

Final Project

Analysis of U.S Crime Data

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Introduction



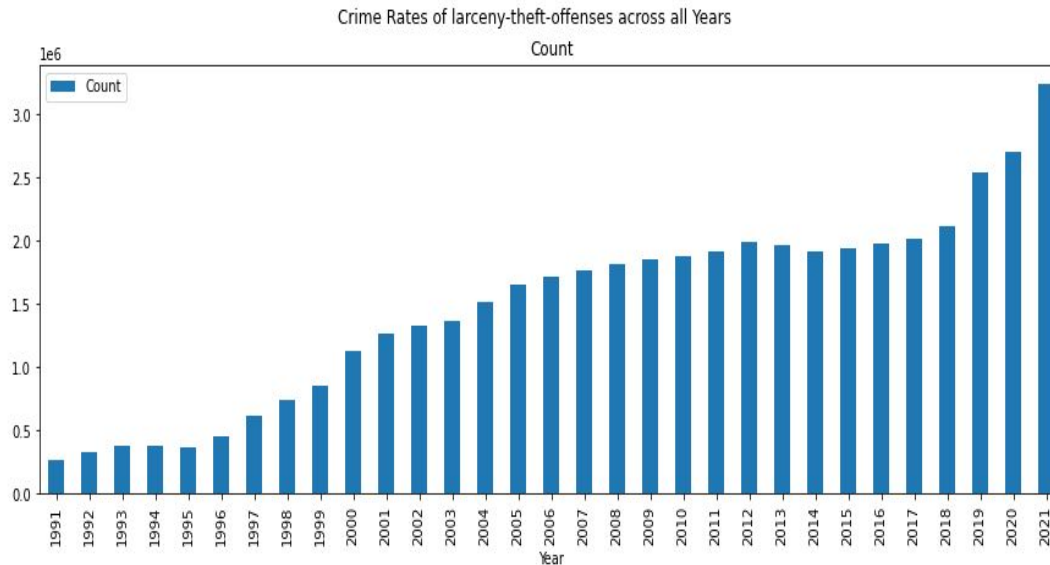
Introduction

In this project, we will be analyzing four different datasets: The national crime victimization survey (NCVS) data, NIBRS Reported offense count data, Recidivism data for the state of Georgia from 2013 to 2015, and data on firearm laws per state. We will be examining these datasets in order to gain a deeper understanding of crime patterns and trends, as well as the effectiveness of different