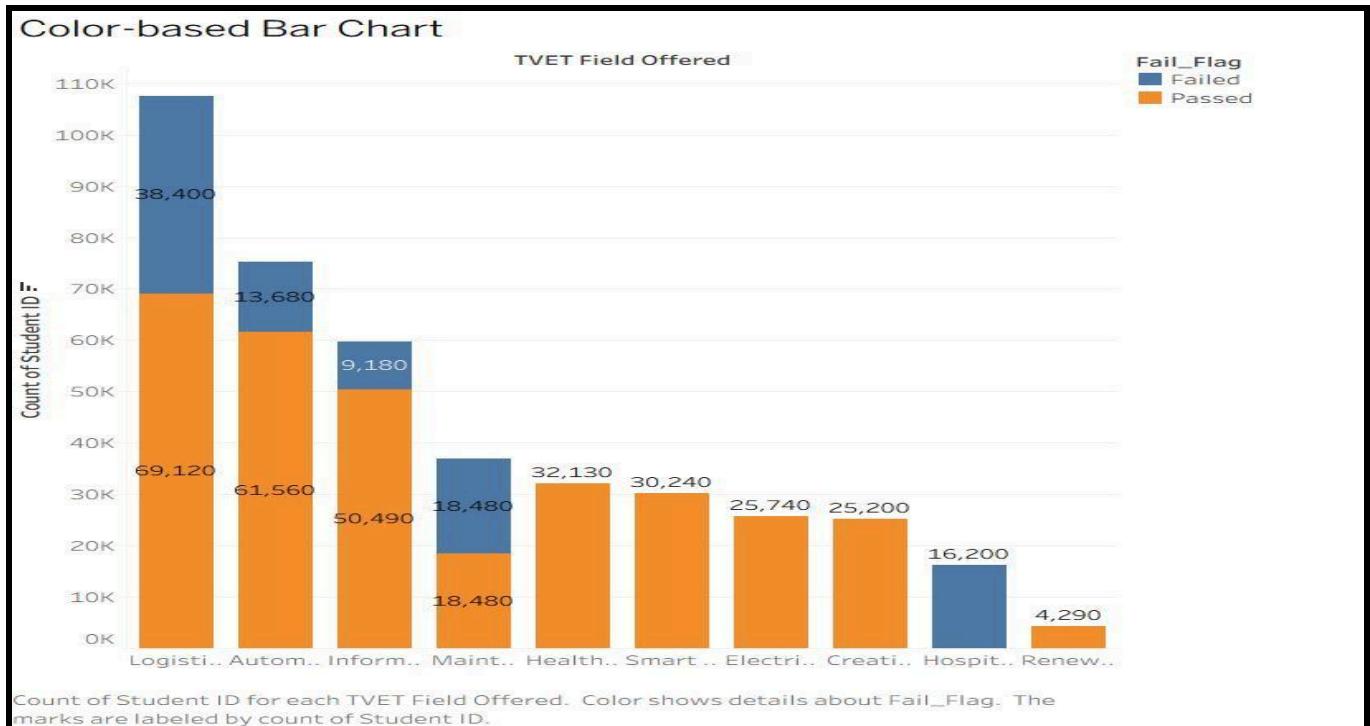
- **Socioeconomic Monitoring:** Declining labor force participation and rising NEET rates indicate growing disengagement among youth, necessitating both educational and policy interventions.
- **Data-Driven Planning:** Tableau dashboards can help stakeholders monitor trends, optimize curriculum planning, and forecast employment shifts more effectively.

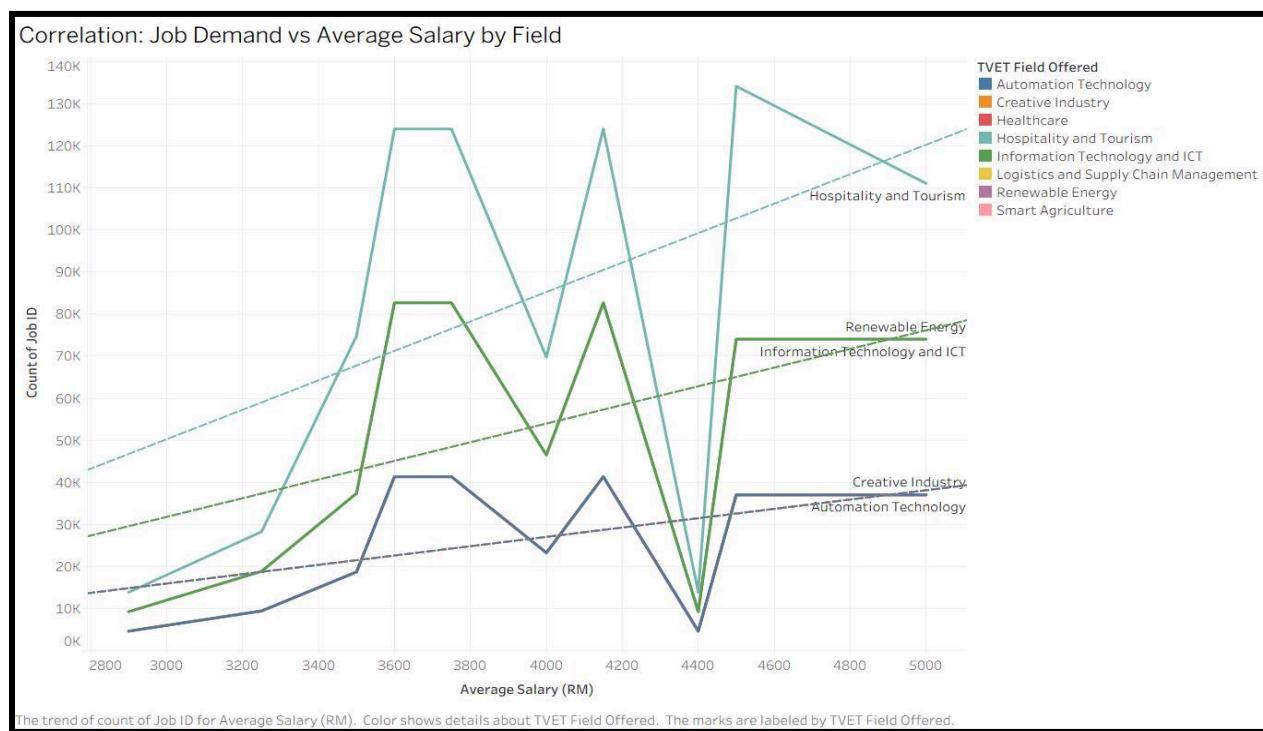
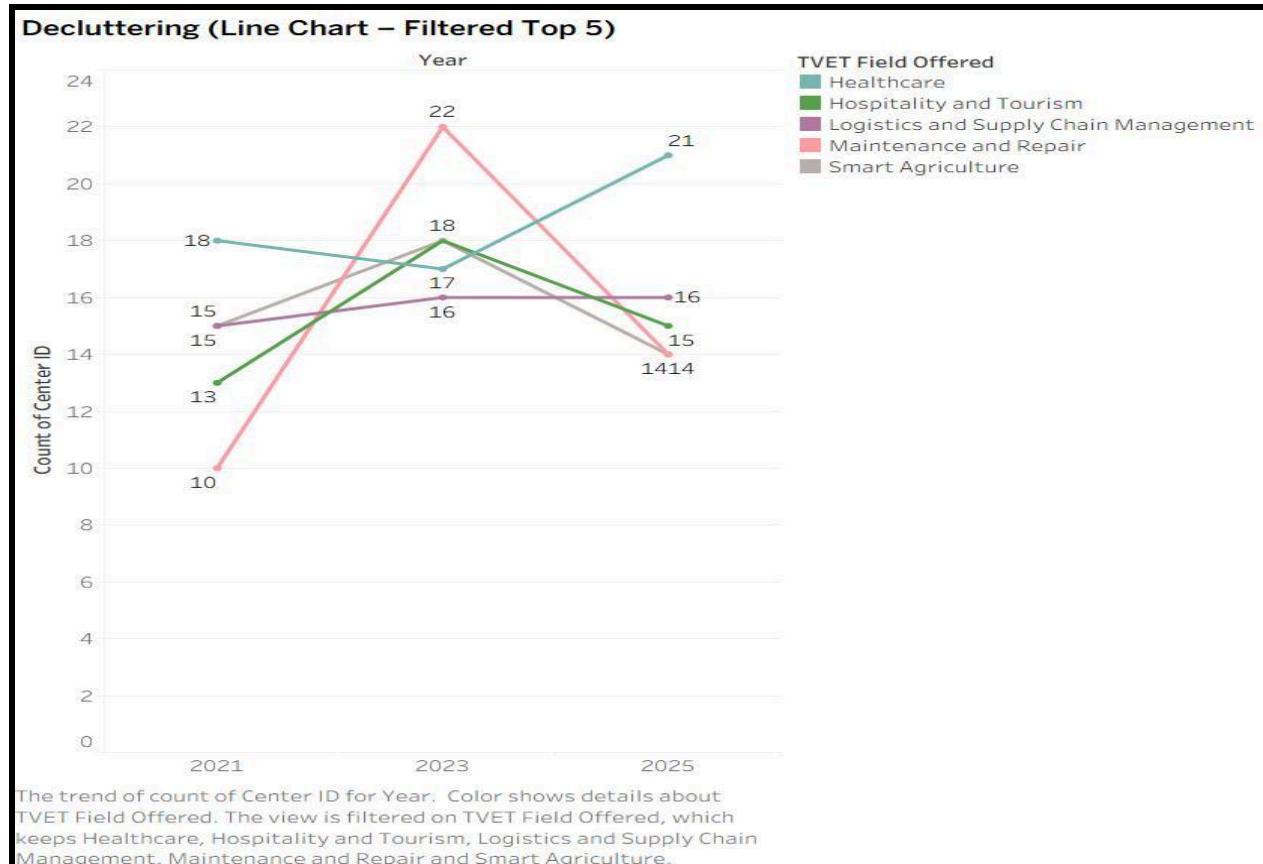
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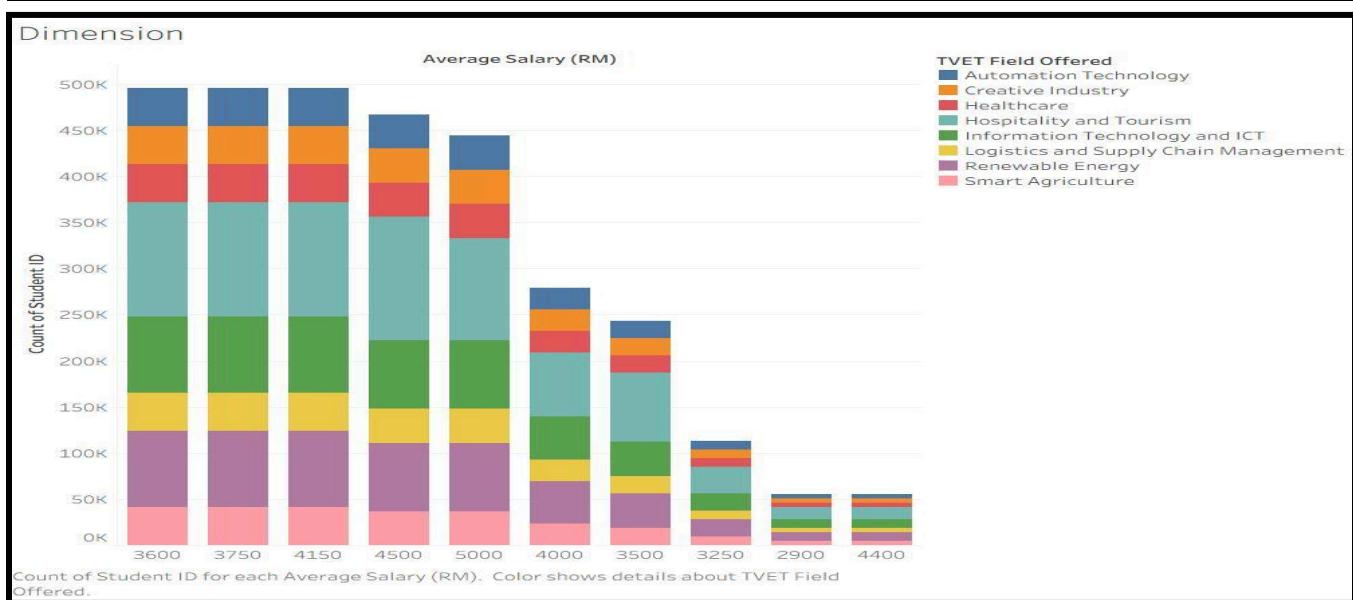
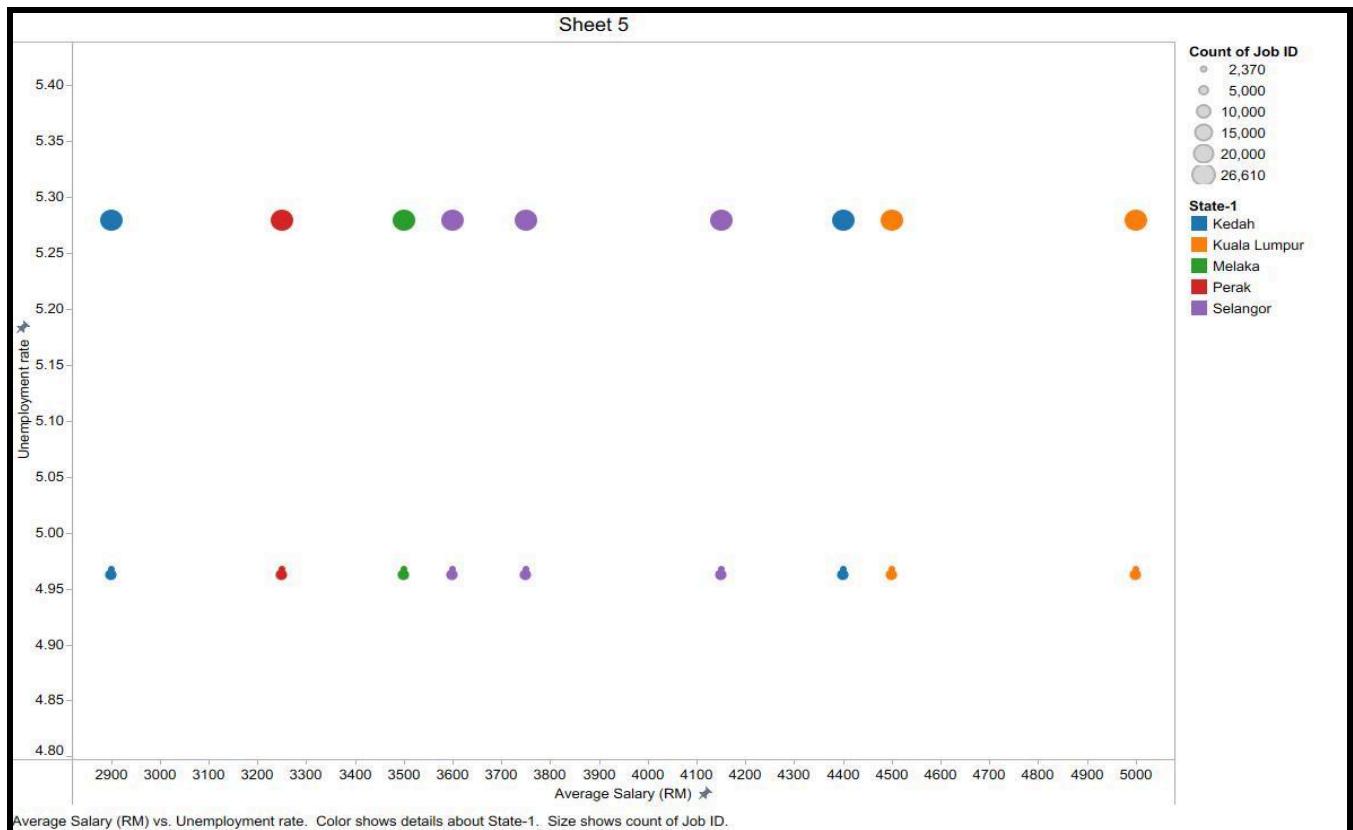


