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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
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In [2]: from IPython.display import HTML, display

def set_background(color):
    script = (
        "var cell = this.closest('.jp-CodeCell');",
        "var editor = cell.querySelector('.jp-Editor');",
        "editor.style.backgroundColor='{}';",
        "this.parentNode.removeChild(this)".format(color)
    ).format(color)

    display(HTML('<img src onerror={}{} style="display:none">'.format(script)))
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In [3]: stolen_vehicles = pd.read_csv("/Users/li/Downloads/stolenvehicles.csv")
stolen_vehicles.head(5)
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Out[3]:

	005502	Red	CFMOTO	X520	0	Unnamed: 5	2022-12-05	Wellington
0	02WRX	Black	Subaru	IMPREZA	2002	Saloon	2022-09-17	Canterbury
1	ONG8	Black	Ford	FALCON	1999	Saloon	2022-11-27	Central
2	1034W	Yellow	Briford	TRAILER	2001	Trailer	2022-11-15	Waitemata
3	104A3	Silver	Trailer	CT DIG 25	2021	Trailer - Heavy	2022-11-02	Waikato
4	108K8	Grey	Trailer	TANDEM	2021	Trailer	2022-12-15	Canterbury

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In [4]: header=['PlateNumber','Color','Brand','Model','YearMade','VehicleType','DateStolen','']
stolen_vehicles = pd.read_csv("/Users/li/Downloads/stolenvehicles.csv",names=header)
stolen_vehicles.head()
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Out[4]:

	PlateNumber	Color	Brand	Model	YearMade	VehicleType	DateStolen	Location
0	005502	Red	CFMOTO	X520	0	NaN	2022-12-05	Wellington
1	02WRX	Black	Subaru	IMPREZA	2002	Saloon	2022-09-17	Canterbury
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## Color

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In [5]: stolen_vehicles['Color'].value_counts()
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Out[5]:

Silver	1443
White	1062
Black	690
Blue	531
Grey	487
Red	386
Green	231
Gold	97
Yellow	58
Brown	52
Orange	39
Purple	27
Cream	22
Pink	11
Name: Color, dtype: int64	

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In [6]: sum(stolen_vehicles['Color'].value_counts()[:3])/sum(stolen_vehicles['Color'].value_counts())
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Out[6]: 0.6220794392523364

## According to statistics, silver, white, and black vehicles are the top three victims among all vehicles stolen by thieves

These three colors account for more than 62%. It seems that thieves prefer colors that are more common on security grounds to avoid getting caught, or it might be a biased conclusion simply because these colors have the largest base numbers. More in-depth investigation will be conducted using all on-road vehicles data pulled from the NZ Transport Agency. .

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In [7]: #The New Zealand vehicle fleet open data provides a point-in-time 'snapshot' of
#all vehicles currently registered in New Zealand43
#algorithmically cleaned
fleet = pd.read_csv("/Users/li/Downloads/Fleet-30112022.csv",dtype={'TRANSMISSION_TYPE':object})
fleet.info()
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 5687980 entries, 0 to 5687979
Data columns (total 38 columns):
# Column Dtype
---
0 ALTERNATIVE MOTIVE_POWER object
1 BASIC_COLOUR object
2 BODY_TYPE object
3 CC_RATING int64
4 CHASSIS7 object
5 CLASS object
6 ENGINE_NUMBER object
7 FIRST_NZ_REGISTRATION_YEAR float64
8 FIRST_NZ_REGISTRATION_MONTH int64
9 GROSS_VEHICLE_MASS float64
10 HEIGHT int64
11 IMPORT_STATUS object
12 INDUSTRY_CLASS object
13 INDUSTRY_MODEL_CODE object
14 MAKE object
15 MODEL object
16 MOTIVE_POWER object
17 MVMA_MODEL_CODE object
18 NUMBER_OF_AXLES int64
19 NUMBER_OF_SEATS int64
20 NZ_ASSEMBLED object
21 ORIGINAL_COUNTRY object
22 POWER_RATING int64
23 PREVIOUS_COUNTRY object
24 ROAD_TRANSPORT_CODE object
25 SUBMODEL object
26 TLA object
27 TRANSMISSION_TYPE string
28 VDM_WEIGHT int64
29 VEHICLE_TYPE object
30 VEHICLE_USAGE object
31 VEHICLE_YEAR int64
32 VIN11 object
33 WIDTH int64
34 SYNTHETIC_GREENHOUSE_GAS string
35 FC_COMBINED float64
36 FC_URBAN float64
37 FC_EXTRA_URBAN float64
dtypes: float64(6), int64(8), object(22), string(2)
memory usage: 1.6+ GB
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In [8]: total_c=fleet['BASIC_COLOUR'].str.lower().value_counts().to_frame('count')
stolen_c=stolen_vehicles['Color'].str.lower().value_counts().to_frame('count')

