



# LENDING CLUB CASE STUDY

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# Problem Statement

- Lending club a finance company which specialises in lending various types of loans to urban customers. When the company receives a loan application, the company has to make a decision for loan approval based on the applicant's profile. Two types of risks are associated with the bank's decision
- If the applicant is likely to repay the loan, then not approving the loan results in a loss of business to the company
- If the applicant is not likely to repay the loan, i.e. he/she is likely to default, then approving the loan may lead to a financial loss for the company
- The Objective of this study is to find the driving factors behind loan default, for the company to assess its risk and portfolio management

# Approach

- Understand the data
- Remove missing columns
- Handle missing values
- Outlier Treatment
- Study the distribution of numeric features
- Make count plots on the charged off and fully paid loans
- Do Bivariate comparison against the target 'loan\_status'
- Do multivariate analysis on important variables

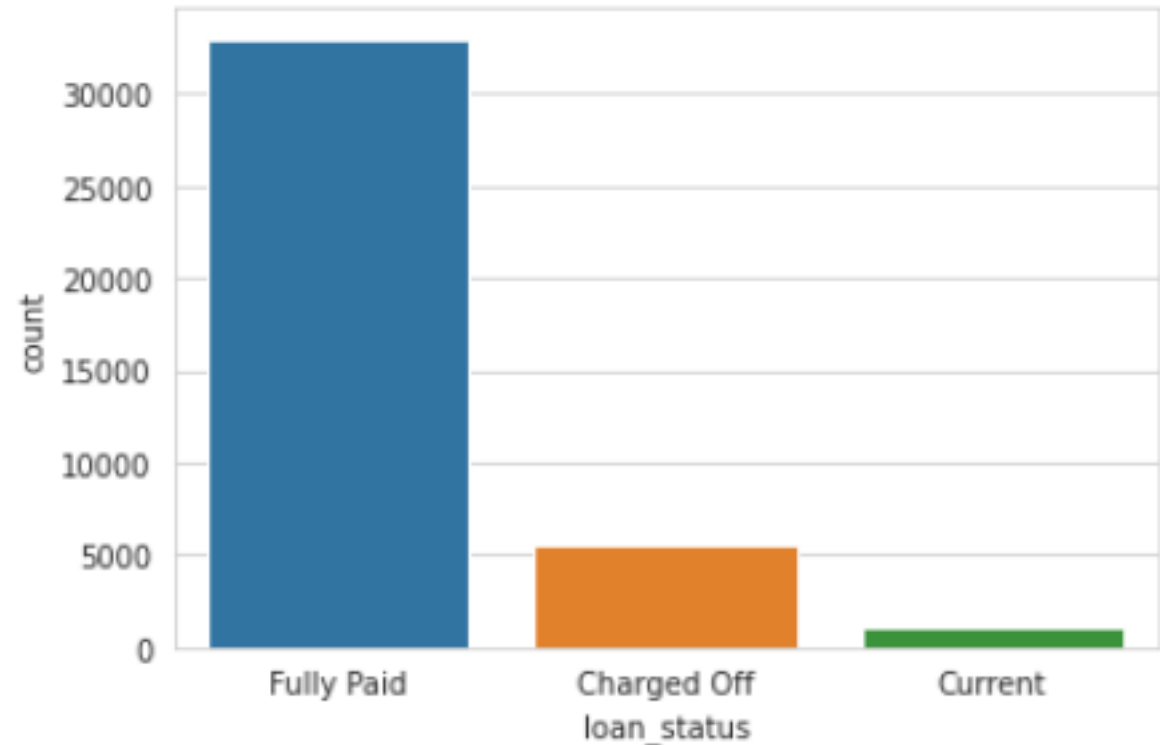
# Univariate Analysis

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- **Distribution of Target variable:**

- Current loans doesn't contribute to analysis, hence
- Can be removed.

82.96 % of the loans are Fully Paid  
14.17 % of the loans are Charged Off  
2.87 % of the loans are Current loans

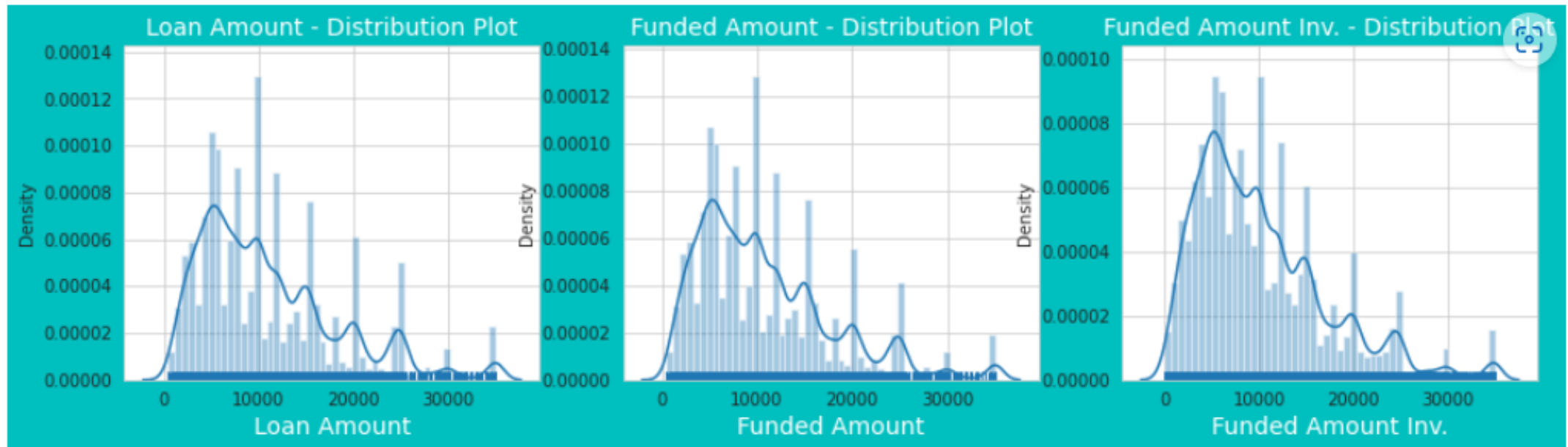


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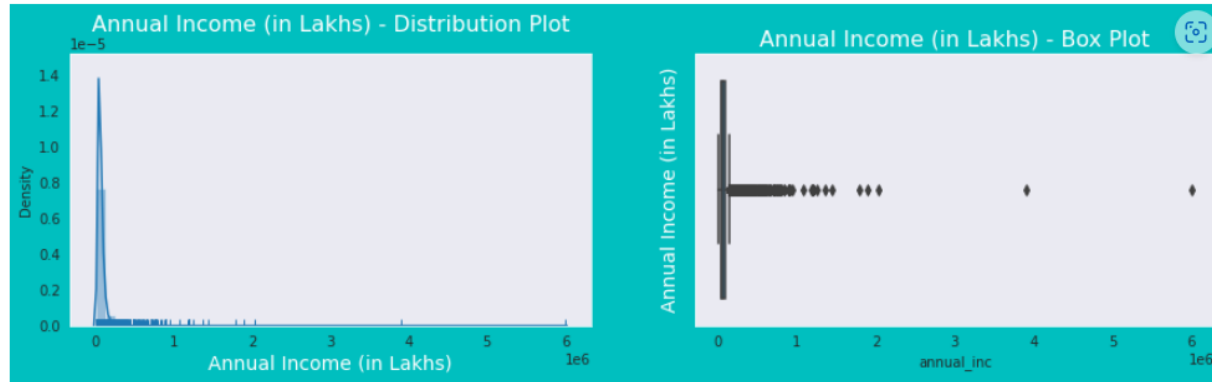
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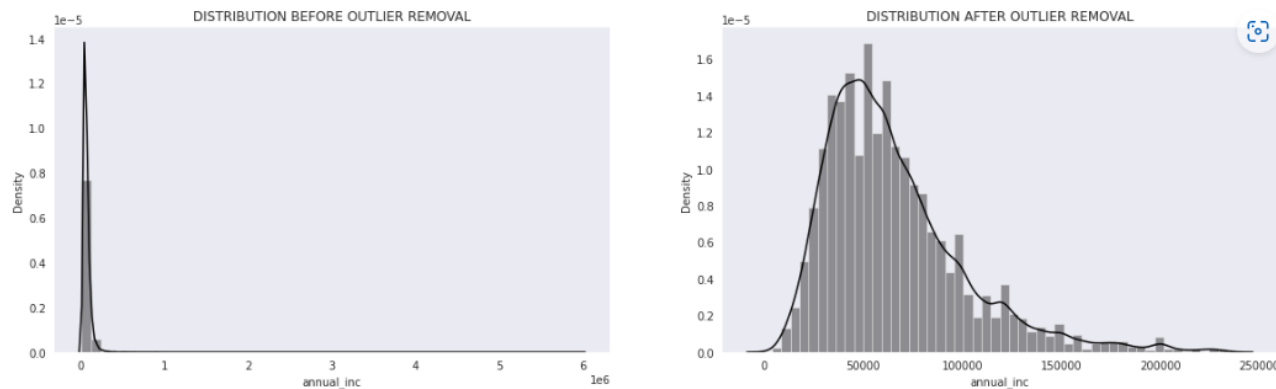
- Loan amount, Funded amount and funded amount inv have same distribution and have the same
- Correlation, hence we will use loan amount



