

# Battle of the Neighborhoods

In Mexico City

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# Introduction

**In México the biggest city is Mexico City, and therefore has the largest number of service related locations.**

**Being a person with the intent of placing a service related establishment, you need to find a type of establishment that doesn't have the same specialty of the most common in a certain Neighborhood.**





# Problem

- The objective of this report is to find the highest profile Borough in Mexico City based in HDI (Human Development Index) that is a statistic composite of life expectancy, education and per capita income, among other indicators.
- Once that we profiled the highest borough, find the neighborhoods inside that borough and locate the food related locations on each neighborhood and find a correlation between the food establishments and obtain the top 10 on each cluster.





# Data Acquisition



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# Data Processing

- Import CSV
- Import from JSON
- Convert to Pandas Dataframes
- Clean data
- One Hot Encoding
- Clean for KMeans Algorithm

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# Read CSV  
df_colonias = pd.read_csv("2_colonias_cdmx_csv.csv")  
df_colonias.head()
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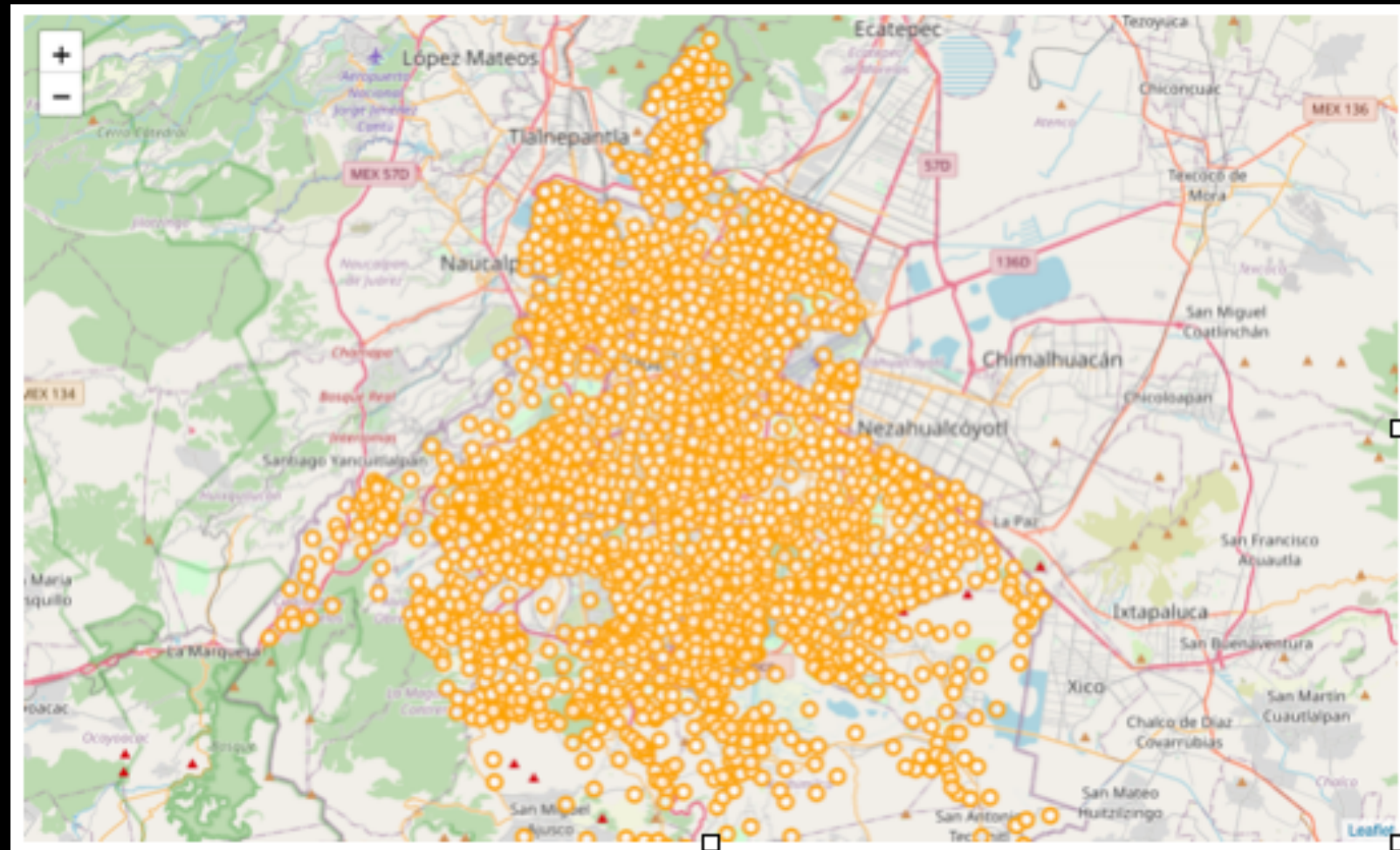
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1	LOMAS DE REFORMA (LOMAS DE CHAPULTEPEC)	9.0	19.4106158914,-99.226248726
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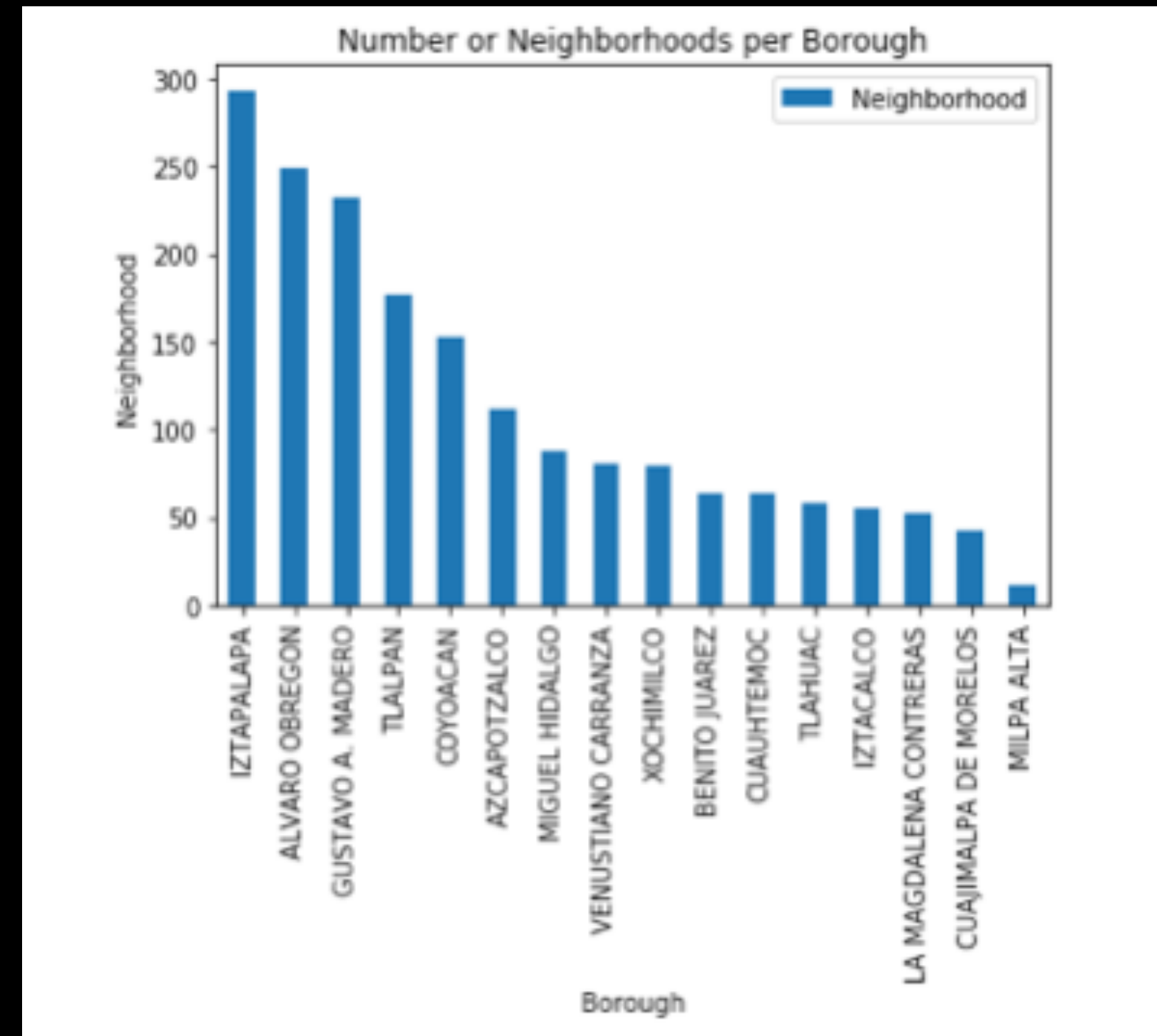
# Methodology

