Movie Industry Analysis

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So we're going to take a look and find out.

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- Ticket Sales
- Profit
- ROI

We're going to look at all three

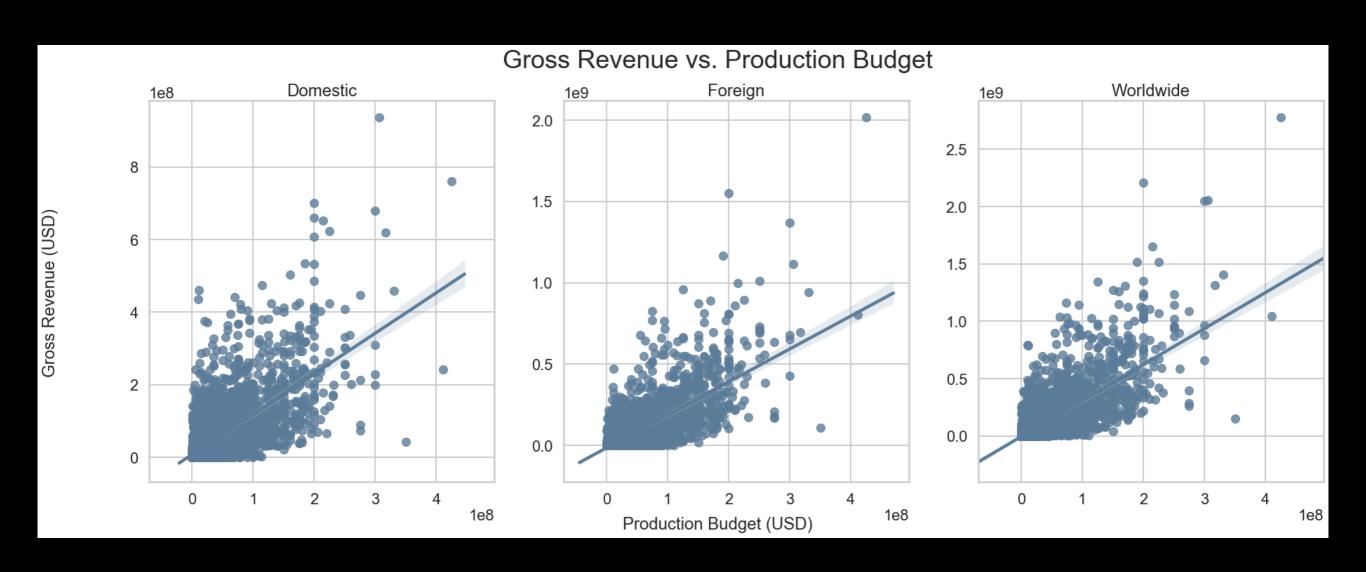
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Which genres are the most successful?

What is the best predictor of box office success?

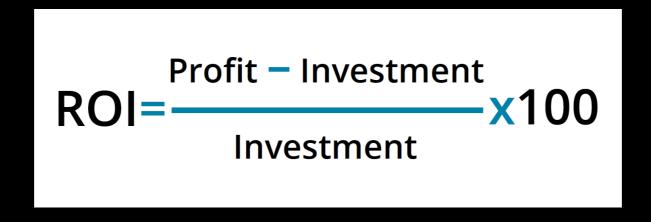
Box Office Ticket Sales

Are ticket sales (gross revenue) correlated with production budget?



