

# Nashville Housing Project April 10th, 2023

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# Step 1: Ask

In this step, we define the problem and objectives of our case study and its desired outcome.

# 1.1 Background

Nashville, Tennessee is one of the fastest growing metro-areas in the USA. With many people looking for increased job opportunities and affordable housing, Nashville presents itself as a fitting destination.

This project's aim is to perform a descriptive analysis of the Nashville housing market and the key statistical indicators. The analysis will provide key housing statistics for anyone looking to settle down in the Music City.

### 1.2 Business Task

Analyze a housing dataset to understand how variables affect housing prices and **discover trends** of the Nashville housing market.

## 1.3 Business Objectives

- What are the trends in sale price?
- What are the trends in housing inventory and total sales volume?
- How do different variables affect price?

## 1.4 Deliverables

- A clear summary of the business task
- A description of all data sources used
- Documentation of any cleaning or manipulation of data
- A summary of analysis
- Supporting visualizations and findings
- High-level recommendations based on the analysis

## 1.5 Key Stakeholders

 The key stakeholders of this project are any individuals who may be interested in moving to Nashville, Tennessee and want to understand the key summary statistics of the housing market and how that could affect their particular situation.

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# Step 2: Prepare

In the Prepare phase, we identify the data being used and its limitations.

## 2.1 Information on Data Source

- 1. The data is publicly available on <u>Kaggle: Nashville Housing Data</u> and stored in one csv file.
- 2. This dataset was scrapped by TMTHYJAMES of Kaggle and contains housing data for the years 2013 2016.
- 3. This dataset comprises 56,000 + rows of housing data.
- 4. Data collected includes sale date, sale price, land use, city, etc.

## 2.2 Limitations of Data Set

- Data was last collected over 6 years ago in 2016. The sale prices, total properties, and total number of sales have certainly changed since then.
   This data may not be timely or relevant.
- The data was web-scrapped, so we are unable to establish its integrity or accuracy.
- 10 of the 31 columns in this dataset are composed of 50% or more NULL values. So, we are unable to determine how reliable this data can be.

## 2.3 Is Data ROCCC?

A good data source is ROCCC which stands for Reliable, Original, Comprehensive, Current, and Cited.

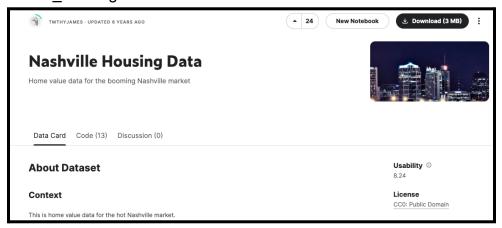
- Reliable MED Has over 56K+ rows, but a third of the columns contain 50% or more nulls
- Original LOW Third party provider TMTHYJAMES of Kaggle

- Comprehensive MED Parameters match most questions this project aims to answer
- Current LOW Data is over 6 years old and may not be relevant
- Cited LOW Data collected by third party, thus unknown

Overall, this dataset is considered bad quality and is not fit for making recommendations off the business insights.

## 2.4 Data Selection

The following file is downloaded and then imported into our created SQL table 'nashville housing'.



## 2.5 Tools

We are using SQL for data-wrangling and exploratory data analysis. Finally, we are using Tableau for visualizations.

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# **Step 3: Process**

Here, we will process the data to ensure it is clean, correct, relevant, complete and free of errors and outliers by performing:

- Explore and observe the dataset
- Standardize the sale date format
- Populating property address data
- Break out the property and owner address into individual columns (address, city, state)
- Change 'Y' and 'N' to 'Yes' and 'No' in Sold as Vacant field
- Remove Duplicates
- Delete unused columns (Only doing this for demonstration purposes)
- Save cleaned data to a new file

