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Housing Prices Tutorial



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Housing Costs in California

Objectives

In this hands-on lab, you will learn how to:

1. Get data using *wget* and save it to the Oracle cluster
2. Upload the file to HDFS from Oracle
3. Create a database table of all the data
4. Create another table with filtered data to export to a new file
5. Visualize the exported data using Microsoft PowerBI

Step 1: Get data using WGET and save it to the Oracle cluster

This step details how you are going to get the dataset to work with for this tutorial. The original dataset is very large at around 49GB, which makes it hard to download the data straight from the source URL. So, to avoid issues with downloading it, we pulled 2GB worth of the data (which holds all our California records along with some other states) and stored it in a Dropbox location where it can be downloaded using the WGET tool:

1. Connect to the Oracle cluster using your username (Don't use cmomdji):

```
ssh cmomdji@144.24.14.145
```

2. Download the data from the Dropbox location we provided:

```
wget https://www.dropbox.com/s/3xt3up4fve78me8/dolthub_us-housing-prices_main_sales_REDUCED2.csv?dl=0
```

3. Rename the downloaded file:

```
mv dolthub_us-housing-prices_main_sales_REDUCED2.csv?dl=0  
us-housing-prices.csv
```

4. Make sure the downloaded file is now in the Oracle cluster:

```
ls -al
```

Step 2: Upload the file to HDFS from Oracle

Now that we have the data, we need to upload it to HDFS so we can store it properly and avoid taking up too much space on the Oracle cluster.

1. First start by creating a new directory to contain the data:

```
hdfs dfs -mkdir HousingData
```

2. Check to see that the directory was created in HDFS:

```
hdfs dfs -ls
```

* Ignore the other directories. Just make sure HousingData appears like below

```
-bash-4.2$ hdfs dfs -mkdir HousingData
-bash-4.2$ hdfs dfs -ls
Found 6 items
drwxr-xr-x - cmomdji hdfs 0 2022-11-09 02:23 .hiveJars
drwxr-xr-x - cmomdji hdfs 0 2022-11-19 22:30 HousingData
drwxr-xr-x - cmomdji hdfs 0 2022-11-09 02:25 dualcore
drwxr-xr-x - cmomdji hdfs 0 2022-11-09 02:03 products
drwxr-xr-x - cmomdji hdfs 0 2022-11-09 02:25 ratings
drwxr-xr-x - cmomdji hdfs 0 2022-11-16 22:36 tmp
```

3. Next, we need to upload the data to HDFS:

```
hdfs dfs -put us-housing-prices.csv HousingData/
```

4. Make sure the file is uploaded:

```
hdfs dfs -ls HousingData/
```

```
-bash-4.2$ hdfs dfs -ls HousingData/
Found 1 items
-rw-r--r-- 3 cmomdji hdfs 2176778537 2022-11-19 22:30 HousingData/us-housing-prices.csv
```

5. Once the file is uploaded to HDFS, make sure to delete it from Oracle:

```
rm -rf us-housing-prices.csv
```

Step 3: Create a database table using the data with Hive (Beeline)

With our data loaded in HDFS, we can turn to Hive to create the database table and query the data.

1. Connect to Hive using the 'beeline' command:

```
beeline
```

2. Remember to use your database. Replace 'cmomdji' with your username:

```
use cmomdji;
```

3. Next, we'll create the table with all the fields from the file. Again, make sure to replace **cmomdji** with your username:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS housing_data;

CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE housing_data(state STRING, property_zip5
STRING, property_street_address STRING, property_city STRING,
property_county STRING, property_id STRING, sale_datetime STRING,
property_type STRING, sale_price double, seller_1_name STRING,
buyer_1_name STRING, building_num_units double,
building_year_built double, source_url STRING, book STRING, page
STRING, transfer_deed_type STRING, property_township STRING,
property_lat STRING, property_lon STRING, sale_id STRING,
deed_date STRING, building_num_stories double, building_num_beds
double, building_num_baths double, building_area_sqft STRING,
building_assessed_value double, building_assessed_date STRING,
land_area_acres STRING, land_area_sqft STRING,
land_assessed_value STRING, seller_2_name STRING, buyer_2_name
STRING, land_assessed_date STRING, seller_1_state STRING,
seller_2_state STRING, buyer_1_state STRING, buyer_2_state
STRING)

ROW FORMAT DELIMITED FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','

STORED AS TEXTFILE LOCATION '/user/cmomdji/HousingData/'

TBLPROPERTIES("skip.header.line.count"="1");
```

4. Make a test query to see if the table was created with all our data:

```
select state, property_street_address, property_city,
property_county, sale_price from housing_data where state='CA'
and sale_price > 10000 limit 10;
```

*** You should see a result similar to the one below**

```
0: jdbc:hive2://bigdaiwn0.sub02180640120.traï> |
```

Step 4: Create a new table with filtered data and save the data to a file

Now that our data is loaded into a database table in Hive, we can filter out the data and save it to a file

for us to use later. **Remember to replace **cmomdji** with your username!**

1. Create a new table that filters our data to only properties in California and sold in 2019 or later.

We also want to make sure the sale price is over \$100,000 to show realistic housing costs and have only residential properties such as single-family homes and condominiums, rather than, for example, vacant lots or office spaces:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS california_housing_records;

CREATE TABLE california_housing_records

ROW FORMAT DELIMITED FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','

STORED AS TEXTFILE LOCATION

'/user/cmomdji/HousingData/california_housing_records/' AS SELECT
state, property_street_address, property_city, property_county,
sale_price, property_type, sale_datetime FROM housing_data WHERE
state='CA' AND sale_datetime >= '2019-01-01 00:00:00' AND
sale_price > 100000 AND (property_type LIKE '%RESIDENCE%' OR
property_type LIKE '%CONDO%');
```

2. Check to see if the file was saved to HDFS (switch to the Oracle terminal):

```
hdfs dfs -ls HousingData/california_housing_records
```

3. Download the file from HDFS to Oracle:

```
hdfs dfs -get

/user/cmomdji/HousingData/california_housing_records/000000_0
california_housing_records.csv
```

4. Verify that the file is there:

```
ls -al
```

5. Finally, open a new terminal and go to a directory where you would like to download the file.

Once there, enter the following command to download the file to your computer (note the '.' at the end):

```
scp
```

```
cmomdji@144.24.14.145:/home/cmomdji/california_housing_records.csv .
```

6. You should now see the file in your current directory. This will be needed for the next section.

Step 5: Visualization 1 (Average Price per City)

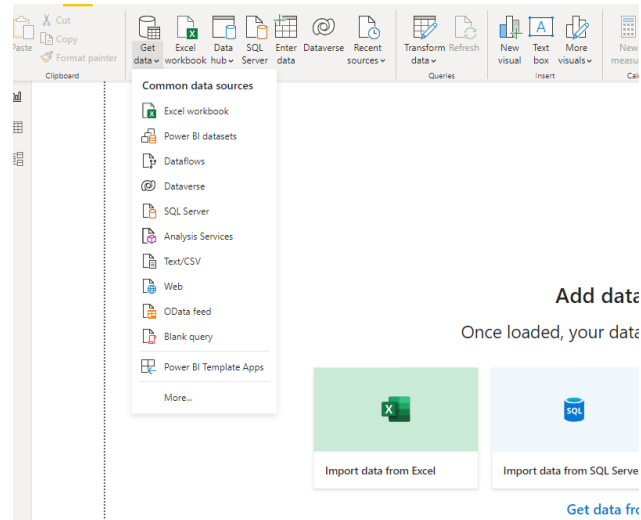
Now that we have our data filtered and downloaded to a new file on our computer, we can start to create useful visualizations to find helpful information about the data we have. The graphs we'll make are going to be simple and straightforward, but they apply useful skills in gathering data, filtering through it and highlighting information about it that can potentially be helpful to us. This section requires Excel and PowerBI.

