

# Final Project Submission

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Aviation Safety Analysis: Importing relevant libraries To begin our analysis of aircraft risk factors: Importing relevant Python libraries is the first step.

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In [1]: # Your code here - remember to use markdown cells for comments as well!
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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In [2]: #Loading the data
df = pd.read_csv('data/Aviation_Data.csv', low_memory=False)
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In [3]: #Exploring how the data appears
df.head()
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Out[3]:
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	Event.Id	Investigation.Type	Accident.Number	Event.Date	Location	Cou
0	20001218X45444	Accident	SEA87LA080	1948-10-24	MOOSE CREEK, ID	U S
1	20001218X45447	Accident	LAX94LA336	1962-07-19	BRIDGEPORT, CA	U S
2	20061025X01555	Accident	NYC07LA005	1974-08-30	Saltville, VA	U S
3	20001218X45448	Accident	LAX96LA321	1977-06-19	EUREKA, CA	U S
4	20041105X01764	Accident	CHI79FA064	1979-08-02	Canton, OH	U S

5 rows × 31 columns



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In [4]: # Calculate the count of missing values per column,
# sort columns in descending order of missingness,
# and display the top 20 columns with most missing data
df.isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending=False).head(20)
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Out[4]: Schedule          77766
Air.carrier              73700
FAR.Description          58325
Aircraft.Category       58061
Longitude                55975
Latitude                 55966
Airport.Code             40216
Airport.Name             37644
Broad.phase.of.flight    28624
Publication.Date         16689
Total.Serious.Injuries   13969
Total.Minor.Injuries     13392
Total.Fatal.Injuries     12860
Engine.Type              8555
Report.Status            7843
Purpose.of.flight        7651
Number.ofEngines         7543
Total.Uninjured          7371
Weather.Condition        5951
Aircraft.damage          4653
dtype: int64
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In [5]: #To check all the columns in the dataset
print(list(df.columns))
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['Event.Id', 'Investigation.Type', 'Accident.Number', 'Event.Date', 'Location',
'Country', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Airport.Code', 'Airport.Name', 'Injury.Severity',
'Aircraft.damage', 'Aircraft.Category', 'Registration.Number', 'Make', 'Model',
'Amateur.Built', 'Number.ofEngines', 'Engine.Type', 'FAR.Description', 'Schedule',
'Purpose.of.flight', 'Air.carrier', 'Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries',
'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured', 'Weather.Condition', 'Broad.phase.of.flight',
'Report.Status', 'Publication.Date']
```

My reasoning was such that: Risk analysis using the dataset to decide what poses more of a risk to the business and what poses less of a risk to the business. That leads me to my next step which is selecting relevant columns from the dataset. Relevant columns include:

1. Make- Identifying the aircraft manufacturer allows comparison across other different brands
2. Model- Each model has different safety profiles
3. Injury.Severity- Direct indicator of accident seriousness
4. Aircraft.damage- Proxies cost and risk
5. Total.Fatal.Injuries- Quantifies the most severe outcome of cases in an incident
6. Total.Serious.Injuries- Adds granularity on injury impact
7. Total.Minor.Injuries- Completes the final image of the injury profile
8. Weather.Condition- External factors often correlates with accidents
9. Location- Helps identify regional or geographic risk trends
10. Number.ofEngines- Aircraft characteristic design
11. Engine.Type- Type of engine directly influences maintenance and reliability frequency
12. Broad.phase.of.flight- At what stage is an accident likely to happen
13. Report Status- Nature of the accident in general
14. Purpose.of.flight- To assess whether they should take the private or public airline approach

15. Event.Date- Assess when most accidents happen

16. Country- Are some countries prone to more accidents and why

17. Airport.Name- The maintenance of airports could be a direct factor to the accidents

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In [6]: #List of relevant columns to keep
relevant_columns=[ 'Location', 'Event.Date', 'Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage'
df_clean= df[relevant_columns]
df_clean=df_clean.dropna()
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In [7]: #To confirm my code worked
df_clean.head()
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Out[7]:
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	Location	Event.Date	Injury.Severity	Aircraft.damage	Airport.Name	Country
7	PULLMAN, WA	1982-01-01	Non-Fatal	Substantial	BLACKBURN AG STRIP	United States
8	EAST HANOVER, NJ	1982-01-01	Non-Fatal	Substantial	HANOVER	United States
9	JACKSONVILLE, FL	1982-01-01	Non-Fatal	Substantial	JACKSONVILLE INTL	United States
11	TUSKEGEE, AL	1982-01-01	Non-Fatal	Substantial	TUSKEGEE	United States
13	HEARNE, TX	1982-01-02	Fatal(1)	Destroyed	HEARNE MUNICIPAL	United States

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In [8]: #Print the columns I found relevant
print(list(df_clean.columns))
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['Location', 'Event.Date', 'Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage', 'Airport.Name', 'Country', 'Make', 'Model', 'Number.of.Engines', 'Engine.Type', 'Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries', 'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured', 'Weather.Condition', 'Broad.phase.of.flight', 'Report.Status', 'Purpose.of.flight']

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In [9]: #Checking the datatypes in each relevant column
df_clean.dtypes
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Out[9]: Location          object
Event.Date             object
Injury.Severity        object
Aircraft.damage        object
Airport.Name           object
Country                object
Make                   object
Model                  object
Number.of.Engines      float64
Engine.Type            object
Total.Fatal.Injuries   float64
Total.Serious.Injuries float64
Total.Minor.Injuries   float64
Total.Uninjured        float64
Weather.Condition      object
Broad.phase.of.flight  object
Report.Status          object
Purpose.of.flight      object
dtype: object
```

