# Boulder County Restaurant Health Inspection Scores v.s. Google Ratings

## **Summary of Study**

This study seeks to answer the question:

Is there a correlation between restaurant health inspection scores and customer ratings?

Using a publicly available dataset from Boulder County Public Health, as well as Google Places API, we created a database of regular restaurant inspections in Boulder County prior to 2020. We plan to use logistic regression to determine if there is a correlation between health inspection score and Google rating.

## **Example Dashboard Layout**

### **Explore the Dataset**

Select Restaurant • Avg. Inspection Score

Avg. Google Rating

#### List of violations

Example 1

Example 2

Example 3

Example 4

#### **Prediction Machine**

Enter Inspection Score Predicted Avg. Google Rating

Enter Google Rating Predicted Avg. Inspection Score

\*We plan on using either Heroku or building the application using HTML/Flask hosted on one of our personal URLs.





# **Exploration of Violations**

Additionally, we will explore if there is a correlation between individual violations and Google rating. This will tell us if there are particular violations that seem to have an outsized effect on the guest experience.

We have chosen only critical criteria that are key to restaurant hygiene and food safety, rather than administrative and clerical criteria.

#### **Most Common Violations**

Example 1 Example 2

Example 3

Example 4

## **Most Impactful Violations**

Example 1 Example 2

Example 3

Example 4

#### Critical Violations

01	Food Source	Points	04	Sanitization Rinse	Points
01a	Approved Source	15	04a	Manual	10
01b	Wholesome, free of spoilage	15	04b	Mechanical	10
01c	Cross-contamination	20	04c	In-place	10
01d	HACCP plan	15			
01e	Date Marking	5	05	Water, Sewage, Plumbing Systems	
01f	Consumer Advisory	5	05a	Safe water source	15
	·		05b	Hot and cold water under pressure	10
02	Personnel		05c	Backflow	10
02a	Personnel with infections restricted	20	05d	Sewage disposal	15
02b	Wounds properly covered	20			
02c	Hands washed as needed	20	06	Handwashing and Toilet Facilities	
02d	Hygenic practices	5	06a	Adequate number, location, design	15
02e	Smoking, eating, drinking	10	06b	Accessible	10
02f	Training needed	15	06c	Soap and drying devices	5
02g	No bare hand contact	20			
			07	Pest Control	
03	Food Temperature Control		07a	Evidence of pests	10
03a	Rapidly cool to 41 F or lower	20	07b	Pesticide application	15
03b	Rapidly reheat to 165 F or greater	20	07c	Animals prohibited	5
03c	Hot hold at 135 F or greater	15			
03d	Required cooking temperatures	20	08	Poisonous or Toxic Items	
03e	Cold hold at 41 F or lower	15	08a	Properly stored	10
03f	Food thermometer (probe type)	5	08b	Properly labeled	5
03g	Adequate equipment to food maintain temperatures	20	08c	Toxic items properly used	15

# **Data Exploration & Analysis**

### **Data Exploration:**

- Original dataset: 471,209 rows
- Filter criteria:
  - Only restaurants, bars, or food trucks
  - Before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
  - Only routine inspections
- After filtering: 220,888 rows
- Number of facilities: 725
- Number of inspection scores: 2687

#### **Analysis**:

To do our analysis we will be taking the average score for each facility and compare it with the facility's Google rating using logistic regression.

For the analysis of violations, we will filter the data down to only the violations with which we are interested, generate a list of all relevant violations for a given facility, and then compare them to the facility's Google rating. This analysis will use Random Forest learning to determine feature importance.

# **Prediction Machine with Violations**

#### **Select violations:**

01	Food Source	Points	04	Sanitization Rinse	Points	
<b>□</b> 01a	Approved Source	15	<b>□</b> 04a	Manual	10	
☐ 01b	Wholesome, free of spoilage	15	□ 04b	Mechanical	10	Predicted Google Rating:
☐ 01c	Cross-contamination	20	□ 04c	In-place	10	
☐ 01d	HACCP plan	15				****
☐ 01e	Date Marking	5	05	Water, Sewage, Plumbing Systems		
☐ 01f	Consumer Advisory	5	<b>□</b> 05a	Safe water source	15	
			☐ 05b	Hot and cold water under pressure	10	
02	Personnel		☐ 05c	Backflow	10	Inspection Rating:
☐ 02a	Personnel with infections restricted	20	☐ 05d	Sewage disposal	15	Excellent
☐ 02b	Wounds properly covered	20				Excellent
☐ 02c	Hands washed as needed	20	06	Handwashing and Toilet Facilities		
☐ 02d	Hygenic practices	5	<b>□</b> 06a	Adequate number, location, design	15	
☐ 02e	Smoking, eating, drinking	10	□ 06b	Accessible	10	
□ 02f	Training needed	15	□ 06c	Soap and drying devices	5	
☐ 02g	No bare hand contact	20				Inspection Ratings Kev:
			07	Pest Control		Excellent 0-19
03	Food Temperature Control		<b>□</b> 07a	Evidence of pests	10	Good 20-39
<b>□</b> 03a	Rapidly cool to 41 F or lower	20	☐ 07b	Pesticide application	15	
□ 03b	Rapidly reheat to 165 F or greater	20	□ 07c	Animals prohibited	5	Fair 40-69
□ 03c	Hot hold at 135 F or greater	15				Marginal 70-99
□ 03d	Required cooking temperatures	20	08	Poisonous or Toxic Items		Unacceptable >100
□ 03e	Cold hold at 41 F or lower	15	<b>□</b> 08a	Properly stored	10	
□ 03f	Food thermometer (probe type)	5	□ 08b	Properly labeled	5	
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