

Data Science Assignment - Ishaan Vasant

NYC DOB Permit Issuance - Exploratory Data Analysis

Importing Dependencies

```
In [2]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import datetime
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
from IPython.display import display
```

Changing Directory

```
In [3]: cd
/Users/ishaan
```

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In [4]: cd Downloads
/Users/ishaan/Downloads
```

Reading and Displaying NYC DOB Permit Issuance Dataset

```
In [5]: df = pd.read_csv('DOB_Permit_Issuance.csv')
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In [284]: # pd.options.display.max_columns = None
# display(df)
```

Data Insights

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In [7]: df.shape
```

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Out[7]: (3508249, 60)
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In [285]: # df.info()
```

- Data has over 3.5 million entries and 60 features
- Data types vary from int and float to a range of objects

Data Visualization

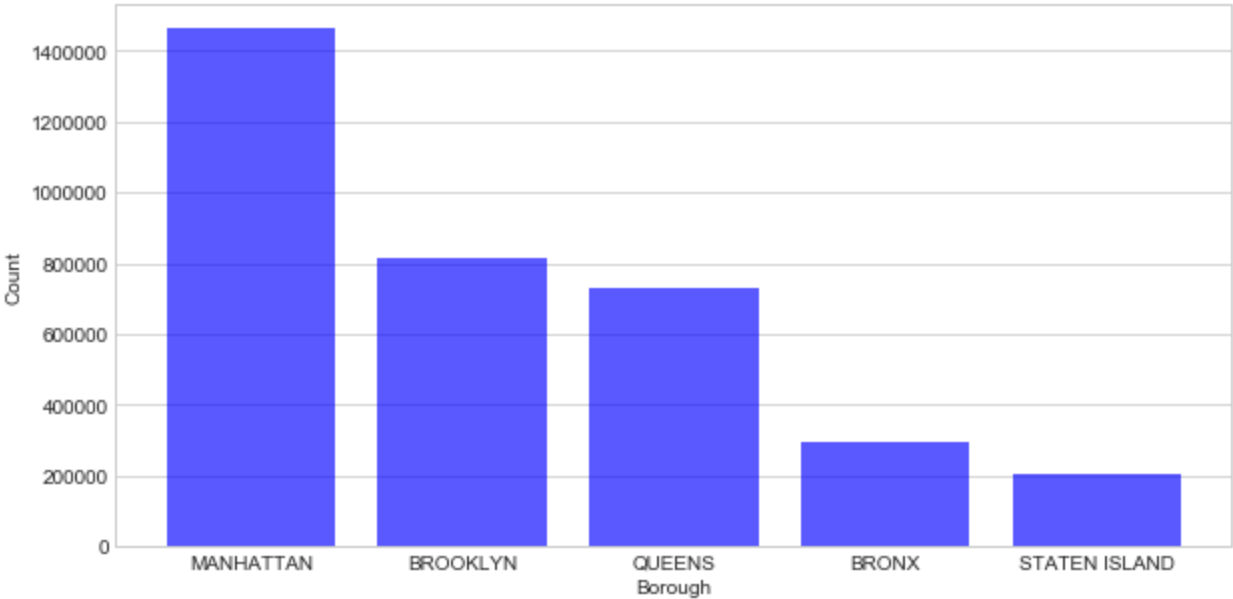
Boroughs

```
In [24]: df['BOROUGH'].value_counts()
```

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Out[24]: MANHATTAN      1462213
          BROOKLYN      813934
          QUEENS        731242
          BRONX         296495
          STATEN ISLAND  204365
          Name: BOROUGH, dtype: int64
```

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In [87]: values = df['BOROUGH'].value_counts().keys().tolist()
          counts = df['BOROUGH'].value_counts().tolist()
          plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
          plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)
          plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)
          plt.xlabel('Borough')
          plt.ylabel('Count')
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Out[87]: Text(0,0.5,'Count')
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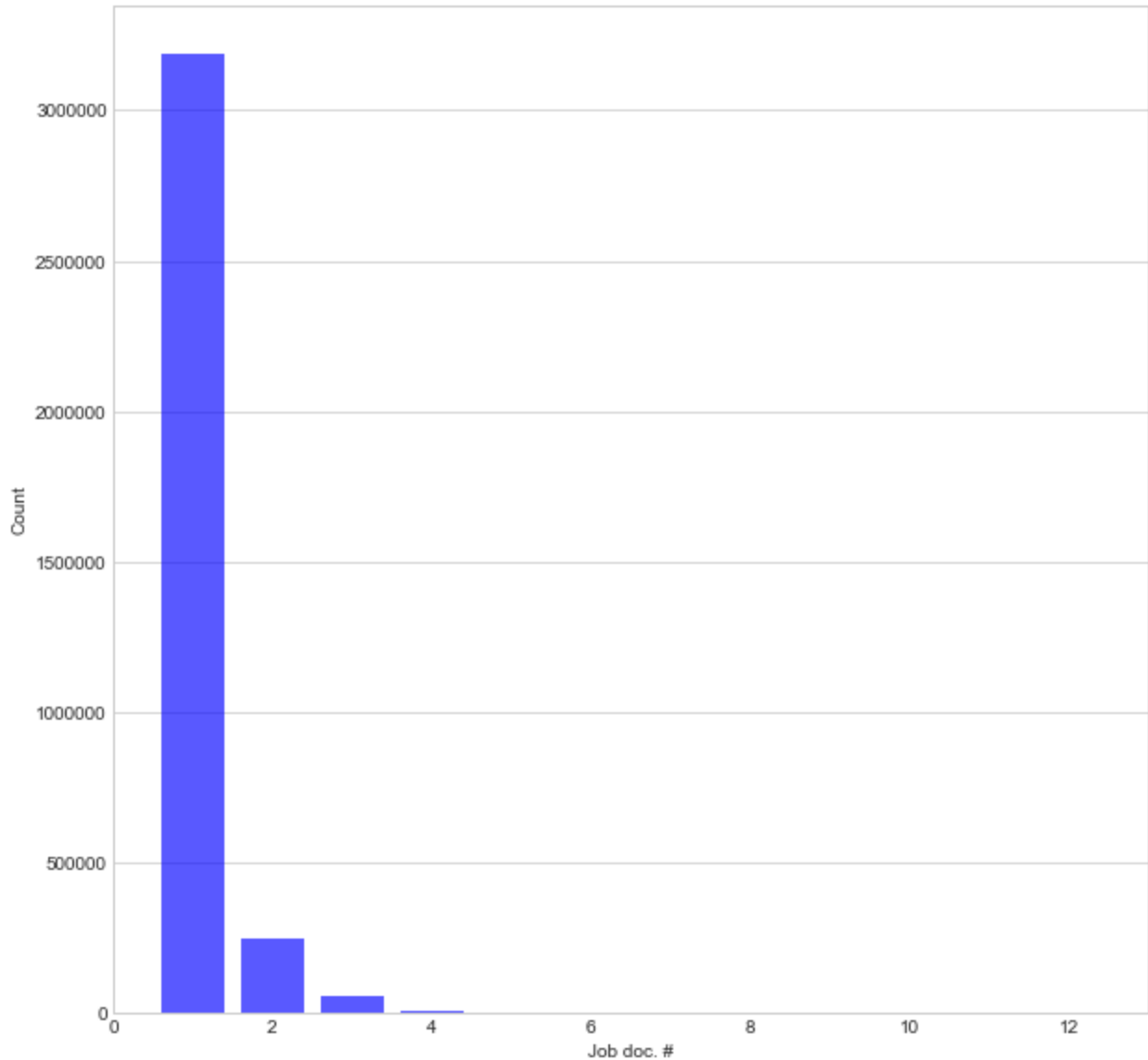
- Most of the construction permits apply to the borough of Manhattan with Staten Island gathering the least

