Data 228

Analyze and Visualize US Business Restaurant Insights using Yelp

Project Report

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Abstract and Objective

Yelp Inc. is an online portal which provides crowd-sourced reviews for businesses and extends other services like restaurant table reservation. During the COVID-19 pandemic situation, ordering food online was the preferred source for people due to shelter in place orders issued by the Government and their safety. Yelp being the most popular review portal provided an edge to make informed decisions for the people during the Pandemic. This can be an opportunity for business owners to expand their sales by keeping their Yelp profile competitive with increase in dependency of people on reviews and ratings.

Our project focuses on analyzing the current trends of correlation between income and restaurants business, impact of business attributes, customer's reviews on business ratings and their price range

In this project we will be utilizing AWS-provided services and third-party software, Python, MySQL and Tableau to model, wrangle and analyze the data. The project findings will help investors to figure out the feasibility of a new venture and guide existing owners how to upscale their business margins

Data Source

We have used three different datasets in the project to bring insights to Yelp Restaurant Business

Yelp Dataset

Yelp Data

The Yelp dataset is a subset of their businesses, reviews, and user data for use in personal, educational, and academic purposes. Available as JSON files, it can be used to teach students about databases, to learn NLP, or for sample production data while you learn how to make mobile apps.[1]

Figure Reference: https://www.yelp.com/dataset

The Dataset









8,635,403 reviews

160,585 businesses 200,000 pictures

8 metropolitan areas

1,162,119 tips by 2,189,457 users

Over 1.2 million business attributes like hours, parking, availability, and ambience

Aggregated check-ins over time for each of the 138,876 businesses

The scope of this project is to focus on Restaurants Category of Business and their corresponding Reviews mentioned in the dataset.

Original Dataset consist of 5 JSON file, of which, we have used Business and Review files

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US Household Income Dataset

US Census Data

The data has been taken from United States Census Bureau site. The bureau puts together income in the past twelve months every year (inflation adjusted dollars) based on results of survey conducted by the American Community Survey (ACS).

ACS produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities, and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.[2]

As part of the project, we have taken the latest data available at the site that is income in the past twelve months for year 2019.

The survey was based on an interview conducted with 2,059,945 housing Units across United States and their responses. [3]

The dataset consists information of 840 counties within United States and Puerto Rico.

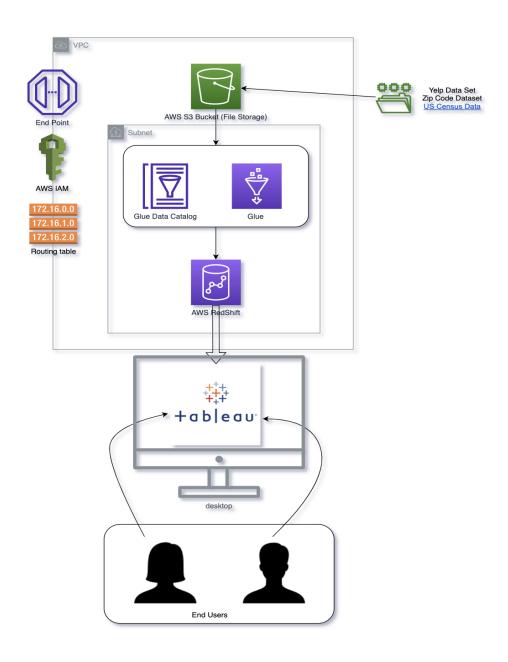
Zip Code Dataset

unitedstateszipcodes.org

This dataset is used to bring together Yelp Business Dataset and US Household Income Dataset. It is required as Yelp Business Dataset contains information of Postal Codes, City and State while US Household Income Dataset contains information of County and State The dataset contains information of Zip, County, State and Country.

Project Architecture

Project utilizes Amazon web services. Amazon S3(Simple Storage Services) to store raw data sets. ETL processes like data wrangling and cleansing will be performed using AWS Glue. Further cleansed data will be made accessible through AWS Redshift. Analytical processes will be performed on cleansed data for data visualization using Tableau. A website is created for end users to view the work



