

GreenPulse: Capturing the health and distribution of urban greenery

An Interactive Dashboard for Urban
Forestry Data

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Introduction

- Urban trees play a critical role in enhancing ecological and aesthetic value.
- Effective monitoring of tree health and distribution is essential for sustainable urban planning.
- This project provides an interactive platform to explore urban forestry data.

The Problem

- Urban forests are under pressure due to limited resources for monitoring and management.
- Key challenges include:
 - Assessing tree health across neighborhoods.
 - Understanding the spatial distribution of trees.
 - Informing policymakers with actionable insights.



Objectives

1

Explore tree health, size, and spatial distribution.

2

Provide insights into tree conditions across different neighborhoods.

3

Develop interactive visualizations for data exploration and analysis.

Data Overview

- **Source:** NYC OpenData.
- **Key Attributes:**
 - tree_dbh, stump_diam: Tree diameter and Stump diameter.
 - status, health: Tree status(alive or dead) and health(good, fair or poor).
 - spc_common: Species common name of the tree.
 - borough: Boroughs in which tree is located.
 - postcode and zip_city: Zip code and city in which tree is located.
 - latitude and longitude: Geographic coordinates of the tree.

Note:

We extracted only 5% of the entire dataset to address computational limitations resulting in 34k rows.

Methodology

- **Data Preparation:**
 - Cleaned and processed raw tree census data.
 - Handled missing values and outliers.
- **Visualization Development:**
 - Built tabular and interactive map visualizations.
- **Data Analysis:**
 - Aggregated data to explore trends across health, diameter, and boroughs.

Data Cleaning

```
[4] print(df.shape)
print(df.columns)

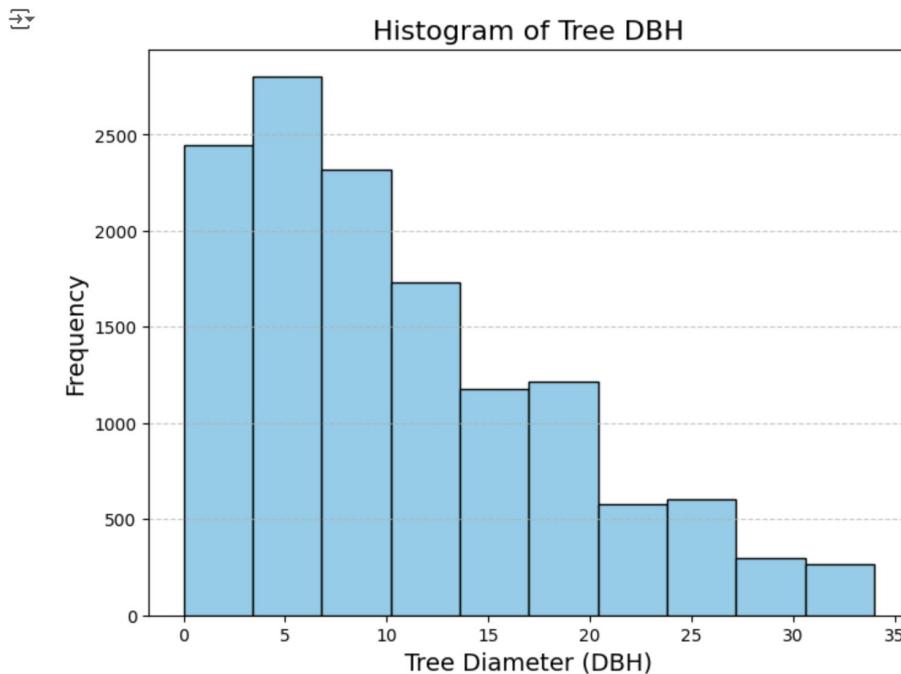
→ (34189, 45)
Index(['tree_id', 'block_id', 'created_at', 'tree_dbh', 'stump_diam',
       'curb_loc', 'status', 'health', 'spc_latin', 'spc_common', 'steward',
       'guards', 'sidewalk', 'user_type', 'problems', 'root_stone',
       'root_grate', 'root_other', 'trunk_wire', 'trnk_light', 'trnk_other',
       'brch_light', 'brch_shoe', 'brch_other', 'address', 'postcode',
       'zip_city', 'community board', 'borocode', 'borough', 'cncldist',
       'st_assem', 'st_senate', 'nta', 'nta_name', 'boro_ct', 'state',
       'latitude', 'longitude', 'x_sp', 'y_sp', 'council district',
       'census tract', 'bin', 'bbl'],
      dtype='object')
```

