# **Monthly Indicators**

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### **January 2012**

For once, the headlines are getting it right: "Supply-side correction continues," "Home buyer demand strengthening," "Market heads toward balance." There is a very real sense that the landscape is shifting. We don't want to overstate the case this month, as this coming spring will be the bellwether. It's been plus or minus five long years since the peak of the housing bubble and the ensuing aftermath. As we delve into a new year, let's see if the first month of the sixth year brought any encouraging signs.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region increased 4.6 percent to 633. Pending Sales were down 9.2 percent to 177. Inventory levels shrank 10.4 percent to 3,782 units.

Home prices began the year on an up note. The Median Sales Price increased 16.6 percent to \$123,900. Days on Market was up 24.5 percent to 191 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 6.7 percent to 16.3 months.

No one likes feeling stuck. The fate of housing and the economy remain tied together in a single garment of destiny. As long as housing remains weak, many Americans are unable to relocate when an employment opportunity arises. Instead, they're anchored to a house that's underwater. Several key efforts aimed at easing refinancing, converting vacant properties to rentals and getting some private equity in the game are all reasons to stay alert and informed.

#### **Quick Facts**

- 10.7%	+ 16.6%	- 10.4%
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## **Market Overview**





Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	1-2011	1-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings		605	633	+ 4.6%	605	633	+ 4.6%
Pending Sales	1-2019 1-2010 1-2011 1-2012	195	177	- 9.2%	1     195	177	- 9.2%
Closed Sales	1-2019	178	159	- 10.7%	1     178	159	- 10.7%
Days on Market Until Sale	1-2019 1-2010 1-2011 1-2012	153	191	+ 24.5%	153	191	+ 24.5%
Median Sales Price	1-2019 1-2010 1-2011 1-2012	\$106,225	\$123,900	+ 16.6%	\$106,225	\$123,900	+ 16.6%
Average Sales Price		\$145,146	\$144,667	- 0.3%	\$145,146	\$144,667	- 0.3%
Percent of List Price Received		91.3%	91.2%	- 0.1%	91.3%	91.2%	- 0.1%
Housing Affordability Index	1-2019 1-2010 1-2011 1-2012	193	188	- 2.8%	¦ ¦ 193	188	- 2.8%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1-2019 1-2011 1-2012	4,223	3,782	- 10.4%	 		
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	1-2010 1-2011 1-2012 1-2009 1-2010 1-2011 1-2012	17.5	16.3	- 6.7%			

## **New Listings**







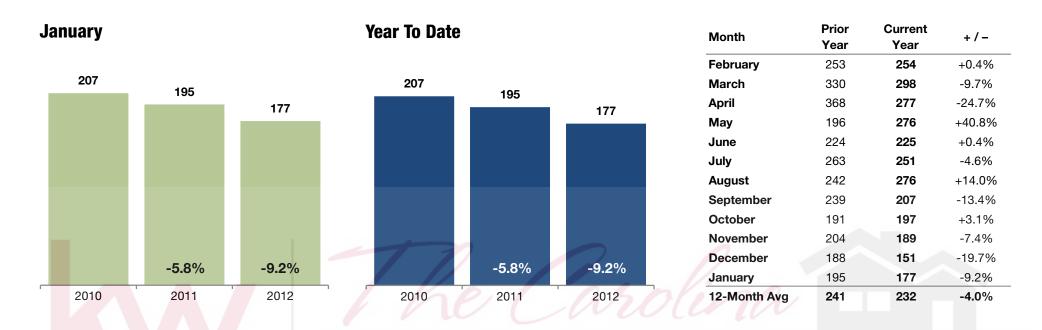
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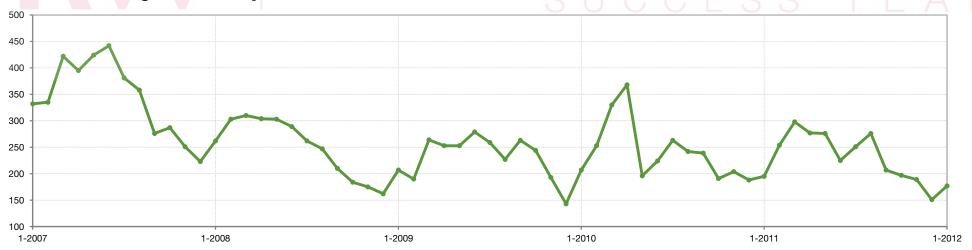
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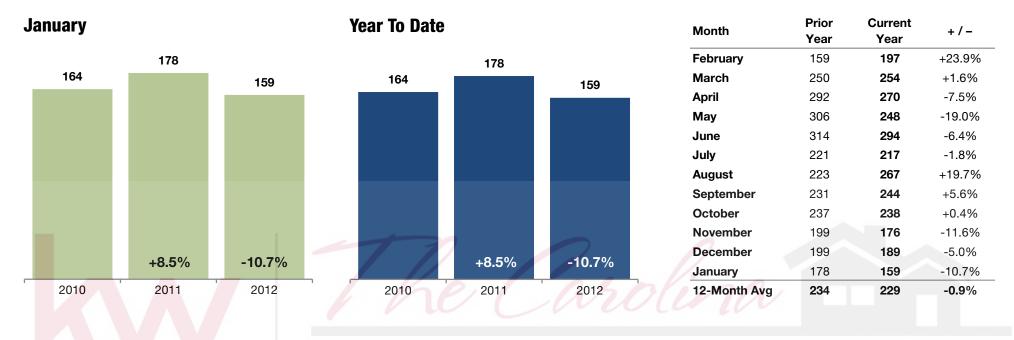
#### **Historical Pending Sales Activity**



## **Closed Sales**

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





#### **Historical Closed Sales Activity**



## **Days on Market Until Sale**





#### **Year To Date January** Prior Current Month +/-Year Year **February** 162 -3.6% 168 184 +25.5% March 146 191 191 155 +5.5% **April** 163 +3.0% May 163 168 153 153 148 148 June 149 165 +10.3% +12.2% July 154 173 +6.3% **August** 151 161 September 156 176 +12.2% **October** 182 176 -3.2% November 156 +5.6% 164 177 +0.2% December 178 +24.5% +3.5% +24.5% +3.5% 153 191 +24.5% January 2010 2011 2012 12-Month Avg 2010 2011 2012 160 182 +13.5%

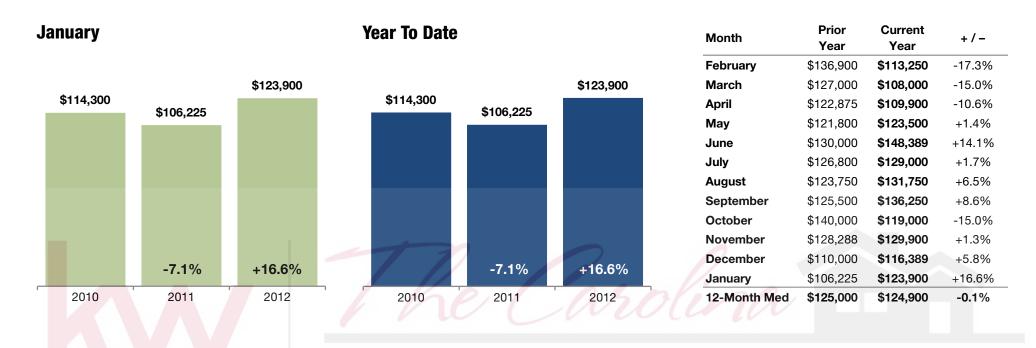
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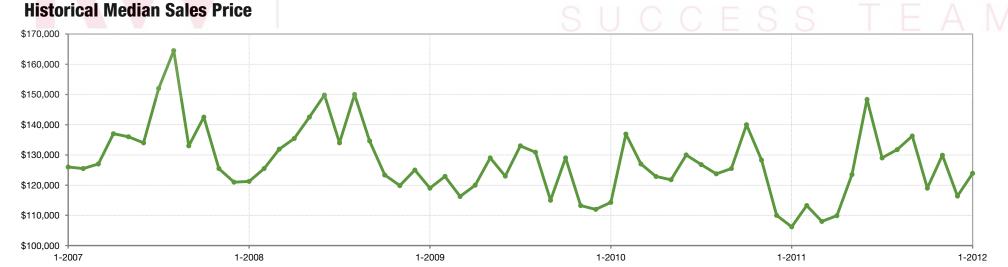


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Median price point for all closed sales, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month.

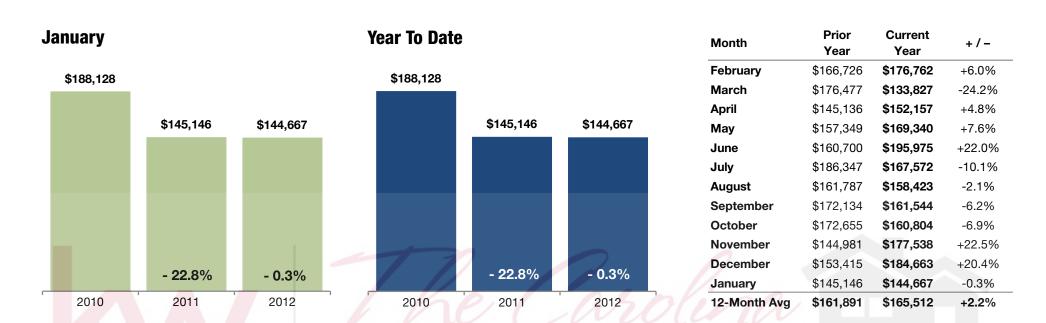




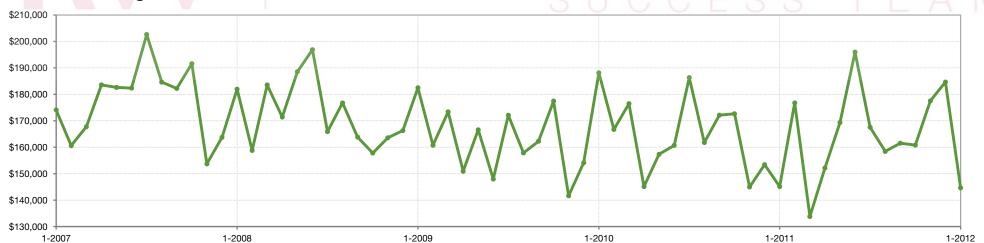
## **Average Sales Price**







#### **Historical Average Sales Price**



## **Percent of List Price Received**



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

J	anuary			Year To Date			Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
	00 50/			22 50/			February	93.3%	92.0%	-1.4%
	92.5%	91.3%	91.2%	92.5%	91.3%	91.2%	March	93.9%	91.5%	-2.5%
							April	94.6%	93.4%	-1.3%
							May	94.2%	92.7%	-1.6%
							June	92.9%	92.5%	-0.5%
							July	92.5%	91.6%	-1.0%
							August	93.2%	91.5%	-1.8%
							September	92.7%	92.6%	-0.2%
							October	91.6%	93.2%	+1.7%
			1				November	90.8%	92.7%	+2.1%
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		-1.2%	-0.1%		-1.2%	-0.1%	January	91.3%	91.2%	-0.1%
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	12-Month Avg	92.7%	92.3%	-0.5%

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



## **Housing Affordability Index**



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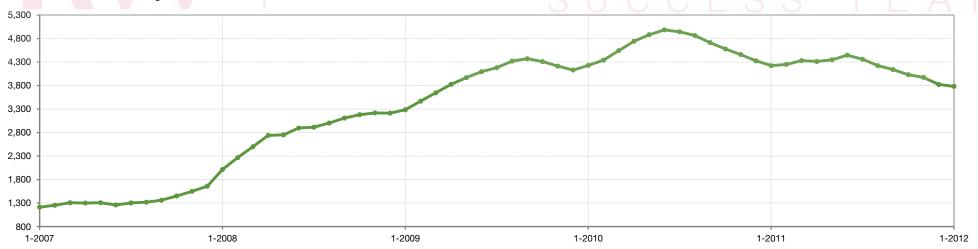






Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	4,339	4,249	-2.1%
March	4,542	4,329	-4.7%
April	4,741	4,312	-9.0%
May	4,882	4,348	-10.9%
June	4,983	4,445	-10.8%
July	4,943	4,359	-11.8%
August	4,863	4,223	-13.2%
September	4,712	4,140	-12.1%
October	4,578	4,031	-11.9%
November	4,460	3,973	-10.9%
December	4,325	3,821	-11.7%
January	4,223	3,782	-10.4%
12-Month Avg	4,633	4,168	-10.0%

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



## **Months Supply of Inventory**



+/-

-4.0%

-3.3%

-0.9%

-7.5%

-9.1%

-9.6%

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-8.2%

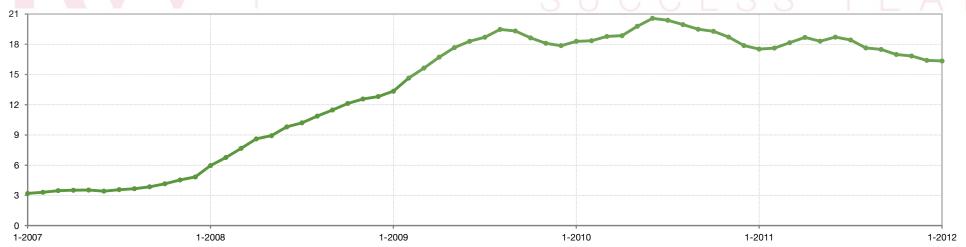
-6.7%

-7.8%

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.







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#### February 2012

It may be a Leap Year, but February is more of a Connect Month for reporting residential real estate data in 2012. That's because it's a buffer between the traditionally slow winter months and what is potentially going to be an interesting and encouraging spring selling season. But let's not look past brief but brassy February so quickly. After all, it grew a whole day taller this year. Let's give the oft-overlooked month its due and take a deeper look.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 15.4 percent to 564. Pending Sales were down 25.9 percent to 189. Inventory levels shrank 11.0 percent to 3,784 units.

Home prices gazed skyward. The Median Sales Price increased 10.4 percent to \$125,000. Days on Market was up 1.4 percent to 165 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 8.5 percent to 16.3 months.

Consumer confidence is as high as it has been in a year, and the Federal Reserve reported growth in all of its 12 banking districts in 2012 through the first half of February, including more hiring and home sales. There are still some challenges to work through, but pessimism is no longer in vogue. Laments over things like unemployment and high gas prices are being replaced with chatter about job prospects and sensible home shopping. The economy and housing market are by no means recovered, but it's okay to think positive.

#### **Quick Facts**

+ 12.7% + 10.4% - 11.0%

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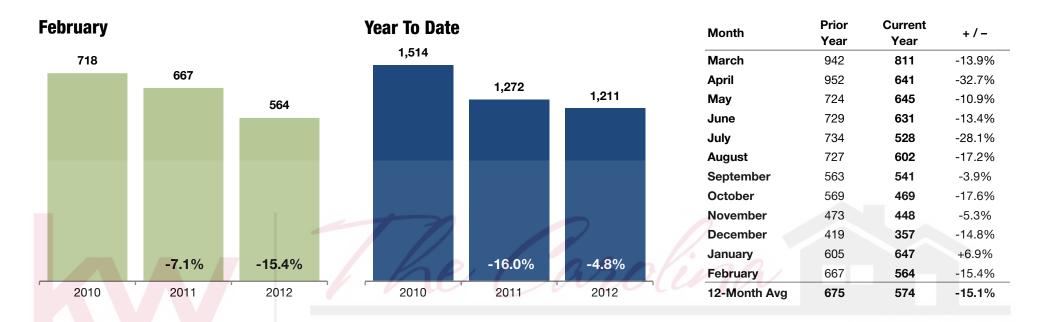


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	2-2011	2-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	2-2009 2-2010 2-2011 2-2012	667	564	- 15.4%	1,272	1,211	- 4.8%
Pending Sales	2-2019 2-2010 2-2011 2-2012	255	189	- 25.9%	449	414	- 7.8%
Closed Sales	2-2009 2-2010 2-2011 2-2012	197	222	+ 12.7%	375	388	+ 3.5%
Days on Market Until Sale		162	165	+ 1.4%	158	177	+ 11.8%
Median Sales Price	2-2019 2-2010 2-2011 2-2012	\$113,250	\$125,000	+ 10.4%	\$110,000	\$125,000	+ 13.6%
Average Sales Price		\$176,762	\$162,856	- 7.9%	\$161,777	\$155,776	- 3.7%
Percent of List Price Received	2-2010 2-2011 2-2012	92.0%	93.0%	+ 1.0%	91.7%	92.3%	+ 0.6%
Housing Affordability Index	2-2019 2-2010 2-2011 2-2012	184	188	+ 2.2%	188	188	- 0.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale		4,251	3,784	- 11.0%			
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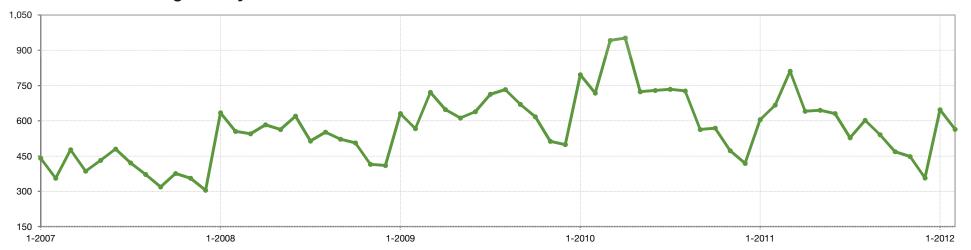
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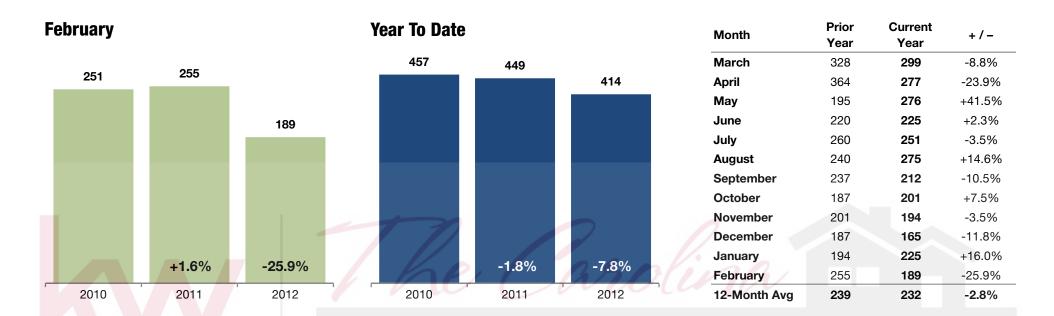
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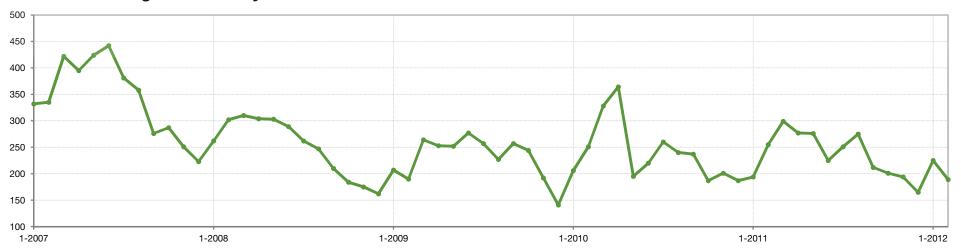
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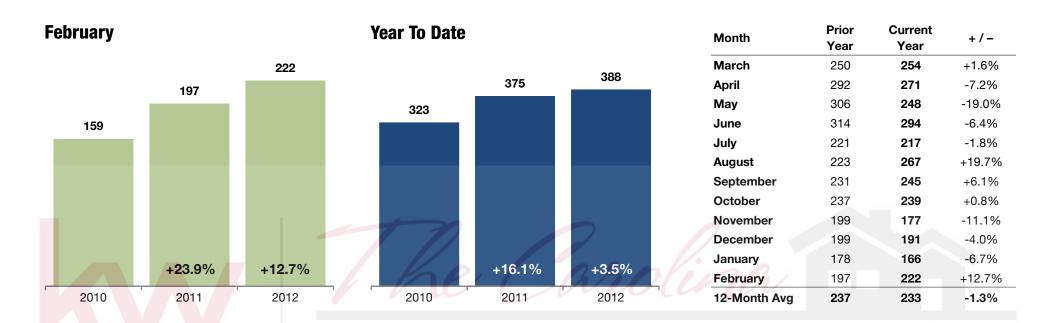
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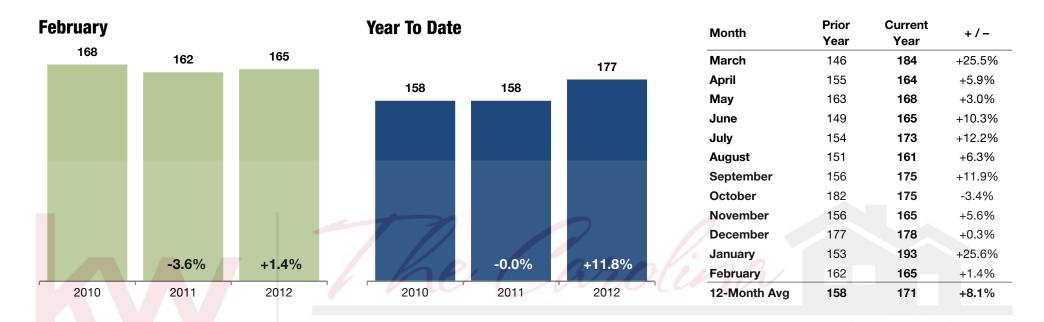
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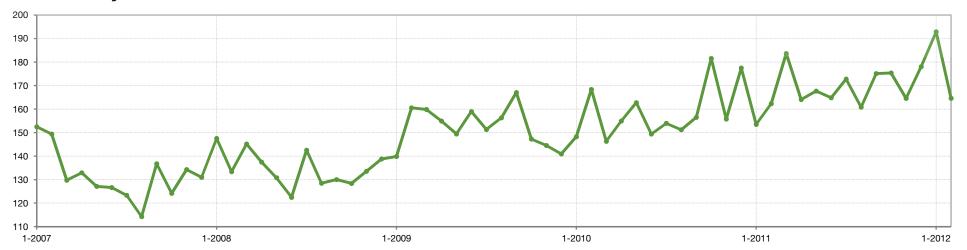
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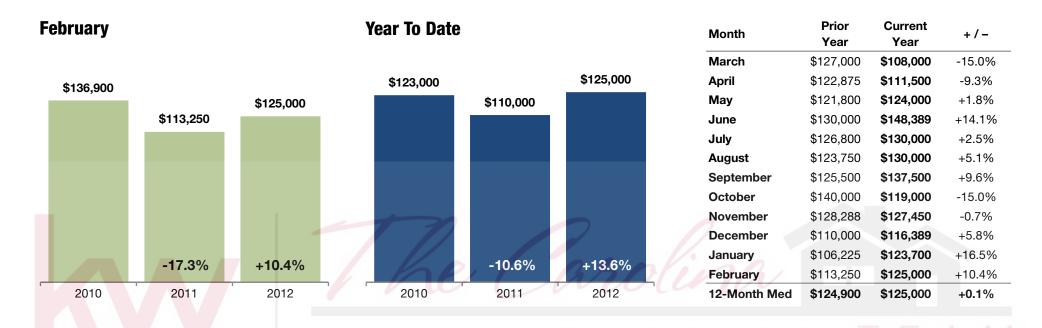
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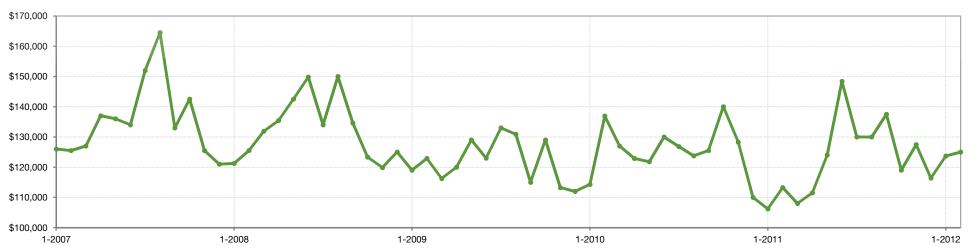
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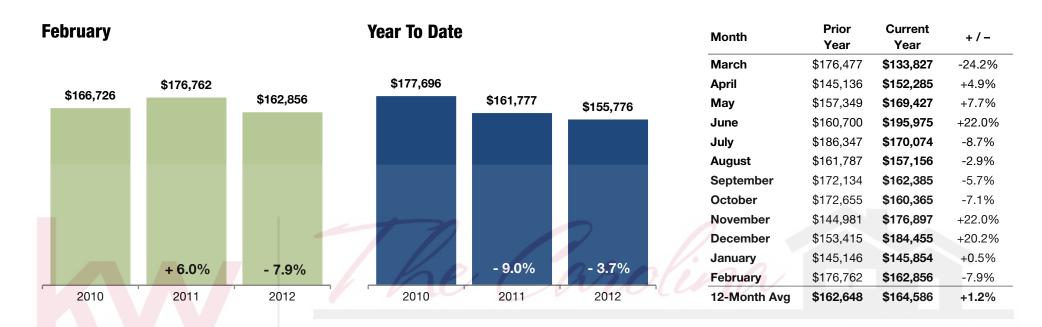
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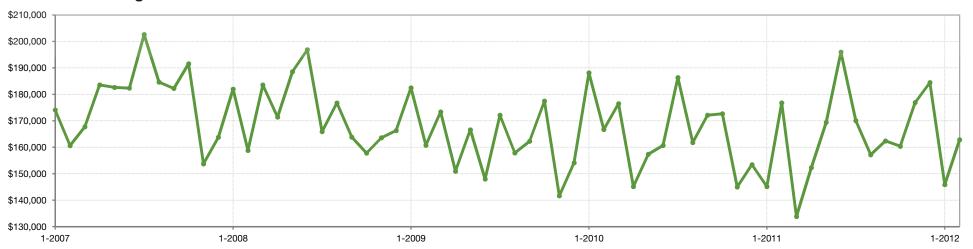
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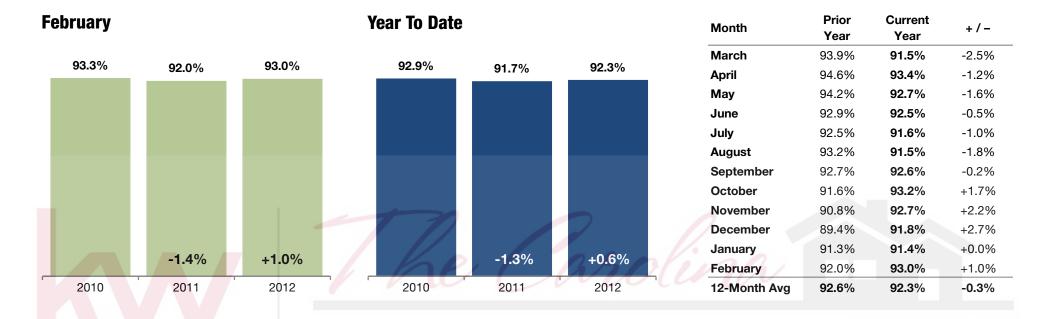
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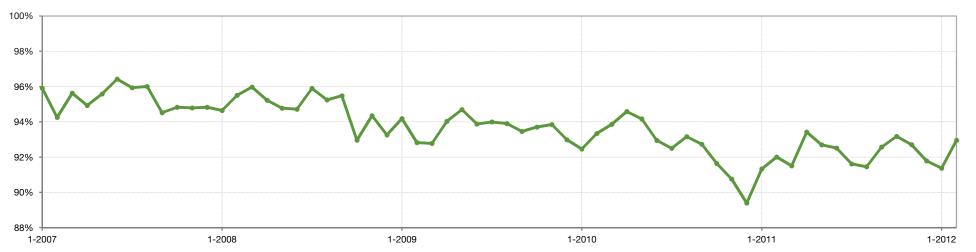
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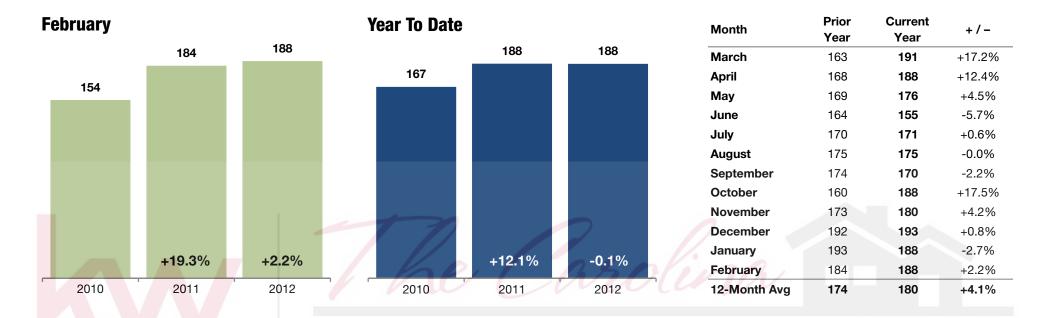
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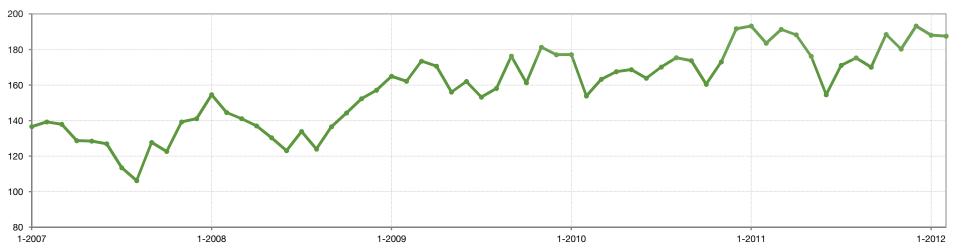
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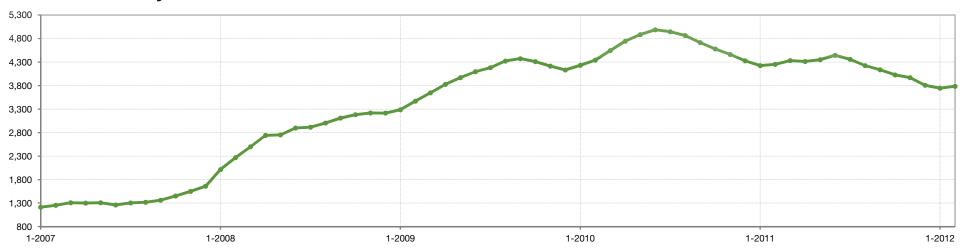
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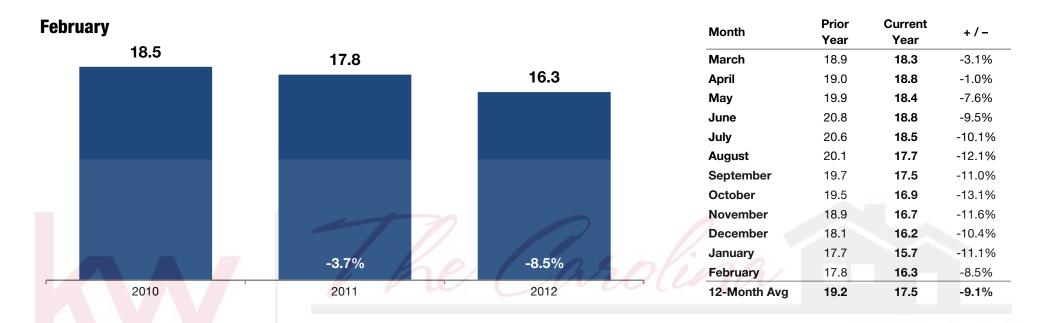
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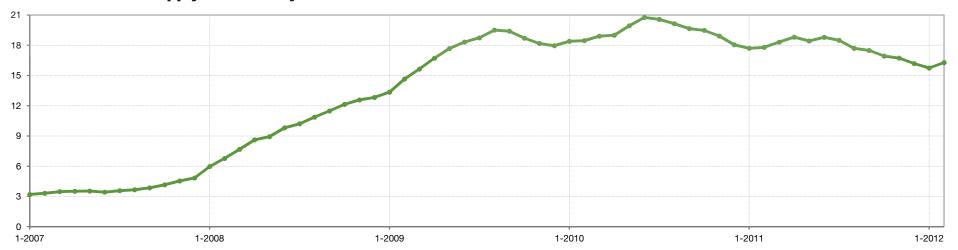
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The inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months.