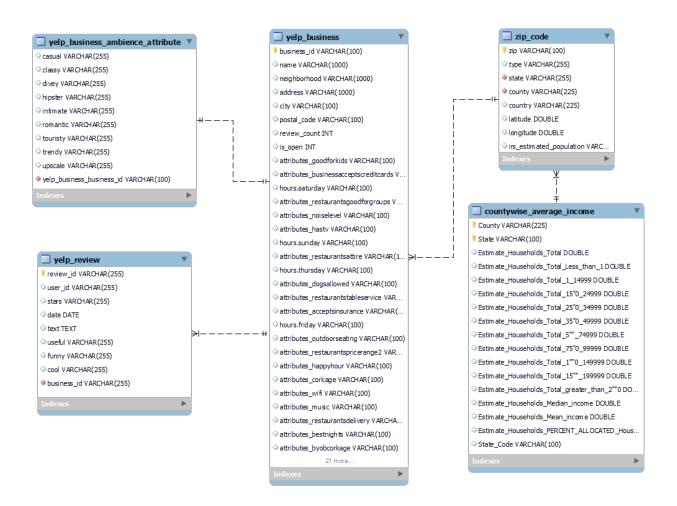
Data Model

Our AWS Redshift Database consist of five table. The relationship between them is defined as

below:

Database Name: yelp **Schema Name:** yelp

Schema Diagram [designed using MySQL EER Diagram]:



Data Wrangling

We have used ETL tool AWS GLUE, python notebook and AWS Redshift 'COPY' from S3 to cleanse and Excel to filter unwanted columns and create relationship between files as part of the data wrangling process.

There are two main datasets as part of the project (Yelp and US Census Household Income) and one supporting dataset (Zip Code Information).

Yelp file -Business (JSON file) Data was uploaded in S3 bucket and AWS Glue ETL was used to cleanse, filter required rows and process data into AWS Redshift Cluster

Yelp Review (JSON file) was uploaded in S3 bucket and processed into AWS Redshift using features of COPY command.

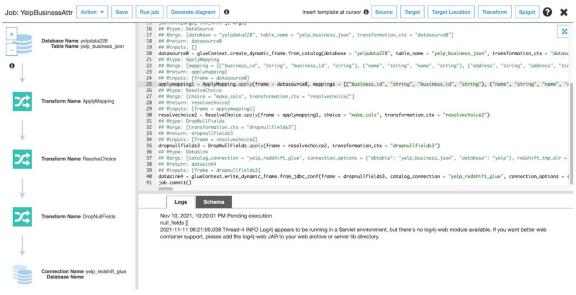
Yelp file -Business Ambience Attributes (nested string format) was fetched from Yelp business file and converted into JSON format using python 3 and after converting to csv using external tool uploaded in S3 in csv format. Further data was copied from S3 to AWS Redshift cluster

US Census Household Income (csv file) was uploaded in S3 bucket and Glue ETL was used to cleanse, filter required rows and process data into AWS Redshift Cluster.

Zip Code (csv file -originally) was converted to text pipe delimited file to avoid truncation of leading zeros in ZIP Code using python and then uploaded in S3 bucket. Further copied to AWS Redshift using features of COPY command.

AWS GLUE Jobs

Yelp Business:

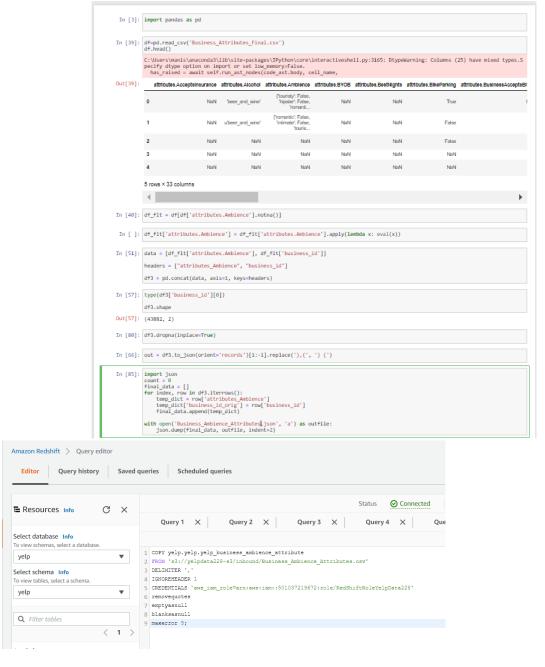


US Census Household Income (csv file)



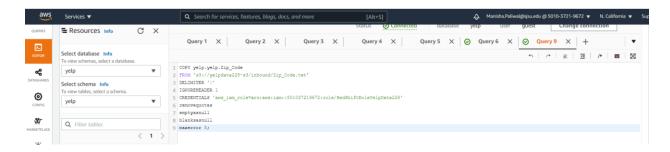
Other Data Wrangling Methods

Yelp file -Business Ambience Attributes (nested string format)



Zip Codes file:

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In [25]: df-pd.read_csv('Zip_Code1.csv', dtype='string');
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    print(df);
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In [19]: import csv
In [20]: df.to_csv('zip_code_string.csv')
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Statistics of Original and Processed Dataset

