

# **Monthly Indicators**

### **December 2012**

It was largely a year of recovery for housing across our nation. Markets resolved to shed their excess weight, appeal to both existing homeowners and renters alike, and learn to play nicer with banks. Hey, three for three isn't too bad. But there's more work to be done. Here's how the final month of 2012 finished up.

New Listings were down 13.1 percent to 637. Pending Sales increased 5.5 percent to 500. Inventory shrank 18.7 percent to 4,471 units.

Prices turned higher as the Median Sales Price was up 3.4 percent to \$124,000. Days on Market decreased 10.4 percent to 69 days. Months Supply of Inventory was down 27.0 percent to 5.4 months, the tenth consecutive month of year-over-year declines.

Economic growth is on an upward trend and several prominent housing indices continue to showcase market turnaround. Momentum is on our side, though it won't necessarily be fast, consistent or universal. But after five or six challenging years, it's a welcomed change of pace. Plenty of opportunity lies ahead. Here's to a healthy and prosperous year!

### **Activity Snapshot**

- 0.9% + 3.4% - 18.7%

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.

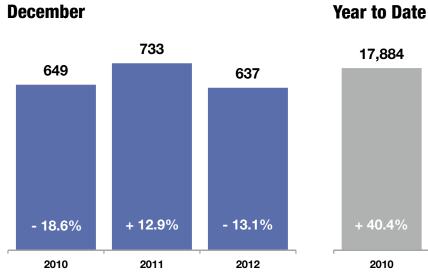


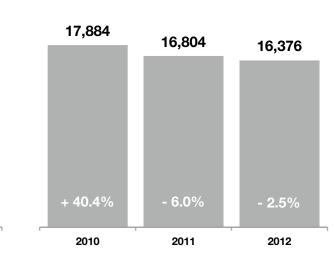
Key Metrics	Historical Sparkbars	12-2011	12-2012	Percent Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	Percent Change
New Listings	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	733	637	- 13.1%	16,804	16,376	- 2.5%
Pending Sales	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	474	500	+ 5.5%	8,939	9,950	+ 11.3%
Closed Sales	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	798	791	- 0.9%	8,805	9,522	+ 8.1%
Days on Market	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	77	69	- 10.4%	77	74	- 3.9%
Median Sales Price	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	\$119,900	\$124,000	+ 3.4%	\$116,000	\$121,000	+ 4.3%
Average Sales Price	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	\$137,274	\$142,251	+ 3.6%	\$136,804	\$143,860	+ 5.2%
Pct. of List Price Received	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	94.1%	95.0%	+ 1.0%	94.6%	95.0%	+ 0.4%
Affordability Index	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	224	232	+ 3.6%	229	236	+ 3.1%
Homes for Sale		5,499	4,471	- 18.7%			
Months Supply		7.4	5.4	- 27.0%			

# **New Listings**

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

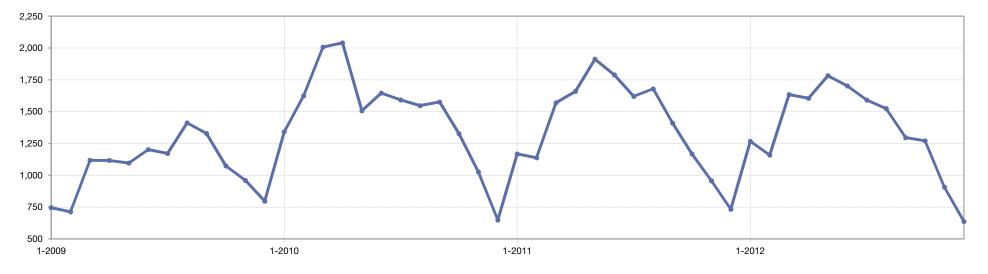






New Listings		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	1,267	1,168	+8.5%
February 2012	1,159	1,138	+1.8%
March 2012	1,634	1,570	+4.1%
April 2012	1,605	1,660	-3.3%
May 2012	1,783	1,912	-6.7%
June 2012	1,702	1,789	-4.9%
July 2012	1,591	1,620	-1.8%
August 2012	1,524	1,679	-9.2%
September 2012	1,296	1,410	-8.1%
October 2012	1,271	1,168	+8.8%
November 2012	907	957	-5.2%
December 2012	637	733	-13.1%
12-Month Avg	1,365	1,400	-2.5%

