

Final Project Submission

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Aviation Accident Risk Analysis

✓ Introduction

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My goal was to clean and explore the data to find patterns in aviation accidents and identify which aircraft characteristics are linked to high-risk accidents. I created visualizations and summarized the most important findings to support business decisions and reduce potential risks when purchasing aircraft.

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✓ Data Preparation

```
#All necessary imports
import pandas as pd
import numpy
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
#Loading the dataset
df = pd.read_csv('AviationData.csv', encoding='latin1')
state_codes = pd.read_csv('USStateCodes.csv')
```

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```
df = pd.read_csv('AviationData.csv', encoding='latin1')
```

```
df.head()
```



	Event.Id	Investigation.Type	Accident.Number	Event.Date	Location	Country	Latitude	Longitude	Airport.Code	Airport.N
0	20001218X45444	Accident	SEA87LA080	1948-10-24	MOOSE CREEK, ID	United States	NaN	NaN	NaN	1
1	20001218X45447	Accident	LAX94LA336	1962-07-19	BRIDGEPORT, CA	United States	NaN	NaN	NaN	1
2	20061025X01555	Accident	NYC07LA005	1974-08-30	Saltville, VA	United States	36.922223	-81.878056	NaN	1
3	20001218X45448	Accident	LAX96LA321	1977-06-19	EUREKA, CA	United States	NaN	NaN	NaN	1
4	20041105X01764	Accident	CHI79FA064	1979-08-02	Canton, OH	United States	NaN	NaN	NaN	1

5 rows × 31 columns




df.shape



(88889, 31)

df.info(verbose=True, show_counts=True)



```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 88889 entries, 0 to 88888
Data columns (total 31 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   Event.Id                             88889 non-null  object
1   Investigation.Type                    88889 non-null  object
2   Accident.Number                      88889 non-null  object
3   Event.Date                           88889 non-null  object
4   Location                             88837 non-null  object
5   Country                              88663 non-null  object
6   Latitude                             34382 non-null  object
7   Longitude                             34373 non-null  object
8   Airport.Code                         50132 non-null  object
9   Airport.Name                         52704 non-null  object
10  Injury.Severity                      87889 non-null  object
11  Aircraft.damage                      85695 non-null  object
12  Aircraft.Category                    32287 non-null  object
13  Registration.Number                 87507 non-null  object
14  Make                                88826 non-null  object
15  Model                               88797 non-null  object
16  Amateur.Built                       88787 non-null  object
17  Number.of.Engines                   82805 non-null  float64
18  Engine.Type                         81793 non-null  object
19  FAR.Description                     32023 non-null  object
20  Schedule                            12582 non-null  object
21  Purpose.of.flight                   82697 non-null  object
22  Air.carrier                         16648 non-null  object
23  Total.Fatal.Injuries                 77488 non-null  float64
24  Total.Serious.Injuries               76379 non-null  float64
25  Total.Minor.Injuries                 76956 non-null  float64
26  Total.Uninjured                      82977 non-null  float64
27  Weather.Condition                    84397 non-null  object
28  Broad.phase.of.flight                61724 non-null  object
29  Report.Status                       82505 non-null  object
30  Publication.Date                     75118 non-null  object
dtypes: float64(5), object(26)
memory usage: 21.0+ MB
```

```
for column in df:
    unique_values = df[column].unique()
    print(f"Unique values in column '{column}':\n": {unique_values},"\n")
```



```
': [ 0. nan 2. 1. 6. 4. 5. 10. 3. 8. 9. 7. 15. 17.
    28. 26. 47. 14. 81. 13. 106. 60. 16. 21. 50. 44. 18. 12.
    45. 39. 43. 11. 25. 59. 23. 55. 63. 88. 41. 34. 53. 33.
    67. 35. 20. 137. 19. 27. 125. 161. 22.]
```

Unique values in column 'Total.Minor.Injuries',

```
': [ 0. nan 1. 3. 2. 4. 24. 6. 5. 25. 17. 19. 33. 14.
    8. 13. 15. 7. 9. 16. 20. 11. 12. 10. 38. 42. 29. 62.
    28. 31. 39. 32. 18. 27. 57. 50. 23. 125. 45. 26. 36. 69.
    21. 96. 30. 22. 58. 171. 65. 71. 200. 68. 47. 380. 35. 43.
    84. 40.]
```


Unique values in column 'Total.Uninjured',

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': [ 0. nan 44. 2. 1. 3. 6. 4. 149. 12. 182. 154. 5. 10.
    7. 119. 36. 51. 16. 83. 9. 68. 30. 20. 18. 8. 108. 11.
    152. 21. 48. 56. 113. 129. 109. 29. 13. 84. 74. 142. 102. 393.
    128. 112. 17. 65. 67. 136. 23. 116. 22. 57. 58. 73. 203. 31.
    201. 412. 159. 39. 186. 588. 82. 95. 146. 190. 245. 172. 52. 25.
    59. 131. 151. 180. 150. 86. 19. 133. 240. 15. 145. 125. 440. 77.
    122. 205. 289. 110. 79. 66. 87. 78. 49. 104. 250. 33. 138. 100.
    53. 158. 127. 160. 260. 47. 38. 165. 495. 81. 41. 14. 72. 98.
    263. 188. 239. 27. 105. 111. 212. 157. 46. 121. 75. 71. 45. 91.
    99. 85. 96. 50. 93. 276. 365. 371. 200. 103. 189. 37. 107. 61.
    26. 271. 130. 89. 439. 132. 219. 43. 238. 195. 118. 175. 32. 507.
    421. 90. 225. 269. 169. 236. 224. 134. 106. 331. 140. 94. 192. 161.
    270. 69. 436. 213. 233. 115. 42. 167. 137. 114. 148. 222. 92. 375.
    76. 171. 173. 246. 234. 123. 220. 202. 408. 279. 363. 135. 528. 334.
    178. 147. 126. 62. 70. 97. 228. 226. 64. 290. 206. 297. 349. 208.
    144. 54. 24. 258. 304. 274. 286. 55. 199. 221. 80. 272. 211. 262.
    441. 194. 309. 185. 261. 241. 383. 177. 259. 244. 254. 156. 40. 34.
    247. 176. 63. 28. 218. 282. 320. 204. 124. 215. 298. 120. 280. 179.
    315. 461. 153. 60. 308. 88. 361. 277. 191. 235. 187. 101. 162. 35.
    197. 193. 164. 370. 387. 163. 139. 267. 357. 339. 288. 231. 300. 255.
    306. 443. 385. 248. 459. 141. 414. 229. 166. 209. 184. 168. 170. 198.
    299. 573. 223. 265. 322. 196. 117. 253. 399. 360. 252. 217. 155. 183.
    227. 249. 329. 340. 699. 325. 287. 143. 243. 230. 386. 181. 257. 283.
    404. 319. 450. 356. 216. 174. 558. 214. 448. 324. 338. 273. 232. 401.
    312. 368. 501. 237. 307. 296. 291. 403. 314. 285. 311. 293. 352. 332.
    384. 275. 210. 268. 326. 454. 278. 576. 380. 394. 362. 397. 359. 264.
    333. 367. 302. 348. 351. 358. 295. 321. 521. 301. 294. 378. 207. 406.
    251. 455.]
```