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In [15]: df['Job doc. #'].value_counts()
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Out[15]: 1      3189810
          2      249293
          3       55988
          4        9471
          5       2499
          6        736
          7        298
          8       106
          9        39
         10         5
         12         2
         11         2
Name: Job doc. #, dtype: int64
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In [83]: values = df['Job doc. #'].value_counts().keys().tolist()
counts = df['Job doc. #'].value_counts().tolist()
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)
plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)
plt.xlabel('Job doc. #')
plt.ylabel('Count')
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Out[83]: Text(0,0.5, 'Count')



• Only Job Doc. # 1, 2 and 3 are significant with 1 gathering over 3 million permits

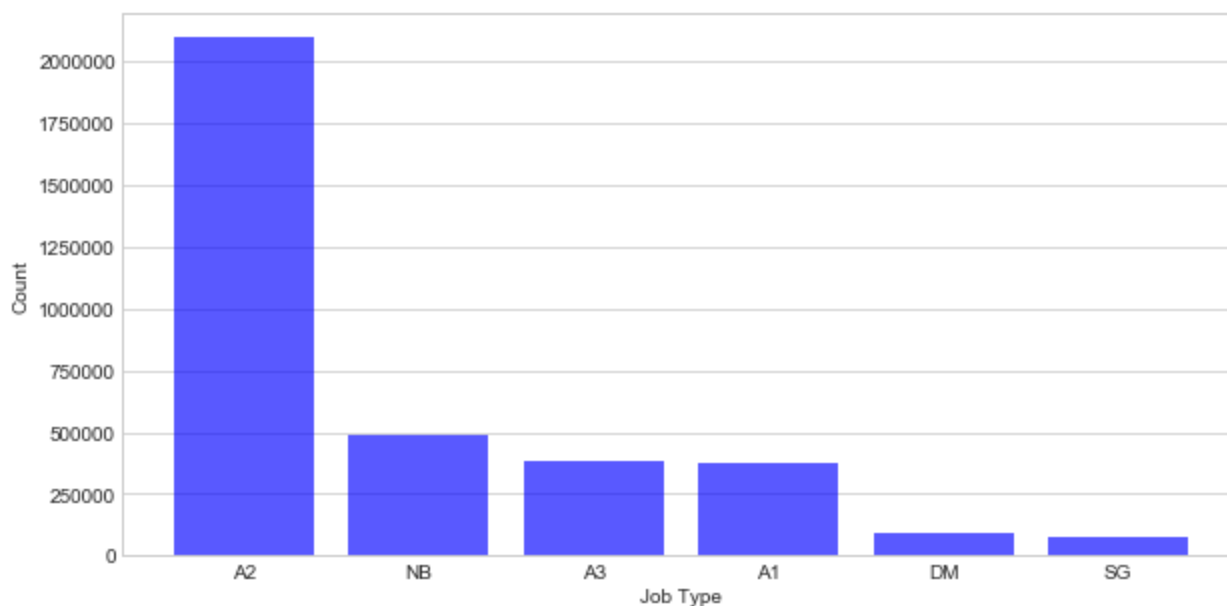
Job Type

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In [33]: df['Job Type'].value_counts()
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Out[33]: A2      2094465
         NB      491768
         A3      384782
         A1      371457
         DM       90049
         SG       75728
         Name: Job Type, dtype: int64
```

```
In [94]: values = df['Job Type'].value_counts().keys().tolist()
         counts = df['Job Type'].value_counts().tolist()
         plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
         plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)
         plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)
         plt.xlabel('Job Type')
         plt.ylabel('Count')
```

