## Monthly Indicators

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## April 2013

The S\&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index recently showed that home prices in 20 major metropolitan areas had increased at the strongest pace since the bubble years. At long last, major national indices are telling the story that local MLS data users have known for months or even years. Yes, the housing market is recovering. The recovery varies by geography and market segment, but things are certainly better than they have been and are showing no signs of letting up.

New Listings in the Sioux Falls region decreased 8.4 percent to 567. Pending Sales were up 5.5 percent to 363 . Inventory levels shrank 19.2 percent to 1,583 units.

Prices turned higher. The Median Sales Price increased 5.7 percent to $\$ 156,488$. Days on Market was down 21.7 percent to 77 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Homes for Sale was down 35.3 percent to 5.0 months.

The prickliest thorns in our collective side are still lack of inventory and subdued listing activity. In some neighborhoods, consumers have 50 or 60 percent fewer options from which to choose than they did a few years ago. That's causing bidding wars in popular areas. Despite the competitive landscape for buyers, housing remains one of the brightest lights in an otherwise subdued economic recovery.
Quick Facts
$+27.9 \% \quad+5.7 \%-19.2 \%$
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## Market Overview

Key market metrics for the current month and year-to-date

| Key Metrics | Historical Sparklines | 4-2012 | 4-2013 | + / - | YTD 2012 | YTD 2013 | + / - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Listings |  | 619 | 567 | -8.4\% | 2,052 | 1,966 | - 4.2\% |
| Pending Sales |  | 344 | 363 | + 5.5\% | 1,041 | 1,220 | + 17.2\% |
| Closed Sales |  | 280 | 358 | + 27.9\% | 840 | 1,077 | + 28.2\% |
| Days on Market Until Sale |  | 99 | 77 | -21.7\% | 103 | 82 | - 20.5\% |
| Median Sales Price | $)^{4-2010}$ | \$148,000 | \$156,488 | + 5.7\% | \$145,000 | \$150,000 | + 3.4\% |
| Average Sales Price |  | \$167,606 | \$177,288 | + 5.8\% | \$167,752 | \$167,860 | + 0.1\% |
| Percent of Original List Price Received |  | 95.2\% | 96.9\% | + 1.8\% | 93.9\% | 95.8\% | + 2.0\% |
| Housing Affordability Index |  | 203 | 204 | + 0.3\% | 206 | 210 | + 2.0\% |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale |  | 1,959 | 1,583 | - 19.2\% | -- | -- | -- |
| Months Supply of Homes for Sale |  | 7.7 | 5.0 | - 35.3\% | -- | -- | -- |

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## New Listings



## Historical New Listing Activity



## Pending Sales



## Historical Pending Sales Activity



## Closed Sales

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## Historical Closed Sales Activity



## Days on Market Until Sale

April


Year To Date


| Month | Prior <br> Year | Current <br> Year | $+/-$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May | 91 | 93 | $+2.9 \%$ |
| June | 88 | $\mathbf{9 1}$ | $+2.7 \%$ |
| July | 94 | $\mathbf{7 7}$ | $-17.7 \%$ |
| August | 99 | 87 | $-12.1 \%$ |
| September | 92 | $\mathbf{7 8}$ | $-14.8 \%$ |
| October | 100 | 80 | $-20.5 \%$ |
| November | 102 | 90 | $-12.2 \%$ |
| December | 105 | 84 | $-20.2 \%$ |
| January | 97 | $\mathbf{9 4}$ | $-3.5 \%$ |
| February | 112 | $\mathbf{8 6}$ | $-23.2 \%$ |
| March | 105 | $\mathbf{7 6}$ | $-27.1 \%$ |
| April | 99 | $\mathbf{7 7}$ | $-21.7 \%$ |
| 12-Month Avg | $\mathbf{9 8}$ | $\mathbf{8 4}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 3 . 8 \%}$ |

## Historical Days on Market Until Sale



## Median Sales Price

Median price point for all closed sales, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month.


Historical Median Sales Price


## Average Sales Price

Average sales price for all closed sales, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month.



| Month | Prior <br> Year | Current <br> Year | $+/-$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May | $\$ 158,260$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 6 , 5 4 4}$ | $+5.2 \%$ |
| June | $\$ 162,011$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 7 , 0 7 4}$ | $+15.5 \%$ |
| July | $\$ 176,407$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 7 , 3 2 3}$ | $+0.5 \%$ |
| August | $\$ 150,837$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 4 , 4 1 2}$ | $+15.6 \%$ |
| September | $\$ 162,527$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 7 , 9 7 0}$ | $-2.8 \%$ |
| October | $\$ 161,956$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 9 , 5 3 8}$ | $+4.7 \%$ |
| November | $\$ 154,367$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 9 , 6 2 7}$ | $+16.4 \%$ |
| December | $\$ 164,630$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 9 , 1 6 0}$ | $+2.8 \%$ |
| January | $\$ 167,101$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 1 , 8 9 6}$ | $-3.1 \%$ |
| February | $\$ 162,778$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 8 , 7 3 6}$ | $-2.5 \%$ |
| March | $\$ 170,930$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 6 , 8 7 7}$ | $-2.4 \%$ |
| April | $\$ 167,606$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 7 , 2 8 8}$ | $+5.8 \%$ |
| 12-Month Avg | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 3 , 2 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 1 , 2 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{+ 4 . 9 \%}$ |

## Historical Average Sales Price



## Percent of Original List Price Received

Percentage found when dividing a property's sales price by its original list price, then taking the average for all properties sold in a given month
not accounting for seller concessions


## Historical Percent of Original List Price Received



## Housing Affordability Index

This index measures housing affordability for the region. An index of 120 means the median household income was $120 \%$ of what is necessary to qualify for the median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. A higher number means greater affordability.


## Historical Housing Affordability Index



## Inventory of Homes for Sale

The number of properties available for sale in active status at the end of a given month


Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale


## Months Supply of Homes for Sale

The inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months.


| Month | Prior <br> Year | Current <br> Year | $+/-$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May | 9.9 | $\mathbf{7 . 7}$ | $-22.2 \%$ |
| June | 10.0 | $\mathbf{7 . 7}$ | $-22.5 \%$ |
| July | 9.7 | $\mathbf{7 . 6}$ | $-22.2 \%$ |
| August | 9.5 | $\mathbf{7 . 1}$ | $-24.7 \%$ |
| September | 8.9 | $\mathbf{6 . 5}$ | $-26.6 \%$ |
| October | 8.1 | $\mathbf{6 . 2}$ | $-22.9 \%$ |
| November | 7.5 | $\mathbf{5 . 6}$ | $-24.9 \%$ |
| December | 6.6 | $\mathbf{4 . 6}$ | $-30.6 \%$ |
| January | 6.9 | $\mathbf{4 . 6}$ | $-33.0 \%$ |
| February | 7.0 | $\mathbf{4 . 7}$ | $-33.5 \%$ |
| March | 7.5 | $\mathbf{4 . 8}$ | $-35.4 \%$ |
| April | 7.7 | $\mathbf{5 . 0}$ | $-35.3 \%$ |
| 12-Month Avg | $\mathbf{8 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{- 2 7 . 3} \%$ |

## Historical Months Supply of Homes for Sale



## Annual Review

Closed Sales


Median Sales Price


Days On Market


Percent of Original List Price Received