		YELP Business			
ETL Processing Stats	-	Dataset	-	Number Of Records	~
Source		Source			160585
Target		Category -Restaurants			50763
		Restaurants with Valid Postal Code			43132
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		YELP Review			
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Target Reviews of Business as Restaurant					2593005
		US Census Household Inco	me		
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Source		Source [counties within United States and Puerto	Rico		840
Target Common with YELP Business Restaurant					53
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Target		Common with YELP Business Restaurant		589	

Visualization

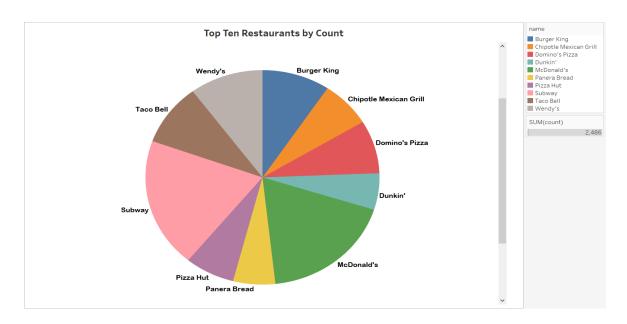
Word Cloud of Cuisines

WordCloud Of Cuisines



The word cloud of cuisines is created on Yelp Businesses with category Restaurant. It represents the cuisines based on number of restaurants of that type. We can see that American (Traditional), Sandwiches, Pizza, Breakfast & Brunch and Fast Food are the most popular cuisines therefore, there are more restaurants for these type in US

Top Ten Restaurants by Count



Above graph shows the top 10 restaurant chains in US by count based on data available in Yelp. Subway has highest number of restaurants followed by McDonald's.

Average Rating of Top Ten Restaurants

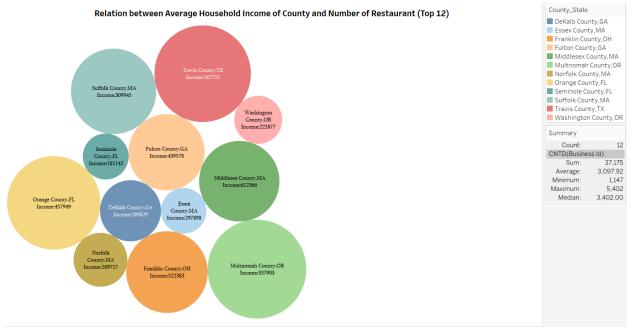
Average Rating of Top Ten Resturants Across State									average_ratio	ng		
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state	Burger King	Grill	Domino's Pizza	Dunkin'	McDonald's	Panera Bread	Pizza Hut	Subway	Taco Bell	Wendy's		
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L	1.652		2.623	2.302	2.235	2.722	2.384	2.932	2.449	2.129		
ŝΑ	1.946	2.415	1.970	2.662	1.657	2.713	1.700	2.427	2.137	1.872		
1A	2.160	2.667	1.927	2.480	2.079	2.564	1.946	2.438	2.118	2.104		
Н	1.665	2.433	2.775	1.774	1.765	2.394	1.963		2.396	2.208		
R	1.838	2.661	2.653		1.844	2.604	1.988	2.489	2.125	2.319		
ГХ	2.131		2.511		1.766	2.865	1.821	2.379	2.100	2.211		
VA	1.711		2.414		1.788	2.315	2.194	2.574	1.906	3.040		

Above graph represents the average rating of each restaurant (top ten) in the states they are doing business (as per data available in Yelp) and their average ratings.

None of the most common food chains in the US are doing particularly good when it comes to overall business rating.

McDonald's average rating across all states is only 1.83 closely followed by Pizza Hut with 1.98. Panera Bread is a consistent performer at an average rating of 2.59 across all states. Chipotle Mexican Grill has the best average rating across states among the selected food chains at 2.71 closely followed by Domino's at 2.6.

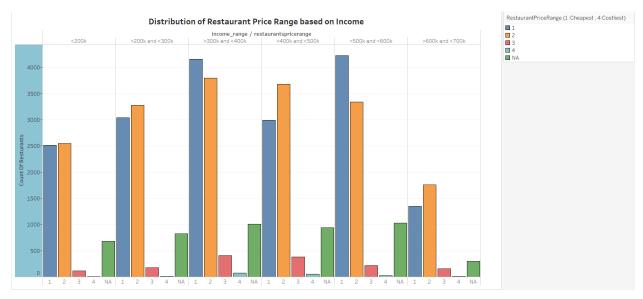
Relation between Average Household Income of County and Number of Restaurant (Top 12)



Here we explore the relationship between the average household income in counties to the total number of restaurants in those counties. We have only taken into consideration the counties with a minimum of 1000 restaurants to keep the data safe from anomalies and outliers.