merge=pd.merge(stolen_c, total_c, left_index=True, right_index=True)
merge['ratio']=merge['count_x']/merge['count_y']*100
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In [9]: Ratio=merge['ratio'].map(lambda x: "{:,.2%}".format(x))
Ratio
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Out[9]:

silver	11.59%
white	8.41%
black	10.48%
blue	7.91%
grey	7.49%
red	7.09%
green	9.14%
gold	11.21%
yellow	7.12%
brown	5.97%
orange	5.10%
purple	7.85%
cream	7.59%
pink	15.34%
Name: ratio, dtype: object	

Based on the theft rate of each color in comparison to the total number of vehicles in the corresponding color group, **Pink** appears to be the favorite choice of thieves at a prominent rate of **15.34%**, followed by **silver, gold, and black**, which are all over **10%**. **Orange** proved to be the least popular color among thieves, accounting for only **5.10%** on the records.

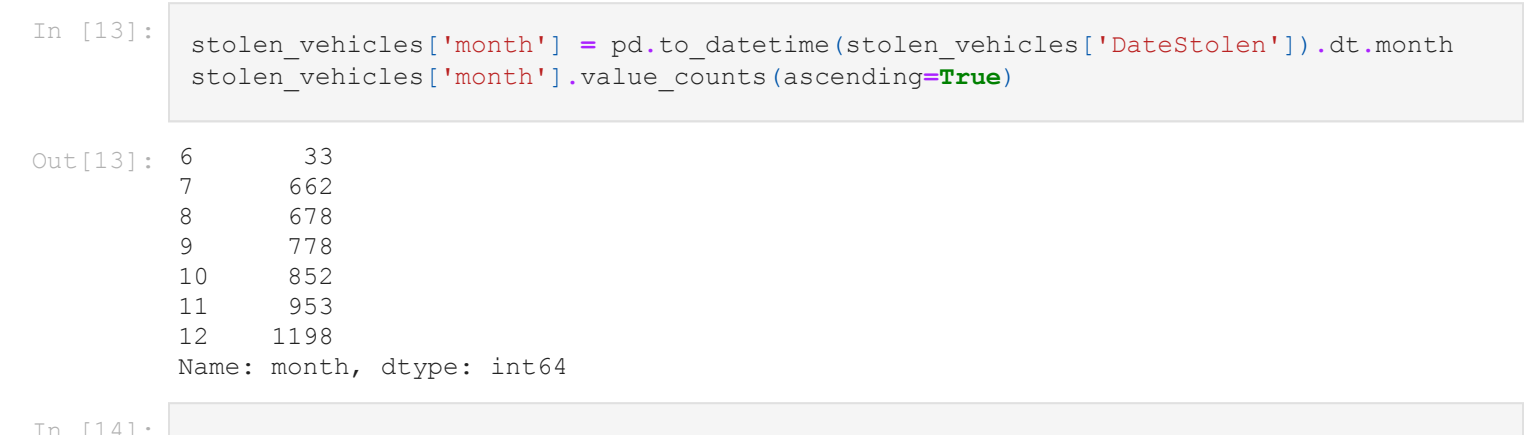
## Day of Week

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In [10]: stolen_vehicles['Day'] = pd.to_datetime(stolen_vehicles['DateStolen']).dt.day_name()
stolen_vehicles['Day'].value_counts()
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Out[10]:

Monday	904
Tuesday	774
Wednesday	734
Thursday	732
Friday	729
Saturday	644
Sunday	637
Name: Day, dtype: int64	

