

DA - 202 - Mastery Project

# Pillow Palooza

NYC Short-Term Rental Insights

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## INTRODUCTION

Pillow Palooza is a start-up focused on disrupting the traditional real estate market by offering short-term rental options for travelers. The company has seen a significant increase in demand for short-term rentals in New York City, but wants to better understand the market in order to optimize their business strategy.


Structure

Pillow Palooza has collected data from various sources on Airbnb listings in New York City to gain insight into the market. The company now plans to analyze this data using its internal teams, in order to provide recommendations on how to maximize revenue and occupancy rates for their short-term rental properties.

## CONTEXT:

The project will provide insights and recommendations to the Pillow Palooza team, which is responsible for leading growth and success in the short-term rental market in New York City

## RESPONSIBILITY:

 Our work as a Data Analyst for a real estate start-up (Pillow Palooza). The main objective of your job is to provide insight into the short-term rental market in New York City. In a competitive market, it is your goal to help the start-up identify opportunities for growth and success.

The analysis will aim to uncover key trends in popular neighborhoods, rental prices, property types, length of stay, and demand over time.

The insights gained from the analysis had the potential to provide valuable information to the start-up on how to make informed business decisions. For example, Pillow Palooza could use the insights to identify which neighborhoods to invest in, which property types to focus on, and how to price their rentals to remain competitive in the market.

By providing these insights, the project aimed to help Pillow Palooza make strategic decisions that could lead to growth and success in the short-term rental market in New York City.

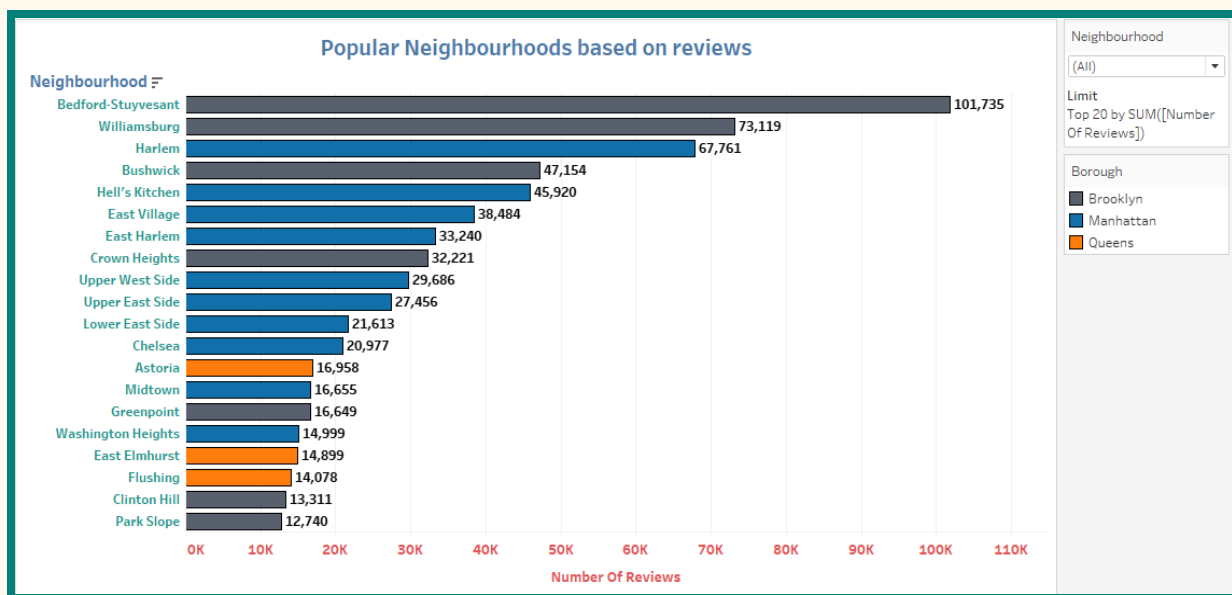
After meeting with our team, we wrote some questions to guide us along the analysis:

- ★ What's the average price of prices data frame after completing the step number 3?

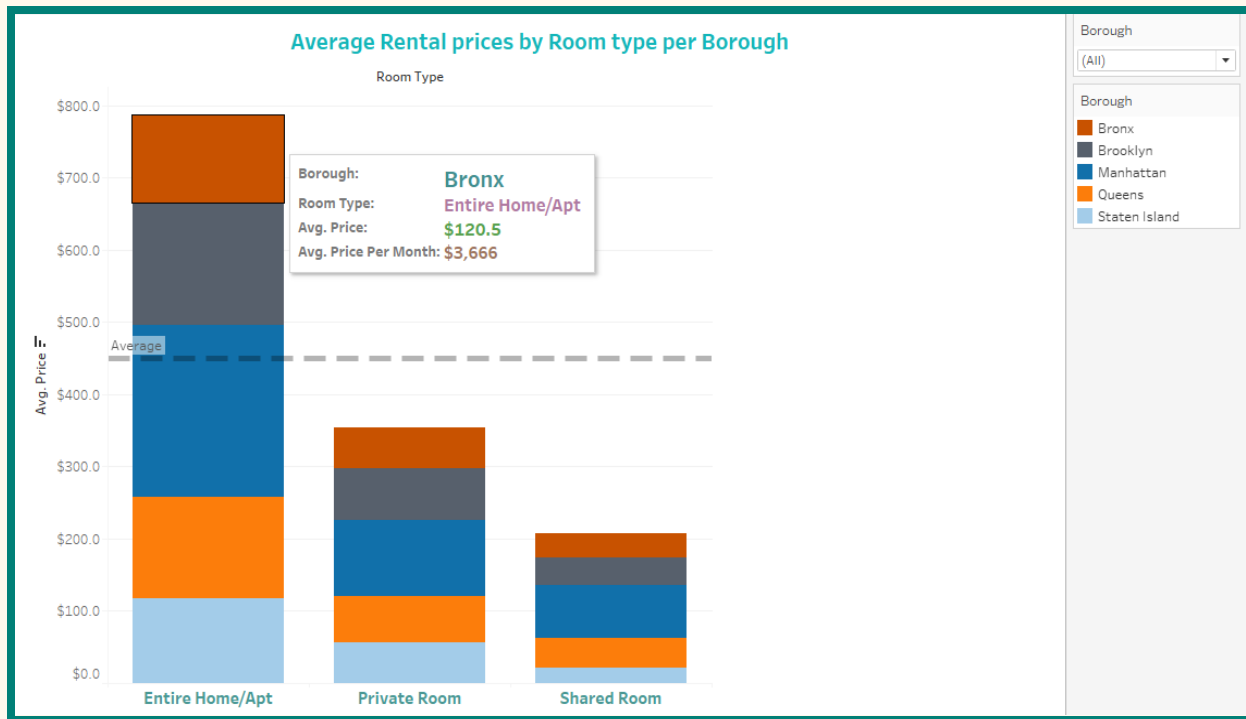
Note: We ensured that we eliminate any abnormal data points and conduct data cleansing procedures prior to computing the mean price.



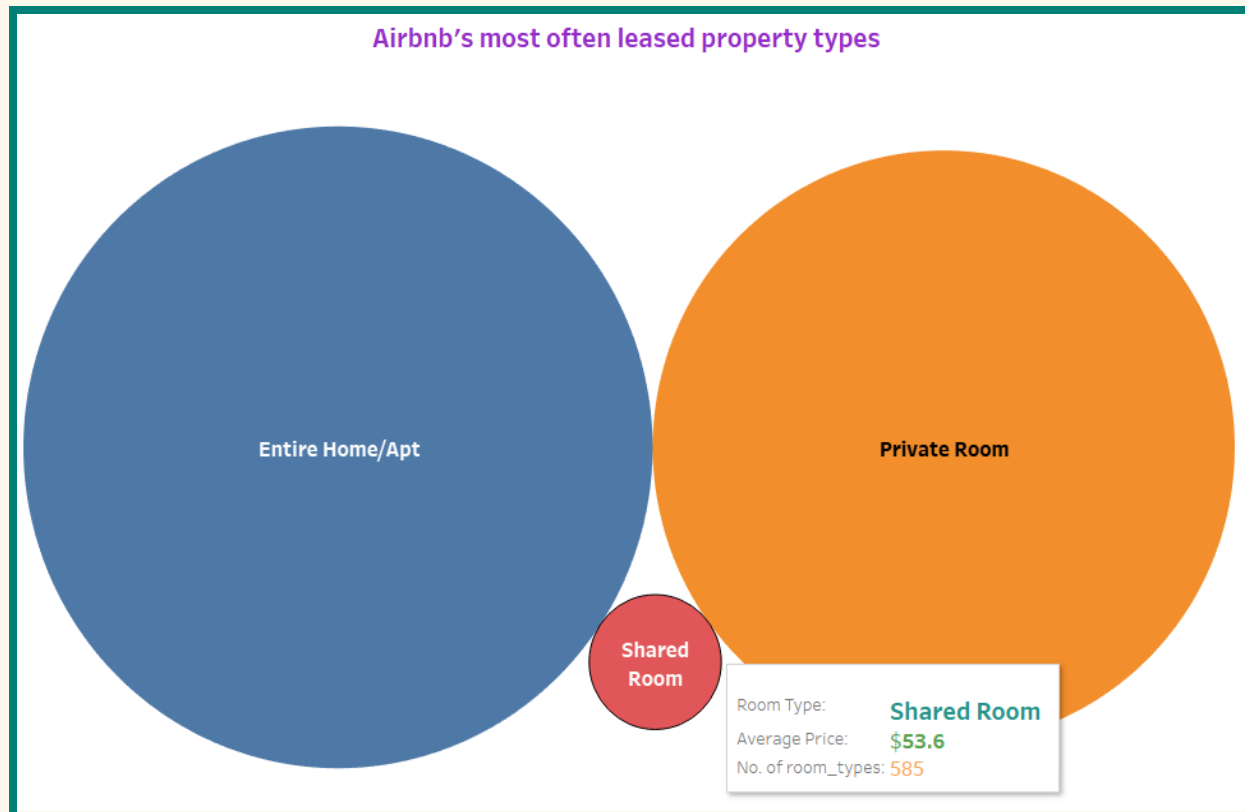
- ★ What are the most popular neighborhoods for short-term rentals in New York City?



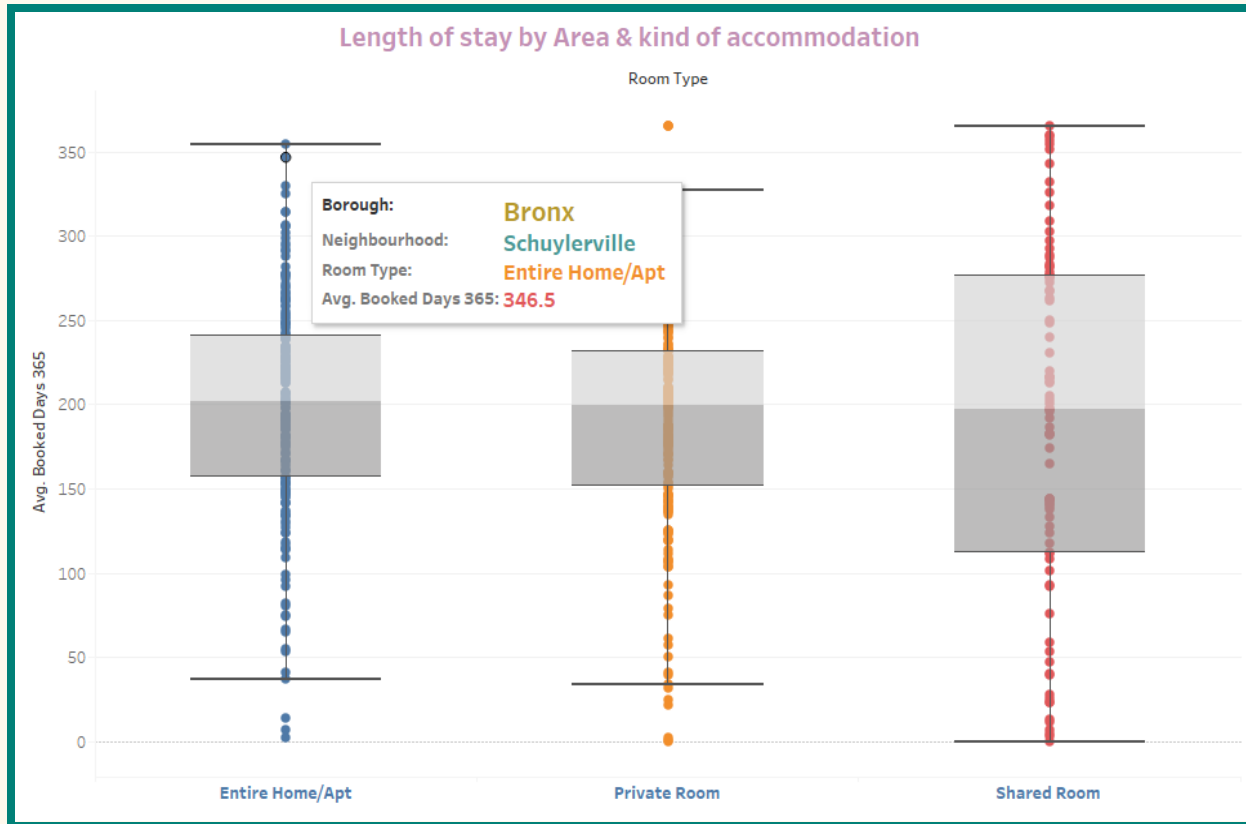
★ What is the average rental price for short-term rentals in New York City, and how does it vary by neighborhood and property type?



