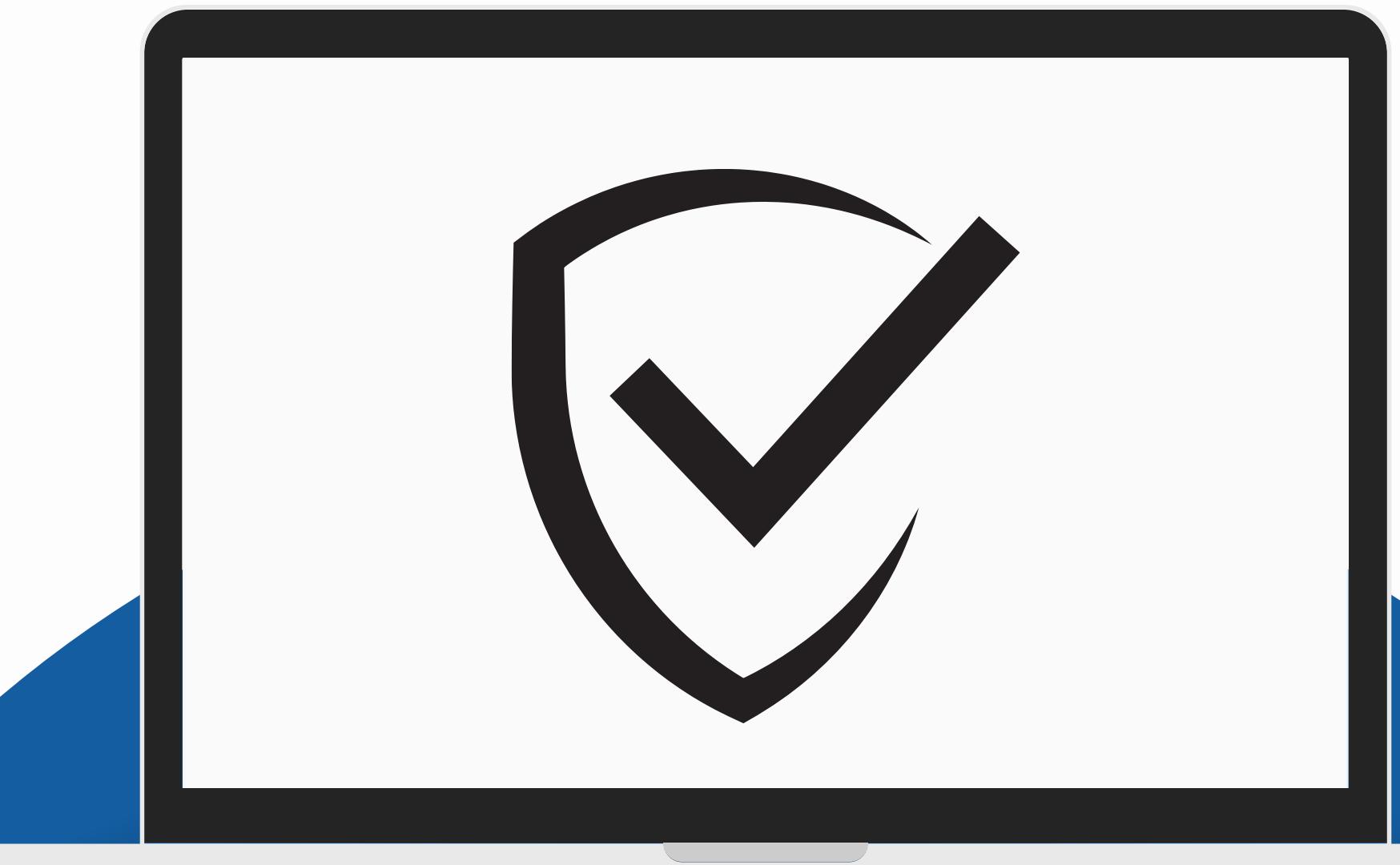


Montreal Traffic Collision Analysis

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Problem Statement



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- **Project Focus:** Traffic accident analysis in Montreal, aimed at enhancing road safety and minimizing accidents
- **Objective:**
 - Identify high-risk zones within the city
 - Predict the severity of traffic accidents
 - Provide actionable insights for preventative measures

Risk Mapping

- Focus on analyzing historical traffic data to identify accident trends, high-risk zones, and severity patterns
- Visualization of accident

Predictive Modeling for Severity

- Predict accident severity to proactively prevent accidents
- Reduce fatalities, injuries, and material damage

Data-Driven Policy Making

- Empower Montreal traffic authorities with insights to inform policies on road safety and urban planning
- Recommendations for road maintenance prioritization or public safety campaigns



Key Stakeholders

01

Montreal City Traffic Authorities (le Service des infrastructures du réseau routier)

- Interest: High — Focused on improving traffic management and road safety.
- Power: High — Authority to implement traffic and infrastructure changes.

02

Montreal Municipal Government (City of Montreal)

- Interest: High — Committed to enhancing public safety and urban planning.
- Power: High — Controls budget, policy, and infrastructure approvals.

03

Montreal Police Department (SPVM)

- Interest: High — Concerned with enforcing laws and responding to accidents.
- Power: Medium — Influence over operations but limited in infrastructure decisions.

Key Stakeholders

04

Montreal Public Safety Departments (Fire and Ambulance Services)

- Interest: High — Directly involved in accident response and resource allocation.
- Power: Medium — Can influence deployment but not overall traffic planning.

05

Insurance Company of Canada

- Interest: Medium — Uses data for risk assessment and premium adjustments.
- Power: Low — Minimal influence over public infrastructure.

06

Montreal General Public (Drivers, Pedestrians, Cyclists)

- Interest: High — Direct beneficiaries of improved road safety.
- Power: Low — Limited decision-making power but can influence public opinion.

Exploratory Data Analysis

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Data Description

The dataset focuses on traffic accidents in Montreal, containing variables that track accident location, severity, and other contextual factors like weather and road conditions. The dataset comes from official sources **SAAQ (Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec)**, and it includes geographic coordinates, quality, and precision scores for accident locations on Montreal's road network. The methodology and unit of analysis are specified in the data dictionary attached in the appendix.

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Numerical variables	35 (int, float)

Dataset Overview

Accident Basic Info	
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Year	
Acc_Date	
Acc_Day	
Acc_Time	

Accident Details	
Acc_Type	
Part_Sit	
Severity	

Geolocation Quality	
Loc_Quality	
Loc_Accuracy	
Loc_Imprecise	

Road conditions & Infrastructure

Acc_Type
Surface_Cond
Light_Cond
Environ_Type
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Total_Victims

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Motorcycle

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Street_Num_Suffix
Km_Mark
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Street
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LOC_Y
Longitude
Latitude
Loc_Detached

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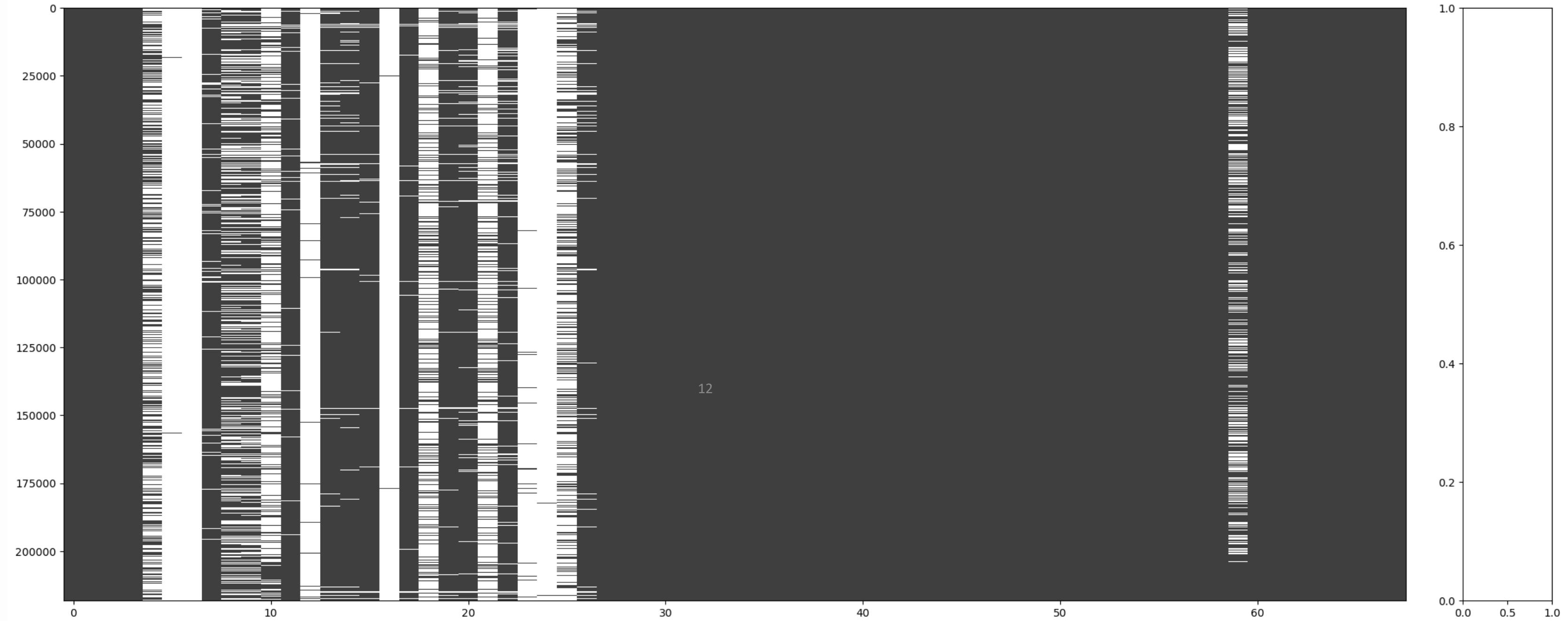
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Vehicle Counts	
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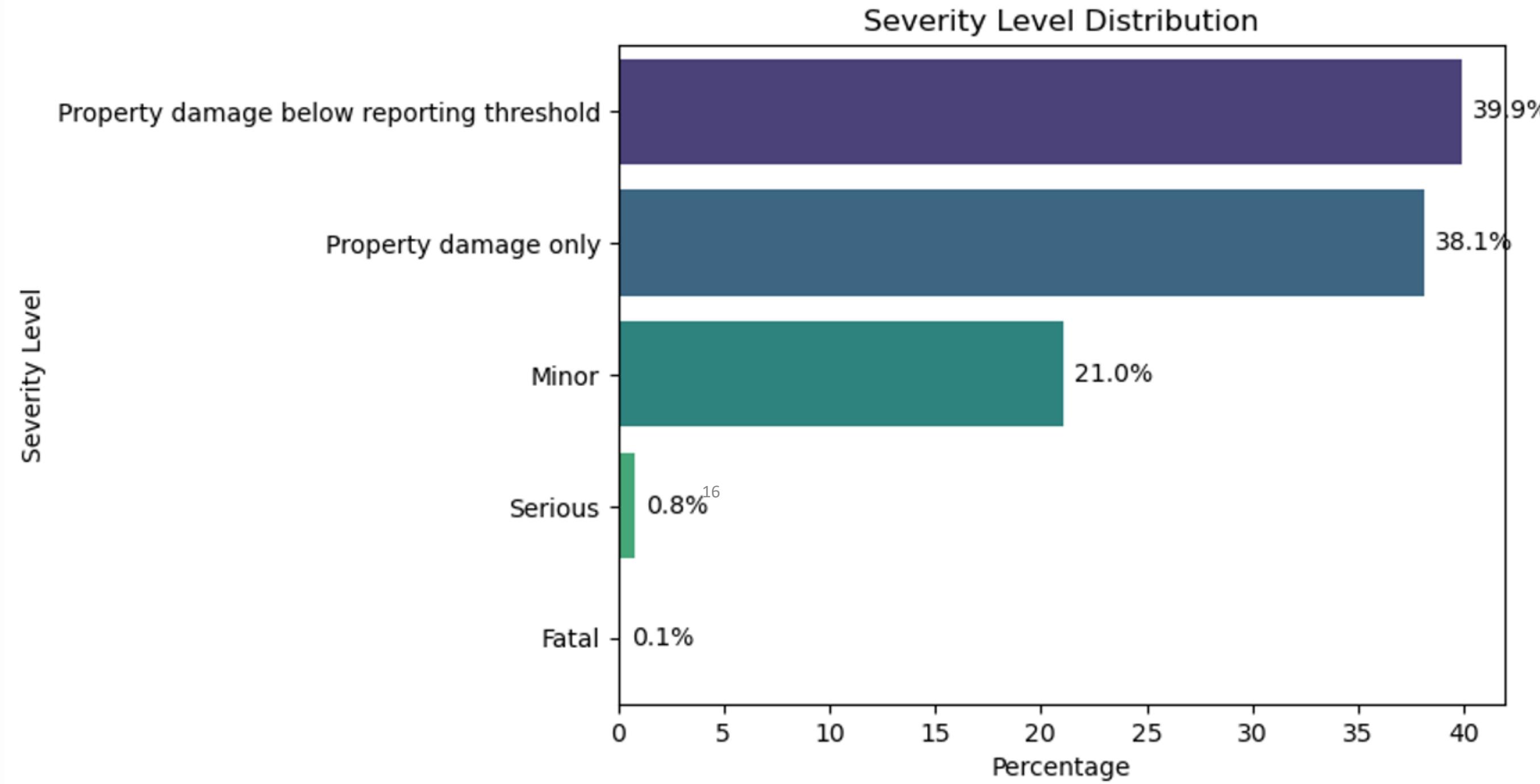
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Rolling window imputation

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Target variable - Imbalanced Distribution



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¹⁷ Num_Minor_Inj
Total_Victims

Pedestrian

Num_Ped_Death
Num_Ped_Inj
Num_Ped_Vic

Motorcycle

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Vehicle Counts

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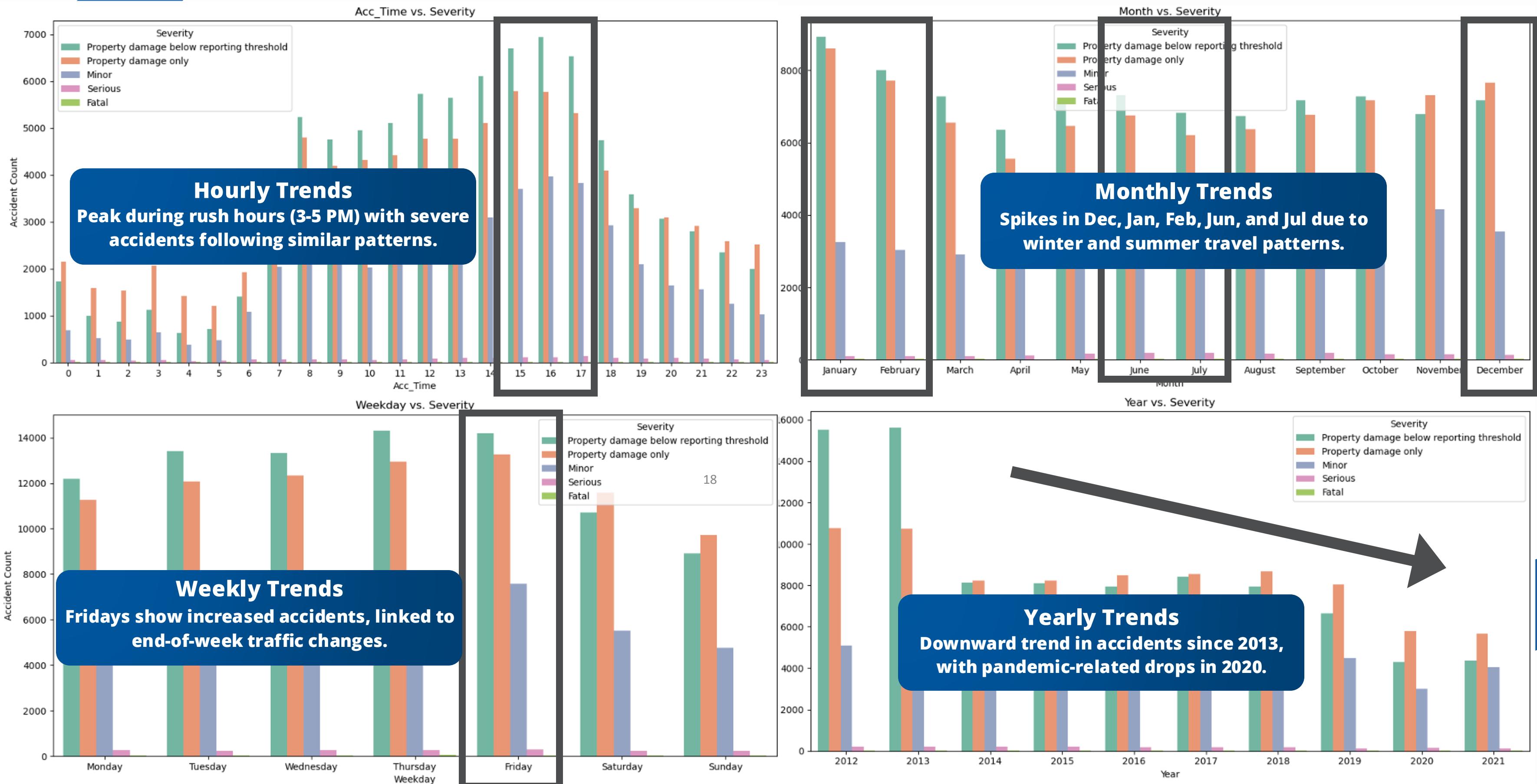
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Collision patterns by different timeframes



