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Risk Factors for Crime in New York

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Introduction

In this analysis, we look at a data set from "New York City Open Data" which cointains the records of over five million 911 calls in New York starting in 2006. For the purposes of simplicity, we have chosen to only look at data from 2015 (over 470000 data points), the conclusions from this analysis should be interpreted within the context of 2015. The data for crime by borough was normalized using borough population data from a 2010 census.

The following are the links to theses two data sets:

New York City Open Data: https://data.cityofnewyork.us/api/views/qgea-i56i/rows.csv?accessType=DOWNLOAD)

(https://data.cityofnewyork.us/api/views/qgea-i56i/rows.csv?accessType=DOWNLOAD)

2010 Census Population Data: https://data.cityofnewyork.us/City-Government/New-York-City-Population-by-Borough-1950-2040/xywu-7bv9)

To start off, we look at general observations about the data, these serve to contextualize the second part which looks at varying types of risk factors.

Throughout the analysis, it is important to keep in mind that our data set contains information about crime reports, not crimes themselves. This is a significant distinction because there could be differences in reporting depending on the crimes committed and the location where they happened. For example, someone in Manhattan might be more inclined to report a petty theft than someone in The Bronx, we don't know.

Libraries used:

- Pandas
- Matplotlib
- Numpy
- Sys
- Seaborn (Data visualization library)
- · Gmplot (Creates interactive google maps)
- Webbrowser (Enables you to launch html file to web browser)
- Math
- Os

Getting Started

We are going to start off by importing all the libraries we need.

In []: !pip install gmplot #gmplot will be used later in our analysis to plot heat ma
 ps

```
In [1]: #importing all libraries needed for analysis
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import sys
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import math
import gmplot
import webbrowser, os
```

For our analysis we will be using the NYPD Complaint Data Historic dataset that can be found https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Public-Safety/NYPD-Complaint-Data-Historic/ggea-i56i/data).

Since our dataset is quite large, we provide two ways to load the data:

- Option 1: Fetches the data from the original website. This option takes very long to complete (more than 15 minutes sometimes).
- Option 2: Fetches the dataset from our GitHub account. This option does not take as long to complete.
 Since GitHub only allows files of 25 MB, we created 6 different ones. We will then concatinate the dataframes into one and we will be working with it as usual.

Please choose which option you prefer and run the cells in the coresponding cells below. Note that both options assign the same variable names to our dataframes, so either would work with our analysis.

Option 1

```
In [ ]: #Full Dataset - Takes very long to import
    url="https://data.cityofnewyork.us/api/views/qgea-i56i/rows.csv?accessType=DOW
    NLOAD"
    df = pd.read_csv(url, low_memory=False)
```

Option 2

```
In [2]: #Loading all 6 files and assigning them to temporary dataframes
        urlA="https://github.com/esmie-papa/my first repository/raw/master/NYPD Compla
        int Data Historic1.1.csv"
        dfA = pd.read csv(urlA, low memory=False)
        urlB="https://github.com/esmie-papa/my_first_repository/raw/master/NYPD_Compla
        int Data Historic1.2.csv"
        dfB=pd.read csv(urlB, low memory=False)
        urlC="https://github.com/esmie-papa/my_first_repository/raw/master/NYPD_Compla
        int Data Historic1.3.csv"
        dfC=pd.read_csv(urlC, low_memory=False)
        urlD="https://github.com/esmie-papa/my first repository/raw/master/NYPD Compla
        int Data Historic1.4.csv"
        dfD=pd.read_csv(urlD, low_memory=False)
        urlE="https://github.com/esmie-papa/my_first_repository/raw/master/NYPD_Compla
        int Data Historic1.5.csv"
        dfE=pd.read csv(urlE, low memory=False)
        urlF="https://github.com/esmie-papa/my_first_repository/raw/master/NYPD_Compla
        int Data Historic1.6.csv"
        dfF=pd.read csv(urlF, low memory=False)
```

