Monthly Indicators



February 2016

The primary story, both nationally and in local submarkets, is a dwindling months' supply of inventory. The cure, of course, is more inventory. But new construction has been lagging during this opportune moment, and sellers of existing homes are not yet hitting the market in droves. The heart of the selling season has yet to begin, so we're still optimistically watching for an increase in activity in the coming months.

New Listings were up 17.9 percent to 647. Pending Sales decreased 50.4 percent to 176. Inventory shrank 6.3 percent to 2,718 units.

Prices were still soft as Median Sales Price was down 1.7 percent to \$136,575. Days on Market decreased 17.9 percent to 92 days. Months Supply of Inventory was down 10.3 percent to 7.8 months, indicating that demand increased relative to supply.

National housing starts were up by 10.8 percent at the end of 2015 when compared to 2014, and the unemployment rate is holding low and steady at or near 4.9 percent. Meanwhile, mortgage rates continue to astound below 4.0 percent and we have witnessed an unprecedented 70 consecutive months of private-sector job growth. As consumers navigate their options, competition for the best available properties should be profound, especially if the market remains hobbled by a lack of supply.

Quick Facts

+ 12.1% - 1.7% - 10.3%

One-Year Change in Closed Sales

One-Year Change in Median Sales Price

One-Year Change in Months Supply

A research tool provided by the Western Upstate Association of REALTORS® Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures.

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Market Overview

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

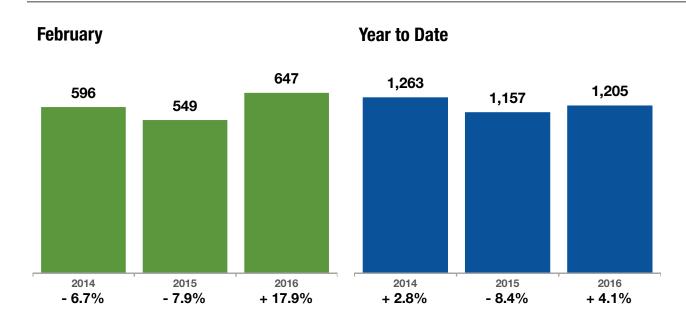


| Key Metrics | Historical Sparkbars 02-2014 02-2015 02-2016 | 02-2015 | 02-2016 | Percent Change | YTD 2015 | YTD 2016 | Percent Change |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| New Listings | | 549 | 647 | + 17.9% | 1,157 | 1,205 | + 4.1% |
| Pending Sales | | 355 | 176 | - 50.4% | 688 | 452 | - 34.3% |
| Closed Sales | | 247 | 277 | + 12.1% | 477 | 522 | + 9.4% |
| Days on Market | | 112 | 92 | - 17.9% | 113 | 96 | - 15.0% |
| Median Sales Price | | \$138,900 | \$136,575 | - 1.7% | \$143,800 | \$135,750 | - 5.6% |
| Average Sales Price | | \$173,271 | \$169,515 | - 2.2% | \$184,386 | \$169,488 | - 8.1% |
| Pct. of List Price Received | | 94.1% | 94.8% | + 0.7% | 94.5% | 95.0% | + 0.5% |
| Housing Affordability Index | du | 180 | 185 | + 2.8% | 174 | 186 | + 6.9% |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale | | 2,902 | 2,718 | - 6.3% | | | |
| Months Supply of Inventory | | 8.7 | 7.8 | - 10.3% | | | |

New Listings

A count of the properties that have been newly listed on the market in a given month.





| New Listings | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 797 | 800 | -0.4% |
| April 2015 | 701 | 758 | -7.5% |
| May 2015 | 754 | 772 | -2.3% |
| June 2015 | 704 | 689 | +2.2% |
| July 2015 | 681 | 693 | -1.7% |
| August 2015 | 617 | 638 | -3.3% |
| September 2015 | 531 | 574 | -7.5% |
| October 2015 | 540 | 668 | -19.2% |
| November 2015 | 431 | 453 | -4.9% |
| December 2015 | 390 | 351 | +11.1% |
| January 2016 | 558 | 608 | -8.2% |
| February 2016 | 647 | 549 | +17.9% |
| 12-Month Avg | 613 | 629 | -2.7% |