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In [11]: plt.pie(stolen_vehicles['Day'].value_counts(),labels = stolen_vehicles['Day'].value_counts().index,
plt.axis('equal')
plt.title("Theft Rate by Day of Week",fontsize=15,y=1.1)
plt.show()
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In [12]: stolen_vehicles['Weekends?']=pd.to_datetime(stolen_vehicles['DateStolen']).dt.weekday
stolen_vehicles.loc[stolen_vehicles['Weekends?']>=5,"Weekends?"]="Weekend"
stolen_vehicles.loc[stolen_vehicles['Weekends?']!=5,"Weekends?"]="Weekend"
Weekdays_rate=stolen_vehicles['Weekends?'].value_counts(normalize=True)[0]/5
print("Weekdays_rate", "{:,.2%}".format(Weekdays_rate))
Weekends_rate=stolen_vehicles['Weekends?'].value_counts(normalize=True)[1]/2
print("Weekends_rate", "{:,.2%}".format(Weekends_rate))
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Weekdays_rate 15.03%
Weekends_rate 12.43%
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## Thieves prefer weekdays and Mondays have the highest theft rate.

According to the data, **cars are most likely to be stolen on Monday** in New Zealand, accounting for **17.54%** of all data, which is two percentage points higher than the average. **Sunday** is the **safest** day, accounting for 12.36%. Therefore, New Zealanders should pay more attention when driving on Monday. Additionally, the average number of stolen cars per day on weekdays accounts for 15.03% of all data, while daily theft rate of weekends accounts for 12.43%, presenting a difference of more than two percentage points. This may be because people are more likely to commute to work by car during the week, resulting in more cars on the road and more opportunities for thieves.

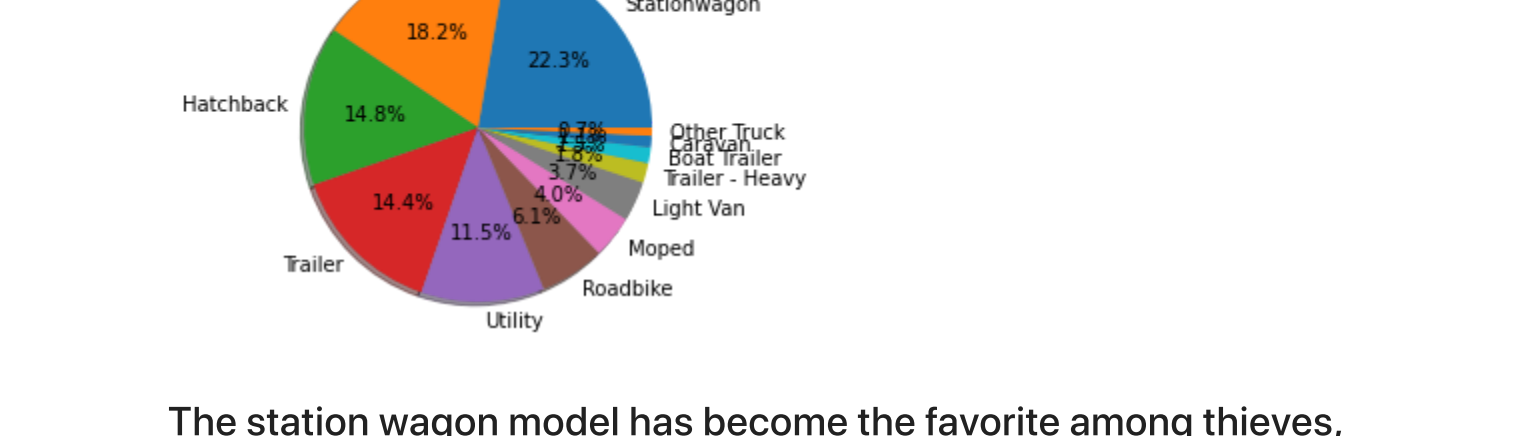
## Trend

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In [13]: stolen_vehicles['month'] = pd.to_datetime(stolen_vehicles['DateStolen']).dt.month
stolen_vehicles['month'].value_counts(ascending=True)
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Out[13]:

6	33
7	662
8	678
9	778
10	852
11	953
12	1198
Name: month, dtype: int64	

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In [14]: stolen_vehicles['month'].value_counts(ascending=True).plot(kind='bar')
plt.legend(loc='lower center',bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, -0.25))
plt.show()
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In [15]: #average number of vehicles stolen per day
mean = len(stolen_vehicles) / len(stolen_vehicles['DateStolen'].unique())
mean
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Out[15]: 28.318681318681318