## Determine the Borough

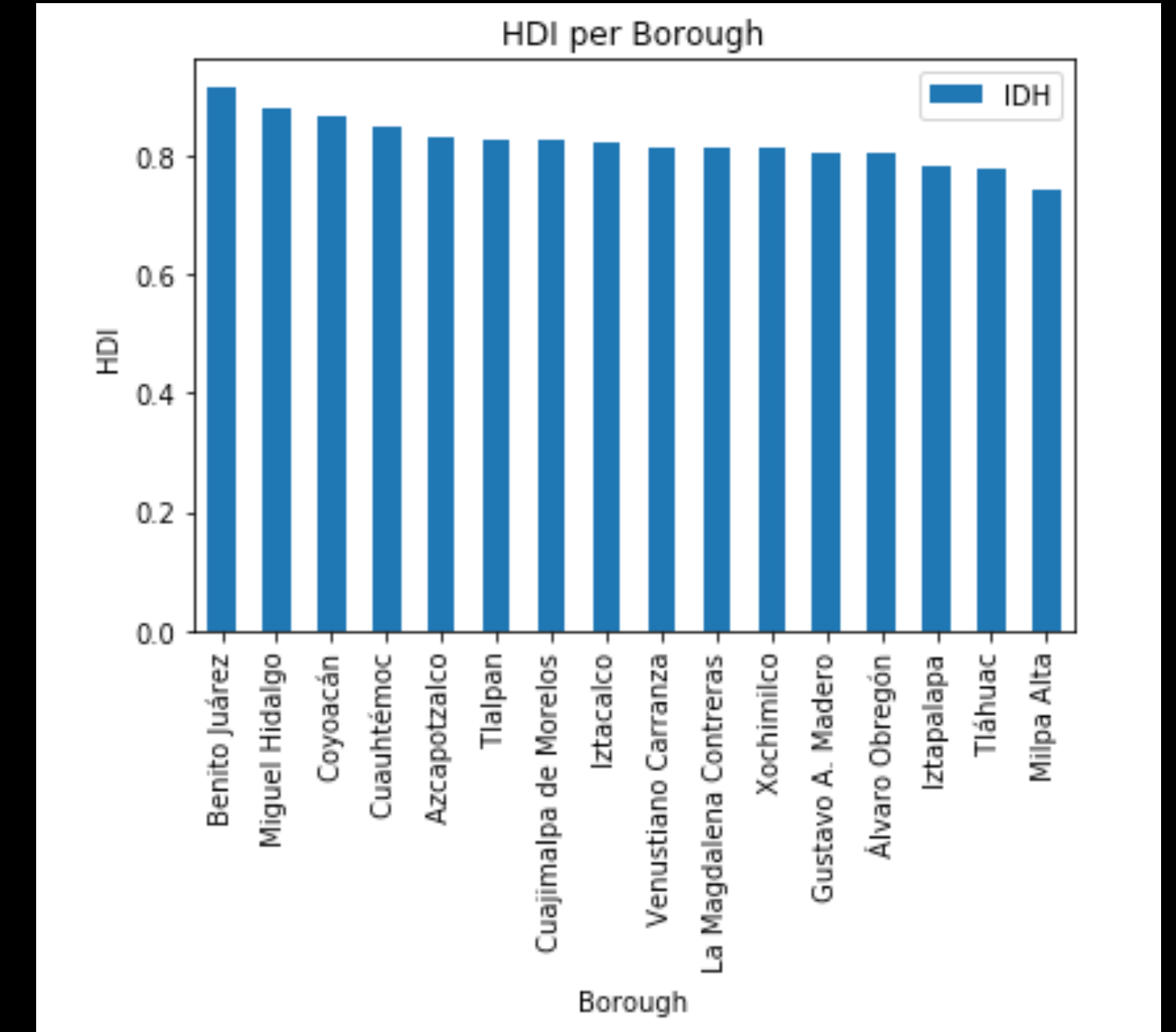
The amount of neighborhoods in Mexico City is considerable



