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Monthly Indicators

October 2010

What can we say that we haven't said before? Newspapers warn of possible foreclosure moratoria, job growth is just barely in the black ink and the midterm election cycle brought new leadership to Washington, DC. Buyers are still armed with access to cheap loans and strong negotiating power. Recovery continues to crawl forward nationally; let's take a look at what's happening locally.

Pending Sales in the Sioux Falls region decreased by 41.2 percent from last October to arrive at 200. New Listings decreased by 15.4 percent to land at 430 and the overall inventory of 2,309 increased by 6.9 percent.

Prices held their ground in the face of thinning demand - which testifies to the durability of this market. Median Sales Price increased by 0.4 percent, registering in at \$139,000. Average Days on Market, at 87, grew by 16.9 percent versus last year. Negotiations moved in favor of buyers as Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale decreased by 2.0 percent to 94.2 percent.

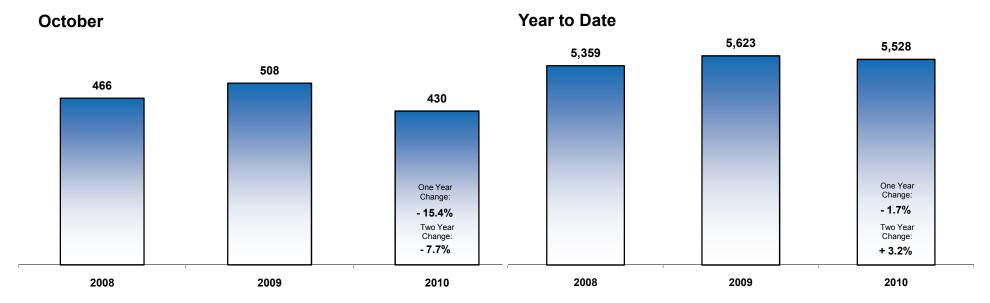
Our recovery is moving at a sloth's pace, but at least it's moving forward. Stronger economic growth will drive new household formations and instill the confidence needed for current homeowners to move up and for current renters to consider homeownership.

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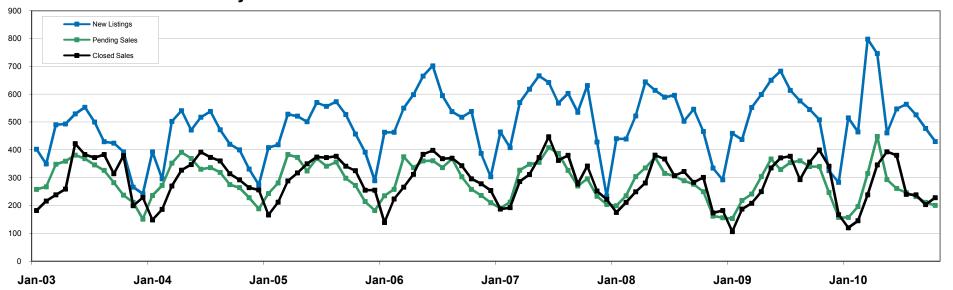
New Listings

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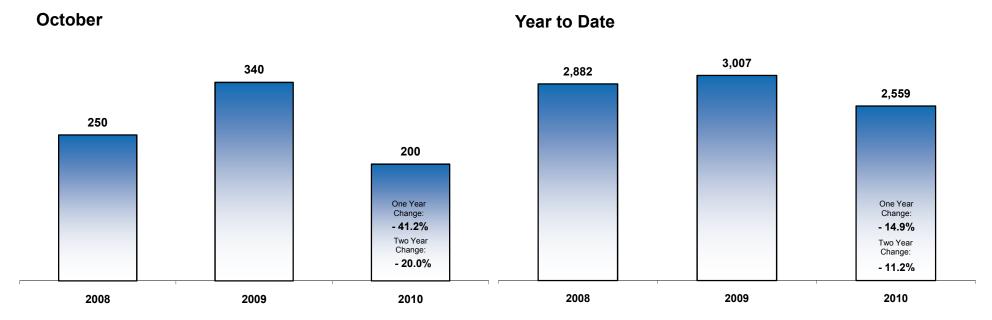
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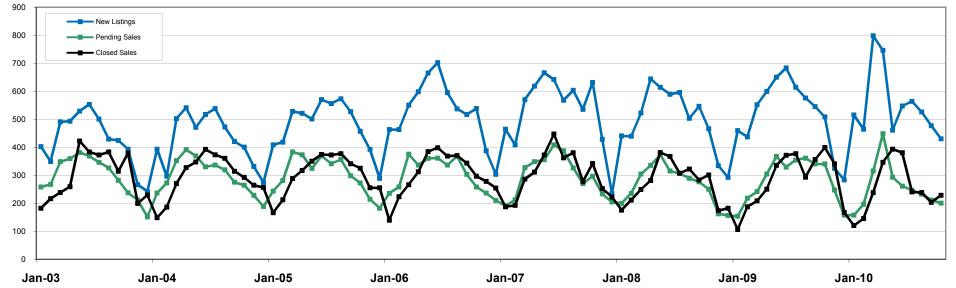
Pending Sales

