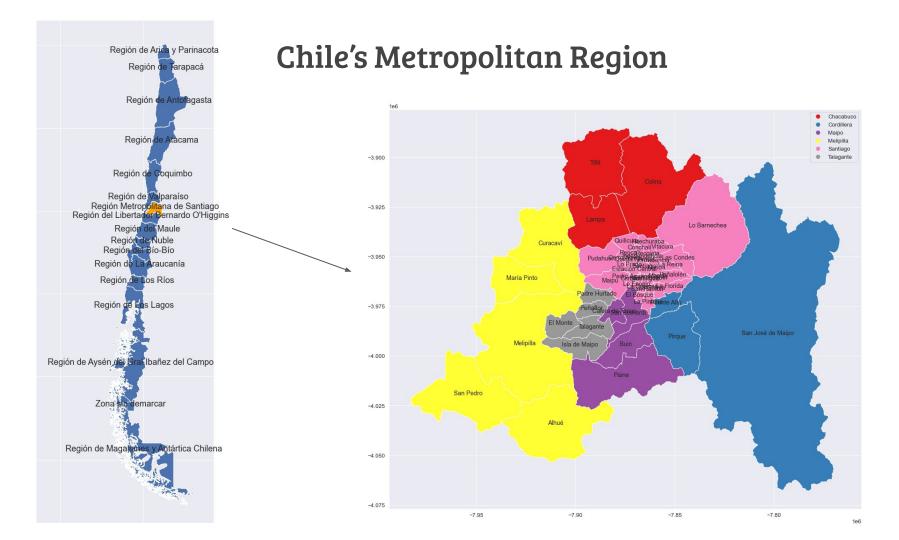
# Housing Prices in Santiago, Chile

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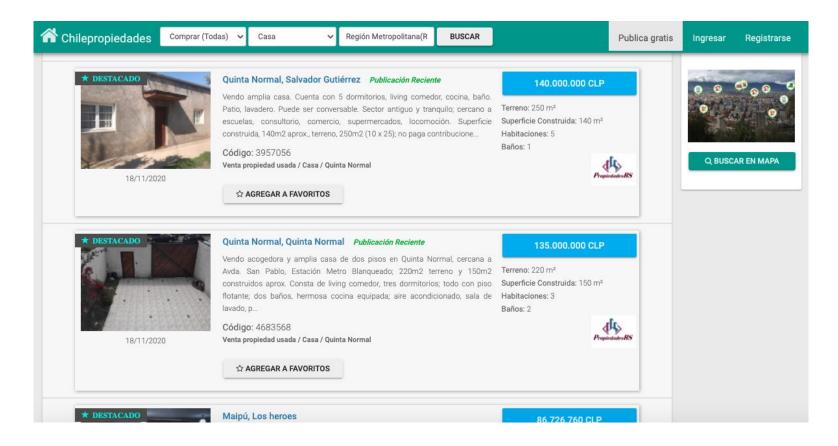




