

NE_inmates_demographics_1

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0.1 Dataset

The data being used was from inmate databases acquired from the Nebraska Department of Corrections Public Records. https://dcs-inmatesearch.ne.gov/Corrections/COR_download.htm

The objective is to combine the active and complete databases from the Nebraska Department of Corrections, delete unnecessary rows, and prepare the new dataset for analysis

0.2 1. Load the Data

Load the data using Pandas.

Pandas 'ExcelFile' will load the data as a Pandas DataFrame object.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

xls = pd.ExcelFile('inmateDB_updated.xlsx')
df = pd.read_excel(xls, 'Record Type 1')
```

0.3 2. Check the First Few Rows of Data

The DataFrame's first five rows can be viewed using the .head() method

```
[2]: df.head()
```

```
[2]:  ID NUMBER COMMITTED LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME NAME EXTENSION \
0      1702          CLIFFORD   BRADLEY          NaN
1      6145           KANE     THOMAS          NaN
2      6452          ATKINS     LARRY          NaN
3     12444     SHANEYFELT   CHARLEY          NaN
4     15379          BEADES      JOE          NaN

      LEGAL LAST NAME FIRST NAME2 MIDDLE NAME3 NAME EXTENSION4 DATE OF BIRTH ... \
0          NaN          NaN          NaN          NaN          NaT ...
1          NaN          NaN          NaN          NaN    1928-12-21 ...
2          NaN          NaN          NaN          NaN    1929-07-26 ...
3          NaN          NaN          NaN          NaN    1905-04-10 ...
4          NaN          NaN          NaN          NaN    1924-10-12 ...
```

	PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE	EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE	\
0	NaN	NaN	
1	1952-06-20 00:00:00	NaN	
2	NaN	NaN	
3	NaN	NaN	
4	1955-05-02 00:00:00	LFE	

	GOOD TIME LAW INST	RELEASE DATE	\
0		1986-01-06	
1	2926	1952-08-31	
2		1955-07-20	
3		1987-12-24	
4	2926	1989-07-19	

	INST RELEASE TYPE	PAROLE BOARD	NEXT REVIEW DATE(MONTH&YEAR)	\
0	MANDATORY DISCHARGE		NaN	
1	ESCAPE		NaN	
2	DISCRETIONARY PAROLE		NaN	
3	MANDATORY DISCHARGE		NaN	
4	DISCRETIONARY PAROLE		NaN	

	PAROLE BOARD FINAL HEARING DATE(MONTH&YEAR)	PAROLE BOARD STATUS	\
0	NaT	NaN	
1	NaT	NaN	
2	NaT	PAROLED	
3	NaT	NaN	
4	NaT	PAROLED	

	PAROLE DATE	PAROLE DISCHARGE	DESC
0	NaT		NaN
1	NaT		
2	1980-12-09	EARLY DISCHARGE BY PAROLE BRD	
3	NaT		
4	1993-01-17	EARLY DISCHARGE BY PAROLE BRD	

[5 rows x 32 columns]

0.4 3. Description of Data

The DataFrame `info()` method is used to see helpful descriptions of the data, such as the column name and number of rows. The 'Non-Null Count' is the number of rows that have a value for that particular column. The 'Dtype' is the data type found within each column. An `int64` is an integer, an object type is usually written text, and `datetime64` is a date time value.