## The number of stolen vehicles is increasing month over month, posing a security risk to the society

The result above shows that from July to December in 2022, **an upward trend** is clearly demonstrated by the monthly data, reaching its peak in December with an on-month expansion rate of 25.7%. The growth rate compared to July is shocking, reaching a staggering 181% increase. On average, there are 28 stolen vehicles reported per day in New Zealand. The increasing prevalence of car theft in New Zealand indicates a security risk in society. The government should implement policies to strengthen penalties for car theft in order to protect people's property. In addition, New Zealanders should be vigilant about protecting their own vehicles by prioritizing car safety when traveling.

## VehicleType

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In [16]: stolen_vehicles['VehicleType'].value_counts()[:12]
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Out[16]:

Stationwagon	1113
Saloon	910
Hatchback	737
Trailer	718
Utility	572
Roadbike	302
Moped	198
Light Van	184
Trailer - Heavy	92
Boat Trailer	73
Caravan	53
Other Truck	37
Name: VehicleType, dtype: int64	

```
In [17]: plt.pie(stolen_vehicles['VehicleType'].value_counts()[:12],labels = stolen_vehicles['VehicleType'].value_counts().index,
plt.title("Stolen Vehicles by Vehicle Type",fontsize=15,y=1)
plt.show()
```

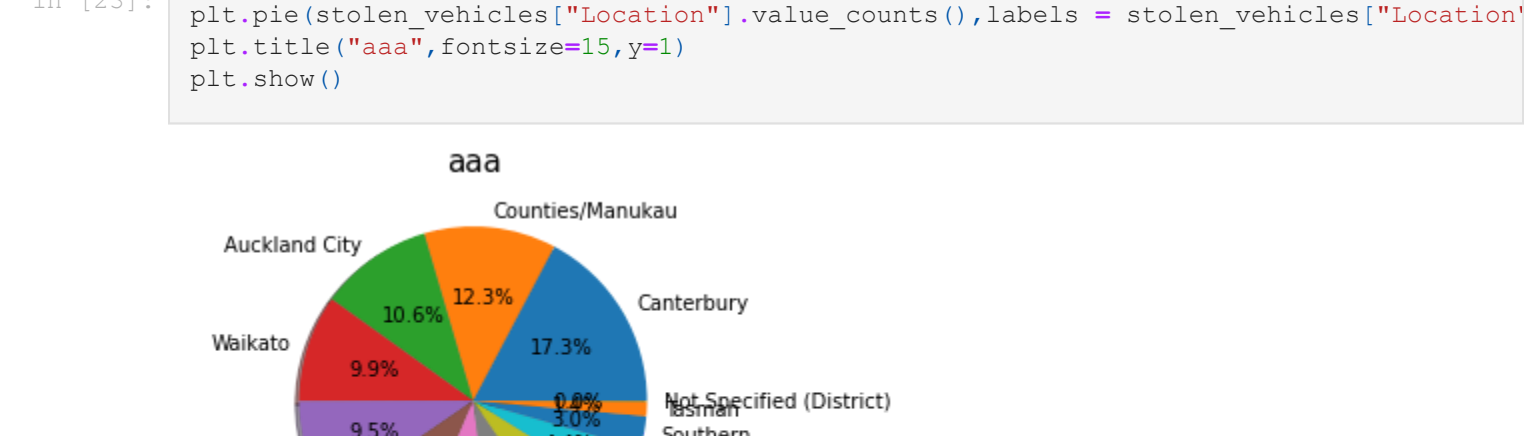


## The station wagon model has become the favorite among thieves, accounting for 22.3% of all stolen vehicles

Of all the stolen cars, **station wagons, saloons, hatchbacks, trailers, and utilities accounted for 81.2%** of the total data. Among them, the station wagon model is the most popular choice of thieves. It is suggested that car companies should consider increasing their investment in research and development of anti-theft features for station wagon models in order to address this issue

## YearMade

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In [18]: stolen_vehicles.groupby(["YearMade"]).sum().plot(kind='bar',figsize=(18,5))
plt.legend(loc='lower center',bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, -0.3))
plt.show()
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The graph above appears that the production years of stolen vehicles are primarily concentrated between 1995 and 2022. However, a significantly larger number of stolen vehicles were produced between 1995 and 2009 compared to those produced after 2009. It is worth considering whether this is due to the fact that there are more older vehicles in New Zealand or if thieves simply prefer stealing older vehicles.