→ Missing values after cleaning:

tree_id	0
block_id	0
created_at	0
tree_dbh	0
stump_diam	0
curb_loc	0
status	0
health	0
spc_common	0
root_stone	0
root_grate	0
root_other	0
trunk_wire	0
trnk_light	0
trnk_other	0
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brch_shoe	0
brch_other	0
address	0
postcode	0
zip_city	0
community board	0
borough	0
cncldist	0
st_assem	0
st_senate	0
nta	0
nta_name	0
latitude	0
longitude	0

Histogram of Tree Diameter

```
# 1. Histogram of tree_dbh
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.hist(df['tree_dbh'], bins=10, color='skyblue', edgecolor='black')
plt.title('Histogram of Tree DBH', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Tree Diameter (DBH)', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Frequency', fontsize=14)
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.show()
```



•Histogram Overview

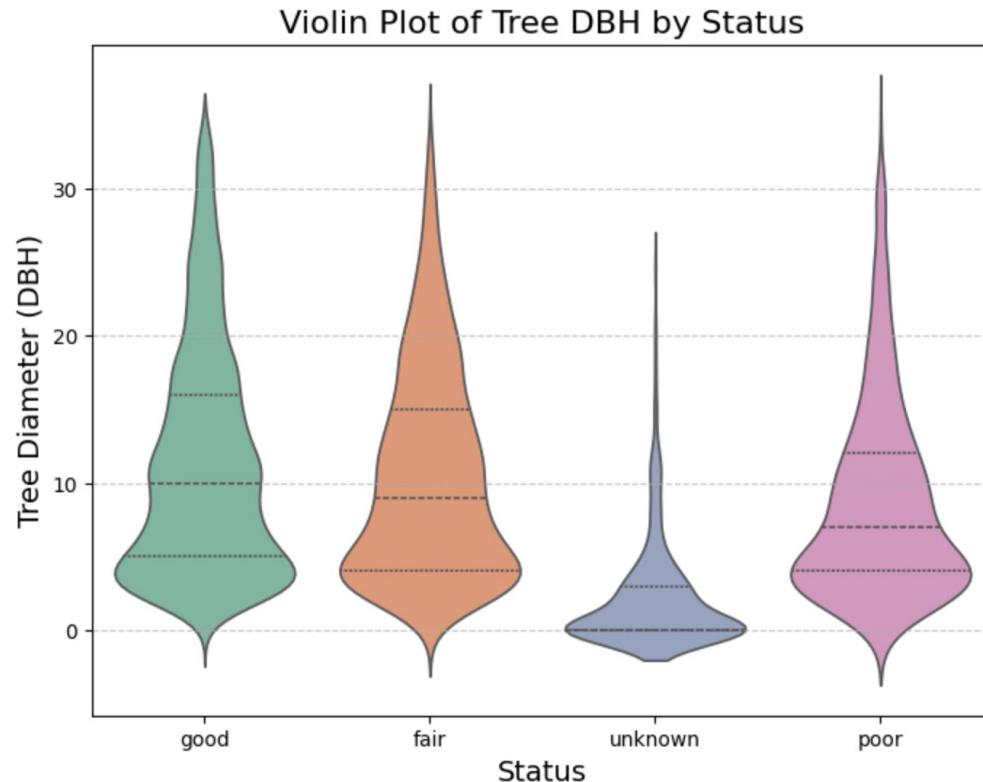
- Histogram visualizes the distribution of tree diameters (tree_dbh) across the dataset.
- Groups diameter values into intervals (bins) and shows how frequently trees fall into each range.

•Key Observations

- Most trees have diameters within the range of 5 to 10.
- Larger tree diameters are less common, indicating fewer mature trees in the dataset.