Prima facie, we see a positive relationship between the average household total income and the number of restaurants, indicating that the number of restaurants does go up as the income goes up. While this is not enough evidence to suggest causality, it certainly shows a correlation between the two.

Distribution of Restaurant Price Range based on Average Household Income



In the above graph, we split the income into range as shown above. Starting from < 200k to 200k – 300k, 300k – 400k and so on. We explore the distribution of restaurant price ranges across counties with different average household income ranges.

The data paints a different picture than one would expect. The neighborhoods with higher income ranges don't have more costlier restaurants. For example, if you look at the range from 500k to 600k, they have the greatest number of cheapest restaurant options.

The observation about the lowest income bracket seems more logical since it suggests that the counties in this income range have more restaurants with cheaper options.

The conclusion that we can draw from the above graph is that the counties with average income in the range of 300k to 500k have the greatest number of restaurants, across all the price ranges.

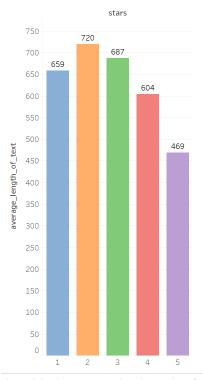
Number of Reviews Vs Restaurant Rating



We have seen restaurant owners asking their customers to review them online. Here we explore whether the number of reviews a restaurant receives changes anything for the restaurant's rating.

As can be seen clearly above, except the elusive 5-star rating, all other ratings have a positive correlation with the number of reviews a restaurant has. The more the number of reviews, the better the rating. 2000 to 2500 seems to be optimum number of ratings a business should have, but of course there are many outliers.

Relation between Average Length of Review and Review Rating



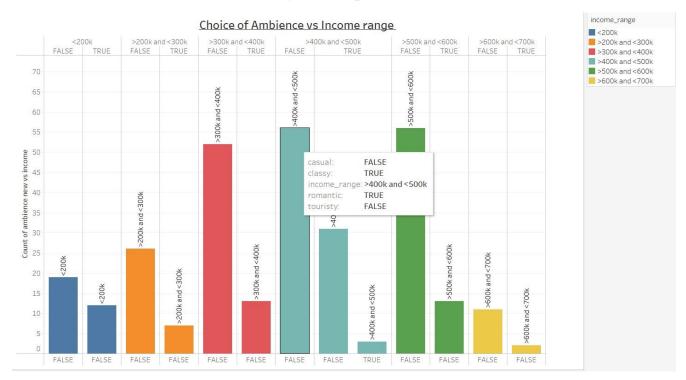
The above graph shows a relationship between the length of a review and the rating the user gave for the same review.

The observation from the above graph suggests that 1-star ratings had generally had around median number of words in the review, which can be interpreted as dissatisfied customers registering their concerns.

The most amount of constructive feedback seems to be happening with the 2- and 3-star rating, where even though the users are dissatisfied, they want to help the restaurant get better and the users providing these ratings are more verbose than others.

And lastly, it can be inferred from above that we humans have fewer words to say when we are praising something.

Comparison between Ambience vs Estimated Average Income Range



The above Graph provides insights on how the choice of Ambience is affected by the Average Income range.

The Visualization has an income range from 0\$ to 700,000\$ which is taken from the income Dataset which provides insights on the average annual income. The Ambience attribute from the Yelp dataset gives insights on how the different incomes earned by people affects their choice of ambience.

In this project we have considered 4 main Ambience which are:

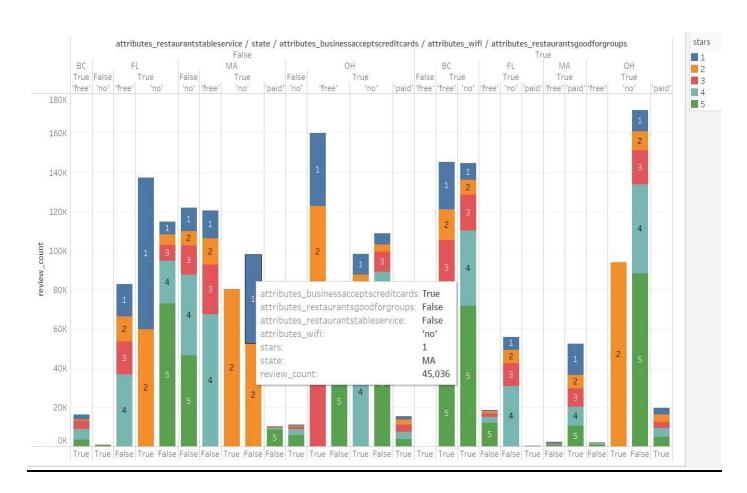
- a) Casual
- b) Classy
- c) Romantic
- d) Touristy

From the analysis, we can infer that the people who earn <200,000\$ do not usually prefer a casual choice of ambience which is surprising as there is a huge percentage of people who prefer classy and romantic choice of ambience over a casual setting.

