

Monthly Indicators

April 2012

Sometimes the best answers aren't right under your nose. For example, the most popular market indicator is home prices. But prices are what we call a lagging indicator, because they reflect closed sales. Leading indicators are forward-looking. Watch activity related to list price received at sale, days on market and months supply of inventory to see how sellers might be regaining their pricing power. Favorable supply-demand trends may be ticking away from the buyer for the first time in years. Moral of the story: Price is but a single picture in the gallery.

New Listings were down 3.4 percent to 1,605. Pending Sales increased 11.4 percent to 1,004. Inventory shrank 8.5 percent to 5,283 units.

Prices were still soft as the Median Sales Price was down 4.2 percent to \$108,250. Days on Market decreased 6.6 percent to 85 days. Months Supply of Inventory was down 21.2 percent to 6.7 months.

When monitoring residential real estate activity, it is always important to keep tabs on the overall economy and job growth. Preliminary Q1-2012 GDP growth came in at 2.2 percent, which, while disappointing to some observers and slower than Q4-2011, still signals economic expansion and not contraction. Expedited bank processing and easing lending standards are also encouraging developments.

Activity Snapshot

+ 3.0% - 4.2% - 8.5%

One-Year Change in	One-Year Change in	One-Year Change in
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Homes for Sale

Residential activity for Regional Board B, comprised of single-family properties, townhomes, and condominiums combined. Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures.

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Activity Overview

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

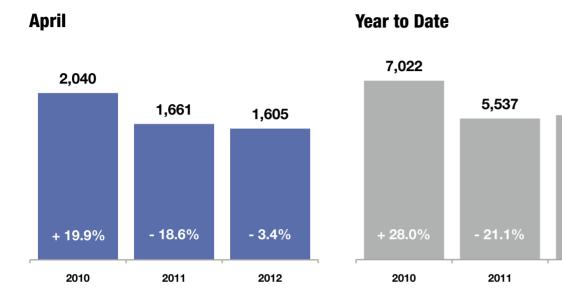


Key Metrics	Historical Sparkbars	4-2011	4-2012	Percent Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	Percent Change
New Listings	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	1,661	1,605	- 3.4%	5,537	5,670	+ 2.4%
Pending Sales	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	901	1,004	+ 11.4%	2,877	3,349	+ 16.4%
Closed Sales	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	632	651	+ 3.0%	2,167	2,337	+ 7.8%
Days on Market	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	91	85	- 6.6%	85	90	+ 5.9%
Median Sales Price	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	\$113,000	\$108,250	- 4.2%	\$111,766	\$110,000	- 1.6%
Average Sales Price	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	\$129,104	\$130,691	+ 1.2%	\$132,128	\$131,573	- 0.4%
Pct. of List Price Received	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	93.8%	94.1%	+ 0.3%	93.9%	94.0%	+ 0.1%
Affordability Index	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	221	245	+ 10.9%	222	242	+ 9.0%
Homes for Sale	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	5,774	5,283	- 8.5%			
Months Supply	4-2009 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	8.5	6.7	- 21.2%			

New Listings

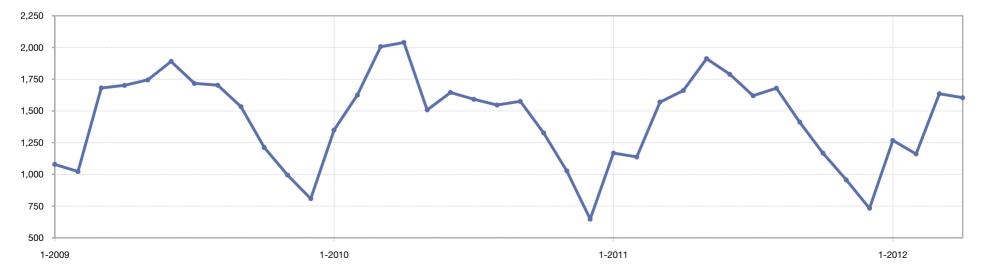
A count of the properties that have been newly listed on the market in a given month.