#### **Historical Months Supply of Inventory**



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#### **March 2012**

Let's talk about data. Navigating through a complex and fast-moving marketplace is tough work. Agents are being called upon to provide fact-based guidance in a timely fashion – and rightly so. MLS data is detailed, accurate and very much "now." It makes the magic of data-driven decision-making possible. So go ahead, channel the collective energy of your hard-earned status changes and let's see what the facts tell us about March 2012. Happy data-ing.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 20.6 percent to 645. Pending Sales were down 33.1 percent to 200. Inventory levels shrank 8.8 percent to 3,952 units.

Home prices are slowly starting to turn a corner. The Median Sales Price increased 11.3 percent to \$120,250. Days on Market was down 14.6 percent to 157 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 5.3 percent to 17.4 months.

For better or worse – usually better – housing is closely tied to the broader economy. As much as we're in the valley of a residential real estate rebalancing act, it's important to keep tabs on economic changes. Recent improvements suggest that there may be a stirring of optimism in the center of this market. But not all submarkets will move together. "You can observe a lot just by watching." – Yogi Berra

#### **Quick Facts**

- 13.8%	+ 11.3%	- 8.8%
Change in Closed Sales	Change in Median Sales Price	Change in <b>Inventory</b>

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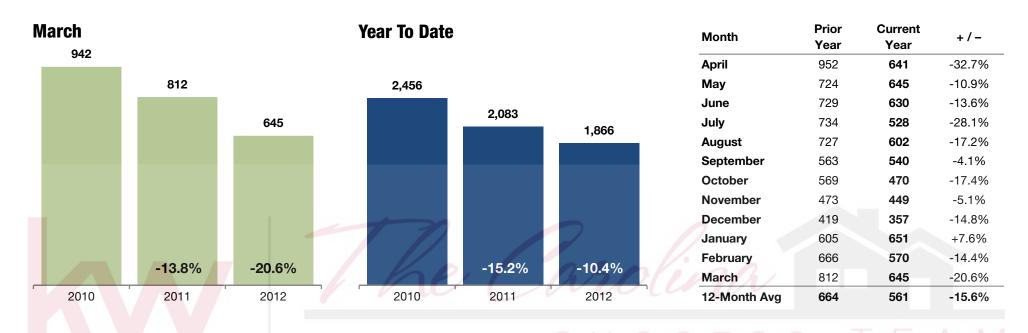


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	3-2011	3-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings		812	645	- 20.6%	2,083	1,866	- 10.4%
Pending Sales	3-2019 3-2010 3-2011 3-2012	299	200	- 33.1%	747	650	- 13.0%
Closed Sales	3-2019 3-2010 3-2011 3-2012	254	219	- 13.8%	629	611	- 2.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	mmm.	184	157	- 14.6%	168	170	+ 0.9%
Median Sales Price	3-2019 3-2010 3-2011 3-2012	\$108,000	\$120,250	+ 11.3%	\$109,950	\$123,900	+ 12.7%
Average Sales Price		\$133,827	\$161,627	+ 20.8%	\$150,606	\$157,902	+ 4.8%
Percent of List Price Received	3-2019 3-2010 3-2011 3-2012	91.5%	93.8%	+ 2.5%	91.6%	92.9%	+ 1.4%
Housing Affordability Index	3-2019 3-2011 3-2012	191	191	+ 0.0%	189	187	- 0.9%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	3-2019 3-2010 3-2011 3-2012	4,333	3,952	- 8.8%			
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	3-2019 3-2010 3-2011 3-2012 3-2009 3-2010 3-2011 3-2012	18.3	17.4	- 5.3%		-	

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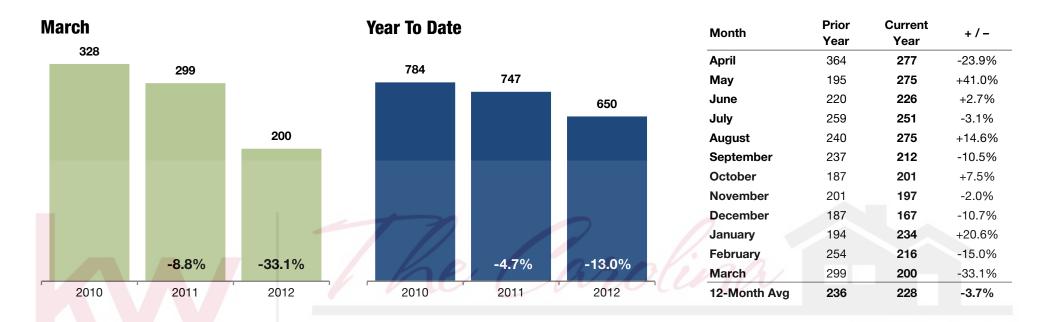
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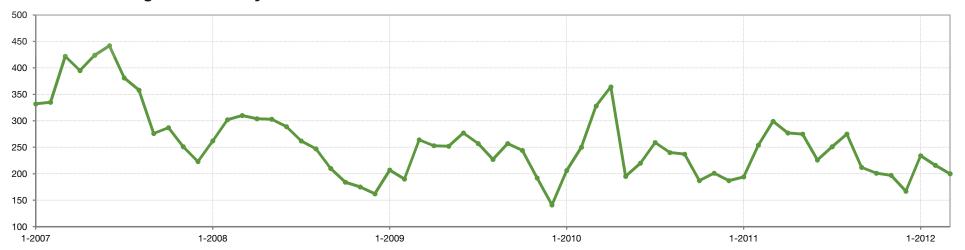
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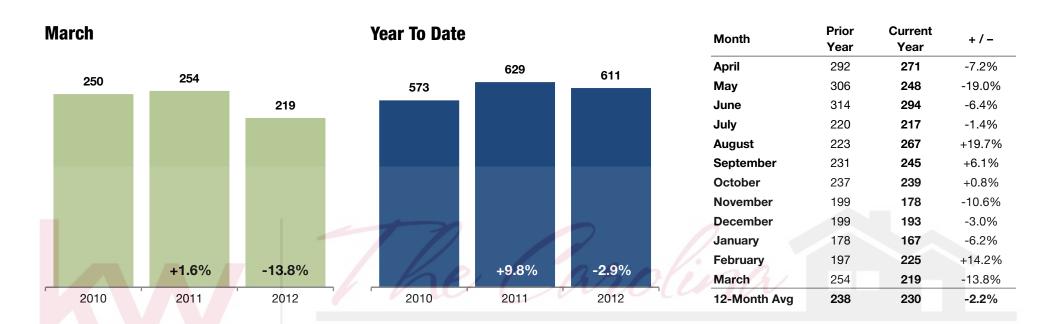
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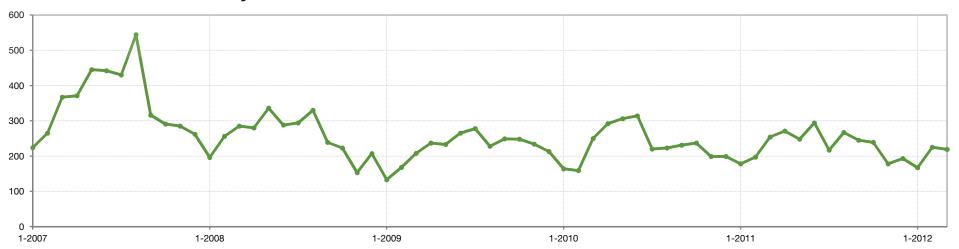
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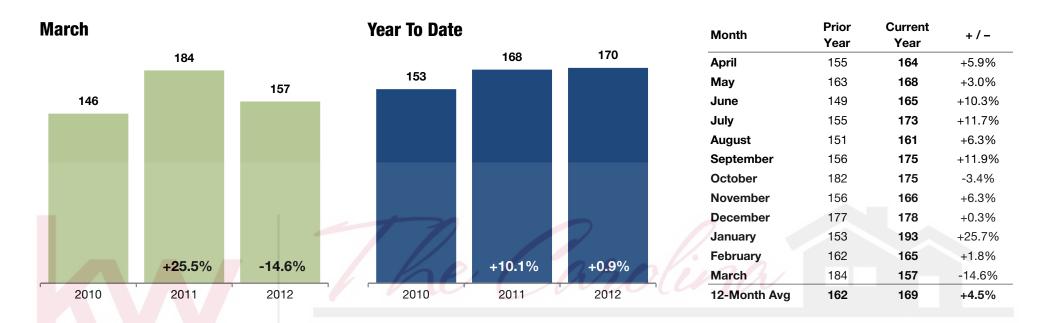
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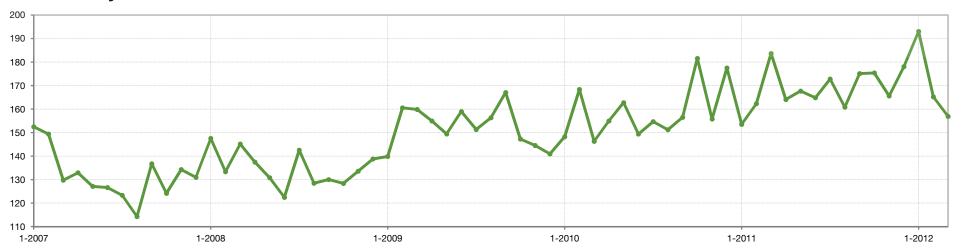
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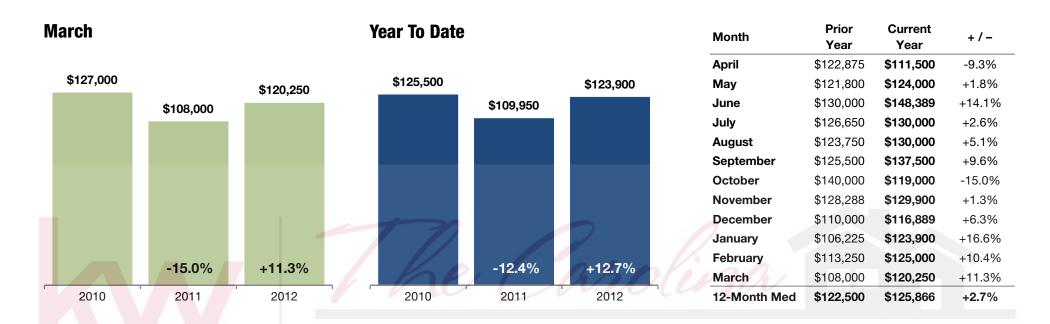
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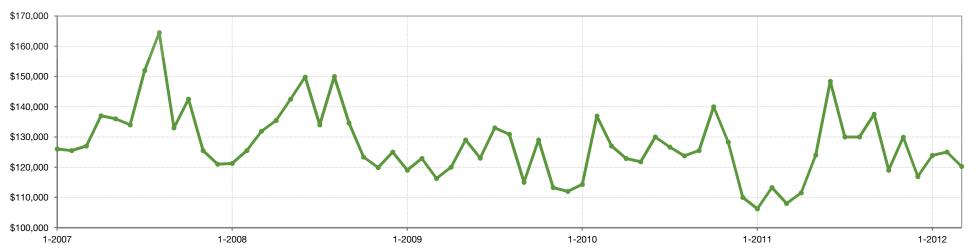
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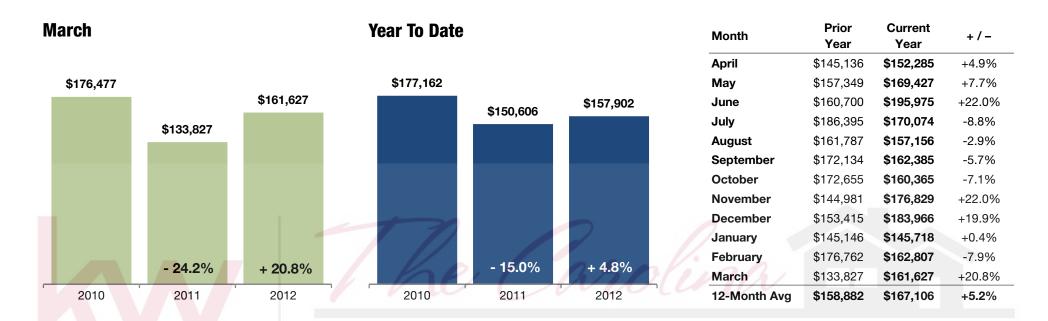
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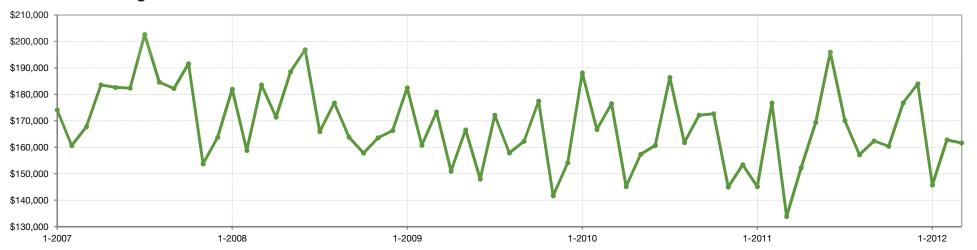
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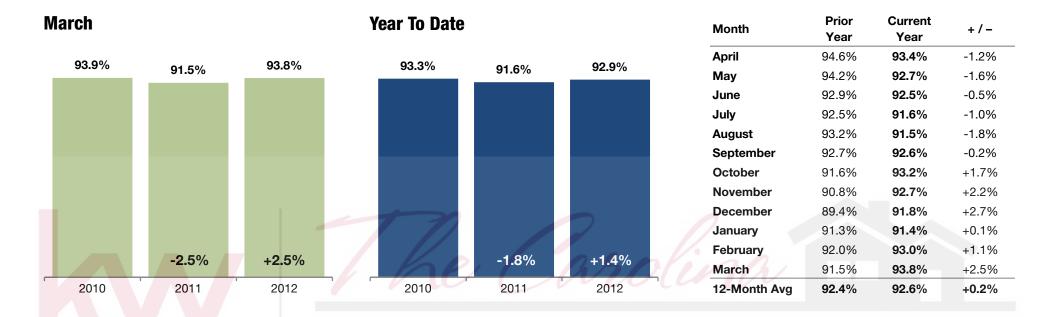
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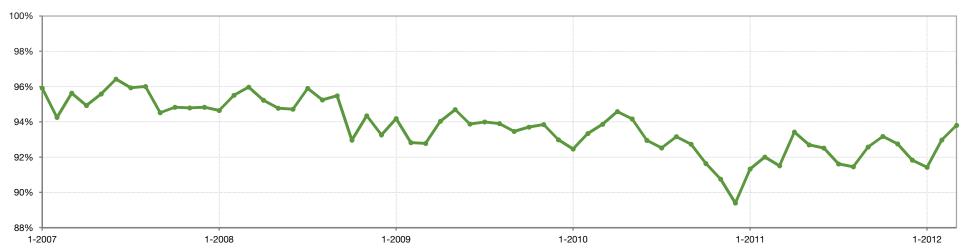
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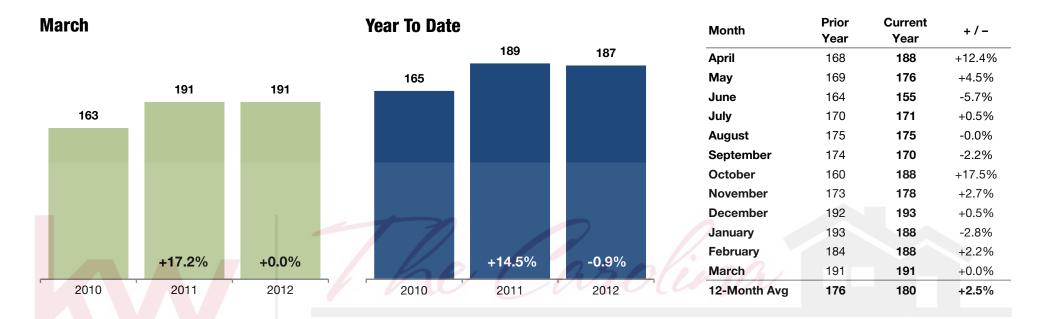
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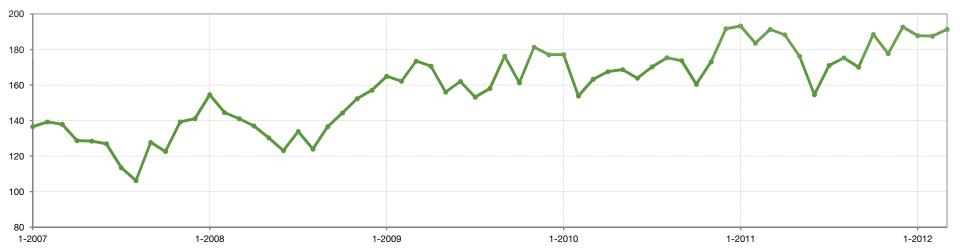
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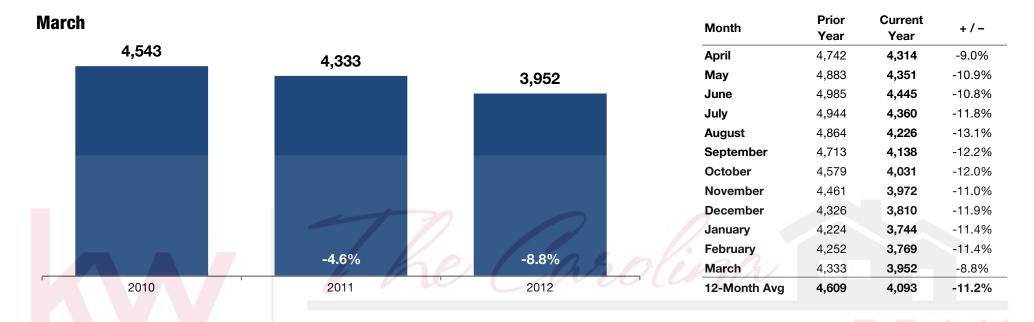
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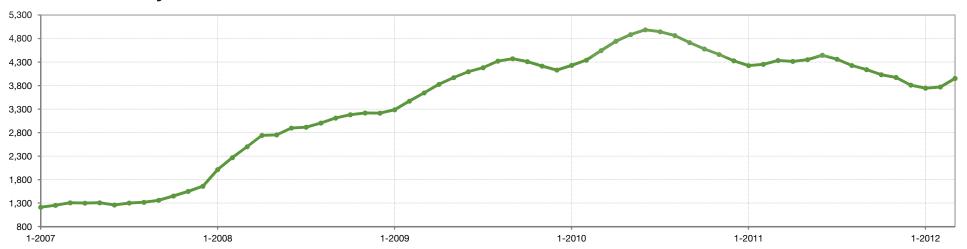
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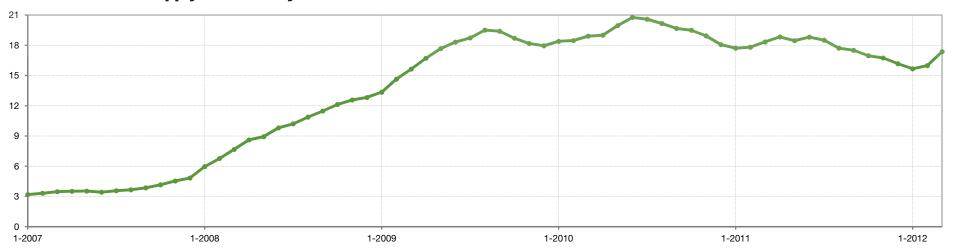
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### **April 2012**

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 in the Western Upstate region increased 1.4 percent to 649. Pending Sales were down 31.8 percent to 189. Inventory levels shrank 5.8 percent to 4,056 units.

Prices enjoyed a boost. The Median Sales Price increased 9.9 percent to \$122,500. Days on Market was down 9.4 percent to 149 days. The supply-demand balance stabilized as Months Supply of Inventory was down 5.0 percent to 17.9 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.