However, the people earning < 200,000\$ neglect a touristy setting, this is probably because a touristy setting is more expensive when compared to the other attributes.

The people earning in the range between 400,000\$ - 500,000\$ prefer only a Classy or romantic setting, while the people earning a larger annual income of 500,000\$ and above usually tend to prefer Classy and romantic choice of Ambience.

Effect of Business Attributes on Stars and Reviews



The above graph provides insights on how certain Business attributes affects the Stars and Review Counts.

The visualization above provides information on how few Business Attributes can affect the overall ratings for that restaurant in different states.

In this project we have considered 4 attributes which makes a huge impact on the ratings which are:

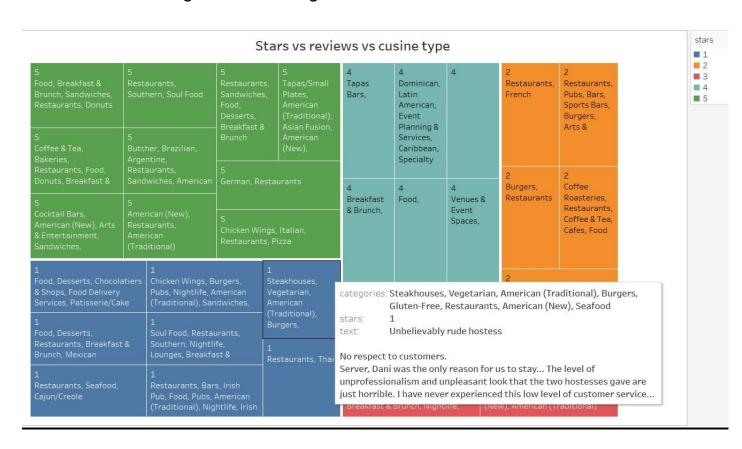
- a) Business accepts credit cards
- b) Good for Groups
- c) Table service
- d) Wi-Fi

From the Graph, we can easily infer that these attributes are one of the main reasons on how the stars are rated. The low ratings (1, 2 and 3) are missing out in of these 4 attributes. The

restaurants which do not have table service generally have a lower rating when compared with the ones that have Table service.

However, the restaurants which have Table service generally have a better rating in both stars as well as review counts.

Effect of Food Categories on Ratings



The above Graph provides insights on how Different types of Food Categories in Restaurants can affect their Ratings and reviews.

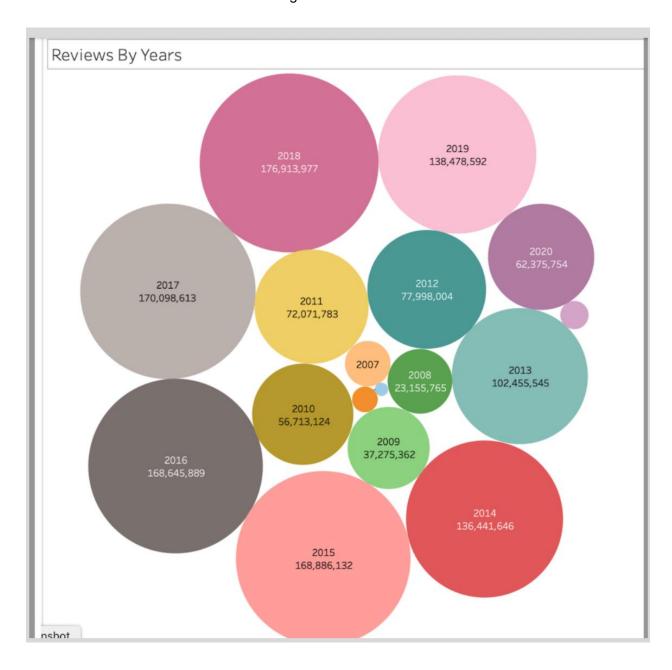
From the visualization we can infer that certain Categories of Food are more preferred and some are least preferred and how it affects the ratings given by the Customers.

The categories like Fast Food, Coffee, Sandwiches, and sports bars are most preferred over the other Food categories.

Some of the text reviews helps us provide insights on where and how that particular Restaurant went wrong. Some reviews give us information if the dish was not done right or if some other factor such as poor service or if the food didn't meet the customer's expectations were responsible for their poor ratings.

Review By Years

The packed bubble chart shows us the number of reviews given by users for the various restaurants business by the years. The start of the bubble is in the year 2004. The reviews start to decline in 2019 onwards. The 2020 year was during one of our most difficult times with COVID situation. The bubbles started to get smaller.