```
[3]: df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 72954 entries, 0 to 72953
```

Data columns (total 32 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	ID NUMBER	72954 non-null	int64
1	COMMITTED LAST NAME	72953 non-null	object
2	FIRST NAME	72953 non-null	object
3	MIDDLE NAME	54905 non-null	object
4	NAME EXTENSION	72954 non-null	object
5	LEGAL LAST NAME	1045 non-null	object
6	FIRST NAME2	1045 non-null	object
7	MIDDLE NAME3	1045 non-null	object
8	NAME EXTENSION4	1045 non-null	object
9	DATE OF BIRTH	72940 non-null	datetime64[ns]
10	RACE DESC	72954 non-null	object
11	GENDER	72954 non-null	object
12	FACILITY	14080 non-null	object
13	CURRENT SENTENCE PARDONED OR COMMUTED DATE	72954 non-null	object
14	GUN CLAUSE	256 non-null	object
15	SENTENCE BEGIN DATE	71475 non-null	datetime64[ns]
16	MIN TERM/YEAR	72954 non-null	object
17	MIN MONTH	72588 non-null	float64
18	MIN DAY	72588 non-null	float64
19	MAX TERM/YEAR	72954 non-null	object
20	MAX MONTH	72383 non-null	float64
21	MAX DAY	72383 non-null	float64
22	PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE	66996 non-null	object
23	EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE	72306 non-null	object
24	GOOD TIME LAW	72954 non-null	object
25	INST RELEASE DATE	67994 non-null	datetime64[ns]
26	INST RELEASE TYPE	67994 non-null	object
27	PAROLE BOARD NEXT REVIEW DATE(MONTH&YEAR)	41546 non-null	object
28	PAROLE BOARD FINAL HEARING DATE(MONTH&YEAR)	1973 non-null	datetime64[ns]
29	PAROLE BOARD STATUS	69868 non-null	object
30	PAROLE DATE	25380 non-null	datetime64[ns]
31	PAROLE DISCHARGE DESC	34862 non-null	object

dtypes: datetime64[ns](5), float64(4), int64(1), object(22)

memory usage: 17.8+ MB

0.5 4. Creating a New Active Prisoner Distinction Column

A new column will be created that will reflect if the inmates are actively incarcerated or are no longer in prison. This will be created by assigning a new column that includes inmates in both the full and active inmate databases

0.5.1 4.1 Examining the Active Prisoner Database

The Active prisoner database will be loaded and examined in the same manner as with the full inmate database

```
[4]: xls = pd.ExcelFile('inmateDownloadActive.xlsx')
df_Active = pd.read_excel(xls, 'Record Type 1')
```

Some of the Active prisoner database columns are slightly different than the full database, but it contains the same basic information as the full database.

```
[5]: df_Active.head()
```

```
[5]:      ID NUMBER COMMITTED LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME NAME EXTENSION \
0         6145                KANE      THOMAS          NaN
1        20841              ARNOLD    WILLIAM          L
2        25324              WALKER    RICHARD          T
3        25565            ALVAREZ    THOMAS          A
4        26103              ADAMS     BRIAN           J

      LEGAL LAST NAME FIRST NAME.1 MIDDLE NAME.1 NAME EXTENSION.1 DATE OF BIRTH \
0              NaN              NaN              NaN              NaN  1928-12-21
1              NaN              NaN              NaN              NaN  1942-08-28
2              NaN              NaN              NaN              NaN  1946-12-24
3              NaN              NaN              NaN              NaN  1947-10-24
4              NaN              NaN              NaN              NaN  1949-04-20

      ... PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE \
0 ...      1952-06-20 00:00:00          NaN
1 ...      1959-06-02 00:00:00          LFE
2 ...      1972-12-15 00:00:00          LFE
3 ...              NaN          NaN
4 ...              LFE          LFE

      GOOD TIME LAW INST RELEASE DATE \
0  2926              1952-08-31
1  2926              1967-07-15
2  2926              2008-11-25
3  2926              NaT
4  2926              NaT

      INST RELEASE TYPE PAROLE BOARD NEXT REVIEW DATE(MONTH&YEAR) \
0  ESCAPE              NaN
1  ESCAPE              1959-12-01 00:00:00
2  DISCRETIONARY PAROLE              NaN
3              NaN              2023-05-01 00:00:00
4              NaN              2024-03-01 00:00:00

      PAROLE BOARD FINAL HEARING DATE(MONTH&YEAR)      PAROLE BOARD STATUS \
0              NaT              NaN
1              NaT  INITIAL REVIEW
2              NaT  CONTINUED ON PAROLE
```

```

3                                     NaT  DEFERRED
4                                     NaT  DEFERRED

```

```

      Unnamed: 30      Unnamed: 31
0          NaN
1          NaN
2          NaN
3          NaN      NaN
4          NaN      NaN

```

[5 rows x 32 columns]

