# Analyses of Supply-Demand Factors Impacting U.S. Home Prices

## Two datasets are collected for this assignment :-

- 1. Supply Data
- 2. Demand Data

These datasets contain quarterly data on key supply-demand factors that influence US home prices nationally in the last 20 years and are collected from Kaggle.

```
In [1]:
         import numpy as np
         import pandas as pd
         from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
         import seaborn as sns
         import numpy as np
         import pandas as pd
         from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
         from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
         from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_val_score,KFold
         from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
         from sklearn.svm import SVR
         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
         from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
         from xgboost import XGBRegressor
         from sklearn.metrics import classification report, confusion matrix
         from sklearn import metrics
         from sklearn.metrics import r2 score
         from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
         from sklearn.linear model import Ridge
```

### Reading the Data

#### Supply

```
In [2]: df_supply = pd.read_csv("data/supply.csv")
    df_supply.head()
```

| Out[2]: |   | DATE       | CSUSHPISA | MSACSR      | PERMIT      | TLRESCONS   | EVACANTUSQ176N |
|---------|---|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
|         | 0 | 01-01-2003 | 129.321   | 4.2         | 1806.333333 | 421328.6667 | 14908          |
|         | 1 | 01-04-2003 | 131.756   | 3.833333333 | 1837.666667 | 429308.6667 | 15244          |

|   | DATE       | CSUSHPISA   | MSACSR      | PERMIT      | TLRESCONS   | EVACANTUSQ176N |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2 | 01-07-2003 | 135.013     | 3.633333333 | 1937.333333 | 458890      | 15614          |
| 3 | 01-10-2003 | 138.8356667 | 3.966666667 | 1972.333333 | 491437.3333 | 15654          |
| 4 | 01-01-2004 | 143.2986667 | 3.7         | 1994.666667 | 506856.3333 | 15895          |

- 1. CSUSHPISA :- S&P/Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index (Index Jan 2000=100, Seasonally Adjusted)
- 2. MSACSR: Monthly Supply of New Houses in the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)
- 3. PERMIT :- New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places: Total Units (Thousands of Units, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate)
- 4. TLRESCONS :- Total Construction Spending: Residential in the United States (Millions of Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate)
- 5. EVACANTUSQ176N: Housing Inventory Estimate: Vacant Housing Units in the United States (Thousands of Units, Not Seasonally Adjusted)

```
In [3]:
         df supply.shape
        (82, 6)
Out[3]:
In [4]:
         df supply.dtypes
                           object
        DATE
Out[4]:
                           object
        CSUSHPISA
                           object
        MSACSR
        PERMIT
                           object
                           object
        TLRESCONS
        EVACANTUSQ176N
                           object
        dtype: object
In [5]:
         df_supply['DATE'] = pd.to_datetime(df_supply['DATE'])
         df supply['CSUSHPISA'] = pd.to numeric(df supply['CSUSHPISA'], errors='coerce')
         df supply['MSACSR'] = pd.to numeric(df supply['MSACSR'], errors='coerce')
         df supply['PERMIT'] = pd.to numeric(df supply['PERMIT'], errors='coerce')
         df_supply['TLRESCONS'] = pd.to_numeric(df_supply['TLRESCONS'], errors='coerce')
         df_supply['EVACANTUSQ176N'] = pd.to_numeric(df_supply['EVACANTUSQ176N'], errors='coerce
In [6]:
         df supply.isna().sum()
        DATE
                           0
Out[6]:
        CSUSHPISA
                           2
        MSACSR
                           1
        PERMIT
                           1
        TLRESCONS
                           1
        EVACANTUSQ176N
        dtype: int64
```