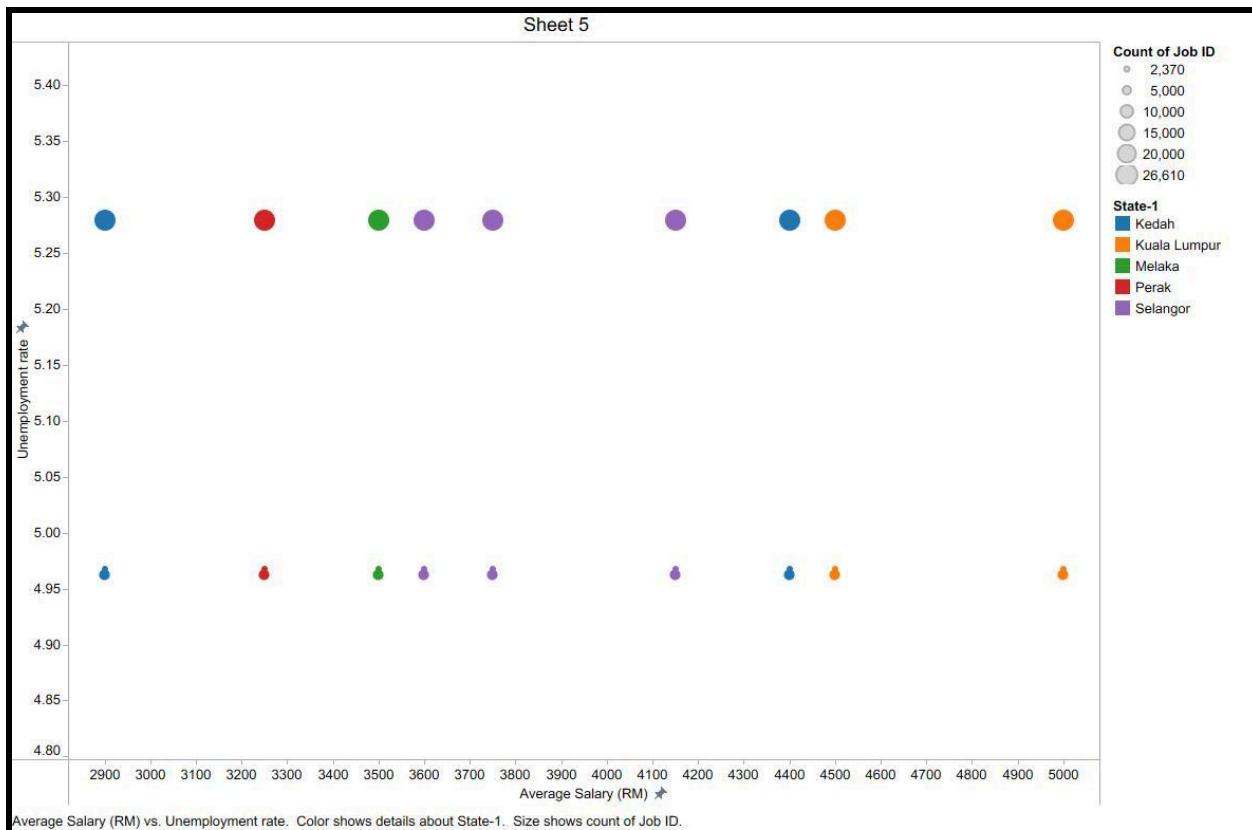


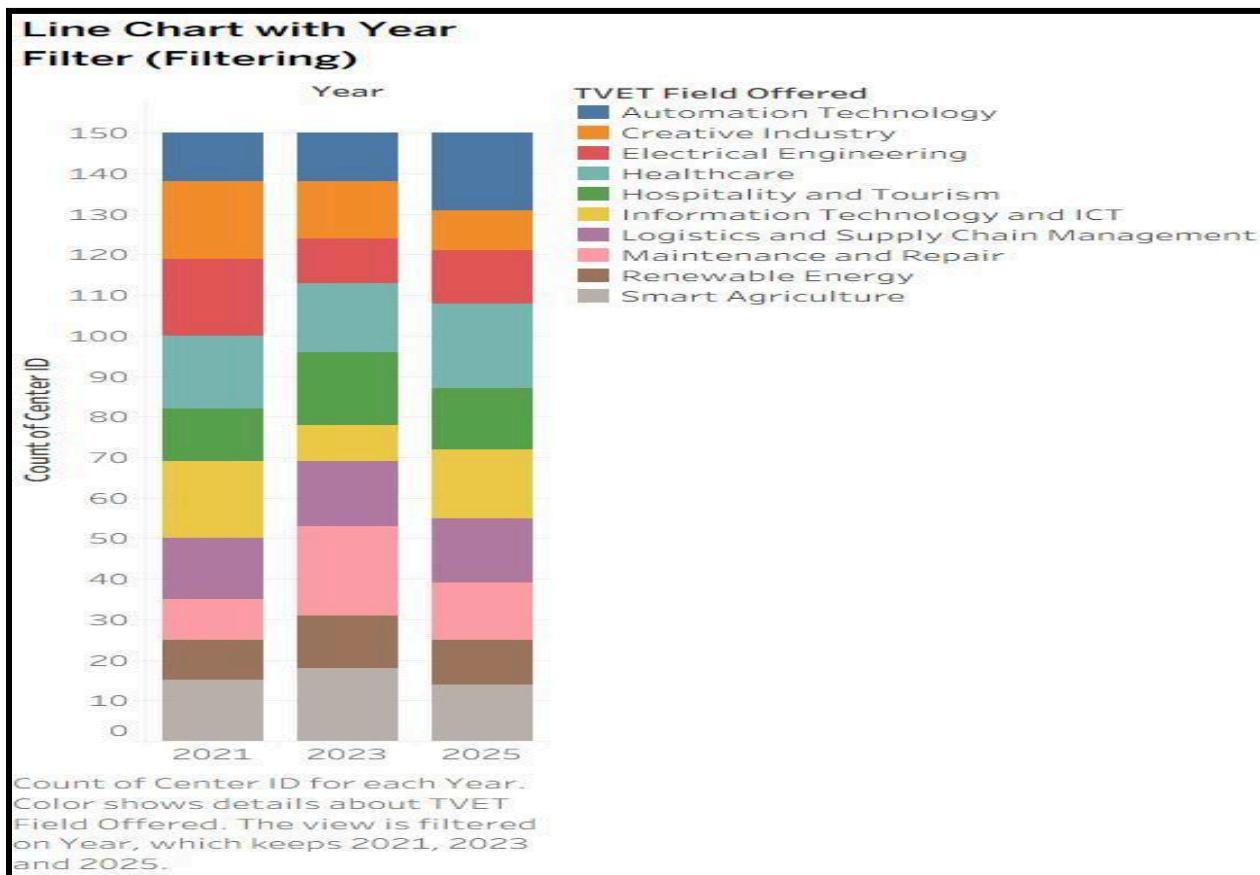
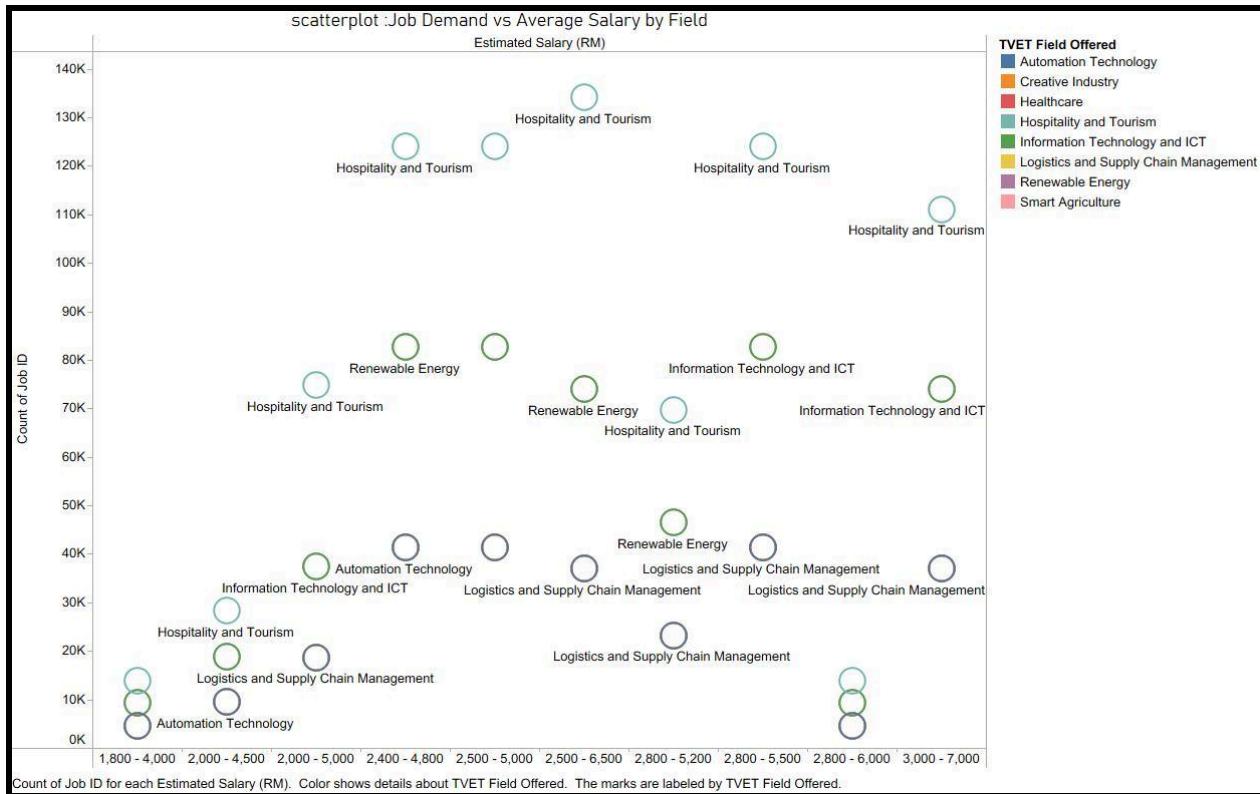