```
[6]: df_Active.info()
```

```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 7453 entries, 0 to 7452
Data columns (total 32 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   ID NUMBER                            7453 non-null   int64
1   COMMITTED LAST NAME                  7453 non-null   object
2   FIRST NAME                           7453 non-null   object
3   MIDDLE NAME                          5464 non-null   object
4   NAME EXTENSION                       7453 non-null   object
5   LEGAL LAST NAME                      102 non-null    object
6   FIRST NAME.1                         102 non-null    object
7   MIDDLE NAME.1                       102 non-null    object
8   NAME EXTENSION.1                    102 non-null    object
9   DATE OF BIRTH                       7453 non-null   datetime64[ns]
10  RACE DESC                            7453 non-null   object
11  GENDER                              7453 non-null   object
12  FACILITY                            7401 non-null   object
13  CURRENT SENTENCE PARDONED OR COMMUTED DATE  7453 non-null   object
14  GUN CLAUSE                           0 non-null      float64
15  SENTENCE BEGIN DATE                  7450 non-null   datetime64[ns]
16  MIN TERM/YEAR                        7453 non-null   object
17  MIN MONTH                            7176 non-null   float64
18  MIN DAY                              7176 non-null   float64
19  MAX TERM/YEAR                        7453 non-null   object
20  MAX MONTH                            7041 non-null   float64
21  MAX DAY                              7041 non-null   float64
22  PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE              5444 non-null   object
23  EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE       7047 non-null   object
24  GOOD TIME LAW                        7453 non-null   object
25  INST RELEASE DATE                    2594 non-null   datetime64[ns]
26  INST RELEASE TYPE                    2594 non-null   object
27  PAROLE BOARD NEXT REVIEW DATE(MONTH&YEAR) 4920 non-null   object

```

```

28 PAROLE BOARD FINAL HEARING DATE(MONTH&YEAR) 1339 non-null datetime64[ns]
29 PAROLE BOARD STATUS 7449 non-null object
30 Unnamed: 30 0 non-null float64
31 Unnamed: 31 1545 non-null object
dtypes: datetime64[ns](4), float64(6), int64(1), object(21)
memory usage: 1.8+ MB

```

0.5.2 4.2 Assigning a new 'Active' Inmate Column

The pandas DataFrame `assign()` method returns a new column, 'ACTIVE', that reflects if a prisoner is Active or no longer incarcerated. It uses the DataFrame `.isin` method to check if the full database's inmates' ID NUMBER is in the Active inmate database. The DataFrame `.astype` method changes the column to the integer datatype. A new dataframe called 'df1' was also created to store this all the previous columns as well as the new Active Column.

```
[7]: df1 = df.assign(ACTIVE=df['ID NUMBER']
                    .isin(df_Active['ID NUMBER'])
                    .astype(int))
```

The new column 'ACTIVE' is seen at the as last column. If a row has a 1, that means the prisoner is active, and a 0 means they are no longer incarcerated.

```
[8]: df1.head()
```

```
[8]:
```

	ID NUMBER	COMMITTED	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	NAME	EXTENSION	\
0	1702		CLIFFORD	BRADLEY		NaN		
1	6145		KANE	THOMAS		NaN		
2	6452		ATKINS	LARRY		NaN		
3	12444		SHANEYFELT	CHARLEY		NaN		
4	15379		BEADES	JOE		NaN		

	LEGAL	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME2	MIDDLE NAME3	NAME	EXTENSION4	DATE OF BIRTH	...	\
0		NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	NaT	...	
1		NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	1928-12-21	...	
2		NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	1929-07-26	...	
3		NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	1905-04-10	...	
4		NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	1924-10-12	...	

	EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE	GOOD TIME LAW	\
0	NaN		
1	NaN	2926	
2	NaN		
3	NaN		
4	LFE	2926	

	INST RELEASE DATE	INST RELEASE TYPE	\
0	1986-01-06	MANDATORY DISCHARGE	
1	1952-08-31	ESCAPE	

2	1955-07-20	DISCRETIONARY PAROLE
3	1987-12-24	MANDATORY DISCHARGE
4	1989-07-19	DISCRETIONARY PAROLE

	PAROLE BOARD NEXT REVIEW DATE(MONTH&YEAR)	\
0	NaT	
1	NaT	
2	NaT	
3	NaT	
4	NaT	

	PAROLE BOARD FINAL HEARING DATE(MONTH&YEAR)		PAROLE BOARD STATUS	\
0	NaT		NaT	
1	NaT		NaT	
2	NaT	PAROLED		
3	NaT		NaT	
4	NaT	PAROLED		

	PAROLE DATE	PAROLE DISCHARGE	DESC	ACTIVE
0	NaT		NaT	0
1	NaT			1
2	1980-12-09	EARLY DISCHARGE BY PAROLE BRD		0
3	NaT			0
4	1993-01-17	EARLY DISCHARGE BY PAROLE BRD		0

[5 rows x 33 columns]

0.6 5. Initial Data Cleaning

Datasets are almost always imperfect and this can hinder future analysis.

0.6.1 5.1 Dropping unneeded columns

The columns that were removed contained unnessescary personal information about the inmates or their sentences that were not of use in this research's more macro-based lense. Parole information was also referenced by the NDCS to be fairly incomplete and too difficult to research.

Unneeded columns can be deleted using the DataFrame drop method.

