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Monthly Indicators

May 2010

May 2010 provided our first month of data after an extensive 18-month tax credit party. And the hangover has truly set in. The tax credit clearly propped up sales, so they predictably took a substantial dip a month after it expired.

Pending Sales decreased 23.7 percent compared to last May to 280 purchase agreements signed. Keep in mind that closed sales will remain strong through the end of June as buyers wrap up before the June 30 closing date deadline. In fact, there were 386 Closed Sales last month, up 15.2 percent over last year.

Sellers danced to a similar beat. New Listings posted a considerable decrease to clock in at 447 new homes on the market, representing a 31.3 percent year-over-year drop. Even though there were fewer new listings last month, the slow down in buyer activity left 2,139 Active Listings on the market, up 2.5 percent compared to last year at this time.

As expected, Median Sales Price did post a slight 0.4 percent decrease over the same period last year. We anticipate prices remaining relatively soft due to the displaced demand effect.

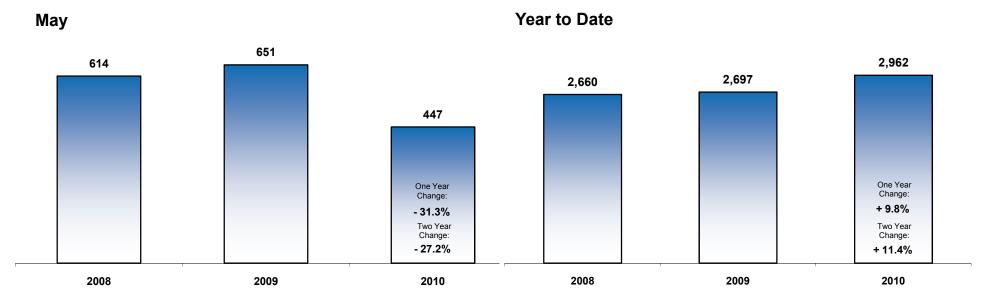
It still remains to be seen whether the dip in buyer activity is a short-term effect of the credit deadline passing or a result of long-term changes in demand. Regardless, we expect a slowed summer selling season.

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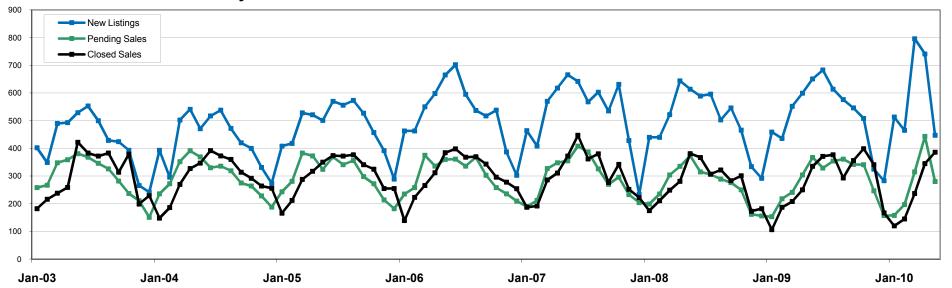
New Listings

