Electric Vehicles: Impact on our Environment & Health

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Purpose: Determine if the increased investment towards Electric Vehicles in the State of California has had a positive effect on the environment and the populations overall respiratory health.

Hypothesis: With YoY sales generally increasing we expect to see some improvement in California's air quality.

EV Sales & Consumers



Ethnicity County Population Data Much Too Granular

With the aid of data key as provided by US Census worked to identify ethnicity group, age groups and year.

Duplicate data columns were dropped and those remaining were summed together and converted into 4 general ethnic groups: Black, Asian, White, Other.

Also population data was reformatted from being strings to integers using "astype"

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1 # Sum White ("WA MALE" + "WA-FEMALE"), BLACK ("BA MALE" + "BA FEMALE"), etc.
              Wethric population numbers and create new ethnic pop columns ('white tot', black tot, asian tot, etc.)
           4 ca_2018_new['white_tot'] = ca_2018_new.loc[:, 'WA_MALE':'WA_FEMALE'].sum(1)
           5 ca 2018 new['black tot'] = ca 2018 new.loc[:, 'BA MALE': 'BA FEMALE'].sum(1)
           6 ca_2018_new['asian_tot'] = ca_2018_new.loc[:, 'AA_MALE':'AA_FEMALE'].sum(1)
           7 ca_2018_new['wht/blk/asn_tot'] = ca_2018_new.loc[:, 'white_tot':'asian_tot'].sum(1)
           8 ca_2018_new['nonhisp_tot'] = ca_2018_new.loc[:, 'NH_MALE':'NH_FEMALE'].sum(1)
           9 ca_2018_new['hisp_tot'] = ca_2018_new.loc[:, 'H_MALE': 'H_FEMALE'].sum(1)
          10 ca 2018 new['other tot'] = ca 2018 new['TOT POP'] - ca 2018 new['wht/blk/asn tot']
          11 ca 2018 new
Out[11]:
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1102 rows × 33 columns

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ctMax=grpD.loc[(grpD.CTYNAME=='San Francisco County')\
                          (grpD.CTYNAME=='Marin County')\
                          (grpD.CTYNAME == 'Santa Clara County')\
                          (grpD.CTYNAME == 'San Mateo County')\
                          (grpD.CTYNAME == 'Alameda County')1
               ctMax=ctMax.loc[ctMax.AGEGRP=="All Ages"]
Out[14]:
                         CTYNAME AGEGRP TOT POP
                                                      white tot
                                                               black tot asian tot
                    Alameda County
                                              1666753
                                                        828986
                                                                  185930
                                                                           529210
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                                     All Ages
                       Marin County
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                  Santa Clara County
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Data fields (in order of appearance):

Geographic Summary Level STATE State FIPS code COUNTS County FIPS code STNAME State Name CTYNAME County Name YEAR AGEGRP Age group TOT POP Total population TOT MALE Total male population TOT FEMALE Total female population WA MALE White alone male population WA FEMALE White alone female population BA MALE Black or African American alone male population BA FEMALE Black or African American alone female population American Indian and Alaska Native alone male population IA FEMALE American Indian and Alaska Native alone female population AA MALE Asian alone male population AA FEMALE Asian alone female population NA MALE Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone male population NA FEMALE Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone female population TOM MALE Two or More Races male population TOM FEMALE Two or More Races female population WAC MALE White alone or in combination male population WAC FEMALE White alone or in combination female population BAC MALE Black or African American alone or in combination male BAC FEMALE Black or African American alone or in combination femal IAC MALE American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination male

American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination

population

female population

IAC FEMALE

EV Sales Data by Model and Needed to be Aggregated:

Sales data was by model

First executed a groupby to aggregate totals by EV Vehicle Type.

