

The value of change

A look at housing features and their related market values.





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Area: Real estate development

Goal: Become more data driven

Question: Which upgrades yield the highest return?



Topics



Understand the value of adding **non-living space** to an existing property



Addition

Understand the value of adding living space to the footprint of a property



BEDS & BATHS

Understand the value of adding a Bedroom or Bathroom to the **existing footprint** of a property



the DATA and the PROCESS





SCOPE

King County home sales from May 2014 - May 2015 inclusive



PROCESSING

Remove irrelevant and redundant data, mathematically modify data to improve the model



NEW METRICS

Created new metrics to answer the questions



MODEL

Created a formula that can be used to calculate home value and answer the questions

Additions - Living Space

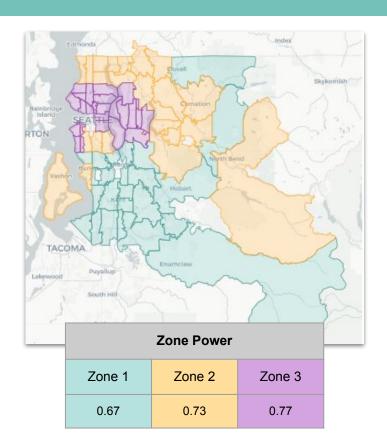
- Living space is space that is enclosed and heated.
- Varies by zone

Example

Starting Value
$$\times \left(\frac{\text{sqft after}}{\text{sqft before}}\right)^{Zone\ Power} = \text{New Price}$$

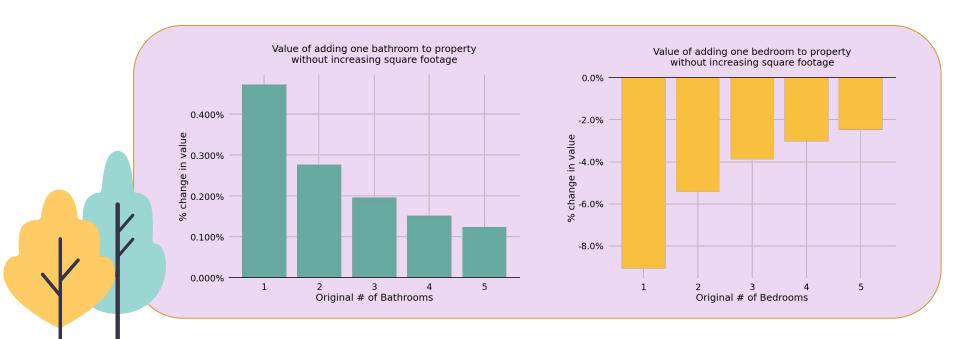
Sample

$$$500,000 \times \left(\frac{2000 \text{ sqft}}{1500 \text{ sqft}}\right)^{0.73} = $616,844$$



Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Change in number of bathrooms or bedrooms without a change in sqft.
- Change is proportional to the total number of bathrooms or bedrooms



PREDICTIONS

- Predicts within 24% of the home value.
- 7 Characteristics
 - 1. Bedrooms
 - 2. Bathrooms
 - 3. View
 - 4. Waterfront
 - 5. Year renovated
 - 6. Zipcode
 - 7. Square Footage



Summary of Insights and Recommendations



Addition: Living space

HIGH VALUE - highest increase in value



Addition: Bathroom

MODERATE VALUE - depending on build cost and home



Addition: Bedroom

NO VALUE - changes in home value are likely to be negative



Further Work

Condition

How does a change in the condition rating change home value



Addition type

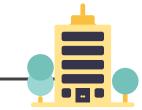
Determine the value of different sqft expansions.

(Bedroom, Bathroom, Other)



Improve Model

Gather more current data to understand changes over time



Thank You

