Global Analysis

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Air Quality in Catalonia challenge is asking participants to use the data from the Catalan Transparency Portal to analyze the evolution of air pollution in Catalonia over the past three decades and develop algorithms to predict air pollutant concentrations. We provide a global analysis of air quality, build algorithms to predict air pollutant concentrations, and write a final report.

0.1 Import Libraries

First, we import the libraries: matplotlib and seaborn for visualisation; pandas for data wrangling.

```
[1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd

pd.set_option('display.max_columns', 25)
plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = [10, 6]
plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
```

0.2 Import Data

Next, we read the csv data and store it as pandas dataframe. We also display the data.

```
[2]: df = pd.read_csv("9c820e0e5b3a4264aa5058f24a82386d.csv") df
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[2]:		CODI EOI	NOM ESTACIO	DATA	MAGNITUD	\
	0	43148003	Tarragona (Bonavista)	25/01/2023	10	
	1	8137001	Montseny (La Castanya)	25/01/2023	12	
	2	8124009	Mollet del Vallès	25/01/2023	7	
	3	8114006	Martorell	25/01/2023	7	
	4	8112003	Manlleu	25/01/2023	8	
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	3106369	8125002	Montcada i Reixac	01/01/1991	14	
	3106370	8019004	Barcelona (Poblenou)	01/01/1991	1	
	3106371	8101001	L'Hospitalet de Llobregat	01/01/1991	6	
	3106372	8125002	Montcada i Reixac	01/01/1991	7	
	3106373	8101001	L'Hospitalet de Llobregat	01/01/1991	14	

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Here are the most frequently used Cabin names:

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[70]: df['NOM ESTACIO'].value_counts()
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[70]:	Igualada	75800
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	Reus	72855
	Tarragona (Bonavista)	72287
	Vila-seca	70140
	Veciana (estació agroalimentària)	2227
	Viladecans	1594
	Sant Just Desvern (CEIP Montseny)	1357
	Barcelona (Torre Girona)	1343
	el Prat de Llobregat (Sant Cosme)	26
	Name: NOM ESTACIO, Length: 116, dty	pe: int64

We display the most frequent 5-digit numeric code corresponding to the municipality (the first two digits correspond to the province, and the next three identify the Integer municipality)

```
[74]: df['CODI EOI'].value_counts()
```

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[74]: 8102005
                   75800
      43047001
                   73536
                   72855
      43123005
      43148003
                   72287
      43171001
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      8297001
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      8301002
                    1594
      8221004
                    1357
      8019056
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      8169007
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Name: CODI EOI, Length: 124, dtype: int64

We display the most frequent pollutants:

```
[75]: df['MAGNITUD'].value_counts()
```

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[75]: 8 547242
7 546531
14 486801
1 452854
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12
        273300
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        266753
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          3577
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          3014
58
          1728
Name: MAGNITUD, dtype: int64
```

We convert the data column to datetime and display the most frequent dates in the data:

```
[71]: df.DATA = pd.to_datetime(df.DATA, format="%d/%m/%Y")

df.DATA.value_counts()
```

```
[71]: 2021-10-25
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      Name: DATA, Length: 11713, dtype: int64
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We create date features and one hot encode pollutants

We further group the by pollutants and time:

:				mean	median	count	
	year	${\tt month}$	MAGNITUD				
	1991	1	1	416.633218	336.00	289	
			3	2640.886364	2179.50	88	
			6	41.639091	33.65	110	
			7	1602.384146	1391.00	164	
			8	955.169697	933.00	165	
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	2023	1	12	843.120000	608.00	1600	
			14	967.541224	954.00	1225	
			30	21.459200	16.20	125	
			65	39.072000	33.50	300	
			331	129.180000	96.30	25	

[4016 rows x 3 columns]

From The best to worst months of the year in terms of pollution:

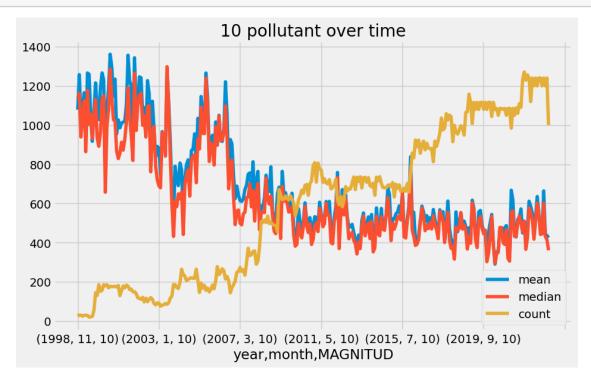
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[94]: df.groupby(['month'])['sum_day'].agg(['mean', "median", "count"]).reset_index().
```