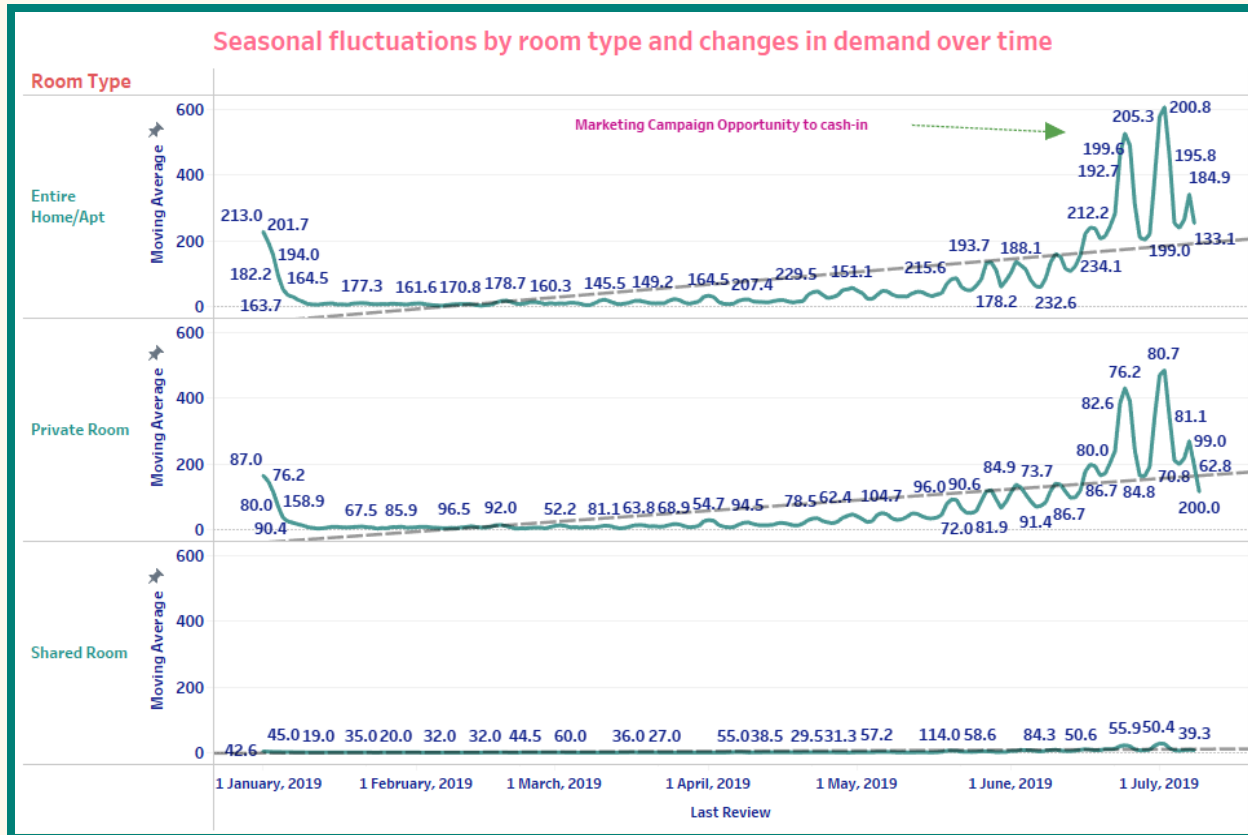
★ What are the most commonly rented property types on Airbnb in New York City, and how does this vary by neighborhood?



★ What is the average length of stay for short-term rentals in New York City, and how does this vary by neighborhood and property type?



- ★ How has demand for short-term rentals in New York City changed over time, and are there any seasonal trends that could impact business decisions?



- ★ Further we did analysis in SQL and Python as well to fetch more inside information for business decision making.

## RESULTS:

### 1. What is the most common room type in NYC Airbnb listings?

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TABLES

prices

reviews

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listing\_id

host\_name

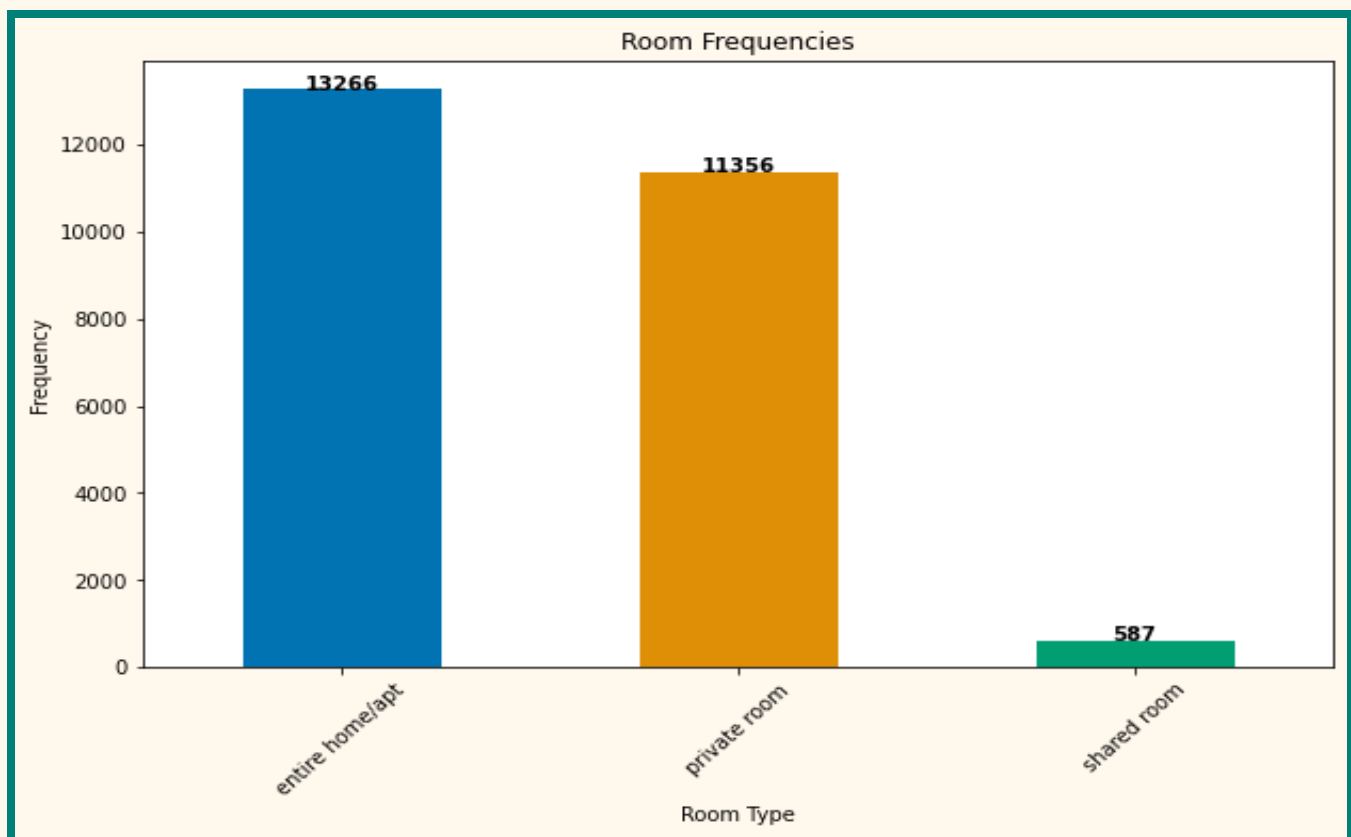
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minimum\_nights

Query Results

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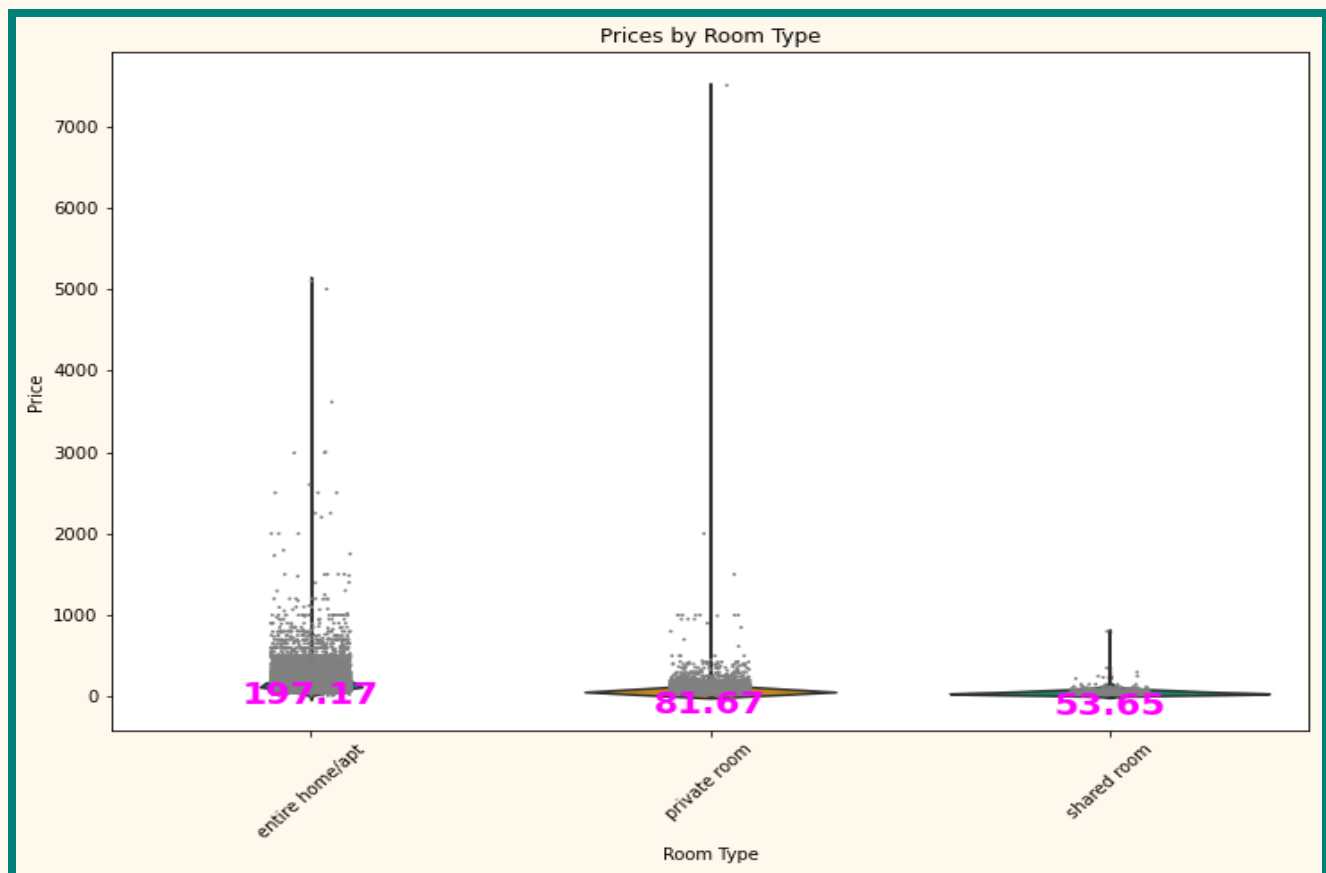
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| entire home/apt | 13266 |
| private room    | 11356 |

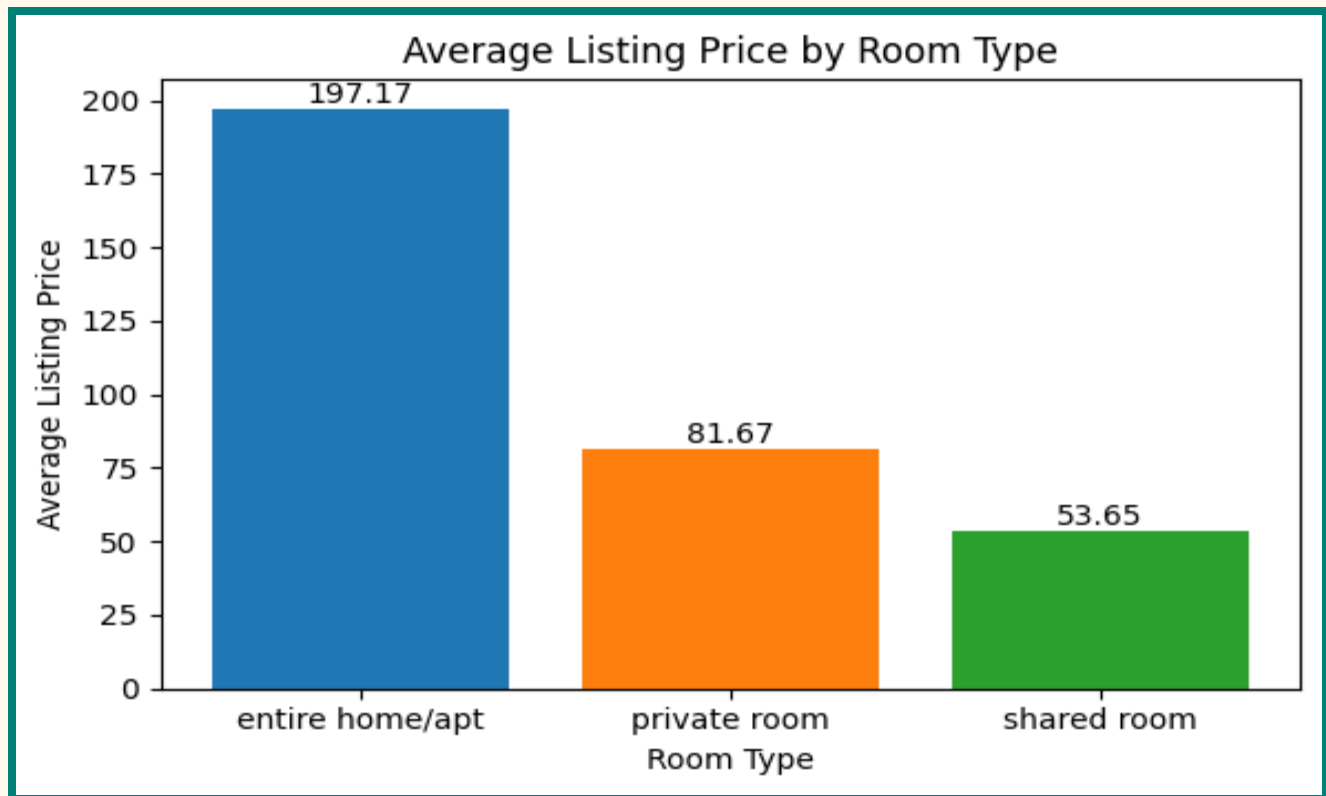




## 2. What is the average price of a listing by room type?

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|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| TABLES<br>prices<br>reviews<br>Unnamed: 0<br>listing_id<br>host_name<br>last_review<br>minimum_nights | Query Results<br>3 ROWS |                   |
|   | round<br>NUMERIC        | room_type<br>TEXT |
|   | 53.65                   | shared room       |
|   | 197.17                  | entire home/apt   |
|   | 81.67                   | private room      |
|   |                         |                   |

