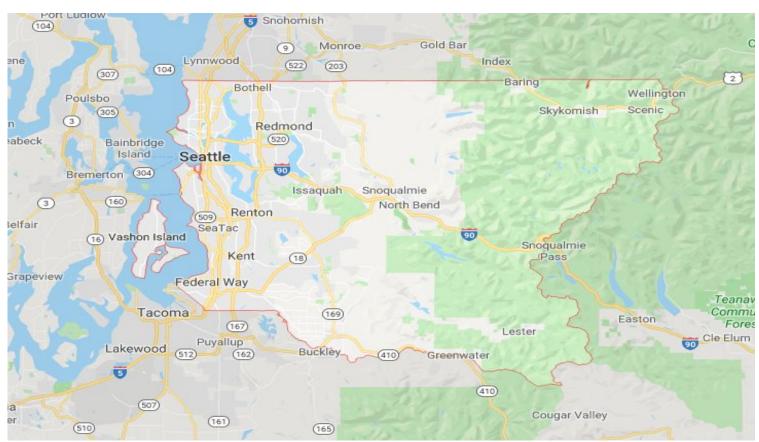


# King County, Washington Housing

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# Visual Map of King County, Washington



# KING COUNTY, WA

**■** ADD COMPARISON

**POPULATION** 

2.19M

1.8% GROWTH

**POVERTY RATE** 

10.2%

**MEDIAN AGE** 

37.1

**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES** 

1.2M

2.34% **GROWTH** 

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$89,675

4.16% GROWTH

MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE

\$563,600

14.7% GROWTH

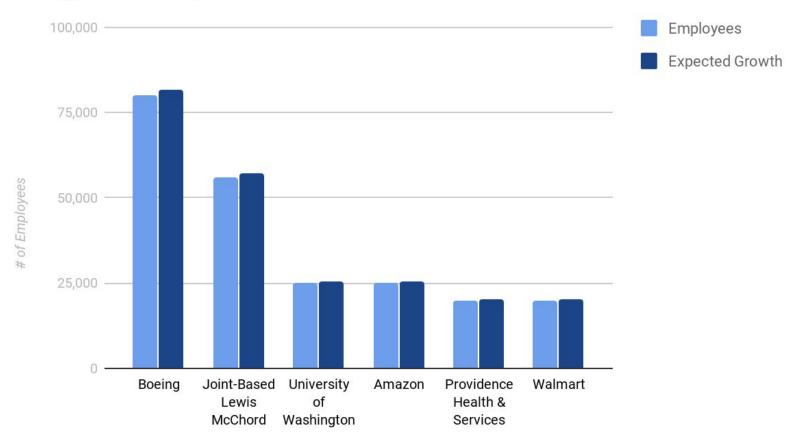
#### Why King County?

#### The 10 Biggest Employers in the Seattle Area

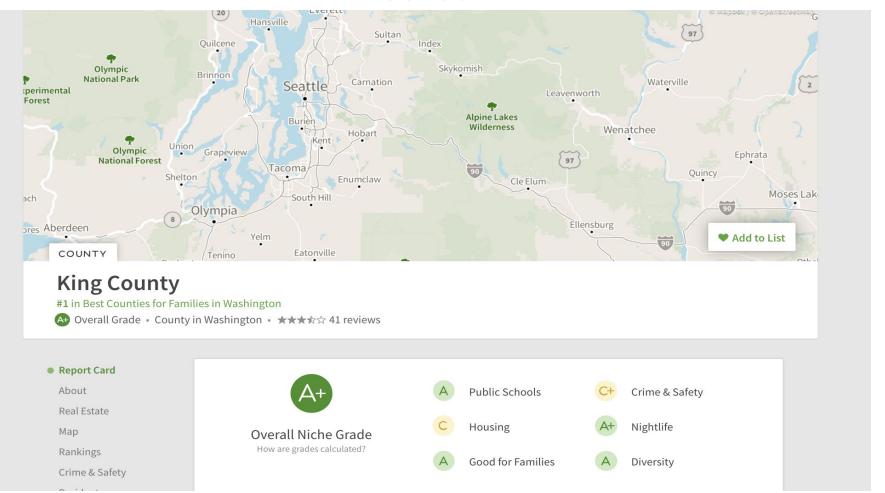
- Boeing about 80,000 employees.
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord about 56,000 employees.
- University of Washington about 25,000 employees.
- Amazon about 25,000 employees.
- Providence Health & Services about 20,000 employees.
- Walmart about 20,000 employees.
- Weyerhaueser about 10,000 employees.