Restaurant Price (\$) and stars

The horizontal axis has the restaurant price ranges. Starting from the left is the least expensive (1/\$) to the right being the most expensive restaurant (4/\$\$\$\$). On Y-axis we have the number of stars given by the users as a percentage. The stars are rated from least number of stars at 1 to the greatest number of stars at 5. The number of stars rated is converted into % for ease of readability. Across the price range (\$) of restaurants versus star ratings there is similarity. Within each price range (\$) versus star ratings we do notice disparity

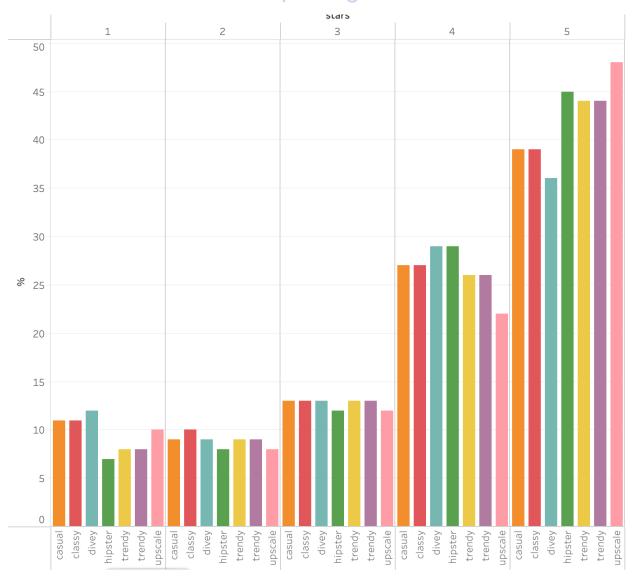
We wanted to run more analysis on the price range (\$\$) rated restaurants. What can \$\$ rated restaurants with 2-star ratings do differently so they can grow their business attracting more customers which in turn would imply more ratings.



Restaurant Attributes Compare

Analysis of one of the business attribute ambiences, in the upscale attribute we found that the 2 star/2 review rating results was at 8% while the 2 star/4 reviewer rating was at 22%. The trendy, divey classy attributes were 3 times higher with 4 stars than with 2-star rating.

We decided to go with lower hanging fruits i.e., attributes so the restaurant owners can make smaller changes having a bigger impact on reviewer ratings which in turn boost their business.



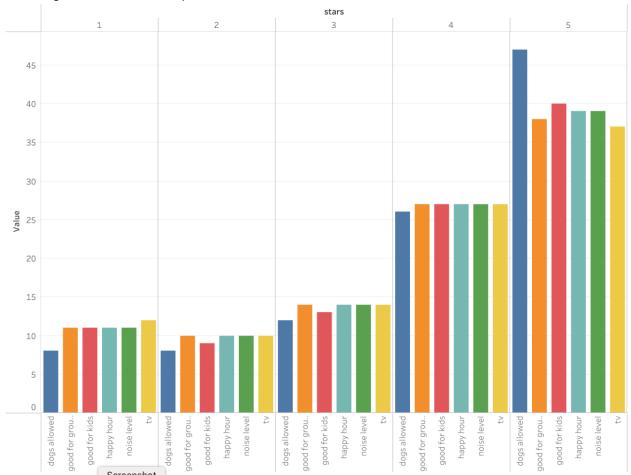
Restaurant Attributes Compare of restaurants with 2 stars

We have considered the attributes "Dogs Allowed", "Noise Level", "Good for Groups", "Happy Hour", "Has TV", and "Good for Kids" as a subset of attributes to analyze. We felt these attributes upon small changes could have a big impact on the user rating, which in turn boost business.

The restaurants with 2 stars are at 8% while 4-stars are at 26% that allow dogs.

With COVID the number of dog owners has increased. The restaurant with 2-star rating can make access what it would take to start to allow dogs, maybe have a small outdoor seating area specific for dog owners. Keep small dogs' toys and a bowl with water for dogs.

The restaurants with 2-stars are at 9% while 4-stars are at 27% for restaurants that were kid friendly. Look at the menu and add a few kids' friendly menu items. Have some stationary for kids to entertain themselves while waiting for a meal. These small changes do not cost much resulting in a better user experience.