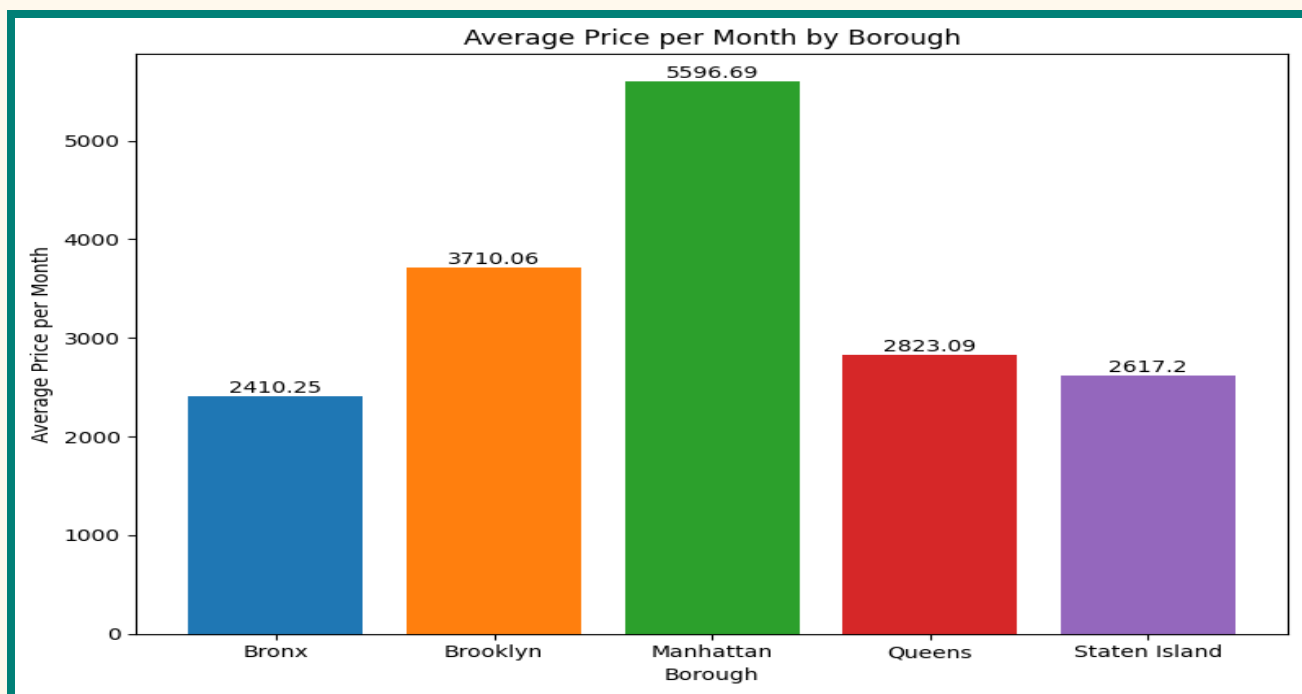




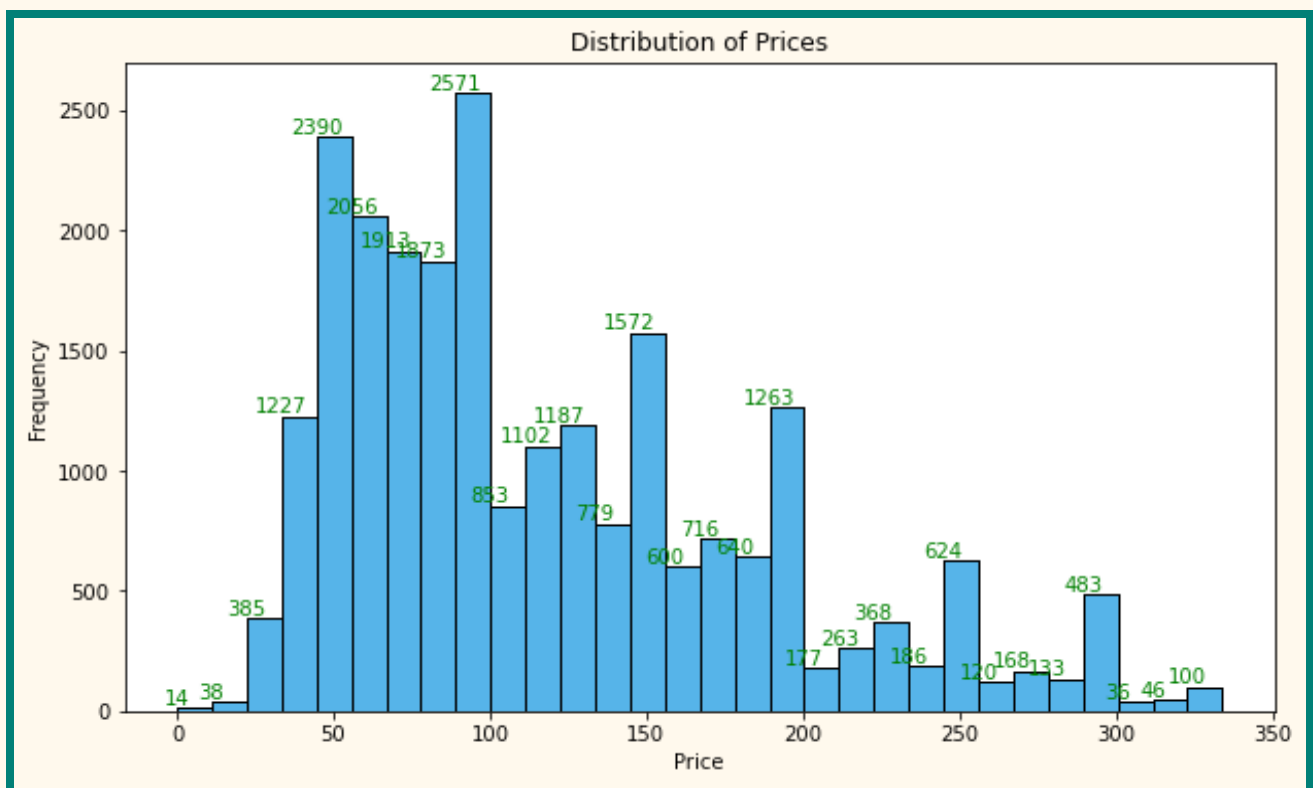
### 3. Which borough has the highest average price per month?

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| Query Results    |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 5 ROWS           |                 |
| trunc<br>NUMERIC | borough<br>TEXT |
| 2823.09          | Queens          |
| 3710.06          | Brooklyn        |
| 2617.20          | Staten Island   |
| 5596.68          | Manhattan       |
| 2410.24          | Bronx           |



Overall Average price per month and distribution of prices are as below:



#### 4. How many listings of each room type are in each borough?

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listing\_id

price

borough

neighbourhood

price\_per\_month

latitude

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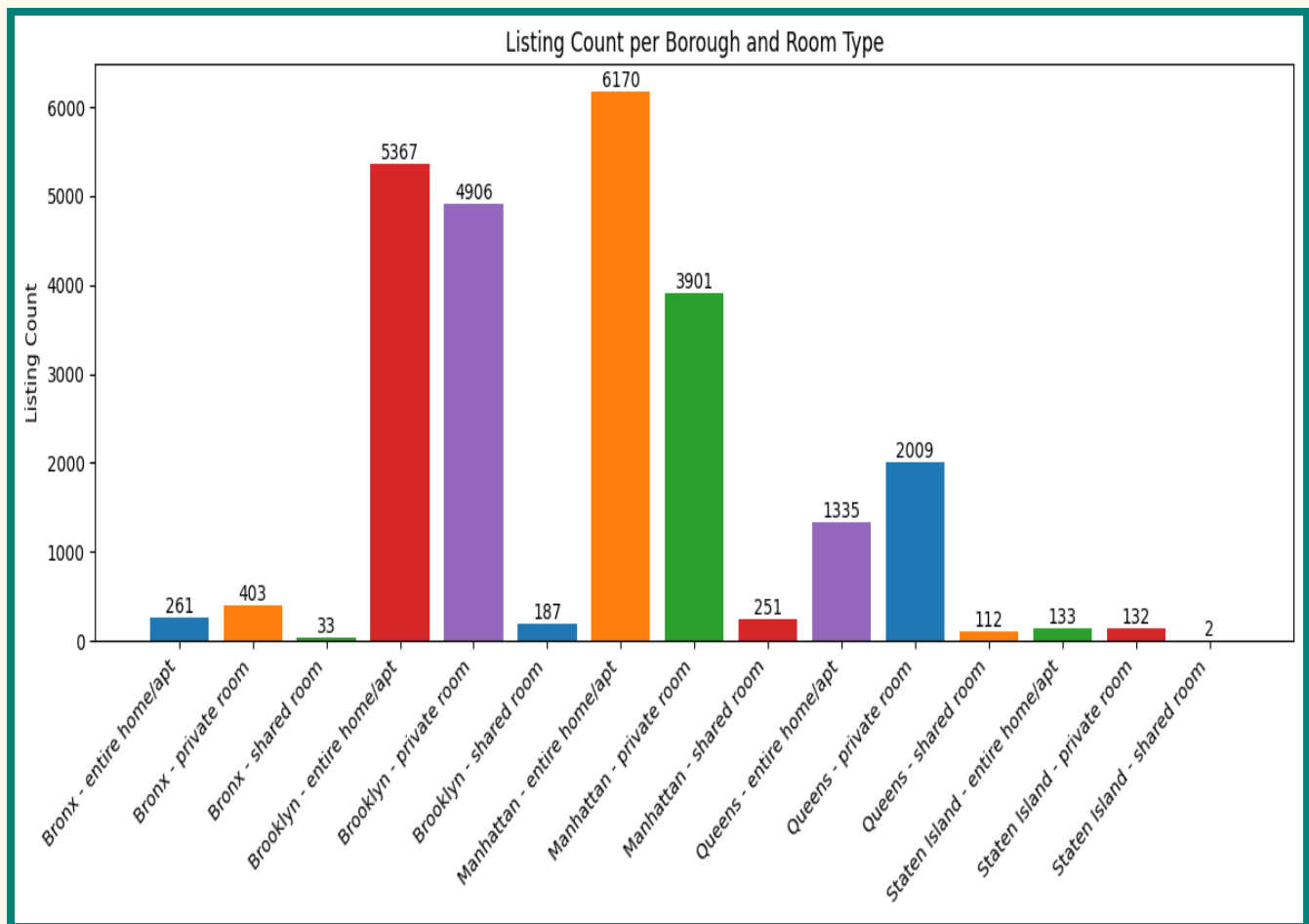
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Query Results