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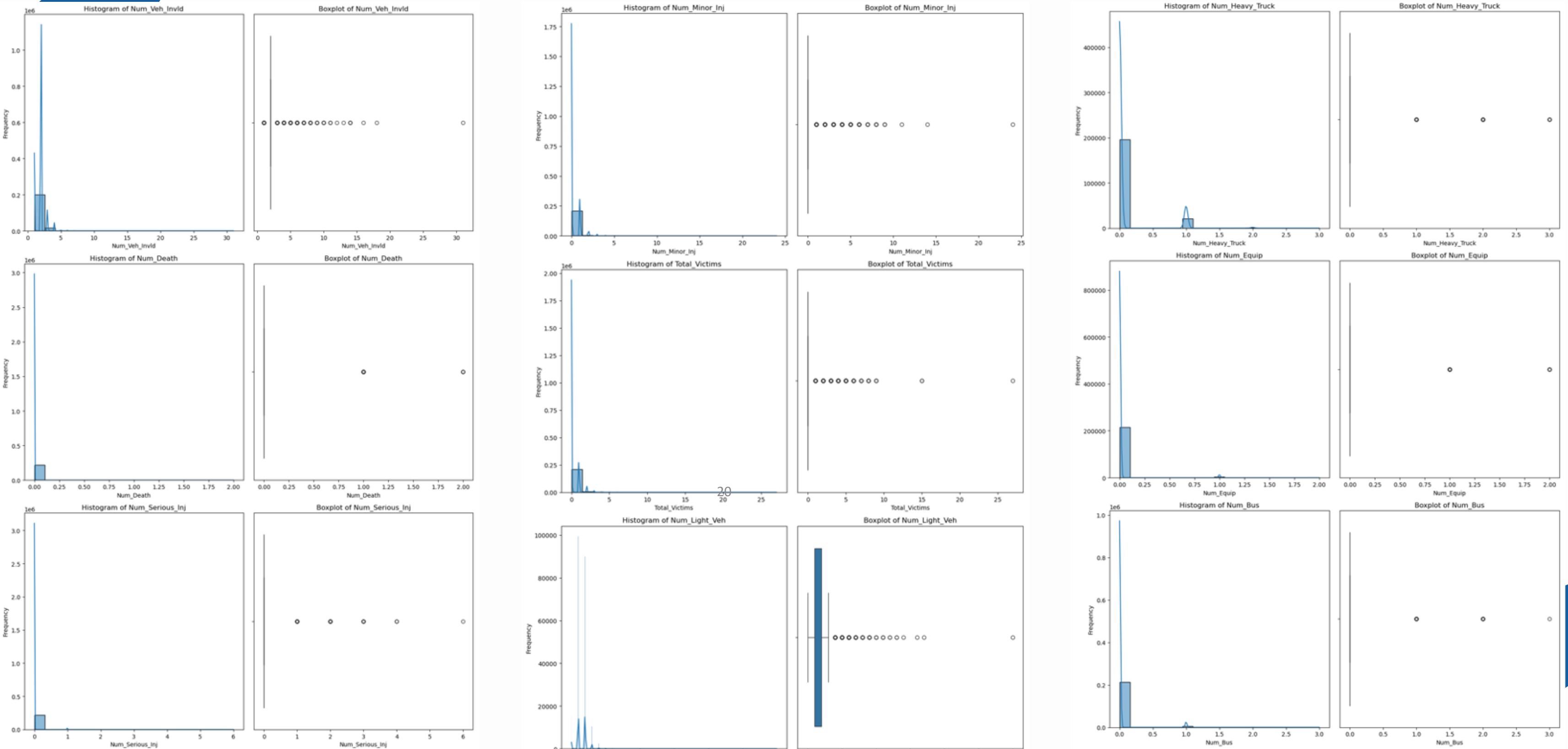
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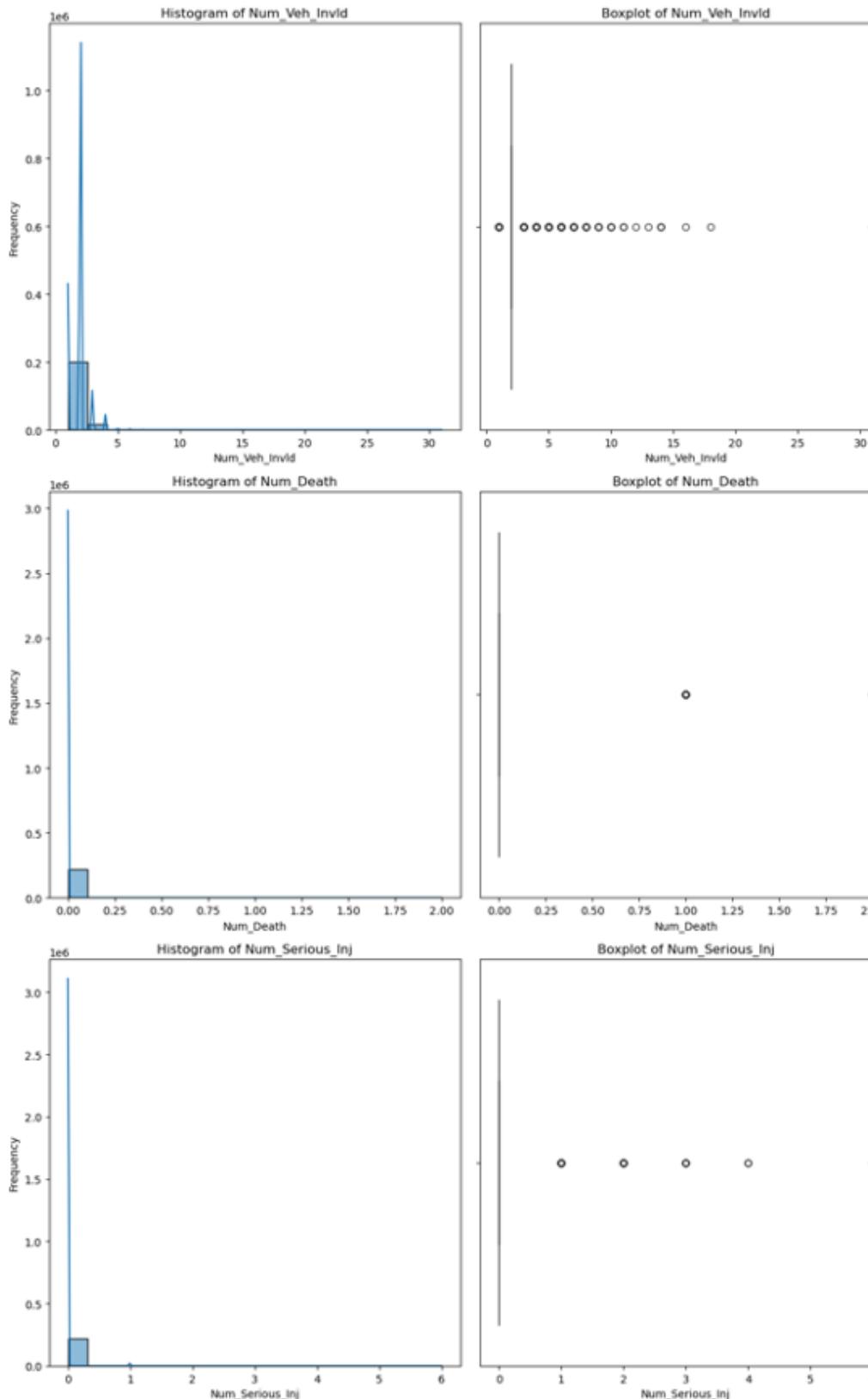
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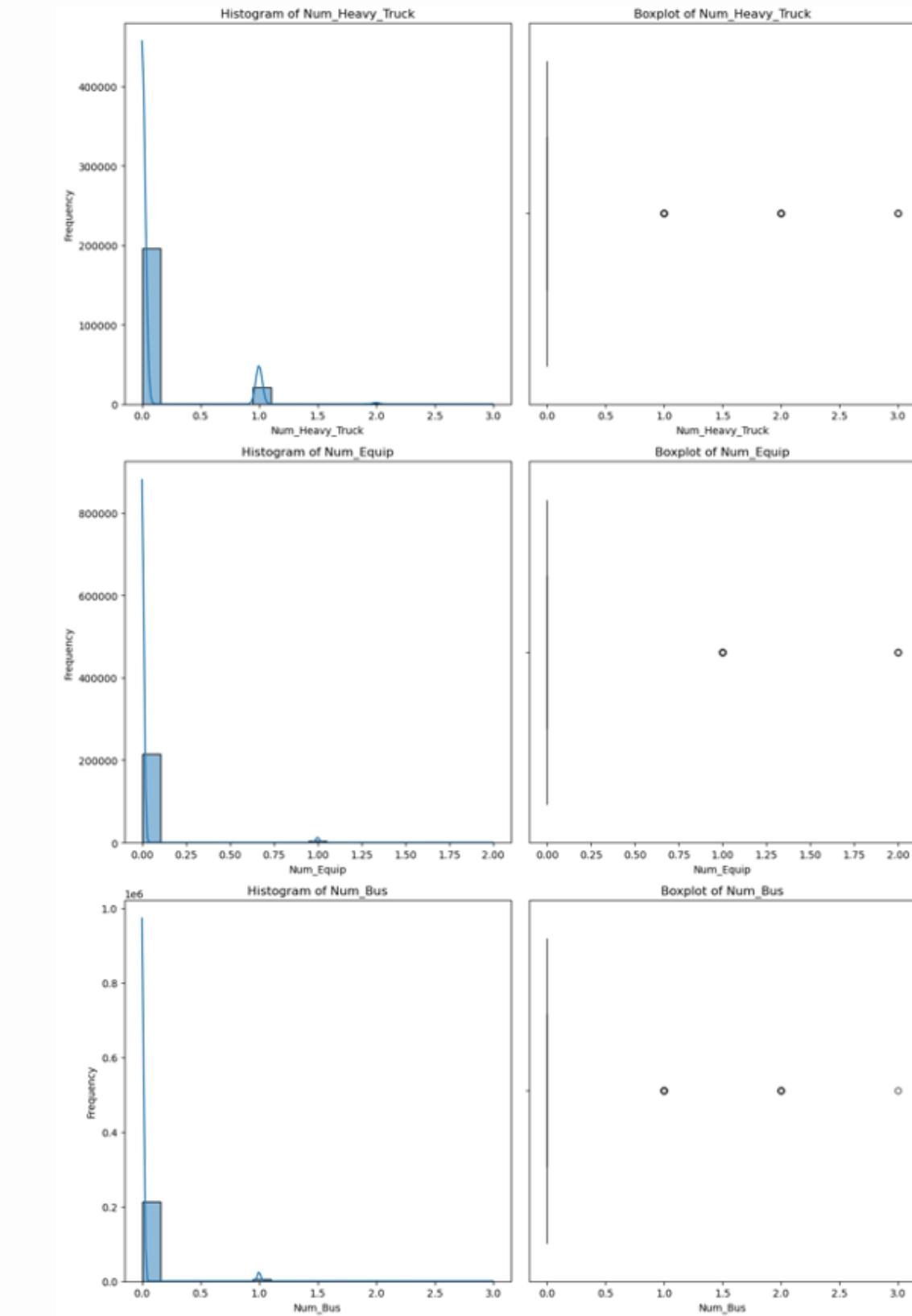
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Dummify it!

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Casualty Counts

Total_Victims

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Motorcycle

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Casualty Counts

Total_Victims

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Location Details

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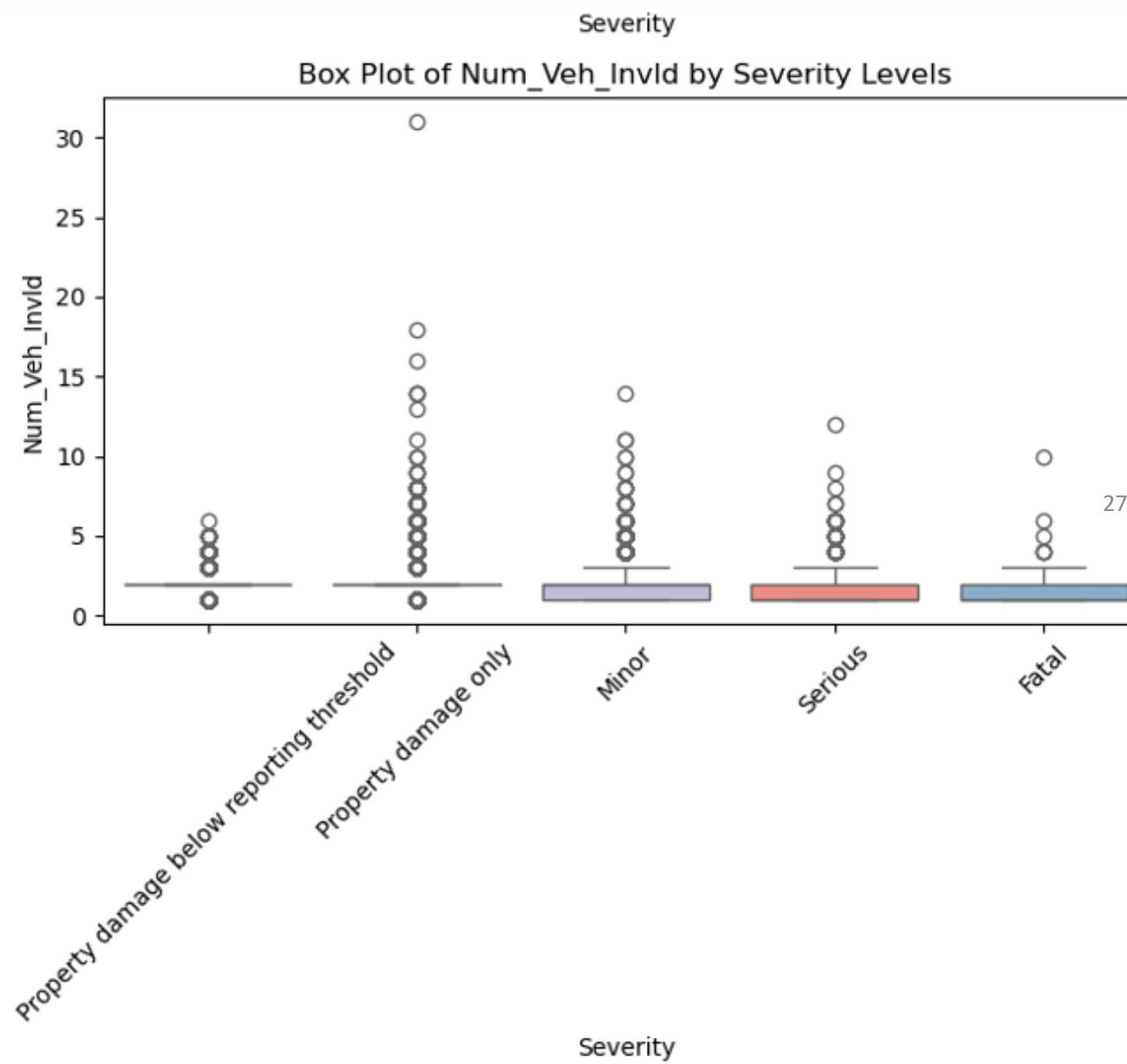
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Total Victims and Vehicles Involved

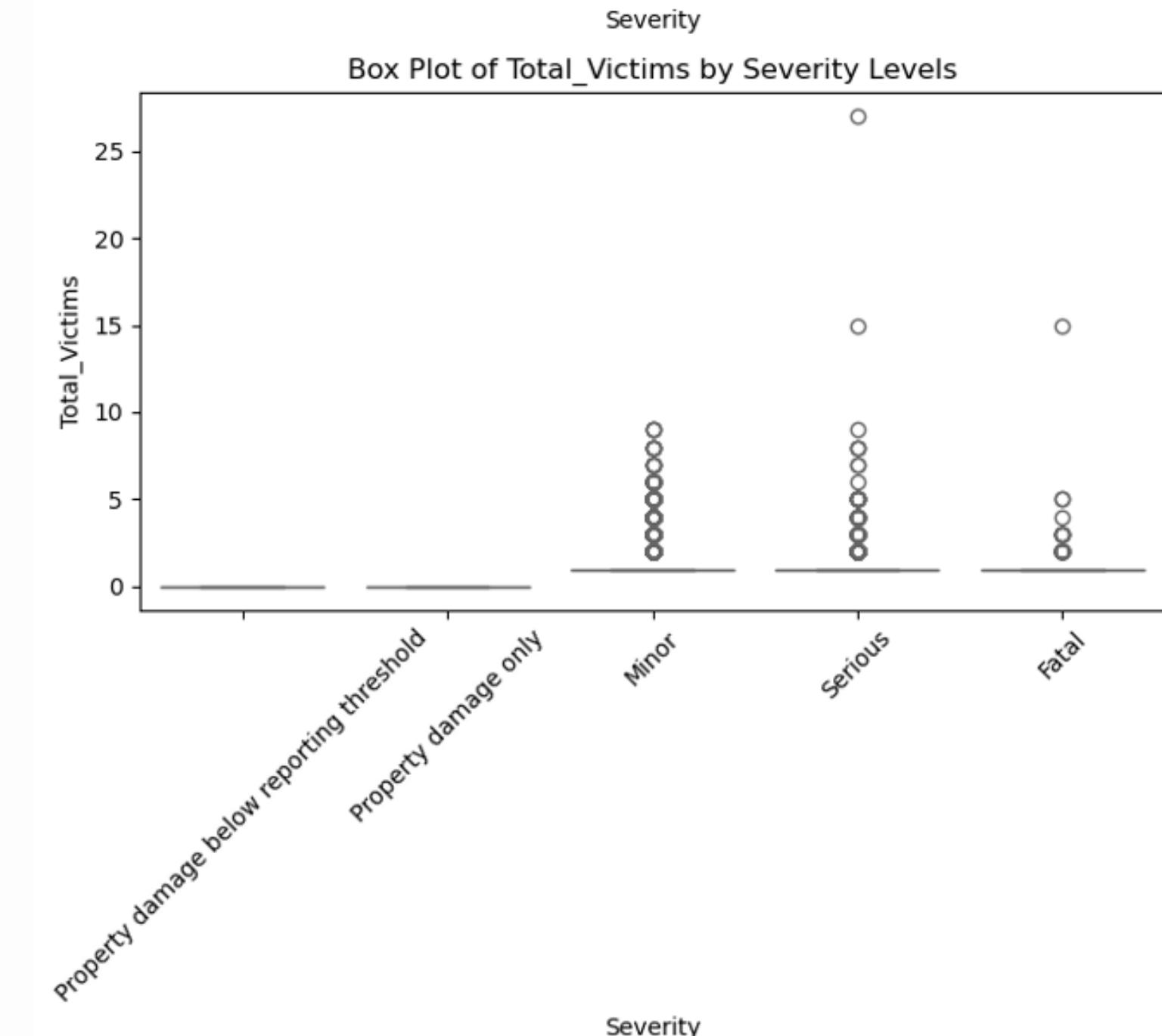
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Higher victim counts correlate with increased severity.

