

Predicting House Prices in California - Bay Area



Target: Predict house prices using multiple Machine Learning Algorithms considering different sets of house and zip code features:

1. Main Dataset: Source www.redfin.com:

- Obtained sold houses from Dec 2019-Dec 2020.
- The sold houses located in North California distributed between 49 cities and 94 Zip Codes.
- Data has 8,790 Observations and 27 Variables.

***** Adding more Datasets to enhance our prediction *****

2. Adding Median Income per Zip code from:

- Source: <http://www.usa.com/rank/california-state--median-household-income--zip-code-rank.htm> and since the data from 2010-2014, and according to <https://www.statista.com/statistics> --> the median Income in California has grown by 6.36% we'll use this % to adjust this Dataset YoY.

3. Adding Hotness score (0-100) to reflect the demand and supply per zip code:

- Source: <https://www.realtor.com/research/data/>

4. Adding Public School per zip code:

- Source: https://hifid-geoplatom.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/87376bdb0cb3490cbda39935626f6604_0

5. Adding GreatSchools Rating to reflect Schools rating in all the selected 47 cities in North California:

- Source: GreatSchools.org API <https://www.greatschools.org/api/request-api-key>

6. Adding Shopping and Mall centers in CA per city:

- Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_shopping_malls_in_California

7. Adding Universities and colleges list in CA per city:

- Source: <http://www.free-4u.com/Colleges/California-Colleges.html>

8. We have 7 Datasets to support this project, so Data Wrangling will be needed:

- Clean NANs, duplicate values, wrong values and removing insignificant columns.
- Merging and concatenation will be needed.
- The GreatSchools API is a REST-based web service: will need to use Python Packages: requests, xml.etree.ElementTree and glob:
 - requests: To get the data from GreatSchools API
 - xml.etree.ElementTree module : to implement a simple and efficient API for parsing and creating XML data.
 - glob: to concatenate all the API output in one final DataFrame