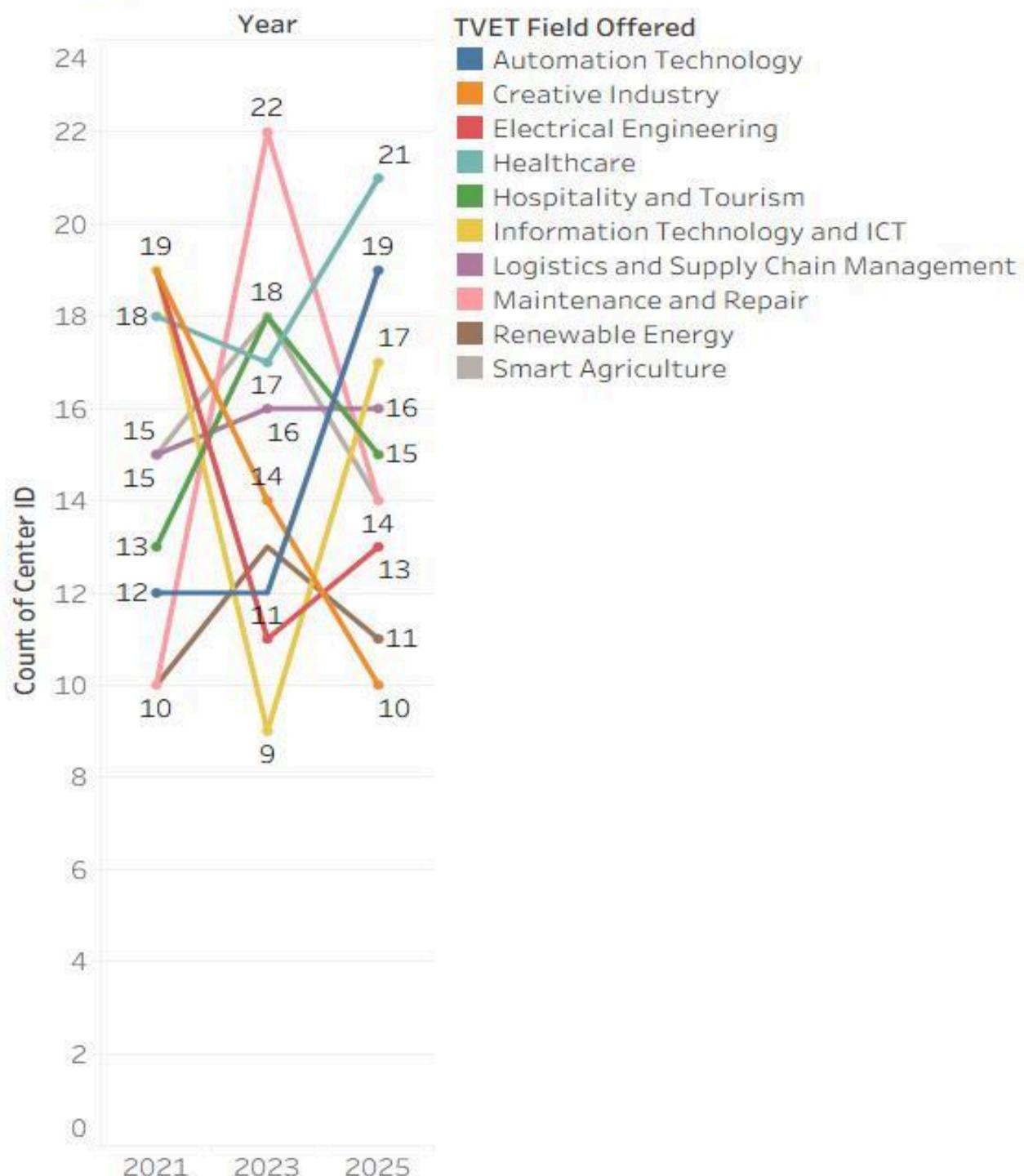




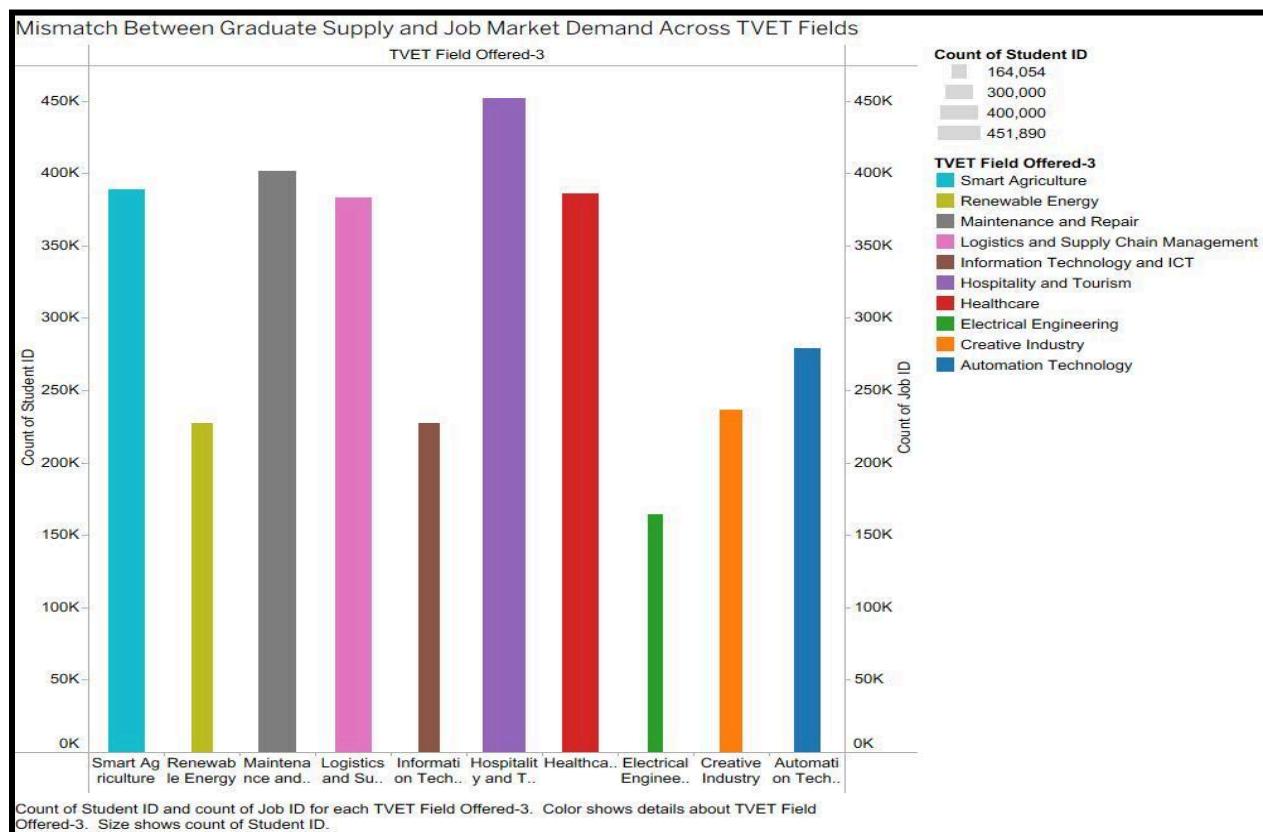
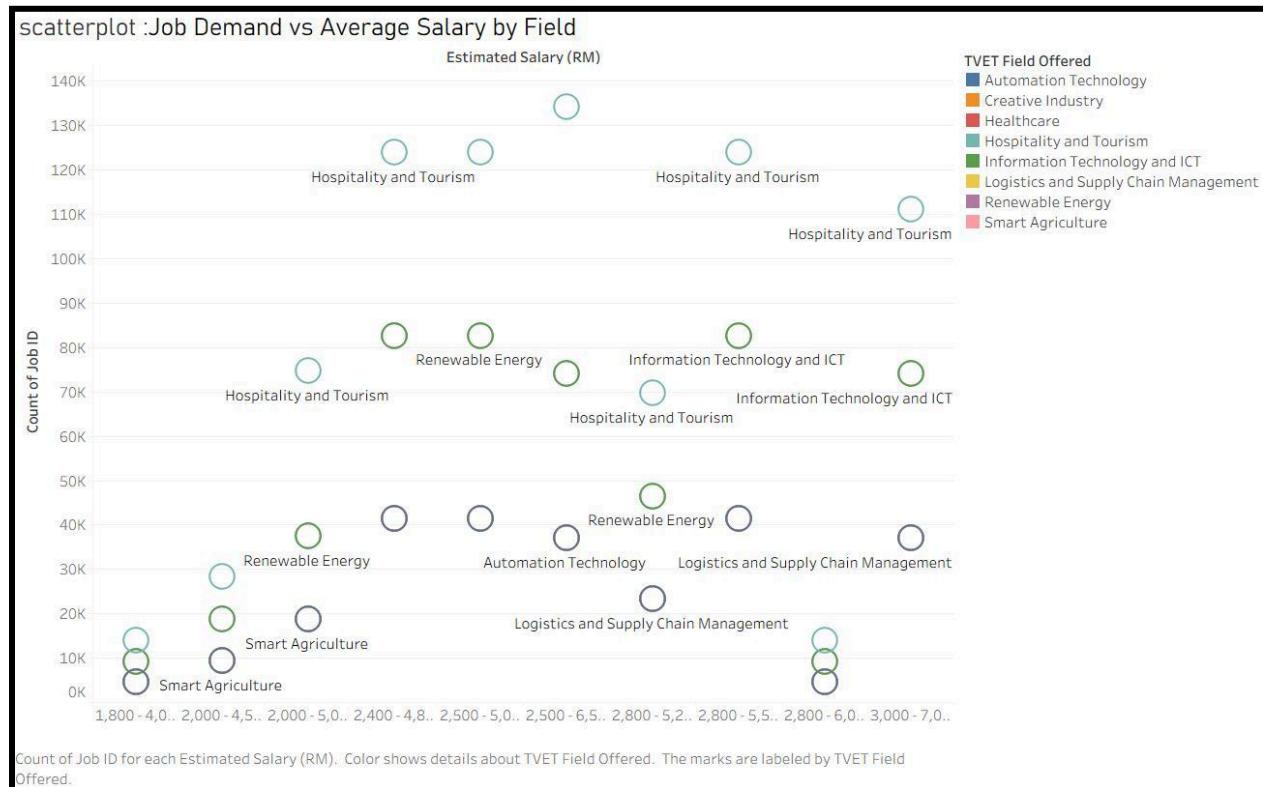