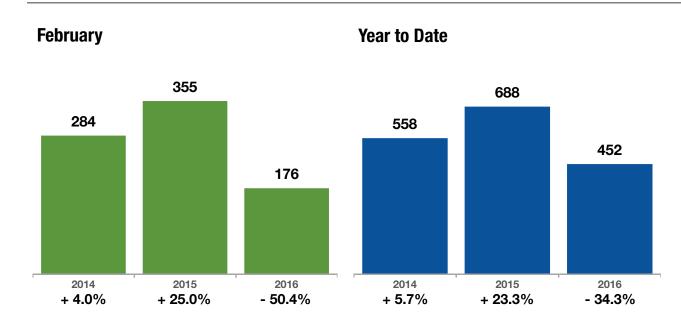
Historical New Listings by Month



Pending Sales

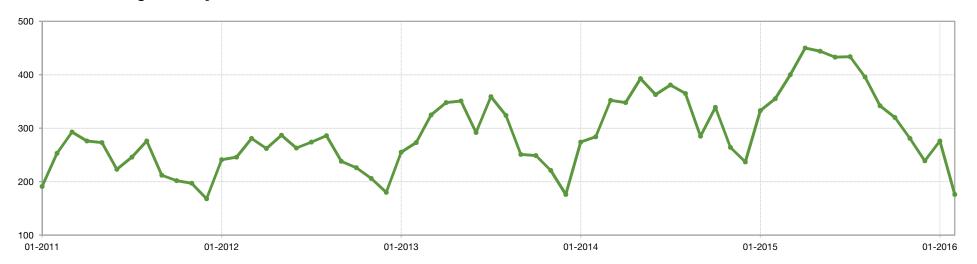
A count of the properties on which offers have been accepted in a given month.





| Pending Sales | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 400 | 352 | +13.6% |
| April 2015 | 450 | 348 | +29.3% |
| May 2015 | 444 | 393 | +13.0% |
| June 2015 | 433 | 363 | +19.3% |
| July 2015 | 434 | 381 | +13.9% |
| August 2015 | 396 | 365 | +8.5% |
| September 2015 | 342 | 285 | +20.0% |
| October 2015 | 320 | 339 | -5.6% |
| November 2015 | 281 | 264 | +6.4% |
| December 2015 | 239 | 237 | +0.8% |
| January 2016 | 276 | 333 | -17.1% |
| February 2016 | 176 | 355 | -50.4% |
| 12-Month Avg | 349 | 335 | +4.4% |

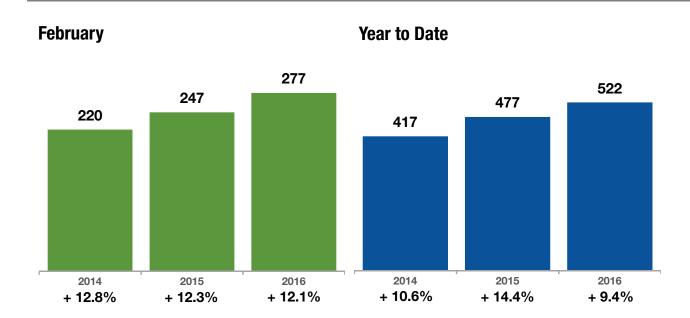
Historical Pending Sales by Month



Closed Sales

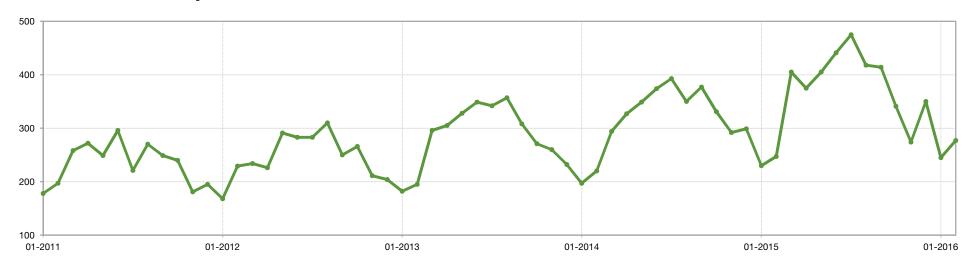
A count of the actual sales that closed in a given month.





| Closed Sales | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 405 | 294 | +37.8% |
| April 2015 | 375 | 327 | +14.7% |
| May 2015 | 405 | 349 | +16.0% |
| June 2015 | 441 | 374 | +17.9% |
| July 2015 | 475 | 393 | +20.9% |
| August 2015 | 418 | 350 | +19.4% |
| September 2015 | 414 | 377 | +9.8% |
| October 2015 | 341 | 331 | +3.0% |
| November 2015 | 274 | 292 | -6.2% |
| December 2015 | 350 | 299 | +17.1% |
| January 2016 | 245 | 230 | +6.5% |
| February 2016 | 277 | 247 | +12.1% |
| 12-Month Avg | 368 | 322 | +14.4% |