```
[9]: df1 = df1.drop(['FIRST NAME',
                  'FIRST NAME',
                  'MIDDLE NAME',
                  'MIDDLE NAME',
                  'NAME EXTENSION',
                  'COMMITTED LAST NAME',
                  'LEGAL LAST NAME',
                  'NAME EXTENSION',
                  'FIRST NAME2',
```

```

'MIDDLE NAME3',
'NAME EXTENSION4',
'GUN CLAUSE',
'MIN MONTH',
'CURRENT SENTENCE PARDONED OR COMMUTED DATE',
'MIN DAY',
'MAX MONTH',
'MAX DAY',
'PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE',
'GOOD TIME LAW',
'EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE',
'INST RELEASE TYPE',
'PAROLE BOARD NEXT REVIEW DATE(MONTH&YEAR)',
'PAROLE BOARD FINAL HEARING DATE(MONTH&YEAR)',
'PAROLE BOARD STATUS',
'PAROLE DISCHARGE DESC',
'PAROLE DATE'],axis=1)

```

The remaining rows can now be seen.

```
[10]: df1.info()
```

```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 72954 entries, 0 to 72953
Data columns (total 10 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   ID NUMBER              72954 non-null  int64
1   DATE OF BIRTH          72940 non-null  datetime64[ns]
2   RACE DESC              72954 non-null  object
3   GENDER                 72954 non-null  object
4   FACILITY               14080 non-null  object
5   SENTENCE BEGIN DATE    71475 non-null  datetime64[ns]
6   MIN TERM/YEAR          72954 non-null  object
7   MAX TERM/YEAR          72954 non-null  object
8   INST RELEASE DATE      67994 non-null  datetime64[ns]
9   ACTIVE                 72954 non-null  int64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](3), int64(2), object(5)
memory usage: 5.6+ MB

```

```
[11]: df1.head()
```

```

[11]:   ID NUMBER  DATE OF BIRTH  RACE DESC  GENDER  \
0      1702         NaT          WHITE      MALE
1      6145    1928-12-21    WHITE      MALE
2      6452    1929-07-26    WHITE      MALE
3     12444    1905-04-10    WHITE      MALE

```


4	15379	1924-10-12	WHITE		MALE
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	FACILITY	SENTENCE BEGIN DATE	MIN TERM/YEAR	\
0	NaN	NaT	0	
1	NEBRASKA STATE PENITENTIARY	1952-06-20	1	
2	NEBRASKA STATE PENITENTIARY	1953-11-25	2	
3	NaN	1935-10-15	1	
4	NaN	1945-05-02	10	

	MAX TERM/YEAR	INST RELEASE DATE	ACTIVE
0	0	1986-01-06	0
1	3	1952-08-31	1
2	10	1955-07-20	0
3	9	1987-12-24	0
4	LFE	1989-07-19	0

0.6.2 5.2 Dropping All “NA” Missing Features

We can check if any columns have missing data values and count them by using the `isnull()` method and `sum()` method.

```
[12]: df1['SENTENCE BEGIN DATE'].isnull().sum()
```

```
[12]: 1479
```

Missing data values or (NA) is removed from the data in certain columns. The `DataFrame.dropna()` method can be used to do this.

We drop all inmates who have an unknown sentence begin date.

```
[13]: df1 = df1.dropna(axis=0, how="any", subset=['SENTENCE BEGIN DATE'])
```

We can check to see if this function worked.

```
[14]: df1['SENTENCE BEGIN DATE'].isnull().sum()
```

```
[14]: 0
```

We drop all inmates who have an unknown date of birth.

```
[15]: df1['DATE OF BIRTH'].isnull().sum()
```

```
[15]: 6
```

```
[16]: df1 = df1.dropna(axis=0, how="any", subset=['DATE OF BIRTH'])
```

0.6.3 5.3 Checking for Duplicate Rows

Sometimes data contains duplicate rows of information that may skew future analysis. These can be found by using the DataFrame duplicated() method.