### **Quick Facts**

- 21.0%	+ 9.9%	- 5.8%
Change in Closed Sales	Change in Median Sales Price	Change in <b>Inventory</b>

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### **Market Overview**

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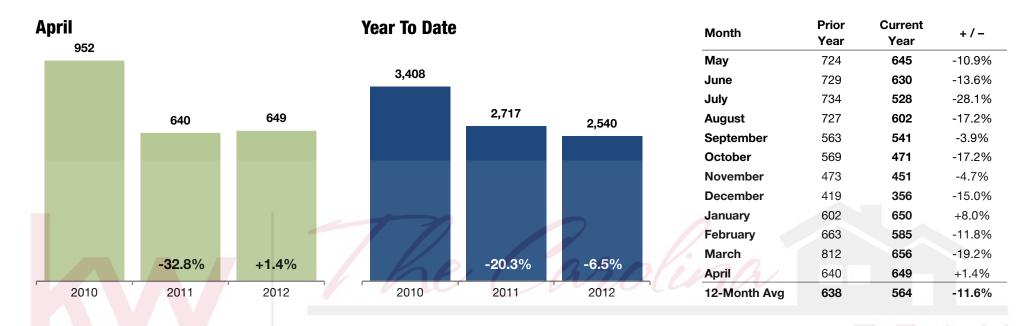


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	4-2011	4-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	4-2019 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	640	649	+ 1.4%	2,717	2,540	- 6.5%
Pending Sales	4-2019 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	277	189	- 31.8%	1,024	919	- 10.3%
Closed Sales	42009 42010 42011 42012	271	214	- 21.0%	900	830	- 7.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	mm	164	149	- 9.4%	167	164	- 1.6%
Median Sales Price	4-2019 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	\$111,500	\$122,500	+ 9.9%	\$110,000	\$123,900	+ 12.6%
Average Sales Price	4-2019 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012 4-2019 4-2011 4-2012	\$152,285	\$157,336	+ 3.3%	\$151,114	\$158,030	+ 4.6%
Percent of List Price Received	4-2019 4-2010 4-2011 4-2012	93.4%	94.2%	+ 0.8%	92.2%	93.2%	+ 1.1%
Housing Affordability Index		188	191	+ 1.6%	190	190	- 0.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	4-2019 4-2011 4-2012	4,308	4,056	- 5.8%			
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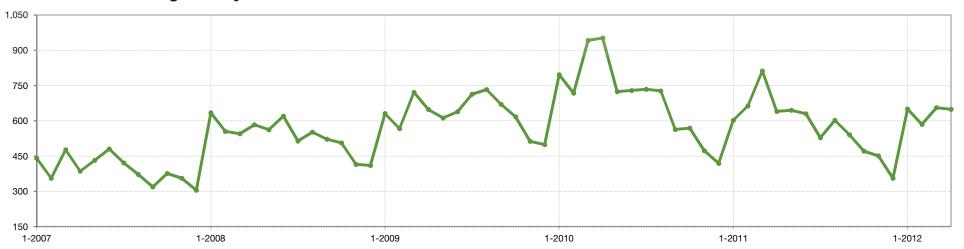
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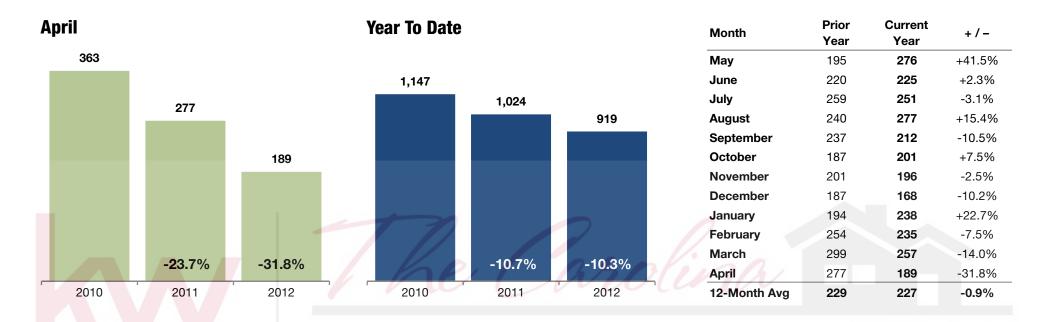
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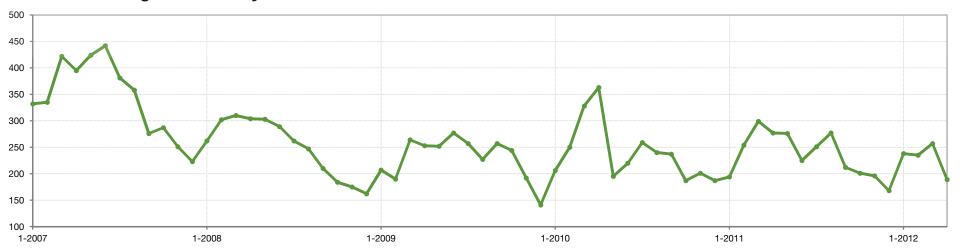
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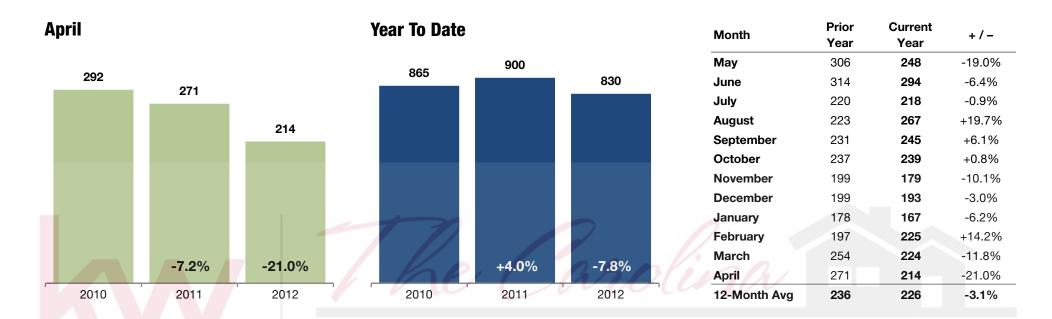
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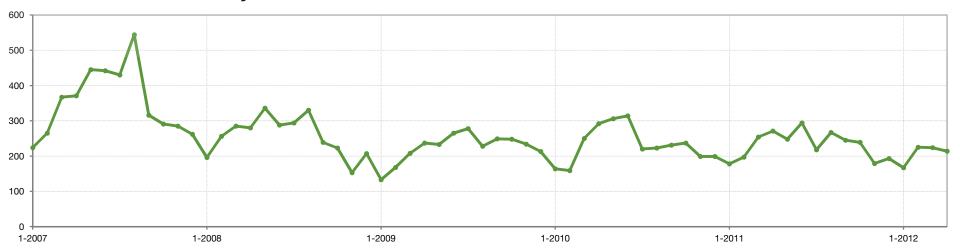
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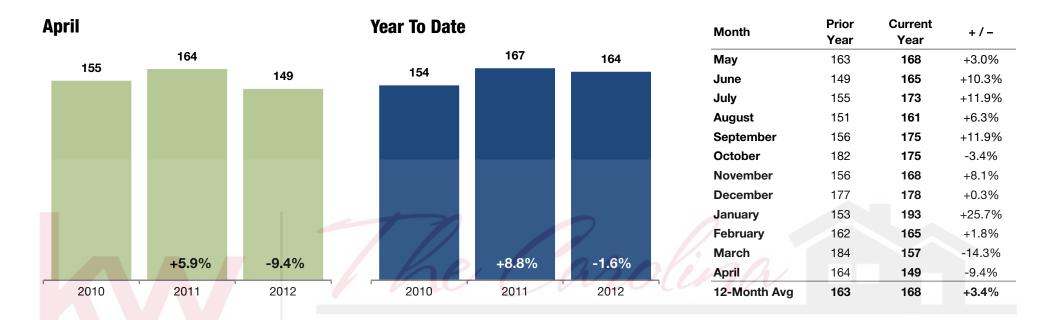
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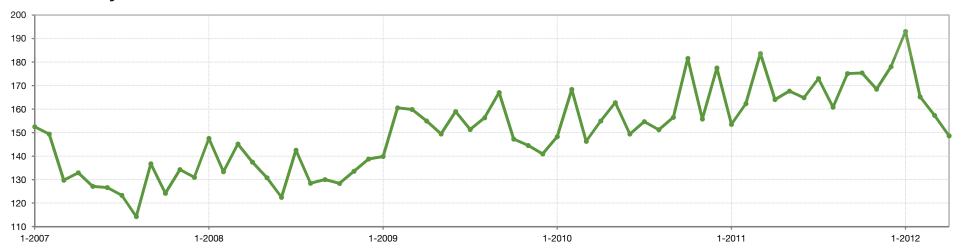
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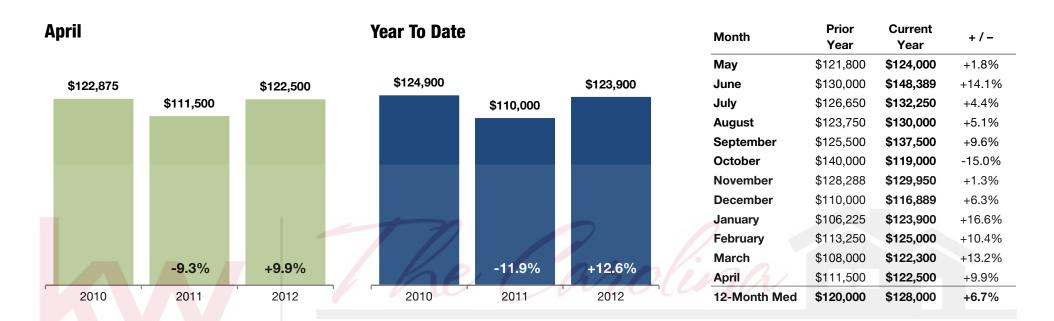
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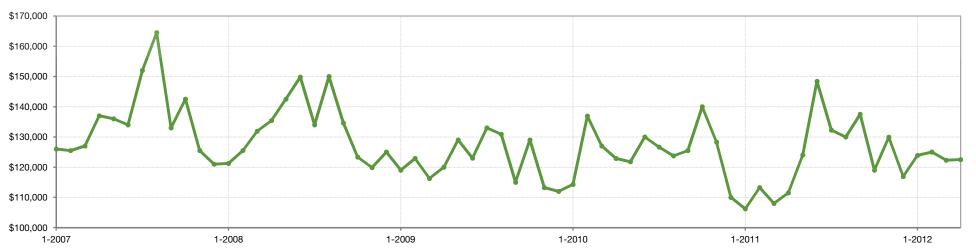
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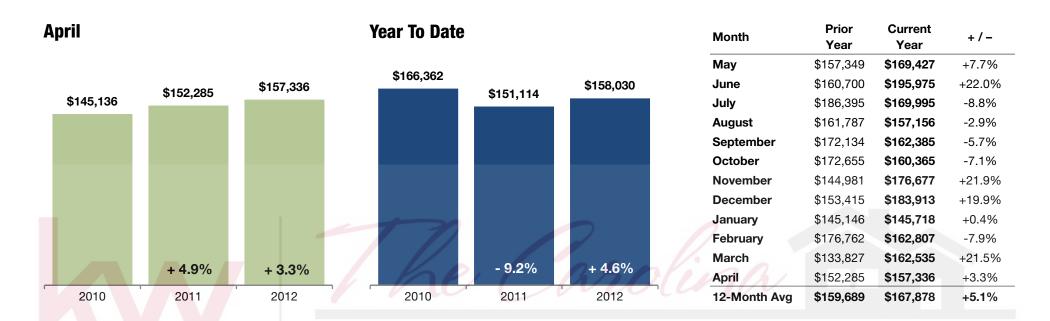
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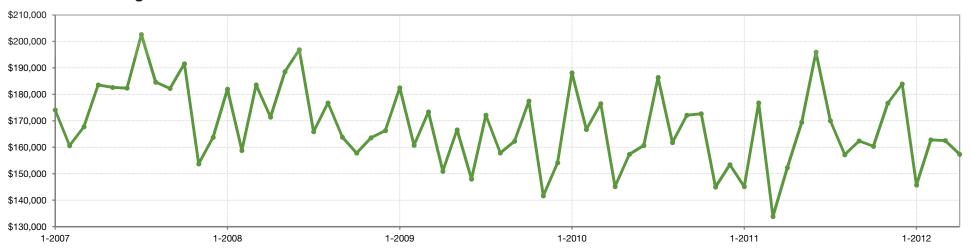
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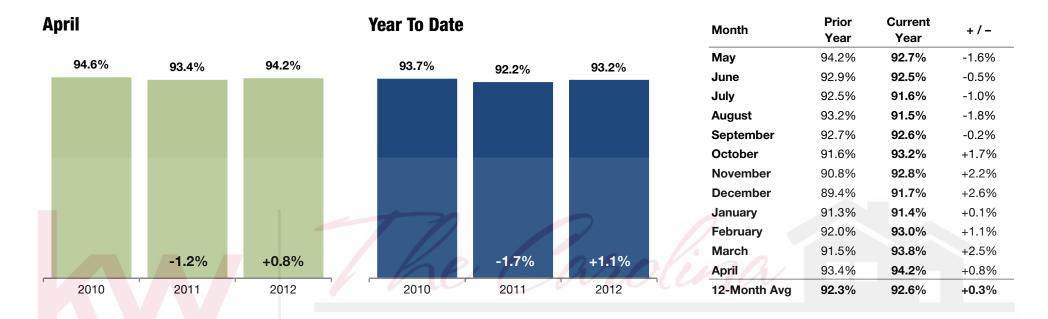
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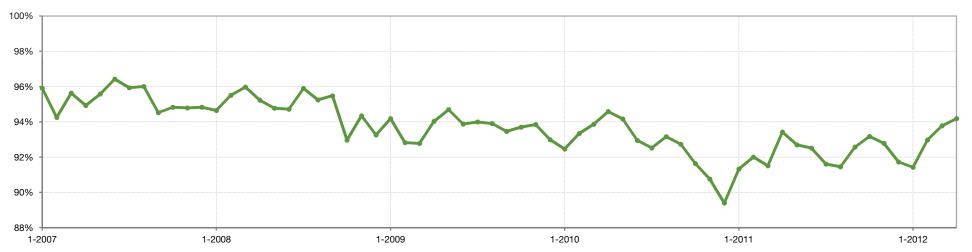
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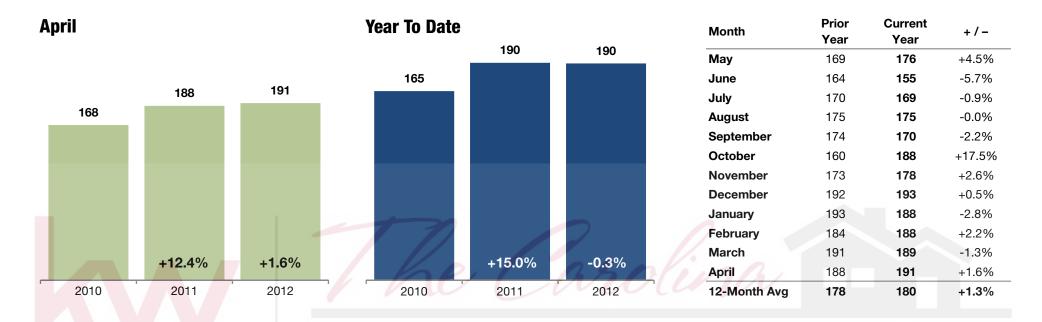
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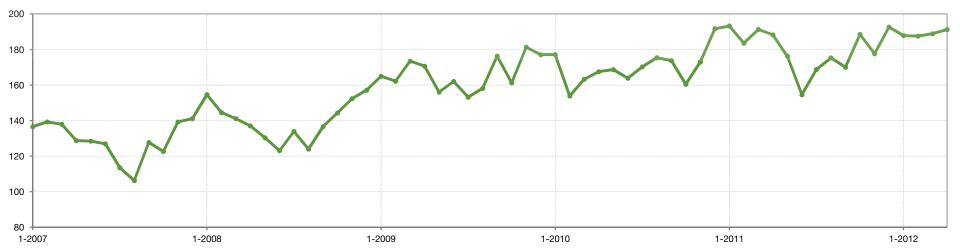
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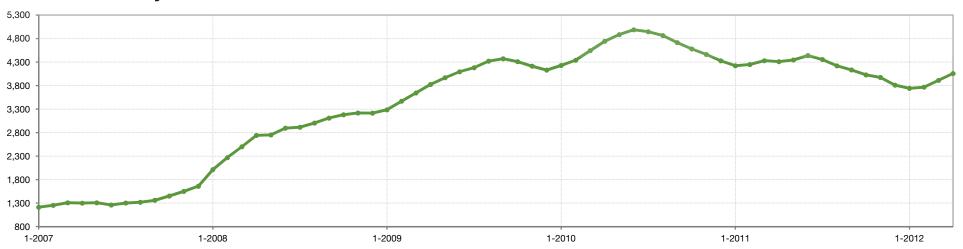
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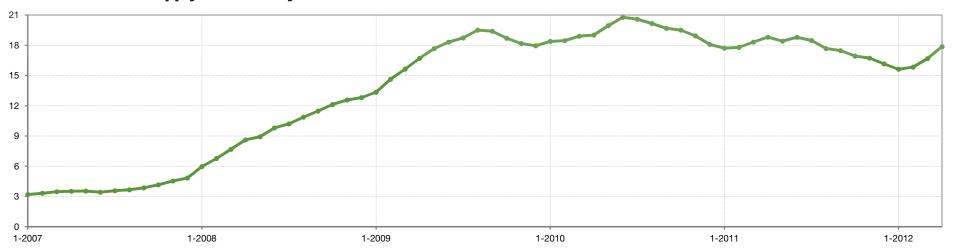
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# **Monthly Indicators**

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### **May 2012**

Combined with strong sales, the recent drop in listing activity has translated into competing bids on existing inventory and modest price gains in select neighborhoods. Informed sellers have noticed homes selling quicker and for closer to asking price. Home searches are turning up far fewer results than in recent years. National headlines mask regional variability. With fewer distressed properties selling, prices are effectively "melting up" due to less downward pressure. Locally, May had some ups and downs.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 11.0 percent to 575. Pending Sales were down 31.2 percent to 190. Inventory levels shrank 6.3 percent to 4,072 units.

Prices moved higher. The Median Sales Price increased 5.6 percent to \$131,000. Days on Market was down 11.7 percent to 148 days. The supply-demand balance stabilized as Months Supply of Inventory was down 2.2 percent to 18.0 months.

In economic news, May's jobs report was disappointing, and there's a growing concern about the pace of domestic growth. Last month was also unsettling for investors, prompting some to hunt for better returns in the housing market. This forces other consumers up the price ladder. In politics, the Senate approved a 60-day National Flood Insurance Program extension. But with campaign season upon us, major housing-related bills or policy shifts are unlikely.

### **Quick Facts**

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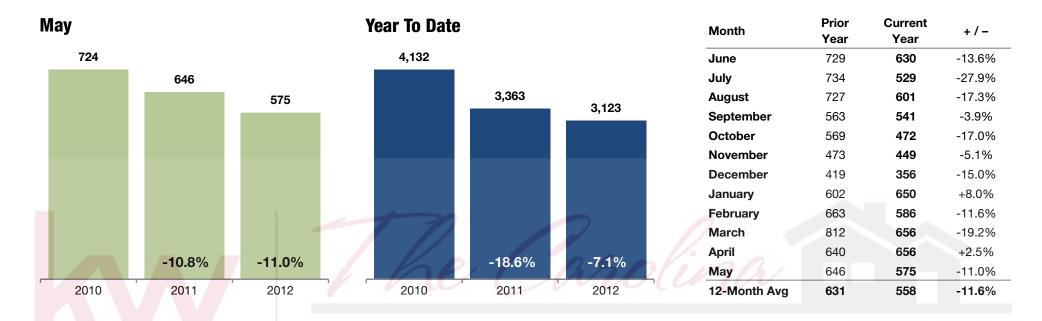


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	5-2011	5-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	5-2009 5-2010 5-2011 5-2012	646	575	- 11.0%	3,363	3,123	- 7.1%
Pending Sales	5-2019 5-2010 5-2011 5-2012	276	190	- 31.2%	1,300	1,181	- 9.2%
Closed Sales	5-2009 5-2010 5-2011 5-2012	248	267	+ 7.7%	1,148	1,103	- 3.9%
Days on Market Until Sale		168	148	- 11.7%	167	160	- 4.1%
Median Sales Price	5-2019 5-2010 5-2011 5-2012	\$124,000	\$131,000	+ 5.6%	\$113,500	\$125,000	+ 10.1%
Average Sales Price	5-2019 5-2010 5-2011 5-2012	\$169,427	\$187,745	+ 10.8%	\$155,028	\$165,441	+ 6.7%
Percent of List Price Received		92.7%	93.1%	+ 0.5%	92.3%	93.2%	+ 1.0%
Housing Affordability Index	5-2019 5-2010 5-2011 5-2012	176	184	+ 4.4%	189	191	+ 1.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	5-2009 5-2010 5-2011 5-2012	4,345	4,072	- 6.3%			
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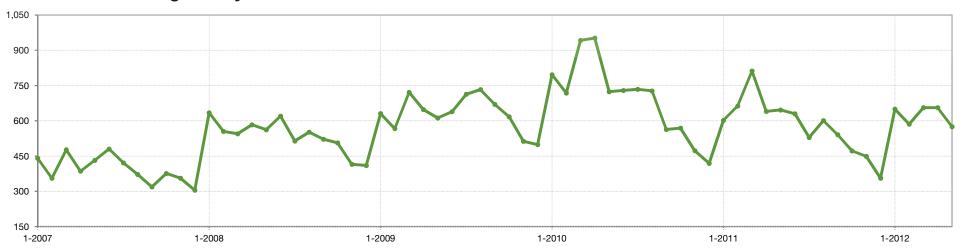
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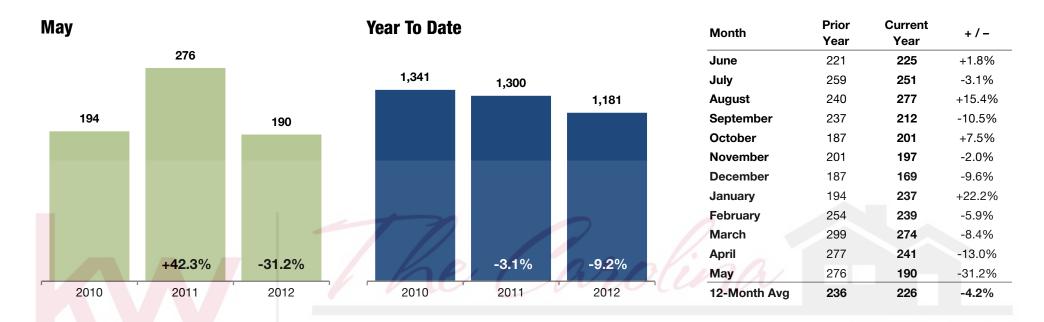
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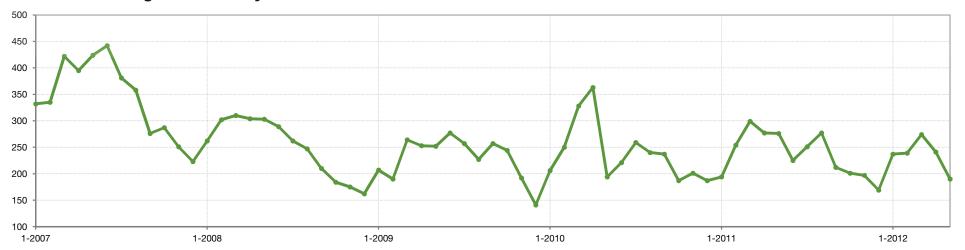
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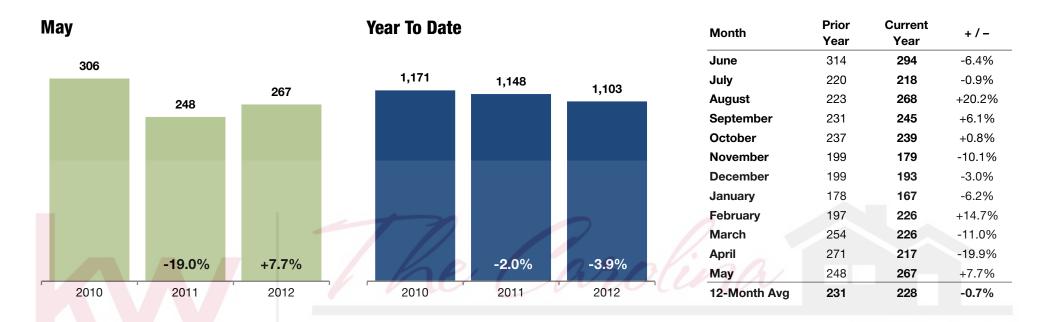
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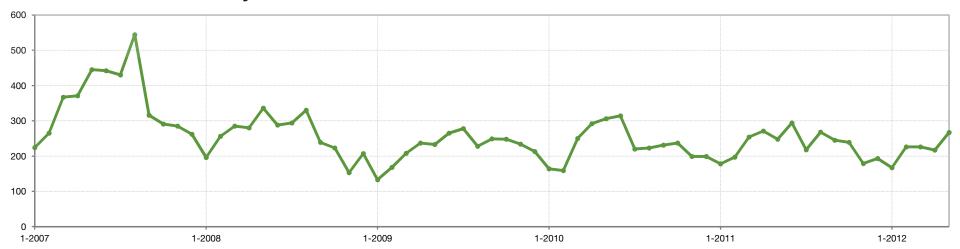
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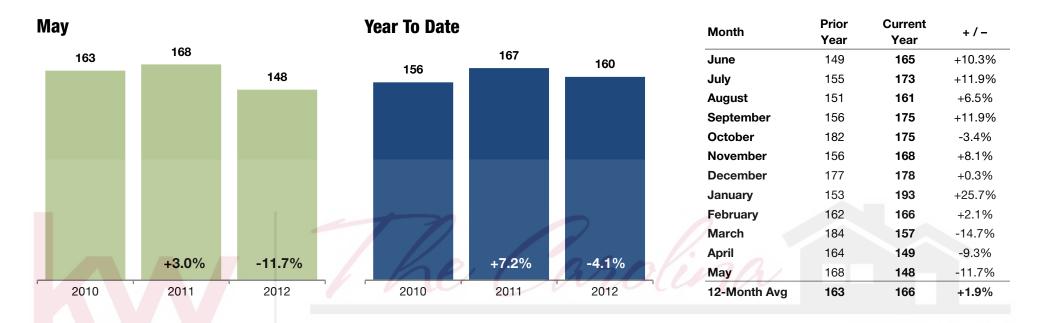
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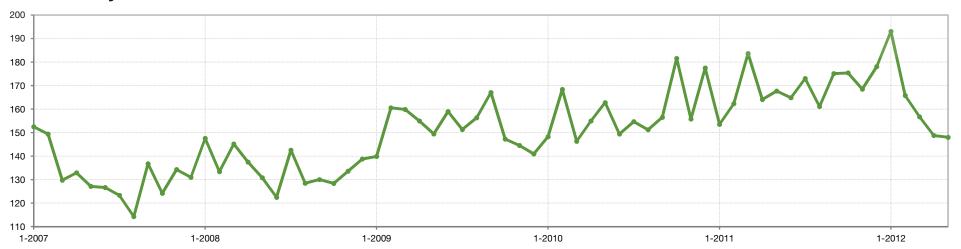
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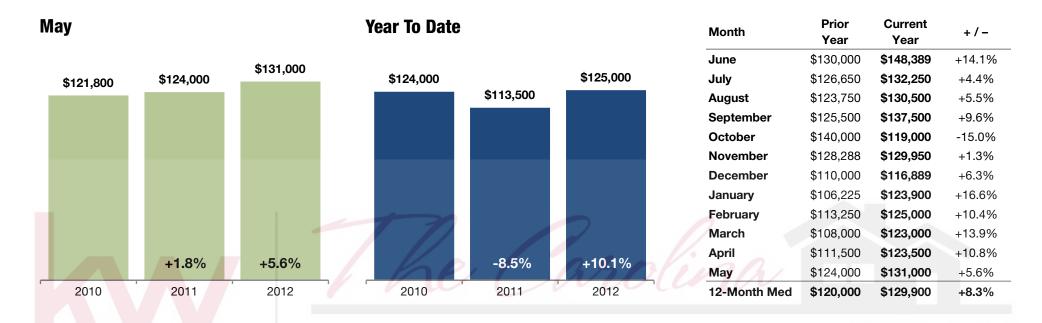
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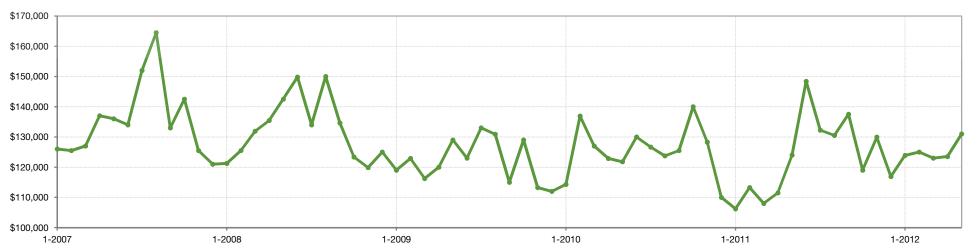
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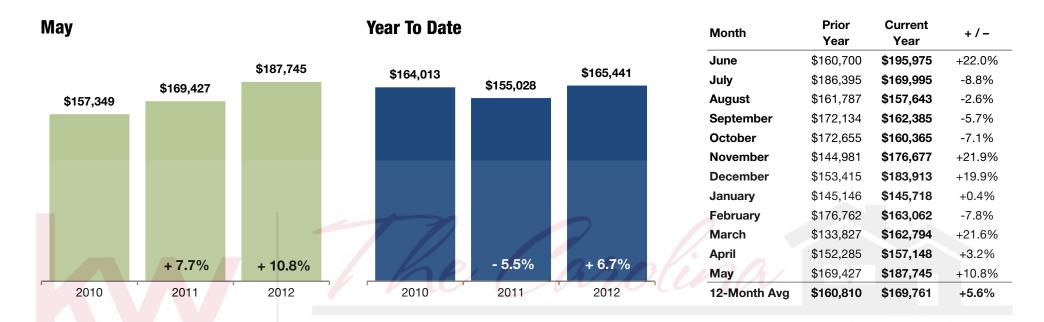
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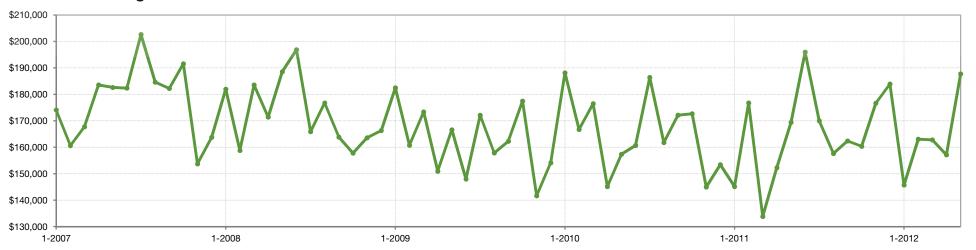
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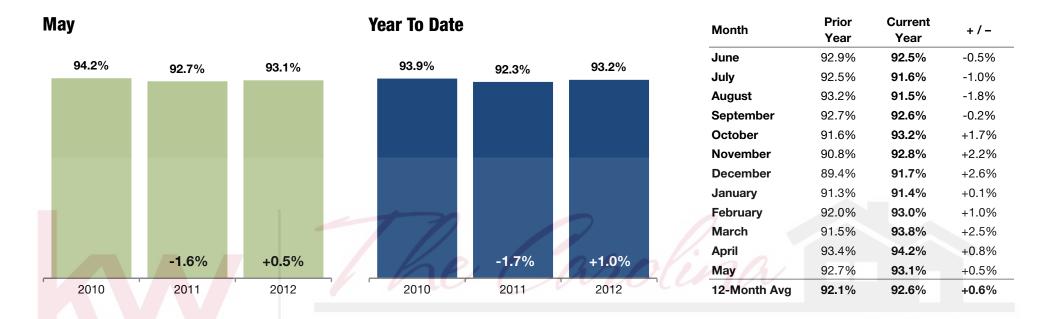
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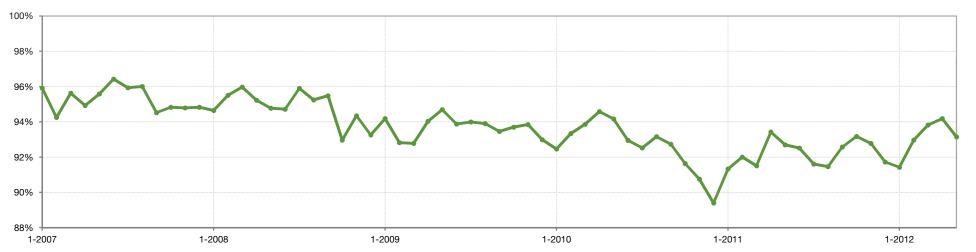
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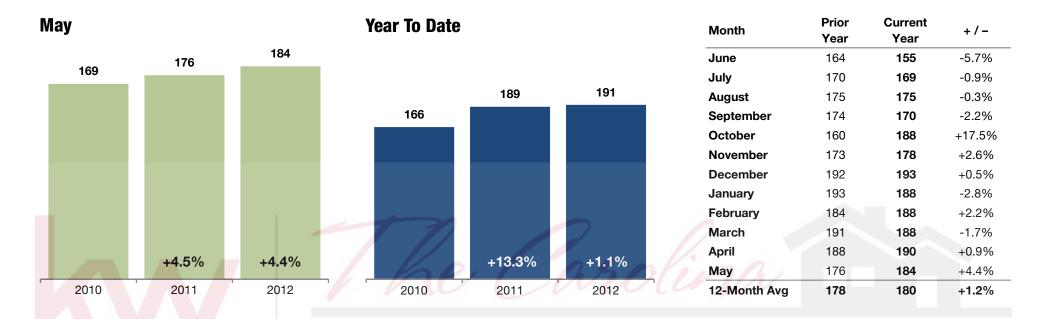
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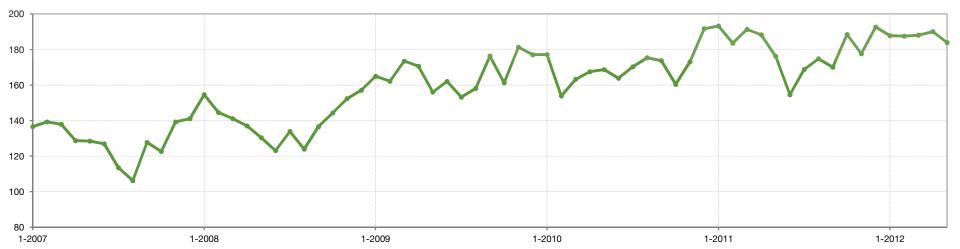
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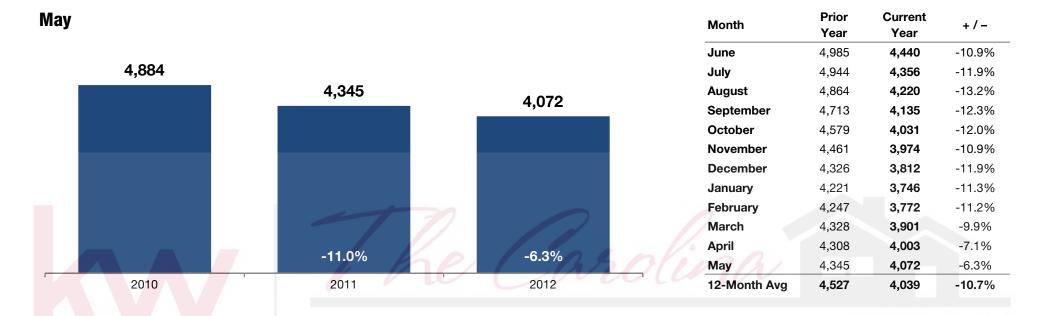
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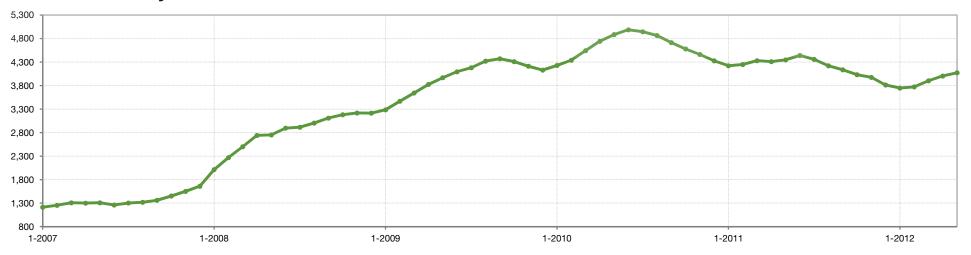
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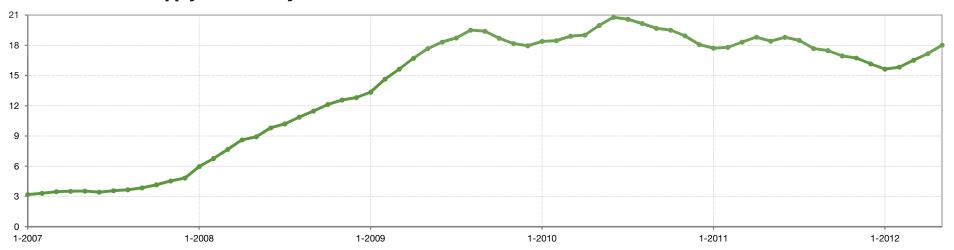
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#### **June 2012**