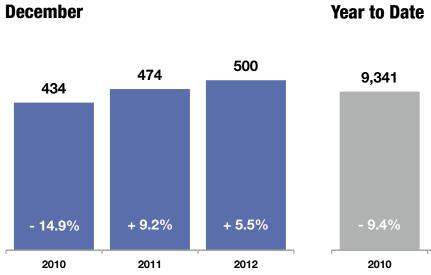
#### **Historical New Listings by Month**



### **Pending Sales**

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

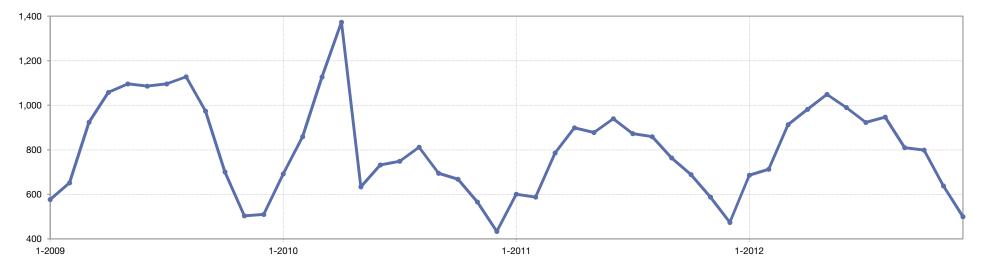




9,341	8,939	9,950	
 - 9.4% 2010	- 4.3%	+ 11.3%	

Pending Sales		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	686	601	+14.1%
February 2012	713	588	+21.3%
March 2012	913	786	+16.2%
April 2012	982	899	+9.2%
May 2012	1,049	878	+19.5%
June 2012	990	940	+5.3%
July 2012	923	873	+5.7%
August 2012	947	859	+10.2%
September 2012	810	764	+6.0%
October 2012	799	689	+16.0%
November 2012	638	588	+8.5%
December 2012	500	474	+5.5%
12-Month Avg	829	745	+11.3%

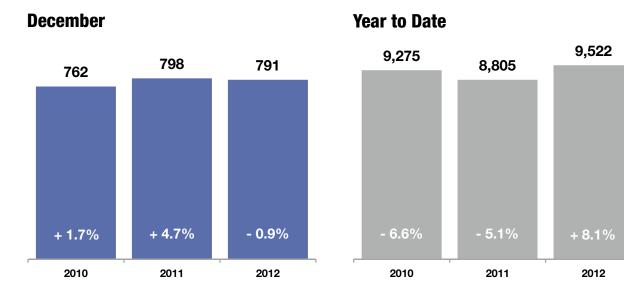
#### **Historical Pending Sales by Month**



### **Closed Sales**

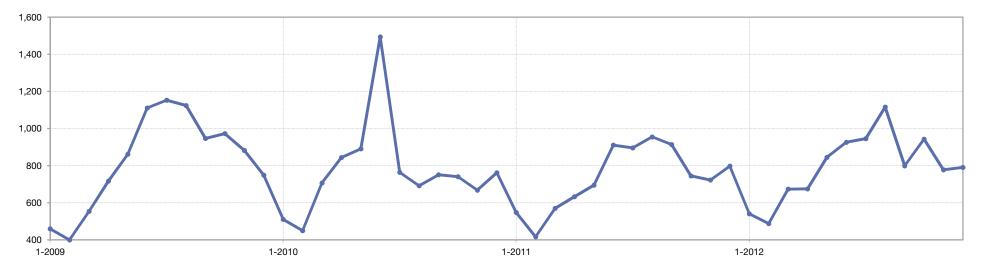
A count of the actual sales that closed in a given month.





