# **Airbnb Market Analysis**

## Introduction:-

The "Airbnb Market Analysis & Real Estate Sales Data (2019)" dataset provides a comprehensive view of the rental market and real estate trends within two popular areas in California: Big Bear and Joshua Tree. This dataset includes valuable insights into the performance of Airbnb listings and property sales over a 12-month period in 2019. The data is aggregated on a monthly basis, allowing for in-depth analysis of occupancy, pricing, and revenue metrics for Airbnb listings, as well as property sales trends in the specified regions. By incorporating information on property amenities, sales data, and geolocation, this dataset serves as a powerful tool for understanding the dynamics of both short-term rental and traditional real estate markets.

**Datasets:-** I am using the "Zillow Market Analysis and Real Estate Sales Data" dataset from Kaggle for my Power BI project. This dataset provides detailed information on real estate prices, sales trends, and market conditions across various U.S. regions, enabling comprehensive data visualization and insights into housing market dynamics.

## Below is the link to the dataset:

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/computingvictor/zillow-market-analysis-and-real-estate-sales-data

#### **Dataset Information:-**

This dataset consists of several key files, each providing a unique aspect of the Airbnb market and real estate trends in California:

#### 1. Market Analysis:

 This file contains listing-level information for Airbnb properties, including metrics such as revenue, occupancy ratios, nightly rates, availability, lead times, and average length of stay. The data is aggregated monthly and offers valuable insights into the performance of short-term rentals.

#### 2. Amenities:

 A file indicating whether a listing includes specific amenities (e.g., hot tub or pool), with values of 1 for presence and 0 for absence. This information helps assess how amenities influence listing performance and pricing.

#### 3. Geolocation:

 This file contains the latitude and longitude coordinates for each Airbnb listing, enabling precise spatial analysis and visualization of market trends by location.

#### 4. Sales Properties:

 This dataset covers properties available for sale within the study areas. For the Joshua Tree region (zip codes 92284 and 92252), there are two files—one with general sales property data and another focusing specifically on properties with pools.

# **Potential Applications:-**

This dataset is well-suited for analysts and researchers interested in exploring the intersection of Airbnb rentals and real estate sales in California. The rich data can be utilized for Power BI reporting to create dynamic dashboards that uncover key trends, such as:

- Performance optimization for Airbnb listings (e.g., pricing strategies based on occupancy rates, amenities, and location).
- Real estate investment strategies based on property sales trends and the availability of specific amenities.
- Geographic analysis of market hotspots using geolocation data.

With its broad coverage and diverse insights, this dataset serves as a valuable resource for data-driven decision-making in both the short-term rental and real estate sectors.

# **Steps Performed on Datasets:-**

**1) Amenities:** "Added columns for Year, Quarter, Start of Quarter, Day, and Day Name to the Amenities table using Power BI's Transform Data functionality."

## **Explanation**:

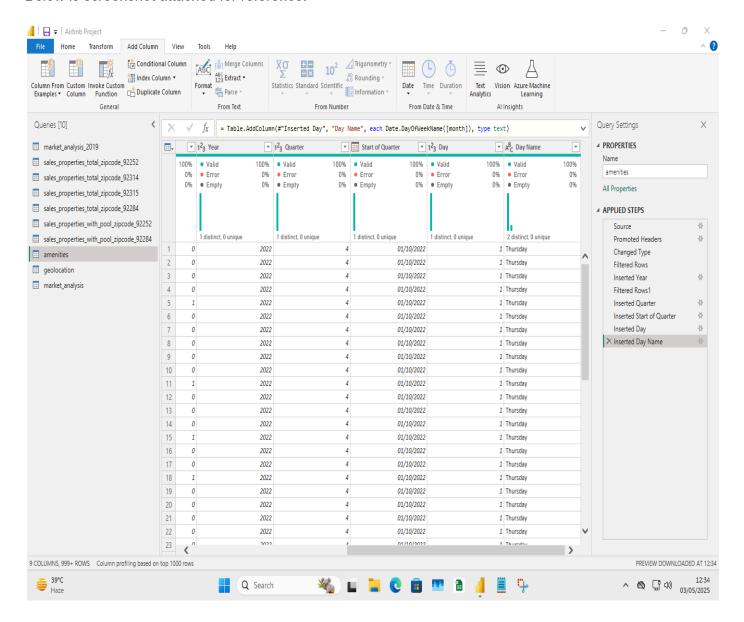
Using the Transform Data option in Power BI (Power Query Editor), the following columns were added to enrich the *Amenities* dataset:

- Year: Extracted the year from the date column to enable time-based analysis.
- Quarter: Identified the calendar quarter for each date to support quarterly reporting.
- Start of Quarter: Calculated the first day of the quarter for time intelligence measures.

- Day: Retrieved the day component of each date for granular insights.
- Day Name: Added the name of the weekday (e.g., Monday, Tuesday) for trend analysis by day.

These transformations help enhance the dataset for better filtering, grouping, and time-series analysis in Power BI reports.

Below is screenshot attached for reference:-



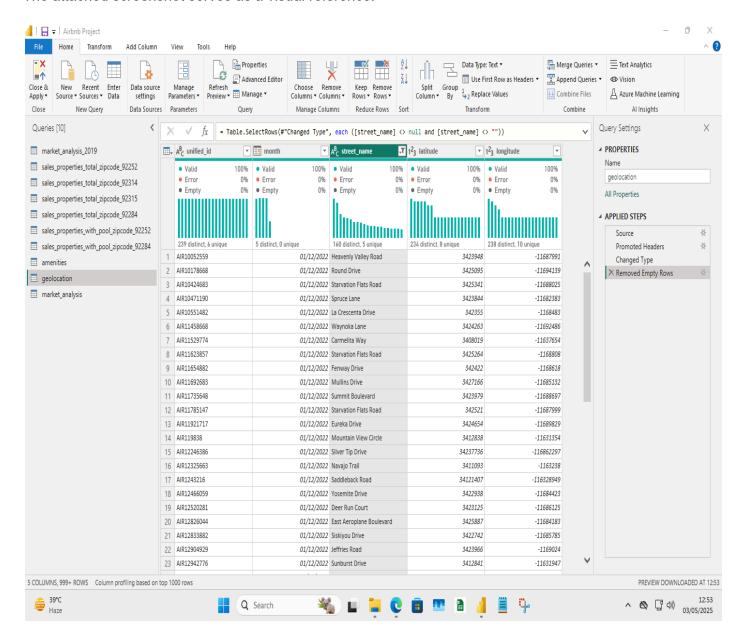
**2) Geolocation:** "Removed null and blank values from the Street Name column using Power BI's Transform Data feature."

#### **Explanation**:

Using the Transform Data option in Power BI (Power Query Editor), the *Street Name* column was cleaned to ensure data quality and consistency. Specifically:

- Null values (missing entries) were filtered out to eliminate incomplete data.
- Empty strings (rows with no visible value) were also removed.
- These steps help maintain accurate filtering and analysis, particularly when grouping or mapping data by street name.

The cleaning was done through the *Remove Rows* and *Text Filters* options in Power Query, ensuring only valid, meaningful street names remain in the dataset.