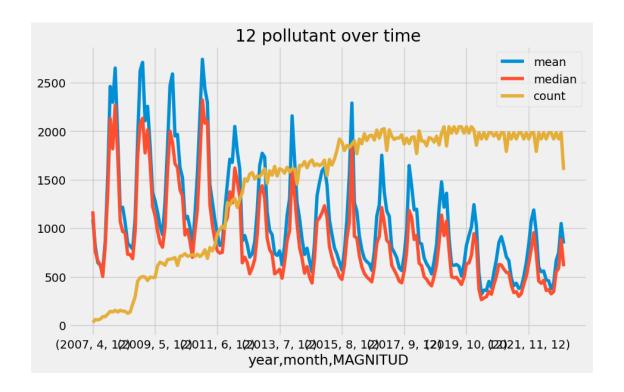
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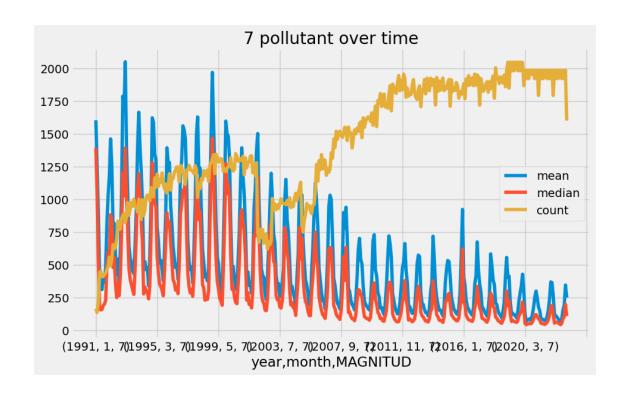
We display the aggregated data:

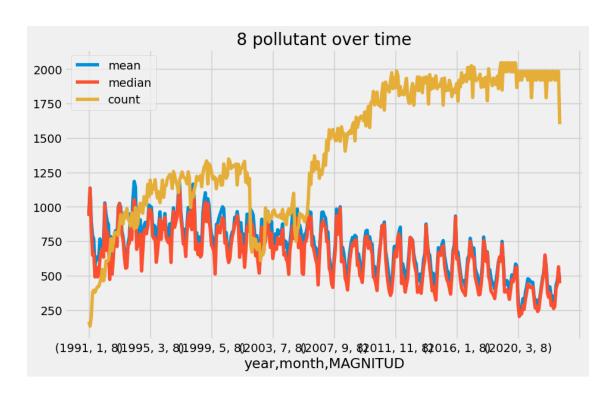
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[78]: pollutantsIds = df['MAGNITUD'].unique()

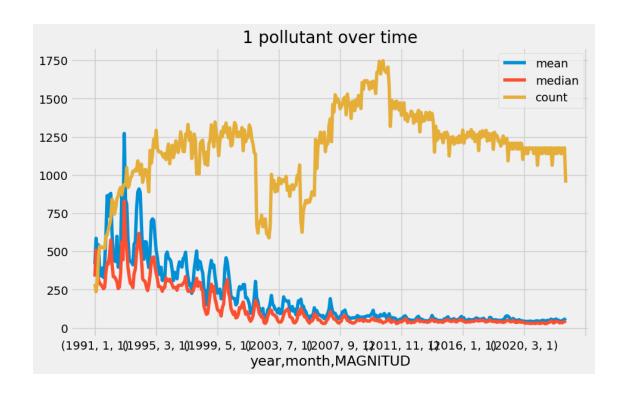
for x in pollutantsIds:
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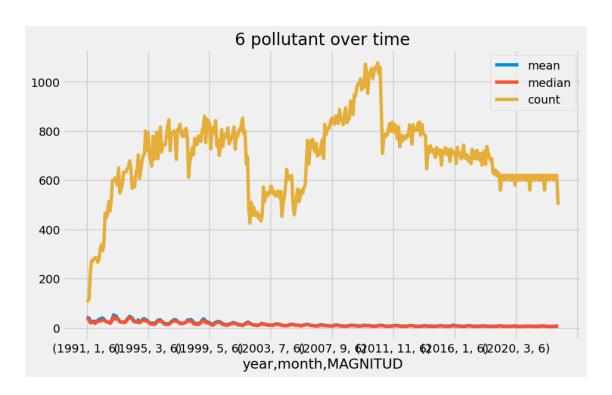