## 3.1 Preparing the Environment

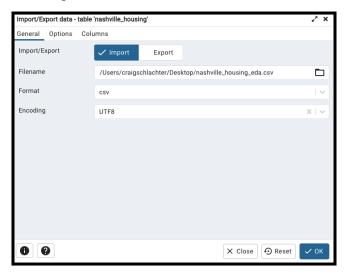
The SQL table is created, columns are named, and data types are set.

```
    DROP TABLE IF EXISTS public.nashville_housing;

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS public.nashville_housing
     uniqueid integer,
     parcelid text COLLATE pg_catalog."default",
landuse text COLLATE pg_catalog."default",
     saleprice integer,
legalreference text COLLATE pg_catalog."default",
     soldasvacant text COLLATE pg_catalog."default",
     ownername text COLLATE pg_catalog."default",
     acreage numeric,
     landvalue integer
     buildingvalue integer,
     vearbuilt integer.
     bedroom integer,
     fullbath integer,
     halfbath integer,
     saledateconverted date,
     propertysplitaddress text COLLATE pg_catalog."default"
     propertysplitcity text COLLATE pg_catalog, "default", ownersplitaddress text COLLATE pg_catalog, "default", ownersplitcity text COLLATE pg_catalog. "default",
     ownersplitstate text COLLATE pg_catalog."default"
TABLESPACE pg_default;
ALTER TABLE IF EXISTS public.nashville_housing
     OWNER to postgres:
```

## 3.2 Importing Dataset

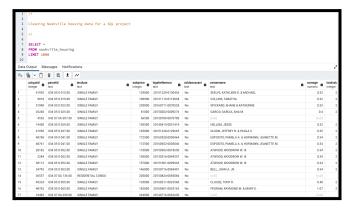
Reading in the selected file.



## 3.3 Data Cleaning and Manipulation

- 1. Observe and familiarize with data
- 2. Standardize the sale date field
- 3. Check for nulls or missing values
- 4. Perform validation checks of data

Previewing the first 100 rows to familiarize with the data.



Our dataset revealed several noteworthy features: 'saledate' was datetime and had all times set to '00:00:00', so we'll reset it to 'YYYY-MM-DD'. We'll also populate nulls in 'property address'. Finally, we'll separate address, city, and state in 'property address' and 'owner address' for better data organization.

Now, I'm standardizing the 'saledate' column for better data structuring.

```
12
    -- Standardizing the saledate format
13
   -- Tried casting and updating, didn't work
   -- So, I altered my table and this wasy did the trick.
14
   SELECT saledate, CAST(saledate AS DATE)
15
   FROM nashville_housing
16
17
18
   UPDATE nashville_housing
19
   SET saledate = CAST(saledate AS DATE)
20
21 ALTER TABLE nashville_housing
22 ADD saledateconverted DATE;
23
24
   UPDATE nashville_housing
25
   SET saledateconverted = CAST(saledate AS DATE)
26
27
   SELECT saledateconverted
28 FROM nashville_housing
```

Next, I'm populating 'property address' by performing a self join to check for matching 'parcelid' but different 'uniqueid'.

```
-- Populating property address data
32
33
34 SELECT *
35 FROM nashville_housing
36 --WHERE propertyaddress IS NULL
37 ORDER BY parcelid
39
40
   SELECT nha.parcelid,
41
          nha.propertyaddress,
           nhb.parcelid,
43
          nhb.propertyaddress
44 FROM nashville_housing nha
45 JOIN nashville_housing nhb ON (nha.parcelid=nhb.parcelid) AND nha.uniqueid <> nhb.uniqueid
46 WHERE nha.propertyaddress IS NULL
47
48
49 UPDATE nashville_housing nha
50 SET propertyaddress = nhb.propertyaddress
   FROM nashville_housing nhb
52 WHERE nha.parcelid = nhb.parcelid
53 AND nha.uniqueid <> nhb.uniqueid
    AND nha.propertyaddress IS NULL
```

