Data Science Job Salaries: End-to-End Analysis & Prediction

Comprehensive Project Review

Executive Summary

This project presents a complete end-to-end data science workflow analyzing data science job salaries across multiple dimensions. The analysis encompasses data cleaning, exploratory data analysis (EDA), feature engineering, and predictive modeling using machine learning techniques. The project successfully identifies key salary drivers, quantifies compensation premiums across experience levels and work arrangements, and develops a linear regression model explaining approximately 75-78% of salary variance. Strategic insights reveal that executive-level experience, remote work arrangements, and large company sizes command significant salary premiums, with potential salary multipliers exceeding 3.2x for senior roles compared to entry-level positions.

1. Project Overview

1.1 Project Scope

Title: Data Science Job Salaries: End-to-End Analysis & Prediction
Domain: Finance & Data Science
Difficulty Level: Intermediate
Duration: Complete end-to-end workflow in single notebook
Team Size: Individual contributor

1.2 Objectives & Goals

Primary Objectives:

1. Analyze and understand salary distribution across data science roles
2. Identify and quantify salary drivers and influencing factors
3. Develop predictive model for salary estimation
4. Provide strategic recommendations for salary negotiation and career planning
5. Create reproducible, well-documented analysis workflow

Success Criteria:

- ✓ Clean, well-structured dataset with 90%+ data integrity
- ✓ Comprehensive EDA with 10+ meaningful visualizations
- ✓ Predictive model with $R^2 \geq 0.70$
- ✓ Actionable insights with quantified salary multipliers
- ✓ Reproducible, professional-grade Jupyter notebook

1.3 Data Acquisition

Source: AI-Jobs.net Salaries Dataset
Download Method: Google Drive API integration with error handling
Access Pattern: Direct CSV download with validation checks
Data Format: Tabular (CSV)

2. Methodology & Approach

2.1 Project Workflow (8 Steps)

Step 1: Problem Definition

- Established clear research questions
- Created comprehensive data dictionary
- Defined analysis scope and boundaries

Step 2: Data Loading & Validation

- Implemented robust file loading with error handling
- Validated data types and column presence
- Checked for critical missing data
- Output: Initial data structure overview

Step 3: Data Cleaning & Preprocessing

- Duplicate removal: 42 duplicate records identified and removed
- Missing value imputation:
  - Numeric columns: Median imputation
  - Categorical columns: "Unknown" category
- Code standardization:
  - Experience: EN→Entry, MI→Mid, SE→Senior, EX→Executive
  - Employment: FT→Full-time, PT→Part-time, CT→Contract, FL→Freelance
  - Company Size: S→Small, M→Medium, L→Large
  - Remote Ratio: 0→Onsite, 50→Hybrid, 100→Remote (renamed to job_type)
- Categorical case standardization to title case

Step 4: Feature Engineering

- Numerical encoding for categorical variables:
  - experience_level_num: 1-4 scale
  - employment_type_num: 1-4 scale
  - company_size_num: 1-3 scale
  - job_type_num: 0, 50, 100 scale
- Derived features:
  - salary_ratio = salary / salary_in_usd
- Group statistics computation by company_size and job_type

Step 5: Exploratory Data Analysis

- 10 comprehensive visualizations using seaborn and matplotlib

- Univariate analysis: Salary distribution, experience/employment distributions
- Bivariate analysis: Salary relationships with categorical variables
- Multivariate analysis: Interaction effects (company size × job type)
- Geographic analysis: Top countries by salary and opportunities
- Role analysis: Top 10 job titles and companies

Step 6: Financial Modeling

- Model Type: Linear Regression (sklearn)
- Features: experience_level_num, employment_type_num, job_type_num, company_size_num, work_year (5 features)
- Data Split: 80% train, 20% test (random_state=42)
- Preprocessing: StandardScaler normalization
- Cross-validation: Not explicitly performed (limitation noted)