```
[17]: duplicate = df1[df1.duplicated()]
      duplicate
```

```
[17]: Empty DataFrame
      Columns: [ID NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, RACE DESC, GENDER, FACILITY, SENTENCE BEGIN
      DATE, MIN TERM/YEAR, MAX TERM/YEAR, INST RELEASE DATE, ACTIVE]
      Index: []
```

The duplicate rows are removed by using DataFrame drop_duplicates().

```
[18]: df1 = df1.drop_duplicates()
```

The overall number of entries will change.

```
[19]: df1.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 71469 entries, 1 to 72953
Data columns (total 10 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   ID NUMBER              71469 non-null  int64
1   DATE OF BIRTH          71469 non-null  datetime64[ns]
2   RACE DESC              71469 non-null  object
3   GENDER                 71469 non-null  object
4   FACILITY               13589 non-null  object
5   SENTENCE BEGIN DATE    71469 non-null  datetime64[ns]
6   MIN TERM/YEAR          71469 non-null  object
7   MAX TERM/YEAR          71469 non-null  object
8   INST RELEASE DATE      66510 non-null  datetime64[ns]
9   ACTIVE                 71469 non-null  int64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](3), int64(2), object(5)
memory usage: 6.0+ MB
```

0.7 6. Adding in Inmate Age Columns for Further Analysis

Some columns will be added using information from the original columns to help expand the analysis.

0.7.1 6.1 Changing Column Data Types to Datetime

Datetime is a data type that is used for dates and times. The Pandas to_datetime method changes an object data type to a datetime format.

```
[20]: df1['SENTENCE BEGIN DATE DT'] = pd.to_datetime(df1['SENTENCE BEGIN DATE'])
df1['DATE OF BIRTH DT'] = pd.to_datetime(df1['DATE OF BIRTH'])
```

0.7.2 6.2 Finding Age of Inmates at Time of Incarceration

This age will be helpful to see at what age inmates were incarcerated and how that may have changed over time

Datetime also is a Python module that can manipulate the datetime datatype. Timedelta is a function from datetime that is used to calculate the difference between dates. The Sentence Begin Age can be found through finding the number of days between the sentence begin date and the inmate's date of birth. This number is then divided by 365 days to get their age in years.

```
[21]: import datetime as dt
from datetime import timedelta

df1['SENTENCE BEGIN AGE DAYS'] = df1['SENTENCE BEGIN DATE DT'] - df1['DATE OF_BIRTH DT']
df1['SENTENCE BEGIN AGE'] = df1['SENTENCE BEGIN AGE DAYS'] / timedelta(days=365)
```

0.7.3 6.3 Finding Current Age of Inmates

This age will be helpful to see how old inmates are now, especially for active ones.

The 'date' is set to the current local date and time using the Pandas datetime.now() method. strftime is the date in a string format that is given in Year/Month/Day. The Current Age can be found through finding the number of days between the current date and the inmate's date of birth. This number is then divided by 365 days to get their age in years.

```
[22]: date = pd.datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d')
date = pd.to_datetime(date,format='%Y%m%d')
df1['CURRENT AGE DAYS'] = date - df1['DATE OF BIRTH DT']
df1['CURRENT AGE'] = df1['CURRENT AGE DAYS'] / timedelta(days=365)
```

<ipython-input-22-17aa42885836>:1: FutureWarning: The pandas.datetime class is deprecated and will be removed from pandas in a future version. Import from datetime module instead.

```
date = pd.datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d')
```

We can drop these columns since they were just made temporarily to get the ages in years.

```
[23]: df1 = df1.drop([
    'CURRENT AGE DAYS',
    'SENTENCE BEGIN AGE DAYS'],axis=1)
```

0.7.4 6.4 Making a New Column for the Sentence Begin Year

This column will be helpful to later separate inmates into different decade cohorts for analysis.

The datetime (dt) .year function can be used to find just the year portion of the full date.

```
[24]: df1['SENTENCE BEGIN YEAR'] = df1['SENTENCE BEGIN DATE DT'].dt.year
```

0.8 7.0 Altering Life Sentencing Values

Some inmates receive life sentences in their MIN TERM/YEAR or MAX TERM/YEAR, and are given the value 'LFE' instead of an integer. This object value limits evaluation on average MIN/MAX TERM of the inmates. These values are changed to numerical representations of how much life left the inmates have.

0.8.1 7.1 Declaring Average Lifespan Values and Finding Years Between Lifespan and Inmate Sentence Begin Age

lfeM represents the average lifespan of a male Nebraskan, and lfeF represents the average lifespan of a female Nebraskan. These values were obtained from (LINK). The columns LFE SENTENCE M and LFE SENTENCE F are created from taking the respective average lifespans subtracted by the inmates' age at the start of their incarceration.

