

# **Mortgage Loan Denial Classification**

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### Overview

The growth of the U.S.'s diverse Hispanic population has caused a demographic shift, diversifying different communities across the nation. Introducing new elements into different markets, specifically the Real Estate industry. The growth of this diverse group has also fueled the increase in Hispanic homeownership and economic data suggest that Hispanic homebuyers will become a large part in the Real Estate market in the coming decades. According to Urban Institute, The Hispanic population will comprise of 56 percent of all new homebuyers by 2030. A fifth of millennial population in the county is Hispanic who are currently at the prime age to buy their first home. Before entering this new decade, the housing market was experiencing certain hurdles that are now just inflated even further. Affordability has become an increasing challenge across the nation, causing a nearly historic low homeownership.

## **Business Problem**

Due to wealth gap inequality and our current housing market, it is in our best interest to learn what recommendations can provide solutions for these minority groups. To formulate these recommendations, I will create a mortgage application prediction model. From this model, I will present features that have the highest significances in predicting when a mortgage application will be denied. With the fifth of all millennials entering their prime ages to purchase real estate, and of that group another fifth identifies as either Hispanic or Latino this can be seen as a long-term investment that will drive future ROIs. The following are the questions I will answer in this analysis.

1. What are the obstacles holding back minority groups, specifically people that identify with the Hispanic/Latinos ethnicity group?

### **Hypothesis**

Null Hypothesis (H0): There is no relationship between the H data and Mortgage loan denial predictions

Alternative Hypothesis (Ha): There is a relationship between the H data and Mortgage loan denial predications

## **Data Understanding**

Each year thousands of Financial institutions provide data about mortgages to the public, under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA). From this you can analysis mortgage trends and learn important insights into why loans get denied. The HMDA data are the most comprehensive publicly available information on mortgage market activity which is used by industry, consumer groups, regulators, and others to assess potential fair lending risks and for other purposes. However, the HMDA data alone cannot be used to determine if lenders are complying with fair lending practices. The data does not include legitimate credit risk considerations for loan approvals and loan pricing decisions. Thus, not having all the necessary information to evaluate if an institution's compliance with fair lending laws. The data helps the public to assess how financial institutions are serving the housing needs of their local communities.

The dataset used for this project can be found at <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/hmda/historic-data/?geo=nj&records=all-records&field\_descriptions=labels">https://www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/hmda/historic-data/?geo=nj&records=all-records&field\_descriptions=labels</a>)

This dataset contains 349,563 rows and 78 columns.

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In [1]: ## Adding liberies
        import pandas as pd
        import numpy as np
        import matplotlib as mpl
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        %matplotlib inline
        import seaborn as sns
        sns.set style('whitegrid')
        # skLearn
        from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder, LabelEncoder, StandardScaler
        from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc, roc_curve, confusion_matrix
        from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score, accuracy_score, f1_score
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
        from sklearn import metrics
        from sklearn import tree
        # avoid warning signs
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

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In [2]: df_mortgage_2017 = pd.read_csv('data/hmda_2017_nj_all-records_labels.csv')
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In [3]: df\_mortgage\_2017.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'> RangeIndex: 349563 entries, 0 to 349562 Data columns (total 78 columns): 349563 non-null int64 as of year respondent\_id 349563 non-null object agency\_name 349563 non-null object agency\_abbr 349563 non-null object agency\_code 349563 non-null int64 loan\_type\_name 349563 non-null object loan\_type 349563 non-null int64 349563 non-null object property\_type\_name 349563 non-null int64 property\_type loan\_purpose\_name 349563 non-null object 349563 non-null int64 loan\_purpose owner\_occupancy\_name 349563 non-null object 349563 non-null int64 owner\_occupancy loan amount 000s 349409 non-null float64 preapproval\_name 349563 non-null object 349563 non-null int64 preapproval 349563 non-null object action taken name action\_taken 349563 non-null int64 348723 non-null object msamd\_name 348838 non-null float64 msamd 349563 non-null object state\_name state\_abbr 349563 non-null object state\_code 349563 non-null int64 348887 non-null object county\_name county\_code 348887 non-null float64 census tract number 348866 non-null float64 applicant\_ethnicity\_name 349563 non-null object applicant\_ethnicity 349563 non-null int64 co\_applicant\_ethnicity\_name 349563 non-null object co applicant ethnicity 349563 non-null int64 applicant\_race\_name\_1 349563 non-null object applicant\_race\_1 349563 non-null int64 applicant race name 2 1756 non-null object 1756 non-null float64 applicant\_race\_2 applicant\_race\_name\_3 143 non-null object applicant\_race\_3 143 non-null float64 applicant\_race\_name\_4 30 non-null object applicant race 4 30 non-null float64 applicant\_race\_name\_5 18 non-null object 18 non-null float64 applicant\_race\_5 co\_applicant\_race\_name\_1 349563 non-null object 349563 non-null int64 co\_applicant\_race\_1 co\_applicant\_race\_name\_2 591 non-null object co\_applicant\_race\_2 591 non-null float64 co\_applicant\_race\_name\_3 31 non-null object co\_applicant\_race\_3 31 non-null float64 co\_applicant\_race\_name\_4 11 non-null object co\_applicant\_race\_4 11 non-null float64 co applicant\_race\_name\_5 5 non-null object co\_applicant\_race\_5 5 non-null float64 applicant\_sex\_name 349563 non-null object applicant sex 349563 non-null int64 349563 non-null object co\_applicant\_sex\_name co applicant sex 349563 non-null int64 applicant\_income\_000s 299048 non-null float64 349563 non-null object purchaser\_type\_name purchaser\_type 349563 non-null int64 37217 non-null object denial\_reason\_name\_1 denial\_reason\_1 37217 non-null float64 denial\_reason\_name\_2 6892 non-null object 6892 non-null float64 denial\_reason\_2 979 non-null object denial\_reason\_name\_3 denial\_reason\_3 979 non-null float64 rate\_spread 8816 non-null float64 349563 non-null object hoepa status name hoepa\_status 349563 non-null int64 349563 non-null object lien\_status\_name lien status 349563 non-null int64 0 non-null float64 edit\_status\_name edit\_status 0 non-null float64 sequence\_number 0 non-null float64 348866 non-null float64 population 348866 non-null float64 minority\_population

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dtypes: float64(9), object(28)
memory usage: 98.7+ MB
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For this analysis, I will focus on solely loan purposes that are for home purchase.

```
In [5]:
        # Find Loan purpose name that is Home purchase
        df_hp = df.loc[df.loan_purpose_name == 'Home purchase']
        df_hp.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
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        Data columns (total 37 columns):
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        applicant_ethnicity_name
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        population
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        hud_median_family_income
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        tract_to_msamd_income
                                          184365 non-null float64
        number_of_owner_occupied_units
                                          184365 non-null float64
        number_of_1_to_4_family_units
                                          184365 non-null float64
        dtypes: float64(9), object(28)
        memory usage: 53.6+ MB
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#### **Description of numerical features**

- loan\_amount\_000s : Loan amount in the thousands
- rate spread : Interest rate obtained after the loan was generated
- · hud\_median\_family\_income : A statistic number that shows the median family income provided by the HUD
- tract to msamd income: The avg income between msamd's
- · population : Number of people in the area
- minority\_population : Number of minorityies in said area

In [6]:

Out[6]:

```
df_hp.describe()
        loan_amount_000s applicant_income_000s
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### **Description of categorical features**

- · applicant sex: Male or Female
- loan\_type\_name : Conventinal, FHA, and VA loans
- owner\_occupancy\_name : Owner occupied or not
- · preapproval name: Preapproval status
- agency name: Goverment enties that play a role in the mortgage loan process
- action\_taken\_name: This is the action taken after the loan was generated
- · denial\_reason\_name\_1 : Shows why a loan was denied

## **Feature Engineering Creating Denial Class**

```
In [7]: # Create the feature binomial class

# Replace all the nan in denial_reason_name_1 & 2 & 3 to None

df_hp.denial_reason_name_1.replace(np.nan, 'None',inplace=True)

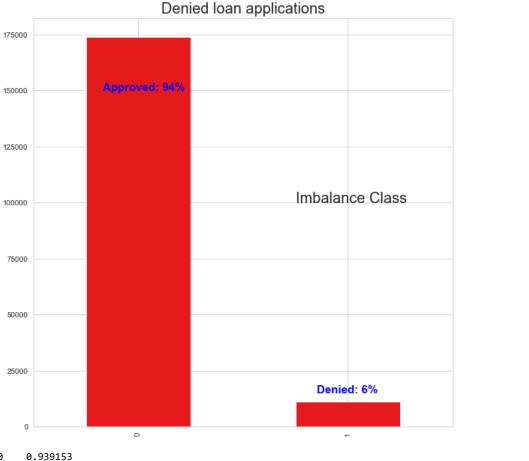
df_hp.denial_reason_name_2.replace(np.nan, 'None',inplace=True)

df_hp.denial_reason_name_3.replace(np.nan, 'None',inplace=True)

# Create the binomial class to predict denials by creating a column for the applicants that got denied

df_hp['denial'] = [1 if denial_reason != 'None' else 0 for denial_reason in df_hp['denial_reason_name_1']]
```

```
In [8]: df_hp["denial"].value_counts().plot(kind='bar',cmap='Set1', figsize=(10,10))
    plt.title('Denied loan applications', fontsize=20)
    plt.text(.75,100000, 'Imbalance Class', fontsize=20)
    plt.text(-0.17,150000, 'Approved: 94%', fontsize=15, weight='bold', color= 'b')
    plt.text(0.85,15000, 'Denied: 6%', fontsize=15, weight='bold', color= 'b')
    #plt.savefig('Denied_Loan_application.png', dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
    plt.show()
    df_hp["denial"].value_counts(normalize = 'index')
```



# Cleaning data

```
In [10]:
         df_hp.isna().sum()
Out[10]: agency_name
                                                 0
         loan_type_name
                                                 0
         property_type_name
                                                 0
         loan_purpose_name
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         owner_occupancy_name
         loan_amount_000s
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         preapproval_name
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         msamd name
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         county name
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         co_applicant_ethnicity_name
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         applicant_race_name_1
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         co_applicant_race_name_5
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         hud_median_family_income
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         tract_to_msamd_income
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         number_of_owner_occupied_units
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         number_of_1_to_4_family_units
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         denial
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         co_applicant
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         dtype: int64
```