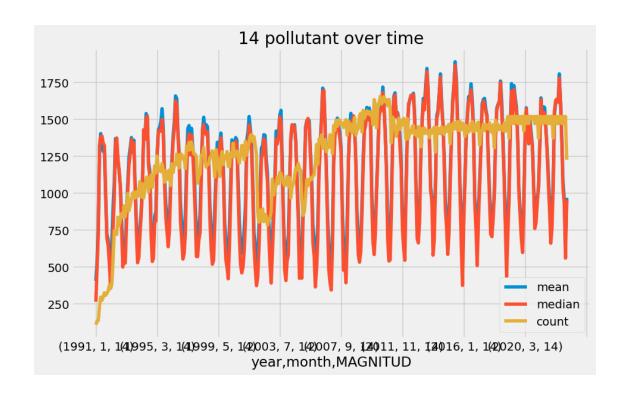


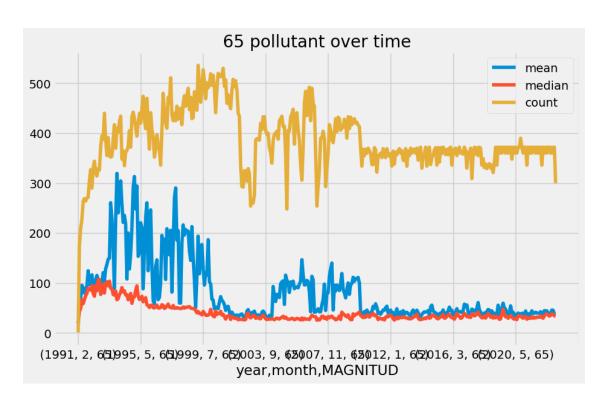


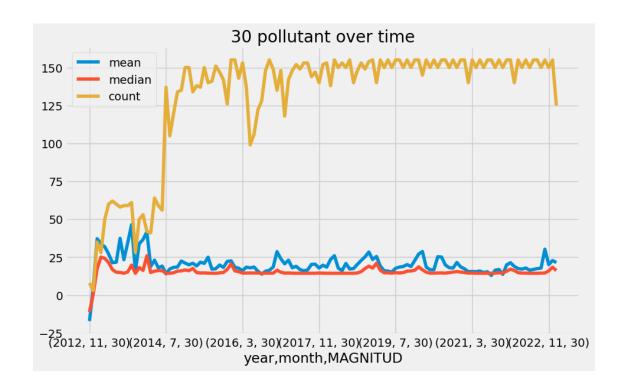


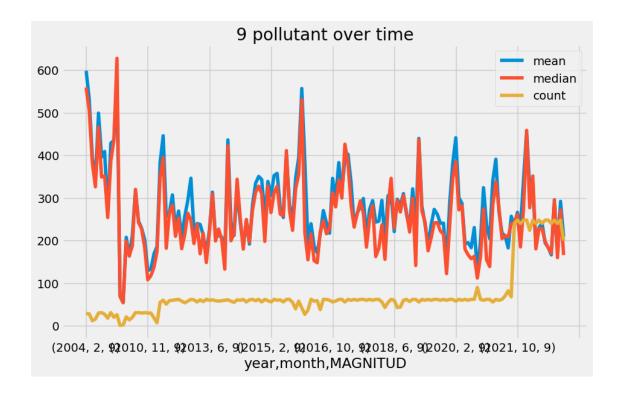


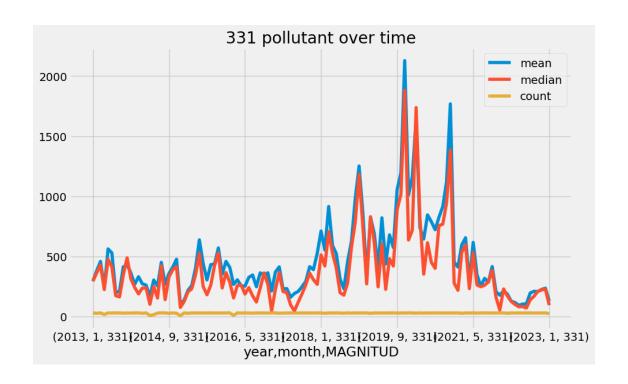


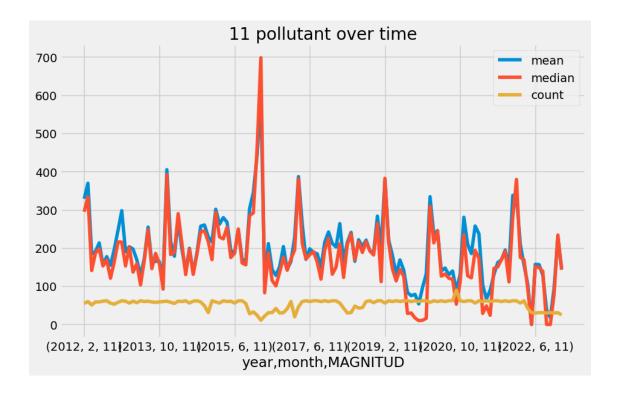


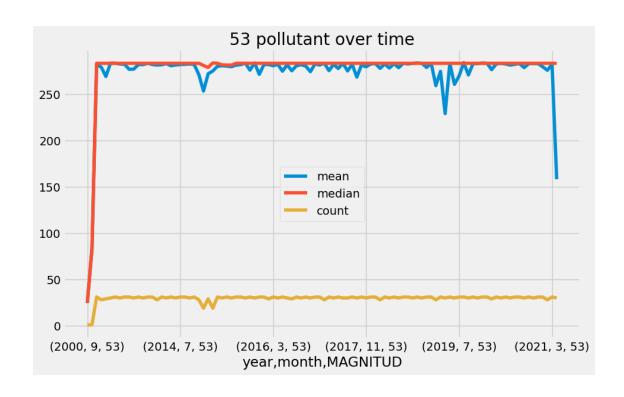


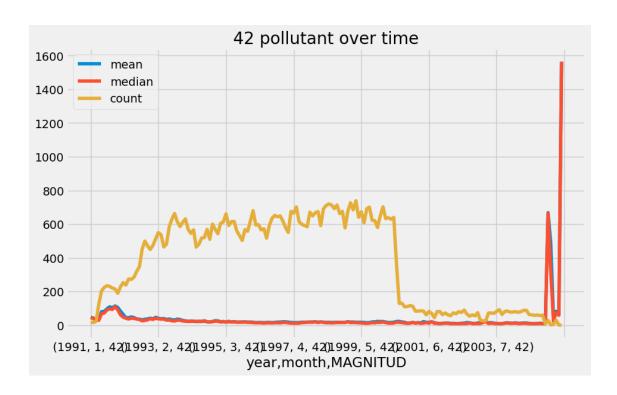


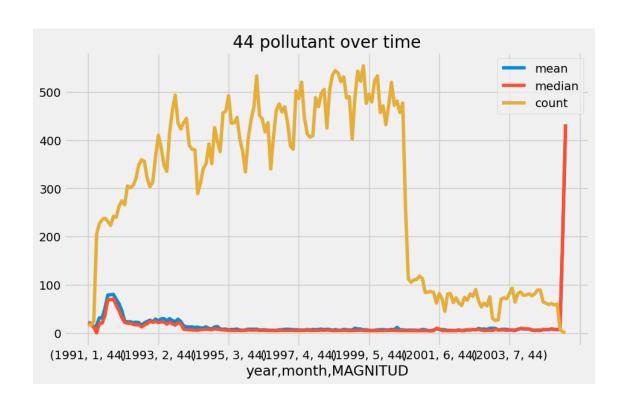


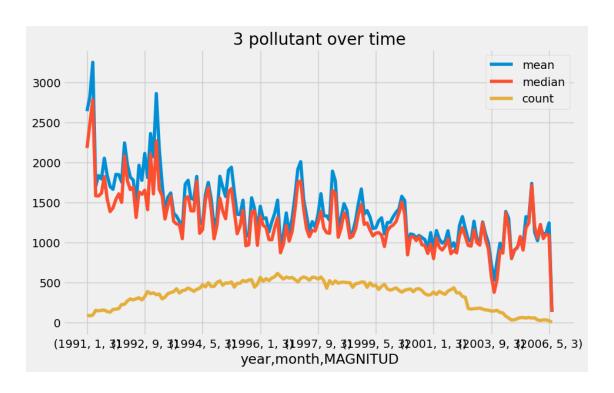


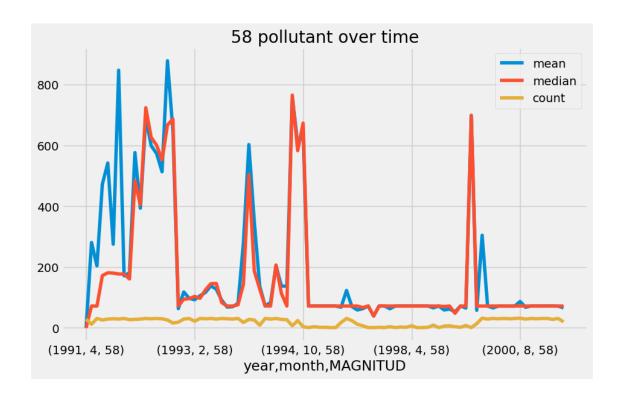












From the graphs above we can clearly seen the dramatic rise in the number of observations.

We also note the periodic nature of pollution levels rises and falls. This is a very common pattern where Air pollution becomes actually worse during winter. Air pollution is often worse in winter due to a combination of meteorological and human-made factors. Cold, still air can cause atmospheric inversion layers to form, trapping pollutants close to the ground and leading to