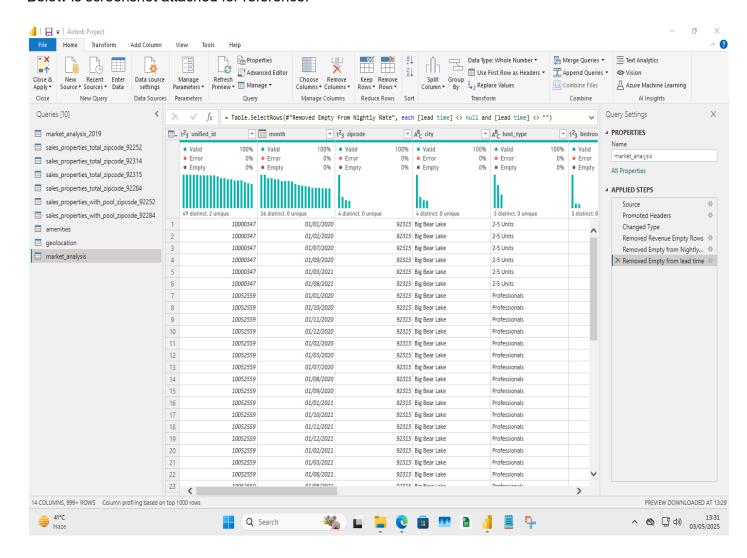
**3) Market\_analysis:** "Removed null and blank values from the Revenue, Nightly Rate, and Lead Time columns using Power Bl's Transform Data feature."

#### **Explanation**:

To ensure data accuracy and reliability in reporting, the following data cleaning steps were performed using Transform Data in Power BI (Power Query Editor):

- Null values and empty entries were removed from the Revenue, Nightly Rate, and Lead Time columns.
- These columns are essential for financial and operational analysis; therefore, maintaining complete and valid data is crucial.
- The cleaning was done using the *Remove Rows* and *Value Filters* options in Power Query, which ensures that only rows with meaningful numerical data are retained.
- This step prevents errors in calculations such as averages, totals, or trend analysis in Power BI visuals.

Below is screenshot attached for reference:-



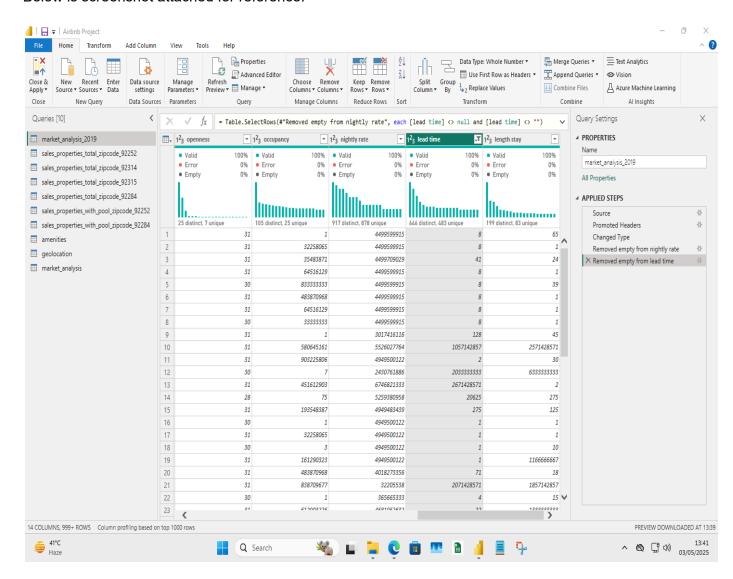
**4) Market\_analysis\_2019:** "Removed empty values from the Nightly Rate and Lead Time columns using Power BI's Transform Data feature."

#### **Explanation:**

To improve data quality and ensure accurate analysis, empty rows in the Nightly Rate and Lead Time columns were removed using Transform Data in Power BI (Power Query Editor). Specifically:

- The Text Filters or Remove Blank Rows functions were used to eliminate entries where these columns had no data.
- Cleaning these columns is essential to avoid calculation errors and to ensure that metrics like average rate or booking lead time are based on complete data.
- This step ensures the reliability of visuals and aggregations that depend on these numeric fields.

Below is screenshot attached for reference:-



**5) Sales\_Properties:** "Appended four tables—sales\_properties\_total\_zipcode\_92252, 92284, 92314, and 92315—into a single dataset. Removed empty values from the Zestimate, Rent Zestimate, and Broker Name columns, and fully deleted the Lot Size column due to the absence of any data."

#### **Explanation**:

Using Power BI's Transform Data feature, the following data preparation steps were performed:

### → Appended Tables:

- ◆ Combined four datasets (sales\_properties\_total\_zipcode\_92252, 92284, 92314, and 92315) into one consolidated table to enable unified analysis across zip codes.
- ◆ This was done using the *Append Queries* option in Power Query.