Historical Closed Sales by Month



Days on Market Until Sale

Average number of days between when a property is listed and when an offer is accepted in a given month.



| Febr | ruary | | | Y | ear to Date | | |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 115 | 112 | | | 114 | 113 | 96 |
| | | | 92 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | 2014 5.7% | 2015 - 2.6% | 2016 - 17.9% | _ | 2014 - 7.3 % | 2015 - 0.9 % | 2016 - 15.0% |

| Days on Market | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 118 | 114 | +3.5% |
| April 2015 | 115 | 120 | -4.2% |
| May 2015 | 104 | 104 | 0.0% |
| June 2015 | 95 | 97 | -2.1% |
| July 2015 | 99 | 114 | -13.2% |
| August 2015 | 96 | 107 | -10.3% |
| September 2015 | 96 | 106 | -9.4% |
| October 2015 | 100 | 123 | -18.7% |
| November 2015 | 98 | 111 | -11.7% |
| December 2015 | 94 | 109 | -13.8% |
| January 2016 | 101 | 114 | -11.4% |
| February 2016 | 92 | 112 | -17.9% |
| 12-Month Avg* | 101 | 111 | -9.0% |

^{*} Average Days on Market of all properties from March 2015 through February 2016. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Days on Market Until Sale by Month



Median Sales Price

Point at which half of the sales sold for more and half sold for less, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month.

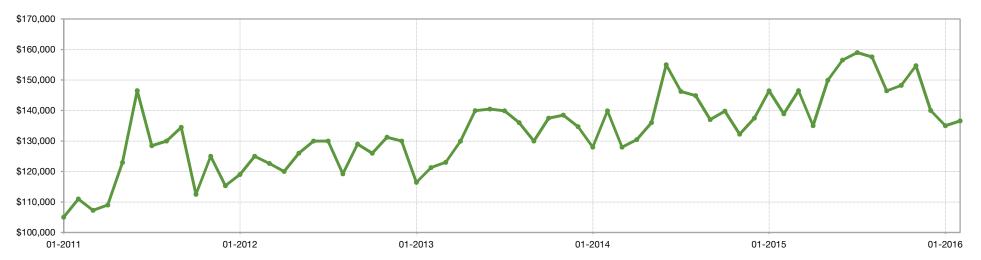


| February | | | Year to Date | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| \$139,900 | \$138,900 | \$136,575 | \$130,500 | \$143,800 | \$135,750 |
| 2014 + 15.4 % | 2015 - 0.7 % | 2016 - 1.7 % | 2014 + 10.1% | 2015 + 10.2 % | 2016 - 5.6 % |

| Median Sales Price | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | \$146,500 | \$128,000 | +14.5% |
| April 2015 | \$135,000 | \$130,450 | +3.5% |
| May 2015 | \$149,900 | \$136,000 | +10.2% |
| June 2015 | \$156,500 | \$155,000 | +1.0% |
| July 2015 | \$159,000 | \$146,250 | +8.7% |
| August 2015 | \$157,574 | \$144,900 | +8.7% |
| September 2015 | \$146,470 | \$137,000 | +6.9% |
| October 2015 | \$148,250 | \$139,800 | +6.0% |
| November 2015 | \$154,700 | \$132,250 | +17.0% |
| December 2015 | \$140,000 | \$137,500 | +1.8% |
| January 2016 | \$135,000 | \$146,450 | -7.8% |
| February 2016 | \$136,575 | \$138,900 | -1.7% |
| 12-Month Med* | \$148,950 | \$138,000 | +7.9% |

^{*} Median Sales Price of all properties from March 2015 through February 2016. This is not the median of the individual figures above.

Historical Median Sales Price by Month



Average Sales Price

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

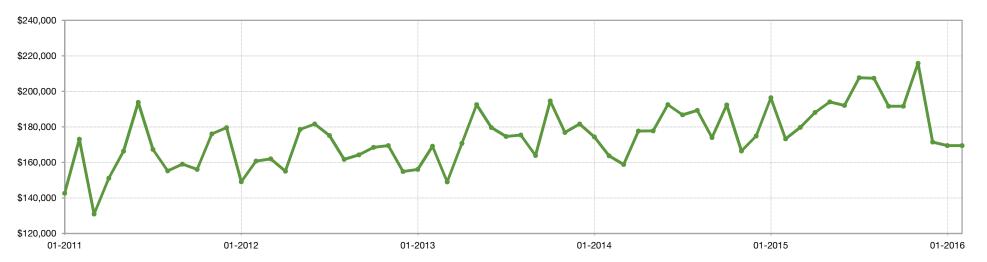


| February | | | Year to Date | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| \$163,704 | \$173,271 | \$169,515 | \$168,765 | \$184,386 | \$169,488 |
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| | | | | | |
| 2014 - 3.2 % | 2015 + 5.8 % | 2016 - 2.2 % | 2014 + 3.7 % | 2015 + 9.3 % | 2016 - 8.1 % |