We're halfway through 2012, and what a year it's been. Residential real estate has finally taken some meaningful strides toward recovery, and they've all been self-powered without divine (or governmental) intervention. Yes, there have been some head fakes in the past, but there's real reason to believe that market turnaround awaits us. Beyond home prices, key metrics to watch include Days on Market, Percent of List Price Received and Months Supply of Inventory. Locally, some indicators remained under pressure but that's likely to change soon.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 8.9 percent to 575. Pending Sales were down 6.7 percent to 210. Inventory levels shrank 8.8 percent to 4,049 units.

Prices remained under pressure. The Median Sales Price decreased 9.5 percent to \$133,000. Days on Market was up 1.0 percent to 167 days. The supply-demand balance stabilized as Months Supply of Inventory was down 7.6 percent to 17.4 months.

We seem to be at a critical inflection point in our attempts to spur more hiring. Job growth provides the dual benefit of stimulating new household growth as well as relieving distressed homeowners. There's also the positive feedback loop of housing creating jobs and jobs creating housing. Keeping the affordability picture afloat, the Fed has vowed to keep interest rates around 4.0 percent through mid-2013.

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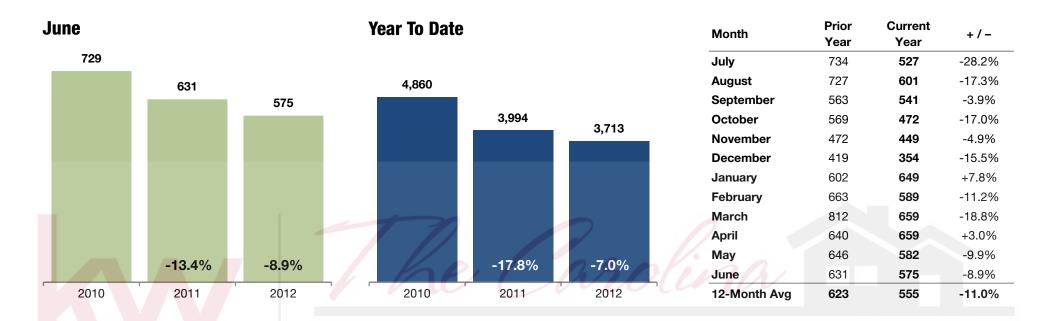


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	6-2011	6-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
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Pending Sales	6-2019 6-2010 6-2011 6-2012	225	210	- 6.7%	1,525	1,491	- 2.2%
Closed Sales	6-2019 6-2010 6-2011 6-2012	295	272	- 7.8%	1,447	1,410	- 2.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	~~~~~	166	167	+ 1.0%	167	161	- 3.8%
Median Sales Price	6-2019 6-2010 6-2011 6-2012	\$147,000	\$133,000	- 9.5%	\$118,225	\$125,000	+ 5.7%
Average Sales Price		\$195,565	\$189,012	- 3.4%	\$163,786	\$168,785	+ 3.1%
Percent of List Price Received	6-2010 6-2011 6-2012 6-2009 6-2010 6-2011 6-2012	92.5%	93.1%	+ 0.6%	92.3%	93.2%	+ 0.9%
Housing Affordability Index	6-2010 6-2011 6-2012	157	180	+ 15.0%	186	189	+ 1.8%
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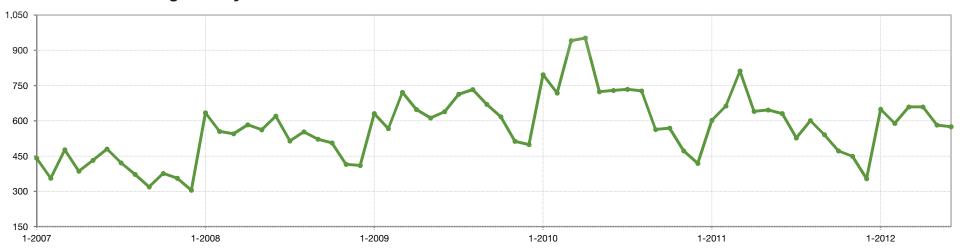
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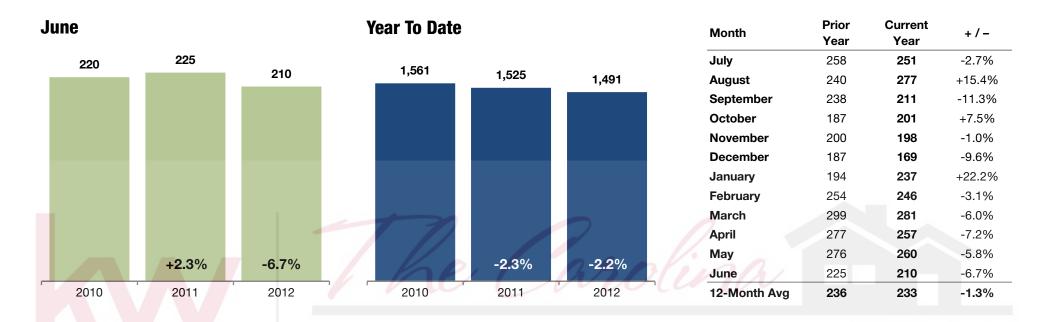
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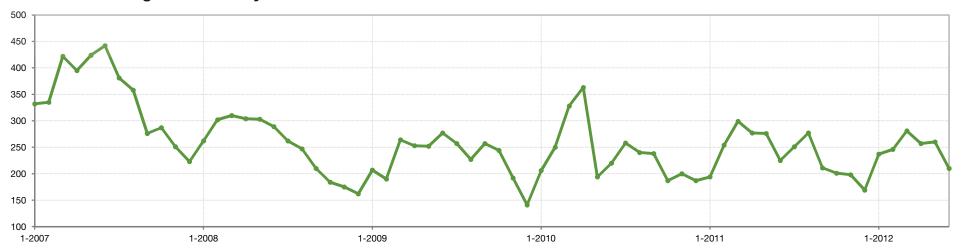
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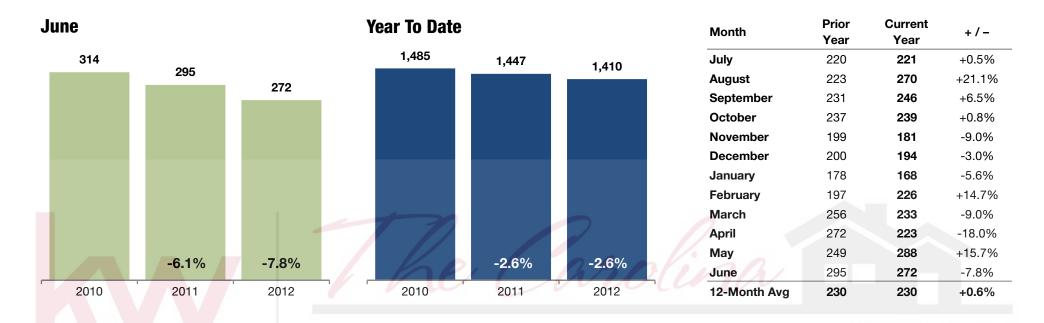
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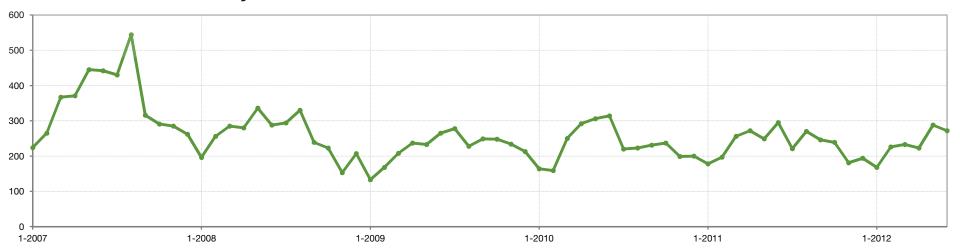
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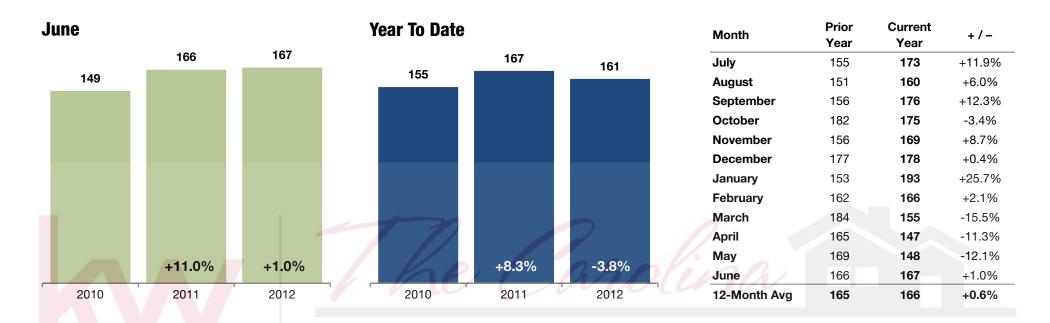
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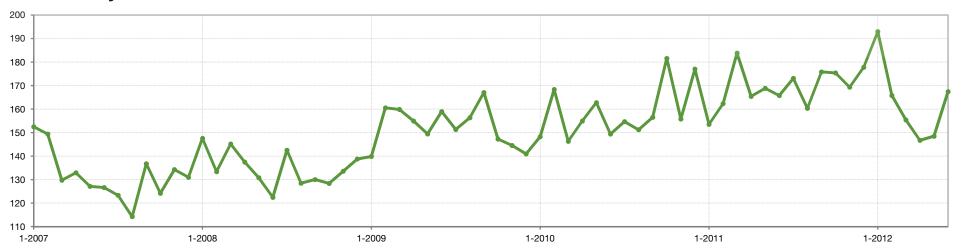
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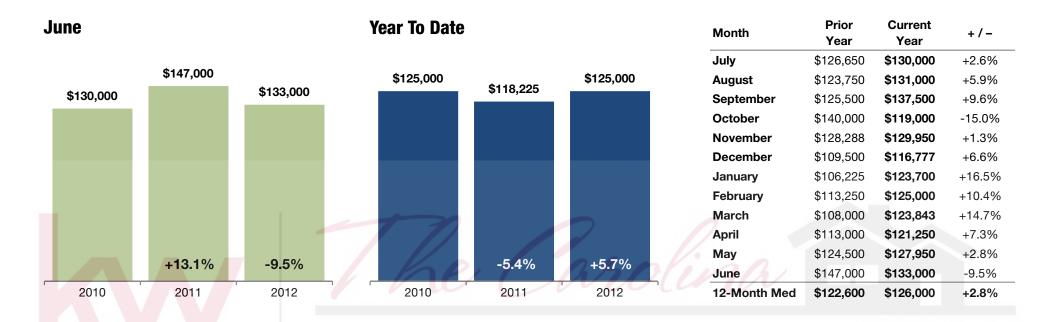
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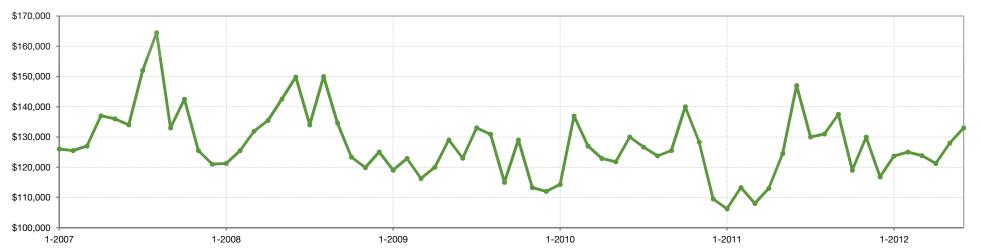
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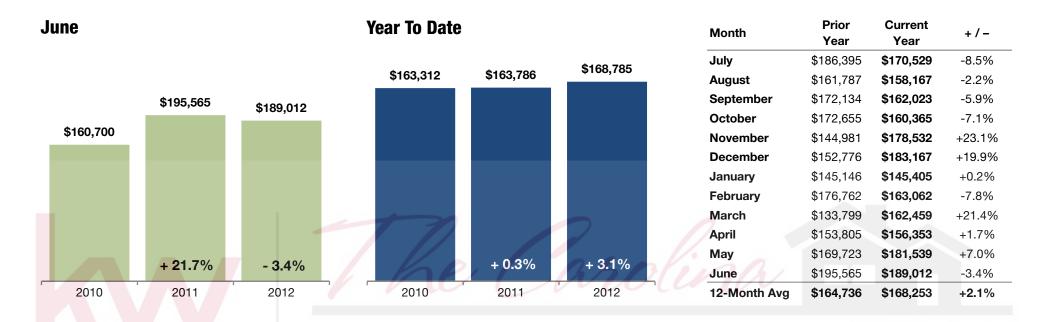
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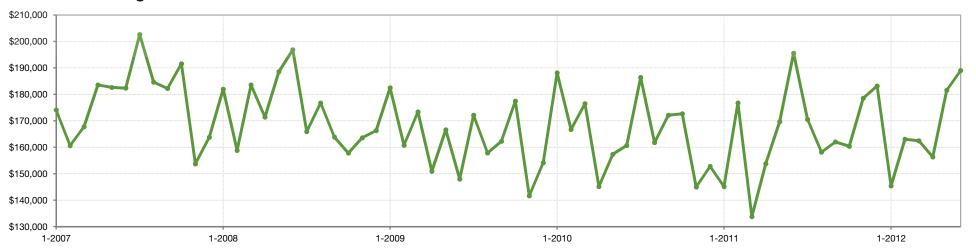
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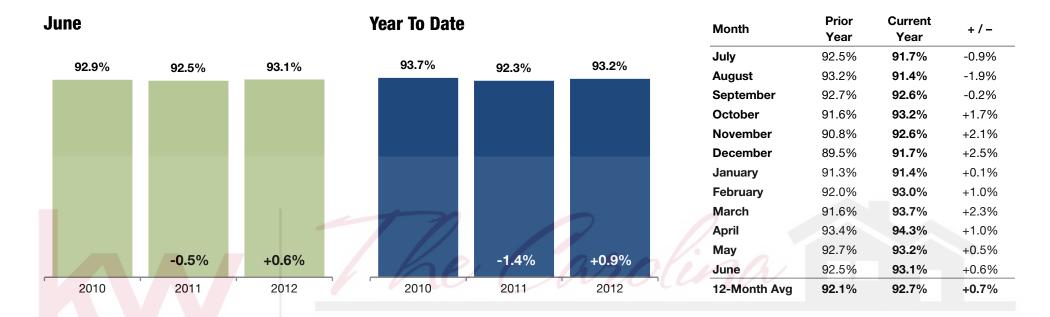
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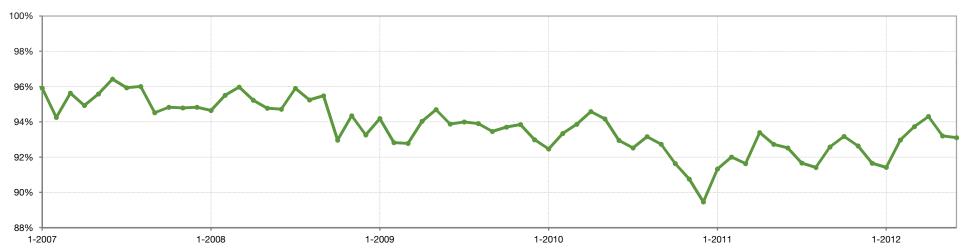
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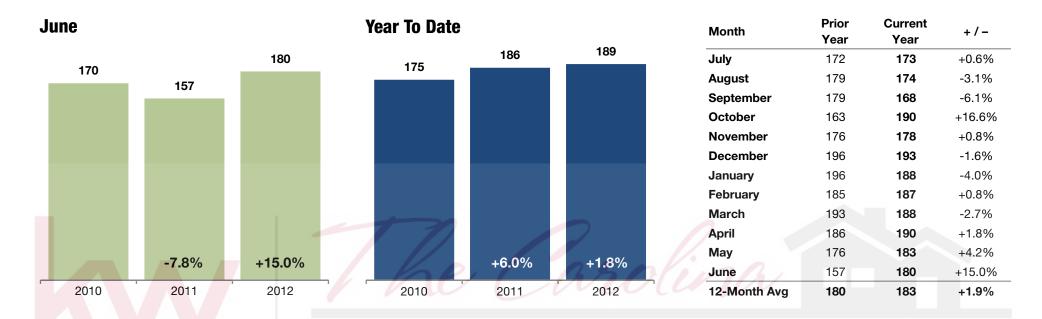
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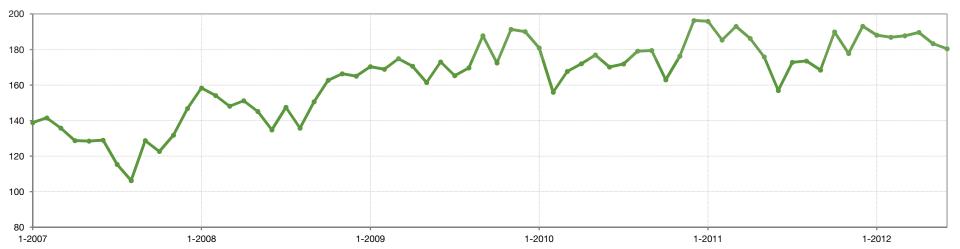
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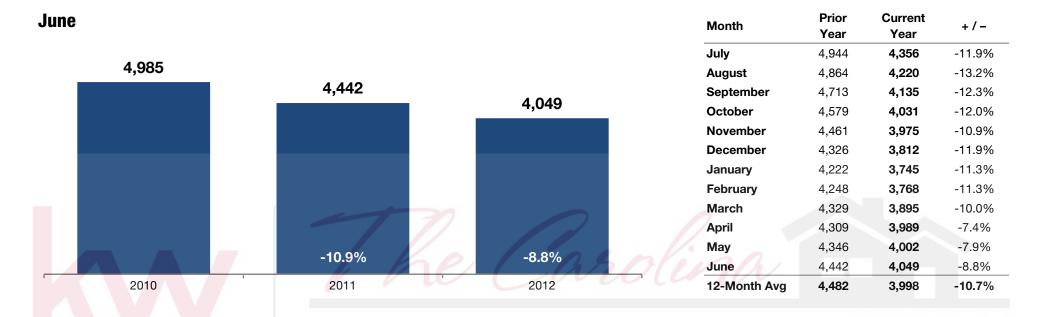
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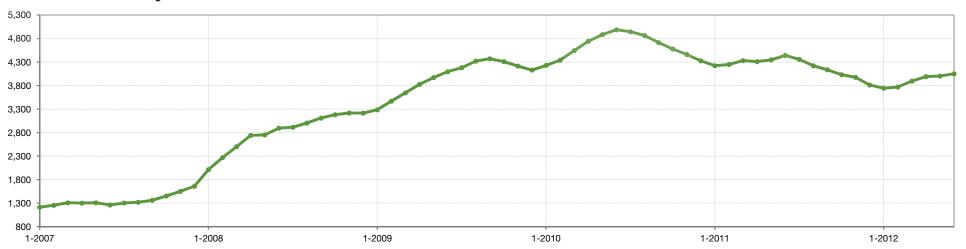
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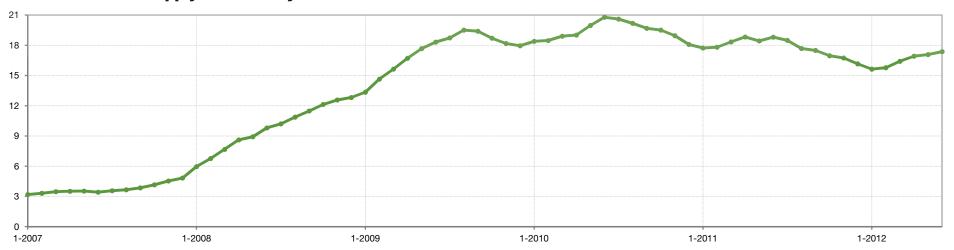
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### **July 2012**

With the Olympics in full swing, housing has already medaled in several arenas. A few short years ago, housing was considered a headwind to economic recovery. Today, housing is seen as a tailwind to a stalling economy. For the first time since 2005, housing is on track for contributing positively to national GDP in 2012. That can occur either by way of direct residential investment or through remodeling and other ancillary services. Watch for signs of sustained tailwinds in a variety of indicators, including market times, seller concessions, prices and absorption rates.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 1.3 percent to 520. Pending Sales were down 28.3 percent to 180. Inventory levels shrank 9.6 percent to 3,937 units.