firearm laws. By the end of this project, we hope to be able to provide valuable insights and recommendations based on our findings.

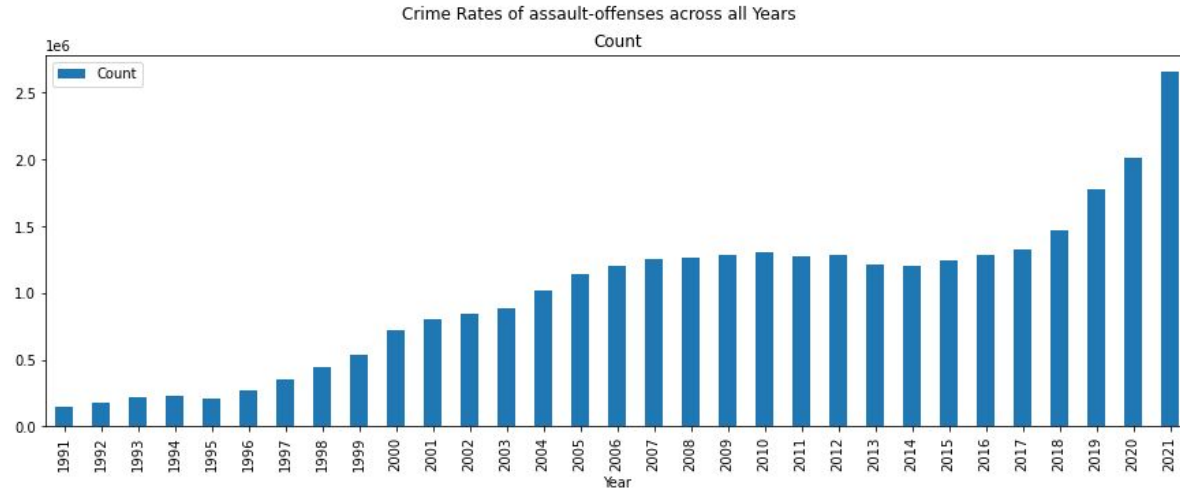
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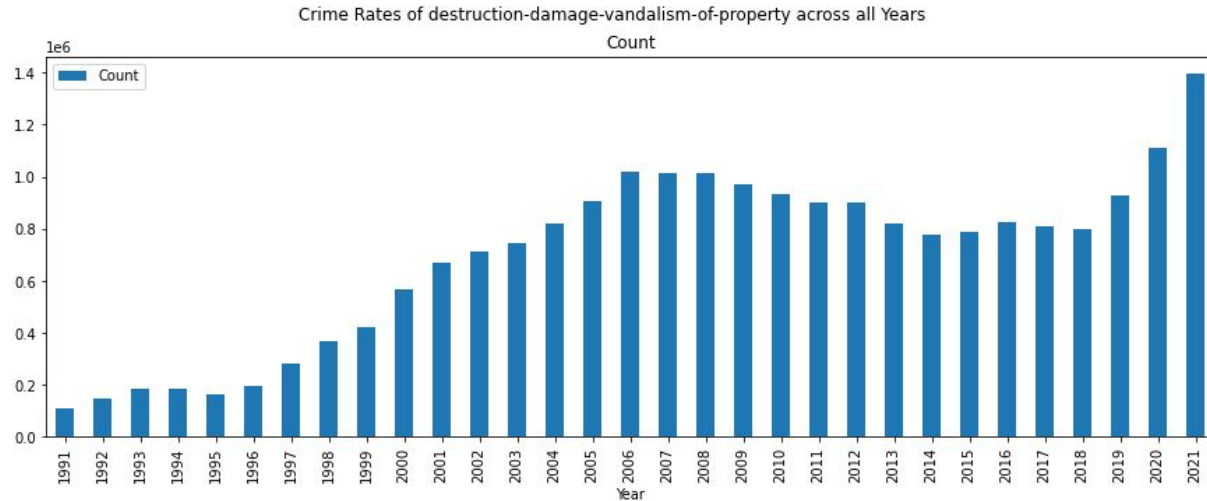
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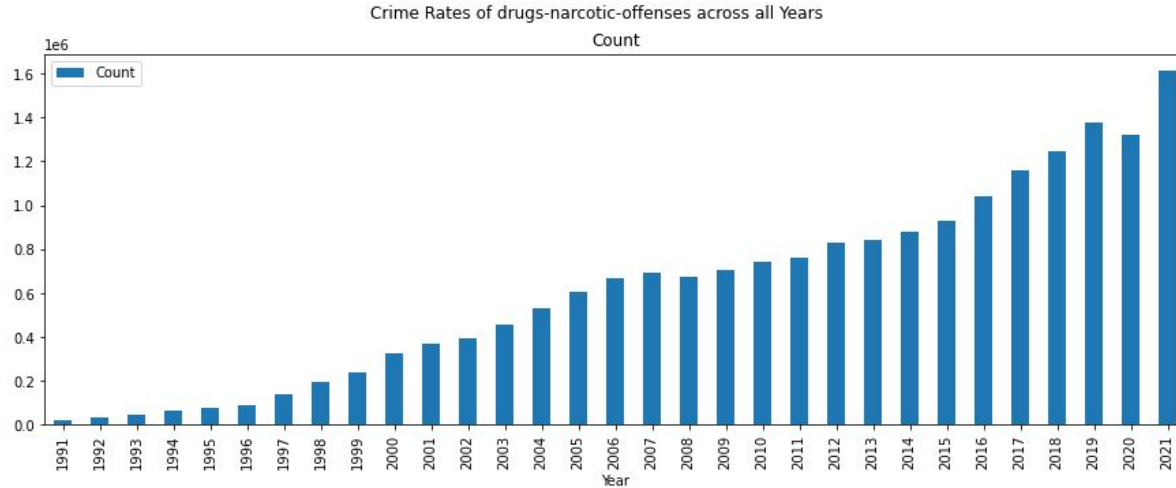
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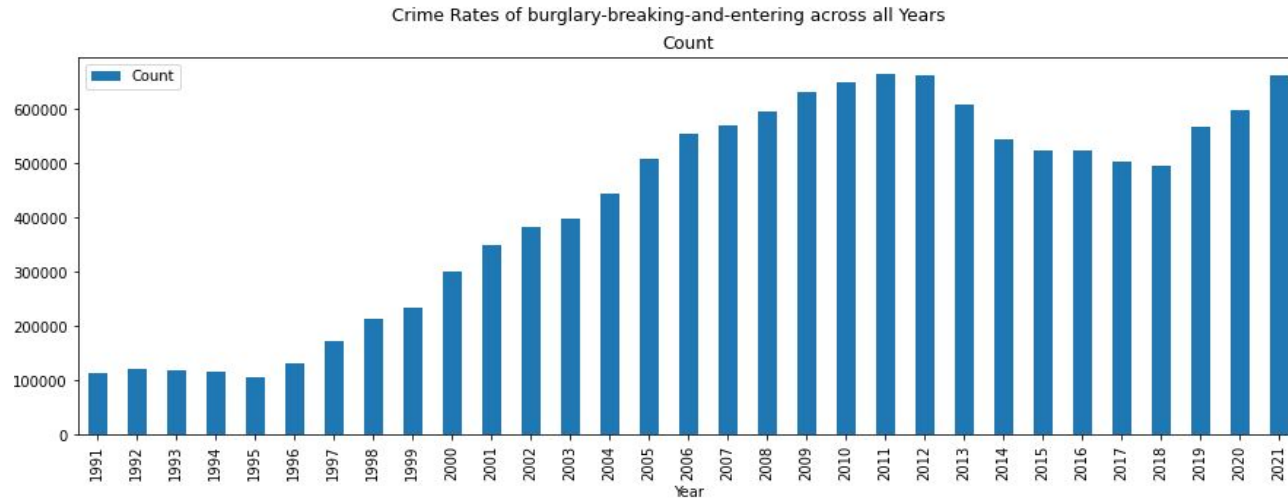
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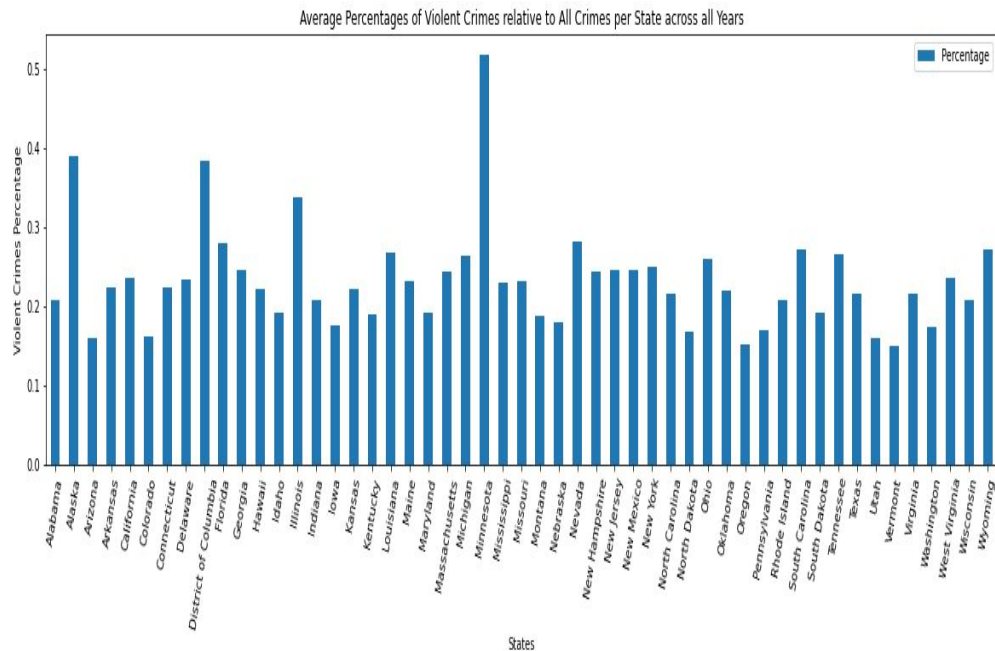