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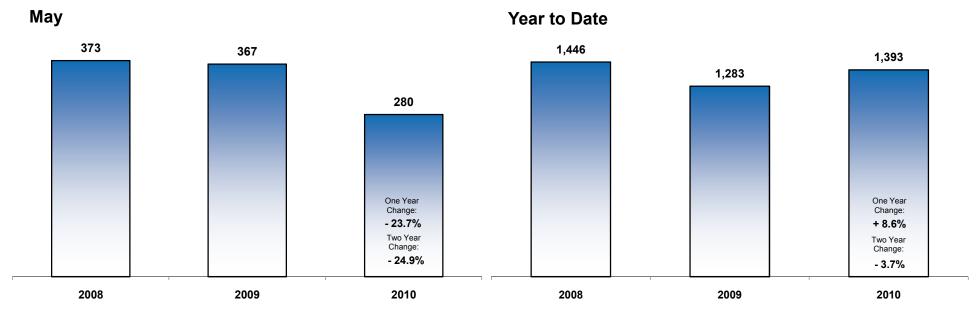
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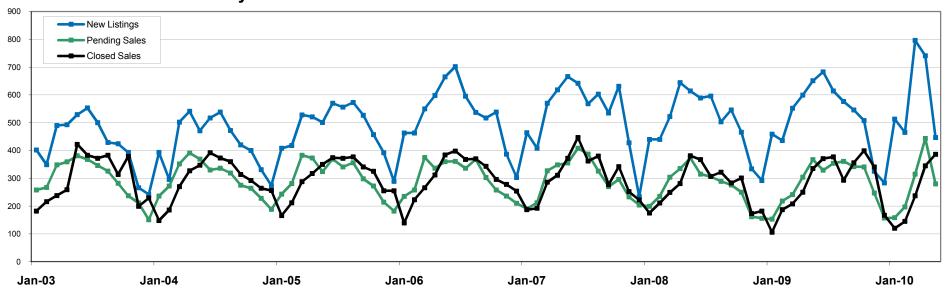
Pending Sales

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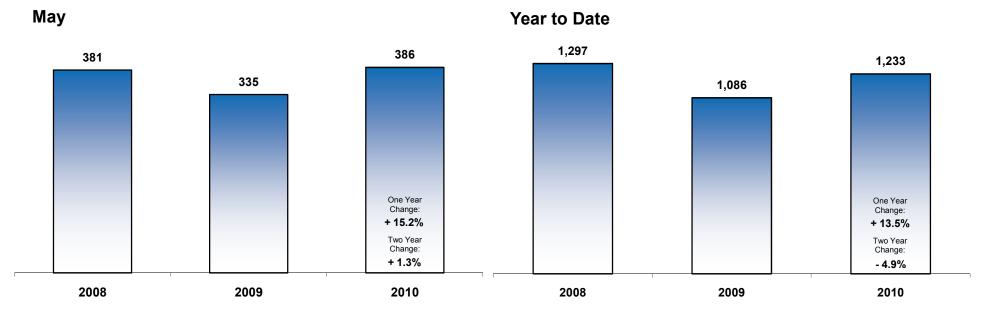
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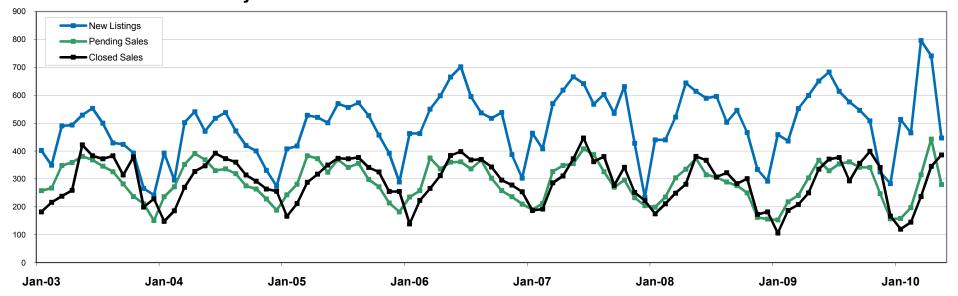
Closed Sales