1. Open the file you downloaded to your computer in Excel. Add a column at the top of the file above the first row and enter the following titles for each column:

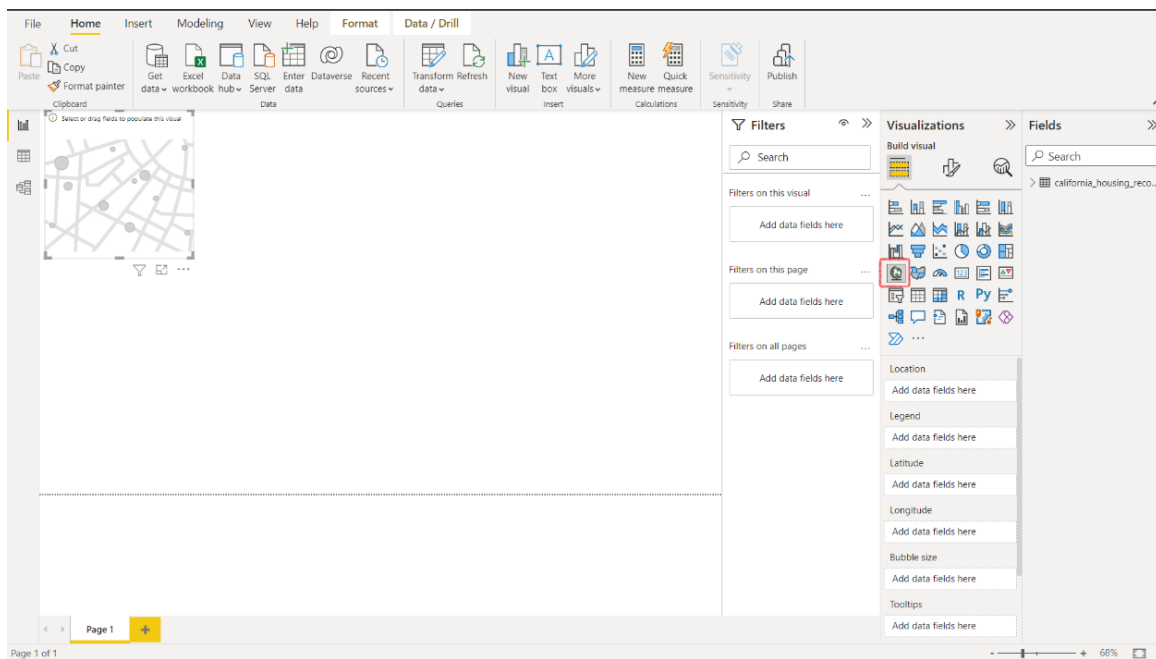
state, street_address, city, county, sale_price, property_type, sale_datetime

2. Download PowerBI: <https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-us/downloads/>

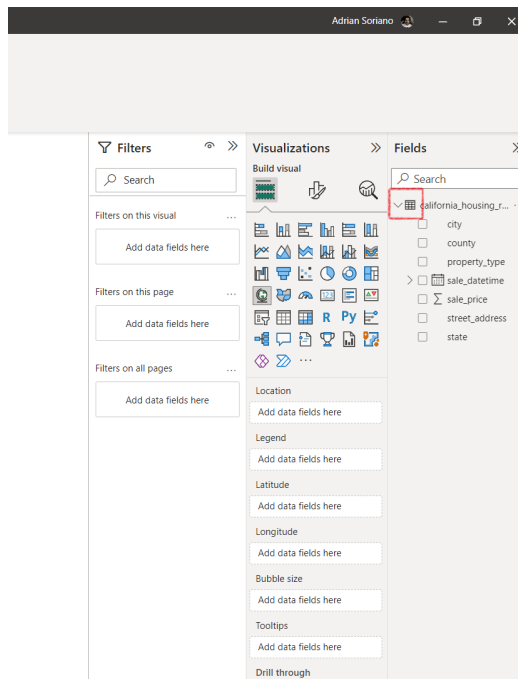
- Once PowerBI is downloaded on your computer, open it and select the “Get data” dropdown on the top left corner. From the dropdown, select “Text/CSV”.



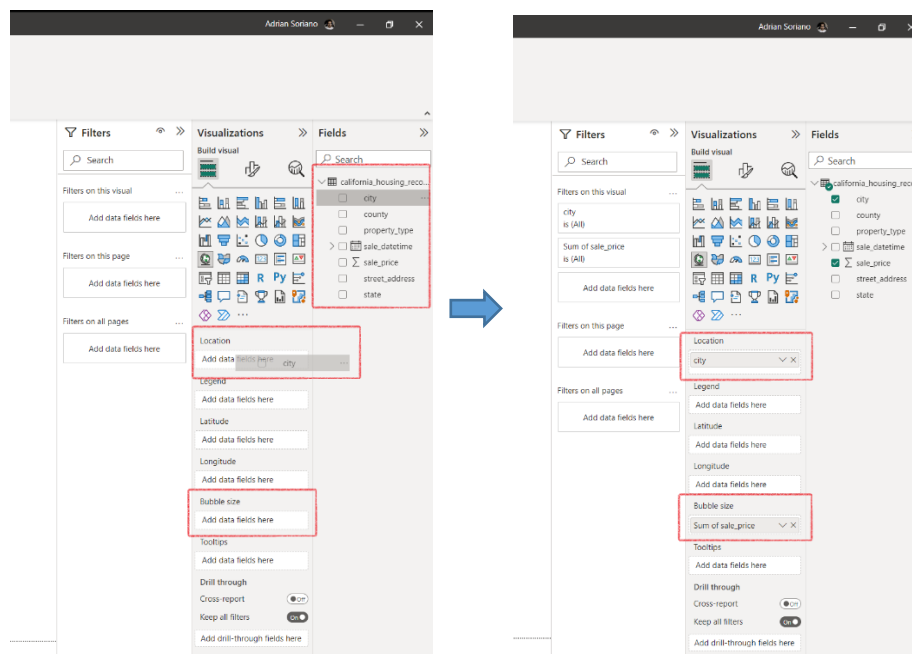
- Select the **california_housing_records.csv** file we downloaded earlier. Click “Open”, ensure the column names appear above the appropriate data in the preview, then click “Load”.
- Click on the map icon to begin setting up the visualization



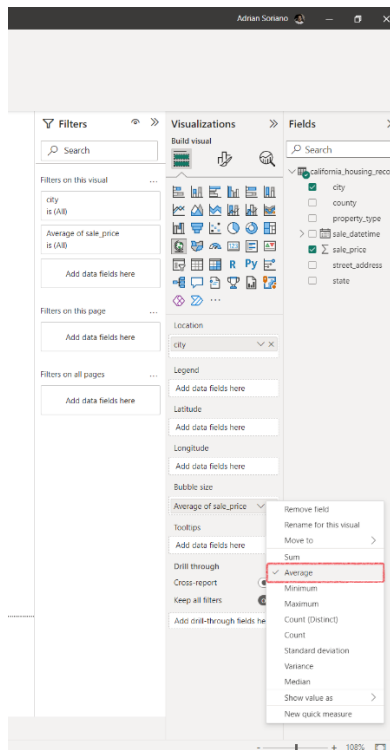
6. Click on the arrow on the left of the `california_housing_records` dataset to expand the menu and view the fields available



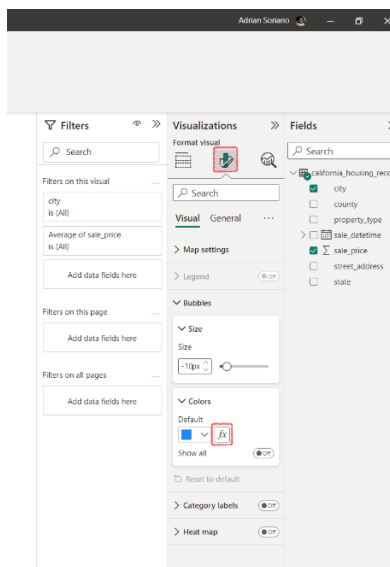
7. Drag the `property_city` field to the **Location** area and the `sale_price` field to the **Bubble size** area



- Use the drop-down menu under Bubble size to choose the **Average** of sale_price. This will help us show the average property price in each city within the county of Los Angeles.