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The crime rates of the top 5 crime categories, which are "larceny-theft-offenses", "assault-offenses", "destruction-damage-vandalism-of-property", "drugs-narcotic-offenses", and "burglary-breaking-and-entering", are increasing along the time. However, some categories have reduced in the middle of 2010s except Drug/Narcotic Offenses. The normalization did not differ in the representation of the crime rates as the population increases approximately linearly.

2. The average percentage of violent crimes relative to total crime per state over all available years

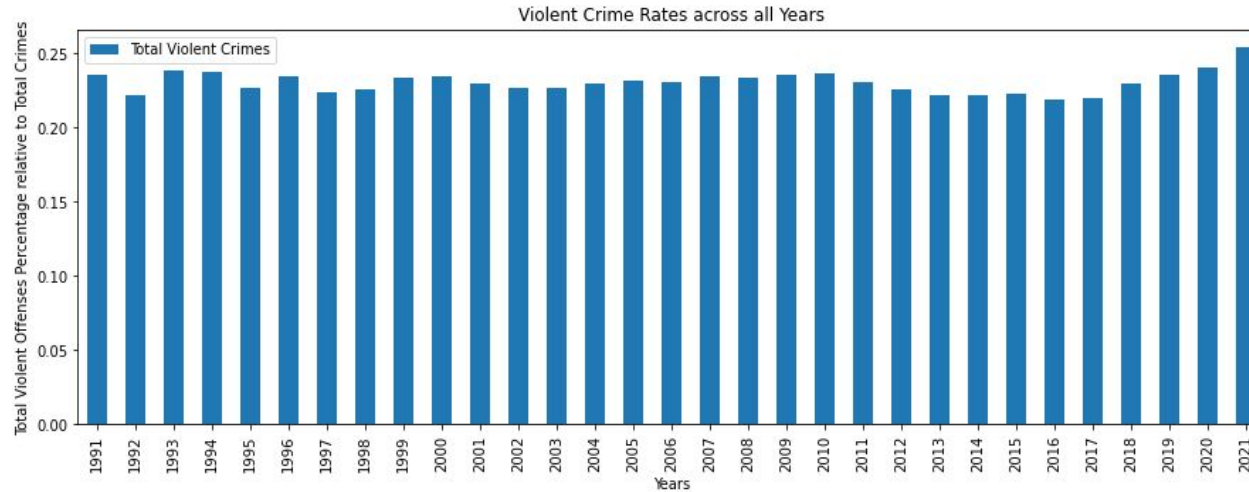




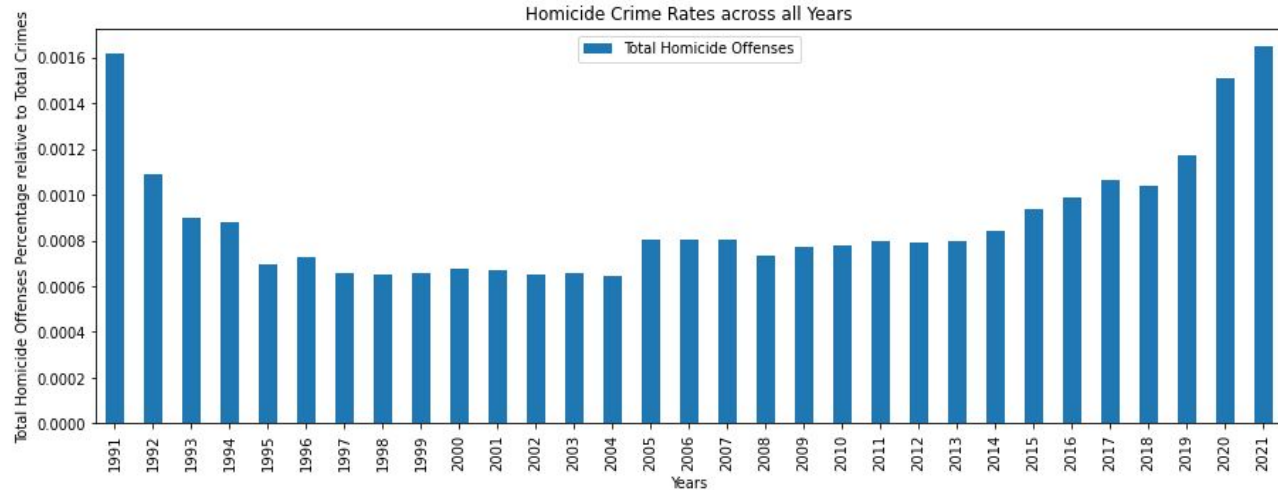
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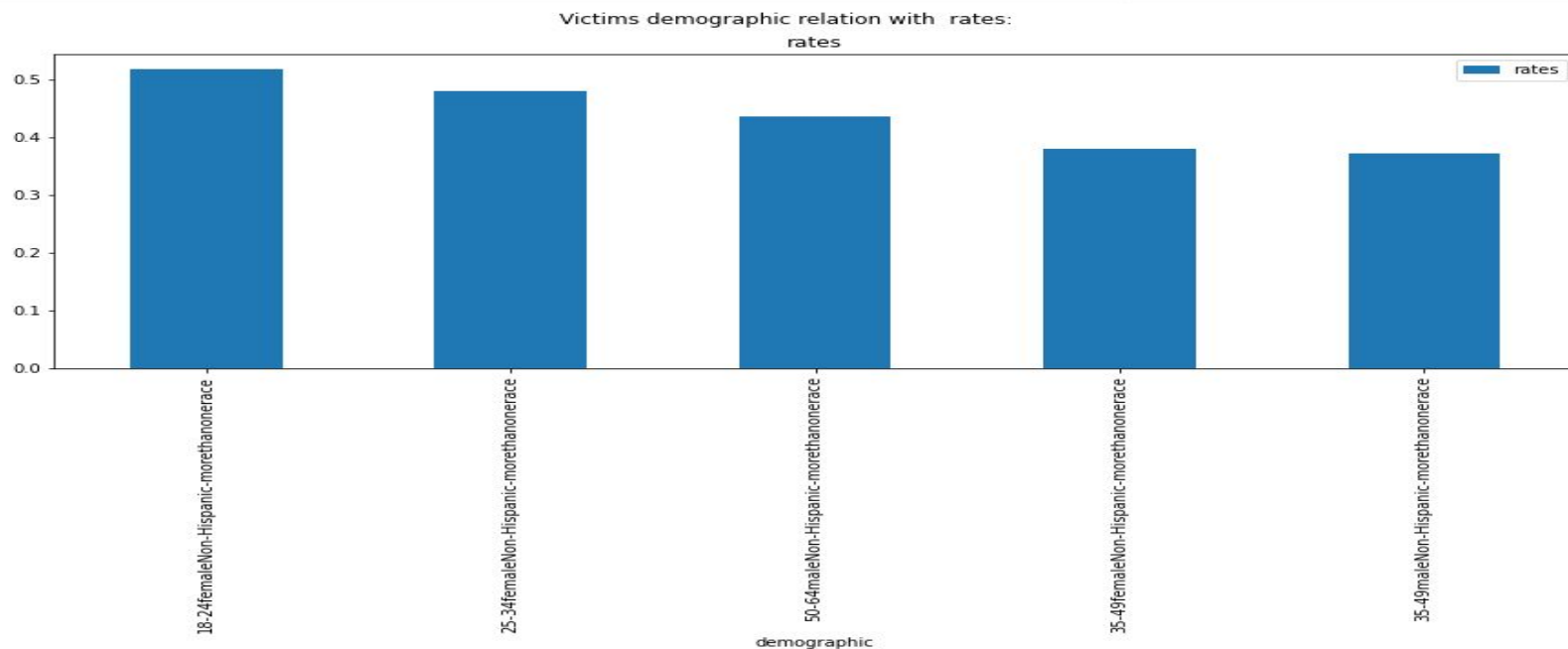
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National homicide rates have been decreasing starting from 1991 till 1997, then it remained approximately constant till 2005. Then, it started to increase till it reached its maximum in 2021. However, the violent crime rates oscillated between 20%-25% over 30 years, which seems to be approximately constant as it has changed a little over the years.