Next summed two rows to get to an overall sales total for each year.

```
1 len(ev sales pd.index)
Out[32]: 57
In [33]:
              ev sales pd2 = ev sales pd.drop(columns=['Total', 'Unnamed: 12', 'Unnamed: 13', 'Unnamed: 14', 'Unnamed: 15', 'Unnamed: 16'
                                                         Unnamed: 17'1)
           3 ev_sales_pd2.head()
Out[33]:
                  Vehicle Type
                Niesan Leaf
                 Smart ED
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             BMW Active E
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In [34]:
              ev_grpby = ev_sales_pd2.groupby('Type')
           2 ev_grpby2 = ev_grpby.sum()
           3 ev_grpby2
Out[34]:
           Type
            EV 14587.0 48094.0 63525.0 71064.0 86731.0 104492.0
          PHEV 38584.0 49008.0 55357.0 42959.0 72885.0 91089.0
In [57]:
           1 ev grpby2.sum(axis=1)
           2 inc sum = ca inc rev['Income'].sum()
           1 ev_grpby2.loc['Total']=ev_grpby2.sum()
           2 ev_grpby2=ev_grpby2.reset_index()
           1 ev_grpby3 = ev_grpby2.loc[ev_grpby2.Type=='Total']
           2 ev grpby3
Out[59]:
                2 Total 53171.0 97102.0 118882.0 114023.0 159616.0 195581.0 361315.0 326644.0
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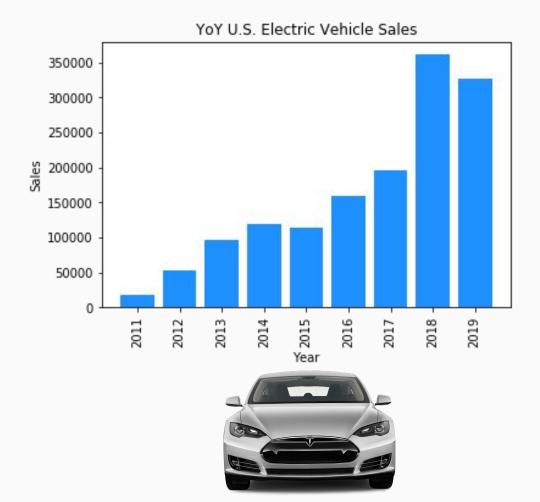
U.S. EV Sales

2011-2018: YoY EV sales in the US increased an average of 65%

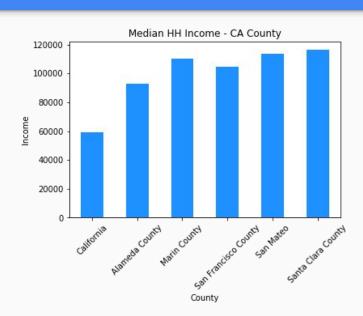
2017 to 2018: EV sales spiked by 85% primarily due to Tesla's intro of its Model 3 (retail price @ \$38,990)

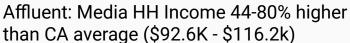
Last year almost 63% of prospective U.S. car buyers considered an EV

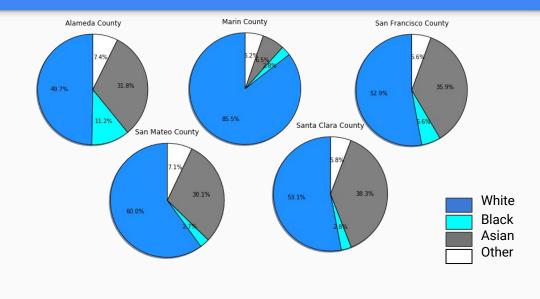
Cheaper batteries, more models and manufacturers ramping up assembly lines continue to drive EV prices down & spur demand.