Now we will cocatinate all six of our temporary dataframes to create the main one: df

```
In [3]: #concatination of dataframes
Frames = [dfA, dfB, dfC, dfD, dfE, dfF]
df = pd.concat(Frames,join='outer',axis=0)
```

Population Dataset

Since our main dataset is loaded, we will now load the second one, our population dataset

```
In [4]: #Import borough population data
urlpop="https://github.com/esmie-papa/my_first_repository/raw/master/Populatio
n.csv"
dfpop = pd.read_csv(urlpop, low_memory=False, header=None)
```

Cleaning Our Data

We will now manipulate our dataset so that it is easier to handle. We will assign more meaningful names to each column and drop the columns that we will not using.

```
In [5]: df1=df #we make a copy of the dataset. We will be working with df1 from now o n. This will ensure that df is left intact so #if something goes wrong we will only have to run the cells from this onward (won't have to re-load the whole dataset again)
```

```
In [7]: #droping columns we will not use so that the rest of the cells run faster

#we first create a list with the column names that we wish to drop from our da
    taset
l=["Ending_Date","Ending_Time","Date_Reported","Internal_Classification_Code",
    "Internal_Code_Description",
        'Completion_Indicator','Specific_Location_In/Around_Premises','NYCHA_Develop
    ment','Lat/Long']

#using a for loop, we will drop those columns
for o in df1.columns.tolist():
    if o in l:
        df1=df1.drop(o, axis=1)
```

Given the size of the csv file we thought it would be more meaningful to only work with incidents that have occured in 2015. This will save us a considerable amount of time as cells will run faster now.

```
In [9]: df1=df1[(df1['Date_Time'].dt.year == 2015)] #assigning to df1 only incidences
    that occurred on 2015
```

```
In [10]: #our revised dataframe df1 has 477031 rows and 16 columns df1.shape
```

Out[10]: (282288, 16)

```
In [11]: #we create one more copy of our dataframe at this point. It will be used later
    on.
    dfp=df1

#setting the index of df1
    df1 = df1.set_index(['id']) #in general we will be using df1 (with a few exceptions)
```

Let's have a look at our dataframe.

In [12]: df1.head()

Out[12]:

	Date_Occured	Time_Occured	Classification_Code	Code_Description	Level
id					
101109527	12/31/2015	23:45:00	113	FORGERY	FELO
153401121	12/31/2015	23:36:00	101	MURDER & NON- NEGL. MANSLAUGHTER	FELO
569369778	12/31/2015	23:30:00	117	DANGEROUS DRUGS	FELO
968417082	12/31/2015	23:30:00	344	ASSAULT 3 & RELATED OFFENSES	MISD
641637920	12/31/2015	23:25:00	344	ASSAULT 3 & RELATED OFFENSES	MISD

Since our population dataset is quite small, we only change we need to make is set its index.

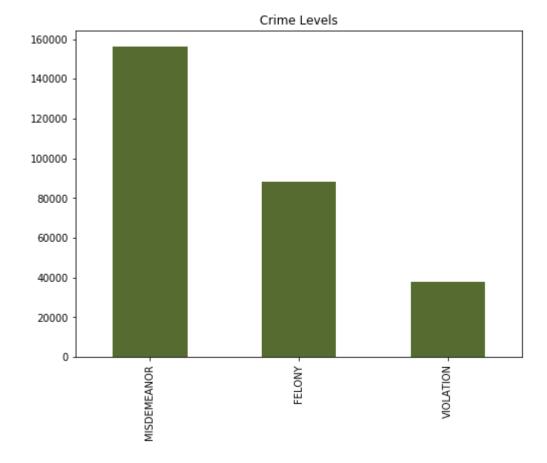
In [13]: dfpop = dfpop.set_index([0])

Analysis

1. General Observations

Before examining the various criminality risk factors we will begin our analysis with some general observations. These are not risk factors which is the primary focus of our analysis, but they do serve to put some of the terms we will be using in context.