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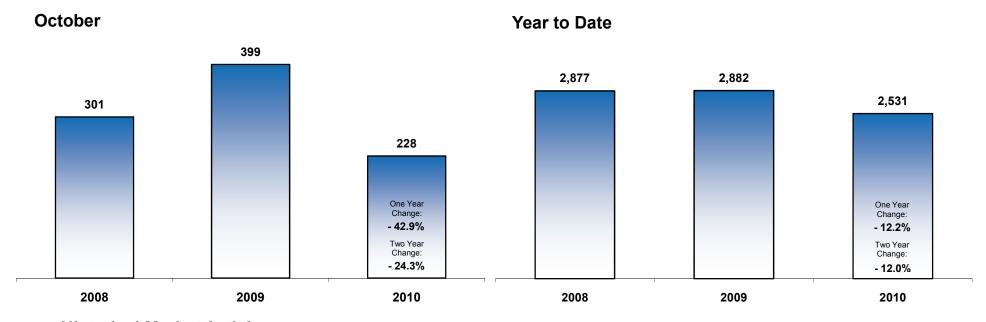
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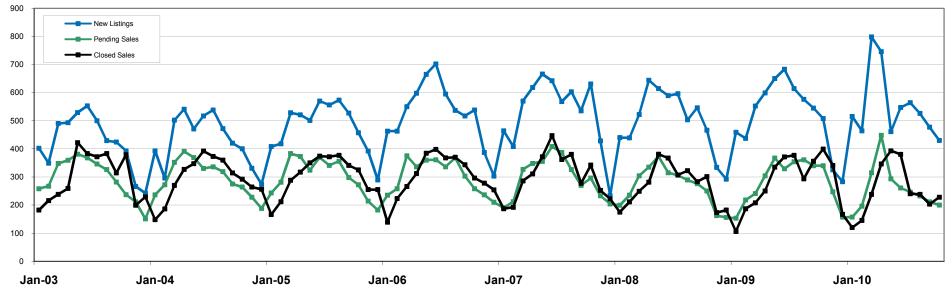
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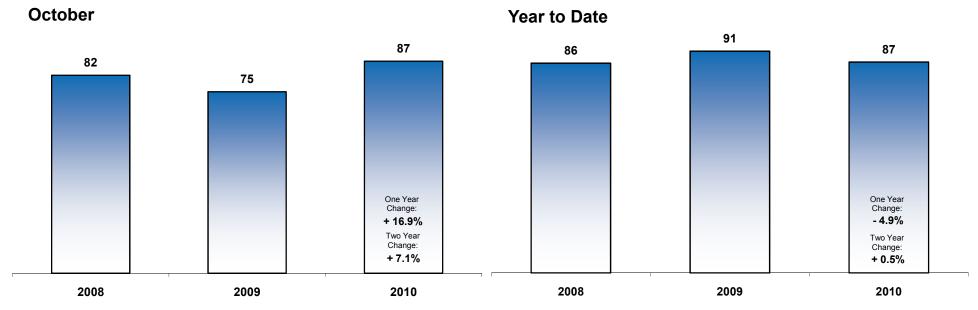
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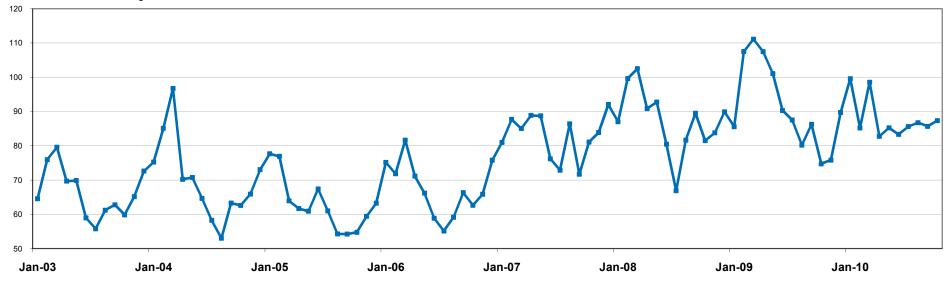
Days on Market Until Sale