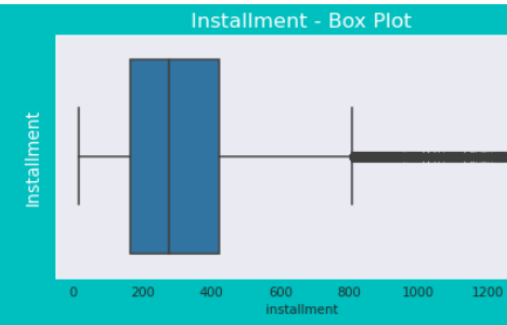
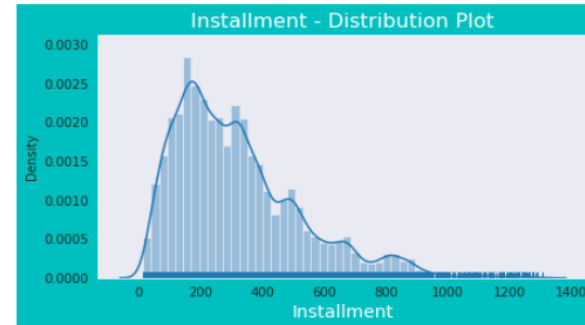
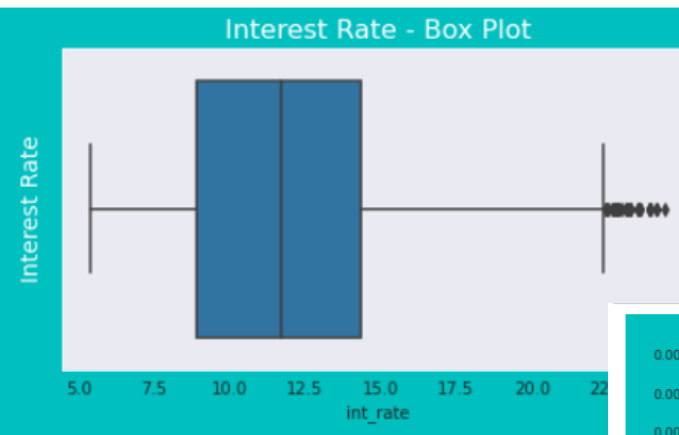
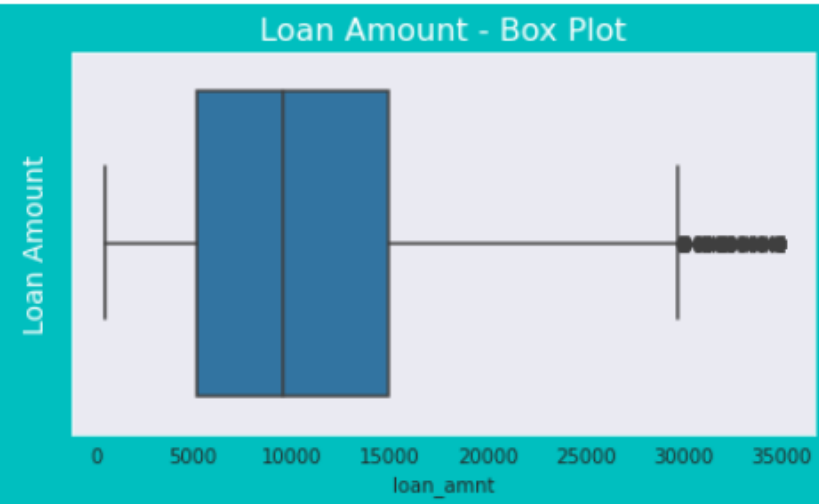
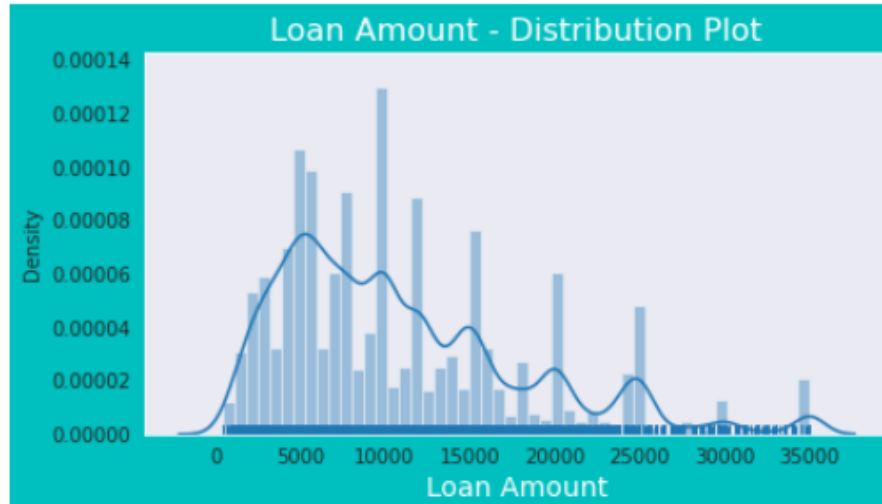
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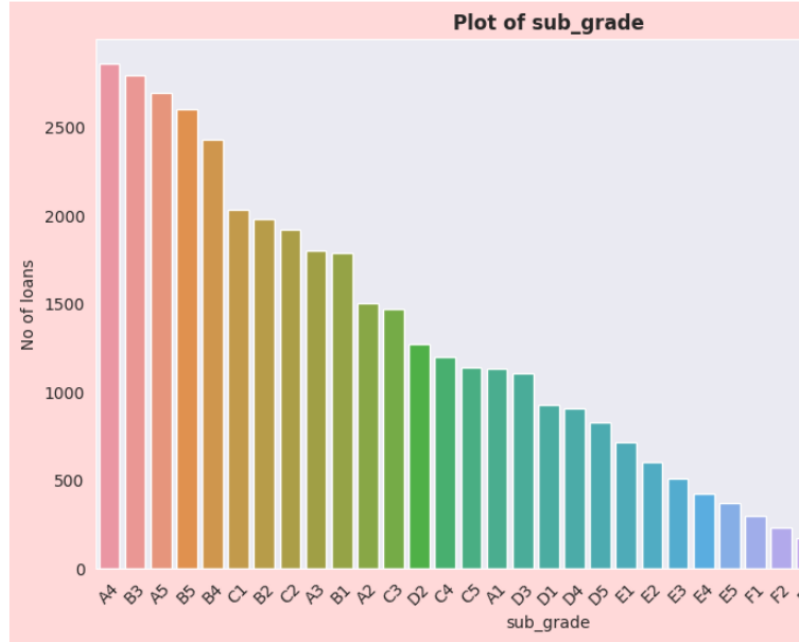
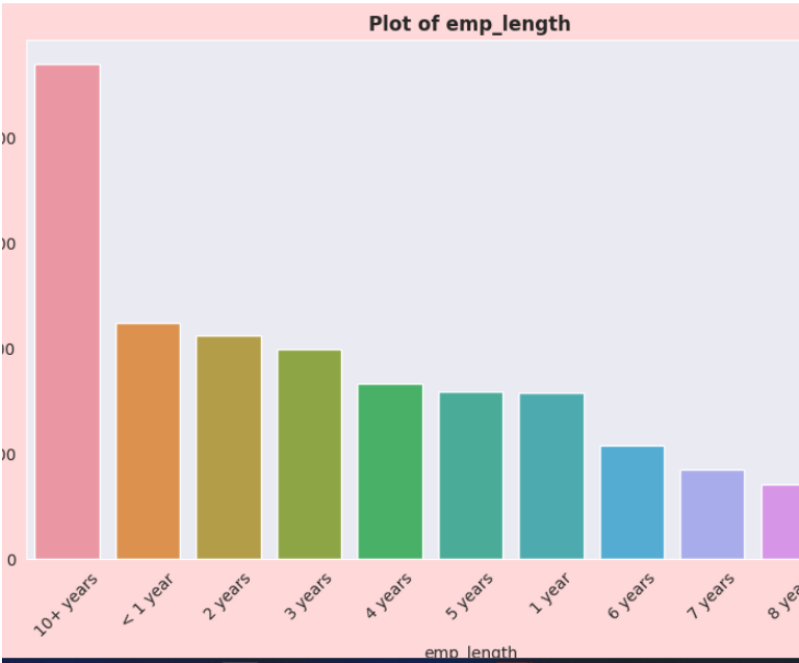
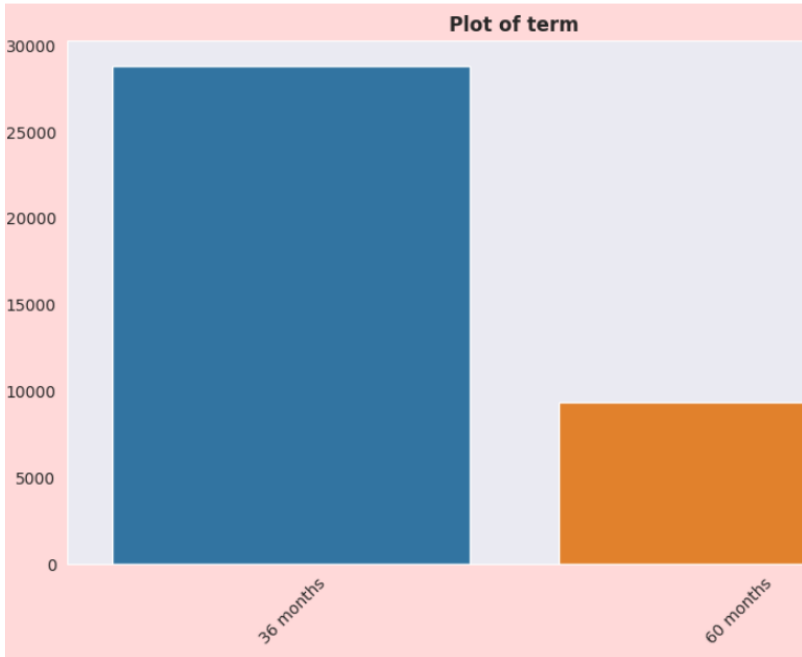
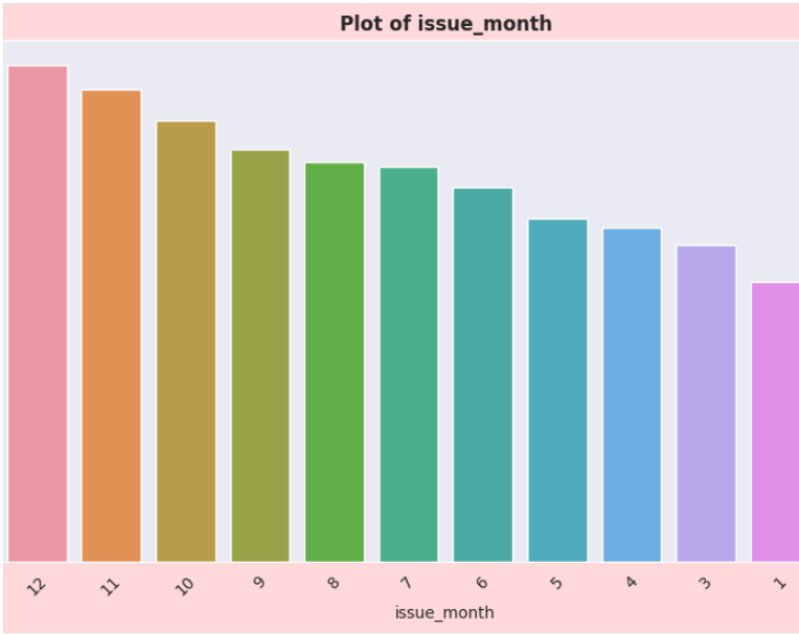
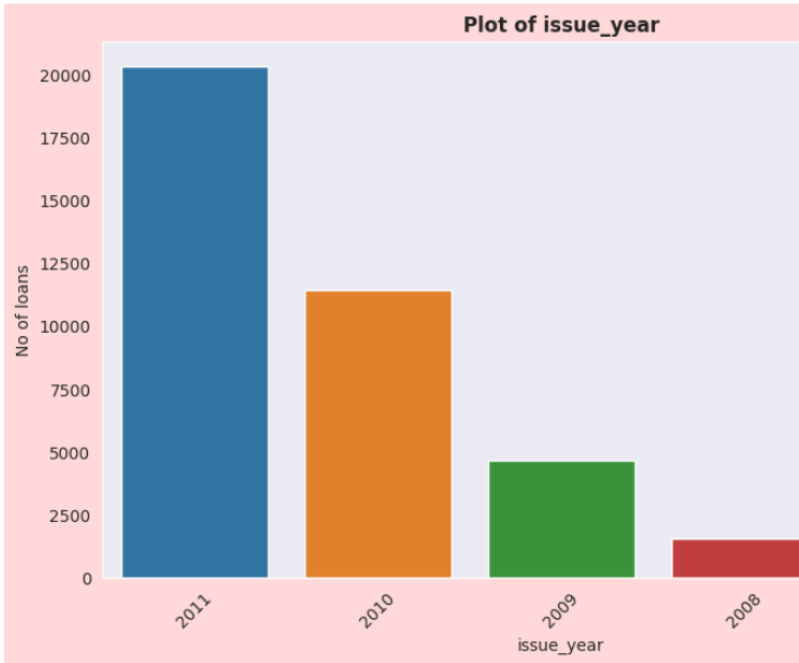
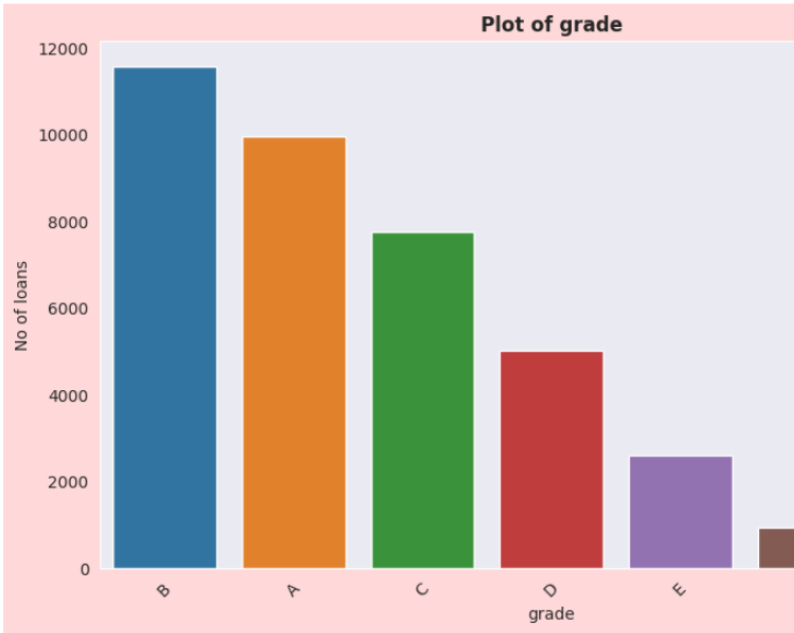
- Annual income tend to have outliers far from the upper fence. This is removed by filtering out values  $> 99^{\text{th}}$  percentile

