Data Exploration and Visualization – Crime
Rate Analysis for Chicago and San Francisco
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Objective and Approach

Objective:

Assess the Violent Crime rates in Chicago and San Francisco, based on the historical data.

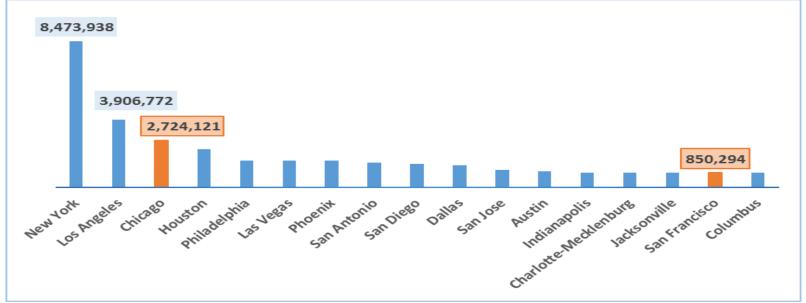
Approach for Data Understanding and Data Preparation:

- Volume of Chicago crime data is huge, 60M records.
- Used Python for Exploratory Data Analysis and Data preparation.
- Normalized the data by removing the redundant columns and redundant Categories
- Used Tableau for Time Series, maps, charts
- Used Python matplotlib for Heat map
- Used Watson for Visualizing text. Due to 1M row limitation in Watson, taken the violent category of crimes for 8 years (2007-2015)

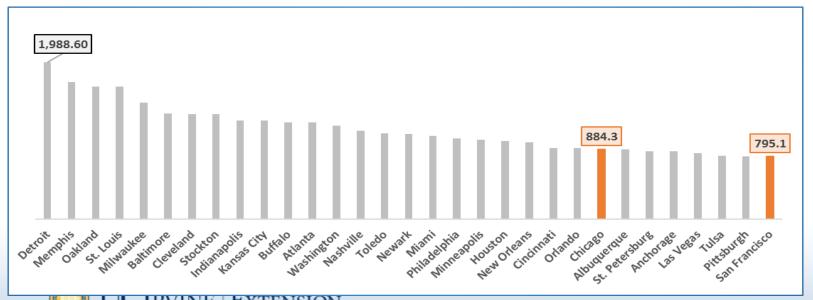


Chicago and San Francisco VS other US cities

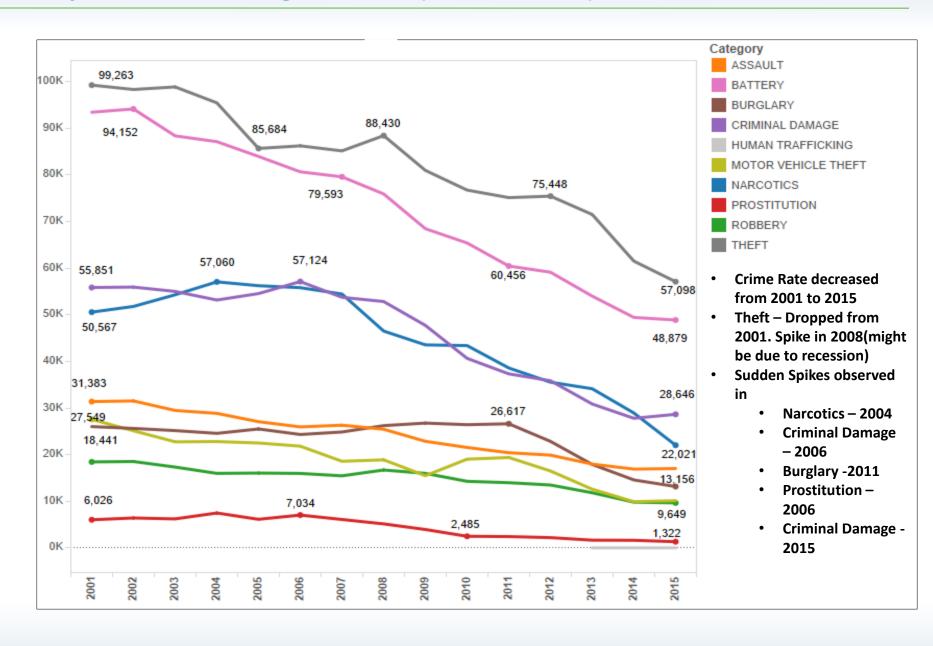
Population: Chicago - 3rd . San Francisco – 16th