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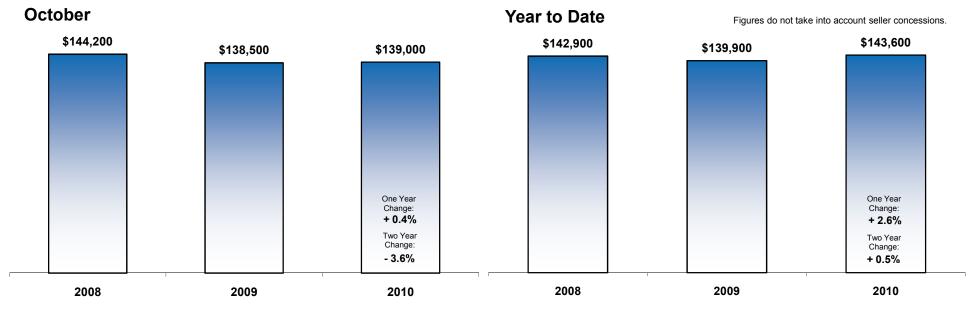
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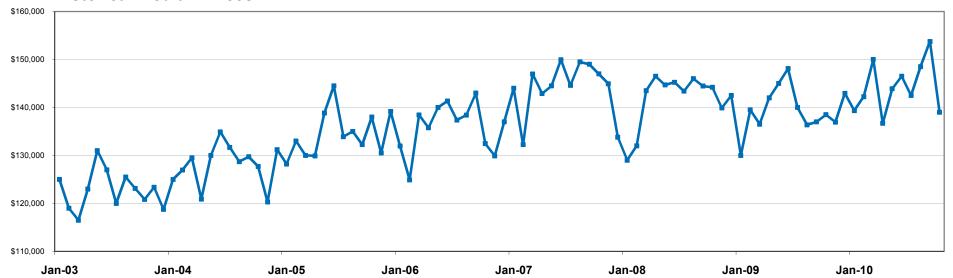
Median Sales Price

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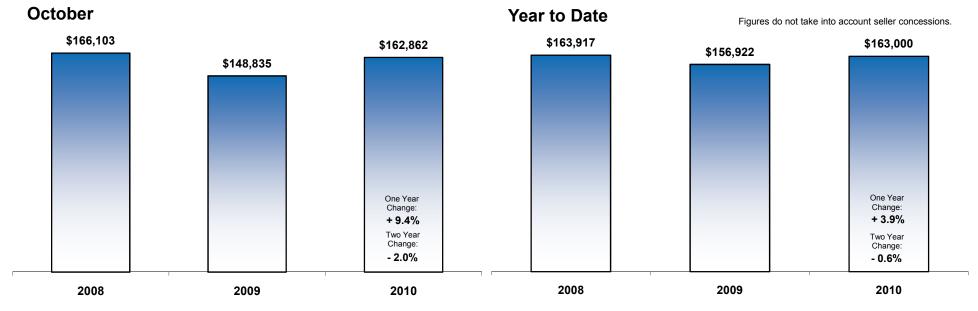