```
[25]: lfeM = 77.7
      lfeF = 81.89

      df1['LFE SENTENCE M'] = lfeM - df1['SENTENCE BEGIN AGE']
      df1['LFE SENTENCE F'] = lfeF - df1['SENTENCE BEGIN AGE']
```

0.8.2 7.2 Assigning Found Values to a Life Sentence Column

The lfe_sentence() function looks to see if the row has the a male or female inmate, and returns the corresponding LFE SENTENCE column. A new column, LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX is created from applying the lfe_sentence() function to our data. The values in LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX are then rounded using .round().

```
[26]: def lfe_sentence(df1):
      if df1['GENDER'] == 'MALE':
          return df1['LFE SENTENCE M']
      else:
          return df1['LFE SENTENCE F']

      df1['LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX'] = df1.apply(lfe_sentence,axis=1)
      df1['LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX'] = df1['LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX'].round()
```

0.8.3 7.3 Replace MIN or MAX TERM/YEAR Values with Life Sentence Age Values

Now the original MIN or MAX TERM/YEAR value of 'LFE' is replaced with the value in LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX by using a numpy where method. The where method lets you find and replace values.

```
[27]: df1['MIN TERM/YEAR'] = np.where(df1['MIN TERM/YEAR'] == 'LFE',
                                     df1['LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX'], df1['MIN TERM/
                                     ↪YEAR'])
```

```
df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'] = np.where(df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'] == 'LFE',
                                df1['LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX'], df1['MAX TERM/
→YEAR'])
```

0.8.4 7.4 Dropping Old Columns

The columns used to create these life sentence replacement values can now be deleted.

```
[28]: df1=df1.drop([
        'LFE SENTENCE M',
        'LFE SENTENCE F',
        'LFE SENTENCE MIN/MAX'],axis=1)
```

```
[29]: df1.head()
```

```
[29]:      ID NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH      RACE DESC GENDER \
1         6145    1928-12-21  WHITE                      MALE
2         6452    1929-07-26  WHITE                      MALE
3        12444    1905-04-10  WHITE                      MALE
4        15379    1924-10-12  WHITE                      MALE
6        16657    1929-01-10  WHITE                      MALE
```

```
      FACILITY SENTENCE BEGIN DATE MIN TERM/YEAR \
1  NEBRASKA STATE PENITENTIARY    1952-06-20      1
2  NEBRASKA STATE PENITENTIARY    1953-11-25      2
3                        NaN    1935-10-15      1
4                        NaN    1945-05-02     10
6                        NaN    1948-12-22     58
```

```
      MAX TERM/YEAR INST RELEASE DATE  ACTIVE SENTENCE BEGIN DATE DT \
1           3      1952-08-31      1      1952-06-20
2          10      1955-07-20      0      1953-11-25
3           9      1987-12-24      0      1935-10-15
4          57      1989-07-19      0      1945-05-02
6          58      2002-12-27      0      1948-12-22
```

```
      DATE OF BIRTH DT  SENTENCE BEGIN AGE  CURRENT AGE  SENTENCE BEGIN YEAR
1      1928-12-21      23.512329      92.273973      1952
2      1929-07-26      24.350685      91.679452      1953
3      1905-04-10      30.534247     115.989041      1935
4      1924-10-12      20.567123      96.468493      1945
6      1929-01-10      19.961644      92.219178      1948
```

0.9 8.0 Deleting Death and Independent Values

Very few of the MIN or MAX TERM/YEAR values are labelled with DTH or IND. These stand for Death and Independent sentences, and only hinder analysis on average sentencing. They are

removed to simplify the data, as they account for fewer than 30 inmates. These few inmates act as major outliers compared to the rest of the database.

0.9.1 8.1 Checking to See if IND or DTH Values Exist

The DataFrame method `str.contains()` finds if the given value is in the DataFrame being analyzed. `.any()` returns a true or false statement if the given value is found in the DataFrame.