Closed Sales		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	541	548	-1.3%
February 2012	488	417	+17.0%
March 2012	674	570	+18.2%
April 2012	675	633	+6.6%
May 2012	845	695	+21.6%
June 2012	926	911	+1.6%
July 2012	946	896	+5.6%
August 2012	1,116	955	+16.9%
September 2012	799	914	-12.6%
October 2012	943	745	+26.6%
November 2012	778	723	+7.6%
December 2012	791	798	-0.9%
12-Month Avg	794	734	+8.2%

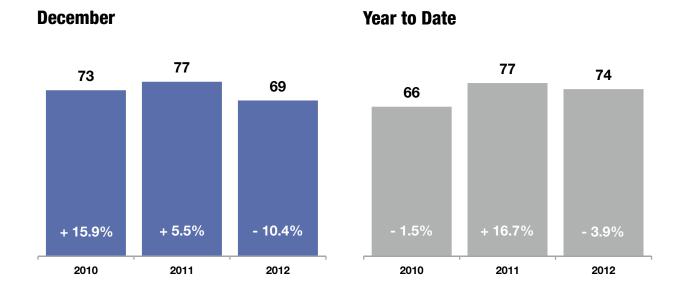
#### **Historical Closed Sales by Month**



# **Days on Market Until Sale**

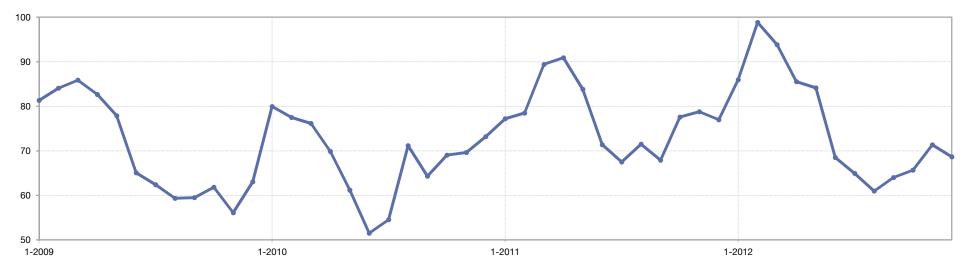
Average number of days between when a property is listed and when an offer is accepted in a given month.





Days on Market		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	86	77	+11.7%
February 2012	99	78	+26.9%
March 2012	94	89	+5.6%
April 2012	86	91	-5.5%
May 2012	84	84	0.0%
June 2012	68	71	-4.2%
July 2012	65	68	-4.4%
August 2012	61	72	-15.3%
September 2012	64	68	-5.9%
October 2012	66	78	-15.4%
November 2012	71	79	-10.1%
December 2012	69	77	-10.4%
12-Month Avg*	74	77	-3.9%

\* Average Days on Market of all properties from January 2012 through December 2012. This is not the average of the individual figures above.