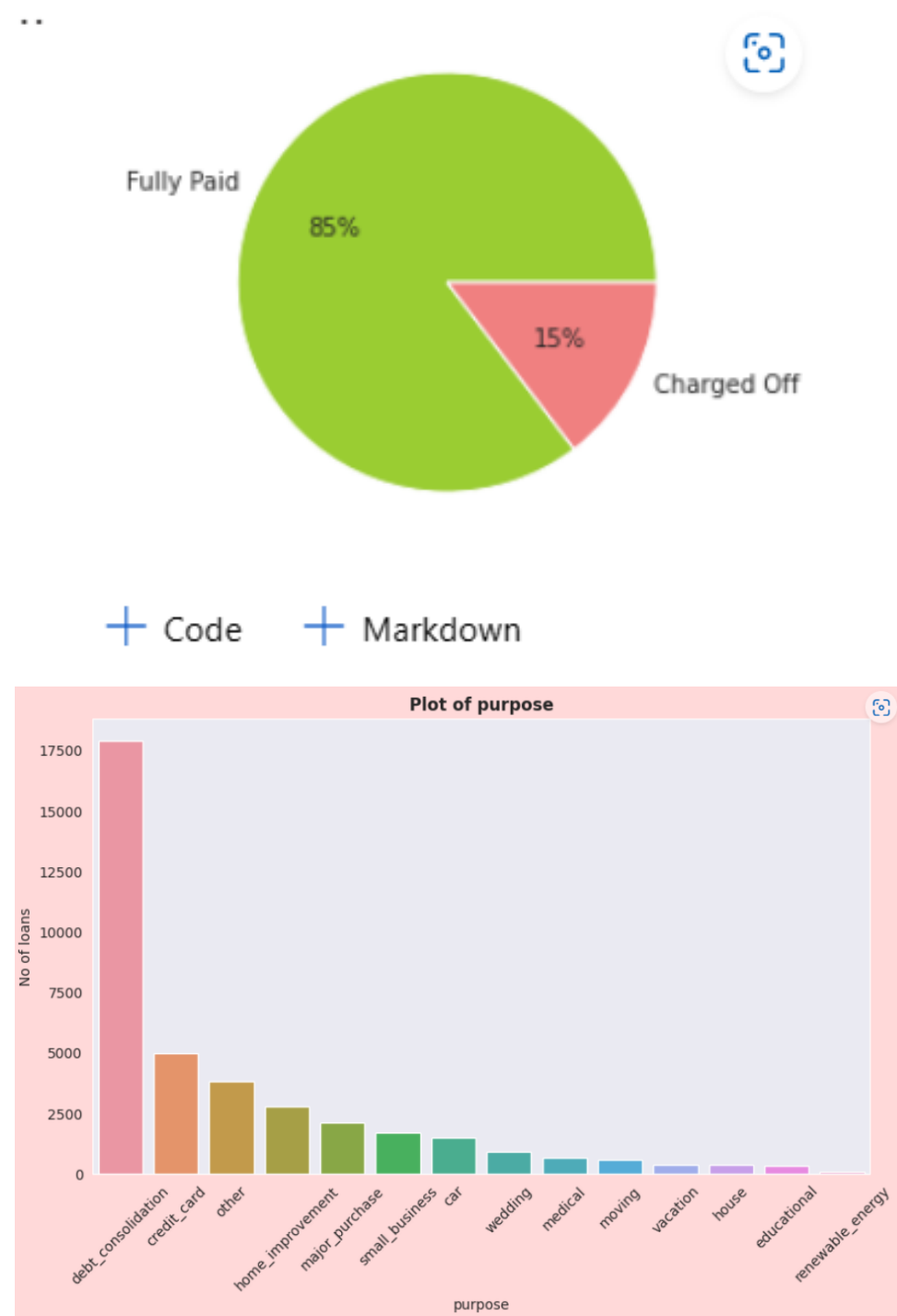
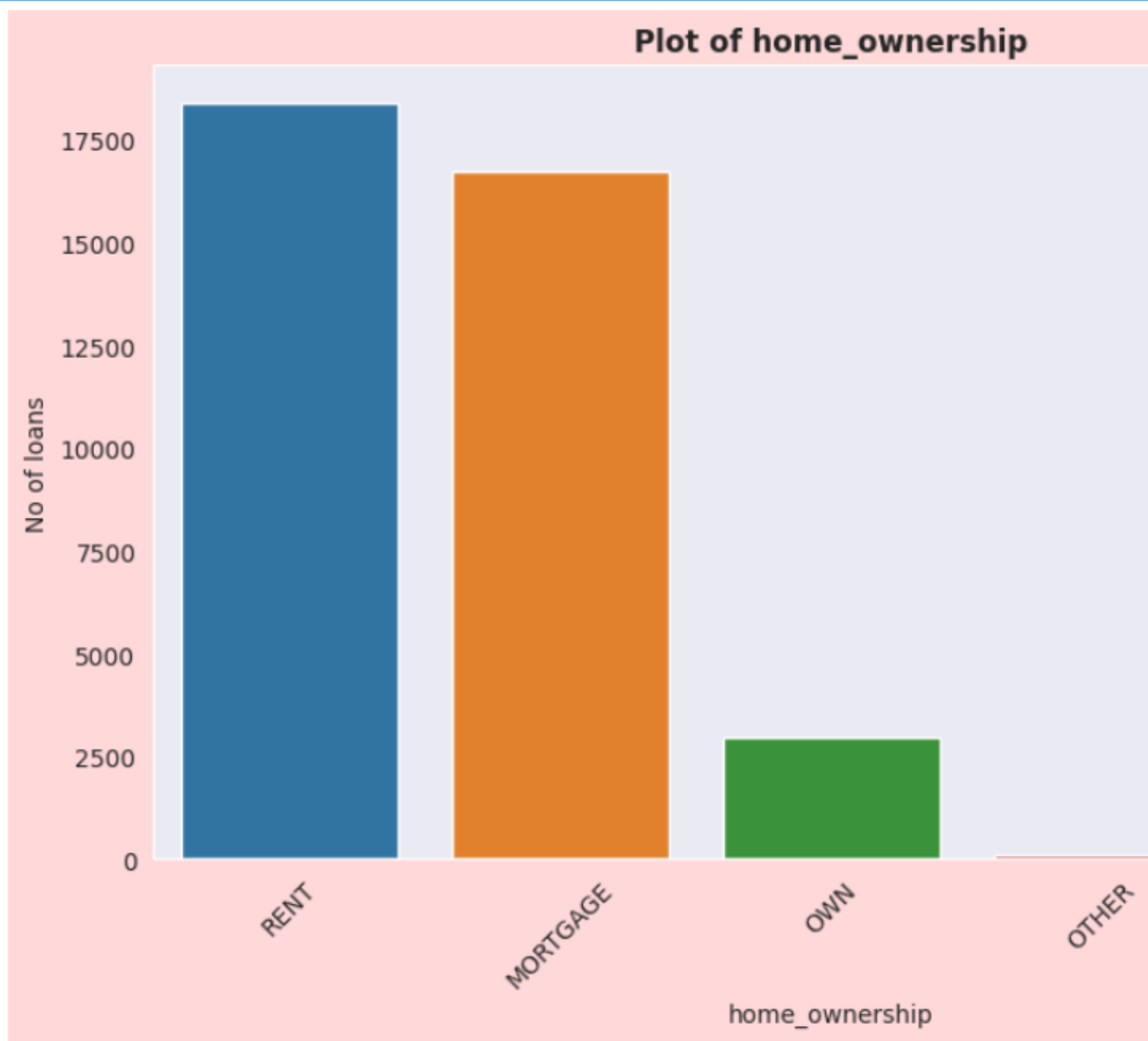






# Univariate analysis





## Observations from univariate analysis

Annual Income had outliers which are far away from the upper fence and treated by removing the values above 99 percentile

Most of the applicants had annual income between 50,000 to 1,00,000

Most loans had interest rate between 12 - 14 %

Most loans had 200 - 400 installments

Most loans had DTI between 10 - 20

There are too many small loans in the range 5,000 to 10,000.

Plot on employment length shows that borrowers with experience more than 10 + years tend to get lot of loans than borrowers with lesser experience

Plot on issue year and month shows that the no. of loans tend to increase with year from 2007 -2011. There are more no. of loans on 2011

Plot on terms shows that 36 month loans are issued more when compared to 60 month loans