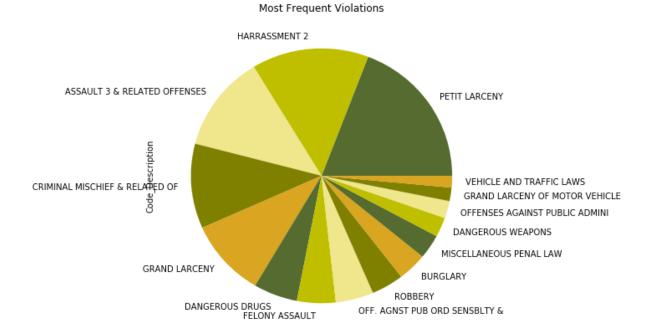
Out[62]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x20006894710>



- As you can see above, misdemeanors are the most common level of infraction. This is pretty intuitive
 because minsdemeanors are the least severe classification of crimes, they include petty theft and other
 less serious offenses.
- Violations (which are not crimes) are the least common infraction, but we have to keep in mind that our dataset comes from 911 calls and people are less likely to report things like smoking a ciggarette in Central Park or disorderly conduct.

Now let's look at the specifics of the crimes committed.

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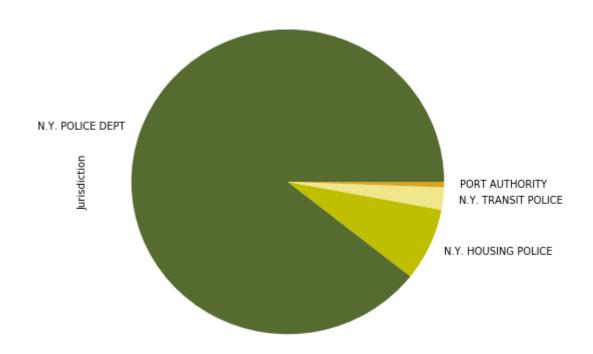


- Above we see the top distribution of the top fifteen most common infractions.
- The three most prominent crimes in New York are petit larceny (stealing something under fifty dollars), harrassment and assault.

Now we will take a look at the top four jurisdictions that these infractions fall under.

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- This pie chart shows the top 4 jurisdictions to which the phone calls were made.
- As we can see, most of the 911 calls were made the New York Police Department, this indicates
 that transit and housing infractions deal with a smaller portion of the crimes and violations committed.

2. Risk Factors

Here we will look at the primary focus of this analysis, the risk factors for criminal activity. This section is divided into three sub sections: Geography, Location and Seasonality. At first glance it might appear that Geography and Location encapsulate the same type of information, but location is focused more on the premises of the incidents rather than their geographic location.

2.1. Geography

Our first risk factor, Geography, looks at the distribution of crimes between New York's boroughs as well as specific coordinate locations. This gives us an idea of which areas are more dangerous or prone to criminal activity. We will also take a look at New York's parks to determine which ones are reported to be more crime prone.

First we will look at the number of crimes on each borough. Since each borough has different population, the data will be normalized by population.

```
In [14]: #criminality per borough
         dfbor=pd.value_counts(df1['Borough']) #creating new dataframe thats counts the
          criminal activuty per borough
         #we will now concatinate dfbor and our population dataframe dfpop
         frames = [dfbor, dfpop]
         dfB = pd.concat(frames,axis=1)
         #change the column names to more intuitive ones
         dfB.columns = ["Crime/Borough", "Population"]
         dfB.index.name = "Borough" #setting the index of our dataframe
         #Creates column for a normalized look at the crime in each borough (crimes per
          thousand)
         dfB['Crimes Per Thousand'] = dfB['Crime/Borough'] / (dfB['Population'] / 1000)
         dfB
```