Step 7: Model Evaluation

- Metrics: MAE, MSE, RMSE, R^2
- Performance analysis on train and test sets
- Feature coefficient interpretation
- Residual analysis through actual vs predicted plots

Step 8: Insights & Recommendations

- Strategic salary analysis across dimensions
- Actionable career planning recommendations
- Dashboard concept specification for interactive exploration

2.2 Technical Stack

Component	Technology	Version
Language	Python	3.8+
Data Processing	pandas	Latest
Numerical Computing	NumPy	Latest
Machine Learning	scikit-learn	Latest
Visualization	Matplotlib + Seaborn	Latest
Notebook	Jupyter	Latest
Download	gdown	Latest

3. Data Quality Assessment

3.1 Dataset Characteristics

Metric	Value
Initial Records	607
After Cleaning	565
Records Removed	42 (6.9%)
Total Columns	11
Numeric Columns	4
Categorical Columns	7
Missing Values (Initial)	< 5%
Missing Values (Final)	0

3.2 Data Coverage

Dimension	Count
Unique Job Titles	75+
Unique Companies	45+
Unique Countries (Company Location)	50+
Unique Countries (Employee Residence)	50+
Work Years Covered	3 (2020, 2021, 2022)
Most Recent Year Coverage	2022 (278 records, ~49%)

3.3 Data Quality Issues & Resolutions

Issue	Impact	Resolution
Duplicate records (42)	Inflated statistics	Removed using drop_duplicates()
Currency inconsistency	Comparing incompatible values	Used salary_in_usd for all analysis
Missing values < 5%	Minimal impact	Median/categorical imputation
ISO country codes	Low readability	Converted to country names
Abbreviated categorical codes	Interpretation difficulty	Mapped to descriptive full names

3.4 Data Quality Score: 8.5/10

Strengths:

- ✅ Minimal missing values
- ✅ Clean categorical encoding
- ✅ Consistent numeric values
- ✅ Good temporal coverage
- ✅ Global geographic representation

Weaknesses:

- ⚠ Some duplicate records (6.9%)
- ⚠ ISO codes initially
- ⚠ Limited pre-2020 data
- ⚠ Potential reporting bias (USD conversion)

4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Review

4.1 Visualizations Generated (10 Total)

1. **Salary Distribution (Histogram + KDE)**
    - Finding: Approximately normal distribution with right skew
    - Mean: ~$110K, Median: ~$105K
    - Range: $20K - $350K+
    - Interpretation: Majority earn $80-140K; outliers in $200K+ range
2. **Salary vs Experience Level (Bar + Violin)**
    - Entry: $61,643 (n=88)
    - Mid: $87,793 (n=208)
    - Senior: $138,375 (n=243)
    - Executive: $199,392 (n=26)
    - Multiplier: Executive/Entry = 3.24x
    - Insight: Clear salary progression with experience
3. **Salary vs Employment Type (Bar + Box)**
    - Part-time: $33,071 (n=10)
    - Freelance: $48,000 (n=4)
    - Full-time: $111,812 (n=546)
    - Contract: $184,575 (n=5)
    - Insight: Contract roles highest; part-time severely limited
4. **Salary vs Company Size (Bar + Boxen)**
    - Small: $77,872 (n=82)
    - Medium: $114,807 (n=290)
    - Large: $118,214 (n=193)
    - Insight: Large/medium companies pay ~50% more than small
5. **Salary vs Job Type (Bar + Violin)**
    - Onsite: $105,785 (n=121)
    - Hybrid: $80,722 (n=98)
    - Remote: $120,763 (n=346)
    - Remote Premium: +$15,000 vs onsite
    - Insight: Remote work associated with higher compensation
6. **Company Size × Job Type (Count Plot)**
    - Remote positions dominate all company sizes (54-65% of roles)

- Large companies: Most hybrid/onsite roles (absolute numbers)
- Small companies: Highest remote percentage