Plot on grade shows more loans are given to B, A and C

Plot on sub-grade shows more loans are given to A4, B3, A5, B5, B4

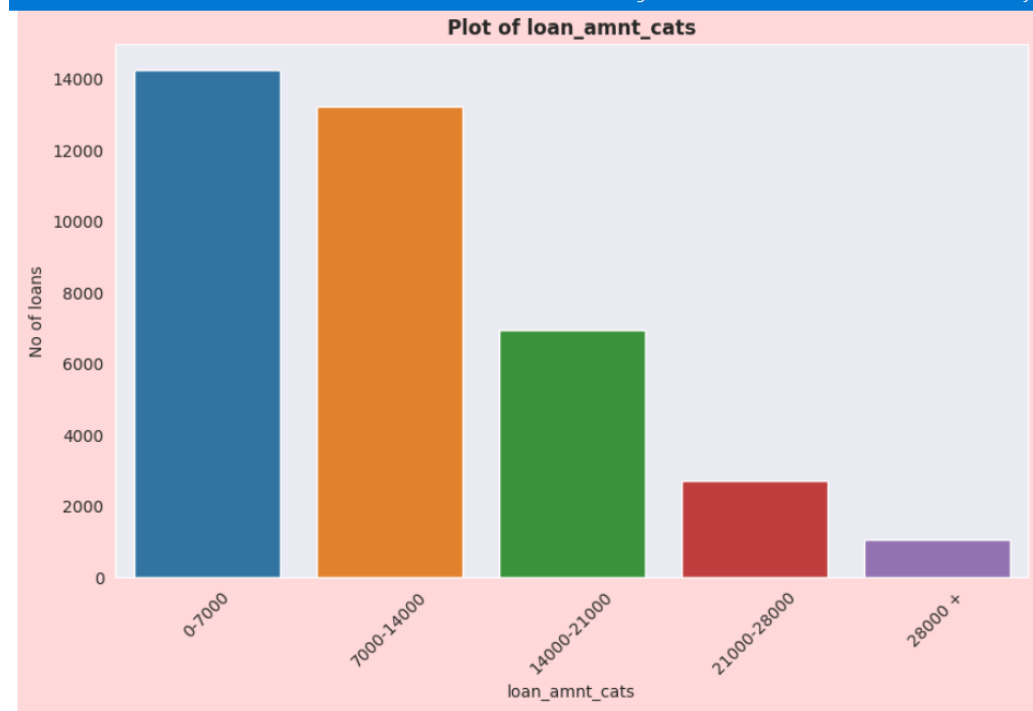
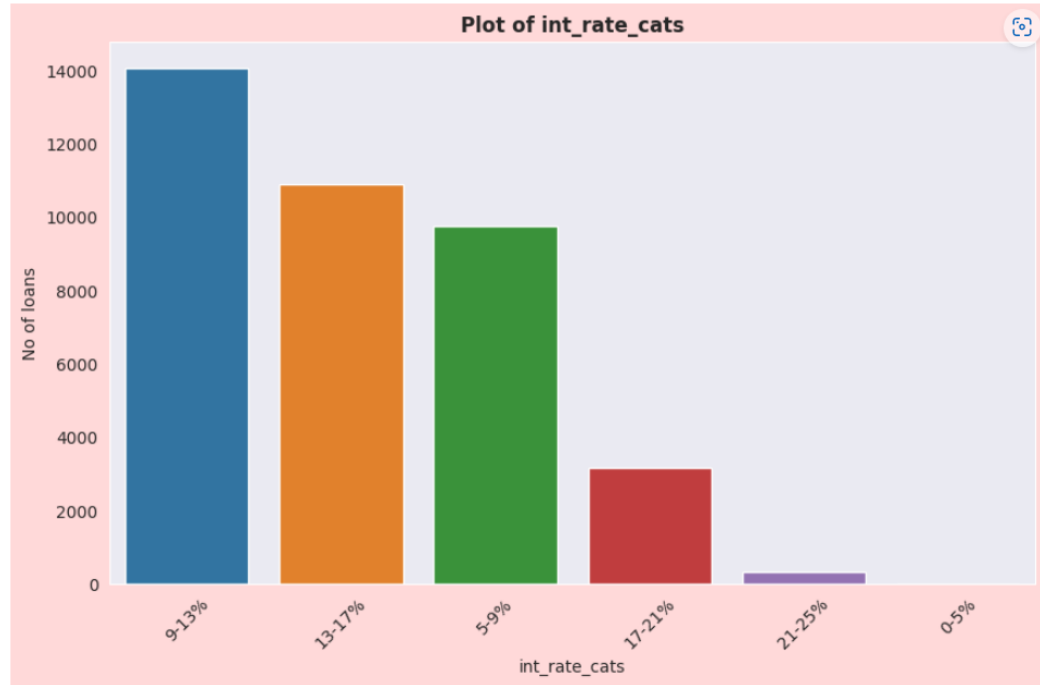
Plot of issue month shows there is increasing trend in number of loans with increase in the months. Maximum loans were given in the month of Oct, Nov, Dec. May be due to festive season

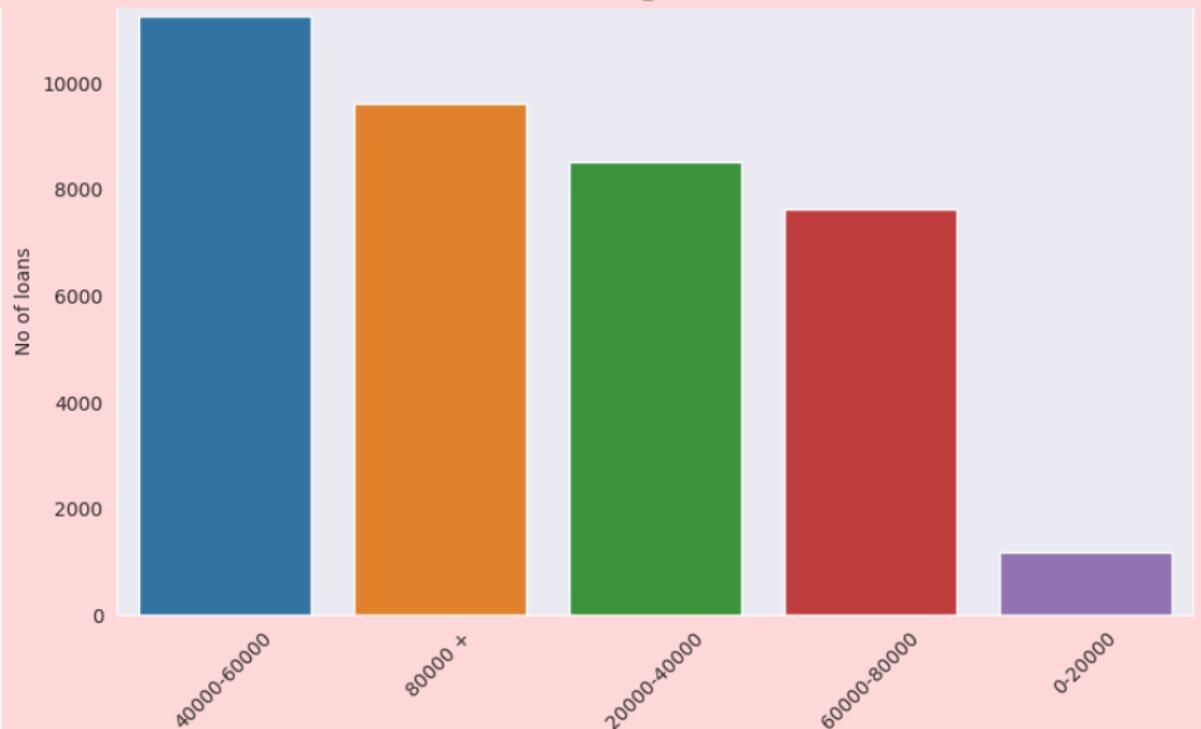
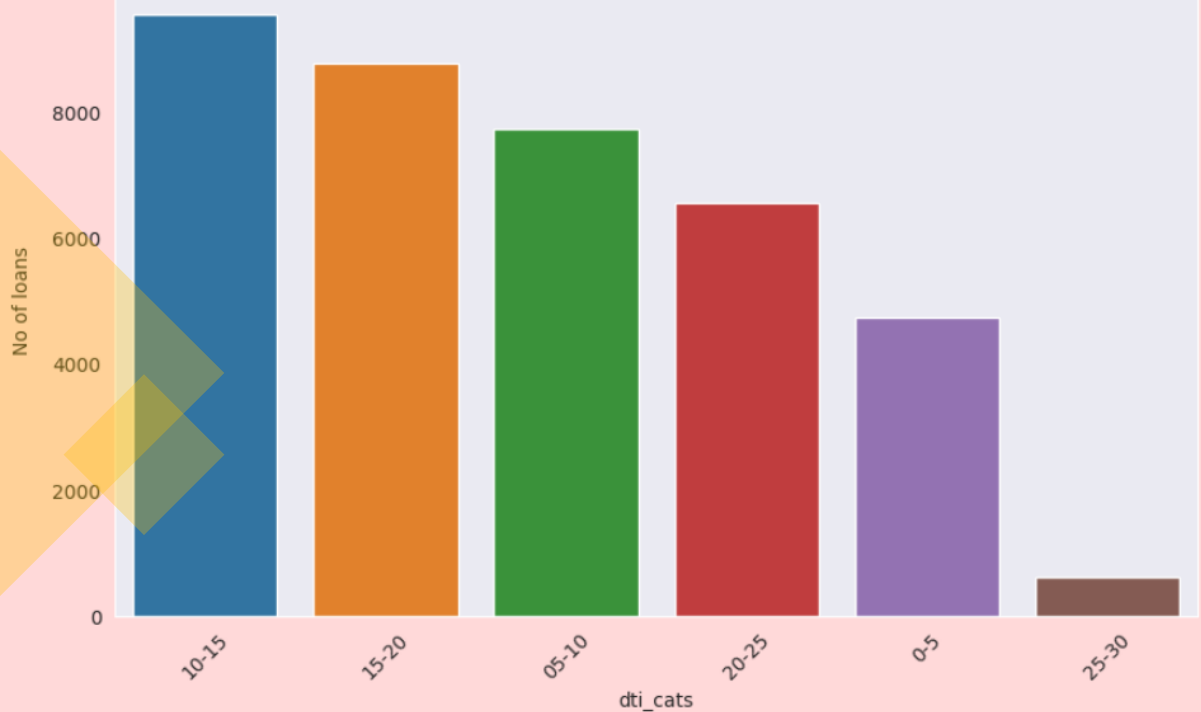
Most of the borrowers don't have a own house. They either live in rented or mortgaged ones.

There is a good trend that shows most of the loans are for debt consolidation and credit card