# The inner *comunas* forming the city of Santiago:

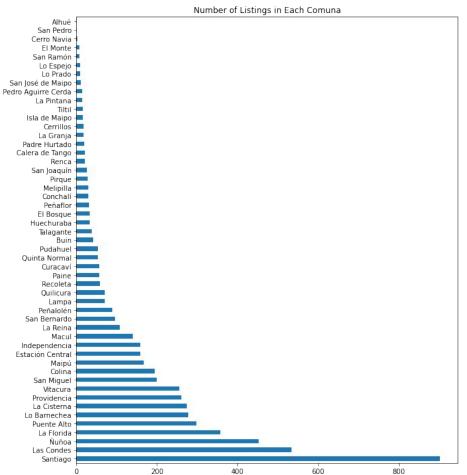


# Examples of listings on chilepropiedades.cl



# Columns in the dataset after cleaning

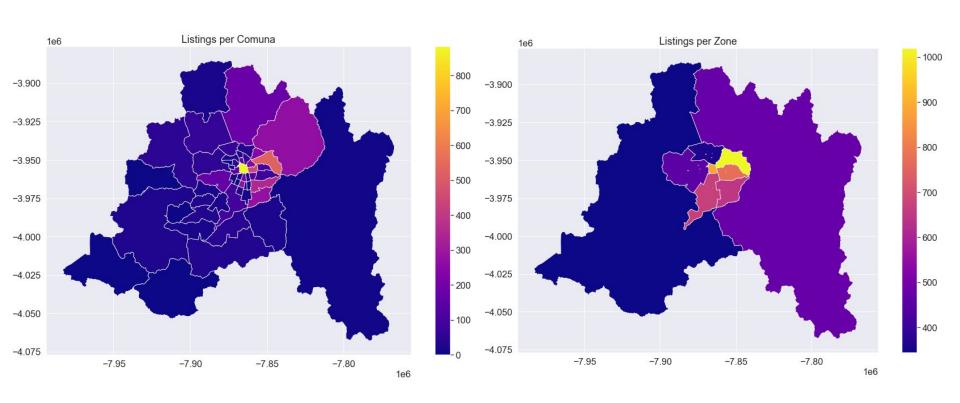
date	date the listing was posted
comuna	local municipality in Chile
house	binary column, 1 for house, 0 for apartment
new	binary column, 1 for new home, 0 for used home
total_area	square meters, size of the property for houses, area for apartments
built_area	square meters, only for houses, area of the footprint of the house
bedrooms	number of bedrooms in the house
bathrooms	number of bathrooms in the house
furnished	binary column, 1 for furnished, 0 for unfurnished
address	street address of the property
description	description of the property, usually a few lines
days_old	days since listing was posted, derived from date column
price_uf	price in unidades de fomento (UF), used for property in Chile



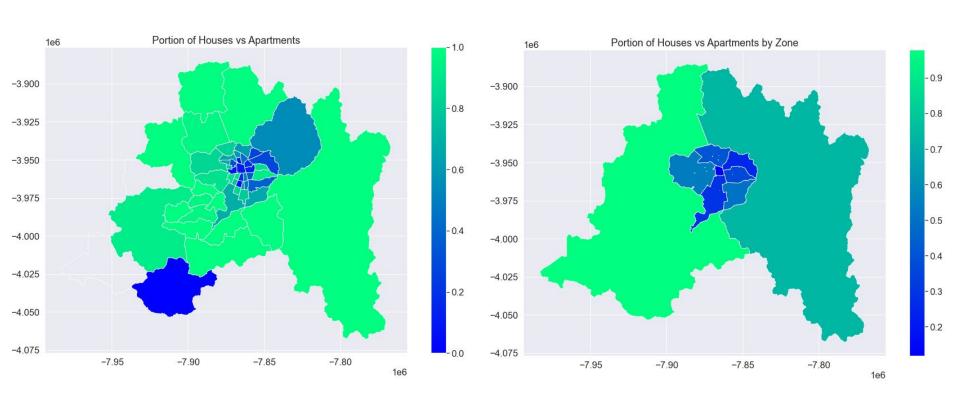
# Which *comunas*/zones have the most listings?



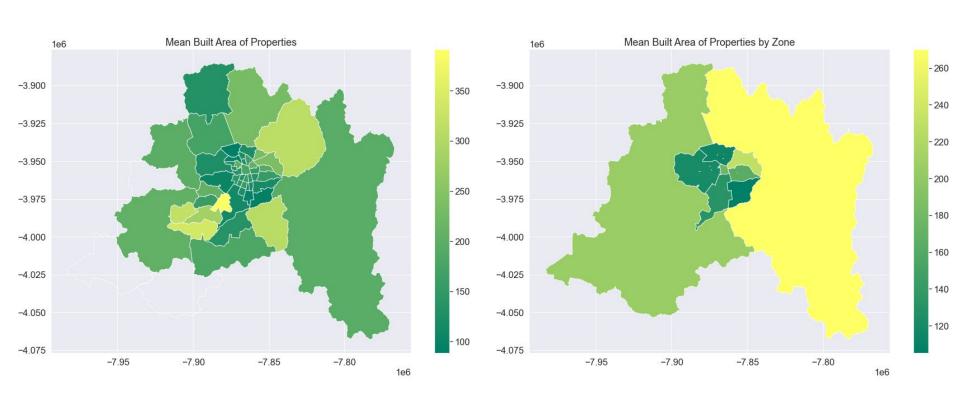
### Total number of listings in each comuna (left) and zone (right)



