

# Toronto Home Price Index

## A Time Series Analysis

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# Home Price Index (HPI)

## Home Price Index

- Based on the sold prices of residential real estate.
- Corrects for the estate's features to make it less volatile, compared to averages.
- <https://trreb.ca/index.php/market-news/mls-home-price-index/>

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- Type: Housing type
- Date: Monthly, first of every month

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- Each panel is an Area x Type pair, i.e. each row in the below table.
- Each panel has either 103 or 69 data points (months)
- We can run multivariate analysis or multiple univariate analyses.

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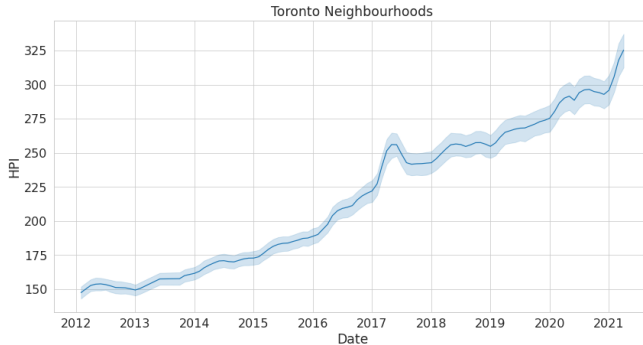
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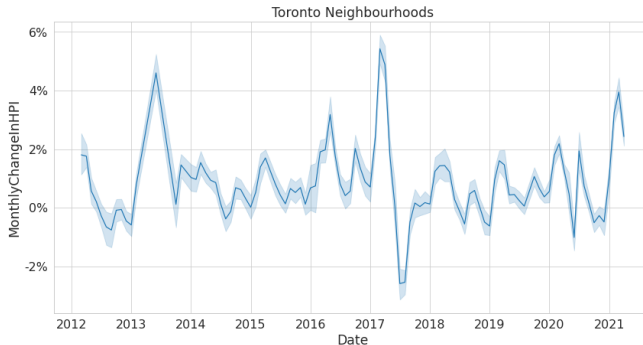
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# A Good Example

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# MSE: Benchmark vs VAR model

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I would like to repeat the work with the following sets of models:

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