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# Classification of the United States Market: Overpriced vs. Underpriced

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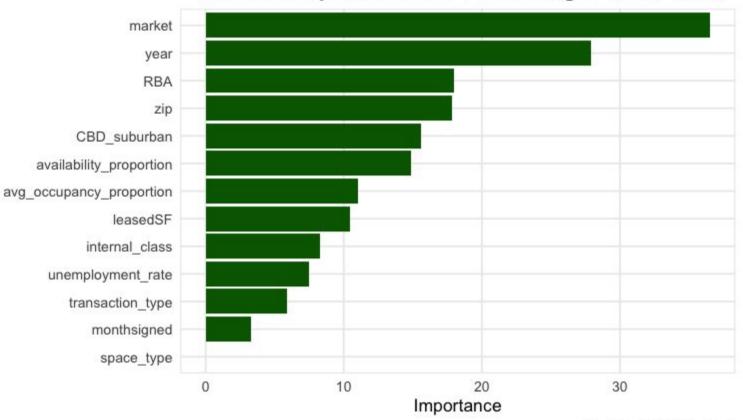
## **Research Question:**

Can we accurately classify overall rent as underpriced or overpriced to support Savills and renters, and what are the most influential variables contributing to this classification?

# Feature Engineered 'Price Category': Overpriced or Underpriced

- Created a Random Forest, XGBoost, and SVM to predict 'Overall Rent'
  - $\circ$  Selected RF as the best model (R<sup>2</sup> = .9897)
- Created new variable `Price Category`
- Classified `Price Category` as:
  - Overpriced if 'Overall Rent' > 'Predicted Rent'
  - Underpriced otherwise

### Variable Importance for Predicting Overall Rent



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Underpriced Overpriced

Year: 2018

Tampa South Florida Seattle San Francisco San Diego Salt Lake City **Phoenix** Philadelphia Northern Virginia **Northern New Jersey** Nashville Manhattan Los Angeles Houston Detroit **Chicago Suburbs** Charlotte **Boston Baltimore** Austin **Atlanta** 

#### Market Pricing Movement: 2018

Underpriced Overpriced

Year: 2018

Tampa
South Florida
Seattle
San Francisco
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Salt Lake City
Phoenix

Northern Virginia
Northern New Jersey

Manhattan Los Angeles

Detroit

Chicago Suburbs Charlotte Boston Baltimore

**Atlanta** 

Philadelphia

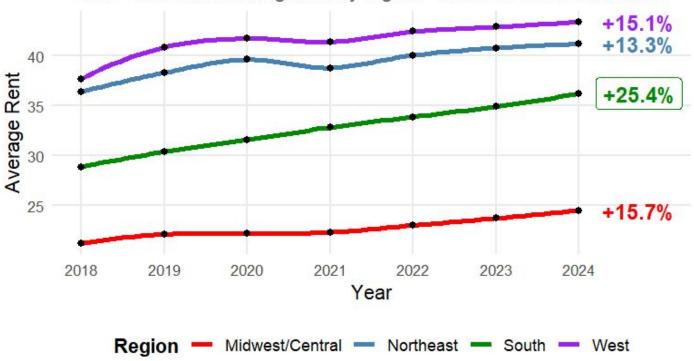
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Houston

