

Monthly Indicators

A research tool provided by the Fort Wayne Area Multiple Listing Service

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September 2010

With this month's report, be mindful of the fact that activity was uniquely strong last year at this time due to the approaching deadline for the 2009 tax credit. This means that we're entering an apples-to-oranges comparison period which may make this year's activity look especially slow for the next few months. Combine that with the fact that this time of year typically endures slowed sales activity and that buyers in 2010 were driven to enter contracts by April 30, 2010, and you'll see that September 2010's numbers should be taken with a grain of proverbial salt.

Pending Sales in the Fort Wayne region decreased by 20.7 percent from last September to arrive at 494. New Listings decreased by 19.3 percent since last September and the overall inventory of 4,200 decreased by 14.1 percent.

Median Sales Price decreased by 6.6 percent compared to last September, registering in at \$92,000. Average Days on Market, at 95, increased by 5.0 percent versus last year. Months Supply of Inventory decreased by 21.5 percent to weigh in at 7.8 months.

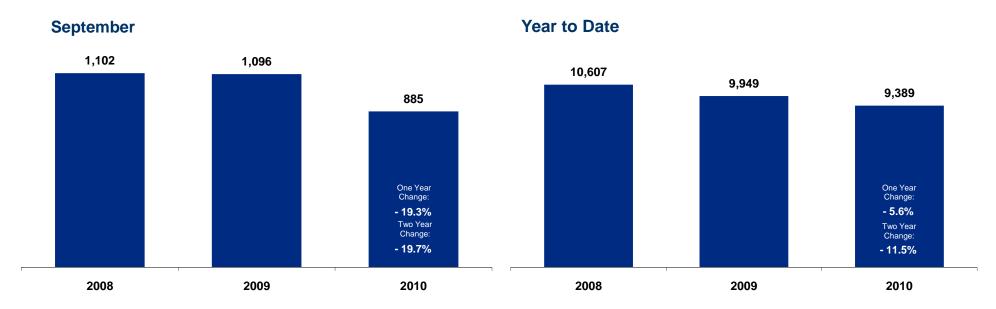
For the sake of long-term market stability, be wary of an overabundance of listing activity. If homes aren't selling like they used to, but listings remain fairly flat, inventory will climb and prices may adjust downward. Balanced supply and demand, as always, is the ultimate goal.

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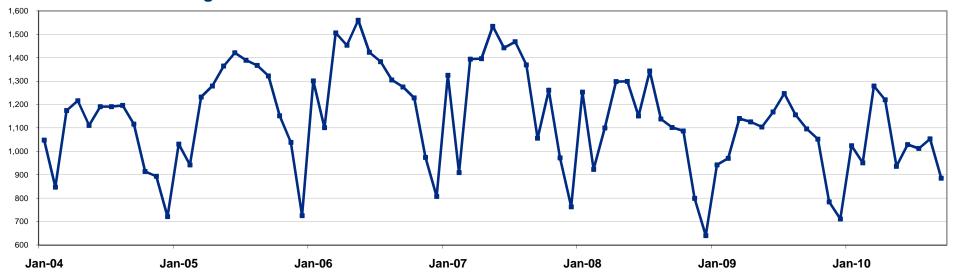
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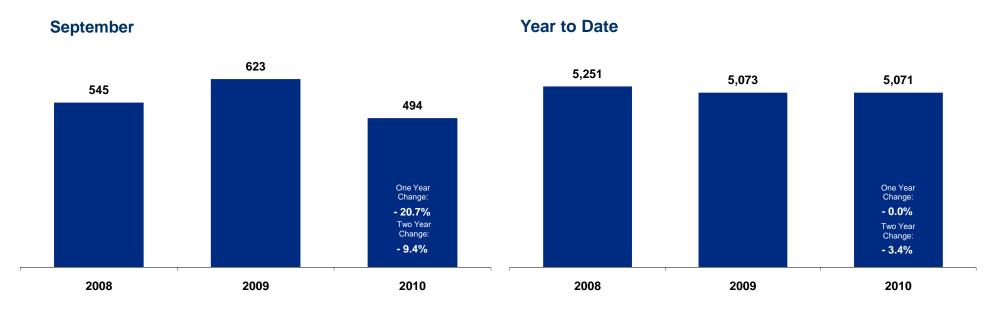