As discussed above, there are values within the columns that need to be changed to NaN. This will increase the number of missing values.

```
In [11]:
         # Replace
         replace_dict = {
              'owner_occupancy_name': ['Not applicable'],
              'applicant_ethnicity_name': ['Not applicable', 'Information not provided by applicant in mail, Internet, o
         r telephone application'],
              'co_applicant_ethnicity_name': ['Not applicable', 'Information not provided by applicant in mail, Interne
         t, or telephone application'],
             'applicant_race_name_1':['Not applicable', 'Information not provided by applicant in mail, Internet, or te
         lephone application'],
              'co_applicant_race_name_1':['Not applicable', 'Information not provided by applicant in mail, Internet, or
         telephone application'],
              'lien_status_name': ['Not applicable'],
             'applicant_sex_name': ['Not applicable', 'Information not provided by applicant in mail, Internet, or tele
         phone application'],
              'co_applicant_sex_name': ['Not applicable', 'Information not provided by applicant in mail, Internet, or t
         elephone application'],
              'preapproval_name': ['Not applicable'],
         }
         df_hp.replace(replace_dict, np.nan, inplace=True)
         df_hp.isna().sum()
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Out[11]: agency_name
         loan_type_name
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         property_type_name
         loan purpose name
         owner_occupancy_name
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         loan_amount_000s
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         preapproval_name
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         msamd_name
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         county_name
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         hud_median_family_income
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         tract_to_msamd_income
         number_of_owner_occupied_units
                                               591
                                               591
         number_of_1_to_4_family_units
         denial
                                                 0
         co_applicant
                                                 0
         dtype: int64
In [12]: | df_hp.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
```

# **Exploratory Data Analysis**

Does applicants gross income affect an applicants ability in being approved for a loan

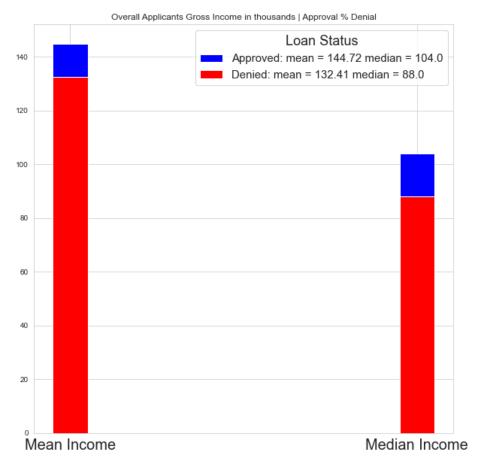
```
In [13]: # The column denial was featured engineered and can the code be found on the feature engineering section
# approval and denial: mean & median
approval_mean=df_hp.loc[df_hp['denial'] == 0].applicant_income_000s.mean()
approval_median=df_hp.loc[df_hp['denial'] == 0].applicant_income_000s.median()

denial_mean=df_hp.loc[df_hp['denial'] == 1].applicant_income_000s.mean()
denial_median=df_hp.loc[df_hp['denial'] == 1].applicant_income_000s.median()

# print results
print('Approved overall applicants gross income mean {} and median {}'.format(approval_mean, approval_median))
print('Denied overall applicants gross income mean {} and median {}'.format(denial_mean, denial_median))
```

Approved overall applicants gross income mean 144.7191150394564 and median 104.0 Denied overall applicants gross income mean 132.40901579140655 and median 88.0

Out[14]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Overall Applicants Gross Income in thousands | Approval % Denial')

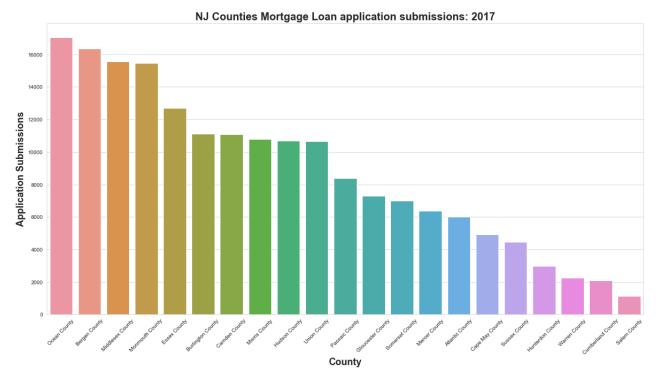


From this graph you can tell that the distribution of gross income in NJ is skewwed. In 2019, the average and median house hold income were 114,691 and 82,545 respectively. In order to increase your odds in securing a loan you must increase your gross income or consider applying with a co-applicant. If both applicants are making over 50,000 in gross income you will be considered a less risker investment by your lender. NJ has one of the highest property taxes in the nation and it highly relys on thier residents income taxes. This will keep house prices up as long as thier high earning residents remain in NJ.

- 1. Increase your salary to be about 100k a year if possible.
- 2. Apply for the loan with more than one applicant on the loan. This will allow you to combine your income.
- 3. If you still don't reach that gross income threshold consider adding one more person on the loan.

### What county is has the highest approval rate

Out[15]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'NJ Counties Mortgage Loan application submissions: 2017')

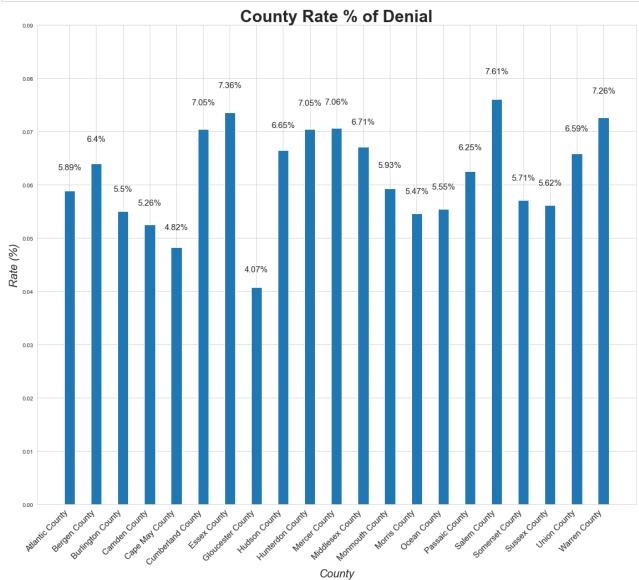


From looking at this graph you can see that there is a higher demand for homes that are in suburban locations. Most of the areas that are high in demand are either near the ocean or NYC. Will this change due to the pandemic that would be an interesting question to look into.

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In [16]: # Create df for the Loans aprroved for county_name
    df_county_name = pd.crosstab(df_hp['county_name'], df_hp['denial'], normalize='index')
```