Who's Purchasing EV's In CA?







Based on County Demographics, EV owners most likely to be White or Asian

EV's Impact on Air Quality 🍞



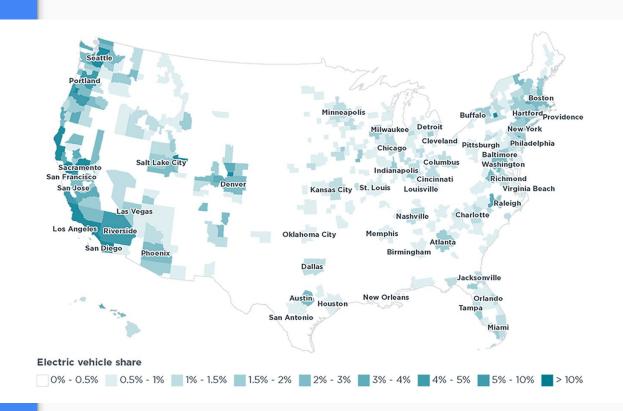


Problem: Limited sources of data for EVs

Limited years

Limited states

Limited adoption of EVs by geographical region



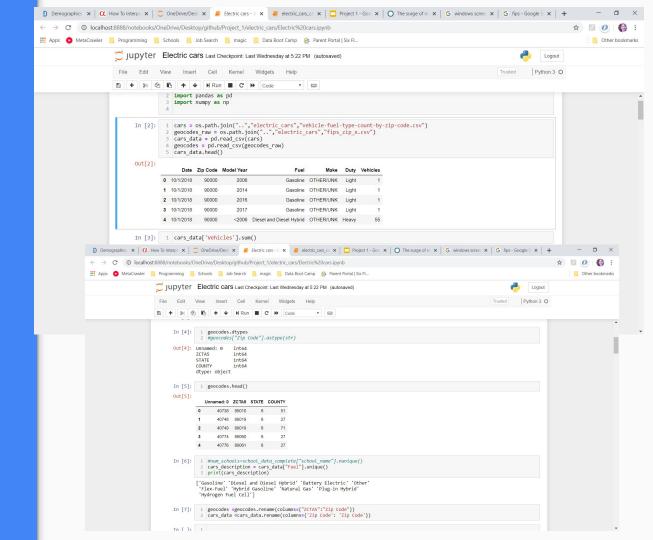
Problem: EV data is organized by zip code

All other data to do our comparisons were by county.

We used a county number csv to merge to the EV data set and ended up with cars being counted several times because of counties overlapping with zip codes.

Number of cars before merge: 30,411,713

Number of cars after merge: 33,859,585



Introducing a weighted mapping system

Found how many counties a single zip mapped into using a groupby(zip code) function

Weight = 1/COUNTY

Mapped zip and weights back into the

zip -> FIPS code to get the county code

1

95329

95230

93461

95960

geocodes weights

40738

40748

40749

89010

89019

89019

7 n zip county.head() Zip Code Unnamed: 0 STATE COUNTY Weights 0 93252

#creating weights by doing 1/n

#mapping n zips back into geocodes

geocodes_weights = pd.merge(geocodes,n_zip_county, Unnamed: 0 Zip Code STATE COUNTY Weights

geocodes = geocodes.rename(columns = {'ZCTA5': 'Zip Code'})

n_zip_county['Weights'] = 1/n_zip_county['COUNTY']

on = 'Zip Code', how = 'inner') 1.0 0.5 71 0.5

#getting the number of zips per county, by grouping by zip and then counting number of counties

4 0.250000

3 0.333333

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n zip county = geocodes.groupby('Zip Code').count().sort values(['COUNTY'],ascending = False).reset index()

Weighted System continued

Merged zip/fips with weights to vehicle data

Then multiplied the weight by the number of vehicles, to get adjusted vehicles

