# **Monthly Indicators**



#### **April 2015**

As we turn the page to the second quarter of 2015, a proliferation of new listings is expected in most markets across the U.S. Spring is traditionally the commonplace time of the year that we see some of the most desirable gems polished for eager buyers. Though some Google searches and Twitter posts will blatantly offer pessimism about the state of the housing market, on-the-street evidence does not support bad tidings.

New Listings were up 3.3 percent to 10,953. Pending Sales increased 3.8 percent to 6,661. Inventory shrank 6.7 percent to 41,284 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 5.0 percent to \$166,995. Days on Market decreased 8.9 percent to 112 days, the twelfth consecutive month of year-over-year declines. Months Supply of Inventory was down 16.5 percent to 7.1 months, the twelfth consecutive month of year-over-year declines.

The national homeownership percentage is the lowest since 1993, when Jurassic Park was the highest-grossing movie. Rental prices continue to astonish with accelerated price growth, which may cause some to think twice before locking in a 12-month lease. Lending practices and mortgage rates will also have a decided effect on the number of buyers who will become homeowners this year. With the release of Jurassic World this month, we are reminded of cyclical conversations in both real estate and moviemaking.

#### **Quick Facts**

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+ 11.2% + 5.0% - 6.7%

One-Year Change in Closed Sales One-Year Change in Median Sales Price One-Year Change in Months Supply

A research tool provided by South Carolina 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.

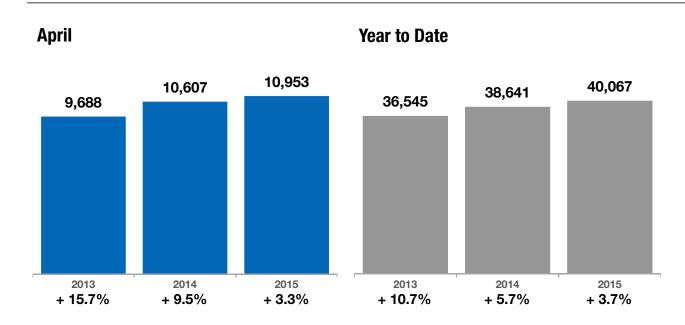


| Key Metrics                 | Historical Sparkbars 04-2013 04-2014 04-2015 | 04-2014   | 04-2015   | Percent Change | YTD 2014  | YTD 2015  | Percent Change |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| New Listings                |  | 10,607    | 10,953    | + 3.3%         | 38,641    | 40,067    | + 3.7%         |
| Pending Sales               |  | 6,420     | 6,661     | + 3.8%         | 22,043    | 25,164    | + 14.2%        |
| Closed Sales                |  | 5,498     | 6,112     | + 11.2%        | 18,118    | 21,164    | + 16.8%        |
| Days on Market              | H.I.mullih                                   | 123       | 112       | - 8.9%         | 121       | 115       | - 5.0%         |
| Median Sales Price          |  | \$159,000 | \$166,995 | + 5.0%         | \$155,000 | \$163,579 | + 5.5%         |
| Average Sales Price         |  | \$206,804 | \$217,135 | + 5.0%         | \$202,413 | \$211,980 | + 4.7%         |
| Pct. of List Price Received |  | 95.7%     | 96.3%     | + 0.6%         | 95.5%     | 96.0%     | + 0.5%         |
| Housing Affordability Index | 11111  | 148       | 150       | + 1.4%         | 151       | 153       | + 1.3%         |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale |  | 44,250    | 41,284    | - 6.7%         |           |           |                |
| Months Supply of Inventory  |  | 8.5       | 7.1       | - 16.5%        |           |           |                |

# **New Listings**

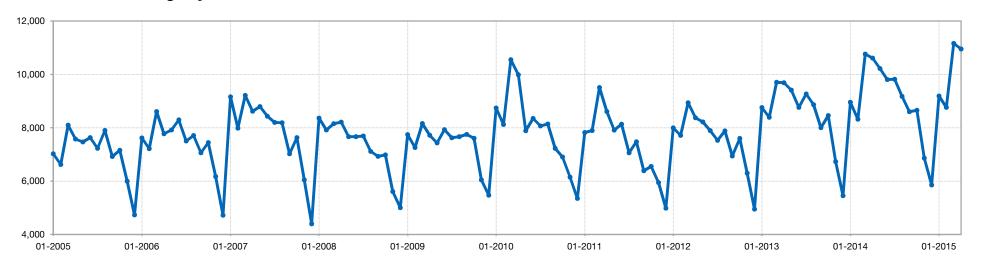
A count of the properties that have been newly listed on the market in a given month.





