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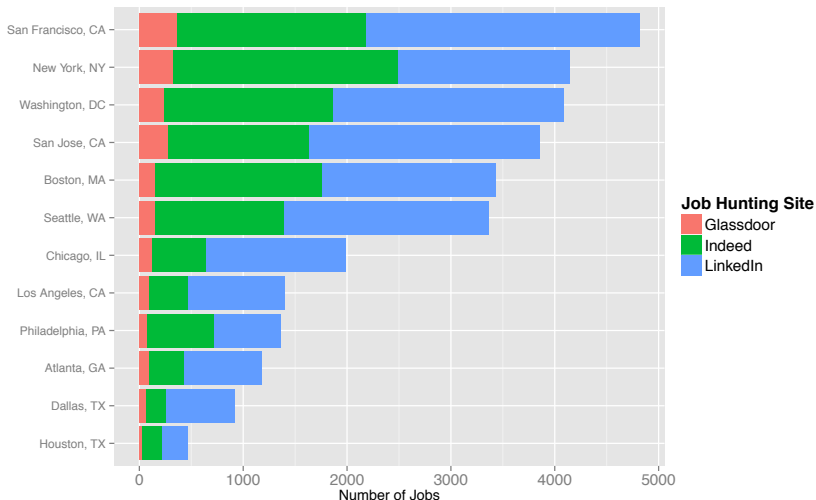
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Where are the jobs?

Data Scientist Jobs
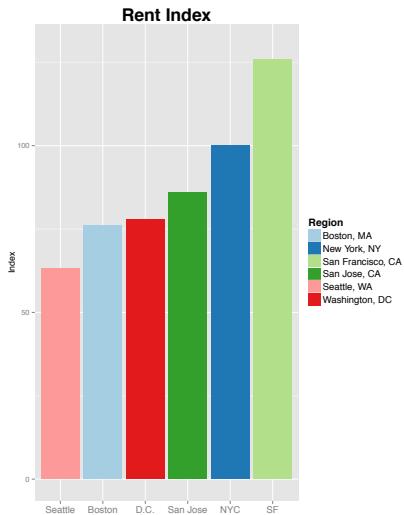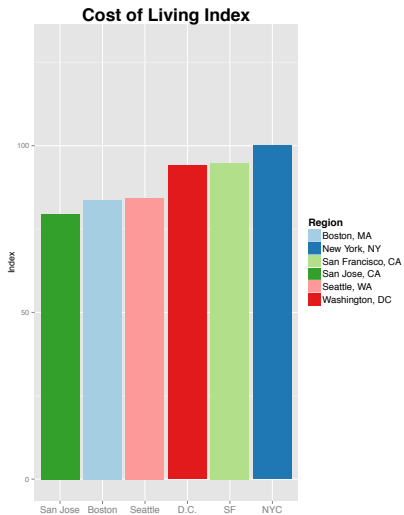
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Numbeo: Cost of Living Index