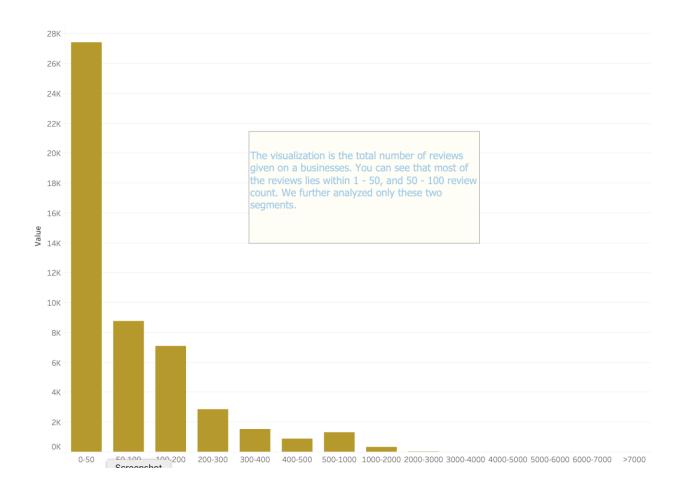


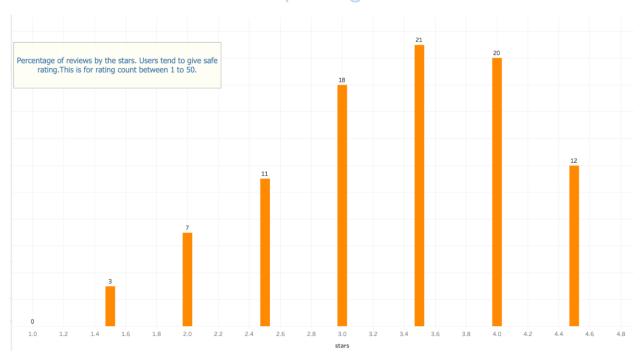
Business review counts with more analysis on stars count

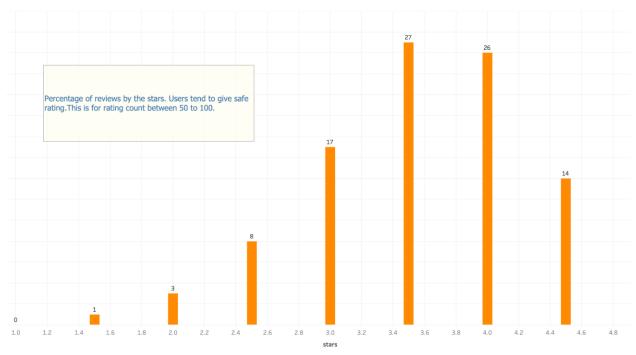
(For review count segments 1 - 50 and 50 - 100)

The visualization on the left is the total number of reviews given to the businesses. You can see that most of the reviews lie with 1 - 50, and 50 - 100 review counts. We further analyzed only these two segments. Their respective visualizations are shown on the right-top and right-bottom. We want to find out what stars were the users giving. On comparing these two segments

wherein most of ratings lie, we can say the bell curve is consistent between the volume of reviews versus stars(rating) on a business implying that users give a median rating.





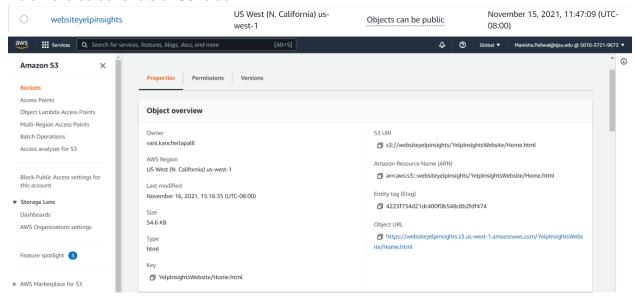


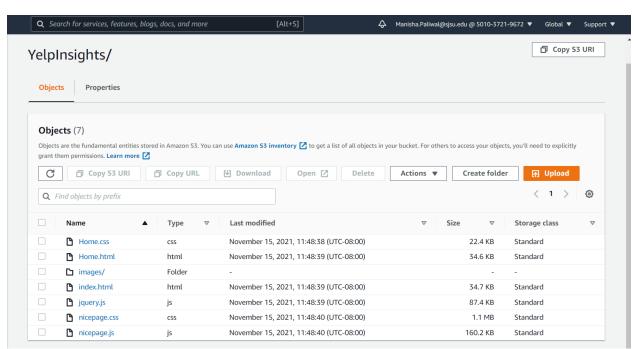
Website hosted on AWS S3 website hosting

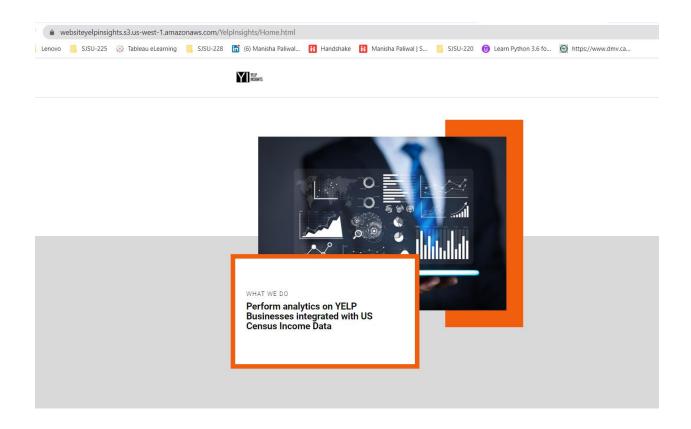
Website Link

A static website is created and uploaded in AWS S3 with public access. Further, the website is hosted using AWS S3 website hosting.

