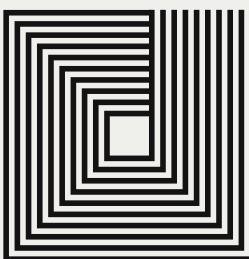


MAPPING & PREDICTING ARREST PATTERNS IN NEW YORK CITY



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PROBLEM STATEMENT

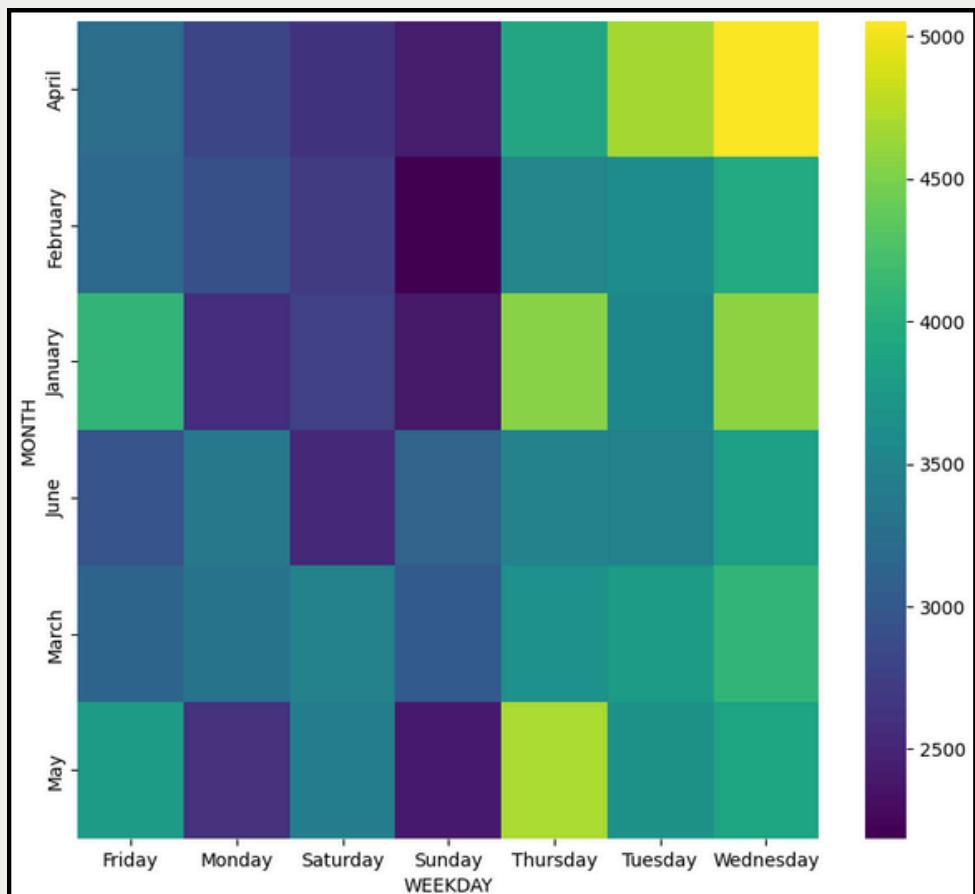
This project aims to identify and predict the probability of the most prominent offense types for each precinct within New York City for each day of the week, providing actionable insights for local law enforcement agencies and communities.

