

THE BATTEL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MEDICAL SERVICE LOCATIONS IN TORONTO

PROBLEM

Population of City of Toronto is rising every year, which brings more requirements on the city services, as well as the medical services. However, within Toronto, the medical service sites are not located evenly based on the population, some boroughs have more sites than the others.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This report target audience are City of Toronto, and the medical service provides, who want to open a new medical service site in Toronto.

With this report, they will have a clear view to help them to decide the new medical service site location.

Volunteer Experience or Leadership

DATA SET

This report uses 4 data sets, including Toronto postal codes, GPS location, 2011 population, and Medical Centers locations from Foursquare.

Get Toronto neighbourhoods Postal Codes from Wikipedia, and get the neighbourhood longitude & latitude data from geocoder. Combine these two dataframe to get the neighbourhood location dataframe.

Then, get Toronto neighbourhoods population (2011 census) from City of Toronto

At last, get venue info from Foursquare for the neighborhoods North York and Downtown Toronto

METHODOLOGY

From Wikipedia, get the postal codes table which contains all Toronto neighborhoods. However, some of the postal codes do not have a borough or neighborhoods assigned, need to drop off the rows which does not have borough assigned.

| | Postal Code | Borough | Neighbourhood |
|---|-------------|-------------|--|
| 0 | M1B | Scarborough | Malvern, Rouge |
| 1 | M1C | Scarborough | Rouge Hill, Port Union, Highland Creek |
| 2 | M1E | Scarborough | Guildwood, Morningside, West Hill |
| 3 | M1G | Scarborough | Woburn |
| 4 | M1H | Scarborough | Cedarbrae |

Get Toronto neighborhoods' latitude and longitude data from geocoder. Merge this data set to the Toronto neighborhoods postal codes table by the same postal codes.

| | Postal Code | Latitude | Longitude |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 0 | M1B | 43.806686 | -79.194353 |
| 1 | M1C | 43.784535 | -79.160497 |
| 2 | M1E | 43.763573 | -79.188711 |
| 3 | M1G | 43.770992 | -79.216917 |
| 4 | M1H | 43.773136 | -79.239476 |

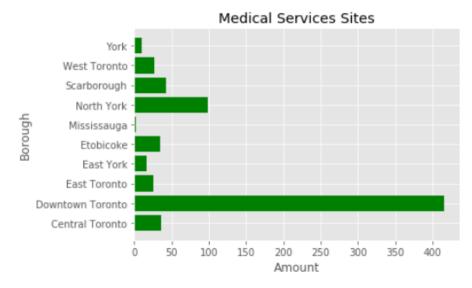
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| 5 | M1J Scarborou | Scarborough | Scarborough Village | 43.744734 | -79.239476 |
| 6 | M1K | Scarborough | Kennedy Park, Ionview, East Birchmount Park | 43.727929 | -79.262029 |
| 7 | M1L | M1L Scarborough Golden Mile, Clairlea, Oakridg | | 43.711112 | -79.284577 |
| 8 | M1M | Scarborough | Cliffside, Cliffcrest, Scarborough Village West | 43.716316 | -79.239476 |
| 9 | M1N | Scarborough | Birch Cliff, Cliffside West | 43.692657 | -79.264848 |

Connect to Foursquare, get all medical center locations by the Foursquare category id: 4bf58dd8d48988d104941735. Then merge the results to the neighborhood GPS table get from the above process.