## Handling the missing value in supply

```
In [7]:
         df_supply['CSUSHPISA'] = df_supply['CSUSHPISA'].fillna(df_supply['CSUSHPISA'].mean())
         df_supply['MSACSR'] = df_supply['MSACSR'].fillna(df_supply['MSACSR'].mean())
         df supply['PERMIT'] = df supply['PERMIT'].fillna(df supply['PERMIT'].mean())
          df_supply['TLRESCONS'] = df_supply['TLRESCONS'].fillna(df_supply['TLRESCONS'].mean())
         df supply['EVACANTUSQ176N'] = df supply['EVACANTUSQ176N'].fillna(df supply['EVACANTUSQ1
In [8]:
         df supply.isna().sum()
                           0
        DATE
Out[8]:
         CSUSHPISA
                           0
        MSACSR
                           0
        PERMIT
                           0
         TLRESCONS
                           0
         EVACANTUSQ176N
        dtype: int64
In [9]:
         df_supply.head()
Out[9]:
                DATE CSUSHPISA MSACSR
                                              PERMIT TLRESCONS EVACANTUSQ176N
         0 2003-01-01
                       129.321000 4.200000 1806.333333 421328.6667
                                                                            14908.0
           2003-01-04
                       131.756000
                                 3.833333 1837.666667 429308.6667
                                                                            15244.0
           2003-01-07
                                 3.633333 1937.333333 458890.0000
                       135.013000
                                                                            15614.0
           2003-01-10
                       138.835667
                                 3.966667
                                          1972.333333
                                                      491437.3333
                                                                            15654.0
```

#### **Demand**

2004-01-01

506856.3333

15895.0

| Out[10]: |   | DATE       | CSUSHPISA  | MORTGAGE30US | UMCSENT   | INTDSRUSM193N | MSPUS  | GDP       |
|----------|---|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|
|          | 0 | 01-01-2003 | 129.321000 | 5.840769     | 79.966667 | 2.250000      | 186000 | 11174.129 |
|          | 1 | 01-04-2003 | 131.756000 | 5.506923     | 89.266667 | 2.166667      | 191800 | 11312.766 |
|          | 2 | 01-07-2003 | 135.013000 | 6.033846     | 89.300000 | 2.000000      | 191900 | 11566.669 |
|          | 3 | 01-10-2003 | 138.835667 | 5.919286     | 91.966667 | 2.000000      | 198800 | 11772.234 |
|          | 4 | 01-01-2004 | 143.298667 | 5.597500     | 98.000000 | 2.000000      | 212700 | 11923.447 |

- CSUSHPISA :- S&P/Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index (Index Jan 2000=100, Seasonally Adjusted)
- 2. MORTGAGE15US :- 30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage Average in the United States (Percent, Not Seasonally Adjusted)
- 3. UMCSENT :- University of Michigan: Consumer Sentiment

143.298667 3.700000 1994.666667

- 4. INTDSRUSM193N :- Interest Rates, Discount Rate for United States (Billions of Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate)
- 5. MSPUS: Median Sales Price of Houses Sold for the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
- 6. GDP: Gross Domestic Product (Billions of Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate)

```
In [11]:
           df_demand.shape
          (81, 7)
Out[11]:
In [12]:
           df demand.dtypes
                             object
          DATE
Out[12]:
          CSUSHPISA
                            float64
                            float64
          MORTGAGE30US
          UMCSENT
                            float64
          INTDSRUSM193N
                            float64
          MSPUS
                              int64
          GDP
                            float64
          dtype: object
In [13]:
           df_demand['DATE'] = pd.to_datetime(df_demand['DATE'])
           df_demand.dtypes
                            datetime64[ns]
          DATE
Out[13]:
          CSUSHPISA
                                   float64
                                   float64
          MORTGAGE30US
          UMCSENT
                                   float64
          INTDSRUSM193N
                                   float64
          MSPUS
                                      int64
          GDP
                                   float64
          dtype: object
In [14]:
           df_demand.isna().sum()
                            0
          DATE
Out[14]:
          CSUSHPISA
                            1
          MORTGAGE30US
                            0
          UMCSENT
                            0
                            7
          INTDSRUSM193N
          MSPUS
                            0
          GDP
          dtype: int64
```

