## **DATA WRANGLING PROJECT**

How health problems in the United States are becoming more prevalent as a result of the rise in fast-food restaurants?

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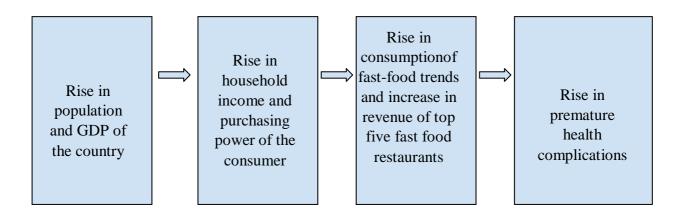
"People are fed by the food industry, which pays no attention to health and are treated by the health industry, which pays no attention to food."

In this busy world, it is very easy to grab food outside and finish a meal rather than making a meal at home. Over the years, the quick serving restaurants have become easily available at consumer's demand in every corner of the world. Eventually, the American Food and Beverage industry served as an inspiration for this project.

Given the convenience, it is easier to surrender control over the nutritional value of food. It is not the end of the world to eat fast food occasionally but consuming excessive amounts of fast food increases the likelihood of health issues including cardiovascular diseases and obesity. The excessive levels of fat, salt, and calories in fast food has earned a bad reputation among health-conscious diners. These foods lead to obesity, hypertension, and cholesterol elevation. These elements are well-known for the elevated danger of deteriorating the health. Therefore, this project aims to analyze - "How health problems in the United States are becoming more prevalent as a result of the rise in fast food restaurants?"

In order to conduct this analysis, the quarterly revenue data from 2015 through 2022 forthe following five publicly traded US companies: Starbucks, Domino's, Chipotle Mexican Grill, McDonald Corp, and Wendy's have been compiled. By comparing the five companies' financial results to four independent variables—GDP, total population estimates in the US, per capita income and personal consumption index—this project aims to highlight the —

- Increase in fast food restaurant's revenue as a result of rise in country's GDP
- Rise in health complications correlating to rise in standard of living of the population



The foremost and primary subject addressed in the project is the excessive growth in the consumption of fast food and processed food leading to deterioration of health and various

health complications. Customers have a greater tendency to shift towards a healthier lifestyle by eating a healthier diet. Thus, the food and beverage manufacturers must adjust their focus from categories and products to customers if they want to keep up with the expansion of this sector. This study also drives the government to take precautions and pass regulations to migrate industries and public towards a healthy eating environment.

## **Data sources**:

The data sets are sourced from various government and private websites.

The datasets about heart diseases and diabetes in United States has been derived from a
government website, Centre for Disease Control and prevention where the number of
reported cardiovascular disease cases are found from 2015-2021.

Website URL: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/heart-disease.htm

• The data related to each fast-food restaurant (Wendy's, Starbucks, Chipotle, McDonalds and Domino's Pizza) is derived from a website named investing pro where the company's individual sales and revenue data was collected.

Website URL: https://www.investing.com/pro/watchlist/w-1606272.iwl/v-fecbbf0d/

• The data set for quarterly GDP of each state in the United States is found from the year 2012 to 2022. However, we couldn't derive GDP of fast-food industry alone. The total industry GDP is then taken into consideration.

Website URL: <a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics/188185/percent-change-from-preceding-period-in-real-gdp-">https://www.statista.com/statistics/188185/percent-change-from-preceding-period-in-real-gdp-</a> <a href="in-the-us/">in-the-us/</a>

• The data set of the population census of each state and personal consumption of food and beverages from 2015 to 2021is collected from a government website, *census.gov*.