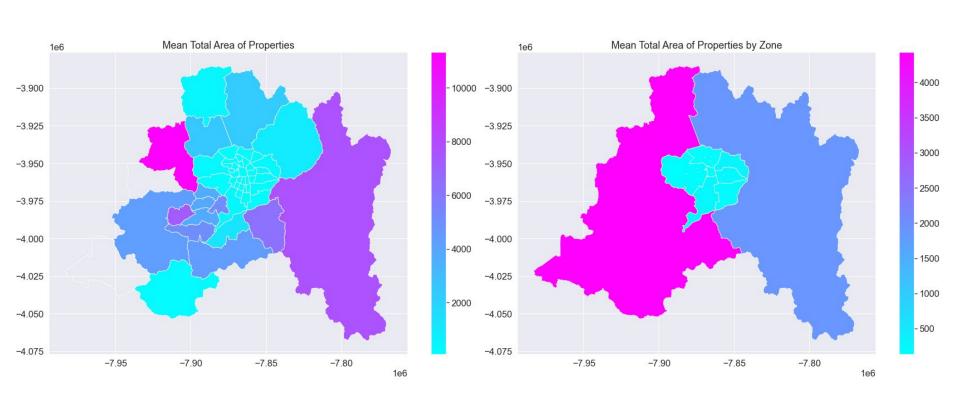
#### Ratio of houses to apartments in each comuna (left) and zone (right)