```
#merging weights/number of car regristrations by zip code into fips code
cars_merge_county = pd.merge(cars_data, geocodes_weights, how="inner", on=["Zip Code"])
cars_merge_county.sort_values(['Weights']).head()
```

	Date	Zip Code	Model Year	Fuel	Make	Duty	Vehicles	Unnamed: 0	STATE	COUNTY	Weights
298101	10/1/2018	93252	2007	Diesel and Diesel Hybrid	OTHER/UNK	Heavy	4	41696	6	83	0.25
298290	10/1/2018	93252	2017	Diesel and Diesel Hybrid	OTHER/UNK	Heavy	1	41697	6	111	0.25
298289	10/1/2018	93252	2017	Diesel and Diesel Hybrid	OTHER/UNK	Heavy	1	41696	6	83	0.25
298288	10/1/2018	93252	2017	Diesel and Diesel Hybrid	OTHER/UNK	Heavy	1	41695	6	79	0.25
298287	10/1/2018	93252	2017	Diesel and Diesel Hybrid	OTHER/UNK	Heavy	1	41694	6	29	0.25

```
#multiplying the weights by number of vehicles
cars_merge_county['Adj Veh'] = cars_merge_county['Vehicles']*cars_merge_county['Weights']
cars_merge_county.sort_values(['Weights'], ascending = True).head(5)
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298288	10/1/2018	93252	2017	Diesel and Diesel Hybrid	OTHER/UNK	Heavy	1	41695	6	79	0.25	0.25
298287	10/1/2018	93252	2017	Diesel and Diesel Hybrid	OTHER/UNK	Heavy	1	41694	6	29	0.25	0.25

Validation Process

Unique Zip codes in Cars data: 2913

Unique Zip Codes in crosswalk file: 2448

The difference in these zips led to a an insignificant amount in the data < 1%

```
sum_cars = cars_merge_county[['Vehicles','Adj Veh','Fuel','COUNTY']].groupby(['Fuel','COUNTY']).

difference = round(cars_data['Vehicles'].sum() - sum_cars['N Adj Veh'].sum())

percentage = round(difference/cars_data['Vehicles'].sum(),4)

print('the original number of cars is ' + str(cars_data['Vehicles'].sum()))

print('The number of unadjusted vehicles are ' + str(round(sum_cars['Veh'].sum())))

print('The number of adjusted vehicles are ' + str(round(sum_cars['N Adj Veh'].sum())))

print('The difference between the original cars and the adjusted cars is ' + str(difference))

print('The percentage of this change is '+ str(percentage) + ' of the data')

sum_cars.head()

4
```

the original number of cars is 30411372
The number of unadjusted vehicles are 33859585
The number of adjusted vehicles are 30386851.0
The difference between the original cars and the adjusted cars is 24521.0
The percentage of this change is 0.0008 of the data

Choosing vehicle categories to use

In vehicle registration data there were 9 vehicle types to choose from.

Originally we chose 2 categories:

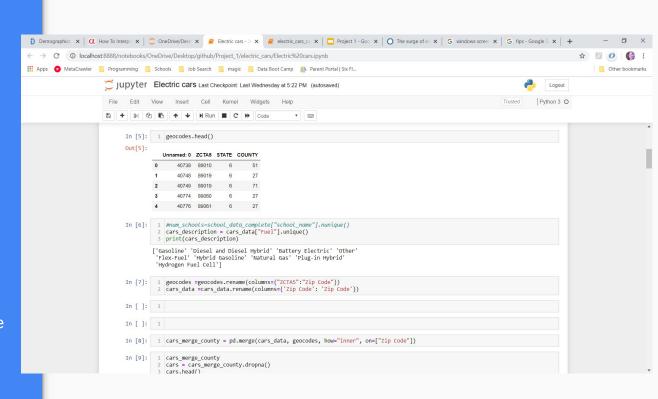
Battery Electric

Plug-In Hybrid

After counting the number of these cars it was apparent that it wouldn't be statistically significant.

>.01% of cars in CA

Added Hybrid gasoline cars resulting in some counties containing ~10%.



