NFL Salary Cap Optimization

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Credentials

- 10+ Years in Acct/Finance
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- New Father



Presentation Overview















Business Understanding

Highly Competitive Performance Based Industry

2 Spending Limits on Players (Salary Cap)

Regular Season Win% Highly Tied to Revenue



Data Overview

NFL Player Contract, Player Position and Team Performance Scraped from Sportrac.com

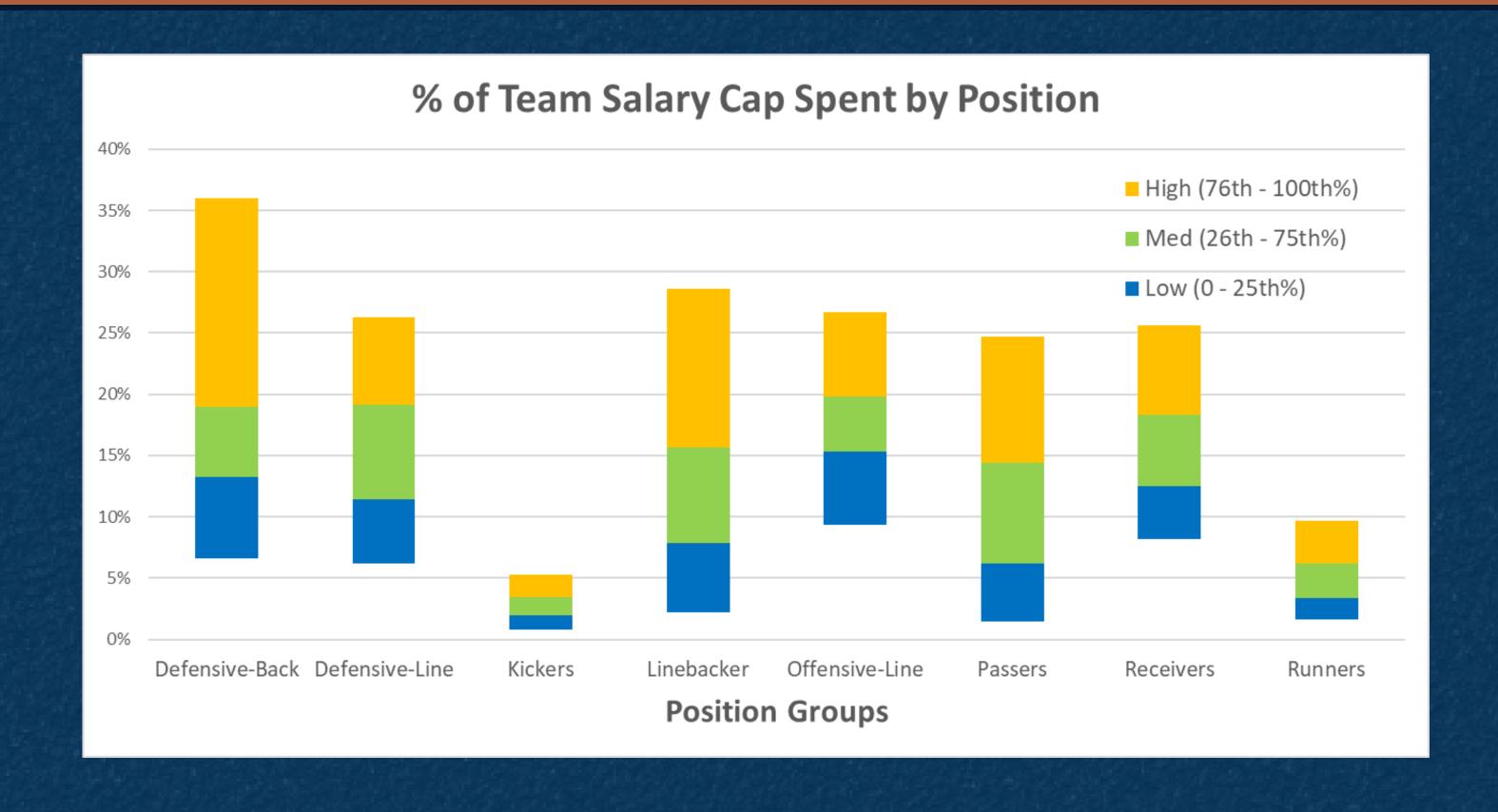
Includes Players No Longer Playing (injury, trade, cut)

Regular Season Win% and Amount Spent on Position Group Categorized in High, Average and Low.





Team Spending



Data Limitations



Paywall Restricts Dataset to Last 3 Years

2 Dataset Doesn't Factor in Player Performance

Dataset Includes All Player Salary Cap Hits





Modeling

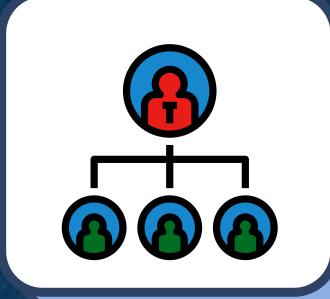
<u>Model Takes In</u>

- Player Status
- Player Position
- Cap% Spent
- Player Age

Model Predicts

- High Win%
- 96% Accuracy!









Reccomendations

Spend High



Defensive Line

Offensive Line

Spend Average



Receivers

Kickers

Avoid



Low \$ Kickers

Low \$ Receivers

Future Analysis



Restrict Data to Active Players



Add More Years to Dataset



Thank You!



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