Now, we are breaking out the 'property and owner address' into individual columns (address, city, state).

```
Breaking out address into individual columns (address, city, state)
60
                 SELECT propertyaddress
                  FROM nashville_housing
                   --WHERE propertyaddress IS NULL
               --ORDER BY parcelid
                 SELECT propertyaddress,
                                                      SUBSTRING(propertyaddress,1,STRPOS(propertyaddress,',')-1) AS address,
                                                      \textbf{SUBSTRING}(property address, STRPOS(property address, ',') + 1 \ , \ \textbf{LENGTH}(property address)) \ \textbf{AS} \ \text{city}
                  FROM nashville_housing
                 ALTER TABLE nashville_housing
                 ADD propertysplitaddress text;
                 UPDATE nashville_housing
                   SET propertysplitaddress = SUBSTRING(propertyaddress,1,STRPOS(propertyaddress,',')-1)
               ALTER TABLE nashville_housing
80
                   ADD propertysplitcity text;
                     \textbf{SET} \ property split city = \textcolor{red}{\textbf{SUBSTRING}} (property address, \texttt{','}) + 1 \ , \ \textcolor{red}{\textbf{LENGTH}} (property address) + \textcolor{red
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86
    SELECT owneraddress
87
    FROM nashville_housing
88
89
90
    SELECT SPLIT_PART(owneraddress,',',1),
91
92
            SPLIT_PART(owneraddress,',',2),
93
            SPLIT_PART(owneraddress,',',3)
94
    FROM nashville_housing
95
96
97
    ALTER TABLE nashville_housing
99
    ADD ownersplitaddress text;
100
101 UPDATE nashville_housing
102
    SET ownersplitaddress = SPLIT_PART(owneraddress,',',1)
103
104
105
106 ALTER TABLE nashville_housing
107
    ADD ownersplitcity text;
108
109 UPDATE nashville housing
110
    SET ownersplitcity = SPLIT_PART(owneraddress,',',2)
111
112
113
114
    ALTER TABLE nashville_housing
115 ADD ownersplitstate text;
116
117
    UPDATE nashville_housing
    SET ownersplitstate = SPLIT_PART(owneraddress,',',3)
118
```

Moving on, we'll change 'Y' and 'N' to 'Yes' and 'No' in Sold as Vacant field

```
-- Changing Y and N to Yes and No in 'Sold as Vacant' field
123
124
125 SELECT DISTINCT(soldasvacant),
126
           COUNT(*)
127 FROM nashville_housing
128 GROUP BY 1
129 ORDER BY 2 DESC
130
131
132 SELECT soldasvacant,
          CASE WHEN soldasvacant = 'Y' THEN 'Yes'
133
           WHEN soldasvacant = 'N' THEN 'No'
134
135
           ELSE soldasvacant
           END
136
137
138 FROM nashville_housing
139
140
141
142 UPDATE nashville_housing
143 SET soldasvacant = CASE WHEN soldasvacant = 'Y' THEN 'Yes'
144
           WHEN soldasvacant = 'N' THEN 'No'
145
           ELSE soldasvacant
146
           END
```

Next, we are removing duplicates **based on** if they share the **same parcel id**, **property address**, **sale price**, **sale date**, and **legal reference**.

```
150
     -- Remove Duplicates
151
152
153 WITH row_num_cte AS (
154
                         SELECT *,
155
                                 ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY parcelid,
156
                                                    propertyaddress,
157
                                                    saleprice,
158
                                                    saledate,
159
                                                    legalreference
160
                                                   ORDER BY uniqueid) AS row_num
161
                          FROM nashville_housing
                          --ORDER BY parcelid
162
163
                       ),
164
             dups AS (
                                      -- capturing only the duplicates
165
                          SELECT *
166
                          FROM row_num_cte
167
                          WHERE row_num > 1
168
                     )
169
170
    DELETE FROM nashville_housing -- Using uniqueid instead of parcelid
171
     WHERE uniqueid IN (SELECT uniqueid FROM dups)
```

# From here we will delete unused columns (Only doing this for demonstration purposes)

## Finally, we save the cleaned data to a new csv file.

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# Step 4: Analyze

## 4.1 Performing Calculations

Pulling statistics for analysis:

- 1. Reviewing and selecting the data for our exploratory data analysis.
- 2. Finding the distribution of Nashville housing prices.
- 3. Calculating the daily average sale prices over time.
- 4. Tracking the total number of housing sales in each city over time.
- 5. Establishing the average price for each property type.
- 6. Calculating the average sale price for each distinct bedroom and bathroom count.
- 7. Determining the distribution of properties across the Nashville metro area.
- 8. Finding the distribution of sales per sale date.
- 9. Determining the count of each unique property type and their distribution across the Nashville metro area.

