Finding the best location for a Specialty coffee shop in Santiago of Chile

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1. Introduction: Business Problem

¿Where is the best location for a Specialty Coffee Shop in Santiago of Chile?

For this project we will be targeted to stakeholders interested in opening an Specialty Coffee Shop in Santiago, Chile.

Coffee is a fundamental part of food culture around the world and the specialty coffee is a growing market

Coffee consumption has increased dramatically and the consumers in general are moving toward higher-quality, gourmet coffee. For years, you could only get coffee beans and grounds from a few companies and regions, but the foodservice trend toward higher-quality and craft foods has opened up many other options. Nowadays, there is a nearly endless selection of coffee from all over the world that wouldn't have been available a few decades ago.

The age of coffee consumers also has decreased. The change was identified through the findings of a 2017 study on coffee consumption. The study was published in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine and involved more than 520,000 people. Their findings showed that drinking coffee regularly could improve life expectancy. After these results were published, the National Coffee Association (NCA) discovered that the percentage of daily coffee drinkers increased from 57% to 62% in the course of a year. In the United States alone, 44% of those coffee consumers are millennials. (https://www.webstaurantstore.com/blog/2356/top-coffee-trends.html)

There are 941 coffee shops in the metropolitan area of Santiago and this number has been increasing in the last 10 years. (http://santiagocoffeelovers.cl/cafeterias-especialidad-nuevo-mundo-sabores-experiencias/)

We will explore the metropolitan area of Santiago to find the best locations based on a good quality of life with less number of coffee shops and places frequented by young people.

2. Data

Based on the definition of our problem, factors that will influence our decision are:

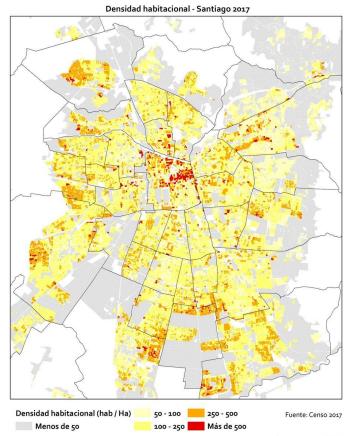
- number of existing coffee shops in the areas explored
- venues like museums, art gallery's, cultural centers or farmer markets (places frequented by young people)
- ♦ a zone with a good quality of life

Following data sources will be needed to extract/generate the required information:

List of the Zones of Santiago using wikipedia
https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anexo:Comunas de Santiago de Chile



♦ Population data of Santiago also of the same wikipedia page



- ♦ HERE geocode to obtain the latitude and longitude of the zones (communes) of Santiago
- number and location of coffee shops using Foursquare API (https://developer.foursquare.com/docs/api/venues/explore)
- venues by zone and their categories using Foursquare API (https://developer.foursquare.com/docs/api/venues/explore)

2.1. Communes of Santiago

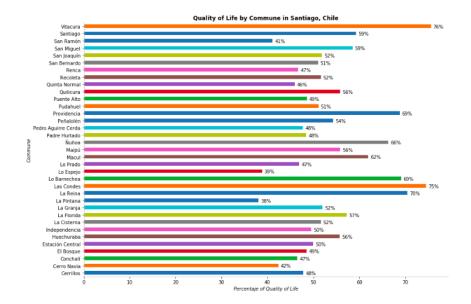
Santiago is divided in different zones called "communes".

In the Wikipedia I found the list of communes and indicators like population, poverty index, and quality of life index.