Website URL: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/

 The data of income per capita is obtained from a government website, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Website URL: https://www.bea.gov/

## **Information quality:**

We are very certain that this data was sufficient to conduct our analysis through various wrangling techniques such as sorting, extracting, and evaluating the right information. However, the data collected required some formatting, profiling and preprocessing to obtain the right quality information. To maintain consistency in the data, the records of other states' data is excluded. As the data of cardiovascular diseases is not found for the years 2020 and 2021, the timeliness of the data is maintained by predicting the values for these years. The required amount of data is only extracted to avoid barriers to data accessibility. A few unnecessary columns with missing data were removed while concatenating a few elements of the data using data wrangling techniques. The data sets collected helped us in analyzing the data using data-wrangling tools and techniques to understand the relationship between the independent variable (F & B industry) and dependent variables (health complications).

## **Data Wrangling Process:**

1. All the population files of each year from 2015 to 2021 were needed for our analysis but all the datasets had different format, attributes and datatypes. To format the data, all the csv files have been read using pd.read function. A subset is created for all the years with only required columns and concatenated based on the state names. It is observed that the data type of population was in float with decimals but as population cannot be decimals, used astype(int) function to convert the data type into integer. To improve the consistency of the data, used .isna().sum() function to look for null values. Later using the drop function, removed the null and inconsistent data that are not required for our analysis.

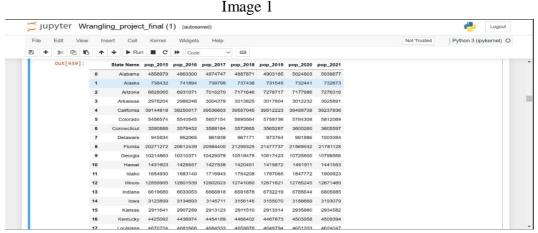


Image 1 is the final data set obtained after applying all the data wrangling steps on population datasets.

2. A dataset with all the GDP details from the year 2005 to 2022 has been found. To clean and wrangle the obtained data based on our requirements we used python. The total industry GDP of each state has been read where the data was given on a quarterly basis. The Annual GDP is extracted from the data as the analysis is to be done annually. As the analysis is to be done only for the 50 US states, all the other inconsistent data is dropped. To improve the consistency of the data, we checked for any null values and made sure that all the columns are of the same datatypes.

Image 2

```
In [123]: #Check for null values
           GDP_final.isna().sum()
Out[123]: GeoName
                       0
           2015
                       0
           2016
                       0
           2017
                       0
           2018
                       0
           2019
                       0
                       0
           2020
           2021
           dtype: int64
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Image 2 is the code for finding null values in our GDP dataset.

Image 3

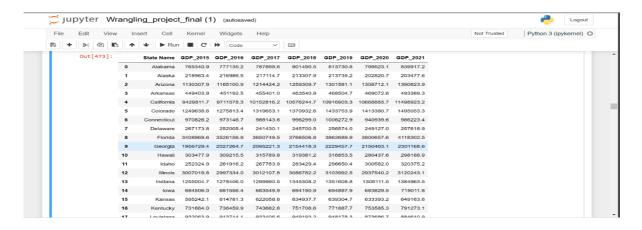


Image 3 is the final data set obtained after applying all the data wrangling steps on population datasets.

3. The Income statements of Wendy's, Starbucks, Chipotle, McDonalds, and Domino's have been found for the years 2015 to 2021. From which we have extracted the revenue of all the fast-food restaurants and converted into data frame. For better analysis of the data, we have converted the datatype of the columns from float to integer as different columns had different datatypes. The same data wrangling techniques are followed for all the five restaurants i.e., Wendy's, Starbucks, Chipotle, McDonalds, and Domino's Pizza. The final data of these restaurants is concatenated into one data frame based on the year.

Image 4

```
In [6]: #Considering only the Revenue of the fast food chain for analysis wendys = wendys[wendys['Unnamed: 0'] == 'Revenue (Reported)']

Out[6]:

