# Do the genders commit different violations?

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# Counting unique values (1)

- value\_counts() : Counts the unique values in a Series
- Best suited for categorical data

```
ri.stop_outcome.value_counts()
```

```
Citation 77091
Warning 5136
Arrest Driver 2735
No Action 624
N/D 607
Arrest Passenger 343
Name: stop_outcome, dtype: int64
```



# Counting unique values (2)

```
ri.stop_outcome.value_counts().sum()

86536

ri.shape

(86536, 13)
```

# Expressing counts as proportions

ri.stop\_outcome.value\_counts()

77091/86536

0.8908546731995932

ri.stop\_outcome.value\_counts(
 normalize=True)

| - 1 |                  |       |  |
|-----|------------------|-------|--|
|     | Citation         | 77091 |  |
|     | Warning          | 5136  |  |
|     | Arrest Driver    | 2735  |  |
|     | No Action        | 624   |  |
|     | N/D              | 607   |  |
|     | Arrest Passenger | 343   |  |
| -(  |                  |       |  |

 Citation
 0.890855

 Warning
 0.059351

 Arrest Driver
 0.031605

 No Action
 0.007211

 N/D
 0.007014

 Arrest Passenger
 0.003964

# Filtering DataFrame rows

```
ri.driver_race.value_counts()
```

```
White 61870
Black 12285
Hispanic 9727
Asian 2389
Other 265
```

```
white = ri[ri.driver_race == 'White']
white.shape
```

```
(61870, 13)
```



## Comparing stop outcomes for two groups

```
white.stop_outcome.value_counts(
   normalize=True)
```

| Citation         | 0.902263 |
|------------------|----------|
| Warning          | 0.057508 |
| Arrest Driver    | 0.024018 |
| No Action        | 0.007031 |
| N/D              | 0.006433 |
| Arrest Passenger | 0.002748 |

| Citation         | 0.922980 |
|------------------|----------|
| Warning          | 0.045207 |
| Arrest Driver    | 0.017581 |
| No Action        | 0.008372 |
| N/D              | 0.004186 |
| Arrest Passenger | 0.001674 |

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# Does gender affect who gets a ticket for speeding?

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# Filtering by multiple conditions (1)

```
female = ri[ri.driver_gender == 'F']
female.shape
```

(23774, 13)

# Filtering by multiple conditions (2)

- Each condition is surrounded by parentheses
- Ampersand ( & ) represents the and operator

```
female_and_arrested.shape
```

```
(669, 13)
```

Only includes female drivers who were arrested

# Filtering by multiple conditions (3)

• Pipe ( | ) represents the or operator

```
female_or_arrested.shape
```

```
(26183, 13)
```

- Includes all females
- Includes all drivers who were arrested

# Rules for filtering by multiple conditions

- Ampersand ( & ): only include rows that satisfy both conditions
- Pipe ( | ): include rows that satisfy either condition
- Each condition must be surrounded by parentheses
- Conditions can check for equality ( == ), inequality ( != ), etc.
- Can use more than two conditions

## Correlation, not causation

- Analyze the relationship between gender and stop outcome
  - Assess whether there is a correlation
- Not going to draw any conclusions about causation
  - Would need additional data and expertise
  - Exploring relationships only

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# Does gender affect whose vehicle is searched?

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## Math with Boolean values

• True = 1, False = 0

```
import numpy as np
np.mean([0, 1, 0, 0])

0.25

np.mean([False, True,
False, False])
```

Mean of Boolean Series
 represents percentage of
 True values

# Taking the mean of a Boolean Series

```
ri.is_arrested.value_counts(normalize=True)
False
         0.964431
         0.035569
True
ri.is_arrested.mean()
0.0355690117407784
ri.is_arrested.dtype
dtype('bool')
```



# Comparing groups using groupby (1)

Study the arrest rate by police district

0.024349083895853423

# Comparing groups using groupby (2)

```
ri[ri.district == 'Zone K2'].is_arrested.mean()
0.030800588834786546
ri.groupby('district').is_arrested.mean()
district
Zone K1
           0.024349
Zone K2
          0.030801
Zone K3
          0.032311
Zone X1
          0.023494
Zone X3
          0.034871
Zone X4
           0.048038
```



# Grouping by multiple categories

```
ri.groupby(['district', 'driver_gender']).is_arrested.mean()
```

```
      district
      driver_gender

      Zone K1
      F
      0.019169

      M
      0.026588

      Zone K2
      F
      0.022196

      ...
      ...
```

```
ri.groupby(['driver_gender', 'district']).is_arrested.mean()
```



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# Does gender affect who is frisked during a search?

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```
ri.search_conducted.value_counts()
```

False 83229 True 3307

ri.search\_type.value\_counts(dropna=False)

| NaN                           | 83229 |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Incident to Arrest            | 1290  |
| Probable Cause                | 924   |
| Inventory                     | 219   |
| Reasonable Suspicion          | 214   |
| Protective Frisk              | 164   |
| Incident to Arrest, Inventory | 123   |
| •••                           |       |

- .value\_counts()excludes missing valuesby default
- dropna=Falsedisplays missing values

## Examining the search types

```
ri.search_type.value_counts()
```

```
Incident to Arrest 1290
Probable Cause 924
Inventory 219
Reasonable Suspicion 214
Protective Frisk 164
Incident to Arrest, Inventory 123
Incident to Arrest, Probable Cause 100
```

- Multiple values are separated by commas
- 219 searches in which "Inventory" was the only search type
- Locate "Inventory" among multiple search types



# Searching for a string (1)

```
ri['inventory'] = ri.search_type.str.contains('Inventory', na=False)
```

- str.contains() returns True if string is found, False if not found
- na=False returns False when it finds a missing value

# Searching for a string (2)

```
ri.inventory.dtype
dtype('bool')
     True means inventory was done, False means it was not
ri.inventory.sum()
441
```



# Calculating the inventory rate

```
ri.inventory.mean()
```

### 0.0050961449570121106

• 0.5% of all traffic stops resulted in an inventory

```
searched = ri[ri.search_conducted == True]
searched.inventory.mean()
```

### 0.13335349259147264

• 13.3% of searches included an inventory

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