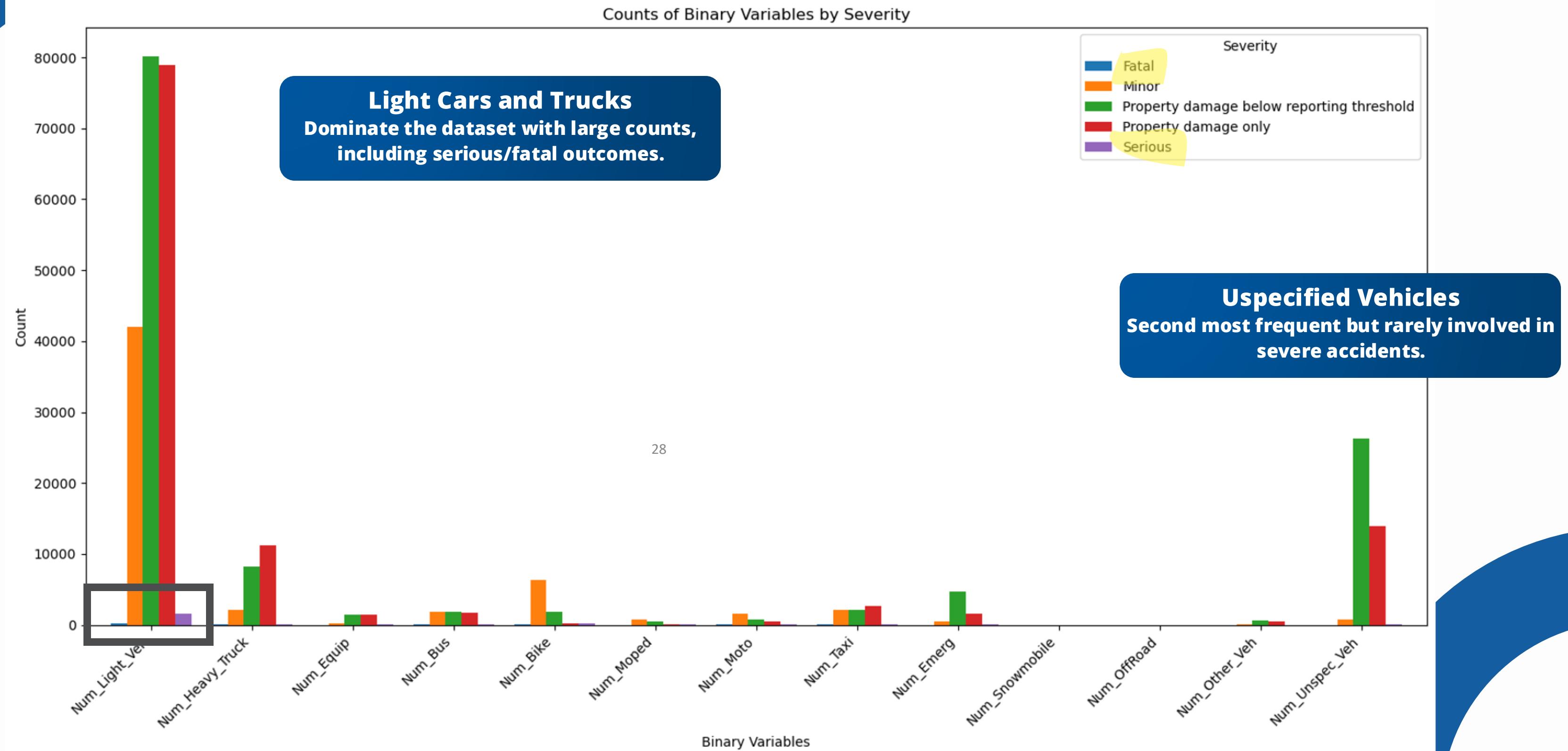


Total Vehicles Involved

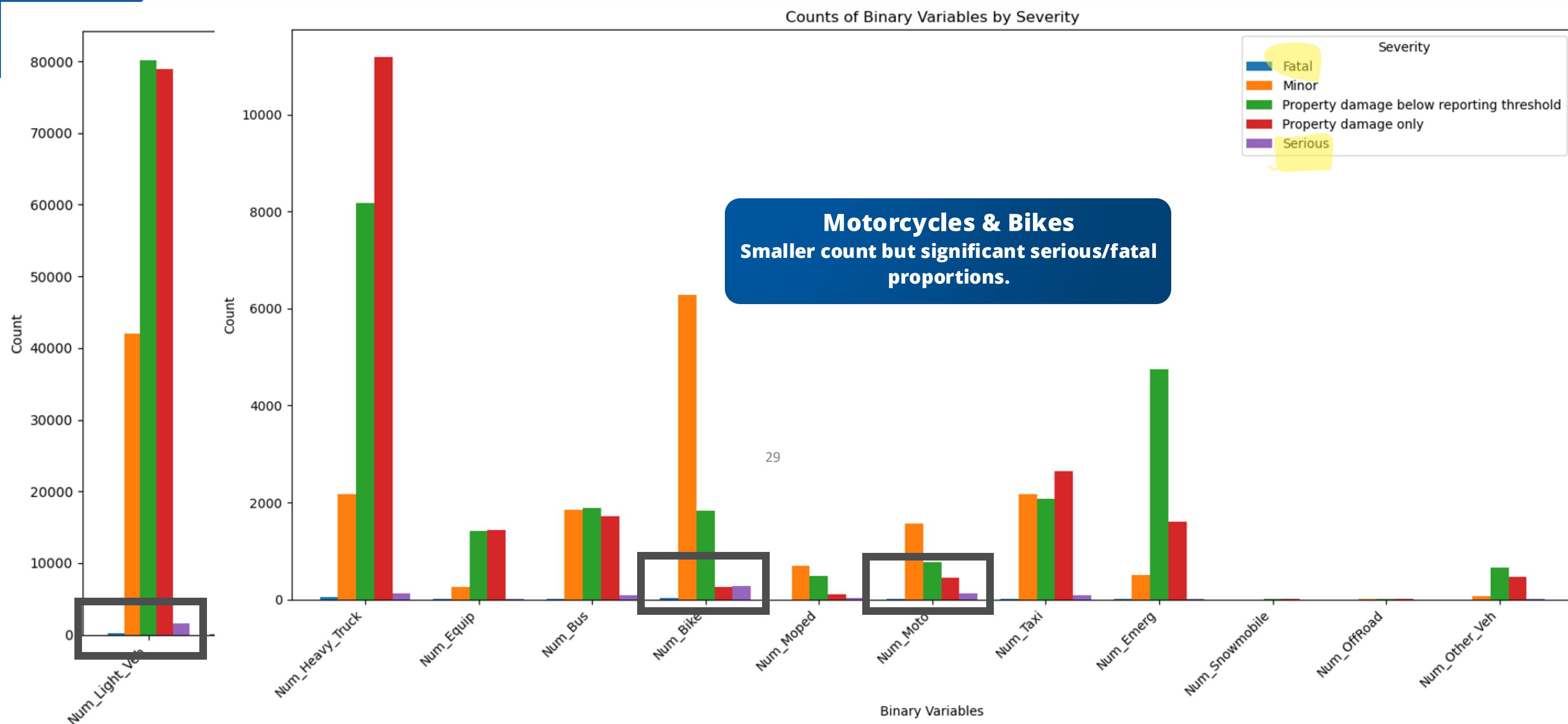
While most accidents involve 1-5 vehicles, higher severity levels show more cases with multiple vehicles.



Vehicles Involvement by Severity



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Casualty Counts

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Total_Victims

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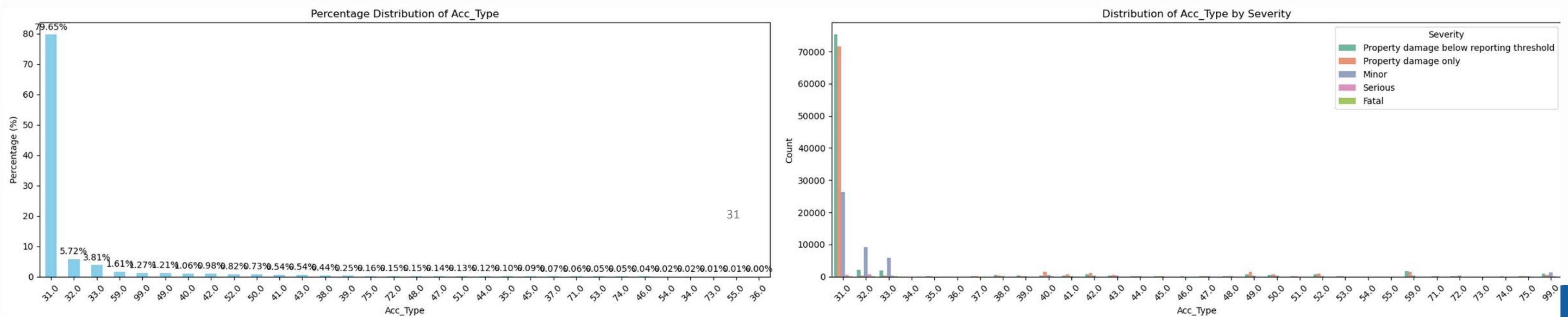
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High Dimension Issue



Target Encoding

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31	99.0	2.240868	Acc_Type_Severity_level5
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Target Encoding

Surface Condition (Surface_Cond)

Severity Level	Severity Score Range	Characteristics
Level 5 (Highest)	1.989 - 2.472	Water accumulation (13), Oily surfaces (20)
Level 4	1.905 - 1.920	Wet (12), Sand/gravel on road (14)
Level 3	1.834 - 1.843	Dried (11), Icy (18)
Level 2	1.684 - 1.834	Slush/melting snow (15), Muddy (19)
Level 1 (Lowest)	1.496 - 1.670	Snow-covered (16), Compacted snow (17), Other (99)

Road Configuration (Road_Config)

Severity Level	Severity Score Range	Characteristics
Level 5 (Highest)	2.025	Separated by crossable fittings (4)
Level 4	2.007	Separated by impassable structure (5)
Level 3	1.991	Two directions, multiple lanes per direction (3)
Level 2	1.818	Two directions, one lane per direction (2)
Level 1 (Lowest)	1.488 - 1.703	One way (1), Other (9)

Environment Type (Environ_Type)

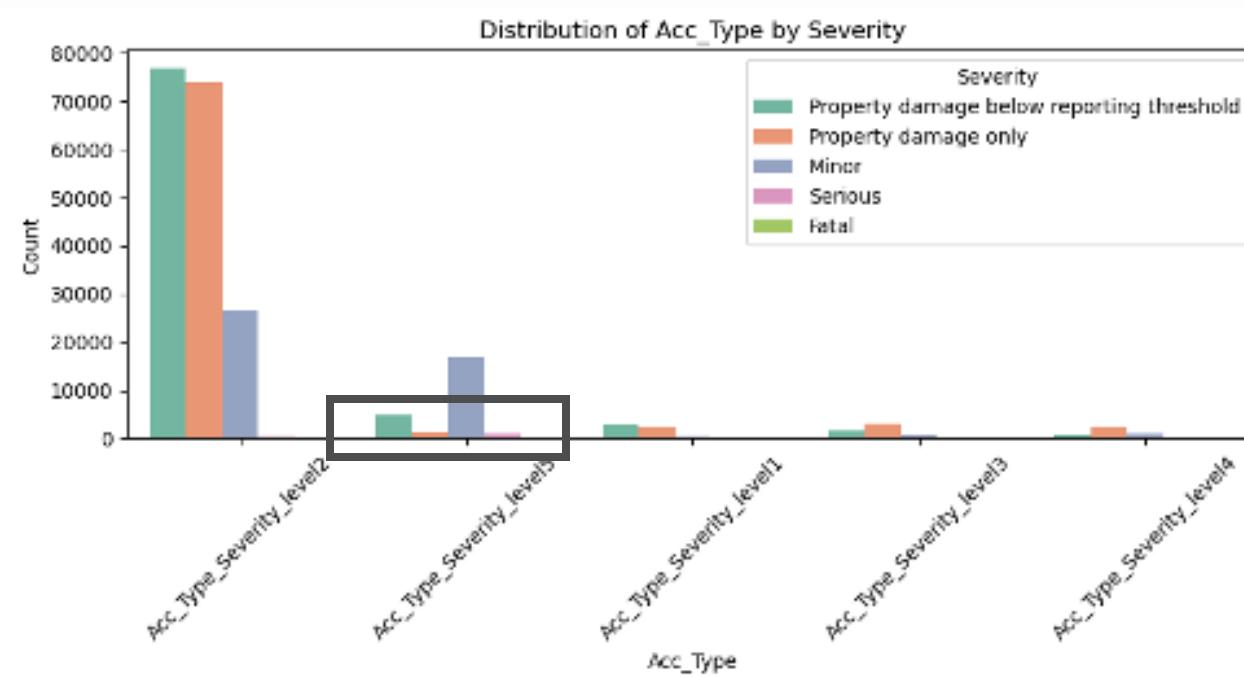
Severity Level	Severity Score Range	Characteristics
Level 5 (Highest)	1.998 - 2.069	Rural (5), Forestry (6)
Level 4	1.963	Industrial/manufacturing (4)
Level 3	1.839 - 1.916	School (1), Other (7)
Level 2	1.828	Residential (2)
Level 1 (Lowest)	1.665 - 1.820	Business/commercial (3), Other (9)

Severity Patterns Across Key Factors



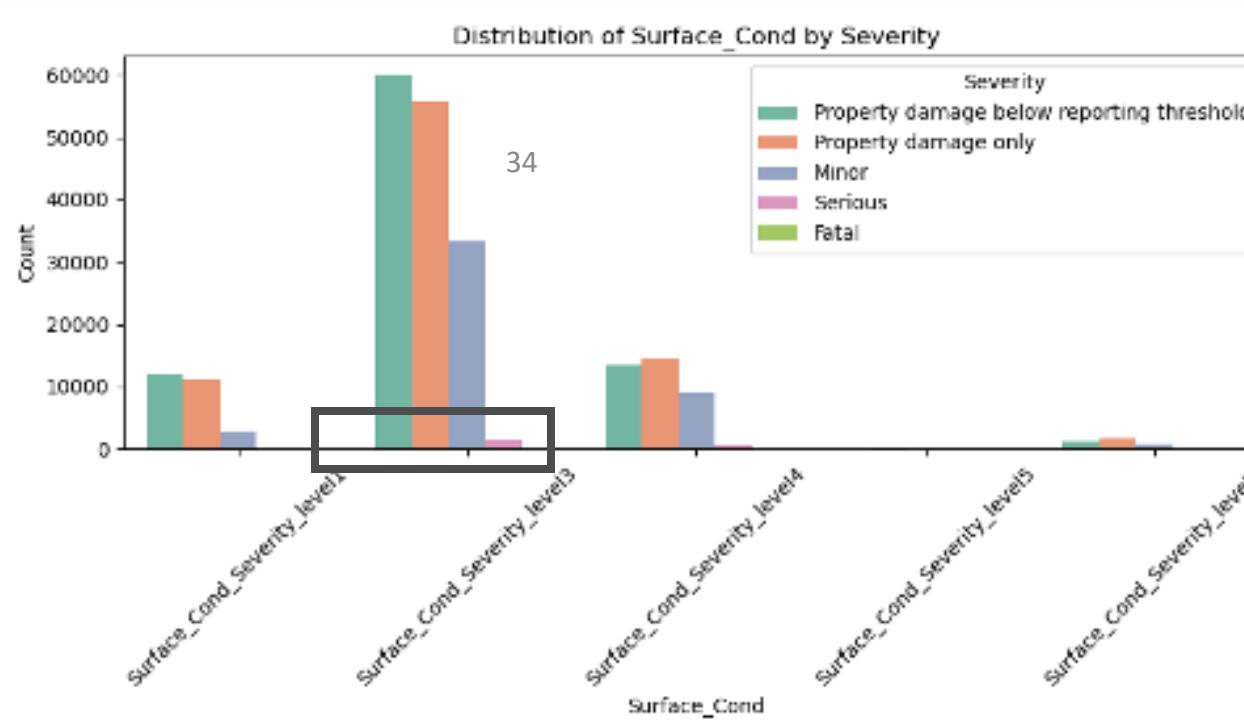
Accident Type

Includes pedestrian, cyclist, rollover, and fixed-object collisions (e.g., guardrails)



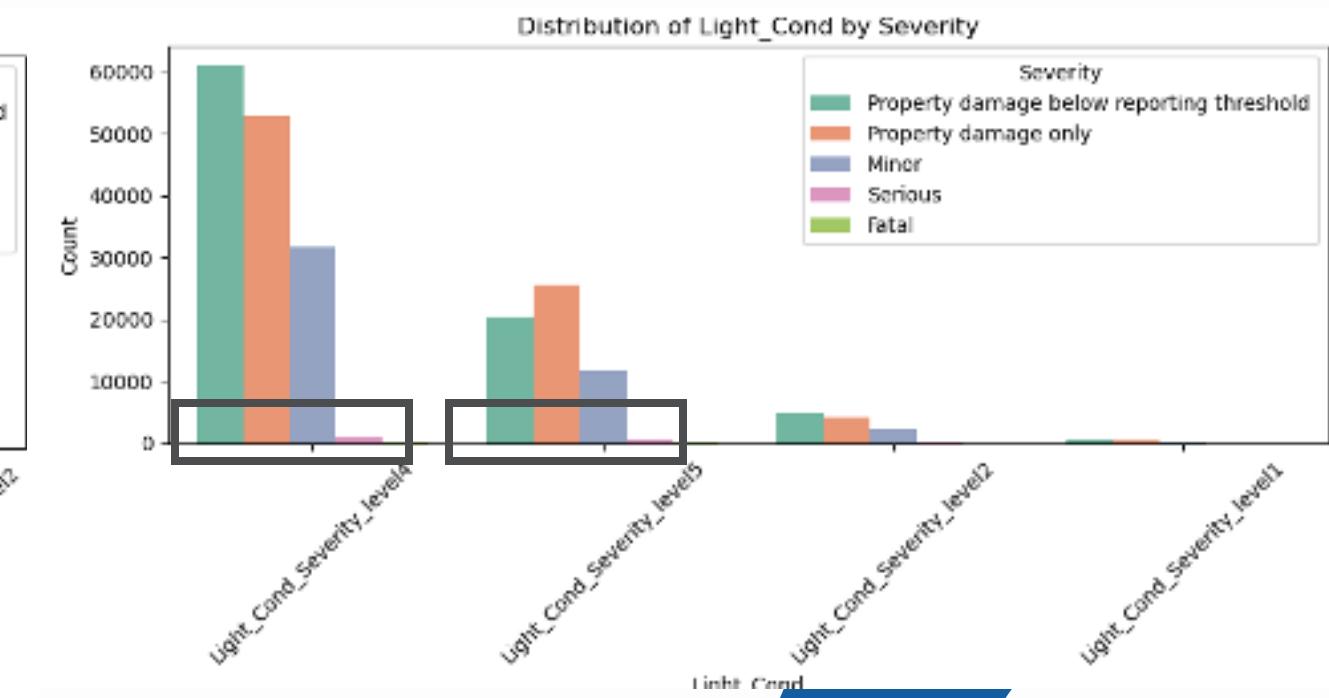
Surface Conditions

Includes icy and sand/gravel-covered roads, leading to the highest severity outcomes compared to dried or wet conditions.



Lighting Conditions

Includes nighttime with illumination, leading to more severe accidents compared to daytime or natural light.

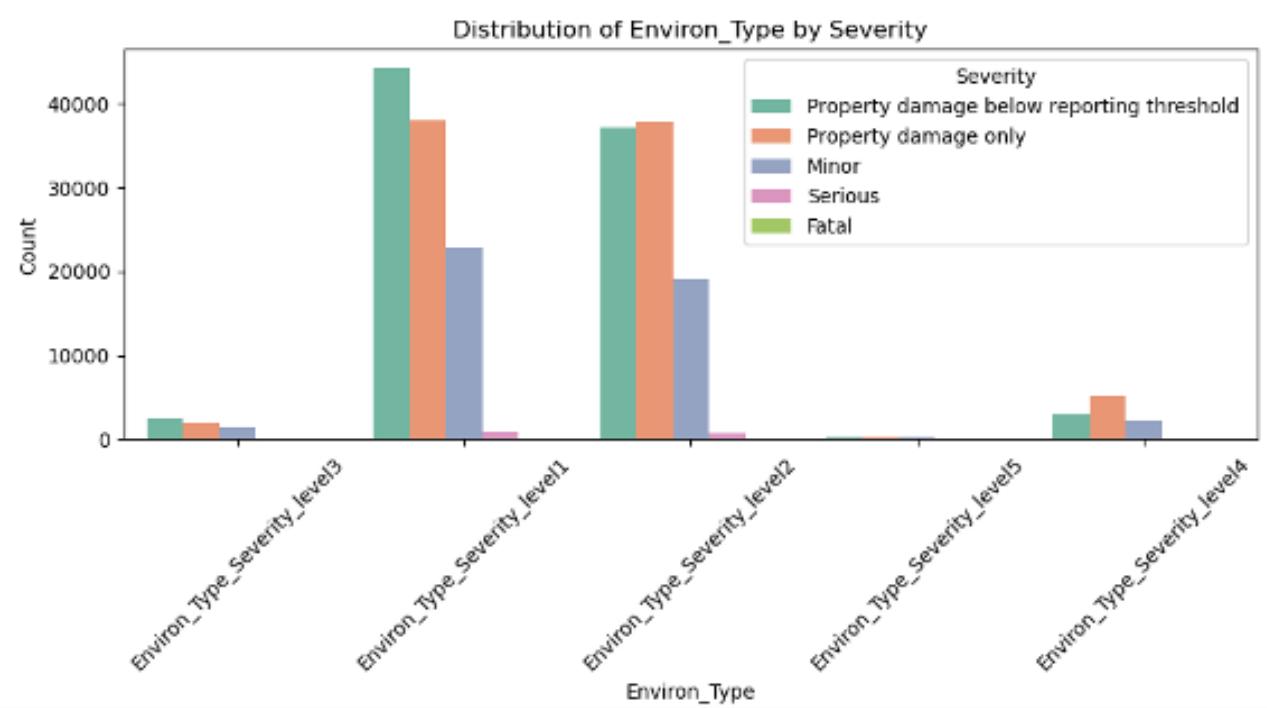


Severity Patterns Across Key Factors



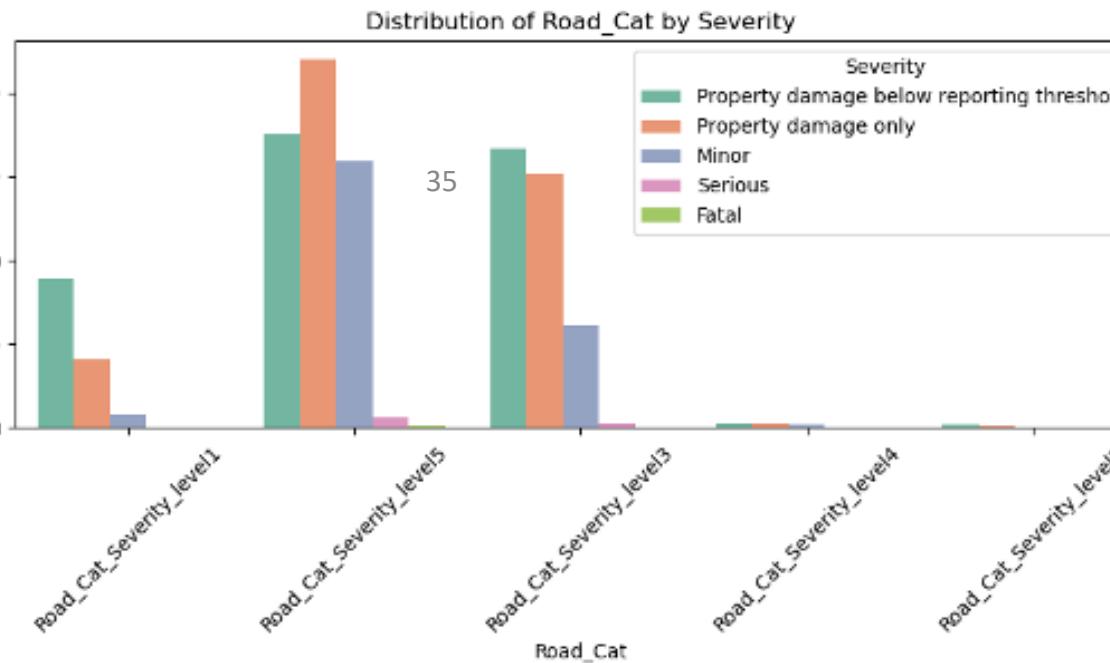
Environment Type

Includes business/commercial areas, residential areas, and other zones.