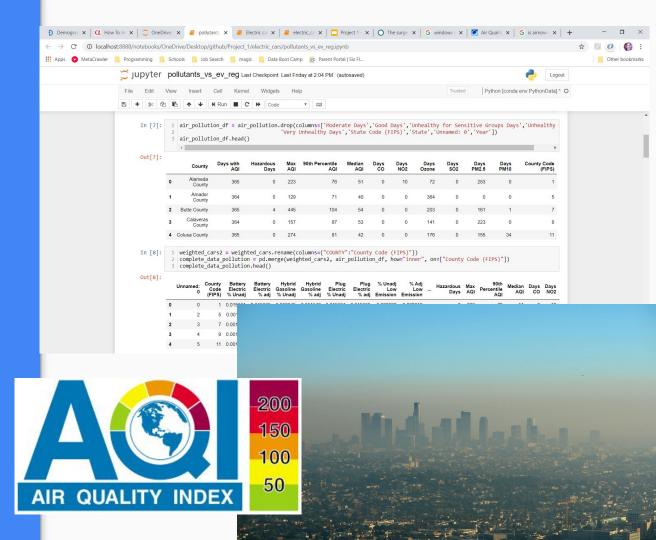
Choosing pollutants as a measure

EPA's data contains several parameters.

Air pollutants vary in potency, and the function used to convert from air pollutant concentration to AQI varies by pollutant.

Median AQI was used.

Since different countries use different models to compute median AQI it was decided to consider PM10 and ozone as measures of gasoline/diesel car emissions.



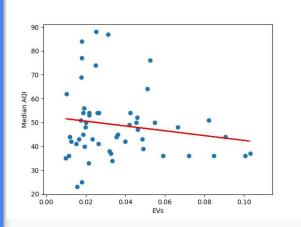
Linear regression for each pollutant

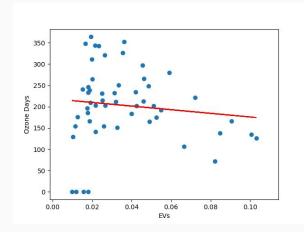
Linear regression models showed a decrease in median AQI, ozone and PM10.

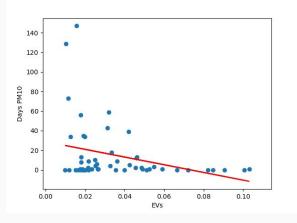
R² values were:

- -.3116 for PM10
- -.114 for ozone
- -.1642 for median AQI

Based on this given data and models used there is no correlation between percentage of EVs in each county of CA and air quality factors. No linear relationship.







Linear regression for median AQI

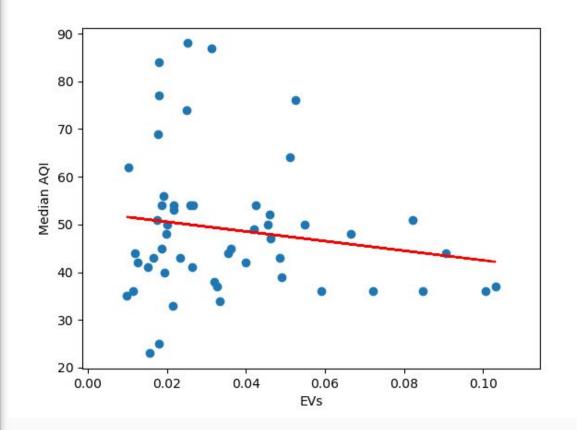
Graph shows a decrease in median AQI with an increase in EVs per county

Again a terrible R^2 value

-.1642

Model does not fit

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EV's Impacts on Health



Question: impact EV's have on health outcomes

Motivation: EV's provide lower emissions than other vehicle fuel types, therefore air quality should be better and respiratory rates should decrease

Data source: California Health and Human Services Open Data

Theory



Outcome Variable

Outcome Variable: Emergency Department (ED) visits as a percentage of total county population

