Predictive Policing

Generalitat de Catalunya

**A Quick Overview:**

Catalonia is an autonomous community of Spain. It lies in the northeast of the Iberian Peninsula, to the south of the Pyrenees mountain range. The capital and largest city, Barcelona, is the second-most populated municipality in Spain and the fifth-most populous urban area in the European Union. The Mossos d’Escuadra is police force of Catalonia, responsible for law enforcement in this autonomous area.

**Data Structure:**

In this study, the public data available form the Catalonia police department has been collected, analyzed and evaluated. All the data can be found in the following website:

https://mossos.gencat.cat/ca/els\_mossos\_desquadra/indicadors\_i\_qualitat/dades\_obertes/

The data used for this study was last updated on the 17/05/2022.

All the data files are provided in two formats: **.csv** and **.json**. Both these formats are used in this analysis.

**Tools Used for Analysis:**

**Section 1:**

Python modules: json, plotly, matplotlib, pandas

Others: Geojson files

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1. Organizational Information

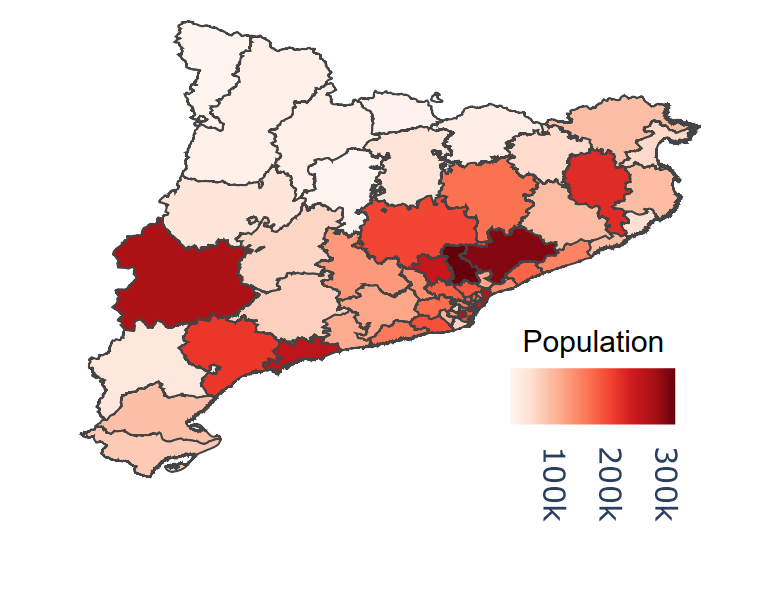
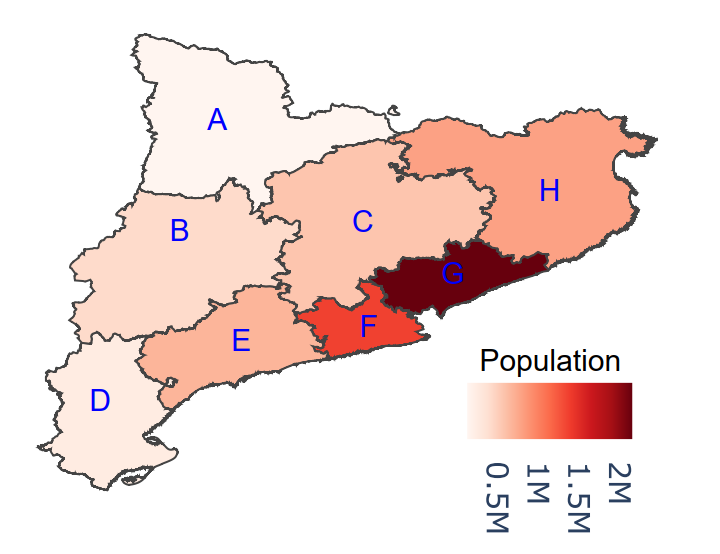
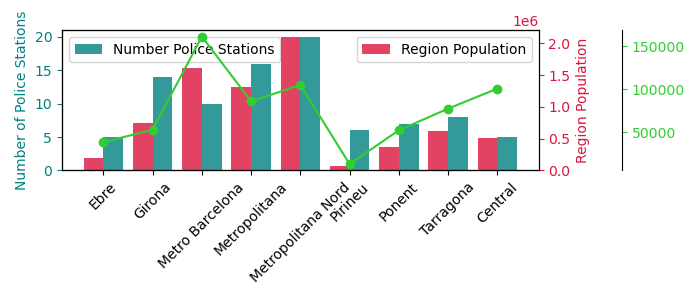
Territorially, the Catalan police is divided in 9 regions (Girona, Ponent, Pirineu Occidental, Central, Metropolitana Nord, Barcelona, Metropolitana Sud, Camp de Tarragona i Terres de l'Ebre). Figure 1 (left) shows the geographical location of each of the regions as well as population as of 2022. The **basic police areas** are different divisions of the Catalonia police that are in charge of a specific geographic area and provide the basic police services to the population of that area [1]. Figure 1 (right) shows the territorial division of this basic police areas as well as the population in each one of them.

Figure 1: Left, territorial division of the Catalan police. A: Pirineu, B: Ponent , C: Central, D: Ebre, E: Tarragona, F: Metropolitana, G: Metropolitana Nord, H: Girona. Right, Geographical description of the basic police areas in Catalonia.

 Some of the basic police areas are very complex or have to deal with a big amount of population. For this reason, the **district police stations** provide service to their corresponding basic police area. In [2] one can find the location of the various police offices in Catalunya as well as the necessary contact information. Figure 2 shows for each one of the 9 territorial regions, the amount of police stations and police personal assigned to that region. Not surprisingly a strong correlation exists between amount of population in a territory and number of police officials.

The green line in Figure 2 indicates the average population that lies under the control of a given police station. For example, in the Ebre region, there are 5 police stations. Each of them assigned to an amount of population. The average amount of population that needs to be handled for the police stations in Ebre is around 5000 people per police office. From this we can observe that the police stations in the Metro Barcelona area need to deal in average with a much larger amount of populations.

If we have a look at the amount of police personnel assigned to each area we can see that the correlation between amount of population and personnel is more even along all the regions. With the police stations in the Metro Barcelona area being some of the largest in Catalunya. This is showed in Figure 3

The available provided information on the rank of the personnel and the sex. Which allows to do a small gender study of the Catalan police.

References

[1] <https://ca.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%80rea_B%C3%A0sica_Policial>

[2] <https://mossos.gencat.cat/.content/home/dadesobertes/comissaries/index.html?lang=en>