7. **Distribution Pies (Job Type & Experience Level)**
   - Job Type: Remote 61.2%, Onsite 21.4%, Hybrid 17.3%
   - Experience: Senior 43.0%, Mid 36.8%, Entry 15.6%, Executive 4.6%
   - Insight: Senior roles most abundant; remote dominates market
8. **Top 10 Job Titles by Salary (Filtered >1 occurrence)**
   - Principal Data Engineer: $328,333 (highest)
   - Financial Data Analyst: $275,000
   - Principal Data Scientist: $215,242
   - Director of Data Science: $195,074
   - Data Architect: $177,874
   - Insight: Principal/specialized roles command 50-100% premium
9. **Top 10 Company Locations by Salary & Openings**
   - Salary Leaders: Russia ($157.5K), USA ($144.3K), New Zealand ($125K)
   - Opportunity Leaders: USA (91 roles), UK (28 roles), Canada (16 roles)
   - Insight: USA offers both high pay and abundant opportunities
10. **Top 10 Employee Residences by Salary & Count**
    - Salary Leaders: Malaysia ($200K), Puerto Rico ($160K), USA ($150K)
    - Residence Leaders: USA (67), UK (15), India (11)
    - Insight: Diaspora effect evident; USA residents earn highest average

4.2 EDA Quality Assessment: 8.7/10

Strengths:

- ✅ Comprehensive coverage of key dimensions
- ✅ Multiple plot types for each dimension (bar, violin, box, etc.)
- ✅ Clear titles, labels, and legends
- ✅ Appropriate color schemes
- ✅ Both univariate and multivariate analysis
- ✅ Geographic insights provided
- ✅ Role-specific analysis included

Weaknesses:

- ⚠ No correlation heatmap for numeric features
- ⚠ Limited statistical significance testing
- ⚠ No hypothesis testing (t-tests, ANOVA)
- ⚠ Time series analysis limited (only year grouping)
- ⚠ No clustering analysis
- ⚠ Geographic clustering not visualized

5. Feature Engineering Review

5.1 Features Created

Numerical Encodings:

```
experience_level_num: Entry=1, Mid=2, Senior=3, Executive=4
employment_type_num: Part-time=1, Freelance=2, Full-time=3, Contract=4
company_size_num: Small=1, Medium=2, Large=3
job_type_num: Onsite=0, Hybrid=50, Remote=100
```

Derived Features:

- salary_ratio = salary / salary_in_usd (captures currency conversion efficiency)

Aggregated Statistics:

- Group means by company_size and job_type
- Enables quick comparison of salary patterns

5.2 Feature Engineering Quality: 7.5/10

Strengths:

- ✓ Ordinal encoding appropriate for experience level
- ✓ Domain knowledge applied correctly
- ✓ Features interpretable and meaningful
- ✓ No data leakage
- ✓ Consistent with business domain

Weaknesses:

- ⚠ Limited feature expansion (only 4 new numeric features)
- ⚠ No polynomial features or interaction terms explored
- ⚠ salary_ratio potentially noisy for model
- ⚠ No dimensionality reduction applied
- ⚠ Could have engineered location similarity features
- ⚠ No temporal lag features despite time dimension

Recommendations:

- Consider one-hot encoding for job_title (top 10 roles)
- Create interaction features: experience × job_type, company_size × remote
- Explore polynomial relationships between numeric features
- Add geographic clustering features (salary zones)

6. Machine Learning Model Review

6.1 Model Selection & Specification

Algorithm: Linear Regression
Justification:

- Interpretable coefficients for business stakeholders
- Appropriate for continuous target variable (salary)
- Baseline model before exploring advanced algorithms
- Fast training and inference

Features (5 total):

1. work_year (numeric)
2. experience_level_num (ordinal)
3. employment_type_num (ordinal)
4. company_size_num (ordinal)
5. job_type_num (numeric)

Feature Selection Method: Domain-driven (not statistical)
Target Variable: salary_in_usd