Unique values in column 'Weather.Condition',

```
': ['UNK' 'IMC' 'VMC' nan 'Unk']
```


```
df.isnull().sum()
```



	0
Event.Id	0
Investigation.Type	0
Accident.Number	0
Event.Date	0
Location	52
Country	226
Latitude	54507
Longitude	54516
Airport.Code	38757
Airport.Name	36185
Injury.Severity	1000
Aircraft.damage	3194
Aircraft.Category	56602
Registration.Number	1382
Make	63
Model	92
Amateur.Built	102
Number.ofEngines	6084
Engine.Type	7096
FAR.Description	56866
Schedule	76307
Purpose.of.flight	6192
Air.carrier	72241
Total.Fatal.Injuries	11401
Total.Serious.Injuries	12510
Total.Minor.Injuries	11933
Total.Uninjured	5912
Weather.Condition	4492
Broad.phase.of.flight	27165
Report.Status	6384
Publication.Date	13771

dtype: int64

df.head()



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df.dtypes



	0
Event.Id	object
Investigation.Type	object
Accident.Number	object
Event.Date	datetime64[ns]
Location	object
Country	object
Airport.Code	object
Airport.Name	object
Injury.Severity	object
Aircraft.damage	object
Registration.Number	object
Make	object
Model	object
Amateur.Built	object
Number.ofEngines	float64
Engine.Type	object
Purpose.of.flight	object
Total.Fatal.Injuries	float64
Total.Serious.Injuries	float64
Total.Minor.Injuries	float64
Total.Uninjured	float64
Weather.Condition	object
Broad.phase.of.flight	object
Report.Status	object
Make_Grouped	object
Is_Fatal	int64

dtype: object


Handling null values

```
#handling the columns with too many null values
high_null_cols = ['Latitude','Longitude','Aircraft.Category','FAR.Description','Schedule','Air.carrier']
df.drop(columns = high_null_cols, inplace =True)

#Filling numeric cols with 0
num_cols = ['Total.Fatal.Injuries','Total.Serious.Injuries','Total.Minor.Injuries','Total.Uninjured']
df[num_cols] = df[num_cols].fillna(0)

#Filling categorical cols with 'Unknown'
cat_cols =[ 'Location', 'Country', 'Airport.Code', 'Airport.Name','Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage', 'Registration.Number','Make', 'Model']
df[cat_cols] = df[cat_cols].fillna('Unknown')

#Converting dates and handling null vals
df['Event.Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Event.Date'], errors = 'coerce')
df['Publication.Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Publication.Date'], errors = 'coerce')
```



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/tmp/ipython-input-85-3081802418.py:3: UserWarning: Parsing dates in %d-%m-%Y format when dayfirst=False (the default) was specified. Pa
df['Publication.Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Publication.Date'], errors = 'coerce')
```

```
#Rechecking missing vals
df.isnull().sum()
```

```

0
Event.Id      0
Investigation.Type  0
Accident.Number  0
Event.Date    0
Location      0
Country       0
Airport.Code  0
Airport.Name  0
Injury.Severity  0
Aircraft.damage  0
Registration.Number  0
Make          0
Model         0
Amateur.Built  0
Number.of.Engines  6084
Engine.Type    0
Purpose.of.flight  0
Total.Fatal.Injuries  0
Total.Serious.Injuries  0
Total.Minor.Injuries  0
Total.Uninjured  0
Weather.Condition  0
Broad.phase.of.flight  0
Report.Status    0
Publication.Date  13771

```

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```
#Handling the remaining columns that have null values
# Fill with median
df['Number.of.Engines'] = df['Number.of.Engines'].fillna(df['Number.of.Engines'].median())
```

```
#Handling publication date
df.drop(columns=['Publication.Date'], inplace=True)
```


```
df.isnull().sum().sum()
```

```
np.int64(0)
```



✓ EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS (EDA)

Univariate Analysis

```
#Numerical cols
numerical_cols = ['Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries', 'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured', 'Number.of.Engines']
df[numerical_cols].describe()
```