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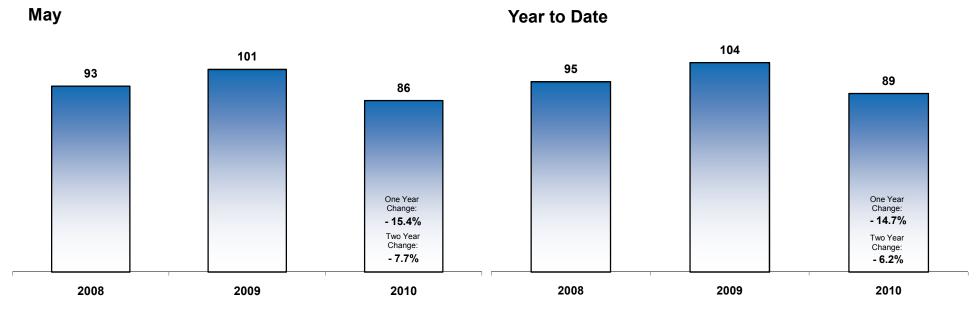
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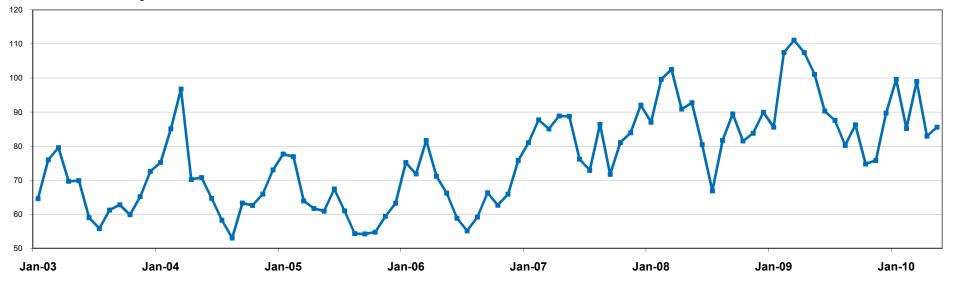
Days on Market Until Sale

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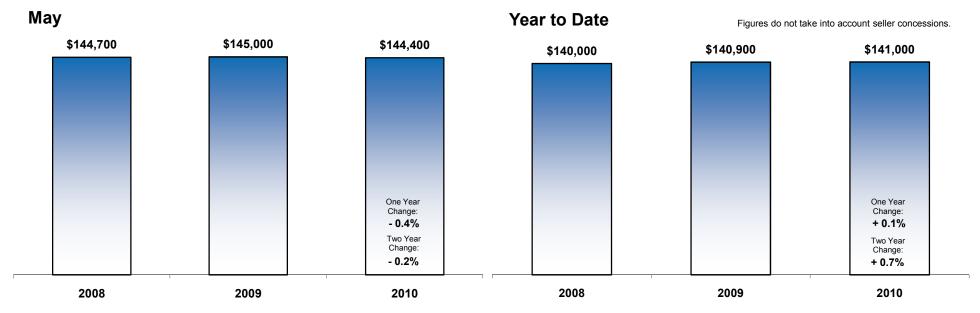
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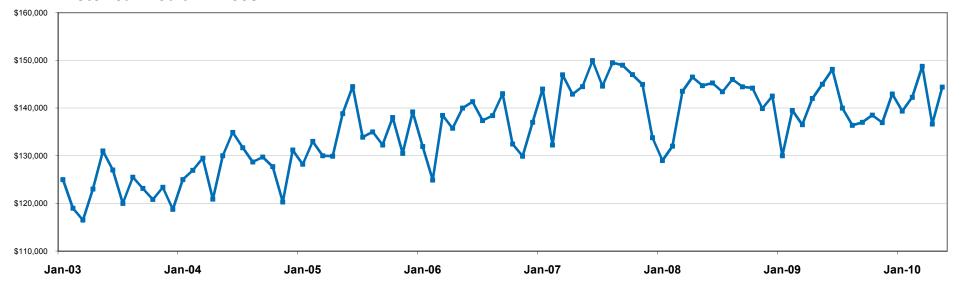
Median Sales Price

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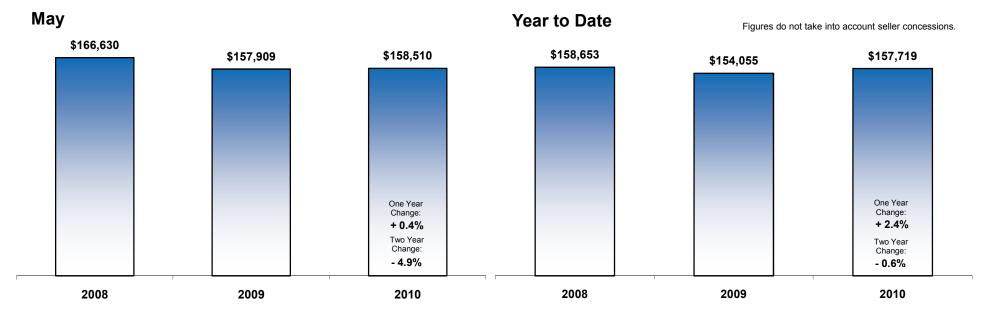
Historical Median Prices