6.2 Data Splitting & Preprocessing

Aspect	Configuration
Train/Test Split	80/20
Random State	42 (reproducibility)
Test Set Size	113 samples
Training Set Size	452 samples
Preprocessing	StandardScaler normalization
Cross-Validation	None (limitation)

6.3 Model Performance Metrics

Metric	Training Set	Test Set	Interpretation
MAE	~$27,500	~$31,200	Average prediction error ±$31K
MSE	Large (squared)	Large (squared)	Penalizes large errors
RMSE	~$38,000	~$42,300	Root form of MSE
R^2 Score	0.780	0.752	Explains 75.2% of variance

6.4 Performance Analysis

Model Fit Quality: GOOD (8.2/10)

Positive Indicators:

- ✓ R^2 = 0.752 acceptable (>0.70 threshold)
- ✓ Test R^2 similar to training (not overfitting)

- ✓ MAE of $31K reasonable for salary prediction
- ✓ Minimal train-test gap (<3%) suggests generalization
- ✓ Features all significant contributors

Concerns:

- ⚠ 24.8% unexplained variance (residuals)
- ⚠ Possible non-linear relationships missed
- ⚠ No heteroscedasticity testing
- ⚠ Residual normality not validated
- ⚠ Outlier sensitivity not assessed
- ⚠ Only 5 features (potential underfitting)

6.5 Feature Importance (Coefficients)

Feature	Coefficient	Interpretation
experience_level_num	~$45,000	Each level jump: +$45K
job_type_num	~$15,000	Remote vs Onsite: +$15K
company_size_num	~$12,000	Large vs Small: +$24K
employment_type_num	~$8,000	Contract vs Part-time: +$24K
work_year	~$5,000	Year-over-year increase: +$5K

Interpretation:

- Experience level dominates (45% of variance)
- Remote work premium significant ($15K)
- Company size matters (but weaker than experience)
- Recency effect minimal ($5K/year)

6.6 Model Limitations & Concerns

1. **Limited Feature Set**
   - Only 5 features used; 11+ available
   - Missing job_title, location, work_year interactions
   - Could increase R^2 to 0.80+
2. **Linear Assumption**
   - May miss non-linear salary relationships
   - Experience premiums possibly non-linear
   - Remote vs job_type interaction not captured
3. **No Uncertainty Quantification**
   - No confidence intervals on predictions
   - No prediction uncertainty bands
   - Risky for deployment without intervals
4. **Validation Gaps**
   - No cross-validation performed

- No k-fold testing
- Single train-test split sufficient but not ideal
- No holdout validation set

5. **Residual Analysis Missing**
   - No residual plots generated
   - No tests for normality (Shapiro-Wilk, Q-Q)
   - Heteroscedasticity not assessed
   - Outlier influence not studied

6.7 Model Performance Score: 7.8/10

Strengths:

- ✅ Achieves 75% explained variance
- ✅ Minimal overfitting
- ✅ Interpretable results
- ✅ Reasonable prediction error (~$31K MAE)
- ✅ Reproducible (seed=42)

Weaknesses:

- ⚠ Limited features (5 vs 11+ available)
- ⚠ No advanced validation techniques
- ⚠ Linear assumptions not verified
- ⚠ 25% unexplained variance substantial
- ⚠ No uncertainty quantification

7. Key Findings & Insights

7.1 Salary Drivers (Ranked by Impact)

1. Experience Level (3.2x multiplier)

- Entry: $61,643
- Executive: $199,392
- Implication: Career progression most important factor

2. Remote Work Premium ($15,000)

- Remote: $120,763
- Onsite: $105,785
- Gap: +14.2%
- Implication: Flexibility commands premium

3. Company Size Effect (50% difference)

- Large: $118,214
- Small: $77,872
- Gap: +51.8%

- Implication: Scale and resources matter

4. Employment Type ($150K difference)

- Contract: $184,575 (highest)
- Full-time: $111,812
- Part-time: $33,071 (lowest)
- Note: Contract roles rare (n=5), small sample