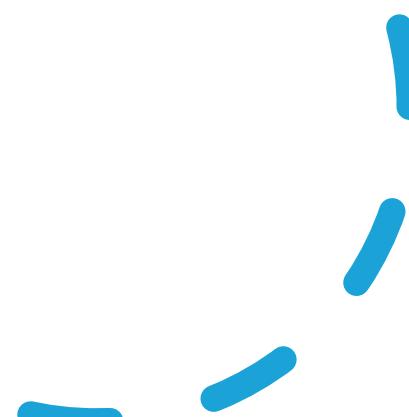
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▶ #2. Violin plot of the distribution of tree_dbh based on status  
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))  
sns.violinplot(x='health', y='tree_dbh', data=df, palette='Set2', inner='quartile')  
plt.title('Violin Plot of Tree DBH by Status', fontsize=16)  
plt.xlabel('Status', fontsize=14)  
plt.ylabel('Tree Diameter (DBH)', fontsize=14)  
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)  
plt.show()
```

```
↳ <ipython-input-8-81fb4e6f88bb>:3: FutureWarning:  
Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in v0.14.0.  
sns.violinplot(x='health', y='tree_dbh', data=df, palette='Set2', inner='quartile')
```



Violin Plot of Tree Diameter by Health Status

Violin plot is used to visualize the distribution of tree diameters (tree_dbh) for each health status category (Good, Fair, Poor, unknown).



Density Plot of Tree Diameter by borough

- **Density Plot Overview**

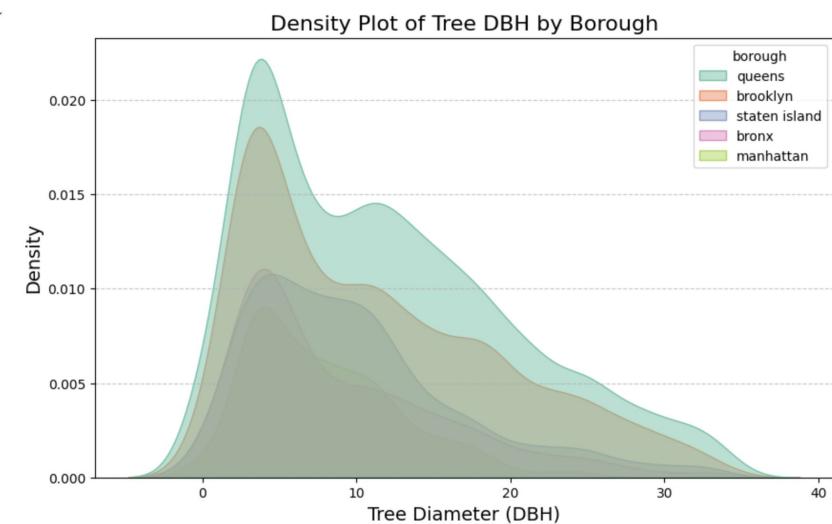
- This density plot compares the distribution of tree diameters (tree_dbh) across different boroughs.
- Each borough is represented by a separate curve, showing the probability density of tree sizes.

- **Key Observations**

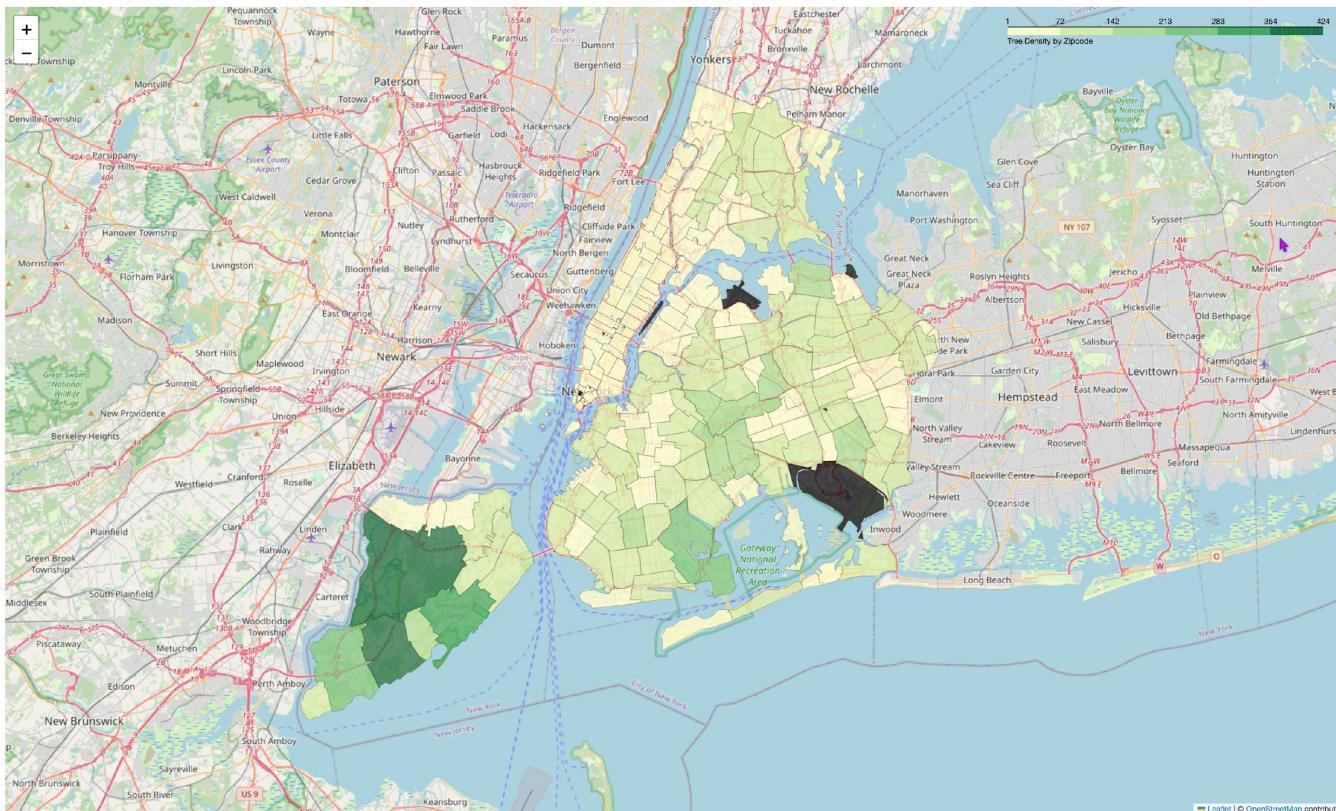
- **Borough Comparisons:**

1. Queens has the highest density for smaller trees, suggesting a younger tree population.
2. Staten island shows a wider spread, indicating a mix of young and mature trees.