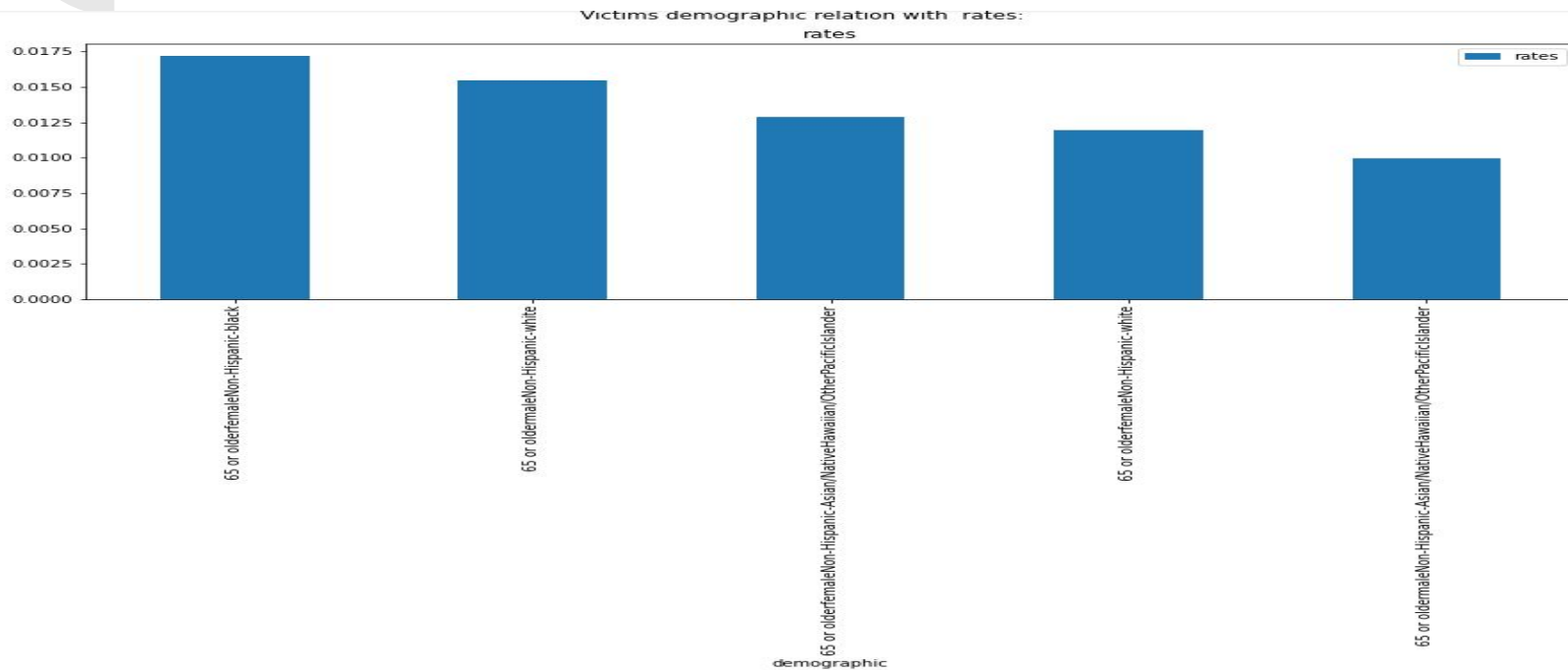


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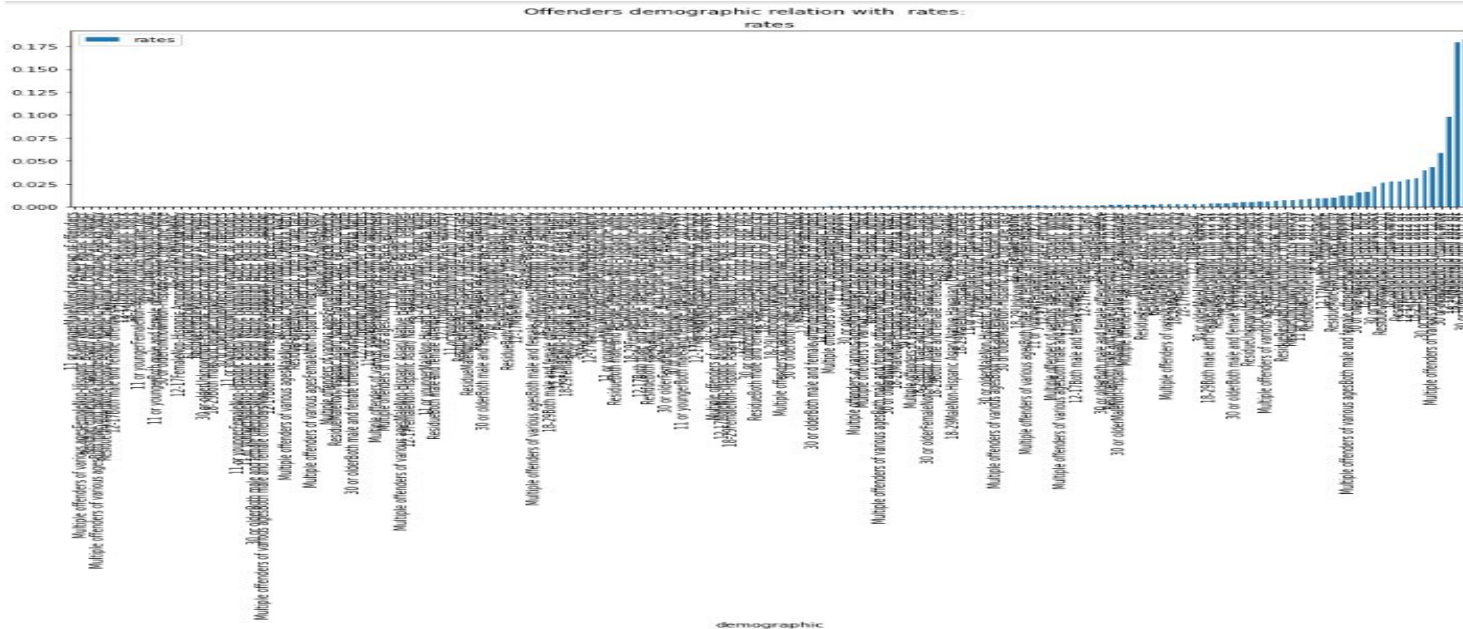
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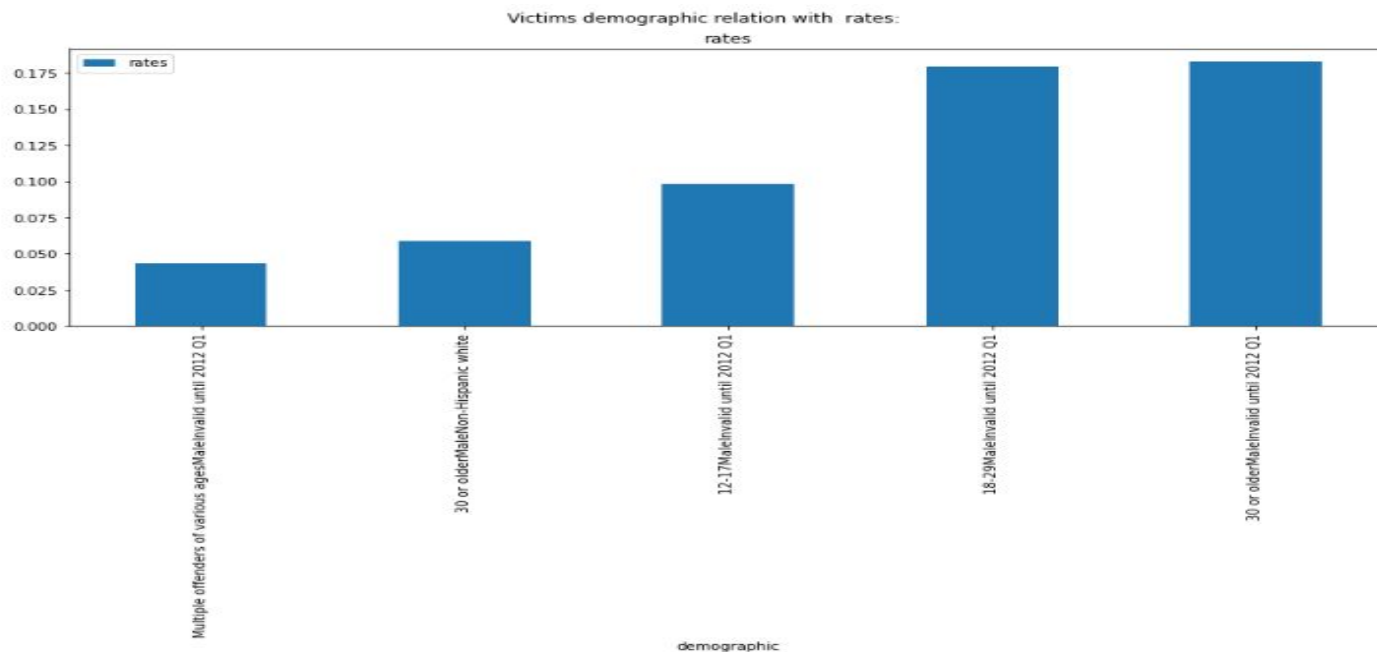
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It is apparent that non Hispanic with more than one race are the most targeted victims (females 18-49 years, and males 25-49) and the lowest targeted victims are older than 65 years non Hispanic males and females of different races (black,white,Asian).