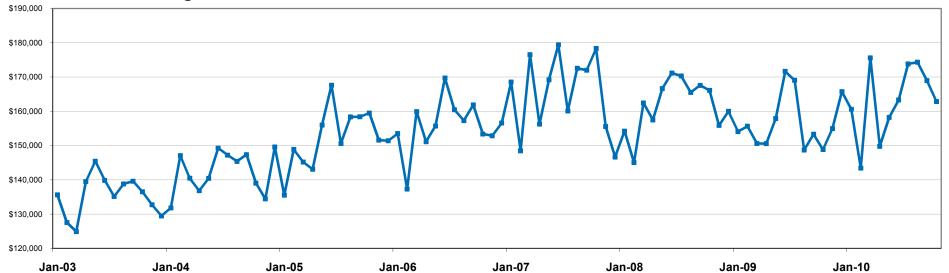
Average Sales Price

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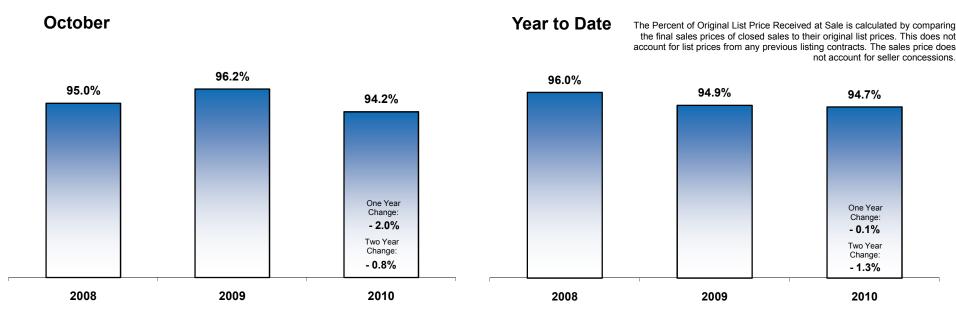




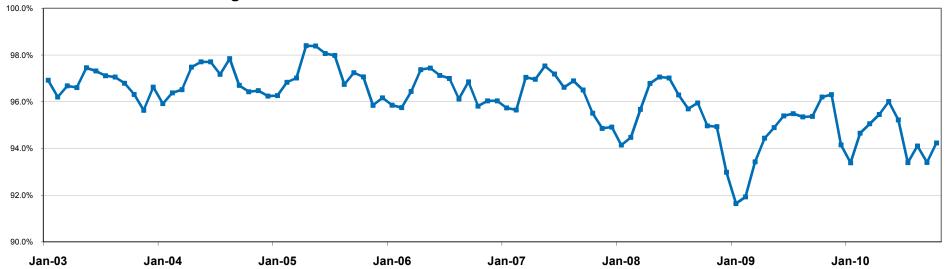
Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale

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Historical Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale



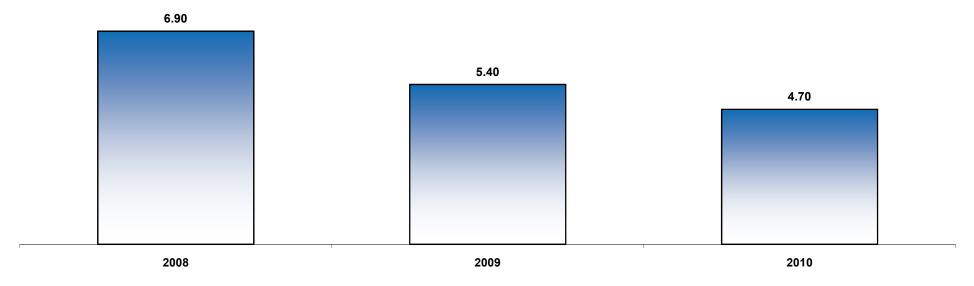
Mortgage Rates

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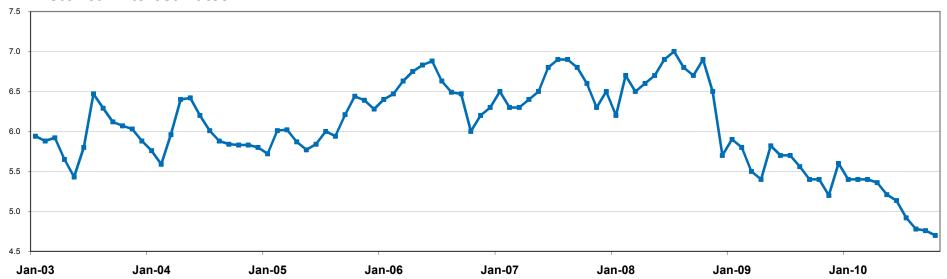


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Mortgage rate information is gathered from HSH Associates Financial Publishers, Inc (www.hsh.com). Data represents national 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.