For each borough there are many neighborhoods, being the distribution as follows



Determine the Borough with the highest HDI in Mexico City. The selection for this study is Benito Juárez.



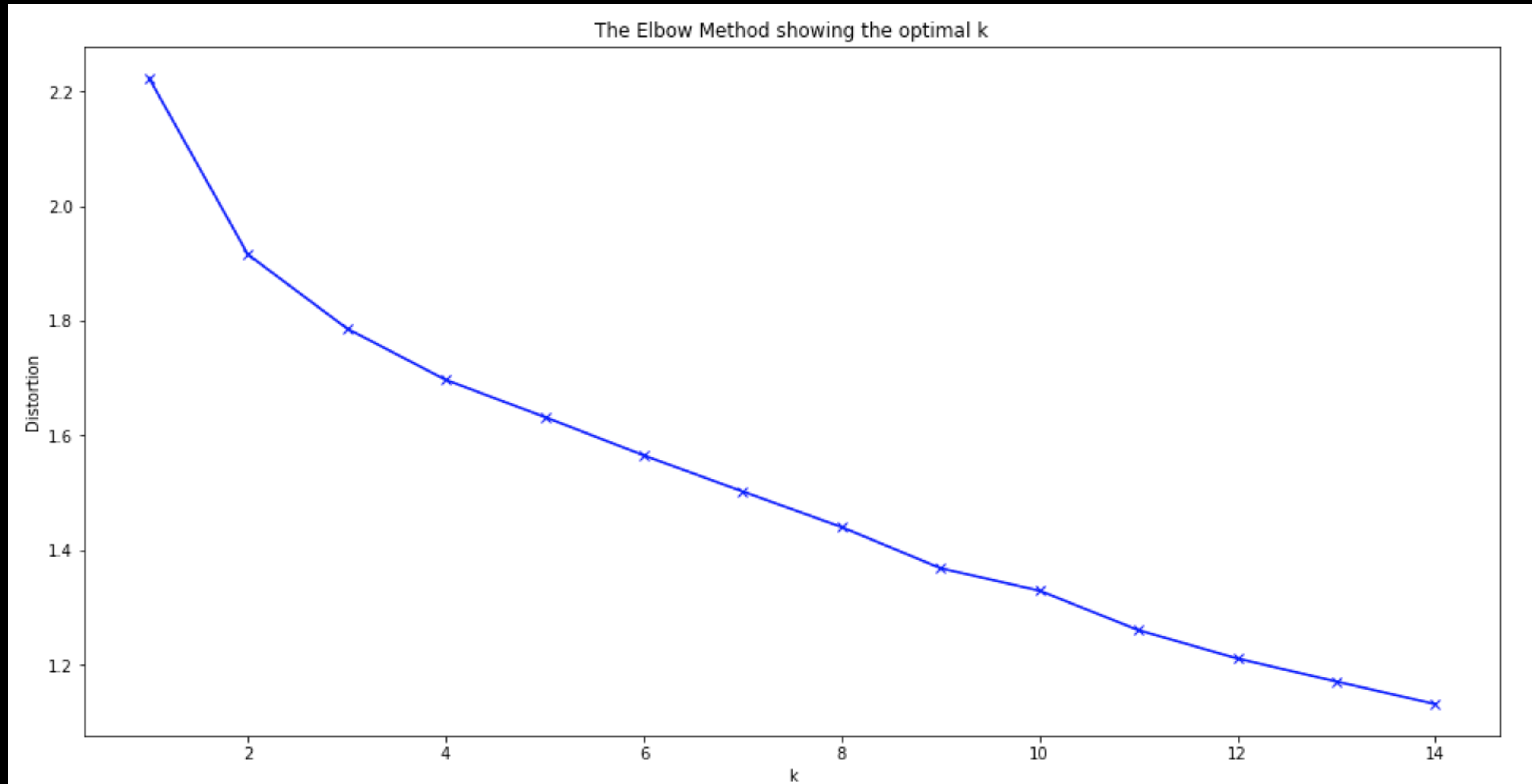
For this report I decided to use Clustering because it is an unsupervised machine learning scenario, and using the “K-means” method in order to find relationships between the many venues of the borough.

