Potential Restaurant Venues in Boston Neighborhoods



Correctly tailoring the type and location of a restaurant is crucial to long term success

- Location is among the most important factors if a restaurant will be successful
 - Areas with high population and low competition are ideal

 Profitability can be predicted by how much disposable income a neighborhood has



Data Acquisition and Cleaning

- Neighborhood demographics (2008-2012) scraped from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston#Economy
- Specific venue data obtained through using Foursqaure API
- Redundant and irrelevant data (median household income, family income) was dropped
- Cleaned data shows 34 possible neighborhoods



Neighborhood Demographics

ZIP Code		Neighborhood	Per capitaincome	Population	Number ofhouseholds		
0	02110	(Financial District)	\$152,007	1486	981		
1	02199	(Prudential Center)	\$151,060	1290	823		
2	02210	(Fort Point)	\$93,078	1905	1088		
3	02109	(North End)	\$88,921	4277	2190		
4	02116	(Back Bay/Bay Village)	\$81,458	21318	10938		
5	02108	(Beacon Hill/Financial District)	\$78,569	4155	2337		
6	02114	(Beacon Hill/West End)	\$65,865	11933	6752		
7	02111	(Chinatown/Financial District/Leather District)	\$56,716	7616	3390		
8	02129	(Charlestown)	\$56,267	17052	8083		
9	02467	(Chestnut Hill)	\$53,382	22796	6351		
10	02113	(North End)	\$52,905	7276	4329		
11	02132	(West Roxbury)	\$44,306	27163	11013		
12	02118	(South End)	\$43,887	26779	12512		
13	02130	(Jamaica Plain)	\$42,916	36866	15306		
14	02127	(South Boston)	\$42,854	32547	14994		
18	02135	(Brighton)	\$31,773	38839	18336		
19	02131	(Roslindale)	\$29,486	30370	11282		
21	02136	(Hyde Park)	\$28,009	29219	10650		
22	02134	(Allston)	\$25,319	20478	8916		
23	02128	(East Boston)	\$23,450	41680	14965		
24	02122	(Dorchester-Fields Corner)	\$23,432	25437	8216		
25	02124	(Dorchester-Codman Square-Ashmont)	\$23,115	49867	17275		
26	02125	(Dorchester-Uphams Corner-Savin Hill)	\$22,158	31996	11481		
27	02163	(Allston-Harvard Business School)	\$21,915	1842	562		
28	02115	(Back Bay, Longwood, Museum of Fine Arts/Symph	\$21,654	29178	9958		
29	02126	(Mattapan)	\$20,649	27335	9510		
30	02215	(Fenway-Kenmore)	\$19,082	23719	7995		
31	02119	(Roxbury)	\$18,998	24237	9769		
32	02121	(Dorchester-Mount Bowdoin)	\$18,226	26801	9739		
33	02120	(Mission Hill)	\$17,390	13217	4509		

- Neighborhoods ranked in descending order of per capita income
- Areas with higher incomes tended to have lower populations & vice-versa
- Possible outliers include Financial District, Prudential Center, and Harvard Business School
- Back Bay appears to have the highest income compared to population



Back Bay Venue Analysis

	Neighborhood	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	6th Most Common Venue	7th Most Common Venue	8th Most Common Venue	9th Most Common Venue	10th Most Common Venue
0	Back Bay	Clothing Store	Coffee Shop	American Restaurant	Seafood Restaurant	Hotel	Ice Cream Shop	Italian Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	Shopping Mall	Juice Bar

- Top 10 most common venues
 - A venue on the lower end of commonality implies it is popular, but is not an overly competitive market
- 4 of 10 venues pose no competition
 - Clothing stores, hotels, shopping malls, and cosmetics shops can be excluded; only interested in restaurants
- 2 of 10 venues are seasonal
 - Ice cream shops and juice bars have lower demand in winter months
 - Such venues are less appealing to establish
- 3 of 10 venues are too competitive
 - Coffee shops, American restaurants, and seafood restaurants are on the upper limit
 - Market may be too competitive
- Italian restaurants appear most lucrative

Recommendation

- Of all the neighborhoods in Boston, the Back Bay appears to be most lucrative for a restaurant investment
 - High per capita income and population implies a large number of people with expendable income
- If creating a new restaurant, Italian eateries provide the most stable income and sport popularity
 - Market is not overly competitive in this area