New Listings		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	1,912	1,508	+26.8%
June 2011	1,789	1,646	+8.7%
July 2011	1,620	1,592	+1.8%
August 2011	1,679	1,547	+8.5%
September 2011	1,412	1,576	-10.4%
October 2011	1,168	1,327	-12.0%
November 2011	957	1,027	-6.8%
December 2011	733	648	+13.1%
January 2012	1,268	1,168	+8.6%
February 2012	1,161	1,138	+2.0%
March 2012	1,636	1,570	+4.2%
April 2012	1,605	1,661	-3.4%
12-Month Avg	1,412	1,367	+3.3%

Historical New Listings by Month



5,670

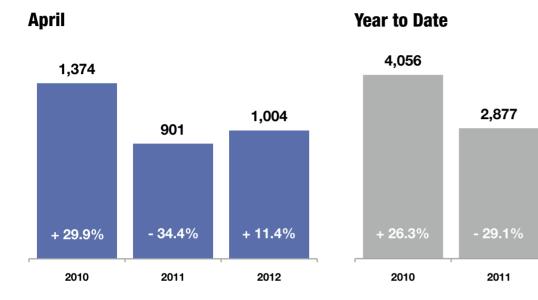
+ 2.4%

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Pending Sales

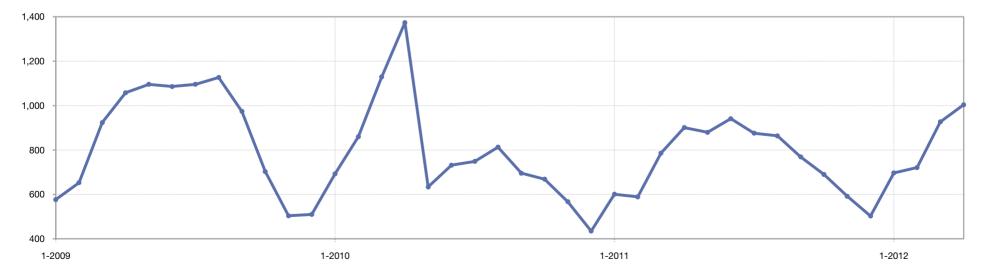
A count of the properties on which offers have been accepted in a given month.





Pending Sales		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	880	634	+38.8%
June 2011	941	732	+28.6%
July 2011	876	749	+17.0%
August 2011	864	813	+6.3%
September 2011	769	696	+10.5%
October 2011	690	669	+3.1%
November 2011	592	567	+4.4%
December 2011	503	435	+15.6%
January 2012	697	601	+16.0%
February 2012	721	589	+22.4%
March 2012	927	786	+17.9%
April 2012	1,004	901	+11.4%
12-Month Avg	789	681	+15.9%

Historical Pending Sales by Month



3,349

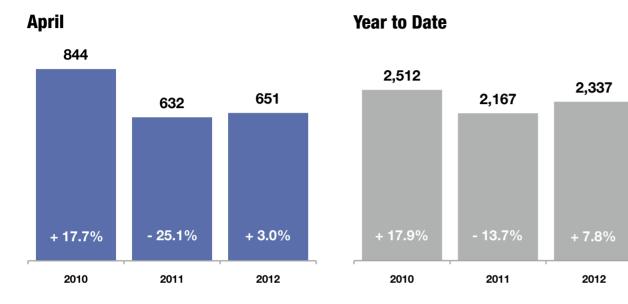
+ 16.4%

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Closed Sales

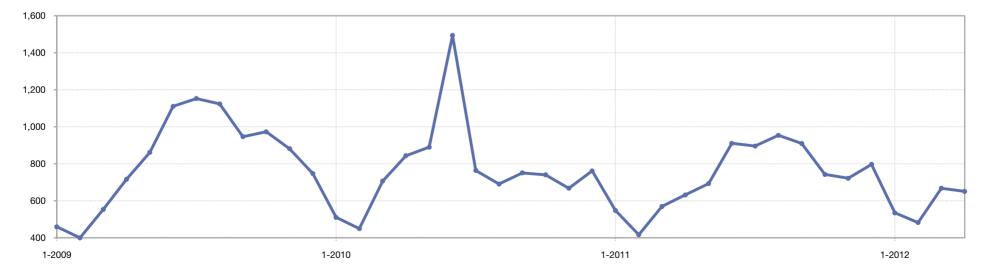
A count of the actual sales that closed in a given month.