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Lo Prado norponiente 96249 20.3 46.90 81	-33.44353	-70.71768
Macul suroriente 116534 17.5 61.92 8	-33.48178	-70.59921
Maipú surponiente 521627 12.5 55.87 30	-33.51041	-70.75638
Ñuñoa nororiente 208237 10.7 66.28 6	-33.45521	-70.59388
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Providencia nororiente 142079 4.6 68.79 5	-33.43179	-70.60940
Pudahuel norponiente 230293 20.5 51.11 60	-33.44449	-70.74932
Puente Alto suroriente 568106 27.1 48.60 69	-33.60946	-70.57504
Quilicura norte 210410 18.5 55.86 31	-33.36969	-70.73404
Quinta Normal norponiente 110026 13.5 45.93 86	-33.42253	-70.69522
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San Miguel sur 107954 11.6 58.53 17	-33.48576	-70.64995
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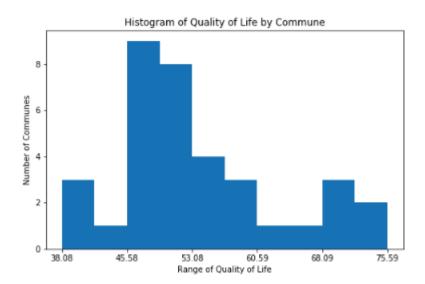
Using data visualization, I was able to compare the communes and select the more appropriate communes for the analysis

First, I used a plot to visualize the Quality of Life by Commune

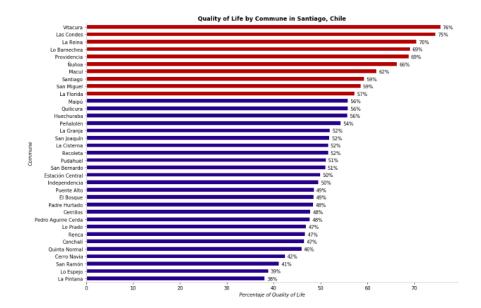


Using a histogram, I could detect how many communes have a better Quality of Life.

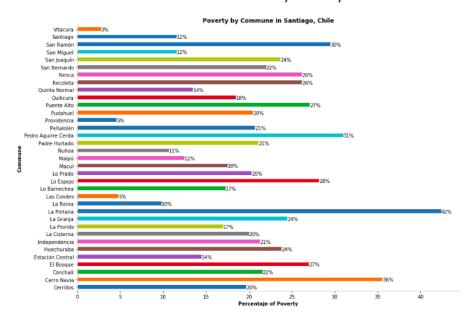
A higher index implies a better quality of life



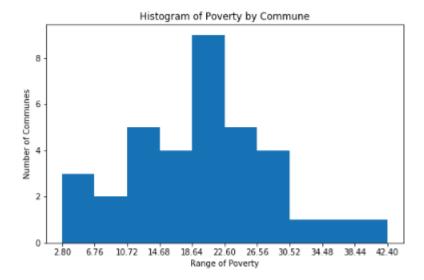
And in a plot, I can order the communes by the Quality of Life and in red there are the communes with a quality of life index higher than 57



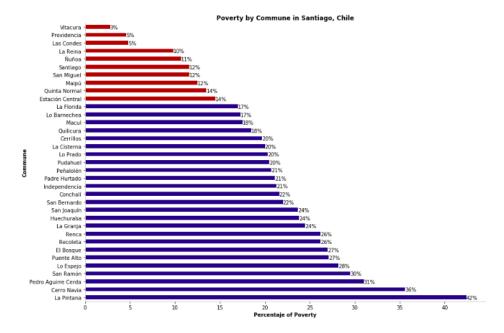
I used the same method to visualize the Poverty index by commune



The histogram of the Poverty index by Commune. Opposite to the Quality of life, a lower Poverty index implies less Poverty