Prices moved higher. The Median Sales Price increased 3.8 percent to \$135,000. Days on Market was down 4.1 percent to 166 days. The supply-demand balance stabilized as Months Supply of Inventory was down 8.5 percent to 16.9 months.

Sustained recovery will not occur without real employment and wage growth. Consumers must be confident in both the economy and their family finances before signing on the dotted line. Cheap borrowing costs have served as the glue binding things together. Unimaginable a few years ago, the rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage recently ducked below the 3.49 percent marker. Job creation and GDP numbers will garner particular attention this quarter.

### **Quick Facts**

 + 20.8%	+ 3.8%	- 9.6%
Change in	Change in	Change in
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory

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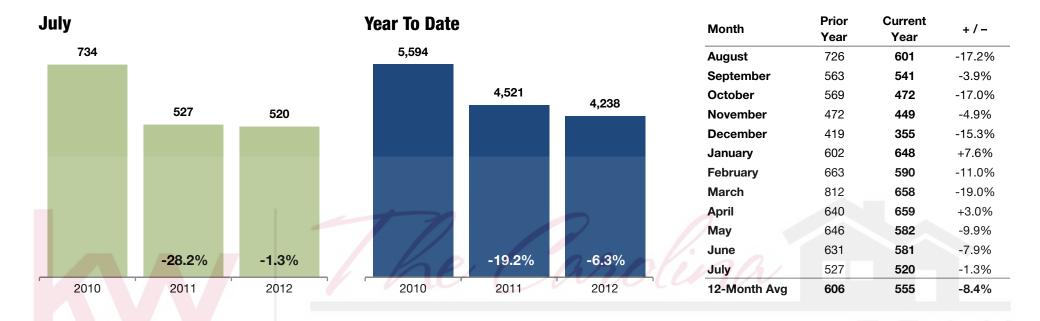


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	7-2011	7-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	7-2009 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012	527	520	- 1.3%	4,521	4,238	- 6.3%
Pending Sales	7-2019 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012	251	180	- 28.3%	1,773	1,734	- 2.2%
Closed Sales	7-2019 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012	221	267	+ 20.8%	1,668	1,682	+ 0.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	www.	173	166	- 4.1%	168	162	- 3.7%
Median Sales Price	www.	\$130,000	\$135,000	+ 3.8%	\$120,000	\$125,000	+ 4.2%
Average Sales Price		\$170,529	\$180,991	+ 6.1%	\$164,673	\$170,538	+ 3.6%
Percent of List Price Received	7-2019 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012	91.7%	93.5%	+ 2.1%	92.3%	93.2%	+ 1.1%
Housing Affordability Index	7-2019 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012	173	181	+ 4.7%	184	192	+ 4.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	7-2019 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012	4,355	3,937	- 9.6%			
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	7-2019 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012 7-2009 7-2010 7-2011 7-2012	18.5	16.9	- 8.5%			

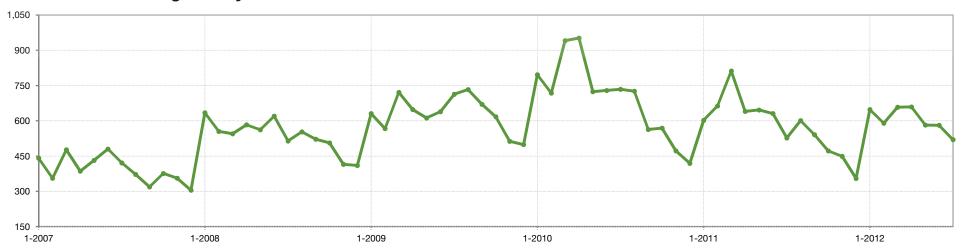
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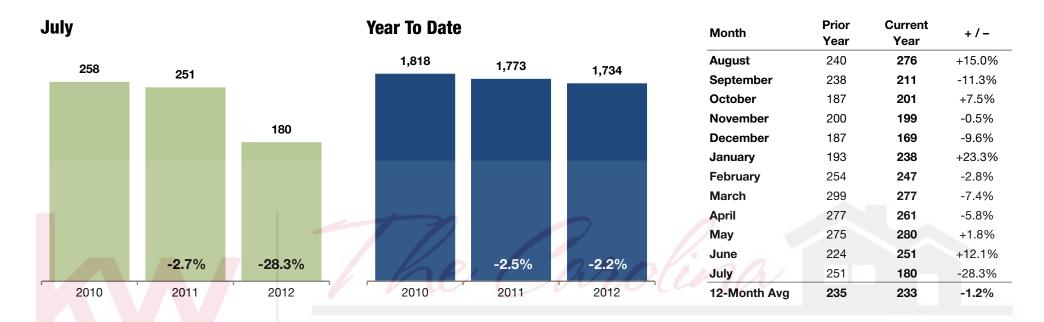
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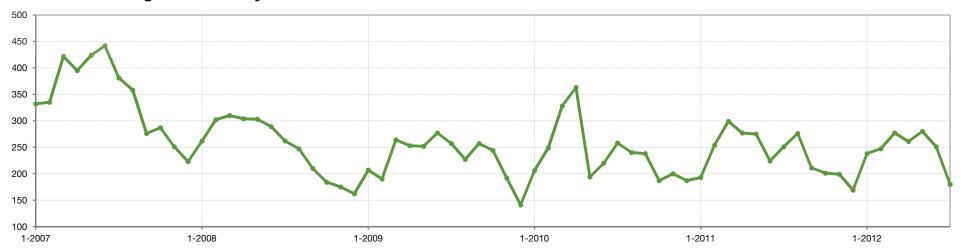
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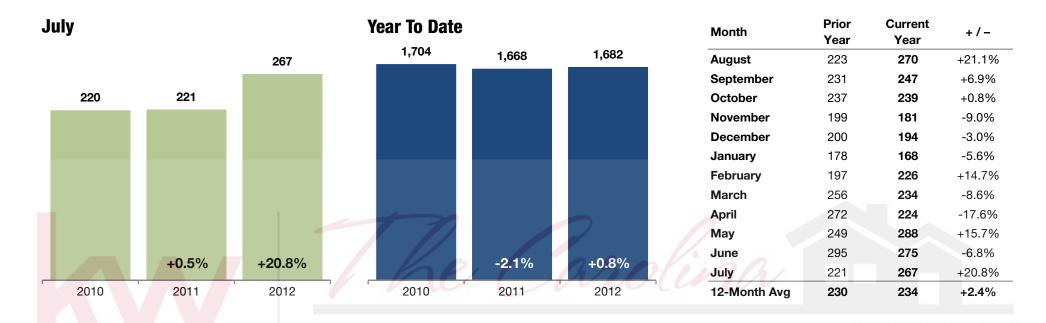
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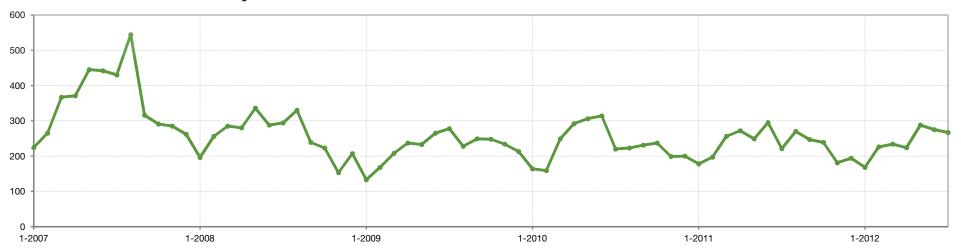
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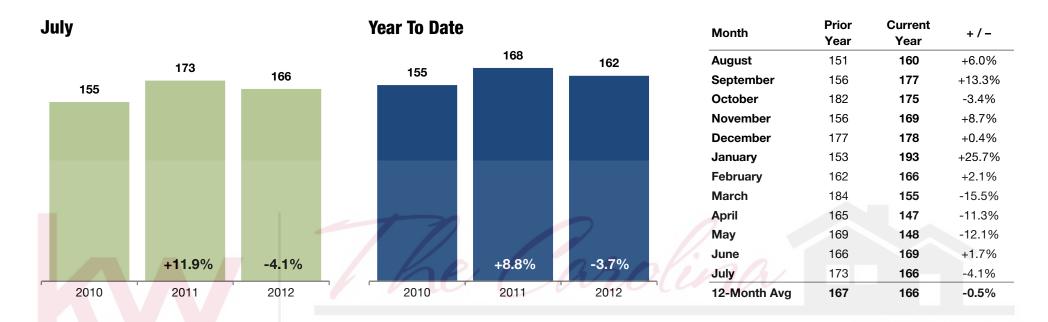
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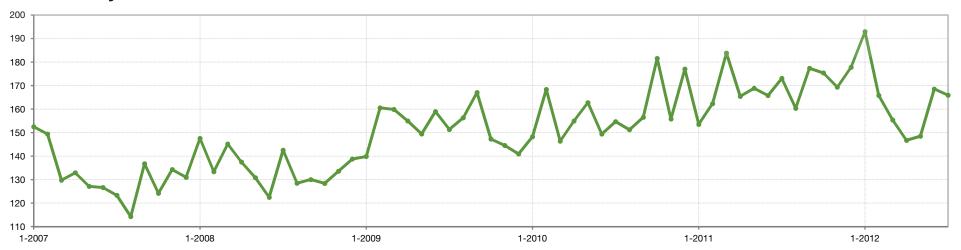
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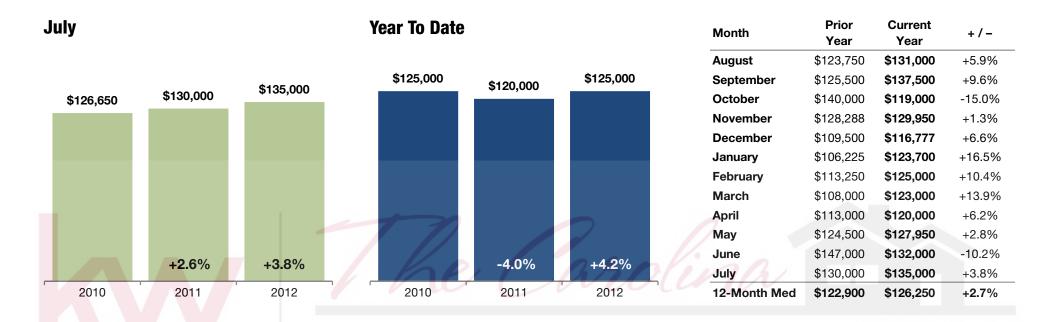
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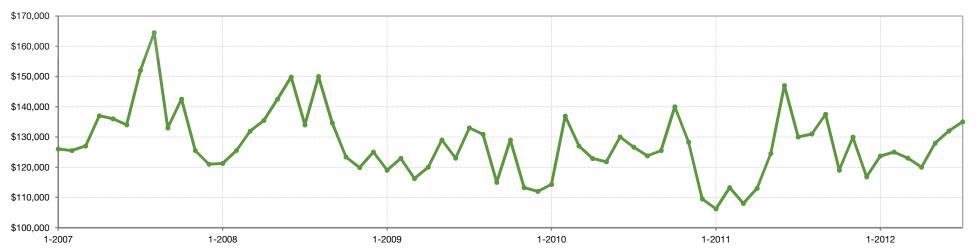
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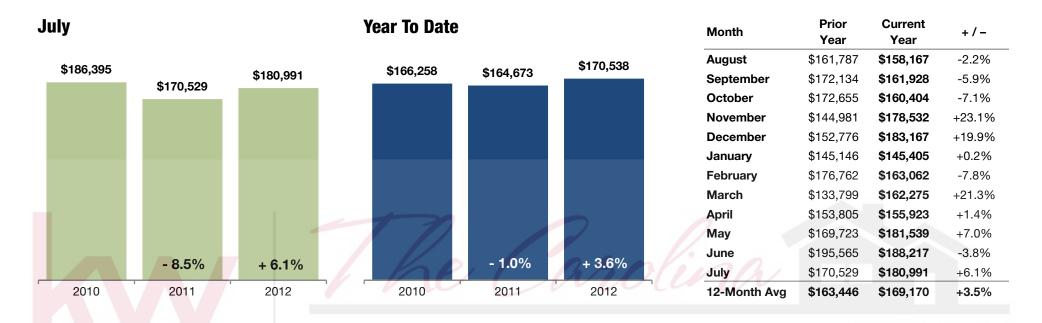
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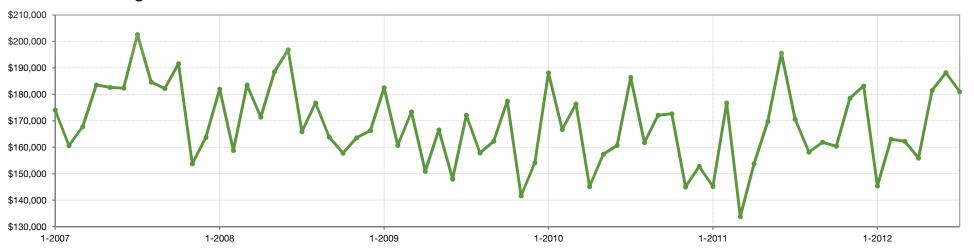
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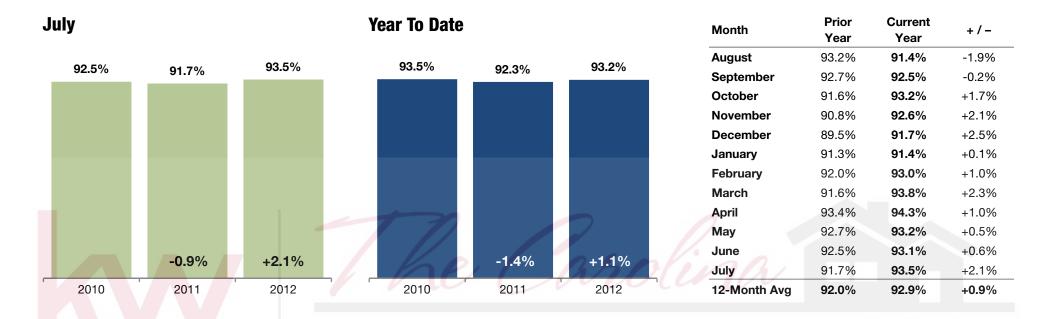
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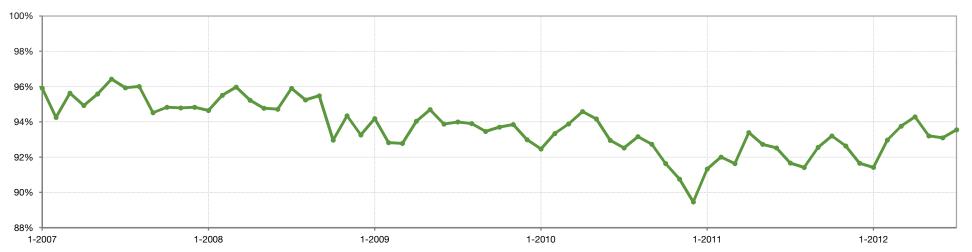
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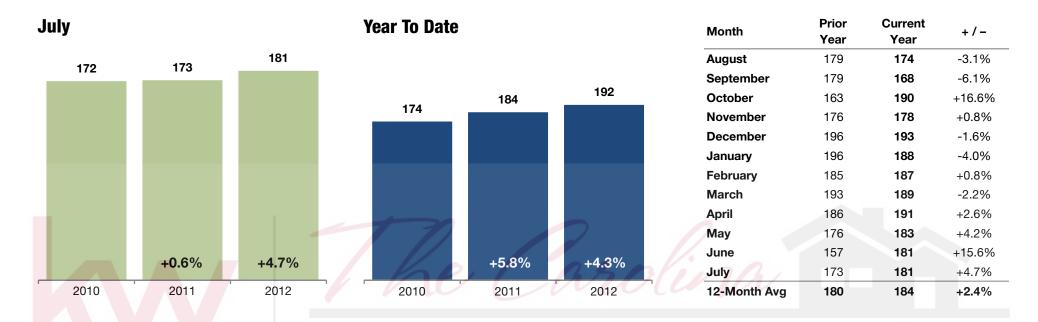
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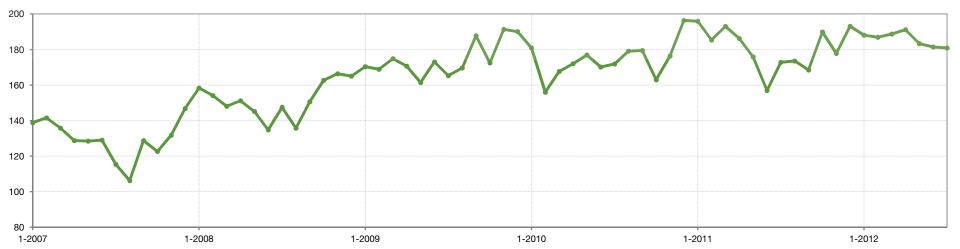
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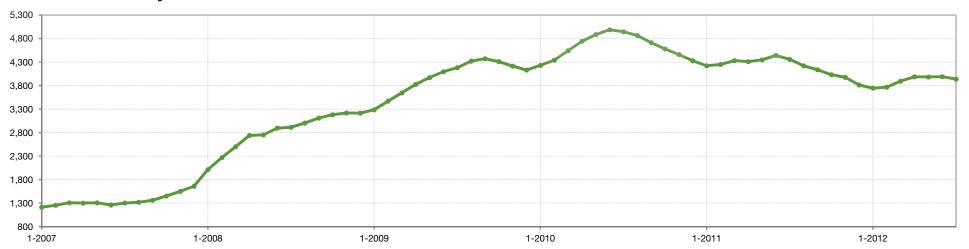
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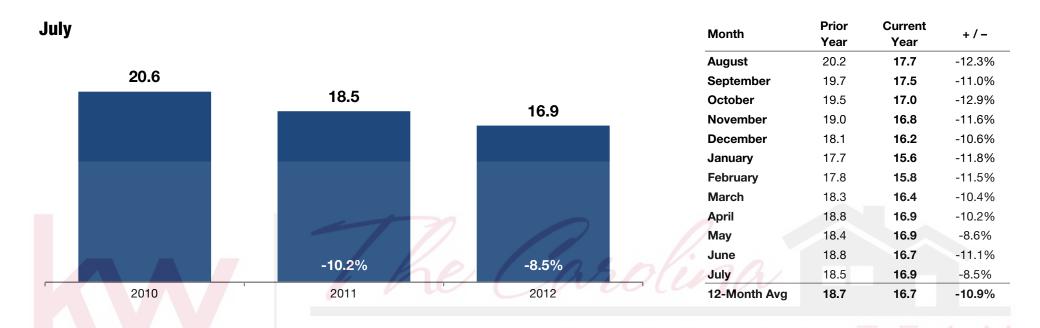
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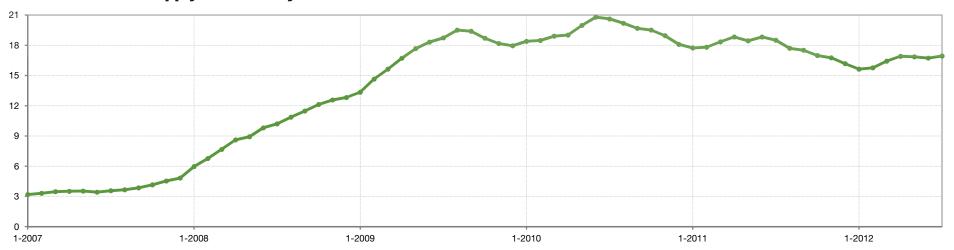
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#### **Historical Months Supply of Inventory**



# **Monthly Indicators**

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### **August 2012**

As the school-aged among us work their way back into classrooms across America, we continue to monitor key improvements in the local housing market with a keener eye. With two-thirds of 2012 complete, we're starting to get a sense for how the year will shake out. Headlines include encouraging phrases like "Recovery Takes Hold," "Home Prices on the Rise" and "Situation Eases for Sellers." Local market conditions can vary. Let's see just how much.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 6.2 percent to 564. Pending Sales were down 24.0 percent to 209. Inventory levels shrank 8.2 percent to 3.877 units.

Prices remained under pressure. The Median Sales Price decreased 4.6 percent to \$125,000. Days on Market was up 2.0 percent to 164 days. The supply-demand balance stabilized as Months Supply of Inventory was down 6.8 percent to 16.5 months.

With election season in full swing, both politicians and economists will place extra emphasis on jobs and unemployment figures. Recognizing the relationship between jobs and housing demand, the most tuned-in agents and brokers will do the same. The truth is, the economy is and has been expanding consistently for years, albeit at a disjointed pace. There's reason for optimism going into the last third of 2012 and even into 2013, and housing is actually playing a large role in that positive outlook.

### **Quick Facts**

 + 3.7%	- 4.6%	- 8.2%
Change in	Change in	Change in
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory

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

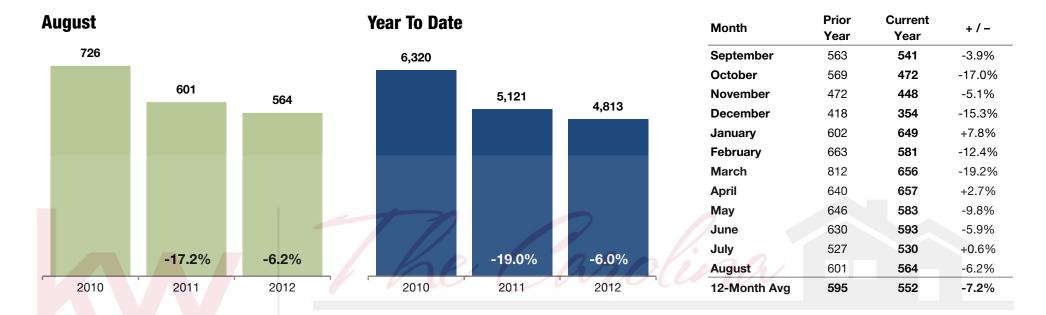


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	8-2011	8-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	8-2019 8-2010 8-2011 8-2012	601	564	- 6.2%	5,121	4,813	- 6.0%
Pending Sales	8-2019 8-2010 8-2011 8-2012	275	209	- 24.0%	2,047	2,038	- 0.4%
Closed Sales	8-2019 8-2010 8-2011 8-2012	270	280	+ 3.7%	1,939	1,979	+ 2.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	mm	160	164	+ 2.0%	167	162	- 3.3%
Median Sales Price	8-2019 8-2010 8-2010 8-2011 8-2011 8-2012	\$131,000	\$125,000	- 4.6%	\$122,000	\$125,000	+ 2.5%
Average Sales Price	MMM M	\$158,167	\$164,893	+ 4.3%	\$163,774	\$169,175	+ 3.3%
Percent of List Price Received	8-2010 8-2011 8-2012 8-2009 8-2010 8-2011 8-2012	91.4%	92.7%	+ 1.4%	92.1%	93.2%	+ 1.1%
Housing Affordability Index	8-2019 8-2010 8-2011 8-2012	174	192	+ 10.8%	183	192	+ 4.9%
Inventory of Homes for Sale		4,222	3,877	- 8.2%			
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	8-2010 8-2011 8-2012 8-2009 8-2010 8-2011 8-2012	17.7	16.5	- 6.8%			

