What Makes a Profitable Film?

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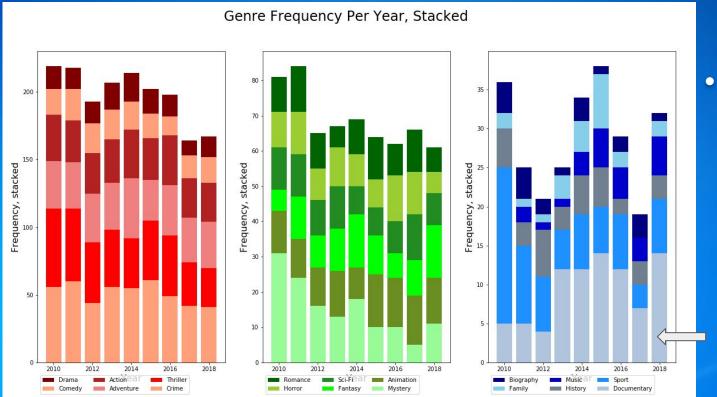
Let's explore:

- Which genres have the highest profit margins?
- Is there an ideal time of year to release a film?
- What kind of relationship exists between film budget and profits?

Genre Trends

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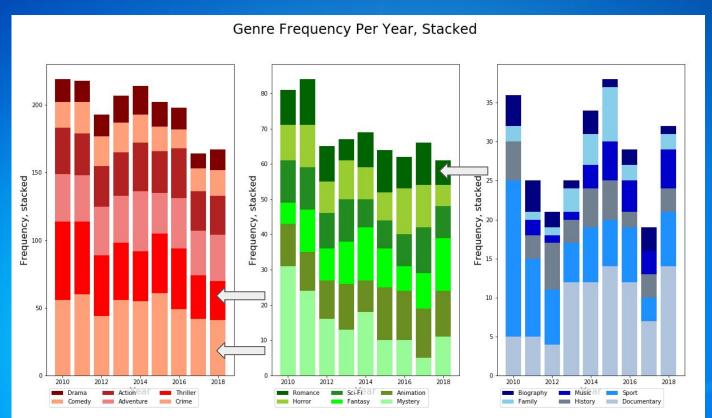
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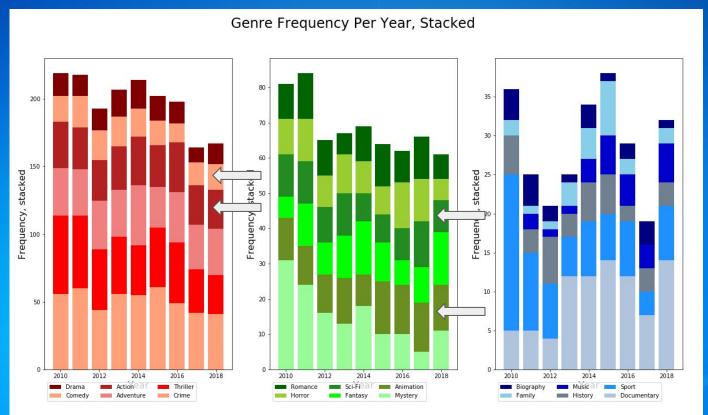
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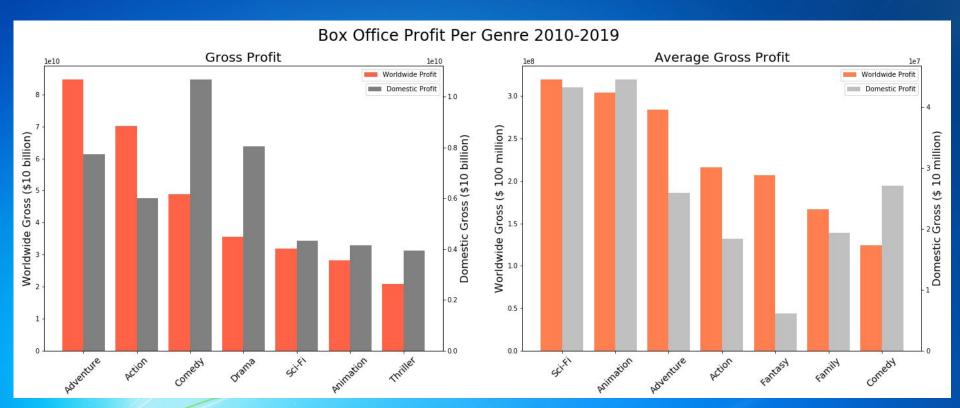
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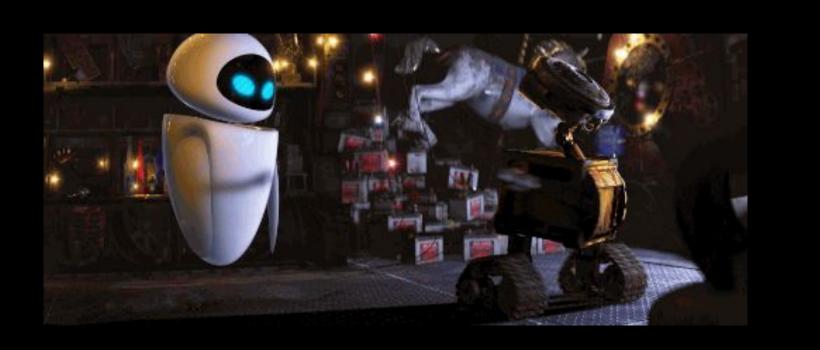
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- Action, Adventure, Animation, and Sci-Fi remain constant.