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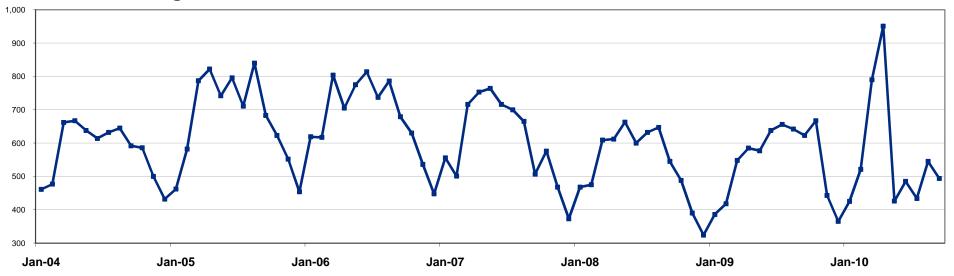








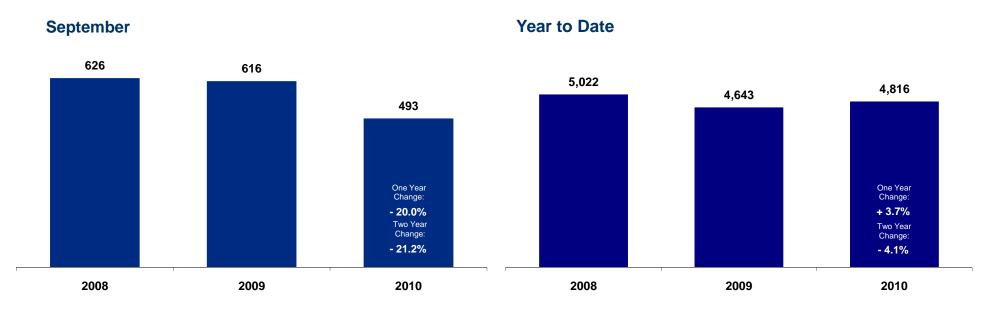
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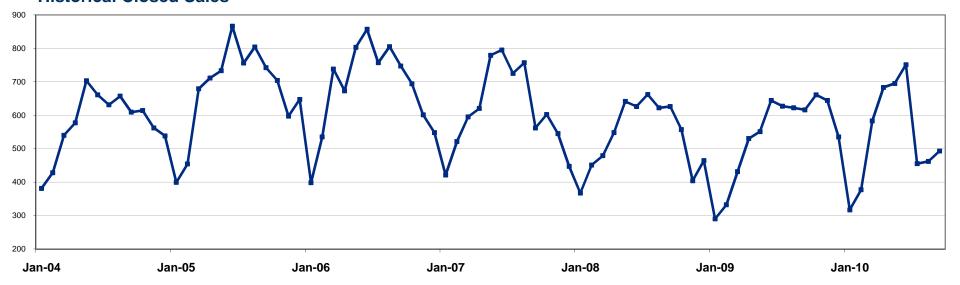
Closed Sales