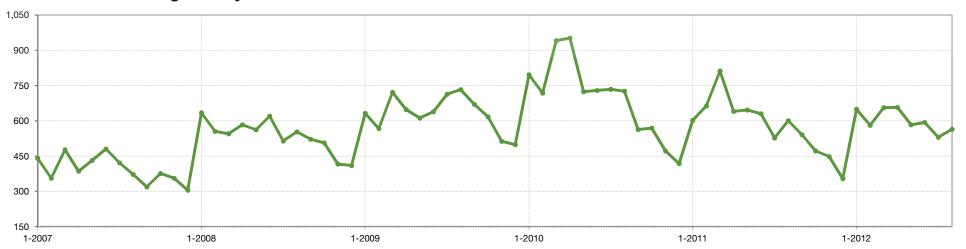
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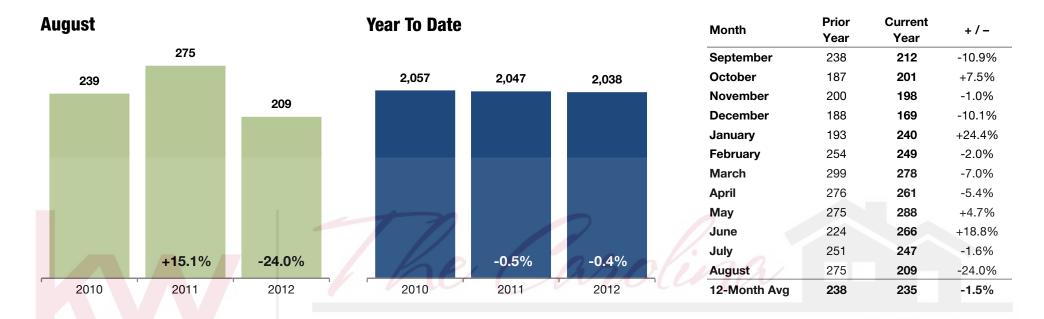
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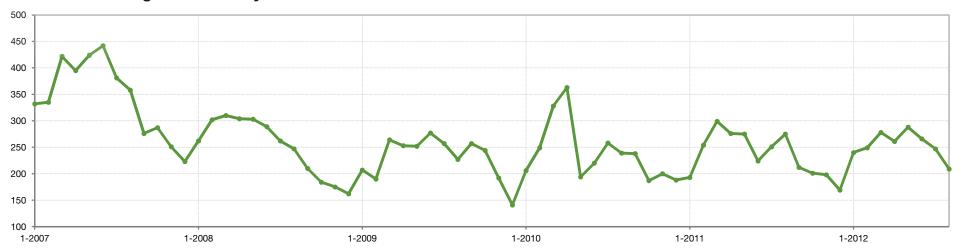
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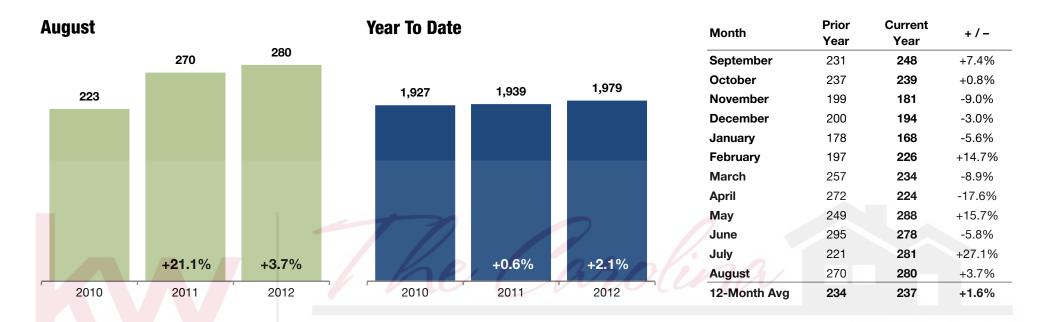
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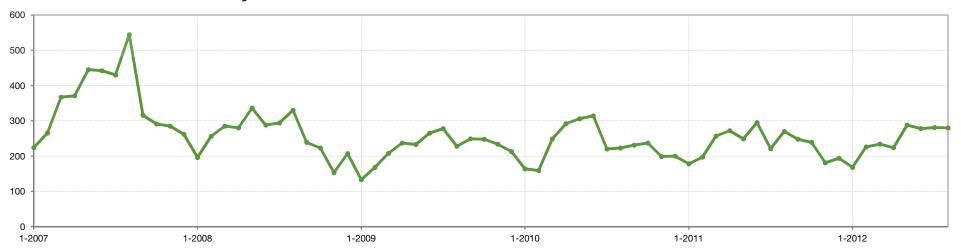
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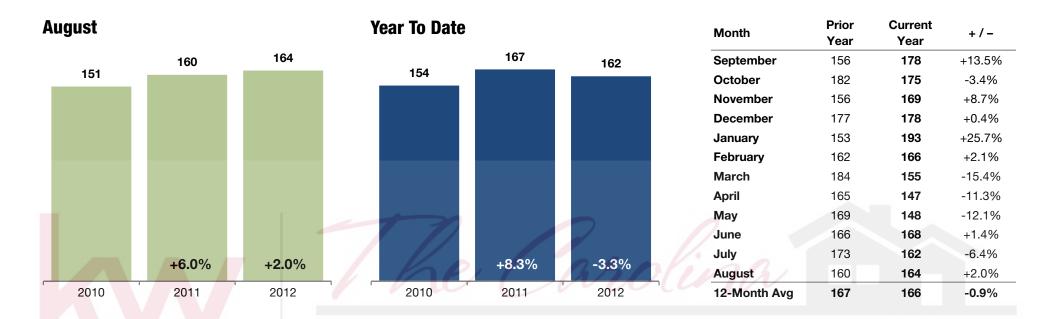
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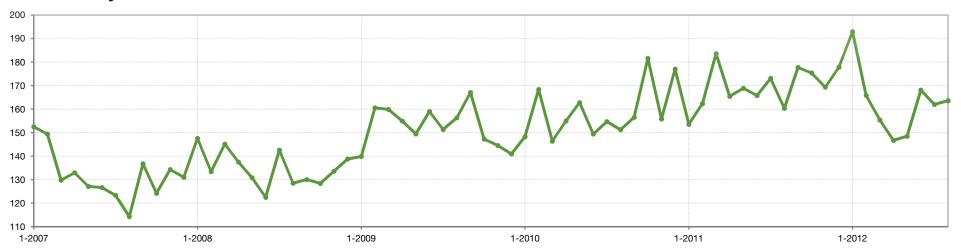
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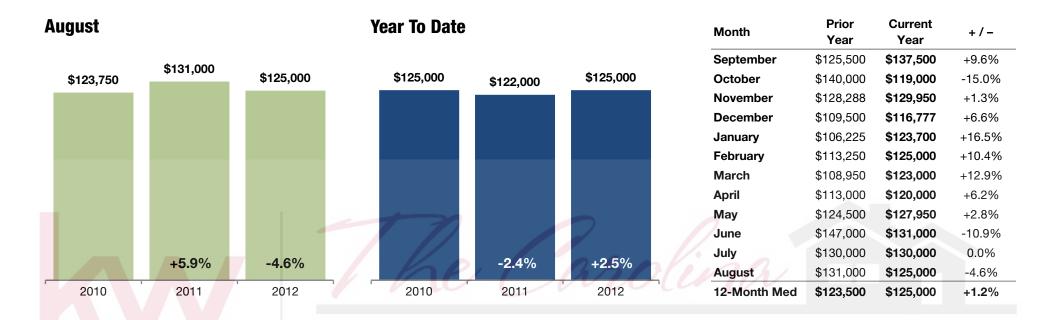
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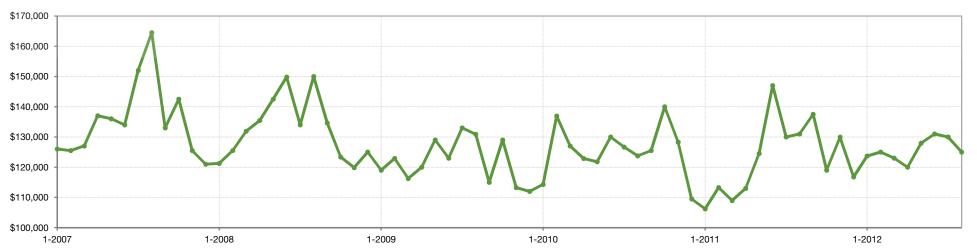
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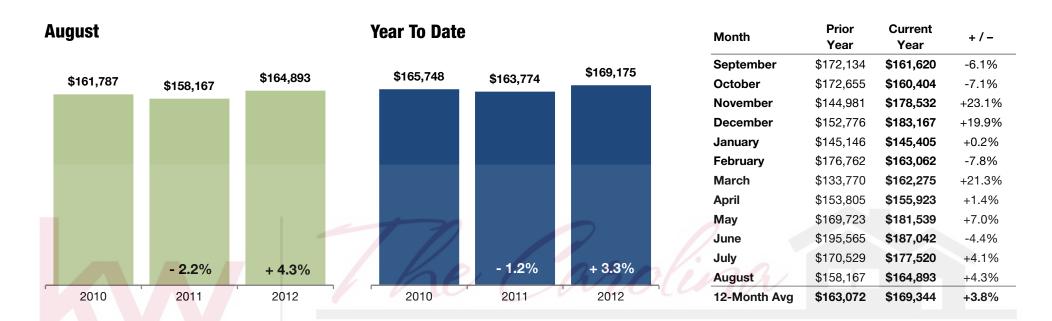
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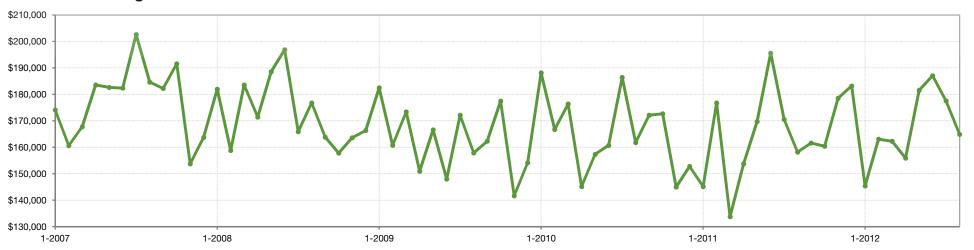
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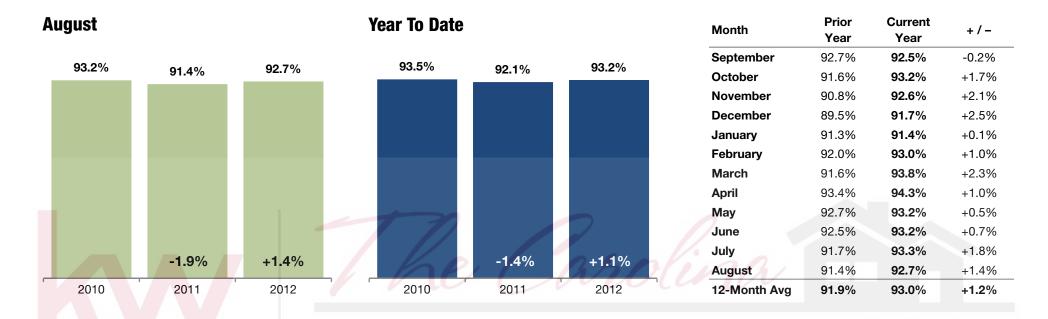
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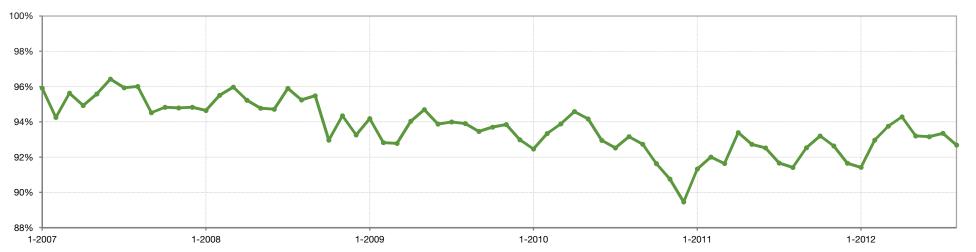
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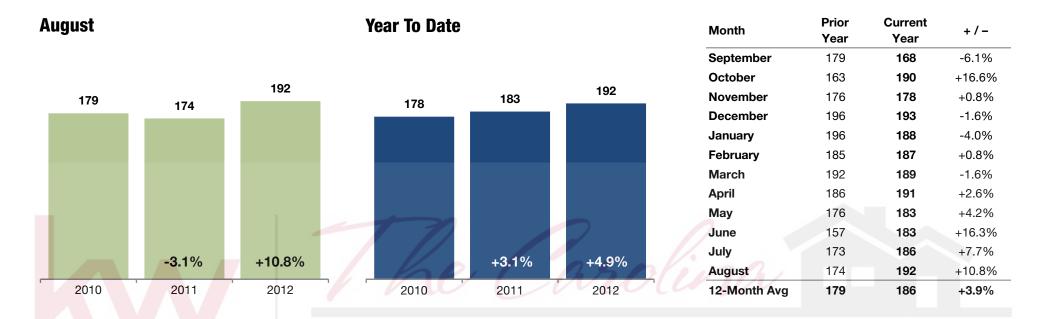
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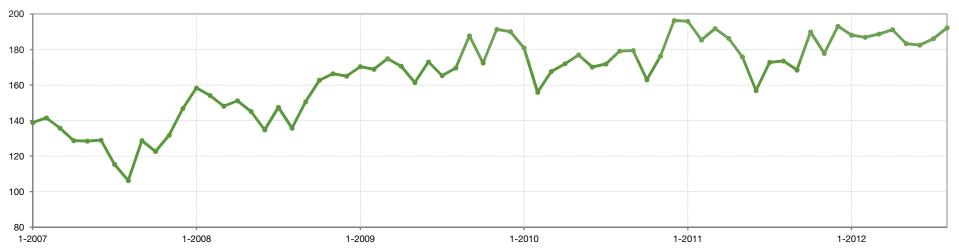
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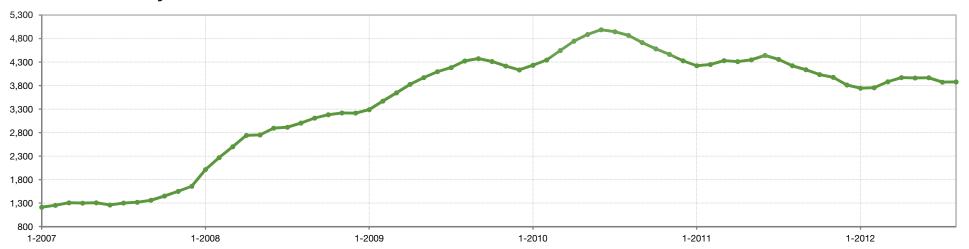
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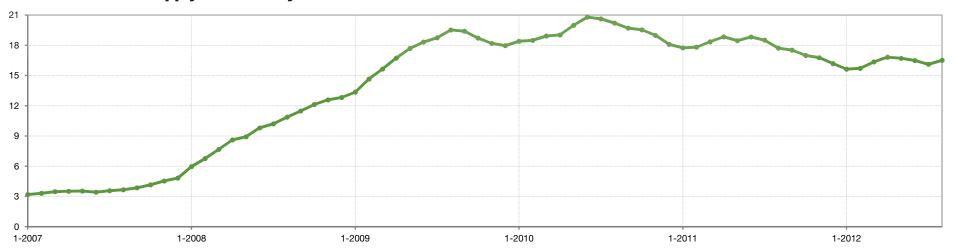
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The inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months.



#### **Historical Months Supply of Inventory**



# **Monthly Indicators**

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### September 2012

Most housing metrics should follow their usual, autumnal movements – higher inventory and days on market, fewer sales, lower prices. That applies only to month-to-month seasonal trends; most indicators should still show improvement on a year-over-year basis. As you already know, all real estate is local – down to the city neighborhood, suburban development and exurban lot. Let's dive into some local figures.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 11.5 percent to 477. Pending Sales were down 25.0 percent to 159. Inventory levels shrank 7.4 percent to 3,828 units.

Prices hunkered down. The Median Sales Price decreased 6.2 percent to \$129,000. Days on Market was down 2.9 percent to 173 days. The supply-demand balance stabilized as Months Supply of Inventory was down 7.7 percent to 16.2 months.

Not to get negative like a political TV ad, but sluggish job growth, persistently high gas prices, drought-induced spikes in food prices and other global events could threaten consumer confidence. The Fed's mortgage purchases drove Freddie Mac's average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage survey to an all-time low of 3.40 percent. Employment growth remains critical, providing the very jobs that will stimulate housing demand and higher prices as well as alleviate beleaguered homeowners.

### **Quick Facts**

- 4.8%	- 6.2%	- 7.4%
Change in Closed Sales	Change in  Median Sales Price	Change in Inventory
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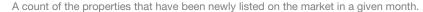
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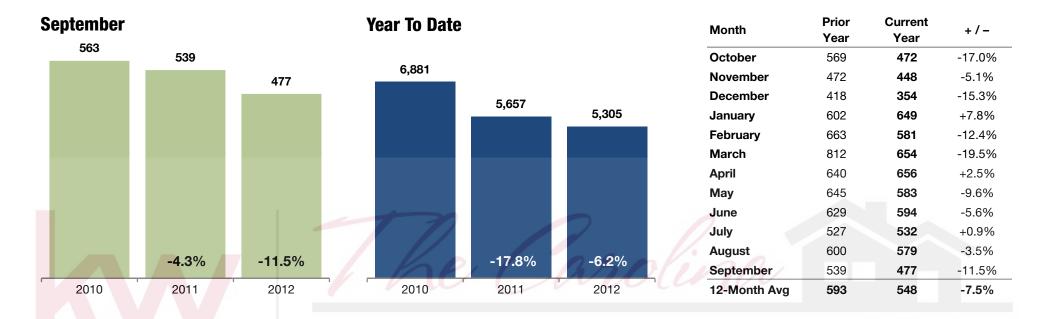


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	9-2011	9-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	9-2019 9-2010 9-2011 9-2012	539	477	- 11.5%	5,657	5,305	- 6.2%
Pending Sales	9-2019 9-2010 9-2011 9-2012	212	159	- 25.0%	2,256	2,271	+ 0.7%
Closed Sales	9-2019 9-2010 9-2011 9-2012	248	236	- 4.8%	2,187	2,233	+ 2.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	mm	178	173	- 2.9%	168	163	- 3.3%
Median Sales Price	9-2019 9-2010 9-2011 9-2012	\$137,500	\$129,000	- 6.2%	; ; \$124,000	\$125,000	+ 0.8%
Average Sales Price		\$161,620	\$165,185	+ 2.2%	\$163,526	\$168,547	+ 3.1%
Percent of List Price Received	9-2019 9-2010 9-2011 9-2012	92.5%	93.7%	+ 1.3%	92.2%	93.2%	+ 1.1%
Housing Affordability Index	9-2019 9-2010 9-2011 9-2012	168	191	+ 13.7%	182	196	+ 7.5%
Inventory of Homes for Sale		4,136	3,828	- 7.4%	 		
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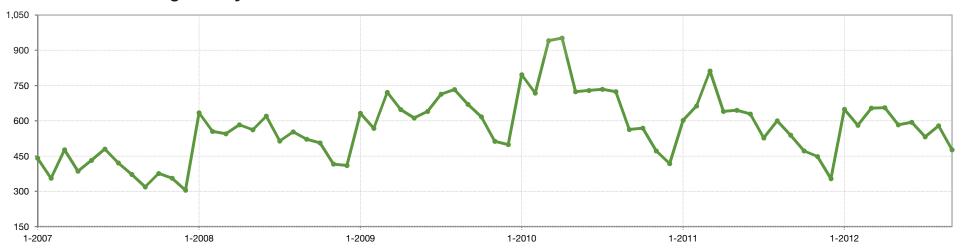
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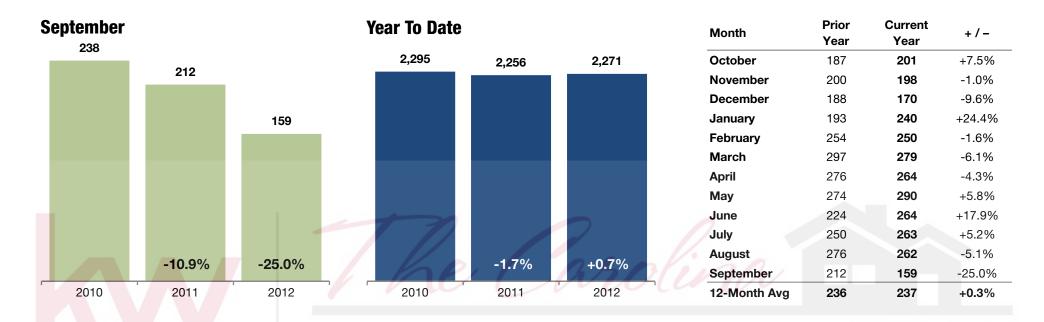
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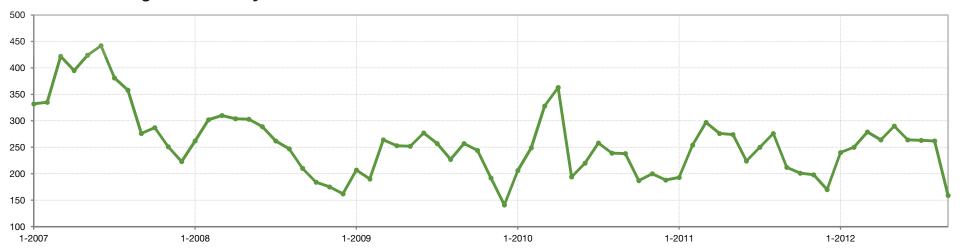
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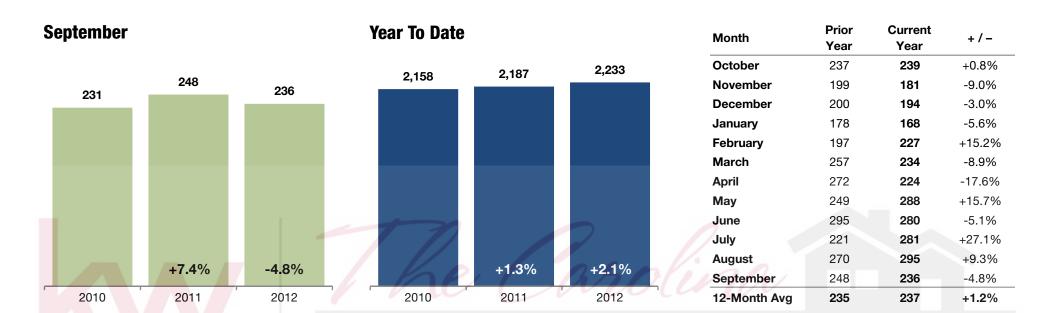
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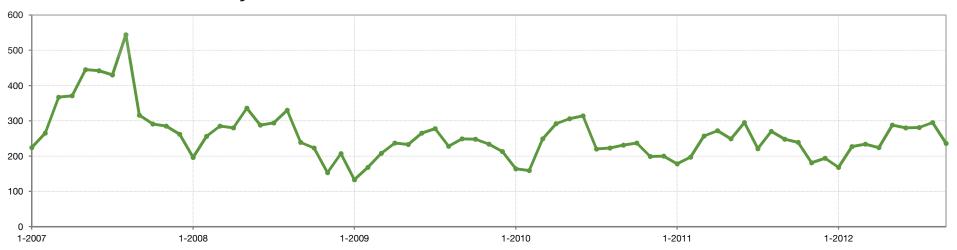
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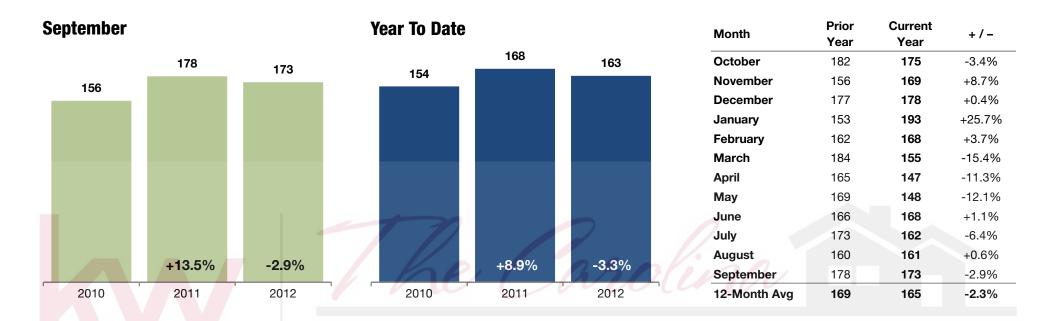
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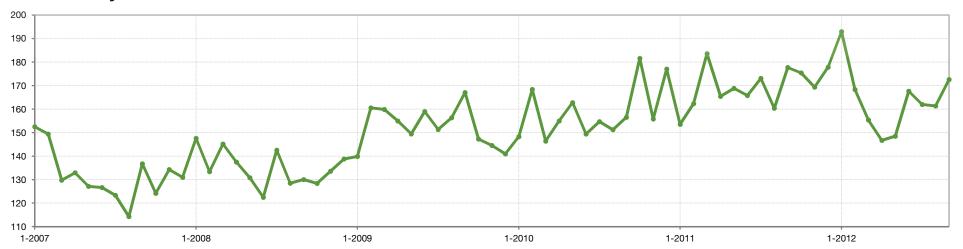
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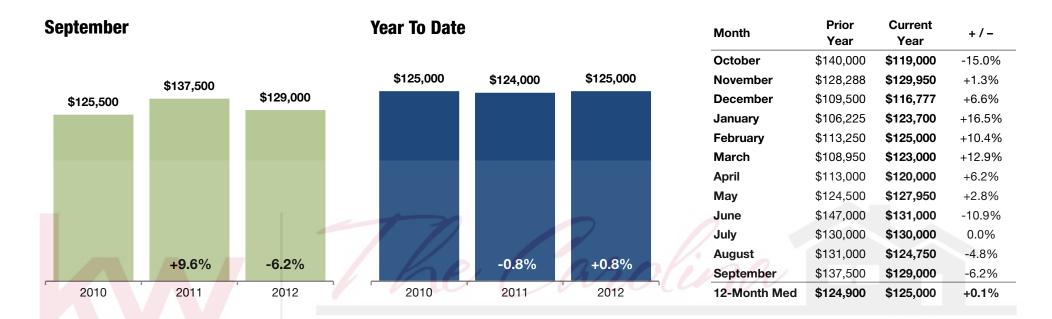
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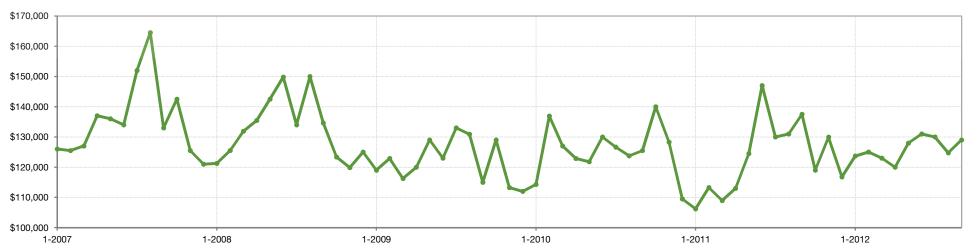
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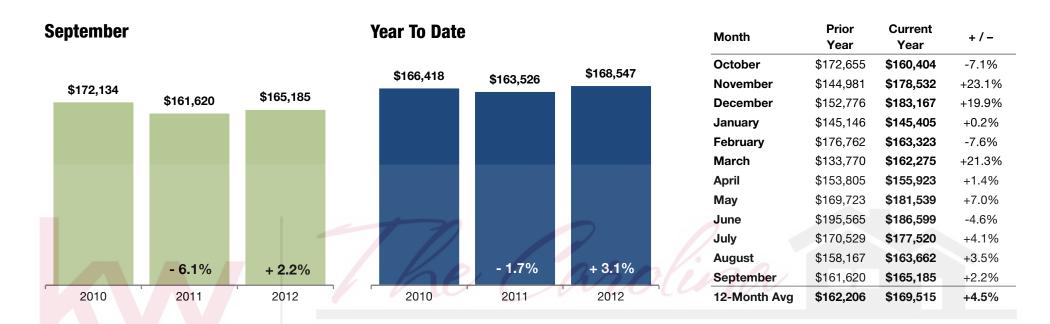
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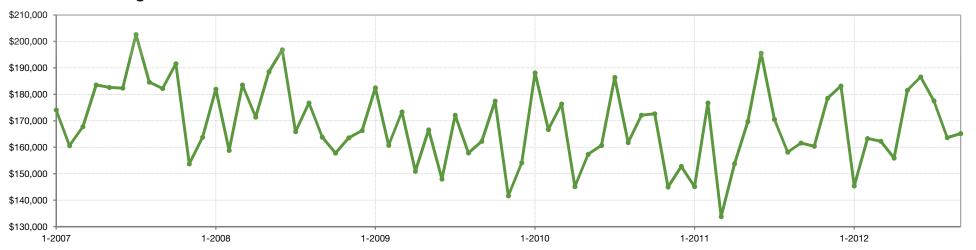
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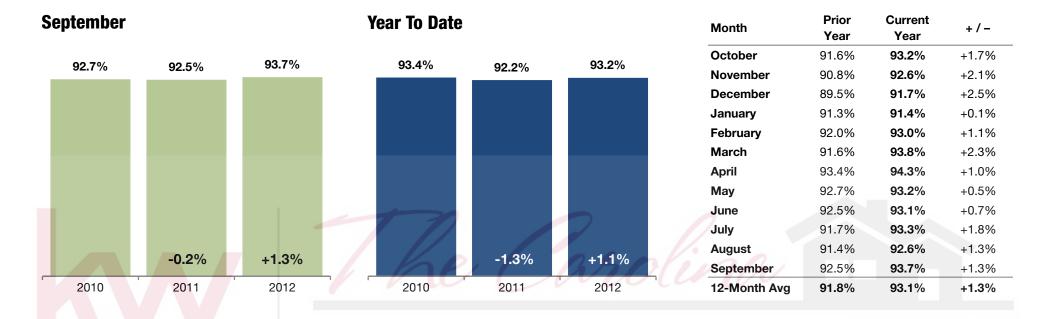
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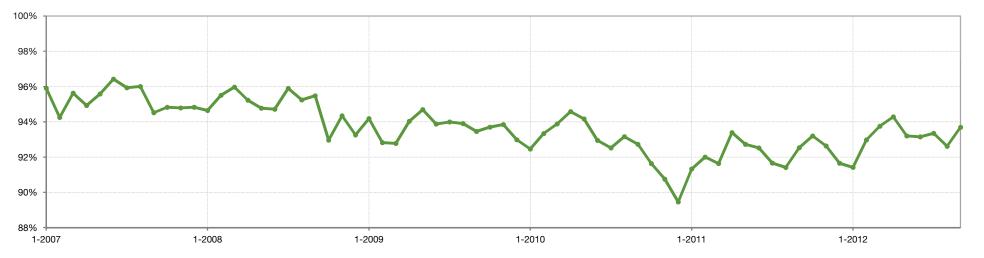
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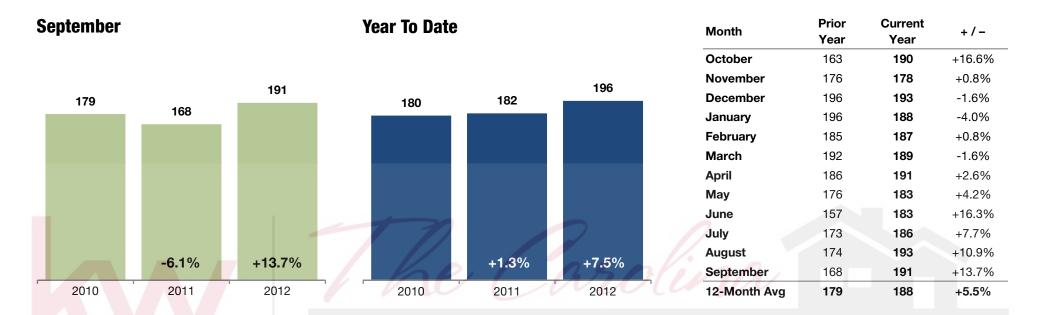
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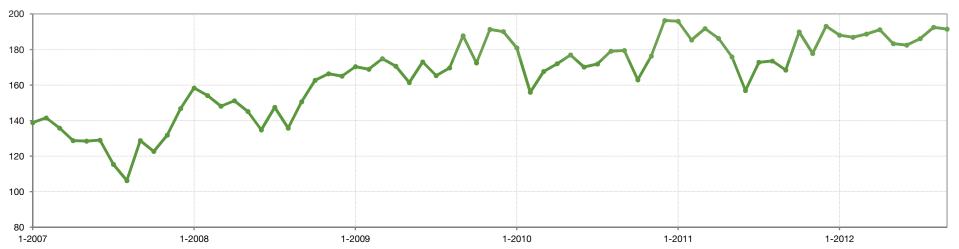
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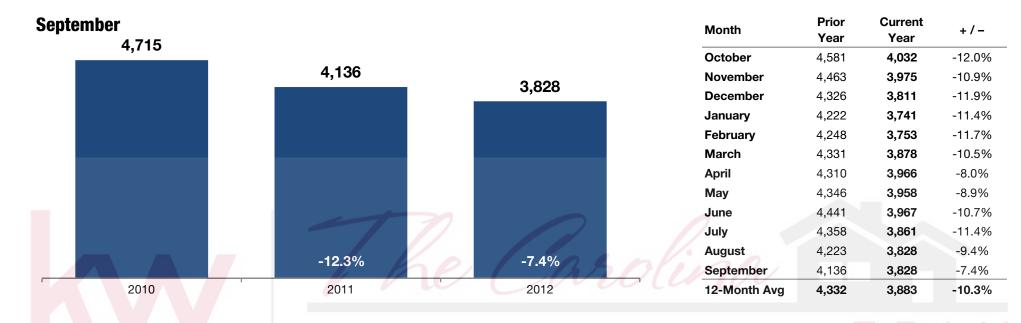
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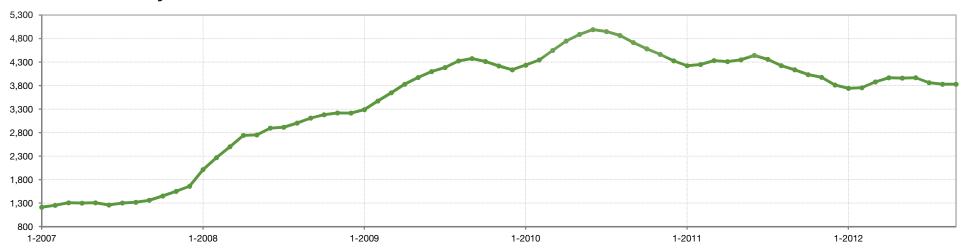
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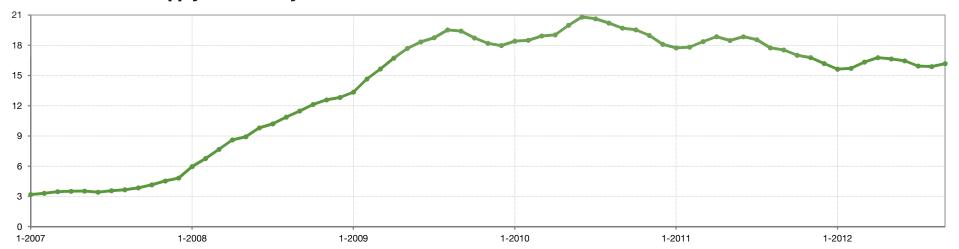
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#### **Historical Months Supply of Inventory**