BACKGROUND

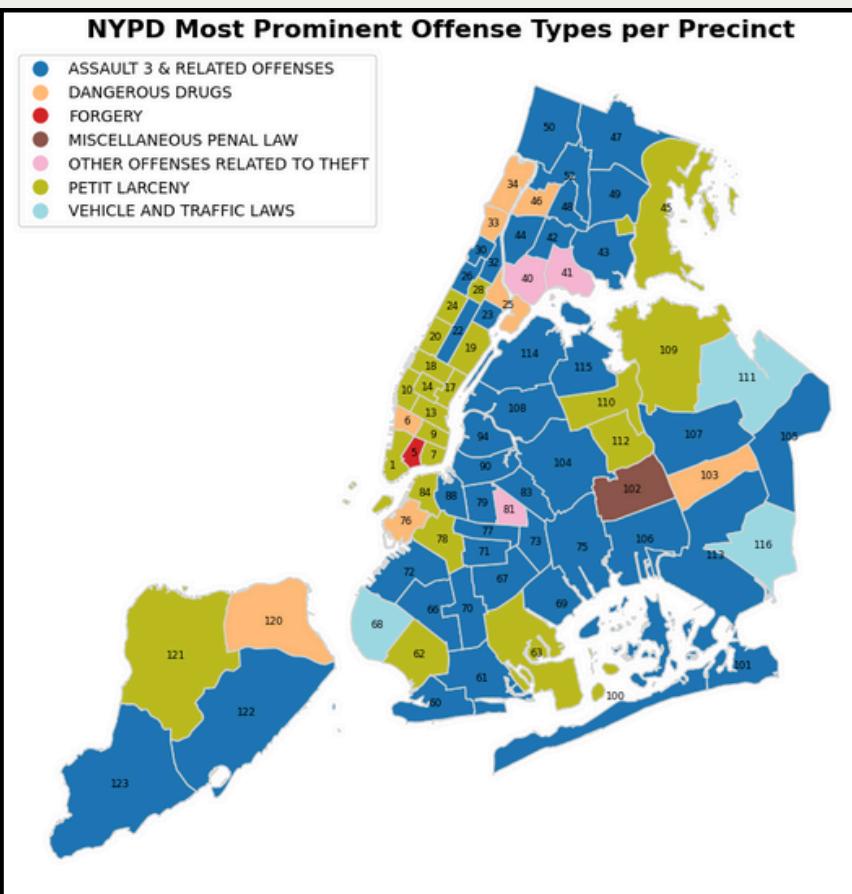
Densely populated areas like New York often struggle with properly reducing crime while also trying to manage resource usage and budgeting. Crime often appears in clusters, making trends easily identifiable for intervention methods. Currently, police rely on more reactive intervention methods than proactive methods. Predictive models favor more biased identification methods based on personal demographics, deeming them unreliable.

Our project utilizes different demographics, such as location and time of arrest, to allow better transparency when identifying trends in arrests and offense types. Addressing this issue will benefit law enforcement, emergency services, community organizations, and policy makers that are aiming to reduce unnecessary resource usage and increase public safety.

METHODS - EDA



Heat map: Arrest counts by month and day of the week



Hotspot: Top offenses by precinct

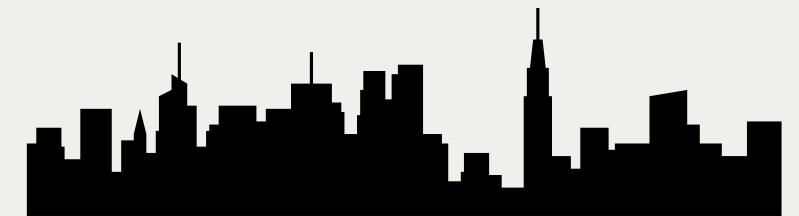
Maps Created:

- Hotspot: Arrest count by precinct
- Hotspot: Top offenses by precinct
- Hotspot: Top offenses by precinct per day of the week
- Heat map: Arrest counts by month a day of the week

Analysis:

- The heat map shows arrest counts by month and day of week displaying a frequency peak made in the month of April and days Tuesday through Thursday
- The hotspot map highlights the most prominent offenses within each precinct showing that the most prominent offenses through the city are Assault 3 & related offenses and petit larceny

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Original dataset: 142797 arrests
Filtered dataset: 101082 arrests
Offense types reduced from 56 to 10

Top 10 Offenses:

