

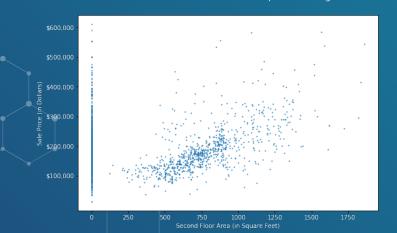
# HOME AND REAL ESTATE SALES IN AMES, IOWA

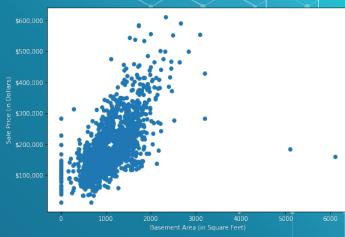
- This survey evaluates potential factors for home and real estate owners to improve property values when looking to sell.
- Many factors influence the final sale price of a house but these are often time-consuming (or impossible) to change.
- Stated differently, what can home sellers do in the limited time they have to maximize profit?

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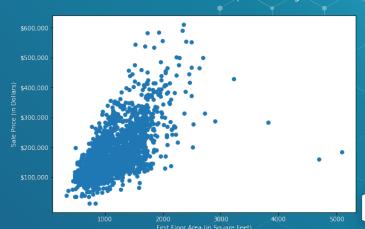
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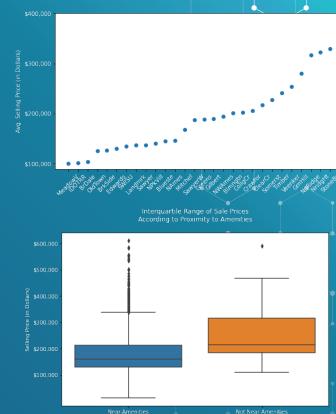


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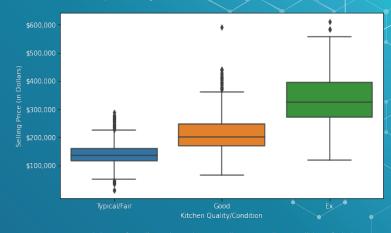
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#### KITCHENS ARE KEY

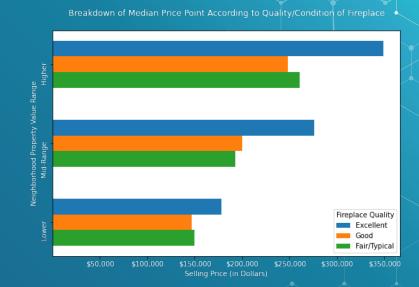
- More than for any other single area of a given property, the quality and condition of the kitchen serves to determine the final selling price.
- Even after accounting for other factors (like location), homes with higher-quality kitchens sell higher than their neighboring counterparts.
- In some cases, the median sale price for homes in lower-cost neighborhoods exceeds that in higher-cost neighborhoods when kitchen quality and condition are taken into account.





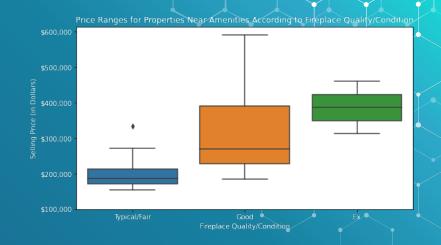


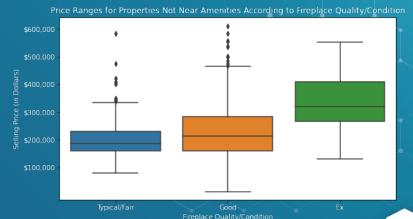
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- Homes with the highest quality fireplaces in the greatest condition consistently outsell other homes with fireplaces.





#### OTHER TAKEAWAYS AND CONCLUSION

- Findings for other areas of the home (pool quality, garage and basement condition, and so on) are less conclusive, though more data may help provide a clearer picture.
- For home owners looking to sell, the kitchen and fireplace are where it's at.

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