Below are screenshots of S3 folder:







Testing and Validation

Test No.	001	Phase:	1	Tester:	Vani/Manisha	Oct 2021		
Test Cate	egory:	ETL Testing						
Software	Product:	AWS Glue, Python, AWS S3, Redshift						
Test Title	2:	Source and d	lestir	nation data	count and validation			
Test Pur	pose:	Source and c	lestir	nation data	count and validation			
Test Setu	ıb:	Manual Testi	ng w	as performe	ed by querying source	and target		
Prerequi	sites:	AWS Glue job and source data						
Procedu	re:	Source Dataset uploaded in AWS S3 was compared with Target Data post ETL using SQL queries						
Expected	l Results:	Target dataset should be loaded as expected						
Result:		Target dataset was loaded as expected						
Reason for	Failure:	No failure						
Remarks:		Test Results	Pass	sed				

Test No.	002	Phase:	1	Author:	Vani, Chidroop, Manisha	Nov 2021			
Test Cat	Test Category: Visualization Test								
Software	e Product:	Tableau	Tableau						
Test Title	e:	correct data display on graph							
Test Pur	pose:	correct data should display on graph							
Test Set	up:	rechecks were done to confirm that displayed data is matching with actual data source							
Prerequi	isites:	data should be loaded in AWS Redshift							
Procedu	Procedure: rechecks were done to confirm that displayed data is matching with actual data source								

Checks:	rechecks were done to confirm that displayed data is matching with actual data source
Expected Results:	graph data should match query results from AWS Redshift
Result:	graph data matched query results from AWS Redshift
Reason for Failure:	No failure
Remarks:	Test Results Passed

Test No.	003	Phase:	1	Author:	Chidroop Sagar	Date: Nov 2021			
Test Cat	Test Category: Website testing								
Software	e Product:	AWS S3 Web hosting and multiple screens							
Test Title	e:	Website host	ed s	uccessfully	and is compatible with	n multiple screens			
Test Pur	pose:	Website host	ed s	uccessfully	and is compatible with	n multiple screens			
Test Seti	up:	Browsing we	bsite	using diffe	ent browsers				
Prerequi	isites:	Website source code created and hosted using AWS S3							
Procedu	re:	Website link tested for accessibility and compatibility over multiple screens							
Expected	d Results:	Website link should be accessible and compatible							
Result:		Website link was accessible using different browsers							
Reason for	Failure:	No failure							
Remarks:		Compatibility on Google chrome is the best. Needs more improvement in internet explorer							

Conclusion

- Our project focuses on analyzing current patterns of Restaurant Business on basis of Yelp Dataset and supporting US Census Household income dataset.
- We brought together the holistic view of below parameters which will enable existing business owners and new investors in Restaurant ventures to make informed decisions
 - ✓ Most popular cuisine
 - ✓ Top restaurants
 - ✓ Citizen's household Income and their influence on existing businesses patterns
 - ✓ Contribution of business attributes towards business ratings and customer experience
- American, Sandwiches, Fast Food and Mexican cuisines are widely available in the US. New venturers can look out for less available food options to cover a broader market
- Restaurants having a greater number of outlets are not necessarily the highest rated businesses
- > We see a positive relationship between the household income and restaurants count
- > The higher the no. of reviews a business has the more likely it is to have a better rating
- People having a higher income rate does not necessarily mean that they always prefer expensive restaurants
- While the number of reviews has been growing consistently over the years, there has been a decline in past two year due to pandemic
- There is not much disparity between the restaurant price range and the ratings

Future Scope

- Integrate Yelp Dataset with US population for each County to find correlation with Businesses
- > Integrate Yelp Dataset with US area for each County to find correlation with Businesses
- > Create an interactive Web Application of Data Analytics
- Perform ML Sentiment Analysis on Business Reviews
- Perform deeper analysis of Reviewer comments
- ➤ Identify areas of improvements using advanced statistical tools that businesses can incorporate for market value

Reference Links

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- Main Image
- Yelp Image
- US Census Image

Zip Code Image

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