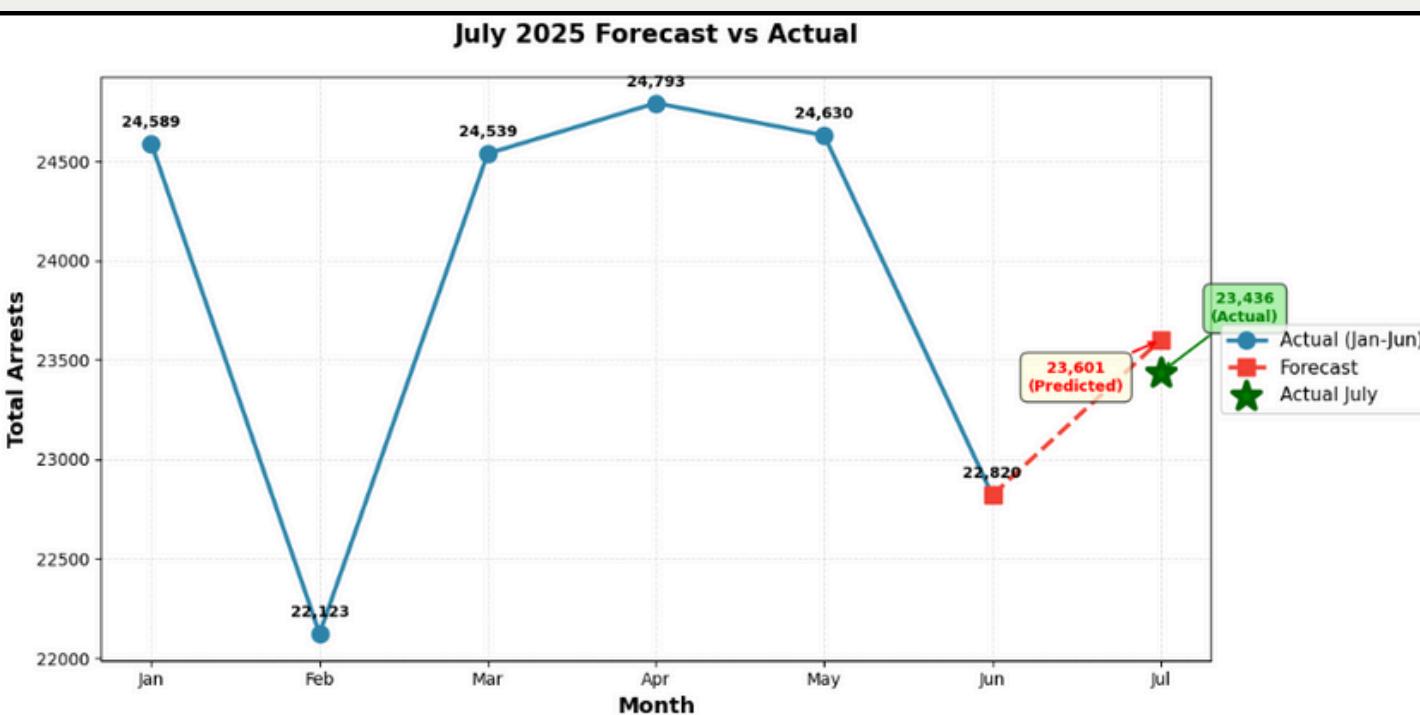
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ASSAULT 3 & RELATED OFFENSES	14461
PETIT LARCENY	11966
DANGEROUS DRUGS	11479
FELONY ASSAULT	9462
MISCELLANEOUS PENAL LAW	8736
OTHER OFFENSES RELATED TO THEFT	8325
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAWS	6182
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF & RELATED OF	5519
ROBBERY	5362

Name: count, dtype: int64
Accuracy: 0.243
Number of offense types: 10

Feature Importance:

	Feature	Importance
1	ARREST_PRECINCT	0.494151
3	MONTH	0.250904
2	WEEKDAY	0.227639
0	ARREST_BORO	0.027306