KMeans definition: k-means clustering is a method of vector quantization, originally from signal processing, that aims to partition  $n$  observations into  $k$  clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest mean (cluster centers or cluster centroid), serving as a prototype of the cluster.

- Wikipedia

Using the optimal K to find the  
number of clusters

**K = 10**



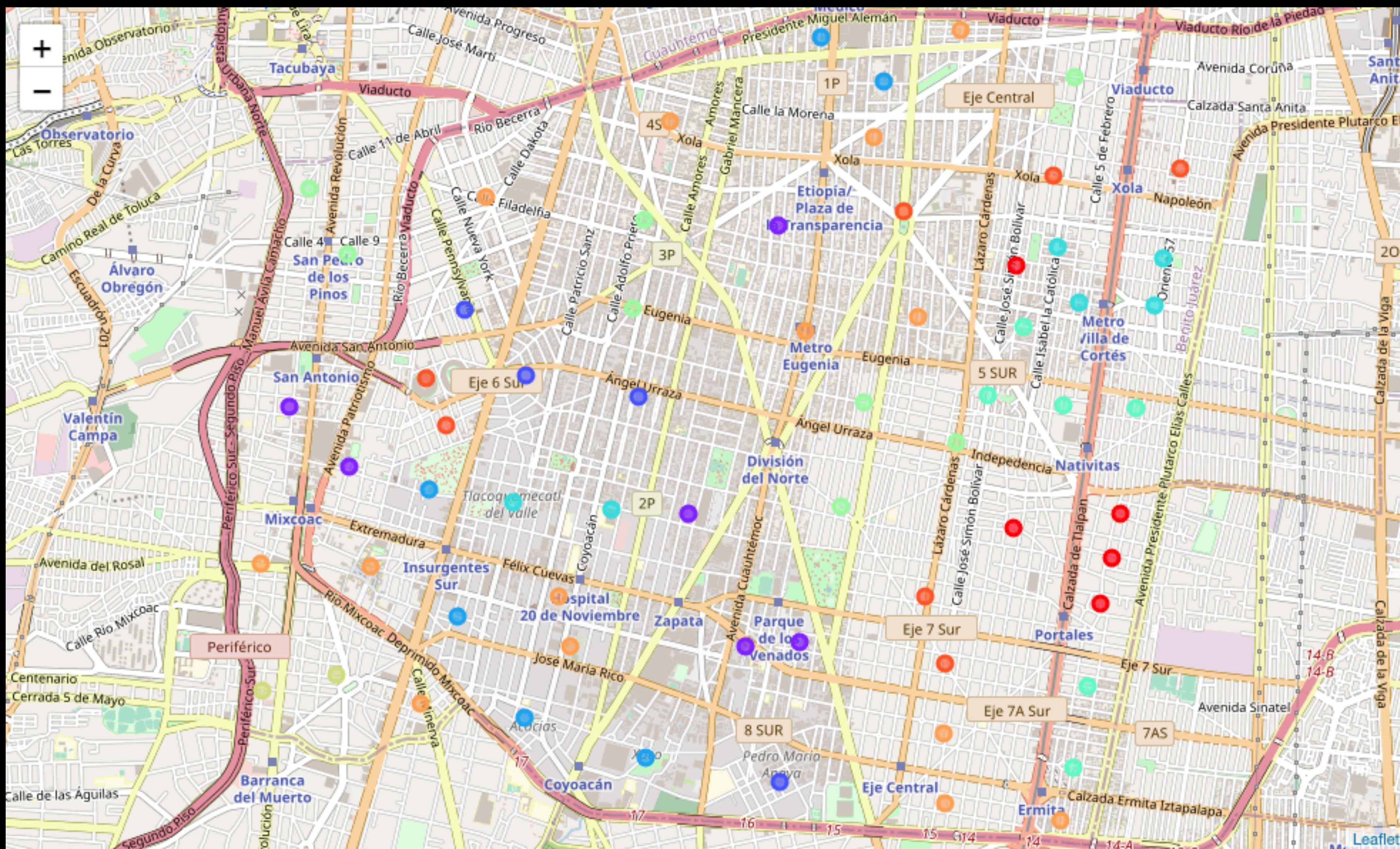


# Explanation

- With the data found all the boroughs in Mexico City and then all the neighborhoods.
- Based on HDI, determine the best suitable borough to analyze.
- Retrieve information from Foursquare regarding service venues for each neighborhood in the borough.
- Transform the information retrieved into a DataFrame that can be manipulated through one hot encoding, merge and join with the neighborhood information.
- The previous step was to prepare the data in order to apply K-means algorithm in order to find patterns in the venues on each neighborhood.



# Cluster Map





# Example of Cluster

	COLONIA	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	6th Most Common Venue	7th Most Common Venue	8th Most Common Venue	9th Most Common Venue	10th Most Common Venue
4	LETRAN VALLE	Taco Place	Bakery	Mexican Restaurant	Ice Cream Shop	Pizza Place	Pet Store	IT Services	Liquor Store	Dessert Shop	Park
10	INDEPENDENCIA	Mexican Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Food Truck	Bakery	Steakhouse	Taco Place	Dessert Shop	Dance Studio	Pool	Farmers Market
32	SAN PEDRO DE LOS PINOS	Mexican Restaurant	Bakery	Ice Cream Shop	Park	Food Truck	Yoga Studio	Café	Bistro	Pharmacy	Burger Joint