## [Step 1's Results]

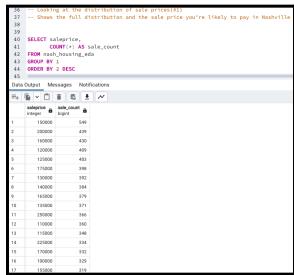
#### 11 12 13 SELECT \* 14 FROM nash\_housing\_eda 15 ORDER BY saledateconverted ASC 17 -- Selecting data we are going to be using 20 -- Seeing null in bedroom, fullbath, halfbath is common 23 SELECT propertysplitcity, saledateconverted, 25 saleprice, 26 landuse, 27 bedroom, fullbath. 29 halfbath 30 FROM nash\_housing\_eda 31 WHERE LOWER(propertysplitcity) LIKE '%nash%' ORDER BY 1,2

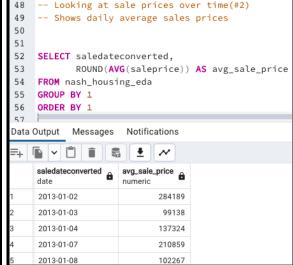
## [Step 1's Results]

	propertysplitcity text	saledateconverted date	saleprice integer	landuse text	bedroom integer	fullbath integer	halfbath integer
1	NASHVILLE	2013-01-02	252000	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	[null]	[null]	[null]
2	NASHVILLE	2013-01-02	135000	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	[null]	[null]	[null]
3	NASHVILLE	2013-01-02	152000	SINGLE FAMILY	4	3	0
4	NASHVILLE	2013-01-02	50000	SINGLE FAMILY	3	1	0
5	NASHVILLE	2013-01-02	255000	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	[null]	[null]	[null]
6	NASHVILLE	2013-01-02	72500	VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND	5	3	1
7	NASHVILLE	2013-01-02	225000	SINGLE FAMILY	2	1	0
8	NASHVILLE	2013-01-03	98000	SINGLE FAMILY	2	1	0
9	NASHVILLE	2013-01-03	55900	SINGLE FAMILY	[null]	[null]	[null]
10	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	120000	SINGLE FAMILY	7	2	0
11	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	275000	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	[null]	[null]	[null]
12	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	135790	SINGLE FAMILY	[null]	[null]	[null]
13	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	83000	SINGLE FAMILY	4	3	0
14	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	20000	SINGLE FAMILY	3	1	0
15	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	215044	SINGLE FAMILY	3	2	1
16	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	262500	SINGLE FAMILY	2	2	0
17	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	195000	SINGLE FAMILY	3	2	0
18	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	194000	VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND	[null]	[null]	[null]
19	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	100	SINGLE FAMILY	2	1	0
20	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	267300	SINGLE FAMILY	4	2	0
21	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	113000	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	[null]	[null]	[null]
22	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	77500	SINGLE FAMILY	3	1	0
23	NASHVILLE	2013-01-04	93736	SINGLE FAMILY	2	1	0
24	NASHVILLE	2013-01-07	93000	ZERO LOT LINE	3	2	1

## [Step 2's Results]

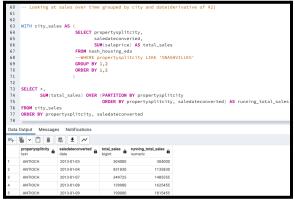
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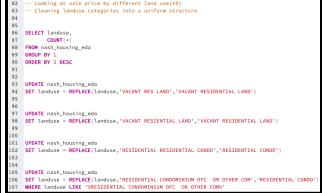




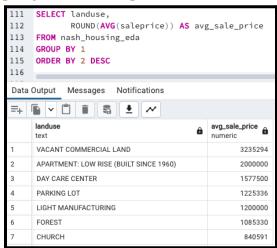
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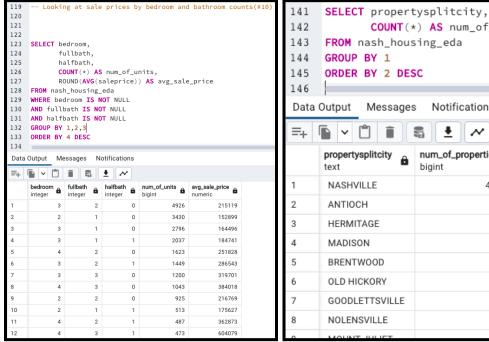