#### Handling the missing value in demand

```
In [15]:
    imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')
    df_demand['INTDSRUSM193N'] = imputer.fit_transform(df_demand[['INTDSRUSM193N']])
    df_demand['CSUSHPISA'] = df_demand['CSUSHPISA'].fillna(df_demand['CSUSHPISA'].mean())

In [16]:
    df_demand.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[16]: DATE 0
CSUSHPISA 0
MORTGAGE30US 0
UMCSENT 0
INTDSRUSM193N 0
MSPUS 0
GDP 0
dtype: int64
```

```
In [17]: df_demand.tail()
```

| Out[17]: |    | DATE       | CSUSHPISA  | MORTGAGE30US | UMCSENT   | INTDSRUSM193N | MSPUS  | GDP       |
|----------|----|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|
|          | 76 | 2022-01-01 | 290.868000 | 3.822308     | 63.133333 | 1.961712      | 433100 | 24740.480 |
|          | 77 | 2022-01-04 | 303.422667 | 5.266154     | 57.866667 | 1.961712      | 449300 | 25248.476 |
|          | 78 | 2022-01-07 | 301.726333 | 5.623077     | 56.100000 | 1.961712      | 468000 | 25723.941 |
|          | 79 | 2022-01-10 | 297.896667 | 6.664615     | 58.800000 | 1.961712      | 479500 | 26137.992 |
|          | 80 | 2023-01-01 | 180.658712 | 6.372308     | 64.633333 | 1.961712      | 436800 | 26465.865 |

## Merging the demand and supply data

```
In [18]:
           df supply = df supply.sort values('DATE')
           df_demand = df_demand.sort_values('DATE')
In [19]:
           df merged = pd.merge(df supply, df demand, on='DATE')
In [20]:
           df_merged.head()
Out[20]:
             DATE CSUSHPISA_x MSACSR
                                              PERMIT TLRESCONS EVACANTUSQ176N CSUSHPISA_y MORTGA
             2003-
          0
                      129.321000 4.200000 1806.333333
                                                     421328.6667
                                                                             14908.0
                                                                                       129.321000
             01-01
             2003-
                                                                                       131.756000
                      131.756000 3.833333 1837.666667 429308.6667
                                                                             15244.0
             01-04
             2003-
                      135.013000 3.633333 1937.333333
                                                     458890.0000
                                                                             15614.0
                                                                                       135.013000
             01-07
             2003-
                      138.835667  3.966667  1972.333333  491437.3333
                                                                             15654.0
                                                                                       138.835667
             01-10
             2004-
                      143.298667
                                 3.700000 1994.666667
                                                      506856.3333
                                                                             15895.0
                                                                                       143.298667
             01-01
In [21]:
           df merged.drop('CSUSHPISA y', axis=1, inplace=True)
In [22]:
           df merged.rename(columns={'CSUSHPISA x': 'CSUSHPISA'}, inplace=True)
```

```
In [23]:
           df merged.head()
             DATE CSUSHPISA
                                             PERMIT
                                                     TLRESCONS EVACANTUSQ176N MORTGAGE30US
Out[23]:
                               MSACSR
                                                                                                    UMCSE
             2003-
                    129.321000
                                4.200000
                                         1806.333333 421328.6667
                                                                            14908.0
                                                                                           5.840769
                                                                                                     79.9666
             01-01
             2003-
                    131.756000
                               3.833333
                                         1837.666667
                                                     429308.6667
                                                                            15244.0
                                                                                           5.506923
                                                                                                     89.266€
             01-04
             2003-
          2
                    135.013000
                               3.633333
                                                     458890.0000
                                                                            15614.0
                                                                                                     89.3000
                                         1937.333333
                                                                                           6.033846
             01-07
             2003-
          3
                    138.835667
                                3.966667
                                         1972.333333
                                                     491437.3333
                                                                            15654.0
                                                                                           5.919286
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             01-10
             2004-
                    143.298667
                                3.700000
                                         1994.666667
                                                                            15895.0
                                                                                           5.597500
                                                                                                     98.0000
                                                     506856.3333
             01-01
In [24]:
           df merged.dtypes
                              datetime64[ns]
          DATE
Out[24]:
          CSUSHPISA
                                      float64
                                      float64
          MSACSR
          PERMIT
                                      float64
                                      float64
          TLRESCONS
                                      float64
          EVACANTUSQ176N
          MORTGAGE30US
                                      float64
          UMCSENT
                                      float64
          INTDSRUSM193N
                                      float64
          MSPUS
                                        int64
          GDP
                                      float64
          dtype: object
         Changing the name of colums for better understanding
```