Closed Sales		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	693	890	-22.1%
June 2011	911	1,494	-39.0%
July 2011	896	764	+17.3%
August 2011	954	691	+38.1%
September 2011	910	751	+21.2%
October 2011	743	741	+0.3%
November 2011	722	668	+8.1%
December 2011	797	762	+4.6%
January 2012	535	548	-2.4%
February 2012	483	417	+15.8%
March 2012	668	570	+17.2%
April 2012	651	632	+3.0%
12-Month Avg	747	744	+0.4%

Historical Closed Sales by Month

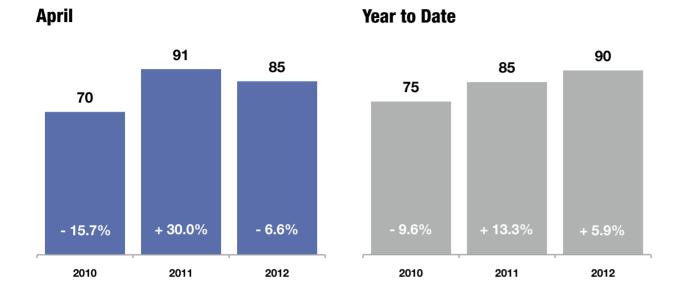


Days on Market Until Sale

Historical Days on Market Until Sale by Month

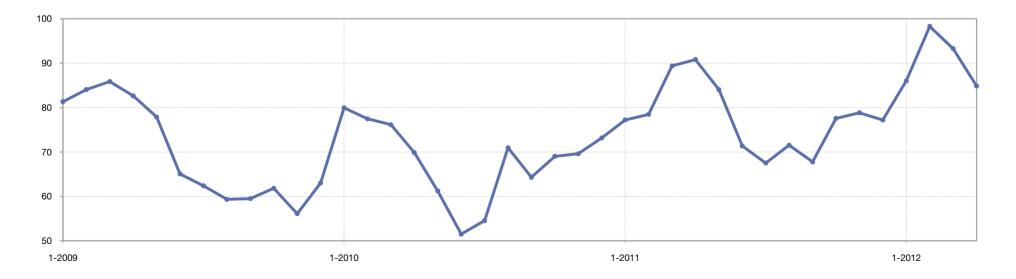
Average number of days between when a property is listed and when an offer is accepted in a given month.





Days on Market		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	84	61	+37.7%
June 2011	71	52	+36.5%
July 2011	68	55	+23.6%
August 2011	72	71	+1.4%
September 2011	68	64	+6.3%
October 2011	78	69	+13.0%
November 2011	79	70	+12.9%
December 2011	77	73	+5.5%
January 2012	86	77	+11.7%
February 2012	98	78	+25.6%
March 2012	93	89	+4.5%
April 2012	85	91	-6.6%
12-Month Avg*	78	68	+14.7%

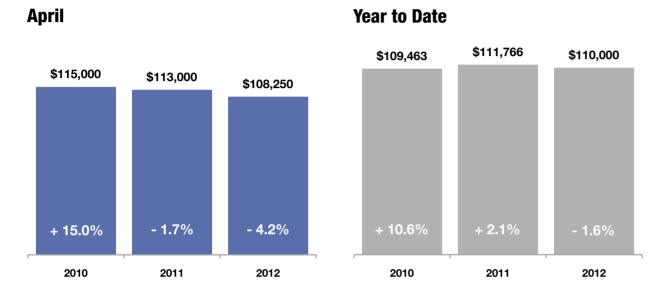
* Average Days on Market of all properties from May 2011 through April 2012. This is not the average of the individual figures above.



Median Sales Price

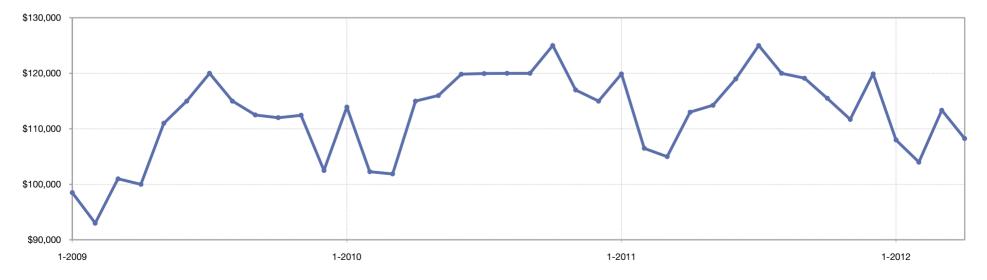
Point at which half of the sales sold for more and half sold for less, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month.