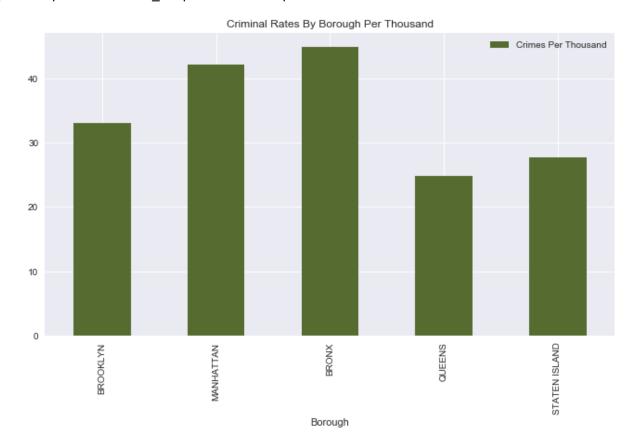
Out[14]:

	Crime/Borough	Population	Crimes Per Thousand
Borough			
BROOKLYN	84381	2552911	33.052856
MANHATTAN	66752	1585873	42.091643
BRONX	62143	1385108	44.865094
QUEENS	55994	2250002	24.886200
STATEN ISLAND	13018	468730	27.772918

- Here we create the data frame that we will plot in the following graphic to visualize our findings.
- We have merged our information from our main data set with information about the population of each borough.

```
In [255]:
          dfB["Crimes Per Thousand"].plot.bar(
                                                    title="Criminal Rates By Borough Per T
          housand",
                                                    sharey=True,
                                                    figsize=(11,6),
                                                    legend=True,
                                                    color="darkolivegreen")
```

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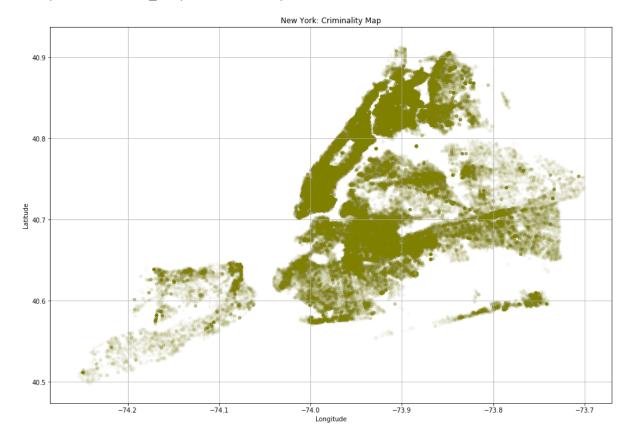


- As we can see, the Bronx is the borough with the highest amount of crime reports for 2015.
- Interestingly, if we hadn't normalized our data, Brooklyn would have appeared to be the most criminaly active borough.
- This implies that Brooklyn may have highest criminal rates but the Bronx has highest criminal rates per capita.

Now we will look at specific coordinate locations of the crimes reported. This will give us an idea of which specific areas of New York experience higher criminality.

```
In [66]: #Criminality map
          df1.plot(kind='scatter',
                   x='Longitude',
                   y='Latitude',
                   alpha=0.02,
                   figsize=(16,11),
                   color="olive",
                   grid=True,
                   title="New York: Criminality Map")
```

Out[66]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1ffa67287f0>



- The above scatterplot maps out New York by the coordinate locations of crimes reported.
- · Here it is easy to see that Staten Island has less reports than the other four boroughs, this is likely due to its smaller population density.
- Unfortunately, it is hard to see the differences between the other four boroughs.

The following figure however, gives us a more detailed look at the differences between these locations. We used gmplot to create a heat map indicating the areas of New York with the highest crime rates.

Please run the following cell, it will create a file in your directory with an interactive heat map and a pop-up tab should open the map automatically.

If the tab doesn't pop up, please look in your directory to open maps.html, you have likely encountered this problem because you are on a different OS.