- To add gradient color to our bubble visualization, click on the format button under Visualizations, expand the **Bubbles** section, and click the conditional formatting button under **Colors**



10. In the window that pops up, select **sale_price** under the “What field should we base this on?”

Field. Next, ensure that the bubbles are based on the **Average of sale_price**, the summarization is the **Average**, and the color set for Minimum to the **lightest shade of red** and set the color for Maximum to the **darkest shade of red**.

Default color - Bubbles

Format style

Gradient

What field should we base this on?

Count of city

Search

california_housing_records

- city
- county
- property_type
- sale_datetime
- sale_price**
- street_address
- state

Summarization

Count

How should we format empty values?

As zero

Maximum

Highest value

Enter a value

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OK Cancel

Default color - Bubbles

Format style

Gradient

What field should we base this on?

Average of sale_price

Summarization

Average

How should we format empty values?

As zero

Minimum

Lowest value

Enter a value

Maximum

Highest value

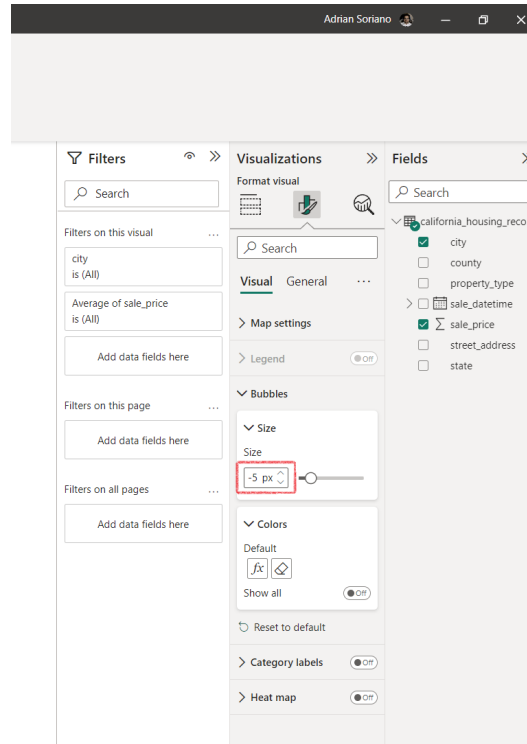
Enter a value

☐ Add a middle color

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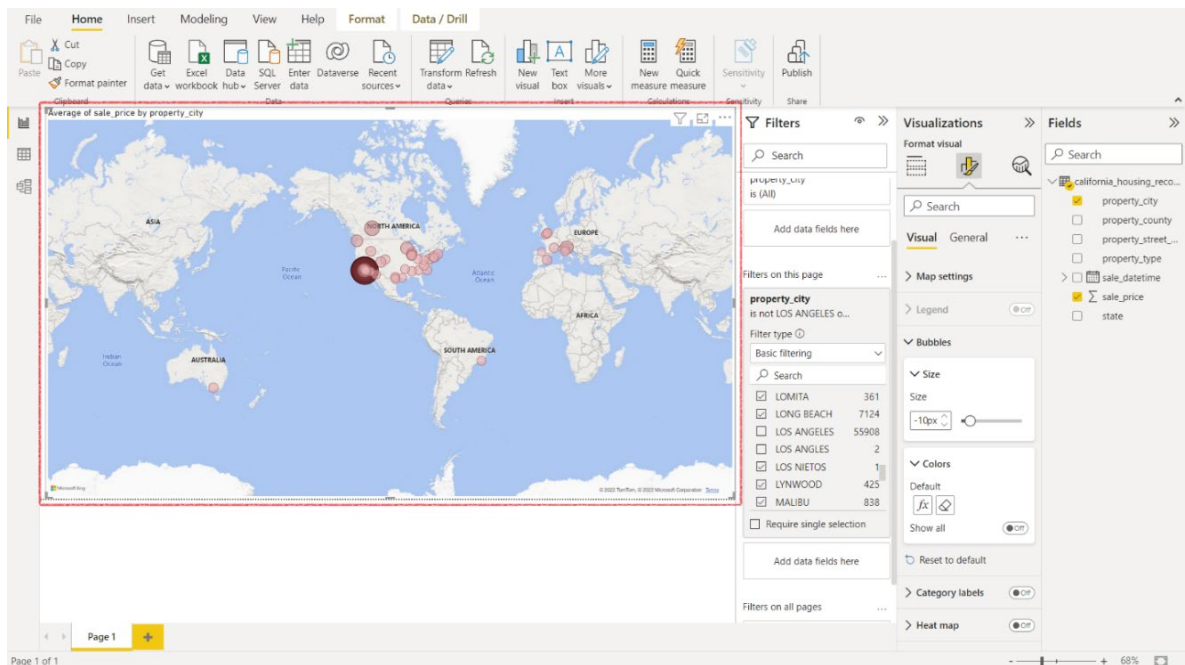
OK Cancel

11. Adjust the Bubble size to **-5px** to enhance the visual presented



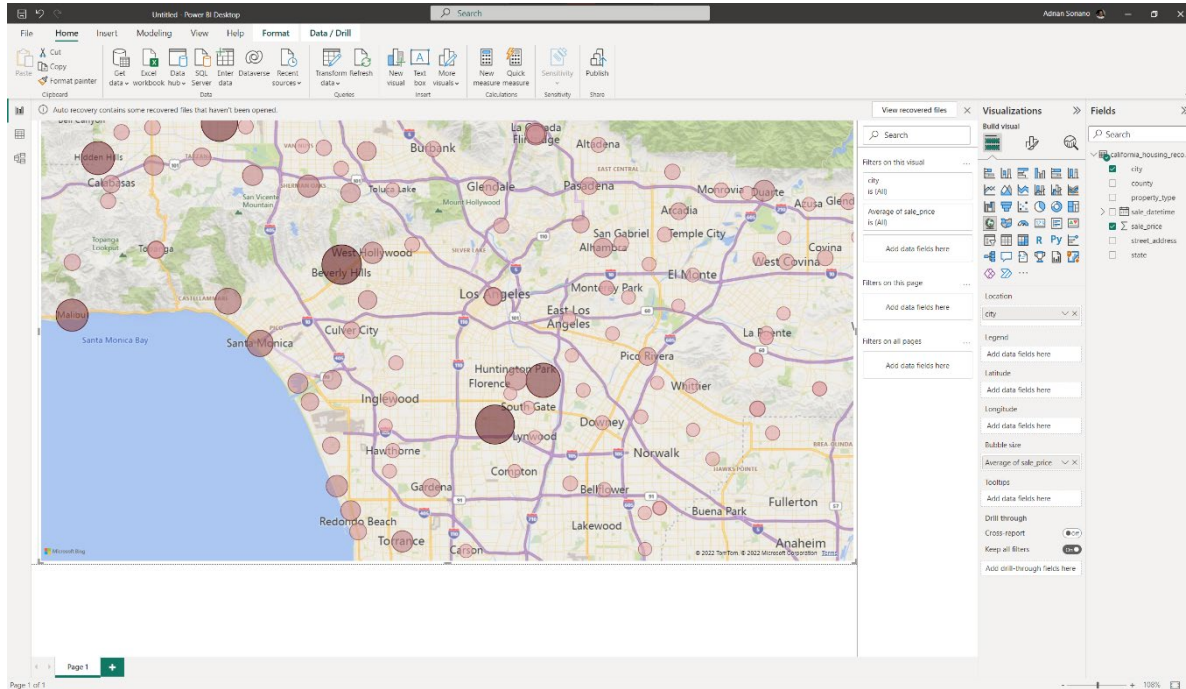
12. Expand the map using its corners and enlarge it until all the space is used to get a better visual.

Other cities around the world are marked, but these are simply cities with the same name. We will be focusing on the cities in the Los Angeles County area.



13. Zoom in by scrolling the middle click-wheel forward to get a clear view of Los Angeles County.

The cities with the largest and darkest colored circles contain the most expensive properties currently on the market.