	Total.Fatal.Injuries	Total.Serious.Injuries	Total.Minor.Injuries	Total.Uninjured	Number.of.Engines
count	88889.000000	88889.000000	88889.000000	88889.000000	88889.000000
mean	0.564761	0.240491	0.309127	4.971245	1.136552
std	5.126649	1.434614	2.083715	27.002011	0.432545
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000
50%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000	1.000000
75%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	2.000000	1.000000
max	349.000000	161.000000	380.000000	699.000000	8.000000



```
# Convert to numeric in case there are non-numeric entries
df[numerical_cols] = df[numerical_cols].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')

# Display summary statistics
summary = df[numerical_cols].describe().T[['min', 'max', 'mean', '50%', 'std']]
summary.rename(columns={'50%': 'median'}, inplace=True)
print(summary)
```



	min	max	mean	median	std
Total.Fatal.Injuries	0.0	349.0	0.564761	0.0	5.126649
Total.Serious.Injuries	0.0	161.0	0.240491	0.0	1.434614
Total.Minor.Injuries	0.0	380.0	0.309127	0.0	2.083715
Total.Uninjured	0.0	699.0	4.971245	1.0	27.002011
Number.of.Engines	0.0	8.0	1.136552	1.0	0.432545

```
#Analysis of the model with the no of incidents
df['Model'].value_counts().head(10) # Check the top 10 models with the most accidents and incidents
df['Model'].value_counts().tail(10)
```



	count
Model	
DH-82 Tiger Moth	1
707-330C	1
Mustang MII	1
Bird CK	1
Tom Cat Mark 5A	1
2L	1
32RT-300T	1
RUATAN	1
SPECIAL 51C	1
Micro Mong	1

dtype: int64

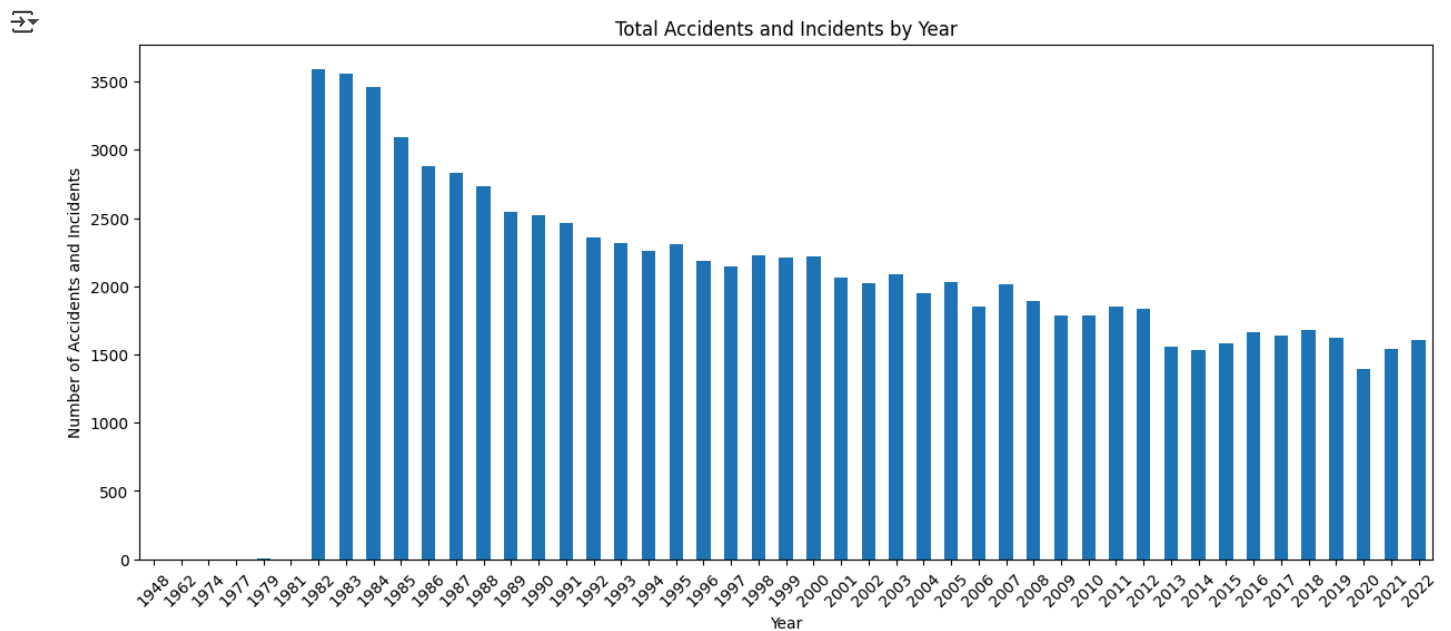
```
# Take the year from the 'Event.Date' column and create a new 'Year' column
df['Year'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Event.Date'], errors='coerce').dt.year

# Total fatalities and injuries by year
df['Year'].value_counts().head(10) # Check the top 10 years with the most accidents and incidents
df['Year'].value_counts().tail(10) # Check the bottom 10 years with the most accidents and incidents
```