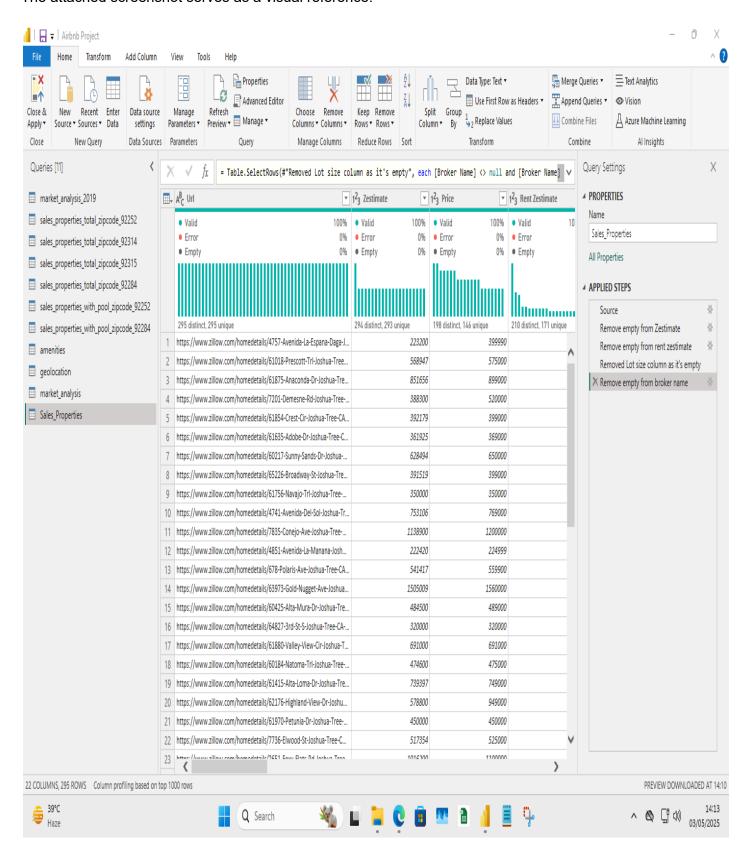
#### → Removed Empty Values:

- ◆ Cleansed the combined dataset by removing rows where Zestimate, Rent Zestimate, or Broker Name fields were empty.
- ◆ This ensures that only complete and reliable data points are retained for analysis and reporting.

#### → Deleted Unused Column:

- ◆ The Lot Size column was completely removed since it contained no values across all records.
- ◆ Eliminating such columns helps streamline the dataset and improve performance during report generation.

These steps enhance data quality and ensure more accurate insights in Power BI dashboards and visuals.



**5) Sales\_Properties\_Pool:** "Append two tables: *sales\_properties\_with\_pool\_zipcode\_92252* and *sales\_properties\_with\_pool\_zipcode\_92284*—into a single dataset. Removed empty values from the *Zestimate* column and completely deleted the *Lot Size* column due to the absence of any data."

#### **Explanation**:

Using Power BI's Transform Data feature (Power Query Editor), the following data transformation steps were carried out:

### → Table Appending:

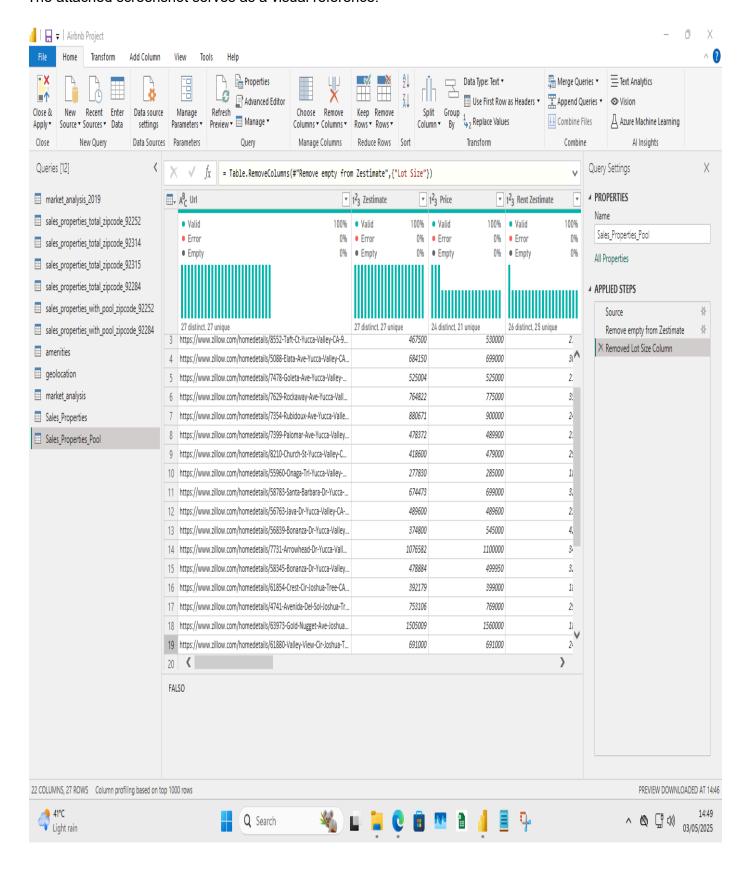
- ◆ Combined the datasets sales\_properties\_pool\_zipcode\_92252 and sales\_properties\_pool\_zipcode\_92284 into a unified table using the Append Queries option.
- ◆ This consolidation allows for joint analysis of pool-related property sales data across both zip codes.

## → Cleaning Empty Rows:

- Removed rows where the Zestimate column contained no values.
- ◆ This step ensures that analyses involving property value estimates are based on complete and accurate data.

#### → Column Removal:

- ◆ Fully deleted the Lot Size column as it contained no data in either table.
- ◆ Removing empty or redundant columns improves data model efficiency and maintains a clean dataset for reporting.

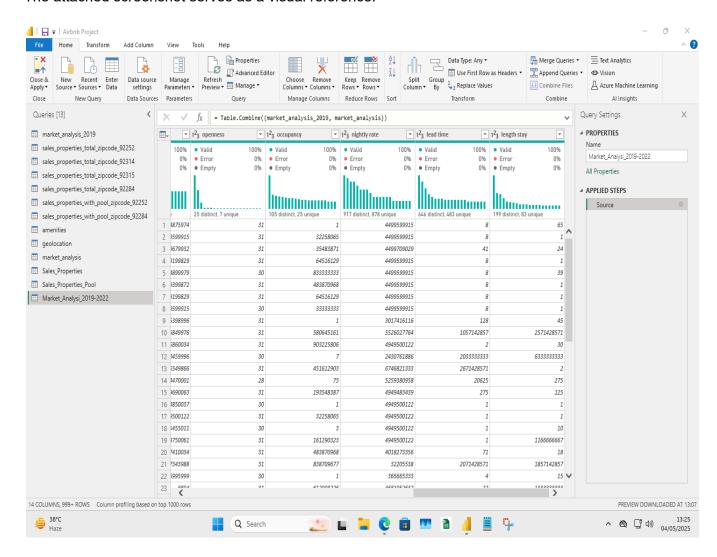


**6) Market\_analysis\_2019-22:** "Appended the *market\_analysis* and *market\_analysis\_2019* tables into a single consolidated dataset."

#### **Explanation**:

Using Power BI's Transform Data feature (Power Query Editor), the following step was performed:

- The market\_analysis and market\_analysis\_2019 tables were combined using the Append Queries option.
- This action merged historical and current market data into a unified table, allowing for seamless analysis across multiple time periods.
- Appending these tables supports trend analysis, comparisons, and aggregated insights without switching between datasets.
- Data types and structures were aligned to ensure compatibility during the append process.