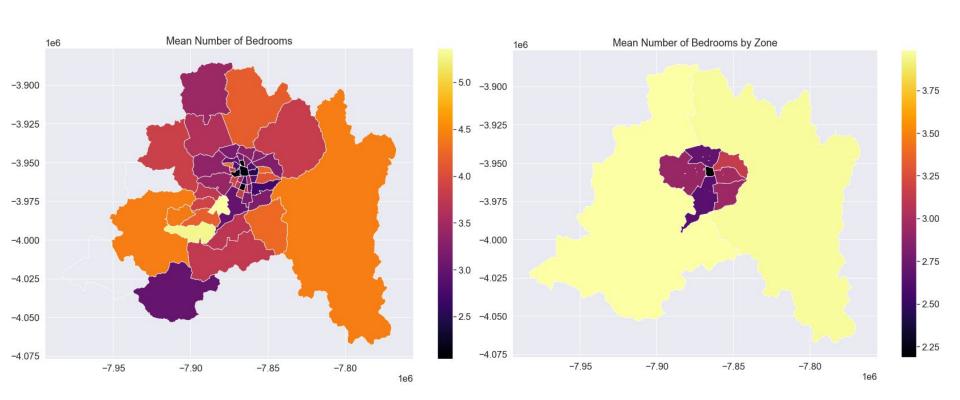
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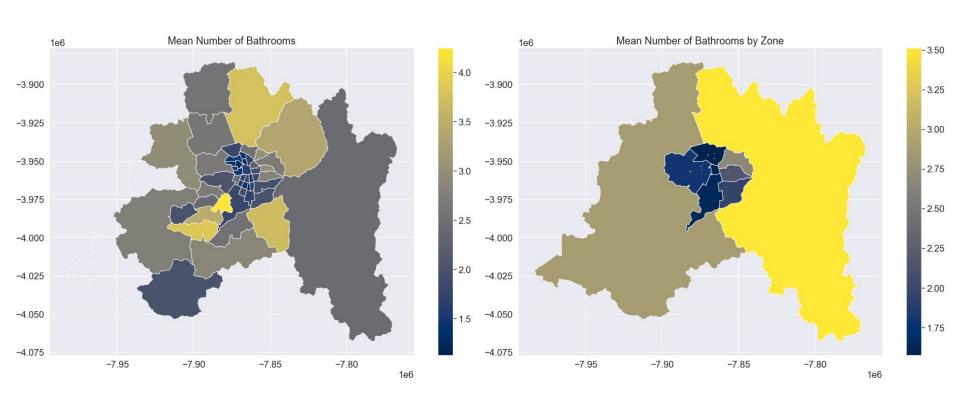
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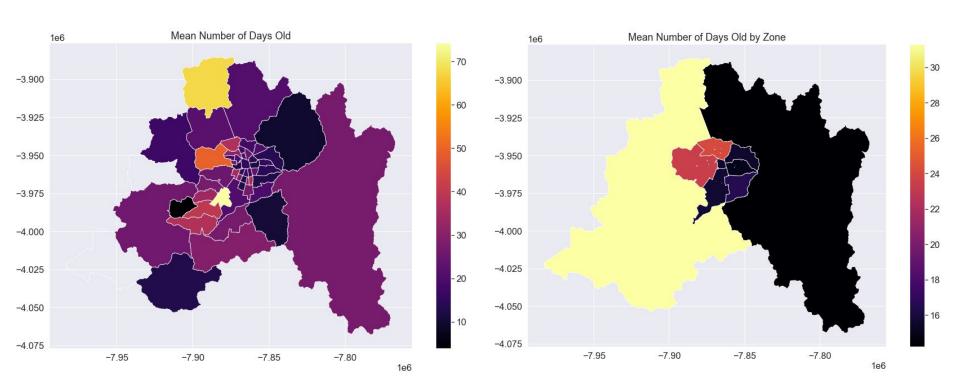
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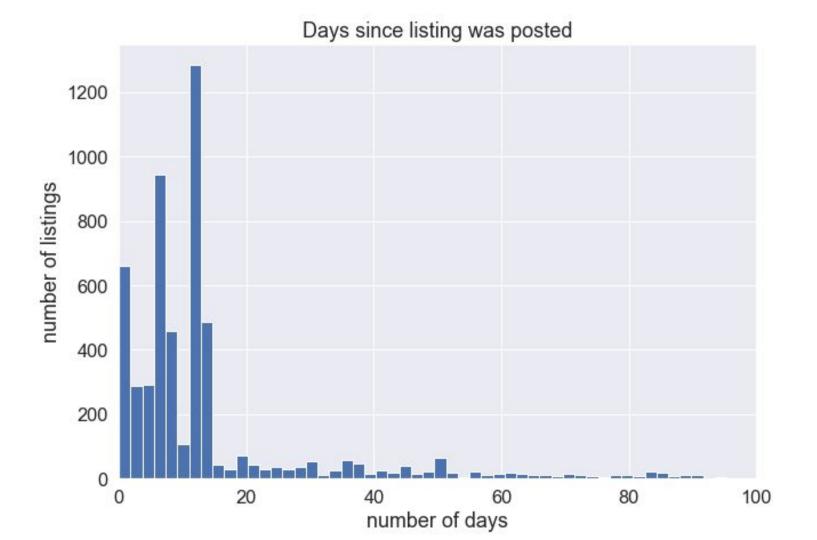