The map might take a few seconds to load into the new window.

```
In [68]:
         #create map
         gmap = gmplot.GoogleMapPlotter(40.72, -73.968285, 10)
         #plot coordinates on heat map
         latitudes = [x for x in df['Latitude'].values.tolist() if not math.isnan(x)]
         longitudes = [x for x in df['Longitude'].values.tolist() if not math.isnan(x)]
         gmap.heatmap(latitudes[0:200000], longitudes[0:200000])
         #draw map
         gmap.draw('maps.html')
         #getting path for html file
         path = os.getcwd()
         #launch in web browser
         webbrowser.open_new("file://" + path + "/maps.html")
```

Out[68]: True

- This interactive heat map provides a better look at the frequency of reports in specific coordinate locations.
- To get a more detailed look at each location, zoom in and out of the map using the + buttons at the bottom, the heat levels will change depending on your level of zoom.
- From out observations, we noticed that Hell's Kitchen and Mid Town had relatively higher levels of crime reports compared to the rest of Manhattan.

Next we will take the same approach to look at the crime reports parks around the city. We will create a smaller dataframe with only incidents that occured in Parks and then look for the Park with the highest criminal rate.

```
In [69]: #first we create a dataframe that constists of only rows that have Parks liste
         dfParks = df1[pd.notnull(df1["Park"])] #using pd.notnull we select only rows
         #Creates a pivot table that counts crimes in different parks
         pivot park = pd.pivot table(
             data = dfp, #here we are using dfp (which we defined at the beginning). Fo
         r our pivot table to work, id could not be the
                         #index of our dataframe. So we are using dfp which is identica
         l to df1 with the only difference that its index
                         #is not id
             index = 'Park',
             values = 'id',
             aggfunc = 'count'
         )
         sorted_park=pivot_park.sort_values('id', ascending = False) #sorting our table
         sorted park[0:10] #printing the top 10 instances
```

Out[69]:

	id
Park	
CENTRAL PARK	205
FLUSHING MEADOWS CORONA PARK	115
RIVERSIDE PARK	67
ST. MARY'S PARK BRONX	54
CONEY ISLAND BEACH & BOARDWALK	53
CLAREMONT PARK	52
MARCUS GARVEY PARK	49
CROTONA PARK	47
VAN CORTLANDT PARK	44
MACOMBS DAM PARK	41

- Above we have created a pivot table showing the ten parks with the most reported criminal activity.
- Central park tops the list, this is likely because of the size of it and how many people walk through it during the day. There are also a handful of rules that might lead to violations in the park such as "no smoking" which could spike up the numbers.
- It was surprising to see that St. Mary's Park in the Bronx accounted for 1/4th as many reports as Central Park while only occupying an estimated 1/24th of its size (35 acres vs 840 acres). This is coherent with our previous finding that there were several more crime reports in the Bronx than in any other borough.

Now we will look at another heat map representation of this data. Please run the following cell. A pop-up should appear with the heat map similarly to our previous heat map.

```
In [70]: #Create map on google maps
         gmap = gmplot.GoogleMapPlotter(40.72, -73.968285, 10)
         #Plot longitude and latitudes of crimes committed in parks
         latitudes_parks = [x for x in dfParks['Latitude'].values.tolist() if not math.
         isnan(x)]
         longitudes_parks = [x for x in dfParks['Longitude'].values.tolist() if not mat
         h.isnan(x)]
         gmap.heatmap(latitudes_parks[0:200000], longitudes_parks[0:200000]) #limiting
          sample to 200k, can do 1M but takes too long to load
         #Draws the map
         gmap.draw('maps2.html')
         #Getting path for html file
         path = os.getcwd()
         #Open file in new tab (the map is interactive)
         webbrowser.open_new("file://" + path + "/maps2.html")
```

Out[70]: True

2.2. Location

In this-sub section, we will look at the frequencies of crime reports comming from different premises.

```
In [72]: #most frequent crimes per location (premises)
         pivot_premises = pd.pivot_table(
             data = dfp, #here we are using dfp (which we defined at the beginning). Fo
         r our pivot table to work, id could not be the
                         #index of our dataframe. So we are using dfp which is identica
         l to df1 with the only difference that its index
                         #is not id
             index = 'Premises',
             values = 'id',
             aggfunc = 'count'
         )
         sorted_piv_prem=pivot_premises.sort_values('id', ascending = False) #sorting o
         ur table
         sorted_piv_prem
```