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In [19]: #work on the theft rate of each year the cars been made in comparison to the total num
#of vehicles in the corresponding year group
total_ym=fleet['VEHICLE_YEAR'].value_counts().to_frame('count')
stolen_ym=stolen_vehicles[stolen_vehicles['YearMade']!=0]['YearMade'].value_counts().to_frame('count')
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year=pd.merge(stolen_ym, total_ym, left_index=True, right_index=True)
year['theft_rate_by_yearmade']=year['count_x']/year['count_y']*100
year['theft_rate_by_yearmade'].sort_values(ascending=False).head(10)
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Out[19]:

1996	0.201328
2002	0.168321
1999	0.167329
1997	0.161944
2003	0.161544
2000	0.160557
1998	0.155110
1992	0.147471
2001	0.141674
Name: theft_rate_by_yearmade, dtype: float64	

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In [20]: #theft_rate between 1996-2008
year[(year['theft_rate_by_yearmade'].index>=1996) & (year['theft_rate_by_yearmade'].index<=2008)].sort_values(ascending=False).head(10)
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Out[20]: 1.8921541451104675

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In [21]: #theft_rate from 2009
year[year['theft_rate_by_yearmade'].index>=2009]['theft_rate_by_yearmade'].sum()
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Out[21]: 0.8731866585956931

## Based on the result, now we can come to a conclusion that thieves tend to target older cars that produced after 1995 and before 2009 .

## Location

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In [22]: stolen_vehicles["Location"].value_counts()
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Out[22]:

Canterbury	890
Counties/Manukau	544
Auckland City	533
Waikato	512
Waitemata	491
Central	468
Wellington	435
Bay of Plenty	398
Northland	337
Eastern	228
Southern	155
Tasman	71
Not Specified (District)	2
Name: Location, dtype: int64	

```
In [23]: plt.pie(stolen_vehicles["Location"].value_counts(),labels = stolen_vehicles["Location"].value_counts().index,
plt.title("aaa",fontsize=15,y=1)
plt.show()
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In [24]: #replace ambiguous locations with the most relevant geographical areas for plotting
#Central: Auckland CBD, Southern: Queenstown(these two spots were pinned in Europe before)
sv_location=stolen_vehicles["Location"].value_counts()[::-1].to_frame('num')
sv_location['Location']=['Canterbury','Counties/Manukau','Auckland','Waikato','Waitemata','Auckland CBD','Wellington','Bay of Plenty','Northland','Eastern','Queenstown','Tasman']
sv_location.set_index("Location",drop=True,inplace=True)
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In [25]: from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim
geolocator = Nominatim(user_agent="mapitout")
data = geolocator.geocode('NZ')
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Out[25]: Location(New Zealand / Aotearoa, (-41.5000831, 172.8344077, 0.0))

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In [26]: import folium
from folium.features import DivIcon
map_of_sv = folium.Map(location=[-41.5000831, 172.8344077], zoom_start=13)
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for i in sv_location.index:
    data = geolocator.geocode(i+'NZ')
    folium.Marker(location=[data.point.latitude, data.point.longitude], popup=i,icon=folium.Icon(size=(150,36),
    icon_anchor=(7,20),
    html=F'<div style="font-size: 12pt; color : black">{sv_location.loc[i].num}</div>')
    map_of_sv.add_child(
    map_of_sv.fit_bounds([[-44.9552, 165], [-35, 180]]))
map_of_sv
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There are no clear patterns found in the crime distribution map above. It is worth noting that the Northland has a higher number of cases compared to the South Island due to the fact that 75% of New Zealand's population resides in the North Island. While Canterbury may appear to have an unusually high number of cases, this can be explained by the fact that it is the largest region in the country by area.

Epilogue: I have observed that many of data analysis reports do not rely heavily on advanced machine learning techniques, but rather use simple numerical and statistical analysis methods. Despite this, the conclusions drawn from the analysis often align with practical knowledge, making the report valuable. As such, I have found it rewarding to attempt to analyze data using more straightforward methods and new approaches, rather than relying solely on machine learning techniques.