Lumber Prices

Motivation:

Since late 2020, lumber prices have seen a large amount of volatility ranging from \$300 to \$1700 per thousand board feet. About 30% of a new home's material cost is lumber, so these price changes can have a significant impact on housing costs.

Objectives:

Pull lumber data as well as other economic metrics and build an app to help search for correlations in the price swings.

Data Pipeline

DATA INGESTION

Webscrape and APIs using Python

DATA STORAGE

SQL database using Sqlite

PROCESSING

Data is aggregated and cleaned using SQL, Python with pandas

TESTING/ROBUSTNESS

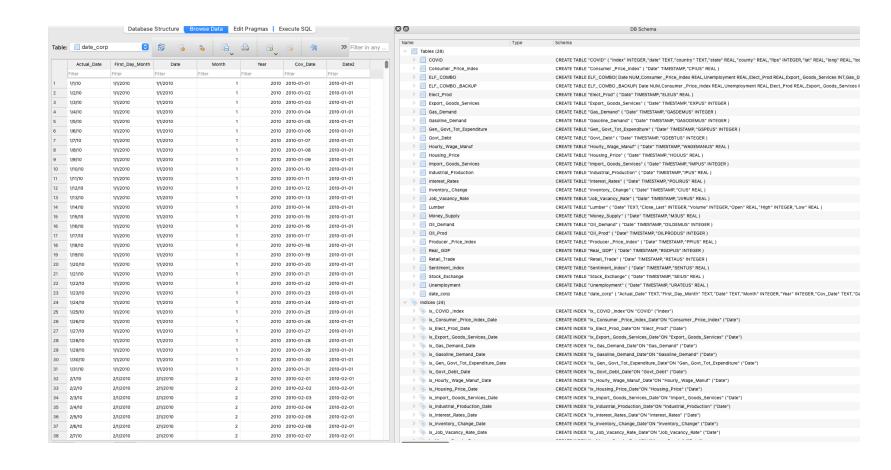
Scheduled a Cron job on AWS to update the data weekly.

DEPLOYMENT

Deployed a streamlit app on the Cloud with python, plotly, and Git-Hub

Processing Data

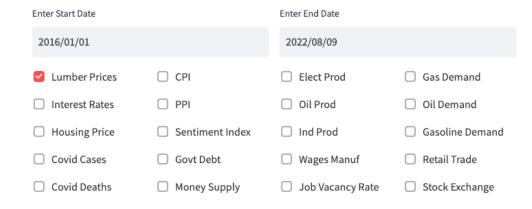
- Aggregated Data in SQL
- Cleaned and Normalized Data in Python
- Utilized Custom Date Table

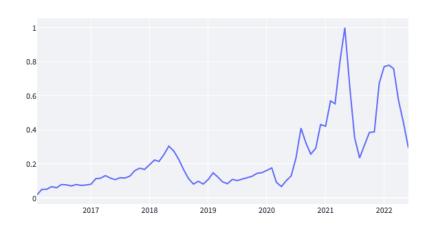


Lumber Prices – Streamlit App

- Add or pick Date Range
- Add as many additional metrics on the same graph for comparison
- https://matt-redmondeng-streamlitapp-8t78po.streamlitapp.com/

Lumber Prices and Other Economic Metrics

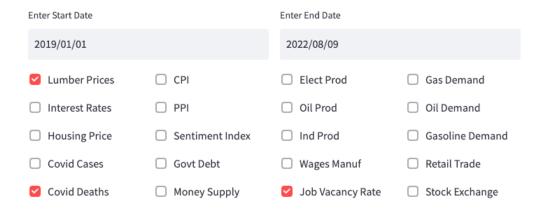


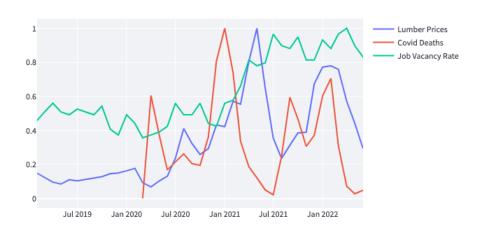


Streamlit App with multiple selections

- Normalized Data uses the same scale
- Streamlit automatically assigns colors and adds the legend

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Conclusions and Next Steps

- Explore additional data sources.
- Build a predictive model for pricing.
- Further Automate the process.