Out[72]:

	id
Premises	
STREET	86785
RESIDENCE - APT. HOUSE	60494
RESIDENCE-HOUSE	25327
RESIDENCE - PUBLIC HOUSING	21619
OTHER	7801
CHAIN STORE	7459
COMMERCIAL BUILDING	7096
DEPARTMENT STORE	6788
TRANSIT - NYC SUBWAY	6596
GROCERY/BODEGA	4398
RESTAURANT/DINER	3603
PARK/PLAYGROUND	3600
BAR/NIGHT CLUB	3149
PUBLIC SCHOOL	2813
CLOTHING/BOUTIQUE	2741
DRUG STORE	2597
FOOD SUPERMARKET	1772
FAST FOOD	1697
PUBLIC BUILDING	1611
PARKING LOT/GARAGE (PRIVATE)	1449
HOSPITAL	1399
PARKING LOT/GARAGE (PUBLIC)	1357
HOTEL/MOTEL	1332
HIGHWAY/PARKWAY	1154
SMALL MERCHANT	1132
STORE UNCLASSIFIED	1113
BANK	1099
AIRPORT TERMINAL	1075
GYM/FITNESS FACILITY	954
BEAUTY & NAIL SALON	855

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Premises	
CANDY STORE	367
TAXI (LIVERY LICENSED)	336
OPEN AREAS (OPEN LOTS)	325
BRIDGE	320
LIQUOR STORE	276
PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL SCHOOL	261
FACTORY/WAREHOUSE	256
TRANSIT FACILITY (OTHER)	238
BUS TERMINAL	230
BUS STOP	224
STORAGE FACILITY	220
SHOE	208
ATM	206
SOCIAL CLUB/POLICY	204
JEWELRY	177
TUNNEL	148
ABANDONED BUILDING	138
MARINA/PIER	125
BUS (OTHER)	114
FERRY/FERRY TERMINAL	110
BOOK/CARD	96
SYNAGOGUE	90
VIDEO STORE	59
MOSQUE	55
OTHER HOUSE OF WORSHIP	40
TAXI/LIVERY (UNLICENSED)	37
PHOTO/COPY	26
CEMETERY	19
LOAN COMPANY	12
TRAMWAY	4

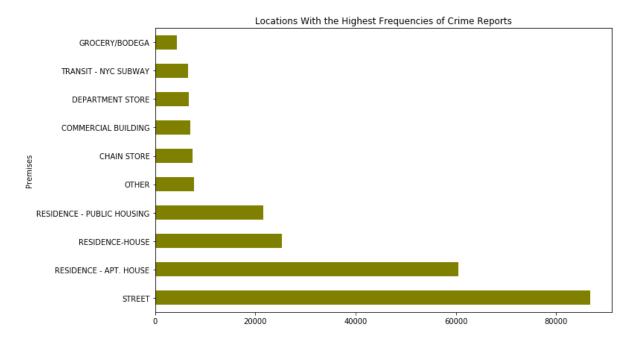
70 rows × 1 columns

- Above is a pivot table which counts the crime reports for each specific location where crimes have been committed.
- It is important to point out that this data is not normalized. We are simply looking at frequency which could depend on the amount of people in each of these places.

Let's take a better look at the locations with the highest frequencies of crime reports...

```
In [73]:
         #Creates a bar chart showing the top 10 locations with the highest crime rates
         sorted piv prem[0:10].plot(kind = 'barh',
                                    figsize=(11,7),
                                    title="Locations With the Highest Frequencies of Cri
         me Reports",
                                    color="olive",
                                    legend = False)
```