Unnamed: LTM.FQ- LTM
```

Image 4 is the code for subsetting only the required columns for further analysis.

Image 5

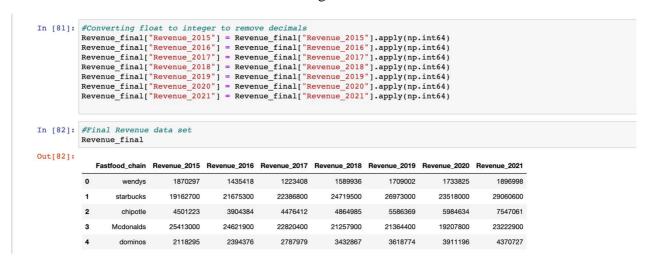
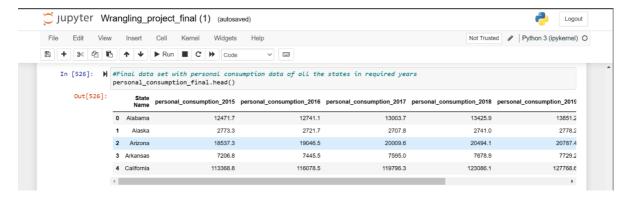


Image 5 is the code for converting the datatype of the columns and the final data set with the revenue of Wendy's, Starbucks, Chipotle, McDonalds and Domino's.

**4.** A personal consumption data set is found per state with the data of all the industries, from which we have extracted the food and beverage industry data. After sorting and cleaning the data, following the similar steps as the other datasets.

Image 6



5. To enrich the data we have, for a better analysis we have used the following formula to find the per capita income of people in each state. As we have the data sets for GDP and personal consumption, the formula is GDP/population to get the percapita income value per each state.

Image 7

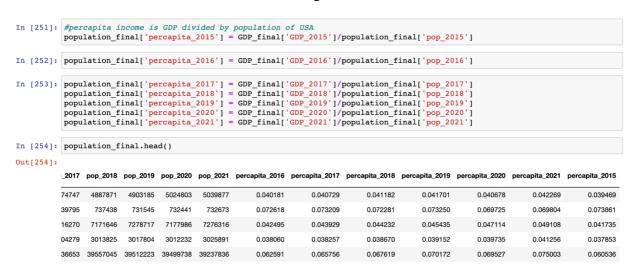


Image 7 is the code used to enrich the existing GDP and population data sets.

**6.** Using Excel, the datasets for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes are filtered. Select only mortality of these health complications and sort the data chronologically. Unnecessary columns are deleted.

Image 8

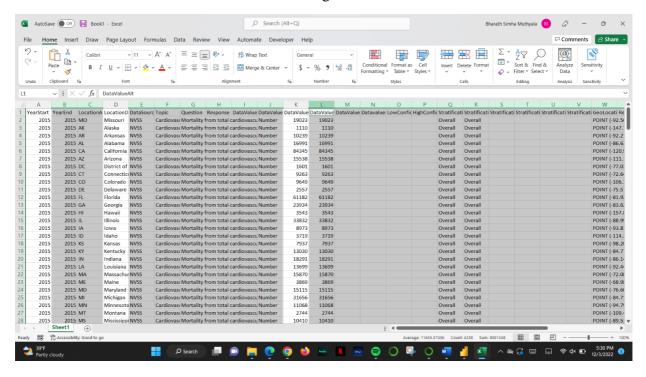


Image 8 is the process we followed to filter the. Cardiovascular and diabetes mortality data using Excel

The refined data is as follows:

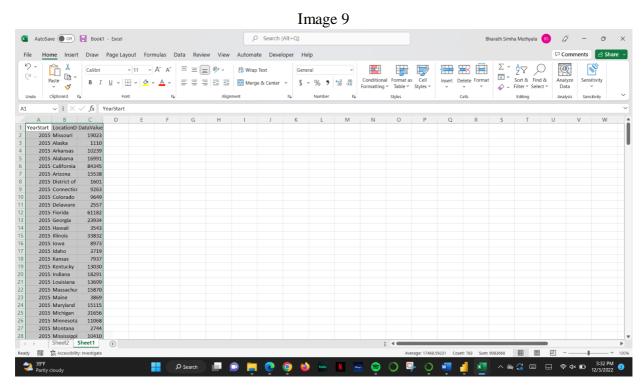


Image 9 is the final data set obtained after the wrangling process.

7. Using Pivot table, the data was formatted and sorted in a readable and easy way to understand the format.



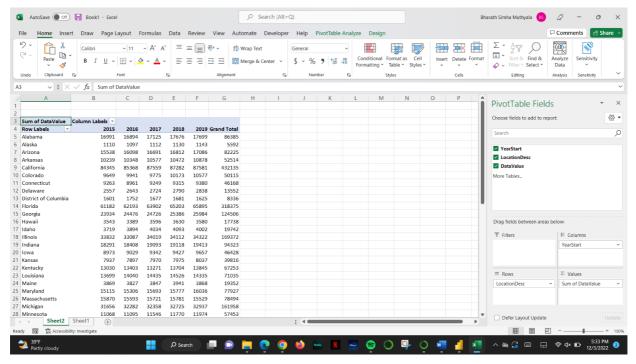


Image 10 is the process of using pivot table to format the data

8. In the data set, cardiovascular mortality data we found the data for the years as the data set doesn't contain mortality rate of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes for years 2020 and 2021. To enrich the missing data, we have used Forecasting Analysis under Arithmetic Increase Method (Pn=Po+nX) to calculate the final forecasting mortality number for these years and enrich the data.

Image 11

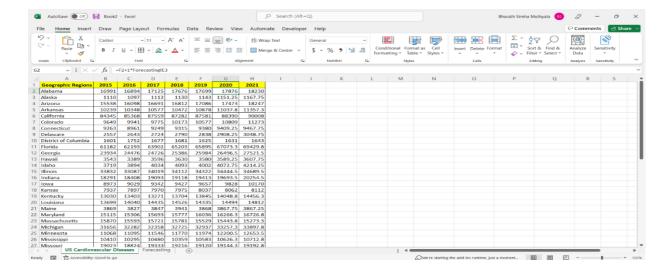


Image 11 is the data enrichment process we followed to forecast the missing data in the cardiovascular mortality table using the existing data.

## **Analysis & Results:**

- 1. Some of the challenges faced during the wrangling process was the large amount of chronic disease index data from CDC.
- 2. The data was too large for python to handle as the file size was more than 1 GB.
- 3. Hence, Excel and power Query was used to pull in the required fields from data and sort/filter just the data that we require.
- 4. Once we extracted the relevant fields for Cardiovascular and Diabetes, another challenge faced was that there was no data for 2020 and 2021 and we were unable to source the state-wise data anywhere. Therefore, the forecasting method of Arithmetic Increase was used to calculate the missing years data using historical data from 2015-2019.
- 5. The year-on-year difference and its percentage from 2015-2019 was calculated. The average difference was known over the years and the Arithmetic Increase formula to fill was used in the missing data.