Violent Crimes: Chicago – 24th . San Francisco – 31st

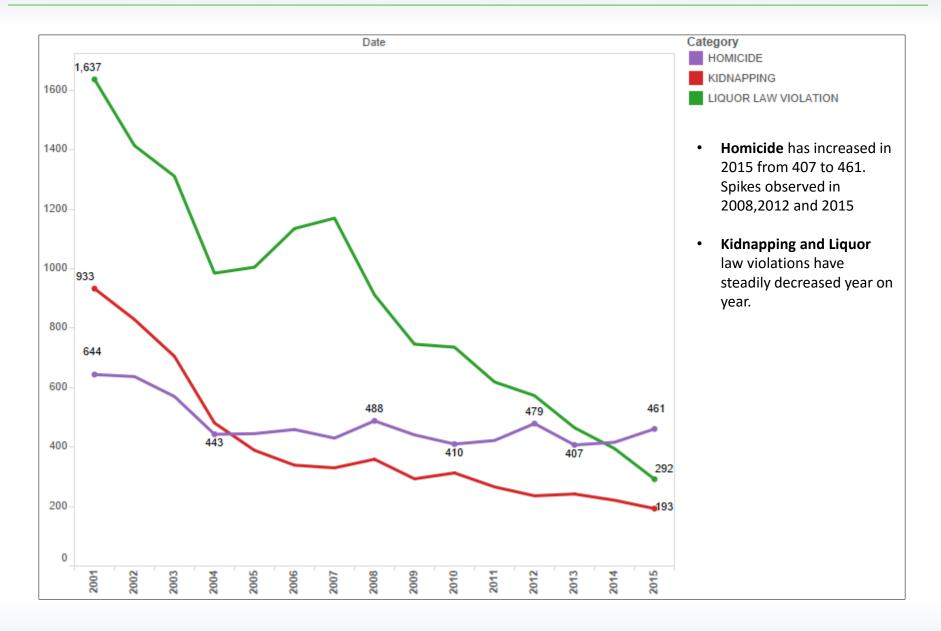


Yearly Trend of Chicago Crimes (2001 – 2015)