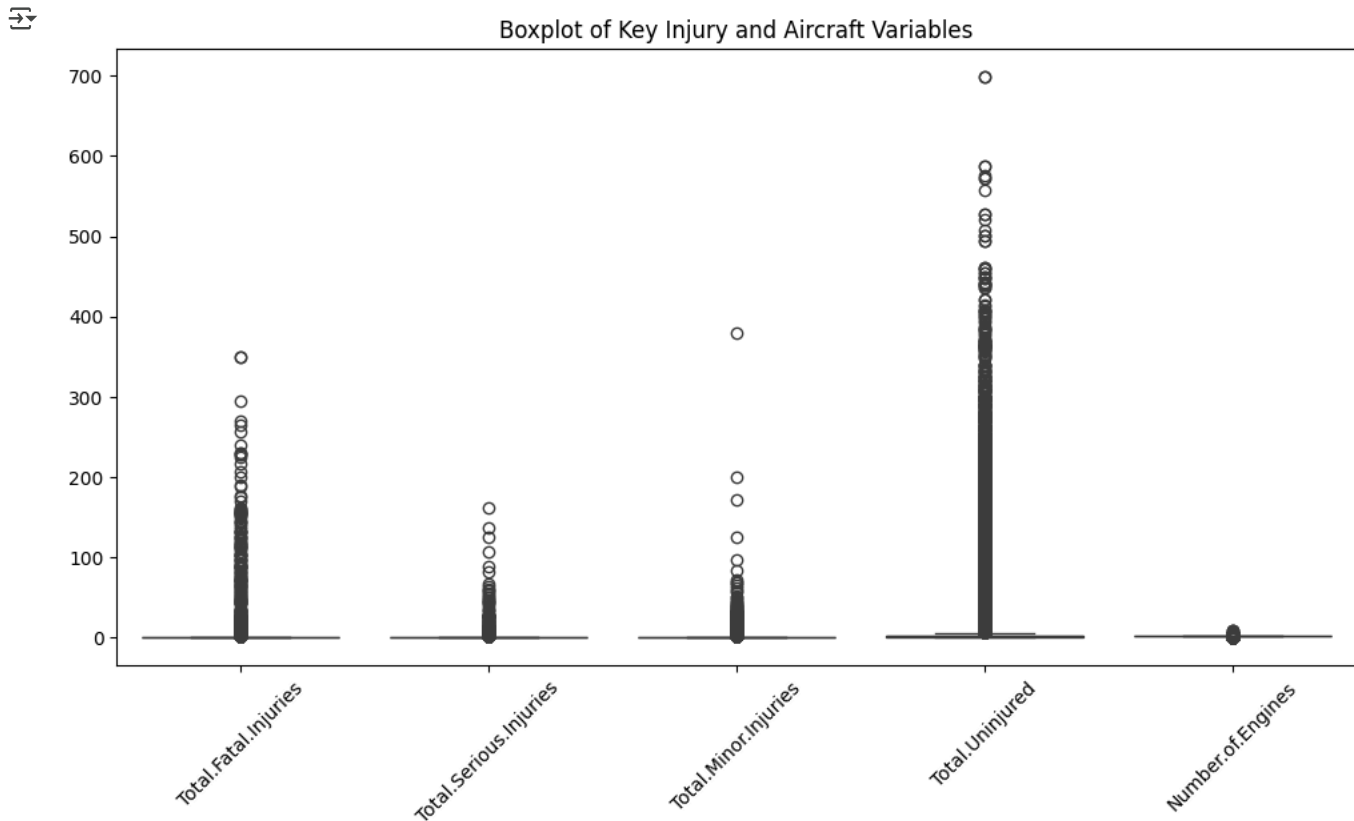
Year	count
2013	1561
2021	1545
2014	1535
2020	1392
1979	2
1974	1
1981	1
1962	1
1977	1
1948	1

dtype: int64

```
#Total accidents and incidents by year
df['Year'].value_counts().sort_index().plot(kind='bar', figsize=(15, 6))
plt.title('Total Accidents and Incidents by Year')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents and Incidents')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```



```
#boxplot of key injury and aircraft variables
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.boxplot(data=df[['Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries',
                    'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured',
                    'Number.of.Engines']])
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.title('Boxplot of Key Injury and Aircraft Variables')
plt.show()
```

```
#Handling skewed data
df['Total.Serious.Injuries'] = pd.to_numeric(df['Total.Serious.Injuries'], errors='coerce')
df['Total.Serious.Injuries'].fillna(0, inplace=True)
```

⚡ /tmp/ipython-input-93-3799509882.py:3: FutureWarning: A value is trying to be set on a copy of a DataFrame or Series through chained assignment. The behavior will change in pandas 3.0. This inplace method will never work because the intermediate object on which we are setting values is a copy.

For example, when doing 'df[col].method(value, inplace=True)', try using 'df.method({col: value}, inplace=True)' or df[col] = df[col].method(value, inplace=True)

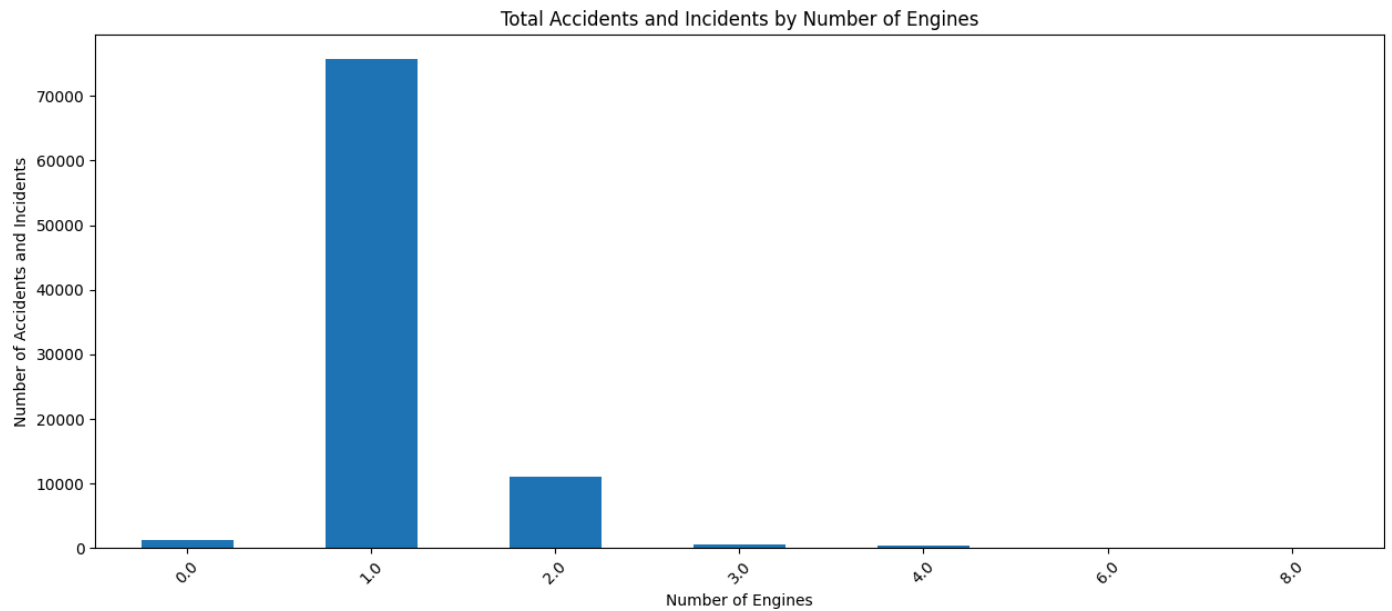
```
df['Total.Serious.Injuries'].fillna(0, inplace=True)
```