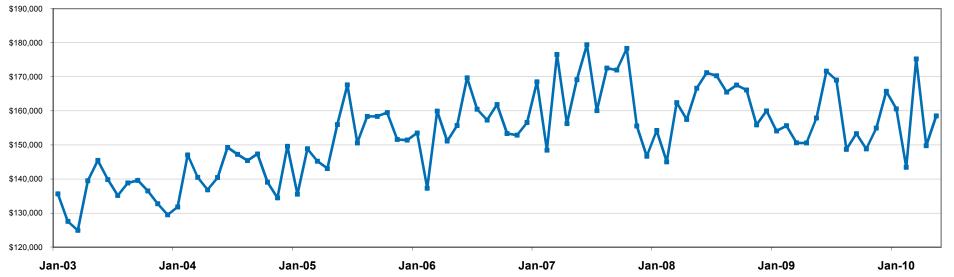
Average Sales Price

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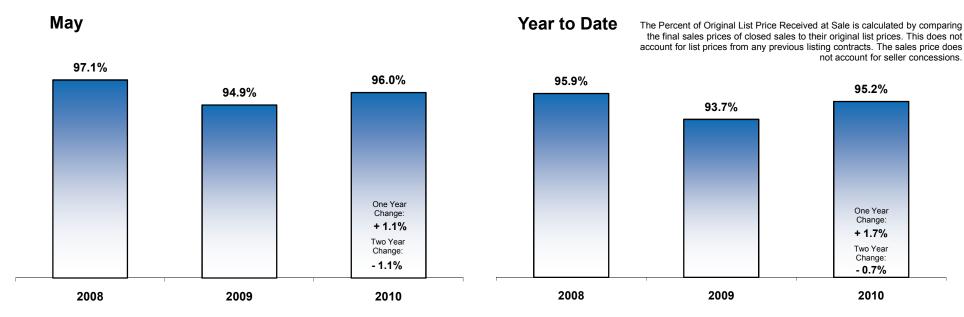
Historical Average Prices



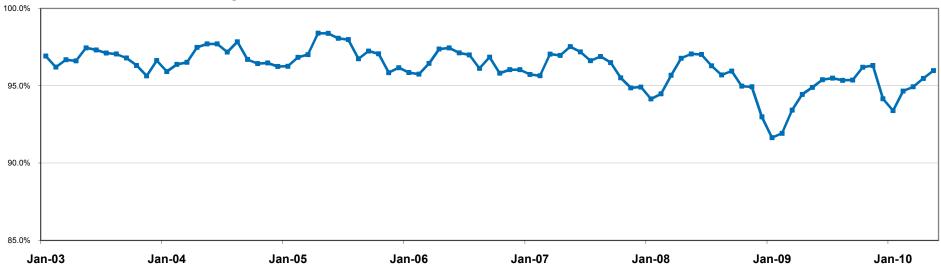
Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale

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Historical Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale



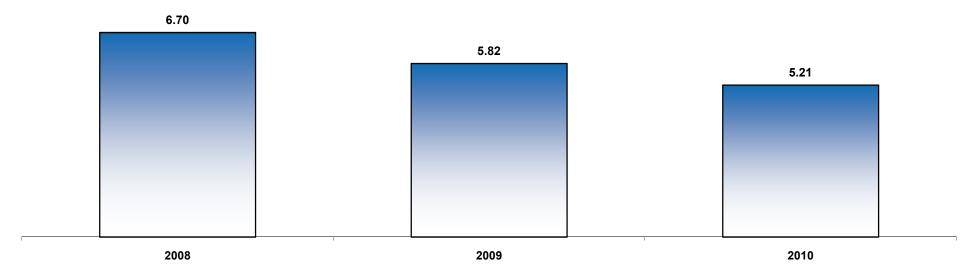
Mortgage Rates

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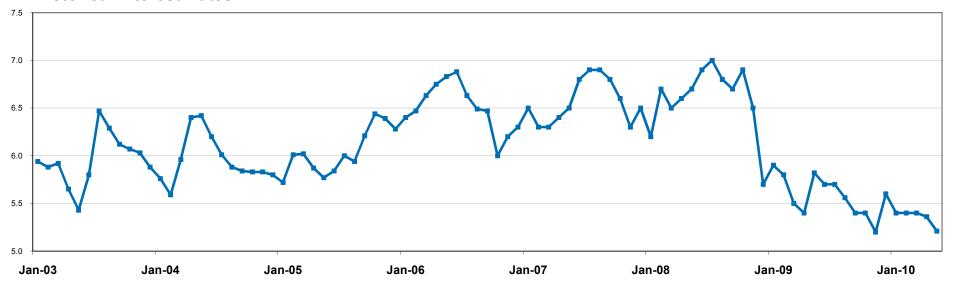


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Mortgage rate information is gathered from HSH Associates Financial Publishers, Inc (www.hsh.com). Data represents national 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.



Historical Interest Rates



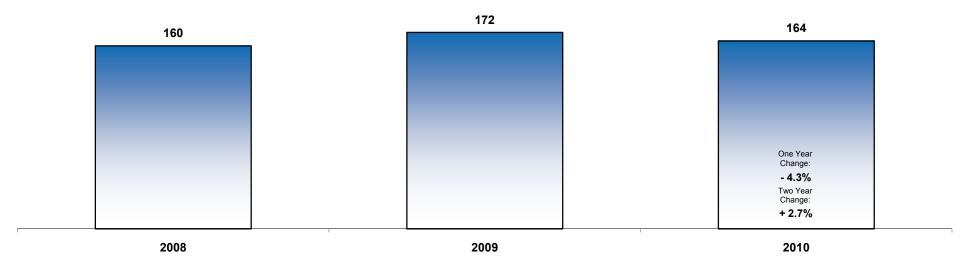
Housing Affordability Index

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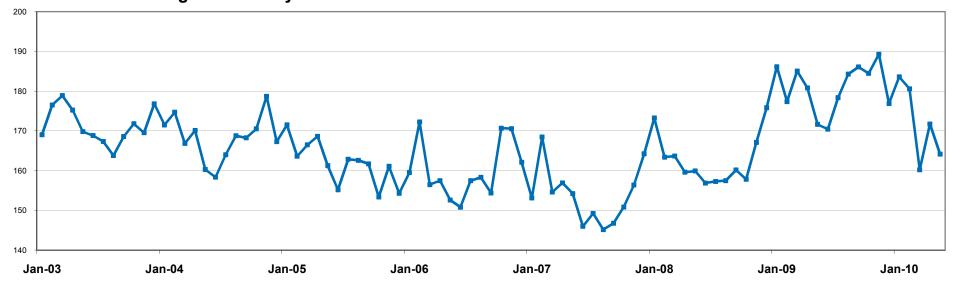


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The HAI formula measures housing affordability for the Sioux Falls Housing Market. An HAI of 120 would mean the median family income is 120% of the necessary income to qualify for the median priced home using 20% downpayment, 30-year fixed rate mortgage.