```
Out[94]: Text(0,0.5,'Count')
```



Data from the DOB Job Application Filings dataset was collected and it revealed what the above acronyms stand for: -

- A1 = Alteration Type I, A major alteration that will change the use, egress, or occupancy of the building.
- A2 = Alteration Type II, An application with multiple types of work that do not affect the use, egress, or occupancy of the building.
- A3 = Alteration Type III, One type of minor work that doesn't affect the use, egress, or occupancy of the building.
- NB = New Building, An application to build a new structure. “NB” cannot be selected if any existing building elements are to remain—for example a part of an old foundation, a portion of a façade that will be incorporated into the construction, etc.
- DM = Demolition, An application to fully or partially demolish an existing building.
- **It is seen that most permits were given to the A2 Job Type**

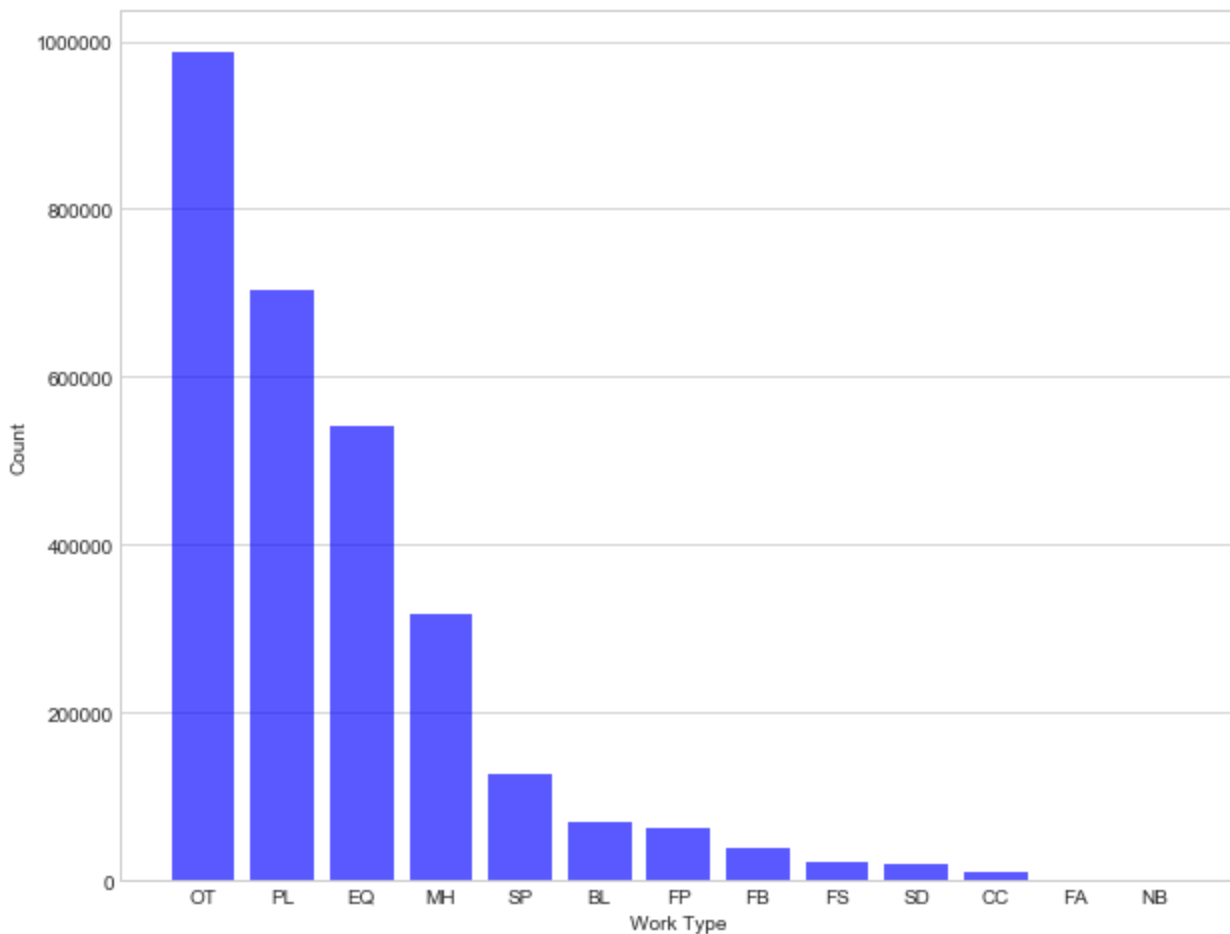
Work Type

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In [34]: df['Work Type'].value_counts()
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Out[34]: OT      986608
        PL      704541
        EQ      541170
        MH      317608
        SP      125786
        BL       68916
        FP       62084
        FB       38900
        FS       22558
        SD       18775
        CC       11341
        FA        244
        NB         1
        Name: Work Type, dtype: int64
```

```
In [95]: values = df['Work Type'].value_counts().keys().tolist()
        counts = df['Work Type'].value_counts().tolist()
        plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
        plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)
        plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)
        plt.xlabel('Work Type')
        plt.ylabel('Count')
```

```
Out[95]: Text(0,0.5,'Count')
```



Data from the NYC buildings website was collected and it revealed what the above acronyms stand for: -

- BL: Boiler
- CC: Curb Cut
- CH: Chute
- DM: Demolition and Removal
- EQ: Construction Equipment
- EW: Equipment Work
- FA: Fire Alarm
- FB: Fuel Burning
- FN: Fence
- FP: Fire Suppression
- FS: Fuel Storage
- MH: Mechanical/HVAC
- OT: Other
- PL: Plumbing
- SD: Standpipe
- SF: Scaffold
- SG: Sign
- SP: Sprinkler

• It is seen that most permits were given to the 'Other' category of work types and the second most were given to Plumbing work

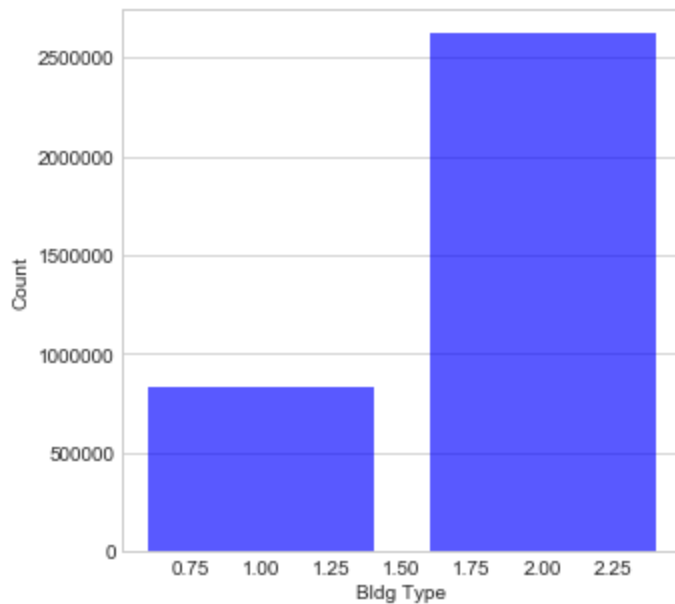
Building Type

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In [58]: df['Bldg Type'].value_counts()