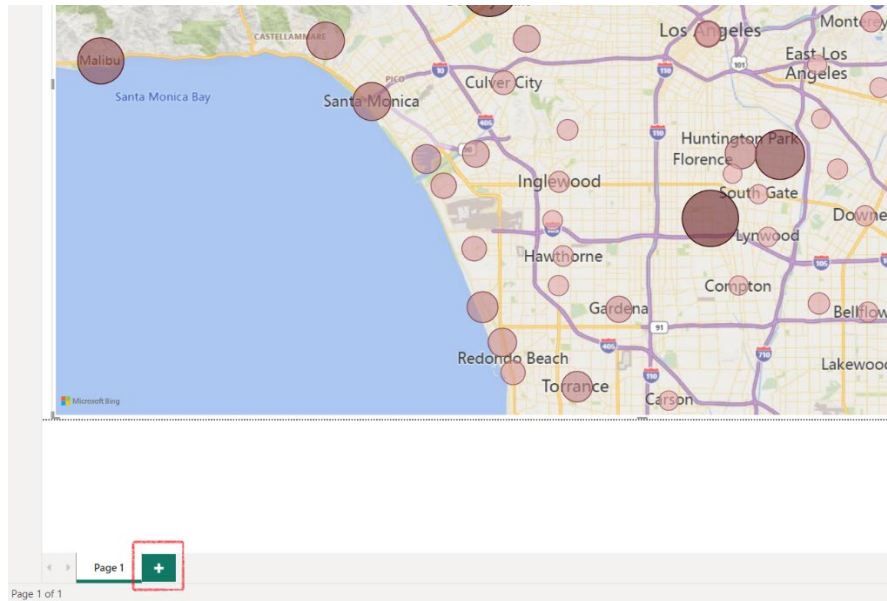


14. Click on File-> Export, then **Export to PDF** to save a copy of the data currently being viewed.

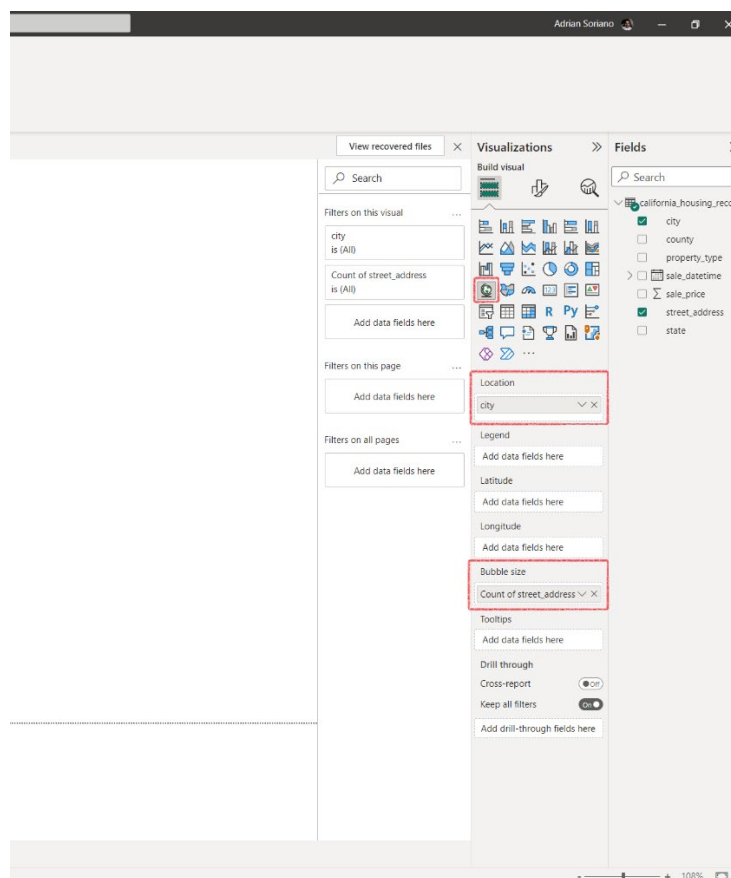
Step 6: Visualization 2 (Number of Properties for Sale per City)

We have created one visualization with the data. Now, using the same file in PowerBI, we will use the data pulled from HDFS to create a visualization that will show us a new perspective.

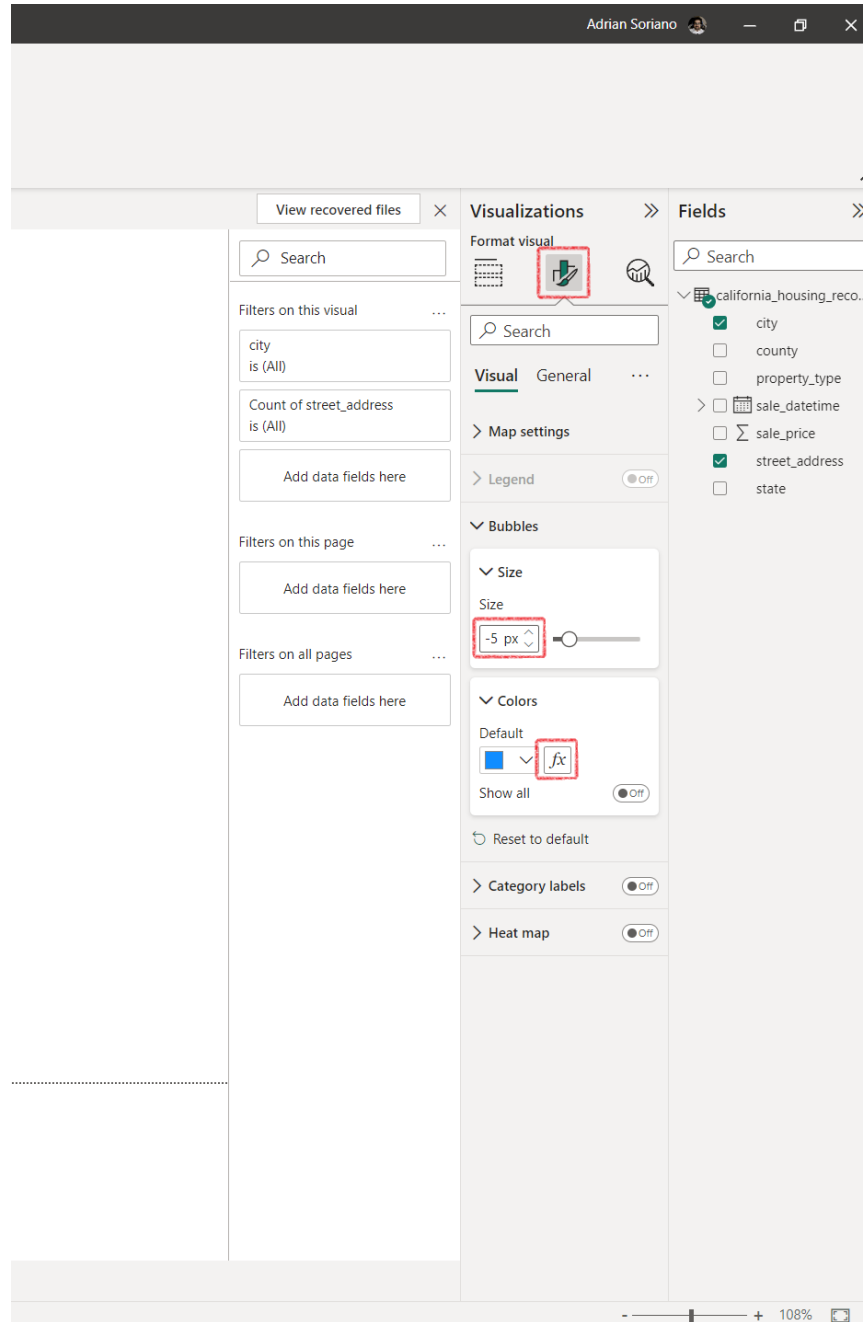
1. Using the same file from the previous step, we will create a new sheet, a new map, and adjust the settings to prepare the visualization. Begin by clicking on the + symbol at the bottom next to the name of the current sheet to create a new blank sheet.



