

# Forecasting NYC Car Collisions: Steering Towards a Safer Future

Time Series Analysis of the Leading Collision  
Causes of the Top 5 High-Risk Zip Codes in Queens & Brooklyn



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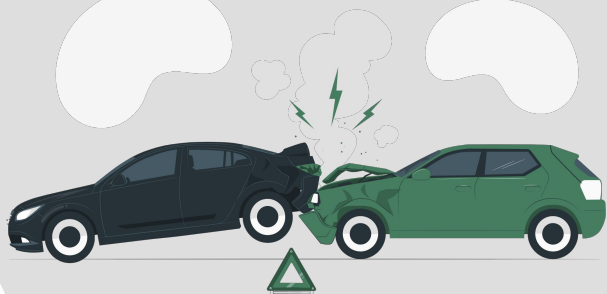
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# Business Understanding



# Business Problem

## Stakeholder



## Business Problem

Cause Identification &  
Collision Reduction  
within High-Risk  
Zip Codes

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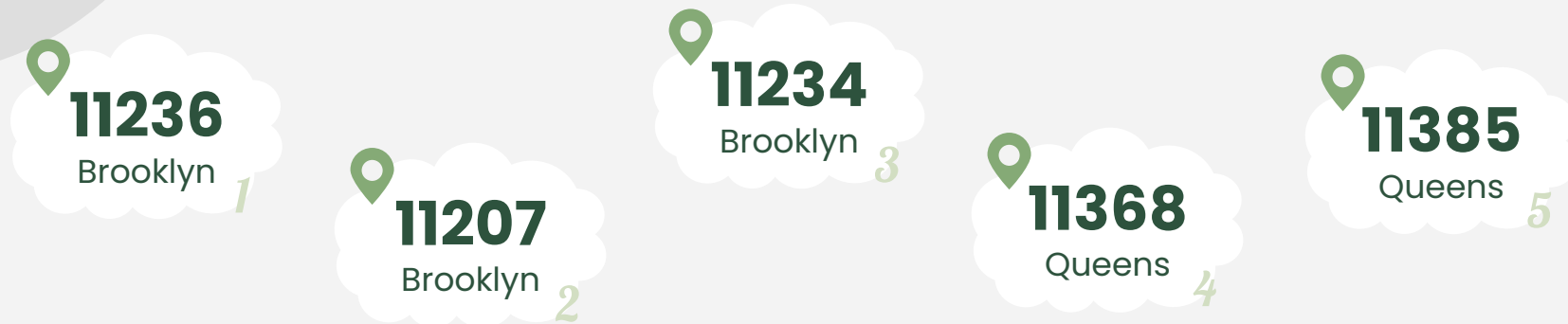
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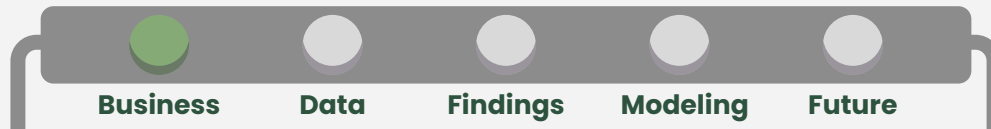
# Bottom Line Up Front



Moving Violation  
Daily Error:  
 $\pm 3$  collisions



Driver Inattention  
Daily Error:  
 $\pm 4$  collisions



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## Data Overview



# Data Overview

## Source



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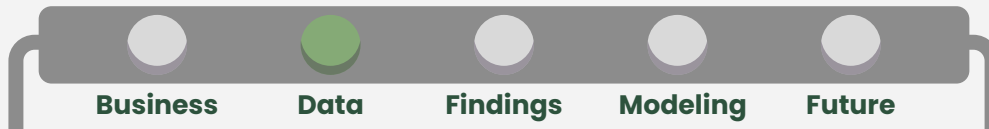
- 2018–2023
- Queens & Brooklyn
- 42,108 Collisions