Out[58]: 2.0      2619873
         1.0      833899
         Name: Bldg Type, dtype: int64
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In [96]: values = df['Bldg Type'].value_counts().keys().tolist()
counts = df['Bldg Type'].value_counts().tolist()
plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)
plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)
plt.xlabel('Bldg Type')
plt.ylabel('Count')
```

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Out[96]: Text(0,0.5,'Count')
```



• 2.6 million permits were given for 2-person occupancy type buildings and less than a million permits were given to single-person occupancy type buildings

Permit Type

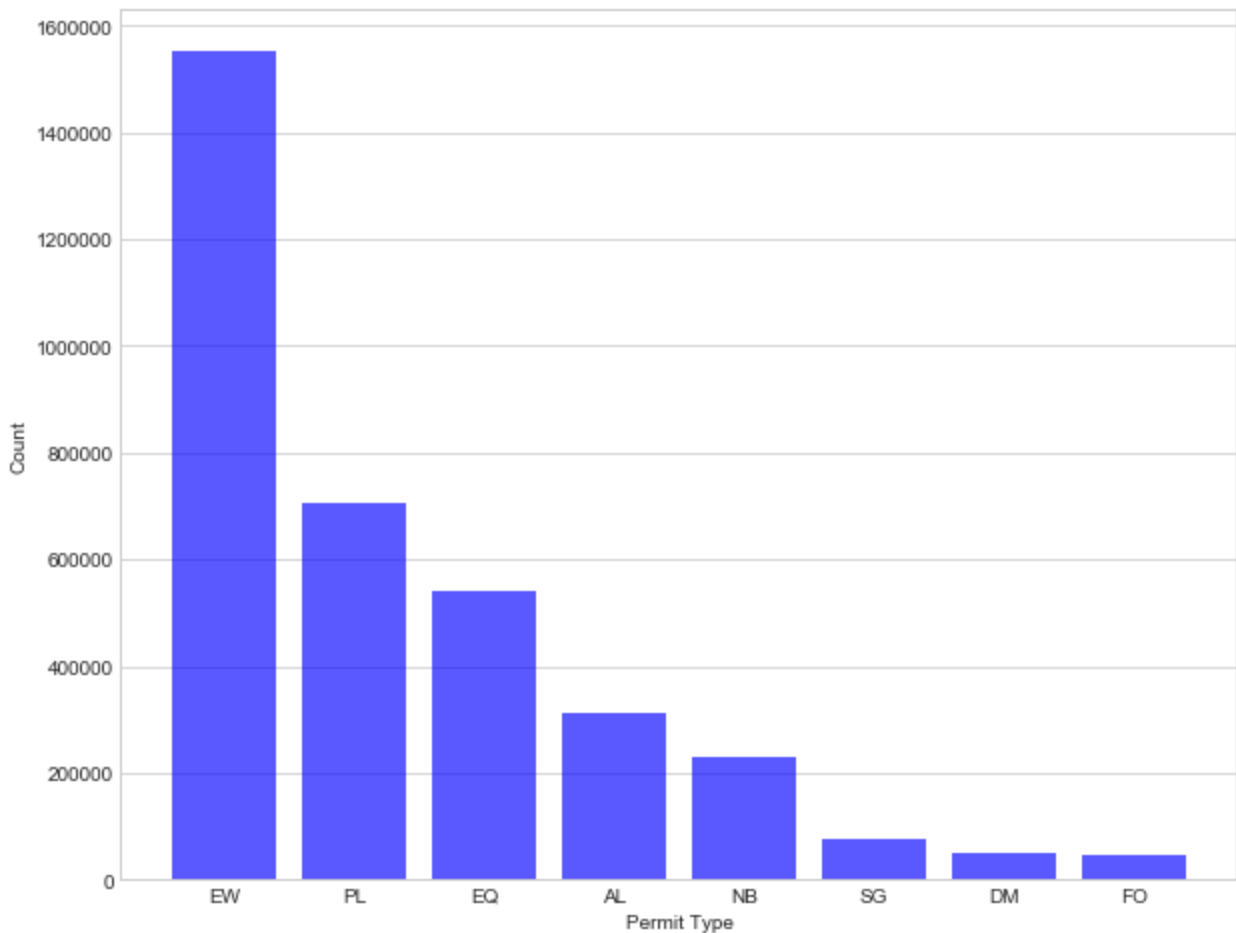
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In [63]: df['Permit Type'].value_counts()
```

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Out[63]: EW      1551850
         PL       704540
         EQ       541170
         AL       312159
         NB       227844
         SG        75708
         DM        50386
         FO        44591
         Name: Permit Type, dtype: int64
```



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In [97]: values = df['Permit Type'].value_counts().keys().tolist()
counts = df['Permit Type'].value_counts().tolist()
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)
plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)
plt.xlabel('Permit Type')
plt.ylabel('Count')
```