| New Listings   |        | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| May 2014       | 10,222 | 9,409      | +8.6%          |
| June 2014      | 9,806  | 8,761      | +11.9%         |
| July 2014      | 9,818  | 9,267      | +5.9%          |
| August 2014    | 9,176  | 8,868      | +3.5%          |
| September 2014 | 8,604  | 8,004      | +7.5%          |
| October 2014   | 8,654  | 8,455      | +2.4%          |
| November 2014  | 6,864  | 6,729      | +2.0%          |
| December 2014  | 5,858  | 5,452      | +7.4%          |
| January 2015   | 9,191  | 8,957      | +2.6%          |
| February 2015  | 8,761  | 8,318      | +5.3%          |
| March 2015     | 11,162 | 10,759     | +3.7%          |
| April 2015     | 10,953 | 10,607     | +3.3%          |
| 12-Month Avg   | 9,089  | 8,632      | +5.3%          |

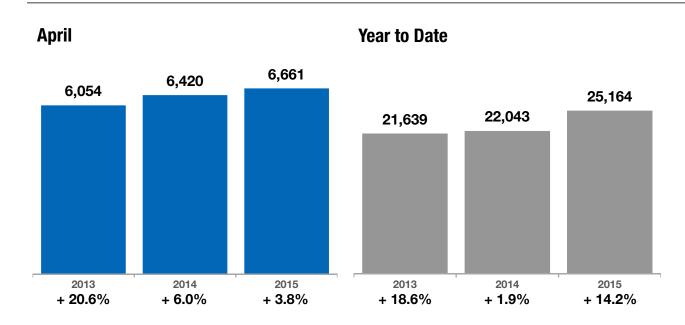
#### **Historical New Listings by Month**



# **Pending Sales**

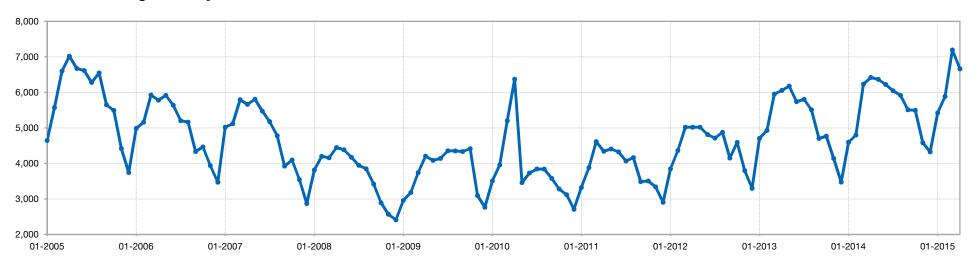
A count of the properties on which offers have been accepted in a given month.





| Pending Sales  |       | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| May 2014       | 6,364 | 6,177      | +3.0%          |
| June 2014      | 6,221 | 5,741      | +8.4%          |
| July 2014      | 6,046 | 5,801      | +4.2%          |
| August 2014    | 5,915 | 5,510      | +7.4%          |
| September 2014 | 5,510 | 4,705      | +17.1%         |
| October 2014   | 5,497 | 4,766      | +15.3%         |
| November 2014  | 4,584 | 4,140      | +10.7%         |
| December 2014  | 4,326 | 3,473      | +24.6%         |
| January 2015   | 5,426 | 4,597      | +18.0%         |
| February 2015  | 5,882 | 4,797      | +22.6%         |
| March 2015     | 7,195 | 6,229      | +15.5%         |
| April 2015     | 6,661 | 6,420      | +3.8%          |
| 12-Month Avg   | 5,802 | 5,196      | +11.7%         |