## [Step 5's Results]



### [Step 6's Results]

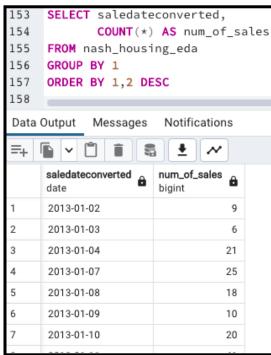
## [Step 7's Results]



### COUNT(\*) AS num\_of\_properties FROM nash\_housing\_eda GROUP BY 1 ORDER BY 2 DESC Data Output Messages Notifications <u>+</u> num\_of\_properties propertysplitcity bigint 40216 6286 3126 2114 1696 OLD HICKORY 1415 GOODLETTSVILLE 735 NOLENSVILLE 494

## [Step 8's Results]

## [Step 9's Results]



213 214 215 216 217	ld landuse, COUNT(*) AS num_of_units Count(*) FROM nash_housing_eda								
218	ORDER BY 3 DESC								
219	9								
Data	Output Messages	s Notifications							
=+									
	propertysplitcity text	landuse text	num_of_units bigint						
1	NASHVILLE	SINGLE FAMILY	23317						
2	NASHVILLE	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	11867						
3	ANTIOCH	SINGLE FAMILY	4124						
4	NASHVILLE	VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND	2931						
5	HERMITAGE	SINGLE FAMILY	2151						
6	MADISON	SINGLE FAMILY	1314						
7	OLD HICKORY	SINGLE FAMILY	1134						
8	NASHVILLE	DUPLEX	1111						
9	ANTIOCH	VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND	1085						
10	BRENTWOOD	SINGLE FAMILY	993						
11	ANTIOCH	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	875						
12	NASHVILLE	ZERO LOT LINE	663						
13	HERMITAGE	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	567						
14	GOODLETTSVILLE	SINGLE FAMILY	503						
15	BRENTWOOD	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	487						
16	NOLENSVILLE	SINGLE FAMILY	361						
17	MADISON	RESIDENTIAL CONDO	333						
18	MADISON	VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND	277						
19	HERMITAGE	VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND	209						

### Interpreting statistical findings:

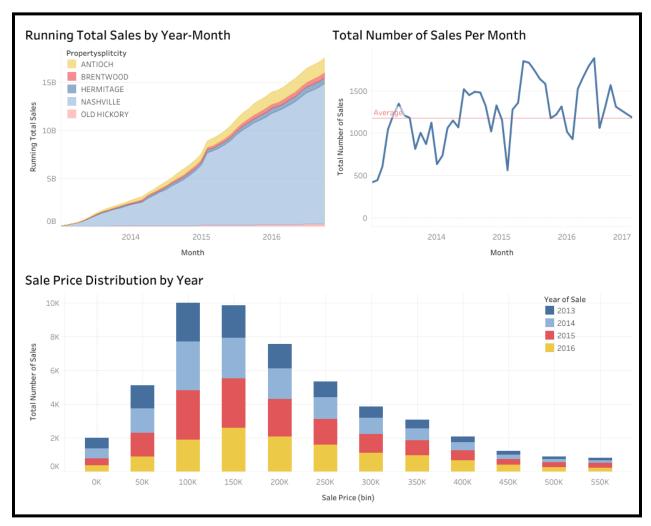
- 1. This project requires us to use the following **columns:** propertysplitycity, saledateconverted, saleprice, landuse, bedroom, fullbath, and halfbath.
- 2. Many nulls are present in the bedroom and bathroom columns so we'll filter these out when performing calculations for #6.
- 3. Looking at the distribution of sale prices in Nashville shows that most housing is priced in the range: **\$100K \$250K**.
- From January 2013 to January 2016, average sale prices have steadily grown by 11.29% per year. Nashville is growing faster than the national average of <u>6.6%</u> during that time.
- 5. Nashville consists of six cities that produced approximately **\$18.4 bln in housing** sales from 2013-2016. **Nashville** accounted for \$14.5 bln(78.8%) of those sales.
- 6. The average sale prices for the most representative properties were: Condos \$452K, Vacant. Res. Land \$333K, Single Family \$280K and Duplex \$259K.
- The average prices for distinct bed/bath pairings were: 3bed/2bath \$215k,
   2bed/1bath \$152K, 3bed/1bath \$164k, 3bed/1.5bath \$184K, and 4bed/2bath \$251K.
- 8. Out of the approximately 56K properties in the Nashville metro area, roughly **40K(71.4%) properties** are located in Nashville.
- Over the three years, there were 1,174 sales on average each month. Average sales per month trend higher from May-July and lower in January and February.