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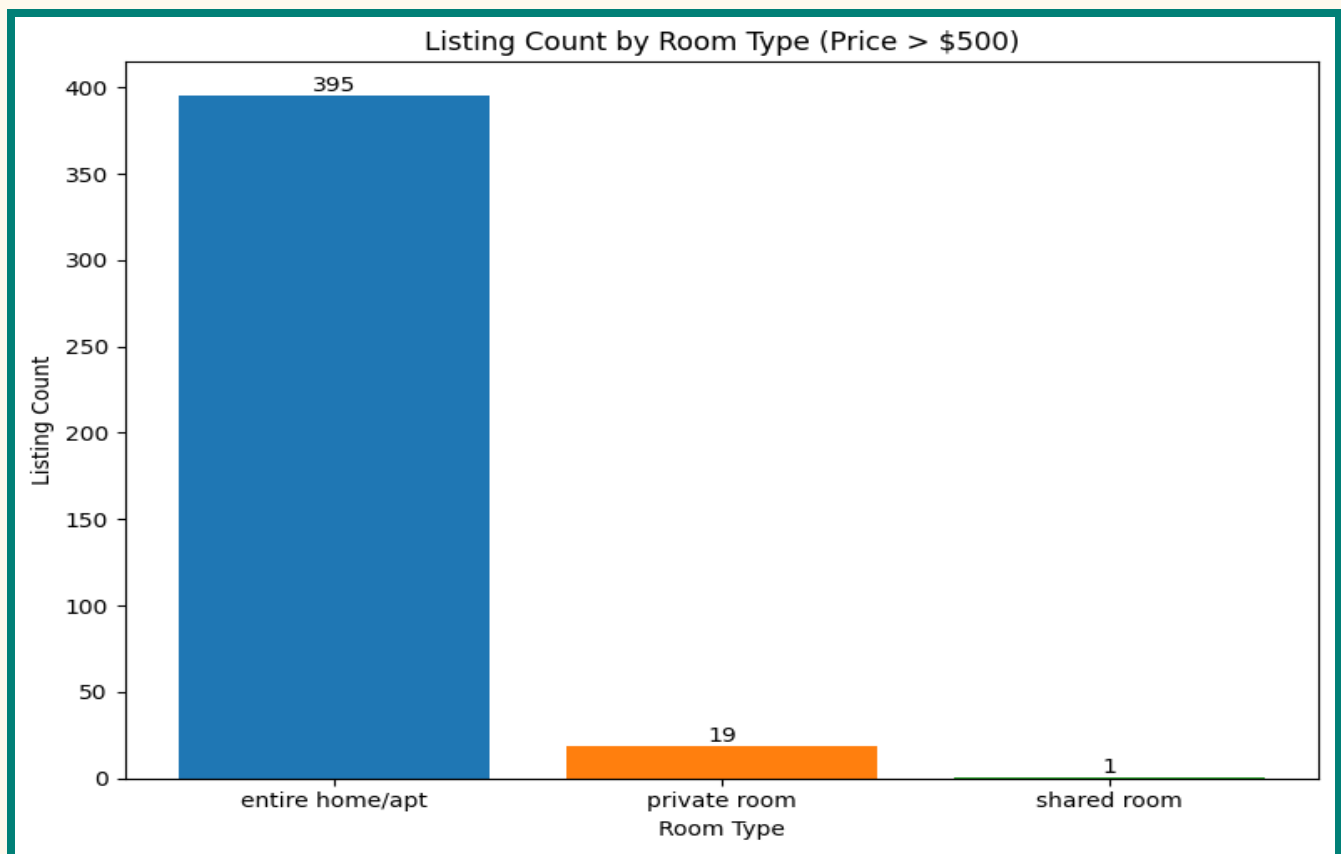
| borough<br>TEXT | room_type<br>TEXT | listing_count<br>NUMERIC |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Staten Island   | entire home/apt   | 133                      |
| Manhattan       | private room      | 3901                     |
| Brooklyn        | shared room       | 187                      |
| Staten Island   | shared room       | 2                        |
| Manhattan       | shared room       | 251                      |
| Brooklyn        | entire home/apt   | 5367                     |
| Bronx           | private room      | 403                      |
| Brooklyn        | private room      | 4906                     |
| Queens          | shared room       | 112                      |
| Queens          | entire home/apt   | 1335                     |
| Staten Island   | private room      | 132                      |



5. How many listings in each room type category have a price of over \$500 per night?

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| Query Results     |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 ROWS            |                       |
| room_type<br>TEXT | listing_count<br>INT8 |
| entire home/apt   | 395                   |
| private room      | 19                    |
| shared room       | 1                     |



## 6. What is the distribution of listing prices by borough?

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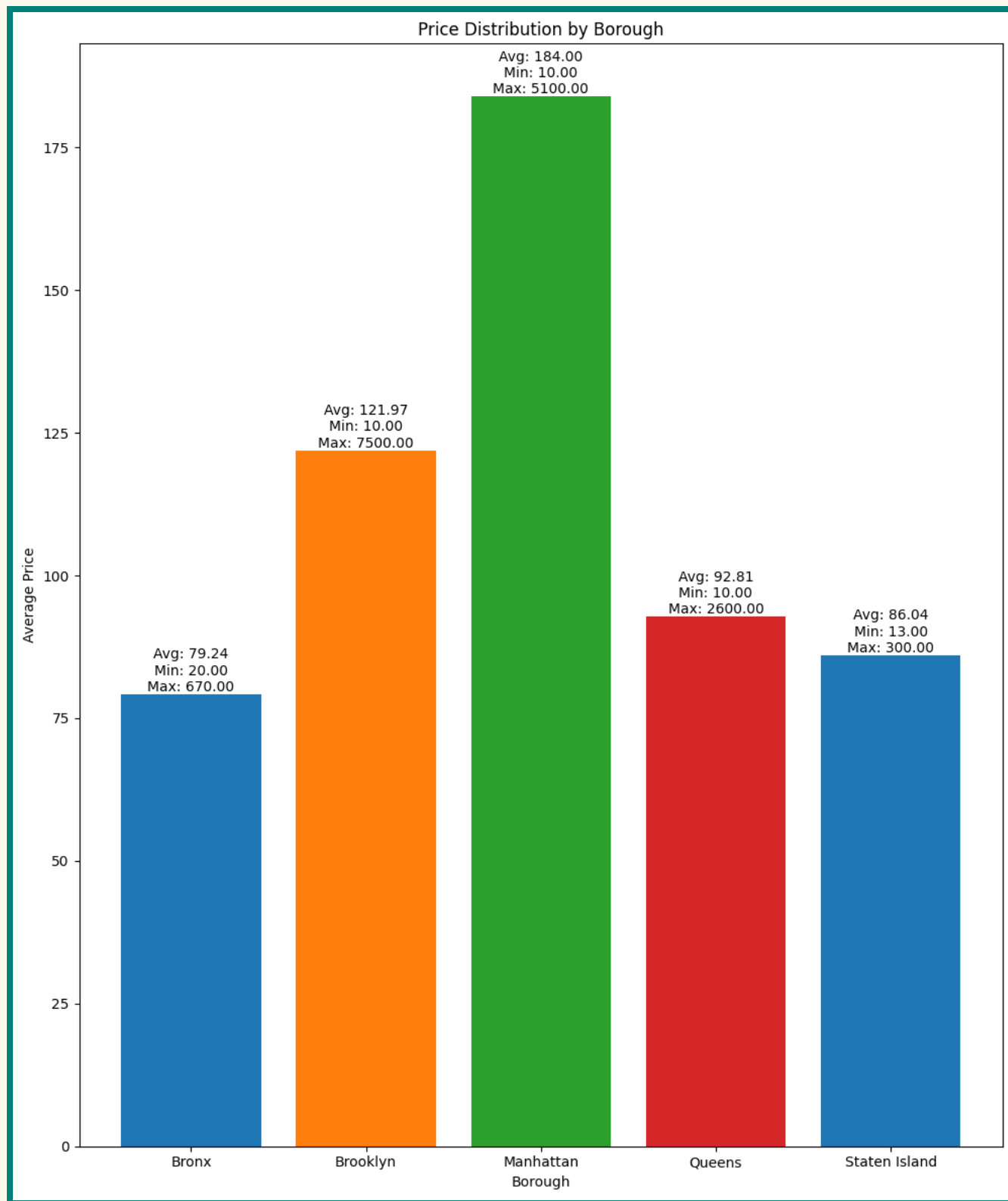
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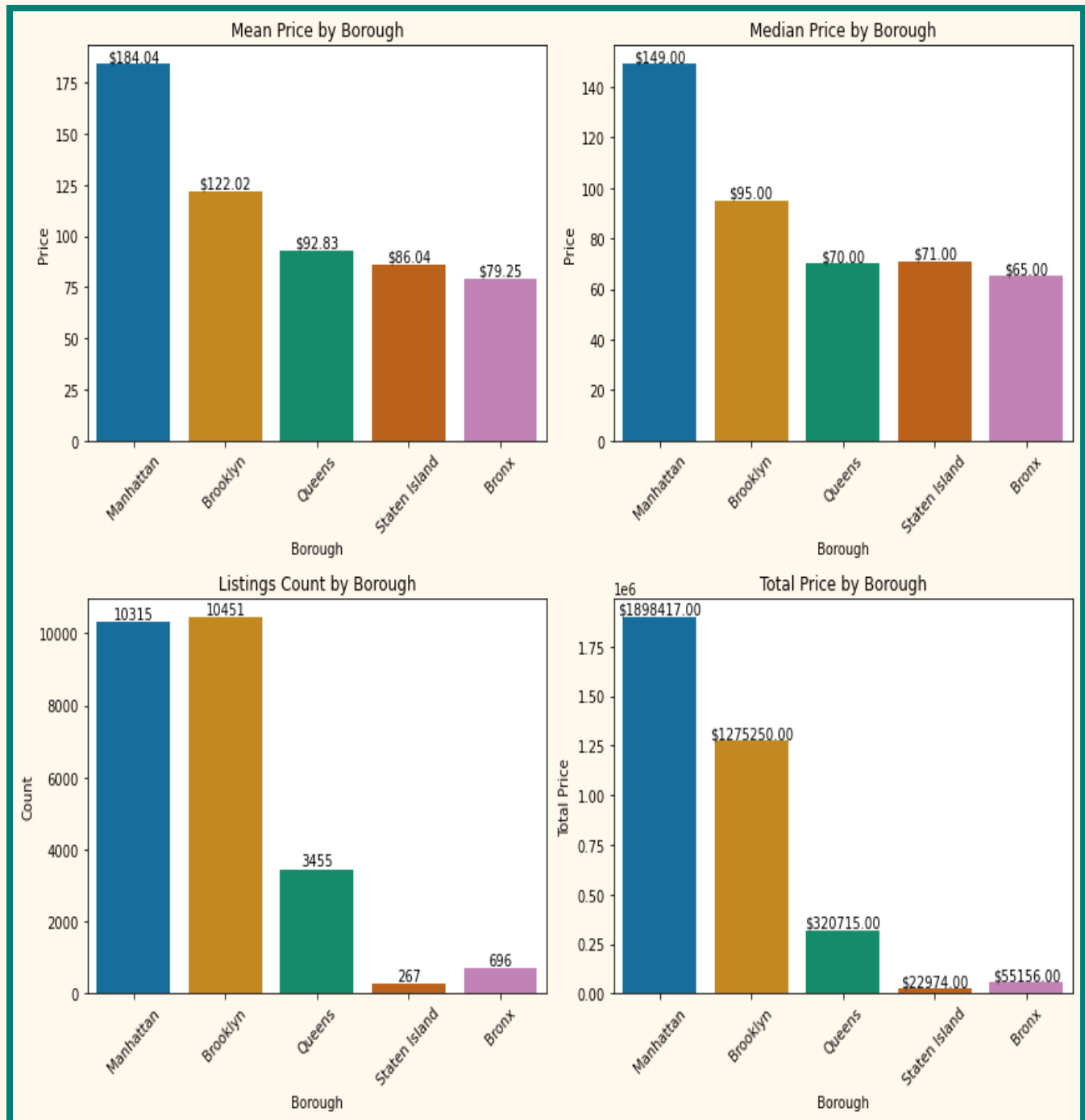
5 ROWS

| borough<br>TEXT | min_price<br>INT8 | max_price<br>INT8 | avg_price<br>NUMERIC |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Queens          | 10                | 2600              | 92.81                |
| Brooklyn        | 10                | 7500              | 121.97               |
| Staten Island   | 13                | 300               | 86.04                |
| Manhattan       | 10                | 5100              | 184.00               |
| Bronx           | 20                | 670               | 79.24                |