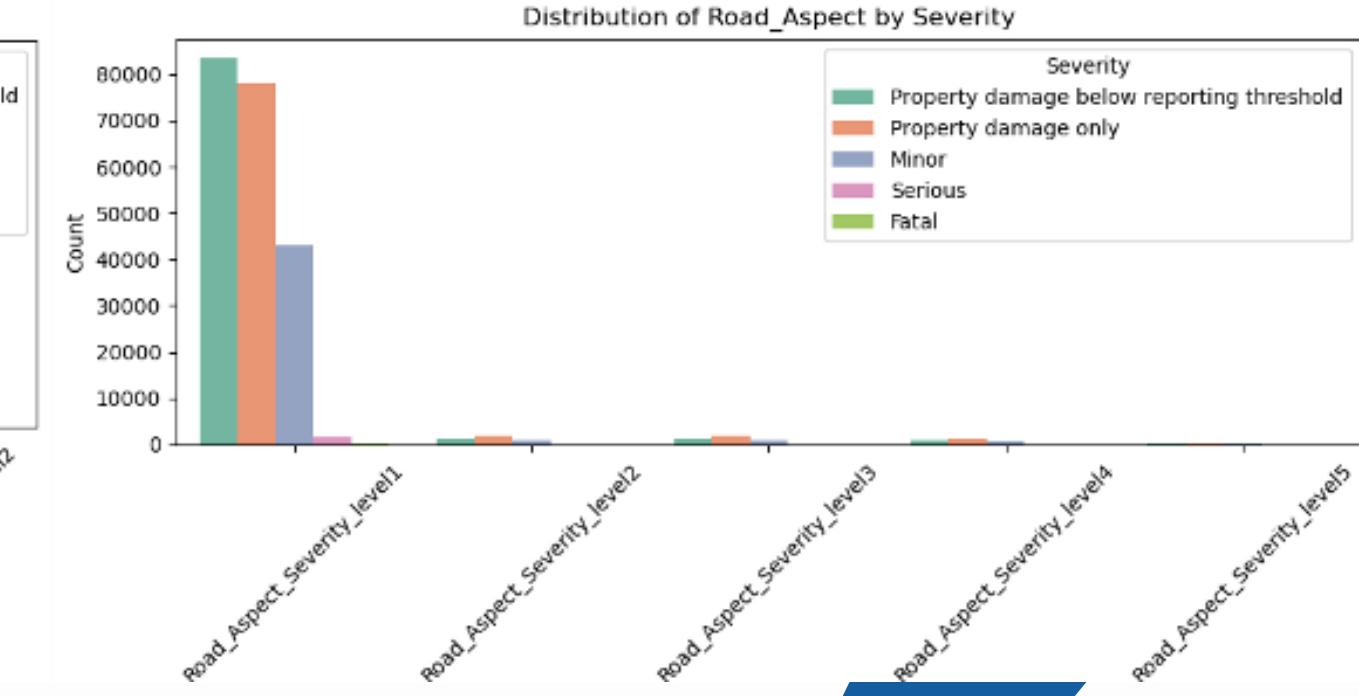
Road Category

Includes main arteries, numbered roads, and highway ramps.



Road Aspect

Includes straight flat roads and straight down slopes.

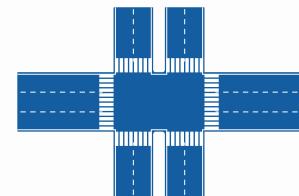


Severity Patterns Across Key Factors



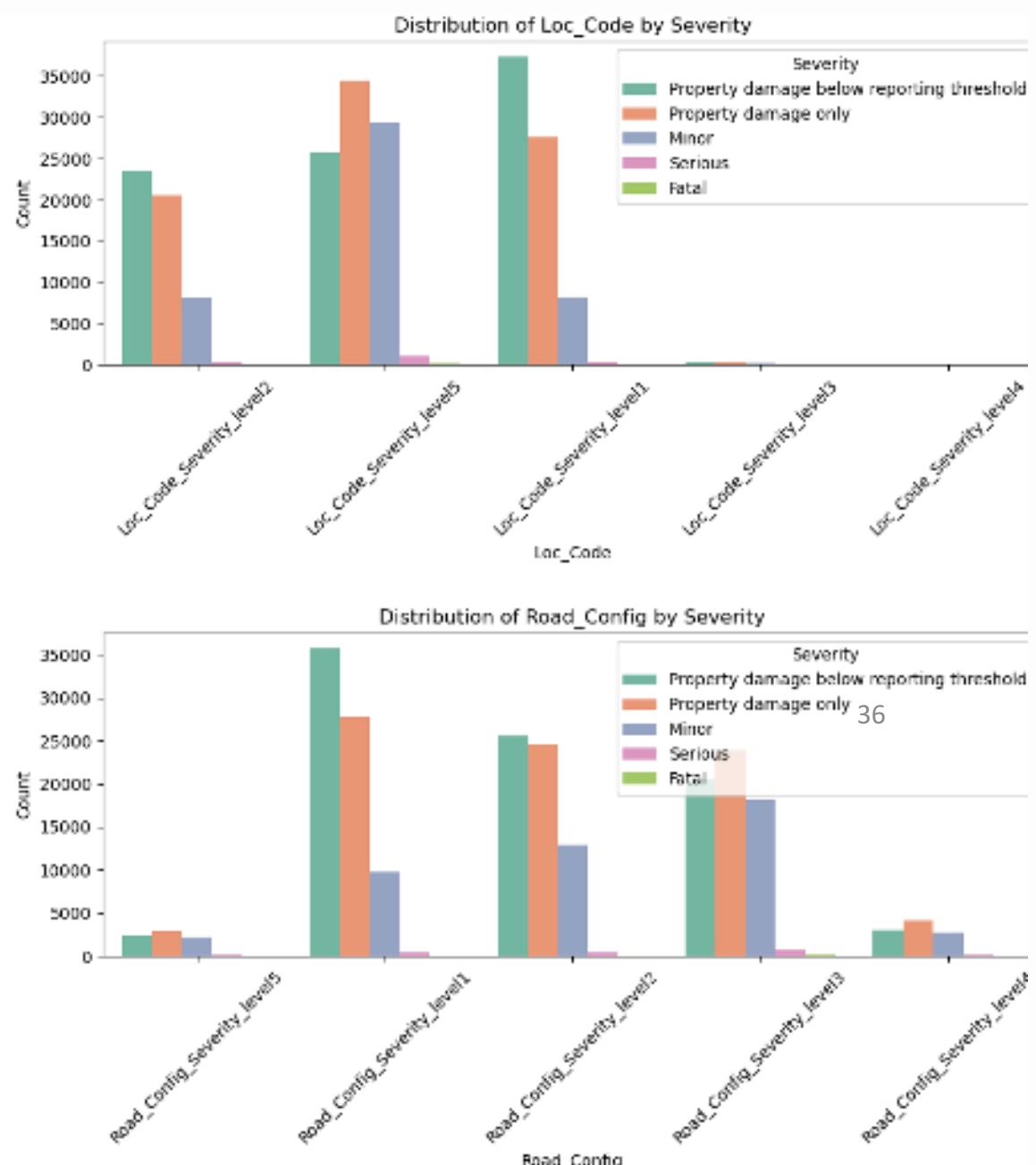
Location Code

Includes intersections, near intersections, shopping centers, and other points.



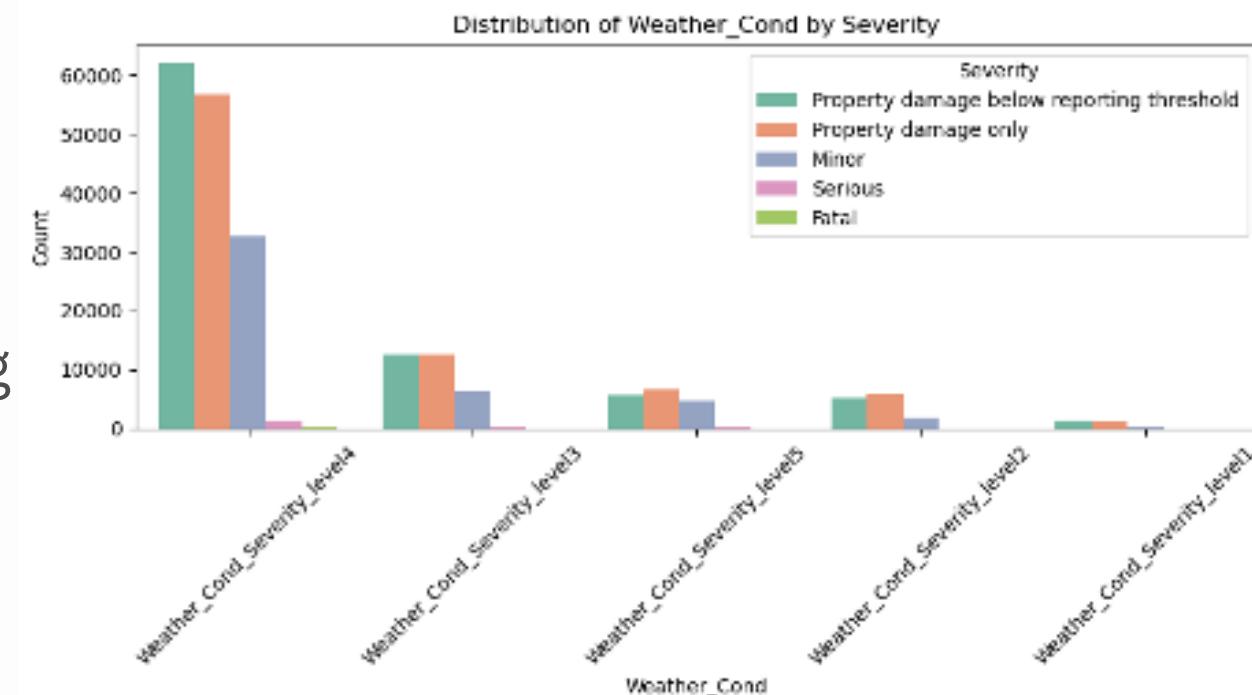
Road Configuration

Includes one-way and multi-lane two-way roads.



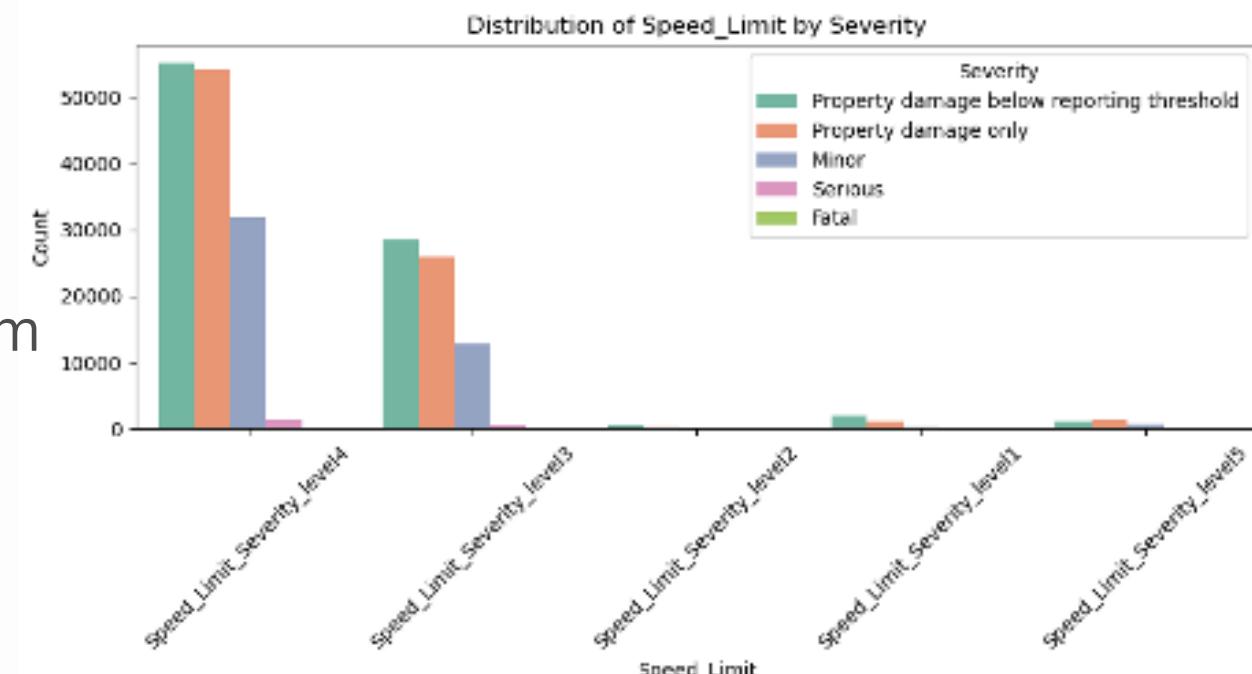
Weather

Includes clear weather and strong winds



Speed Limit

Includes zones from 30 to 90 km/h.



Accident Basic Info

Seq_Num
Acc_Date
Acc_Time

Accident Details

Acc_Type
Severity

Road conditions & Infrastructure

Acc_Type
Surface_Cond
Light_Cond
Environ_Type
Road_Cat
Road_Aspect
Loc_Code
Road_Config
Weather_Cond
Speed_Limit

shape **(218128, 49)**

Categorical variables 18
(object, int)
Numerical variables 31
(int, float)

Vehicle Counts

Num_Veh_Invld
Num_Light_Veh
Num_Heavy_Truck
Num_Equip
Num_Bus
Num_Bike
Num_Moped
Num_Moto
Num_Taxi
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Num_Unspec_Veh

Location Details

Street
Near_To
Longitude
Latitude

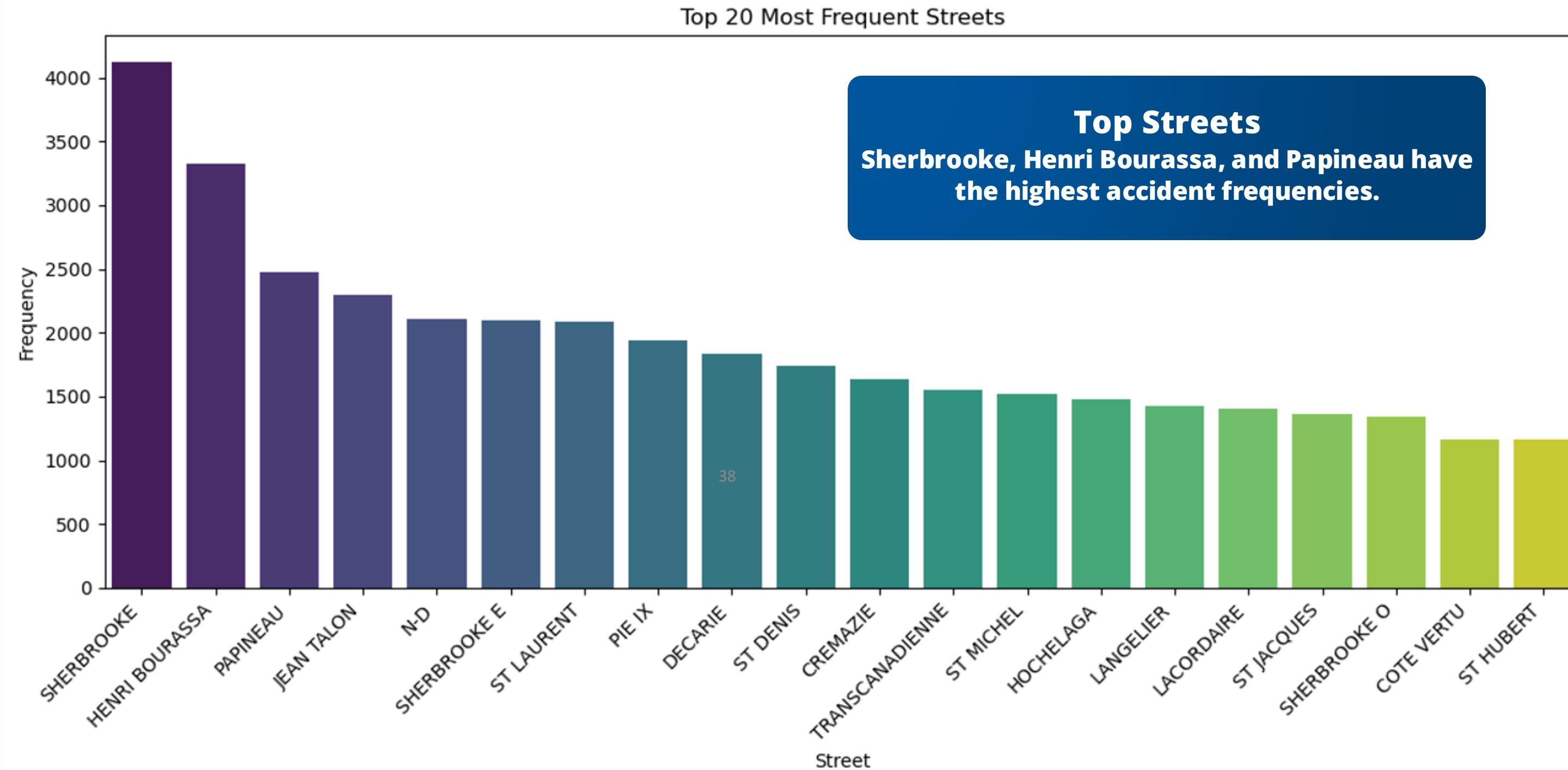
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Loc_Quality
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Casualty Counts

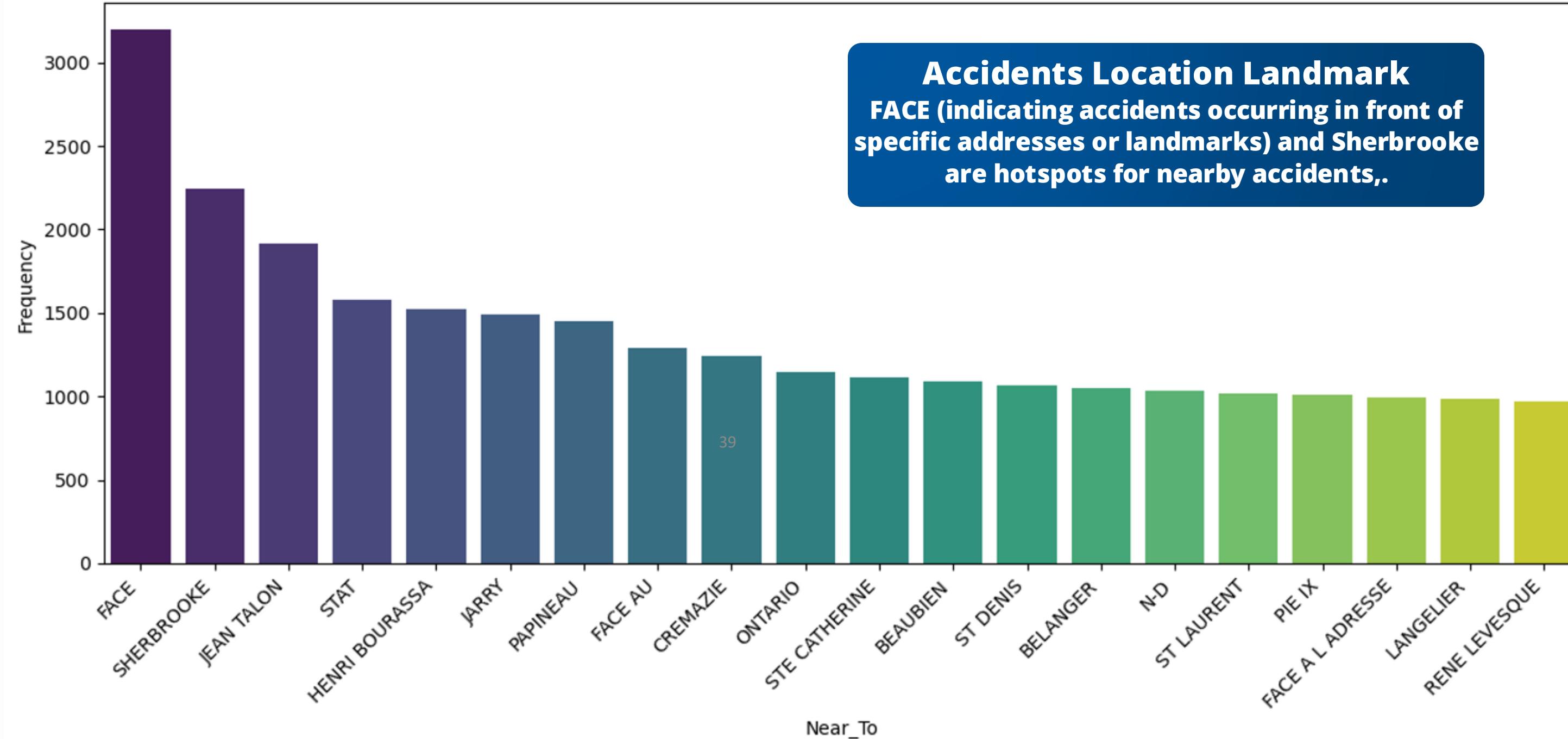
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Total_Victims

Severity Patterns Across Key Factors



Severity Patterns Across Key Factors

Top 20 Most Frequent Near_To



EDA Summary

Time-Related	
Accident Time	Clear peak between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., with minor and property damage incidents often occurring during rush hour; serious accidents follow a similar pattern.
Weekday	Fridays see increased accidents, likely due to end-of-week traffic flow changes.
Month	Peaks in January, February, June, and July due to winter weather and summer travel rates, with a December spike tied to holiday travel.
Year	Overall downward trend in accidents since 2013, with a notable drop in 2020
Vehicles Involvement	
Light vehicles	most commonly involved in accidents
Bikes, Motorcycles	high proportions of severe accidents relative to their counts, potential indicators of serious outcomes
Numerical variables	
Total_Victims	Strongest predictors of accident severity. Higher counts correlate with increased severity, indicating a direct relationship between the number of victims/vehicles and accident impact.
Num_Veh_Invld	
Location Details	
Street	Major roads and locations emerge as accident hotspots, suggesting the need for targeted safety interventions.
Near to Landmark	
Road conditions & Infrastructure	
Accident Types	Pedestrian and cyclist collisions, rollovers, and collisions with fixed objects (e.g., guardrails).
Surface Conditions	Icy or gravel-covered roads are associated with severe outcomes, as well as nighttime or illuminated conditions in business/commercial areas.
Road Categories	Main arteries, numbered roads, and highway ramps show higher severity, likely due to increased speeds and traffic volumes
Road Configuration	One-way streets and two-lane, two-directional roads are notably associated with higher severity scores.
Credibility Score	No clear relationship with accident severity. May serve better as a data quality indicator or weighting factor in analysis to account for data accuracy.