```
Out[97]: Text(0,0.5,'Count')
```



Data from the NYC buildings website was collected and it revealed what the above acronyms stand for: -

- AL: Architectural
- EW: Equipment Work
- EQ: Construction Equipment
- FO: Foundation
- NB: New Building
- PL: Plumbing
- SG: Sign
- DM: Demolition and Removal

• It is seen that most permits types were of the Equipment work category and the second most were of the Plumbing category

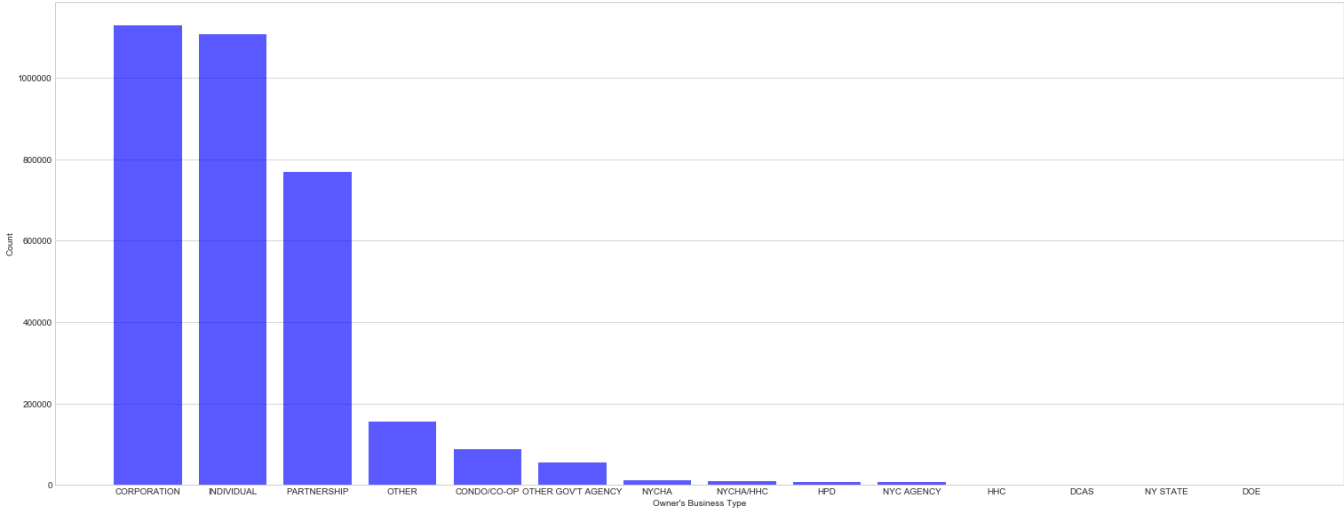
Owner's Business Type

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In [36]: df["Owner's Business Type"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[36]: CORPORATION      1130020
INDIVIDUAL      1106781
PARTNERSHIP      769321
OTHER      155929
CONDO/CO-OP      87028
OTHER GOV'T AGENCY      55623
NYCHA      11523
NYCHA/HHC      9118
HPD      6865
NYC AGENCY      6849
HHC      1277
DCAS      1199
NY STATE      1178
DOE      950
Name: Owner's Business Type, dtype: int64
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In [103]: values = df["Owner's Business Type"].value_counts().keys().tolist()
counts = df["Owner's Business Type"].value_counts().tolist()
plt.figure(figsize=(26,10))
plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)
plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)
plt.xlabel("Owner's Business Type")
plt.ylabel('Count')
```

Out[103]: Text(0,0.5,'Count')



• Around 1.1 million permits were for buildings whose owner's business type was either 'Individual' or 'Corporation' with 'Partnership' gaining close to 800,000 permits

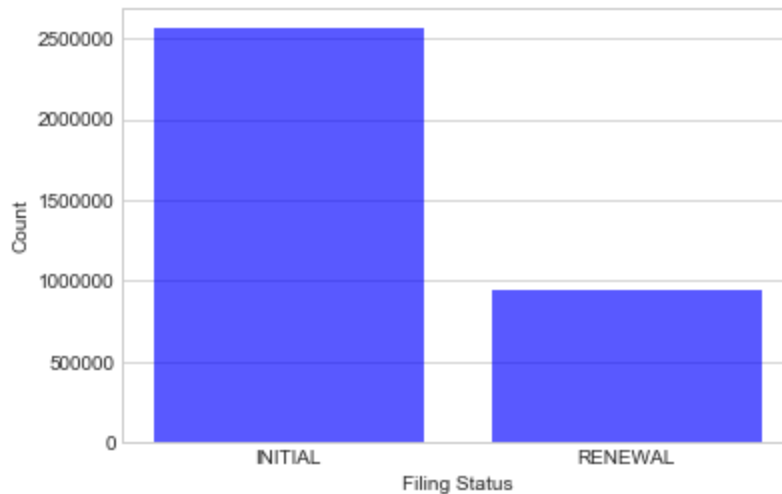
Filing Status

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In [46]: df['Filing Status'].value_counts()
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Out[46]: INITIAL      2559794  
RENEWAL      948455  
Name: Filing Status, dtype: int64
```

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In [104]: values = df['Filing Status'].value_counts().keys().tolist()  
counts = df['Filing Status'].value_counts().tolist()  
plt.bar(values,counts,color='b',alpha=0.65)  
plt.grid(axis='x', alpha=0)  
plt.xlabel('Filing Status')  
plt.ylabel('Count')
```