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Historical Closed Sales

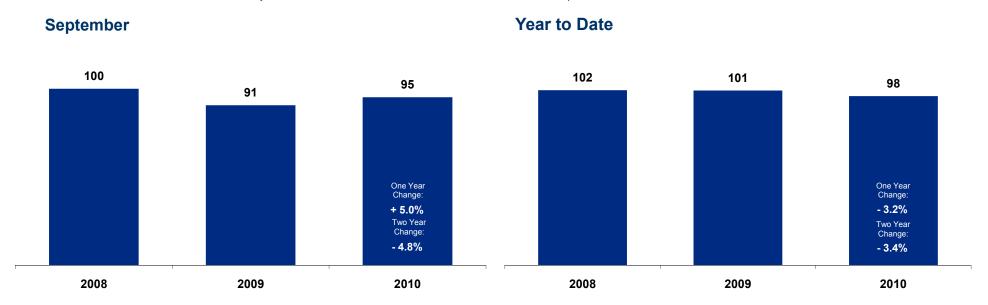




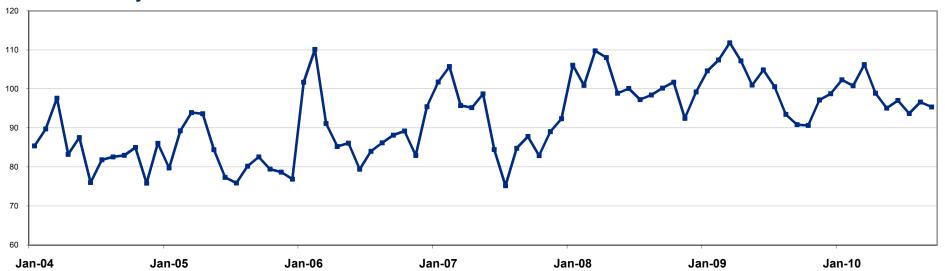
Days on Market Until Sale

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Data for this metric comes from the Cumulative Days on Market field from the FWAAR MLS. Other metrics in this report contain data from other MLSs.



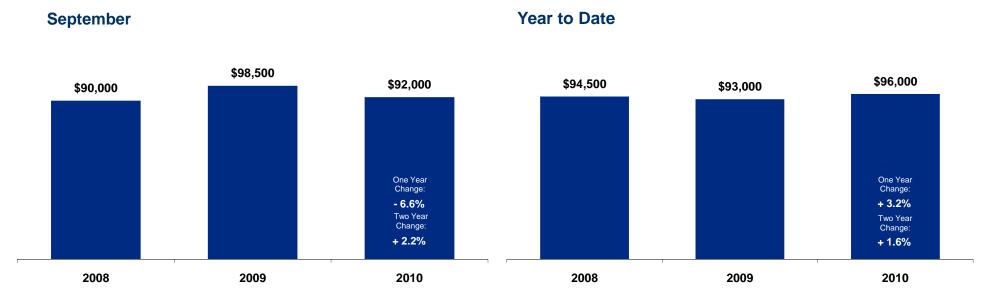
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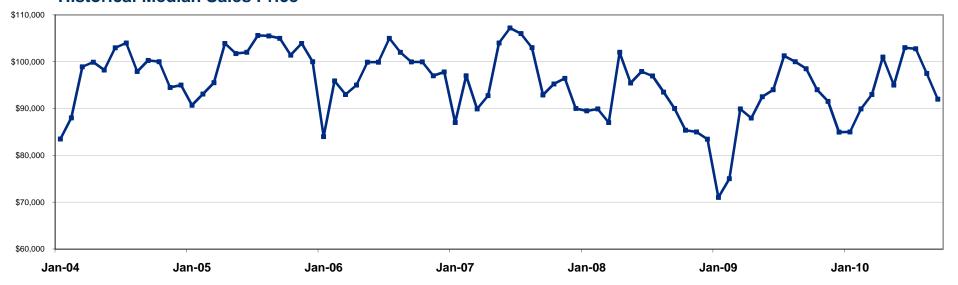
Median Sales Price



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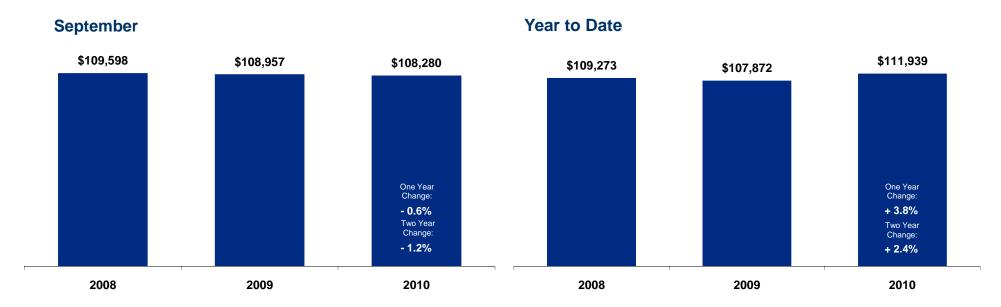