Key Predictors From EDA

Acc_Type, Surface_Cond, Light_Cond, Road_Cat, Road_Config, Num_Heavy_Truck, Num_Moto, Num_Bike, Num_Taxi, Num_Veh_Invld, Total_Victims, Speed_Limit, Weather_Cond

Feature Selection

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What we've done?



Statistical tests

- ANOVA Test for Numerical predictors
- Chi-Square test – Categorical predictors

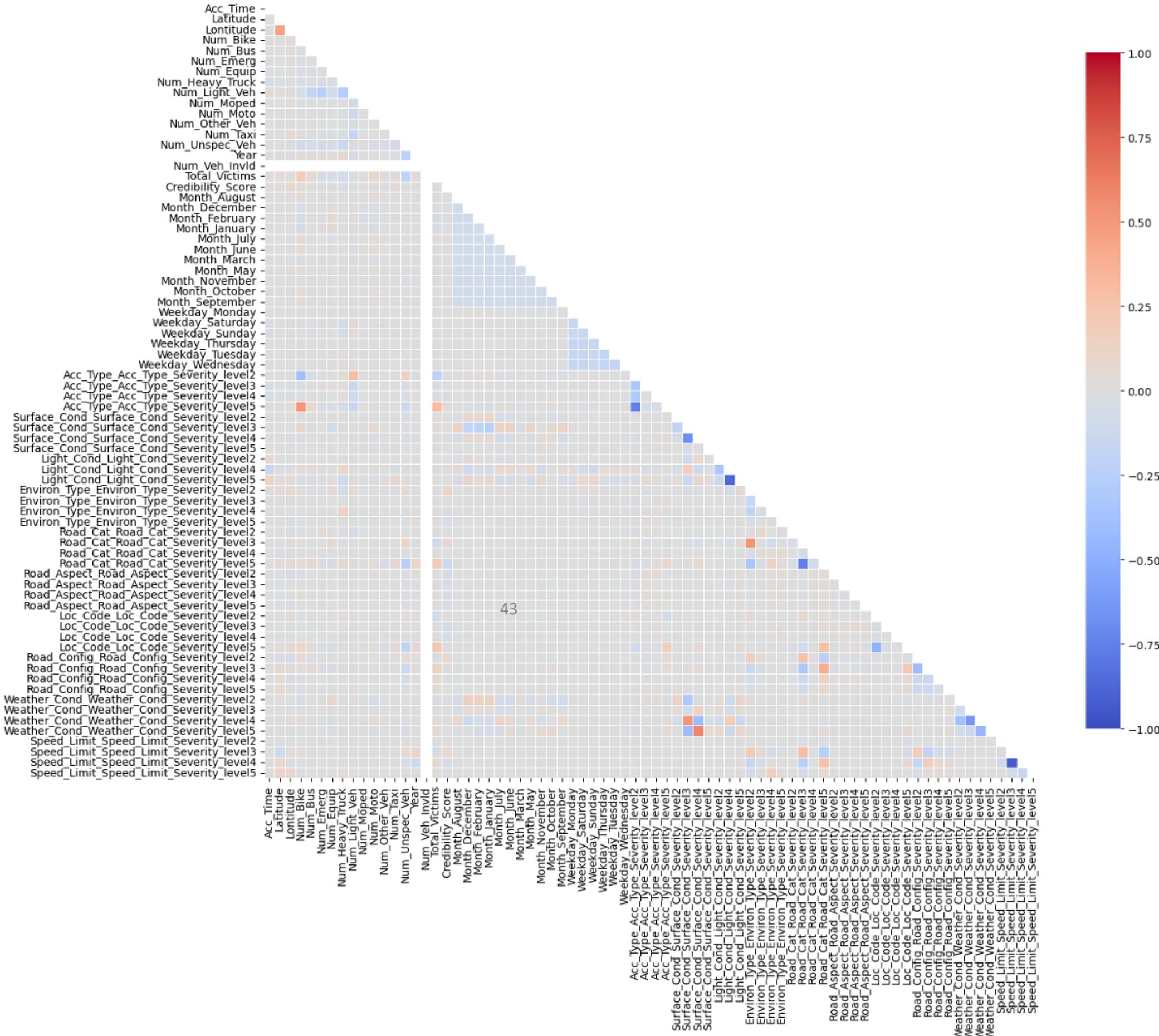


Pearson Correlation Matrix

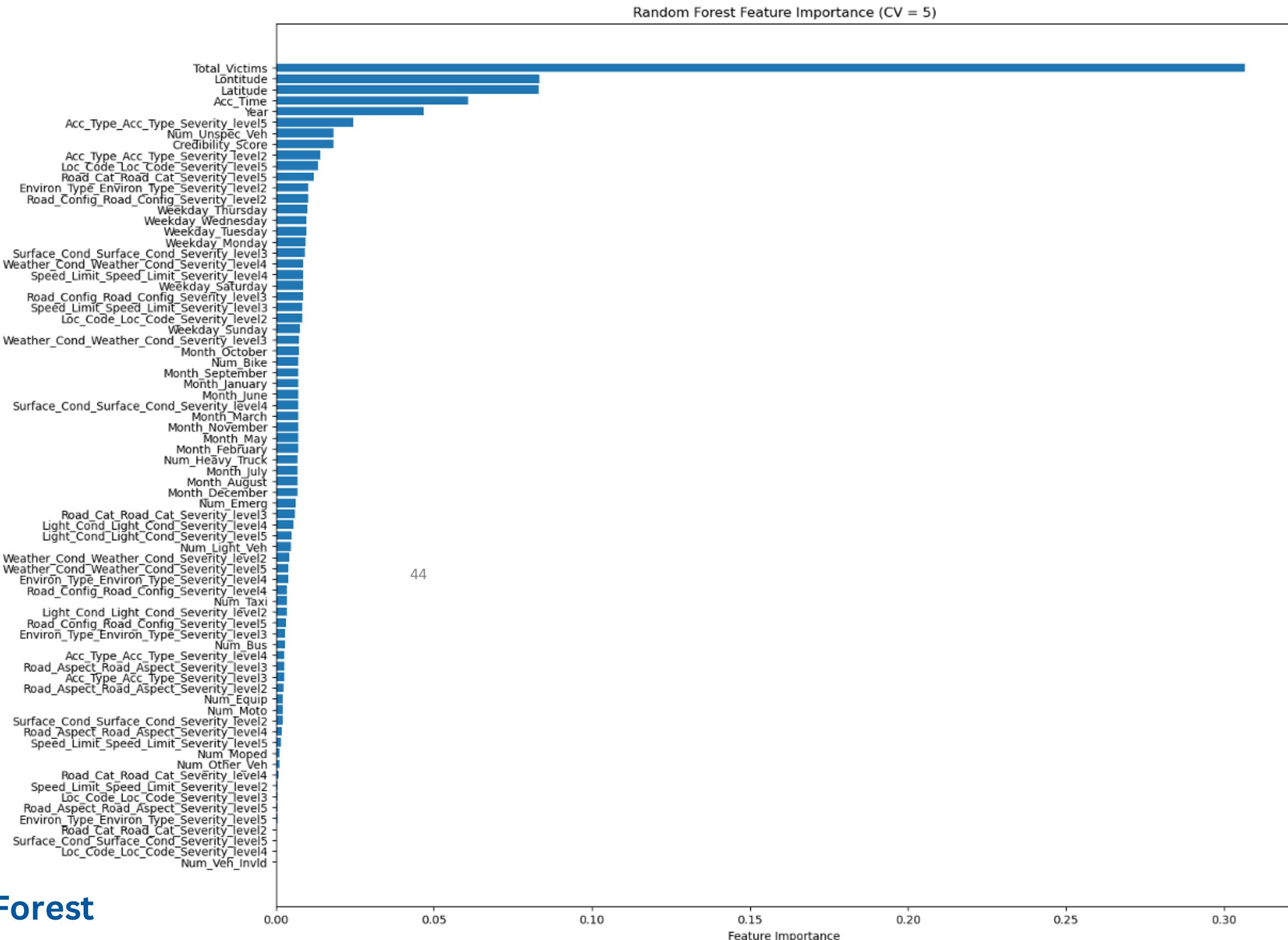


Random Forest Feature Importance

Pearson Correlation Matrix



Feature Importance



Key Predictors From Random Forest

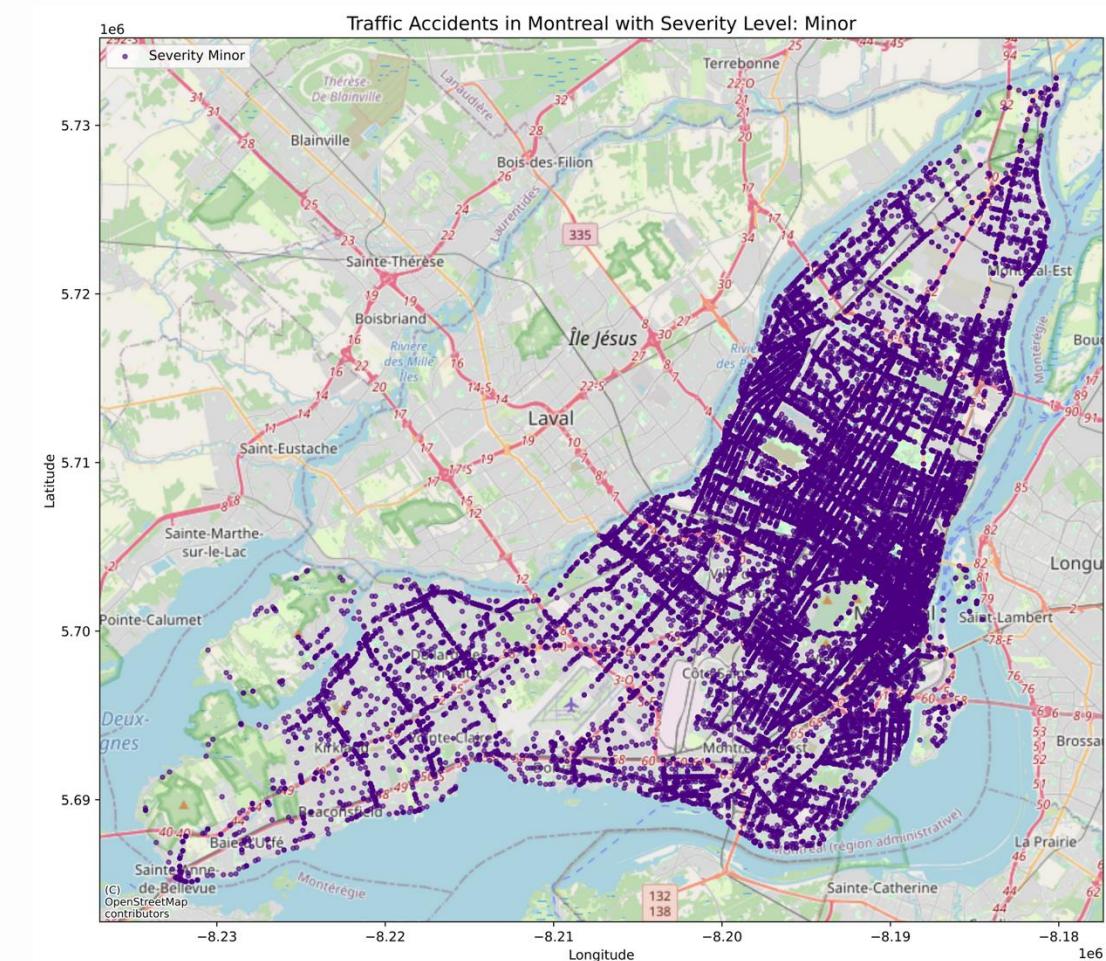
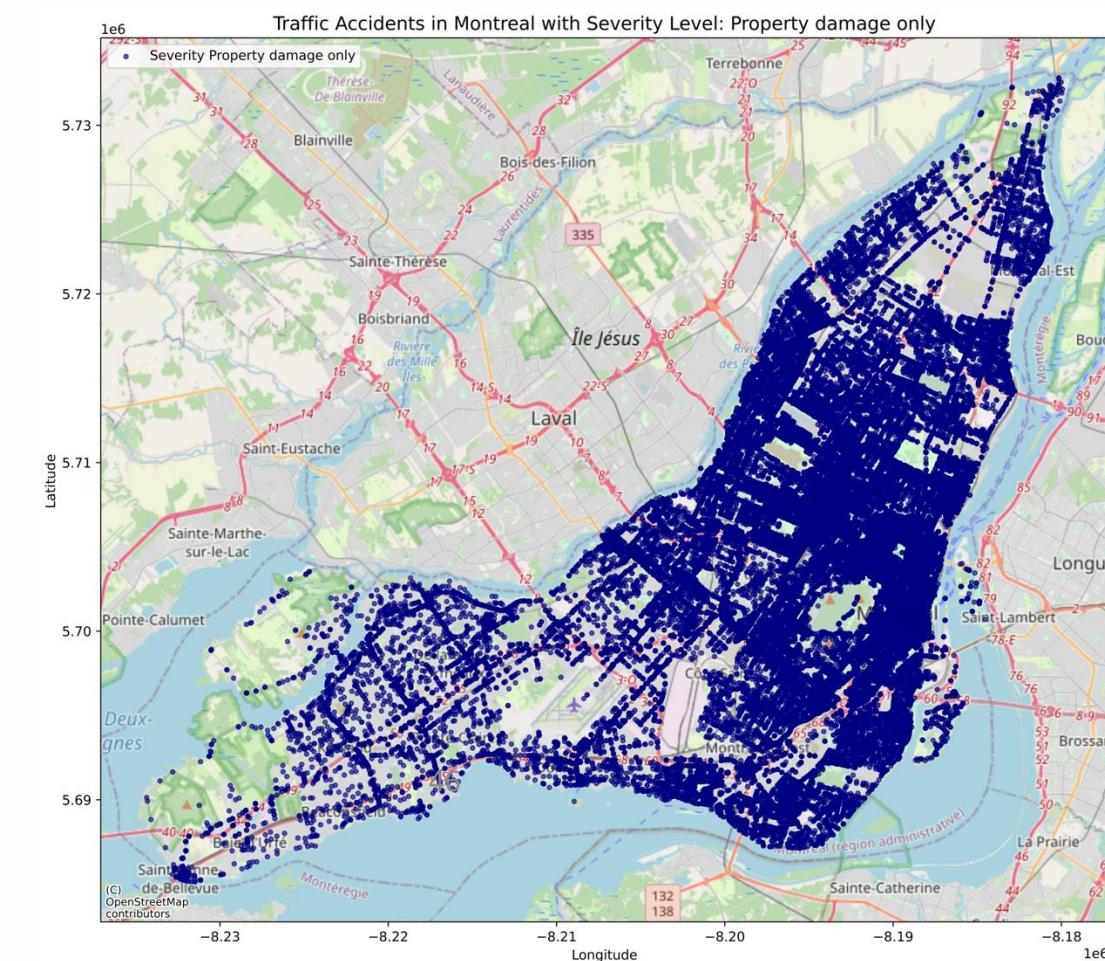
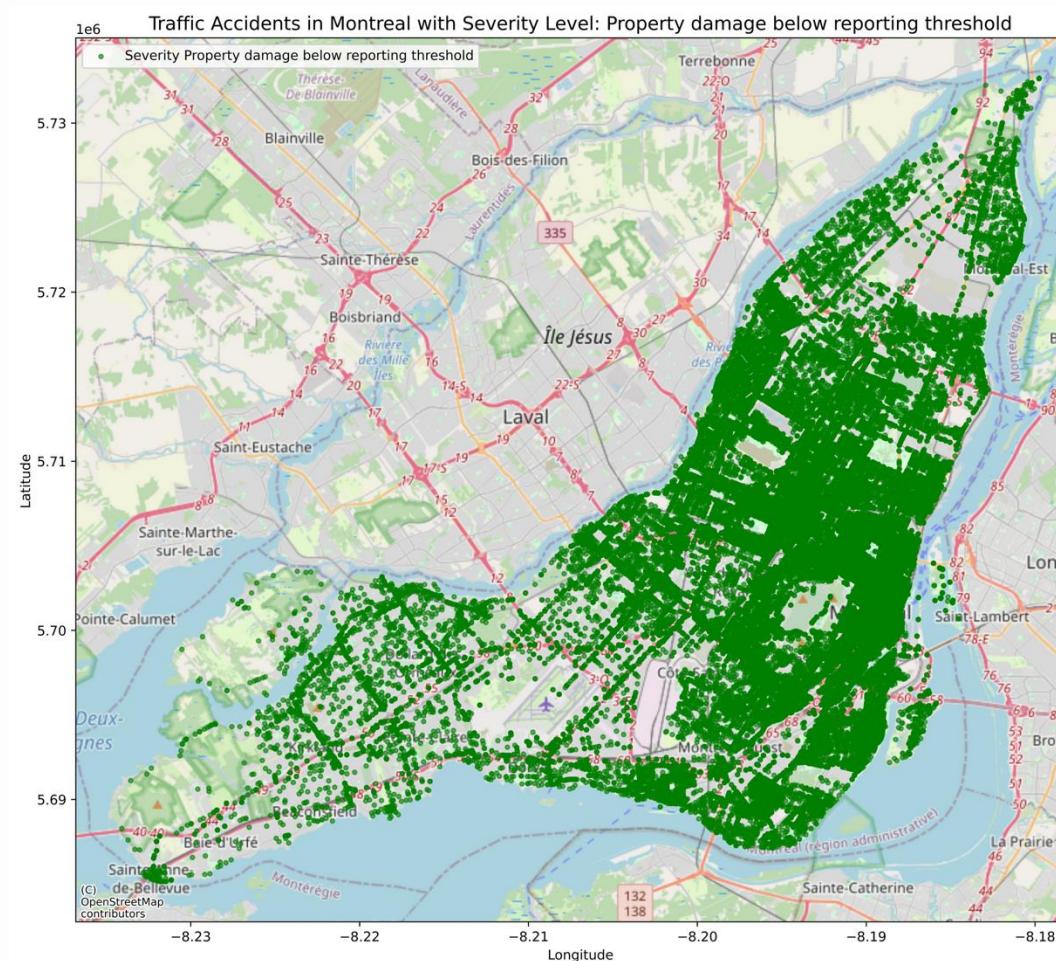
Total_Victims, Accident Time, Accident Type_Severity level 5, Locations,.....