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Out[104]: Text(0,0.5,'Count')
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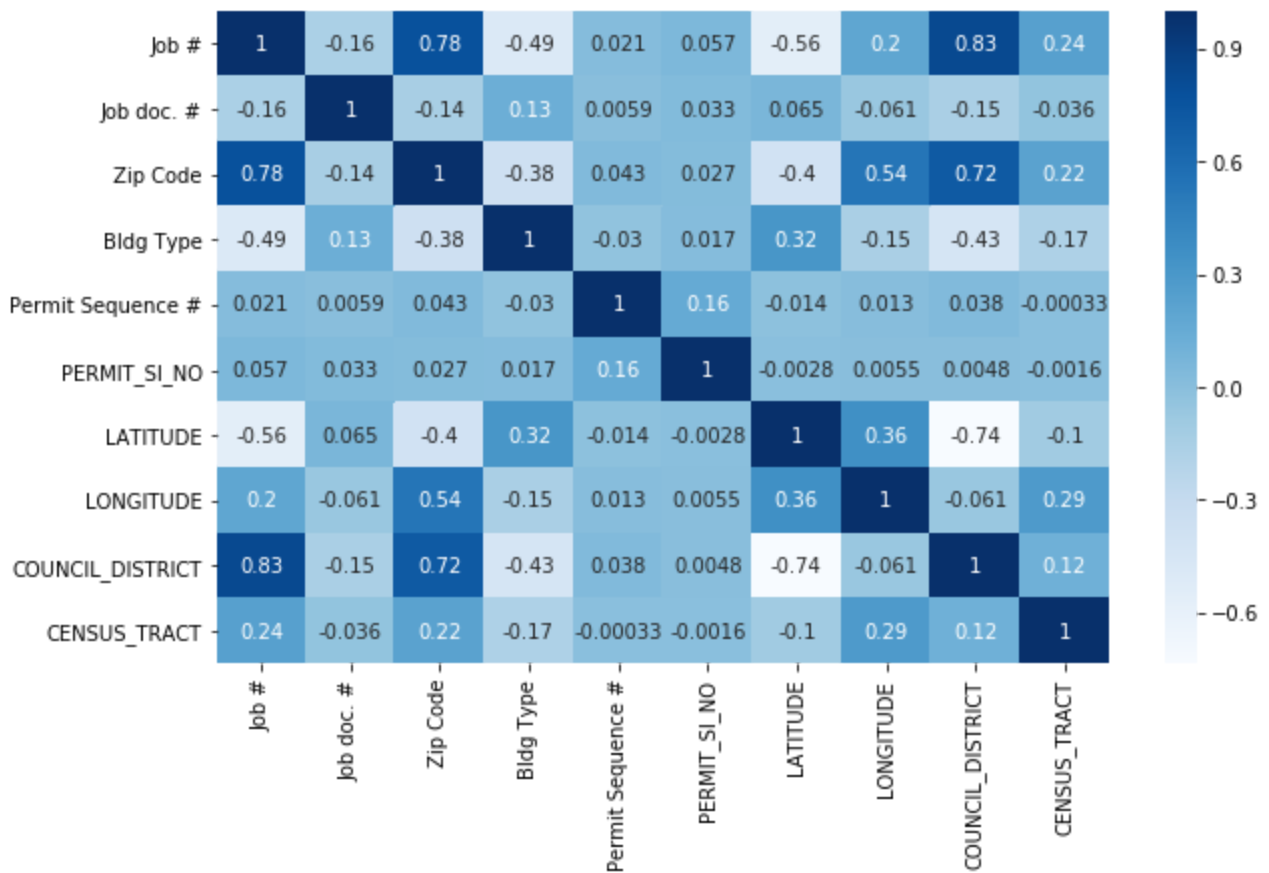


- Over 2.5 million permits were Initial permits and just under 1 million permits were renewals

Correlation

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In [51]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.heatmap(df.corr(),cmap='Blues',annot=True)
```

```
Out[51]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1a23072b70>
```



• The first digit of the Job Numbers are assigned based on which borough it represents: -

- 1 = Manhattan
- 2 = Bronx
- 3 = Brooklyn
- 4 = Queens
- 5 = Staten Island

Therefore, it makes perfect sense that the correlation heatmap shows a positive correlation between the Job # and geographical features such as Zip Code and Council_District (council district for the building's address, geocoded based on address)

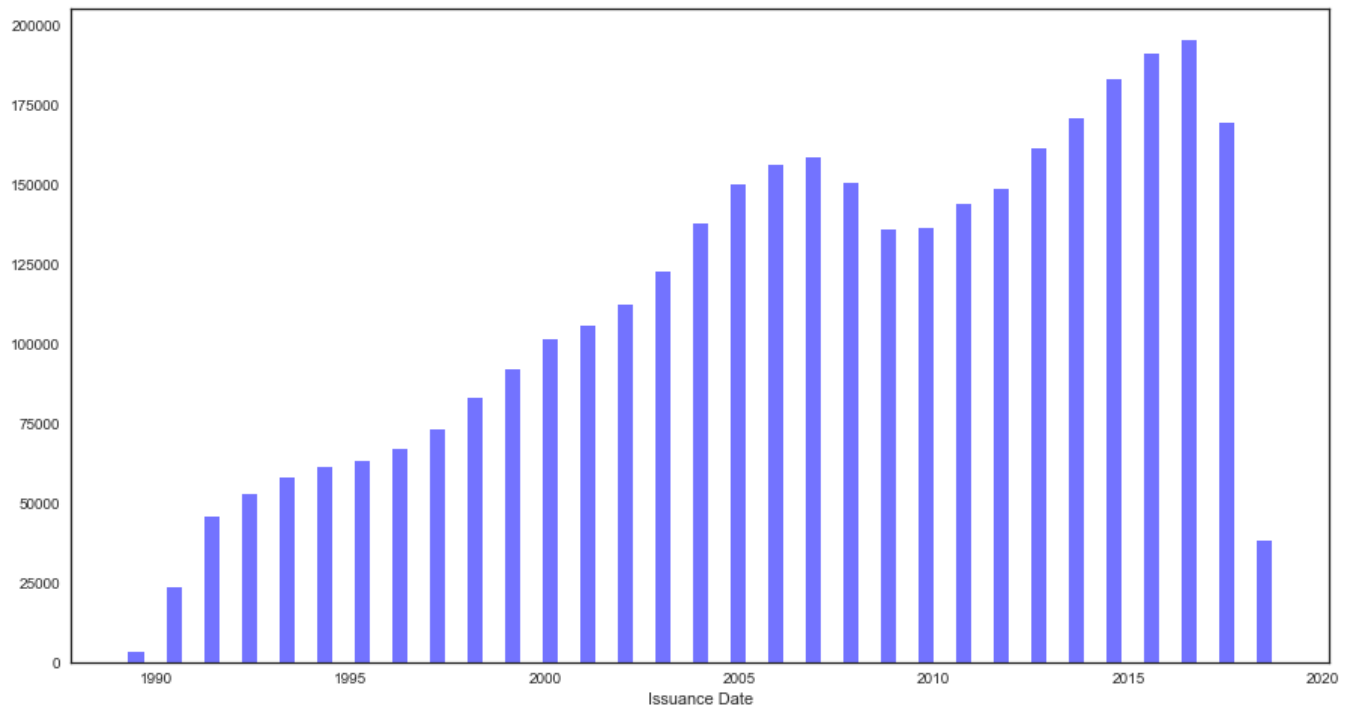
Issuance Date

The number of permit issuances for each year from 1989 to 2019 (until March) were computed and plotted below

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In [49]: df1=df['Issuance Date']
df2=df1[df1.notnull()]
df3=pd.DatetimeIndex(df2).year
```