```
[30]: df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'].str.contains('IND').any()
```

```
[30]: True
```

```
[31]: df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'].str.contains('DTH').any()
```

```
[31]: True
```

0.9.2 8.2 Drop rows where values equal IND or DTH

The `drop()` method is used again to delete any columns where the MIN or MAX TERM/YEAR value is equal to DTH or IND.

```
[32]: df1.drop(df1.loc[df['MIN TERM/YEAR']=='DTH'].index, inplace=True)
df1.drop(df1.loc[df['MIN TERM/YEAR']=='IND'].index, inplace=True)

df1.drop(df1.loc[df['MAX TERM/YEAR']=='DTH'].index, inplace=True)
df1.drop(df1.loc[df['MAX TERM/YEAR']=='IND'].index, inplace=True)
```

0.9.3 8.3 Check Work

```
[33]: df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'].str.contains('IND').any()
```

```
[33]: False
```

```
[34]: df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'].str.contains('DTH').any()
```

```
[34]: False
```

0.9.4 8.4 Changing the MIN and MAX TERM/YEAR to numeric values

The pandas method `to_numeric()` is used to change the MIN and MAX TERM/YEAR string values into float values (integers with decimal points). This will make finding future inmate sentencing averages easier.

```
[35]: df1['MIN TERM/YEAR'] = pd.to_numeric(df1['MIN TERM/YEAR'])
df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'] = pd.to_numeric(df1['MAX TERM/YEAR'])
```

Now the value type change can be seen.

```
[36]: df1.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 71440 entries, 1 to 72953
Data columns (total 15 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   ID NUMBER                            71440 non-null  int64
1   DATE OF BIRTH                        71440 non-null  datetime64[ns]
2   RACE DESC                            71440 non-null  object
3   GENDER                              71440 non-null  object
4   FACILITY                             13570 non-null  object
5   SENTENCE BEGIN DATE                  71440 non-null  datetime64[ns]
6   MIN TERM/YEAR                       71440 non-null  float64
7   MAX TERM/YEAR                       71440 non-null  float64
8   INST RELEASE DATE                   66493 non-null  datetime64[ns]
9   ACTIVE                              71440 non-null  int64
10  SENTENCE BEGIN DATE DT               71440 non-null  datetime64[ns]
11  DATE OF BIRTH DT                    71440 non-null  datetime64[ns]
12  SENTENCE BEGIN AGE                   71440 non-null  float64
13  CURRENT AGE                         71440 non-null  float64
14  SENTENCE BEGIN YEAR                  71440 non-null  int64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](5), float64(4), int64(3), object(3)
memory usage: 11.2+ MB
```

0.10 9.0 Reducing the Database to only contain inmates incarcerated after 1979.

When looking at broad trends over the studied period, this is the range that needs to be researched. All previous incarcerations are outlier data that had incomplete digital documentation.

The DataFrame can be altered to only keep rows where inmates were incarcerated after 1979.

```
[37]: df1 = df1[df1['SENTENCE BEGIN YEAR'] > 1979]
```

The DataFrame lost around 2857 rows of inmates.

```
[38]: df1.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 68583 entries, 142 to 72953
Data columns (total 15 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   ID NUMBER                            68583 non-null  int64
1   DATE OF BIRTH                        68583 non-null  datetime64[ns]
2   RACE DESC                            68583 non-null  object
3   GENDER                              68583 non-null  object
4   FACILITY                             11586 non-null  object
5   SENTENCE BEGIN DATE                  68583 non-null  datetime64[ns]
```

```

6  MIN TERM/YEAR          68583 non-null float64
7  MAX TERM/YEAR          68583 non-null float64
8  INST RELEASE DATE      63663 non-null datetime64[ns]
9  ACTIVE                 68583 non-null int64
10 SENTENCE BEGIN DATE DT 68583 non-null datetime64[ns]
11 DATE OF BIRTH DT       68583 non-null datetime64[ns]
12 SENTENCE BEGIN AGE     68583 non-null float64
13 CURRENT AGE            68583 non-null float64
14 SENTENCE BEGIN YEAR    68583 non-null int64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](5), float64(4), int64(3), object(3)
memory usage: 8.4+ MB

```

0.11 10.0 Converting DataFrame to CSV for Future Use

The DataFrame method `to_csv` converts a DataFrame to a CSV file for easier storage and sharing.

```
[39]: df1.to_csv('inmate_updatedClean_demographics.csv', encoding='utf-8',
↳ index=False)
```

```
[ ]:
```