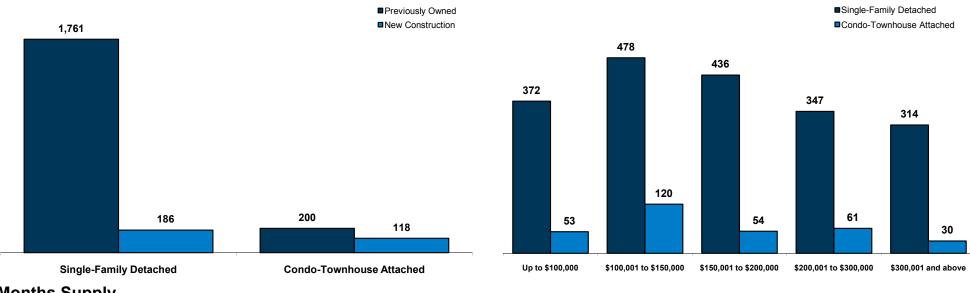
Historical Housing Affordability Index



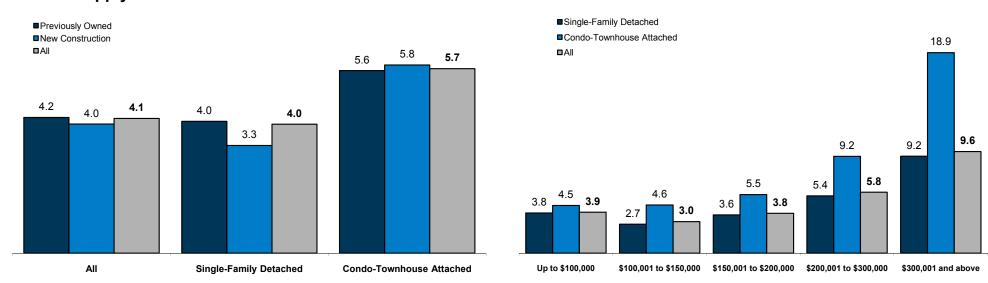
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Inventory of Active Listings



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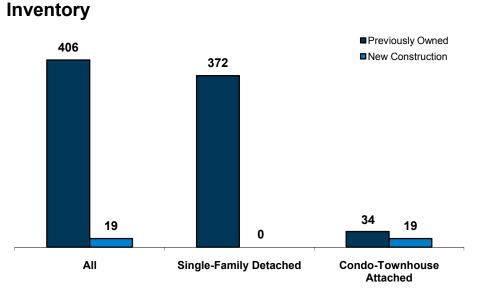


A market is considered balanced between buyers and sellers when there is roughly a 5- to 6-month supply of homes available for purchase.

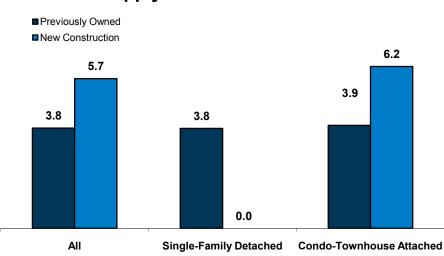
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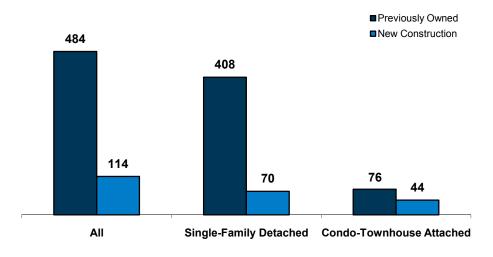


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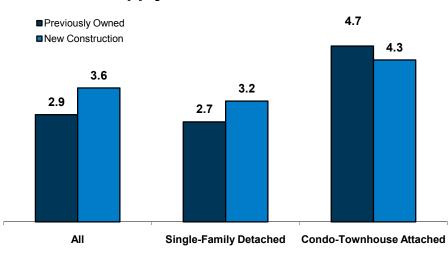