episodes of high levels of air pollution. Additionally, households often burn more fuel for heating during the winter months, leading to increased emissions of pollutants such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide. Lastly, areas with high population density and limited wind movement, such as cities and towns, tend to experience worse air quality in winter due to the buildup of pollutants.

Why air pollution is worse in winter?

Now we explore more granular hourly data:

```
[96]: df_hourly = df.groupby(["MAGNITUD"])[cols].agg(['mean', "median", "count"])
    df_hourly_mean = df.groupby(["MAGNITUD"])[cols].agg(["mean"])

[106]: df_hourly_mean.T.style.highlight_max(color = 'lightgreen', axis = 0)

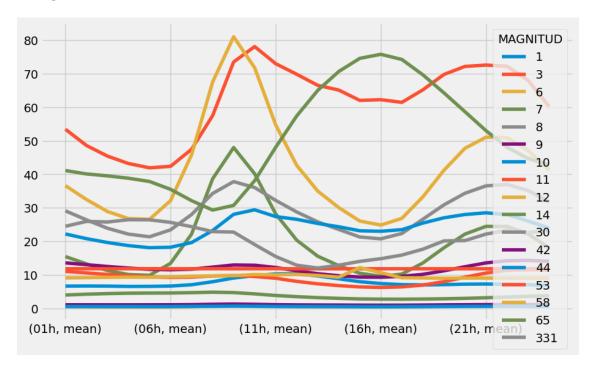
[106]: <pandas.io.formats.style.Styler at 0x7f0558cd2e50>

[107]: df_hourly_mean.T.style.highlight_min(color = 'lightgreen', axis = 0)

[107]: <pandas.io.formats.style.Styler at 0x7f0558cb48e0>
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[99]: df_hourly_mean.T.plot()
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[99]: <AxesSubplot: >



From the graph above we notice that the generally the worst hour is on average for largest amount of pollutants: 6, 7, 8, 12, 30, 42 and 44. We also noticed that the best hour for nearly similar mix of pollutants is 16h.

We find similar data patterns in the following article: What Time of Day Is Air Pollution Lowest?

This is due to the diurnal cycle, in which levels of pollutants can increase in the morning due to increased activity and decreased air circulation, and decrease in the afternoon due to increased air circulation and decreased activity. This cycle is affected by factors such as temperature, wind speed, sunlight, and mixing of air.

We analyze the relationship between altitude and concentration of particles in the air, and present your conclusions in graphical form.