- In the new sheet, click on the map icon to create a map visualization, drag the **city** field from Fields panel to the Location area, and drag the **street_address** field to the Bubble size area as shown below.



3. Like in our previous visualization, we need to adjust the bubble size and color conditions. Click on the **Format** button under Visualizations (highlighted below), change the bubble size to **-5px**, and lastly, click on the **conditional formatting** button under the Colors section to begin formatting the conditions for the bubble colors on the map.



- In the pop-up window, select **street_address** under “What field should we base this on?”, select **Count(Distinct)** under Summarization (Count should work as well as no address should repeat in the data), and set the Minimum color to **Red** and the Maximum to **Green**

Default color - Bubbles

Format style

Gradient

What field should we base this on? Summarization How should we format empty values?

Count of street_address Count (Distinct) As zero

Minimum Maximum

Lowest value Highest value

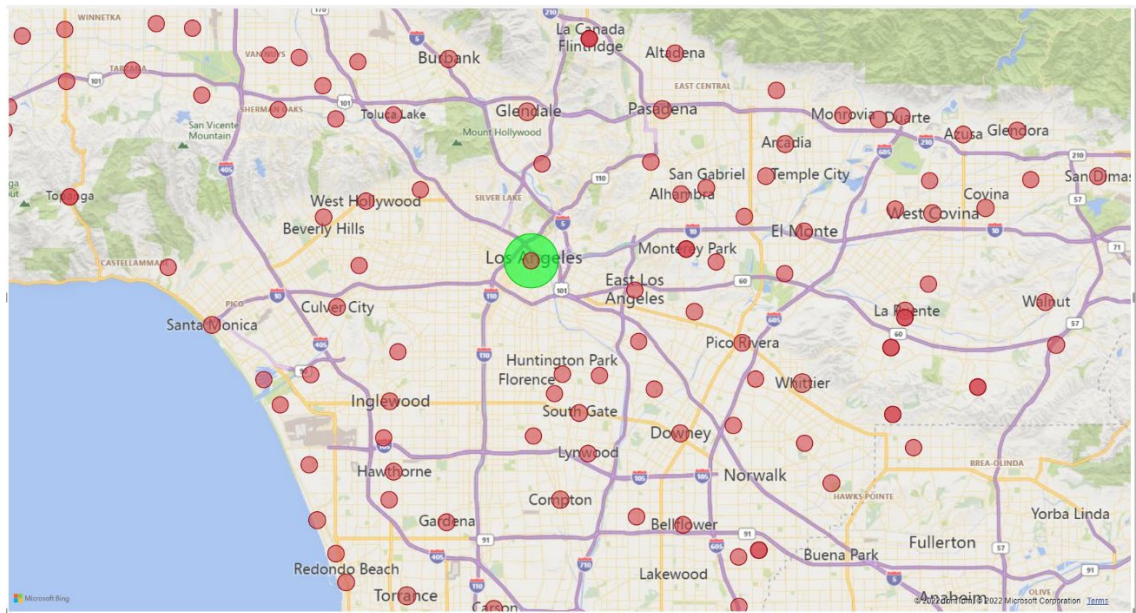
Enter a value Enter a value

☐ Add a middle color

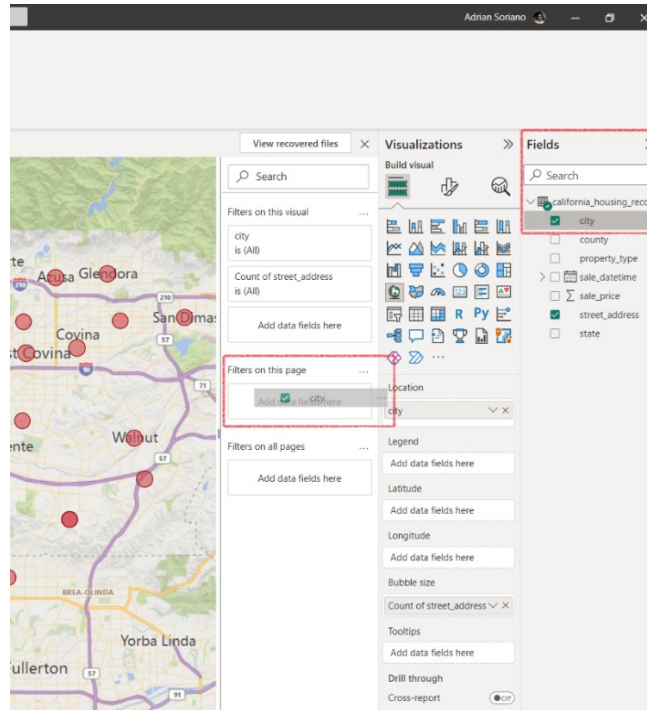
[Learn more about conditional formatting](#)

OK Cancel

- Expand the map to see the visual created. We got the desired result, but the data is obscured by a huge number of properties attributed to Los Angeles. To get a better visual of the surrounding areas, let's filter these numbers out.



6. Drag the **city** field to the Filters on this page section.



7. Select the **Select all** option to highlight all cities. From here, deselect **Los Angeles** as well as incorrectly labeled cities **Los Angles**, and **La**. You may have to type the cities into the search bar to find them.

Filters on this page

city
is (All)

Filter type
Basic filtering

Search

☒ Select all

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTON	405
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGOURA	62
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGOURA HILLS	670
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGUA DUICE	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGUA DULCE	136
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALHAMBR	2

☐ Require single selection

Add data fields here

Filters on this page

city
is not LOS ANGELES o...

Filter type
Basic filtering

Search

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOMITA	361
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LONG BEACH	7124
<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES	55908
<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGLS	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOS NIETOS	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LYNWOOD	425

☐ Require single selection

Add data fields here

Filters on this page

city
is not LOS ANGELES, L...

Filter type
Basic filtering

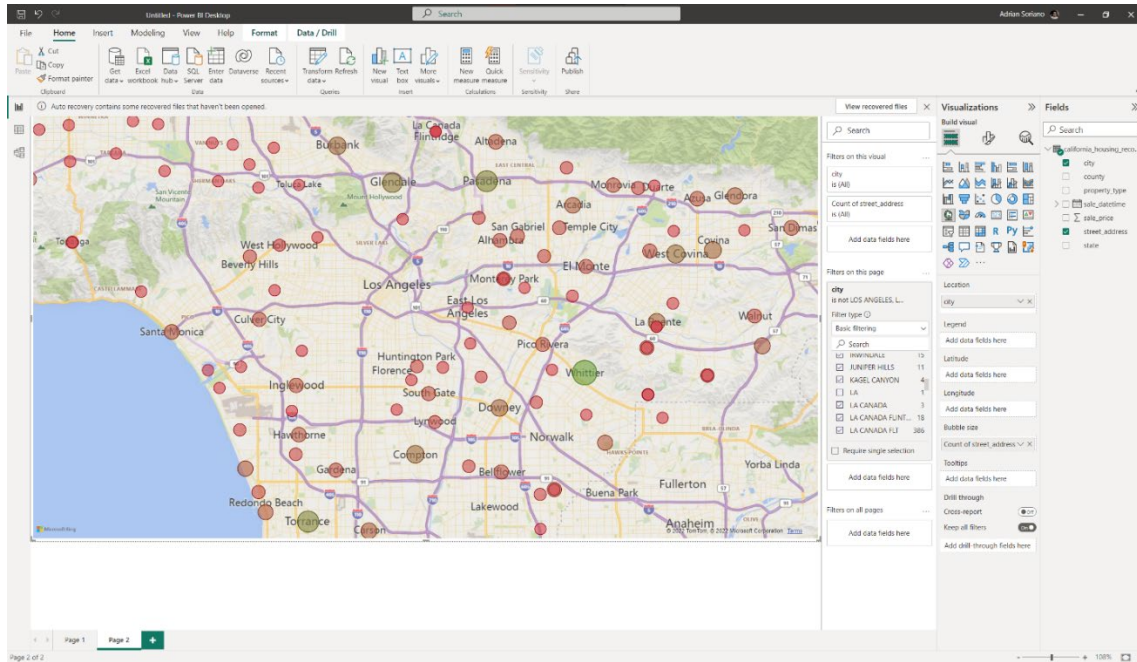
Search

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IKWINDALE	15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JUNIPER HILLS	11
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KAGEL CANYON	4
<input type="checkbox"/> LA	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LA CANADA	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LA CANADA FLINT...	18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LA CANADA FLT	386