# **Monthly Indicators**

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#### October 2012

It's been a giant year for the housing market – and for sports teams named Giants. As we round out the remaining two months of the year, let's recap. Most markets shed listings, resulting from strong sales and sluggish seller activity. There has been a general easing of foreclosures and short sales, meaning distressed listings are dragging prices down less than in recent years. So it's both about market fundamentals and market composition.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region increased 11.0 percent to 526. Pending Sales were down 21.4 percent to 158. Inventory levels shrank 6.7 percent to 3,762 units.

Prices moved higher. The Median Sales Price increased 5.9 percent to \$126,000. Days on Market was down 6.7 percent to 164 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 8.0 percent to 15.7 months.

The economy is growing but at a glacial pace, and economic growth in 2013 is expected to outpace 2012. Mortgage rates are expected to remain near historic lows through 2015, rents are expected to rise due to low vacancy, and financial situations in Europe, China and elsewhere, believe it or not, have an effect on your local housing market.

### **Quick Facts**

+ 4.2%	+ 5.9%	- 6.7%
Change in	Change in	Change in
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory

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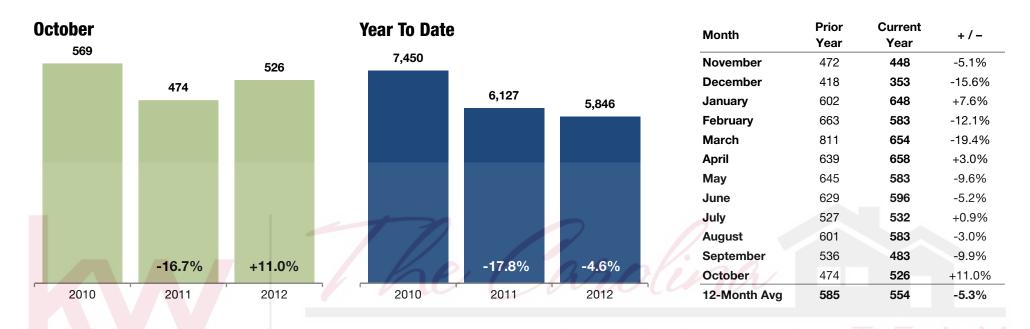


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	10-2011	10-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	10-2009 10-2010 10-2011 10-2012	474	526	+ 11.0%	6,127	5,846	- 4.6%
Pending Sales	10-2019 10-2010 10-2011 10-2012	201	158	- 21.4%	2,454	2,515	+ 2.5%
Closed Sales		239	249	+ 4.2%	2,426	2,491	+ 2.7%
Days on Market Until Sale	mmm	175	164	- 6.7%	169	163	- 3.7%
Median Sales Price	10-2019 10-2010 10-2011 10-2012	\$119,000	\$126,000	+ 5.9%	¦ ¦ \$123,500	\$125,000	+ 1.2%
Average Sales Price	10-2019 10-2010 10-2011 10-2012	\$160,404	\$171,539	+ 6.9%	\$163,221	\$168,852	+ 3.4%
Percent of List Price Received		93.2%	93.8%	+ 0.6%	92.3%	93.3%	+ 1.1%
Housing Affordability Index		190	194	+ 2.1%	185	195	+ 5.6%
Inventory of Homes for Sale		4,033	3,762	- 6.7%	 		
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	10-2019 10-2010 10-2011 10-2012	17.0	15.7	- 8.0%	   		

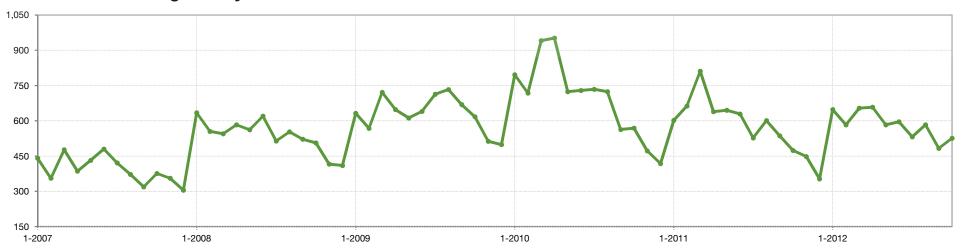
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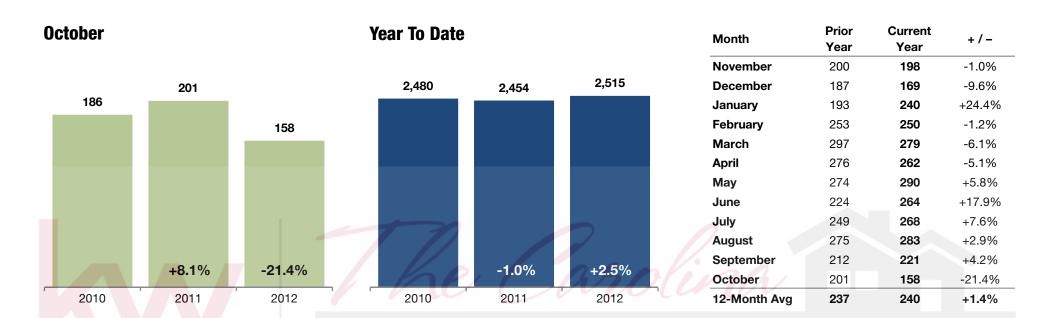
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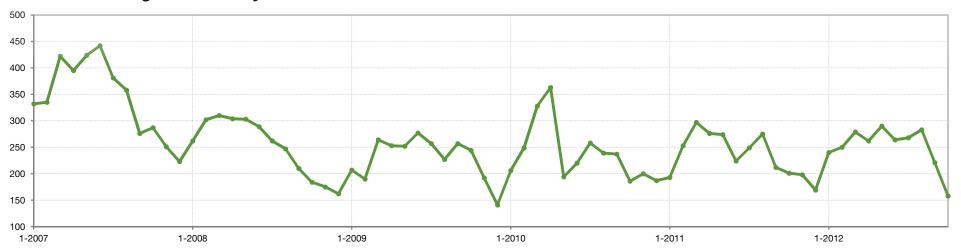
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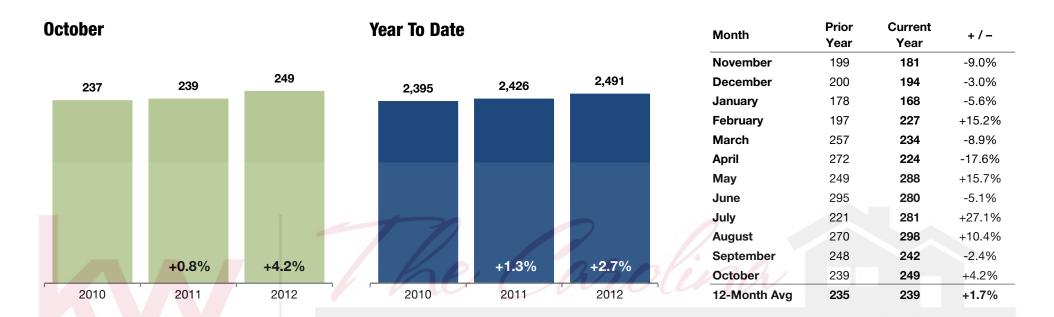
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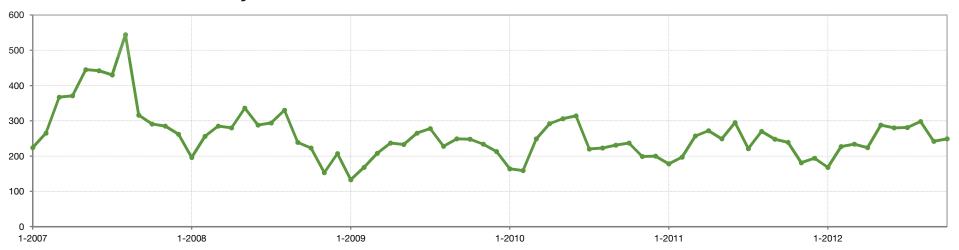
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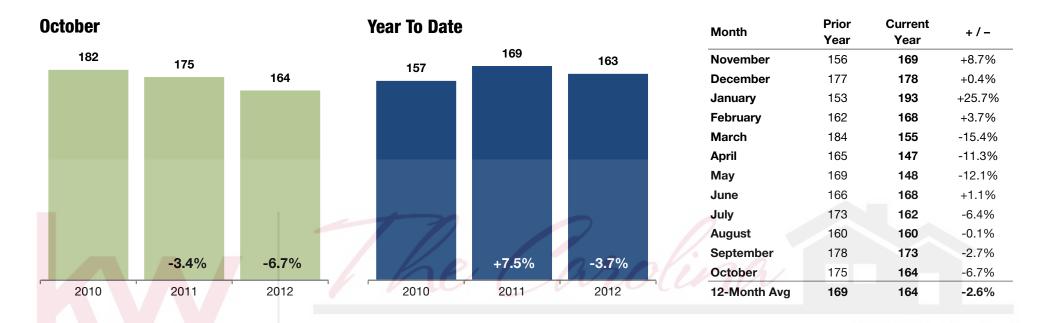
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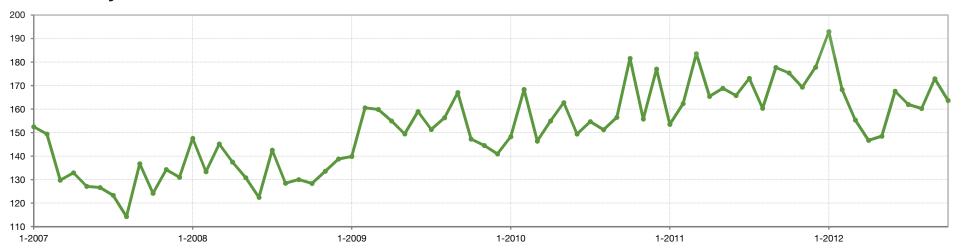
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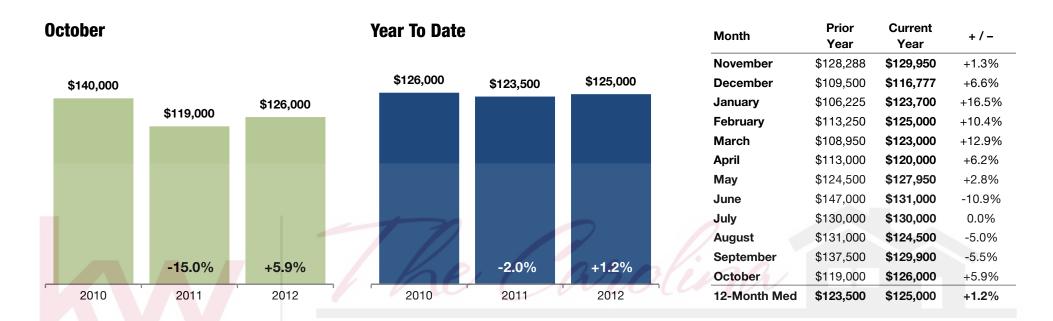
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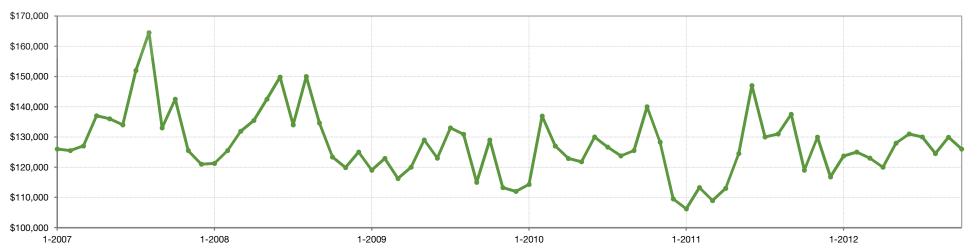
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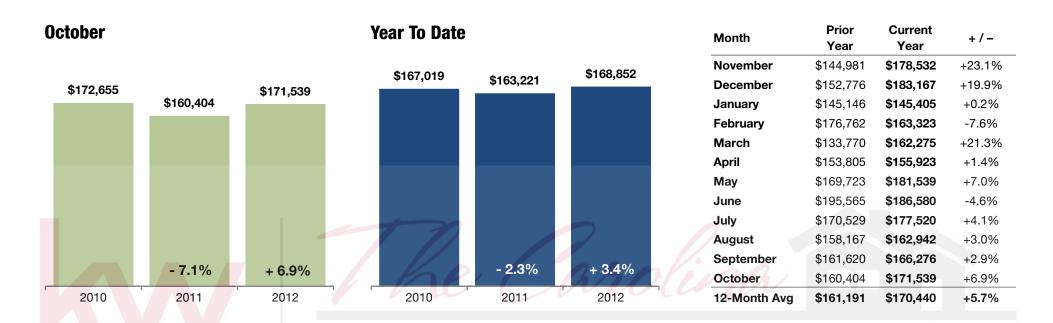
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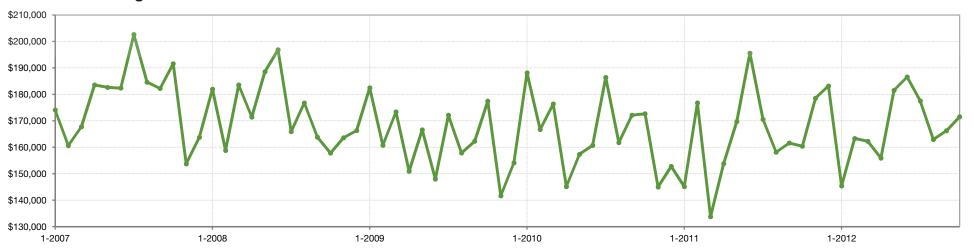
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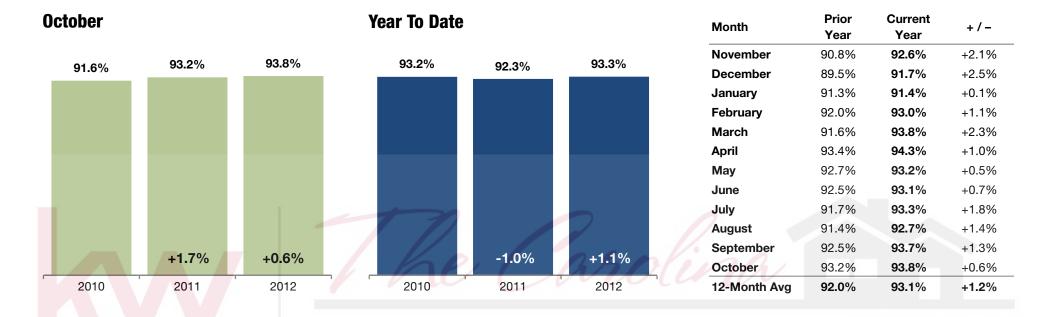
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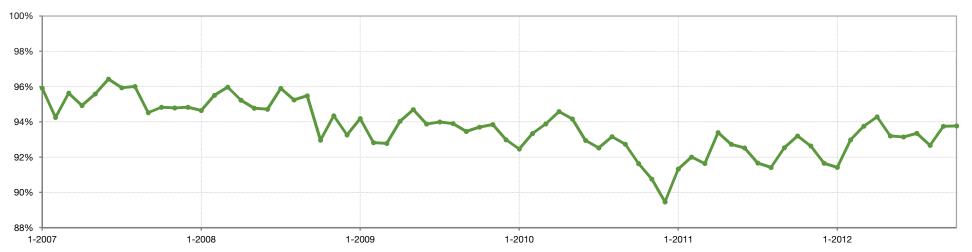
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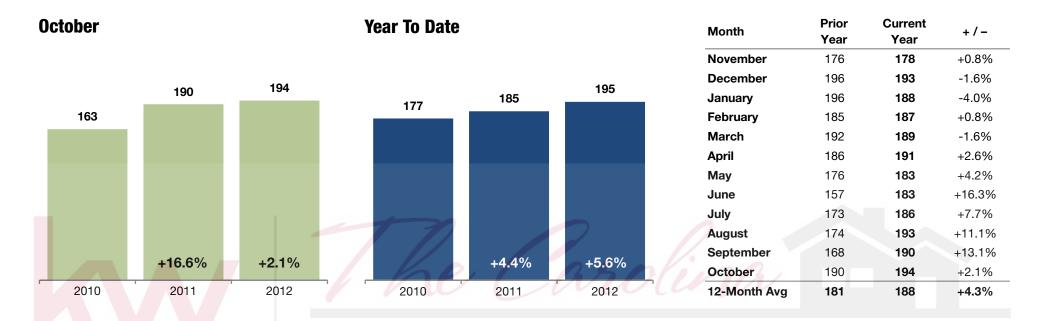
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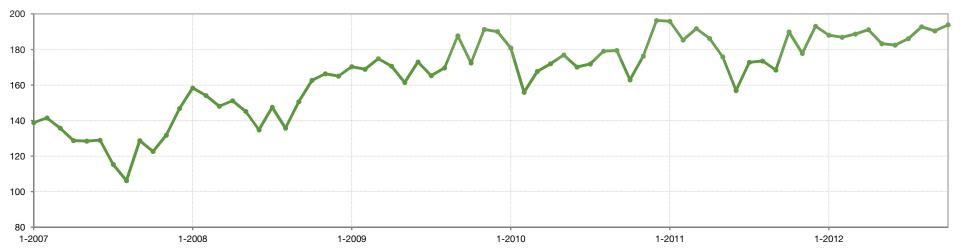
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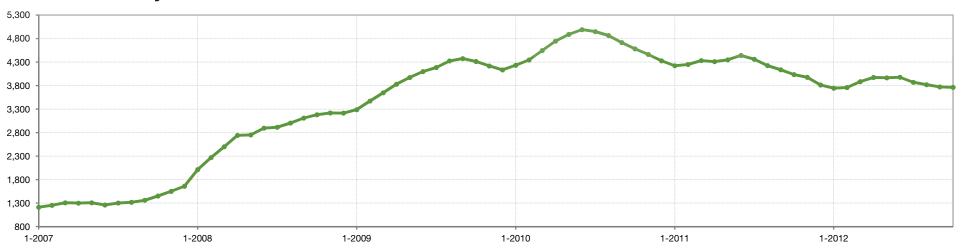
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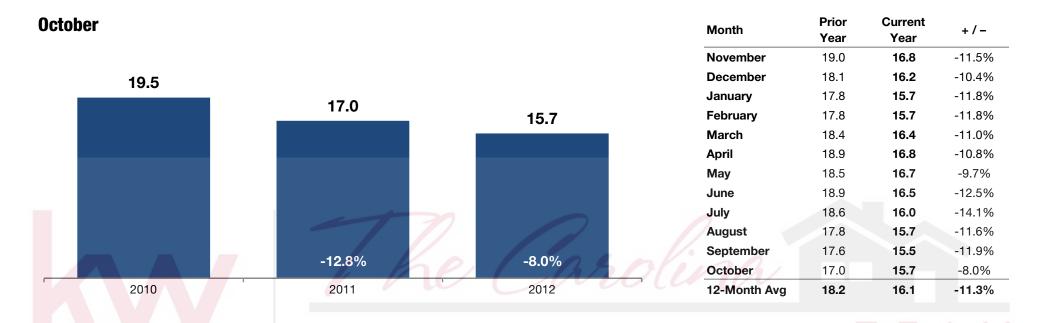
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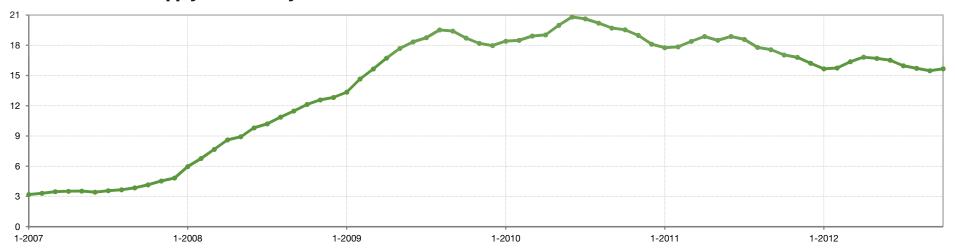
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#### **Historical Months Supply of Inventory**



# **Monthly Indicators**

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#### **November 2012**

This November, there was a lot to be thankful for. Home buyers were thankful for historically low mortgage rates and still-affordable prices. Sellers were thankful for increased sales, less competition and faster market times. Both parties can be thankful for the slow yet steady economic recovery. Challenges persist, to be sure, going into 2013, but there's more reason for optimism than pessimism. Here's the local scoop.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 6.0 percent to 421. Pending Sales were down 28.8 percent to 141. Inventory levels shrank 7.0 percent to 3,695 units.

Prices moved higher. The Median Sales Price increased 3.9 percent to \$135,000. Days on Market was up 10.2 percent to 187 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 8.4 percent to 15.4 months.

There are three primary avenues to housing recovery: better market fundamentals, improved market composition and more jobs. Many communities are enjoying better fundamentals, such as higher demand and less supply. But many areas are also experiencing a lower overall share of distressed sales activity. In the month ahead, continue to watch hiring and unemployment trends.