| | Neighbourhood | Neighbourhood Latitude | Neighbourhood Longitude | Venue | Venue Latitude | Venue Longitude | Venue Category | Postal Code | Borough | Latitude | Longitude |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 0 | Malvern, Rouge | 43.806686 | -79.194353 | Extendicare Rouge Valley | 43.803974 | -79.189386 | Medical Center | M1B | Scarborough | 43.806686 | -79.194353 |
| 1 | Guildwood, Morningside, West Hill | 43.763573 | -79.188711 | CML HealthCare | 43.762568 | -79.191970 | Medical Center | M1E | Scarborough | 43.763573 | -79.188711 |
| 2 | Guildwood, Morningside, West Hill | 43.763573 | -79.188711 | Woburn Medical Centre | 43.766631 | -79.192286 | Medical Center | M1E | Scarborough | 43.763573 | -79.188711 |
| 3 | Guildwood, Morningside, West Hill | 43.763573 | -79.188711 | Life Labs | 43.766802 | -79.192486 | Medical Lab | M1E | Scarborough | 43.763573 | -79.188711 |
| 4 | Guildwood, Morningside, West Hill | 43.763573 | -79.188711 | Simply Align Rehabilitation | 43.766634 | -79.192275 | Chiropractor | M1E | Scarborough | 43.763573 | -79.188711 |
| 5 | Cedarbrae | 43.773136 | -79.239476 | physiomed | 43.774745 | -79.240938 | Medical Center | M1H | Scarborough | 43.773136 | -79.239476 |
| 6 | Cedarbrae | 43.773136 | -79.239476 | Physiomed Scarborough - Ellesmere | 43.775003 | -79.240841 | Medical Center | M1H | Scarborough | 43.773136 | -79.239476 |
| 7 | Cedarbrae | 43.773136 | -79.239476 | Maple Clinic | 43.774840 | -79.240644 | Doctor's Office | M1H | Scarborough | 43.773136 | -79.239476 |
| 8 | Cedarbrae | 43.773136 | -79.239476 | Dr. Meneses Health Clinic | 43.774960 | -79.240851 | Doctor's Office | M1H | Scarborough | 43.773136 | -79.239476 |
| 9 | Cedarbrae | 43.773136 | -79.239476 | ACTIVE CARE CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC | 43.775038 | -79.240834 | Chiropractor | M1H | Scarborough | 43.773136 | -79.239476 |

Group the results by Borough, and count the amount of medical center venues in each borough, get the below data set, and Bar chart.

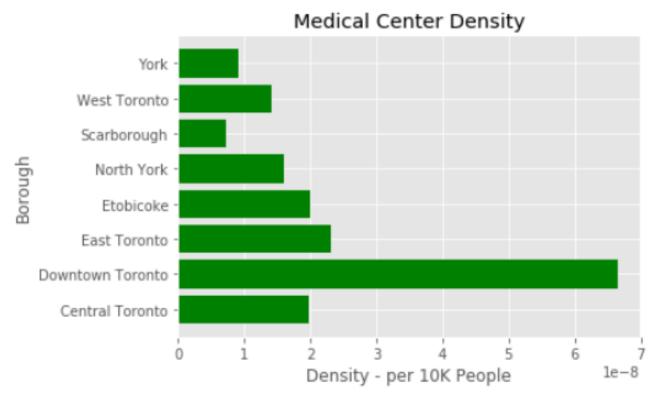
| | Borough | Count |
|---|------------------|-------|
| 0 | Central Toronto | 36 |
| 1 | Downtown Toronto | 416 |
| 2 | East Toronto | 26 |
| 3 | East York | 17 |
| 4 | Etobicoke | 35 |
| 5 | Mississauga | 2 |
| 6 | North York | 99 |
| 7 | Scarborough | 43 |
| 8 | West Toronto | 27 |
| 9 | York | 10 |



As the medical services should be located evenly for providing better service to residents, need to analyst the density of the medical services based on the population of each borough. Get Toronto population data from City of Toronto for the year 2011.

Merge the population results to the medical centers grouped table above, and get the results and the Bar chart as below.

| | index | Borough | Count | Population |
|---|-------|------------------|-------|------------|
| 0 | 0 | Central Toronto | 36 | 181735 |
| 1 | 1 | Downtown Toronto | 416 | 624910 |
| 2 | 2 | East Toronto | 26 | 112054 |
| 3 | 4 | Etobicoke | 35 | 175647 |
| 4 | 6 | North York | 99 | 621068 |
| 5 | 7 | Scarborough | 43 | 600715 |
| 6 | 8 | West Toronto | 27 | 191735 |
| 7 | 9 | York | 10 | 109134 |



From the location map, it also indicates most of the medical service venues are in downtown Toronto.



RESULTS

According to the above data analyst, Downtown Toronto is the borough which has the most medical service venues in Toronto. Per 10K residents, there's 6.6 medical service venues. While Scarborough is the one has the least medical service venue, there's only 0.7 venue available per 10K residents. The second least is York, which has less than 1 venue per 10K residents.

DECISION & CONCLUSION

For serving the residents better, when the medical service providers or City of Toronto want to open a new medical service site, Scarborough should be the first choice. Or the second choice can be the borough York.