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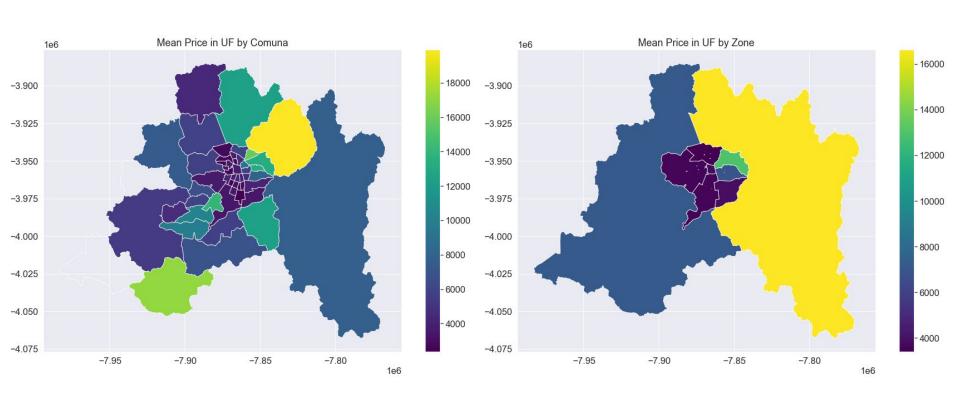


# Average number of days since listing was posted in each comuna (left) and zone (right)

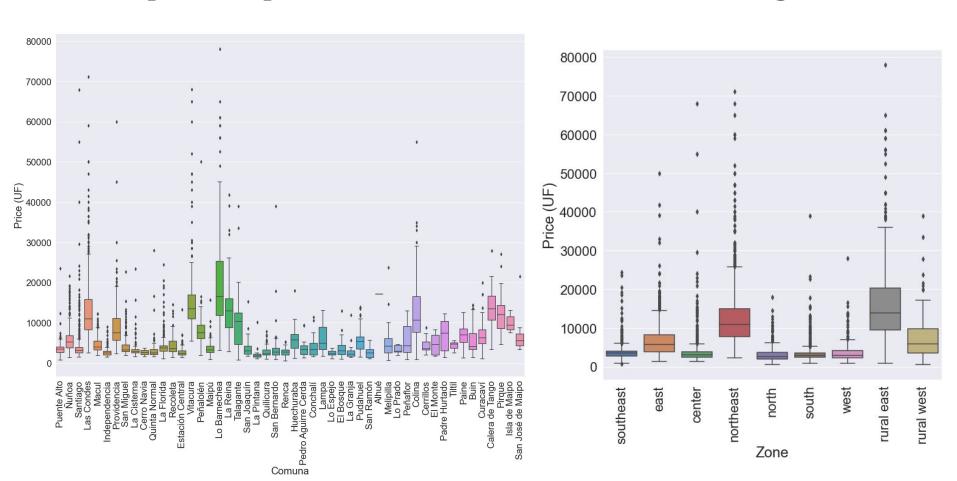




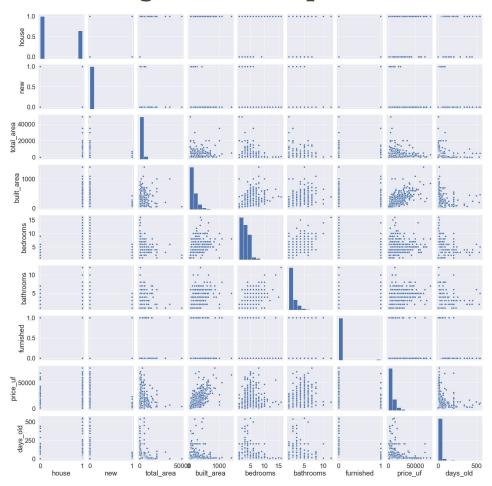
# Average price of in each comuna (left) and zone (right)