Gross Profit per Genre



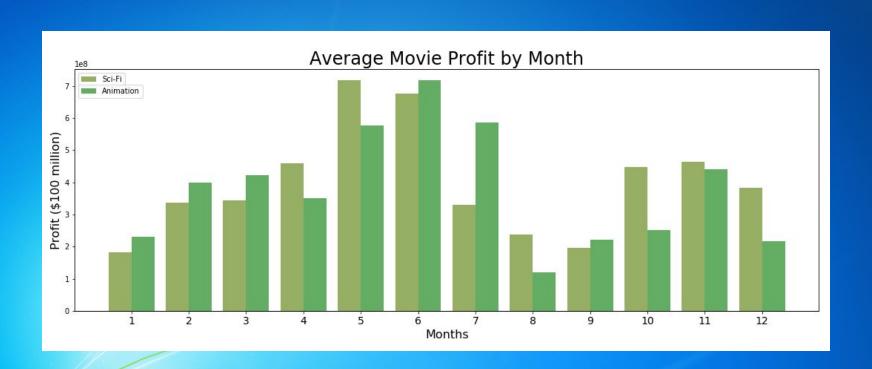
Comedy and Drama have high total profit, but low per film profit.

Sci-Fi and Animation have high per film profit.



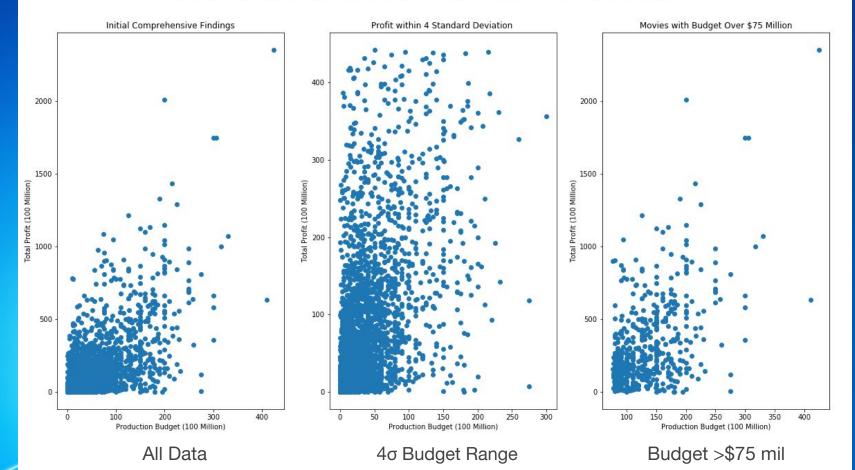
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Budget

Relationship Between Movie Profits and Production Budget



Best Performing Films

Analysis of Profit to budget - best bang for your buck

| Title | Genres | Production Budget (Million) | Worldwide Gross | Worldwide Profit | Profit % |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Despicable Me 2 | Adventure, Animation, Comedy | 76 | 975.21 | 899.22 | 1183% |
| Ice Age: Continental Drift | Adventure, Animation, Comedy | 950 | 879.76 | 784.77 | 826% |
| Frozen | Adventure, Animation, Comedy | 150 | 1272.47 | 1122.47 | 748% |
| The Hunger Games | Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi | 80 | 677.92 | 597.92 | 747% |
| Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom | Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi | 170 | 1305.77 | 1135.77 | 668% |

Family friendly, advendure, comedy

Summary and Future Works

- Animation films have the highest profit margins.
 - Combined with adventure, comedy
- June is the best month to release an Animation film.
- The budget/investment goal should be \$75 million.
- Stories with franchise potential should be prioritized
 - Animation: Despicable Me 2, Ice Age: Continental Drift
 - Sci-Fi: The Hunger Games, Jurassic World
- Plan for families as target audience
 - Parents = extra tickets!