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In [10]: #Converting the floats to object for uniformity in the data
# List of float64 columns to convert
float_columns = ['Number.of.Engines', 'Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Inj
               'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured']

# Convert them to object (string) type
df_clean[float_columns] = df_clean[float_columns].astype(str)

# Verify the changes
df_clean.dtypes
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```
Out[10]: Location          object
Event.Date             object
Injury.Severity        object
Aircraft.damage        object
Airport.Name           object
Country                object
Make                   object
Model                  object
Number.of.Engines      object
Engine.Type            object
Total.Fatal.Injuries   object
Total.Serious.Injuries object
Total.Minor.Injuries   object
Total.Uninjured        object
Weather.Condition      object
Broad.phase.of.flight  object
Report.Status          object
Purpose.of.flight      object
dtype: object
```

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In [11]: # Define the columns to check for missing values
columns_to_check = [ 'Location', 'Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage', 'Make',

# Calculate missing values and sort in descending order
missing_df = df[columns_to_check].isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending=False)

# Filter to only show columns with missing values and calculate percentages
missing_df = missing_df[missing_df > 0]
missing_percentage = (missing_df / len(df)) * 100
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# Create a summary DataFrame
missing_summary = pd.DataFrame({
    'Missing Count': missing_df,
    'Missing %': missing_percentage.round(2)
})

# results
missing_summary
```

Out[11]:

	Missing Count	Missing %
<b>Broad.phase.of.flight</b>	28624	31.68
<b>Total.Serious.Injuries</b>	13969	15.46
<b>Total.Minor.Injuries</b>	13392	14.82
<b>Total.Fatal.Injuries</b>	12860	14.23
<b>Engine.Type</b>	8555	9.47
<b>Number.of.Engines</b>	7543	8.35
<b>Total.Uninjured</b>	7371	8.16
<b>Weather.Condition</b>	5951	6.59
<b>Aircraft.damage</b>	4653	5.15
<b>Injury.Severity</b>	2459	2.72
<b>Model</b>	1551	1.72
<b>Make</b>	1522	1.68
<b>Location</b>	1511	1.67