```
#zero counts and skewness
for col in numerical_cols:
    zero_count = (df[col] == 0).sum()
    skew = df[col].skew()
    print(f"{col}: Zeros = {zero_count}, Skewness = {skew:.2f}")
```

```
⚡ Total.Fatal.Injuries: Zeros = 71076, Skewness = 35.32
Total.Serious.Injuries: Zeros = 75799, Skewness = 53.01
Total.Minor.Injuries: Zeros = 73387, Skewness = 93.38
Total.Uninjured: Zeros = 35791, Skewness = 9.41
Number.of.Engines: Zeros = 1226, Skewness = 2.71
```

Bivariate Analysis

```
# Total accidents by engine type and number of engines
df['Engine.Type'].value_counts().head(10) # Check the top 10 engine types with the most accidents and incidents
df['Number.of.Engines'].value_counts().head(10) # Check the top 10 engine counts with the most accidents and incidents
df['Number.of.Engines'].value_counts().tail(10) # Check the bottom 10 engine counts with the most accidents and incidents
df['Number.of.Engines'].value_counts().sort_index().plot(kind='bar', figsize=(15, 6))
plt.title('Total Accidents and Incidents by Number of Engines')
plt.xlabel('Number of Engines')
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents and Incidents')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```



weather conditions which cause the most incidences

#Weather conditions analysis

df['Weather.Condition'].value_counts().head(10) # Check the top 10 weather conditions with the most accidents and incidents

df['Weather.Condition'].value_counts().tail(10) # Check the bottom 10 weather conditions with the most accidents and incidents



	count
Weather.Condition	
VMC	77303
IMC	5976
Unknown	4492
UNK	856
Unk	262

dtype: int64

#Weather conditions and accidents

df['Weather.Condition'].value_counts().sort_index().plot(kind='bar', figsize=(15, 6))

plt.title('Total Accidents and Incidents by Weather Condition')

plt.xlabel('Weather Condition')

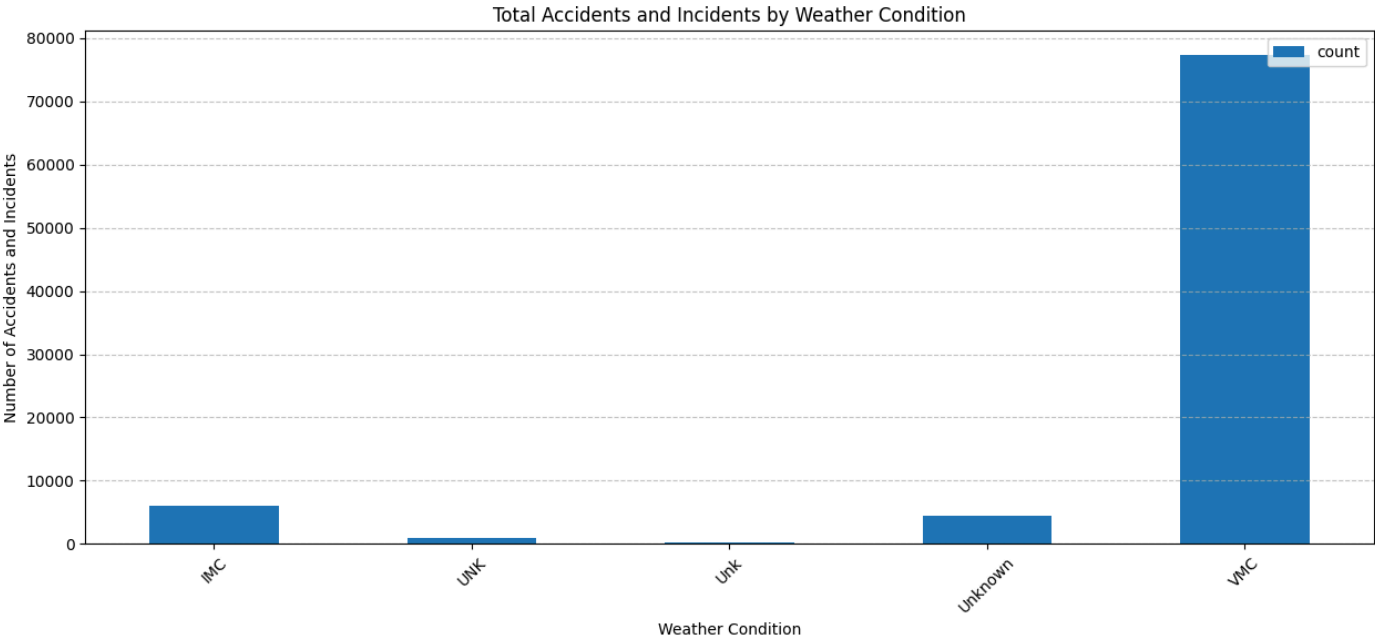
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents and Incidents')

plt.xticks(rotation=45)

