

Evaluating Public Health Standards in Toronto: An Analysis of BodySafe Inspection Data*

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Abstract

This study presents a comprehensive analysis of public health inspection data from Toronto's BodySafe program, aiming to evaluate the safety standards to personal service in the city. We examine the trends in public health standards including spas, salons and tattoo parlors. We focus on infraction categories, inspection outcomes. By investigating the correlation between service types, inspection results, and geographic distribution, this study provides insights of public health inspection results and variations in the frequency of inspections carried out over time at establishments regulated by Toronto's BodySafe program.

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Introduction

This paper offers a comprehensive exploration into the Toronto's public health conditions through the BodySafe inspection data. We examine the hygiene and safety standards for several public services such as tattoo parlors, beauty salons, and spas (Gelfand 2020). These public services are considerably popular among women and it may result in safety hazard such as skin penetration due to the chemical exposures (FORD 2020). The primary goal of BodySafe is to minimize the risk of infections and promote safe practices in environment where the services involve close contact or shared equipment. Also, BodySafe plays a crucial role in protecting public and workers and maintaining consumer confidence in the safe environment across Toronto (Gallagher and Joppe 2016).

*Code and data are available at: <https://github.com/liuziy23/Ziyi-Liu.git>

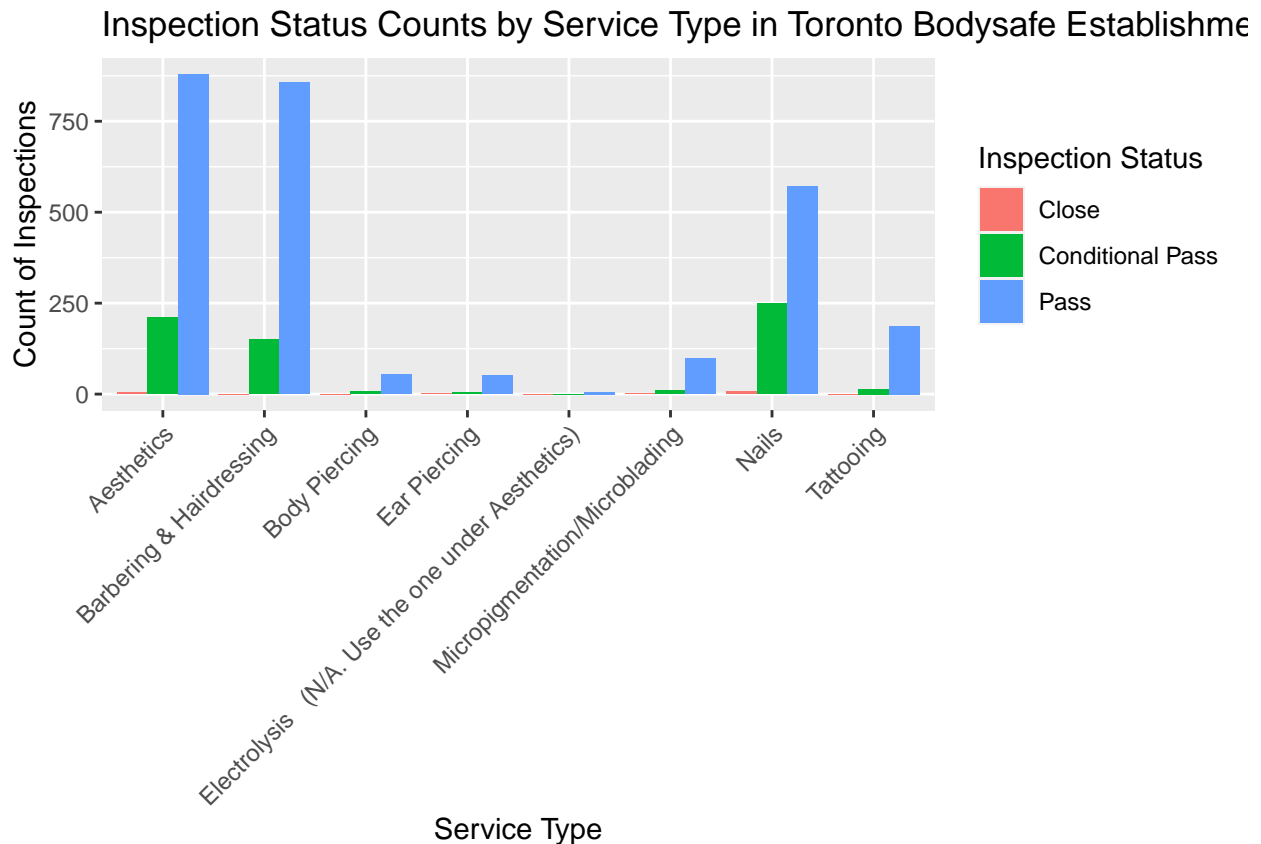
Data

Inspection Status Counts by Service Type in Toronto Bodysafe Establishments

The graph represents the frequency of different inspection statuses across various service types in Toronto's BodySafe establishments (Gelfand 2020). This will provide insights into how different types of establishments fare in inspections. The bar chart visually represents the number of different inspection statuses for various service types in Toronto Bodysafe establishments. Each bar represents a different service type, such as Nails, Aesthetics, Tattooing, etc., and is segmented by inspection status like pass, conditional pass, or fail. The service type with a high proportion of "pass" statuses have better health and safety standards, whereas the service type with "conditional pass" or "fail" indicate the improvements action they need to take.