```
##### Used this code to streamline the analysis of Loan approval rates based on the feature input
In [17]:
         def rate_barplot(column_name,label1=None,title=None,x_label=None,y_label=None, ylim=None, width=None, png=None
             """This return a barplot with a well labelled axis"""
             # Create df for the loans aprroved for column name
             df = pd.crosstab(column_name, df_hp['denial'], normalize='index')
             #getting the x values from the length of the dataframe
             x = np.arange(df.shape[0])
             #index of the df as a label
             labels = list(df.index)
             fig = plt.figure(figsize=(15,12))
             ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
             width = width
             ret1 = ax.bar(x+ width/100,df[1],width=width,label=label1)
             ax.set_xticks(x)
             ax.set_xticklabels(labels, fontsize=15)
             ax.set_ylim([0,ylim])
             ax.set_title(title,fontsize=30,fontweight='bold')
             ax.set_ylabel(y_label,fontsize=20, fontstyle='italic')
             ax.set_xlabel(x_label,fontsize=20, fontstyle='italic')
             ax.grid(True, which='minor', axis='y')
             def autolabel(rects):
                  """Attach a text label above each bar in *rects*, displaying its height."""
                 for rect in rects:
                     height = rect.get_height()
                     ax.annotate('{}%'.format(np.round(height*100,2)),
                                 xy=(rect.get_x() + rect.get_width() / 2, 1.05*height),
                                 xytext=(0, 6), # 3 points vertical offset
                                 textcoords="offset points",
                                 ha='center', va='bottom',
                                 fontsize=15)
             autolabel(ret1)
             plt.setp(ax.get_xticklabels(),rotation=45,ha='right');
             #plt.savefig(png, dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
             plt.show()
```

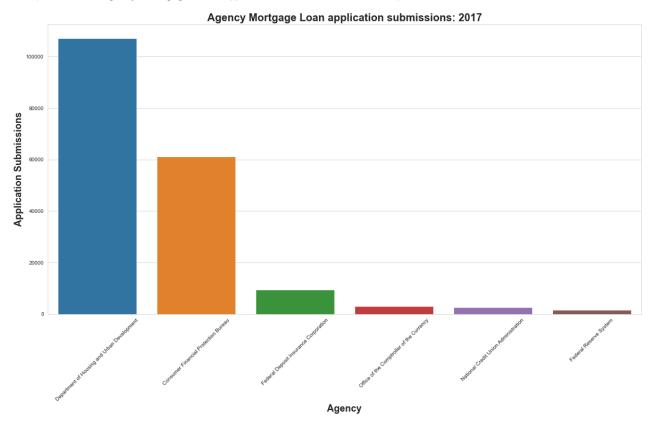




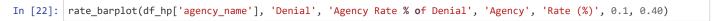
This graph allows you to see the County rate of denial. There might be a small correlation to the number of applicants applying and the denial rate but not much.

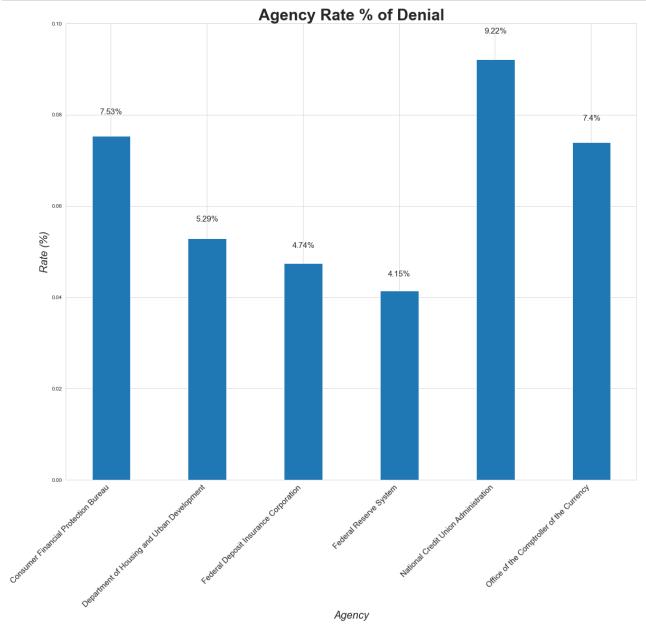
Does it matter what agency you choose to apply for a loan.

Out[21]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Agency Mortgage Loan application submissions: 2017')



- 1. HUD : FHA loans
- 2. CFPB: Government agency built to protect consumers
- 3. FDIC: Regulates and audits full service banks
- 4. OCC : OCC charters, regulates, and supervises all national banks and federal savings associations as well as federal branches and agencies of foreign banks.
- 5. NCUA: the National Credit Union Administration is an independent federal agency that insures deposits at federally insured credit unions

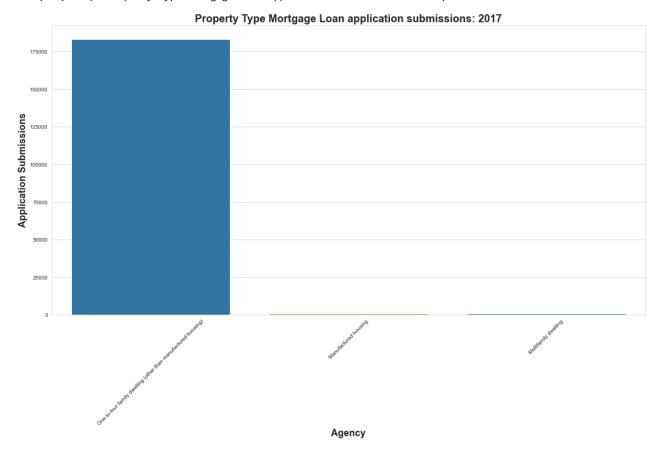


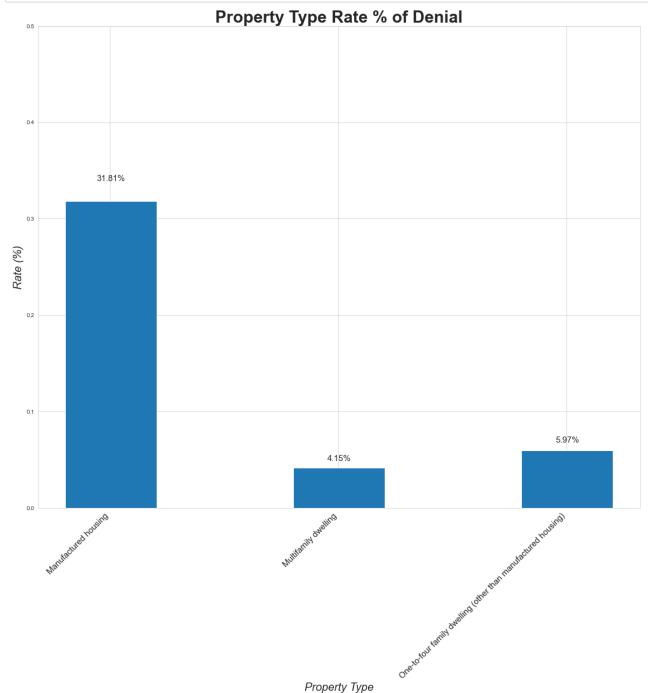


The main reason why National Credit Union Administration might have a higher denial rate is due to Credit Union membership requirements. Often times locking a mortgage loan through a credit union offer better rates than your typical bank. Look into your local credit union banks and see their membership requirements.

Does the purchaser type affect the ability to get approved for a loan.

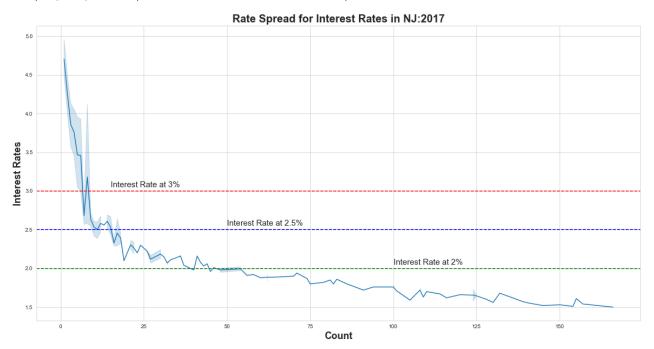
Out[23]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Property Type Mortgage Loan application submissions: 2017')





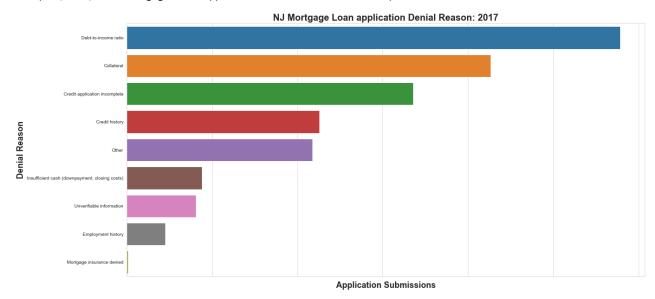
Lets look at the rate spread for individuals that have been approved.

Out[25]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Rate Spread for Interest Rates in NJ:2017')



What is the most common reason for being denied

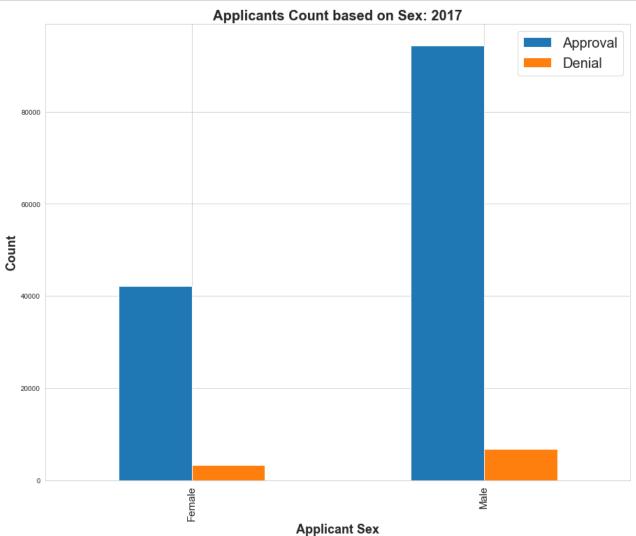
Out[26]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'NJ Mortgage Loan application Denial Reason: 2017')



## I) Denial Reason:Grouped by sex

```
In [28]: labels = ['Female', 'Male']

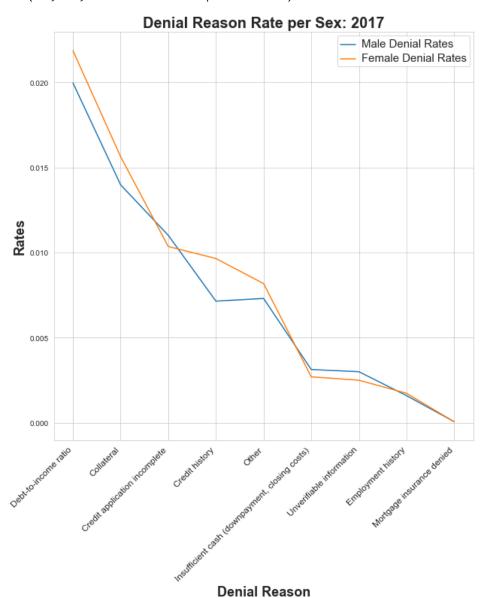
ax5 = pd.crosstab(df_hp['applicant_sex_name'], df_hp['denial']).plot(kind="bar",figsize=(15,12))
ax5.set_ylabel('Count', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
ax5.set_xlabel('Applicant Sex', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
ax5.set_xticklabels(labels, fontsize=15)
ax5.legend(['Approval','Denial'],prop={'size':20})
ax5.set_title('Applicants Count based on Sex: 2017', fontsize=20, weight='bold')
plt.show()
```



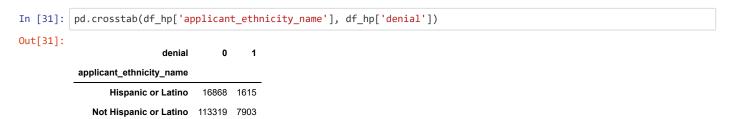
```
In [29]: def Denial_reason_rate_per_sex(denial_reason, df, df_sex):
             # Find the total count per sex
             Total_female_count = df.applicant_sex_name.value_counts()[1]
             Total male count = df.applicant sex name.value counts()[0]
             # Find the total count of applicants for input denial reason per sex
             female_count_dr = df.loc[df.denial_reason_name_1 == denial_reason].groupby(by=['applicant_sex_name'])['den
         ial_reason_name_1'].value_counts()[0]
             male_count_dr = df.loc[df.denial_reason_name_1 == denial_reason].groupby(by=['applicant_sex_name'])['denia
         l_reason_name_1'].value_counts()[1]
             # Find the Percent of input denial reason per applicant submission based on sex
             female percent = female count dr/Total female count
             male_percent = male_count_dr/Total_male_count
             data_female = {'Female Percent {}'.format(denial_reason): [female_percent]}
             data_male = {'Male Percent {}'.format(denial_reason): [male_percent]}
             df_female = pd.DataFrame(data_female,columns = ['Female Percent {}'.format(denial_reason)])
             df_male = pd.DataFrame(data_male,columns = ['Male Percent {}'.format(denial_reason)])
             if df_sex == 'male':
                 return df_male
             if df_sex == 'female':
                 return df_female
```

```
In [30]:
         # Have a list of denial reason
         denial_reason = df_hp.denial_reason_name_1.value_counts().index.tolist()
         # Have a lsit of denial rates
         rates_male = []
         rates female = []
         # append to Lsit
         for i in denial_reason:
             rates_male.append(Denial_reason_rate_per_sex(i, df_hp, 'male').iloc[0][0])
             rates_female.append(Denial_reason_rate_per_sex(i, df_hp, 'female').iloc[0][0])
         data_men = {'Male denial reason': denial_reason,
                      'Rates':rates_male}
         df men = pd.DataFrame(data men)
         df_men.drop([0], inplace=True)
         data_fem = {'Female denial reason': denial_reason,
                      'Rates':rates_female}
         df fem = pd.DataFrame(data fem)
         df_fem.drop([0], inplace=True)
         fig6, ax6 = plt.subplots(figsize = (10,10))
         ax6 = sns.lineplot(data=df_men, x='Male denial reason', y='Rates', label='Male Denial Rates')
         ax6 = sns.lineplot(data=df_fem, x='Female denial reason', y='Rates', label='Female Denial Rates')
         ax6.set_ylabel('Rates', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
         ax6.set_xlabel('Denial Reason', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
         ax6.set_xticklabels(denial_reason[1::],rotation = 45,
                            horizontalalignment='right',
                            fontweight='light',
                            fontsize='large')
         plt.setp(ax6.get_legend().get_texts(), fontsize='15')
         ax6.set_title('Denial Reason Rate per Sex: 2017', fontsize=20, weight='bold')
         #plt.savefig('denial_reason_sex.png', dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
```

Out[30]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Denial Reason Rate per Sex: 2017')



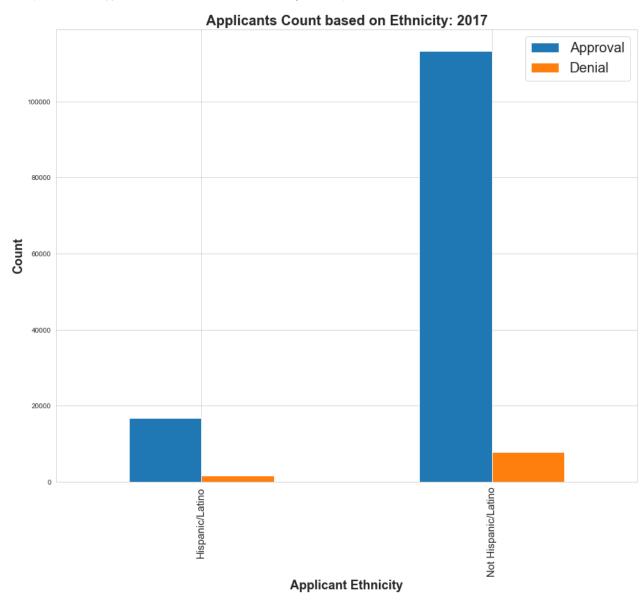
## II) Denial Reason: Grouped by Ethnicity



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In [32]: labels = ['Hispanic/Latino', 'Not Hispanic/Latino']

ax7 = pd.crosstab(df_hp['applicant_ethnicity_name'], df_hp['denial']).plot(kind="bar",figsize=(15,12))
ax7.set_ylabel('Count', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
ax7.set_xlabel('Applicant Ethnicity', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
ax7.set_xticklabels(labels, fontsize=15)
ax7.legend(['Approval','Denial'],prop={'size':20})
ax7.set_title('Applicants Count based on Ethnicity: 2017', fontsize=20, weight='bold')
```

