

REPORT

A Problem with Presidents

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1 Introduction

Since The United States of America gained independence in 1776, it has had a great leadership of 46 presidents so far. This report summarizes a few interesting statistics analyzed from the birth and death dates (if applicable) for these presidents and visualizes certain observations from the mined data.

2 Summary

A few key observations from the analysis are as below:

- The observed mean age (in days) of all Presidents is 26410.7
- The weighted mean age (in days) of all Presidents is 26463.0
- The median age (in days) of all Presidents is 26227.0
- The most frequent ages (mode) are 67 and 76 with 3 Presidents each.
- The oldest (living) President is Jimmy Carter who is 97 years old as of September 10, 2022.
- The oldest (deceased) President was George Bush who lived 94 years.
- The youngest (deceased) President was John F. Kennedy who was assassinated at the age of 46.
- The youngest (living) President is Barack Obama who is 61 years old.

3 Implementation

The source code contains the following Python files:

1. `main.py` [Entry point to the code, calls functions implemented in the other two files]
2. `process_data.py` [Cleans and processes the input data and outputs the required tables]
3. `draw_graph.py` [Plots the required graphs]

Other files:

1. `requirements.txt` [Contains information regarding the required libraries/packages to run this project]
2. `input.csv` [The input data]

As per the problem statement, new variables `year_of_birth`, `lived_years`, `lived_months`, `lived_days` are introduced and computed. Additionally, I added a few more variables needed for the logic implementation. Most of the data processing is abstracted into `process_data.py`. `pandas` and `numpy` is majorly used for these purposes. `draw_graph.py` handles the visualization segment of the problem, using `matplotlib`.

4 Observations

This section explains the key observations from the analysis of top 10 Presidents from longest lived to shortest lived, top 10 Presidents from shortest lived, a generic plot of the calculated statistics and a frequency distribution of the Presidential ages,

4.1 Top 10 Oldest Presidents

Jimmy Carter, who is 97 years old is the longest living President. George H.W. Bush passed away in 2018 at the age of 94 and is the oldest deceased President.

Below table is created by taking top 10 rows of the table after sorting the living days in descending order:

Top 10 Presidents of the United States from longest lived to shortest lived					
PRESIDENT	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	LOCATION OF DEATH	AGE
Jimmy Carter	Oct 1, 1924	Plains, Georgia	ALIVE	ALIVE	97
George Bush	June 12, 1924	Milton, Mass.	Nov 30, 2018	Houston, Texas	94
Gerald Ford	July 14, 1913	Omaha, Nebraska	Dec 26, 2006	Rancho Mirage, Cal.	93
Ronald Reagan	Feb 6, 1911	Tampico, Illinois	June 5, 2004	Los Angeles, Cal.	93
John Adams	Oct 30, 1735	Quincy, Mass.	July 4, 1826	Quincy, Mass.	90
Herbert Hoover	Aug 10, 1874	West Branch, Iowa	Oct 20, 1964	New York, New York	90
Harry S. Truman	May 8, 1884	Lamar, Missouri	Dec 26, 1972	Kansas City, Missouri	88
James Madison	Mar 16, 1751	Port Conway, Va.	June 28, 1836	Orange Co., Va.	85
Thomas Jefferson	Apr 13, 1743	Albemarle Co., Va.	July 4, 1826	Albemarle Co., Va.	83
Richard Nixon	Jan 9, 1913	Yorba Linda, Cal.	Apr 22, 1994	New York, New York	81

Table 1: Top 10 Oldest Presidents of United States

4.2 Top 10 Youngest Presidents

Barack Obama is the youngest living President aged 61 years old. John F. Kennedy, who died at an age of 46 years was the youngest deceased President.

Below table is created by taking top 10 rows of the table after sorting the living days in ascending order:

Top 10 Presidents of the United States from shortest lived to longest lived					
PRESIDENT	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	LOCATION OF DEATH	AGE
John F. Kennedy	May 29, 1917	Brookline, Mass.	Nov 22, 1963	Dallas, Texas	46
James A. Garfield	Nov 19, 1831	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	Sep 19, 1881	Elberon, New Jersey	49
James K. Polk	Nov 2, 1795	Mecklenburg Co., N.C.	June 15, 1849	Nashville, Tennessee	53
Abraham Lincoln	Feb 12, 1809	LaRue Co., Kentucky	Apr 15, 1865	Washington, D.C.	56
Chester Arthur	Oct 5, 1829	Fairfield, Vermont	Nov 18, 1886	New York, New York	57
Warren G. Harding	Nov 2, 1865	Morrow County, Ohio	Aug 2, 1923	San Francisco, Cal.	57
William McKinley	Jan 29, 1843	Niles, Ohio	Sep 14, 1901	Buffalo, New York	58
Theodore Roosevelt	Oct 27, 1858	New York, New York	Jan 6, 1919	Oyster Bay, New York	60
Calvin Coolidge	July 4, 1872	Plymouth, Vermont	Jan 5, 1933	Northampton, Mass.	60
Barack Obama	Aug 4, 1961	Honolulu, Hawaii	ALIVE	ALIVE	61