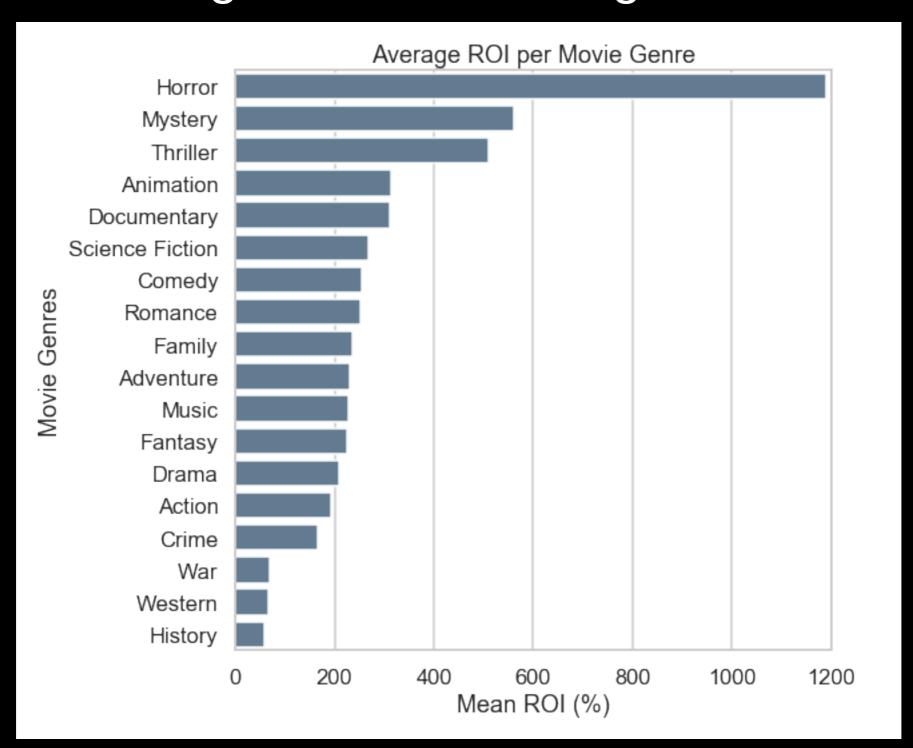
We can see there's a positive correlation between ticket sales (gross revenue) and production budget.

So, let's correct for production budget and look at ROI (return on investment)



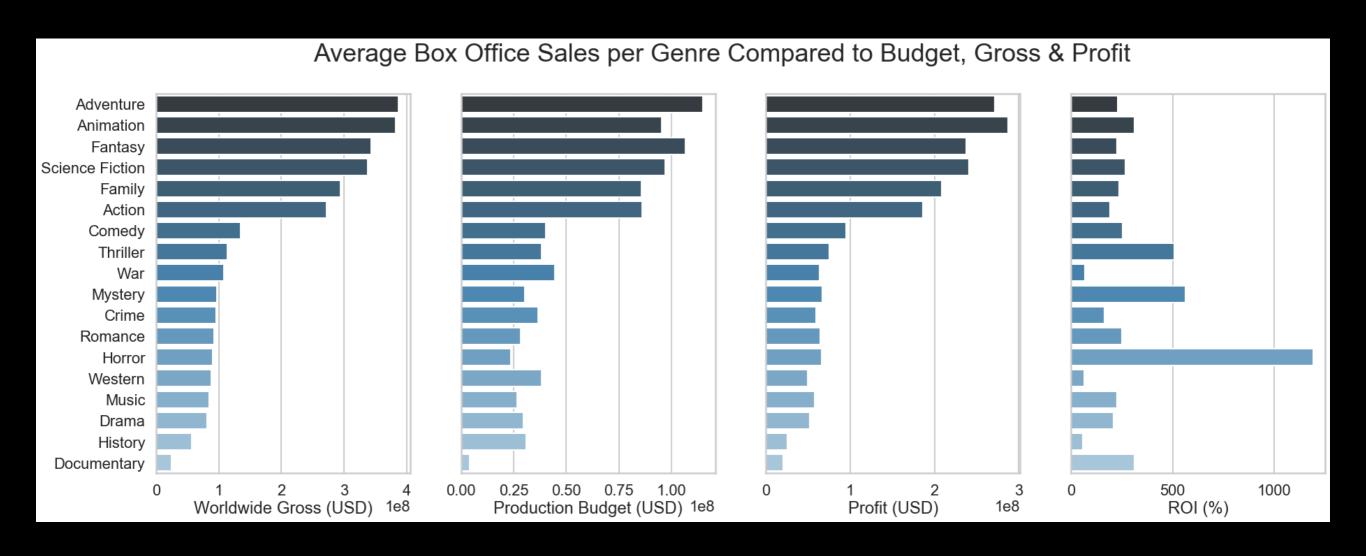
ROI

Which genres have the highest ROI?