\$100,001 to \$150,000

Inventory



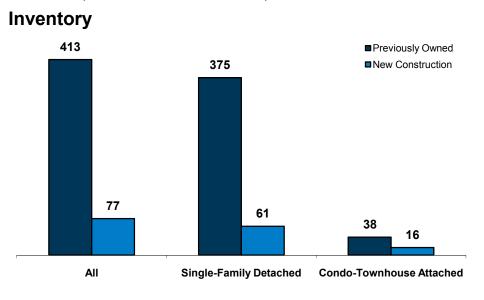
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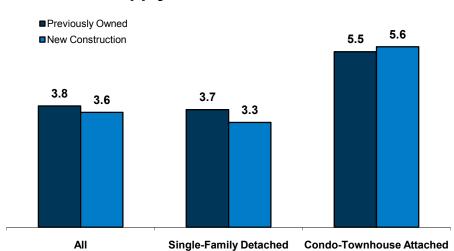
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\$150,001 to \$200,000

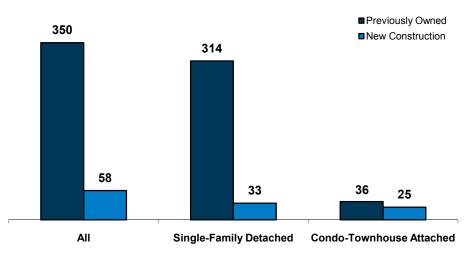


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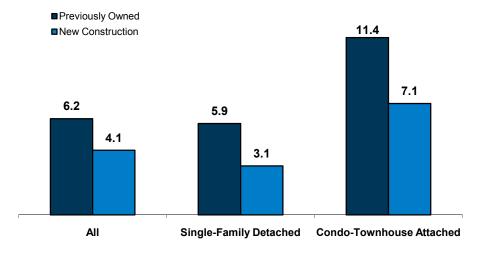


\$200,001 to \$300,000

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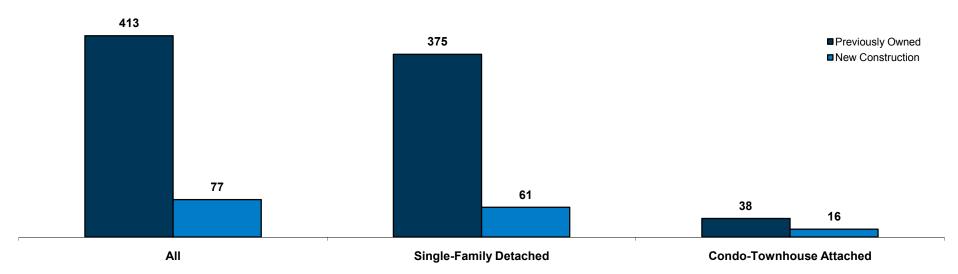


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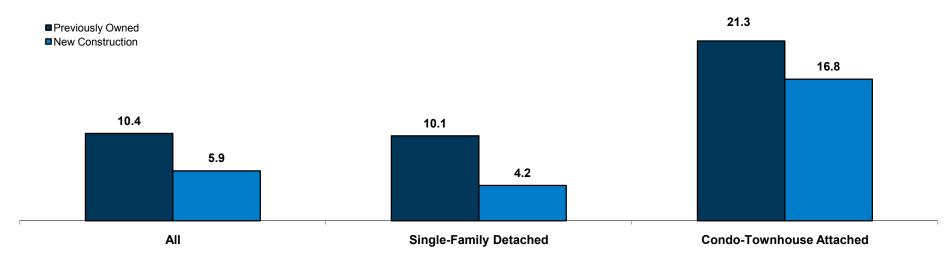


