

Business Problem



- Cookie shop needs to identify location in Charlotte market to open 2nd location.
- Priorities in selecting location:
 - Based on business trends, the following types of venues nearby are desirable:
 - Performing arts venues
 - Parks
 - Daycares
 - Other similar, complimentary businesses should also be nearby, such as:
 - Coffee shops
 - Ice cream shops
 - Bakeries
 - Pie shops
 - Cupcake shops
 - Donut shops
 - The median household income should exceed the regional average.

Data

- For each zip code in the Charlotte metro area, the following website http://zipatlas.com/us/nc/charlotte/zip-code-comparison/median-household-income.htm
 provides:
 - Location data latitude and longitude
 - Household income information
- The Foursquare API provides venue information.
- Google maps provides distance information and shows nearby restaurants/attractions.

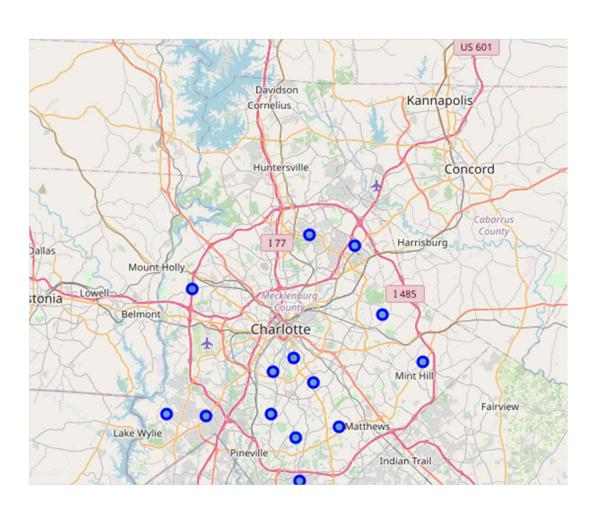
Methodology

- Import detailed zip code data into a dataframe.
- Analyze median household income for each area.
 - Exclude all zip codes where the median household income is 20% or more below the state average.
- Using the Foursquare API and the latitude and longitude data for each zip code and a radius of 5000 meters (3.1 miles), analyze the types of venues within the area.
 - Calculate the mean of the frequency for each category.
 - Rank the venue information.
- Combine data to determine a suitable location.

Code	Location	City	Population	Avg. Income	Nationa
28277	35.053275, -80.816601	Charlotte, North Carolina	33,905	\$86,713.00	
28207	35.194148, -80.824585	Charlotte, North Carolina	8,691	\$84,232.00	
28270	35.114865, -80.761718	Charlotte, North Carolina	25,941	\$76,795.00	
28278	35.130547, -81.002682	Charlotte, North Carolina	6,175	\$71,420.00	
28226	35.102650, -80.822144	Charlotte, North Carolina	35,311	\$68,636.00	
28211	35.166342, -80.797285	Charlotte, North Carolina	27,757	\$62,371.00	
28269	35.334508, -80.803461	Charlotte, North Carolina	42,356	\$61,899.00	
28273	35.127365, -80.946828	Charlotte, North Carolina	18,281	\$56,437.00	
28210	35.129916, -80.856206	Charlotte, North Carolina	40,857	\$52,286.00	
28227	35.189404, -80.645488	Charlotte, North Carolina	39,535	\$51,189.00	
28262	35.322061, -80.739981	Charlotte, North Carolina	18,168	\$50,538.00	
28214	35.272414, -80.967036	Charlotte, North Carolina	20,811	\$49,534.00	
28215	35.243457, -80.701067	Charlotte, North Carolina	41,259	\$46,729.00	
28209	35.178714, -80.853985	Charlotte, North Carolina	19,759	\$46,175.00	

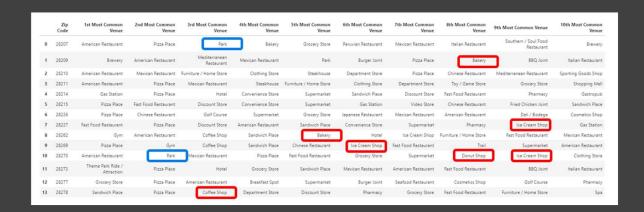
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All zip codes with a median income greater than 80% of the state average



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Map all zip codes within the area. All are at least 20 miles from the existing location.

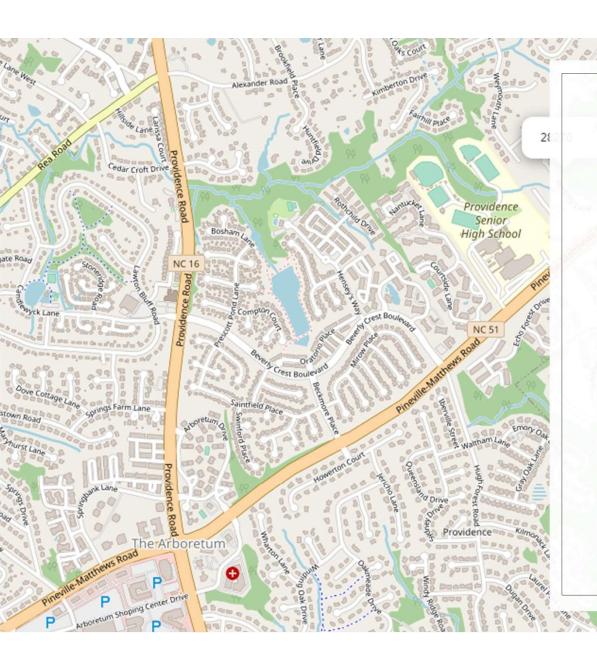


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Using Foursquare data, identify complimentary and ideal nearby venues.

Discussion

- From the venue data, in the zip code 28270:
 - The 2nd most common venue is Parks.
 - The 8th and 9th most popular venues are Donut Shops and Ice Cream Shops.
- No other zip code has more than one match to either the proximity to desirable venues or proximity to similar businesses.
- From the income data, 28270:
 - Ranks 3rd among Charlotte area zip codes and 998th in the nation
 - The median household income for this area is \$76,795, 34% above the median household income for the state.
- This means that there is sufficient disposable income to support luxury/non-essential purchases.
- This is further proven out by the prevalence of donut and ice cream shops within the area.



Recommendation

- The best zip code for the new business is 28270.
- This location has multiple parks and supports multiple donut and ice cream shops.
- Further, the median household income for this area is well above both the state and national average.
- This location in south Charlotte has concentrated residential areas and a nearby large public high school with over 2,000 students.
- The location is 38 miles away from the current location, so there would be little to no customer overlap.
- The Arboretum shopping center (red dot) may be an ideal spot and has space available for lease
 (https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/3333-3351-Pineville-Matthews-Rd-Charlotte-NC/11969586/).