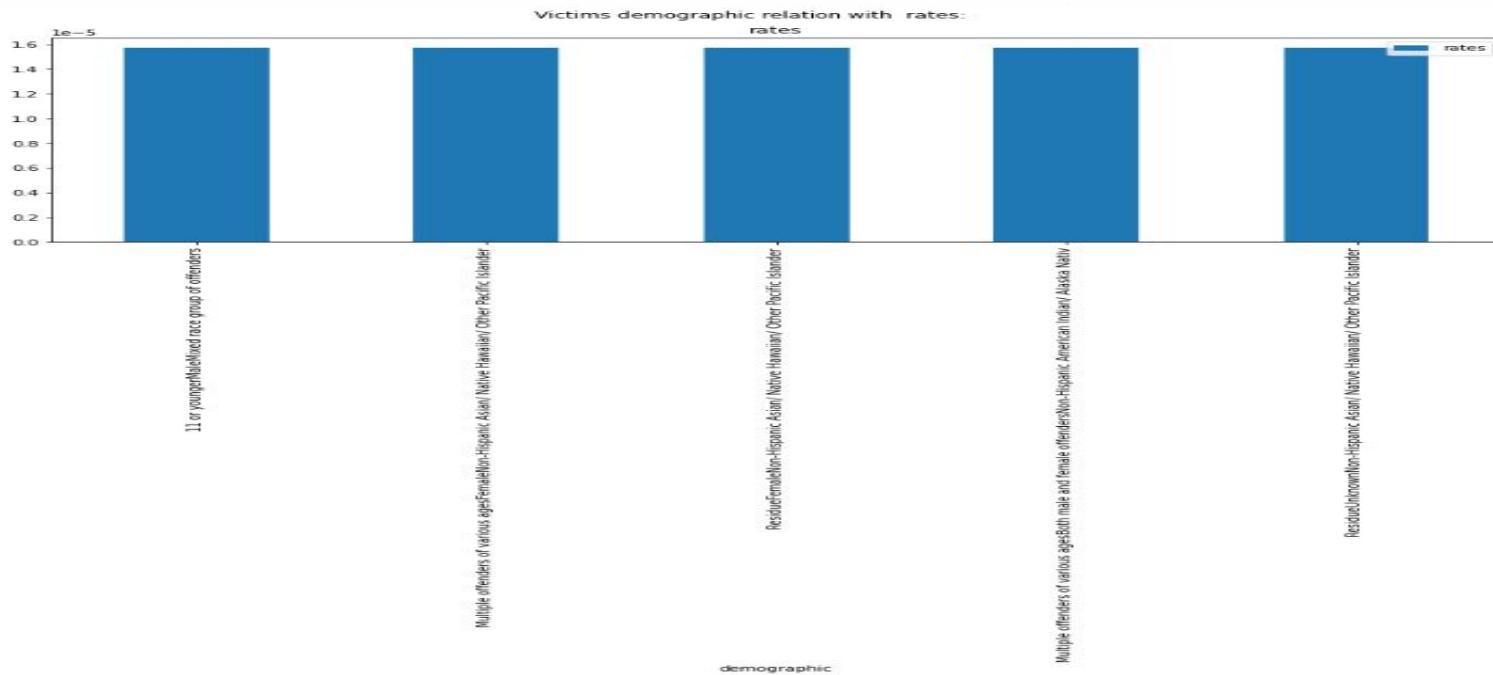




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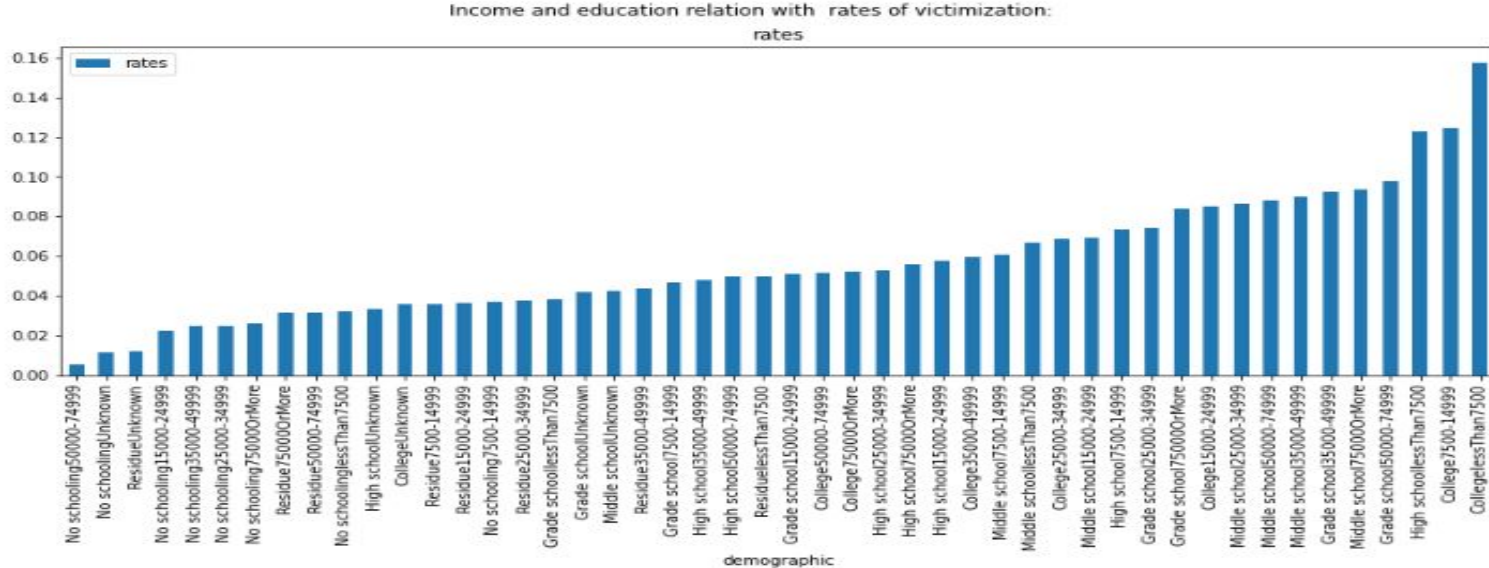




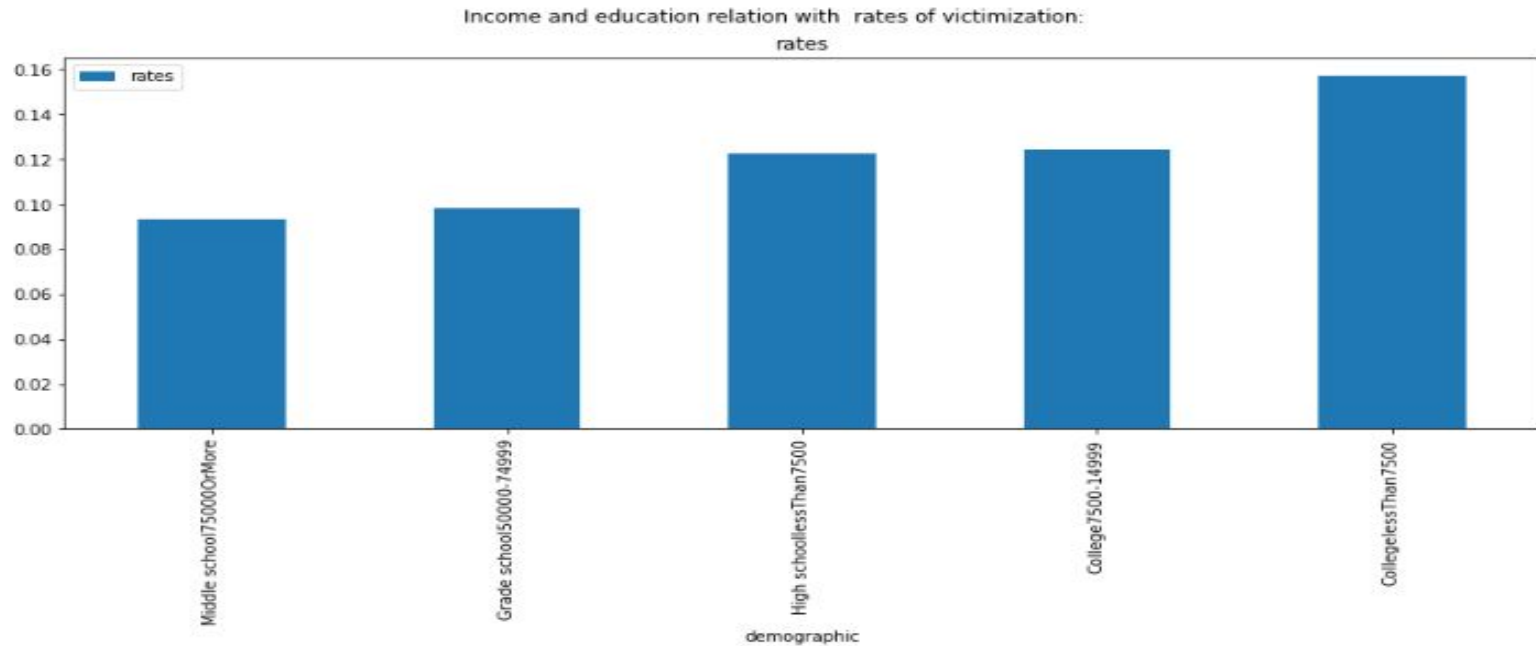
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lowest demographics rates of offender are 11 or younger male group of offenders with more than one race and the highest rates of offenders demographics are in 30 or more males