Historical Interest Rates



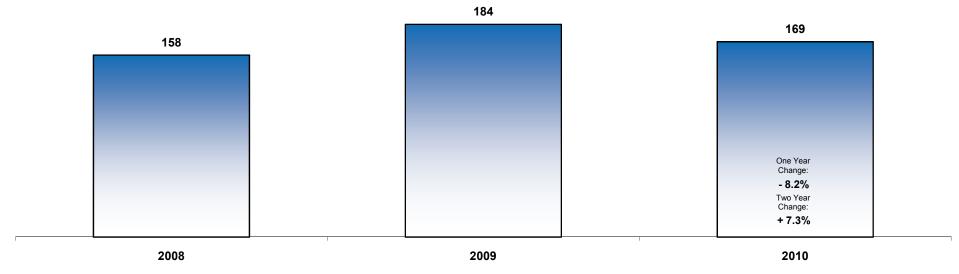
Housing Affordability Index

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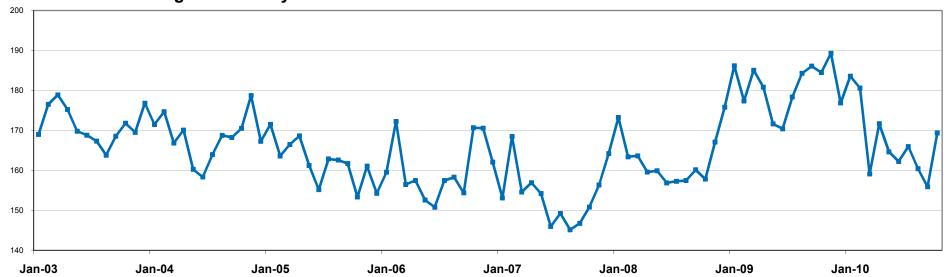


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The HAI formula measures housing affordability for the Sioux Falls Housing Market. An HAI of 120 would mean the median family income is 120% of the necessary income to qualify for the median priced home using 20% downpayment, 30-year fixed rate mortgage.



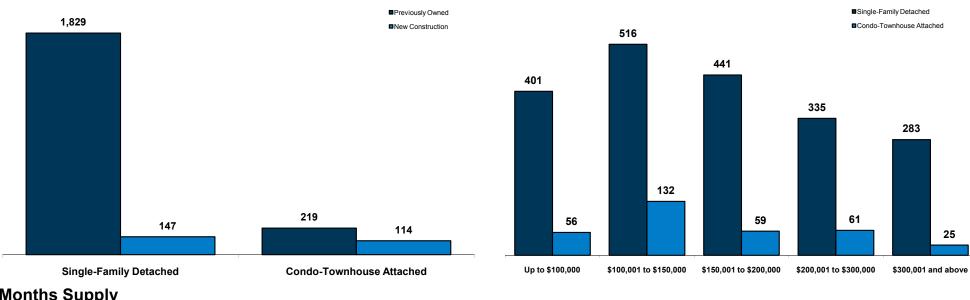
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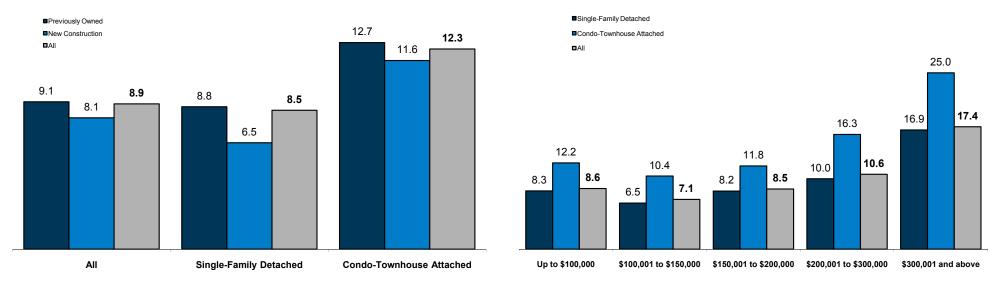
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Inventory of Active Listings



Months Supply



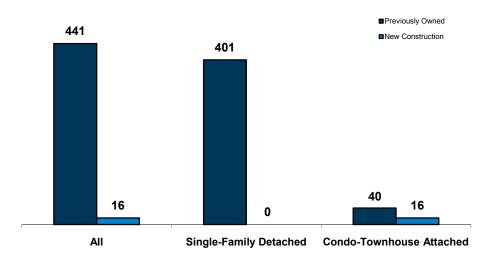
A market is considered balanced between buyers and sellers when there is roughly a 5- to 6-month supply of homes available for purchase.