#### 5 Biggest Employers



#### **School**

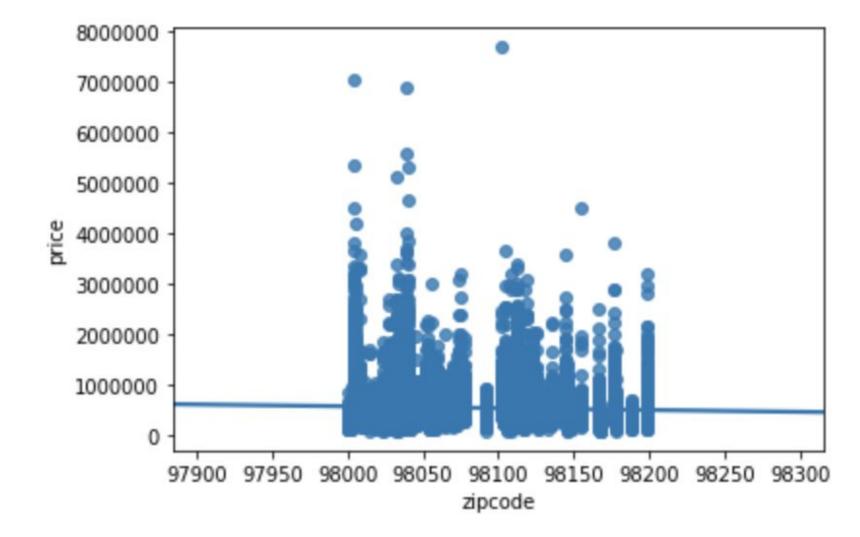


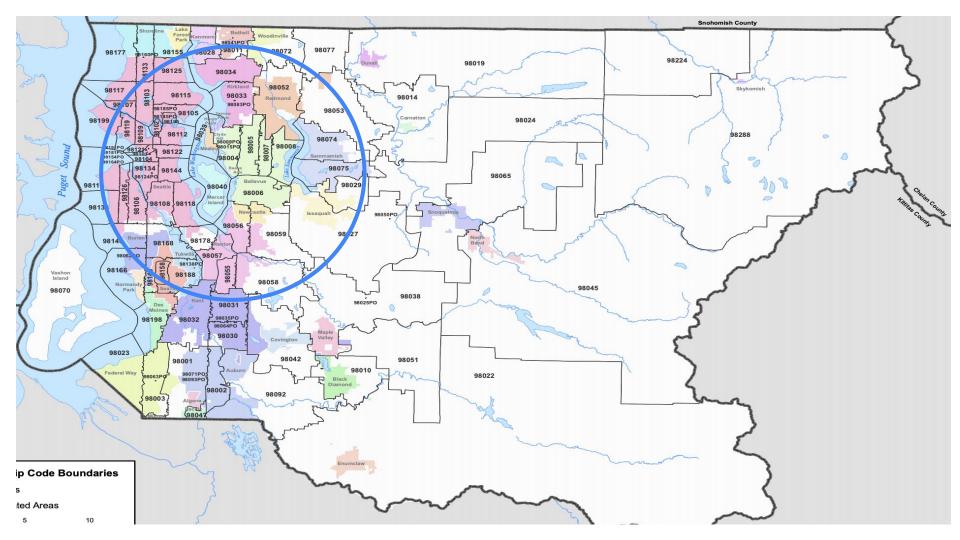
# **Picking the Right House in King County**



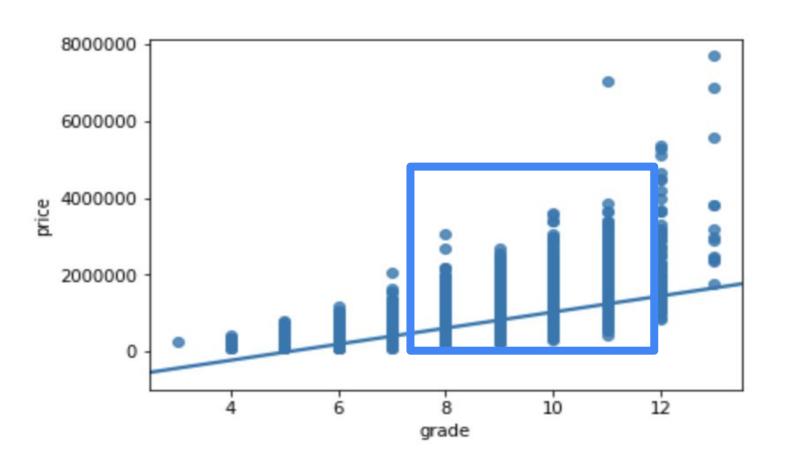
#### **Key Variables in Picking the Right Houses**

- 1. Location
- 2. Characteristics of Houses:
  - -Grade
  - -Number of bathrooms
  - -Square footage (square footage of houses in the vicinity)