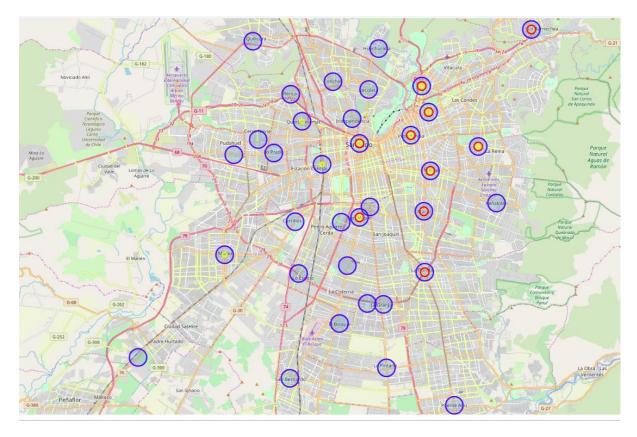
And in a plot, I sorted the communes by the Quality of Life and in red there are the communes with a Poverty index less than 15



Finally, to use a map visualization I needed the geographical location of every commune, so I used the geocode HERE to obtain the latitude and longitude of every commune.

In the map with a blue circle it's displayed where are located the communes.

With a red circle are located the communes with a Quality of life higher than 57 and in a yellow circle the communes with a Poverty index less than 15.



3. Methodology

In this project we will direct our efforts on detecting areas of Santiago with a good quality of life and low poverty.

Based on the map visualization of the communes and the communes with low poverty and high quality of life I decided what communes to explore.

The communes with the higher Quality of Life are almost equivalent to the communes with lower poverty, so we can explore the communes with a Quality of Life with more than 57 percent.

With Foursquare we are going to get the venues by commune and classify it by their categories.

With the categories we can choose the communes with less coffee shops.

As final step we can visualize the choose commune and detect the venues frequented by young people to recommend the best places to open a coffee shop

4. Analysis

Based on the communes displayed in the map, I'm going to use the sub-dataframe with the communes with higher Quality of Life

I used the foursquare api to explore the different venues categories using the latitude and longitude of every commune

Using the foursquare api I have the top ten categories by commune



This allow us to identify 3 communes without coffee shops or cafés:

- La Reina
- Macul
- San Miguel

Comparing the Poverty and Quality of Life index of this communes, La Reina has a lower poverty and a better Quality of Life.

	Location	Population (2017)	Poverty	Quality of Life	Index Quality of Life	Latitude	Longitude
La Reina	nororiente	92787	9.8	70.45	3	-33.4393	-70.5564
Macul	suroriente	116534	17.5	61.92	8	-33.4818	-70.5992
San Miguel	sur	107954	11.6	58.53	17	-33.4858	-70.65
La Florida	suroriente	366916	17	57.23	22	-33.5219	-70.5986

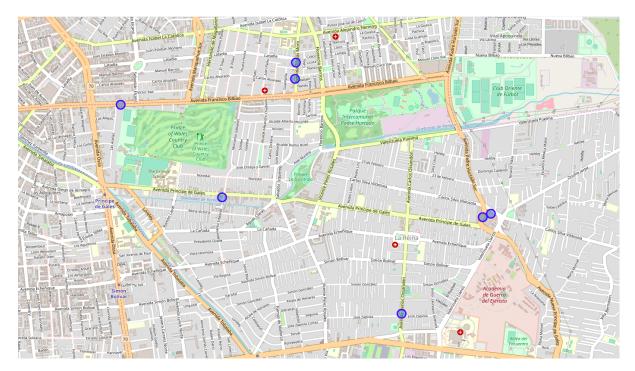
So, based in that indicators, La Reina is the commune we are going to use for our analysis.

First, we need to identify the places that could be our competitors.