Historical Median Sales Price

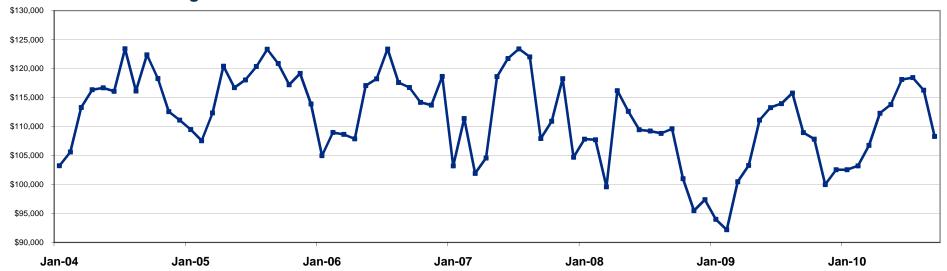








Historical Average Sales Price



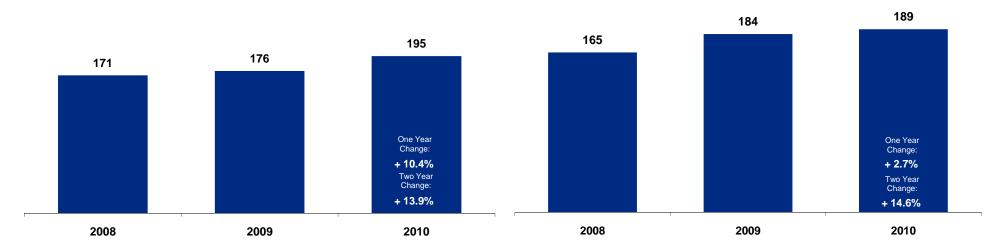
Housing Affordability Index



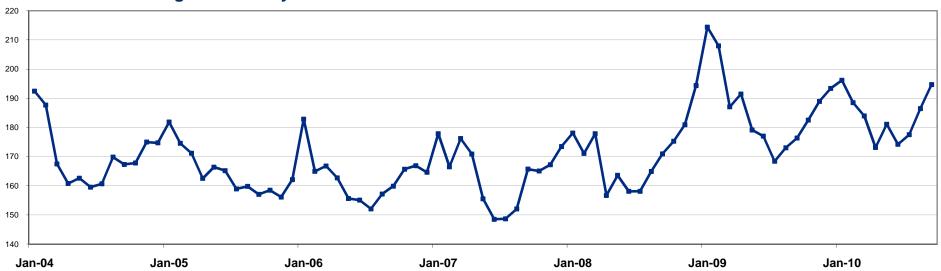
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Year to Date The HAI formula measures housing affordability for the Fort Wayne Regional Housing Market. An HAI of 120 means the median family income is 120% of the necessary income to qualify for the median priced home using a 20% down, 30-year fixed rate mortgage.



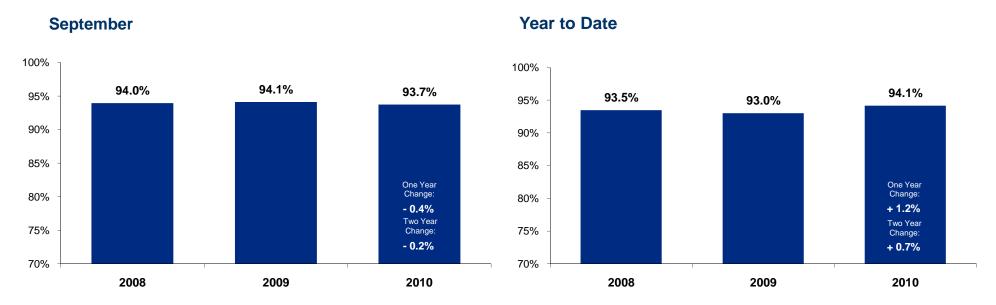
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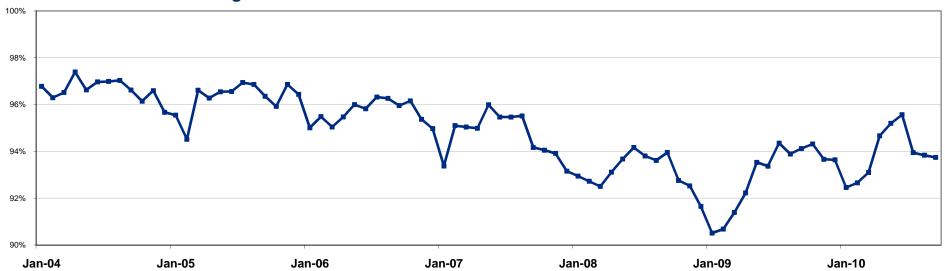


Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale

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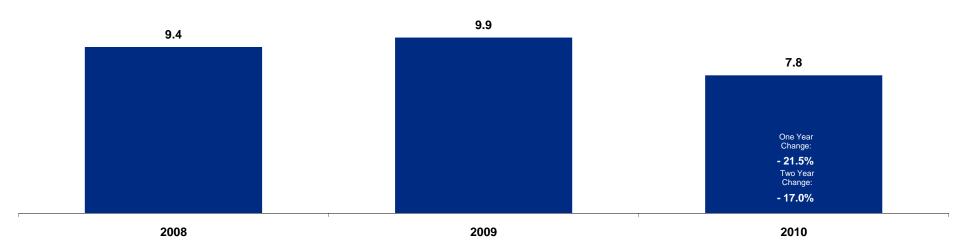
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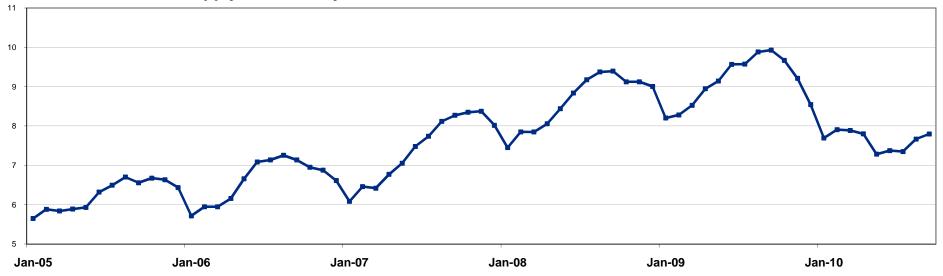




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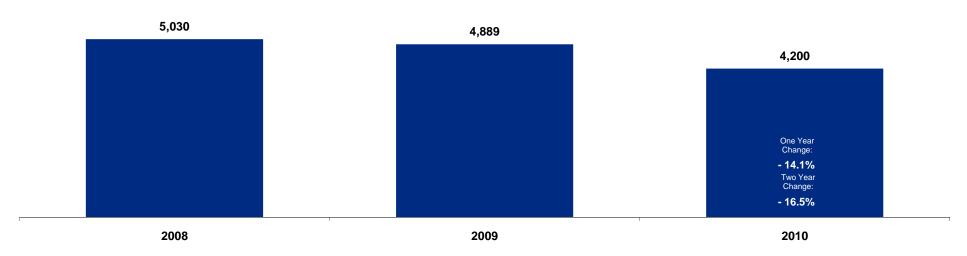
Historical Months Supply of Inventory



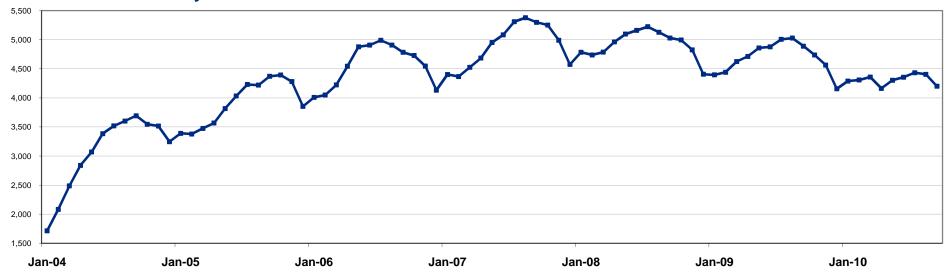




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Historical Inventory of Homes Available