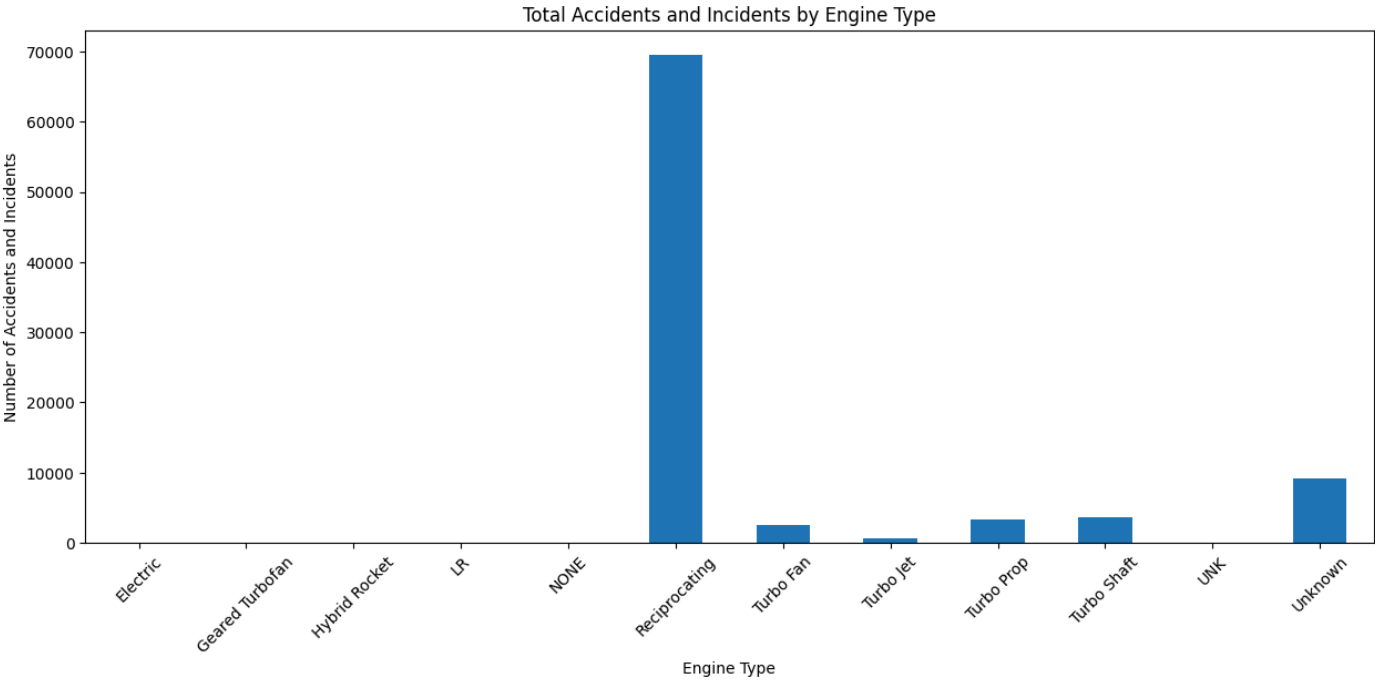
plt.legend(loc='upper right')

plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)

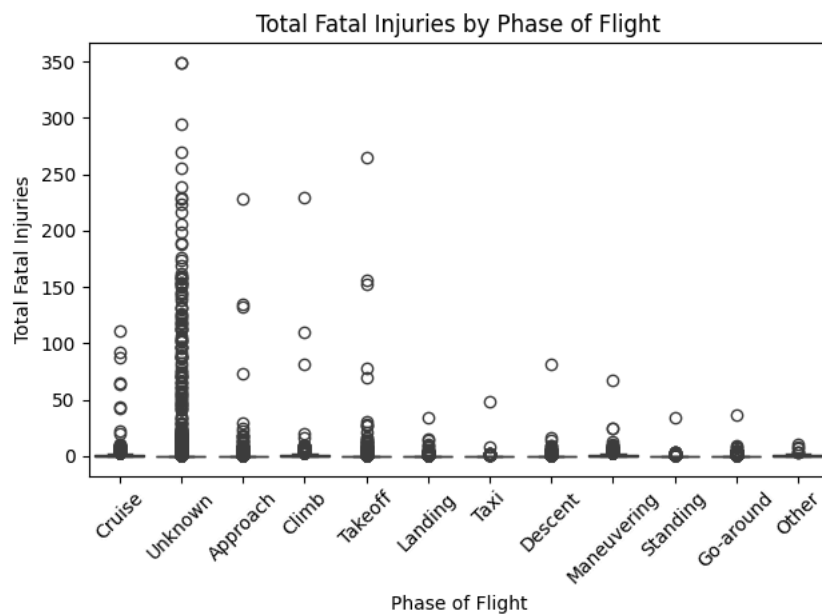
plt.show()



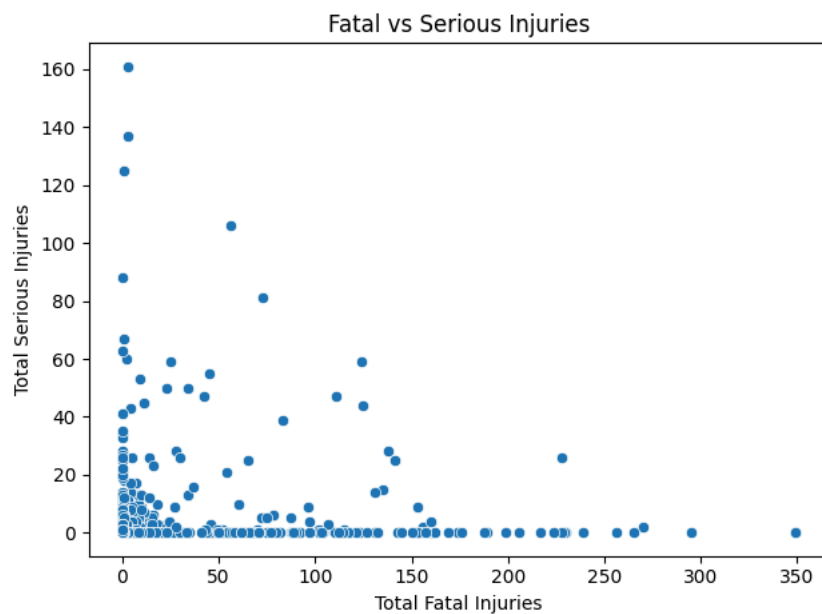
```
#Engine type and accidents
df['Engine.Type'].value_counts().sort_index().plot(kind='bar', figsize=(15, 6))
plt.title('Total Accidents and Incidents by Engine Type')
plt.xlabel('Engine Type')
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents and Incidents')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```