Clustering

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Spatial distribution of accident severity in Montreal

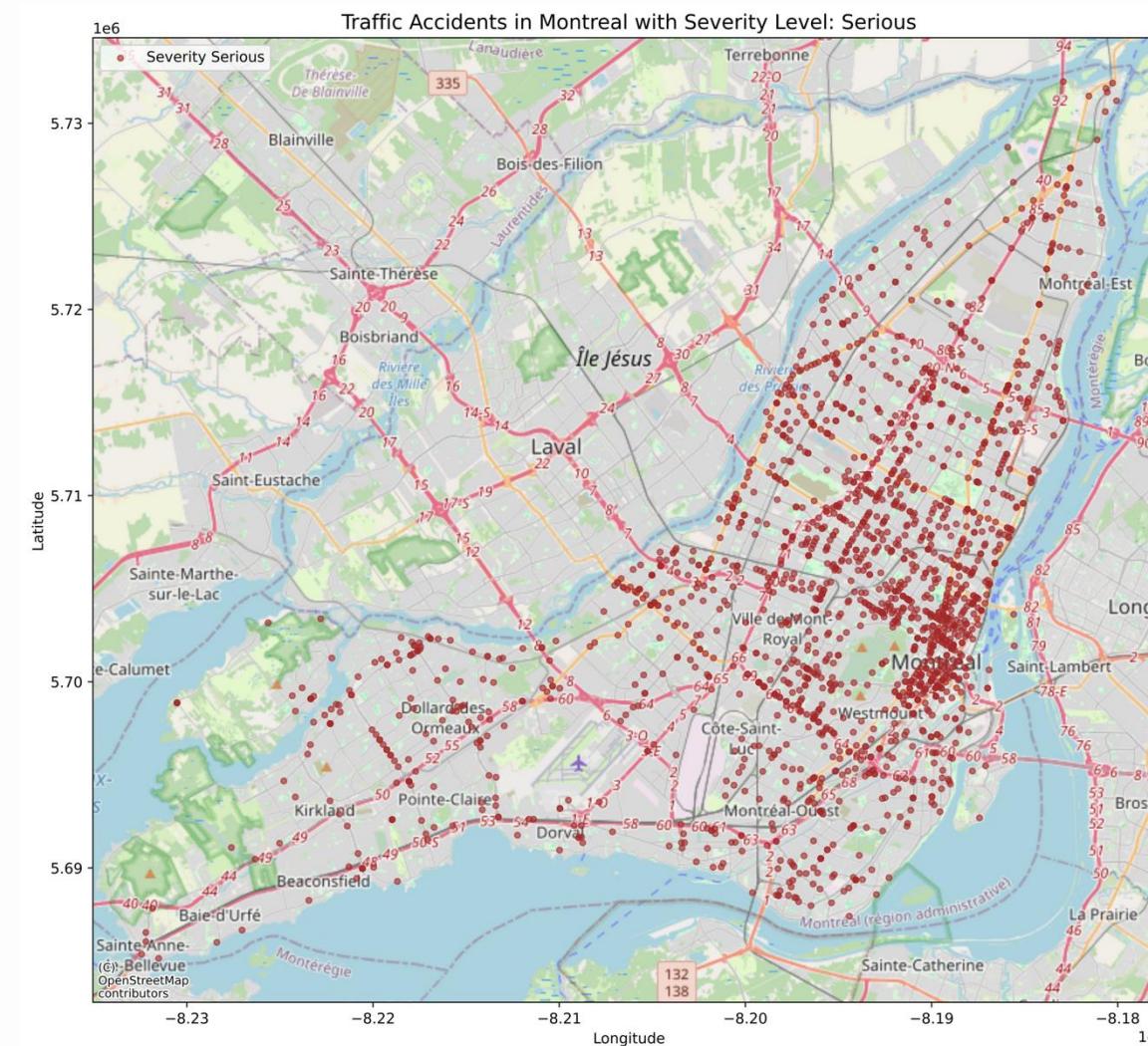


Property Damage Below Reporting Threshold

Property Damage Only

Minor Severity

Spatial distribution of accident severity in Montreal



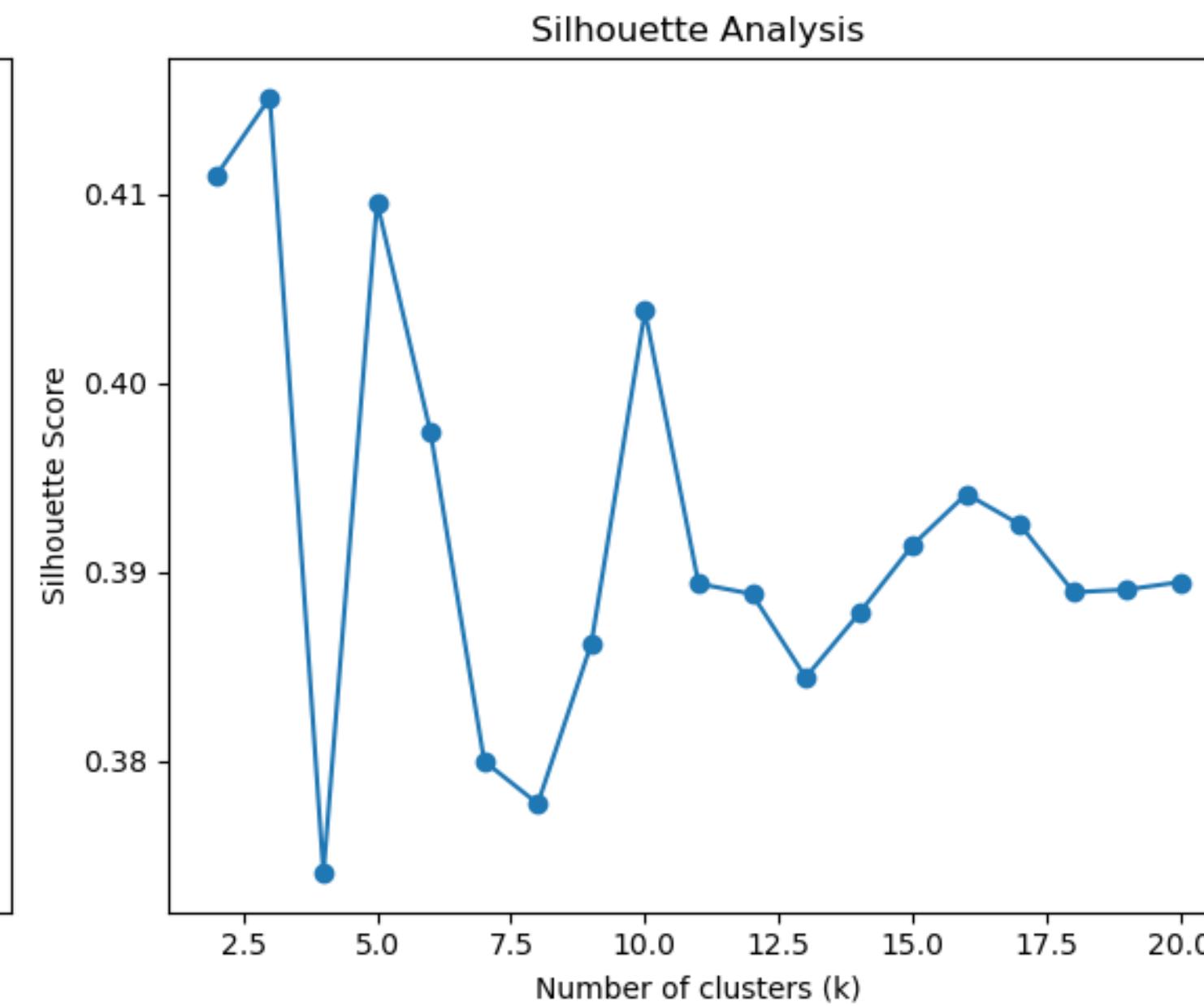
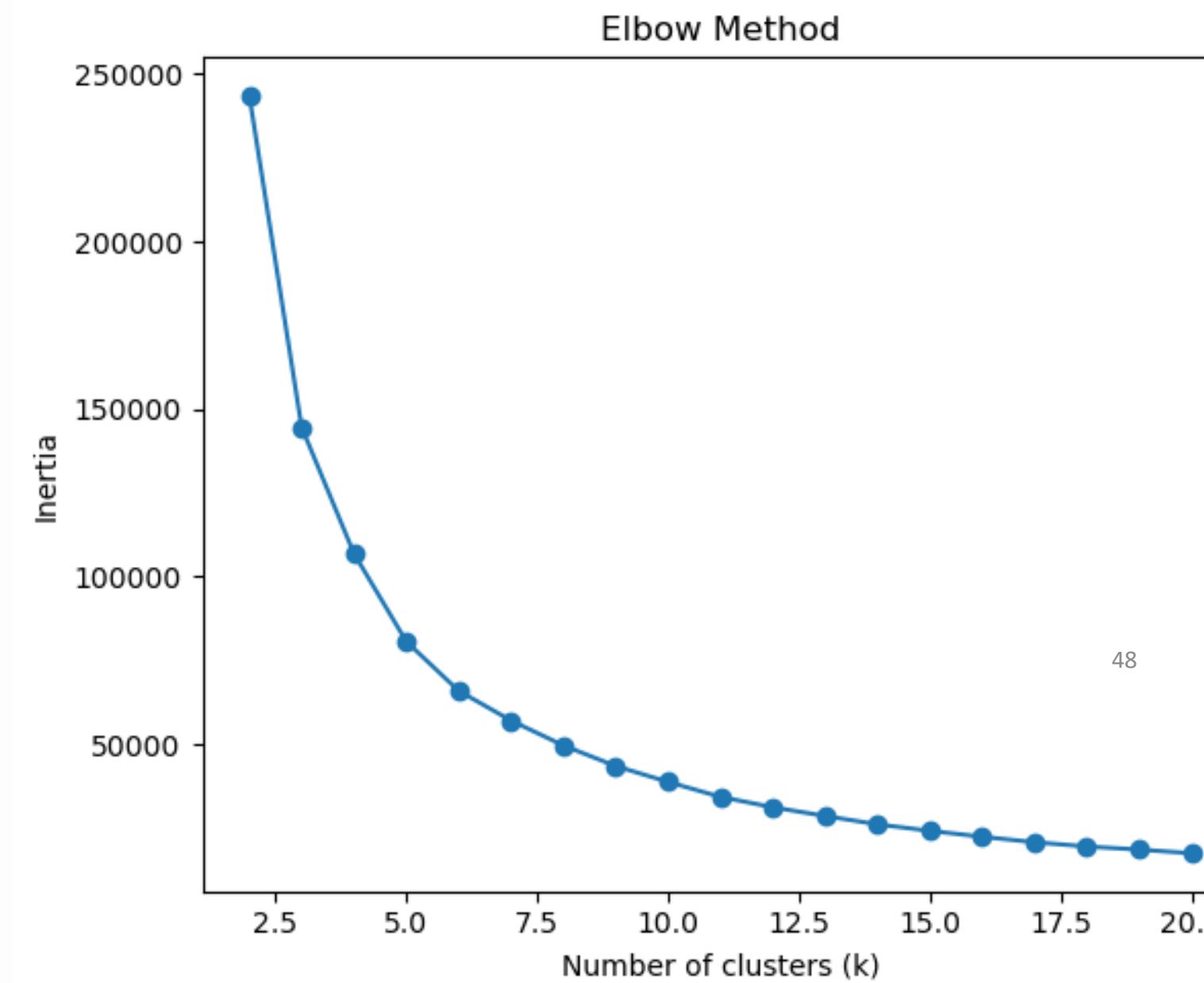
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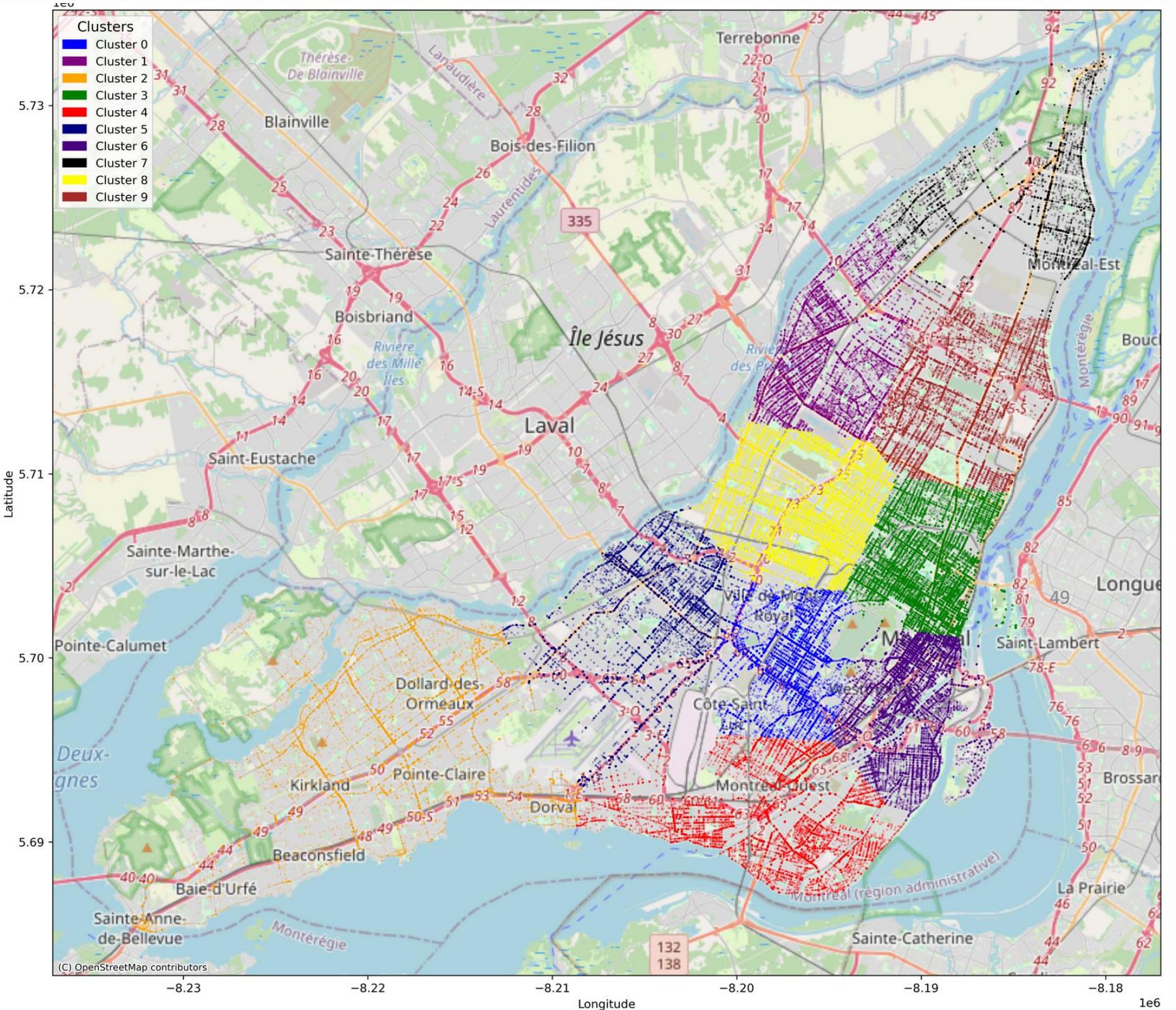
Fatal Severity