15 % of the loans are charged off

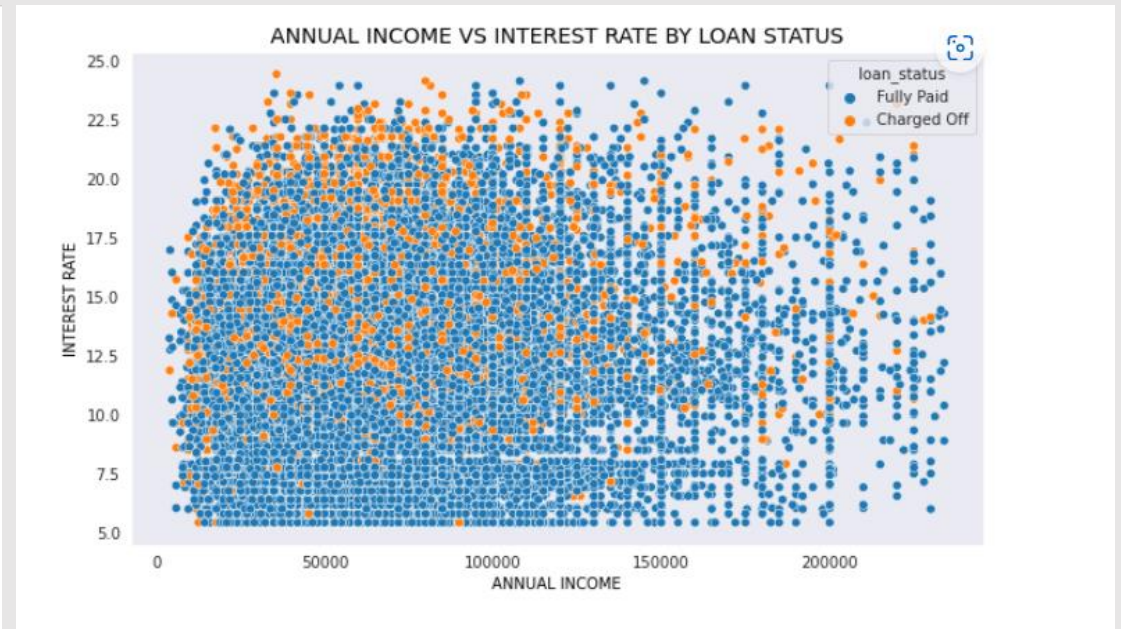
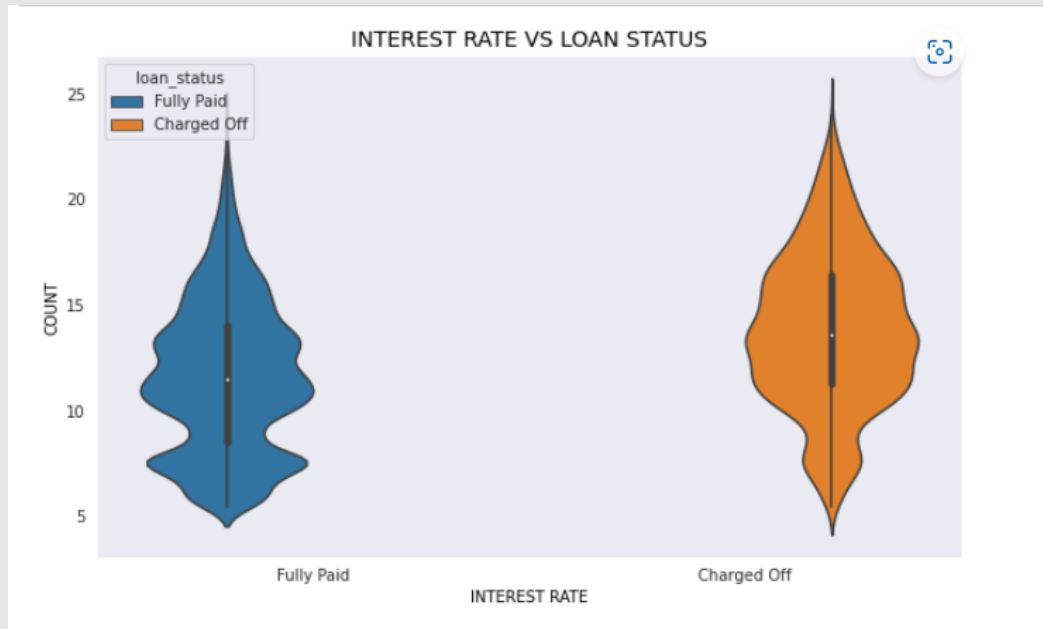
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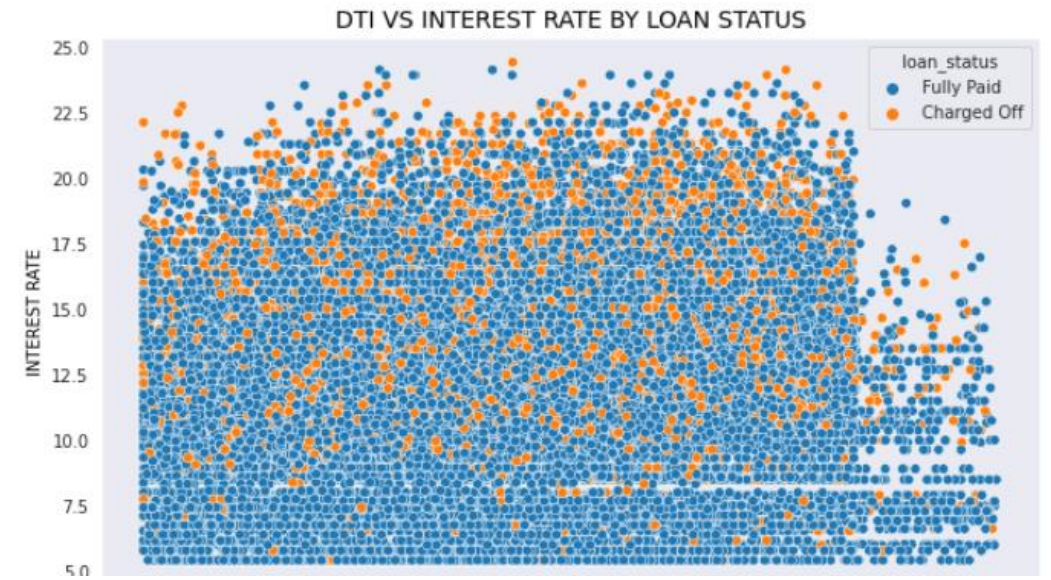
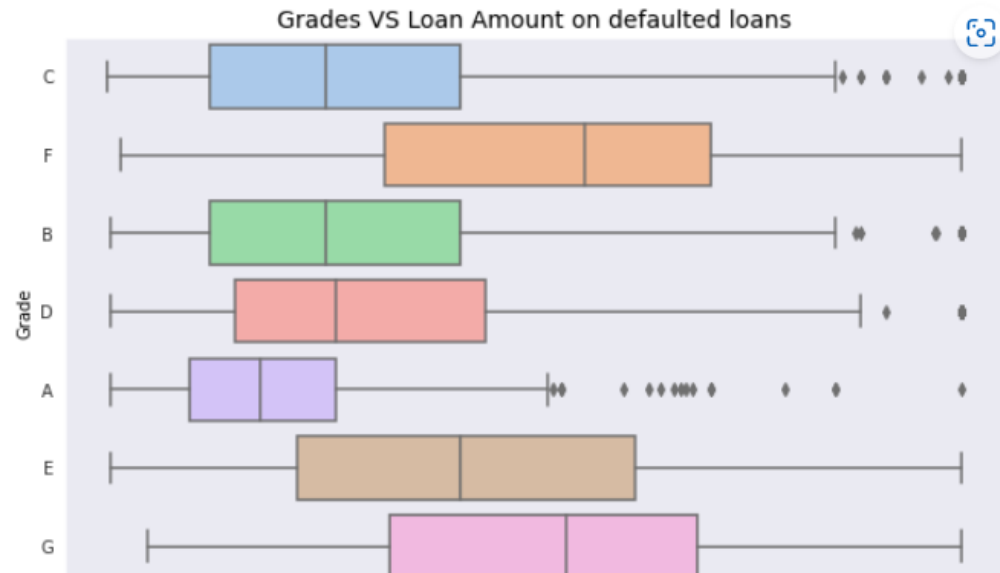
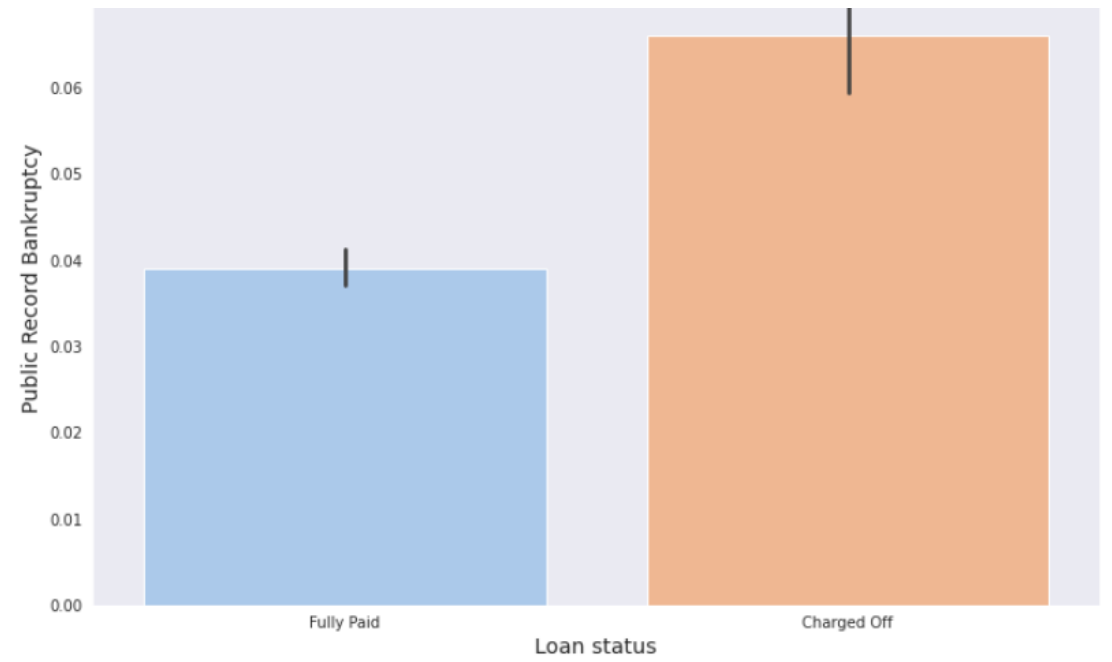
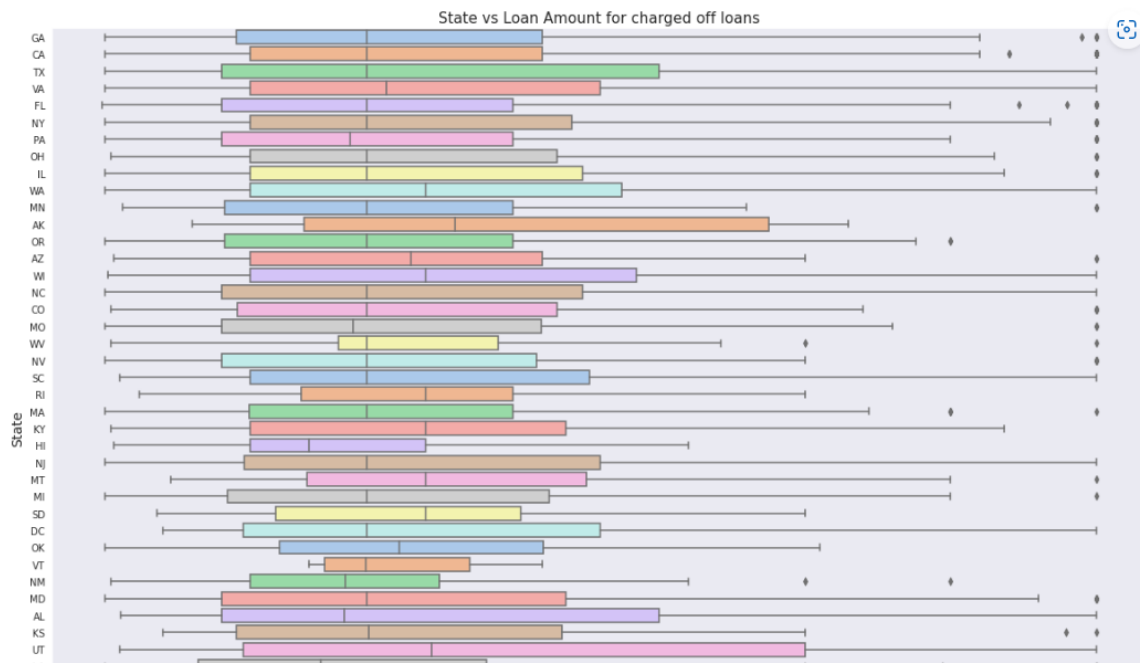