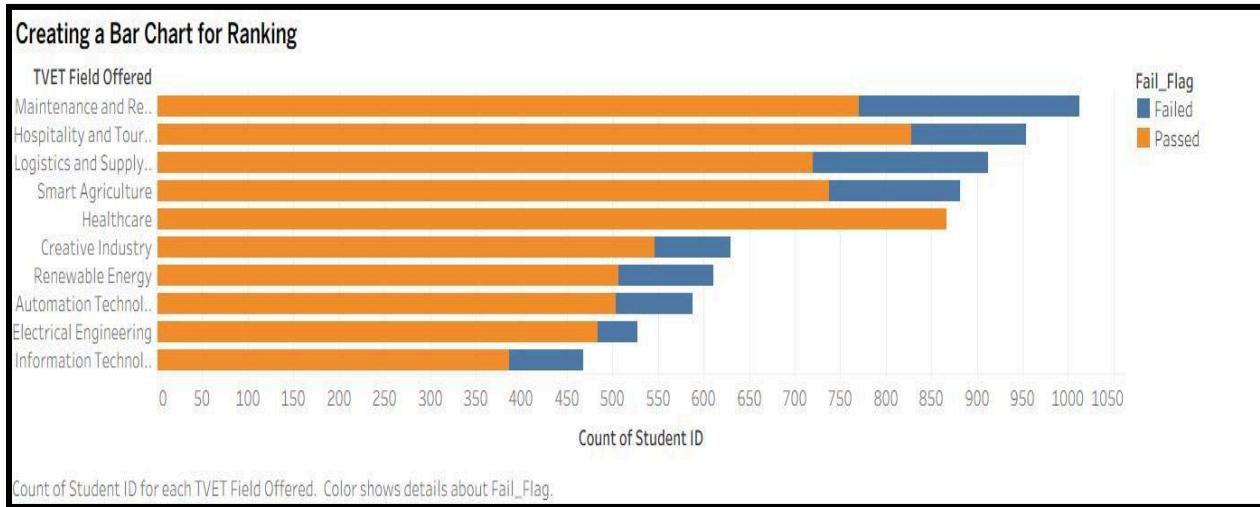
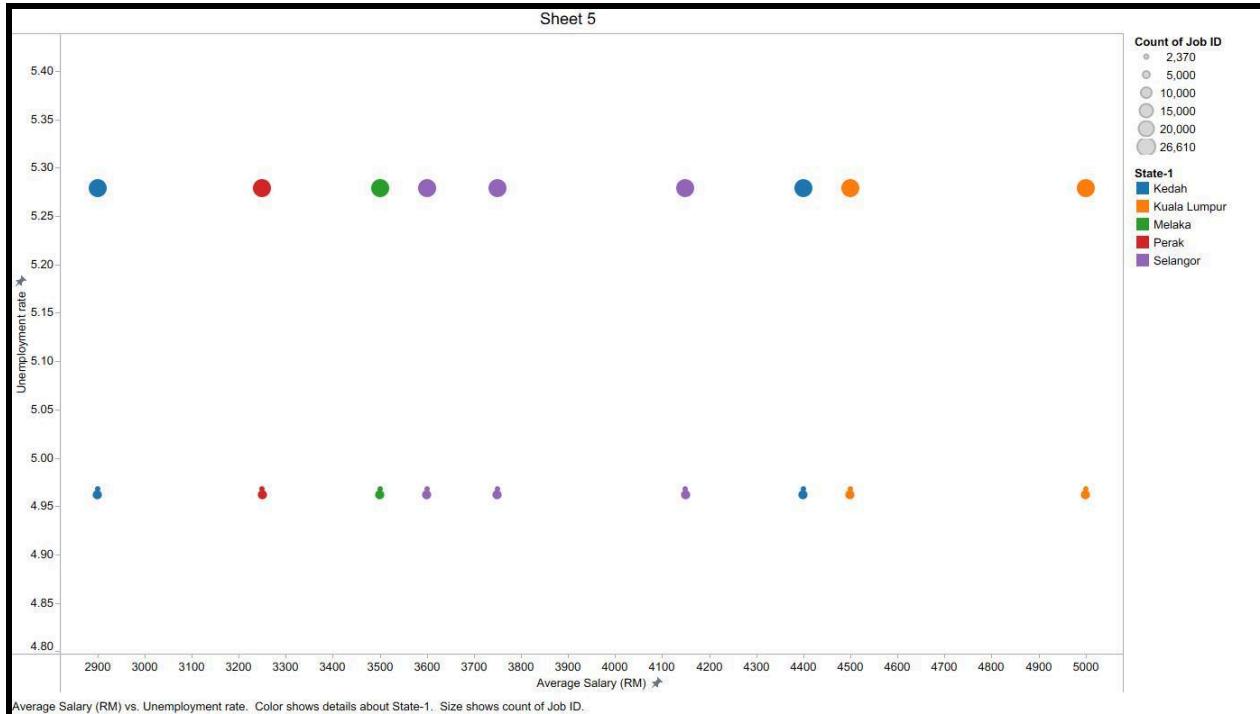