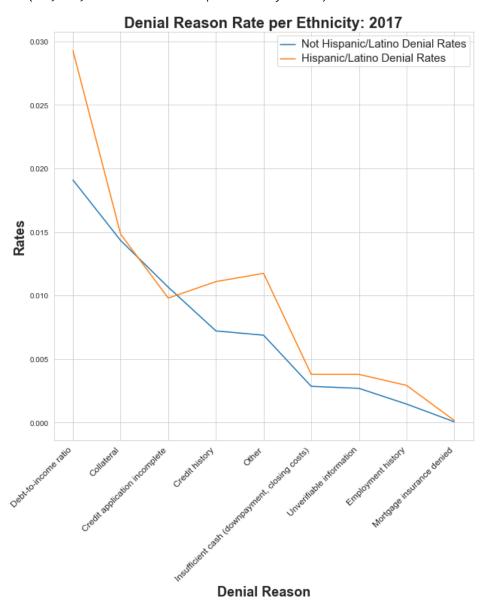
Out[32]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Applicants Count based on Ethnicity: 2017')



```
In [33]: def Denial_reason_rate_per_ethnicity(denial_reason, df, df_ethnicity):
             # Find the total count per ethnicity
             Total_hl_count = df.applicant_ethnicity_name.value_counts()[1]
             Total not hl count = df.applicant ethnicity name.value counts()[0]
             # Find the total count of applicants for input denial reason per ethnicity
             hl_count_dr = df.loc[df.denial_reason_name_1 == denial_reason].groupby(by=['applicant_ethnicity_name'])['d
         enial_reason_name_1'].value_counts()[0]
             not_hl_count_dr = df.loc[df.denial_reason_name_1 == denial_reason].groupby(by=['applicant_ethnicity_name'
         ])['denial_reason_name_1'].value_counts()[1]
             # Find the Percent of input denial reason per applicant submission based on ethnicity
             hl percent = hl count dr/Total hl count
             not_hl_percent = not_hl_count_dr/Total_not_hl_count
             data_hl = {'Hispanic_Latino Percent {}'.format(denial_reason): [hl_percent]}
             data_not_hl = {'Not_HL Percent {}'.format(denial_reason): [not_hl_percent]}
             df_hl = pd.DataFrame(data_hl,columns = ['Hispanic_Latino Percent {}'.format(denial_reason)])
             df_not_hl = pd.DataFrame(data_not_hl,columns = ['Not_HL Percent {}'.format(denial_reason)])
             if df_ethnicity == 'not_hl':
                 return df_not_hl
             if df_ethnicity == 'hl':
                 return df_hl
```

```
In [34]:
         # Have a list of denial reason
          denial_reason = df_hp.denial_reason_name_1.value_counts().index.tolist()
          # Have a lsit of denial rates
          rates_not_hl = []
          rates_hl = []
          # append to lsit
          for i in denial_reason:
              rates_not_hl.append(Denial_reason_rate_per_ethnicity(i, df_hp, 'not_hl').iloc[0][0])
              rates_hl.append(Denial_reason_rate_per_ethnicity(i, df_hp, 'hl').iloc[0][0])
          data_not_hl = {'Not Hispanic_Latino denial reason': denial_reason,
                      'Rates':rates_not_hl}
          df not hl = pd.DataFrame(data not hl)
          df_not_hl.drop([0], inplace=True)
          data_hl = {'Hispanic_Latino denial reason': denial_reason,
                      'Rates':rates_hl}
          df hl = pd.DataFrame(data hl)
          df_hl.drop([0], inplace=True)
          fig8, ax8 = plt.subplots(figsize = (10,10))
          ax8 = sns.lineplot(data=df_not_hl, x='Not Hispanic_Latino denial reason', y='Rates', label='Not Hispanic/Latin
          o Denial Rates')
          ax8 = sns.lineplot(data=df_hl, x='Hispanic_Latino denial reason', y='Rates', label='Hispanic/Latino Denial Rat
          es')
         ax8.set_ylabel('Rates', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
ax8.set_xlabel('Denial Reason', fontsize=18, weight='semibold')
          ax8.set_xticklabels(denial_reason[1::],rotation = 45,
                             horizontalalignment='right',
                             fontweight='light',
                             fontsize='large')
          plt.setp(ax8.get_legend().get_texts(), fontsize='15')
          ax8.set_title('Denial Reason Rate per Ethnicity: 2017', fontsize=20, weight='bold')
          #plt.savefig('denial_reason_ethnicity.png', dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
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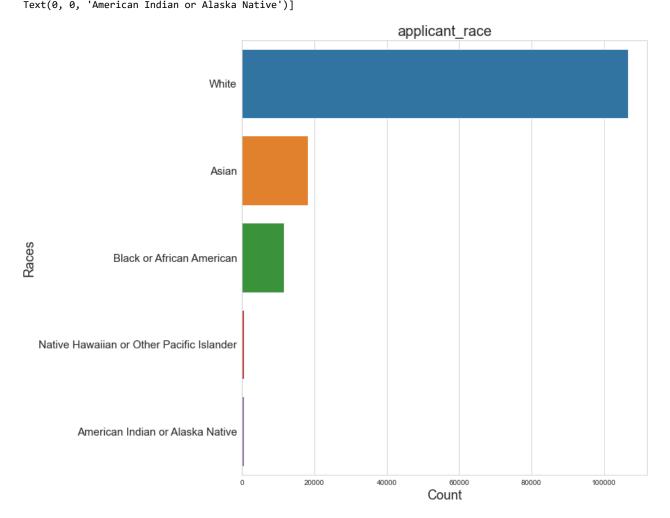
Out[34]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Denial Reason Rate per Ethnicity: 2017')



# **Looking in Applicant other Minority groups**

```
In [35]:
         print('applicant_race')
         print(df_hp.applicant_race_name_1.value_counts())
         print(df_hp.applicant_race_name_2.value_counts())
         print(df_hp.applicant_race_name_3.value_counts())
         print(df hp.applicant race name 4.value counts())
         applicant_race
         White
                                                       106598
         Asian
                                                        18270
         Black or African American
                                                        11576
         Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
                                                          462
         American Indian or Alaska Native
                                                          447
         Name: applicant_race_name_1, dtype: int64
         White
                                                       587
         Black or African American
                                                        87
         Asian
                                                        52
         Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
                                                        39
         American Indian or Alaska Native
                                                        11
         Name: applicant race name 2, dtype: int64
         White
                                                       31
         Black or African American
                                                        9
         Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
                                                        4
                                                        3
         Asian
         American Indian or Alaska Native
                                                        3
         Name: applicant_race_name_3, dtype: int64
         Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
                                                       3
         American Indian or Alaska Native
                                                       1
         White
                                                       1
         Name: applicant_race_name_4, dtype: int64
```

An applicants 2nd, 3rd and 4th race identities represent about 1 percent of their respective race class. For this reason I will just consider every applicants 1st race in this analysis.

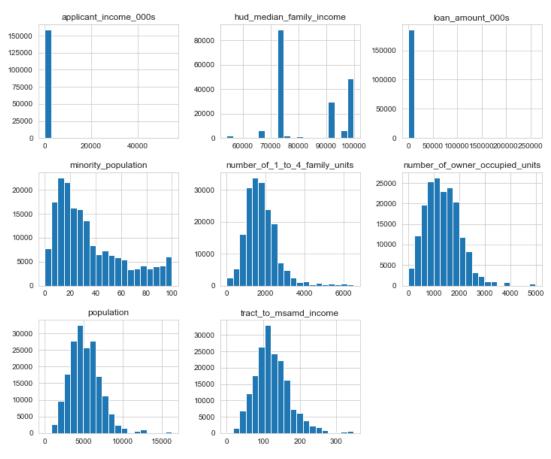


## **Questions to look into later**

- 1. Does the type of loan affect the ability to be approved for a loan
- 2. Is being preapproved necessary for obtaining a mortgage loan
- 3. Does the property type affect thier ability to get a loan
- 4. Do liens affect the ability to be approved for a loan

# **Preprocessing Dataset**

Histograms of numerical values



#### Skewness of numerical columns:

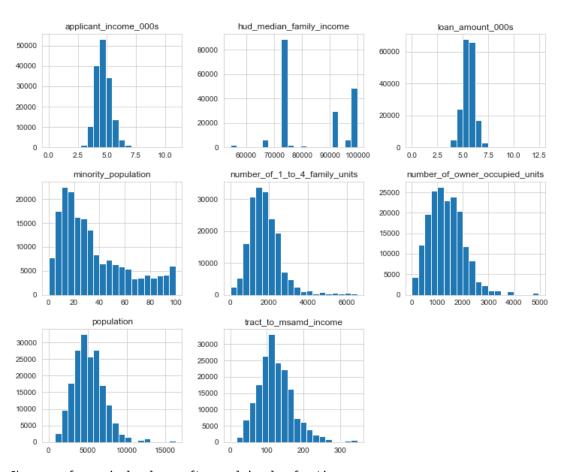
Out[39]:	loan_amount_000s applicant_income_000s population number_of_owner_occupied_units number_of_1_to_4_family_units minority_population hud_median_family_income tract_to_msamd_income	130.340519 72.996010 0.984326 0.888454 1.672360 0.929498 0.139256 0.871230
	dtype: float64	

```
In [40]: import math
    to_log = ["loan_amount_000s", "applicant_income_000s"]
    df_hp[to_log] = df_hp[to_log].applymap(math.log)

df_hp[numerical_cols].hist(figsize=(12,10), bins=20)
    plt.suptitle("Histograms of numerical values")
    plt.show()

print("Skewness of numerical columns after applying log function:")
    df_hp[numerical_cols].skew()
    plt.tight_layout()
```

Histograms of numerical values



Skewness of numerical columns after applying  $\log$  function:

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```
In [41]:
           fig, axes = plt.subplots(ncols = 2, nrows = 4, figsize = (15,14))
           fig.subplots_adjust(hspace = 0.4, wspace = 0.2)
           fig.suptitle("KDE plots of numerical features")
           for ax, col in zip(axes.flatten(), numerical_cols) :
                 sns.kdeplot(df_hp[df_hp['denial'] == 0][col], shade="True", label="Accepted", ax = ax)
                 sns.kdeplot(df_hp[df_hp['denial'] == 1][col], shade="True", label="Not Accepted", ax = ax)
                 ax.set_xlabel(col)
           plt.tight_layout()
           print("Skewness of numerical columns:")
           df_hp[numerical_cols].skew()
           Skewness of numerical columns:
Out[41]: loan_amount_000s
                                                     -0.803214
           applicant_income_000s
                                                      0.505688
           population
                                                      0.984326
           number_of_owner_occupied_units
                                                      0.888454
           number_of_1_to_4_family_units
                                                      1.672360
           minority_population
                                                      0.929498
           hud_median_family_income
                                                      0.139256
           tract_to_msamd_income
                                                      0.871230
           dtype: float64
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              0.000075
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              0.000050
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```

From these graphs I was able to notice that the feature minority\_population is actually given in percent.