```
[ ] # 3. Grouped Density Plot: Tree Diameter by Borough
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.kdeplot(data=df, x='tree_dbh', hue='borough', fill=True, alpha=0.5, palette="Set2")
plt.title('Density Plot of Tree DBH by Borough', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Tree Diameter (DBH)', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Density', fontsize=14)
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.show()
```



Choropleth Map of Tree Density by Zip Code



```
#code of choropleth map of tree density by zipcode using folium
df['postcode'] = pd.to_numeric(df['postcode'], errors='coerce')
tree_density = df.groupby('postcode').size().reset_index(name='tree_count')
latitude = df['latitude'].mean()
longitude = df['longitude'].mean()
m = folium.Map(location=[latitude, longitude], zoom_start=11)
Choropleth([
    geo_data=geojson_path,
    name='choropleth',
    data=tree_density,
    columns=['postcode', 'tree_count'],
    key_on='feature.properties.postalCode',
    fill_color='YlGn',
    fill_opacity=0.7,
    line_opacity=0.2,
    legend_name='Tree Density by Zipcode'
]).add_to(m)
m
```



Bubble Map of Tree Diameter, Health Status and Species name

```
#bubble map having bubble size as tree dbh and color for health
df['health'].unique()
def health_to_color(health):
    color_map = {
        'good': 'green',
        'fair': 'orange',
        'poor': 'red'
    }
    return color_map.get(health, 'blue')
m = folium.Map(location=[df['latitude'].mean(), df['longitude'].mean()], zoom_start=12)
for _, row in df.iterrows():
    folium.CircleMarker([
        location=(row['latitude'], row['longitude']),
        radius=row['tree_dbh'] / 2,
        color=health_to_color(row['health']),
        fill=True,
        fill_color=health_to_color(row['health']),
        fill_opacity=0.7,
        popup=(
            f"<b>Tree DBH:</b> {row['tree_dbh']}<br>" 
            f"<b>Health:</b> {row['health']}<br>" 
            f"<b>Species:</b> {row['spc_common']}"
        )
    ]).add_to(m)
m
```

Tabular Data Visualization

- **Tabular Data Overview**
 - A tabular data visualization provides a detailed, row-by-row view of the dataset.
 - It allows users to inspect and interact with individual tree records, including:
 - **Tree ID:** Unique identifier for each tree.
 - **Borough:** Location of the tree.
 - **Health:** Status of tree health (Good, Fair, Poor).
 - **Tree Diameter (tree_dbh):** Size of the tree.
 - **Problems:** Observed issues, such as root or branch damage.
 - **Key Features**
1. **Interactive Filters:**
 1. Filter data by borough, health, or other attributes for focused analysis.
 2. **Sorting:**
 1. Sort rows by tree diameter or health to identify trends easily.
 3. **Download Capability:**
 1. Export filtered data for further offline analysis.