## Filters

- Top Two Causes
- Top Five Zip Codes

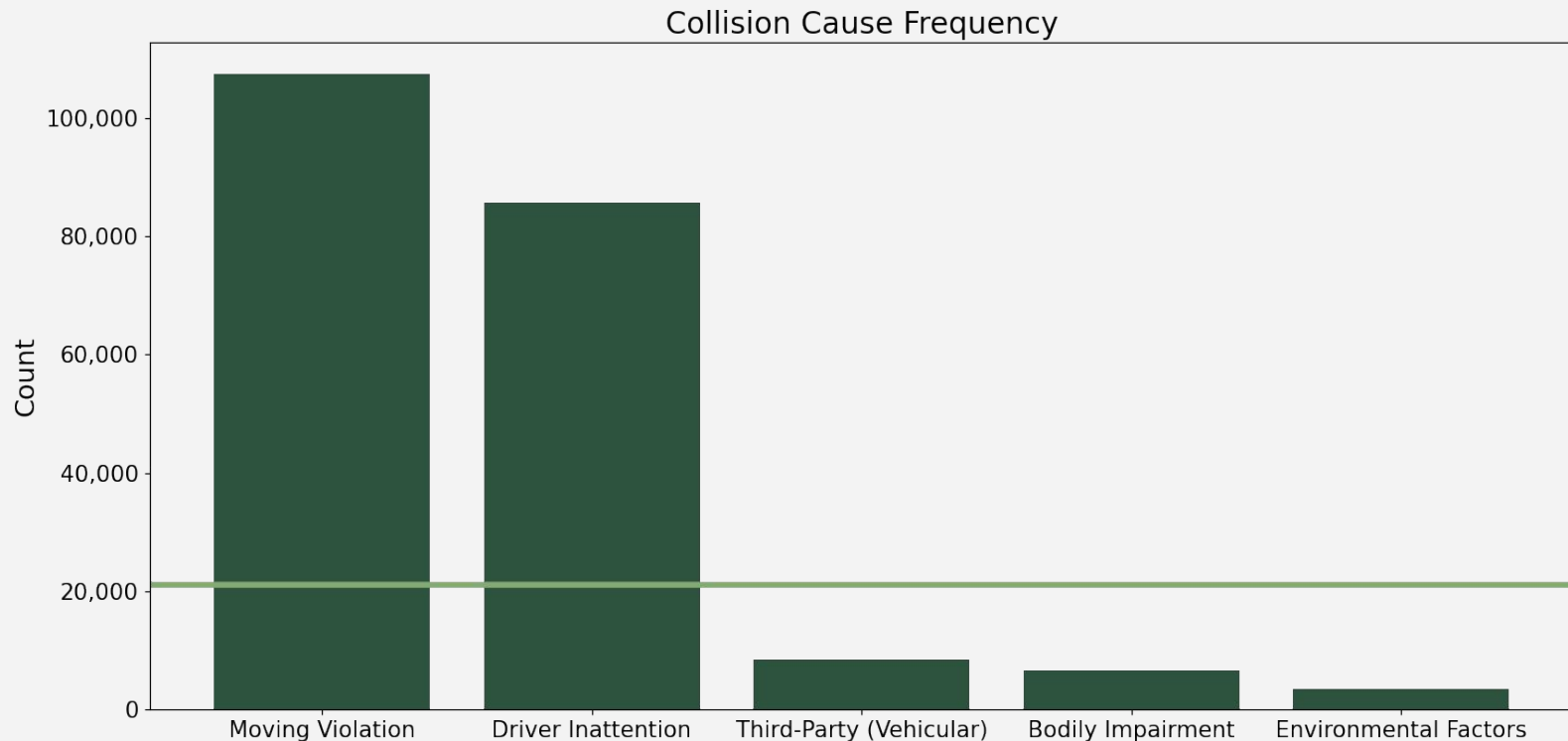
## Limitations

2020 COVID-19  
Pandemic





# Race to be #1: Moving Violation leads



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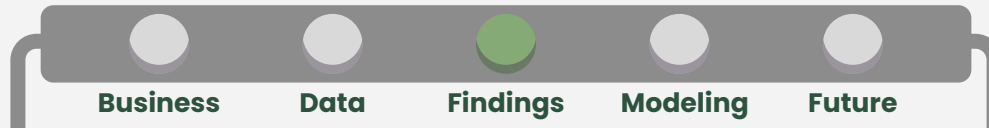
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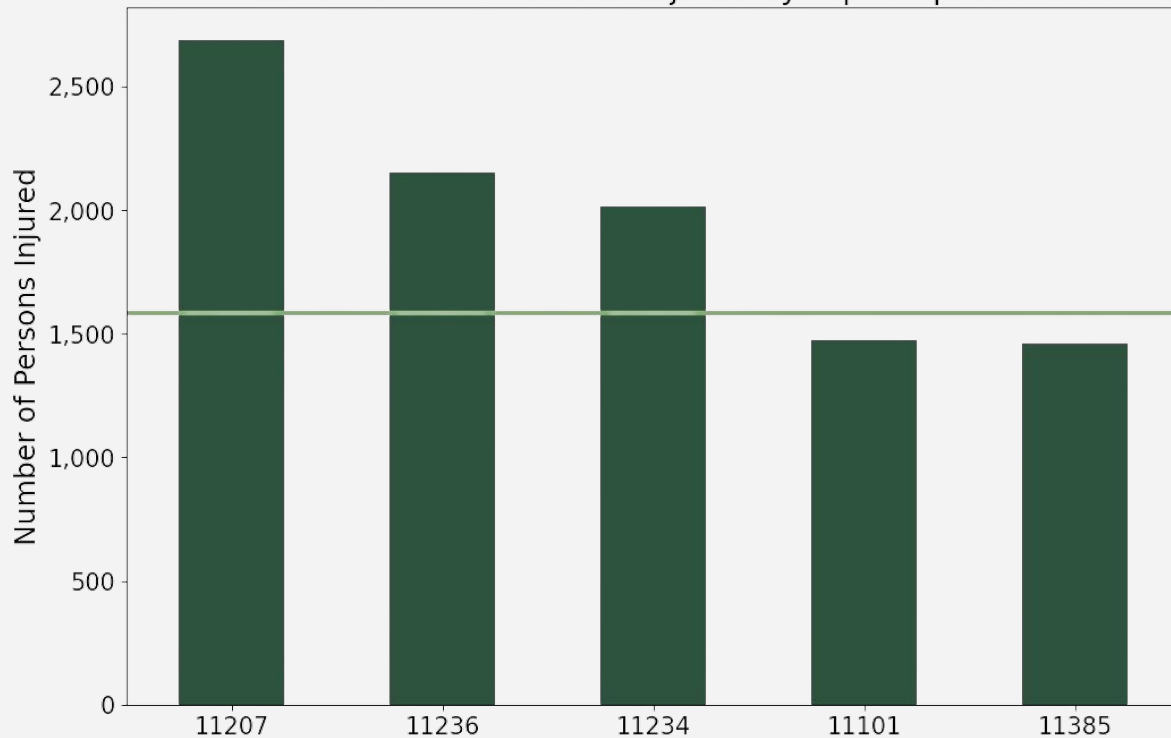