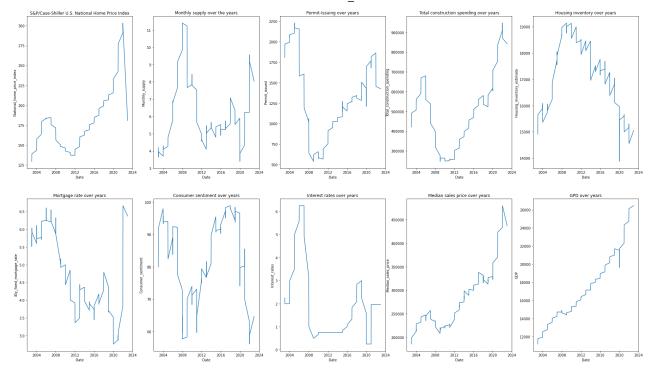
```
In [25]:
          df_merged.rename(columns={'CSUSHPISA':'National_home_price_index','MSACSR':'Monthly_sup
                             , 'EVACANTUSQ176N': 'Housing inventory estimate', 'MORTGAGE30US': '30y fi
                             ,'MSPUS':'Median_sales_price','DATE':'Date'},inplace = True)
In [26]:
          df_merged.head()
Out[26]:
                  Permit_issued Total_construction_spending
            2003-
         0
                                129.321000
                                                 4.200000
                                                           1806.333333
                                                                                   421328.6667
            01-01
            2003-
                                131.756000
                                                 3.833333
                                                           1837.666667
                                                                                    429308.6667
            01-04
            2003-
         2
                                135.013000
                                                 3.633333
                                                           1937.333333
                                                                                   458890.0000
            01-07
```

|   | Date           | National_home_price_index | Monthly_supply | Permit_issued | Total_construction_spending | Housir |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 3 | 2003-<br>01-10 | 138.835667                | 3.966667       | 1972.333333   | 491437.3333                 |        |
| 4 | 2004-<br>01-01 | 143.298667                | 3.700000       | 1994.666667   | 506856.3333                 |        |

#### **Exploratory Data Analysis**

#### Plotting the data

```
In [27]:
          figure, ax = plt.subplots(nrows = 2,ncols = 5,figsize=(32,18))
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[0,0],x='Date',y='National_home_price_index',data = df_merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[0,1],x='Date',y='Monthly_supply',data = df_merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[0,2],x='Date',y='Permit issued',data = df merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[0,3],x='Date',y='Total_construction_spending',data = df_merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[0,4],x='Date',y='Housing_inventory_estimate',data = df_merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[1,0],x='Date',y='30y_fixed_mortgage_rate',data = df_merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[1,1],x='Date',y='Consumer sentiment',data = df merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[1,2],x='Date',y='Interest_rates',data =df_merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[1,3],x='Date',y='Median_sales_price',data =df_merged);
          sns.lineplot(ax = ax[1,4],x='Date',y='GDP',data = df_merged);
          ax[0,0].title.set text('S&P/Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index')
          ax[0,1].title.set text('Monthly supply over the years')
          ax[0,2].title.set_text('Permit-Issuing over years')
          ax[0,3].title.set_text('Total construction spending over years')
          ax[0,4].title.set text('Housing inventory over years')
          ax[1,0].title.set text('Mortgage rate over years')
          ax[1,1].title.set text('Consumer sentiment over years')
          ax[1,2].title.set_text('Interest rates over years')
          ax[1,3].title.set text('Median sales price over years')
          ax[1,4].title.set text('GPD over years')
```



### **Correlation Heatmap**

```
corr = df_merged.corr()
plt.figure(figsize=(15,10))
sns.heatmap(data = corr,cmap="YlGnBu", annot=True)
plt.title('Correlation between different factors')
```

Out[28]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Correlation between different factors')



Monthly supply of new homes and authorized housing units have positive but varying impacts on home prices, while increased construction spending strongly raises prices. Conversely, a higher number of vacant housing units, mortgage rates, and lower consumer sentiment can modestly reduce home prices. Strong correlations exist between median sales prices, GDP, and higher home prices.