```
#categorical vs numerical
sns.boxplot(x='Broad.phase.of.flight', y='Total.Fatal.Injuries', data=df)
plt.title("Total Fatal Injuries by Phase of Flight")
plt.xlabel("Phase of Flight")
plt.ylabel("Total Fatal Injuries")
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

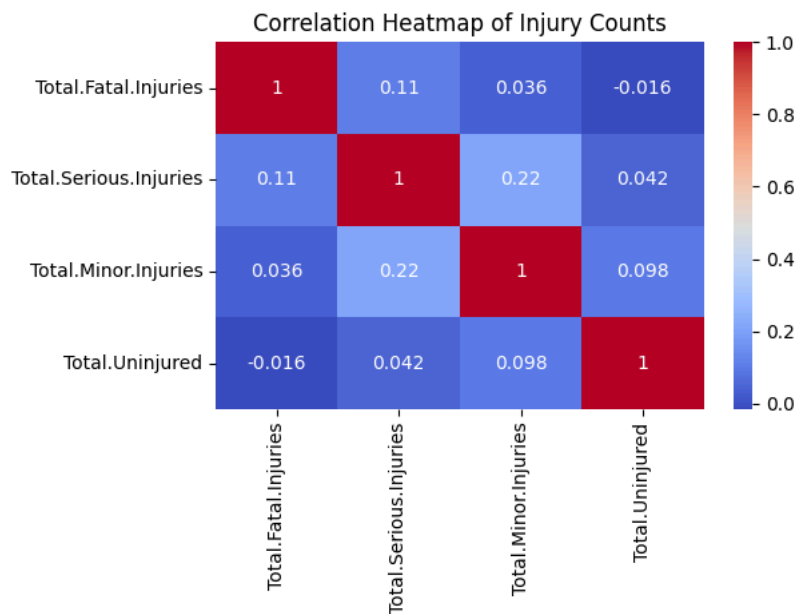


```
#numerical vs numerical
# Scatter plot between Serious and Fatal Injuries
sns.scatterplot(x='Total.Fatal.Injuries', y='Total.Serious.Injuries', data=df)
plt.title("Fatal vs Serious Injuries")
plt.xlabel("Total Fatal Injuries")
plt.ylabel("Total Serious Injuries")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



```
#correlation heatmap of injury columns
injury_cols = ['Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries', 'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured']
corr = df[injury_cols].corr()
sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title("Correlation Heatmap of Injury Counts")
```

```
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

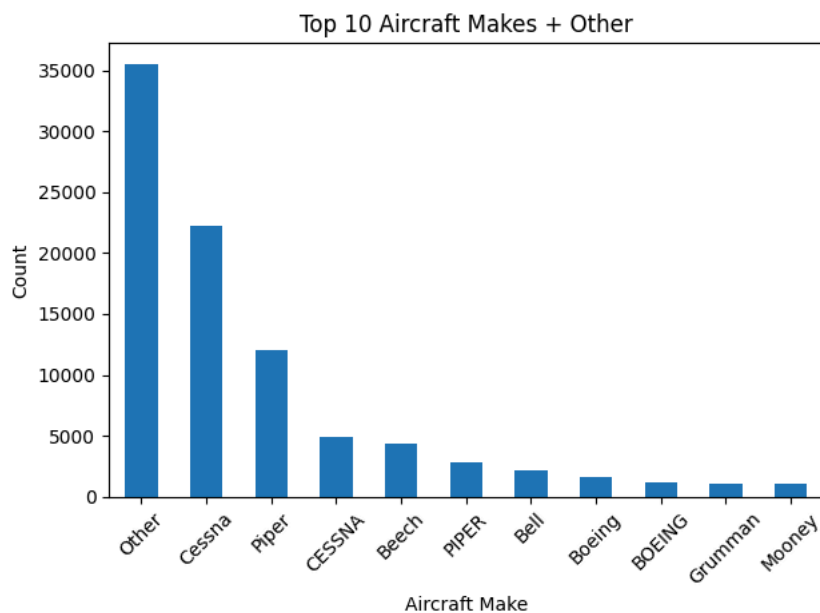


Multivariate Analysis

```
# Count the top 10 most common aircraft makes
top_10_makes = df['Make'].value_counts().nlargest(10).index

# Create a new column that groups lesser makes as 'Other'
df['Make_Grouped'] = df['Make'].apply(lambda x: x if x in top_10_makes else 'Other')

df['Make_Grouped'].value_counts().plot(kind='bar', title='Top 10 Aircraft Makes + Other')
plt.xlabel('Aircraft Make')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



```
injury_vars = ['Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries', 'Total.Minor.Injuries']
```