# Brooklyn Tops the Injury Charts

Borough	Zip Code	Injury Probability
Brooklyn	11236	51%
Brooklyn	11207	44%
Brooklyn	11234	43%
Queens	11368	35%
Queens	11385	34%



# High Risk, Low Reward

Total Number of Persons Injured by Top 5 Zip Codes



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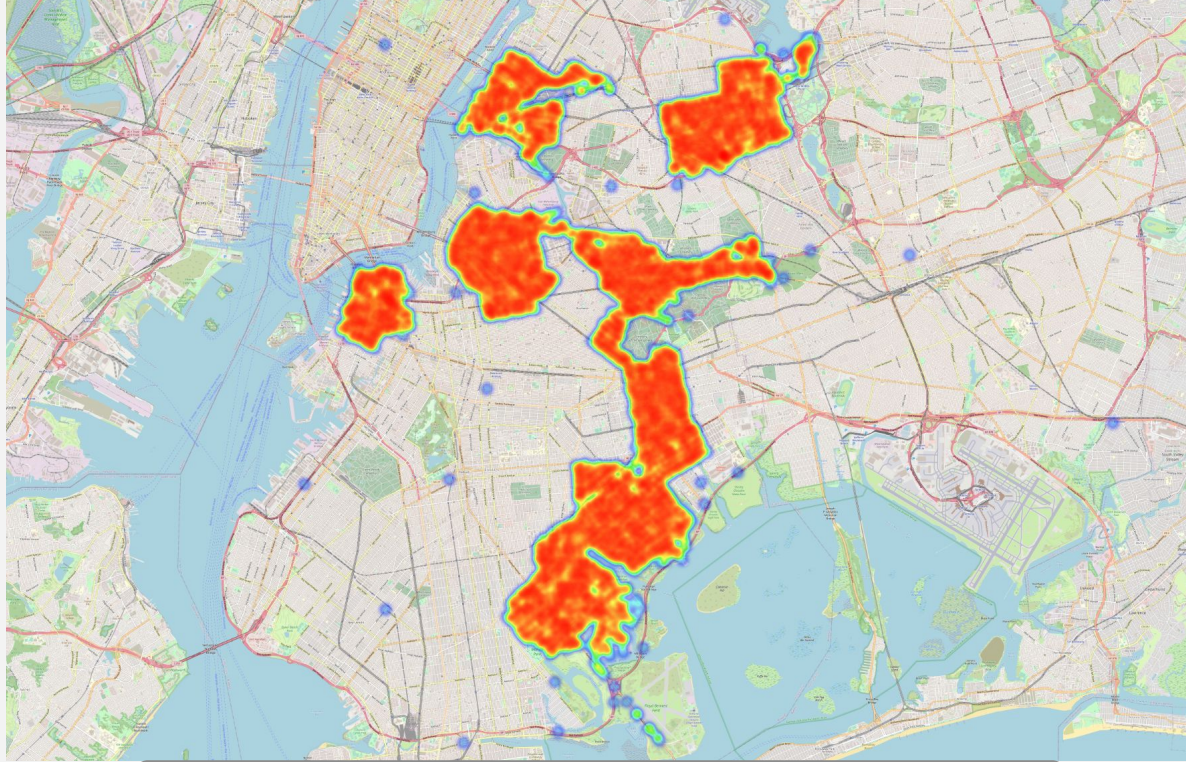
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# Beware of Bridges, Ballparks, & Beaches