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In [12]: #Filling the missing values in the columns
categorical_cols=['Location', 'Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage', 'Make', 'Mo
df_clean[categorical_cols]=df_clean[categorical_cols].fillna('Unknown')
injury_cols=['Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries',
             'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured']
df_clean[injury_cols]=df_clean[injury_cols].fillna(0)
df_clean['Number.of.Engines']=df_clean['Number.of.Engines'].fillna(0)
df_clean['Airport.Name']=df_clean['Airport.Name'].fillna('Unknown')
df_clean['Event.Date']=df_clean['Event.Date'].fillna('Unknown')
df_clean['Location']=df_clean['Location'].fillna('Unknown')
df_clean['Country']=df_clean['Country'].fillna('Unknown')
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In [13]: #To confirm there are no missing values
df_clean.isnull().sum()
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Out[13]: Location          0
Event.Date              0
Injury.Severity        0
Aircraft.damage        0
Airport.Name           0
Country                0
Make                   0
Model                  0
Number.of.Engines      0
Engine.Type            0
Total.Fatal.Injuries   0
Total.Serious.Injuries 0
Total.Minor.Injuries   0
Total.Uninjured        0
Weather.Condition      0
Broad.phase.of.flight  0
Report.Status          0
Purpose.of.flight      0
dtype: int64
```

Moving on with a dataset with no missing values!!Hooray!!

DATA VISUALISATION BEGINS My approach to whether this is a safe investment to the business was to assess risks and approach it from the angle of low risks

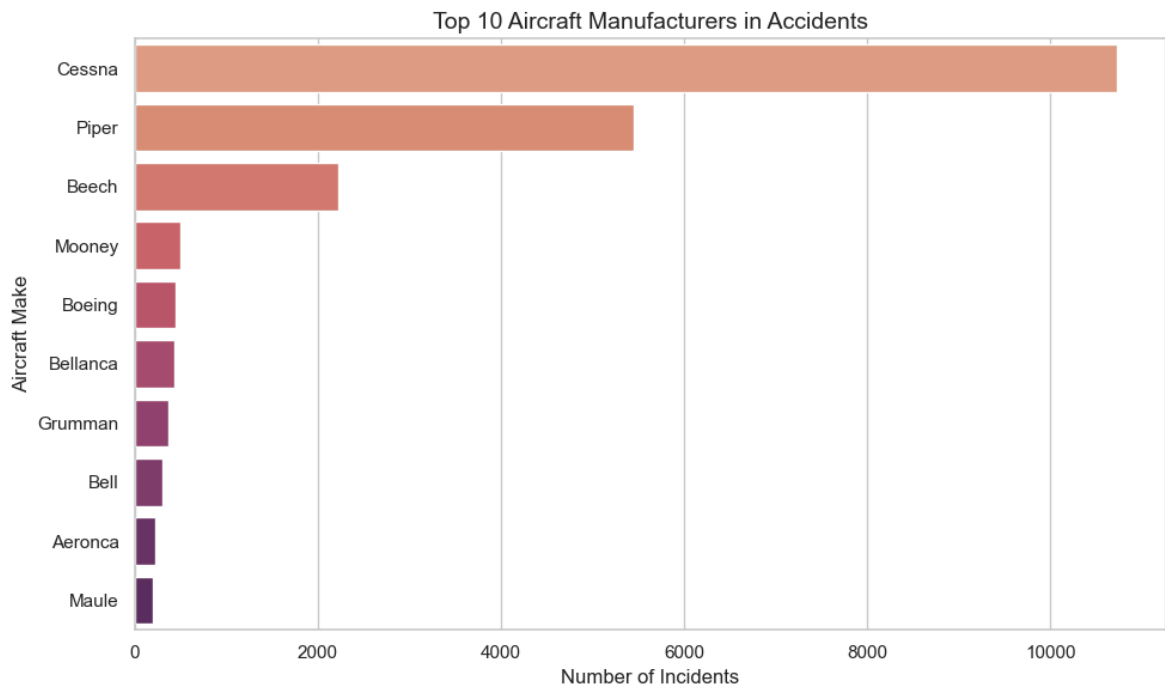
1. Comparison between the Airplane Make and Number of Incidents in a barplot
2. Comparison between the engine type versus phase of flight
3. Number of accidents according to the phase of flight in respect to the location
4. Aircraft Make versus the weather to investigate the frequency of accidents