### Historical Days on Market Until Sale by Month

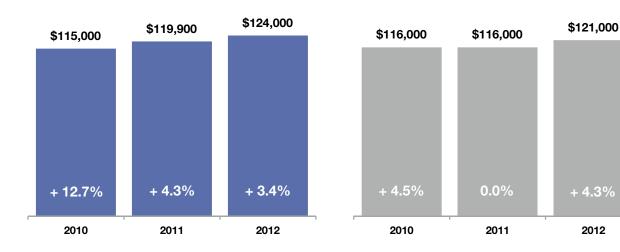
### **Median Sales Price**

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



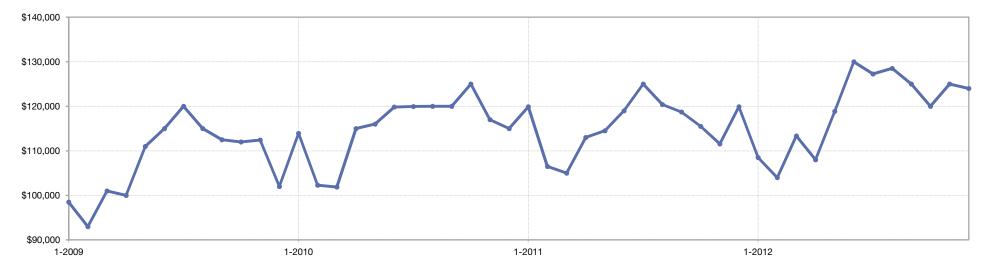
#### December





Median Sales Price		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	\$108,500	\$119,900	-9.5%
February 2012	\$104,000	\$106,500	-2.3%
March 2012	\$113,348	\$105,000	+8.0%
April 2012	\$108,000	\$113,000	-4.4%
May 2012	\$118,860	\$114,500	+3.8%
June 2012	\$130,000	\$119,000	+9.2%
July 2012	\$127,250	\$125,000	+1.8%
August 2012	\$128,500	\$120,400	+6.7%
September 2012	\$125,000	\$118,725	+5.3%
October 2012	\$120,000	\$115,500	+3.9%
November 2012	\$125,000	\$111,563	+12.0%
December 2012	\$124,000	\$119,900	+3.4%
12-Month Med*	\$121,000	\$116,000	+4.3%

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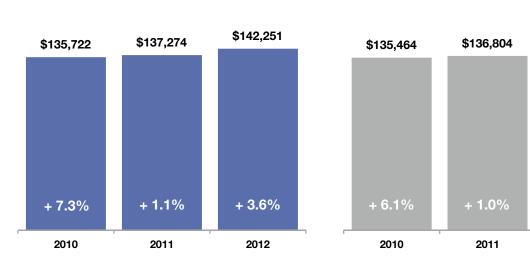
#### **Historical Median Sales Price by Month**

### **Average Sales Price**

December

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

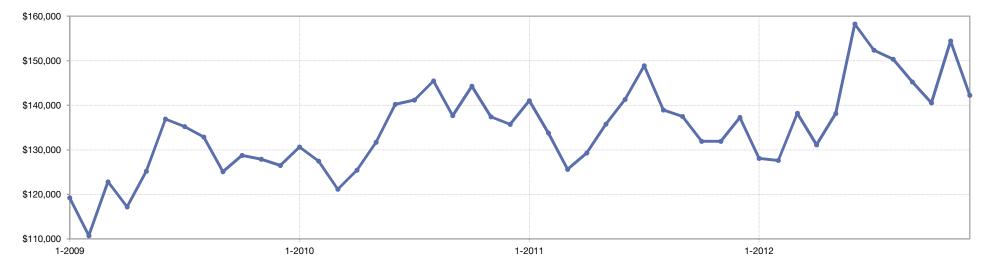




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#### **Historical Average Sales Price by Month**

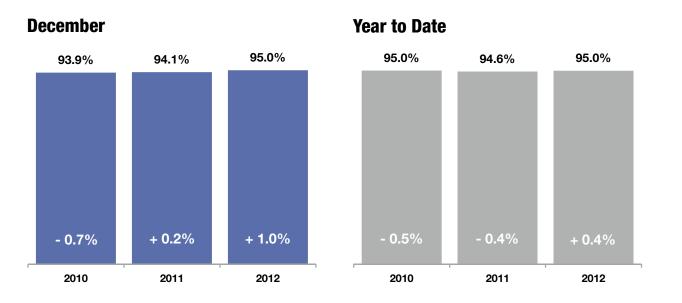
\$143,860

+ 5.2%

2012

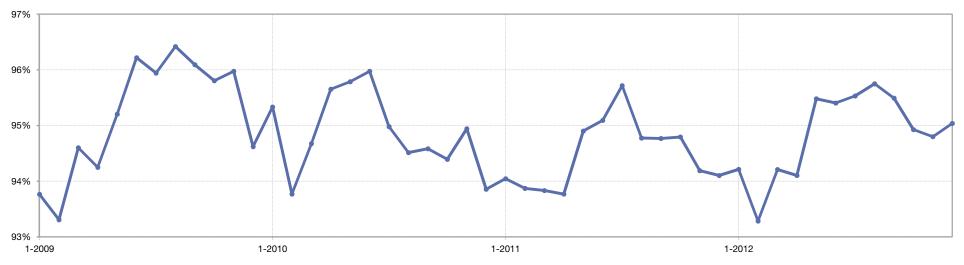
## **Percent of List Price Received**

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.