Median Sales Price		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	\$114,250	\$116,000	-1.5%
June 2011	\$119,000	\$119,840	-0.7%
July 2011	\$125,000	\$119,950	+4.2%
August 2011	\$120,000	\$120,000	0.0%
September 2011	\$119,125	\$120,000	-0.7%
October 2011	\$115,500	\$125,000	-7.6%
November 2011	\$111,700	\$117,000	-4.5%
December 2011	\$119,900	\$115,000	+4.3%
January 2012	\$108,000	\$119,900	-9.9%
February 2012	\$104,000	\$106,500	-2.3%
March 2012	\$113,348	\$105,000	+8.0%
April 2012	\$108,250	\$113,000	-4.2%
12-Month Med*	\$115,305	\$117,500	-1.9%

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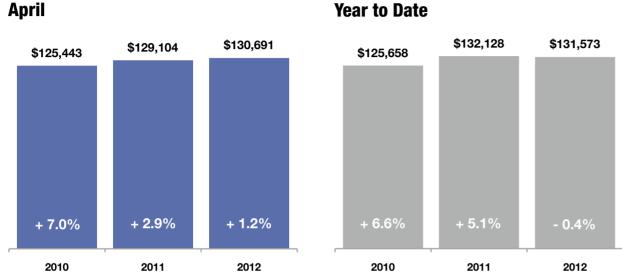


Historical Median Sales Price by Month

Average Sales Price

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

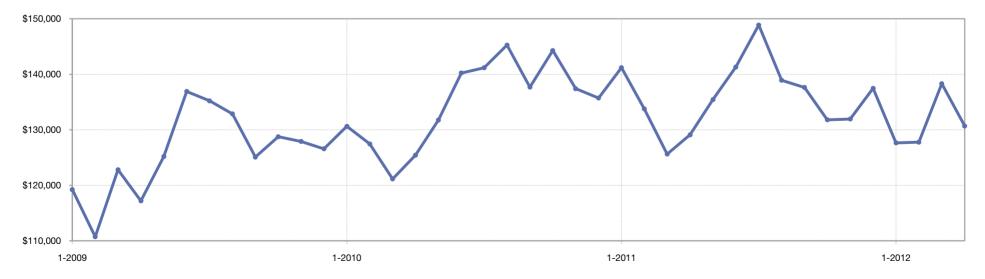




Year to Date

Average Sales Price		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	\$135,455	\$131,766	+2.8%
June 2011	\$141,309	\$140,226	+0.8%
July 2011	\$148,872	\$141,180	+5.4%
August 2011	\$138,939	\$145,261	-4.4%
September 2011	\$137,637	\$137,685	0.0%
October 2011	\$131,801	\$144,281	-8.6%
November 2011	\$131,949	\$137,415	-4.0%
December 2011	\$137,480	\$135,722	+1.3%
January 2012	\$127,646	\$141,190	-9.6%
February 2012	\$127,782	\$133,779	-4.5%
March 2012	\$138,310	\$125,625	+10.1%
April 2012	\$130,691	\$129,104	+1.2%
12-Month Avg*	\$136,569	\$137,412	-0.6%

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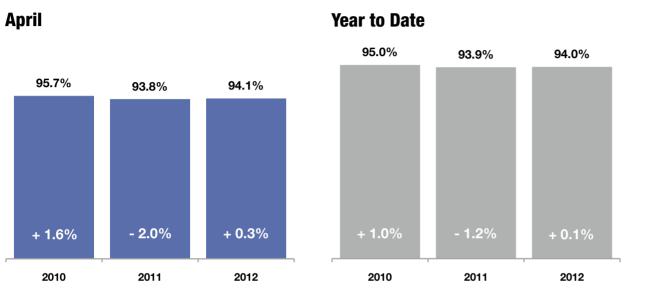