\$300,001 and above

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Months Supply



Market Overview



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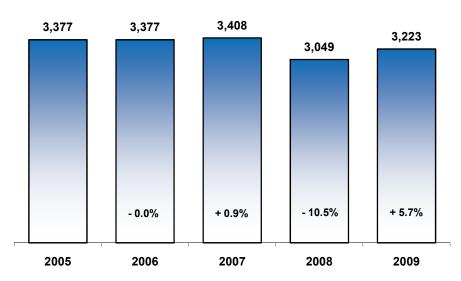
May 2010		This Year	Last Year	Percent Change	5-Year Average	This Year Year-to- Date	Previous Year Year-to- Date	Percent Change	5-Year Year-to- Date Average
New Listings	Mar	796	552	+ 44.2%	598	1,774	1,447	+ 22.6%	1,508
	Apr	741	599	+ 23.7%	640	2,515	2,046	+ 22.9%	2,148
	May	447	651	- 31.3%	609	2,962	2,697	+ 9.8%	2,757
Pending Sales	Mar	315	241	+ 30.7%	312	670	612	+ 9.5%	723
	Apr	443	304	+ 45.7%	353	1,113	916	+ 21.5%	1,077
	May	280	367	- 23.7%	347	1,393	1,283	+ 8.6%	1,424
Closed Sales	Mar	237	208	+ 13.9%	249	502	501	+ 0.2%	586
	Apr	345	250	+ 38.0%	300	847	751	+ 12.8%	886
	May	386	335	+ 15.2%	372	1,233	1,086	+ 13.5%	1,258
Days on Market Until Sale	Mar	99	111	- 10.9%	96	95	104	- 8.8%	92
	Apr	83	107	- 22.8%	88	90	105	- 14.4%	90
	May	86	101	- 15.4%	87	89	104	- 14.7%	89
Median Sales Price	Mar	\$148,750	\$136,500	+ 9.0%	\$142,837	\$143,950	\$136,000	+ 5.8%	
	Apr	\$136,643	\$142,000	- 3.8%	\$140,759	\$140,000	\$138,650	+ 1.0%	
	May	\$144,400	\$145,000	- 0.4%	\$143,720	\$141,000	\$140,900	+ 0.1%	
Average Sales Price	Mar	\$175,249	\$150,617	+ 16.4%	\$164,947	\$162,555	\$153,223	+ 6.1%	\$157,361
	Apr	\$149,798	\$150,558	- 0.5%	\$153,042	\$157,359	\$152,336	+ 3.3%	\$155,745
	May	\$158,510	\$157,909	+ 0.4%	\$161,587	\$157,719	\$154,055	+ 2.4%	\$157,456
Total Active Listings Available	Mar	1,969	2,018	- 2.4%					
	Apr	2,235	2,152	+ 3.9%					
	May	2,319	2,263	+ 2.5%					
Percent of Original List Price	Mar	94.9%	93.4%	+ 1.6%	95.5%	94.5%	92.5%	+ 2.2%	94.5%
Received at Sale	Apr	95.5%	94.4%	+ 1.1%	96.2%	94.9%	93.1%	+ 1.9%	94.9%
	May	96.0%	94.9%	+ 1.1%	96.6%	95.2%	93.7%	+ 1.7%	95.2%
Mortgage Rates	Mar	5.4	5.5	- 1.8%	6.1				
	Apr	5.4	5.4	- 0.7%	6.1				
	May	5.2	5.8	- 10.5%	6.2				
Housing Affordability Index	Mar	160	185	- 13.4%	164				
	Apr	172	181	- 5.0%	165				
	May	164	172	- 4.3%	161				
Months Supply of Inventory	Mar	7.0	7.7	- 9.9%					
	Apr	7.7	8.4	- 8.0%					
	May	7.7	8.9	- 13.6%					

Annual Review

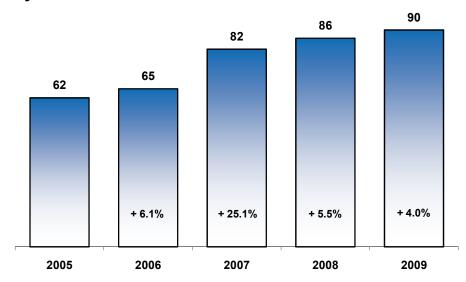
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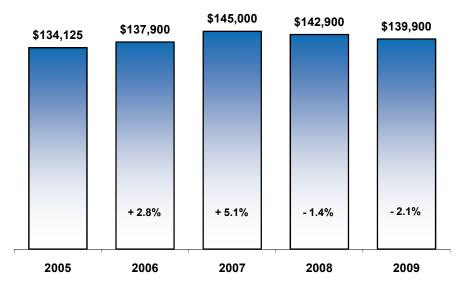




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