```
In [42]: # Create a new column that is does not represent the minority population by its estimated number

df_hp['minority_population_'] = (df_hp['minority_population'] / 100) * (df_hp['population'])

df_hp['minority_population_'].fillna(df_hp['minority_population_'].median(), inplace=True)

df_hp['minority_population_'].replace(0.0, 0.1, inplace=True)

df_hp['minority_population_'] = (df_hp['minority_population_']).apply(math.log)
```

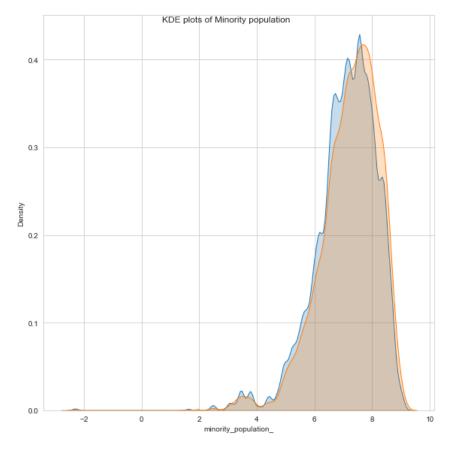
```
In [43]: # Create a plot for this new column
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (8,8))
fig.suptitle("KDE plots of Minority population")

sns.kdeplot(df_hp['denial'] == 0]['minority_population_'], shade="True", label="Accepted", ax = ax)
sns.kdeplot(df_hp['denial'] == 1]['minority_population_'], shade="True", label="Not Accepted", ax = ax)
ax.set_xlabel('minority_population_')
plt.tight_layout()

print("Skewness of Minority Population:")
df_hp['minority_population_'].skew()
```

Skewness of Minority Population:

#### Out[43]: -1.2393837481219994



```
In [44]: # Take a quick look at all the categorical data
fig, axes = plt.subplots(ncols = 2, nrows = 7, figsize = (50,50))
fig.subplots_adjust(hspace = .5, wspace = 1)
fig.suptitle("Categorical features with low cardinality")

for ax, col in zip(axes.flatten(), cat_few_selection):
    pd.crosstab(df_hp[col], df_hp['denial']).plot(kind="barh", ax = ax)
    ax.set_xlabel(col)
```

```
In [45]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
    import numpy as np

#instatiate LabelEncoder
le = LabelEncoder()

df_hp_processed = df_hp.copy()

for col in cat_many_selection:
    df_hp_processed[col] = le.fit_transform(df_hp_processed[col])
for col in cat_few_selection:
    df_hp_processed[col] = le.fit_transform(df_hp_processed[col])
```

```
In [46]:
        def check_column(column_name, df_1, df_2):
             ''' Looking at the columns that need to be dropped '''
            print(df_1[column_name].value_counts())
            print('----')
            print(df 2[column name].value counts())
In [47]: check_column('co_applicant_sex_name', df_hp, df_hp_processed)
        No co-applicant
                          92373
        Female
                          47231
        Male
                          15946
        Name: co_applicant_sex_name, dtype: int64
        2
             92373
             47231
        0
             29406
        3
             15946
        1
        Name: co_applicant_sex_name, dtype: int64
```

The following columns will be dropped for the following:

- 1. replace the numbers that represent Nan
- 2. No co-applicant, a column was already established for this
- 1)'applicant\_ethnicity\_name\_2', 'co\_applicant\_ethnicity\_name\_3', 'applicant\_sex\_name\_2', 'co\_applicant\_sex\_name\_3', 'applicant\_race\_name\_1\_5', 'co\_applicant\_race\_name\_1\_6', 'owner\_occupancy\_name\_2', 'lien\_status\_name\_2'
- 2) 'co\_applicant\_ethnicity\_name\_1', 'co\_applicant\_sex\_name\_2', 'co\_applicant\_race\_name\_1\_4', 'preapproval\_name\_2'

```
In [48]: # Replace
    replace_dict = {
        'applicant_ethnicity_name': [2],
        'co_applicant_esx_name': [3],
        'applicant_sex_name': [3],
        'co_applicant_race_name_1':[5],
        'co_applicant_race_name_1':[6],
        'lien_status_name': [2],
        'owner_occupancy_name': [2]
    }

df_hp_processed.replace(replace_dict, np.nan, inplace=True)
```

```
In [49]: # Replace the NaN with thier specified central tendency
for col in numerical_cols:
    df_hp_processed[col].fillna(df_hp_processed[col].median(), inplace=True)
for col in cat_many_selection:
    df_hp_processed[col].fillna(df_hp_processed[col].median(), inplace=True)
for col in cat_few_selection:
    df_hp_processed[col].fillna(df_hp_processed[col].mode(), inplace=True)
# Drop action_taken_name: It represents repeative information that can be made from the denial column and does
not serve this analyse
df_hp_processed.drop(to_drop, axis=1, inplace=True)

df_hp_processed= pd.get_dummies(df_hp_processed, drop_first=True, columns = cat_few_selection)
```

```
In [50]: df_hp_processed.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 184956 entries, 0 to 184955
         Data columns (total 40 columns):
         agency_name
                                             184956 non-null int32
                                             184956 non-null float64
         loan_amount_000s
         msamd_name
                                             184956 non-null int32
         county_name
                                             184956 non-null int32
         applicant income 000s
                                             184956 non-null float64
         purchaser type name
                                             184956 non-null int32
         population
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         minority_population
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         denial
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         minority population
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         loan_type_name_1
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         loan_type_name_3
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         property_type_name_1
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         property_type_name_2
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         applicant_sex_name_1.0
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         lien_status_name_1.0
                                             184956 non-null uint8
                                             184956 non-null uint8
         hoepa_status_name_1
         co applicant_1
                                             184956 non-null uint8
         dtypes: float64(9), int32(4), int64(1), uint8(26)
         memory usage: 21.5 MB
In [51]:
         df_hp_processed.drop([ 'co_applicant_ethnicity_name_1.0', 'co_applicant_sex_name_2.0', 'co_applicant_race_name
         _1_4.0',
                                 'preapproval_name_2'], axis=1, inplace=True)
In [52]: df_hp_processed.columns= df_hp_processed.columns.str.replace('.0','')
```

```
In [53]: | df_hp_processed.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 184956 entries, 0 to 184955
         Data columns (total 36 columns):
         agency_name
                                           184956 non-null int32
         loan_amounts
                                           184956 non-null float64
         msamd_name
                                           184956 non-null int32
         county_name
                                           184956 non-null int32
         applicant incomes
                                           184956 non-null float64
                                           184956 non-null int32
         purchaser_type_name
         population
                                           184956 non-null float64
         minority_population
                                           184956 non-null float64
         hud_median_family_income
                                           184956 non-null float64
                                           184956 non-null float64
         tract to msamd income
         number_of_owner_occupied_units
                                           184956 non-null float64
         number_of_1_to_4_family_units
                                           184956 non-null float64
         denial
                                           184956 non-null int64
         minority_population_
                                           184956 non-null float64
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         loan_type_name_1
         loan_type_name_2
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         loan_type_name_3
                                           184956 non-null uint8
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         property_type_name_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         property_type_name_2
         owner_occupancy_name_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         preapproval_name_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         applicant ethnicity name 1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         co_applicant_ethnicity_name_2
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         applicant_race_name_1_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         applicant_race_name_1_2
                                           184956 non-null uint8
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         applicant_race_name_1_3
         applicant_race_name_1_4
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         co_applicant_race_name_1_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         co_applicant_race_name_1_2
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         co_applicant_race_name_1_3
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         co_applicant_race_name_1_5
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         co applicant_sex_name_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         applicant_sex_name_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         lien_status_name_1
         hoepa status name 1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         co_applicant_1
                                           184956 non-null uint8
         dtypes: float64(9), int32(4), int64(1), uint8(22)
         memory usage: 20.8 MB
In [54]: df_hp_processed.isna().sum().any()
Out[54]: False
```

# Create training and test sets

```
In [55]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    # Sperate your X and y variable
    y = df_hp_processed.denial
    X = df_hp_processed.drop(['denial'], axis=1)
    # Train and test sets
    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)
```

## Scale the data

```
In [56]:
          # Import StandardScalar
          from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
          # Instatiate StandScaler
          scaler = StandardScaler()
          # Transform the training and test sets
          scaled_X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
          scaled_X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
          # Create data frame
          scaled_df_train = pd.DataFrame(scaled_X_train, columns=X_train.columns)
          scaled_df_train.head()
Out[56]:
              agency_name loan_amounts msamd_name county_name applicant_incomes purchaser_type_name
                                                                                                           population minority_population
                  -0.955279
                                -0.204018
                                               1.43847
                                                           -0.944955
                                                                             -1.161285
                                                                                                            -0.616805
                                                                                                                               -0.125611
           1
                  0.174273
                                0.745642
                                               -0.21211
                                                           -1.465882
                                                                             0.174274
                                                                                                  0.827948
                                                                                                            0.489685
                                                                                                                                0.151118
           2
                  0.174273
                                0.145641
                                              -1.03740
                                                           -1.118597
                                                                             0.530653
                                                                                                  0.827948
                                                                                                            -1.292748
                                                                                                                               -0.768635
           3
                  0.174273
                                0.198503
                                               -0.21211
                                                           0.965112
                                                                             0.302109
                                                                                                  0.364245
                                                                                                            -0.088295
                                                                                                                                0.616928
                  0.174273
                                0.090856
                                              -1.03740
                                                                             0.213710
                                                                                                  1.291651
                                                                                                            -0.838690
                                                                                                                               -0.256130
                                                           -1.118597
          5 rows × 35 columns
```

# Recall vs Precision: In this analysis we will focus on optimizing Recall