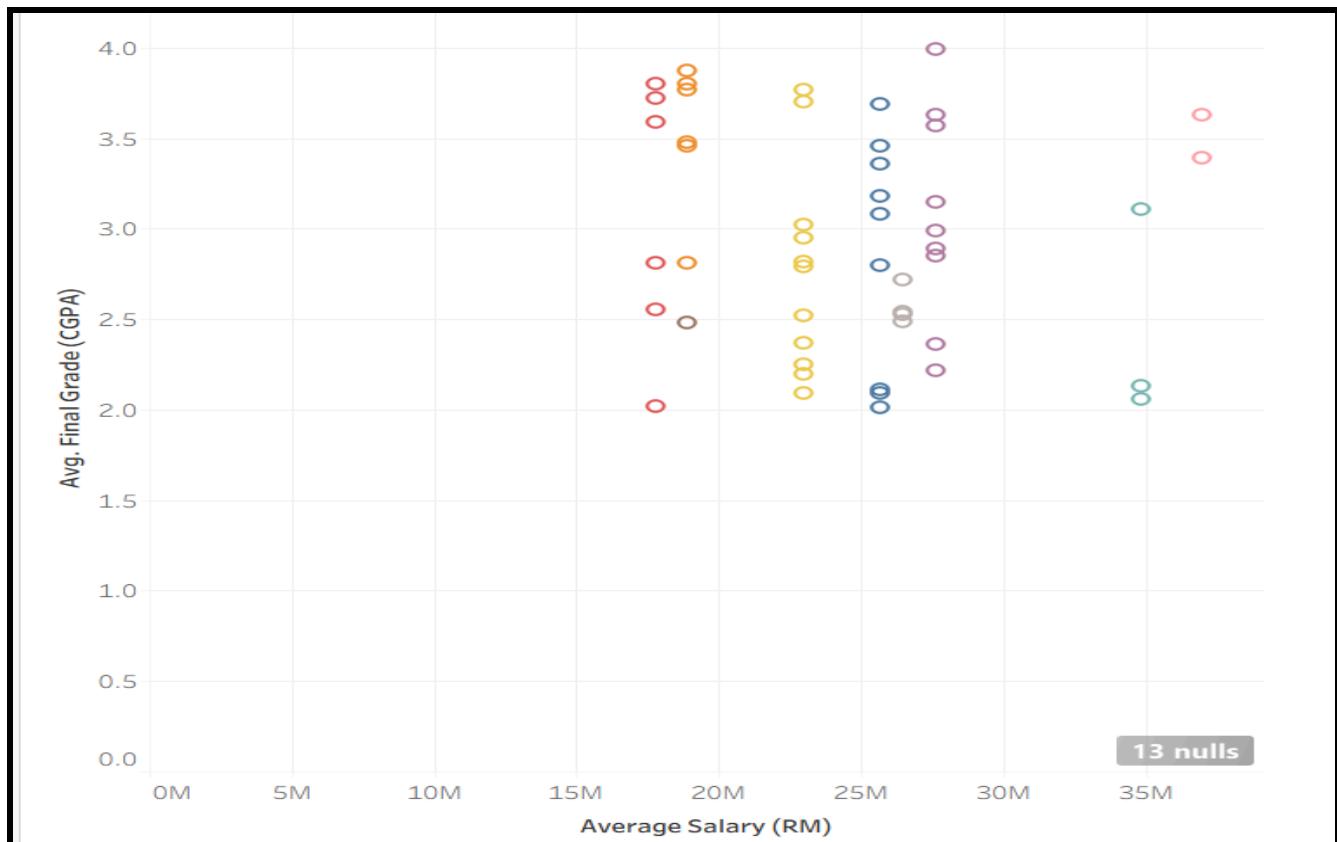
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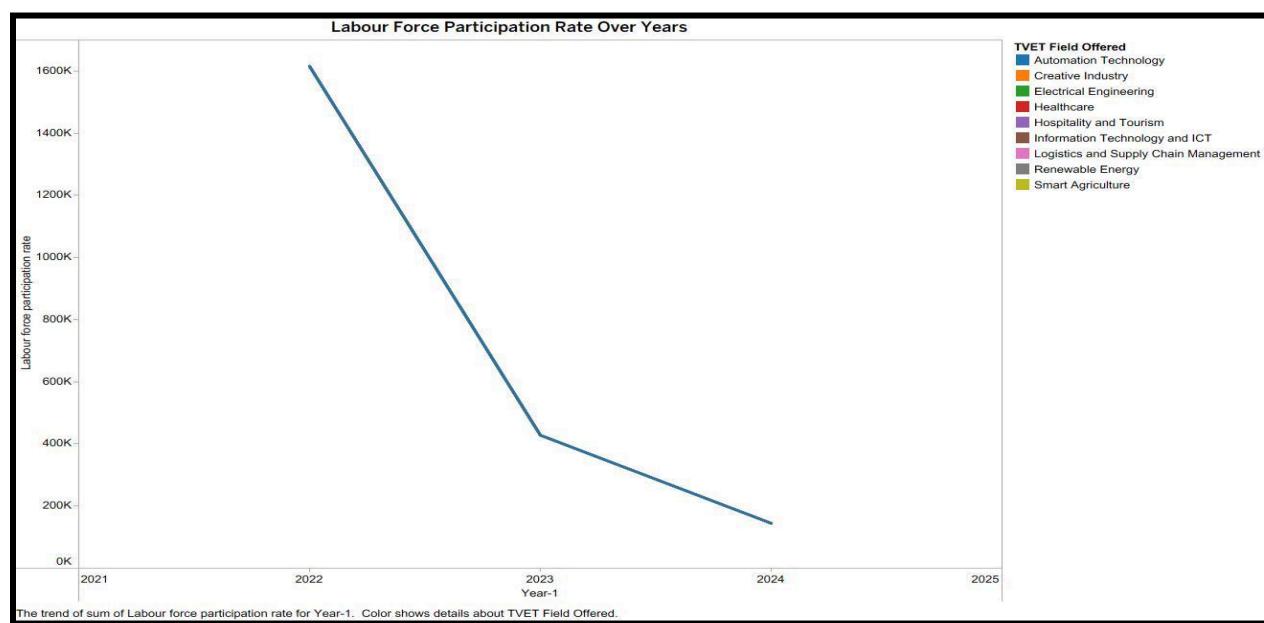
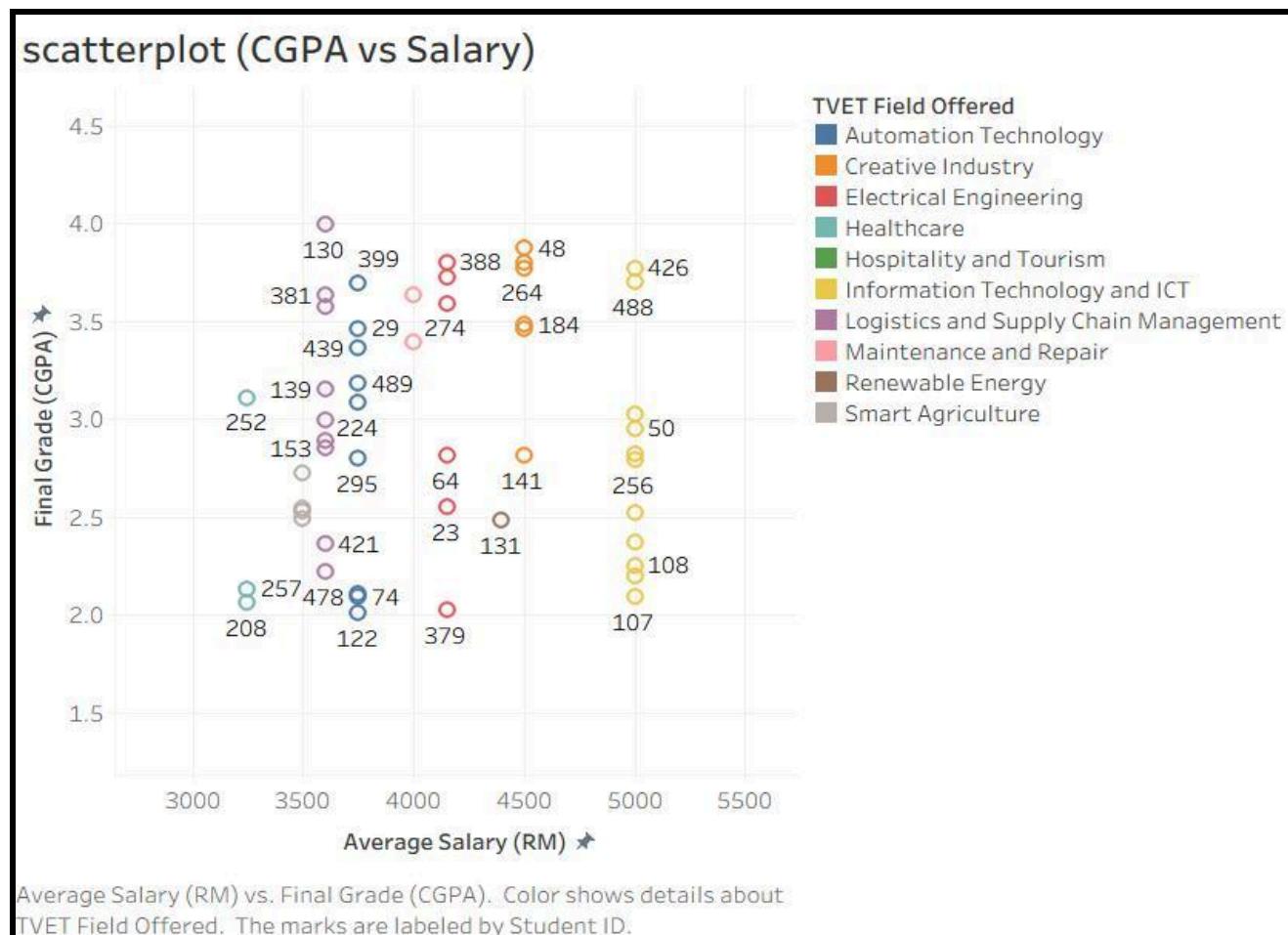


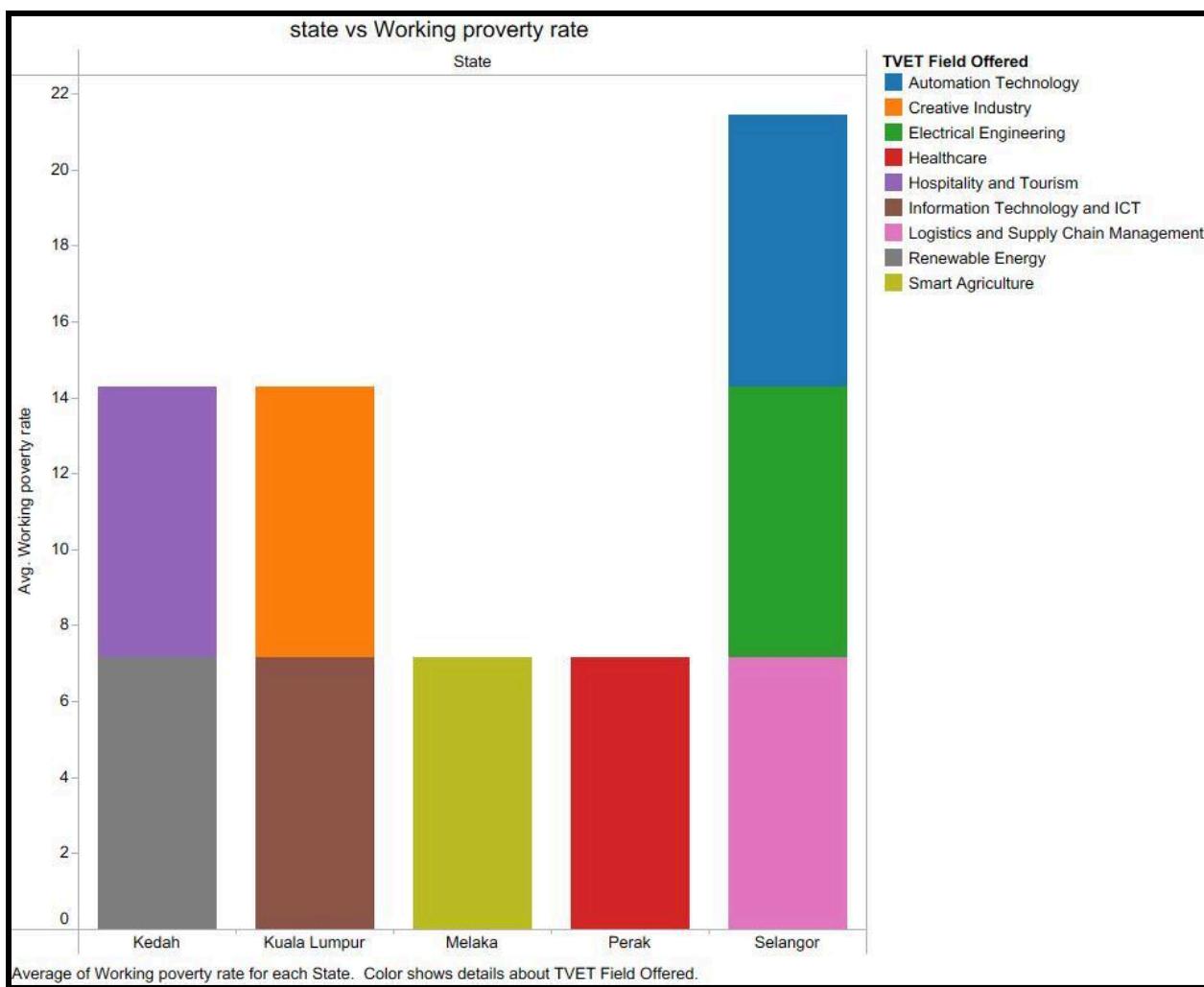
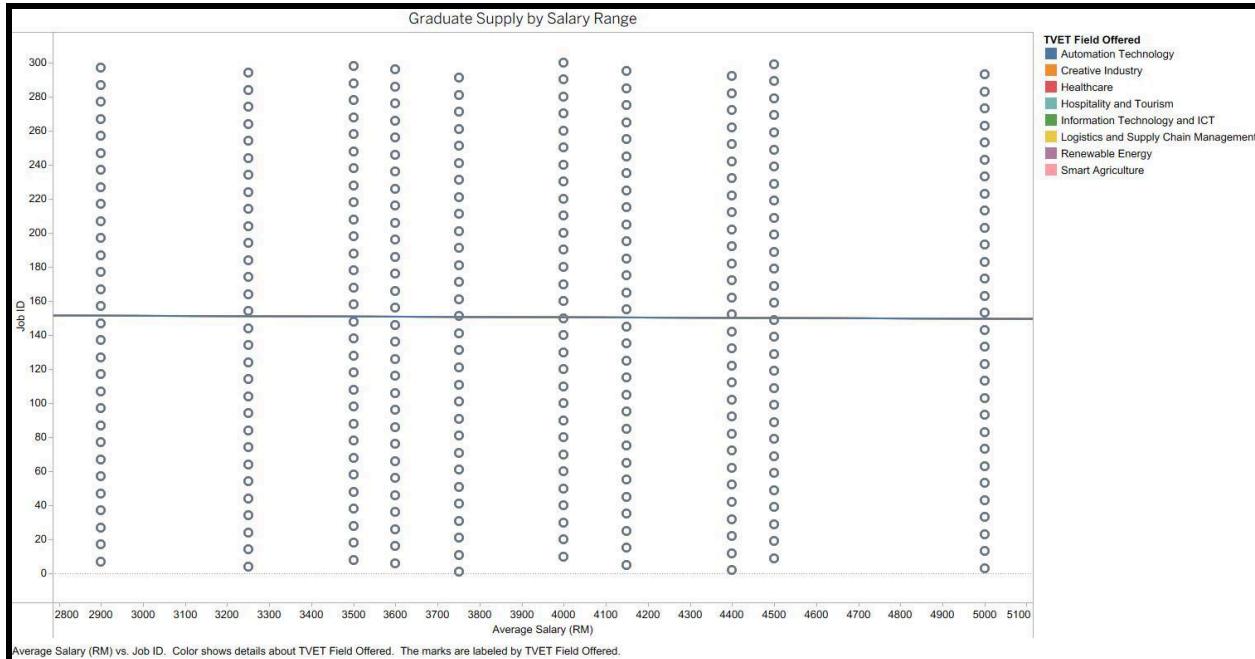
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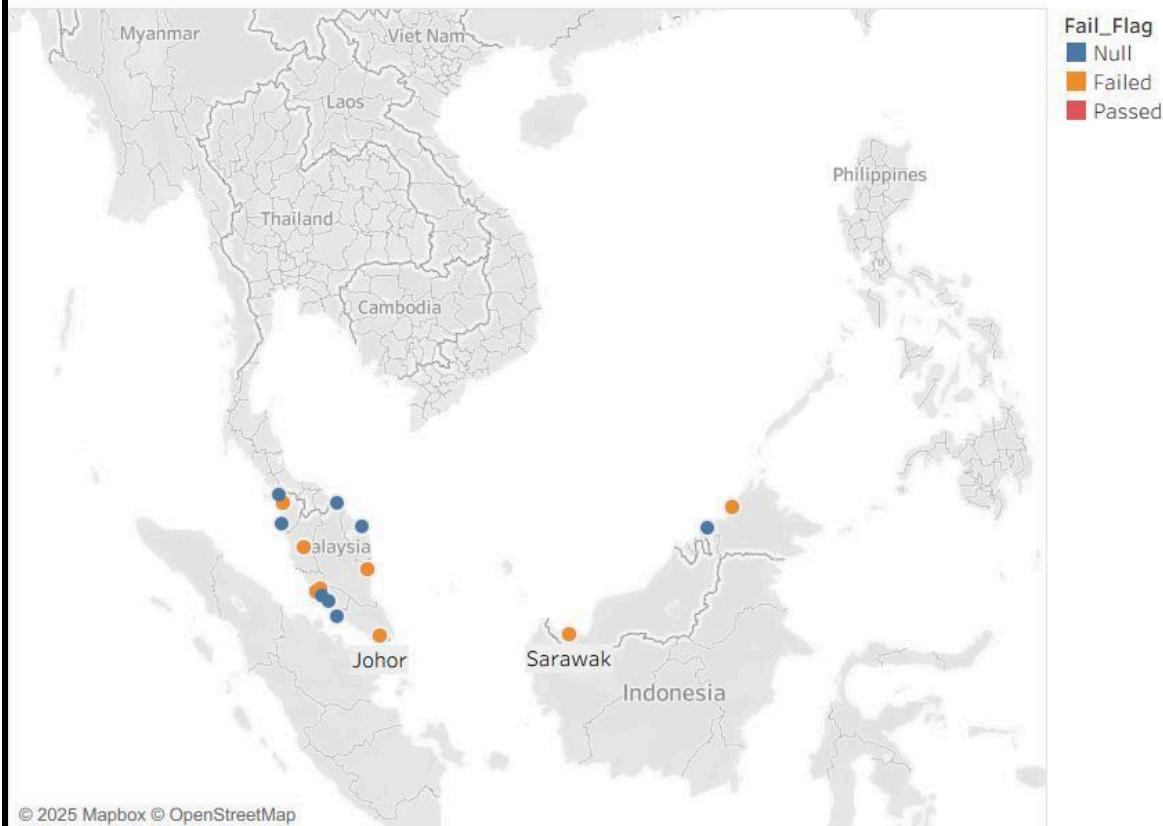








