

King County

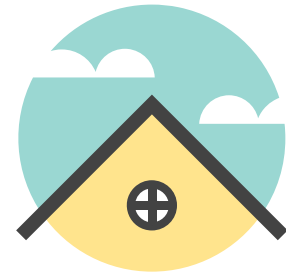
Marketing Campaign

Data-driven insights and predictive modelling



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Advertising Campaign to encourage
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- Model to predict house prices



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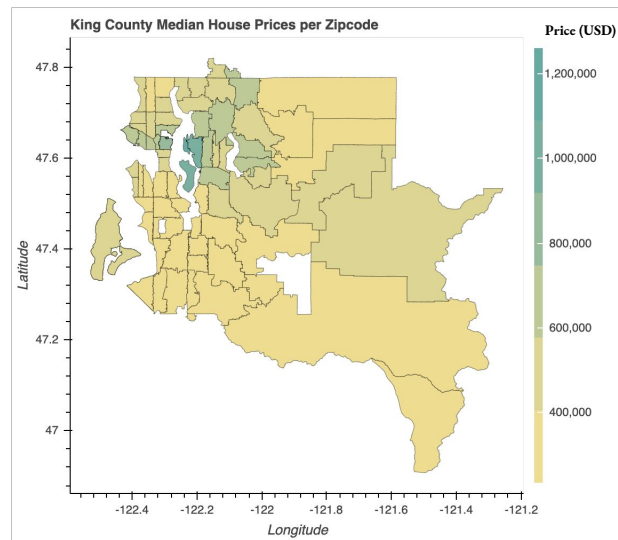
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Location



- Understand which areas have the highest house prices and should be the focus of our campaign

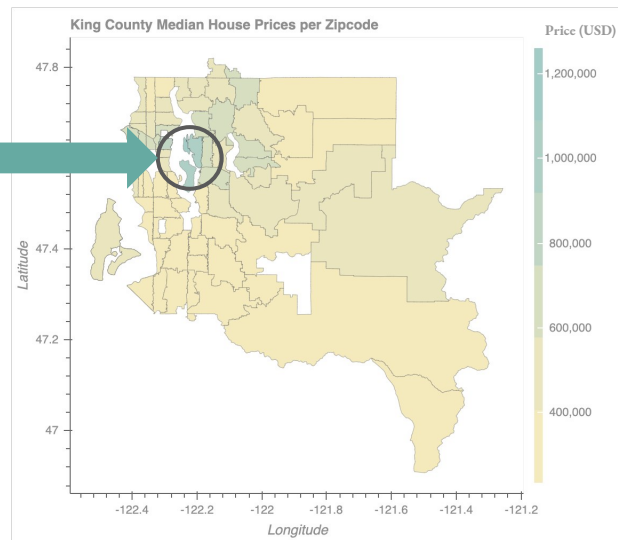
LOCATION - Zip Codes



- Looked at the median house price per zip code. There were 70 different zip codes in our dataset.

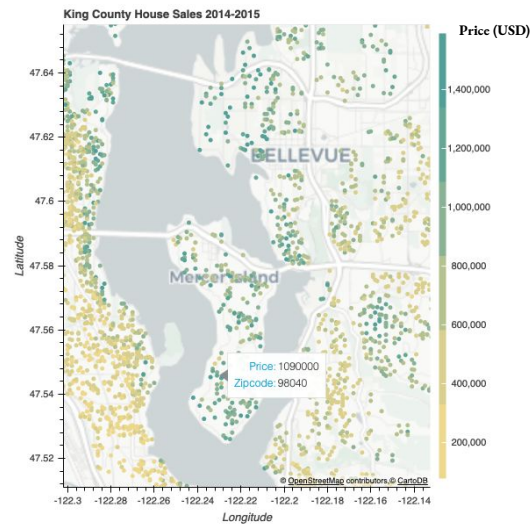
LOCATION - Zip Codes

Top 3 Zip Codes



- See top 3 zip codes in the NW area

LOCATION - Neighbourhoods



- Zoomed in and see that waterfront is key
- Most expensive houses are in Mercer Island and Bellevue

Recommendations



Location

- Importance of waterfront
- Bellevue and Mercer Island areas



House Features



- Then looked at house features to see which factors drive the price up and also which factors are the best predictor of price