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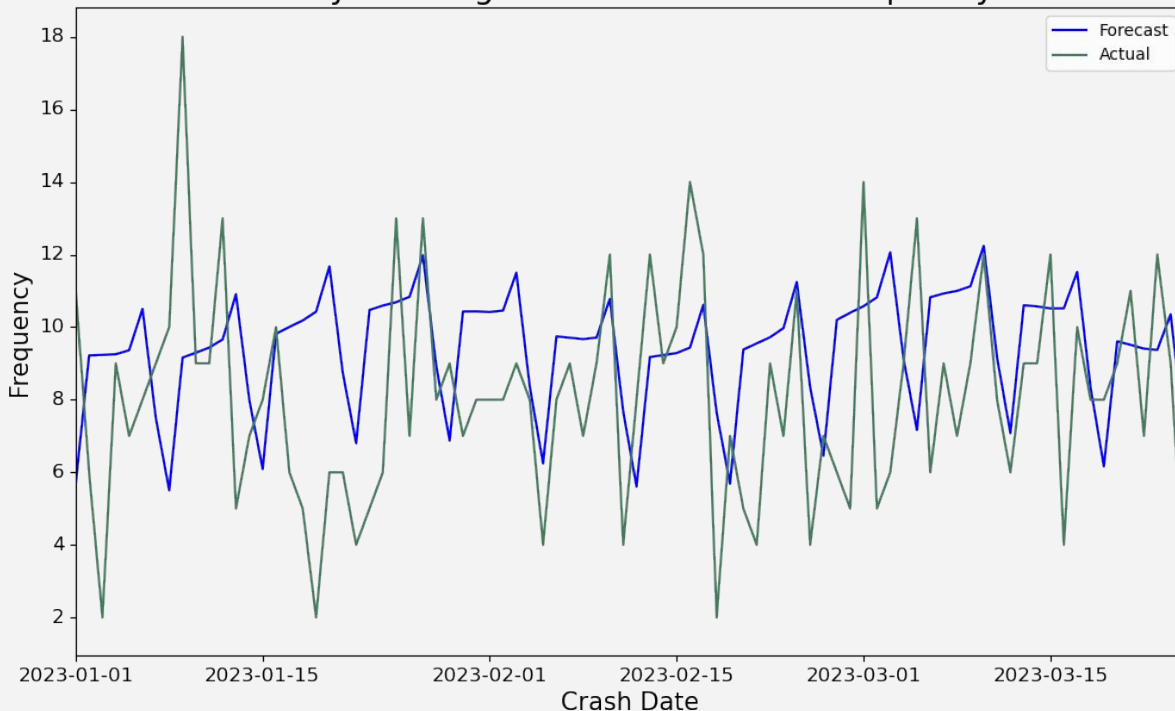
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# Modeling & Recommendations