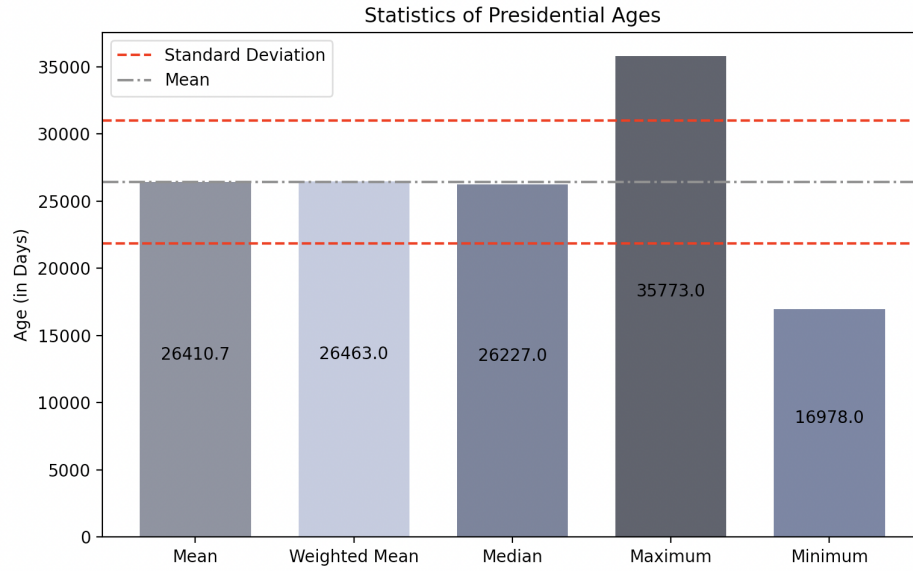
Table 2: Top 10 Youngest Presidents of United States

4.3 Statistical Analysis

The observed mean age (in days) of all presidents is 26410.7. The weighted mean age (in days) of all presidents is 26463.0. The median age (in days) of all presidents is 26227.0. The most frequent ages (mode) are 67 and 76 with 3 presidents each. The oldest (living) president is Jimmy Carter who is 97 years old as of September 10, 2022. The oldest (deceased) president was George Bush who lived 94 years. The youngest (deceased) president was John F. Kennedy who assassinated at the age of 46.

	Statistic	Age (Days)	Age (Years)
0	Mean Age	26410.711111	71.888889
1	Weighted Mean Age	26463.026667	43.133333
2	Median Age	26227.0	71.0
3	Mode Age	[24455, 27740]	[67, 76]
4	Maximum Age	35773.0	97
5	Minimum Age	16978.0	46
6	Standard Deviation	4583.545827	12.546681

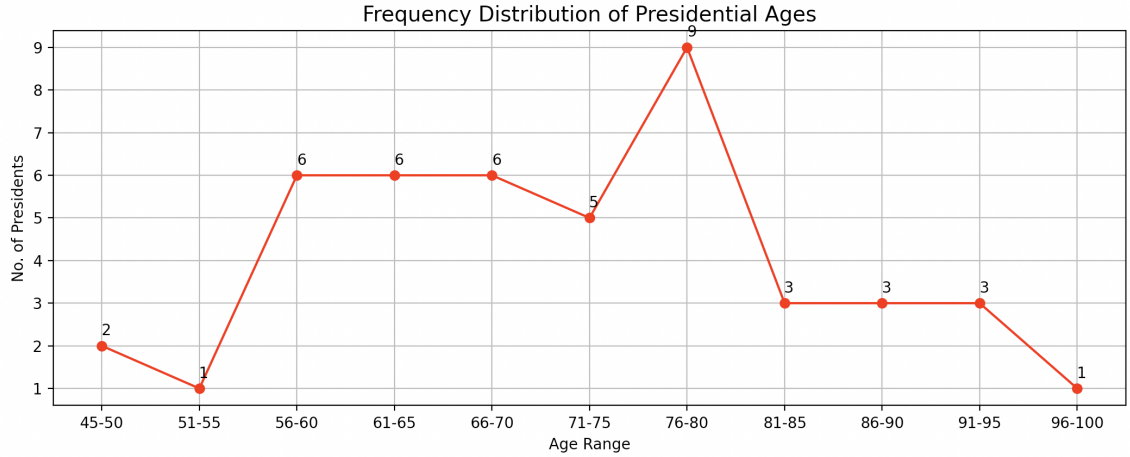
Table 3: Statistics on Presidential Ages



Plot 1: Statistics of Age (in days)

The statistics are plotted in terms of living days instead of living years to get a more clear picture of values.

The below graph shows the frequency distribution of the Presidential ages. This is done by binning the ages into bins of size 5 i.e. range of ages for example 45-50, 50-55...95-100. This basic line graph shows that a max of 9 Presidents were/are in the age range 76-80. Only 1 President in the age range category of 51-55 and 97-100.



Plot 2: Frequency Distribution of Presidential Ages

5 Conclusion

We examine the trends in the life expectancy of Presidents using the analysis of the provided data that was done above. The age range is wide, between 46 to 97 to be exact. The average life expectancy of a President is 72 years. The majority of Presidents have lived above the age of 60, and the median age closely reflects this tendency.

6 Future Scope

This examination was done purely based on the numerical data without considering any other factors that may have influenced this data. A more comprehensive analysis approach can be established to get in depth observational statistics and help in taking decisions in future. For example, the assassination of four of the top eight youngest Presidents, which is an unnatural death, has a substantial impact on the metrics computed. Also, some additional data like at what age did these Presidents come into power could be valuable input which could help us understand the trends in the decision making of US Presidents based on their age.