```
[29]: corr = df.corr()
corr["ALTITUD"].sort_values()
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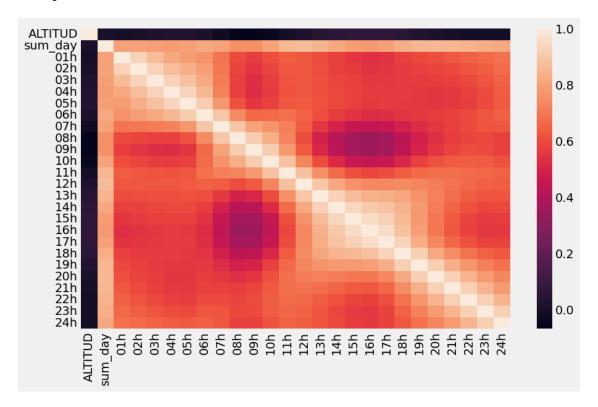
/tmp/ipykernel_679253/1270252458.py:1: FutureWarning: The default value of numeric_only in DataFrame.corr is deprecated. In a future version, it will default to False. Select only valid columns or specify the value of numeric_only to silence this warning.

```
corr = df.corr()
```

[29]:	LONGITUD	-0.104412
	CODI COMARCA	-0.070486
	09h	-0.067970
	65	-0.065791
	08h	-0.060106
	MAGNITUD	-0.052438
	10h	-0.049168
	CODI EOI	-0.043374
	CODI INE	-0.043374
	3	-0.035921
	30	-0.035770
	44	-0.033091
	42	-0.028931
	6	-0.028159
	07h	-0.024233
	11	-0.023837
	1	-0.021489
	9	-0.019179
	23h	-0.016602
	22h	-0.014888
	11h	-0.013039
	331	-0.010567
	58	-0.010439
	24h	-0.009751
	53	-0.009676
	21h	-0.004768
	7	-0.003579
	12	-0.003321
	8	-0.003199
	01h	-0.002495
	month	-0.000258
	day	0.000256
	sum_day	0.005850
	02h	0.006570
	20h	0.009954
	06h	0.010558
	03h	0.017351
	12h	0.021584
	04h	0.024476
	05h	0.027573
	19h	0.028619
	13h	0.042666
	18h	0.049340
	14h	0.054391
	10	0.054506
	15h	0.062837
	17h	0.063772

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[30]: <AxesSubplot: >

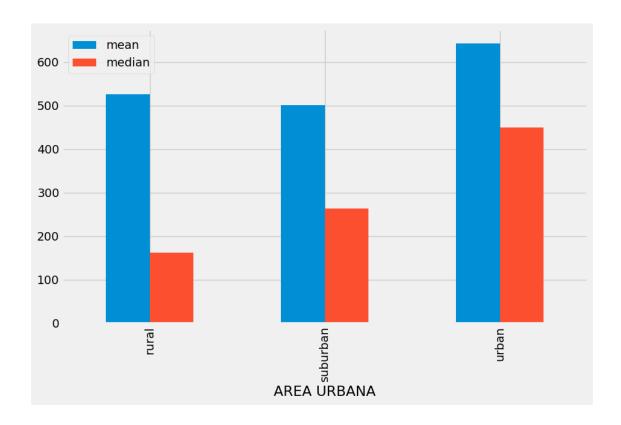


We find no significat correlation between altitude and concentration of particles in the air.