Based in the venues categories of the Commune, our competitors could be Coffee Shops and Bakerys:

Venue	Venue Category
Starbucks	Coffee Shop
Wenger Haus	Bakery
Amasa Bakery	Bakery
Doña Cata	Bakery
Panificadora Rosemary	Bakery
Butterfly Coffee	Coffee Shop
Bogat Caffé	Café

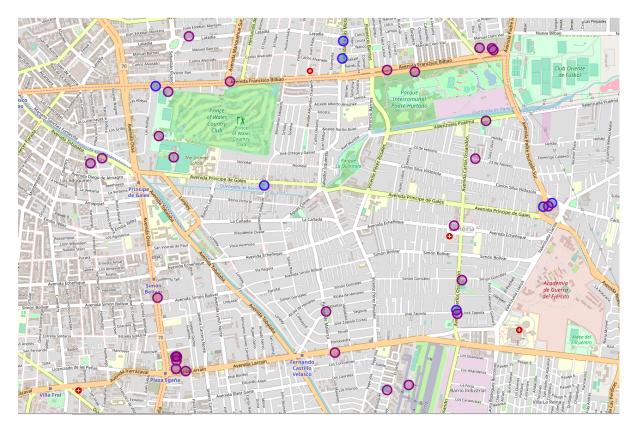
Using a map visualizacion we locate our competitors with a blue circle



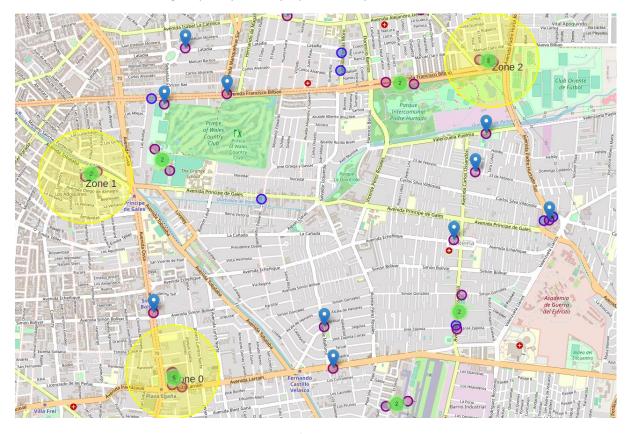
Discarting our competitors, we filter by the venues that could be frequented by young adults:

	Venue Category	Count
0	Amphitheater	1
1	Shopping Mall	1
2	Plane	1
3	Other Great Outdoors	1
4	Music Venue	1
5	Movie Theater	1
6	Hockey Field	1
7	Sporting Goods Shop	1
8	Golf Course	1
9	Farmers Market	1
10	Bookstore	1
11	Bike Rental / Bike Share	1
12	Athletics & Sports	1
13	Soccer Field	2
14	Outdoors & Recreation	2
15	Plaza	2
16	Multiplex	3
17	Gym / Fitness Center	4
18	Park	6

We located this venues in the map with a purple circle



Using a clustering visualization we can identify 3 zones far from our competitors and with our venues of interest. In the following map they are displayed with a yellow circle



Finally we obtained the top 10 venues nearby of every detected zone:

5. Results and discussion

Our Analisys shows there are still zones in Santiago with not many coffee shops and this zones could have a potential for open a new Speacialty Coffee Shop.

To detect the potential zones, first we aislated the zones with better quality of life and less poverty and using the Foursquare API we found that "La Reina" commune was the more suitable for our objective because it doesn't have any Coffee Shops or Cafes in their top 10 venues, also this commune has a better Quality of Life index and Poverty than the other two communes without coffee shops in their top 10 venues.

With a commune in mind we explored the different venues categories of the commune, we detected our posible competitors and the other venues that could be frecuented by the target public of the Coffee Shop like cinemas, parks, librarys, etc.

Using a map visualization we located our posible competitors and visualy we could cluster 3 posible zones for our objective, relatively far from the competitors and near several venues of interest.

6. Conclusion

Purpose of this project was to identify the best location to open a Specialty Coffee Shop in Santiago.

With the exploration of venues in all the city, gradually we could aislate a 3 zones viables for our purpose.

Our target was determined by the socioeconomics indicatos of the communes of Santiago and the density of Coffee Shops in the different zones of Santiago.

this is an aproximation for the best location, the final decission must be made by stakeholders After analyzing the recommended areas, a market study is needed and see if there are places to lease near these 3 locations