Pct. of List Price Rece	eived	Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	94.2%	94.0%	+0.2%
February 2012	93.3%	93.9%	-0.6%
March 2012	94.2%	93.8%	+0.4%
April 2012	94.1%	93.8%	+0.3%
May 2012	95.5%	94.9%	+0.6%
June 2012	95.4%	95.1%	+0.3%
July 2012	95.5%	95.7%	-0.2%
August 2012	95.8%	94.8%	+1.1%
September 2012	95.5%	94.8%	+0.7%
October 2012	94.9%	94.8%	+0.1%
November 2012	94.8%	94.2%	+0.6%
December 2012	95.0%	94.1%	+1.0%
12-Month Avg*	95.0%	94.6%	+0.4%

\* Average Pct. of List Price Received for all properties from January 2012 through December 2012. This is not the average of the individual figures above.



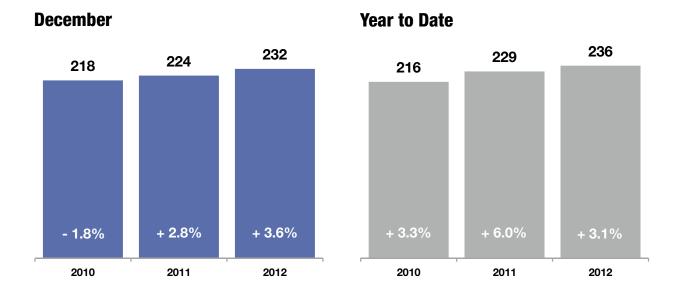
### Historical Percent of List Price Received by Month

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# **Housing Affordability Index**

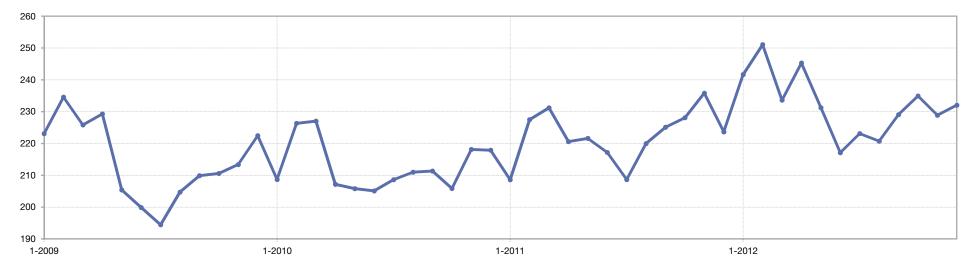
This index measures housing affordability for the region. An index of 120 means the median household income is 120% of what is necessary to qualify for the median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. A higher number means greater affordability.





Affordability Index		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	242	209	+15.8%
February 2012	251	228	+10.1%
March 2012	234	231	+1.3%
April 2012	245	221	+10.9%
May 2012	231	222	+4.1%
June 2012	217	217	0.0%
July 2012	223	209	+6.7%
August 2012	221	220	+0.5%
September 2012	229	225	+1.8%
October 2012	235	228	+3.1%
November 2012	229	236	-3.0%
December 2012	232	224	+3.6%
12-Month Avg	232	222	+4.5%

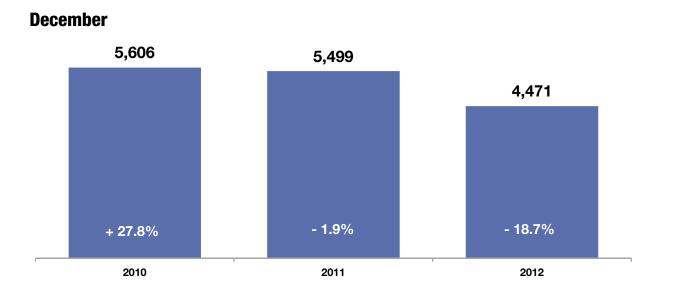
#### **Historical Housing Affordability Index by Month**