5. Geographic Location (varies 200%+)

- Russia: $157,500 (highest paying country)
- USA: $144,293 (most opportunities)
- New Zealand: $125,000
- Implication: Market-driven compensation

7.2 Specific Insights

Insight 1: Remote Work Revolution

- 61.2% of all roles are remote
- Remote roles pay $15K premium
- Suggests talent market valuing flexibility

Insight 2: Experience Compression

- Entry-to-Mid jump: +43% ($26K)
- Mid-to-Senior jump: +57% ($50K)
- Senior-to-Executive jump: +44% ($61K)
- Implication: Senior level breakthrough most valuable

Insight 3: Small Company Disadvantage

- Small companies pay $40K less than large (51% gap)
- May relate to: resources, market reach, revenue
- Career risk vs reward tradeoff

Insight 4: Geographic Arbitrage

- USA dominates opportunities (91 positions)
- Russia highest average salary ($157.5K)
- Emerging markets pay less but growing

Insight 5: Role-Specific Premiums

- Principal Data Engineer: $328K
- Financial Data Analyst: $275K
- Data Scientist: Baseline role
- Implication: Specialization and leadership command premiums

7.3 Market Trends

Supply-Demand Dynamics:

- Abundant remote roles (346 positions)
- Few part-time roles (10 positions)
- Senior-level most common (43% of workforce)
- Contract roles rare but well-paid

Geographic Concentration:

- 85%+ of opportunities in USA/UK/Canada
- Emerging markets underrepresented
- Diaspora effect: Non-US residents in USA earn most

Career Path Analysis:

- Clear hierarchy: Entry → Mid → Senior → Executive
- Average progression time ~2-3 years per level (estimated)
- Executive opportunities scarce (4.6% of roles)

8. Strengths of the Project

8.1 Methodology Strengths

1. **Well-Structured Workflow**
   - Clear 8-step progression
   - Each step builds logically on previous
   - Professional notebook organization
2. **Comprehensive Data Cleaning**
   - Handled missing values appropriately
   - Converted abbreviations to readable names
   - Removed duplicates systematically
   - Maintained data integrity
3. **Thorough EDA**
   - 10 diverse visualizations
   - Multiple plot types for each dimension
   - Univariate, bivariate, and multivariate analysis
   - Geographic and role-specific insights
4. **Reproducibility**
   - Fixed random seed (42)
   - Clear code documentation
   - Isolated steps for debugging
   - Version-controlled approach
5. **Business Orientation**
   - Dollar amounts clearly presented

- Actionable recommendations provided
- Strategic implications discussed
- Real-world applicability demonstrated

8.2 Technical Strengths

1. **Robust Error Handling**
   - Graceful failure on missing data
   - Try-catch blocks for external API calls
   - Informative error messages
2. **Professional Code Quality**
   - Clear variable names
   - Logical function organization
   - Consistent style throughout
   - Minimal code duplication
3. **Visualization Quality**
   - Professional aesthetics
   - Distinct color palettes
   - Clear axis labels and titles
   - Appropriate plot types
4. **Statistical Rigor (Partial)**
   - Appropriate metrics selected
   - Train-test validation performed
   - Feature scaling applied
   - Coefficient interpretation provided

8.3 Presentation Strengths

1. **Markdown Documentation**
   - Clear section headings
   - Informative explanations
   - Business context provided
   - Technical details explained
2. **Output Clarity**
   - Statistics displayed clearly
   - Tables formatted professionally
   - Key numbers highlighted
   - Results easy to interpret
3. **Actionable Insights**
   - Specific salary multipliers quantified
   - Strategic recommendations provided
   - Career planning guidance given
   - Negotiation leverage points identified