```
recall = TP / (TP + FN)
```

```
precision = TP / (TP + FP)
```

- · False Negative suggest that the model predicted that an individual that should have been denied got approved for a loan
- · False Positive suggest that the model predicted that an individual that should have been approved got denied for a loan

In conclusion, a false negative in this case would effect the banks more than that of a false positive.

### Fit a KNN model

```
In [57]: # Import KNeighborsClassifer
    from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier

# Instantiate KNeighborsClassifier
    clf_KNN = KNeighborsClassifier()

# fit Classifer
    clf_KNN.fit(scaled_X_train, y_train)

# Predict on the test set

y_preds_KNN = clf_KNN.predict(scaled_X_test)
```

```
In [58]:
         #Complete the function
         def print_metrics(labels, preds):
              print("Precision Score: {}".format(precision_score(labels, preds)))
              print("Recall Score: {}".format(recall_score(labels, preds)))
              print("Accuracy Score: {}".format(accuracy_score(labels, preds)))
              print("F1 Score: {}".format(f1_score(labels, preds)))
         # Check performance Metrics
         performance_metrics_KNN= print_metrics(y_test, y_preds_KNN)
         Precision Score: 0.2988505747126437
         Recall Score: 0.046395431834404
         Accuracy Score: 0.9356171197473994
         F1 Score: 0.08032128514056225
In [59]:
         # Check The accuracy for prediction
         acc= accuracy_score(y_test, y_preds_KNN)
         # Check the AUC for predictions
         false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_preds_KNN)
         roc_auc = auc(false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate)
         # Print your accuracy_score, classification report, and confusion matrix
         print('The accuracy is :{0}'.format(round(acc,2)))
         print('\nAUC is :{0}'.format(round(roc auc, 2)))
         print('\nClassification Report:')
         print(metrics.classification_report(y_test, y_preds_KNN))
         \verb|sns.heatmap| (\verb|confusion_matrix| (\verb|y_test|, | y_preds_KNN|), | annot= | \textbf{True}| |
         plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
         plt.show()
         The accuracy is :0.94
```

AUC is :0.52

#### Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
0	0.94	0.99	0.97	43437	
1	0.30	0.05	0.08	2802	
accuracy			0.94	46239	
macro avg	0.62	0.52	0.52	46239	
weighted avg	0.90	0.94	0.91	46239	

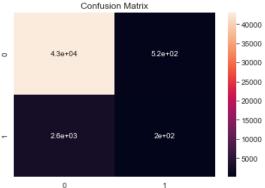


Results: From evaluating the performance metrics we can see that this model is terrible at predicting the target variable. The problem might be the imbalance that is present in the target variable.

# **Dealing with Imbalanced Class**

1. Changing the attribute weight= 'distance'

```
In [60]:
         # Instantiate KNeighborsClassifier
         clf_KNN = KNeighborsClassifier(weights='distance')
         # fit Classifer
         clf KNN.fit(scaled X train, y train)
         # Predict on the test set
         y_preds_KNN = clf_KNN.predict(scaled_X_test)
In [61]: # Check performance Metrics
         performance_metrics_KNN= print_metrics(y_test, y_preds_KNN)
         Precision Score: 0.2776998597475456
         Recall Score: 0.07066381156316917
         Accuracy Score: 0.9325461190769696
         F1 Score: 0.11266002844950213
In [62]:
         # Check The accuracy for prediction
         acc= accuracy_score(y_test, y_preds_KNN)
         # Check the AUC for predictions
         false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_preds_KNN)
         roc_auc = auc(false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate)
         # Print your accuracy_score, classification report, and confusion matrix
         print('The accuracy is :{0}'.format(round(acc,2)))
         print('\nAUC is :{0}'.format(round(roc_auc, 2)))
         print('\nClassification Report:')
         print(metrics.classification_report(y_test, y_preds_KNN))
         sns.heatmap(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_preds_KNN), annot=True)
         plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
         plt.show()
         The accuracy is :0.93
         AUC is :0.53
         Classification Report:
                                    recall f1-score
                       precision
                                                        support
                    0
                            0.94
                                       0.99
                                                          43437
                                                 0.96
                    1
                            0.28
                                       0.07
                                                 0.11
                                                           2802
                                                 0.93
                                                          46239
             accuracy
                            0.61
                                       0.53
                                                 0.54
                                                          46239
            macro avg
         weighted avg
                            0.90
                                       0.93
                                                 0.91
                                                          46239
                        Confusion Matrix
```



# Fit a Decision Tree (class\_weight='balanced')

In [64]: # Metric
 print('Using the Descison Tree Method weighted:')
 performance\_metrics\_Decision\_Tree = print\_metrics(y\_test, y\_preds\_Decision\_Tree)

Using the Descison Tree Method weighted: Precision Score: 0.2100656455142232 Recall Score: 0.20556745182012848 Accuracy Score: 0.9050152468695257 F1 Score: 0.20779220779

```
In [65]: # Check The accuracy for prediction
    acc= accuracy_score(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree)

# Check the AUC for predictions
    false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree)
    roc_auc = auc(false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate)

print('The accuracy is :{0}'.format(round(acc,2)))
    print('\nAUC is :{0}'.format(round(roc_auc, 2)))
    print('\nClassification Report:')
    print(metrics.classification_report(y_test,y_preds_Decision_Tree))

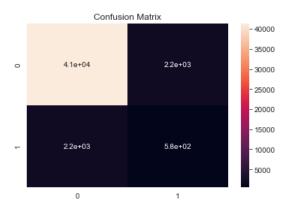
sns.heatmap(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree), annot=True)
    plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
    plt.show()
```

The accuracy is :0.91

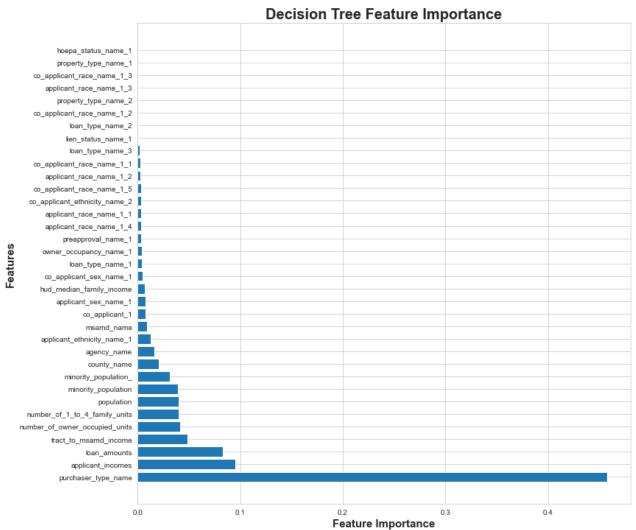
AUC is :0.58

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.95	0.95	0.95	43437
1	0.21	0.21	0.21	2802
accuracy			0.91	46239
macro avg	0.58	0.58	0.58	46239
weighted avg	0.90	0.91	0.90	46239



```
In [66]:
         # Plotting Feature importances
         def important_features(model, columns):
              ''' Plots the important features of a decision tree in decending order'''
             #The top features of the model
             top features = model.feature importances
             #creating a list of column names
             feature_names=columns
             #Sort feature importances in decending order
             indices= np.argsort(top_features)[::-1]
             #Rearrange Feature names so they match the sorted feature importance
             names= [feature_names[i] for i in indices]
             #Create number of features
             n_features = X_train.shape[1]
             #Create plot
             plt.figure(figsize=(12,12))
             #Create horizontal bar chart
             plt.barh(range(n_features), top_features[indices], align='center')
             #X and v LabeLs
             plt.xlabel("Feature Importance", fontsize=15, weight='semibold')
             plt.ylabel("Features", fontsize=15, weight='semibold')
             # Add feature names as y-axis labels
             plt.yticks(range(n_features), names)
             #Add title
             plt.title('Decision Tree Feature Importance', fontsize=20, weight='bold')
             plt.show()
         important_features(clf_Decision_Tree,X.columns.tolist())
         plt.tight_layout()
```



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## Feature Engineering part 2

```
# Create a copy of the dataframe that was used in your first initial models
In [67]:
           df_2 = df_hp.copy()
In [68]:
           # Creating the individual features for the denial reasons
           # Create index column
           df_2['index'] = df_hp.index
           # Create a list of all the denial reasons
           denial_reason= df_hp.denial_reason_name_1.unique().tolist()[1::]
           # Create a function that classifies whether an applicant was denied for input denial reason
           def modified_dataframe(denial_reason, df):
                ''' Creates a function that locates whether an applicant was denied for input denial_reason, if it was it
            gets counted on
                     a new df'''
                # Locate if an applicant got denied for input denial reason
               df_new = df.loc[(df.denial_reason_name_1 == denial_reason) | (df.denial_reason_name_2 == denial_reason) |
                                   (df.denial reason name 3 == denial reason)]
                # Create new dataframe that counts 1 for the applicants that were found to have input denial reason
               df_new[denial_reason] = [1 for i in range(0, df_new.shape[0])]
                return df new
           # Merge this new dataframe onto the original dataframe
           for i in denial_reason:
                df 2 = pd.merge(df 2, modified dataframe(i, df 2).loc[:,['index', i]], on='index', how='outer')
           #Replace all the unnecessary stuff from column names
           df_2.columns = df_2.columns.str.replace(' ','_')
df_2.columns = df_2.columns.str.replace('-','_')
           df_2.columns = df_2.columns.str.replace('(downpayment,_closing_costs)','')
           df_2.columns = df_2.columns.str.replace('(','')
df_2.columns = df_2.columns.str.replace(')','')
In [70]:
           #check the columns
           df 2.columns
Out[70]: Index(['agency_name', 'loan_type_name', 'property_type_name',
                   'loan_purpose_name', 'owner_occupancy_name', 'loan_amount_000s', 'preapproval_name', 'msamd_name', 'county_name',
                   'applicant_ethnicity_name', 'co_applicant_ethnicity_name', 'applicant_race_name_1', 'co_applicant_race_name_1',
                   'applicant_sex_name', 'co_applicant_sex_name', 'applicant_income_000s', 'purchaser_type_name', 'denial_reason_name_1', 'denial_reason_name_2', 'denial_reason_name_3', 'rate_spread', 'hoepa_status_name',
                   'lien_status_name', 'population', 'minority_population',
                   'hud_median_family_income', 'tract_to_msamd_income',
                   'number_of_owner_occupied_units', 'number_of_1_to_4_family_units',
                   'denial', 'co_applicant', 'minority_population_', 'index',
'Insufficient_cash_', 'Debt_to_income_ratio', 'Other', 'Credit_history',
                   'Unverifiable_information', 'Collateral',
                   'Credit_application_incomplete', 'Employment_history',
                   'Mortgage_insurance_denied'],
                  dtype='object')
```