☐ Require single selection

Add data fields here

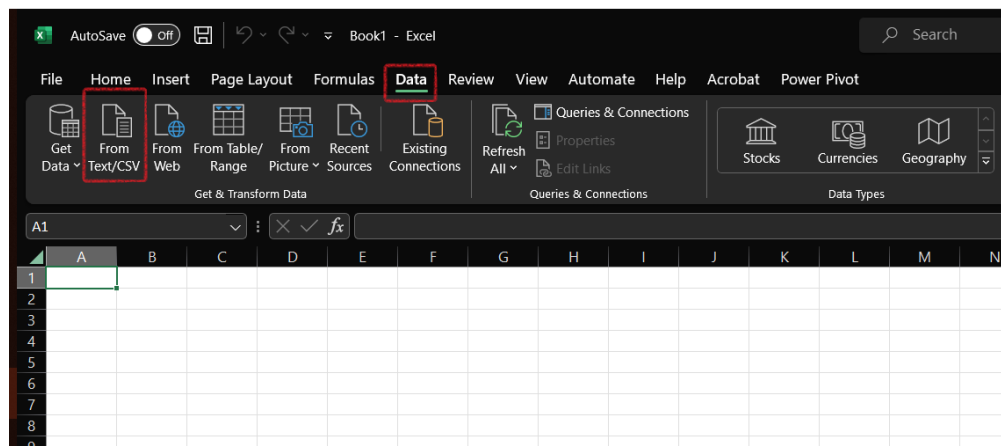
- The newly filtered data provides a more balanced view.



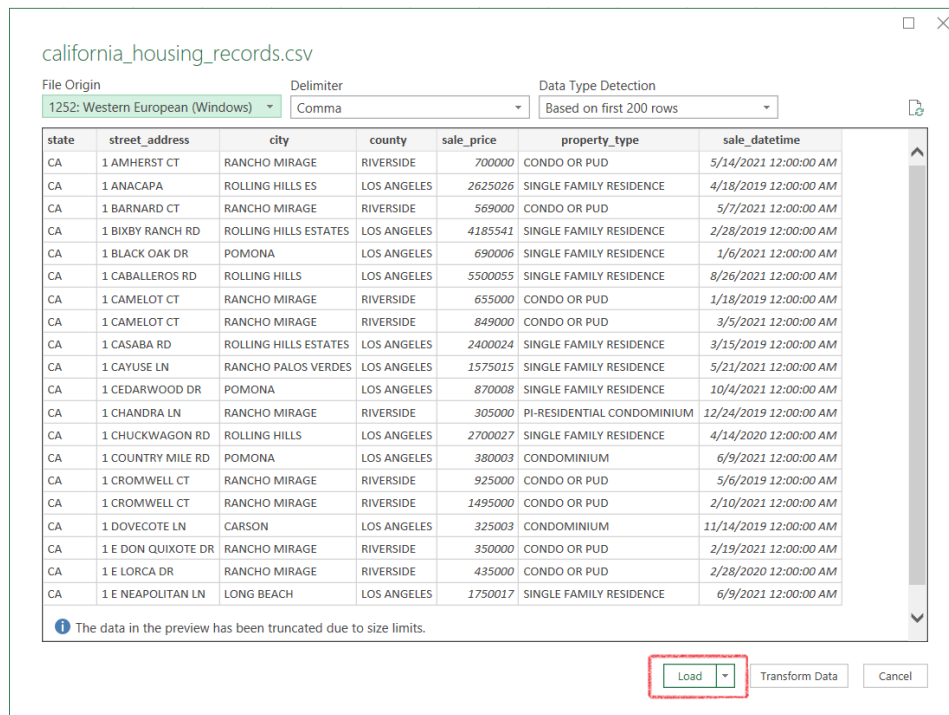
Step 7: Visualization 3 (Temporal Visualization)

We have created two different visuals using PowerBI and a map as a tool. Now we will take our analysis further and use the data we downloaded from HDFS to create a new file in Excel and use their visualization tools to create a Temporal Visualization based on Housing prices from 2019-2021.

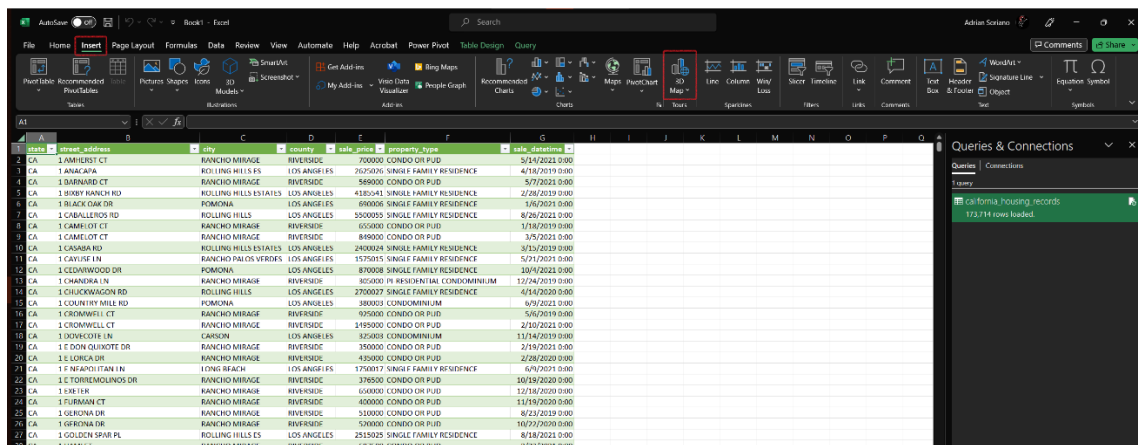
- Open Excel. Under the Data Tab, select **From Text/CSV** to select a file from your computer to use. Select **california_housing_records.csv**



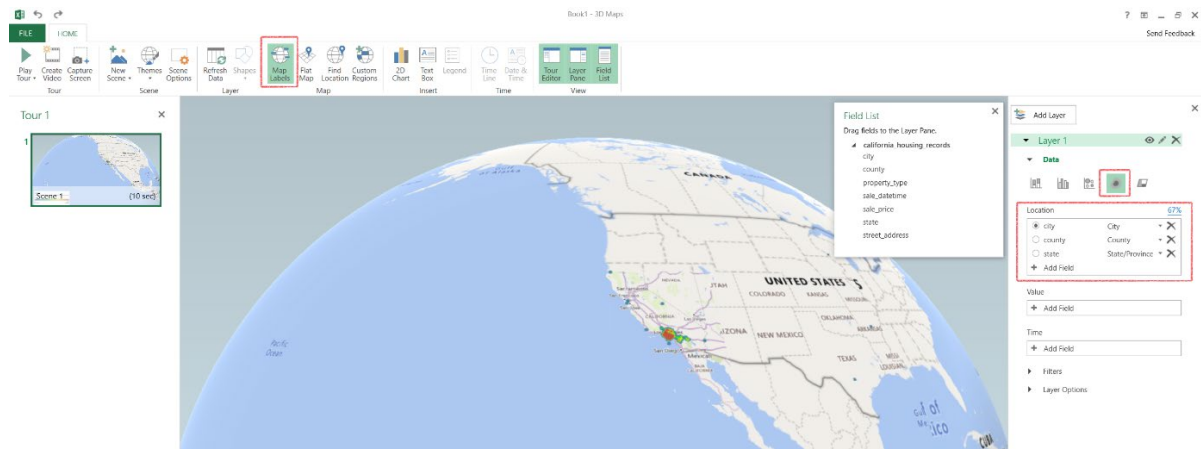
2. In the pop-up window, review the data being uploaded. It should look the same as we are using the same file. Click Load.