Key factors influencing home prices include supply and demand dynamics, construction spending, vacant housing units, mortgage rates, consumer sentiment, interest rates, median sales prices, and GDP, with varying degrees of impact.

## Correlation Analysis of important factors on National Home price Index

To understand how the House Price Index is changing in the last 20 years, we have plotted a quarterly line plot of highly correlated factors with the National House Price Index.

```
Out[30]:
              Date National_home_price_index Monthly_supply Permit_issued Total_construction_spending Housin
             2003-
          0
                                 129.321000
                                                   4.200000
                                                             1806.333333
                                                                                       421328.6667
             01-01
             2003-
                                  131.756000
                                                   3.833333
                                                             1837.666667
                                                                                       429308.6667
             01-04
             2003-
          2
                                 135.013000
                                                   3.633333
                                                             1937.333333
                                                                                       458890.0000
             01-07
             2003-
                                                                                       491437.3333
                                  138.835667
                                                   3.966667
                                                             1972.333333
             01-10
             2004-
                                  143.298667
                                                   3.700000
                                                             1994.666667
                                                                                       506856.3333
             01-01
In [31]:
           df.Date
               2003-01-01
Out[31]:
               2003-01-04
               2003-01-07
          2
          3
               2003-01-10
          4
               2004-01-01
          76
               2022-01-01
          77
               2022-01-04
          78
               2022-01-07
          79
               2022-01-10
          80
               2023-01-01
          Name: Date, Length: 81, dtype: datetime64[ns]
In [32]:
           df = df.set index('Date')
In [33]:
           df['QUARTER'] = df.index.to period('Q')
           df['QUARTER'] = df['QUARTER'].astype(str)
           def plot_highly_corr(factor,col):
               grouped_data = df.groupby('QUARTER').agg({factor: 'sum', 'National_home_price_index
               scaler = MinMaxScaler()
               grouped_data[[factor, 'National_home_price_index']] = scaler.fit_transform(grouped_
               grouped_data = grouped_data.sort_values('QUARTER')
               plt.figure(figsize=(16, 6)) # Adjust the figure size as per your preference
               bar width = 0.4
               opacity = 0.8
               #plt.bar(grouped_data['QUARTER'], grouped_data[factor], width=bar_width, alpha=opac
               plt.plot(grouped_data['QUARTER'], grouped_data[factor], marker='o', linestyle='-',
```

```
plt.plot(grouped_data['QUARTER'], grouped_data['National_home_price_index'], marker

plt.title(factor + ' vs National Home Price Index (Normalized)')
plt.xlabel('Quarter')
plt.ylabel('Normalized Values')
plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right', fontsize=8) # Rotate and align x-axis tick lab

plt.tight_layout()
return plt.show()
```

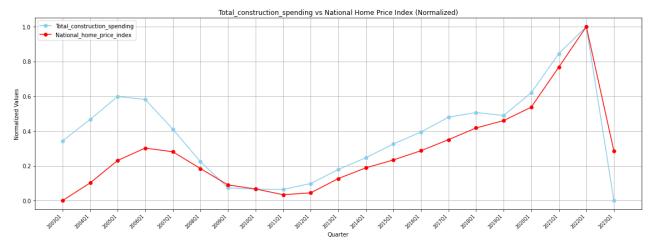
```
In [34]: columns = df.columns[1:-1]
    columns
```

```
for i in columns:
    print(plot_highly_corr(i,'skyblue'))
```