```
# Convert to numeric in case of issues
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df[injury_vars] = df[injury_vars].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
```

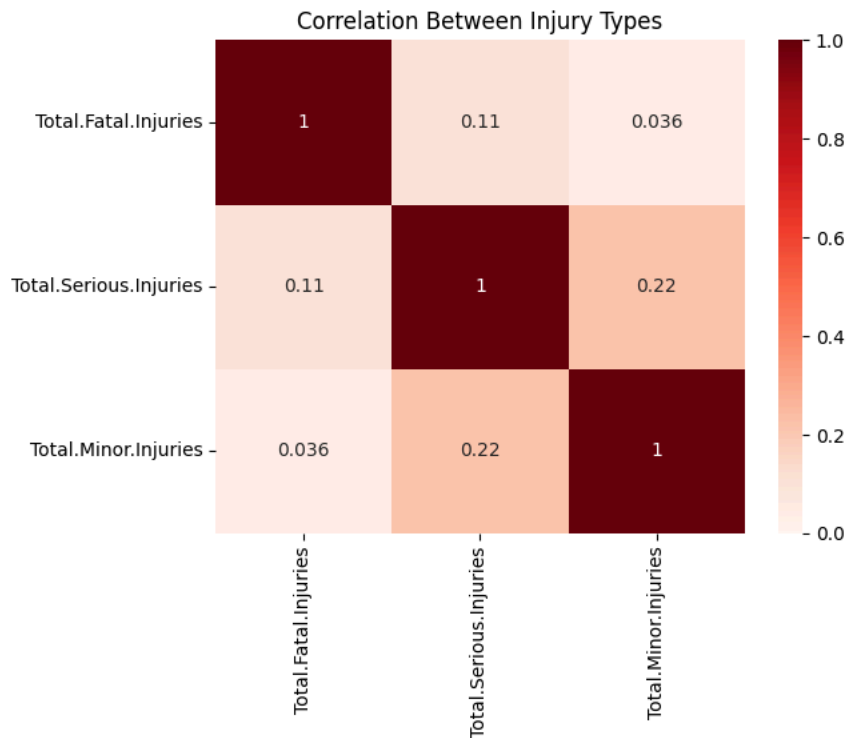
```
# Correlation matrix and heatmap
```

```
corr = df[injury_vars].corr()
```

```
sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, cmap='Reds', vmin=0, vmax=1)
```

```
plt.title('Correlation Between Injury Types')
```

```
plt.show()
```



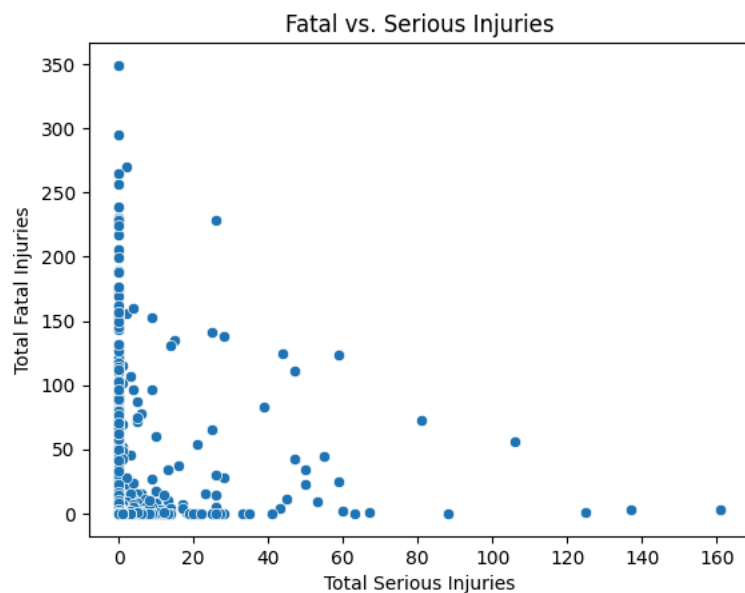
```
sns.scatterplot(data=df, x='Total.Serious.Injuries', y='Total.Fatal.Injuries')
```

```
plt.title('Fatal vs. Serious Injuries')
```

```
plt.xlabel('Total Serious Injuries')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Total Fatal Injuries')
```

```
plt.show()
```



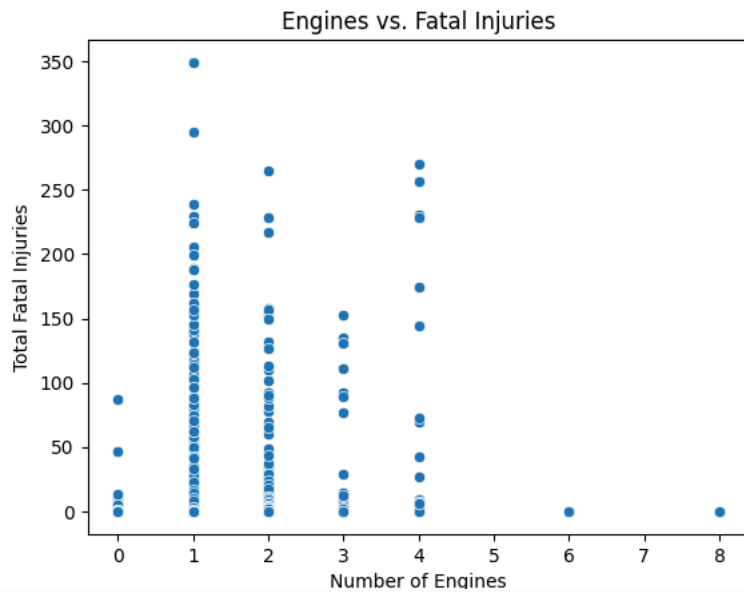
```
sns.scatterplot(data=df, x='Number.of.Engines', y='Total.Fatal.Injuries')
```

```
plt.title('Engines vs. Fatal Injuries')
```

```
plt.xlabel('Number of Engines')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Total Fatal Injuries')
```

```
plt.show()
```



```
# Create a binary column 'Is_Fatal'
df['Is_Fatal'] = df['Total.Fatal.Injuries'].fillna(0).apply(lambda x: 1 if x > 0 else 0)
```

```
# Optional: preview value counts to confirm
print(df['Is_Fatal'].value_counts())
```



```
Is_Fatal
0      71076
1      17813
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

```
df.groupby('Is_Fatal')[['Total.Serious.Injuries', 'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured']].mean()
```



	Total.Serious.Injuries	Total.Minor.Injuries	Total.Uninjured
Is_Fatal			
0	0.232681	0.337737	6.108222
1	0.271656	0.194970	0.434570

```
sns.countplot(data=df, x='Is_Fatal', palette='Set2')
plt.title('Count of Fatal vs Non-Fatal Accidents')
```