# Relationships between tables:-

# 1. amenities ↔ market\_analysis\_2019-22

Key field: unified\_id

Relationship: Many-to-many

## 2. geolocation $\leftrightarrow$ amenities

Key field: unified\_id

Relationship: Many-to-many

# 3. market\_analysis\_2019-22 $\leftrightarrow$ Sales\_Properties

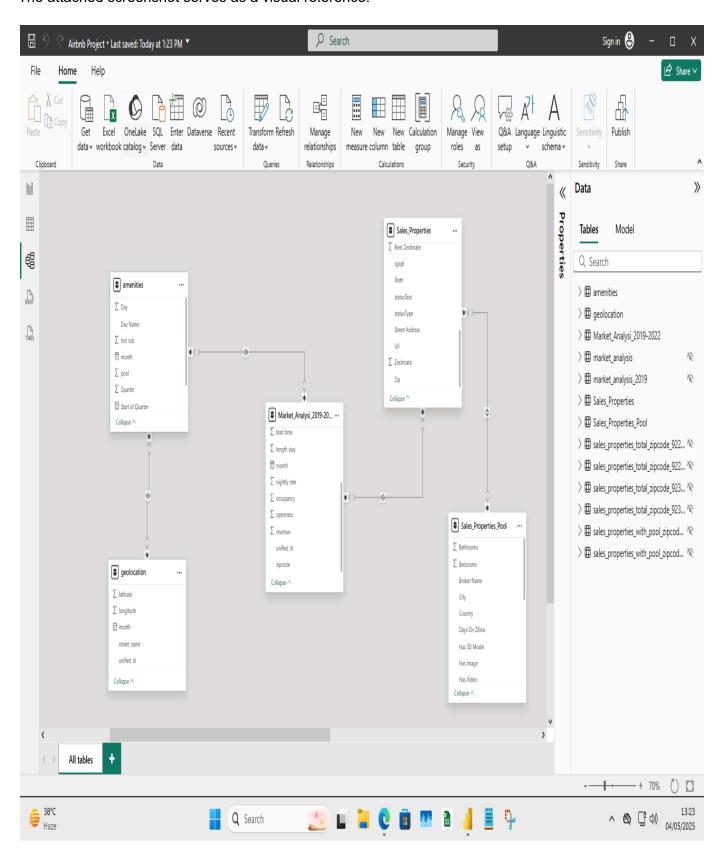
Key field: zip code

Relationship: Many-to-many

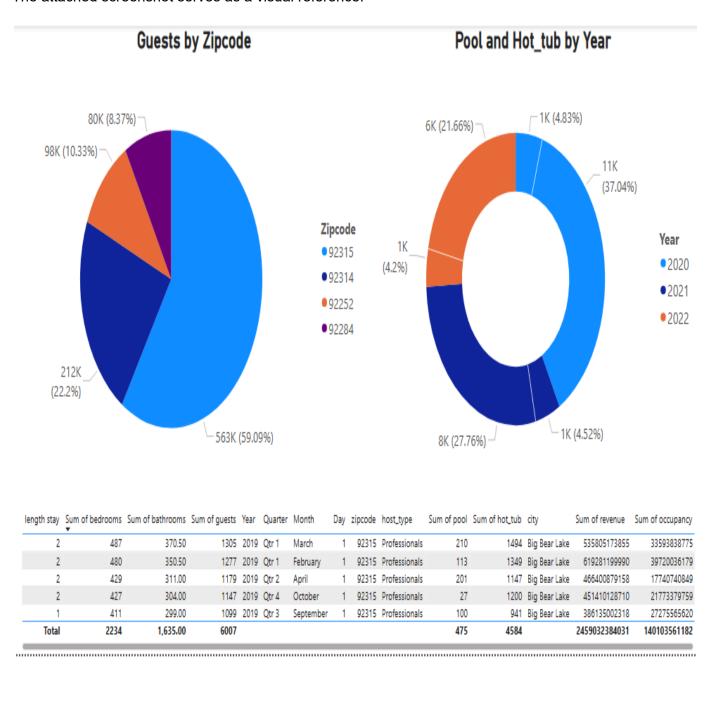
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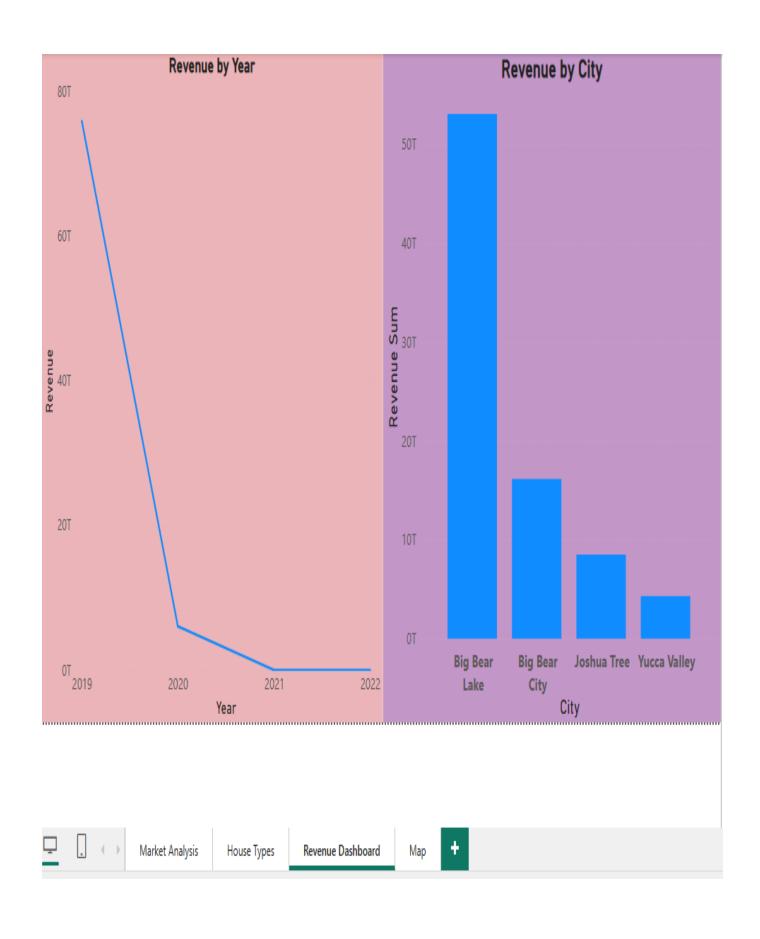
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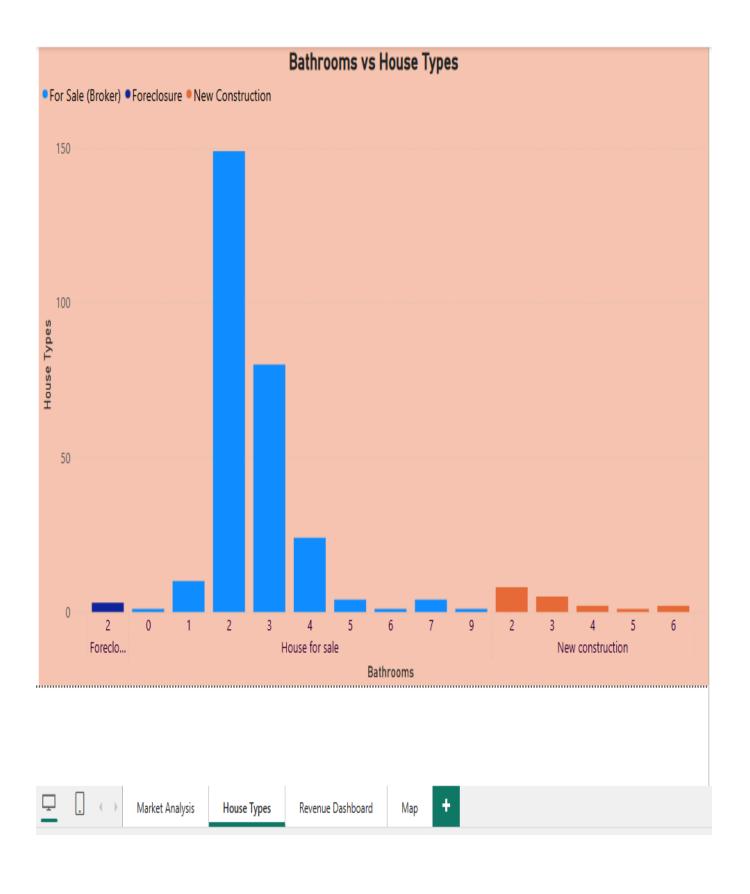
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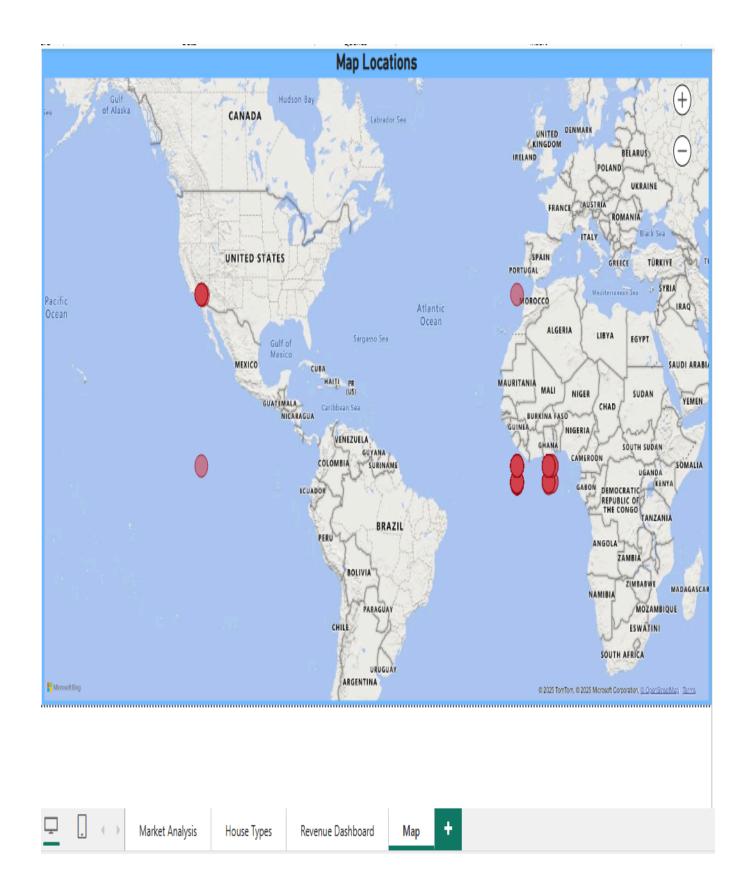


# Dashboards:-









## **Conclusion:-**

This analysis was conducted in Power BI with the objective of identifying the key factors influencing real estate pricing. While working with the dataset, several challenges emerged—most notably, the data was aggregated on a monthly basis rather than at the individual client or client group level, which limited the granularity of insights.

Some columns, such as "Guests" and "Openness", were found to be non-informative and lacked analytical value. However, one clear insight derived from the dashboard was the strong correlation between web traffic and revenue—higher traffic consistently led to increased income.

Through interactive visualizations, the analysis also revealed how COVID-19 significantly impacted the rental real estate sector, and how seasonal trends affect both demand and revenue, depending on the property's geographic location.

# **Recommendations:**

To enhance the accuracy and depth of future analyses:

- Transition from aggregated monthly reports to client-level or group-level data. This would enable more targeted insights and support advanced analytics, including predictive modeling.
- Improve data collection processes, as approximately 25% of values were missing in several key columns. More complete and structured data will directly enhance the effectiveness of both manual and automated (e.g., machine learning) analysis.