# Investigating King County Property Prices

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#### **Summary**

A linear regression model trained to predict the price of properties throughout King County, WA reveals the influence of many property characteristics

- City
- Grade (condition)
- View
- etc.

### **Business Problem**

#### **King Property Services (KPS)**

wants to acquire new properties that will appeal to recent college graduates / young professionals

KPS wants to better understand how different property characteristics influence the prices of properties that would appeal to this target demographic

#### **Data and Methods**

- 20,647 King County properties analyzed
- Data regarding cities corresponding to zipcodes taken from <u>King</u>
   <u>County Open Data Source</u>
- Ordinary least squared (OLS) regression model

#### Assumptions:

- Maximum property price = \$1,350,000
- Bedrooms < 8</li>
- Bathrooms >= ¾ Bath

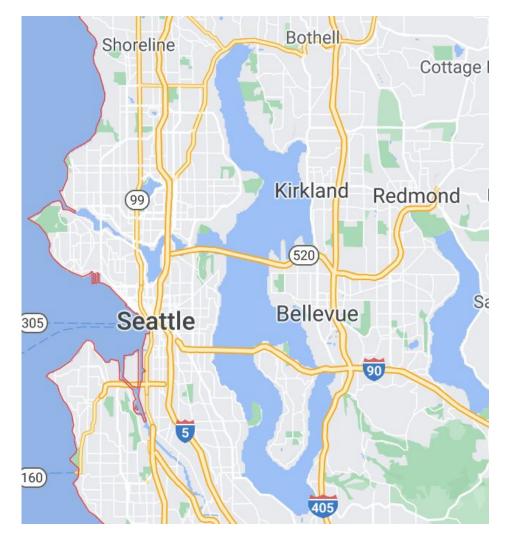
## Results: Final Model

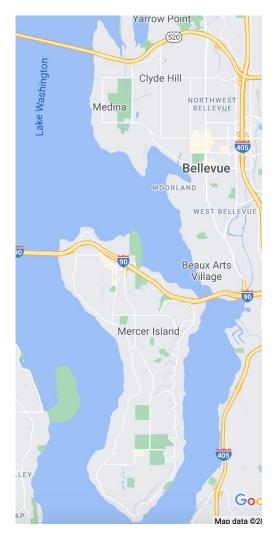
- Adjusted  $R^2 = 0.729$ 
  - 72.9% of the change in property prices can be attributed to the examined property characteristics
- Train RMSE = \$121,608.44
- **Test RMSE** = \$121,313.09
  - Train and Test RSME are close

#### **Model Functions Well!**

## Results: Influential Characteristics

- Bathrooms (\$29,980)
- Year Built (-\$2,053)
- Waterfront (\$110,300)
- Cities
  - Medina (\$683,600)
  - Mercer Island (\$424,100)
  - Bellevue (\$299,500)
- Grade (Condition)
  - 7 (\$83,060)
  - 8 (\$160,500)
  - 12 (\$483,600)
- View
  - 1 (\$58,910)
  - 2 (\$55,510)
  - 3 (\$91,540)
  - 4 (\$164,300)





#### Recommendations

King Property Services should consider the following for targeting the recent graduate demographic:

- Newer homes
- Grade 7 Properties
- Properties with lesser views1/4 or 2/4
- No waterfront status
- Properties NOT IN Medina,
   Mercer Island, or Bellevue

#### **Going Forward**

- Conduct investigation regarding the effect of number of bedrooms on property price
  - Bedrooms = -\$16,090
- Research age demographics by city / other geographical data
- Filter more outliers
  - This model filtered conservatively

#### **Thank You!**

There will now be a brief Q&A session

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