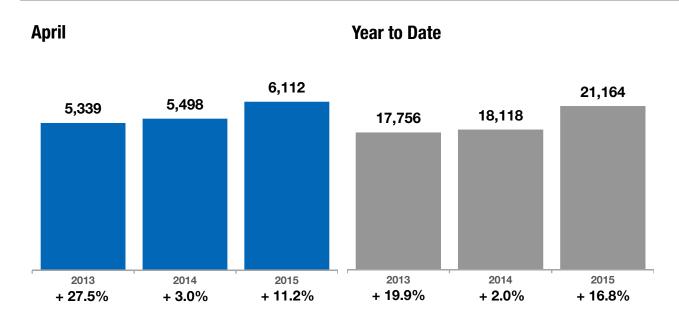
#### **Historical Pending Sales by Month**



### **Closed Sales**

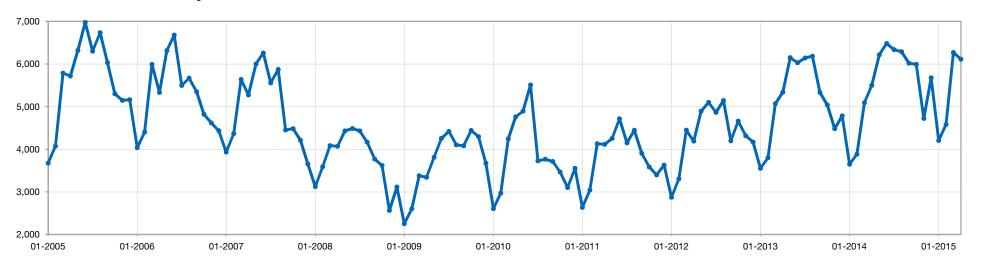
A count of the actual sales that closed in a given month.





| Closed Sales   |       | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| May 2014       | 6,217 | 6,147      | +1.1%          |
| June 2014      | 6,480 | 6,029      | +7.5%          |
| July 2014      | 6,336 | 6,142      | +3.2%          |
| August 2014    | 6,287 | 6,181      | +1.7%          |
| September 2014 | 6,016 | 5,331      | +12.8%         |
| October 2014   | 5,992 | 5,038      | +18.9%         |
| November 2014  | 4,723 | 4,484      | +5.3%          |
| December 2014  | 5,676 | 4,784      | +18.6%         |
| January 2015   | 4,205 | 3,648      | +15.3%         |
| February 2015  | 4,580 | 3,883      | +18.0%         |
| March 2015     | 6,267 | 5,089      | +23.1%         |
| April 2015     | 6,112 | 5,498      | +11.2%         |
| 12-Month Avg   | 5,741 | 5,188      | +10.7%         |

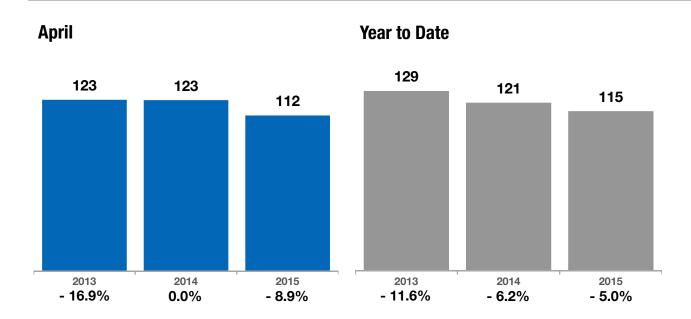
#### **Historical Closed Sales by Month**