Out[73]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1ffafeabcc0>



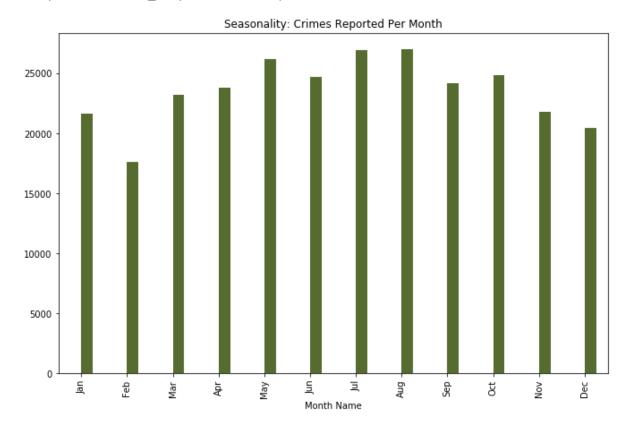
- Not suprisingly, the highest frequencies of crime reports are in more populated areas.
- We were suprised to see however, that apartments were the locations with the second highest reports. This means that much of the crime that is reported is domestic.
- Something important to point out, however, is that it is not clear from the data set whether these classifications reflect the actual location of the crime or the location where the phone call was made, these could lead to varying results.

2.3. Seasonality

This final sub-section looks at how seasonality and time of day affects the frequency of crime reports. We will also look more specifically at the top three crimes committed to see if they follow the same patterns as the dataset as a whole.

```
In [74]: #Creating a dataframe with names of the months associated with numbers.
         months={'Month':[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12],"Month_name":["","Jan","Feb","M
         ar", "Apr", "May", "Jun", "Jul", "Aug",
                                                                       "Sep", "Oct", "Nov",
          "Dec"]}
         dfmonths = pd.DataFrame(months)
         df4=df1 #making a copy of df1
         df4['Month']=df4["Date_Time"].dt.month #making new column with just the month
         df4=pd.value counts(df1["Month"]).sort index()
         #concatinating two dataframes. this will allow our graph to have the month nam
         es on the x-axis rather than the
         #corresponding numbers (example: Jan instead of 1, Feb instead of 2 etc.)
         frameMonths = [dfmonths, df4]
         dfM = pd.concat(frameMonths,axis=1)
         dfM = dfM.drop(dfM.index[0]) #dropping the first line which does not contain d
         ata
         dfM.columns=["Month_num","Month Name","Counts"] #assigning new column names
         dfM.set index('Month Name') #setting the index
         dfM.
         dfM.plot(kind="bar",
                                             xlim=(1,12),
                                             figsize=(11,7),
                                             color="darkolivegreen",
                                             title="Seasonality: Crimes Reported Per Mon
         th",
                                             sharey=True,
                                             sharex=True,
                                             legend = False,
                                             x = 'Month Name'
```

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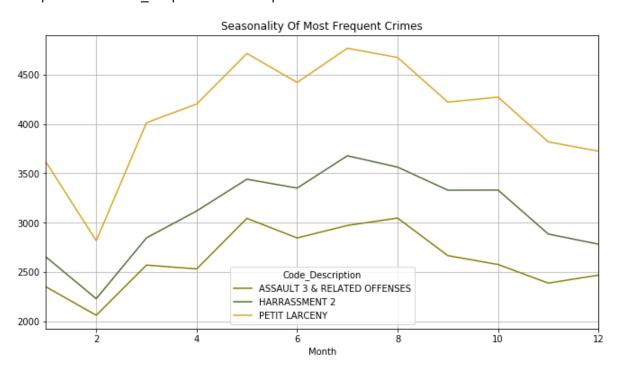


- The bar chart above describes the frequency of crime reports for each month of the year.
- · We noticed an interesting trend in this data, it seems that crimes (or at least crime reports) are in fact seasonal, the bars draw a rough sinusoid curve with August as a peak and February as a trough. These are coincidentally also some of the hottest and coldest months respectively.
- This trend is true for the data set as a whole but does it hold true for specific crimes?