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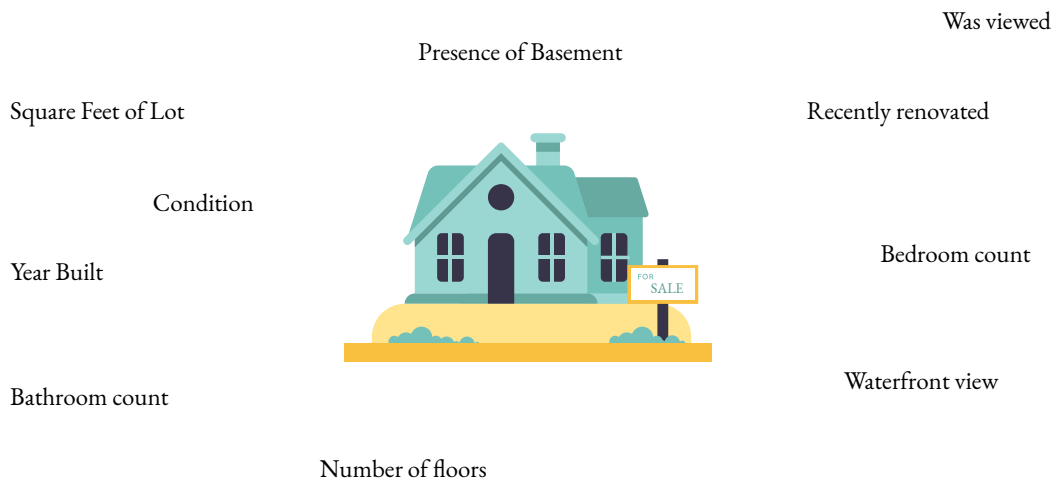
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House Features - Grade



- Better predictor is grade, construction value from King County which ranges from 1 to 13 (though here we only had 3 to 12)
- For the campaign we would recommend looking at houses with a grade of 10 or above. This would have a starting median price above \$800,000. From the description we note that "Homes of this quality generally have high quality features. Finish work is better and more design quality is seen in the floor plans. Generally have a larger square footage."

House Features - Other



- Other features we considered

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Home Features

- Larger living area (sqft)
- Grade 10 and above
- Grade better predictor

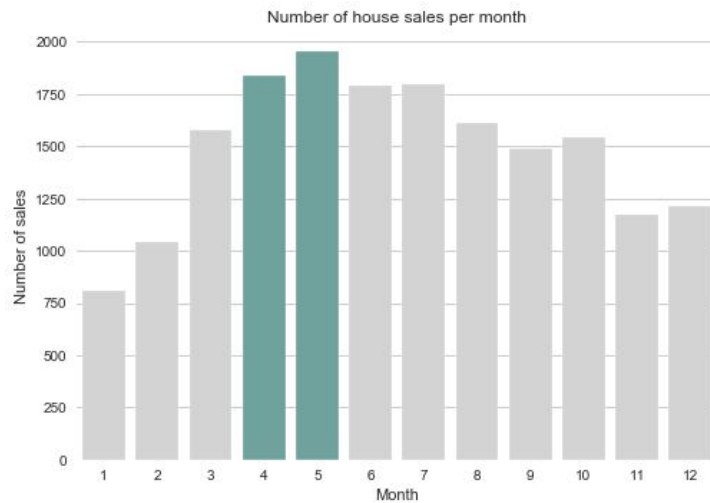


Time of Year



- Investigated whether the median price was higher at a certain time of the year and whether there are any trends.
- Median price was almost the same, so no influence

Time of year



- However volume of sales varied
- April and May are the most popular months for house sales. In contrast, January and February have the lowest number of sales.
- Recommend March/April for the campaign

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Time of Year

- Constant median house price
- April/May highest sales volume
- Campaign in March/April



Predicting House Prices



Predicting House Prices

Features		
Pros		
Cons		
Score		
Mean Error		

- Features is number of attributes used to predict
- Score is a value between 0 and 1 with 1 being a perfect fit
- Mean error is the amount in USD on average over or under



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- 70% of variations in price can be explained by model A vs 83% for model B



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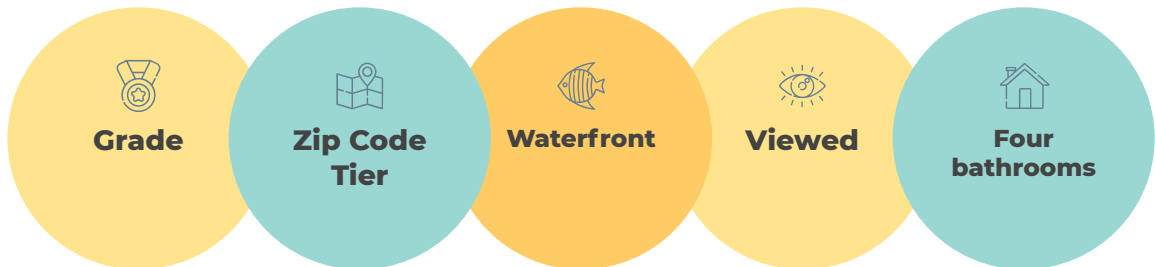
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Best predictors - Model A



- Grade 12 is worth \$52,000 more than grade 11
- being on the waterfront is valued at USD 277,442.



Further work

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Longer Time Scale	See which areas show signs of growth/ decline



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APPENDIX - Model A Coefficients

Feature	Coefficient	Feature	Coefficient
1 grade_12	515,536	10 zip_tier_5	168,374
2 grade_11	463,199	11 viewed	153,790
3 zip_tier_1	435,924	12 zip_tier_6	133,920
4 grade_10	327,375	13 bathrooms_4	105,063
5 zip_tier_2	313,144	14 zip_tier_7	99,454
6 waterfront	277,442	15 grade_8	88,713
7 zip_tier_3	250,036	16 grade_5	-94,930
8 zip_tier_4	248,289	17 grade_4	-136,094
9 grade_9	233,634		