Can be repeat people, can be people outside of the county

On per 10,000 people basis, percentage of 10% is actually .0001%

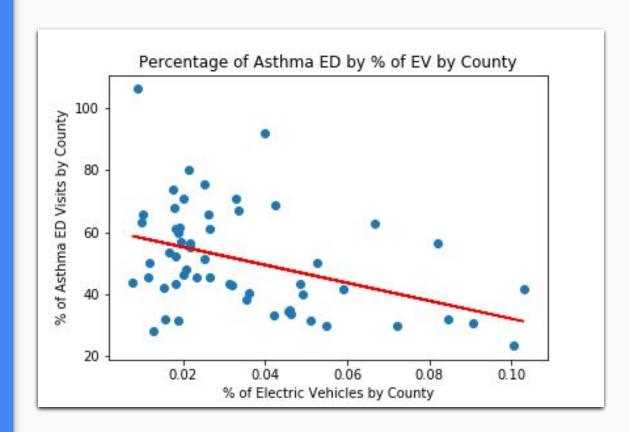
$$\% ED\ Visits_{asthma} = \frac{Number\ of\ ED\ Visits\ for\ County}{Total\ Population\ by\ County} \times 10{,}000$$

Linear Regression Analysis

R Square Value: -.4

P-Value: .002

Conclusion: visual inspection shows a negative relationship exists, but negative r-square indicates no linear relationship



Sources of Power in CA



Background

Trends seemed relatively weak

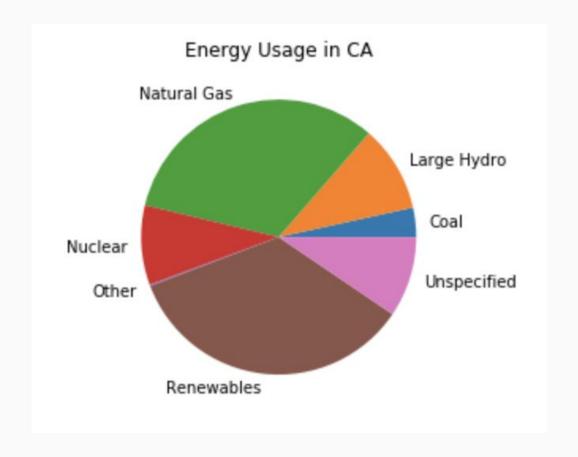
Correlated in the right direction but not strong

Why would we see this?

While EVs can help the environment -> Energy needed to power them are still mostly non-renewable

While on the rise

-> Renewables are not the minority



Code

```
Coal = 0
Large_Hydro = 0
Natural_Gas = 0
Nuclear = 0
Oil = 0
Other = 0
Renewables = 0
```

Unspecified = 0

	County	Coal	Large Hydro	Natural Gas	Nuclear	Oil	Other	Renewables	Unspecified
0	Los Angeles County	1877.0	6999.0	19578.0	7599.0	6.00	102.73	26205.0	6119.5
1	San Diego County	590.0	2370.0	6870.0	1670.0	2.99	26.00	6299.0	1972.0
2	Orange County	843.0	1956.0	5793.0	1886.0	3.00	25.00	7878.0	1813.0
3	Riverside County	490.0	1784.0	5907.0	1399.0	2.40	20.50	4818.0	1836.0
4	San Bernardino County	678.0	1814.0	5107.0	1546.0	3.90	19.50	4668.0	1798.0

```
for i in range(len(df_energy)):
    Coal += df.iloc[i,1]
    Large_Hydro += df.iloc[i,2]
    Natural_Gas += df.iloc[i,3]
    Nuclear += df.iloc[i,4]
    Oil += df.iloc[i,5]
    Other += df.iloc[i,6]
    Renewables += df.iloc[i,7]
    Unspecified += df.iloc[i,8]
```

```
pie df = pd.DataFrame({"Usage": [Coal,
                               Large Hydro,
                               Natural Gas,
                               Nuclear.
                               Other,
                               Renewables,
                               Unspecified]},
                      index = ["Coal",
                              "Large Hydro",
                              "Natural Gas",
                              "Nuclear".
                              "Other".
                              "Renewables",
                              "Unspecified" 1)
pie chart = pie df.plot.pie(y="Usage", legend = None)
pie chart.set ylabel("")
pie chart.set title("Energy Usage in CA")
```