Historical Average Sales Price by Month

Percent of List Price Received

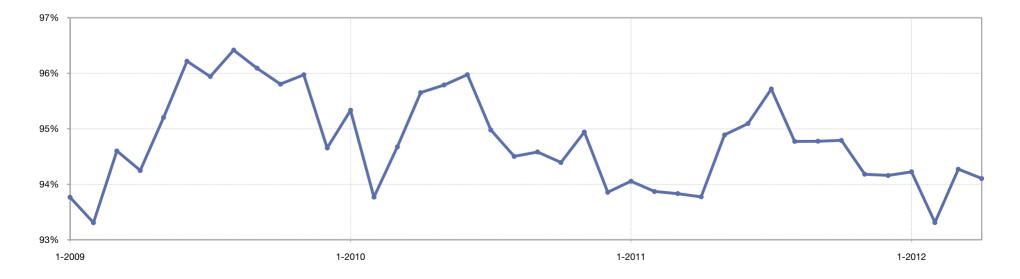
Historical Percent of List Price Received by Month

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.



Pct. of List Price Rec	eived	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	94.9%	95.8%	-0.9%
June 2011	95.1%	96.0%	-0.9%
July 2011	95.7%	95.0%	+0.7%
August 2011	94.8%	94.5%	+0.3%
September 2011	94.8%	94.6%	+0.2%
October 2011	94.8%	94.4%	+0.4%
November 2011	94.2%	94.9%	-0.7%
December 2011	94.2%	93.9%	+0.3%
January 2012	94.2%	94.1%	+0.1%
February 2012	93.3%	93.9%	-0.6%
March 2012	94.3%	93.8%	+0.5%
April 2012	94.1 %	93.8%	+0.3%
12-Month Avg*	94.6%	94.7%	-0.1%

* Average Pct. of List Price Received for all properties from May 2011 through April 2012. This is not the average of the individual figures above.



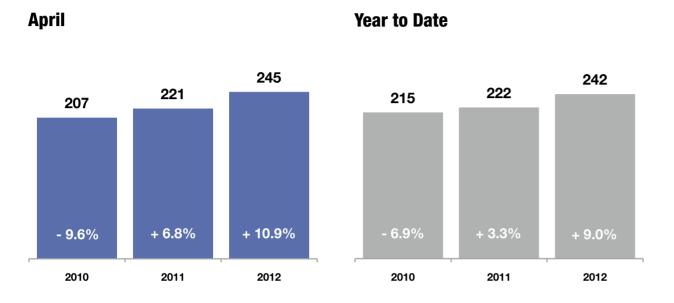
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Housing Affordability Index

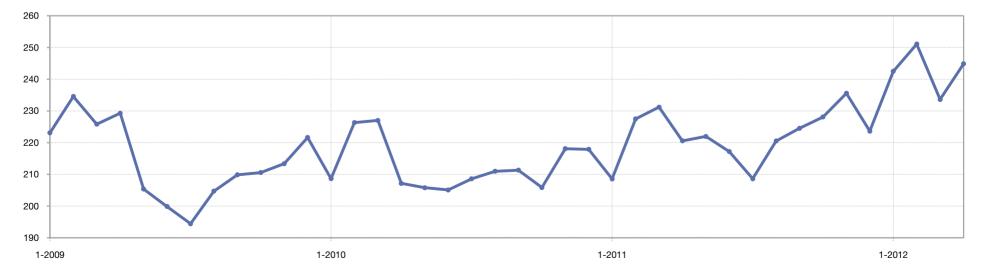
This index measures housing affordability for the region. An index of 120 means the median household income is 120% of what is necessary to qualify for the median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. A higher number means greater affordability.





Affordability Index		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	222	206	+7.8%
June 2011	217	205	+5.9%
July 2011	209	209	0.0%
August 2011	221	211	+4.7%
September 2011	225	211	+6.6%
October 2011	228	206	+10.7%
November 2011	236	218	+8.3%
December 2011	224	218	+2.8%
January 2012	242	209	+15.8%
February 2012	251	228	+10.1%
March 2012	234	231	+1.3%
April 2012	245	221	+10.9%
12-Month Avg	230	214	+7.1%

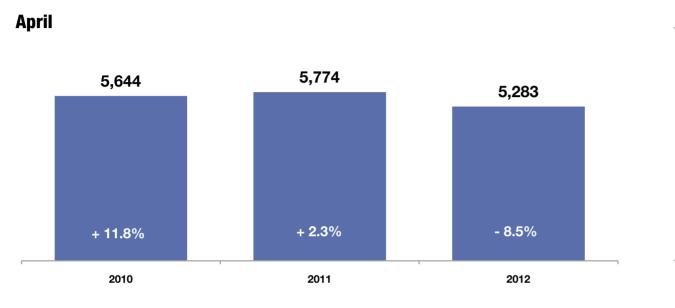
Historical Housing Affordability Index by Month