We grouped the boroughs to calculate summary statistics



7. What is the estimated amount of revenue generated by hosts in each borough?

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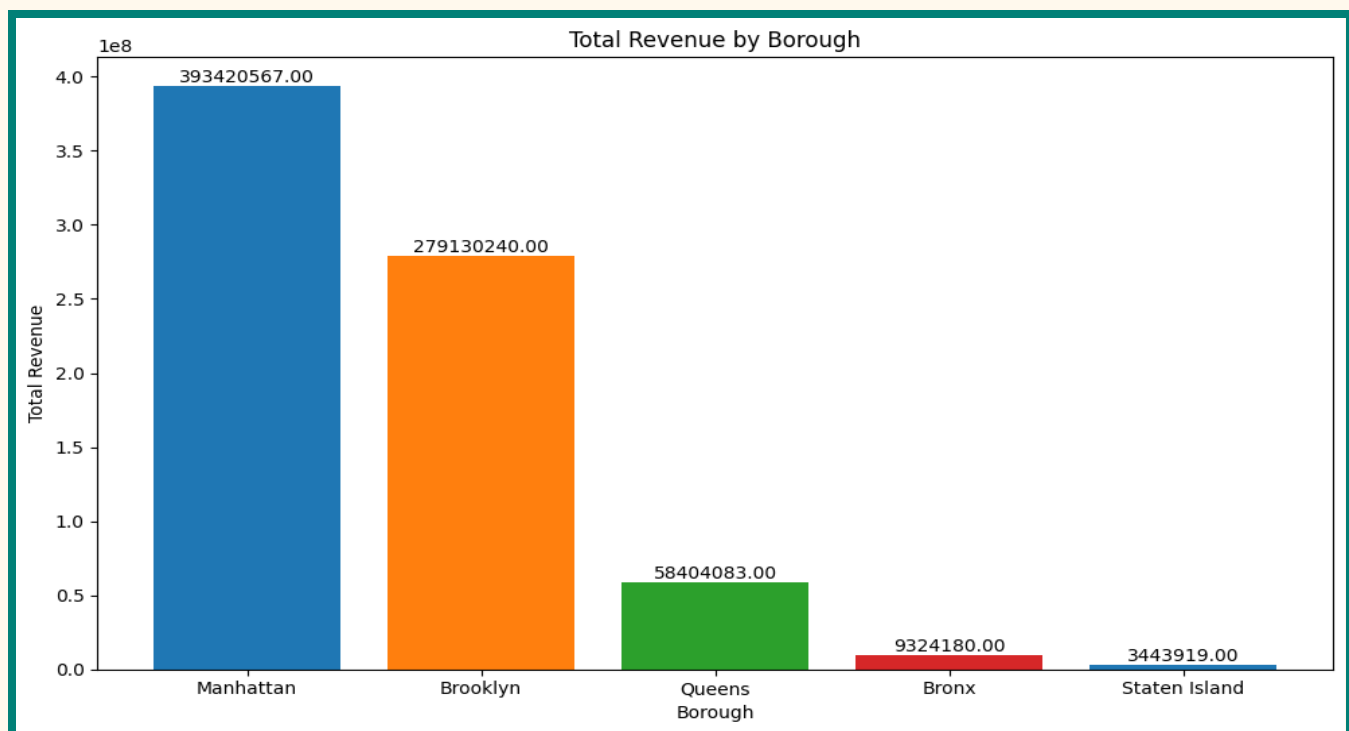
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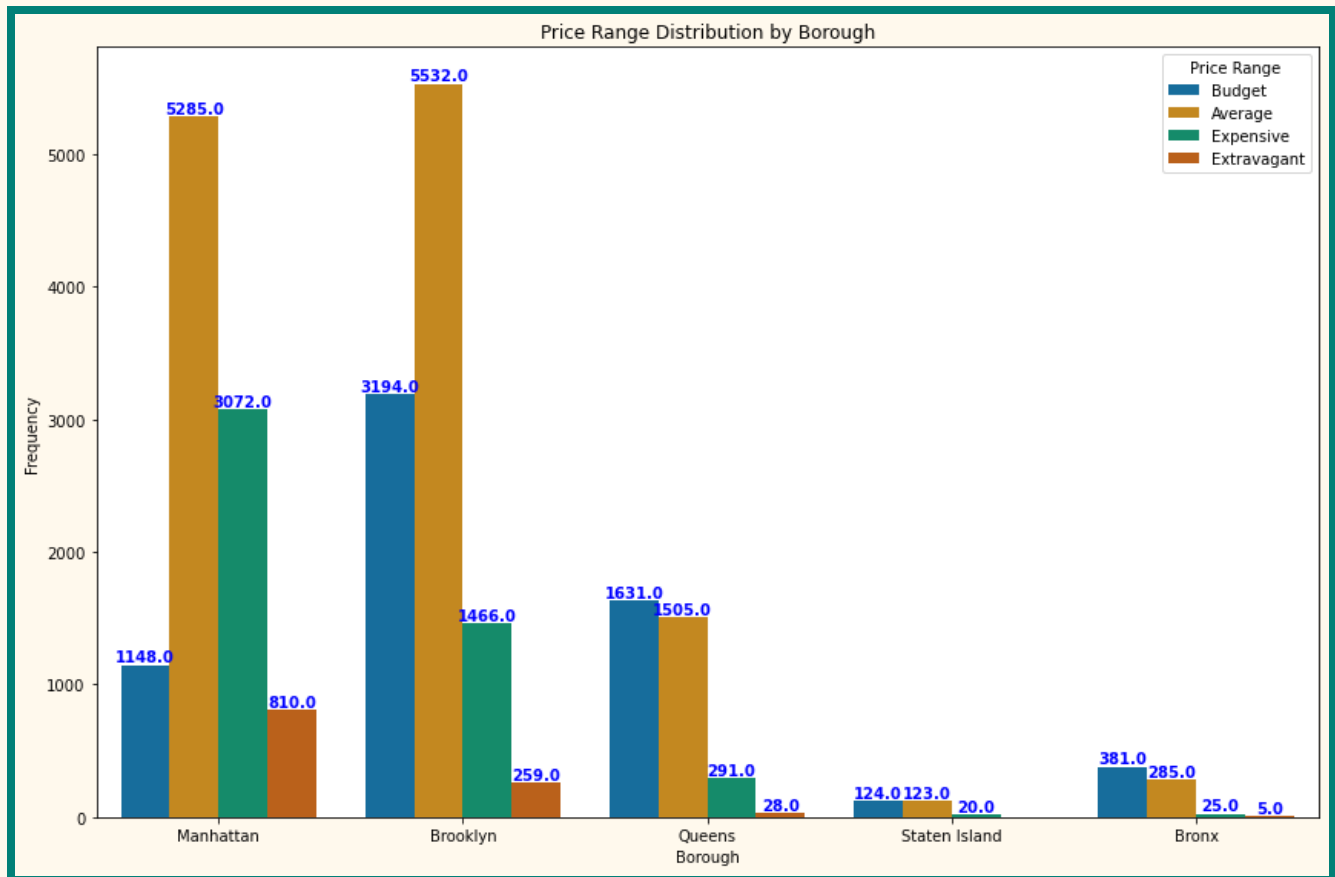
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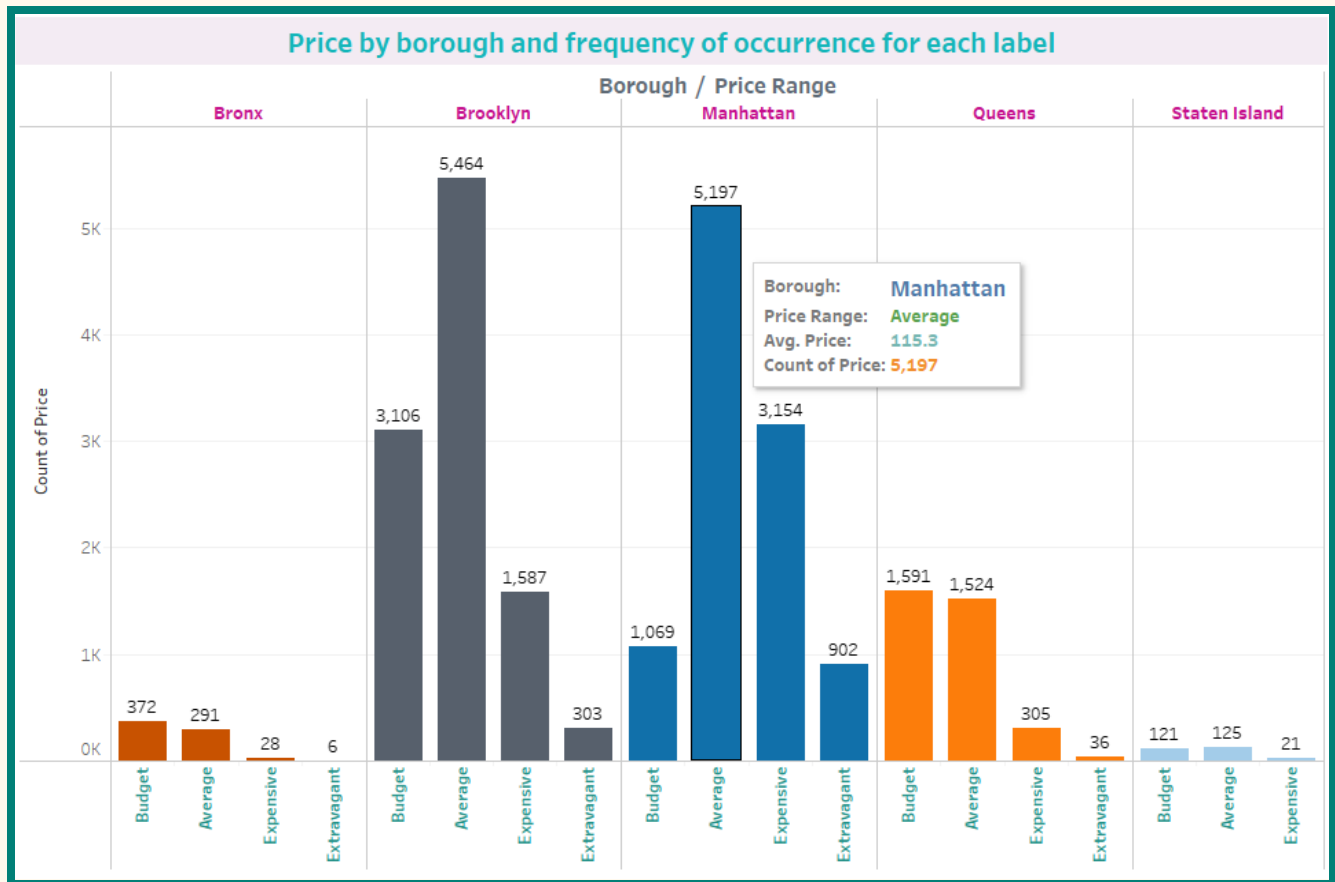
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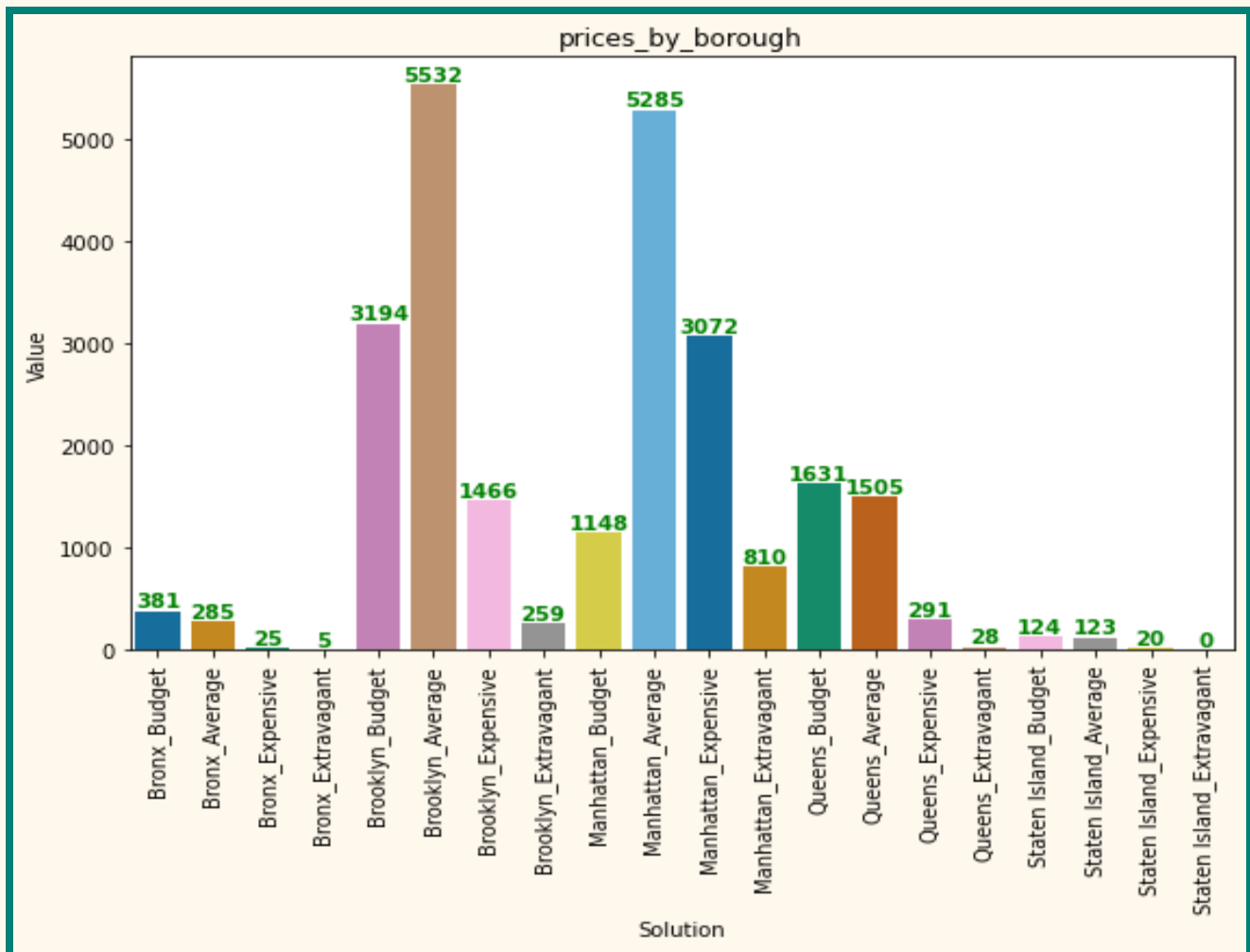
| borough<br>TEXT | total_revenue<br>NUMERIC |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Queens          | 58404083                 |
| Brooklyn        | 279130240                |
| Staten Island   | 3443919                  |
| Manhattan       | 393420567                |
| Bronx           | 9324180                  |



We defined Price range by borough to understand more information about the data by giving label names = ["Budget", "Average", "Expensive", "Extravagant"] and ranges = [0, 69, 175, 350] to Calculate occurrence frequencies for each label, prices by borough.