Serious Severity

Traffic accidents clusters in Montreal

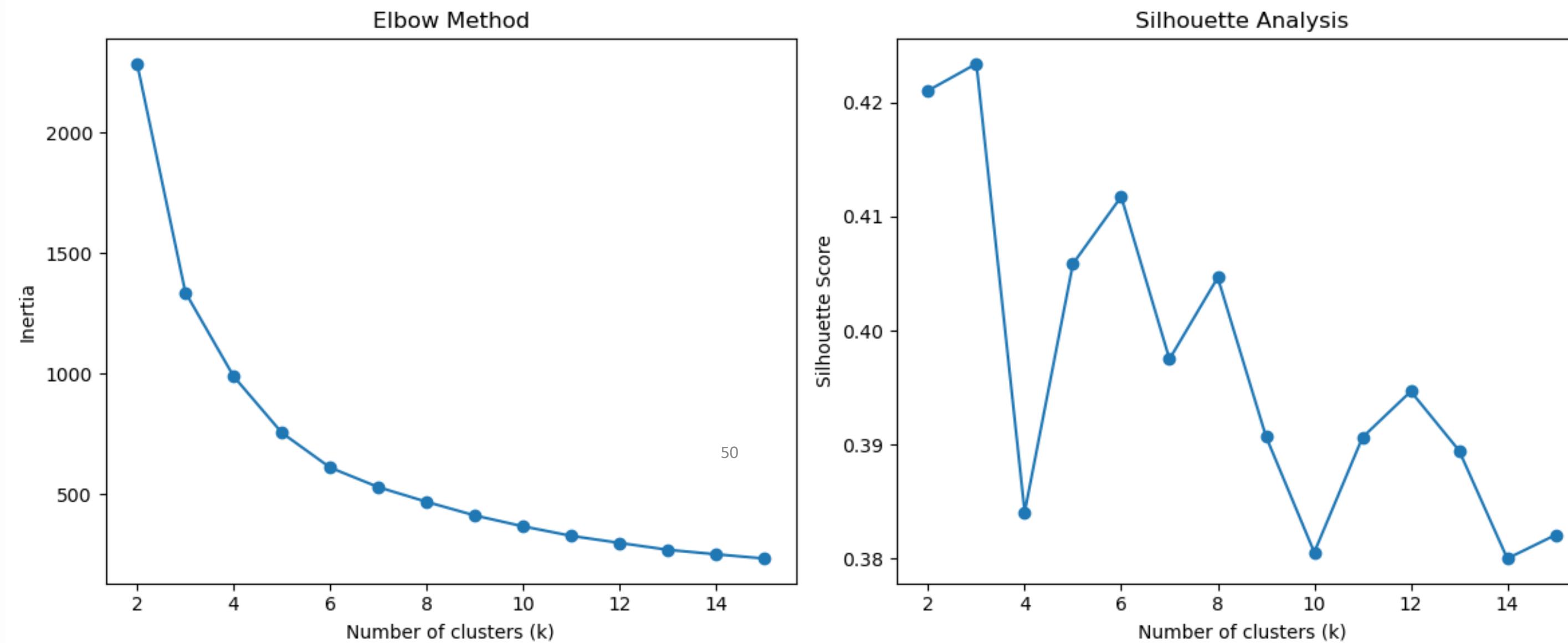


Traffic accidents clusters in Montreal

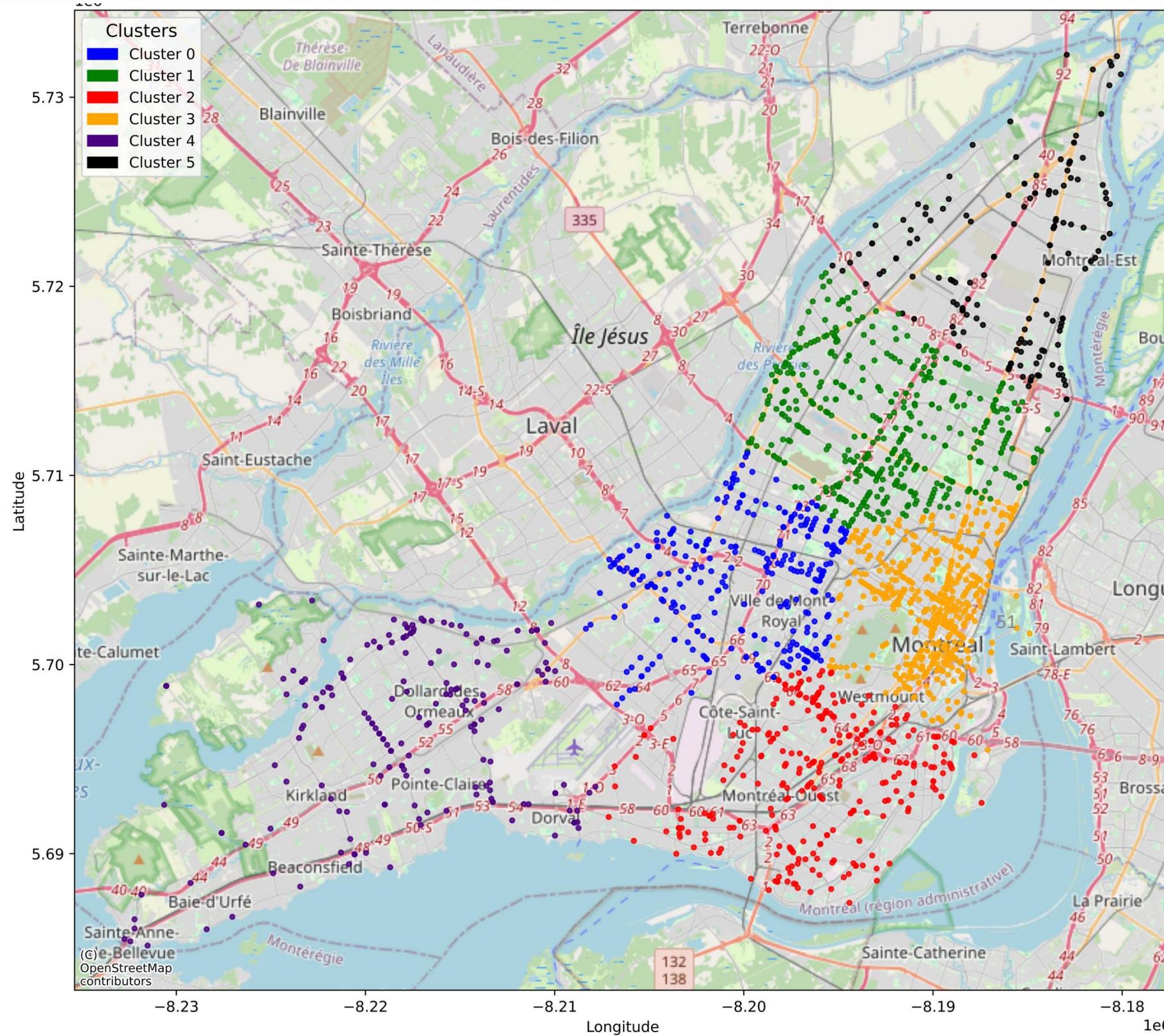


	Cluster	Size	Avg_Victims	Avg_Severity	Most_Common_Road_Config	Most_Common_Environment
	0	17864	0.2496	0.7963	Severity_level1	Severity_level2
	1	20585	0.3316	0.9061	Severity_level2	Severity_level2
	2	17769	0.2510	0.8243	Severity_level2	Severity_level1
	3	37183	0.2707	0.8168	Severity_level1	Severity_level2
	4	17643	0.2517	0.8001	Severity_level2	Severity_level2
	5	15201	0.2500	0.8351	Severity_level2	Severity_level1
	6	26965	0.2328	0.7603	Severity_level1	Severity_level1
	7	7653	0.2950	0.9053	Severity_level3	Severity_level2
	8	34477	0.2783	0.8538	Severity_level1	Severity_level1
	9	22788	0.2966	0.8687	Severity_level3	Severity_level1

Serious & Fatal Accidents Clusters in Montreal



Serious & Fatal Accidents Clusters in Montreal



Cluster	Size	Avg_Victims	Avg_Severity	Most_Common_Road_Config	Most_Common_Environment
0	327	1.3303	3.1468	Severity_level3	Severity_level2
1	474	1.3354	3.1203	Severity_level3	Severity_level1
2	299	1.4214	3.1405	Severity_level3	Severity_level2
3	590	1.2695	3.1220	Severity_level3	Severity_level1
4	200	1.3500	3.1150	Severity_level2	Severity_level1
5	157	1.4013	3.1338	Severity_level3	Severity_level1

Predictive Model

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Classification Model

Collision severity prediction is multi-class classification problem

Logistic Regression

- Uses logistic function to model probability of each class
- Identify linear relationship between features and severity
- Simple and interpretable results
- Fast training and prediction
- Less prone to overfitting

Random Forest

- Ensemble of decision trees using bagging
- Handles complex interactions between collision factors
- Provides feature importance
- Reduces overfitting through ensemble approach
- Handles outliers well

Gradient Boosting

- Sequential ensemble method using gradient descent optimization
- Progressive learning approach
- Capturing subtle patterns ⁵³
- Better handling of imbalanced severity classes

XGBoost

- Second-order derivatives (Hessian) for optimization
- Improves in accuracy and convergence speed
- Efficiently handles large dataset
- Regularization to prevent overfitting



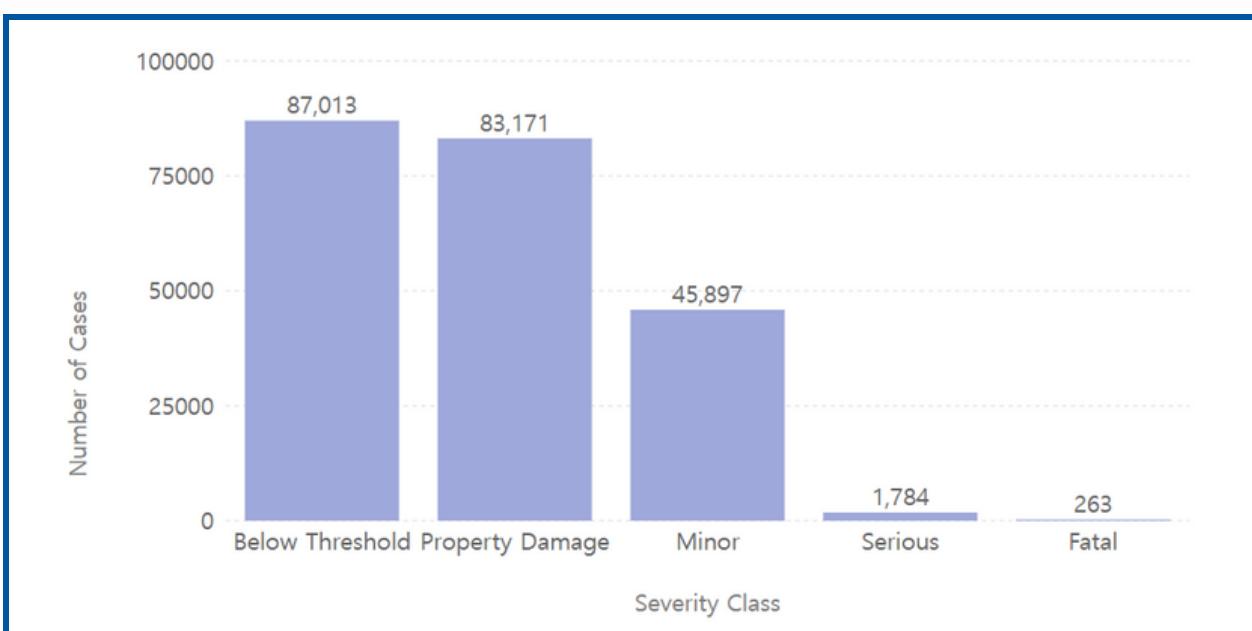
Model performance Comparison

Model	Performance Score
Random Forest	0.7005
Gradient Boosting	0.6892
XG Boosting	0.6679
Logistic Regression	0.6868

Random Forest

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Damage Below Reporting Threshold	0.65	0.58	0.62
Property Damage Only	0.61	0.67	0.64
Minor	0.96	1.00	0.98
Serious	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fatal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accuracy			0.70
Macro Avg	0.44	0.45	0.45
Weighted Avg	0.69	0.70	0.70

Severity Distribution



SMOTE

SMOTE Technique Selection

Technique	Total Samples	Avg Borderline Score	Borderline Instances
Regular SMOTE	435,065	0.301441	132,027
Borderline SMOTE	435,065	0.297944	127,925
SMOTE-Tomek	389,785	0.255501	97,369
SMOTE-ENN	233,591	0.043663	55 8,253

- **SMOTE-ENN** demonstrates the lowest borderline instances (8,253) and cleanest decision boundaries (0.043663 avg borderline score)
- Tomek removes overlapping samples between classes, while ENN removes any instances whose class differs from majority of its neighbors. This cleaning helps achieve clearer class boundaries
- Regular SMOTE and Borderline SMOTE actually increased the original borderline instances (122,765) to 132,027 and 127,925 respectively

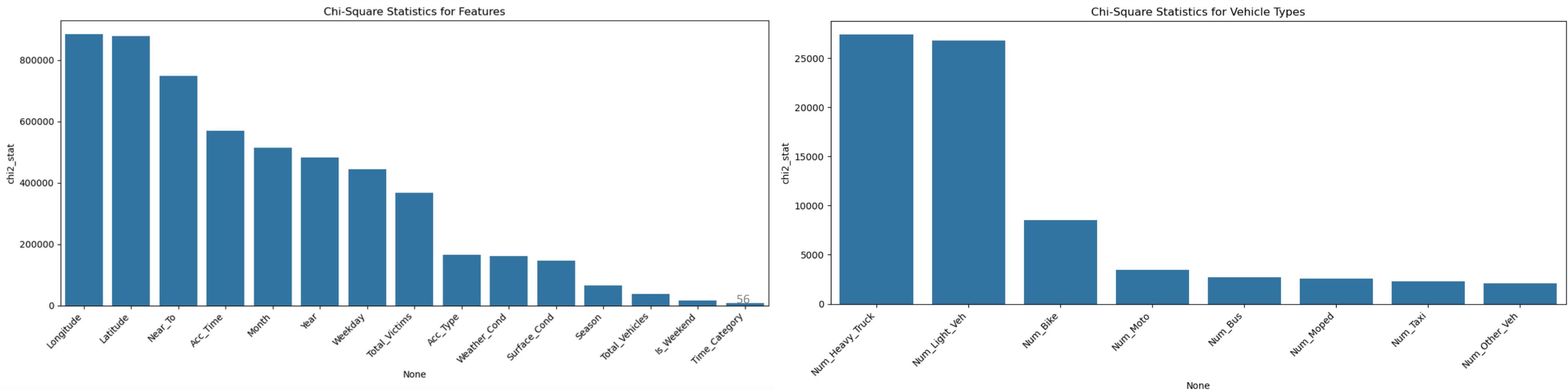
What can we do?

- Severe collisions are naturally rare
- Traditional oversampling can lead to overfitting
- SMOTE reduces the risk of overfitting by generating synthetic samples

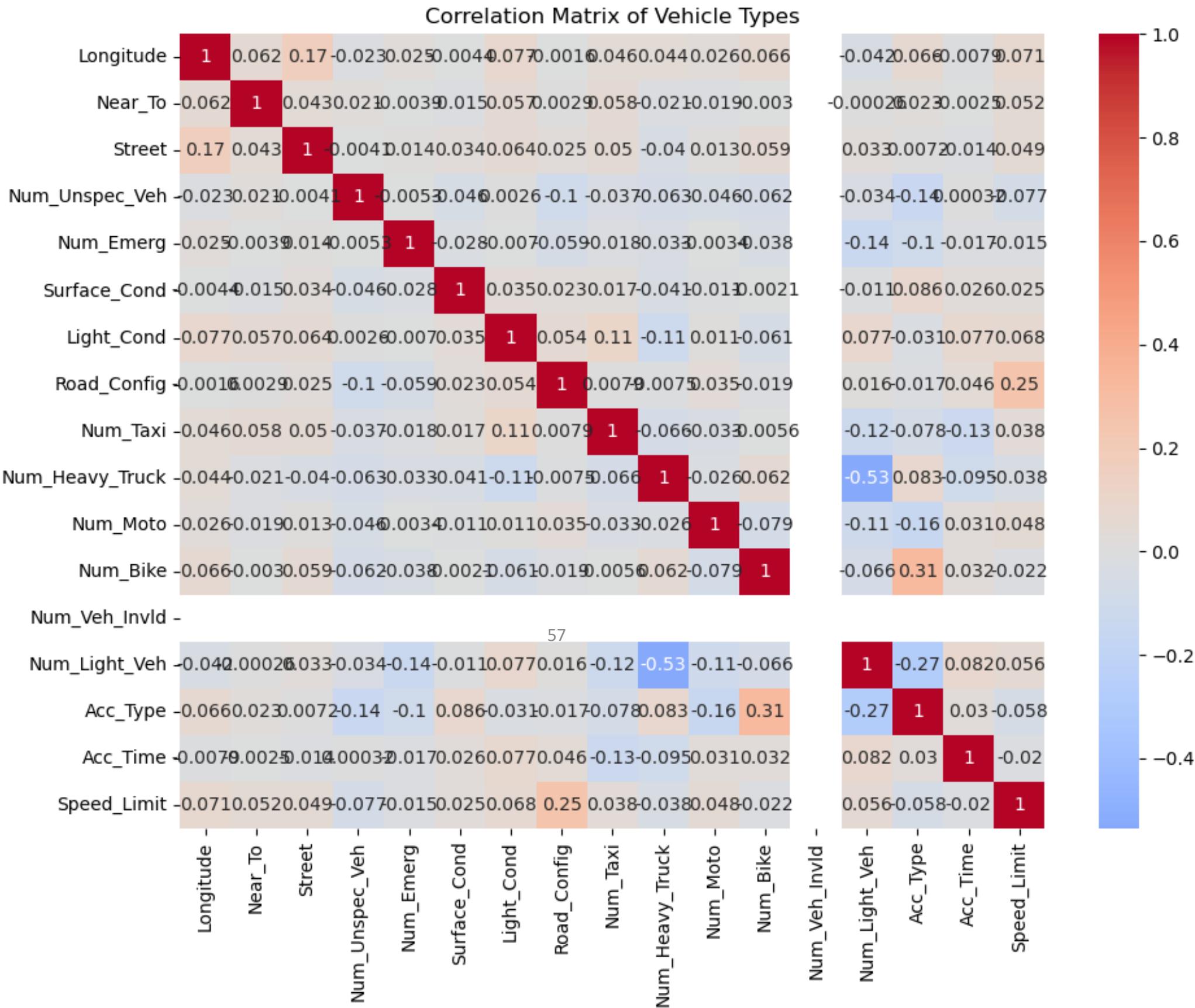
Problem:

- Large number of borderline instances (122,765) which indicates classification uncertainty
- Applying SMOTE without additional steps might amplify the complexity or introduce noise

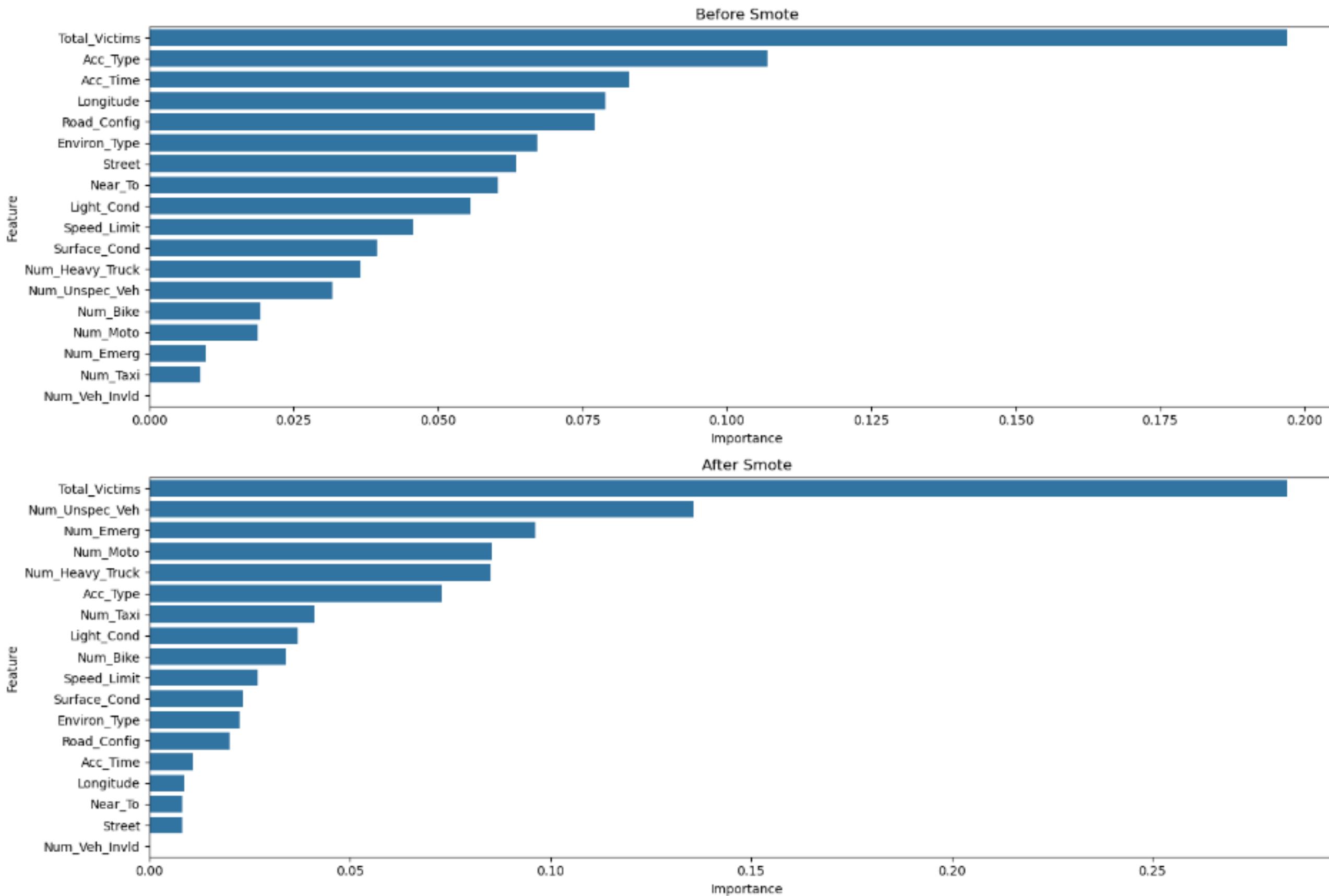
Feature Selection



Pearson Correlation Matrix



Feature Importance



Feature Selection

- Total_Victims
- Longitude
- Near_To
- Street
- Num_Unspec_Veh
- Num_Emerg
- Surface_Cond
- Light_Cond
- Environ_Type
- Road_Config
- Num_Taxi
- Num_Heavy_Truck
- Num_Moto
- Num_Bike
- Num_Veh_Invld⁵⁹
- Acc_Type
- Acc_Time
- Speed_Limit