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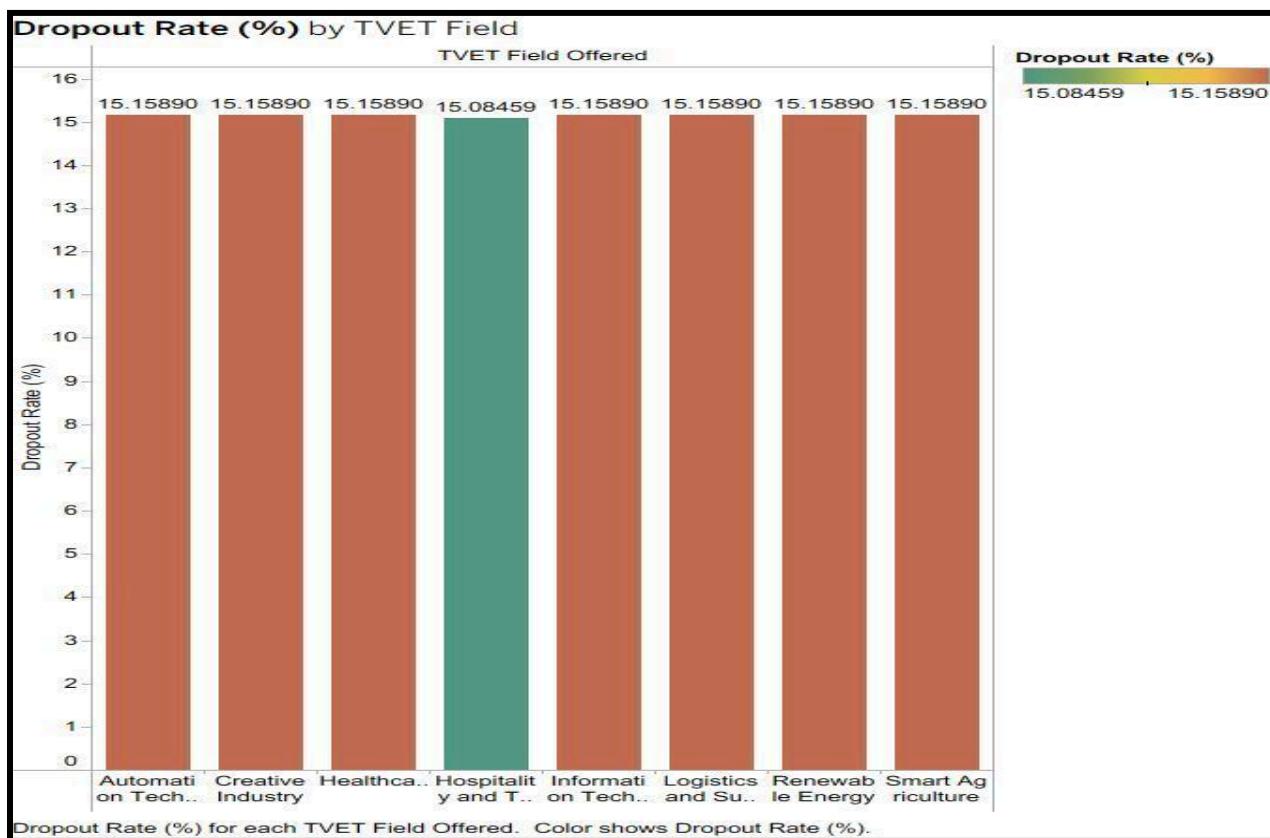
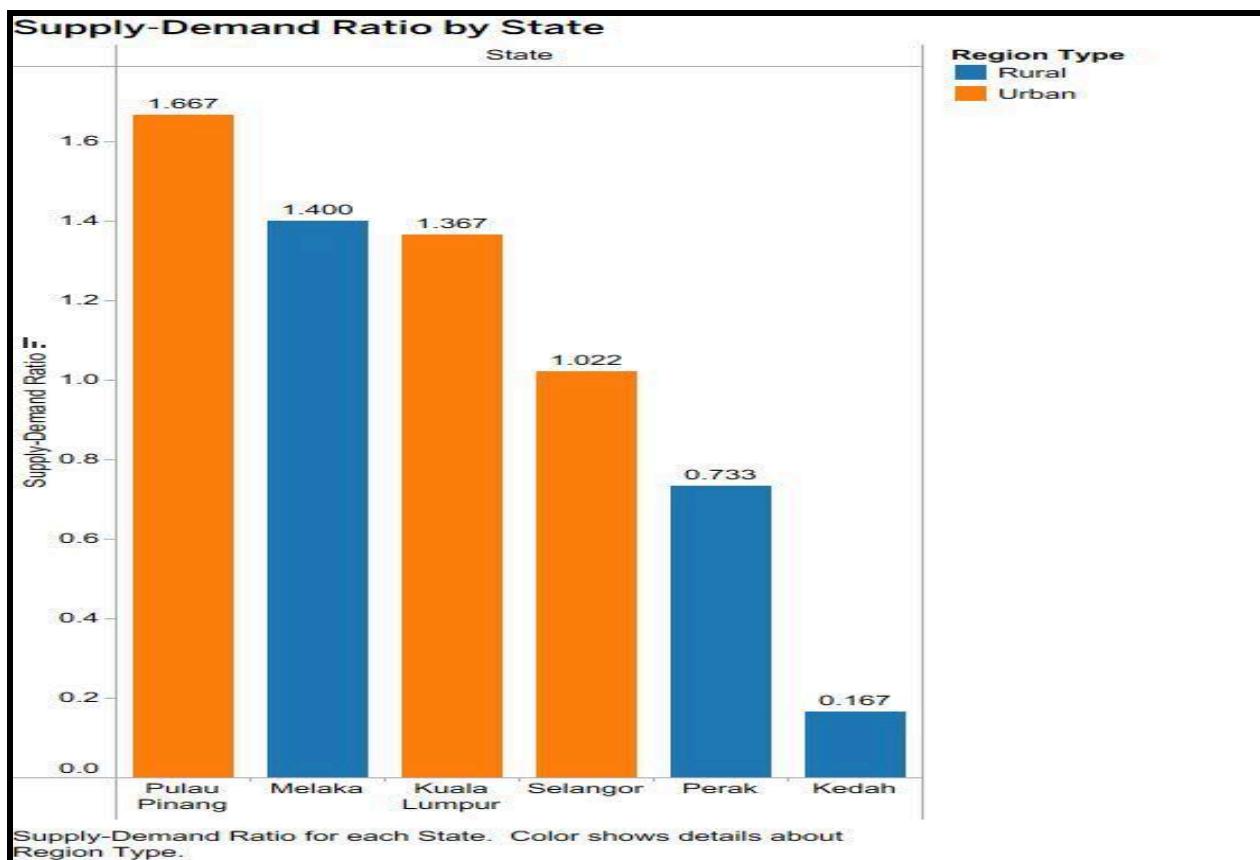