34	DEL VALLE II	Mexican Restaurant	Health & Beauty Service	Bakery	Pet Store	Ice Cream Shop	Deli / Bodega	Park	Sushi Restaurant	Taco Place	Tapas Restaurant
45	DEL VALLE III	Mexican Restaurant	Dance Studio	Coffee Shop	Spa	Taco Place	Bakery	Liquor Store	Drugstore	Park	Camera Store
50	OCHO DE AGOSTO	Mexican Restaurant	Bakery	Taco Place	Food Truck	Performing Arts Venue	Hotel	Burger Joint	Motorcycle Shop	Seafood Restaurant	Bistro
58	VERTIZ NARVARTE	Mexican Restaurant	Bakery	Taco Place	Flower Shop	Steakhouse	Russian Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Spa	Southern / Soul Food Restaurant	German Restaurant
60	ALAMOS I	Mexican Restaurant	Bakery	Coffee Shop	Taco Place	Gym / Fitness Center	Pie Shop	Market	Steakhouse	Martial Arts Dojo	Food Truck



# Discussion

Given the problem, I found that there is an over saturation of venues in the Borough of Benito Juarez in México City.

This over saturation made difficult to establish a pattern where you could place a new business inside the best borough in terms of HDI.

The k-indicator didn't have a clear elbow point because of this.

I think that a market segmentation data base will provide better results into a specialization business analysis.



# Conclusion

- By far the most common venue is a Mexican Restaurant
- There is demand for food services in Benito Juarez
- If a business must be opened I would recommend the following:
- Mexican Restaurant in Cluster 1 or Cluster 2
- Do not place anything in Cluster 9
- Taco Place in Cluster 10
- In all other clusters a Coffee Shop or Ice Cream Shop is a good option.