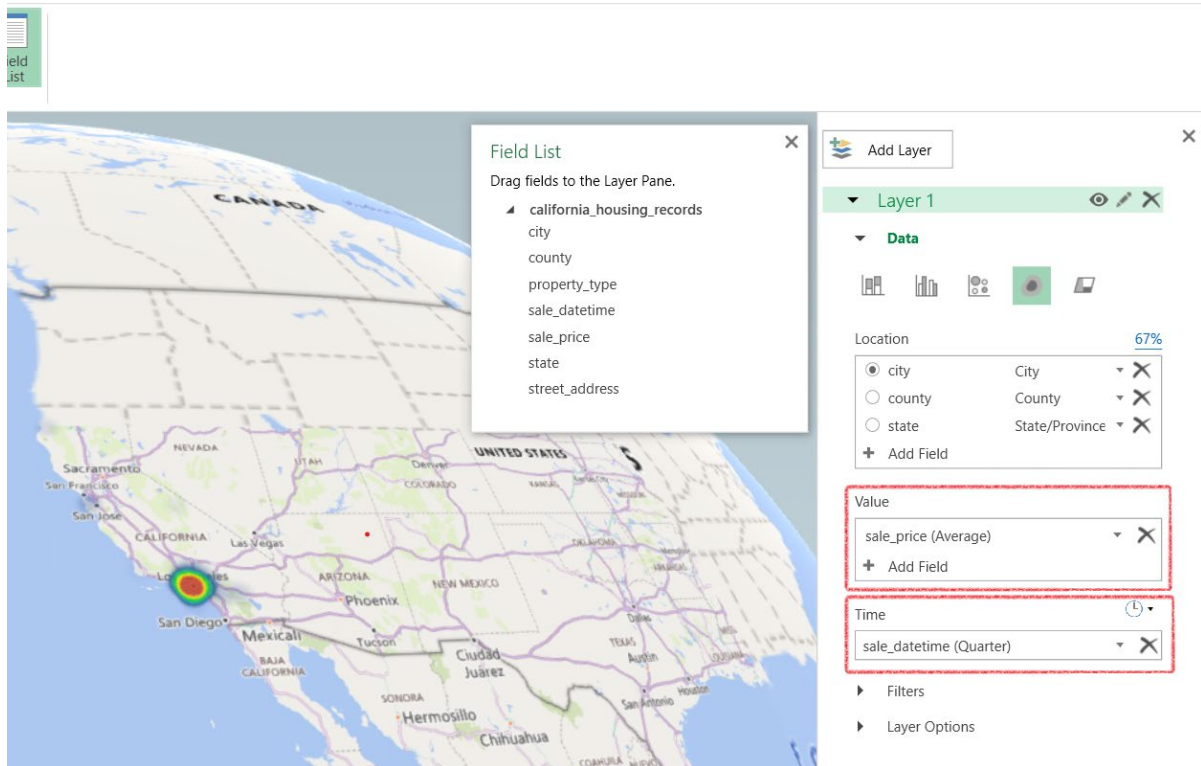
3. Under the Insert tab, click on the 3D Map button to access the map visualization tools.



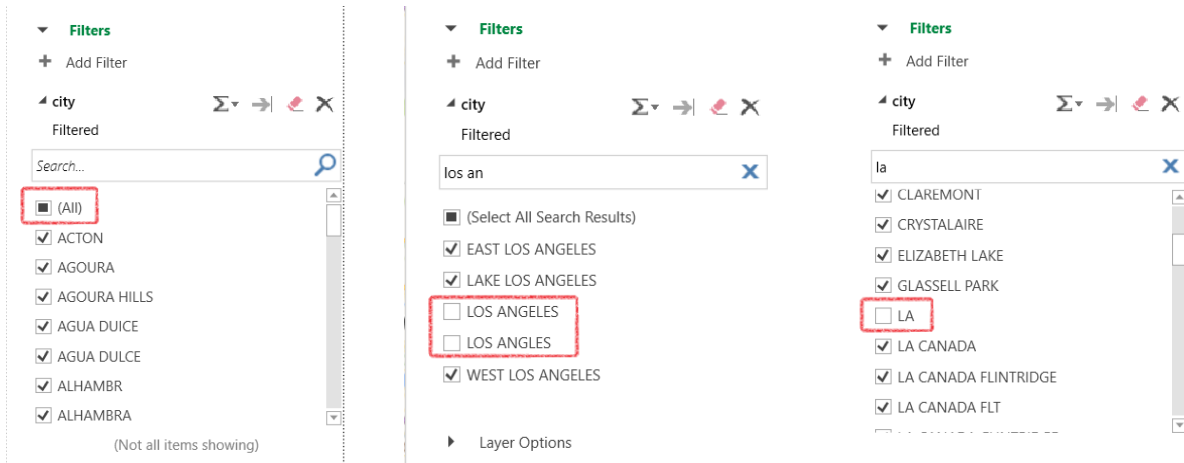
4. In the new window displaying the map, we will make our adjustments to create the visualization. Begin by clicking on **Map Labels** under the Home tab. This will display the names of Cities and States on the map. Then, ensure **city** is chosen as the data option for Location and click on the **Heat Map** icon, as we will be creating a heat map with our data.



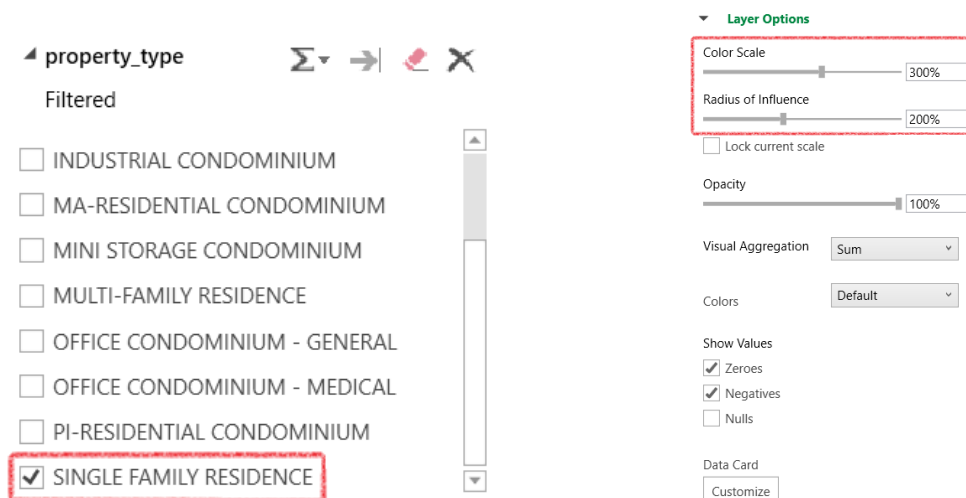
- Now we need to value to the intensity of the heat. Under the Value section, select the field **sale_price** from our data options. Change the field to **sale_price(Average)** to display the average prices of properties per city. The field may be initially set to sale_price(Sum). Make sure to set it as shown below. Lastly, set the Time section to the only field available, **sale_datetime**. Change the field to **sale_datetime(Quarter)**. This will display quarterly changes in the data.



