

# Clustering NYC Neighborhoods to Determine Service Needs

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## Project Overview

- Cluster NYC Neighborhoods using Foursquare data
- Cluster NYC Neighborhoods using 311 Request data
- Compare clusters to determine whether Foursquare clusters can predict 311 requests

# Foursquare Clusters

| Neighborhood    | 1st Most Common Venue     | 2nd Most Common Venue | 3rd Most Common Venue | Foursquare Cluster |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Allerton        | Pizza Place               | Deli / Bodega         | Chinese Restaurant    | 0                  |
| Annadale        | Diner                     | Bakery                | Cosmetics Shop        | 3                  |
| Arden Heights   | Pharmacy                  | Deli / Bodega         | Coffee Shop           | 0                  |
| Arlington       | Intersection              | Coffee Shop           | Boat or Ferry         | 4                  |
| Arrochar        | Italian Restaurant        | Deli / Bodega         | Bus Stop              | 3                  |
| Arverne         | Surf Spot                 | Metro Station         | Pizza Place           | 4                  |
| Astoria         | Middle Eastern Restaurant | Bar                   | Hookah Bar            | 4                  |
| Astoria Heights | Motel                     | Bowling Alley         | Pizza Place           | 4                  |
| Auburndale      | Pharmacy                  | Supermarket           | Pet Store             | 4                  |
| Bath Beach      | Pharmacy                  | Women's Store         | Donut Shop            | 0                  |



# 311 Request Clusters

| NTAName                                    | First                                   | Second                     | Third                      | 311 Cluster |
|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Airport                                    | Taxi Complaint                          | For Hire Vehicle Complaint | Water System               | 0           |
| Allerton-Pelham Gardens                    | Dead/Dying Tree                         | Water System               | Vacant Lot                 | 0           |
| Annadale-Huguenot-Prince's Bay-Eltingville | Food Establishment                      | Water System               | FLOORING/STAIRS            | 0           |
| Astoria                                    | Graffiti                                | Taxi Complaint             | For Hire Vehicle Complaint | 3           |
| Auburndale                                 | General Construction/Plumbing           | Sewer                      | Water System               | 0           |
| Baisley Park                               | Graffiti                                | Water System               | FLOORING/STAIRS            | 2           |
| Bath Beach                                 | For Hire Vehicle Complaint              | Water System               | FLOORING/STAIRS            | 0           |
| Battery Park City-Lower Manhattan          | Food Establishment                      | Taxi Complaint             | For Hire Vehicle Complaint | 0           |
| Bay Ridge                                  | Special Projects Inspection Team (SPIT) | Food Establishment         | Asbestos                   | 0           |
| Bayside-Bayside Hills                      | For Hire Vehicle Complaint              | Street Light Condition     | Water System               | 0           |



### Cluster Matches

#### Foursquare Group = 311 Group

|         | A=0 | A=1 | A=2 | A=3 | A=4 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Matches | 18  | 1   | 52  | 3   | 14  |
|         |     |     |     |     |     |
|         | B=0 | B=1 | B=2 | B=3 | B=4 |
| Matches | 17  | 0   | 72  | 0   | 0   |
|         |     |     |     |     |     |
|         | C=0 | C=1 | C=2 | C=3 | C=4 |
| Matches | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   |
|         |     |     |     |     |     |
|         | D=0 | D=1 | D=2 | D=3 | D=4 |
| Matches | 0   | 0   | 10  | 0   | 0   |
|         |     |     |     |     |     |
|         | E=0 | E=1 | E=2 | E=3 | E=4 |
| Matches | 3   | 0   | 14  | 0   | 0   |
|         |     |     |     |     |     |

#### Conclusion

- Accuracy of Foursquare clusters predicting 311 cluster: <44% (90/206)
- Accuracy of random guess: 20%