We Analyze the concentration of pollutants in urban, suburban and rural areas, and present your conclusion in graphical form.

```
[31]: df.groupby(['AREA URBANA'])["sum_day"].agg(['mean', "median"]).plot(kind="bar")
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[31]: <AxesSubplot: xlabel='AREA URBANA'>



We find by far more pollution in urban areas on average and median. On median suburban are more polluted than rural areas.

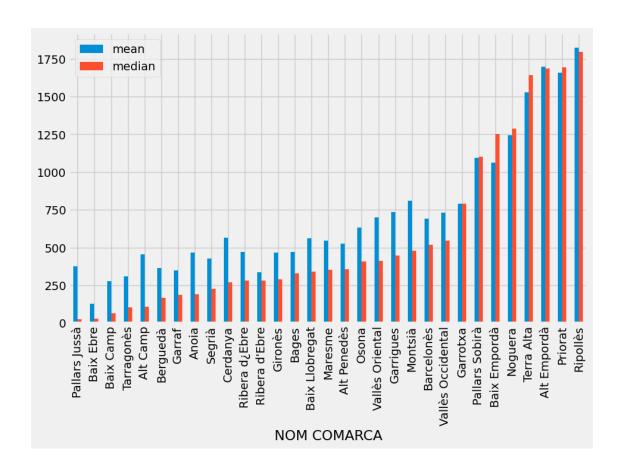
Rank the cities in the dataset according to their level of pollution, and create best-5 and worst-5 lists.

Here we rank comarcas from best to worst:

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[32]: df.groupby(['NOM COMARCA'])["sum_day"].agg(['mean', "median"]).

sort_values(by='median').plot(kind="bar")
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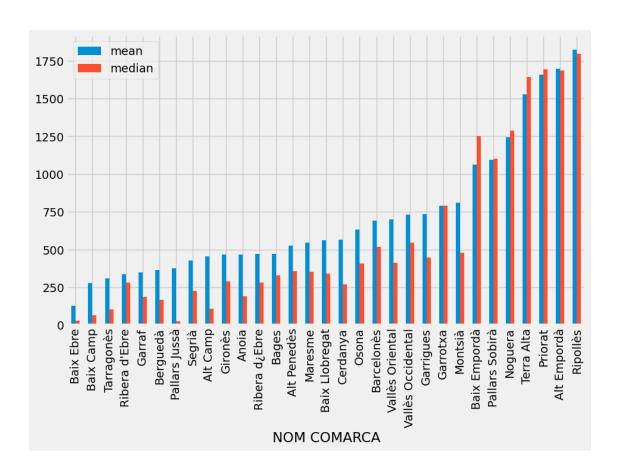
[32]: <AxesSubplot: xlabel='NOM COMARCA'>



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[34]: df.groupby(['NOM COMARCA'])["sum_day"].agg(['mean', "median"]).

sort_values(by='mean').plot(kind="bar")
```

[34]: <AxesSubplot: xlabel='NOM COMARCA'>



```
[36]: df.groupby(['NOM COMARCA', "MAGNITUD"])["sum_day"].agg(['mean', "median"]).

sort_values(by='mean')
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[36]:			mean	median
	NOM COMARCA	MAGNITUD		
	Pallars Jussà	6	3.013423	2.4
	Baix Ebre	6	5.308080	4.8
	Alt Camp	6	5.977174	5.4
	Segrià	44	6.477778	5.2
	Bages	44	6.626375	5.7
	•••		•••	•••
	Ripollès	14	1825.318131	1797.0
	Baix Empordà	14	1895.151279	1880.0
	Pallars Jussà	14	2136.343627	2123.0
	Baix Llobregat	3	2161.889456	2179.0
		58	2744.966667	699.0

[218 rows x 2 columns]

0.2.1 More granular data on pollutant 8 for algo.

```
[38]: df[df['MAGNITUD'] == 8]["NOM ESTACIO"].value counts()
[38]: Perafort (Puigdelfí)
                                            11261
      Tarragona (Sant Salvador)
                                            11123
      Tarragona (Bonavista)
                                            11055
      Constantí
                                            11037
      Manresa
                                            10896
      Gavà (c/Girona - c/Progrés)
                                            1232
      Sta. Coloma de Gr. (c/ Bruc)
                                             942
      Vila-seca (IES Vila-seca)
                                             877
      Barcelona (Torre Girona)
                                              282
      el Prat de Llobregat (Sant Cosme)
                                               5
      Name: NOM ESTACIO, Length: 96, dtype: int64
[39]: df[df['MAGNITUD'] == 8].groupby(['year', 'month', "NOM ESTACIO"])['sum_day'].