The chart might also reveal trends specific for particular types of services. For example, some services might have more challenges in meeting the standard because the nature of the work, and it has a higher possibility to receive conditional passes or fails.

This dataset contains 3365 inspections of various establishments such as beauty salons, spas, and tattoo parlors across Toronto. By using R (R Core Team 2020), an extract of the cleaned dataset (Table @ref(tab:dataextract)) is shown below.



The Number of Inspections Conducted Over Time in Toronto’s BodySafe Establishments

We can also explore the number of inspections conducted over time in Toronto’s BodySafe establishments, and we can see the trends and patterns of the frequency of the inspections.

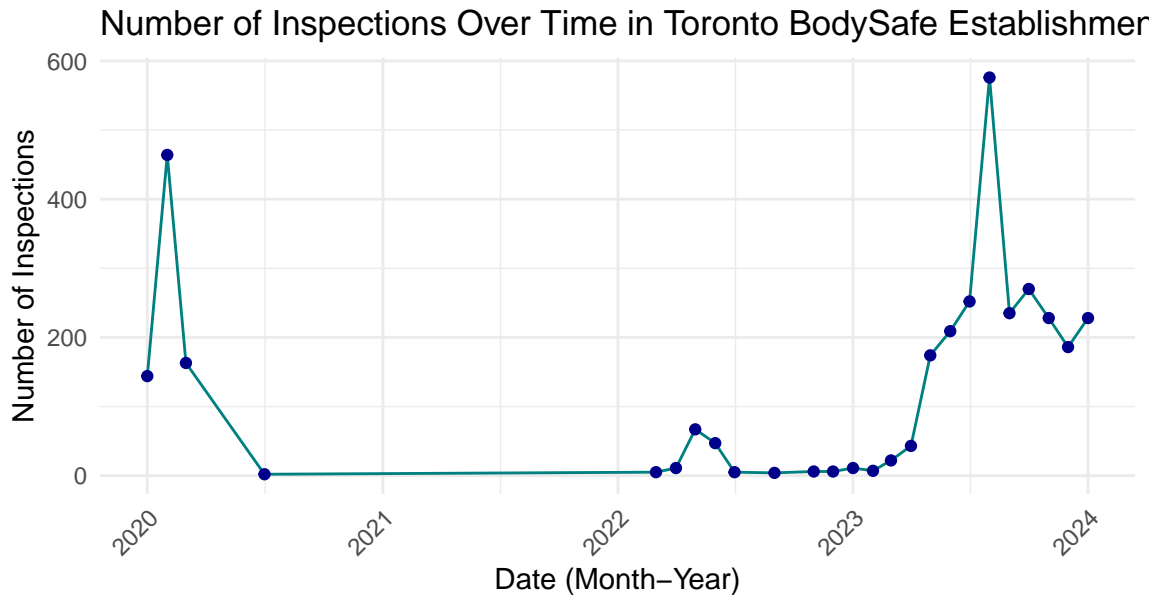


Figure 1: Comparing the location of traffic collisions each year from 2006 to 2020

The graph shows fluctuations in the number of inspections conducted over time in Toronto’s Bodysafe establishments. Also, the data is added every month and offers the insight into trends and patterns of the frequency of inspections. The reason for these fluctuations are possibly due to policy changes, resource ability and seasonal variations. The peaks in the graph also indicate the months that have higher number of inspections. These might correspond to increase in regulatory activity or specific campaigns. In addition, the period where has less inspections indicate less activities due to holidays (FORD 2020).

Discussion

The findings from analysis of Toronto’s BodySafe inspection data provide several compelling insights into public health management in personal service settings. By increasing awareness among consumers about the standards they expect, we can drive demand for compliance and encourage a culture with safety and remain hygiene. These actions not only reinforce the importance of programs such as BodySafe in safeguarding public health but also suggest the services with further research and policy development to enhance their efficacy. Public health is still a challenging topic and personal service should be inspected and remain safe.

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