BATTLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS TORONTO VS NEW YORK CITY

OBJECTIVE

- Compare the similarities and dissimilarities between Bronx, New York City and Scarborough, Toronto, Canada, especially concerning living quality of potential employees
- Determine which neighborhood is a better choice for a new headquarter for XYZ company

METHODOLOGY

- Collect data for both cities into dataframe containing borough, neighborhood, geographical coordinate(latitude and longitude) information.
- Data cleaning and feature extraction. We extract only boroughs of interest and, via the Foursquare API, search for the needed neighborhood venue information.
- By Folium module, visualize clustering information for further analysis.
- K-means clustering is used to form clusters of different categories of venues and the clusters will be used for further analysis.

SCARBOROUGH, TORONTO

- 96 venues with 56 unique categories
- 3 clusters
 - Cluster-1: various restaurants
 - Cluster-2: coffee shop and playground
 - Cluster-3: fast food restaurant
 - Other: skating rink, convenience store,
 rental car location and so on



BRONX, NEW YORK CITY

- 1226 venues with 173 unique categories
- 5 clusters:
 - Cluster-1: Latin American restaurant, fast food restaurant, pizza place and pharmacy
 - Cluster-2: pizza place and Italian restaurant
 - Cluster-3: plaza
 - Cluster 4: grocery store and bus station
 - Cluster 5: park
 - Other: bank, gym, supermarket, pub, Chinese/Asian restaurant, Mexican restaurant, farmers/fish markets, donut shop, pub and coffee shops and so on



CONCLUSION

- Based on the amount and variety of venues, Bronx is a better living choice for office workers and Scarborough is probably a better fit for college students.
- Bronx is a better choice as a location of new headquarter.