6. The relationship between the victim's education level, their gross household income, and their rate of victimization.

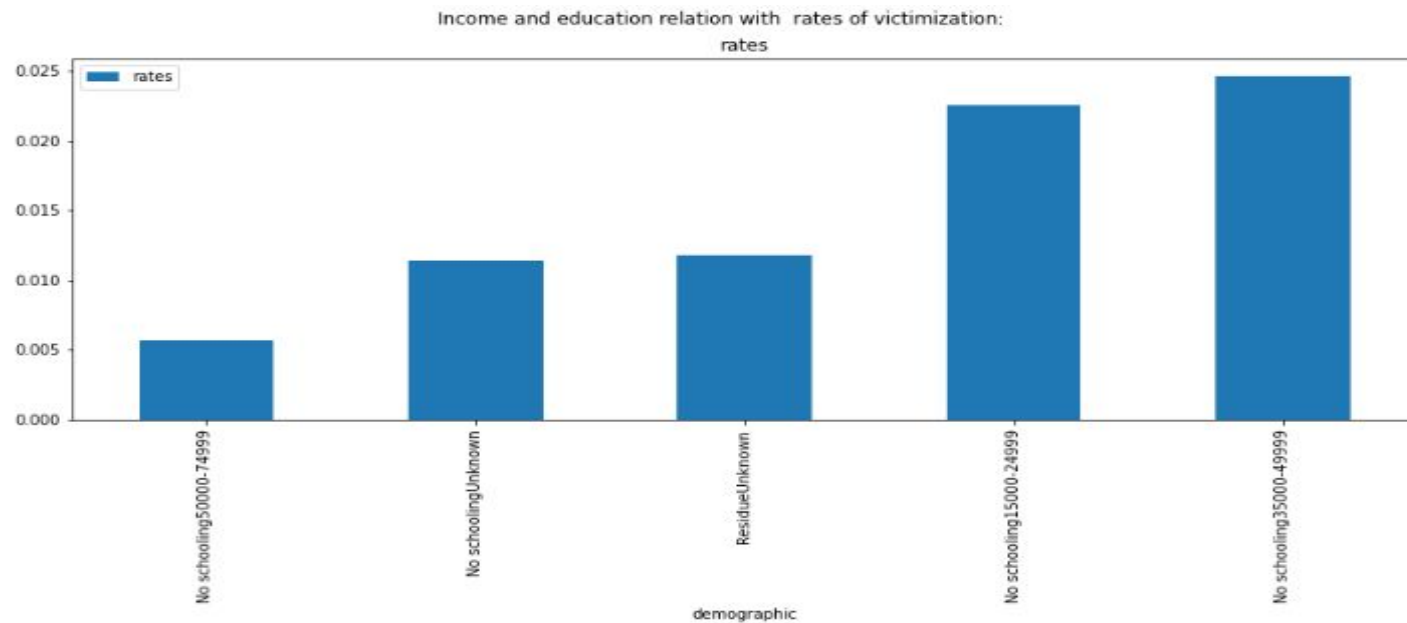


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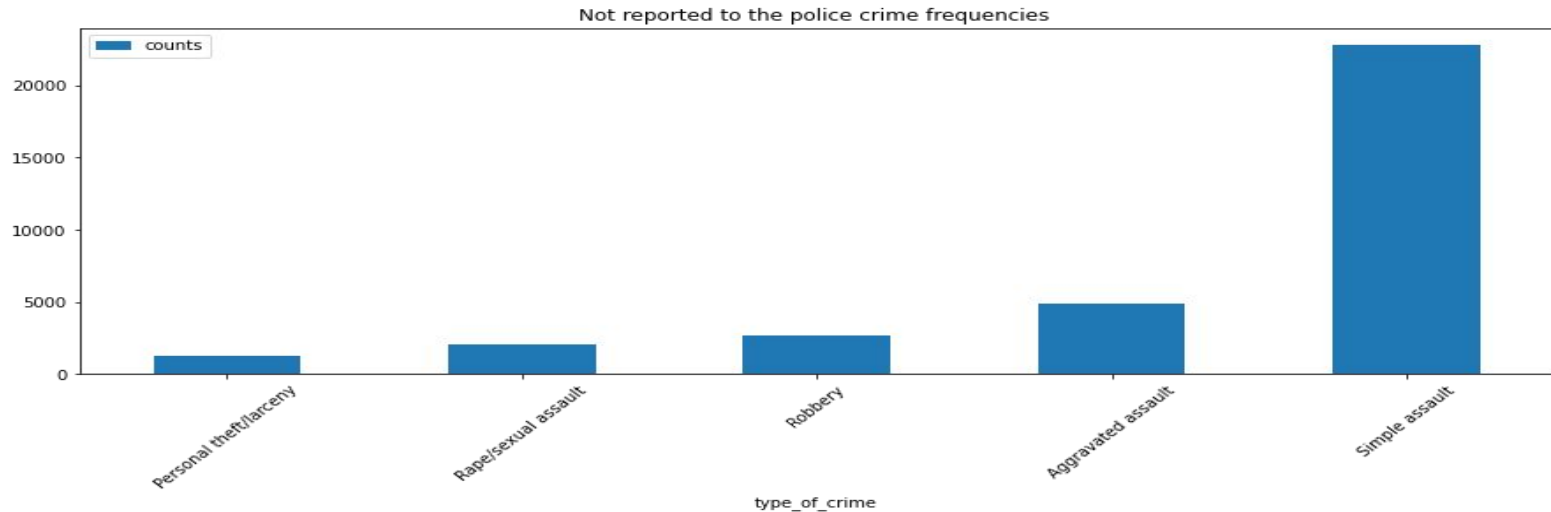


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As shown, being in a college with a moderate income (between 7500-15000) are the most frequent victims, while victims who had no schooling and high income are the least frequent

Answering Questions

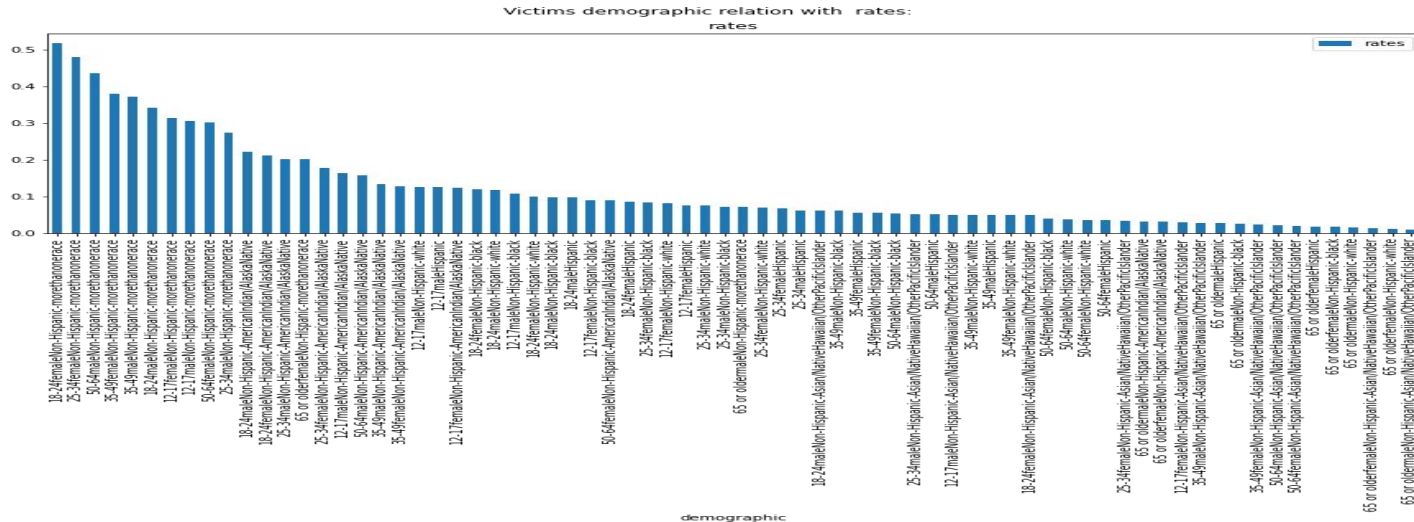
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- 1) Which type of non-fatal crime is the most under-reported? Is there an association between the offender-victim relationship and the likelihood of a crime being reported?





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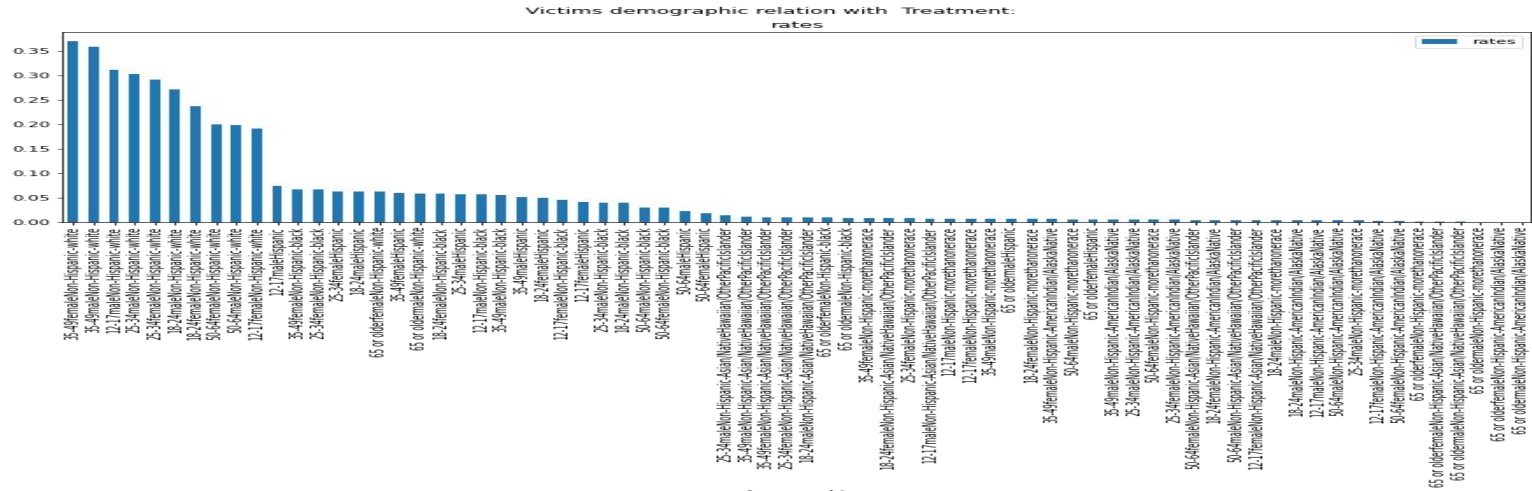
Simple assault is the most under-reported type of crime.





Answer

Non Hispanic females of more than one race of 18-24 years are the most people at risk of violent victimization, while non Hispanic Asian males of 65 years or more are the least at risk of violent victimization

