Opening a Coffee Shop

in Honolulu, Hawaii

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Background

- ► Entrepreneurs have hired me to produce a report to identify the best locations to open a new coffee shop in Honolulu, Hawaii
- ► Coffee shops are popular in Honolulu. Due to the competition for business, it is important to select the right location
- Aim to select a location with high volume of traffic and a vibrant neighborhood

Data

- ► Location data on the centroids for ZIP codes in Honolulu identifies different neighborhoods
- ▶ Data on venues obtained from Foursquare developer API

Methodology

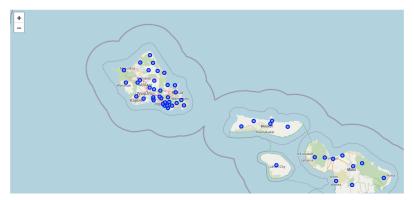
1. Exploratory Data Analysis

- ZIP code locations are used to visualize different neighborhoods in Honolulu
- Mapped using Python's Folium package
- 2. K-means Clustering
 - Data on the frequency of venues of different types in each ZIP code is compiled
 - Venue frequency rankings are constructed for each ZIP code and used to cluster areas with similar venue profiles

Results

Clear clustering of ZIP codes in the south center part of the island, which is the most densely populated

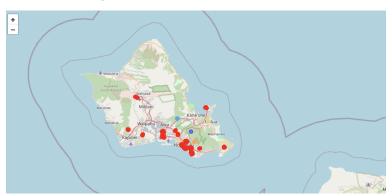
Figure: ZIP Codes in Honolulu, Hawaii



Results

K-means clustering model also shows a cluster of areas with similar types of venues in the south center part of the island, in the downtown area

Figure: ZIP Codes in Honolulu, Hawaii



Discussion

Visualization of the neighborhoods with the highest frequency of coffee shops shows two distinct clusters where there could be a pre-existing customer base.

Figure: ZIP Codes in Honolulu, Hawaii



Conclusion

- ▶ Two locations that would be ideal areas for a new coffee shop
- Both are in highly-trafficked downtown areas
- ▶ Both areas also have clusters of other dining and retail venues, that provides a good environment for high volumes of customers and a vibrant neighborhood