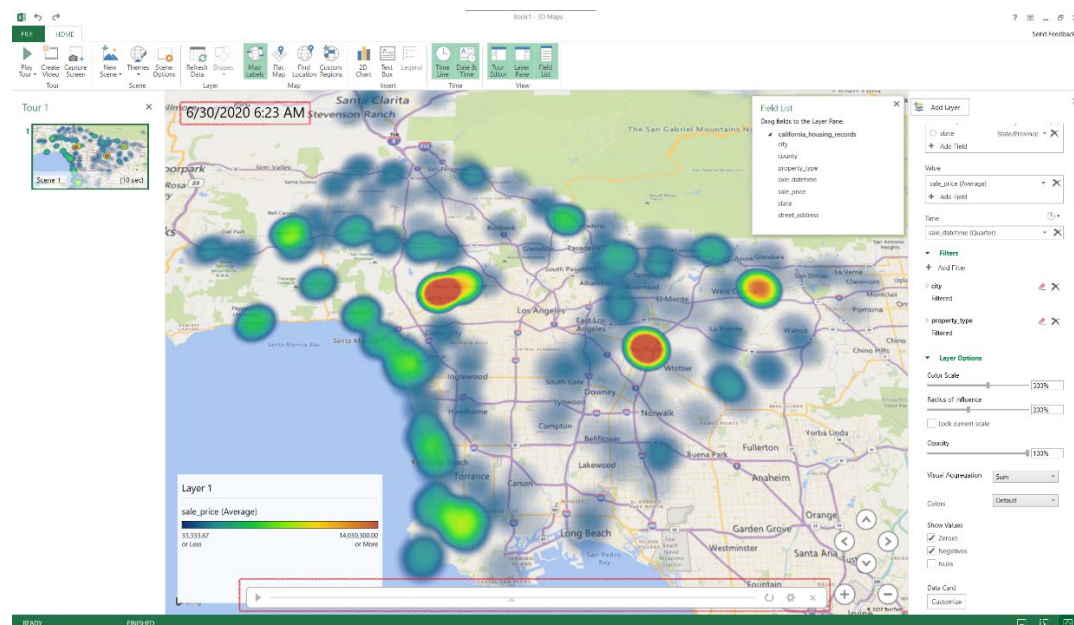
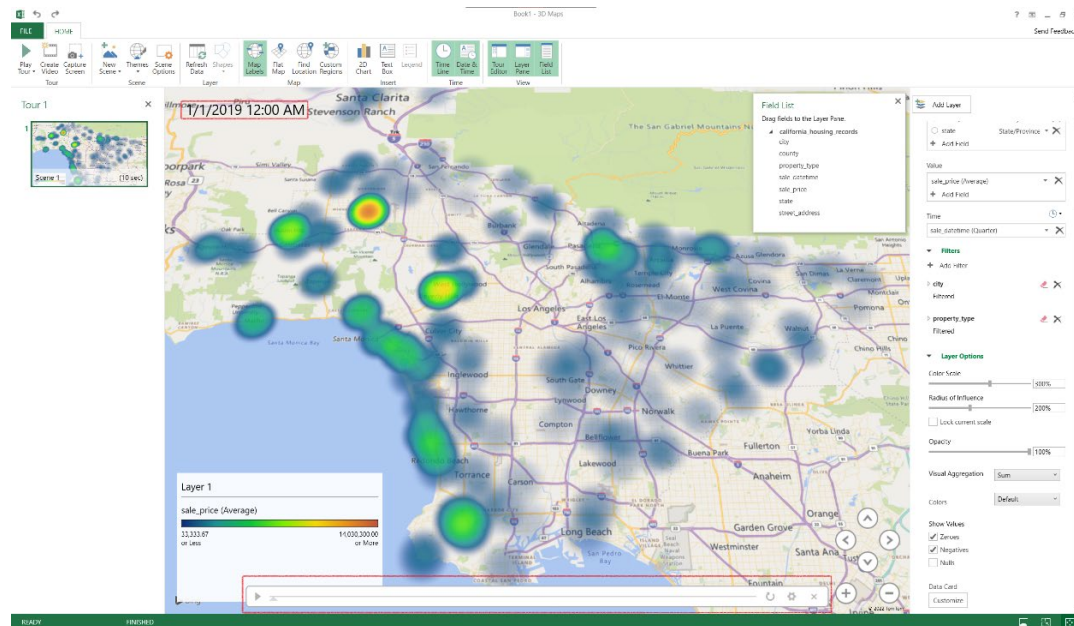
6. To make sure we get similar results to the previous visualizations, we will filter out properties from **Los Angeles** and focus on the surrounding areas. We will also filter out the misspelled “**Los Angles**” and “**LA**”. Expand the Filters section and click **+ Add Filter**. This will open the fields available. Select **city**, click **(All)**, and deselect the specified cities as below. You will have to type into the search bar to find the values as there are a lot.

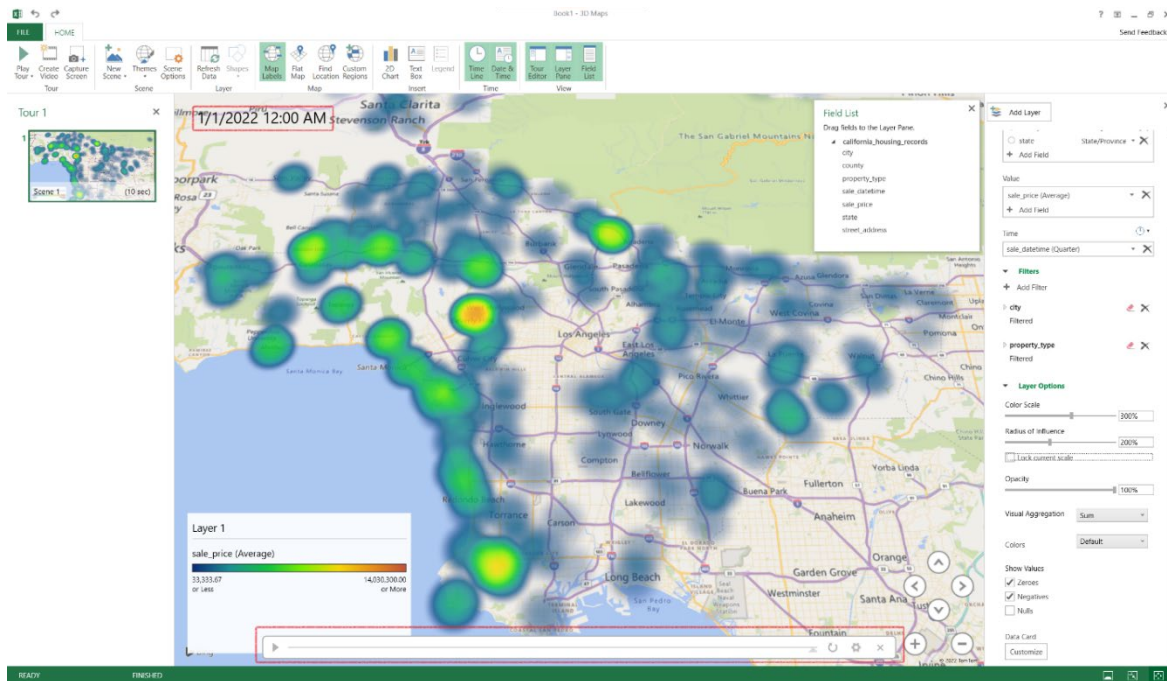


7. For this visual, we will focus only on single-family residences so we will add a filter accordingly. Click **+ Add Filter** once more. Click on **property_type** and select **SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE**. We will also enhance the visual a bit by increasing the color scale and the radius of influence. To do this, expand the Layer options section and increase the Color Scale to **300%** and the Radius of Influence to **200%**. Make these adjustments as shown below.



8. Zoom in on the map using the middle click-wheel to the Los Angeles area in California. The result will show the price variance across cities using heat intensity. The red areas have the highest price average while the blue (or cold) areas define the lowest prices. Green and yellow areas lie somewhere in between. Use the slider at the bottom to change the date of the map and see the price differences in any quarter between 2019-2021. You should see changes like the ones shown below.





References

1. Dataset Source: <https://www.dolthub.com/repositories/dolthub/us-housing-prices/data/main>
2. Reduced Dataset: https://www.dropbox.com/s/3xt3up4fve78me8/dolthub_us-housing-prices_main_sales_REDUCED2.csv?dl=0
3. Github: <https://github.com/cmomdji/CIS-4560-Team-2>