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In [14]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
# Set style and figure size
sns.set(style='whitegrid')
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

# Get top 10 aircraft manufacturers
top_makes = df_clean['Make'].value_counts().nlargest(10)

# Create bar plot (use 'hue' to avoid FutureWarning)
sns.barplot(
    x=top_makes.values,
    y=top_makes.index,
    palette='flare', # Corrected palette name (options: 'viridis', 'rocket', 'm
    hue=top_makes.index, # Assign 'hue' to avoid warning
    legend=False # Hide legend since it's redundant
)

# Add titles and labels
plt.title('Top 10 Aircraft Manufacturers in Accidents', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel('Number of Incidents', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Aircraft Make', fontsize=12)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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### 1. Ranking by Incidents:

- Cessna leads the list with the highest number of incidents (likely close to 10,000 based on the axis).
- Piper follows as the second most accident-prone manufacturer, with significantly fewer incidents than Cessna but still notably high.
- The remaining manufacturers (Beech, Mooney, Boeing, etc.) show progressively fewer incidents, with Maule at the bottom of the top 10.

### 2. Possible Explanations:

- Higher Usage: Cessna and Piper are widely used in training and private flights, leading to more opportunities for accidents.
- Pilot Experience: General aviation may involve less experienced pilots compared to commercial aviation.
- Data Scope: The dataset might exclude non-fatal incidents for larger manufacturers (e.g., Boeing), skewing the representation. The plot highlights Cessna and Piper as the most accident-prone manufacturers, likely due to their prevalence in general aviation.

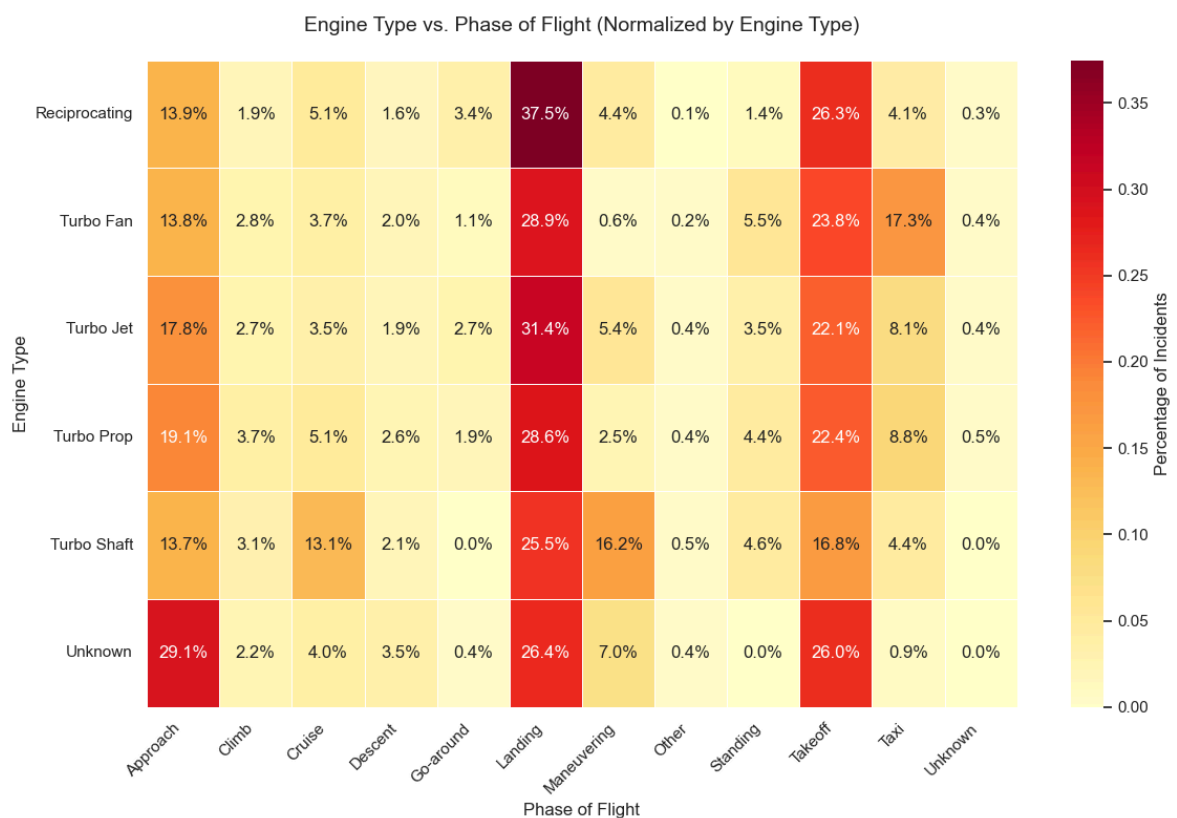
```
In [15]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
# Set style and figure size
sns.set(style="whitegrid")
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))

