

Seasonal Shifts in Music Mood

Final Project – Spotify Music Mood Across Seasons

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Goal: Explore how Spotify listening preferences and music mood (valence) change across seasons.

Project Overview

This project investigates whether **people listen to happier music in summer and sadder music in autumn/winter**.

We use **Spotify AF Valence**, a numerical measure between 0 and 1: - **1** → **Happy / Cheerful / Positive songs** - **0** → **Sad / Depressing / Angry songs**

Dataset Information

We used the dataset:

Spotify Charts – All Audio Data

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/sunnykakar/spotify-charts-all-audio-data/>

- Original file size: **27 GB (merged_data.csv)**
- Contains **daily Top 200 Spotify charts** for over 60 countries (2017–2024)
- Includes track metadata + 13 audio features from Spotify API

Sample Datasets Included in This Repo

To make this project easier to run, we created **sample versions of the original dataset**:

File	Description
data/merged_data_sample.csv	Small sample from original data
data/merged_data_filtered_sample.csv	Only Canada + 2017 data

File	Description
data/merged_data_trimmed_sample.csv	Unnecessary columns removed

Full dataset **is not uploaded to GitHub** due to size limits. You can download it from Kaggle.

Research Question

“Do people listen to happier music during summer compared to autumn and winter?”

How to Run This Project

1. Clone the repository: “bash git clone <https://github.com/ErkaGlt/finalproject-spotify-mood.git>”