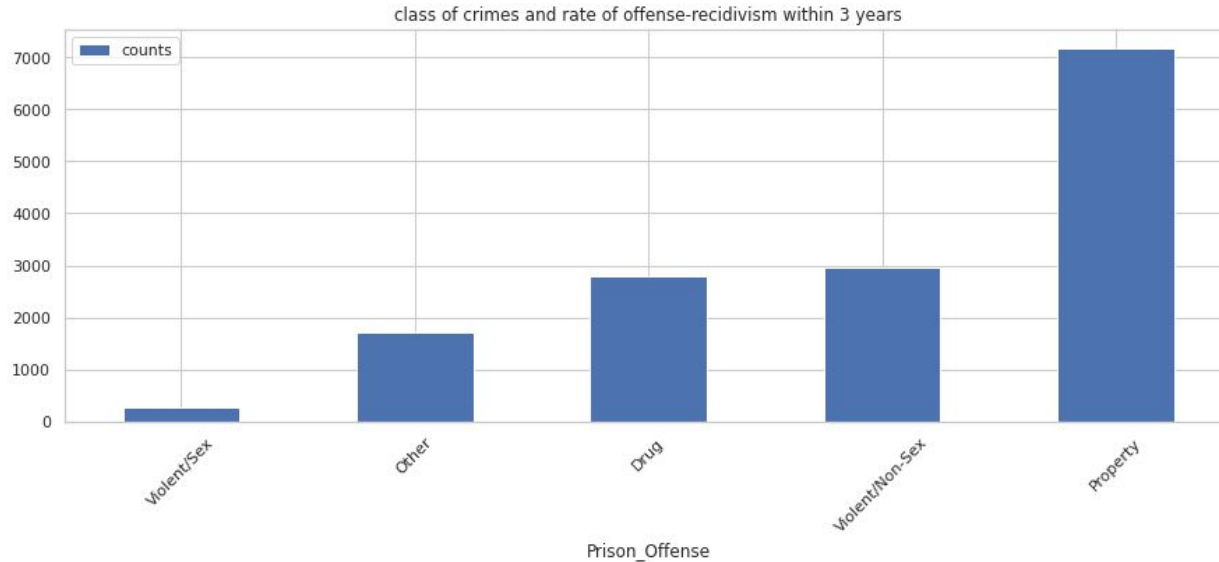




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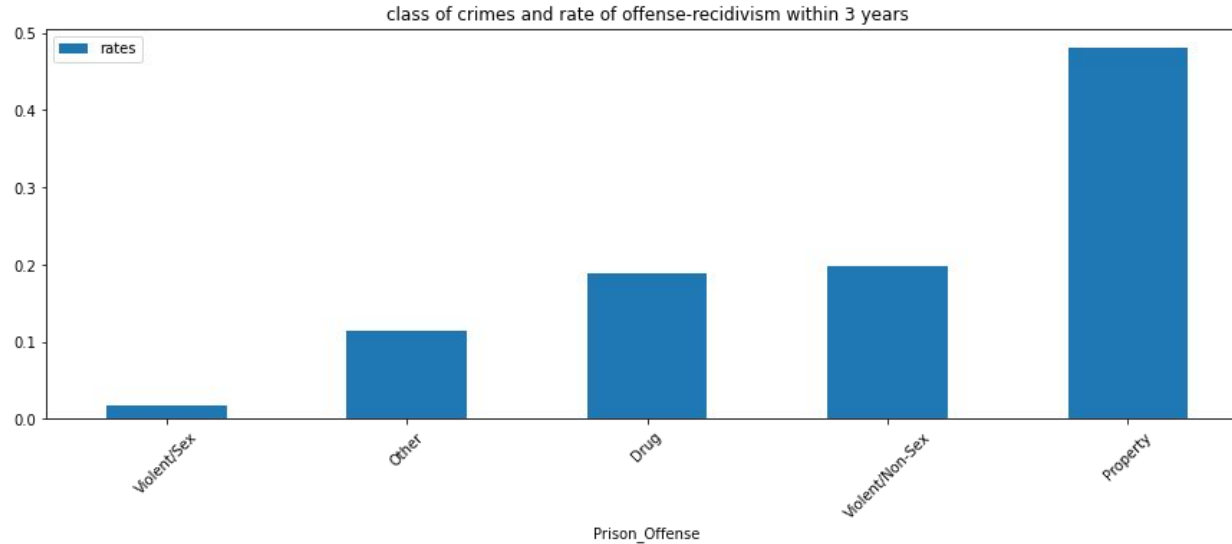
Non-Hispanic white females of age 35-49 are most likely to be medically attended while suffering from an injury, while the 65-year-old or more non-hispanic American men are least likely to receive medical attention whilst their injury

4) Which class of crimes is associated with the highest rate of Recidivism within 3 years of release?



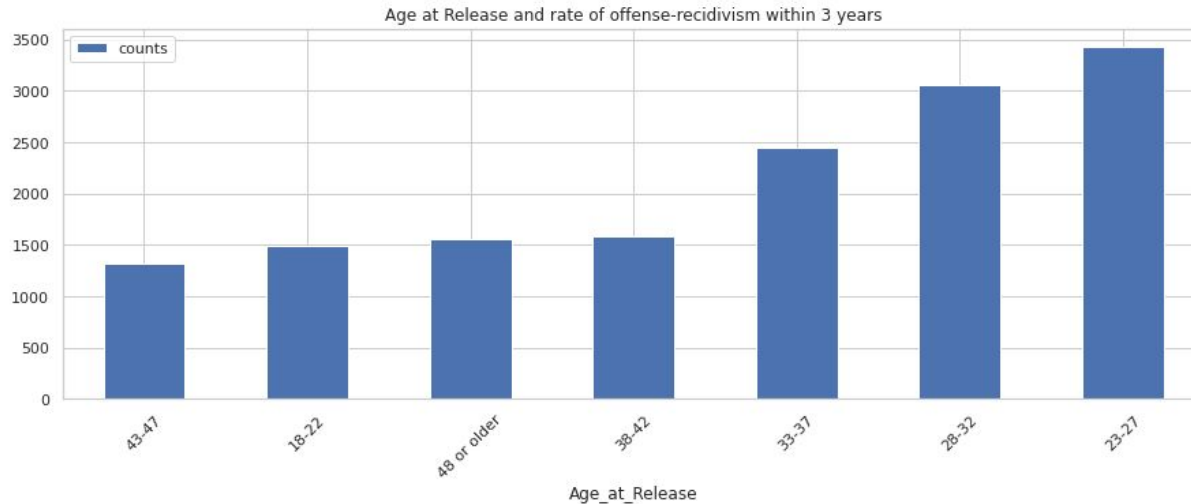
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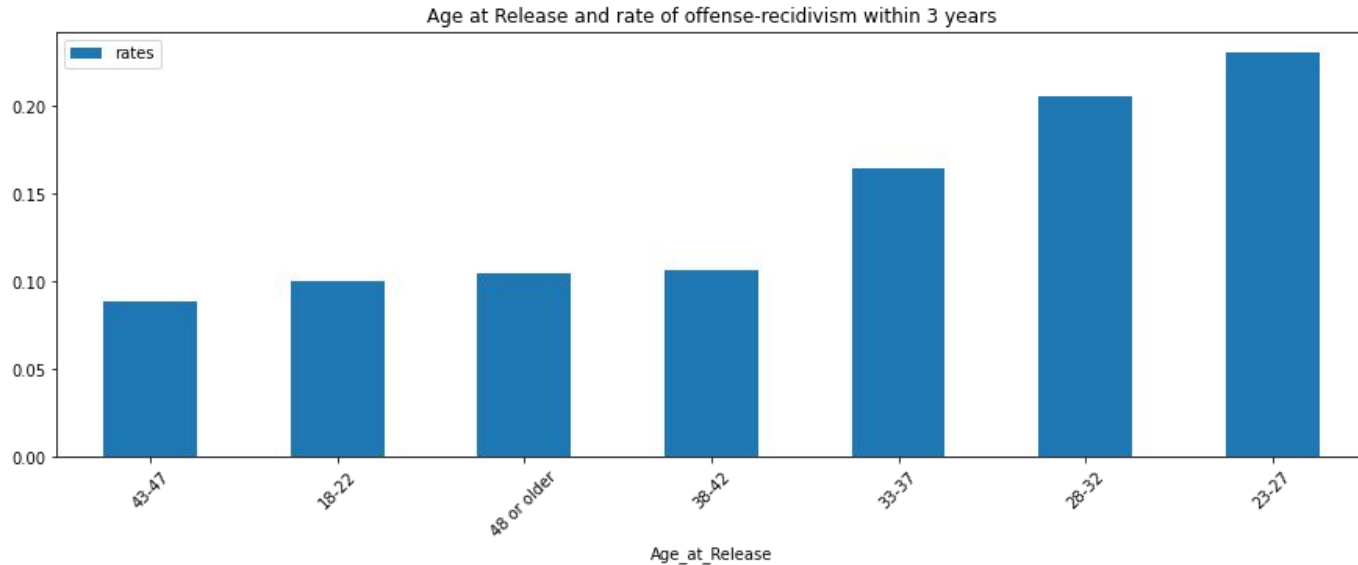
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Hypothesis Testing