Final Performance

0.95

Accuracy

0.91

Macro Average

0.95

Weighted F-1 Score

0.95

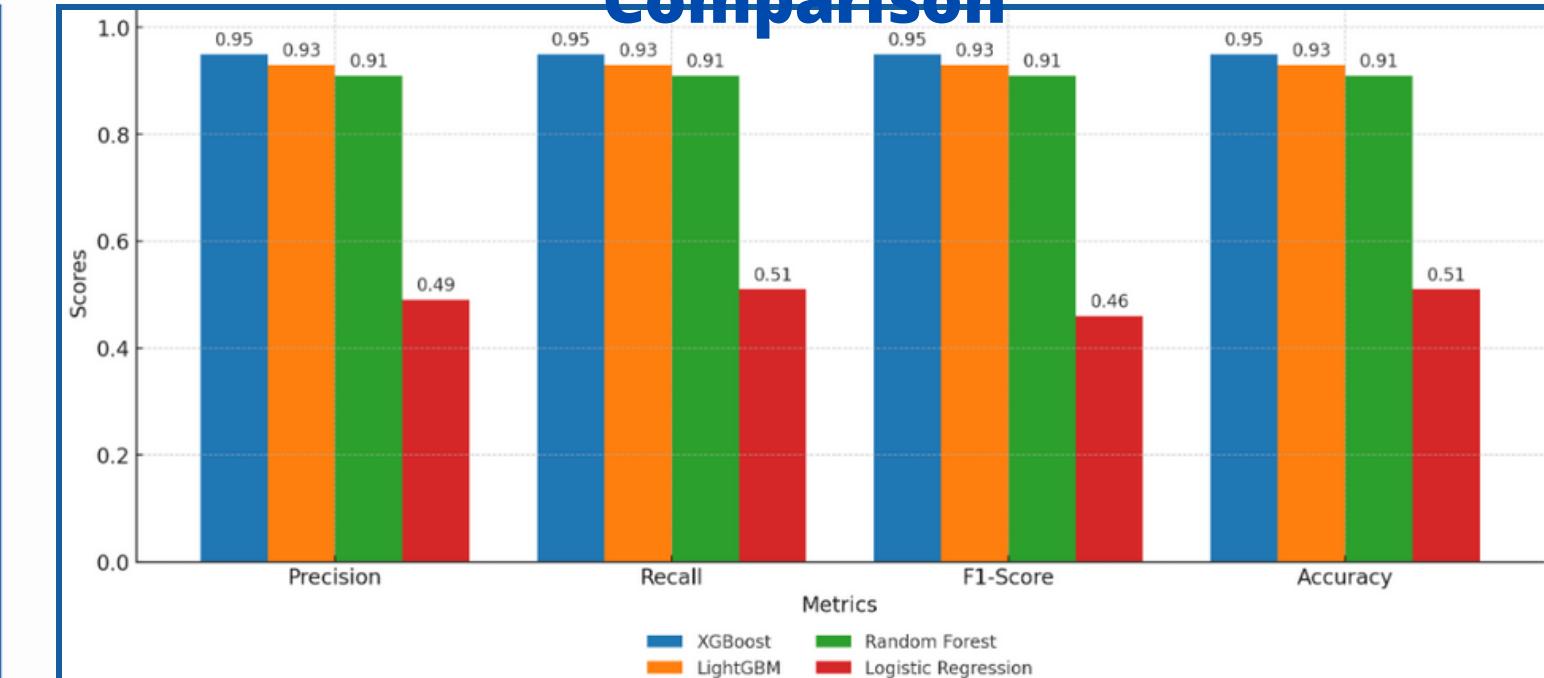
Weighted Average

XGBoos

Severity Level	Precision	Recall	F-Score
0	0.83	0.81	0.82
1	0.81	0.83	0.82
2	0.98	0.93	0.95
3	0.95	0.98	0.96
4	0.99	1.00	1.00

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Model Performance Comparison



Business Value

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Business Value

Cost Reduction

- Emergency Services Optimization
 - Reduce emergency response time in high-risk clusters
 - Decrease preventable fatalities in severity level 4 clusters due to faster response.
- Infrastructure Investment Prioritization
 - Upgrade road infrastructure in high-risk zones with frequent severity levels 3 and 4
 - e.g., downtown, St. Laurent Boulevard, major intersections in the Plateau-Mont-Royal borough

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Public Awareness Campaigns

- Targeted Safety Messaging
 - Run campaigns focused on high-risk times and areas, such as pedestrian-heavy zones in Plateau-Mont-Royal or bike lanes in Outremont.
- How to Implement
 - Distribute digital content on social media and traditional media platforms (radio, billboards)
 - Install electronic road signs displaying real-time safety messages



Business Value

Policy and Governance Value

- Evidence-Based Policy Making
 - Enables the government to design effective, targeted road safety policies
 - Demonstrates accountability and improves citizen satisfaction with public services
- Public Trust
 - Proactive safety measures enhance public trust in government institutions
 - Higher approval ratings for municipal and provincial governments

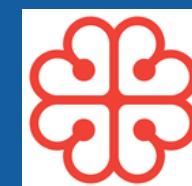
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Insurance and Risk-Based Pricing

- Dynamic Risk Assessment
 - Use predictions to refine pricing models, offering premiums based on localized accident risks
 - Differentiate premiums for policyholders based on driving patterns
- Fraud Detection and Prevention
 - Leverage predictions to validate claims and identify inconsistencies
 - Cross-reference accident claims with severity predictions, geospatial data, and temporal trends.



Le Service des infrastructures du réseau routier (SIRR)



01

Sherbrooke Street

- Install protected turn signals at intersections known for high left-turn collision rates
- Upgrade drainage systems in areas where water accumulation has been reported
- Increase winter maintenance efforts in regions where icy conditions are common

02

Henri-Bourassa Boulevard

- Install pedestrian protection systems where "collision with pedestrian" is frequent

03

Data Integration and Analytics

- Integrate Traffic Data
 - Aggregate historical accident data, weather conditions, traffic patterns, and real-time road conditions from existing municipal and provincial databases.
 - Include IoT devices (e.g., traffic cameras, vehicle counters) for live updates.
- Partners
 - Establish a central data repository for storing and managing accident prediction data.

Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM)



01

Target enforcement

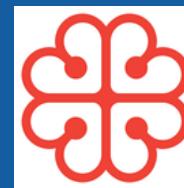
- Commercial areas (CD_ENVRN_ACCDN = 3) during peak hours
 - Peak hours coverage: 3:00-7:00 PM
 - Loading zone monitoring
 - Double-parking enforcement
 - Intersection blocking prevention

02

Emergency Response

- Sherbrooke East Corridor
 - 2 Advanced Life Support units (7AM-11PM)
 - 1 Rapid Response Vehicle (24/7)
 - Coverage radius: 3-minute response time
- Henri-Bourassa/Highway Intersections
 - 2 ALS units (Peak hours)
 - 1 Special Operations unit (Winter conditions)
 - Coverage radius: 4-minute response time

Centre de gestion de la mobilité urbaine (CGMU)



01

02

Real-time Monitoring Network

- Central Command Center (Guy Street):
 - 24/7 Operations Center
 - 250+ CCTV camera feeds
 - Traffic flow visualization
 - Weather condition monitors
- René-Lévesque Boulevard:
 - 25 intersection cameras
 - Bus lane monitoring
 - Pedestrian counting systems
 - Bicycle flow detection
- Pie-IX Boulevard:
 - BRT corridor monitoring
 - Signal priority system

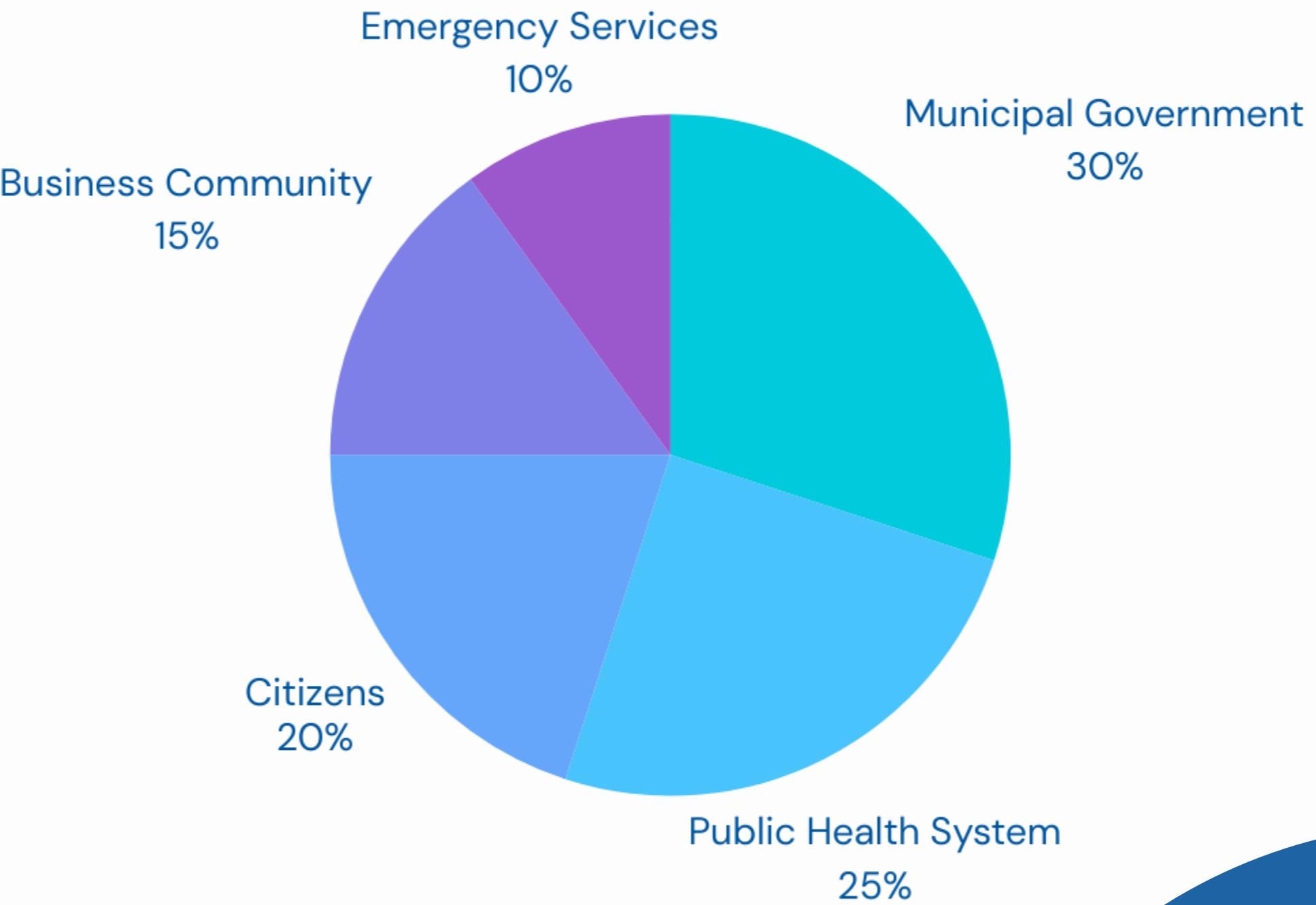
Road Condition Monitoring

- Ice detection systems
- Water accumulation sensors
- Temperature monitoring
- Friction measurement
- Visibility sensors
- Wind speed monitoring

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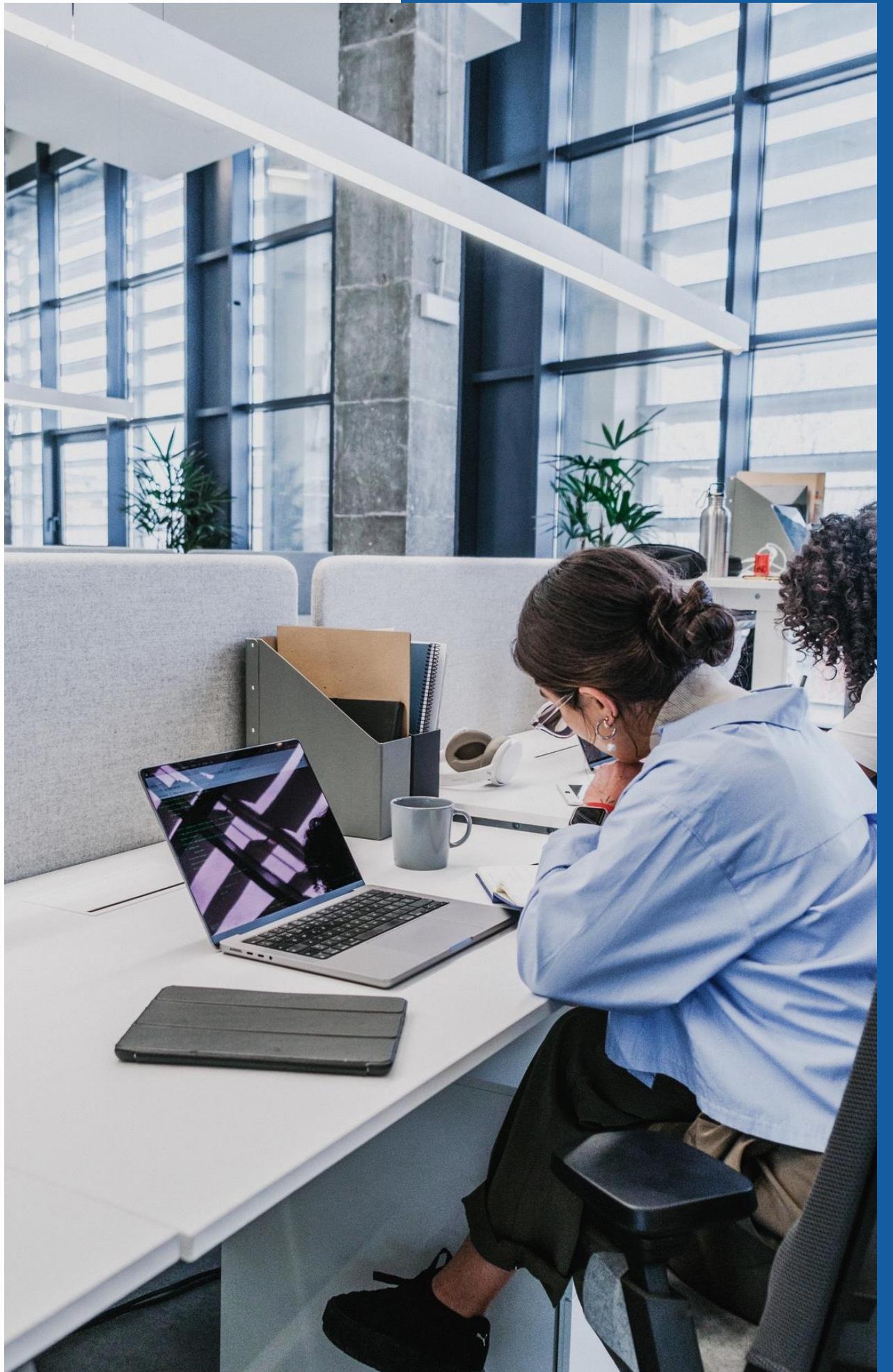
Stakeholder Value Distribution

- **Cross-Reference Sources**
 - SAAQ accident statistics
 - Emergency service records
 - Healthcare system data
 - Municipal budget reports
 - Academic studies
 - Industry reports
 - Comparable city data
- **Distribution Rationale**
 - Direct Impact (40% weight)
 - Implementation Role (30% weight)
 - Long-term Benefits (30% weight)



Future Analysis

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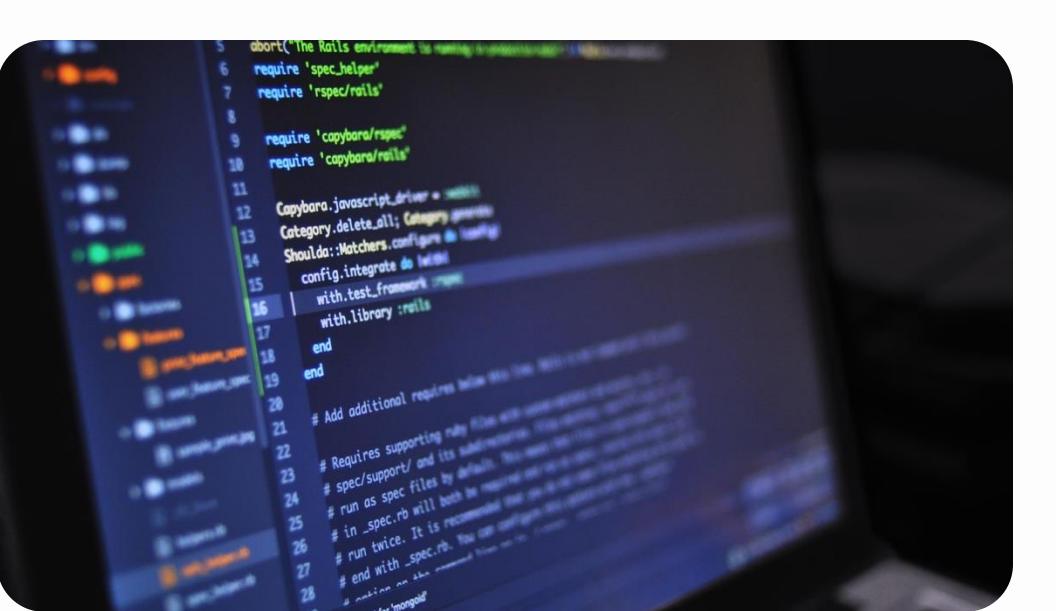


Real-Time Data Integration



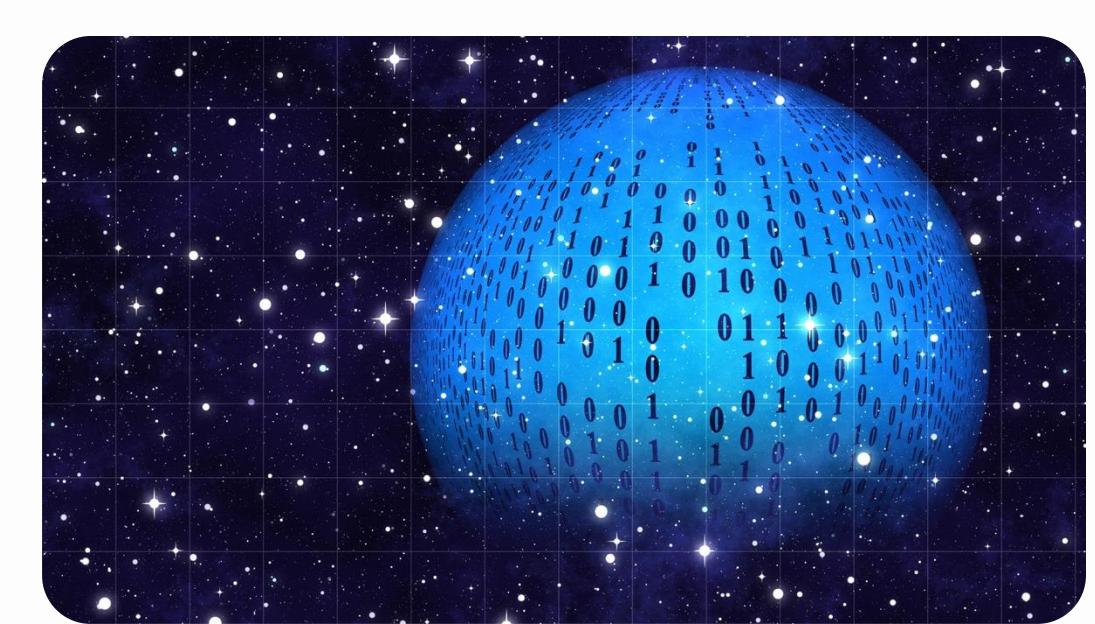
Key Objectives

- Utilize real-time data feeds to predict traffic accident risks dynamically
- Enable authorities to implement proactive measures to reduce accident likelihood
- Provide real-time alerts to road users to avoid high-risk areas



Data Sources

- **Traffic Data:** Vehicle density, flow, and speed collected via sensors and GPS
- **Weather Data:** Real-time weather updates, including precipitation, temperature, and visibility conditions
- **Road Conditions:** Real-time updates on surface conditions like ice, snow, or gravel through IoT-enabled road infrastructure
- **Incident Reports:** Data from emergency services, social media, or community reporting apps on accidents or road blockages

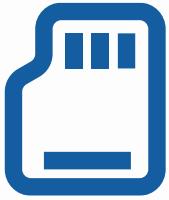


Challenges and Solutions

- **Data Integration:**
 - Challenge: Integrating diverse data sources in real-time.
 - Solution: Use robust APIs and data pipelines with standardized formats.
- **Accuracy and Timeliness:**
 - Challenge: Ensuring predictions are both accurate and timely.
 - Solution: Use high-frequency updates and continuous model retraining.

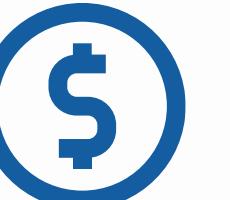
Summary

To improve road safety and optimize resource allocation in Montreal by predicting traffic accidents' severity using advanced machine learning models. The project identifies high-risk zones, timeframes, and contributing factors, providing actionable insights for stakeholders.



Deliverables

- A robust predictive model that forecasts accident severity
- Identification of accident hotspots and temporal patterns
- Actionable insights tailored for stakeholders



Business Value

- Financial Impact
- Social Value
- Environmental Benefits
- Strategic Value



Stakeholder Benefits

- City of Montreal
- Insurance Companies
- Residents
- Businesses



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