¬agg(['mean', "median", "count"])
[39]:
                                                    mean median count
      year month NOM ESTACIO
      1991 1
                 Badalona
                                              776.933333
                                                           834.0
                                                                     30
                 Barcelona (Poblenou)
                                             1054.903226 1090.0
                                                                     31
                 Barcelona (St. Gervasi)
                                            1760.058824 1663.0
                                                                     17
                 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat
                                            1002.200000 1049.5
                                                                     30
                 Montcada i Reixac
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                 Vandellòs (Viver)
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                 Vila-seca (IES Vila-seca)
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                 Viladecans - Atrium
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                 Vilafranca del Penedès
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                 Vilanova i la Geltrú
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      [18973 rows x 3 columns]
[67]: df[df['MAGNITUD'] == 8].groupby(['year', 'month', "NOM ESTACIO"])['sum day'].
       →agg(['mean']).reset_index()["NOM ESTACIO"].nunique()
[67]: 96
[68]: df[df['MAGNITUD'] == 8].groupby(['year', 'month', "NOM ESTACIO"])['sum_day'].
       →agg(['mean']).reset_index()["NOM ESTACIO"].unique()
[68]: array(['Badalona', 'Barcelona (Poblenou)', 'Barcelona (St. Gervasi)',
             "L'Hospitalet de Llobregat", 'Montcada i Reixac',
             'Sant Adrià de Besòs', 'Vallcebre', 'Cercs (St. Corneli)',
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'Tarragona (pl. Generalitat)', 'Vila-seca',
             'la Pobla de M./el Morell', 'Tarragona (Sant Salvador)',
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             'Granollers (av. Joan Prim)', 'Mollet del Vallès', 'Reus',
             'Mataró', 'Barcelona (Sagrera)', 'Cercs (St. Jordi)', 'Lleida',
             'Sabadell (pl. Creu de Barberà)', 'Sant Fost de Campsentelles',
             'Sabadell', 'Sant Celoni', 'Rubí', 'Sta. Coloma de Gr. (c/ Bruc)',
             'Sant Cugat del Vallès', 'Tarragona (Universitat Laboral)',
             'Vilanova i la Geltrú', 'Fornells de la Selva (escola municipal)',
             'Barcelona (Sants)', 'Granollers (c/ Joan Vinyoli)',
             'Sta. Perpètua de Mogoda', 'Vilafranca del Penedès',
             'Barcelona (Eixample)', 'Santa Coloma de Gramenet',
             'Barcelona (Gràcia - Sant Gervasi)', 'Barberà del Vallès',
             'Sant Andreu de la Barca', 'el Prat de Llobregat (església)',
             'Sant Vicenç dels Horts (Ribot)', 'Gavà (c/Girona - c/Progrés)',
             'Cornellà de Llobregat (Allende - Bonveí)',
             'Tarragona (Parc de la Ciutat)', 'Cercs (Sant Jordi)',
             'Bellver de Cerdanya', 'Barcelona (Ciutadella)',
             'Girona (parc de la Devesa)', 'Gavà', 'Cubelles (Poliesportiu)',
             'Tona', 'Alcover', 'Vallcebre (campanar)',
             'Santa Perpètua de Mogoda', 'Castellet i la Gornal',
             'Cercs (Sant Corneli)', 'Vandellòs (Els Dedalts)',
             'Vandellòs (Viver)', 'Berga', 'Barcelona (Parc Vall Hebron)',
             'Montseny (La Castanya)', 'Granollers', 'Viladecans - Atrium',
             'el Prat de Llobregat (Sant Cosme)', 'Tona (Zona Esportiva)',
             "L'Ametlla de Mar", 'Sta. Margarida i els Monjos (La Ràpita)',
             'El Prat de Llobregat (Jardins de la Pau)', 'Amposta',
             'Sitges (Vallcarca)', 'Vandellòs (Barranc del Terme)',
             'Barcelona (Torre Girona)', 'Manlleu', 'Montsec',
             'El Prat de Llobregat (Sagnier)', 'Barcelona (Palau Reial)',
             'Girona (Escola de Música)', 'Pallejà (Roca de Vilana)', 'Alcanar',
             'Sant Vicenç dels Horts', 'Sant Feliu de Ll. (CEIP Marti i Pol)',
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18972	2023	1	Vilanova i la Geltrú	436.000000

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0.3 Prediction

To Build and publish an algorithm to predict the average concentration of one pollutant of your choice per month for the next 24 months - on average for all stations.

We have chosen the pollutant 8 as its the most frequent and We have aggregated the data by day and then month. We also label encoded the stations. We used Random Forest regressor to predict the target values for the next 24 months. The algo is available at GitHub and Ocean Protocol.

To Build and publish an algorithm to predict the concentration of one pollutant of your choice for each hour of the day from February 15 to 28 - on average for all stations. We add time features and label encoded the stations. We used Random Forest regressor to predict the target values for the next 14 days. The algo is available at GitHub and Ocean Protocol.

0.4 Summary

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