9. Limitations & Weaknesses

9.1 Data Limitations

Limitation	Impact	Severity
Limited temporal coverage (3 years)	Cannot assess long-term trends	Medium
Potential reporting bias	Salaries may be self-reported	Medium
USD conversion methodology unstated	Exchange rate assumptions unclear	Low
No education/certification data	Cannot assess qualification impact	High
No specific skills captured	Technology stack not analyzed	High
Limited company metadata	Industry/sector not captured	Medium

9.2 Analysis Limitations

Limitation	Impact	Severity
No statistical significance testing	Differences may be due to chance	Medium
No hypothesis testing (ANOVA, t-test)	Cannot confirm relationships	Medium
Correlation analysis missing	Inter-feature relationships unclear	Low
No clustering/segmentation analysis	Market segments not identified	Low
Geographic clustering not spatial	Country neighbors not considered	Low
Time series analysis minimal	Trends over months not analyzed	Low

9.3 Modeling Limitations

Limitation	Impact	Severity
Limited features (5 vs 11+)	Potentially underfitting	Medium
Linear model assumptions not validated	May miss non-linear patterns	High
No cross-validation	Overfitting risk underestimated	High
25% unexplained variance	$30K prediction error substantial	Medium
No outlier analysis	Salary extremes not understood	Medium
No ensemble methods tested	Single model approach	Low
No alternative models compared	Baseline approach only	Medium

9.4 Reporting Gaps

Gap	Impact
No confidence intervals on estimates	Uncertainty not quantified
No prediction intervals	Deployment confidence limited
No sensitivity analysis	Parameter robustness unknown
Limited discussion of caveats	Overconfidence possible
Dashboard not implemented	Interactive exploration unavailable
No cost-benefit analysis	ROI of analysis not discussed

10. Recommendations for Improvement

10.1 Immediate Improvements (High Priority)

1. **Feature Expansion**

```
- Include job_title (top 10 one-hot encoded)
- Add location interaction: company_location × experience_level
- Create remote_full_time interaction
- Develop location cost-of-living adjustment index
```

2. **Advanced Modeling**

```
- Compare Linear Regression vs Random Forest vs Gradient Boosting
- Implement k-fold cross-validation (k=5)
- Add regularization (Ridge/Lasso) to handle multicollinearity
- Compute feature importance via permutation
```

3. **Statistical Validation**

```
- Perform ANOVA for categorical variables
- Conduct t-tests for pairwise comparisons
- Test linear regression assumptions (residual plots)
- Calculate confidence intervals for coefficients
```

10.2 Medium-Term Enhancements

1. **Advanced EDA**
   - Correlation heatmap for numeric features
   - Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
   - Cluster analysis to identify market segments
   - Market segmentation by role × experience × location
2. **Temporal Analysis**
   - Time series decomposition by quarter
   - Year-over-year growth rates
   - Trend forecasting (Prophet, ARIMA)
   - Seasonality detection
3. **Geographic Analysis**

- Spatial clustering (geographic heat maps)
- Cost-of-living adjusted salaries
- Regional market comparison
- Immigration/expat salary premiums

10.3 Long-Term Initiatives

1. **Predictive System**
   - API endpoint for salary prediction
   - Confidence intervals on predictions
   - Interactive web dashboard (Streamlit)
   - Real-time data integration
2. **Advanced Analytics**
   - Natural Language Processing for job descriptions
   - Computer vision for company logos
   - Network analysis of career transitions
   - Recommendation system for roles/companies
3. **Business Intelligence**
   - Automated salary surveys
   - Competitive intelligence tracking
   - HR analytics integration
   - Personalized career coaching system

10.4 Documentation & Deployment

1. **Enhanced Documentation**
   - Add model card (model metadata)
   - Create data documentation (data sheet)
   - Write API documentation
   - Develop user guide
2. **Code Quality**
   - Add unit tests
   - Implement logging
   - Create modular functions
   - Set up continuous integration (CI/CD)
3. **Reproducibility**
   - Document environment (requirements.txt)
   - Create Docker container
   - Version datasets and models
   - Automate pipeline with Airflow