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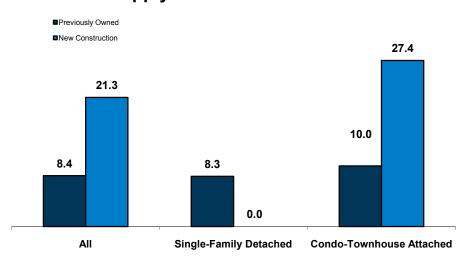


Under \$100,000

Inventory

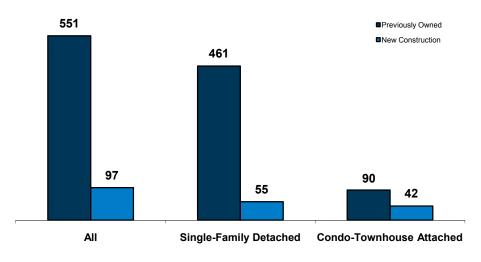


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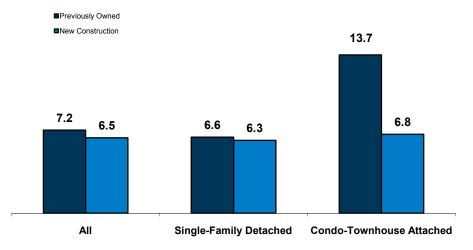


\$100,001 to \$150,000

Inventory



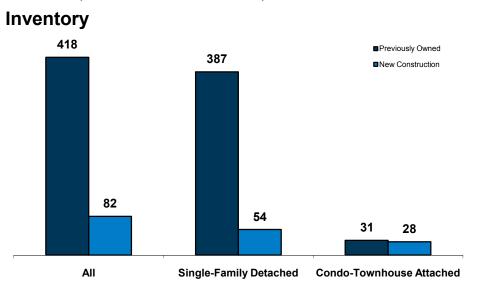
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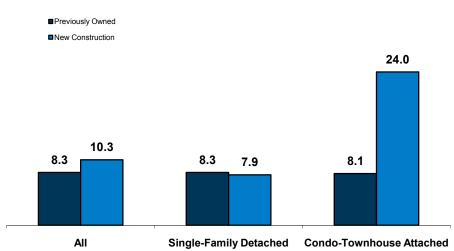
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\$150,001 to \$200,000

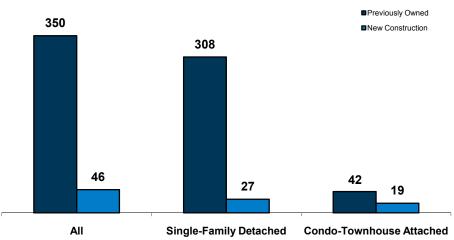


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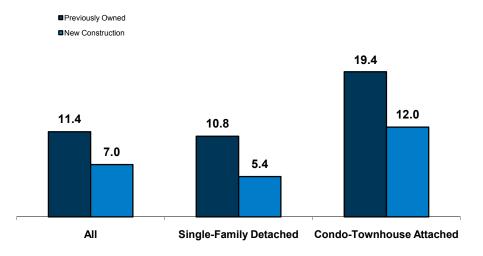