```

# Initialize Dash app
app = Dash(__name__)

# Layout with Dash DataTable
app.layout = html.Div([
    html.H1("Tree Data Table", style={"textAlign": "center"}),
    dash_table.DataTable(
        id='tree-table',
        columns=[{"name": i, "id": i} for i in df.columns],
        data=df.to_dict('records'),
        style_table={'overflowX': 'auto', 'margin': 'auto'},
        style_cell={
            'textAlign': 'left',
            'padding': '10px',
            'fontFamily': 'Arial, sans-serif',
        },
        style_header=[
            'backgroundColor': 'rgb(230, 230, 230)',
            'fontWeight': 'bold'
        ],
        page_size=10,
        sort_action="native",
        filter_action="native",
    )
])

# Run the app
if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run_server(debug=True)

```

Tree Data Table

tree_id	block_id	created_at	tree_dbh	stump_diam	curb_loc	status	health	spc_common	steward	guards	sidewalk	problems	root_stone	root_gate	root_c
filter da															
170569	339194	2015-08-24T00:00:00	5	0	OnCurb	alive	good	callery pear			NoDamage		No	No	No
374591	207854	2015-10-25T00:00:00	11	0	OnCurb	alive	good	green ash			NoDamage		No	No	No
114608	409042	2015-08-03T00:00:00	12	0	OnCurb	alive	good	norway maple			Damage	Stones	Yes	No	No
25523	227376	2015-06-18T00:00:00	19	0	OnCurb	alive	fair	american elm			NoDamage		No	No	No
286637	210353	2015-10-06T00:00:00	6	0	OnCurb	alive	fair	cherry			NoDamage		No	No	No
302972	229613	2015-10-09T00:00:00	18	0	OnCurb	alive	good	london planetree			Damage		No	No	No
688638	231585	2016-08-29T00:00:00	23	0	OffsetFromCurb	alive	good	london planetree			NoDamage		No	No	No
566906	332789	2016-05-26T00:00:00	14	0	OnCurb	alive	good	honeylocust			NoDamage		No	No	No
511039	411527	2016-12-11T00:00:00	4	0	OnCurb	dead	unknown	unknown					No	No	No
197270	408969	2015-09-02T00:00:00	3	0	OnCurb	alive	poor	cherry			NoDamage		No	No	No

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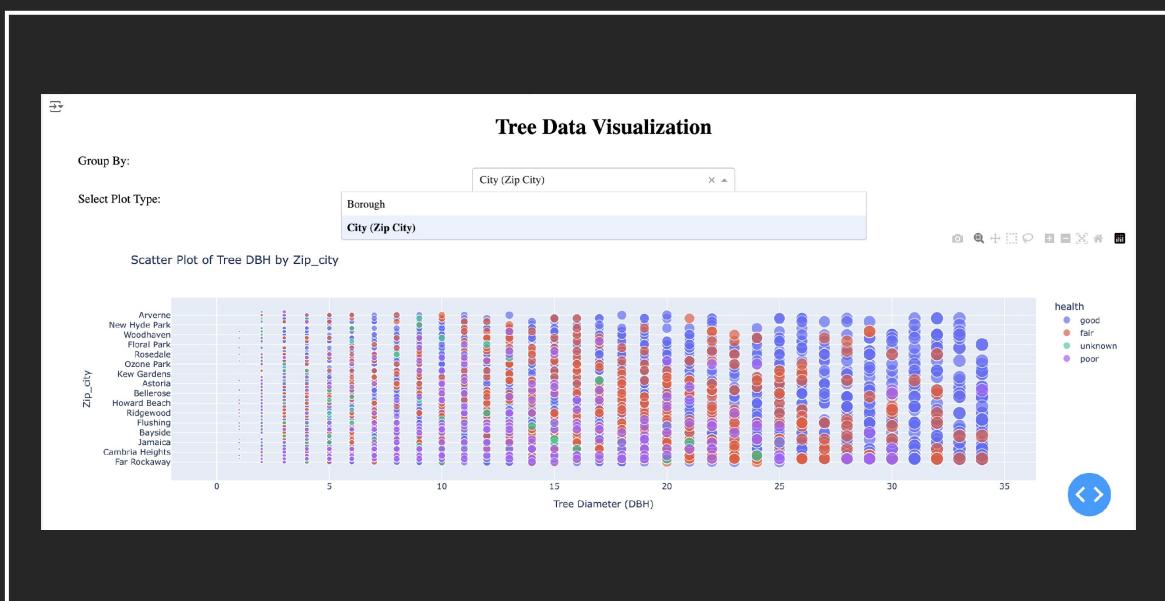
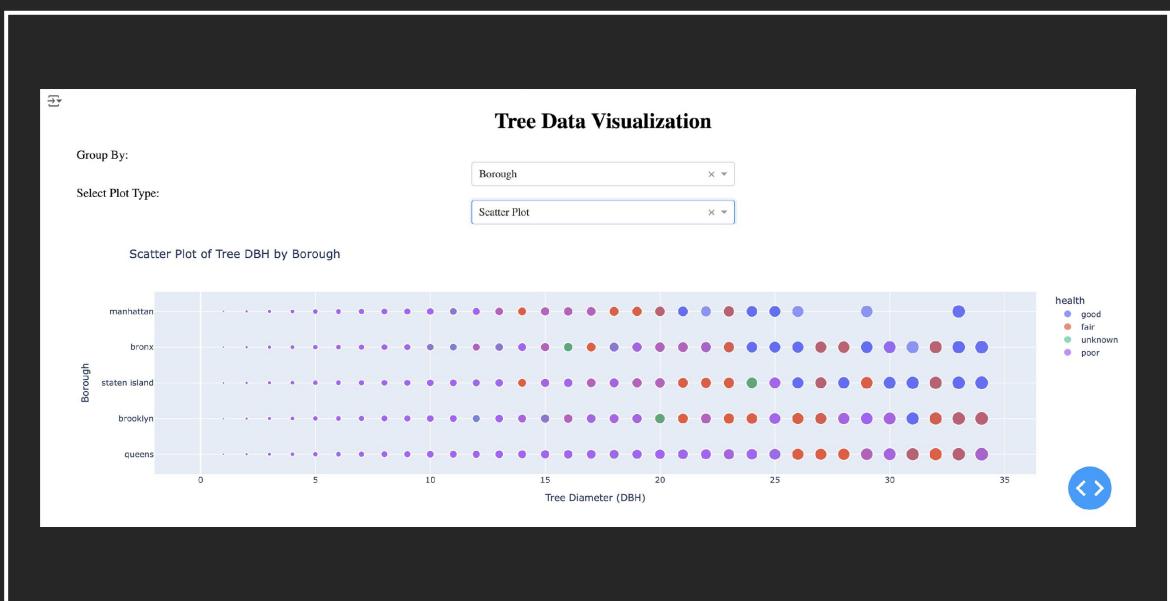
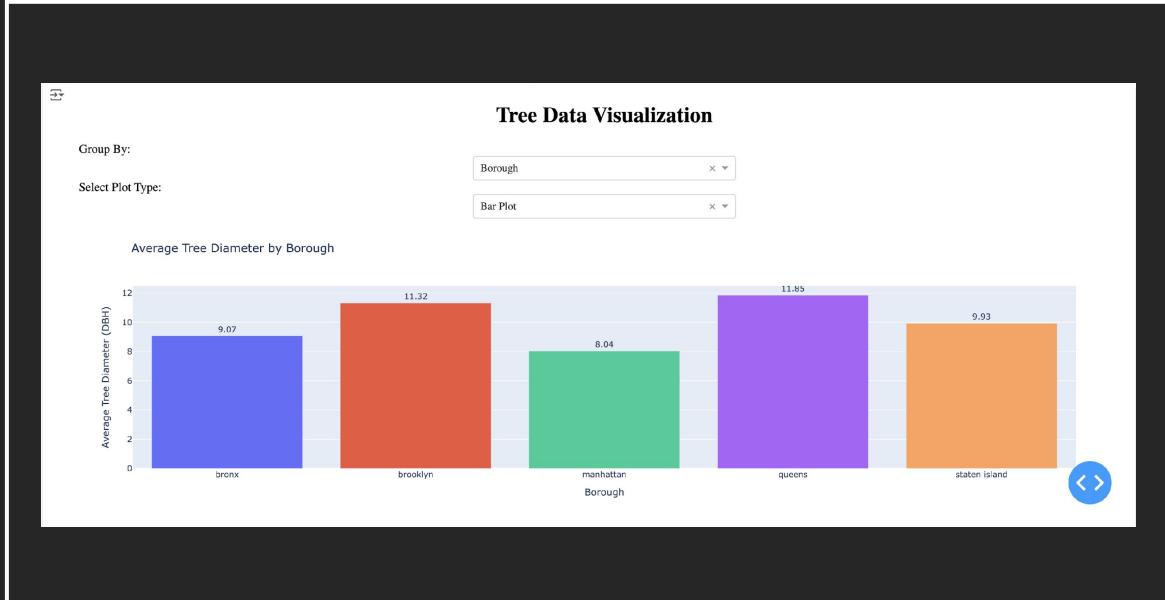
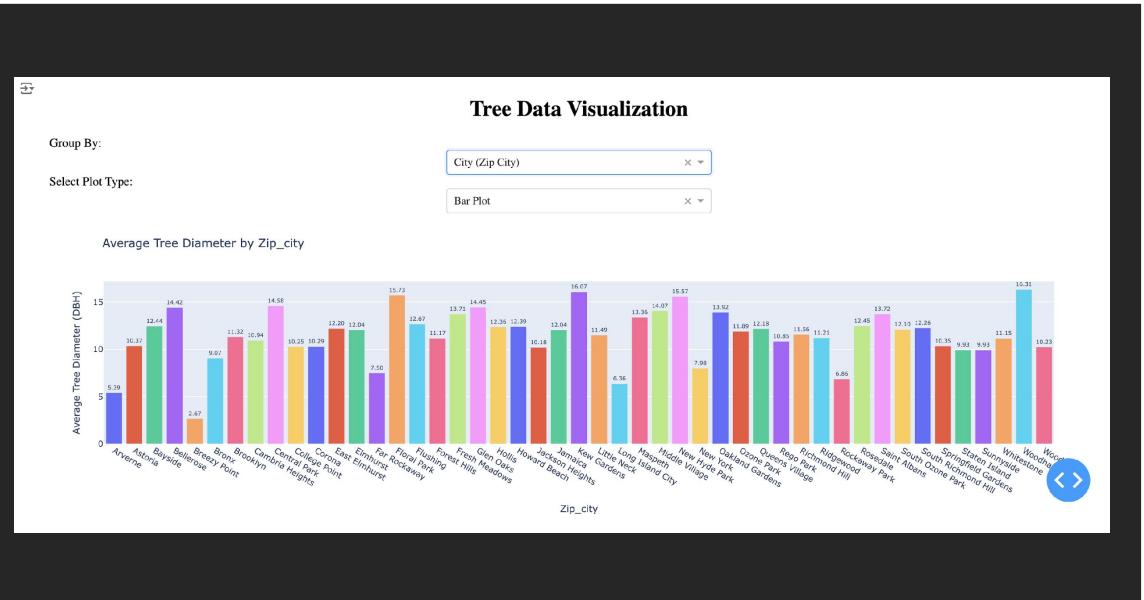
Aggregation Visualization of Tree Data

- **Aggregation Visualization Overview**

- Aggregation visualizations summarize tree data by grouping it into meaningful categories (e.g., by borough or city).
- These visualizations provide insights into trends and patterns that may not be apparent in individual records.

- **Key Features**

- **Grouped Analysis:** Average tree diameter (`tree_dbh`) by borough highlights variations in tree size across regions.
- **Bar Chart Representation:** Bar heights indicate average values, making comparisons intuitive and easy to interpret.
- **Interactive Options:** Ability to select categories for customized aggregation.



Conclusion

- **Recap:**
 - The importance of urban forestry analysis.
 - Spatial distribution, health analysis.
- **Data Sources**
 - NYC OpenData:
https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Environment/2015-Street-Tree-Census-Tree-Data/vpi-gqnh/about_data
 - GeoJson data:
https://github.com/fedhere/PUI2015_EC/blob/master/mam1612_EC/nyc-zip-code-tabulation-areas-polygons.geojson
- **Tools and Libraries:**
 - Python libraries: Pandas, Plotly, Dash.
 - mapping platforms: Folium.



Thank you