### **Inventory of Homes for Sale**

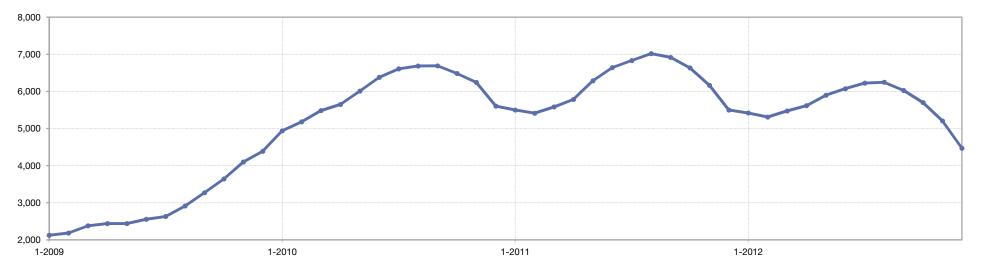
The number of properties available for sale in active status at the end of a given month.





Homes for Sale		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	5,421	5,499	-1.4%
February 2012	5,310	5,413	-1.9%
March 2012	5,474	5,585	-2.0%
April 2012	5,619	5,786	-2.9%
May 2012	5,898	6,288	-6.2%
June 2012	6,073	6,644	-8.6%
July 2012	6,225	6,832	-8.9%
August 2012	6,248	7,018	-11.0%
September 2012	6,027	6,917	-12.9%
October 2012	5,701	6,634	-14.1%
November 2012	5,206	6,166	-15.6%
December 2012	4,471	5,499	-18.7%
12-Month Avg*	5,639	6,190	-8.9%

\* Homes for Sale for all properties from January 2012 through December 2012. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

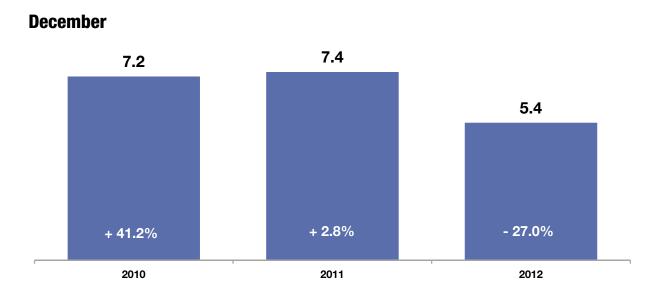


### Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month

# **Months Supply of Inventory**

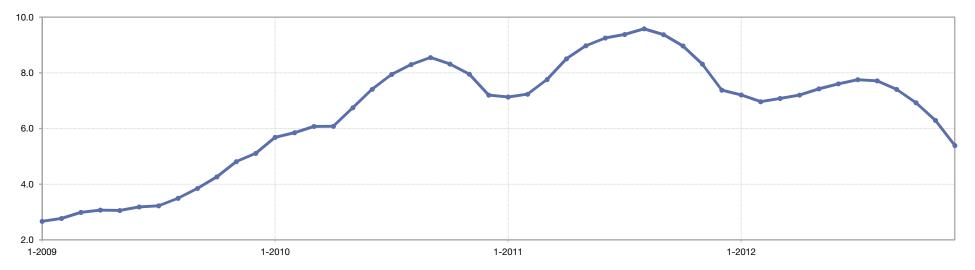
The inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months.





Months Supply		Prior Year	Percent Change
January 2012	7.2	7.1	+1.4%
February 2012	7.0	7.2	-2.8%
March 2012	7.1	7.8	-9.0%
April 2012	7.2	8.5	-15.3%
May 2012	7.4	9.0	-17.8%
June 2012	7.6	9.3	-18.3%
July 2012	7.8	9.4	-17.0%
August 2012	7.7	9.6	-19.8%
September 2012	7.4	9.4	-21.3%
October 2012	6.9	9.0	-23.3%
November 2012	6.3	8.3	-24.1%
December 2012	5.4	7.4	-27.0%
12-Month Avg*	7.1	8.5	-16.5%

\* Months Supply for all properties from January 2012 through December 2012. This is not the average of the individual figures above.



### Historical Months Supply of Inventory by Month