

Ames Housing Price Drivers

Using SAS to Translate Data into Pricing Strategy

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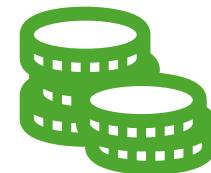
Business Context



Housing prices vary widely even for similar properties



Poor pricing decisions lead to lost revenue and misallocation of capital



Data-driven valuation improves pricing and investment outcomes

Key Questions



Which property features most strongly influence sale price?



Does neighborhood change the value of square footage?



Which upgrades deliver the highest return on investment?



Data Overview

- Ames Housing Dataset (2,900+ residential properties)
- Structural, quality, and neighborhood-level attributes
- Outcome variable: Sale Price

Analytical Approach

- Correlation analysis to identify strong predictors
- Regression modeling to quantify feature impact
- Moderation analysis to test neighborhood effects
- Statistical validation using SAS procedures



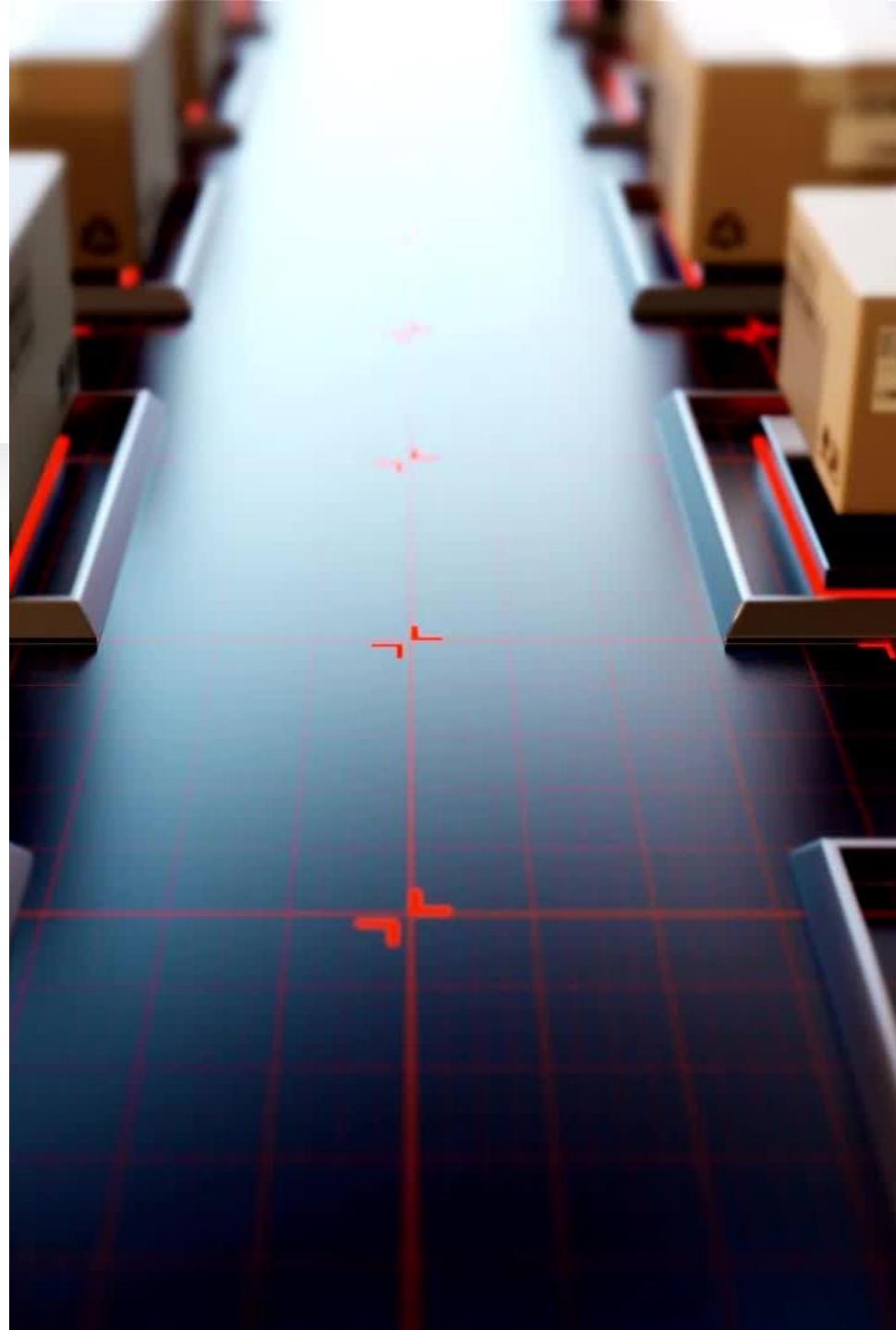
Key Insight #1: Size Matters, But Location Changes Everything

- The living area shows a strong positive relationship with the sale price
- The value of additional square footage varies significantly by neighborhood
- Premium neighborhoods deliver higher price returns per square foot



Key Insight #2: Quality Outperforms Size

- Overall quality is one of the strongest predictors of sale price
- Renovation quality often delivers a higher ROI than expanding lot size
- Strategic upgrades outperform raw square footage increases





Business Implications

- Supports neighborhood-specific pricing strategies
- Guides smarter renovation and investment decisions
- Improves the accuracy of real estate valuation models



Skills Demonstrated

- SAS statistical modeling and diagnostics
- Analytical thinking from problem definition to insight
- Clear communication of technical results to business stakeholders



Why This Matters

Focus on impact,
not academic noise

Ability to translate
data into actionable
decisions

Ready to contribute
to real-world
analytics and
business problems