Firearm Laws Dataset

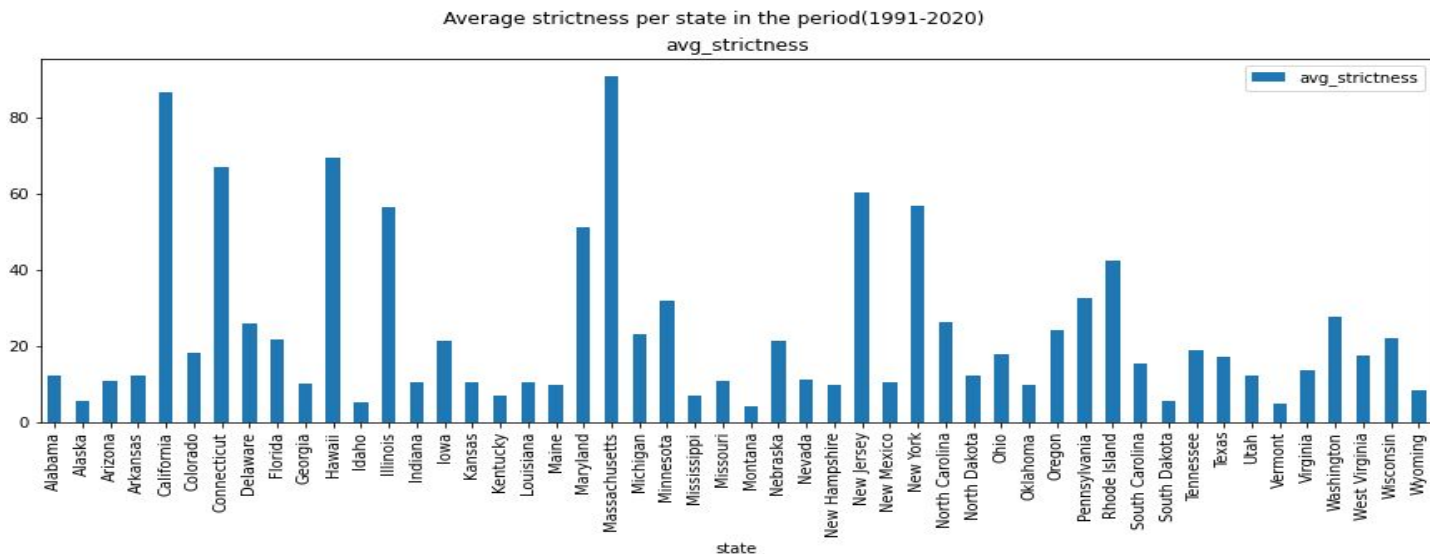
Dataset Description

The Firearm laws dataset contains all the laws and regulations for possessing Guns and firearms applied in all 50 U.S states throughout the period starting from 1991 until 2020.



Visualization

The figure below shows is a measure of how strict a state is when it comes to applying firearm possession restricting laws.





Claim #1

Claim: U.S. states that implement stricter firearm control laws, have lower violent crime rates on average.

Steps: the states are divided into two categories, heavily strict states and less strict states and the threshold that decides will be the mean of the average strictness per state across all years.

Null hypothesis H_0 : there will be no difference in the average crime rate between heavily strict states and the other states.



Claim #1

Test: the test used here is the T-test as we are comparing the means of two different groups.

Test result: the p-value = 0.544, which means that the null hypothesis cannot be rejected. Therefore, we can deduce that American society has violent behavior regardless of laws being strict or not.



Claim #2

Claim: Black people are assigned a high risk score compared to white people.

Steps: the criminals from the dataset "Recidivism data for the state of Georgia [2013-2015]" will be divided into two categories; Blacks and Whites.

Null hypothesis H_0 : there will be no difference in the Supervision Risk Score between Black and White people.



Claim #2

Test: the test used here is the T-test as we are comparing the means of two different populations.

Test result: the p-value = 0.999, which means that the null hypothesis cannot be rejected. Therefore, we cannot say that the blacks are assigned a high risk score compared to the whites.

Regression Analysis



Recidivism Dataset for the state of Georgia [2013-2015]

- The data is about persons released from Georgia prisons on discretionary parole to the custody of the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS) for the purpose of post-incarceration supervision between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015.



Model's coefficients and p-values

- Using The recidivism in Georgia dataset to fit a regression model that predicts the Offender's supervision risk score based on :
 - a) All prior convictions.
 - b) Offender's race.
 - c) Offender's gang affiliation.
 - d) Offender's age at release.
- R-squared value = 0.3

Column Name	Coefficient	P-value
Intercept	8.7584	0.000
Race_BLACK	-0.0360	0.195
Age_at_Release_23-27	-0.4670	0.000
Age_at_Release_28-32	-1.2003	0.000
Age_at_Release_33-37	-1.9663	0.000
Age_at_Release_38-42	-2.5944	0.000
Age_at_Release_43-47	-3.1319	0.000
Age_at_Release_48 or older	-4.0104	0.000
Gang_Affiliated_True	0.4405	0.000
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Prior_Conviction_Episodes_Misd_3	0.2322	0.000
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Prior_Conviction_Episodes_Prop_2	-0.6516	0.000
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Prior_Conviction_Episodes_Drug_1	-0.4225	0.000
Prior_Conviction_Episodes_PPViolationCharges_True	0.3391	0.000
Prior_Conviction_Episodes_DomesticViolenceCharges_True	-0.2458	0.000
Prior_Conviction_Episodes_GunCharges_True	0.038	0.000



Good and Bad Predictors

- Variables that have p-value < 0.05 are considered as good predictor
- Variables that have p-value > 0.05 are bad predictors.

Bad Predictors:

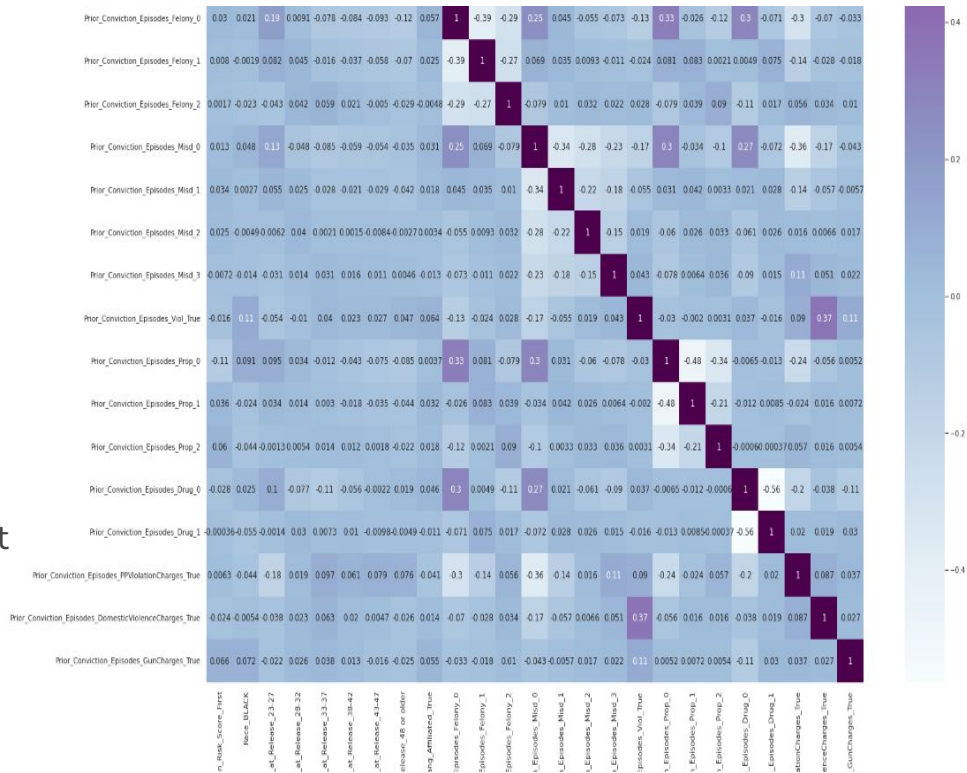
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Correlation between Predictors

- There are no highly correlated features.

However, **Prior_Conviction_Episodes_Drug_0** and **Prior_Conviction_Episodes_Drug_1** features are slightly Correlated and having correlation coefficient of **-0.564**



Bonus requirements



Predicting the likelihood of recidivism within 3 years of release based on the state of Georgia recidivism records

Model	Logistic Regression	Logistic Regression with Feature Selection	Random Forest	AdaBoost	Bagging
Accuracy	0.70629	0.70475	0.73344	0.73344	0.73857
Precision	0.70498	0.71797	0.73726	0.74331	0.74207
Recall	0.84006	0.80013	0.83248	0.81843	0.83493
F1-score	0.76662	0.75683	0.78198	0.77906	0.78577

Conclusion



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In conclusion, our data analysis project has provided significant insights into crime patterns and trends, as well as the effectiveness of different firearm laws. By examining The national crime victimization survey (NCVS) data, NIBRS Reported offense count data, Recidivism data for the state of Georgia from 2013 to 2015, and data on firearm laws per state, we have been able to gain a better understanding of these complex issues.

However, it is important to note that there are potential limitations to our findings. For example, the NCVS data is based on self-reported incidents, which may not always be accurate. Additionally, the recidivism data only covers a specific time period and location, and may not be representative of broader trends. Finally, the effectiveness of firearm laws can be difficult to quantify, and there may be other factors at play that contribute to changes in crime rates.

Despite these limitations, we believe that our findings provide valuable insights that can inform policy decisions and help to make our communities safer. Further research and analysis will be necessary to fully understand the complex relationships between crime, firearm laws, and other factors.