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In [179]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
sns.set(style="white")
sns.distplot(df3,bins=31,kde=False,hist_kws={"histtype": "bar", "rwidth": 0.4,"alpha": 0.55, "color": "b"})
```

Out[179]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1a47d25400>



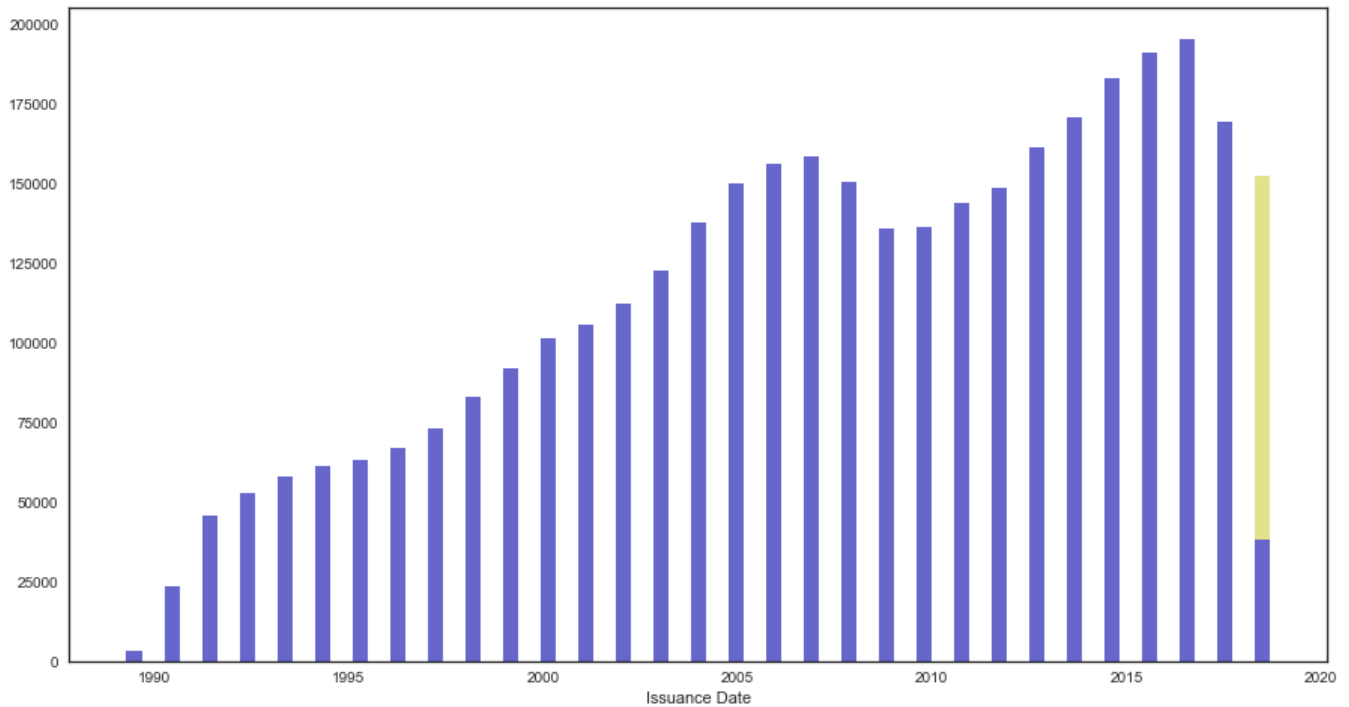
• It is seen that the number of construction permits issued have been increasing steadily over the past 30 years. 2008 and 2009 saw a decrease in the number of construction permits issued and that could be a side effect of The Great Recession - the financial crisis that hit the world economy in 2008.

• The number of issuances for the year 2019 was projected below based on the current rate :-

```
In [144]: a=38070*3
b=np.arange(1,a)
c=(b*2019)/b
df4=df3.values
df5=np.append(df4,c)
```

```
In [182]: sns.set(style="white")
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,8))
sns.distplot(df5,bins=31,ax=ax,kde=False,hist_kws={"histtype": "bar", "rwidth":
0.4,"alpha": 0.45, "color": "y"})
sns.distplot(df3,bins=31,ax=ax,kde=False,hist_kws={"histtype": "bar", "rwidth":
0.4,"alpha": 0.55, "color": "b"})
```

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Out[182]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1a4b693828>
```



• It is seen that the decline seen in 2008 and 2009 seems to be repeating itself, thus drawing the possible conclusion that we may be heading into another era of financial crisis.

• The NYChist dataset was observed which provides the number of people employed (annually) in various industries from the year 1990 to the year 2018. The data about the employees from the "Construction of Buildings" category were extracted and the trend was plotted.

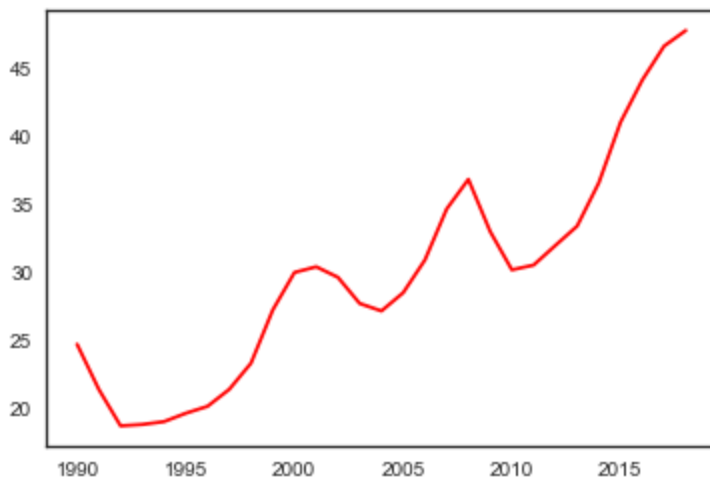
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In [286]: df6 = pd.read_excel('NYChist.xls')
# df6
```

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In [287]: # df6.info()
```