- World's largest database of user contributed data about cities and countries worldwide.
- Provides current and timely information on world living expenses including cost of living, rent, restaurant, and groceries etc.
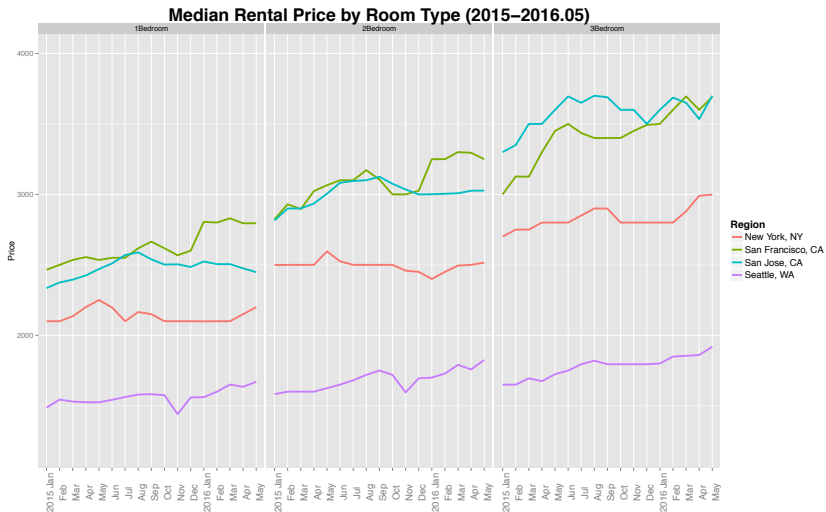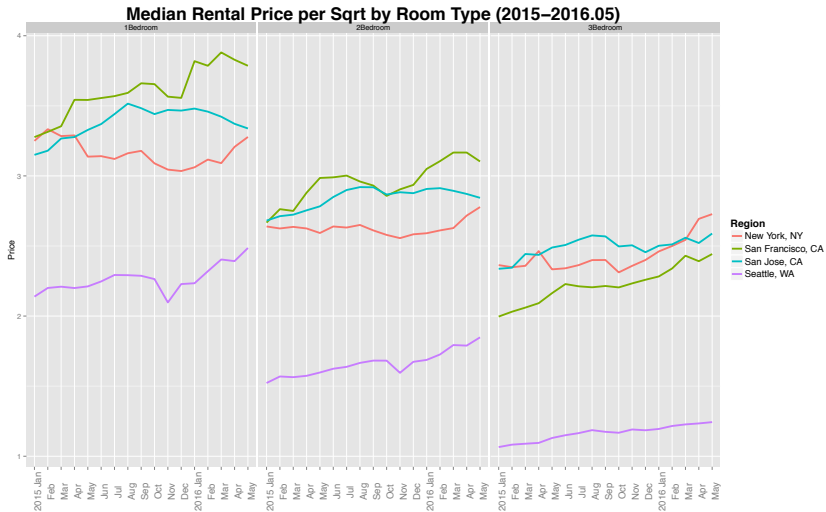- To know more about how Numbeo calculated indexes. *Click here!*.

Expense Level

Zillow: Rent Data

- Divided by room types to ensure the data are unaffected by mix of homes.
- Used median to reduce the effects of exceptionally high and low rent.
- Track rents from a consistent stock of inventory.
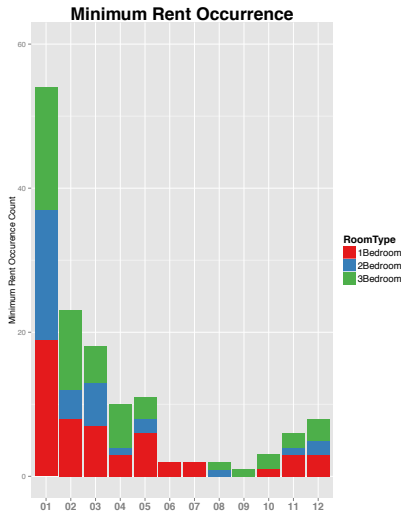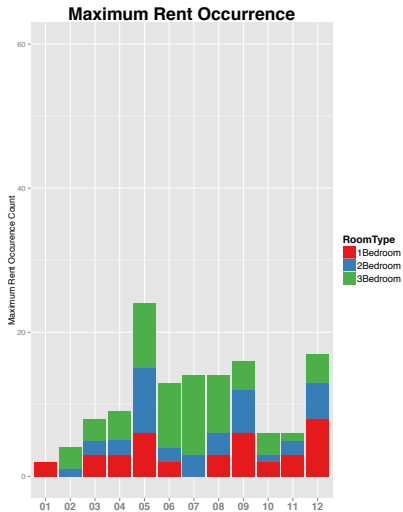- For detailed Zillow real estate data analytics methodology. *Click here!*

Rent Visualization

Median Rental Price by Room Type (2015–2016.05)

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Median Rental Price per Sqrt by Room Type (2015–2016.05)

Best Time to Move?

Things to consider

- ▶ SF, NYC, DC, San Jose, Boston, and Seattle have most data scientist jobs.
- ▶ Cost of living standards may not be consistent with cost of renting an apartment, so be wise and consider both factors when you choose a destination.
- ▶ Although living in a 3-bedroom apartment has the lowest rent per sqft, the overall price level is steadily increasing in four chosen cities.
- ▶ In terms of rent, NYC is not as expensive as San Jose and SF. However, rents in NYC and San Jose are merging.

Final Easy Tips

- Seattle: your best choice to save money! Although the rent has been increasing, it is still about 2/3 cheaper than other chosen cities.
- NYC: 2-bedroom apartment has the best value.
- SF: 3-bedroom apartment has the best value.
- San Jose: 2-bedroom apartment has the best value.
- Relocate in January to get the best deal and avoid signing your lease just before summer.