# Monthly Indicators 

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## November 2014

With 2015 near, some are pontificating about a potential change in interest rates. With virtually no inflation, rates will likely remain low for most of 2015 but could flirt with 5.0 percent toward the end of next year. Construction permits and housing starts have upward momentum, which is news in some areas but familiar in others. Prices should continue their ascent but at a tempered pace compared to recent years, which helps preserve affordability for first-time buyers.

New Listings decreased 4.2 percent to 2,870 . Pending Sales were up 10.7 percent to 2,555 . Inventory levels shrank 12.4 percent to 8,077 units.

Prices continued to gain traction. The Median Sales Price increased 6.0 percent to $\$ 440,000$. Days on Market was down 6.4 percent to 44 days. Sellers were encouraged as Months Supply of Inventory was down 3.3 percent to 2.9 months.

It has largely been another recovery year in 2014, yet mortgage credit and student debt remain obstacles even as the U.S. leads the global economy toward recovery. As this recovery matures, many metrics are approaching a healthy balancing point. Rates have remained much lower than most forecasters expected, and inventory levels finally started rising in most areas as sellers generally listed more properties as a result of stronger prices. Job growth should continue and wage growth is expected to pick up.

Activity Snapshot

| $\mathbf{- 1 9 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{+ 6 . 0 \%} \%$ | $-12.4 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| One-Year Changge in <br> Closed Sales | One-Year Changge in <br> Median Sales Price | One-Year Change in <br> Homes for Sale |

Residential real estate activity in San Diego County, comprised of single family properties, townhomes and condominiums. Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures.
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## Market Overview

Key metrics by report month and for year-to-date (YTD) starting from the first of the year.

| Key Metrics | Histo <br> $11-2012$ | rs <br> 11-2013 | 11-2014 | 11-2013 | 11-2014 | Percent Change | YTD 2013 | YTD 2014 | Percent Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Listings |  |  | $\square$ | 2,997 | 2,870 | -4.2\% | 45,781 | 47,753 | + 4.3\% |
| Pending Sales |  | - | $\square$ | 2,308 | 2,555 | + 10.7\% | 34,033 | 31,755 | - $6.7 \%$ |
| Closed Sales |  |  |  | 2,560 | 2,060 | - 19.5\% | 34,096 | 30,101 | - 11.7\% |
| Median Sales Price |  | $1$ |  | \$415,000 | \$440,000 | +6.0\% | \$405,000 | \$440,000 | + 8.6\% |
| Avg. Sales Price |  | $\\|$ |  | \$522,333 | \$566,314 | + 8.4\% | \$513,043 | \$561,859 | + 9.5\% |
| \$ Volume of Closed Sales (in millions) |  |  |  | \$1,337 | \$1,167 | - 12.7\% | \$17,491 | \$16,911 | -3.3\% |
| Pct. of Orig. Price Received |  |  |  | 96.7\% | 95.3\% | - 1.4\% | 98.5\% | 96.4\% | - $2.1 \%$ |
| Days on Market Until Sale |  |  |  | 47 | 44 | -6.4\% | 48 | 44 | - 8.3\% |
| Housing Affordability Index |  |  |  | 83 | 78 | -6.0\% | 86 | 78 | - $9.3 \%$ |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale |  |  |  | 9,225 | 8,077 | - 12.4\% | -- | -- | -- |
| Months Supply of Inventory |  |  |  | 3.0 | 2.9 | - $3.3 \%$ | -- | -- | -- |

## New Listings

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


## Historical New Listings by Month



## Pending Sales

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


## Historical Pending Sales by Month



## Closed Sales

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


## Historical Closed Sales 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.


* Average Median Sales Price of all properties from December 2013 through

November 2014. This is not the average 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.

| November |  | Year to Date |  |  |  | Avg. Sales Price |  | Prior Year | Percent Change$+16.2 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | December 2013 | \$547,673 | \$471,492 |  |
|  | \$522,333 | \$566,314 |  |  | \$561,859 | January 2014 | \$540,291 | \$440,816 | +22.6\% |
|  |  |  |  | \$513,043 |  | February 2014 | \$510,812 | \$443,419 | +15.2\% |
| \$460,278 |  |  | \$448,161 |  |  | March 2014 | \$562,876 | \$482,295 | $+16.7 \%$ |
|  |  |  | \$448,161 |  |  | April 2014 | \$562,876 | \$512,046 | $+8.7 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | May 2014 | \$545,275 | \$527,353 | +3.4\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | June 2014 | \$593,610 | \$538,987 | +10.1\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | July 2014 | \$570,802 | \$530,743 | +7.5\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | August 2014 | \$572,822 | \$525,739 | +9.0\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | September 2014 | \$583,571 | \$552,683 | +5.6\% |
| -- | +13.5\% | + 8.4\% | - | + 14.5\% | + 9.5\% | October 2014 | \$560,181 | \$533,666 | +5.0\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | November 2014 | \$566,314 | \$522,333 | +8.4\% |
| 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 12-Month Med* | \$560,721 | \$509,525 | +10.0\% |

## Historical Average Sales Price by Month



## Dollar Volume of Closed Sales (in millions)

The total dollar volume for all closed sales in a given month (in millions). Does not account for seller concessions.