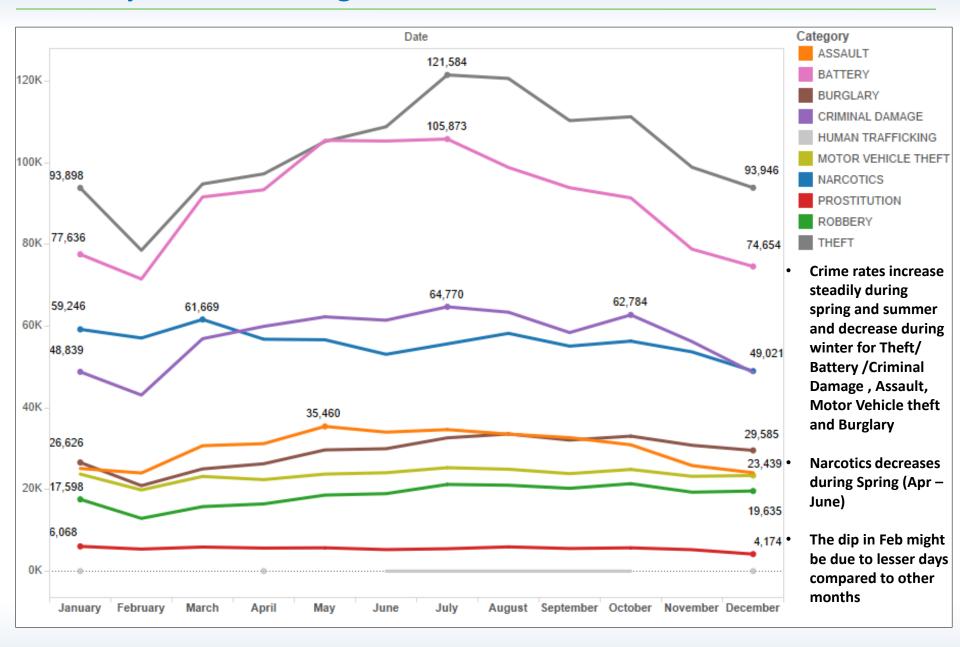


Yearly Trends in Chicago – Contd





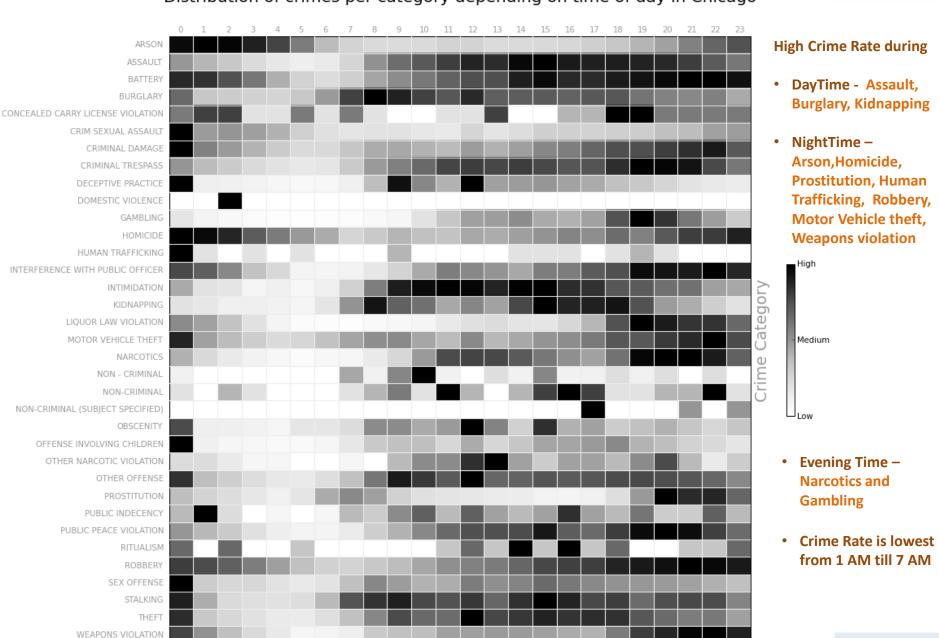
Monthly Trend of Chicago Crimes



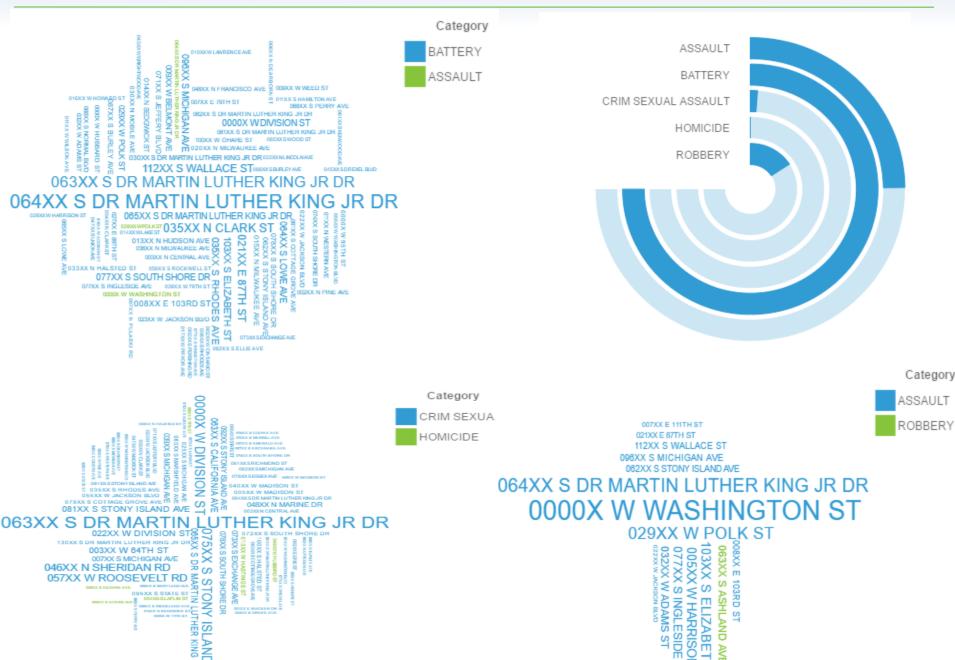


Chicago Crime intensity during every hour of day

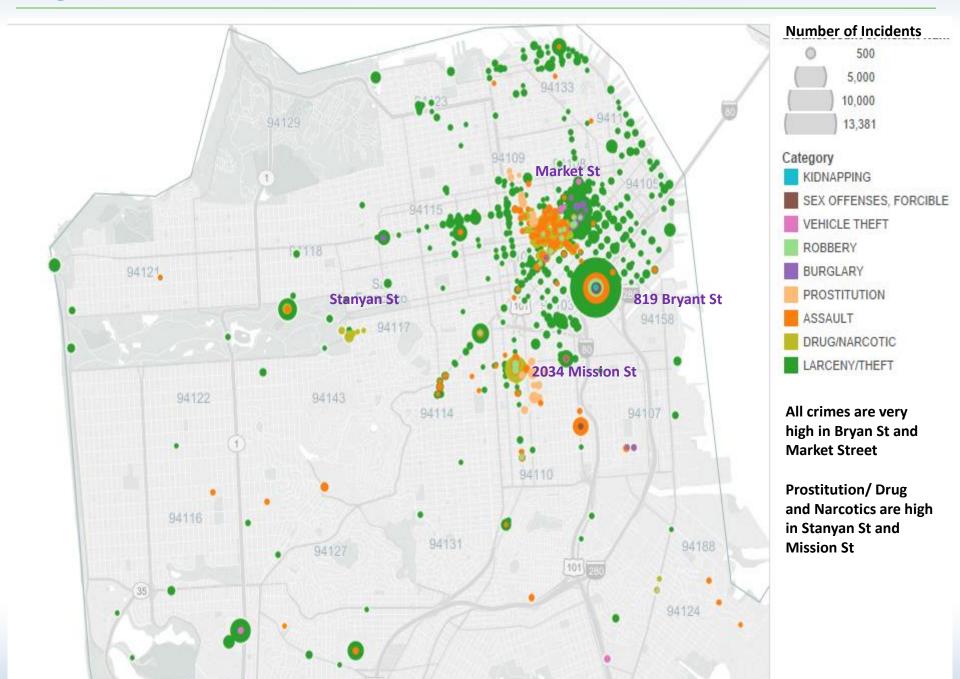
Distribution of crimes per category depending on time of day in Chicago



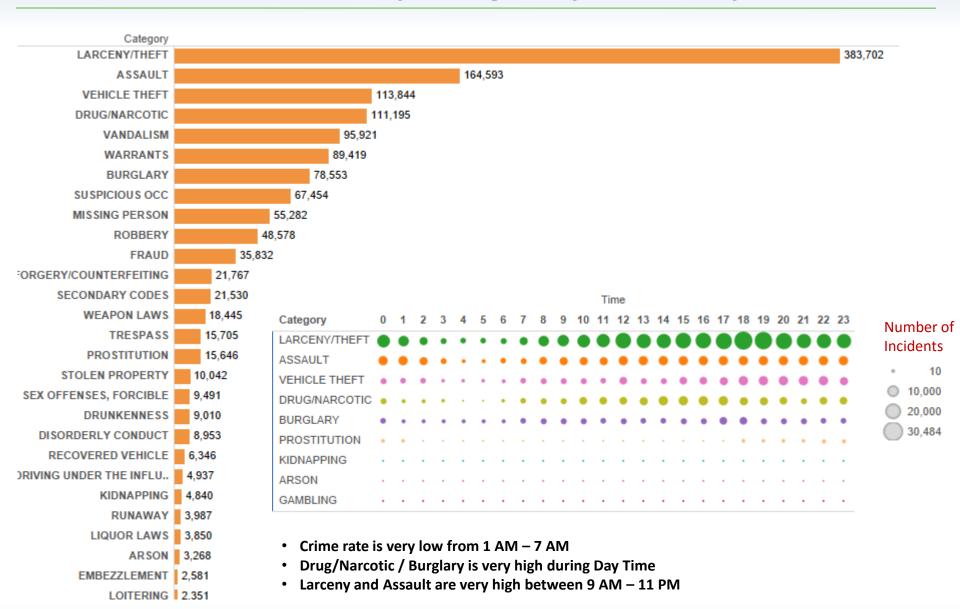
High "Violent" Crime Streets in Chicago



High Crime Streets in San Francisco



San Francisco crime intensity during every hour of day





Executive Summary

Chicago:

- Though Chicago is top 3rd in population, it ranks 24th in Violent Crime rate.
- Overall Crimes are steadily decreasing year on year from 2001 till 2015.
- However Homicide has shown ups and downs and increased in 2015
- Sudden Spikes observed in Categories below
 - Narcotics 2004
 - Criminal Damage 2006
 - Burglary -2011
 - Prostitution 2006
 - Criminal Damage 2015
- Crime rates increase steadily during spring / summer and decrease during winter for Theft/ Battery /Criminal Damage , Assault, Motor Vehicle theft and Burglary
- Narcotics decreases during Spring (Apr June)

San Francisco

- Though San Francisco is 16th in population, it is 31st in Violent Crime rate.
- All crimes are very high in Bryan St and Market Street
- Prostitution/ Drug and Narcotics are high in Stanyan St and Mission St
- Crime rate is very low from 1 AM 7 AM
- Drug/Narcotic / Burglary is very high during Day Time
- Larceny and Assault are very high between 9 AM 11 PM

