Selling Fried Chicken in New York City

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Popeye's vs. Chick-fil-A

- In 2019, Popeyes and Chick-fil-A went to battle over who had the best chicken sandwich.
- That war cooled down when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020.
- But <u>McDonald's and Burger King introduced their new chicken sandwiches</u> in February 2021.

Target Audiences

- Restaurant entrepreneurs who want to open a fried chicken joint (FCJ) in New York City.
- Established restaurateurs who are considering adding fried chicken dishes to their menus.



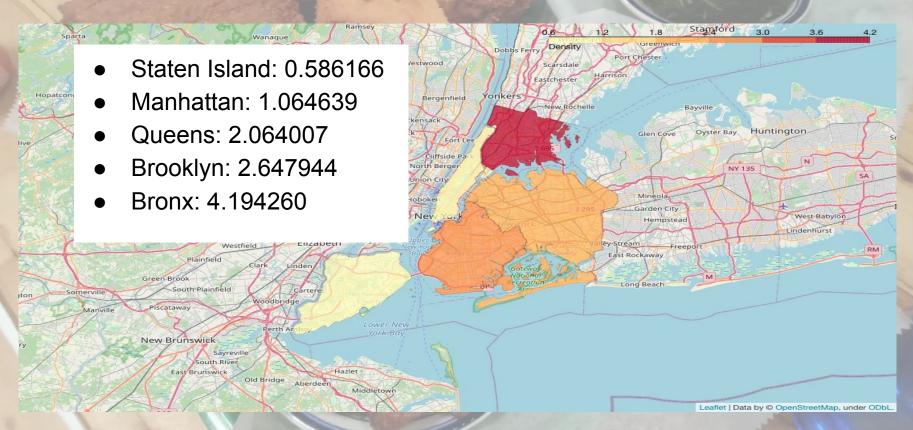
Target Audiences

- New York City boroughs and neighborhoods data downloaded from https://cocl.us/new_york_dataset
- Foursquare API: Names of venues serving food, their coordinates and the specific type of food category.
- Coordinates for all 5 boroughs downloaded from https://data.cityofnewyork.us/api/geospatial/tqmj-j8zm?method=export&format=GeoJSON
- Coordinates for each neighborhood is downloaded from https://data.cityofnewyork.us/api/geospatial/cpf4-rkhq?method=export&format=geoJSON

Methodology

- 1. Load the libraries needed to work with the data and map it.
- 2. Create functions that can be used to work with data
- 3. Access the neighborhood data
- 4. Access the Foursquare data of venues that serve food
- 5. Match the two datasets
- 6. Calculate the density of chicken fried joints compared to restaurants in the boroughs
- 7. Visualize the density data using chloropeth maps of the boroughs and neighborhoods

Fried Chicken Density (FCD)



Top 10 Neighborhood FCDs

- 1. East Village 1.030928
- 2. Stuyvesant Town 1.06383
- 3. Battery Park City 1.123596
- 4. Tudor City 1.136364
- 5. Murray Hill 1.149425
- 6. Turtle Bay 1.149425
- 7. Washington Heights 1.176471
- 8. Financial District 1.190476
- 9. Lower East Side 1.190476
- 10. Morningside Heights 1.204819



Conclusion

- We're going to take the amount of marketing that fast food chains (Chick-fil-A, Popeyes, McDonald's and Burger King for example) are dedicating to spicy and regular chicken sandwiches as a sign of strong demand for fried chicken.
- Fried chicken joints (as defined by Foursquare) can capitalize on that demand by opening in underserved neighborhoods.
- Staten Island has almost no fried chicken joints so it has great potential.