## 8. What is the average price per month for listings in each neighborhood?

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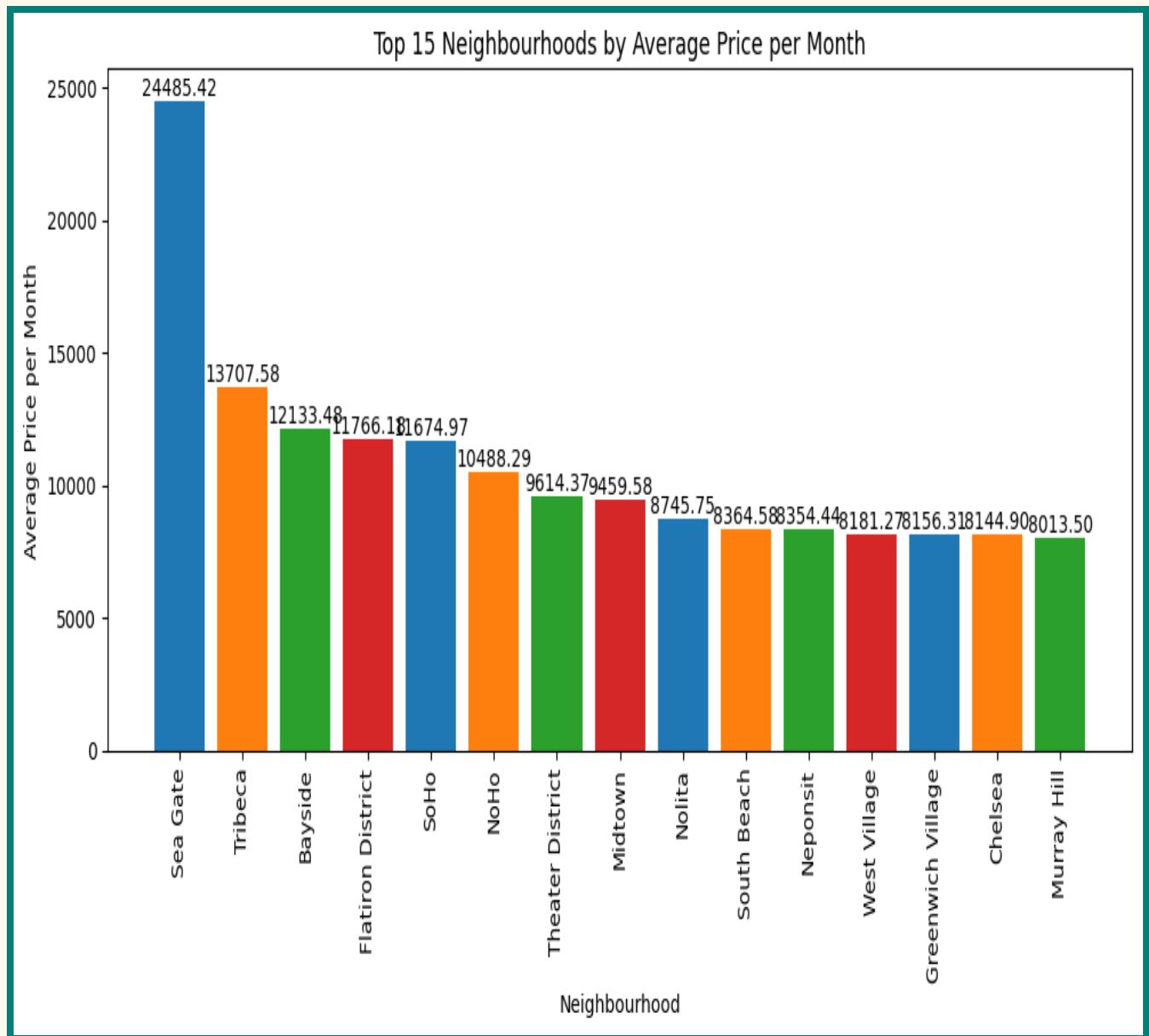
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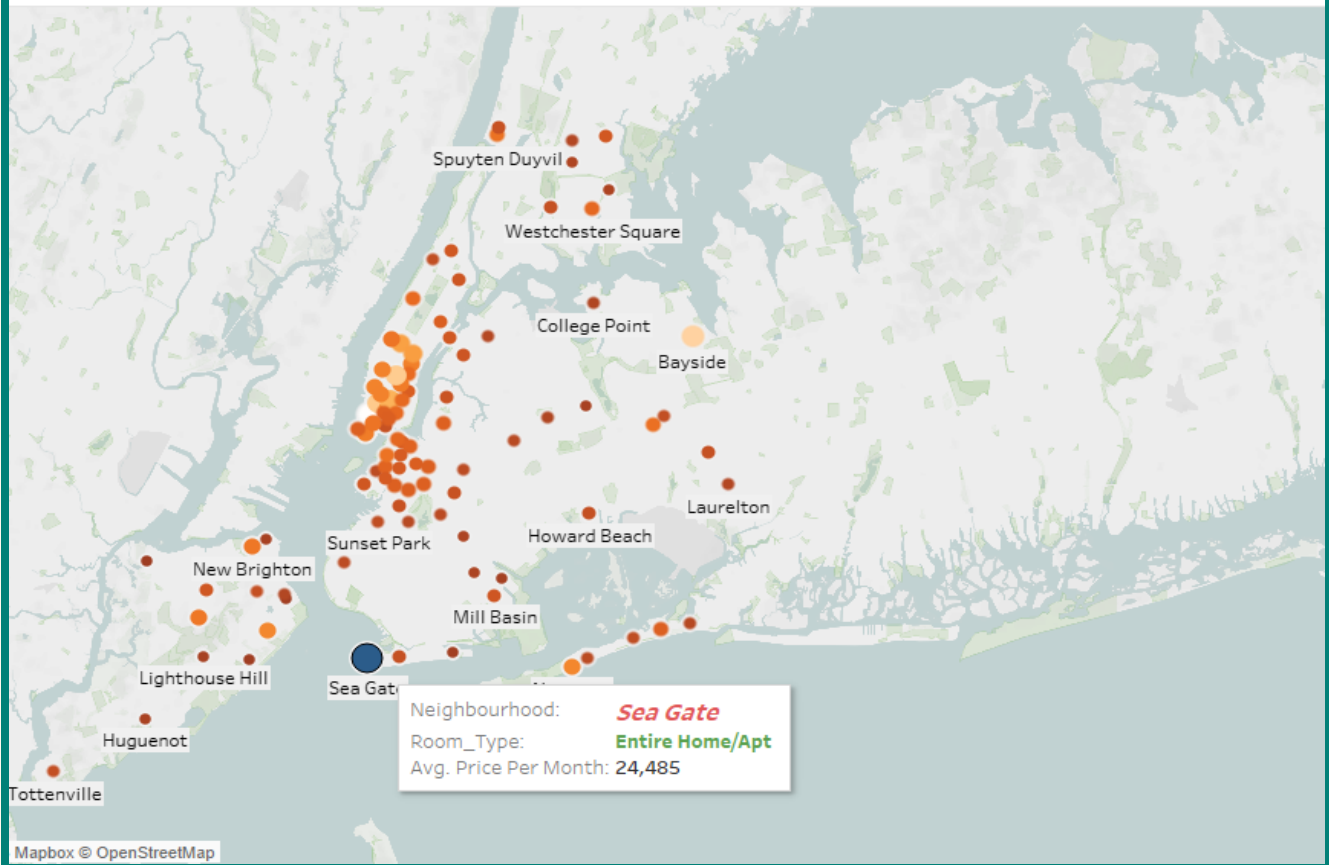
489 ROWS

| neighbourhood<br>TEXT | room_type<br>TEXT | average_price_per_month<br>FLOAT8 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sea Gate              | entire home/apt   | 24485.4166665                     |
| Tribeca               | entire home/apt   | 13707.575000259998                |
| Bayside               | entire home/apt   | 12133.484848090908                |
| Flatiron District     | entire home/apt   | 11766.180555266666                |
| SoHo                  | entire home/apt   | 11674.970472393708                |
| NoHo                  | entire home/apt   | 10488.290598641026                |
| Theater District      | entire home/apt   | 9614.370370577777                 |
| Midtown               | entire home/apt   | 9459.583333126406                 |
| Nolita                | entire home/apt   | 8745.754219468354                 |
| South Beach           | entire home/apt   | 8364.583333                       |

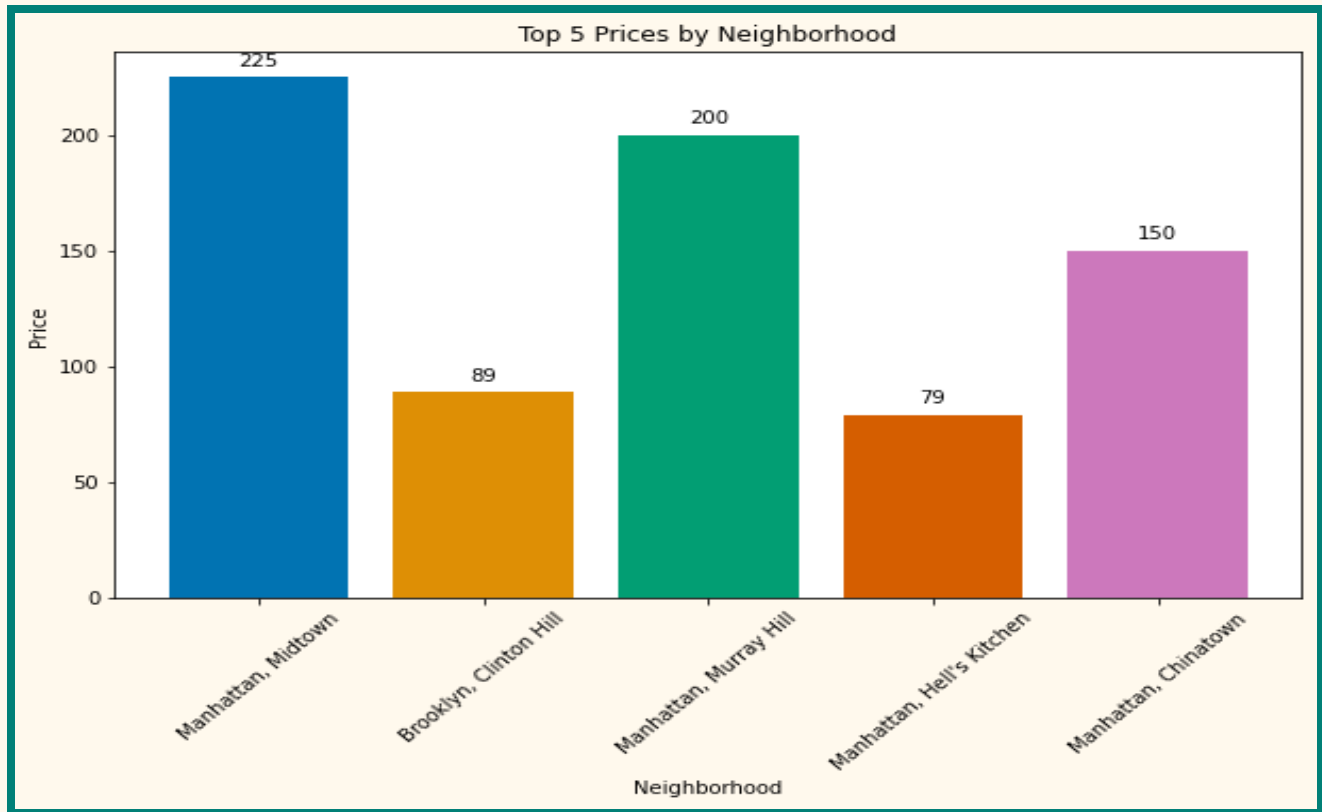




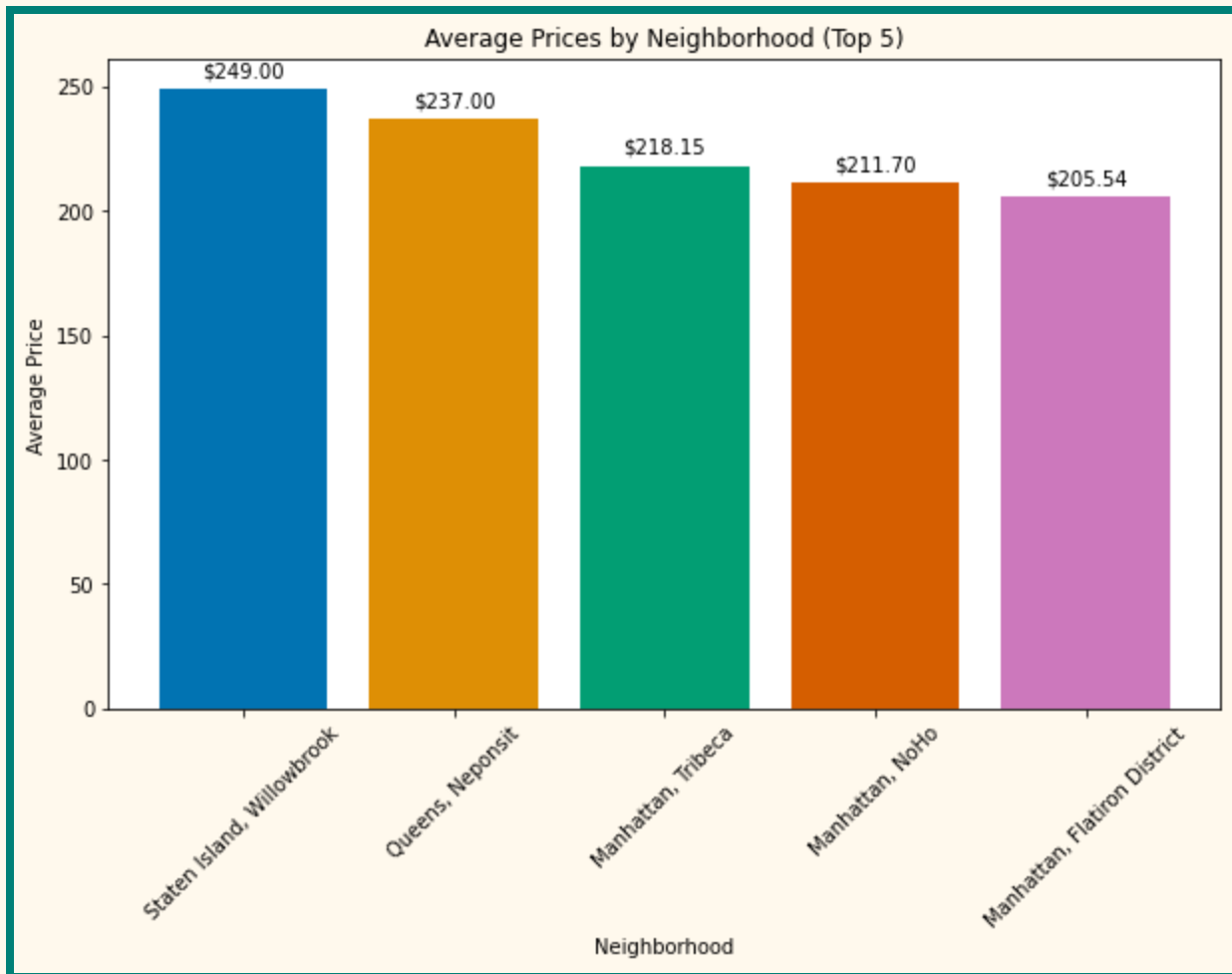
### Top neighborhoods in terms of the average price per month over room\_type



On further exploration we extracted data after filtering the DataFrame to remove outliers.