### **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.

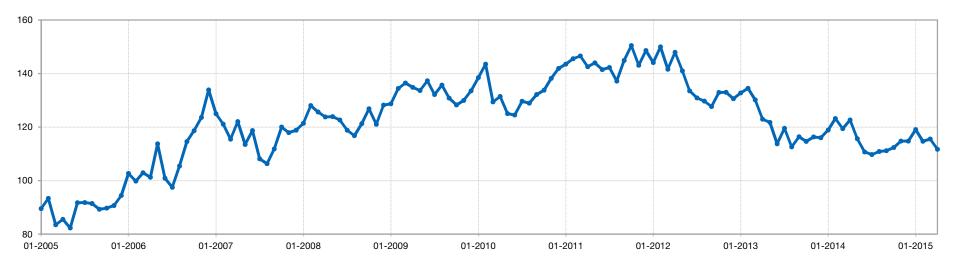




| Days on Market |     | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| May 2014       | 116 | 122        | -4.9%          |
| June 2014      | 111 | 114        | -2.6%          |
| July 2014      | 110 | 120        | -8.3%          |
| August 2014    | 111 | 113        | -1.8%          |
| September 2014 | 111 | 116        | -4.3%          |
| October 2014   | 112 | 115        | -2.6%          |
| November 2014  | 115 | 116        | -0.9%          |
| December 2014  | 115 | 116        | -0.9%          |
| January 2015   | 119 | 119        | 0.0%           |
| February 2015  | 115 | 123        | -6.5%          |
| March 2015     | 116 | 119        | -2.5%          |
| April 2015     | 112 | 123        | -8.9%          |
| 12-Month Avg*  | 113 | 118        | -4.2%          |
|                |     |            |                |

<sup>\*</sup> Average Days on Market of all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

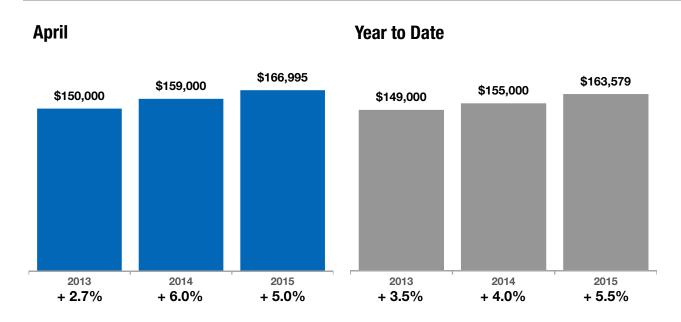
#### **Historical Days on Market Until Sale by Month**



### **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.

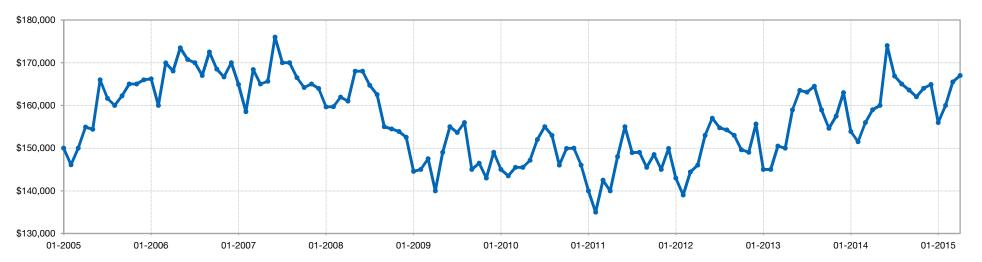




| Median Sales Price |           | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| May 2014           | \$160,000 | \$158,950  | +0.7%          |
| June 2014          | \$174,000 | \$163,500  | +6.4%          |
| July 2014          | \$166,900 | \$163,100  | +2.3%          |
| August 2014        | \$165,000 | \$164,500  | +0.3%          |
| September 2014     | \$163,610 | \$158,950  | +2.9%          |
| October 2014       | \$162,000 | \$154,619  | +4.8%          |
| November 2014      | \$164,000 | \$157,500  | +4.1%          |
| December 2014      | \$164,900 | \$163,000  | +1.2%          |
| January 2015       | \$156,000 | \$153,900  | +1.4%          |
| February 2015      | \$160,000 | \$151,500  | +5.6%          |
| March 2015         | \$165,500 | \$156,000  | +6.1%          |
| April 2015         | \$166,995 | \$159,000  | +5.0%          |
| 12-Month Med*      | \$165,000 | \$159,760  | +3.3%          |

<sup>\*</sup> Median Sales Price of all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. 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.