# Forecast of 2023: Moving Violations

Daily "Moving Violation" Collision Frequency



Daily Error:  
 $\pm 3$  collisions

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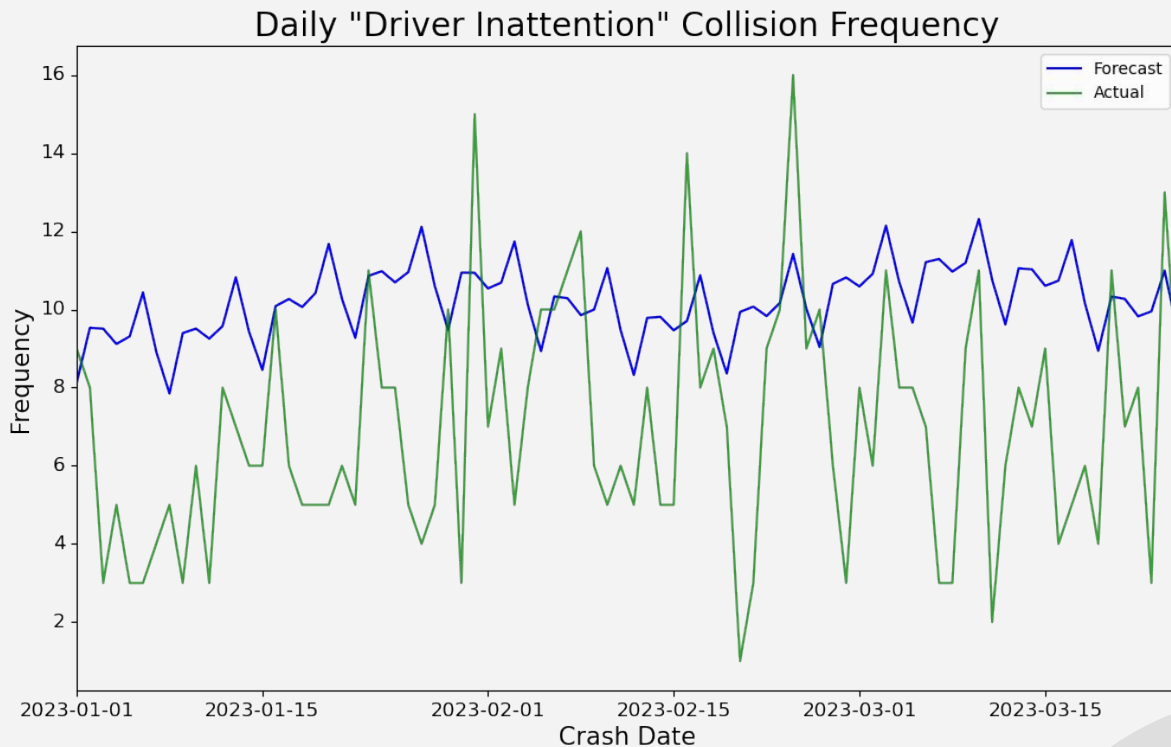
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# Forecast of 2023: Driver Inattention

Daily Error:  
 $\pm 4$  collisions



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# Recommendations



**Safety  
Campaigns**



**Improve  
Public Transit**



**Training  
Programs**

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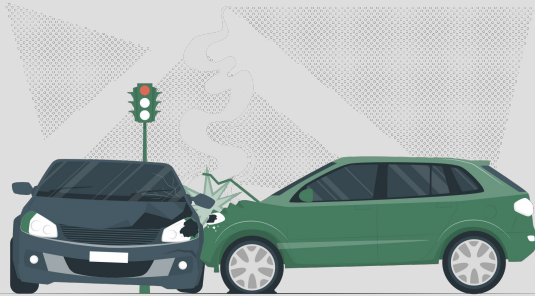
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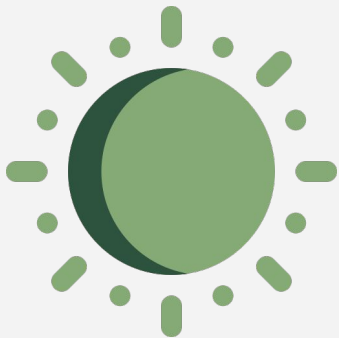
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## Future Insights



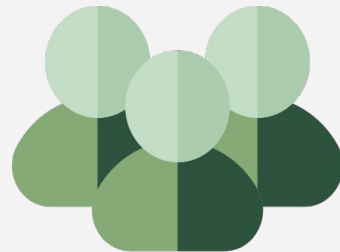
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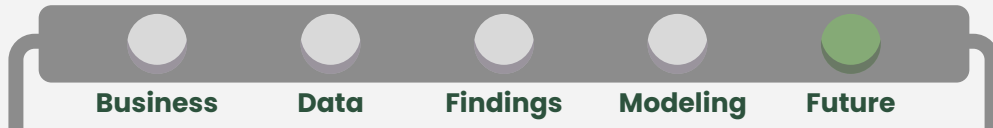
**Weather  
Patterns**



**Road  
Conditions**



**Driver  
Demographics**



# THANK YOU!

## Questions?



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