Which led to Calculate the average price per neighborhood

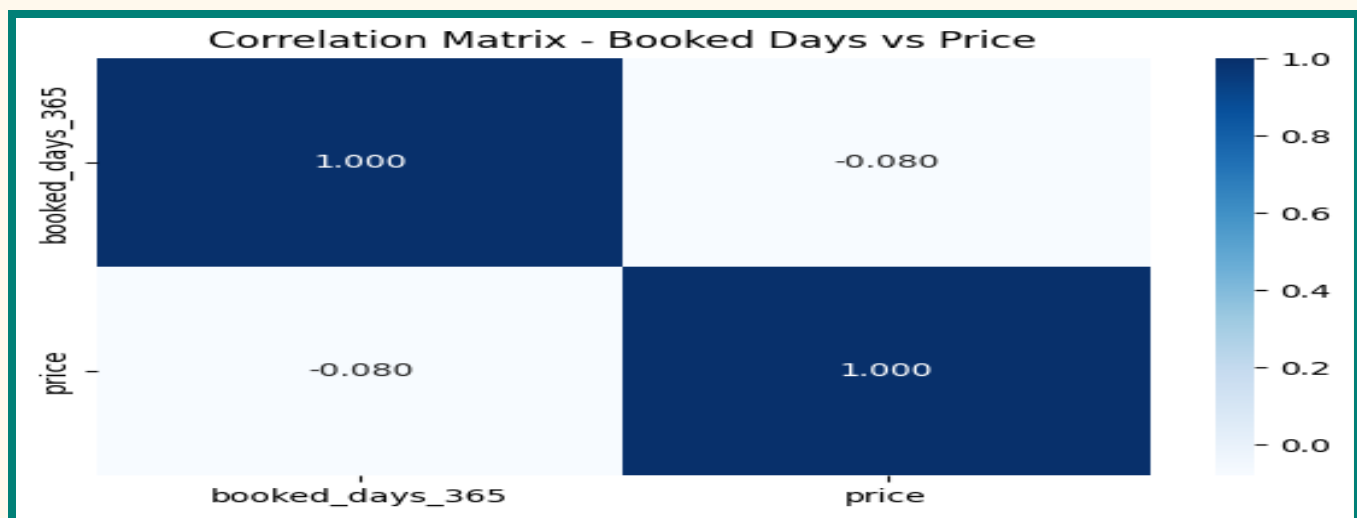
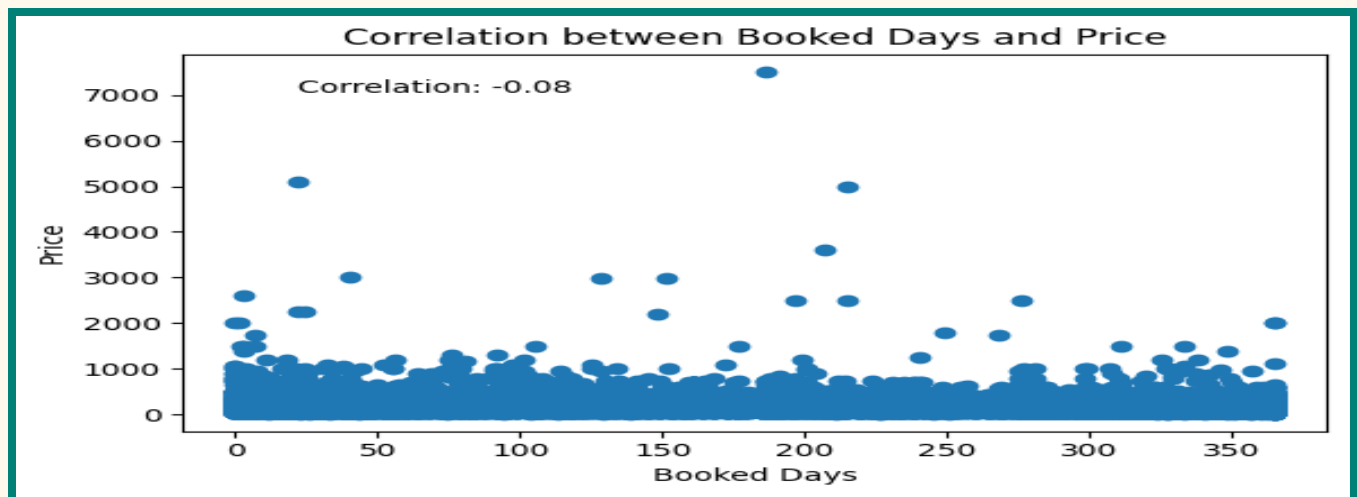


9. How many listings have no reviews?

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
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| TABLES                          | Query Results    |
| prices                          | 1 ROWS           |
| reviews                         | no_reviews_count |
| room_types                      | INT8             |
|                                 | 0                |

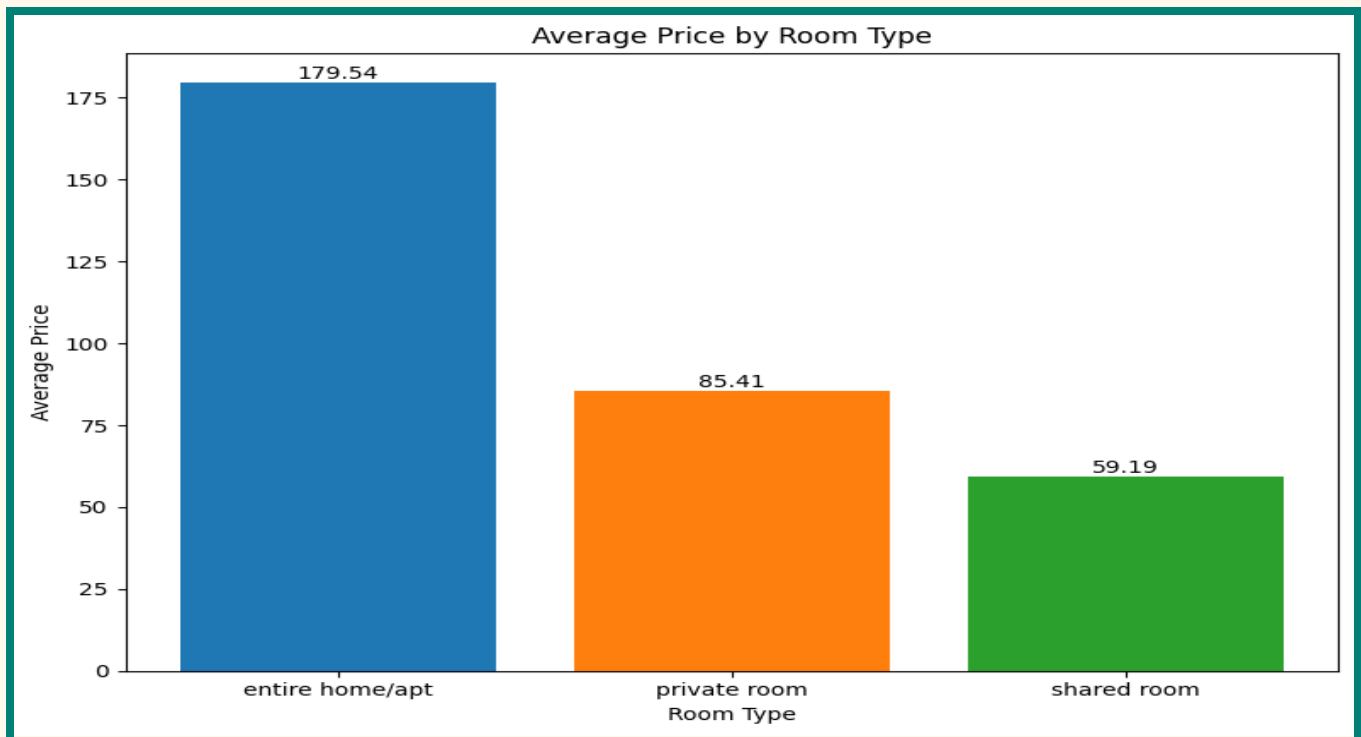
10. How do the estimated book days correlate with the price of an Airbnb listing in New York City?

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|--|----------------------|
| <b>TABLES</b>  | <b>Query Results</b> |
|  prices     | 1 ROWS               |
|  reviews    | <b>correlation</b>   |
|  room_types | FLOAT8               |
|  | -0.07963883976667008 |



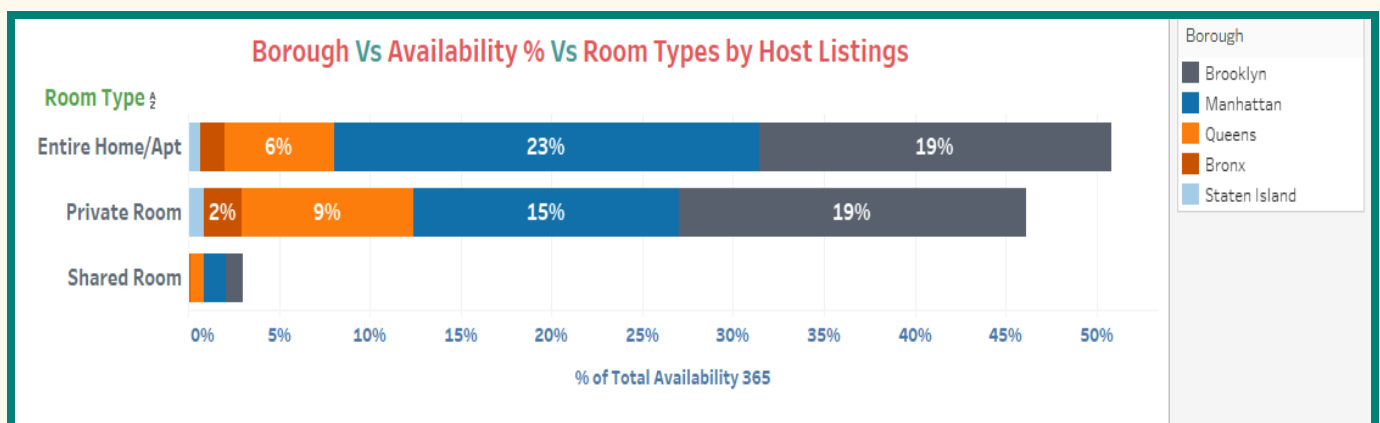
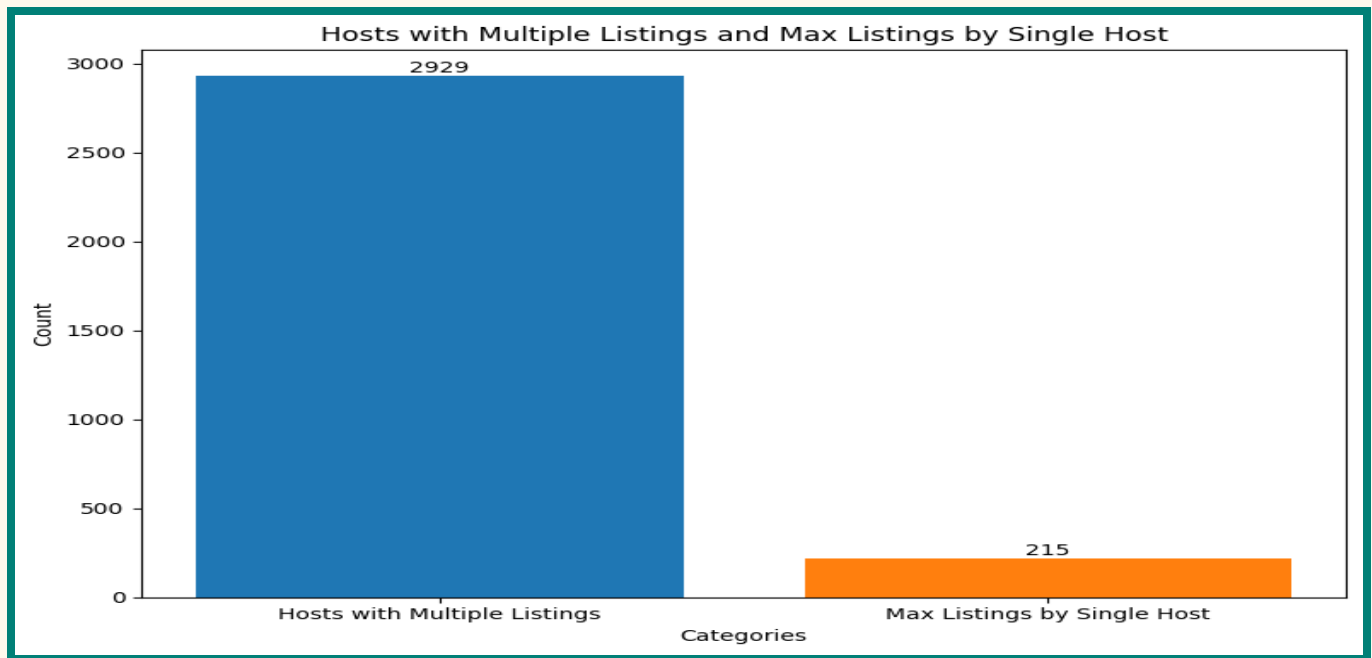
11. What is the average price per room type for listings that have at least 100 reviews and are available more than 200 days a year?

