

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 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



#### **VALUE PREDICTION**

Use prediction to understand how listing price relates to the market for similar properties.



# 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**

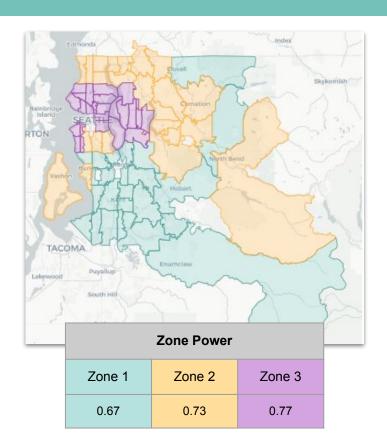
- Living space is space that is enclosed and heated.
- Varies by zone

## **Example**

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

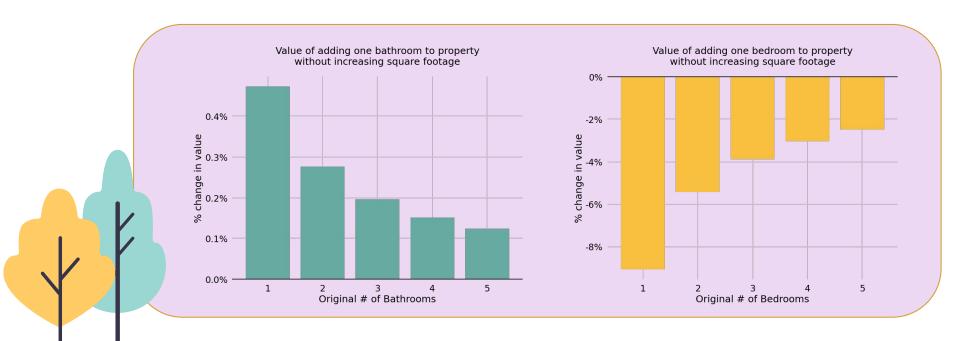
# **Sample**

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



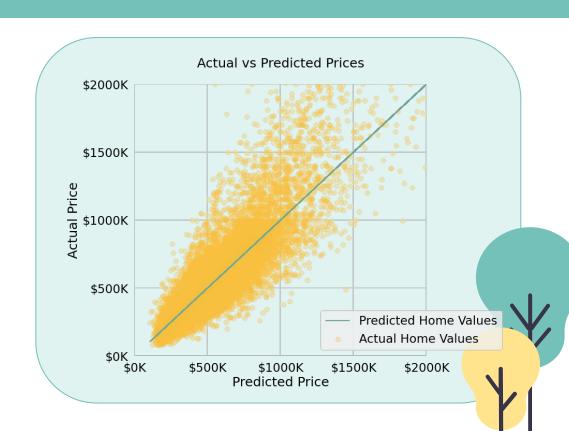
### **Bedrooms and Bathrooms**

- 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 "average" home price
- 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: Bedroom or Bathroom

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



#### **Prediction**

Can be used to get an "average" price based on home characteristics



# **Further Work**

## Condition

How does a change in the condition rating change home value



## **Addition type**

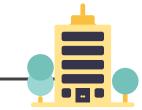
Determine the value of different sqft expansions.

(Bedroom, Bathroom, Other)



# **Improve Model**

Gather more current data to understand changes over time



# Thank You