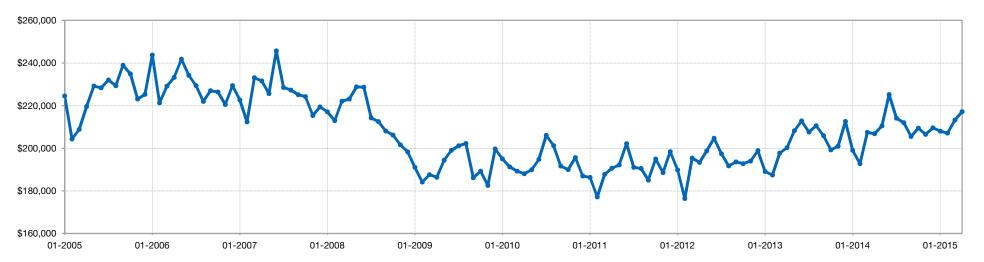


| ļ | April                  |                        |                       | Year to Date          |                        |                       |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | \$200,261              | \$206,804              | \$217,135             | \$194,554             | \$202,413              | \$211,980             |
|   |                        |                        |                       |                       |                        |                       |
|   |                        |                        |                       |                       |                        |                       |
|   | 2013<br>+ <b>3.6</b> % | 2014<br>+ <b>3.3</b> % | 2015<br>+ <b>5.0%</b> | 2013<br>+ <b>2.7%</b> | 2014<br>+ <b>4.0</b> % | 2015<br>+ <b>4.7%</b> |

| Avg. Sales Price |           | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| May 2014         | \$210,448 | \$208,245  | +1.1%          |
| June 2014        | \$225,150 | \$212,811  | +5.8%          |
| July 2014        | \$214,068 | \$207,615  | +3.1%          |
| August 2014      | \$211,983 | \$210,544  | +0.7%          |
| September 2014   | \$205,485 | \$205,893  | -0.2%          |
| October 2014     | \$209,427 | \$199,198  | +5.1%          |
| November 2014    | \$206,465 | \$200,938  | +2.8%          |
| December 2014    | \$209,562 | \$212,596  | -1.4%          |
| January 2015     | \$208,008 | \$199,008  | +4.5%          |
| February 2015    | \$207,104 | \$192,781  | +7.4%          |
| March 2015       | \$213,156 | \$207,462  | +2.7%          |
| April 2015       | \$217,135 | \$206,804  | +5.0%          |
| 12-Month Avg*    | \$211,499 | \$205,325  | +3.0%          |

<sup>\*</sup> Avg. Sales Price of all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

#### **Historical Average Sales Price by Month**



### **Percent of List Price Received**

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

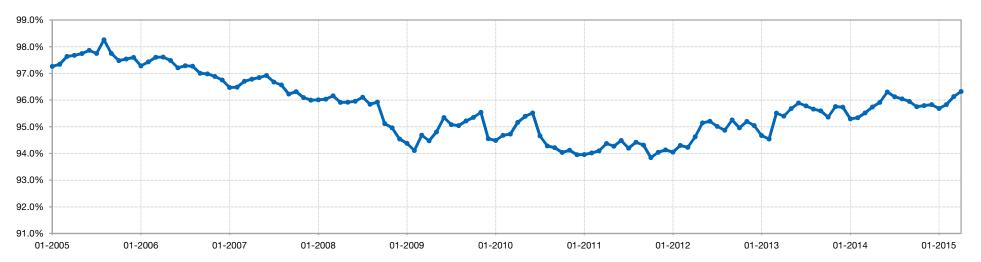


| A | \pril                  |                        |                        | , | Year to Date           |                        |                        |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|   | 95.4%                  | 95.7%                  | 96.3%                  |   | 95.1%                  | 95.5%                  | 96.0%                  |
|   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
|   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
|   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
|   | 2013<br>+ <b>0.8</b> % | 2014<br>+ <b>0.3</b> % | 2015<br>+ <b>0.6</b> % |   | 2013<br>+ <b>0.8</b> % | 2014<br>+ <b>0.4</b> % | 2015<br>+ <b>0.5</b> % |