```
In [71]: replace dict = {
              'Insufficient cash ': np.nan,
             'Debt_to_income_ratio': np.nan,
             'Other': np.nan,
              'Credit history': np.nan,
              'Unverifiable_information': np.nan,
             'Collateral': np.nan,
             'Credit_application_incomplete': np.nan,
             'Employment_history': np.nan,
             'Mortgage_insurance_denied': np.nan,
         df_2.replace(replace_dict, 0, inplace=True)
In [72]: df_2.iloc[:, 31:40].replace(np.nan, 0, inplace=True)
In [73]: df 2.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         Int64Index: 184956 entries, 0 to 184955
         Data columns (total 42 columns):
         agency name
                                           184956 non-null object
                                           184956 non-null object
         loan_type_name
                                           184956 non-null object
         property_type_name
         loan_purpose_name
                                           184956 non-null object
                                           184270 non-null object
         owner_occupancy_name
         loan_amount_000s
                                           184928 non-null float64
         preapproval_name
                                           60546 non-null object
         msamd_name
                                           184332 non-null object
                                           184373 non-null object
         county name
         applicant_ethnicity_name
                                           139705 non-null object
         co_applicant_ethnicity_name
                                           152319 non-null object
         applicant_race_name_1
                                           137353 non-null object
         co_applicant_race_name_1
                                           151437 non-null object
         applicant sex name
                                           146550 non-null object
         co_applicant_sex_name
                                           155550 non-null object
                                           158650 non-null float64
         applicant_income_000s
                                           184956 non-null object
         purchaser_type_name
         denial reason name 1
                                           184956 non-null object
         denial_reason_name_2
                                           184956 non-null object
         denial_reason_name_3
                                           184956 non-null object
         rate_spread
                                           6992 non-null float64
         hoepa status name
                                           184956 non-null object
         lien_status_name
                                           144845 non-null object
         population
                                           184365 non-null float64
         minority population
                                           184365 non-null float64
         hud_median_family_income
                                           184365 non-null float64
         tract_to_msamd_income
                                           184365 non-null float64
         number_of_owner_occupied_units
                                           184365 non-null float64
         number_of_1_to_4_family_units
                                           184365 non-null float64
         denial
                                           184956 non-null int64
         co_applicant
                                           184956 non-null int64
         minority_population_
                                           184956 non-null float64
         index
                                           184956 non-null int64
                                           184956 non-null float64
         Insufficient cash
         Debt_to_income_ratio
                                           184956 non-null float64
         Other
                                           184956 non-null float64
         Credit history
                                           184956 non-null float64
         Unverifiable_information
                                           184956 non-null float64
         Collateral
                                           184956 non-null float64
                                           184956 non-null float64
         Credit_application_incomplete
         Employment history
                                           184956 non-null float64
                                           184956 non-null float64
         Mortgage_insurance_denied
         dtypes: float64(19), int64(3), object(20)
         memory usage: 60.7+ MB
```

From these new features we will select those that are denial reasons with no other option.

- Unverifiable information: There is no way a lender will authurize an approved loan if information is not given.
- Credit application incomplete: This fall in the same scenario. A lender will deny the loan application.
- · Mortgage insurance denied: This suggest that the applicant did not recieve the loan, thus being rejected the insurance
- · Other: This to will be dropped from the model. There is no way to really understand this feature and it can be different meaning.

## **Preprocessing Data part 2**

```
In [74]:
         # Organize your columns to sections to streamline any repeative changes
         cat_few_selection = ['loan_type_name', 'property_type_name', 'owner_occupancy_name', 'preapproval_name','appli
         cant_ethnicity_name',
                               'co_applicant_ethnicity_name','applicant_race_name_1','co_applicant_race_name_1','co_appl
         icant_sex_name',
                               'applicant_sex_name','lien_status_name','hoepa_status_name','co_applicant']
         cat_many_selection = ['agency_name', 'msamd_name', 'county_name', 'purchaser_type_name']
         numerical_cols = ['loan_amount_000s', 'applicant_income_000s', 'population', 'number_of_owner_occupied_units',
                             number_of_1_to_4_family_units','minority_population', 'hud_median_family_income','tract_to_
         msamd_income','minority_population_']
         to_drop = ['rate_spread', 'loan_purpose_name', 'denial_reason_name_1',
                     denial_reason_name_2', 'denial_reason_name_3', 'Unverifiable_information',
                     'index', 'Credit_application_incomplete', 'Mortgage_insurance_denied', 'Other']
         #instatiate LabelEncoder
         le = LabelEncoder()
         df_2_processed = df_2.copy()
         for col in cat_many_selection:
             df 2 processed[col] = le.fit transform(df 2 processed[col])
         for col in cat_few_selection:
             df_2_processed[col] = le.fit_transform(df_2_processed[col])
In [75]:
         # Replace
         replace_dict = {
             'applicant_ethnicity_name': [2],
              'co applicant ethnicity name': [3],
              'applicant_sex_name': [2],
             'co_applicant_sex_name': [3],
             'applicant_race_name_1':[5],
             'co_applicant_race_name_1':[6],
             'lien_status_name': [2],
              'owner_occupancy_name': [2]
         df_2_processed.replace(replace_dict, np.nan, inplace=True)
In [76]:
         # Replace the NaN with thier specified central tendency
         for col in numerical cols:
             df_2_processed[col].fillna(df_2_processed[col].median(), inplace=True)
         for col in cat_many_selection:
             df_2_processed[col].fillna(df_2_processed[col].median(), inplace=True)
         for col in cat_few_selection:
             df_2_processed[col].fillna(df_2_processed[col].mode(), inplace=True)
         # Drop action_taken_name: It represents repeative information that can be made from the denial column and does
         not serve this analyse
         df_2_processed.drop(to_drop, axis=1, inplace=True)
         df_2_processed= pd.get_dummies(df_2_processed, drop_first=True, columns = cat_few_selection)
In [77]: | df_2_processed.isna().sum().any()
Out[77]: False
```

```
In [78]: | df_2_processed.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         Int64Index: 184956 entries, 0 to 184955
         Data columns (total 45 columns):
         agency_name
                                            184956 non-null int32
                                            184956 non-null float64
         loan_amount_000s
         msamd_name
                                            184956 non-null int32
         county_name
                                            184956 non-null int32
         applicant income 000s
                                            184956 non-null float64
         purchaser type name
                                            184956 non-null int32
         population
                                            184956 non-null float64
                                            184956 non-null float64
         minority_population
         hud_median_family_income
                                            184956 non-null float64
                                            184956 non-null float64
         tract to msamd income
         number_of_owner_occupied_units
                                            184956 non-null float64
         number_of_1_to_4_family_units
                                            184956 non-null float64
         denial
                                            184956 non-null int64
                                            184956 non-null float64
         minority population
                                            184956 non-null float64
         Insufficient_cash_
         Debt_to_income_ratio
                                            184956 non-null float64
         Credit history
                                            184956 non-null float64
         Collateral
                                            184956 non-null float64
         Employment_history
                                            184956 non-null float64
         loan_type_name_1
                                            184956 non-null uint8
                                            184956 non-null uint8
         loan_type_name_2
         loan type name 3
                                            184956 non-null uint8
                                            184956 non-null uint8
         property_type_name_1
         property_type_name_2
                                            184956 non-null uint8
         owner_occupancy_name_1.0
                                            184956 non-null uint8
                                            184956 non-null uint8
         preapproval_name_1
         preapproval_name_2
                                            184956 non-null uint8
         applicant_ethnicity_name_1.0
                                            184956 non-null uint8
                                            184956 non-null uint8
         co_applicant_ethnicity_name_1.0
         co_applicant_ethnicity_name_2.0
                                            184956 non-null uint8
         applicant_race_name_1_1.0
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         memory usage: 30.0 MB
In [79]:
         df_2_processed.drop([ 'co_applicant_ethnicity_name_1.0', 'co_applicant_sex_name_2.0', 'co_applicant_race_name_
                                 'preapproval_name_2'], axis=1, inplace=True)
In [80]: df_2_processed.columns= df_2_processed.columns.str.replace('.0','')
```

# Create training and test sets part 2

```
In [81]: # Sperate your X and y variable
y = df_2_processed.denial
X = df_2_processed.drop(['denial'], axis=1)
# Train and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)
```

# Scale the data part 2

```
In [82]:
         # Instatiate StandScaler
         scaler = StandardScaler()
         # Transform the training and test sets
         scaled_X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
         scaled_X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
         # Create data frame
         scaled_df_train = pd.DataFrame(scaled_X_train, columns=X_train.columns)
         scaled_df_train.head()
```

#### Out[82]:

	agency_name	loan_amounts	msamd_name	county_name	applicant_incomes	purchaser_type_name	population	minority_population
0	-0.955279	-0.204018	1.43847	-0.944955	-1.161285	-1.490568	-0.616805	-0.125611
1	0.174273	0.745642	-0.21211	-1.465882	0.174274	0.827948	0.489685	0.151118
2	0.174273	0.145641	-1.03740	-1.118597	0.530653	0.827948	-1.292748	-0.768635
3	0.174273	0.198503	-0.21211	0.965112	0.302109	0.364245	-0.088295	0.616928
4	0.174273	0.090856	-1.03740	-1.118597	0.213710	1.291651	-0.838690	-0.256130
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# Decision Tree (class\_weight='balanced') w/ new features (Final Model)

```
# Instantiate DecisionTreeClassifier
In [83]:
         clf_Decision_Tree = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=10, class_weight='balanced')
         # fit classifer
         clf_Decision_Tree.fit(scaled_X_train, y_train)
         # predict on the test set
         y_preds_Decision_Tree = clf_Decision_Tree.predict(scaled_X_test)
```

### In [84]: print('Using the Descison Tree Method weighted:') performance\_metrics\_Decision\_Tree = print\_metrics(y\_test, y\_preds\_Decision\_Tree)

Using the Descison Tree Method weighted: Precision Score: 0.7229129662522202 Recall Score: 0.7262669521770164 Accuracy Score: 0.9665433941045438 F1 Score: 0.7245860779775681

```
In [85]: # Check The accuracy for prediction
    acc= accuracy_score(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree)

# Check the AUC for predictions
    false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree)
    roc_auc = auc(false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate)

print('The accuracy is :{0}'.format(round(acc,2)))
    print('\nAUC is :{0}'.format(round(roc_auc, 2)))
    print('\nClassification Report:')
    print(metrics.classification_report(y_test,y_preds_Decision_Tree))