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In [288]: df7=df6[df6['INDUSTRY_TITLE']=='Construction of Buildings']
# df7
```

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In [224]: plt.plot(df7['YEAR'],df7['ANNUAL'],color='r')
```

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Out[224]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1a53b4c2b0>]
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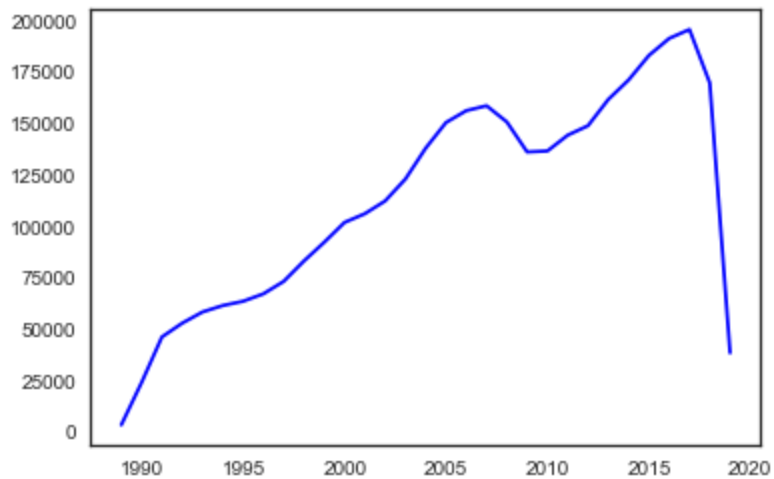


```
In [237]: values = df3.value_counts().keys().tolist()  
counts = df3.value_counts().tolist()
```

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In [275]: v=np.array(values)  
c=np.array(counts)  
df8=np.column_stack((v,c))  
  
df9=sorted(df8,key=lambda x: x[0])  
val, count = zip(*df9)
```

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In [276]: plt.plot(val,count,color='b')
```

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Out[276]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1a5539f3c8>]
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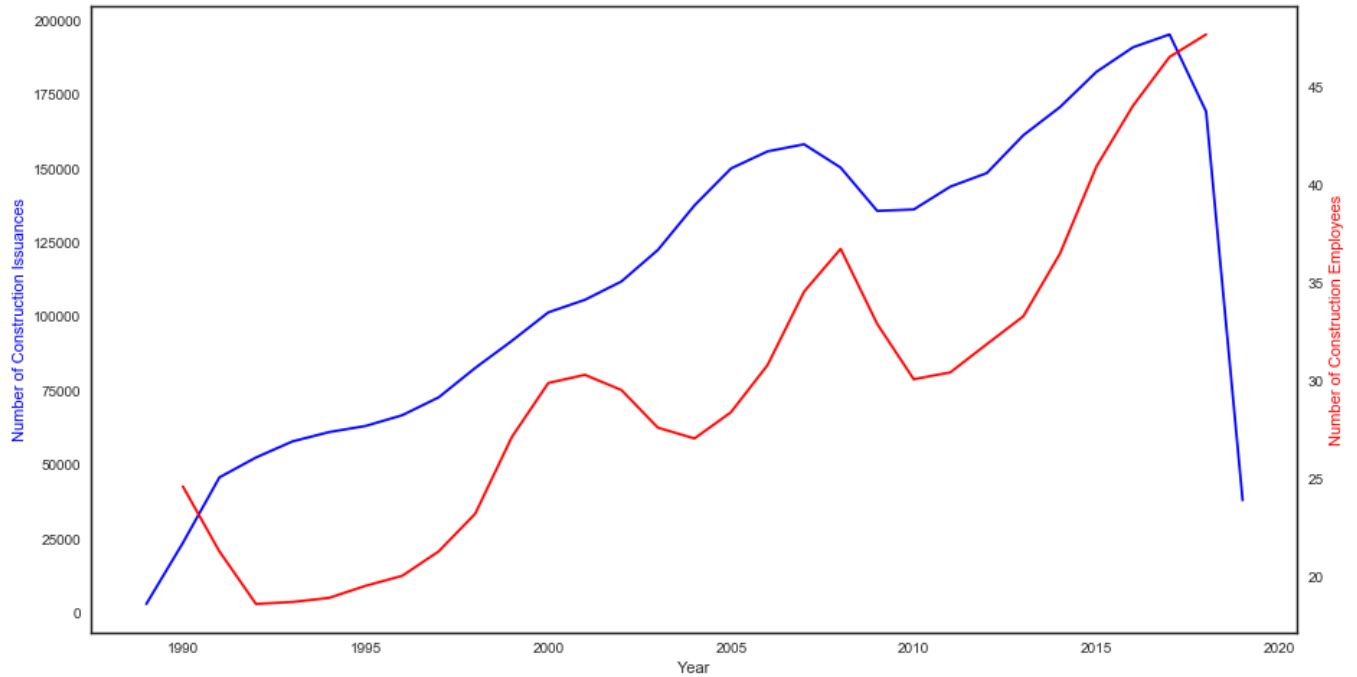
In [283]: fig, ax1 = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,8))

ax2 = ax1.twinx()
ax2.plot(df7['YEAR'],df7['ANNUAL'], 'r-')
ax1.plot(val, count, 'b-')

ax1.set_xlabel('Year')
ax2.set_ylabel('Number of Construction Employees', color='r')
ax1.set_ylabel('Number of Construction Issuances', color='b')

plt.show()

```



• The trend of the number of construction employees is very similar to the trend of the number of permit issuances and again, that makes perfect sense. A key area to notice again is the 2008-2009 timeline where both graphs go through a steep depression. This confirms the direct correlation and impact of the financial crisis on the number of permits being issued and therefore on the number of construction workers being employed.