| Avg. Sales Price | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | \$179,771 | \$158,875 | +13.2% |
| April 2015 | \$188,088 | \$177,717 | +5.8% |
| May 2015 | \$194,051 | \$177,766 | +9.2% |
| June 2015 | \$192,130 | \$192,543 | -0.2% |
| July 2015 | \$207,677 | \$186,764 | +11.2% |
| August 2015 | \$207,447 | \$189,328 | +9.6% |
| September 2015 | \$191,624 | \$173,957 | +10.2% |
| October 2015 | \$191,673 | \$192,353 | -0.4% |
| November 2015 | \$215,827 | \$166,420 | +29.7% |
| December 2015 | \$171,493 | \$174,932 | -2.0% |
| January 2016 | \$169,458 | \$196,427 | -13.7% |
| February 2016 | \$169,515 | \$173,271 | -2.2% |
| 12-Month Avg* | \$189,896 | \$180,029 | +5.5% |

^{*} Avg. Sales Price of all properties from March 2015 through February 2016. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Average Sales Price by Month



Percent of List Price Received





| February | | | Year to Date | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 93.5% | 94.1% | 94.8% | 93.0% | 94.5% | 95.0% |
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| 2014 + 1.3 % | 2015 + 0.6 % | 2016 + 0.7 % | 2014 + 0.4 % | 2015 + 1.6 % | 2016 + 0.5 % |

| Pct. of List Price Received | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 95.4% | 94.0% | +1.5% |
| April 2015 | 95.2% | 94.1% | +1.2% |
| May 2015 | 94.7% | 94.5% | +0.2% |
| June 2015 | 95.3% | 94.9% | +0.4% |
| July 2015 | 95.0% | 94.9% | +0.1% |
| August 2015 | 95.1% | 94.5% | +0.6% |
| September 2015 | 95.2% | 94.6% | +0.6% |
| October 2015 | 95.3% | 93.1% | +2.4% |
| November 2015 | 94.8% | 94.5% | +0.3% |
| December 2015 | 94.9% | 93.6% | +1.4% |
| January 2016 | 95.1% | 94.8% | +0.3% |
| February 2016 | 94.8% | 94.1% | +0.7% |
| 12-Month Avg* | 95.1% | 94.3% | +0.8% |

^{*} Average Pct. of List Price Received for all properties from March 2015 through February 2016. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

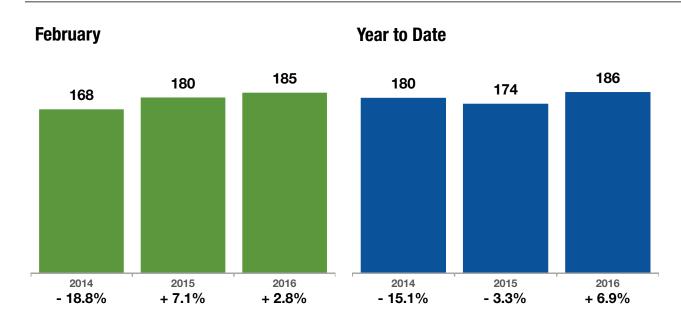
Historical Percent of List Price Received by Month



Housing Affordability Index



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



| Affordability Index | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|---------------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 169 | 184 | -8.2% |
| April 2015 | 185 | 180 | +2.8% |
| May 2015 | 167 | 177 | -5.6% |
| June 2015 | 157 | 155 | +1.3% |
| July 2015 | 152 | 164 | -7.3% |
| August 2015 | 155 | 167 | -7.2% |
| September 2015 | 169 | 175 | -3.4% |
| October 2015 | 166 | 174 | -4.6% |
| November 2015 | 158 | 184 | -14.1% |
| December 2015 | 175 | 179 | -2.2% |
| January 2016 | 181 | 171 | +5.8% |
| February 2016 | 185 | 180 | +2.8% |
| 12-Month Avg | 168 | 174 | -3.4% |