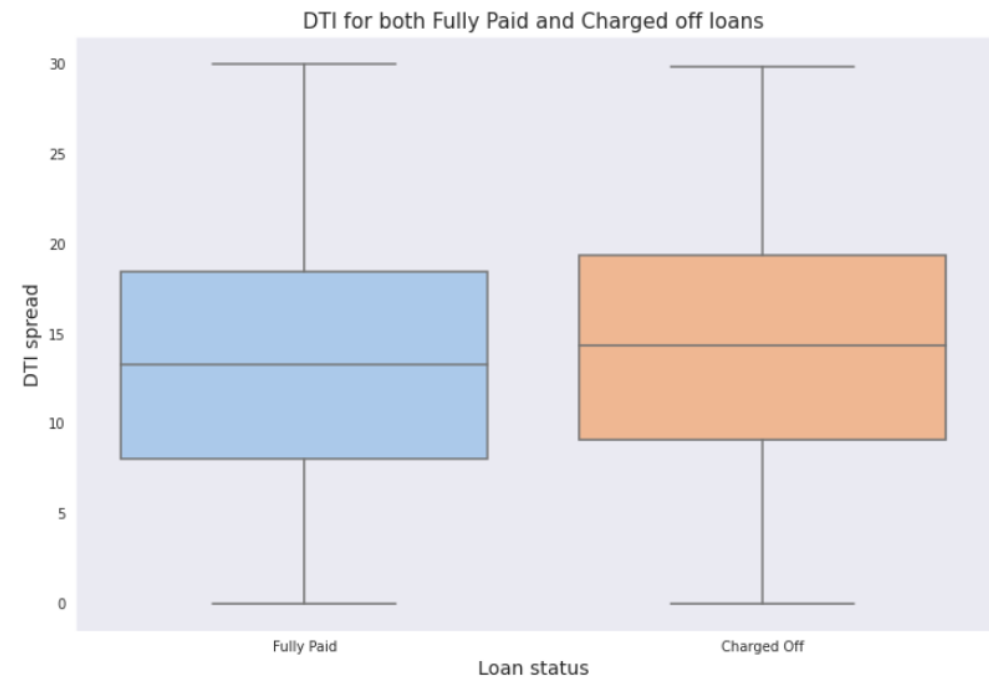
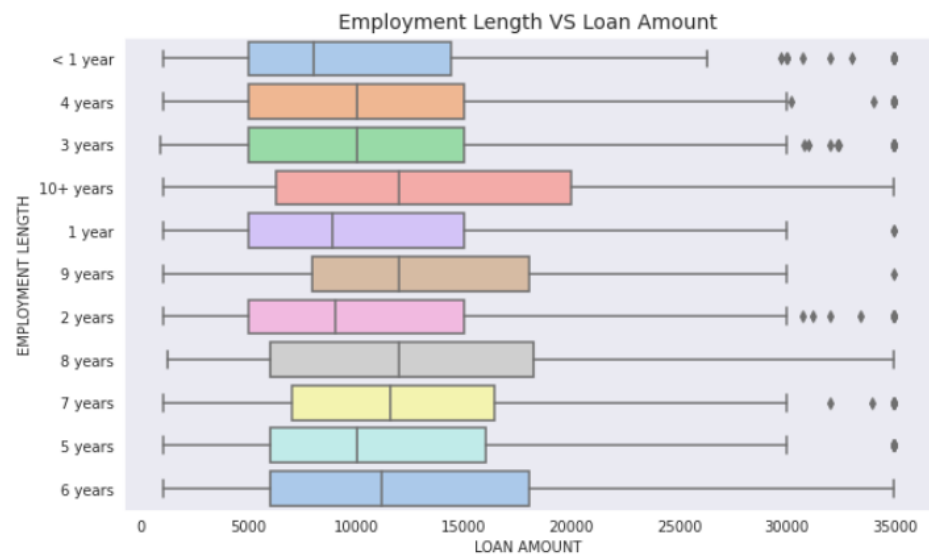
- - Most of the loans have interest rate category of 9-13% and very few loans have interest rate range of 21- 25%
- - Most of the loans has DTI category of 10-15 is
- - Most of the borrowers have annual income range of 40,000 - 60,000
- - Most of the loan amounts is less than 7000