| Pct. of List Price Rec | eived | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|------------------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| May 2014               | 95.9% | 95.7%      | +0.2%          |
| June 2014              | 96.3% | 95.9%      | +0.4%          |
| July 2014              | 96.1% | 95.8%      | +0.3%          |
| August 2014            | 96.0% | 95.7%      | +0.3%          |
| September 2014         | 95.9% | 95.6%      | +0.3%          |
| October 2014           | 95.7% | 95.4%      | +0.3%          |
| November 2014          | 95.8% | 95.8%      | 0.0%           |
| December 2014          | 95.8% | 95.7%      | +0.1%          |
| January 2015           | 95.7% | 95.3%      | +0.4%          |
| February 2015          | 95.8% | 95.3%      | +0.5%          |
| March 2015             | 96.1% | 95.5%      | +0.6%          |
| April 2015             | 96.3% | 95.7%      | +0.6%          |
| 12-Month Avg*          | 96.0% | 95.6%      | +0.4%          |

<sup>\*</sup> Average Pct. of List Price Received for all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

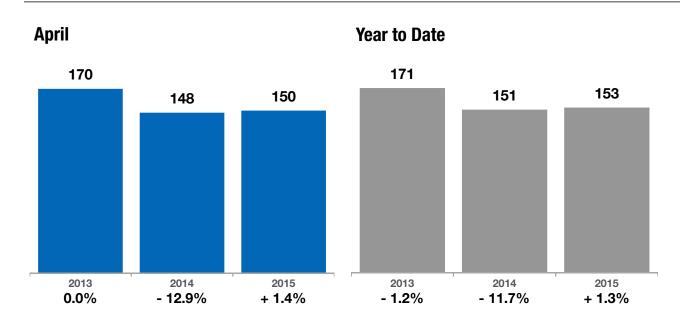
#### **Historical Percent of List Price Received by Month**



### **Housing Affordability Index**

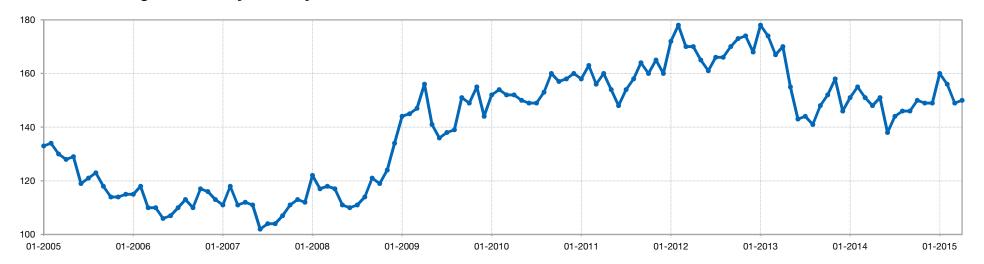
This index measures housing affordability for the region. An index of 120 means the median household income is 120% of what is necessary to qualify for the median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. A higher number means greater affordability.





| Affordability Index |     | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|---------------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| May 2014            | 151 | 155        | -2.6%          |
| June 2014           | 138 | 143        | -3.5%          |
| July 2014           | 144 | 144        | 0.0%           |
| August 2014         | 146 | 141        | +3.5%          |
| September 2014      | 146 | 148        | -1.4%          |
| October 2014        | 150 | 152        | -1.3%          |
| November 2014       | 149 | 158        | -5.7%          |
| December 2014       | 149 | 146        | +2.1%          |
| January 2015        | 160 | 151        | +6.0%          |
| February 2015       | 156 | 155        | +0.6%          |
| March 2015          | 149 | 151        | -1.3%          |
| April 2015          | 150 | 148        | +1.4%          |
| 12-Month Avg        | 149 | 149        | -0.2%          |

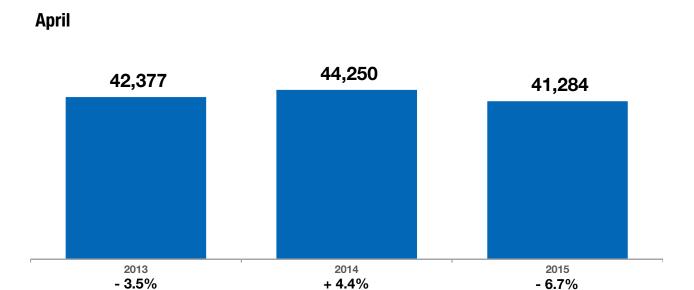
#### **Historical Housing Affordability Index by Month**