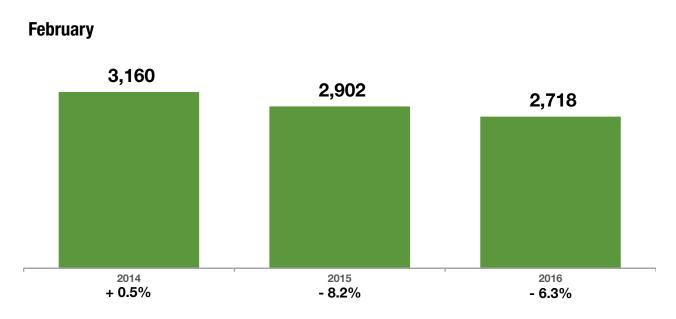
Historical Housing Affordability Index by Month



Inventory of Homes for Sale

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

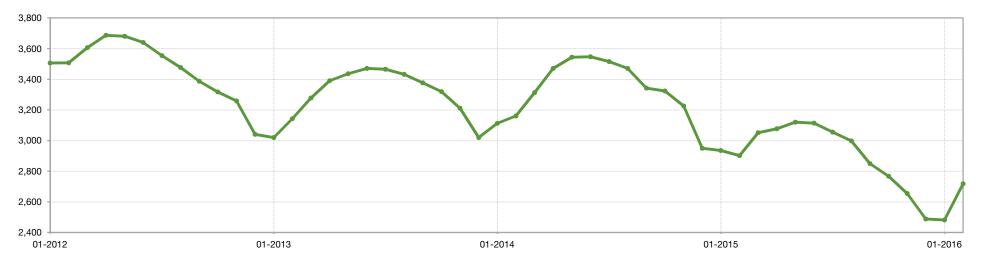




| Homes for Sale | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 3,051 | 3,313 | -7.9% |
| April 2015 | 3,077 | 3,471 | -11.4% |
| May 2015 | 3,120 | 3,544 | -12.0% |
| June 2015 | 3,113 | 3,547 | -12.2% |
| July 2015 | 3,055 | 3,515 | -13.1% |
| August 2015 | 2,998 | 3,470 | -13.6% |
| September 2015 | 2,849 | 3,342 | -14.8% |
| October 2015 | 2,767 | 3,323 | -16.7% |
| November 2015 | 2,654 | 3,225 | -17.7% |
| December 2015 | 2,488 | 2,950 | -15.7% |
| January 2016 | 2,482 | 2,935 | -15.4% |
| February 2016 | 2,718 | 2,902 | -6.3% |
| 12-Month Avg* | 2,864 | 2,919 | -1.9% |

^{*} Homes for Sale for all properties from March 2015 through February 2016. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

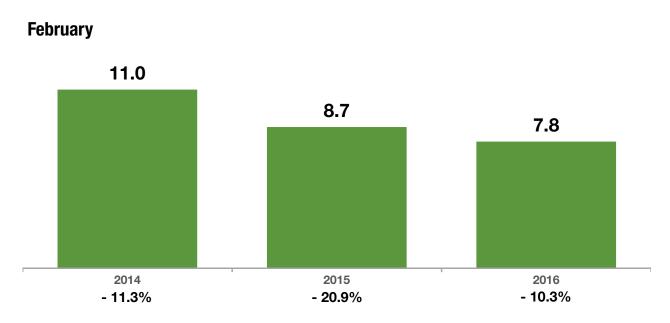
Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month



Months Supply of Inventory







| Months Supply | | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| March 2015 | 9.0 | 11.4 | -21.1% |
| April 2015 | 8.9 | 12.0 | -25.8% |
| May 2015 | 8.9 | 12.1 | -26.4% |
| June 2015 | 8.7 | 11.8 | -26.3% |
| July 2015 | 8.4 | 11.7 | -28.2% |
| August 2015 | 8.2 | 11.4 | -28.1% |
| September 2015 | 7.7 | 10.9 | -29.4% |
| October 2015 | 7.5 | 10.5 | -28.6% |
| November 2015 | 7.2 | 10.1 | -28.7% |
| December 2015 | 6.7 | 9.1 | -26.4% |
| January 2016 | 6.8 | 8.9 | -23.6% |
| February 2016 | 7.8 | 8.7 | -10.3% |
| 12-Month Avg* | 8.0 | 10.7 | -25.2% |

^{*} Months Supply for all properties from March 2015 through February 2016. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Months Supply of Inventory by Month