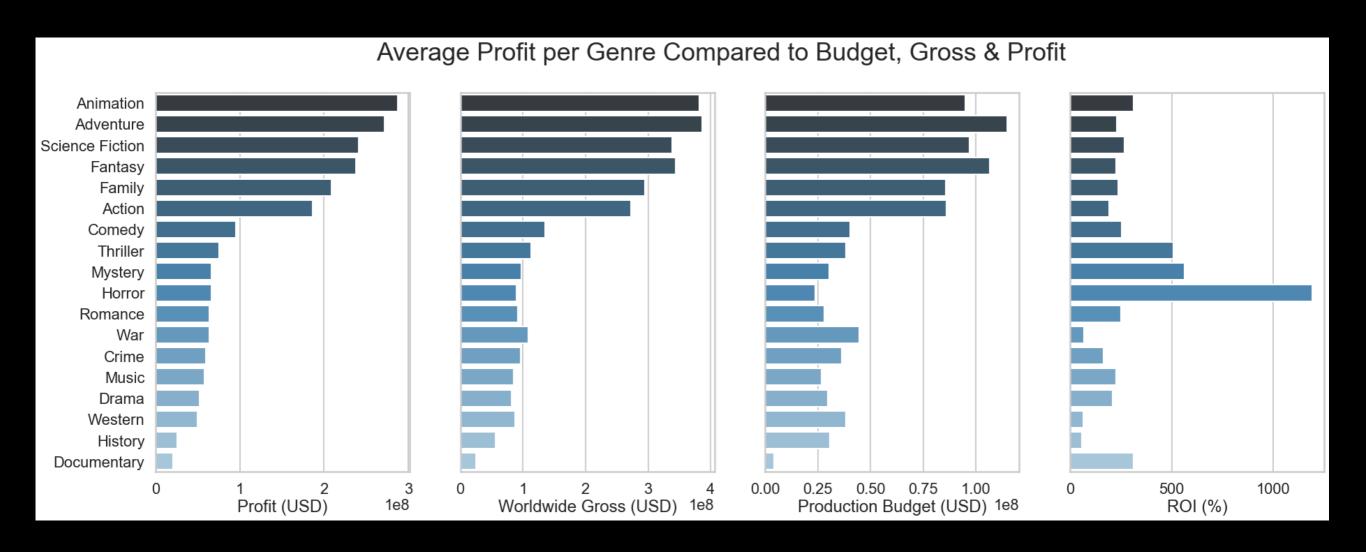
Ticket Sales

Which genres have the highest ticket sales? We can see they're not the one's with the highest ROI