Historical \$ Volume of Closed Sales (in millions) by Month


## Percent of Original List Price Received <br> 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 by Month

| Pct. of Orig. Price Received |  | Prior Year | Percent Change |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December 2013 | $96.4 \%$ | $97.4 \%$ | $-1.0 \%$ |
| January 2014 | $96.2 \%$ | $97.8 \%$ | $-1.6 \%$ |
| February 2014 | $96.6 \%$ | $98.1 \%$ | $-1.5 \%$ |
| March 2014 | $97.2 \%$ | $98.6 \%$ | $-1.4 \%$ |
| April 2014 | $96.8 \%$ | $99.0 \%$ | $-2.2 \%$ |
| May 2014 | $96.9 \%$ | $99.4 \%$ | $-2.5 \%$ |
| June 2014 | $97.0 \%$ | $99.3 \%$ | $-2.3 \%$ |
| July 2014 | $96.5 \%$ | $99.3 \%$ | $-2.8 \%$ |
| August 2014 | $96.3 \%$ | $98.7 \%$ | $-2.4 \%$ |
| September 2014 | $95.7 \%$ | $97.8 \%$ | $-2.1 \%$ |
| October 2014 | $95.6 \%$ | $97.7 \%$ | $-2.1 \%$ |
| November 2014 | $\mathbf{9 5 . 3 \%}$ | $96.7 \%$ | $\mathbf{- 1 . 4 \%}$ |
| 12-Month Avg* | $96.4 \%$ | $98.4 \%$ | $-2.0 \%$ |

* Average Pct. of Orig. Price Received for all properties from December 2013 through November 2014. This is not the average of the individual figures above



## 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

| November |  |  | Year to Date |  |  | Days on Market Until Sale |  | Prior Year | Percent Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | December 2013 | 53 | 70 | -24.3\% |
|  |  |  | 72 |  |  | January 2014 | 53 | 67 | -20.9\% |
| 67 |  |  |  |  |  | February 2014 | 50 | 65 | -23.1\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | March 2014 | 47 | 54 | -13.0\% |
|  | 47 |  |  | 48 |  | April 2014 | 45 | 52 | -13.5\% |
|  | 47 | 44 |  |  | 44 | May 2014 | 37 | 49 | -24.5\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | June 2014 | 40 | 43 | -7.0\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | July 2014 | 40 | 39 | +2.6\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | August 2014 | 41 | 39 | +5.1\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | September 2014 | 44 | 41 | +7.3\% |
| -- | - $29.9 \%$ | -6.4\% | -- | -33.3\% | -8.3\% | October 2014 | 45 | 45 | 0.0\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | November 2014 | 44 | 47 | -6.4\% |
| 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 12-Month Avg* | 44 | 50 | -12.0\% |

* Days on Market Until Sale for all properties from December 2013 through November 2014. This is not the average of the individual figures above.


## Historical Days on Market Until Sale 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.

## November



2012

Year to Date


2014

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

## November



## Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month

| Inventory of Homes for Sale |  |  | Prior Year |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent Change |  |  |  |
| December 2013 | 7,612 | 8,626 | $-11.8 \%$ |
| January 2014 | 8,161 | 8,594 | $-5.0 \%$ |
| February 2014 | 8,128 | 8,416 | $-3.4 \%$ |
| March 2014 | 8,188 | 8,320 | $-1.6 \%$ |
| April 2014 | 8,236 | 8,376 | $-1.7 \%$ |
| May 2014 | 8,850 | 8,643 | $+2.4 \%$ |
| June 2014 | 9,454 | 9,049 | $+4.5 \%$ |
| July 2014 | 9,981 | 9,505 | $+5.0 \%$ |
| August 2014 | 9,968 | 9,934 | $+0.3 \%$ |
| September 2014 | 9,794 | 9,932 | $-1.4 \%$ |
| October 2014 | 9,253 | 9,694 | $-4.5 \%$ |
| November 2014 | $\mathbf{8 , 0 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 2 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 2 . 4 \%}$ |
| 12-Month Avg* | 8,809 | 9,026 | $-2.4 \%$ |

* Inventory of Homes for Sale for all properties from December 2013 through November 2014. This is not the average of the individual figures above.



## Months Supply of Inventory

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.