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| TABLES<br><br>prices<br><br>reviews<br><br>room_types | Query Results<br>3 ROWS |                          |
|   | room_type<br>TEXT       | average_price<br>NUMERIC |
|   | shared room             | 59.19                    |
|   | entire home/apt         | 179.54                   |
|   | private room            | 85.41                    |



12. How many hosts have more than one listing, and what's the maximum number of listings by a single host name?

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| hosts_with_multiple_listings<br>INT8      | max_listings_by_single_host<br>INT8  |                                      |                                     |      |     |
| 2929                                      | 215  |                                      |                                     |      |     |



13. Determine the top 5 hosts who have the highest price\_per\_month for their listings, considering only hosts who have at least 10 listings.

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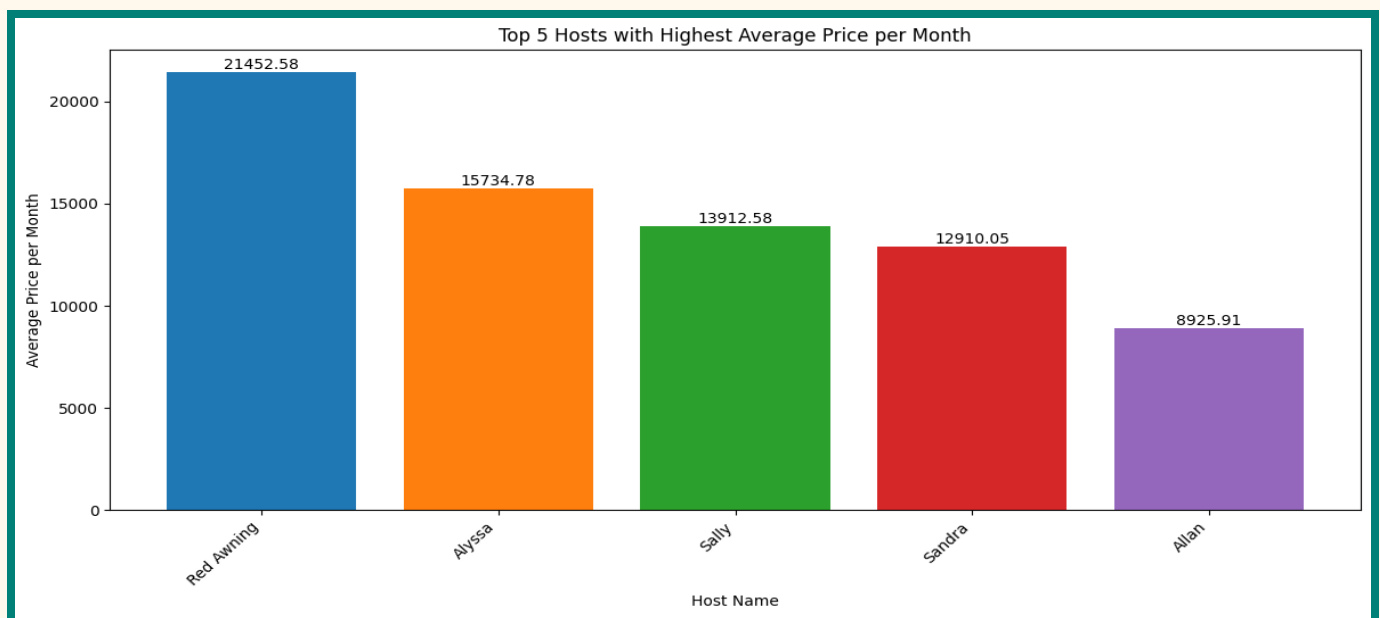
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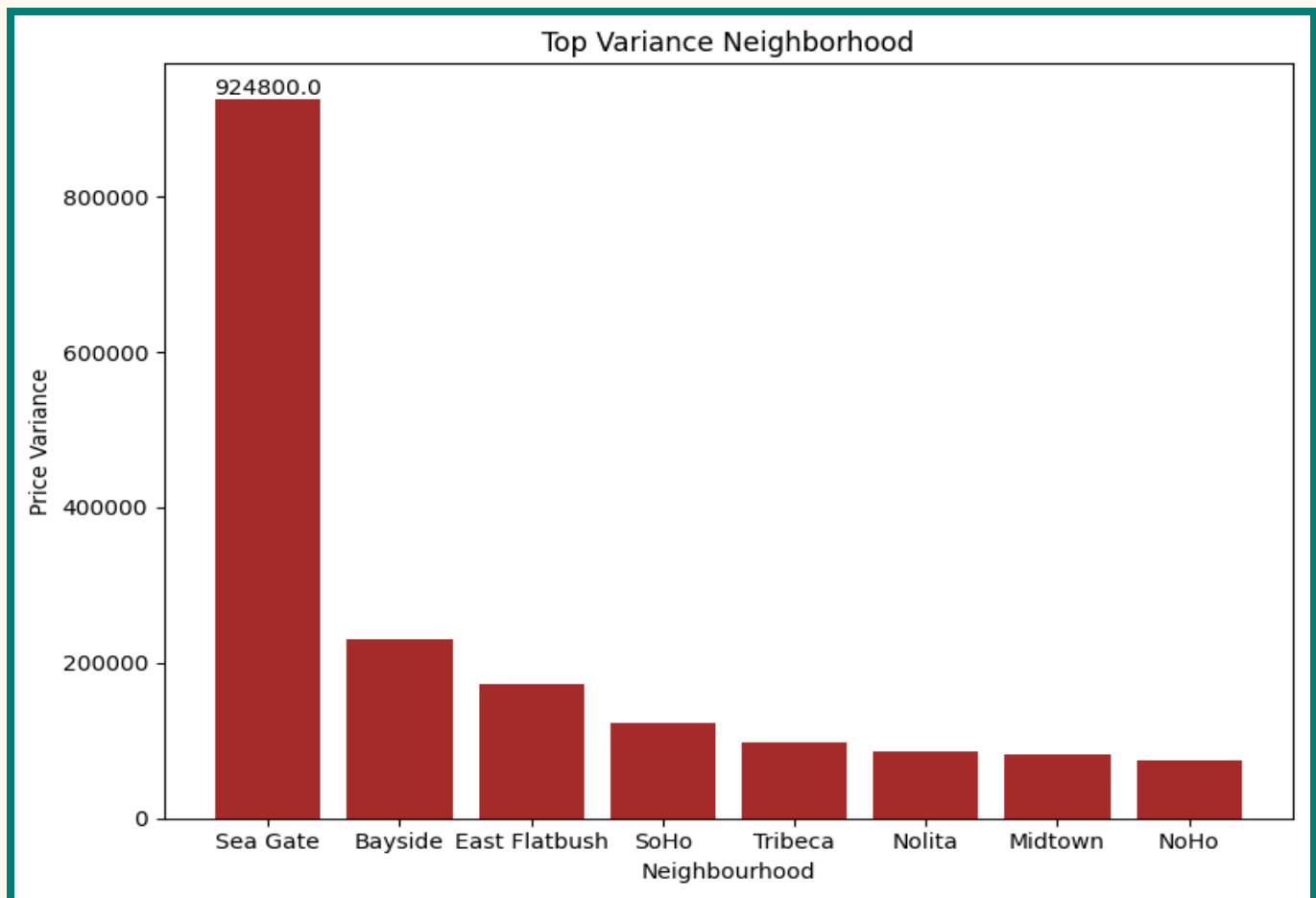
5 ROWS

| host_name<br>TEXT | average_price_per_month<br>NUMERIC |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Red Awning        | 21452.58                           |
| Alyssa            | 15734.78                           |
| Sally             | 13912.58                           |
| Sandra            | 12910.05                           |
| Allan             | 8925.91                            |



14. Find the neighborhood(s) that have the highest variance in listing prices.

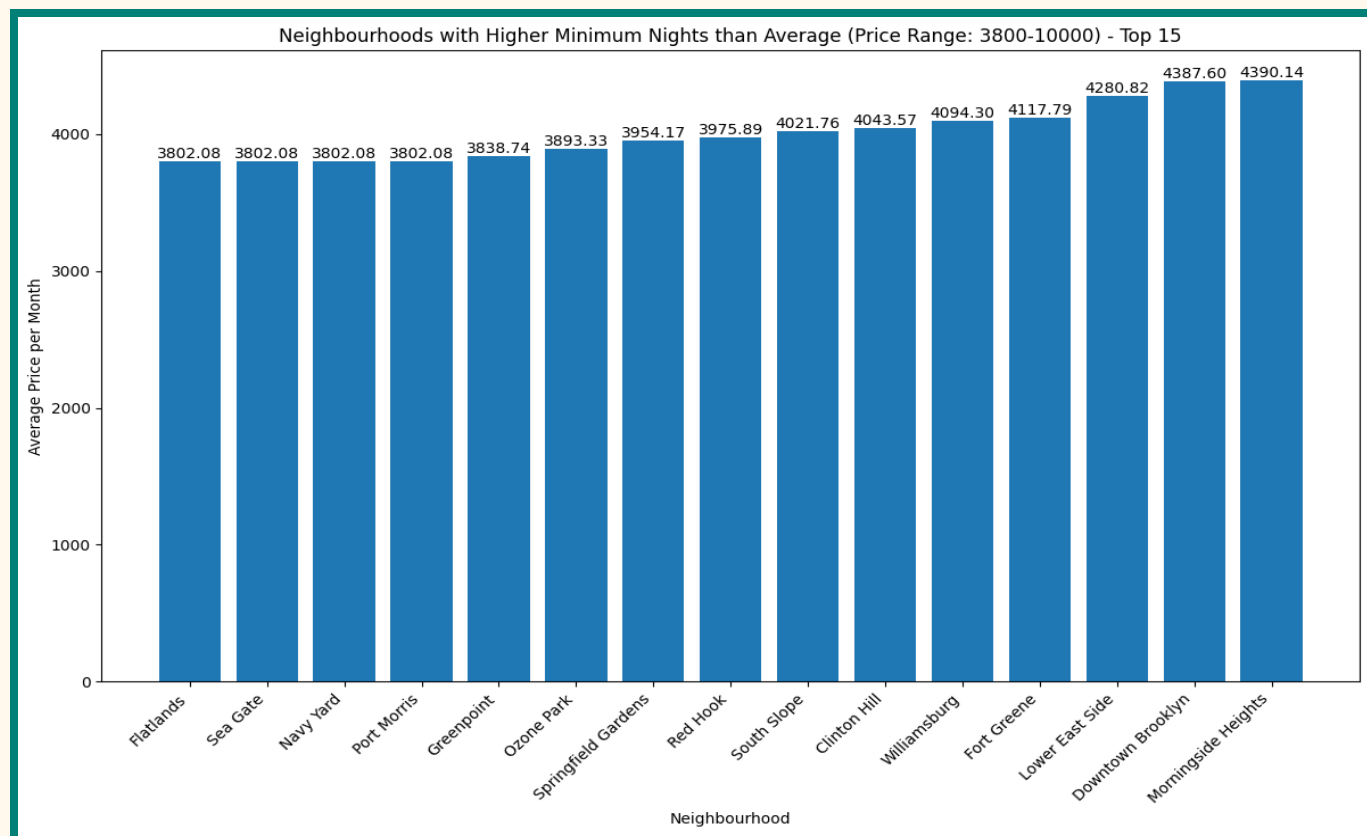
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| neighbourhood<br>TEXT   | price_variance<br>NUMERIC  |                       |                           |          |          |
| Sea Gate  | 924800.0   |                       |                           |          |          |





15. Calculate the average price\_per\_month for each neighborhood, taking into account only listings where the host has a minimum\_nights value that is higher than the average minimum\_nights value across all listings.

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|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| TABLES<br>prices<br>reviews<br>room_types | Query Results         |                                    |
|   | 155 ROWS              |                                    |
|   | neighbourhood<br>TEXT | average_price_per_month<br>NUMERIC |
|   | Flatlands             | 3802.08                            |
|   | Port Morris           | 3802.08                            |
|   | Kew Gardens Hills     | 1470.14                            |
|   | Cypress Hills         | 1502.94                            |
|   | SoHo                  | 9549.23                            |
|   | Columbia St           | 3315.42                            |
|   | Norwood               | 2022.71                            |
|   | Lower East Side       | 4280.82                            |
|   | Glendale              | 2425.73                            |
|   | Little Italy          | 3748.16                            |
|   | Bergen Beach          | 2585.42                            |



## RECOMMENDATION:

- ❖ I see huge potential opportunities for marketing campaign launch during June or July as that's the time when the high season for renting starts. There's a spike around June. We see a steep decrease starting in the beginning of January. The numbers of renting are so low and steady from Feb to round April and May.
- ❖ Entire Property and private property attracts more customers than Shared.
- ❖ Manhattan, Queens & Brooklyn Boroughs should be focused for more customer attracting campaigns. Rest Bouroughs should be given Research-backed promotions.

## APPENDIX:

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