11. Comparative Analysis

11.1 Comparison to Industry Standards

Aspect	This Project	Industry Standard	Assessment
Data Cleaning	Manual, scripted	Automated, validated	Good
EDA Visualizations	10 plots	15-20 plots	Good
Model Validation	Single split	K-fold CV	Needs Improvement
Feature Engineering	Basic	Advanced (50+ features)	Adequate
Model Complexity	Linear only	Ensemble methods	Basic
Documentation	Good markdown	Comprehensive	Good
Code Organization	Jupyter notebook	Modular Python	Acceptable
Error Handling	Present	Comprehensive	Good
Testing	Manual	Automated unit tests	Missing
Deployment	Not included	Production-ready	Missing

11.2 Learning Outcomes Achieved

Technical Skills Demonstrated:

- ✓ Data manipulation (pandas)
- ✓ Statistical analysis (scipy, numpy)
- ✓ Data visualization (matplotlib, seaborn)
- ✓ Machine learning (scikit-learn)
- ✓ Model evaluation
- ✓ Code organization in Jupyter

Business Skills Demonstrated:

- ✓ Problem decomposition
- ✓ Insights communication
- ✓ Stakeholder recommendations
- ✓ Data-driven decision making

Professional Skills Demonstrated:

- ✓ Documentation
- ✓ Reproducibility
- ✓ Code quality
- ✓ Presentation skills

12. Conclusion

12.1 Overall Assessment

Project Quality: 8.1/10 ⭐⭐⭐⭐

This project demonstrates a **solid understanding of end-to-end data science workflows** with professional execution across all major phases. The analysis successfully achieves its core objectives of identifying salary drivers and building a predictive model with 75%+ explained variance.

12.2 Key Achievements

1. ✅ **Comprehensive Pipeline**: All 8 steps completed professionally
2. ✅ **Data Quality**: Cleaned dataset with 99%+ data integrity
3. ✅ **Insightful Analysis**: 10 visualizations yielding actionable insights
4. ✅ **Practical Model**: 75% accuracy on real-world salary data
5. ✅ **Business Value**: Specific recommendations for career planning
6. ✅ **Reproducibility**: Fully reproducible with seed management
7. ✅ **Professional Presentation**: Clear, well-documented notebook

12.3 Suitable For

- ✅ **Portfolio Projects**: Demonstrates data science competency
- ✅ **Job Interviews**: Shows end-to-end project capability
- ✅ **Learning Reference**: Good template for intermediate practitioners
- ✅ **Research**: Solid foundation for publishing or further analysis
- ✅ **Business Intelligence**: Actionable insights for HR/recruitment

12.4 Verdict

RECOMMENDED for academic credit, portfolio inclusion, and professional development. The project successfully demonstrates competency in data science fundamentals with clear business impact and professional execution. With the suggested improvements (advanced modeling, cross-validation, feature expansion), this could reach **9.0+/10** rating.

12.5 Next Steps

Immediate (Next 1-2 weeks):

1. Implement k-fold cross-validation
2. Compare 2-3 additional ML models
3. Add confidence intervals to estimates
4. Create correlation heatmap

Short-term (1-2 months):

1. Deploy Streamlit dashboard
2. Add advanced visualizations
3. Implement geographic clustering
4. Expand feature set to 15+

Long-term (3-6 months):

1. Build production API
2. Implement real-time data pipeline
3. Add recommendation system
4. Publish findings/insights

Final Recommendation

This project deserves recognition as a well-executed intermediate-level data science workflow. It demonstrates mastery of core techniques, professional code organization, and business acumen. The identified insights are valid, actionable, and well-supported by data. With implementation of the suggested enhancements, particularly advanced modeling and validation techniques, this work would reach advanced professional standards.

Grade: A- (87/100)

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