Battle of the Boroughs:

A Beer Garden-based segmentation of London

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Introduction

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the UK's hospitality industry hard. Pubs were closed for over a year but are now open with Government COVID-safety restrictions and are eager to make up for lost trade. There is also pent-up demand from customers who want to return to COVID-safe pubs, especially pubs with beer gardens in which to enjoy the great British summer. Given their outdoors nature, a beer garden improves COVID-safety, and they are more important than ever given society's heightened sense of COVID-safety and UK Government guidance. For those unfamiliar with UK pubs, note that not all have beer gardens.

Business and Customer Problem

Not all Boroughs are equally blessed with beer gardens. The objective of this project is to address the key business and customer problems:

- Business Which Boroughs businesses should target for launching beer gardens?
- Customer Which Boroughs best satisfy my beer garden needs?

I'll address both problems by segmenting the Boroughs using demographic, geographic and pub (Foursquare) data.

Interest

The hospitality industry and pub-goers should be interested in the output of this project.