Market Overview

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		Monthly			Year to Date		
		Current	Prior Year	+/-	Current	Prior Year	+/-
New Listings	Jul 2010	1,012	1,247	- 18.8%	7,451	7,697	- 3.2%
	Aug 2010	1,053	1,156	- 8.9%	8,504	8,853	- 3.9%
	Sep 2010	885	1,096	- 19.3%	9,389	9,949	- 5.6%
Pending Sales	Jul 2010	434	656	- 33.8%	4,032	3,808	+ 5.9%
	Aug 2010	545	642	- 15.1%	4,577	4,450	+ 2.9%
	Sep 2010	494	623	- 20.7%	5,071	5,073	- 0.0%
Closed Sales	Jul 2010	455	627	- 27.4%	3,861	3,405	+ 13.4%
	Aug 2010	462	622	- 25.7%	4,323	4,027	+ 7.4%
	Sep 2010	493	616	- 20.0%	4,816	4,643	+ 3.7%
Days on Market Until Sale	Jul 2010	94	101	- 6.8%	99	105	- 5.8%
	Aug 2010	97	93	+ 3.4%	99	103	- 4.4%
	Sep 2010	95	91	+ 5.0%	98	101	- 3.2%
Median Sales Price	Jul 2010	\$102,750	\$101,250	+ 1.5%	\$97,000	\$90,000	+ 7.8%
	Aug 2010	\$97,500	\$100,000	- 2.5%	\$97,000	\$91,500	+ 6.0%
	Sep 2010	\$92,000	\$98,500	- 6.6%	\$96,000	\$93,000	+ 3.2%
Average Sales Price	Jul 2010	\$118,429	\$113,951	+ 3.9%	\$111,889	\$106,223	+ 5.3%
	Aug 2010	\$116,255	\$115,766	+ 0.4%	\$112,355	\$107,705	+ 4.3%
	Sep 2010	\$108,280	\$108,957	- 0.6%	\$111,939	\$107,872	+ 3.8%
Percent of Original List	Jul 2010	93.9%	94.4%	- 0.4%	94.2%	92.6%	+ 1.7%
Price Received at Sale	Aug 2010	93.8%	93.9%	- 0.1%	94.2%	92.8%	+ 1.5%
	Sep 2010	93.7%	94.1%	- 0.4%	94.1%	93.0%	+ 1.2%
Housing Affordability Index	Jul 2010	178	168	+ 5.4%	185	184	+ 0.8%
	Aug 2010	186	173	+ 7.8%	187	185	+ 1.3%
	Sep 2010	195	176	+ 10.4%	189	184	+ 2.7%
Total Active Listings	Jul 2010	4,433	5,006	- 11.4%			
Available at Month End	Aug 2010	4,405	5,029	- 12.4%			
	Sep 2010	4,200	4,889	- 14.1%			
Months Supply of Inventory	Jul 2010	7.3	9.6	- 23.2%			
	Aug 2010	7.7	9.9	- 22.4%			
	Sep 2010	7.8	9.9	- 21.5%			1



Explanation of Methodology

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New Listings	A count of the properties that have been newly listed on the market in a given month, regardless of what status they're currently in.
Pending Sales	A count of the properties that have offers accepted on them in a given month, regardless of whether or not the sale closes.
Closed Sales	A count of the properties that have closed in a given month.
Days on Market Until Sale	The average number of days between when a property is first listed and when it is closed, sold properties only.
Median Sales Price	The median sales price for all closed sales in a given month, sold properties only.
Average Sales Price	The average sales price for all closed sales in a given month, sold properties only.
Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale	The average percentage found when dividing a property's sales price by the original list price, sold properties only.
Housing Affordability Index	Measures the affordability of the region's homes. An index of 120 would mean that the median family income in the region is 120% of what's necessary to qualify for the median priced home.
Total Active Listings Available at Month End	The number of properties available for sale in active status at the end of the month.
Months Supply of Inventory	Compares the number of active listings available to the average monthly pending sales for the last twelve months.