# Create cross-tabulation
engine_phase = pd.crosstab(
    df_clean['Engine.Type'],
    df_clean['Broad.phase.of.flight'],
    normalize='index' # Show percentages by engine type (remove for raw counts)
)

# Plot heatmap
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sns.heatmap(
    engine_phase,
    annot=True,
    fmt=".1%", # Format as percentage (use "d" for raw counts)
    cmap="YlOrRd",
    linewidths=0.5,
    cbar_kws={'label': 'Percentage of Incidents'}
)

# Customize Labels
plt.title("Engine Type vs. Phase of Flight (Normalized by Engine Type)", pad=20,
plt.xlabel("Phase of Flight", fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel("Engine Type", fontsize=12)
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.yticks(rotation=0)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## Overview

The heat map (or table) displays the normalized distribution of incidents across different phases of flight, categorized by engine type. Each row represents an engine type, and each column represents a flight phase (e.g., Approach, Climb, Cruise, etc.). The percentages indicate the proportion of incidents occurring in each phase for a given engine type. Most Critical Phases of Flight

- Landing (Highest Risk):
  - Reciprocating (37.5%), Turbo Jet (31.4%), Turbo Prop (28.6%), and Turbo Fan (28.9%) all show a high concentration of incidents during landing.
  - Turbo Shaft (25.5%) has slightly fewer landing incidents, likely because helicopters (which often use turbo-shaft engines) have different operational risks.