- 6. After profiling and analyzing the data, the results suggested that on an average, an American spends \$20,000 on off premises food and beverages consumption
- 7. There is a position correlation between the Population, GDP and per capita income. They all are moving in the same upward direction. In 2020, there has been a slight dip in the GDP and PCI due to the pandemic but there has been a constant increase in the population.
- 8. There is a positive correlation between the data. As the personal consumption standard of the public is rising over the years, there is an increase in cardiovascular diseases and diabetes' mortality over the years, recently the cardiovascular mortality has been moving rapidly in an upward trend.
- 9. The revenue of the fast-food restaurants has been increasing in an upward fashion along with cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

#### **External Materials:**

In recent years, people's health metrics has been correlated with the increase in fast food joints. We have taken a few external materials and articles supporting our analysis. A few of the articles have been listed down below:

1. <a href="https://www.hearthousenj.com/learning-center/diet-nutrition/the-effects-of-fast-food-on-the-heart/-:~:text=Consuming unhealthy foods at fast,blood pressure and dehydrate you</a>

This article talks about how consuming unhealthy foods at fast food joints can increase one's chance of obesity and, in turn, increase their risk of diseases associated with excess weight, such as heart disease and diabetes. This article claims that high sodium intake can even increase one's blood pressure.

2. <a href="https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/324847#short-term-impacts">https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/324847#short-term-impacts</a>

The article proclaims that the processed carbs and added sugar in fast food helps in quick digestion and causes a quick rise in blood sugar. This leads to an unnaturally big spike in insulin, which in turn causes the blood sugar to fall. It may make people feel worn out. Within a short period of time after eating, insulin encourages more hunger.

3. <a href="https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2008.137638">https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2008.137638</a>

This article examined the relationship between fast-food restaurants near schools and obesity among middle and high school students in California. For the results, information from individual-level student responses to the 2002–2005 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) was used. The primary outcome of interest was BMI. They also considered binary outcomes for overweight and obesity. The obesity measurements of those younger than 19 years were based on percentiles by age and gender reference group, according to the BMI-for-age percentiles chart published by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A child at or above the 85th percentile of BMI distribution by age and gender was considered overweight. A child at or above the 95th percentile was considered obese (and overweight).

- 4. <a href="https://www.diabetes.co.uk/news/2006/jan/fast-food-and-diabetes-link.html">https://www.diabetes.co.uk/news/2006/jan/fast-food-and-diabetes-link.html</a>