Random Forest Classifier



Regression Model

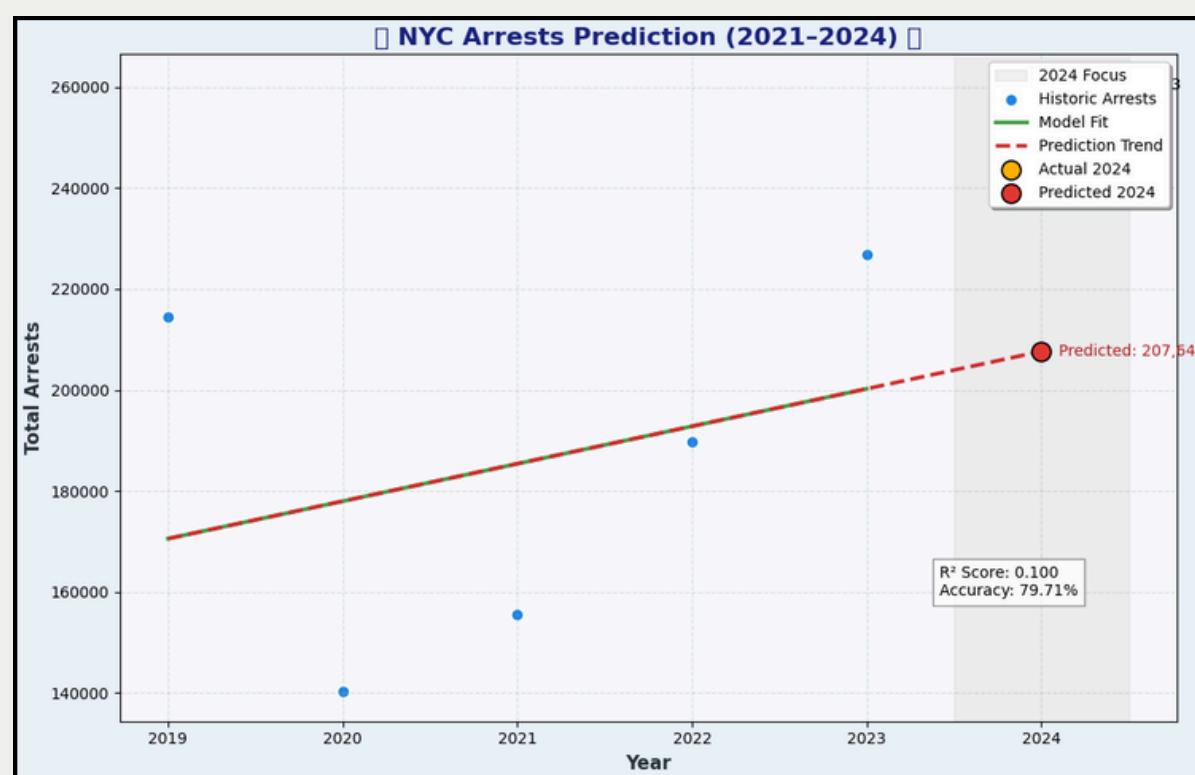
Random Forest Classifier:

- Predicting which offense may occur when a person is arrested
- Focuses on the top 10 most common offenses
- 24% accuracy
- Has the ability to predict which offense may occur based on the precinct and day of the week

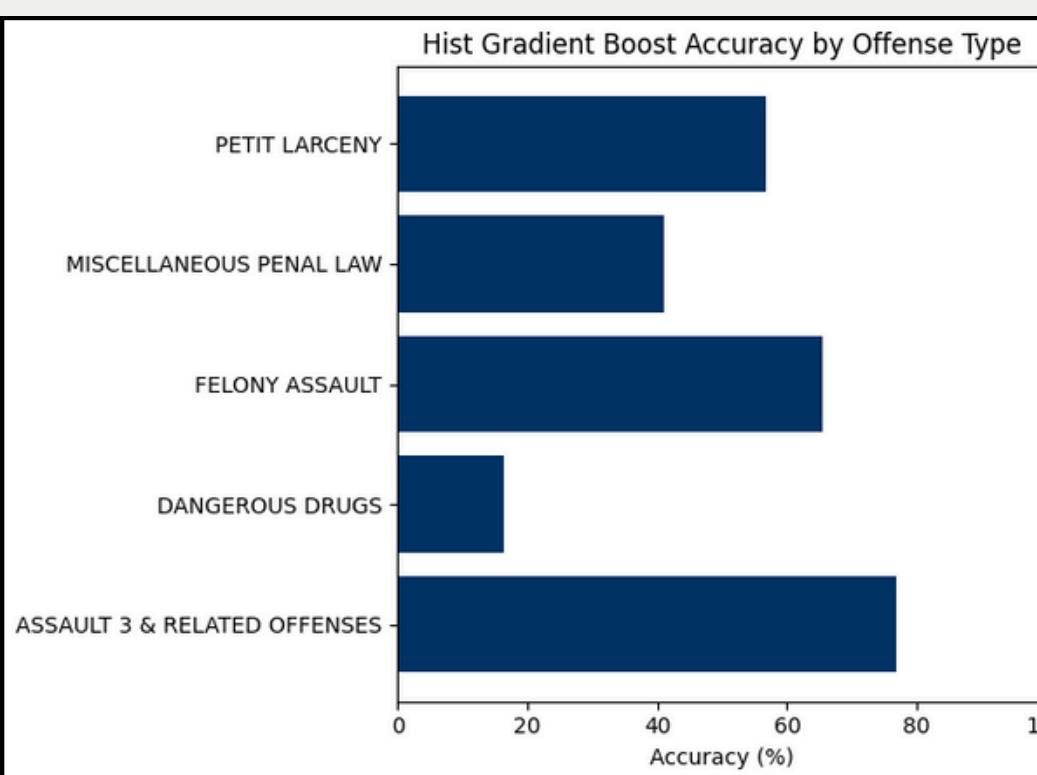
Random Forest Regression:

- Predicting the number of arrests that may have been made in July 2025 with 97% accuracy
- graph shows the arrest counts that have already been recorded and compares it to the predicted arrest count for July 2025
- Predictions can be confirmed once the NYPD arrest dataset is updated

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Linear Regression



Hist Gradient Boosting

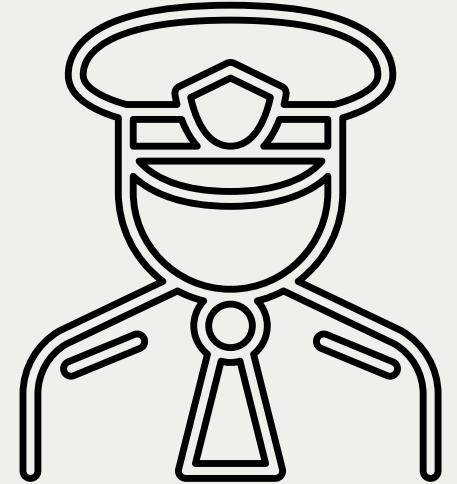
Linear Regression Model:

- Predicting the amount of arrests made in 2025 and 2026 with 80% accuracy
- Forecasted to have 205k -210k arrests over the next 2 years
- Most arrests occur on Wednesdays in October, with assault-related offenses being the most common
- Precinct 14 records the highest arrest activity, indicating strong police presence in Manhattan

Hist Gradient Boosting Accuracy:

- Received an overall accuracy of 55% when considering the top 5 most dominant offense types
- Utilized features such as precinct, day, month, borough, weekend flag, and law category
- Assault-related offenses showed greater accuracy, while drug and property-related offenses were harder to determine

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Conditional Probability Model:

- Shows which offenses are most likely to occur in each precinct of NYC on any day of the week
- Groups arrests by precinct, day of the week, and offense description
- Allows the ability to identify arrest patterns for the most prominent offense types without relying on predictive features

Analysis:

- Some precincts have offense types that occur consistently throughout the week
- Other precincts do not show the same consistency
- In Precinct 1, the most dominant offense type every day of the week is Petit Larceny (25%-40%)
- In Precinct 5, offense types vary from Petit Larcency to Dangerous Drugs
- Different precincts should use different safety planning strategies based on their specific prominent offense type

Precinct	Day_of_Week	Top_Offense	count	total_arrests	Offense_Probability
0	1	Tuesday	PETIT LARCENY	163	405
1	1	Wednesday	PETIT LARCENY	130	388
2	1	Monday	PETIT LARCENY	89	273
3	1	Thursday	PETIT LARCENY	117	376
4	1	Saturday	PETIT LARCENY	98	315
5	1	Friday	PETIT LARCENY	102	371
6	1	Sunday	PETIT LARCENY	57	221
7	5	Saturday	FORGERY	55	190
8	5	Monday	DANGEROUS DRUGS	27	195
9	5	Thursday	PETIT LARCENY	47	344
10	5	Friday	PETIT LARCENY	28	211
11	5	Sunday	ASSAULT 3 & RELATED OFFENSES	16	125
12	5	Wednesday	GRAND LARCENY	35	291
13	5	Tuesday	OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINI	44	380
14	6	Tuesday	DANGEROUS DRUGS	68	209
15	6	Friday	DANGEROUS DRUGS	59	216

Conditional Probability Model

Analysis

CONCLUSION

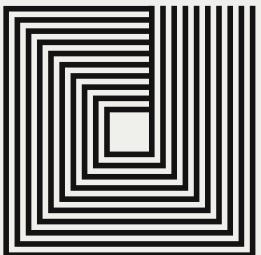


The NYPD arrest data presents clear spatial and temporal patterns by location and day of the week. The most prominent offense type in the majority of precincts is “Assault 3 & related offenses” and “Petit larceny”. Utilizing only location and time features, our models were able to capture most of the variation in the data, giving law enforcement a reliable tool for safety planning and resource allocation.

Next Steps

- Utilize additional features (time-of-day, weather conditions, seasons, socioeconomic factors, etc.)
- Law enforcement and community organizations may utilize findings for research and safety planning
- Dashboard/website creation for precinct-level forecasting
- Confusion matrix table to support classification model

THANK YOU



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