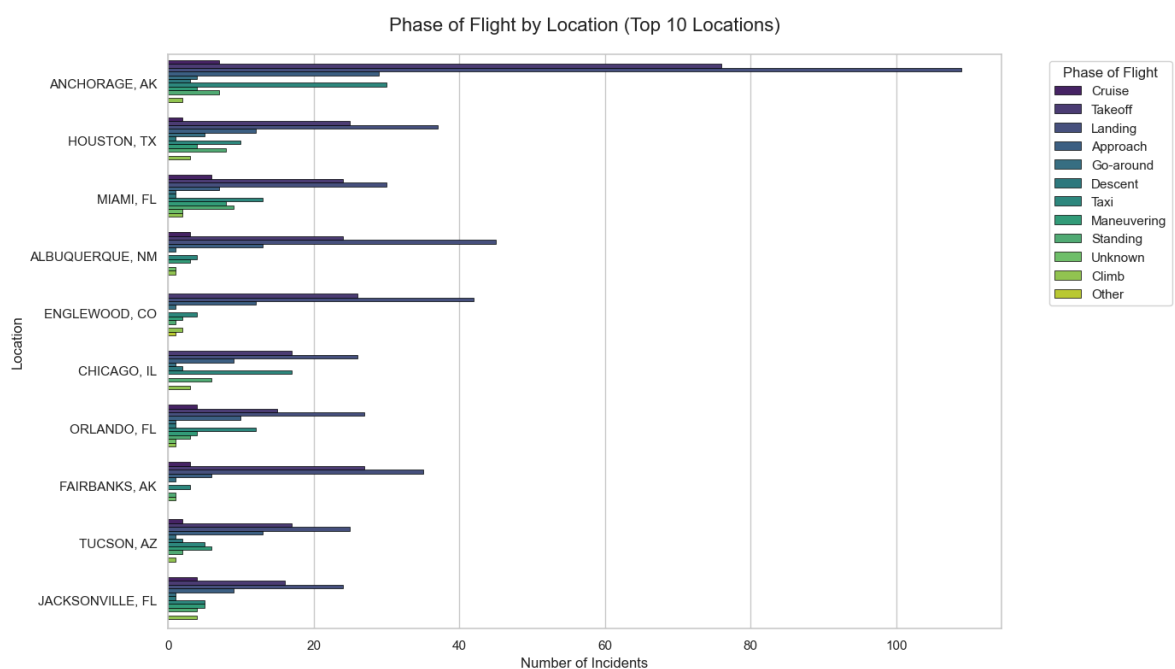
- Taxi (Second Highest Risk):
  - Reciprocating (26.3%), Turbo Fan (23.8%), Turbo Jet (22.1%), and Turbo Prop (22.4%) show significant incidents during taxiing.
  - Turbo Shaft (16.8%) is again lower, possibly due to helicopters spending less time taxiing. Turbo Prop (19.1%) and Turbo Jet (17.8%) have notably higher approach-phase incidents compared to others.

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In [16]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
# Set style
sns.set(style="whitegrid")
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))

# Filter for most common locations (top 10)
top_locations = df_clean['Location'].value_counts().nlargest(10).index
df_filtered = df_clean[df_clean['Location'].isin(top_locations)]

# Create count plot
sns.countplot(
    data=df_filtered,
    y='Location',
    hue='Broad.phase.of.flight',
    palette='viridis',
    order=top_locations, # Sort by most common locations
    edgecolor='black',
    linewidth=0.5
)

# Customize plot
plt.title('Phase of Flight by Location (Top 10 Locations)', fontsize=16, pad=20)
plt.xlabel('Number of Incidents', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Location', fontsize=12)
plt.legend(title='Phase of Flight', bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## Overview

The plot displays the number of aviation incidents (y-axis) occurring in the top 10 U.S. locations (x-axis), likely segmented by phase of flight (e.g., takeoff, landing, cruise). The data appears to be sourced from incident reports (e.g., FAA/NTSB).

## Key Observations

- Locations:
  - Anchorage, AK leads with the highest number of incidents (bar extends furthest to the right, likely near 100).
  - Other high-risk locations include \*Houston, TX, Miami, FL, and Albuquerque, NM.
  - Smaller bars for Englewood, CO, Chicago, IL, etc., suggest fewer incidents.
- Phase of Flight:
  - The plot implies (but does not explicitly show) that incidents are categorized by flight phase (e.g., takeoff, landing).
  - Hypothesis: Anchorage's extreme weather (e.g., icy runways, low visibility) may contribute to higher incidents during landing/takeoff. -Further Insight -In as much as some factors are in play to cause the accidents. Staff training is also a factor that shouldn't be ignored, i.e. the training of pilots should be looked into and a dive into their backgrounds when employed should provide more insight on their skillset.