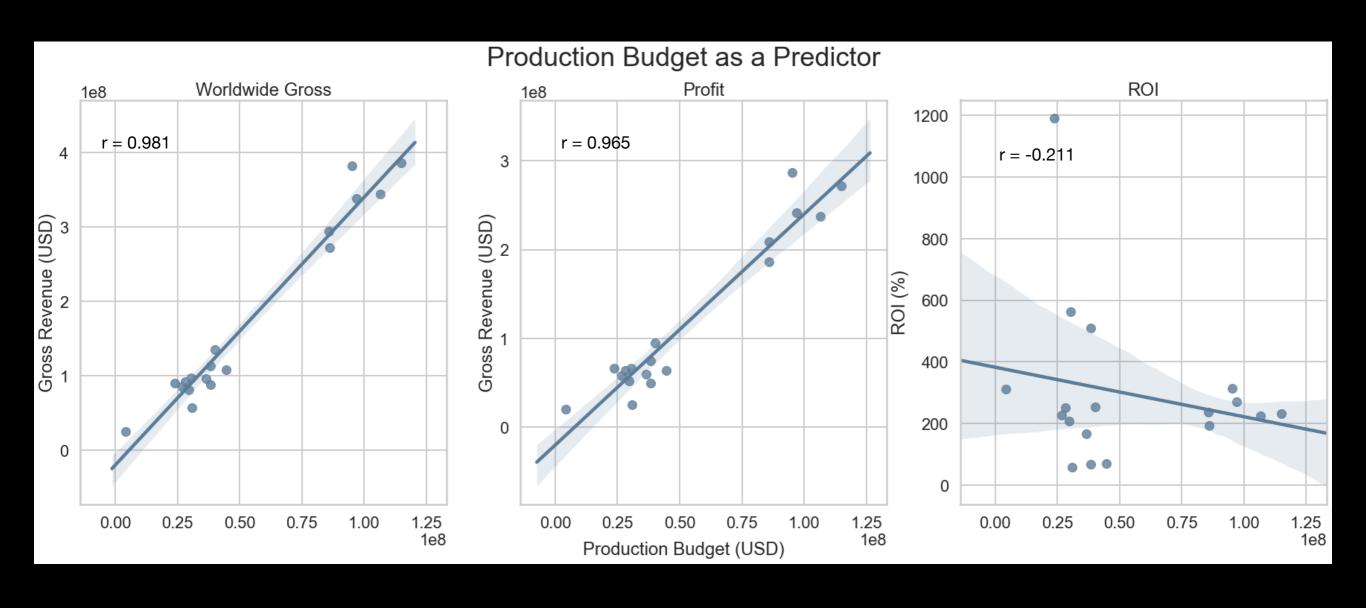
Profit

Which genres have the greatest profit? Also not the same as ROI, but correlated with gross