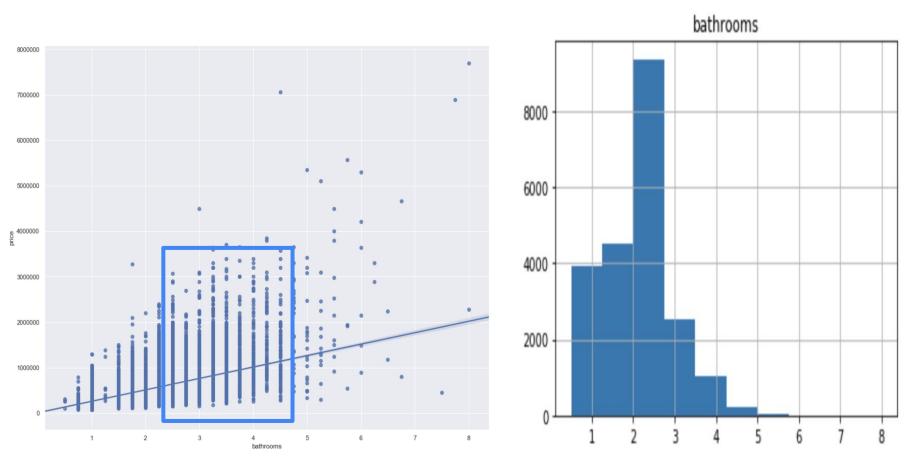
## **Grades**



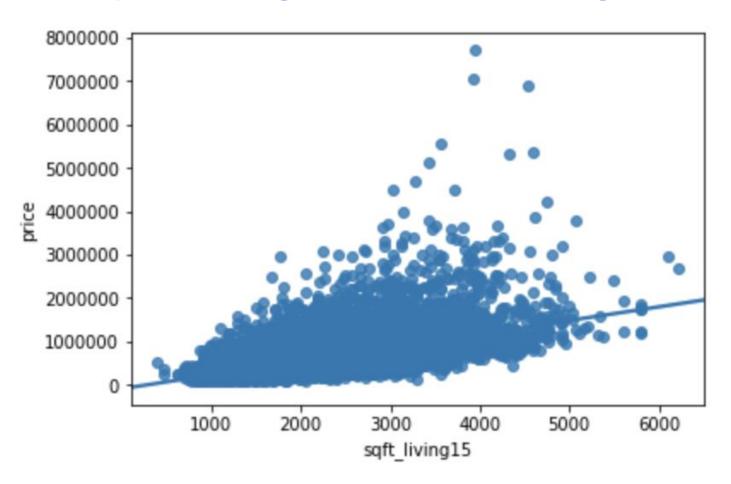
#### **BUILDING GRADE**

- Represents the construction quality of improvements. Grades run from grade 1 to 13. Generally defined as:
- 1-3 Falls short of minimum building standards. Normally cabin or inferior structure.
- 4 Generally older, low quality construction. Does not meet code.
- 5 Low construction costs and workmanship. Small, simple design.
- 6 Lowest grade currently meeting building code. Low quality materials and simple designs.
- 7 Average grade of construction and design. Commonly seen in plats and older sub-divisions.
- 8 Just above average in construction and design. Usually better materials in both the exterior and interior finish work.
- 9 Better architectural design with extra interior and exterior design and quality.
- 10 Homes of this quality generally have high quality features. Finish work is better and more design quality is seen in the floor plans. Generally have a larger square footage.
- 11 Custom design and higher quality finish work with added amenities of solid woods, bathroom fixtures and more luxurious options.
- 12 Custom design and excellent builders. All materials are of the highest quality and all conveniences are present.
- 13 Generally custom designed and built. Mansion level. Large amount of highest quality cabinet work, wood trim, marble, entry ways etc.

### **Bathrooms**



## **Square Footage For the Nearest Neighbors**



#### Recommendation

- Houses in areas like Redmond, Bellevue, Kirkland, Newcastle, Renton show a high likelihood of increasing their values.
- Houses with construction grade materials with grade levels
  8-11 could see an increase in value of up to \$100,000
- 3-4 bathrooms could potentially generate an increase in value of approximately \$64,000
- Living in a neighborhood with houses between 3,000-4,000 square feet could help increase the value to about \$200,000

#### Changes to Make Over Time to Increase House Prices

- Improve construction materials for houses to levels 8-11 in order to increase house prices in the future.
- Adding more bathrooms will also add value to the house in the future (total of 3-4 bathrooms)
- Encourage neighbors to renovate to increase square footage



#### **Future Work**

#### Things to Consider:

- Revisit with time series analysis to focus more on buying/selling
- Match up job information with the zipcodes



# Thank you for your Time!

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