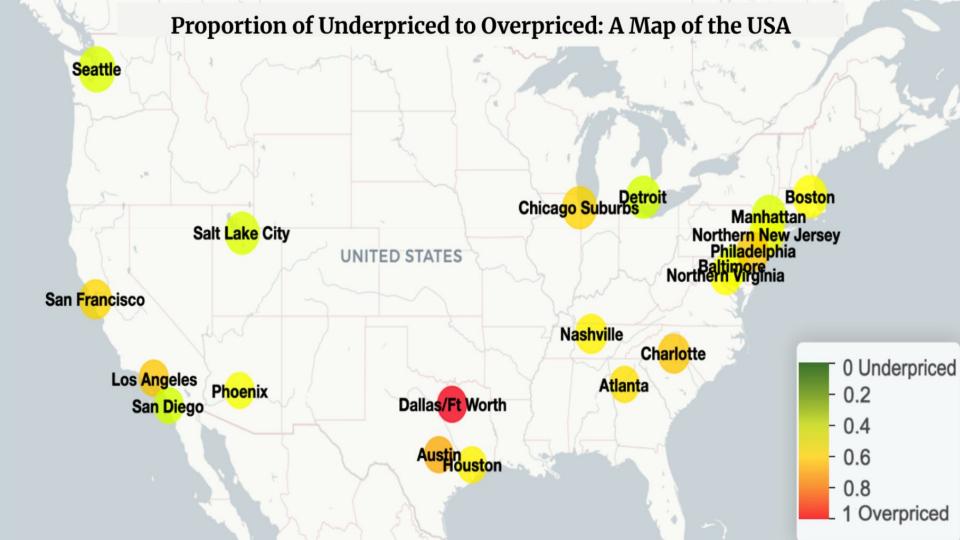
Austin

## **Regional Rent Trends with Percent Change**

2018-2024 cumulative growth by region - Southern rent is on the rise

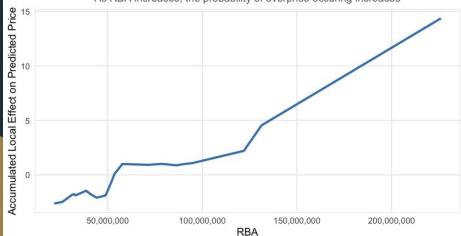


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#### ALE Plot for Rentable Building Area (RBA)

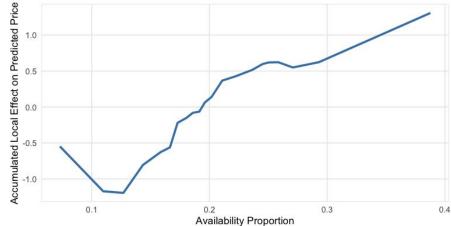
As RBA increases, the probability of overprice occuring increases



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#### **ALE Plot for Availability Proportion**

As Availability Proportion increases, the probability of overprice occuring increases



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Market	$\phi$	RBA 🖣	Year 🖣	Overall Rent 🔷	Predicted Rent +	Price Category
Atlanta		94670159.53	2024	32.87	32.53	Overpriced
Austin		37811331.42	2024	46.38	44.27	Overpriced
Baltimore		38603688.98	2024	23.93	24.06	Underpriced
Boston		129644616.28	2024	45.99	45.98	Overpriced
Charlotte		31816266.52	2024	33.24	32.99	Overpriced
Chicago Suburbs		47562918.29	2024	27.71	27.19	Overpriced
Detroit		43913768.82	2024	21.88	21.78	Overpriced
Houston		90513436.23	2024	31.77	31.46	Overpriced
Los Angeles		117404695.65	2024	46.85	46.88	Underpriced
Manhattan		221699219.65	2024	76.28	76.16	Overpriced

8 Buildings in Different Markets with Predicted Pricing										
Market	RBA ♦	Year 🔷	Availability Proportion	Overall Rent	Predicted Rent	Price Category				
Atlanta	94670159.53	2024	0.29	32.87	32.6	Overpriced				
Austin	37811331.42	2024	0.27	46.38	44.77	Overpriced				
Baltimore	38704876.19	2024	0.18	24.14	24.71	Underpriced				
Boston	128108299.89	2024	0.19	49.07	46.74	Overpriced				
Charlotte	32672385.13	2024	0.24	32.71	32.69	Overpriced				
Chicago Suburbs	47608031.26	2024	0.31	27.36	27.05	Overpriced				
Detroit	43913768.82	2024	0.25	21.88	21.67	Overpriced				
Houston	94243366.81	2024	0.28	31.46	31.19	Overpriced				