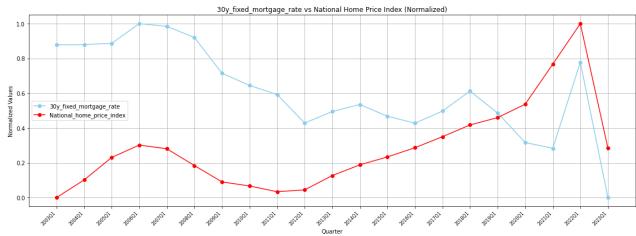








#### None



None

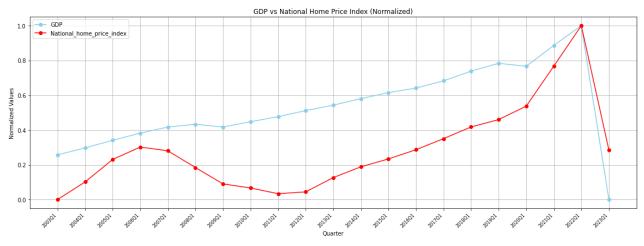




#### None



None



#### **ML** Model

```
In [36]:
          df_merged= df_merged.drop('Date',axis=1)
          X= df merged.drop('National home price index',axis=1)
          y= df merged['National home price index']
In [37]:
          X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3,random_state=42
          scaler = StandardScaler()
          X train scaled = scaler.fit transform(X train)
          X test scaled = scaler.transform(X test)
In [38]:
          model lr = LinearRegression()
          model xgb = XGBRegressor()
          model rf = RandomForestRegressor(n estimators=100, max depth=5)
          model dt = DecisionTreeRegressor()
          model ridge = Ridge(alpha=10)
In [39]:
          model lr.fit(X train scaled,y train)
          model_xgb.fit(X_train_scaled,y_train)
          model_rf.fit(X_train_scaled,y_train)
          model_dt.fit(X_train_scaled,y_train)
          model ridge.fit(X train scaled,y train)
Out[39]:
               Ridge
         Ridge(alpha=10)
In [40]:
          models = ['LinearRegression','XGBRegressor','RandomForestRegressor','DescisionTreeRegre
          model r2score = []
          model mse = []
          model_r2score.append(r2_score(y_test, model_lr.predict(X_test_scaled)))
          model_r2score.append(r2_score(y_test, model_xgb.predict(X_test_scaled)))
```

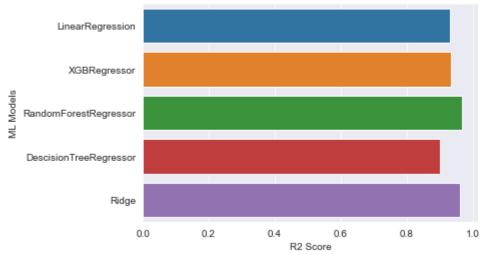
model\_r2score.append(r2\_score(y\_test, model\_rf.predict(X\_test\_scaled)))
model\_r2score.append(r2\_score(y\_test, model\_dt.predict(X\_test\_scaled)))

```
model r2score.append(r2 score(y test, model ridge.predict(X test scaled)))
          model_mse.append(mean_squared_error(y_test, model_lr.predict(X_test_scaled)))
          model_mse.append(mean_squared_error(y_test, model_xgb.predict(X_test_scaled)))
          model mse.append(mean squared error(y test, model rf.predict(X test scaled)))
          model_mse.append(mean_squared_error(y_test, model_dt.predict(X_test_scaled)))
          model mse.append(mean squared error(y test, model ridge.predict(X test scaled)))
          model r2score = list(map(lambda x: round(x, ndigits=4), model r2score))
          model mse = list(map(lambda x: round(x, ndigits=4), model mse))
In [49]:
          model r2score df = pd.DataFrame({'Models': models, 'R2 Score': model r2score})
          model r2score df
Out[49]:
                         Models R2 Score
          0
                  LinearRegression
                                   0.9307
          1
                     XGBRegressor
                                   0.9341
            RandomForestRegressor
                                   0.9675
          3
             DescisionTreeRegressor
                                   0.9012
          4
                           Ridge
                                   0.9626
In [50]:
          model mse df = pd.DataFrame({'Models': models, 'MSE': model mse})
          model mse df
                         Models
                                    MSE
Out[50]:
          0
                  LinearRegression 68.8879
          1
                     XGBRegressor 65.4954
            RandomForestRegressor 32.3335
          3
             DescisionTreeRegressor 98.2115
          4
                           Ridge 37.2031
In [42]:
           sns.set style('darkgrid')
           sns.barplot(model r2score, models)
          plt.title('R2 Scores for Each of the ML Models')
          plt.xlabel('R2 Score')
          plt.ylabel('ML Models')
          plt.show()
         C:\Users\acer\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\seaborn\_decorators.py:36: FutureWarning: Pass
          the following variables as keyword args: x, y. From version 0.12, the only valid positio
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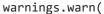
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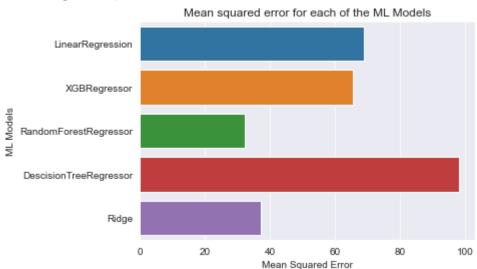




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In [43]:
    sns.set_style('darkgrid')
    sns.barplot(model_mse, models)
    plt.title('Mean squared error for each of the ML Models')
    plt.xlabel('Mean Squared Error')
    plt.ylabel('ML Models')
    plt.show()
```