Inventory of Homes for Sale

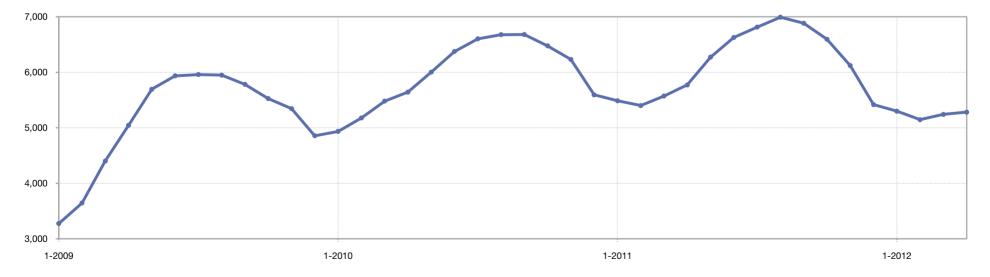
The number of properties available for sale in active status at the end of a given month.





Homes for Sale		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	6,274	6,003	+4.5%
June 2011	6,628	6,375	+4.0%
July 2011	6,813	6,603	+3.2%
August 2011	6,993	6,678	+4.7%
September 2011	6,885	6,681	+3.1%
October 2011	6,596	6,476	+1.9%
November 2011	6,121	6,232	-1.8%
December 2011	5,419	5,595	-3.1%
January 2012	5,300	5,488	-3.4%
February 2012	5,148	5,401	-4.7%
March 2012	5,242	5,573	-5.9%
April 2012	5,283	5,774	-8.5%
12-Month Avg	6,059	6,073	-0.2%

* Homes for Sale for all properties from May 2011 through April 2012. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

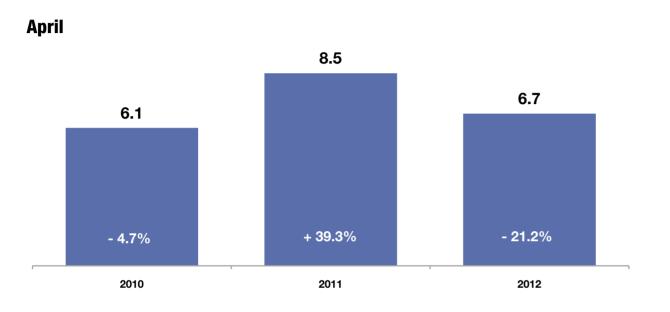


Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month

Months Supply of Inventory

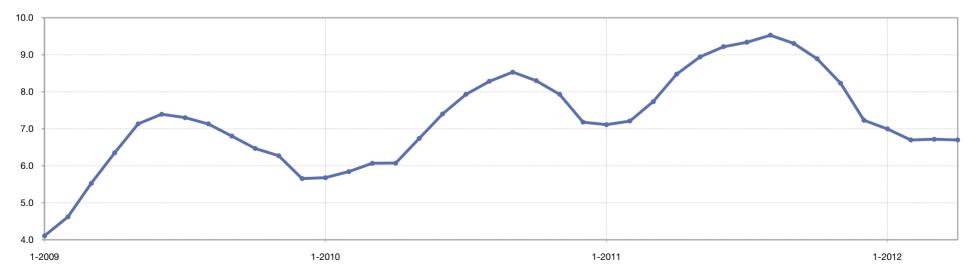
The inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months.





Months Supply		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2011	8.9	6.7	+32.8%
June 2011	9.2	7.4	+24.3%
July 2011	9.3	7.9	+17.7%
August 2011	9.5	8.3	+14.5%
September 2011	9.3	8.5	+9.4%
October 2011	8.9	8.3	+7.2%
November 2011	8.2	7.9	+3.8%
December 2011	7.2	7.2	0.0%
January 2012	7.0	7.1	-1.4%
February 2012	6.7	7.2	-6.9%
March 2012	6.7	7.7	-13.0%
April 2012	6.7	8.5	-21.2%
12-Month Avg	8.2	7.7	+6.5%

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Historical Months Supply of Inventory by Month