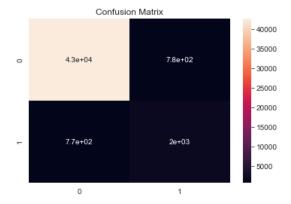
sns.heatmap(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree), annot=True)
    plt.savefig('Confusion_Matrix_final.png', dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
    plt.show()
```

The accuracy is :0.97

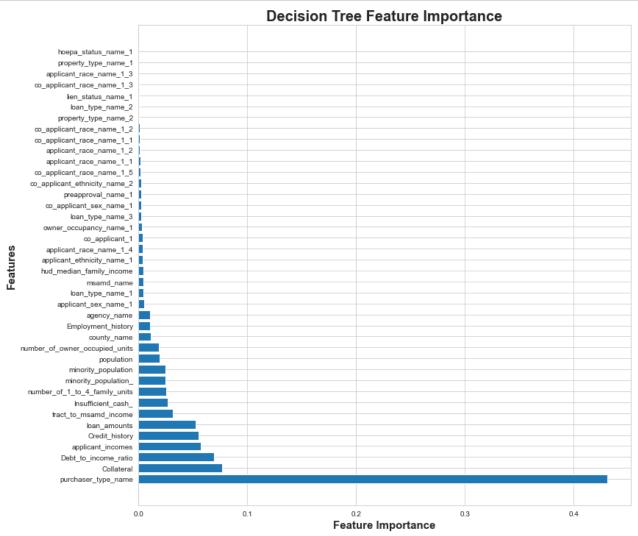
AUC is :0.85

#### Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.98	0.98	0.98	43437
1	0.72	0.73	0.72	2802
accuracy			0.97	46239
macro avg	0.85	0.85	0.85	46239
weighted avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	46239



```
In [86]: # Plotting Feature importances
   important_features(clf_Decision_Tree,X.columns.tolist())
   plt.tight_layout()
   #plt.savefig('Tree_imp_final.png', dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
```



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```
In [87]: # Hypertuning: GridSearchCV
In [88]:
         #from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
         # Set Parameter for gridsearchCV
         #param_dict = {
             #"criterion":['gini', 'entropy'],
             #"max_depth":[5,10,13,15,16,17,18,19,20,23,25,28,30,35],
             #"min_samples_split":range(2,5),
             #"min_samples_leaf":range(1,5)
         # finding the best hyperparameter using gridsearchCV
         #grid = GridSearchCV(clf_Decision_Tree,
                             #param_grid= param_dict,
                              #scoring='recall',
                              #cv=10,
                              #verbose=1,
                              #n_jobs=-1)
         # fitting to the gridsearch
         #grid.fit(scaled_X_train, y_train)
```

```
In [89]:
         # best parameters
         #print('Best params: %s' % grid.best params )
         # best training data recall
         #print('Best recall for training set: %.3f' % grid.best_score_)
         # predict from test data
         #y_pred_grid = grid.predict(scaled_X_test)
         # test data recall with best params
         #print('Test set recall score for best params: %.3f ' % recall_score(y_test, y_pred_grid))
         # confusion matrix and classification report
         #print('\nClassification Report:')
         #print(metrics.classification_report(y_test,y_pred_grid))
         #sns.heatmap(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_grid), annot=True)
         #plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
         #plt.show()
         #print('Recall score: ',recall_score(y_test, y_pred_grid))
```

# **Decision Tree optimized for Recall**

```
In [90]:
         # Instantiate DecisionTreeClassifier
         clf Decision Tree = DecisionTreeClassifier(random state=10, class weight='balanced', criterion='gini', max dep
         th=10,
                                                    min_samples_leaf=1, min_samples_split=2)
         # fit classifer
         clf_Decision_Tree.fit(scaled_X_train, y_train)
         # predict on the test set
         y preds Decision Tree = clf Decision Tree.predict(scaled X test)
In [91]: # Metric
         print('Using the Descison Tree Method optimized for recall:')
         performance_metrics_Decision_Tree = print_metrics(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree)
         Using the Descison Tree Method optimized for recall:
         Precision Score: 0.2945708438666185
         Recall Score: 0.8733047822983583
         Accuracy Score: 0.8655896537554878
         F1 Score: 0.4405437033036277
```

```
In [92]: # Check the AUC for predictions
false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree)
roc_auc = auc(false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate)

print('The accuracy is :{0}'.format(round(acc,2)))
print('\nAUC is :{0}'.format(round(roc_auc, 2)))
print('\nClassification Report:')
print(metrics.classification_report(y_test,y_preds_Decision_Tree))

sns.heatmap(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_preds_Decision_Tree), annot=True)
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')

plt.savefig('Confusion_Matrix_recall.png', dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
```

The accuracy is :0.97

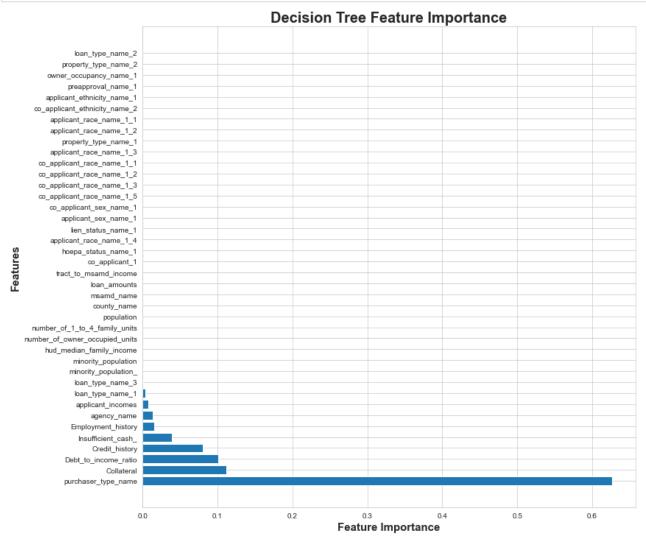
AUC is :0.87

#### Classification Report:

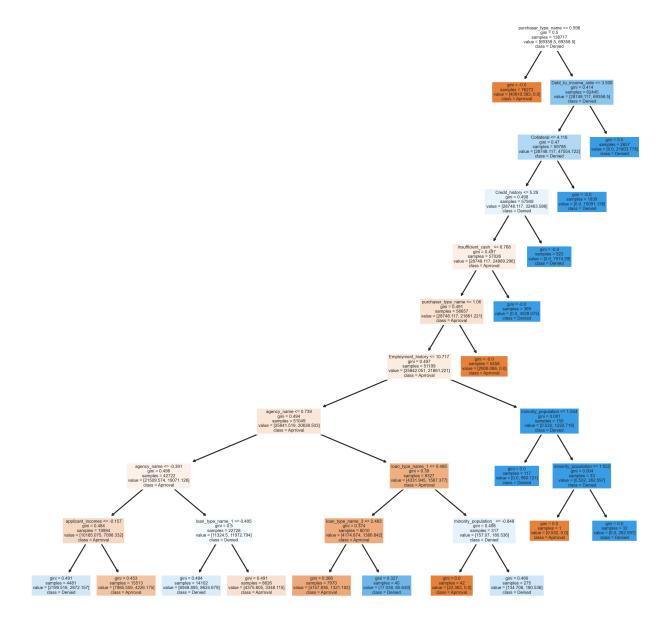
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	0.87	0.92	43437
1	0.29	0.87	0.44	2802
accuracy			0.87	46239
macro avg	0.64	0.87	0.68	46239
weighted avg	0.95	0.87	0.89	46239



```
In [93]: important_features(clf_Decision_Tree,X.columns.tolist())
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.savefig('Final_Tree_imp.png', dpi=100, bbox_inches='tight')
```



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## **Evaluation**

This analysis was comprised of two supervised models that were test. The First model used features that did not include reasons of denial to test if the model would pick up any bias against people of color. These models performed terribly with a Recall of about 5%.

The next model I decide to use was a Decision Tree and I choose to prioritize recall as the metric to gauge the performance of the model. The goal was to limit the number of false negatives. These false negatives, in terms to our business problem, will predict an applicant as worthy of getting approved for a loan even though they should have been rejected. After the housing market crash in 2008, agencies were developed to ensures that banks pay close attention to the affordability of the loan. This will help borrows from obtaining loans that they can afford and prevent future defaults.

However, when optimizing for recall I was able to obtain a recall of about 87%. This suggest that out of all applicants that applied for a mortgage loan, only 87% of the denial class were identified. My accuracy had decreased to about 87%, implying that my model's predictions were only 87% correct. Not only did optimizing for recall cost me a decrease in my accuracy, it also took a heavy blow to my F1 score. When optimizing for recall, a better metric to go by, to know the validity of your model's performance, is your F1 score. Accuracy is used when the True Positives and True negatives are more important while F1-score is used when the False Negatives and False Positives are crucial.

For my final model, I decide to revert to the model before performing a GridSearchCV. In this model I was able to obtain a lower recall of about 73% with an F1 score of 71% which is much more reliable than that of my model where I prioritized recall.

Based on the performance of the model, I reject the null hypothesis that there is no relationship between the HMDA data and a mortgage loan denial.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the HMDA dataset provides a great resource to gather insights into the process of mortgage lending practices. From just analyzing a given year you can put together actionable recommendations to improve your chances in obtaining a mortgage loan. This machine learning model is like an automated underwriting system used by different lenders. Just like my model there are certain scenarios that will lead the automated underwriting system to deny an applicant of a loan. From here a lender would have to manually underwrite the loan. By leveraging this knowledge, you can implement recommendations that will assist in obtain a mortgage loan.

### Recomendations

- 1. My first recommendation would be to find lenders that offer you the ability to check whether you will be able to get approved for a mortgage loan without the risk of running your credit. From my analysis I was able to prove that a simple automated underwriting system can be created with the help of machine learning. This will allow you to check without running your credit score, which causes a hard inquiry that has a negative effect on your credit.
- 2. For the Hispanic community I will recommend you focus on improving your income as it is high indicator that can determine whether you get approved or denied for the loan.
- 3. Additionally, to generating more income try to minimize all your liabilities that are affecting your debt to income ratio. Your debt to income ratio is calculated by gathering your monthly fix cost over your monthly gross income, some examples of this month fixed cost are:
  - · Student loans
  - · Car loans
  - Insurances
  - Rent
  - Cable/Internet bills
- 4. In NJ, try not to focus on homes that are considered manufactured. These homes are only covered by an FHA loan which might explain why there is a higher rate of denial. Another downside to these properties is that they will always have a PMI, which is an additional cost and can be very expensive in the long run.
- 5. Do not stray away from an FHA loan, these loans are the better option when you have great credit but not have a lot for the down payment. This provides you the flexibility to refinance in the future into a conventional loan at a better rate.

#### **Future work**

The model can use some tweaking as well as exploring through different algorithms by setting up a pipeline and optimizing for both recall and F1 scores. This take a lot of processing power and can be costly in terms of time consumption. I believe a better use of time is developing other automated tools that can help borrowers make more informed decisions. Some automated tools I plan on making is using this HMDA dataset to predict what interest rate will you potentially get after getting approved. I would also like to recreate this analysis with more recent years to compare. I would like to monitor the direction of the Hispanic/Latino market and provide better data driven decisions solutions to problems they are facing.