Lets take a look at the top three crime types to see if the trend holds.

```
In [75]:
         dfp['Month']=dfp["Date Time"].dt.month
         code1=dfp['Code_Description']=="PETIT LARCENY" #classification condition 1
         dfp1=dfp[code1]
         code2=dfp['Code_Description']=="HARRASSMENT 2" #classification condition 2
         dfp2=dfp[code2]
         code3=dfp['Code Description']=="ASSAULT 3 & RELATED OFFENSES" #classification
          condition 3
         dfp3=dfp[code3]
         frames = [dfp1, dfp2, dfp3]
         dfP = pd.concat(frames,join='outer',join_axes=None)
         pivot codes = pd.pivot table(
             data = dfP, #here we are using dfp (which we defined at the beginning). Fo
         r our pivot table to work, id could not be the
                         #index of our dataframe. So we are using dfp which is identica
         l to df1 with the only difference that its index
                         #is not id
             index = 'Month',
             values = 'id',
             columns="Code Description",
             aggfunc = 'count'
         )
         pivot_codes.plot(figsize=(11,6),
                         grid=True,
                         color=["olive","darkolivegreen","goldenrod"],
                         title="Seasonality Of Most Frequent Crimes")
```

Out[75]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1ffab787240>

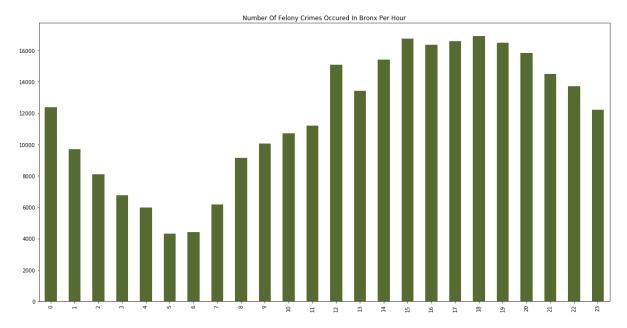


 It seems that the trend we saw in our data set holds true for some specific crimes as well, at least these top three.

Lets see what other time-based trends we can find about this data set.

```
In [16]:
         #if we make this more efficient (ie without having to create a new column it w
         ould be better)
         df1['Hour'] = df1['Date Time'].dt.hour #creating column with just the hours
         #times that crimes are committed in New York City
         pd.value_counts(df1['Hour']).sort_index().plot(kind="bar", #sort_index, makes
          everything appear in order 0-24
                                            xlim=(0,23),
                                            figsize=(20,10),
                                            color="darkolivegreen",
                                            title="Number Of Felony Crimes Occured In Br
         onx Per Hour",
                                            sharex=True,
                                            legend=False)
```

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- This bar chart shows the varying frequencies of crime reports throughout a typical day of the year in NYC.
- Again, we see another sinusoid curve drawn by the bars. The reason for this is more obvious because people tend to be asleep at night and awake during the day.
- Interestingly, 12:00 pm breaks the curve with a significantly higher frequency of crimes than its surrounding hours.

Conclusion

Throughout our study of this data set, we came up with many interesting observations.

In our first sub-section, we found that The Bronx appears to be the borough with the most criminal activity per capita (if we are to believe that the reporting is consistent with the actual levels of crime). We also found that Central Park was the park with the highest frequency of reports, this is likely due to its size. More interestingly, however, we found that Saint Mary's park accounted for 1/4th the amount of crime as Central Park while only taking up 1/24th the amount of space.

Next, while analyzing the "Location" risk factor, we found that most crimes occur on the street. This result was expected due to the fact that streets are a high-traffic area. What was surprising, however, was to see that the second most reported area was residential apartments. If you join apartments and houses together, residences in general actually beat out streets as the most heavily reported on areas. The reason this was surprising is that these are not public locations, contrary to many other locations. This indicates that much of the crime committed in NYC is domestic.

Our final sub-section highlighted some interesting things about how seasons and time affect crime rates. The most prominent trend in both our seasonal and time figures was a sinusoid curve. It is easier to explain why the time-of-day figure was sinusoid because it is likely due to the majority of peoples' sleeping schedules. The sinusoid nature of the seasonal figure is slightly more difficult to explain but one of the factors that might play a role in this is temperature, we found that the "trough" of the sin curve was during the colder months and the "peak" was during the warmer months.

Although there may be many more risk factors that influence crime reporting in New York City, we believe our analysis has highlighted some of the more important ones.