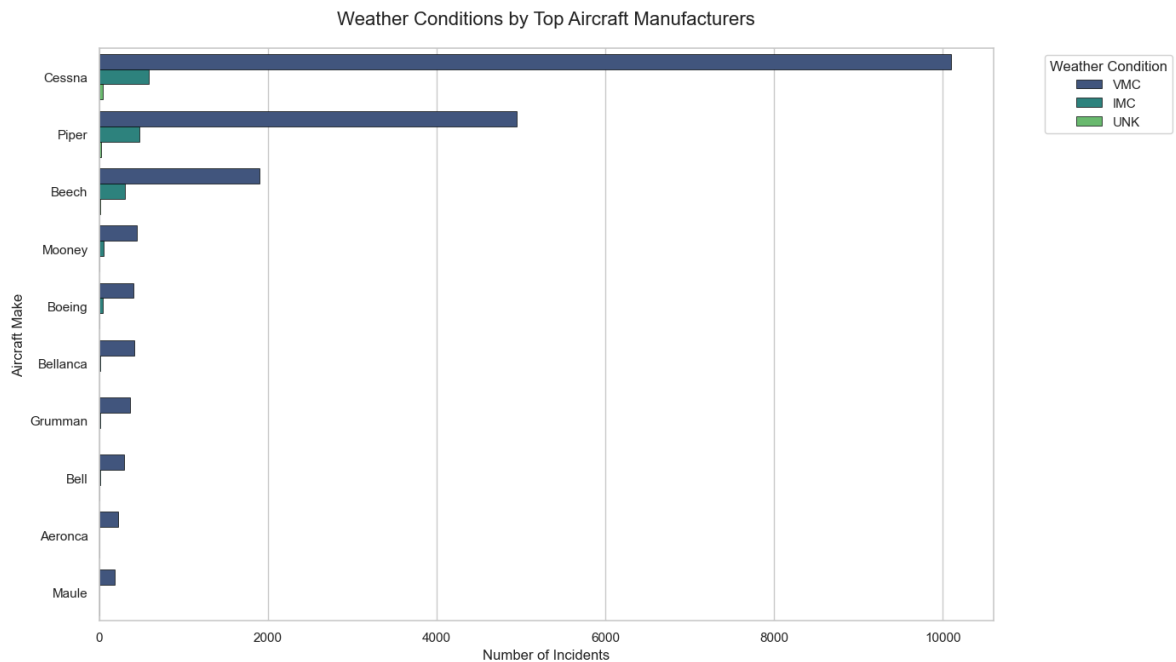
```
In [17]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
# Set style
sns.set(style="whitegrid")
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))

# Filter top 10 aircraft makes
top_makes = df_clean['Make'].value_counts().nlargest(10).index
df_filtered = df_clean[df_clean['Make'].isin(top_makes)]

# Create a count plot (bar plot)
sns.countplot(
    data=df_filtered,
    y='Make',
    hue='Weather.Condition',
    palette='viridis', # Color scheme (try 'mako', 'rocket', or 'flare')
    order=top_makes, # Sort by top makes
    edgecolor='black',
    linewidth=0.5
)

# Customize the plot
plt.title('Weather Conditions by Top Aircraft Manufacturers', fontsize=16, pad=2)
plt.xlabel('Number of Incidents', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Aircraft Make', fontsize=12)
plt.legend(title='Weather Condition', bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left')
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plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## Key Observations

### Manufacturer Incident Trends

- Cessna dominates with the highest incidents (~10,000), consistent with its prevalence in general aviation.
- Piper and Beech follow, reflecting their widespread use in small aircraft operations.
- Boeing (commercial jets) has fewer incidents, possibly due to stricter safety protocols or lower fleet numbers in the dataset.

### Weather Correlation

- The title suggests weather is a factor, but not a direct factor to the crashes.
- Hypothesis: Smaller aircraft (Cessna/Piper) are more vulnerable to weather-related incidents due to lighter frames and fewer advanced navigation systems. Potential Insights
- General Aviation Risks: High incidents for Cessna/Piper imply weather awareness is critical for small aircraft pilots.
- Commercial Aviation: Boeing's lower incidents may reflect better weather mitigation tech (e.g., de-icing systems).
- Outliers: Mooney and Maule (fewer incidents) might operate in less hazardous climates or have robust designs.