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In this evaluation, the Random Forest Regressor model demonstrated strong performance. The Mean Squared Error (MSE) for the testing dataset was 32.33, indicating that prediction errors were relatively low. Additionally, the R-squared score stood at 0.9675, signifying that the model can account for approximately 96.75% of the variability observed in the target variable.

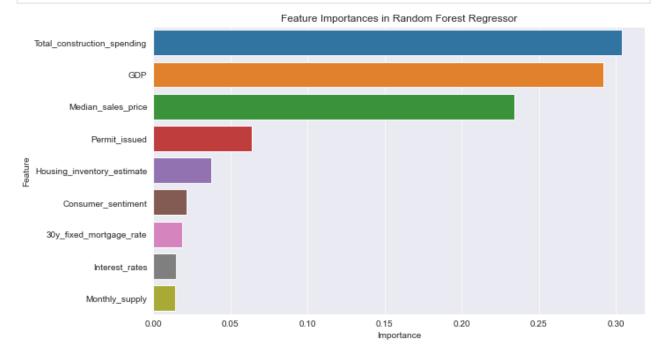
#### Calculate permutation feature importances

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In [44]: # Calculate permutation feature importances
feature_importances = model_rf.feature_importances_
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feature\_importance\_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': X.columns, 'Importance': feature\_impor sorted\_feature\_importance = feature\_importance\_df.sort\_values(by='Importance', ascendin sorted\_feature\_importance

| Out[44]: |   | Feature                     | Importance |
|----------|---|-----------------------------|------------|
|          | 2 | Total_construction_spending | 0.303657   |
|          | 8 | GDP                         | 0.292082   |
|          | 7 | Median_sales_price          | 0.233893   |
|          | 1 | Permit_issued               | 0.064084   |
|          | 3 | Housing_inventory_estimate  | 0.037668   |
|          | 5 | Consumer_sentiment          | 0.021352   |
|          | 4 | 30y_fixed_mortgage_rate     | 0.018615   |
|          | 6 | Interest_rates              | 0.014440   |
|          | 0 | Monthly_supply              | 0.014208   |
|          |   |                             |            |

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.barplot(x='Importance', y='Feature', data=sorted_feature_importance)
    plt.title('Feature Importances in Random Forest Regressor')
    plt.show()
```



All the features are significantly impacting the predicted home price index but the features like Total construction spending, GDP, Median Sales Price and Permit issued which also had the highest correlation with national home price index have more impact than rest of the factors.

#### Conclusion

## After analyzing the correlation, different ML Models and Random forest Regressor coefficients, we conclude that:-

- 1. Supply-related factors, such as housing inventory and the authorization of housing units, positively impact home prices. Increased spending on residential construction projects also significantly contributes to higher home prices.
- 2. On the other hand, demand-related factors like mortgage interest rates have a negative effect on home prices. Elevated mortgage rates and reduced consumer sentiment are associated with slightly lower home prices.
- 3. Economic factors, including GDP, Total Construction Spending, interest rates, play a pivotal role in determining home prices. A robust economy characterized by higher GDP and somewhat lower interest rates tends to bolster higher home prices.
- 4. The median sales price of houses sold strongly correlates with home prices, illustrating the significance of market dynamics and buyer behavior in shaping home price trends.
- 5. These insights hold value for various stakeholders in the real estate sector, such as homebuyers, sellers, developers, and policymakers. Understanding the factors that influence home prices can facilitate well-informed decisions regarding investments, financing, and economic strategies.

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