# **Inventory of Homes for Sale**

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

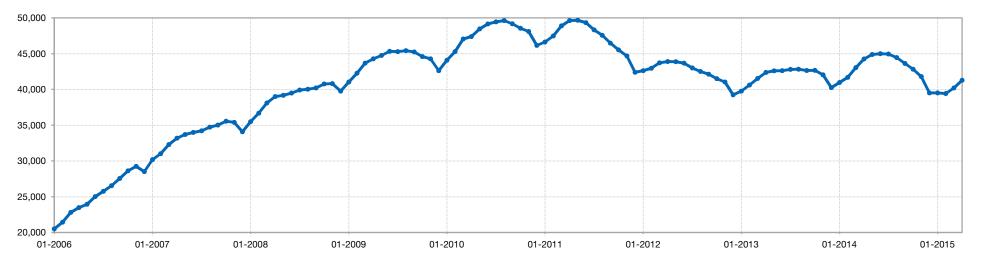




|        | Prior Year  | Percent Change  |
|--------|---|---|
| 44,894 | 42,614  | +5.4%   |
| 45,008 | 42,627  | +5.6%   |
| 44,948 | 42,795  | +5.0%   |
| 44,470 | 42,828  | +3.8%   |
| 43,630 | 42,640  | +2.3%   |
| 42,832 | 42,675  | +0.4%   |
| 41,799 | 42,050  | -0.6%   |
| 39,511 | 40,245  | -1.8%   |
| 39,507 | 40,967  | -3.6%   |
| 39,431 | 41,679  | -5.4%   |
| 40,216 | 43,042  | -6.6%   |
| 41,284 | 44,250  | -6.7%   |
| 42,294 | 43,646  | -3.1%   |
|        | 45,008<br>44,948<br>44,470<br>43,630<br>42,832<br>41,799<br>39,511<br>39,507<br>39,431<br>40,216<br><b>41,284</b> | 44,894       42,614         45,008       42,627         44,948       42,795         44,470       42,828         43,630       42,640         42,832       42,675         41,799       42,050         39,511       40,245         39,507       40,967         39,431       41,679         40,216       43,042         41,284       44,250 |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Homes for Sale for all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

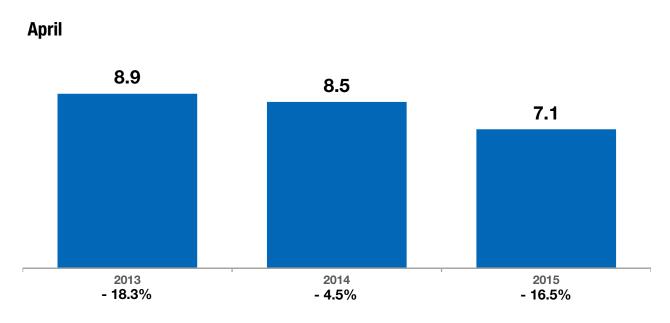
#### **Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month**



# **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.





| Months Supply  |     | Prior Year | Percent Change |
|----------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| May 2014       | 8.6 | 8.8        | -2.3%          |
| June 2014      | 8.6 | 8.7        | -1.1%          |
| July 2014      | 8.5 | 8.5        | 0.0%           |
| August 2014    | 8.4 | 8.5        | -1.2%          |
| September 2014 | 8.1 | 8.4        | -3.6%          |
| October 2014   | 7.9 | 8.3        | -4.8%          |
| November 2014  | 7.6 | 8.2        | -7.3%          |
| December 2014  | 7.1 | 7.8        | -9.0%          |
| January 2015   | 7.0 | 7.9        | -11.4%         |
| February 2015  | 6.9 | 8.1        | -14.8%         |
| March 2015     | 7.0 | 8.3        | -15.7%         |
| April 2015     | 7.1 | 8.5        | -16.5%         |
| 12-Month Avg*  | 7.7 | 8.3        | -7.2%          |

<sup>\*</sup> Months Supply for all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

#### **Historical Months Supply of Inventory by Month**