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# Step 5: Share

In this step, we are creating visualizations and communicating our findings based on our analysis.

## 5.1 Data Visualizations and Findings

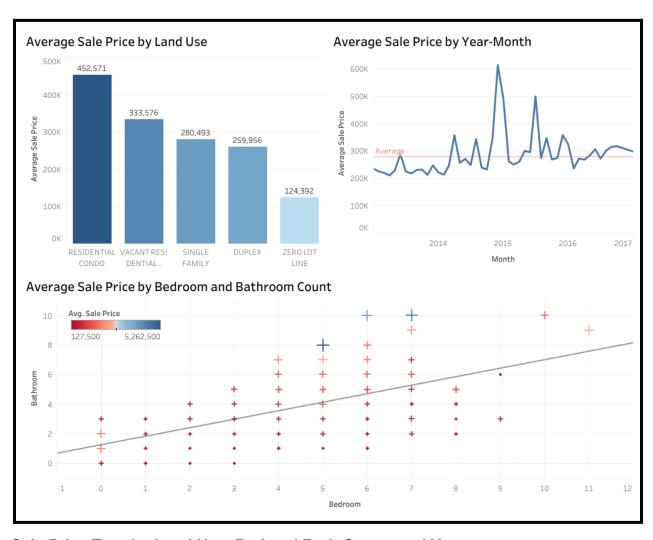


Housing Breakdown: Sales Prices and Volume Trends

This dashboard shows the overall sale price distribution, monthly sales volume compared to the average, and running total sales of properties across various municipalities in the Nashville metro area.

 Between 2013 and 2016, the majority of Nashville's sale prices were concentrated between \$50K - \$250K. As we move towards 2016, the percentage of higher sale prices also increases.

- 2. There was a prominent increase in sales volume from 2013 to 2016. This trend is demonstrated by looking at the first two months of the year, where average sales rose from **432** (2013) to **973** (2016), with **686** (2014) and **859** (2015) in between.
- 3. Nashville had the highest running sales by a large margin compared to all other municipalities, accounting for 78.8% of total sales during this period. Antioch was next highest, but much lower at 8.2%. Nashville's larger housing supply may be the cause of this.



Sale Price Trends: Land Use, Bed and Bath Count, and Year

This dashboard shows the pricing breakdown based on property land use, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and year/month trends.

- Condos have the highest price at \$452K, followed in third by Single Family homes at \$280K and Duplexes at \$259K. This difference in affordability between Single Family homes and Condos may be due to the higher supply of Single Family homes (34K units) compared to Condos (14K units).
- There was a significant increase in sales prices from 2013 to 2016. Looking at the first month of the year, the trend is obvious, sales prices rose from \$235K (2013) to \$324K (2016), with \$221K (2014) and \$491K (2015) positioned between.
- The scatter plot shows that there is a **stronger trend** of increasing prices as the number of **bathrooms go up**, as opposed to when the number of bedrooms increases.

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# Step 6: Act

In the final step, we will be delivering our insights and providing recommendations based on our analysis.

Here, we revisit our business questions and share with you our high-level business recommendations.

## 1. What are the trends in sale price?

 Nashville's home prices are rising and outpacing the national average. Despite the rising prices, there are still many affordable homes priced between \$50K-\$250K. As a result, we expect Nashville to remain a popular destination for relocation.

### 2. What are the trends in housing inventory and total sales volume?

 Be mindful that the housing market in Nashville is growing rapidly, total sales revenue doubled each year while the total sales transactions increased 24% year over year. This may indicate that more higher-priced homes are being sold, while the uptick in sales transactions may be driven by population growth, a strong local economy or appealing home prices.

## 3. How do different variables affect price?

 Housing prices are influenced by its land use as well as how many bedrooms and bathrooms are present. Anyone relocating to Nashville will pay an average of \$452K for condos, \$280K for single family units, and \$259K for a duplex. Also, consider that more bathrooms tend to correspond with higher property prices.