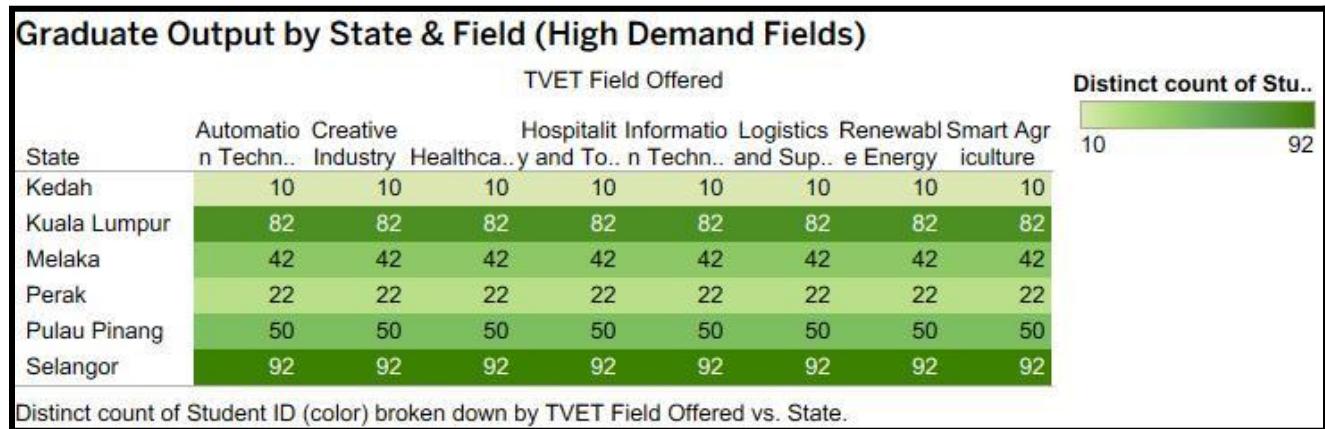
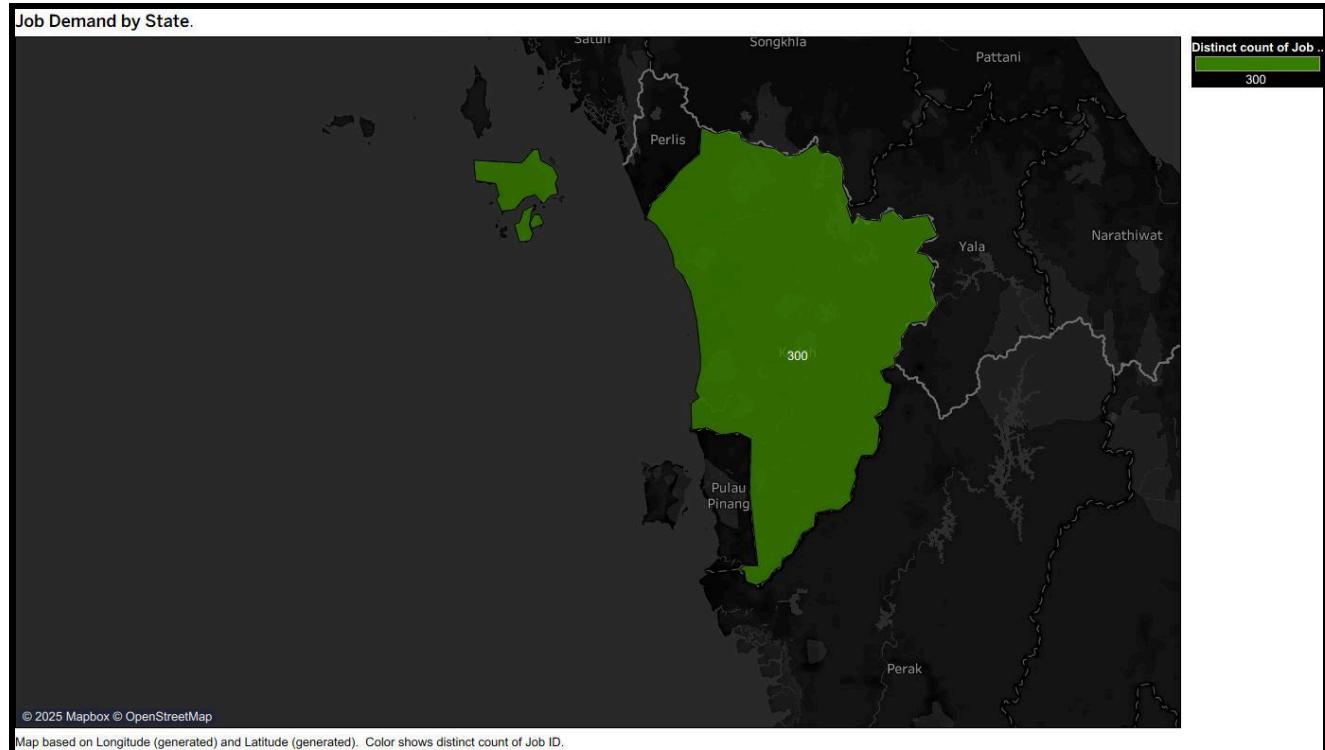
Map based on Longitude and Latitude. Color shows details about Fail_Flag. The marks are labeled by State.

Youth NEET Rate by State and Year



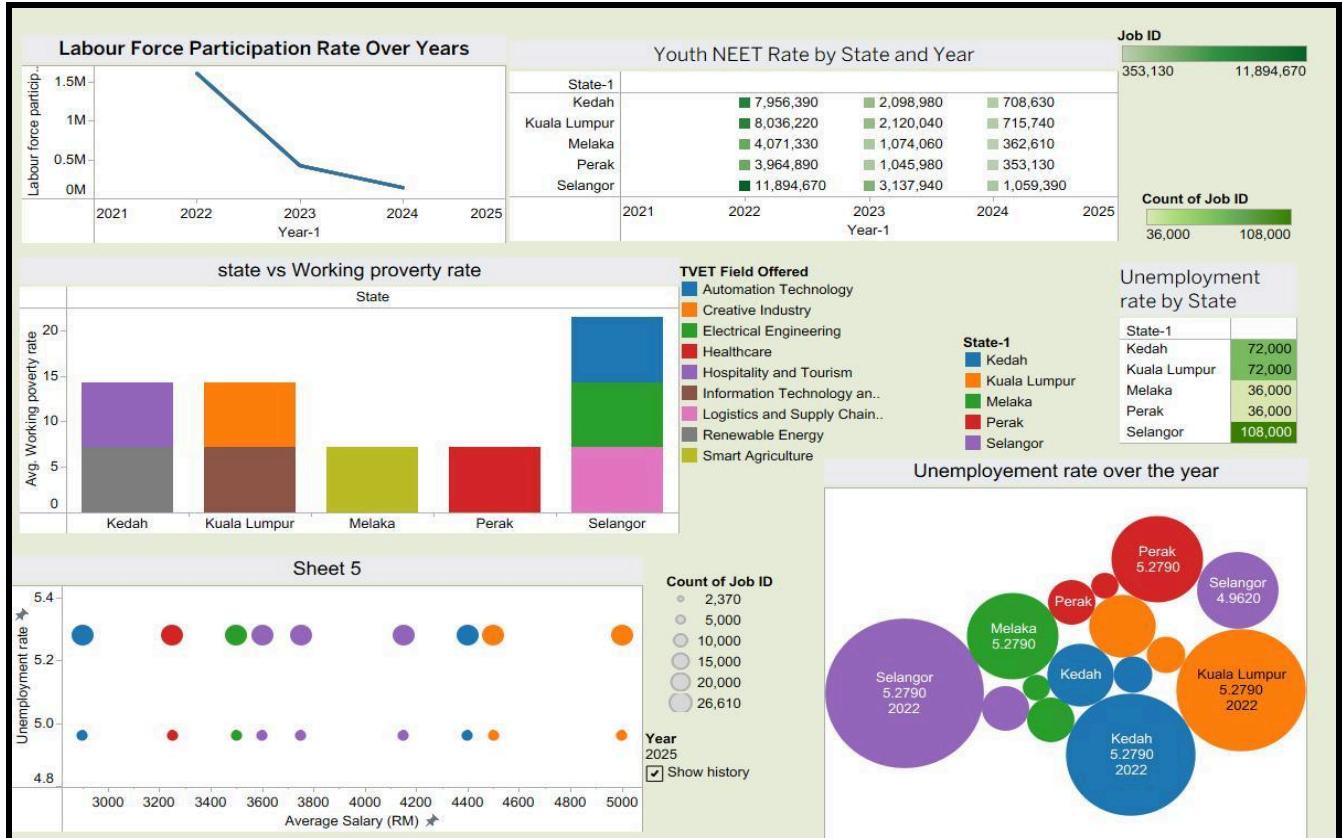
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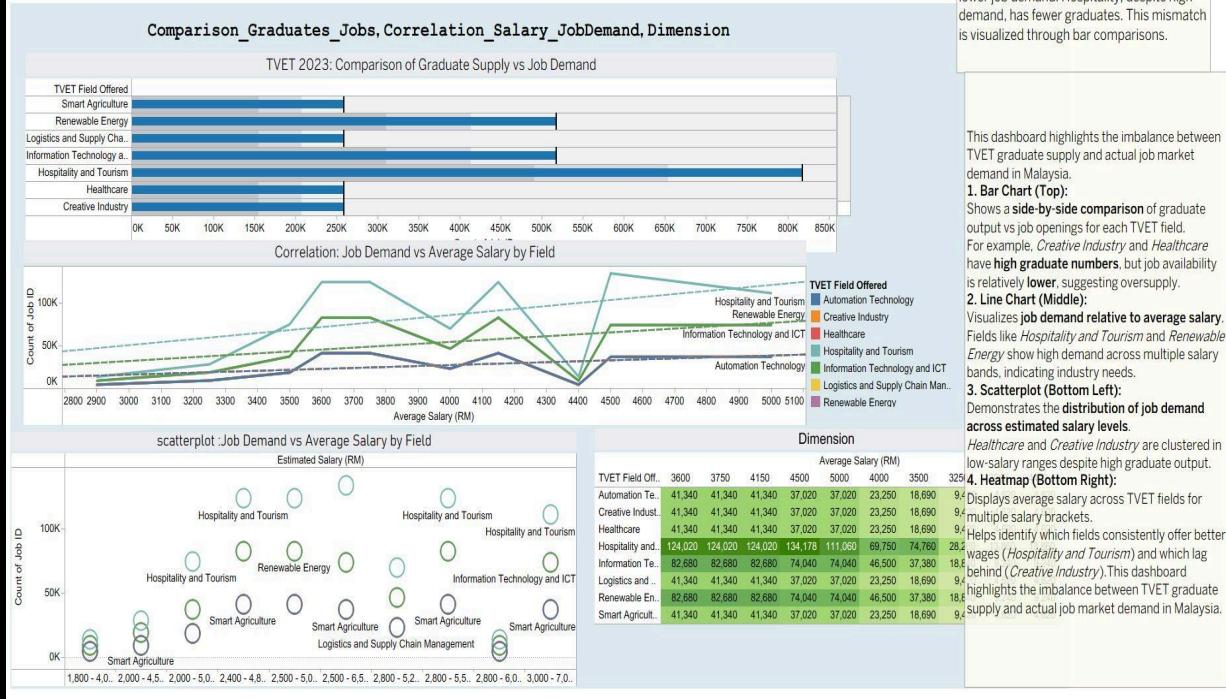
Dashboard and Story





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Storyboard:

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Introduction:

This story explores the alignment between TVET education and job market demands in Malaysia, focusing on graduate supply, job mismatch, salary trends, and socioeconomic disparities. Using data from 2021 to 2025, we analyze how well the TVET system is preparing students for actual employment needs.

Business Understanding:

General: Malaysia is producing an increasing number of TVET graduates to boost workforce readiness.
Specific: However, some fields like *Creative Industry* are oversupplied while others like *Hospitality & ICT* face skill shortages, indicating a misalignment between education output and industry demand.

Type of Story:

This is a "**Contrary + Zoom-In**" story.
Contrary to public assumptions, not all high-supply fields lead to better employment. We zoom into specific fields and states (e.g., Selangor, Kelantan) to explore local gaps and salary differences.