\$200,001 to \$300,000

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Months Supply

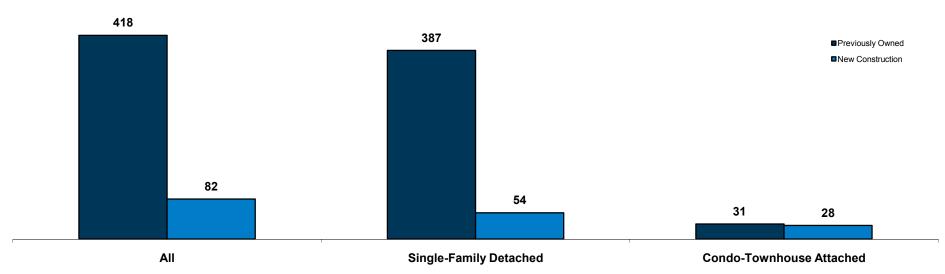


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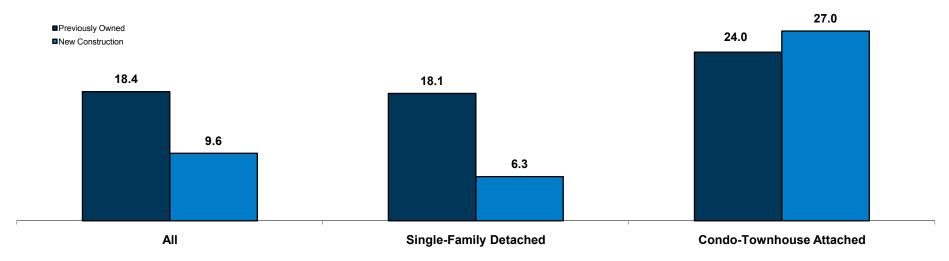


\$300,001 and above

Inventory



Months Supply



Market Overview



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October 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	Aug	526	576	- 8.7%	549	4,621	4,570	+ 1.1%	4,530
	Sep	477	545	- 12.5%	524	5,098	5,115	- 0.3%	5,054
	Oct	430	508	- 15.4%	515	5,528	5,623	- 1.7%	5,569
Pending Sales	Aug	232	361	- 35.7%	315	2,148	2,327	- 7.7%	2,403
	Sep	211	340	- 37.9%	280	2,359	2,667	- 11.5%	2,683
	Oct	200	340	- 41.2%	269	2,559	3,007	- 14.9%	2,951
Closed Sales	Aug	238	293	- 18.8%	321	2,100	2,127	- 1.3%	2,303
	Sep	203	356	- 43.0%	292	2,303	2,483	- 7.2%	2,596
	Oct	228	399	- 42.9%	313	2,531	2,882	- 12.2%	2,909
Days on Market Until Sale	Aug	87	80	+ 8.1%	79	87	95	- 8.8%	84
	Sep	86	86	- 0.7%	80	87	94	- 7.7%	83
	Oct	87	75	+ 16.9%	77	87	91	- 4.9%	82
Median Sales Price	Aug	\$148,500	\$136,381	+ 8.9%	\$143,756	\$143,500	\$141,000	+ 1.8%	
	Sep	\$153,750	\$137,000	+ 12.2%	\$145,441	\$144,000	\$140,000	+ 2.9%	
	Oct	\$139,000	\$138,500	+ 0.4%	\$140,230	\$143,600	\$139,900	+ 2.6%	
Average Sales Price	Aug	\$174,313	\$148,717	+ 17.2%	\$163,680	\$162,442	\$159,043	+ 2.1%	\$161,897
	Sep	\$168,938	\$153,318	+ 10.2%	\$164,735	\$163,014	\$158,222	+ 3.0%	\$162,145
	Oct	\$162,862	\$148,835	+ 9.4%	\$161,899	\$163,000	\$156,922	+ 3.9%	\$162,071
Total Active Listings Available	Aug	2,348	2,314	+ 1.5%					
	Sep	2,318	2,280	+ 1.7%					
	Oct	2,309	2,160	+ 6.9%					
Percent of Original List Price	Aug	94.1%	95.4%	- 1.3%	95.6%	94.9%	94.5%	+ 0.4%	94.9%
Received at Sale	Sep	93.4%	95.4%	- 2.1%	95.6%	94.8%	94.7%	+ 0.1%	94.8%
	Oct	94.2%	96.2%	- 2.0%	95.3%	94.7%	94.9%	- 0.1%	94.7%
Mortgage Rates	Aug	4.8	5.6	- 14.0%	6.1				
	Sep	4.8	5.4	- 11.9%	6.0				
	Oct	4.7	5.4	- 13.0%	5.9				
Housing Affordability Index	Aug	160	184	- 12.9%	161				
	Sep	156	186	- 16.2%	161				
	Oct	169	184	- 8.2%	167				
Months Supply of Inventory	Aug	8.6	8.6	- 0.3%					
	Sep	8.9	8.0	+ 11.4%					
	Oct	9.1	7.3	+ 23.7%					

Annual Review

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