  This research paper on "Diabetes and Fast-Food Link" is read to know and understand more about the positive relation between these two variables.
- 5. <a href="https://www.zippia.com/advice/us-fast-food-industry-statistics/">https://www.zippia.com/advice/us-fast-food-industry-statistics/</a>
  The article helped us understand more about the facts and figures of the United States' fast-food trends and statistics which claims a steep rise in its market size and revenue.

#### 6. https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/317122 - effects

Junk foods are high in trans and saturated fats, which can raise levels of triglycerides, a type of fat that is present in the blood. High levels of triglycerides increase the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

# 7. <a href="https://www.ibisworld.com/united-states/market-research-reports/fast-food-restaurants-industry/">https://www.ibisworld.com/united-states/market-research-reports/fast-food-restaurants-industry/</a>

The study claims that over the next five years to 2027, the fast-food restaurant sector is projected to continue to have a significant impact on the food service industry. As consumers continue to look for quick and inexpensive meal options, the industry's capacity to offer convenient food at a low price is likely to stay popular in the years to come.

#### 8. <a href="https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/02/200214134723.htm">https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/02/200214134723.htm</a>

According to a new Dartmouth-led study, there is a strong link between the amount of fast food that pre-school age children consume and their likelihood of becoming overweight or obese.

# 9. <a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics/1174417/fast-food-restaurants-industry-market-size-us/">https://www.statista.com/statistics/1174417/fast-food-restaurants-industry-market-size-us/</a>

Numerous fast-food chains, including McDonald's, are well-known names both abroad and in the United States. McDonald's topped a ranking of American fast-food restaurants by sales in 2021 by more than 20 billion dollars, and it was followed by Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, Taco Bell, and Subway. McDonald's came in third behind Starbucks and Subway was by far the QSR with the most units in the United States in 2021.

#### 10. https://libcom.org/history/economics-fast-food-industry

The article suggests that the consumers are eating at fast food restaurants more frequently than at other eateries, which is why the burger franchises are doing well.

#### 11. <a href="https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/324847#short-term-impacts">https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/324847#short-term-impacts</a>

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#### **Future Potential Data and Analysis:**

- For an additional analysis, the state-wise revenue data of fast-food restaurants would have been collected. The data wrangling techniques are applied only on the top five United States' quick serving restaurants.
- The project work included analysis of only two health complications, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. If we had more time, he work would have included in-depth analysis to correlate more diseases with the fast-food consumption.