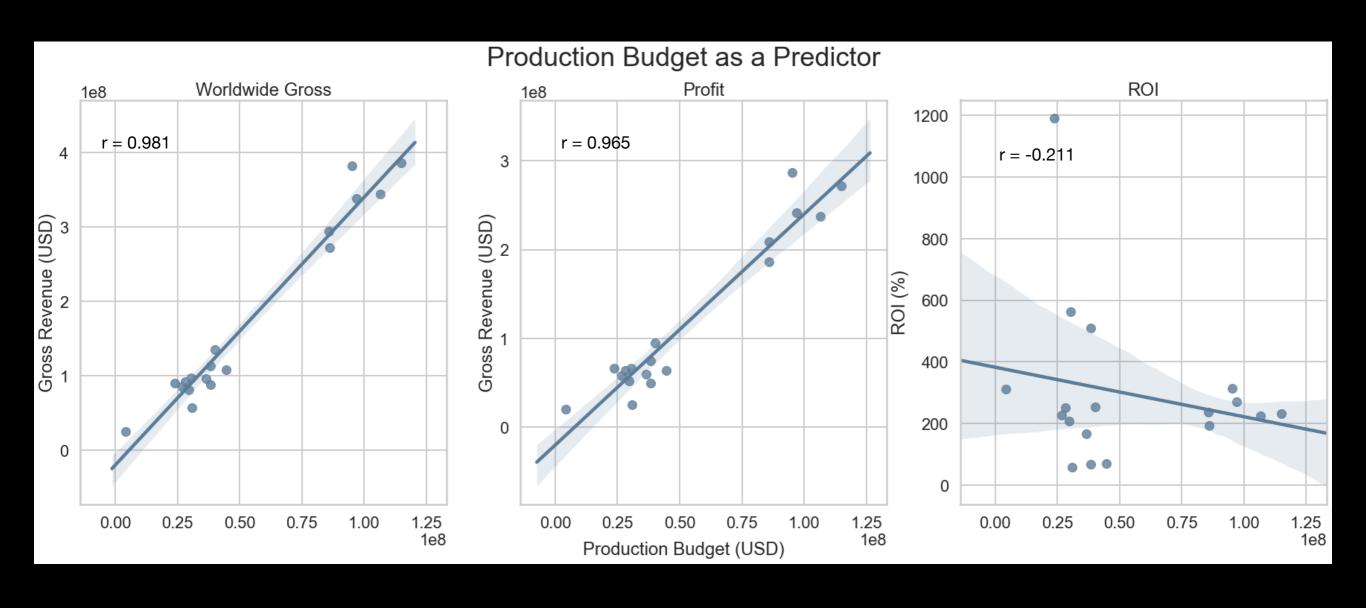
Production Budget

We can see here, production budget seems to be a good predictor of ticket sales (gross revenue) & profit



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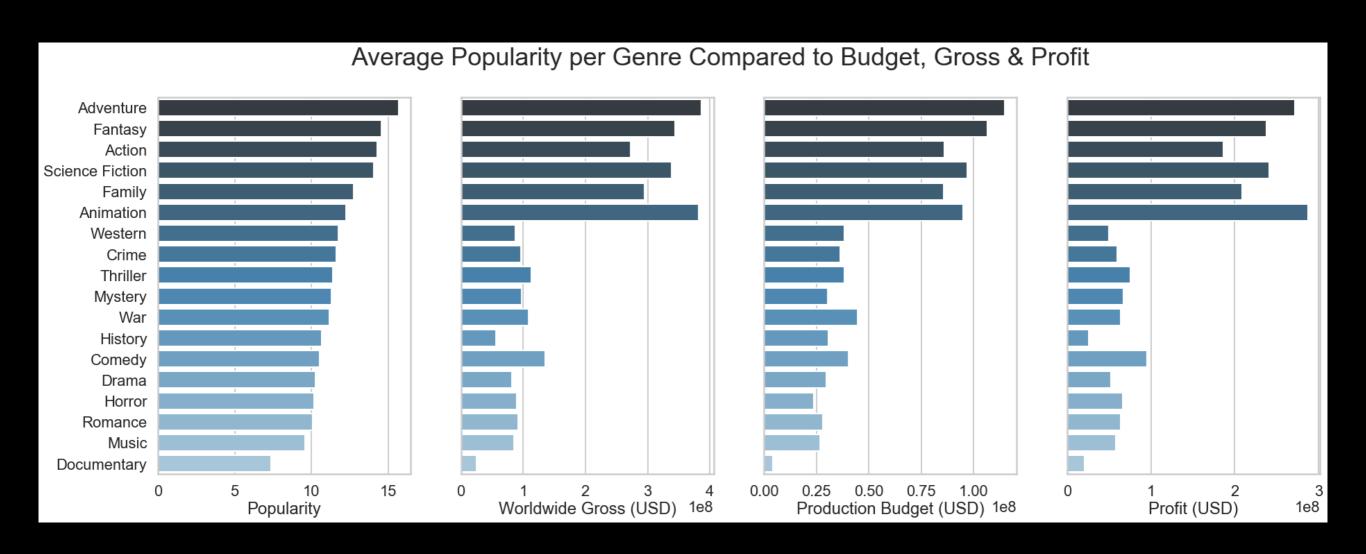
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Popularity



Conclusion

- The highest ROI genres are not the most popular and are also on average low budget
- The genres that have the biggest box office successes (highest ticket sales & gross revenue) also have the highest on average profit and production budget
- Higher production budget equates to higher quality talent and film
- The highest grossing films are generally a combination of 3-4 genres with 2-3 coming from the highest grossing genres

Recommendations

- If budget is low, invest in the highest ROI genres:
 - Horror
 - Mystery
 - Thriller
- If budget is high, invest in the most popular box office genres, which have the greatest ticket sales & profit:
 - Adventure
 - Animation
 - Fantasy
 - Sci-Fi
- With additional genres of:
 - Family
 - Action

Further Research

- Which combinations of genres are the most popular at the box office (gross revenue/ticket sales)
- What makes some movies with high production budgets flop?
- Look at how many famous lead actors there are
- Look at any trends in release dates

Thank you!