# Bivariate Analysis

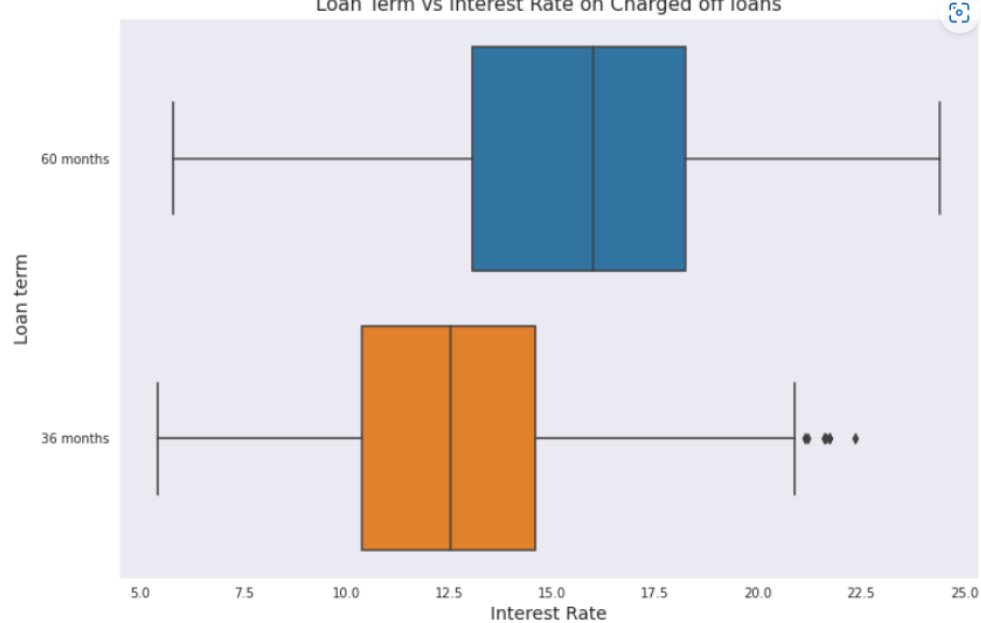




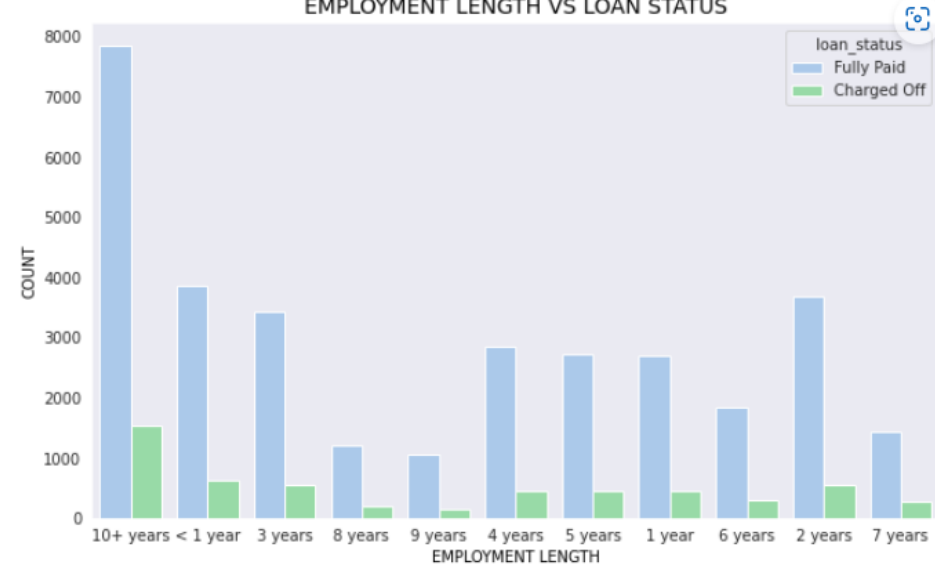




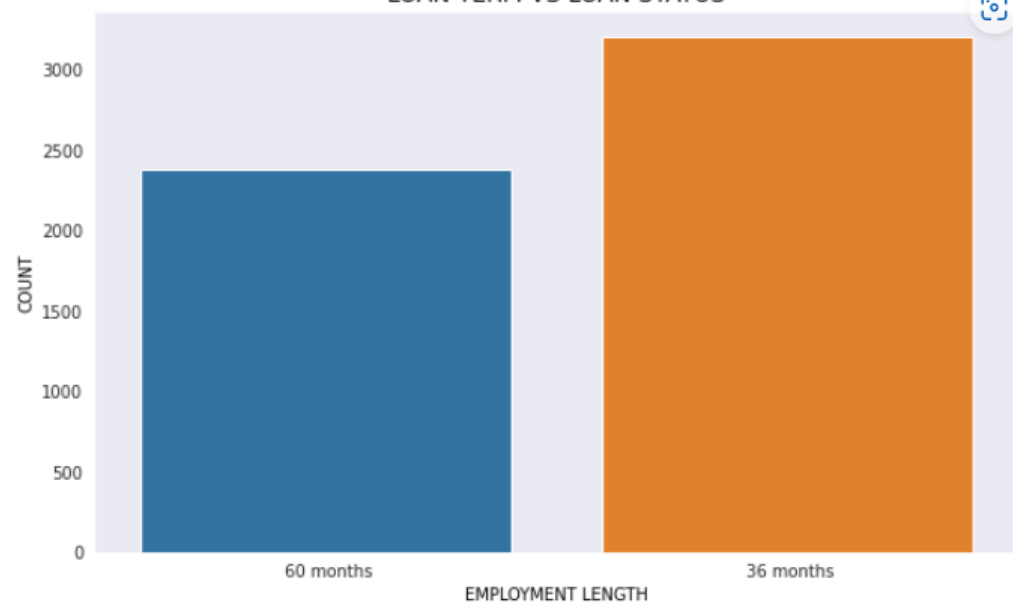
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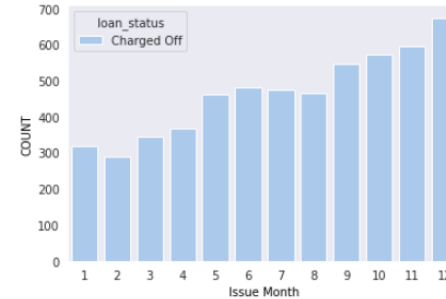
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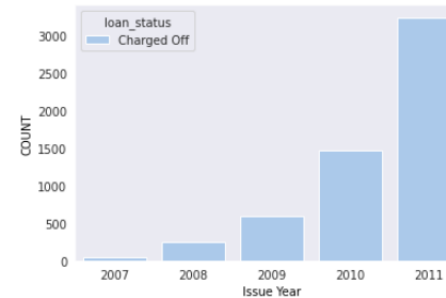
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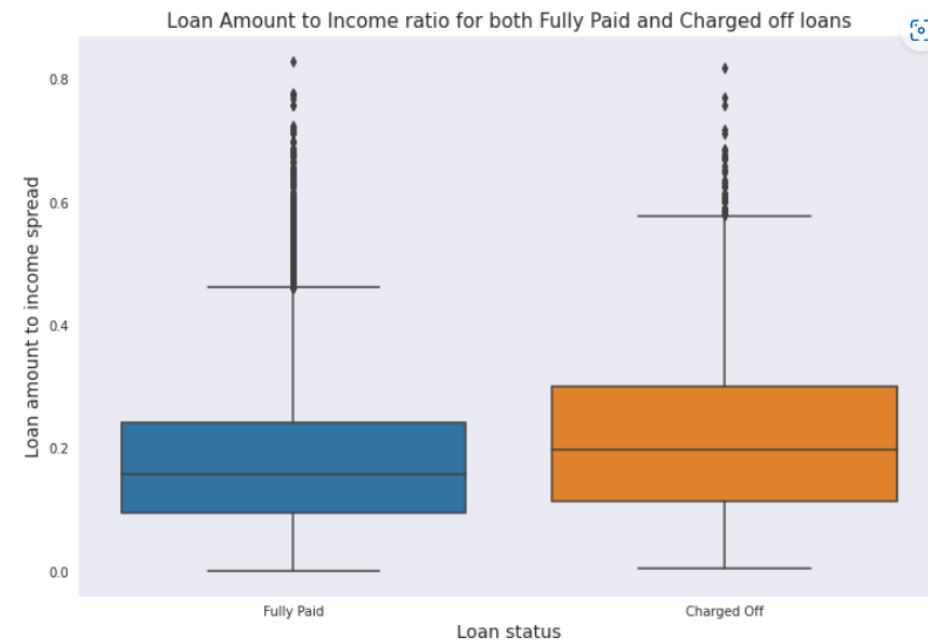
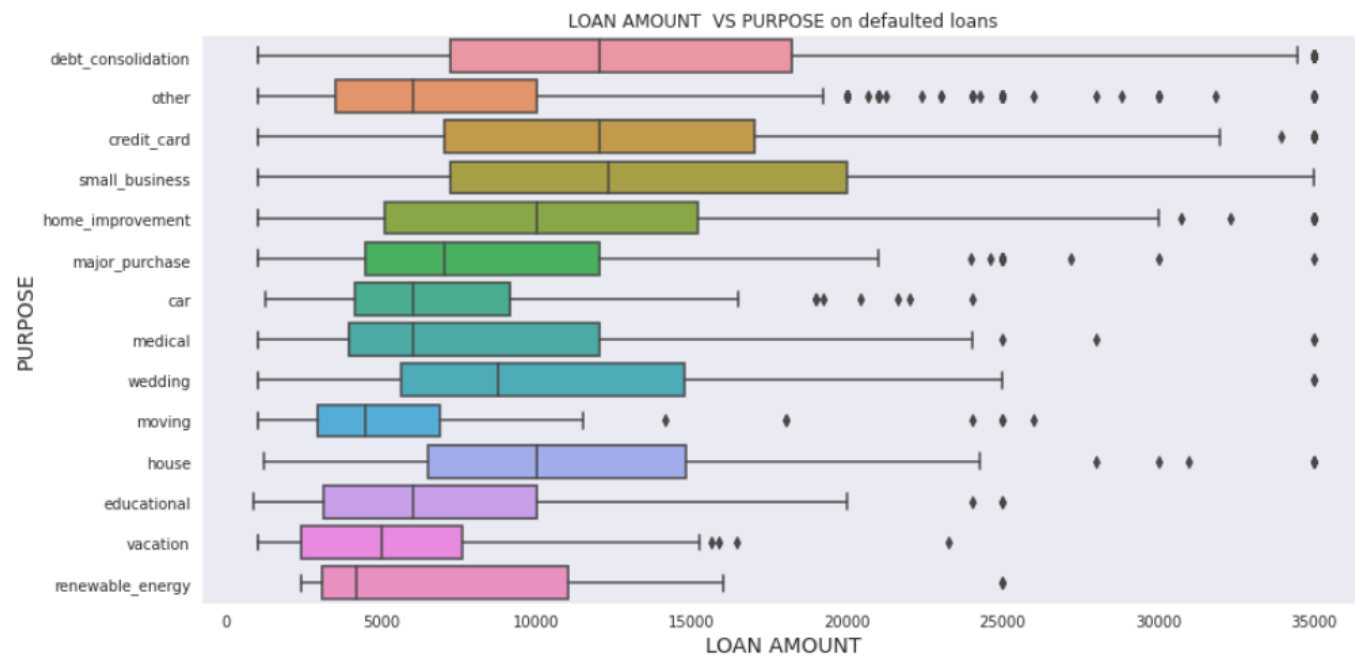
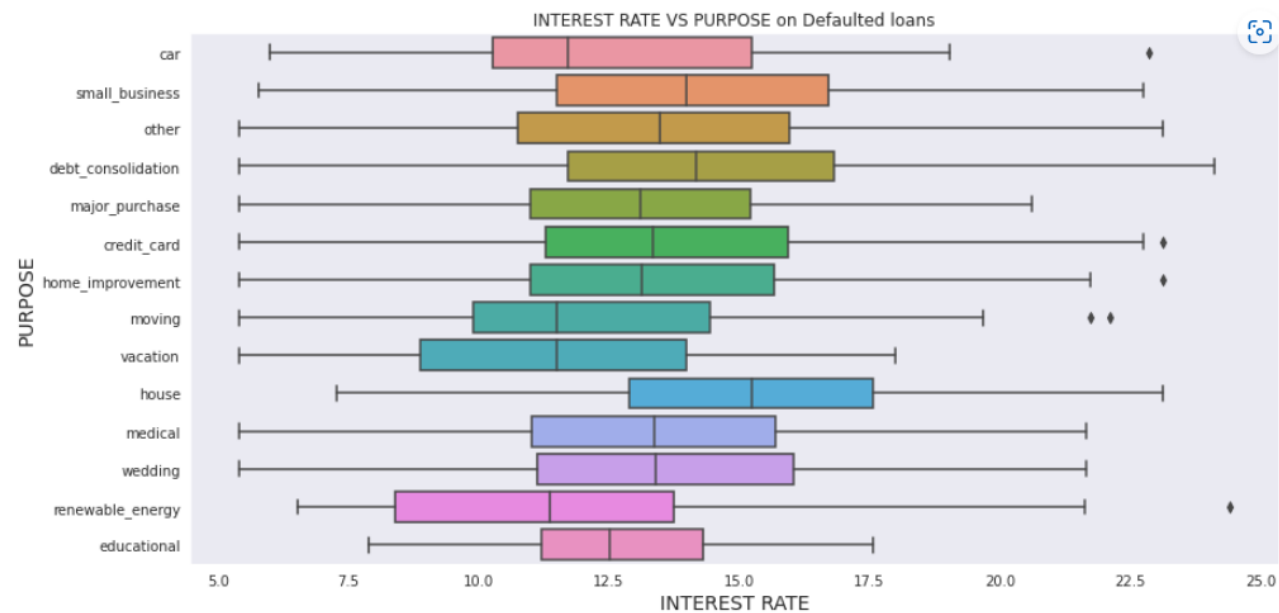
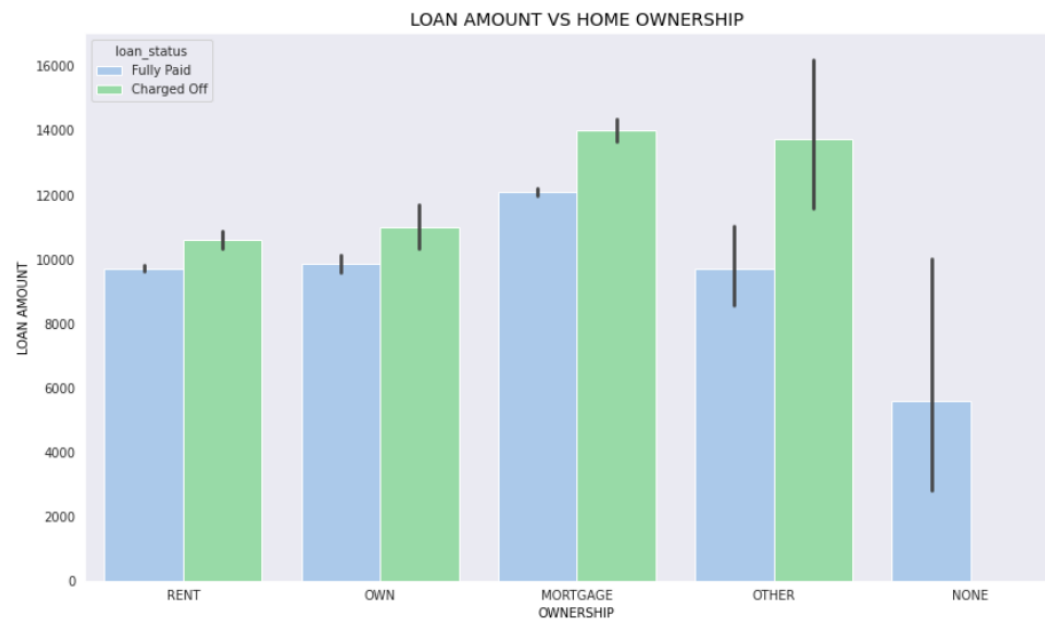


Issue Month vs Loan Status on defaulted loans



Issue Year vs Loan Status on defaulted loans





# Bivariate Analysis - Observations

The violin plot shows the distribution of interest rates on charged off loans on the higher end 13 - 22% when compared to fully-paid loans, which reveals interest rate is one of the driving factor for loan default

When the loan interest rate is greater than 16 % and the annual income of the person is less than 100000, the loan is more likely to be defaulted. This reveals annual income and interest rate has a positive correlation to loan default.

When the debt to income ratio is more than 13 and interest rate is higher than 15 likely to default

Giving loans at interest rate when the annual income is < 1,50,000 leads to loan default

Customers with DTI greater than 15 is more likely to default

Grades F, G and H are the top contributors of loan defaults

Grade F and G have the median around 20k and Q3 at 25k

Grade A is the least with median at 7.5k

Most of states have median is at 10k for charged off loan

State AK, MT, KY, UT, TN are marginally above the 10k level and at 13k

States AK, UT the Q3 is at 23k

DTI does not seem to be contributing because the median is close to each other for Fully Paid and Charged Off

36 months term loans tend to default more

Employees with experience more than 10+ years contribute to loan defaults more followed by year 6, 7, 8 and 9 .

Borrowers with mortgaged home with loan amount greater than 14,000 tend to default more

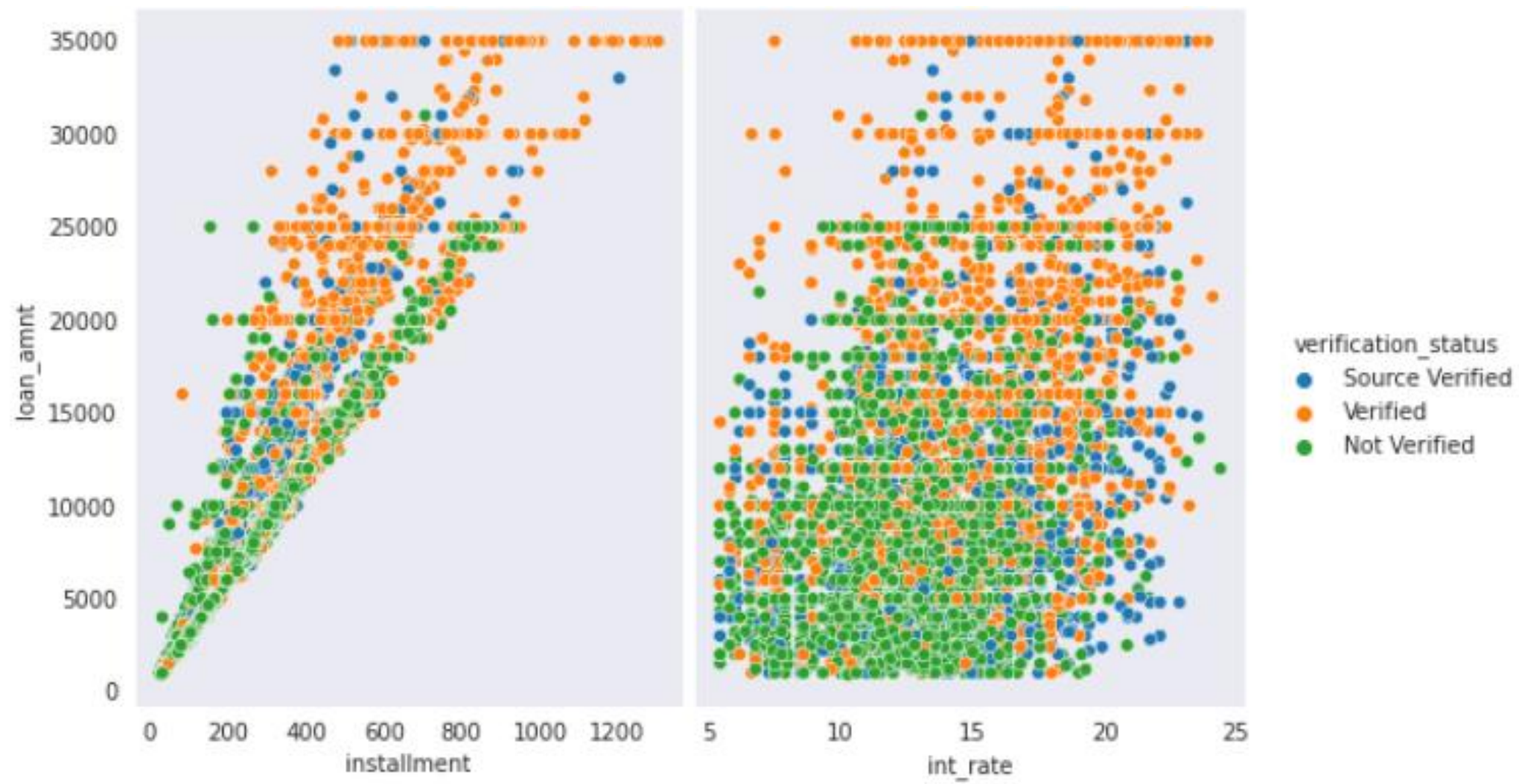
Housing loans with higher interest rate charge-off more