Hypothesis

While CA as a whole uses about Renewable Energy around 32%

-> It's possible that in areas where there is a greater level of electric vehicle adoption, we also see greater usage of Renewable Energies

Used:

Energy Usage by Type and County EV adoption by county

Sorted by adoption rate and created separate groups

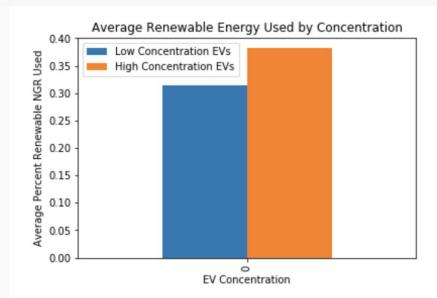
- -> Top 10 Counties
- -> Rest of CA

```
topEVaverage = topTen_EVCounty['Renewables %'].mean()
topEVaverage
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0.38163391895439486

```
bottomEVaverage = Bottom_EVCounty['Renewables %'].mean()
bottomEVaverage
```

0.3135976197317883



Independent T-Test

The Bar Chart seemed promising

Seems to be 2 Distinct Groups that use Renewables at different rates

Test Statistic: 9.22

PValue: 3.3453e-06

Pvalue is below confidence Level

Reject Null Hypothesis

Conclusion:

The 10 Counties that use EVs at the highest rate also use Renewable Energy at a statistically different rate then the rest of CA

```
energyAndCar = pd.merge(energy countyCodes, car percentage, on = 'COUNTY', how = 'inner')
energyAndCar.head()
sortedDown NRGandCAR = energyAndCar.sort values(["% Adj Low Emission"],
                                                  ascending = False).reset index()
    topTen EVCounty = sortedDown NRGandCAR.head(10)
sortedUp NRGandCAR = energyAndCar.sort values(["% Adj Low Emission"],
                                                   ascending = True).reset index()
      Bottom EVCounty = sortedUp NRGandCAR.head(40)
 cleanTop = topTen EVCounty[["COUNTY", "County", "Renewables %", "% Adj Low Emission"]]
 cleanTop.head()
    COUNTY
                   County Renewables % % Adj Low Emission
        75 San Francisco County
                             0.371807
                                           0.103046
        41
                Marin County
                             0.402522
                                            0.100525
            Santa Clara County
                             0.379077
                                           0.090614
             San Mateo County
                             0.370169
                                            0.084710
              Alameda County
                             0.380242
                                            0.082218
      stats.ttest ind(cleanTop['% Adj Low Emission'],
                           cleanBottom['% Adj Low Emission'],
                           equal var=False)
```

Conclusion

It is great to see EVs on the rise and their benefits to society

But we are still behind

In order to power these cars, we still need Gas and Coal

We are too reliant on non-renewables

In order to see true change, we need to increase the number of Renewable energy power plants

DATA SOURCE	DATA
Transportation Research Center at Argonne Laboratory	YoY US EV Sales Data
Alliance of Auto Manufacturers	2018 EV Sales By State Data
2018 U.S. Census Data	CA County Population Data By Ethnic Group Data
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/ UW Population Health Institute	CA County Median HH Income Data
EPA	Air Quality Index Report
Zips to FIPS crosswalk	HUD

EV registration

Asthma emergency department rates

2018 - Energy usage by type

2018 - Energy Usage by County

California Open Data

California Health and Human Services Open Data

CA.gov - Total System Electric Generation

CA.go - Electricity consumption by County