Story Punchline:

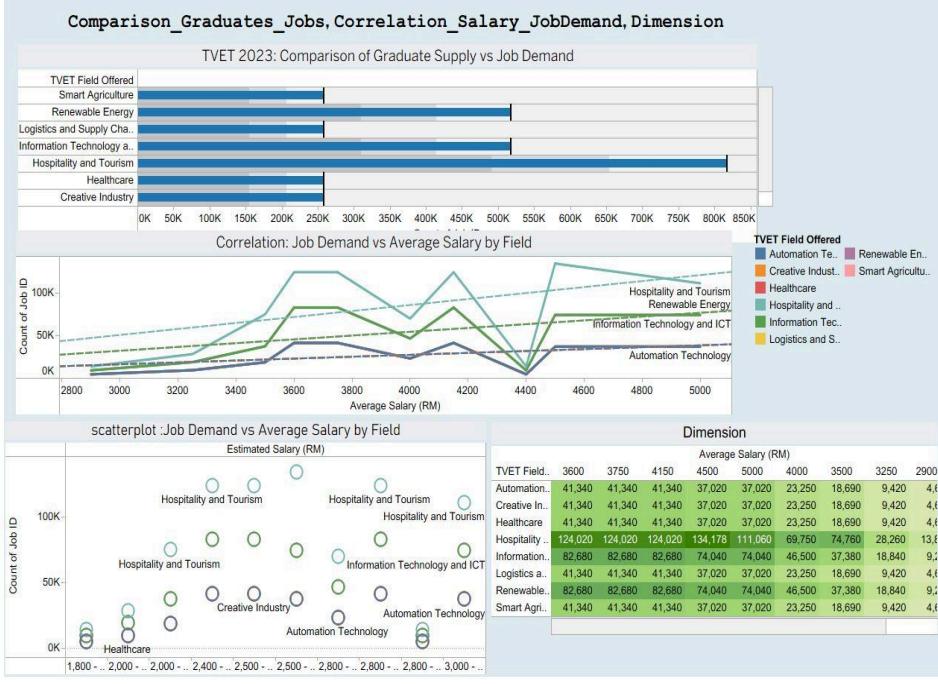
There is a clear mismatch between graduate supply and job market demand across fields. Moreover, salary inequality across regions and low pay in critical fields may reduce the motivation of students to join high-need sectors.

Conclusion & Recommendation:

TVET institutions should realign programs with real-time job demand
Government must invest in underperforming states
Salary incentives are needed to attract graduates to high-demand, low-paying sectors
Data dashboards should be used for ongoing curriculum planning and graduate tracking

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Graduate Supply vs Job Demand:
Fields with high graduate output often show lower job demand. Hospitality, despite high demand, has fewer graduates. This mismatch is visualized through bar comparisons.

This dashboard highlights the imbalance between TVET graduate supply and actual job market demand in Malaysia.

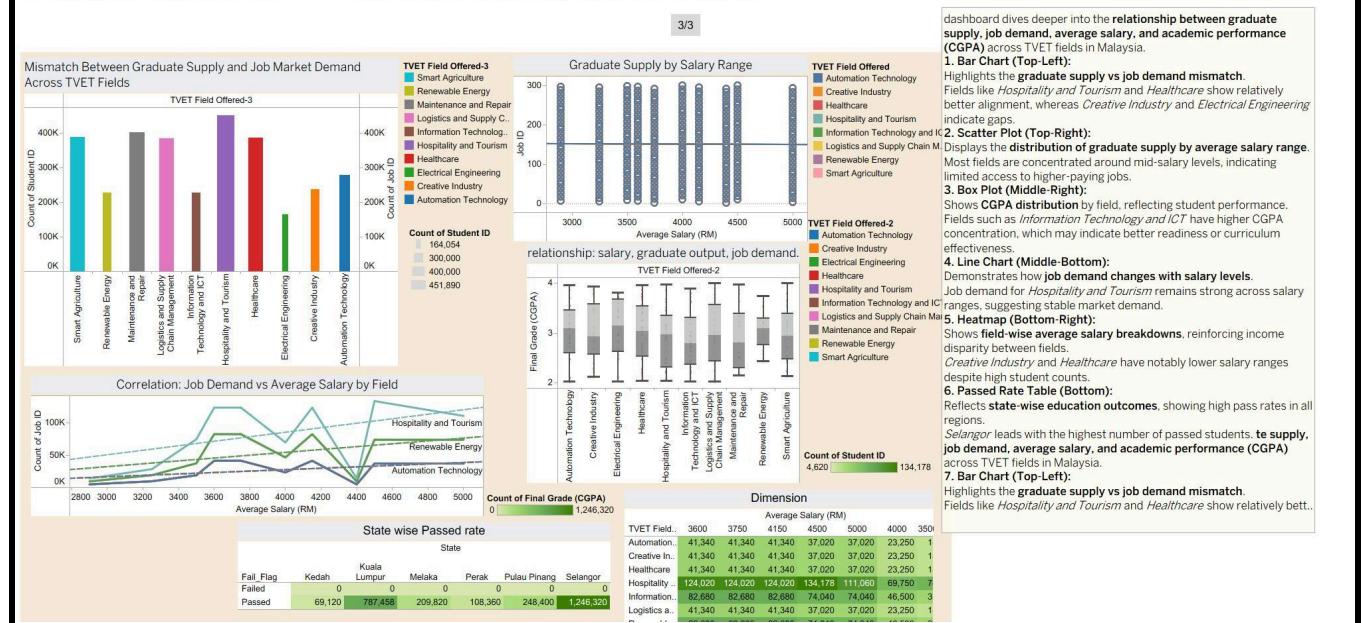
1. Bar Chart (Top):
Shows a side-by-side comparison of graduate output vs job openings for each TVET field. For example, *Creative Industry* and *Healthcare* have high graduate numbers, but job availability is relatively lower, suggesting oversupply.

2. Line Chart (Middle):
Visualizes job demand relative to average salary.
Fields like *Hospitality and Tourism* and *Renewable Energy* show high demand across multiple salary bands, indicating industry needs.

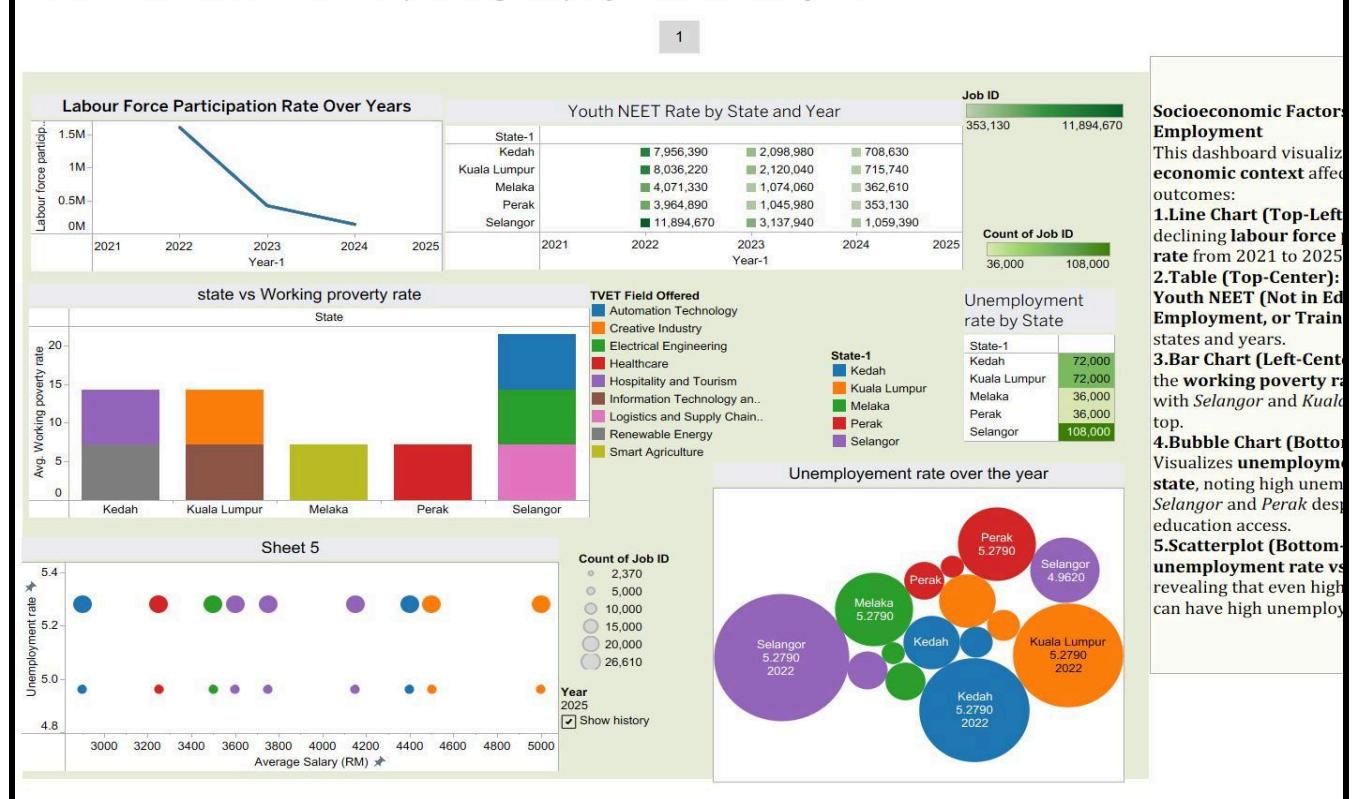
3. Scatterplot (Bottom Left):
Demonstrates the distribution of job demand across estimated salary levels.
Healthcare and *Creative Industry* are clustered in low-salary ranges despite high graduate output.

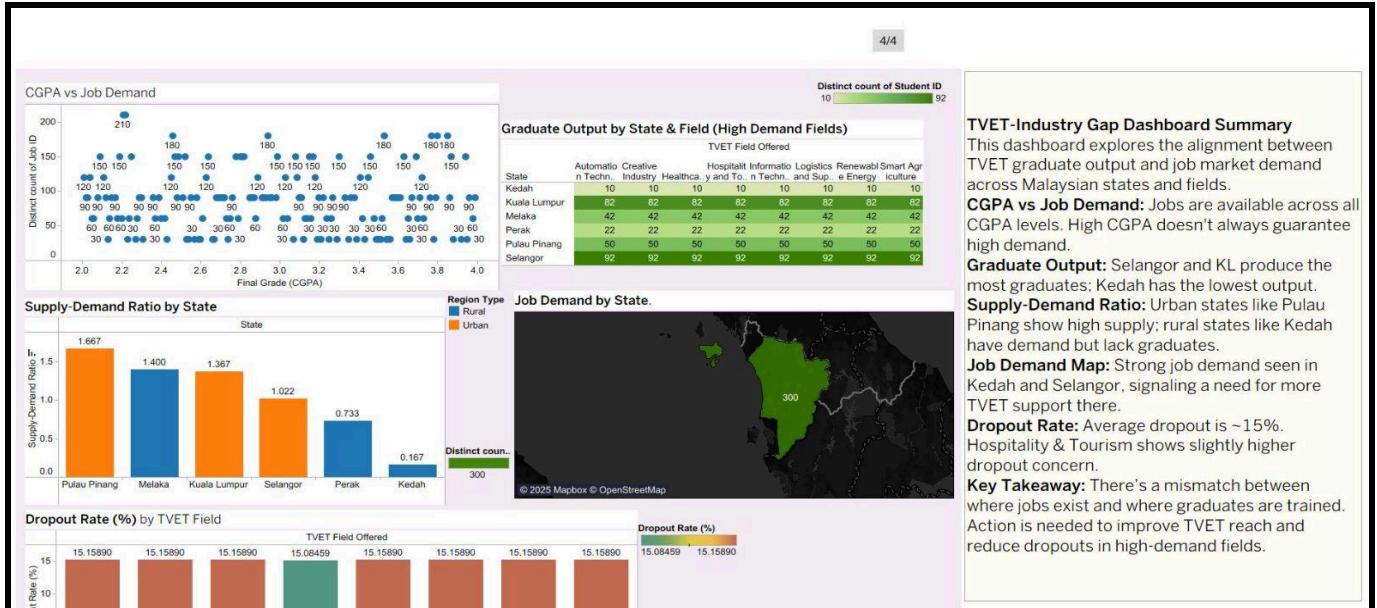
4. Heatmap (Bottom Right):
Displays average salary across TVET fields for multiple salary brackets.
Helps identify which fields consistently offer better wages (*Hospitality and Tourism*) and which lag behind (*Creative Industry*). This dashboard highlights the imbalance between TVET graduate supply and actual job market demand in Malaysia.

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Socioeconomic Factors Impacting Employment in Malaysia





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