Debt consolidation, credit card and small business are the top loan purpose that contribute to defaults

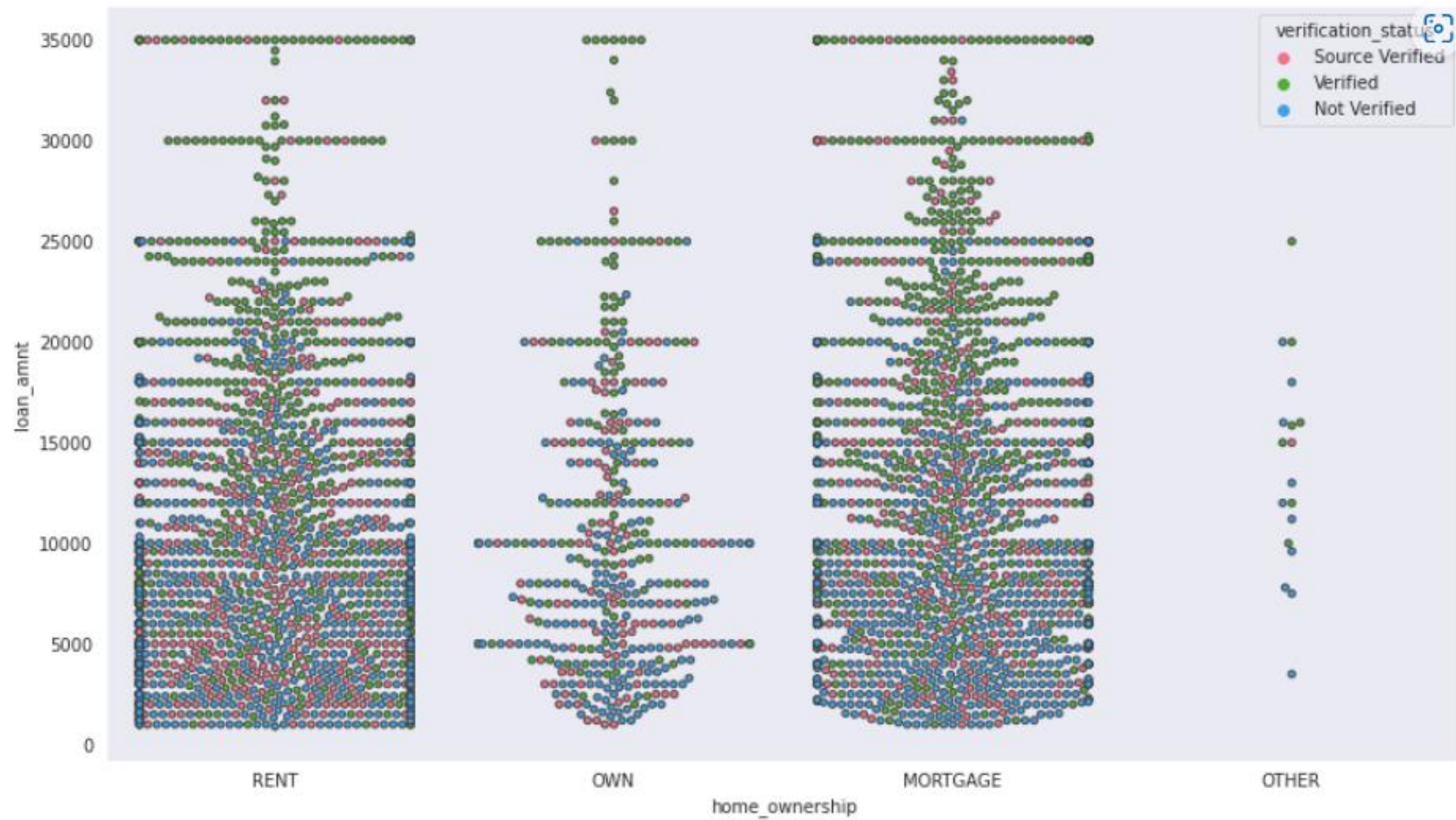
Loan amount to income ratio contributes to loan defaults

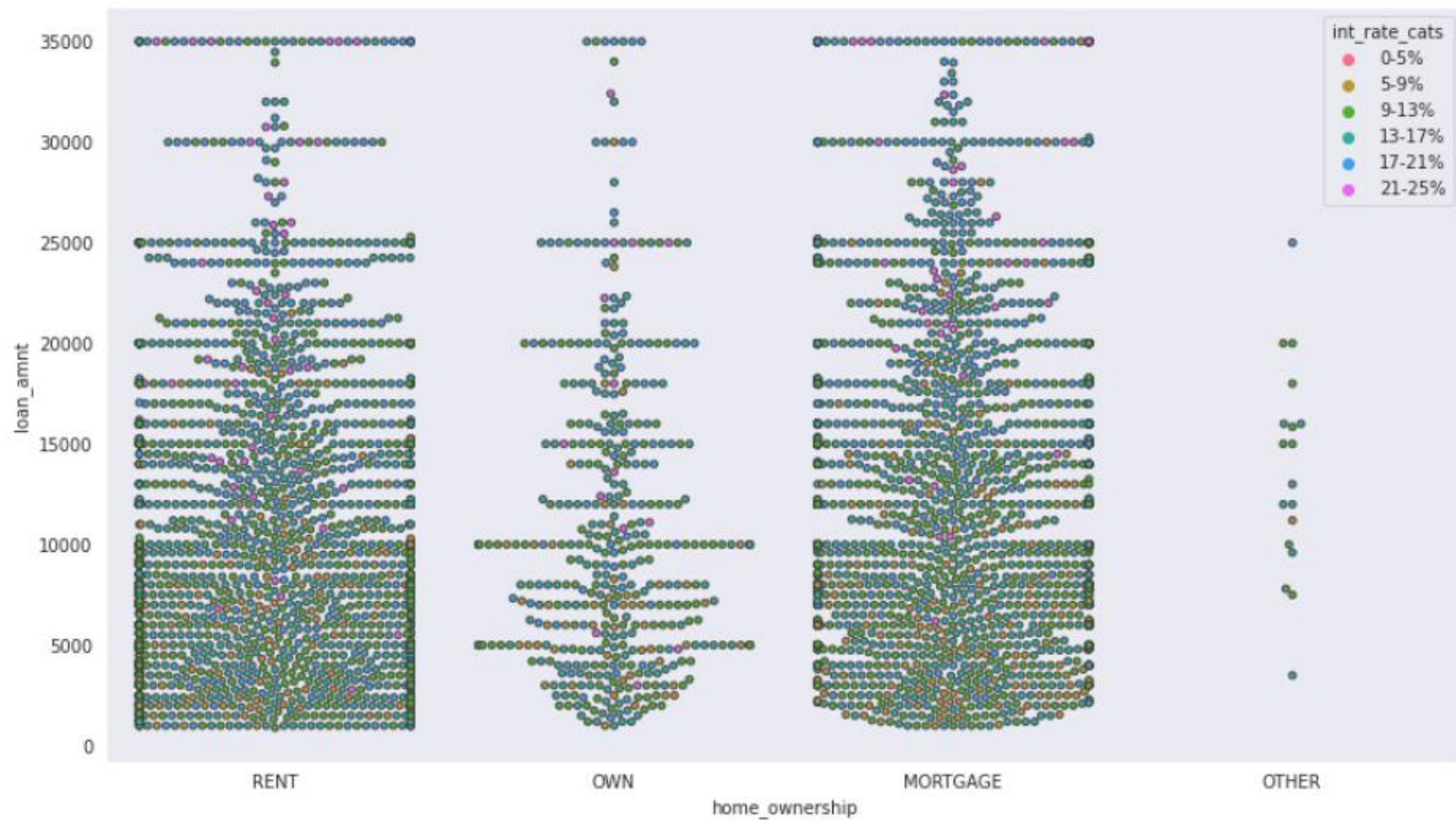
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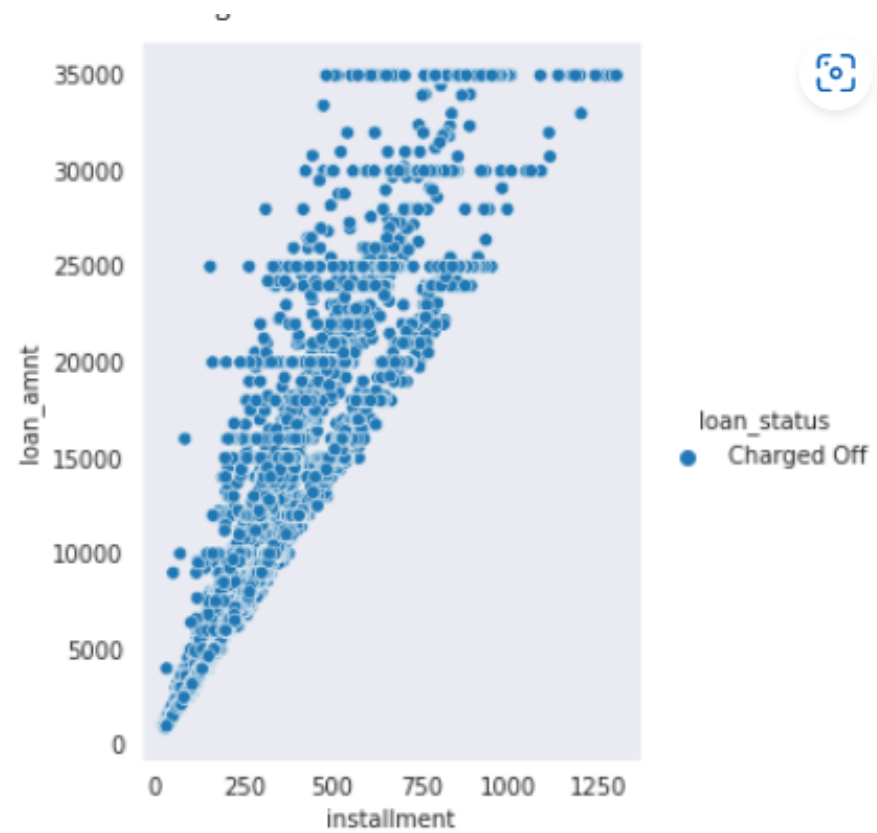












## Driving Factors for Loan Default

Higher interest rate (13-22%)

Employees with experience more than 10+ years contribute to loan defaults more followed by year 6, 7, 8 and 9 .

Interest rate greater than 16 % and the annual income of the person is less than 100000

DTI ratio more than 13 and interest rate is higher than 15%

Loan defaulting increases with increase in public bankruptcy records.

Borrowers with mortgaged home and rented home default more than people with own home.

Housing loans with higher interest rate (above 9 %)

Loan amount to income ratio contributes to loan defaults

Grades F, G and H are the top contributors of loan defaults

Shorter loan tenure (36 months)

State AK, MT, KY, UT, TN borrowed marginally above the 10k level median 13k and contribute to defaults.

Debt consolidation, credit card and small business are the top loan purpose that contribute to defaults

Loan amount to income ratio higher than .5 contributes to loan defaults

Verified loan amounts are given to employee with good experience and they tend to default.

Verified loans with high loan amount for borrowers with mortgage and rental homes

Installments increase with higher loan amount and so is the defaulting rate

# Recommendations

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Avoid giving high amount loans for people without own house. The loan amount can be limited to 15,000 with less interest rate ( $< 9\%$ ) to avoid risk of default.



Avoid giving higher amount loans to employees with 10+ years of experience with higher interest rate ( $> 13\%$ ).



Verifying the employment status should not result in giving higher loan amount. Other factors like DTI, Loan amount to income ratio, Public bankrupt records should be considered



Be extra cautious for loans taken for debt consolidation, credit cards especially during the October, November, December.