### Spread of price in each comuna (left) and zone (right)



### Pair plot showing relationships between features



# Modeling

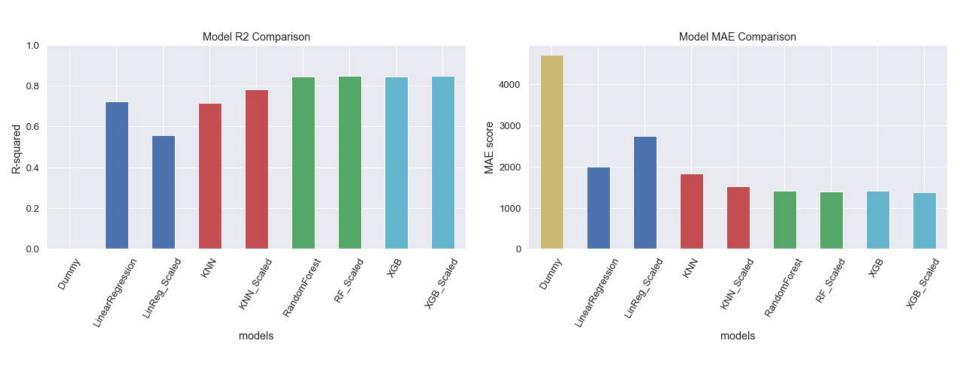
#### Features used:

house, total\_area, built\_area, bedrooms, bathrooms, zone\_east, zone\_north, zone\_northeast, zone\_rural east, zone\_rural west, zone\_south, zone\_southeast, zone\_west

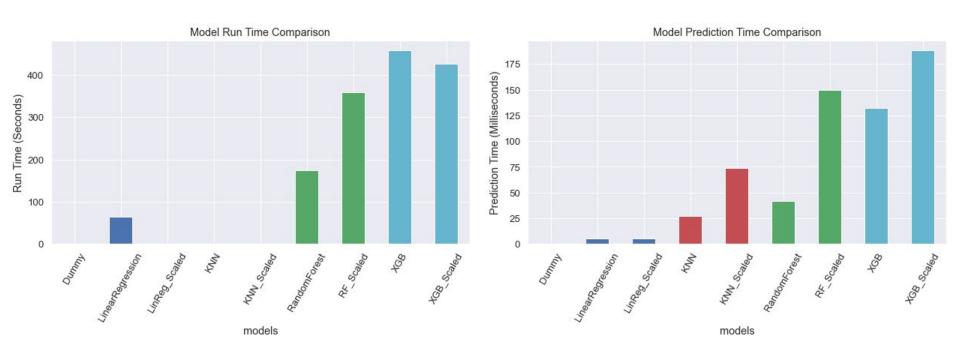
### Models used (all with original data and scaled data):

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- K Nearest Neighbor with Grid Search cross-validation
- Random Forest Regressor with Randomized Search cross-validation
- XGBoost with Randomized Search cross-validation

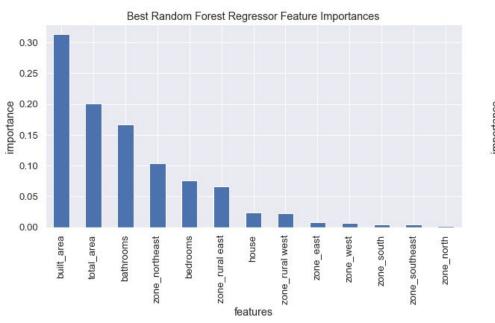
# Comparison of models based on R-squared (left) and Mean Absolute Error (right)

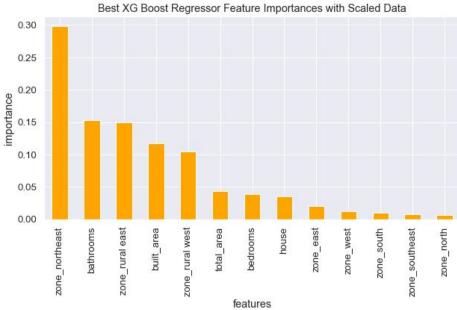


# Comparison of models based on training time (left) and prediction time (right)



# Feature importance for Random Forest Regressor (left) and XGBoost Regressor (right)





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