# Stamford, Connecticut Neighborhood Analysis

A Look at What Neighborhoods in Stamford Have to Offer Prospective Residents and Businesses

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#### Introduction

- Stamford, Connecticut
  - Small city 45 minutes from New York City
  - Has numerous potential neighborhoods to move
- Problem
  - How can somebody pick a neighborhood that will provide the amenities that he/she desires
- Audience
  - People relocating to Stamford
  - Real estate agents
  - Businesses moving to Stamford
  - Businesses opening a store in Stamford

#### Data

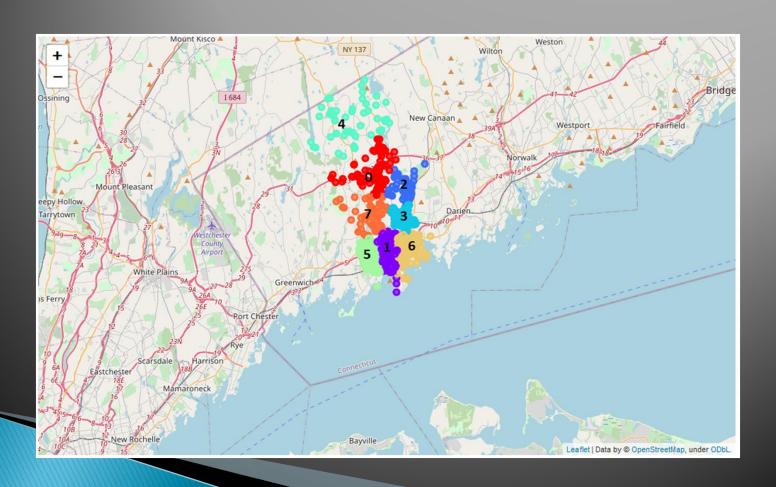
- FourSquare
  - Provides API to query to get data
  - Returns points of interest (POIs)
  - Bins each POI into relevant category
- Categories
  - Can be used to define what a neighborhood provides
  - Food, Nightlife, Shop & Service, Outdoors & Recreation, Travel & Transport, College & University, Other Places

## Methodology

- Explored Data
  - Pulled data from FourSquare using API
  - Found that POIs need to queried and filtered carefully
- Collected Data
  - Iterated over grid pattern over entire city
  - Selectively queried and removed categories
- Analyzed Data
  - Ran k-Mean Clustering algorithm to find neighborhoods based on location
    - Used SSE and Silhouette Coefficients to determine optimal k

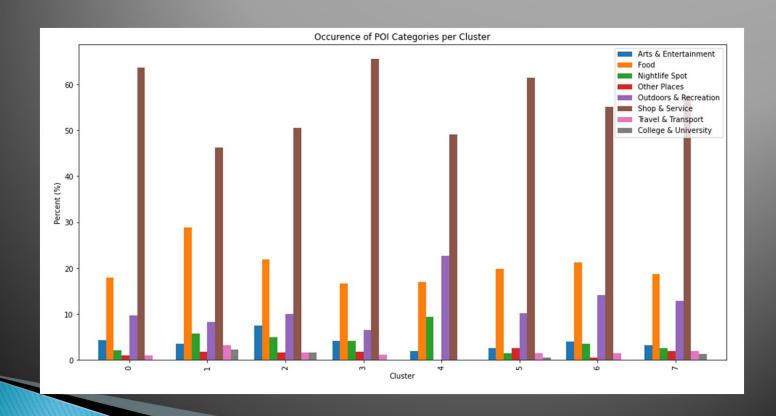
# Results - Map of Clusters

▶ k-Means segmented the POIs into 8 clusters



### Results - Categories

- Found percent of POIs in each category in each cluster
- Bar graph helps to see where some differences occur



#### Discussion

- For the most part, all clusters/neighborhoods have a good representation of categories
- Three neighborhoods might appeal to certain people
  - 1: has lots of food and the most transportation options
  - 2: well represented by arts & entertainment
  - 4: has more outdoor & recreation, as well as lots of nightlife

### Conclusion

- Stamford, CT can segmented into eight neighborhoods/clusters
- All of the clusters provide a good variety of amenities
- One may be able to focus on other requirements when looking to move to Stamford without missing out on amenities
- Lots more data can be mined!