### **Quick Facts**

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Change in Closed Sales	Change in  Median Sales Price	Change in Inventory

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### **Market Overview**





Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	11-2011	11-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	11-2009 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	448	421	- 6.0%	6,574	6,266	- 4.7%
Pending Sales	11-2019 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	198	141	- 28.8%	2,652	2,711	+ 2.2%
Closed Sales	11-2009 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	181	194	+ 7.2%	2,607	2,704	+ 3.7%
Days on Market Until Sale		169	187	+ 10.2%	169	164	- 2.8%
Median Sales Price		\$129,950	\$135,000	+ 3.9%	\$124,000	\$126,000	+ 1.6%
Average Sales Price	11-2019 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	\$178,532	\$173,394	- 2.9%	\$164,302	\$168,912	+ 2.8%
Percent of List Price Received	11-2019 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	92.6%	93.3%	+ 0.7%	92.3%	93.3%	+ 1.0%
Housing Affordability Index	11-2019 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	178	185	+ 4.0%	184	195	+ 5.7%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	11-2019 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	3,975	3,695	- 7.0%	 		
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	11-2019 11-2010 11-2011 11-2012	16.8	15.4	- 8.4%	   		

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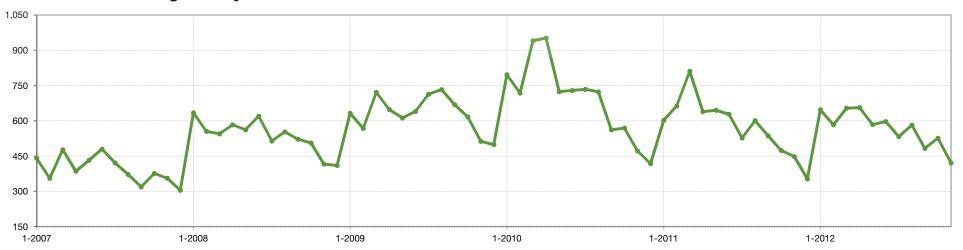






Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
December	418	353	-15.6%
January	602	647	+7.5%
February	663	583	-12.1%
March	811	654	-19.4%
April	639	656	+2.7%
May	645	584	-9.5%
June	628	597	-4.9%
July	527	533	+1.1%
August	601	582	-3.2%
September	536	483	-9.9%
October	474	526	+11.0%
November	448	421	-6.0%
12-Month Avg	583	552	-5.3%

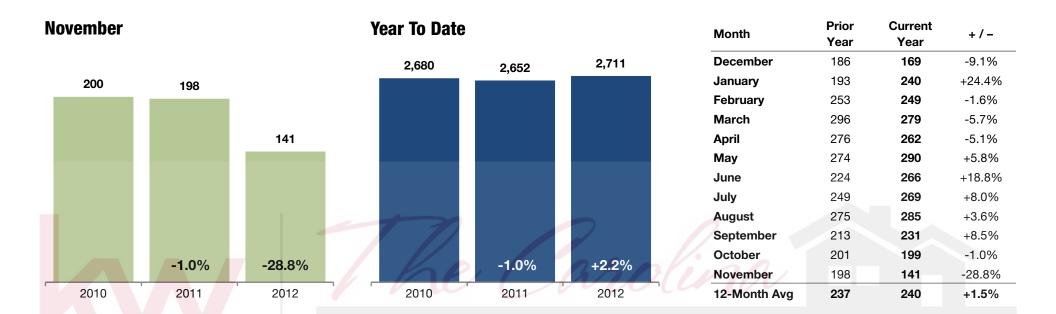
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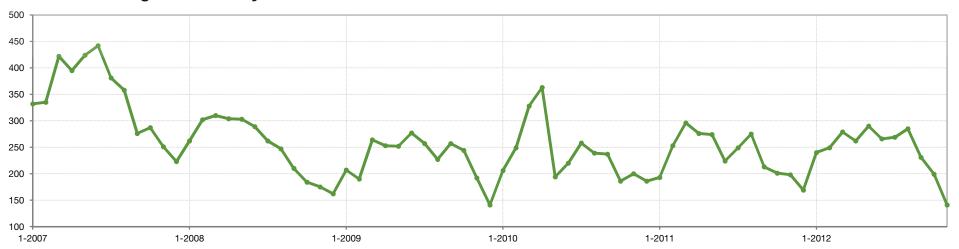
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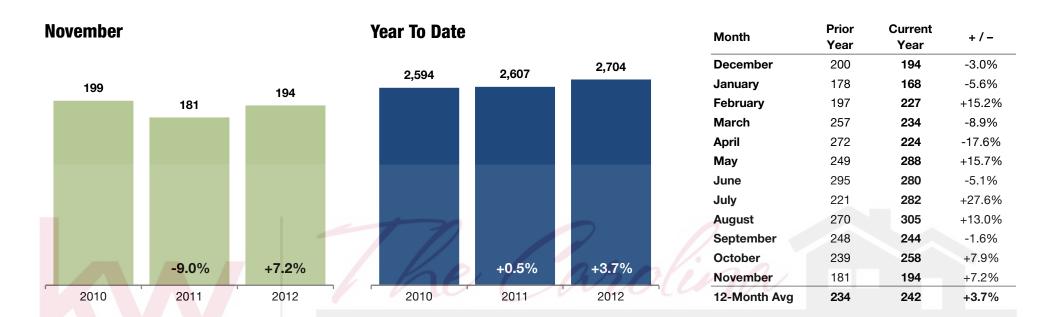
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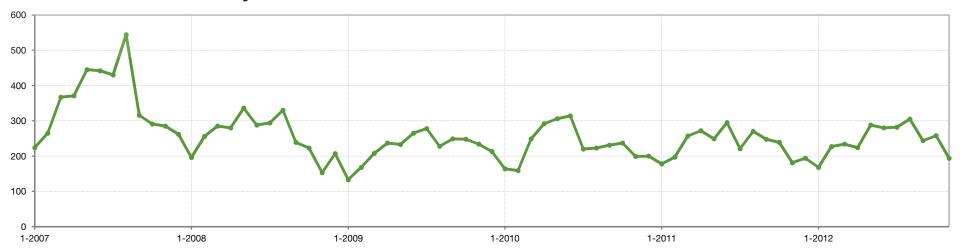
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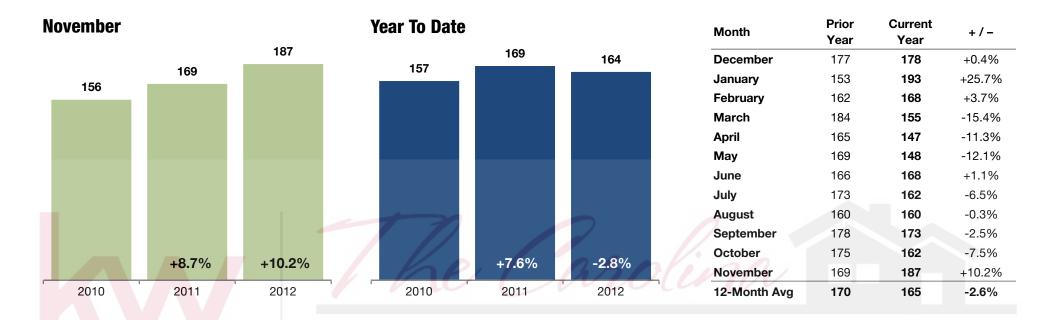
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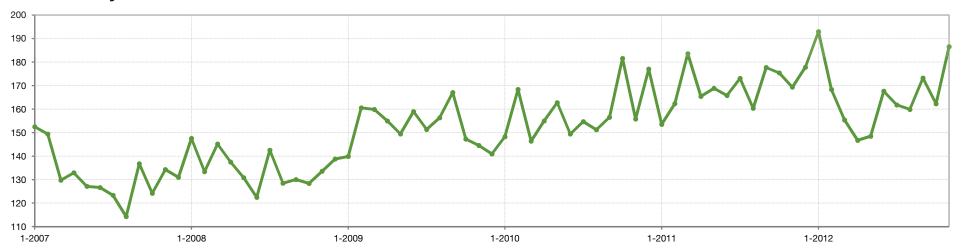
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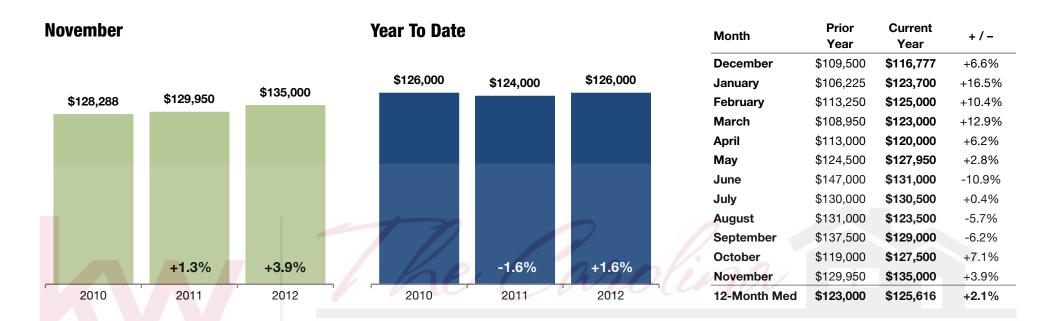
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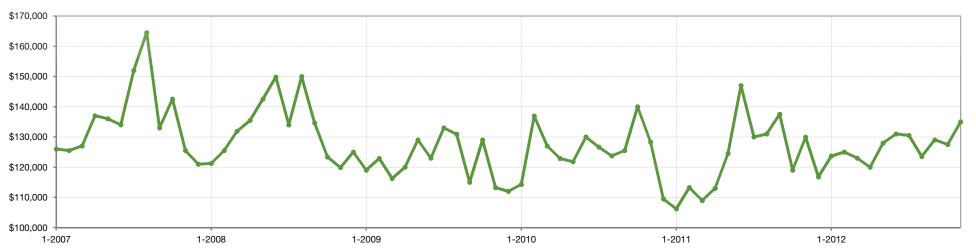
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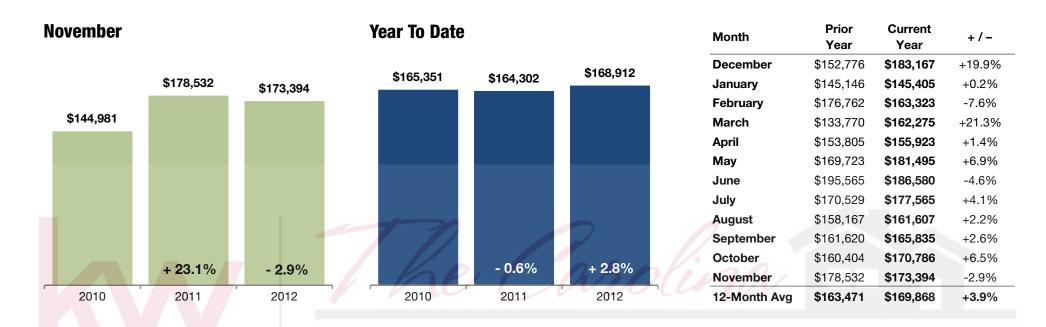
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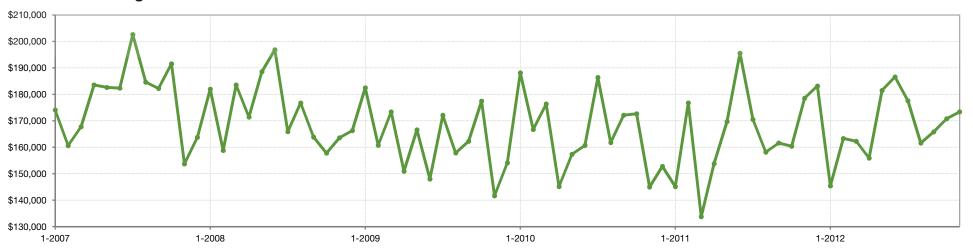
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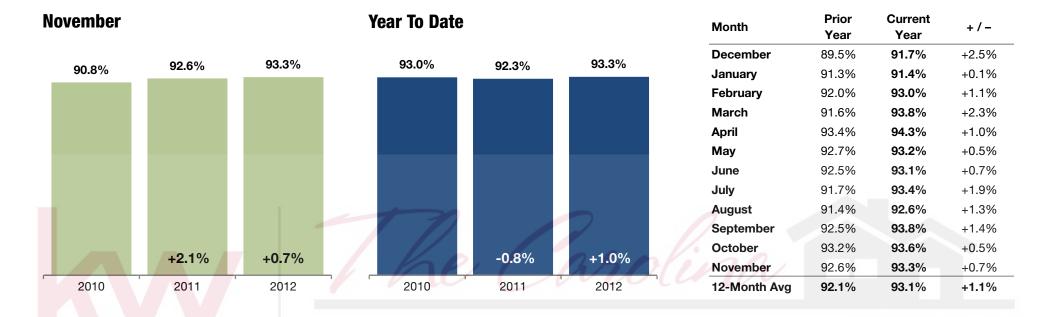
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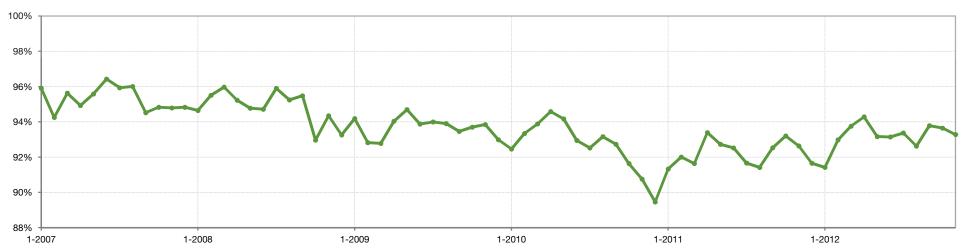
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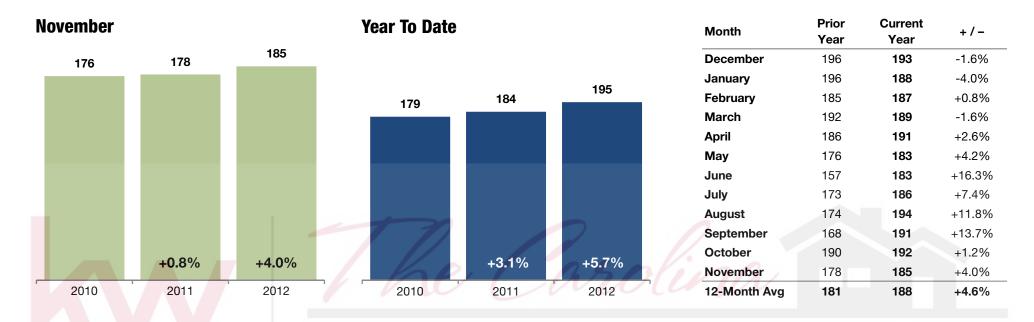
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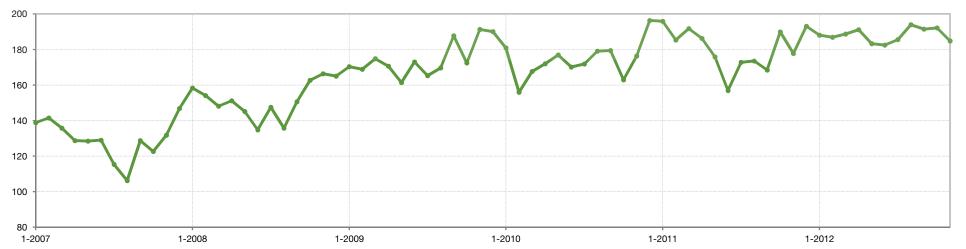
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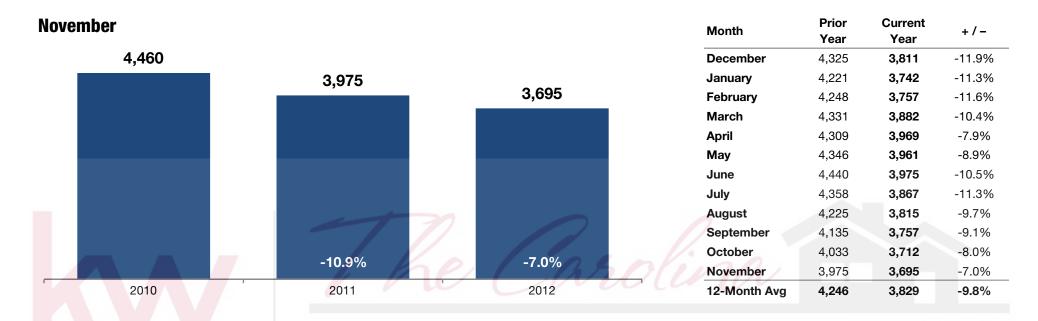
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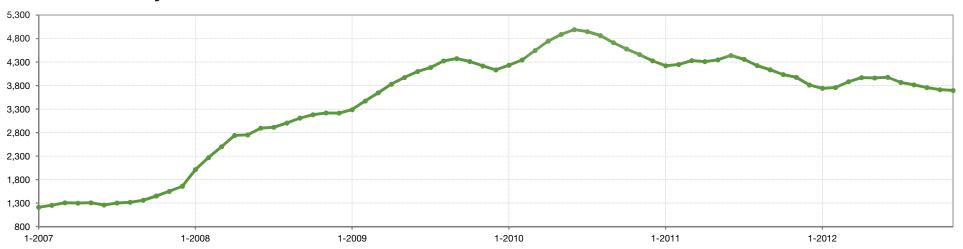
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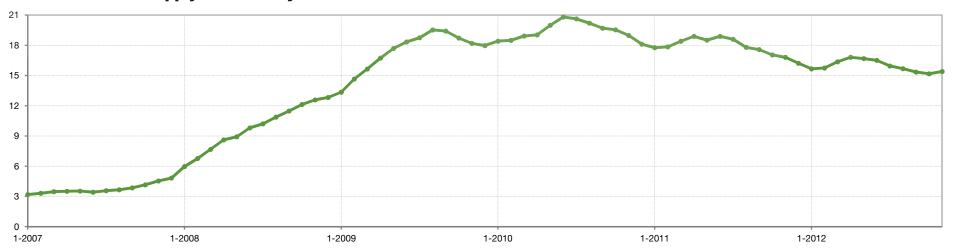
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# **Monthly Indicators**

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#### **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 in the Western Upstate region decreased 10.2 percent to 317. Pending Sales were down 28.2 percent to 122. Inventory levels shrank 6.4 percent to 3,566 units.

Prices rallied higher. The Median Sales Price increased 12.2 percent to \$131,000. Days on Market was down 8.3 percent to 163 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 9.1 percent to 14.7 months.

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!

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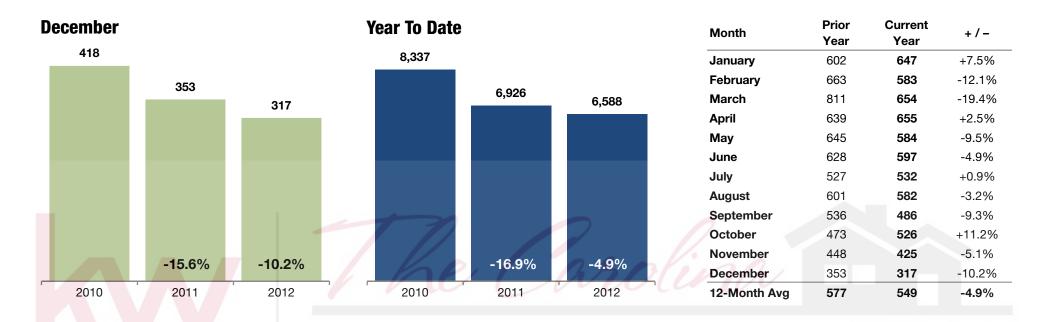


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	12-2011	12-2012	+/-	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+/-
New Listings	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	353	317	- 10.2%	6,926	6,588	- 4.9%
Pending Sales	12-2009 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	170	122	- 28.2%	;   2,821	2,905	+ 3.0%
Closed Sales		194	194	0.0%	2,801	2,910	+ 3.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	12-2019 12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	178	163	- 8.3%	170	164	- 3.3%
Median Sales Price	12-2010 12-2011 12-2012	\$116,777	\$131,000	+ 12.2%	¦ ¦ \$123,000	\$126,750	+ 3.0%
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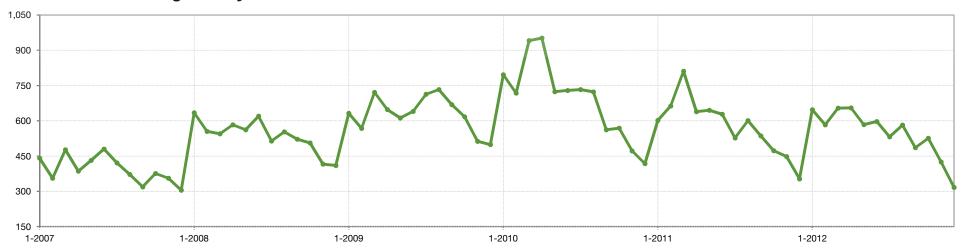
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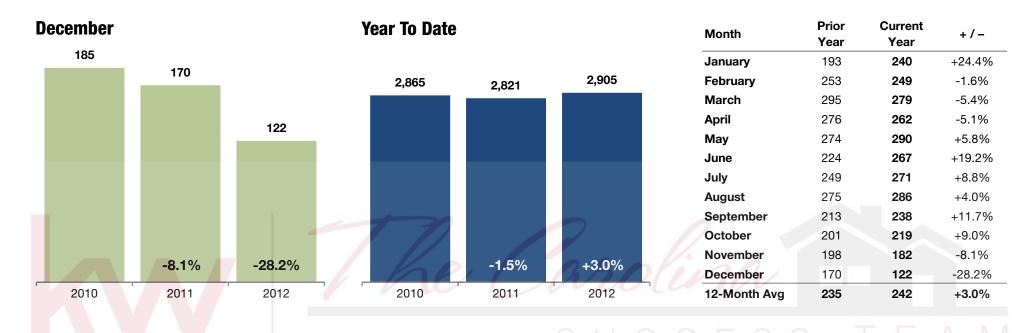
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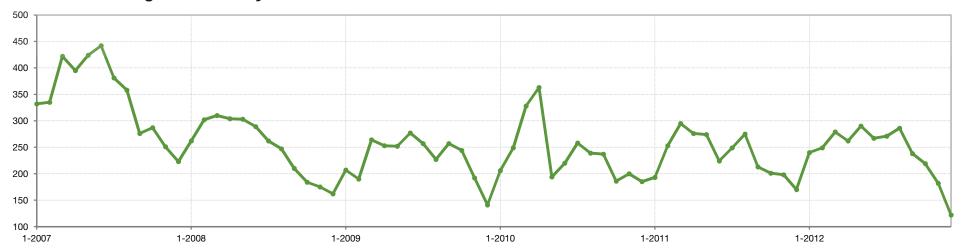
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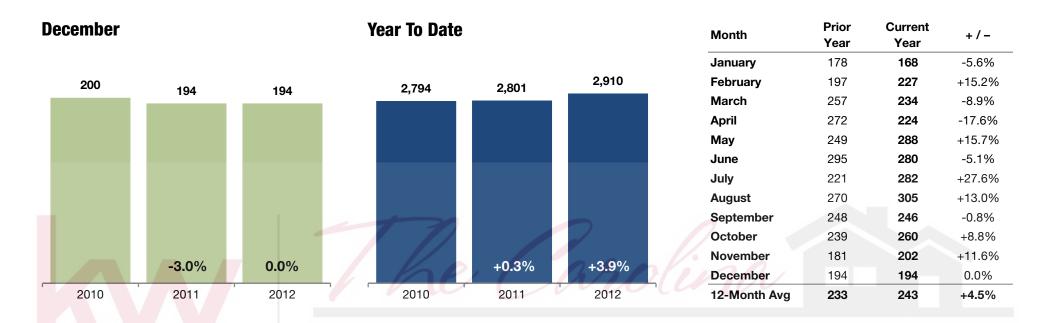
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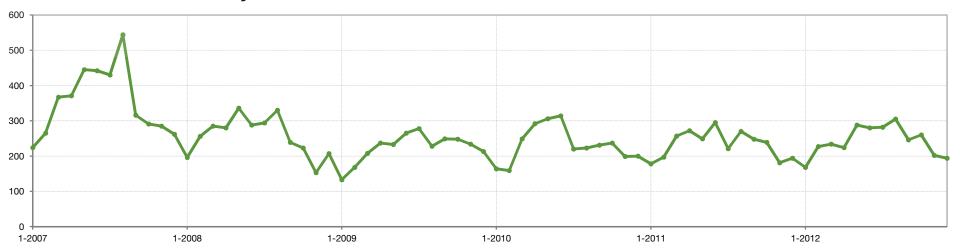
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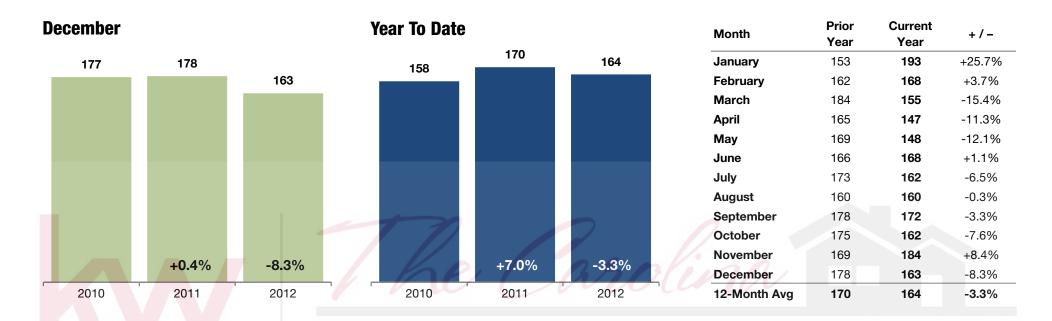
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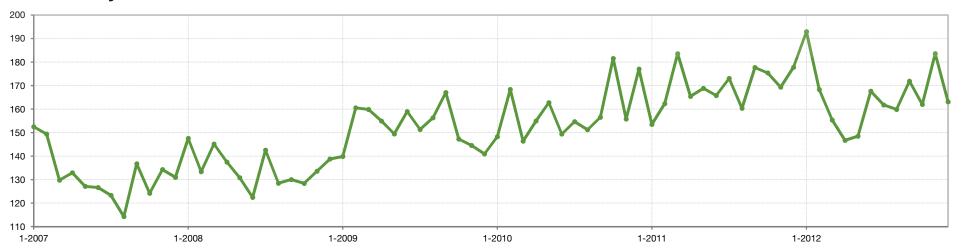
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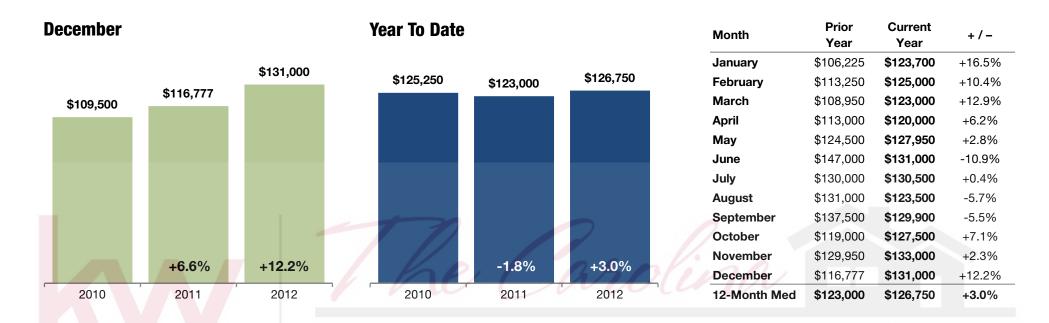
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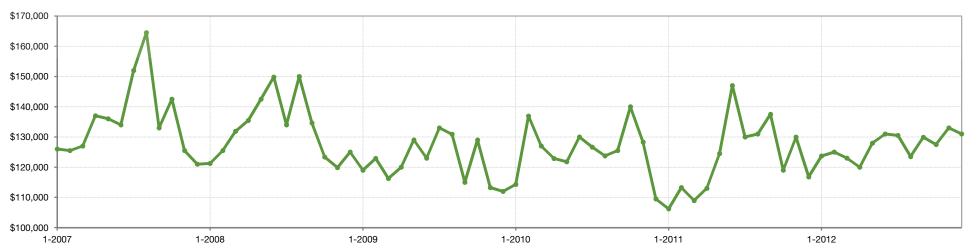
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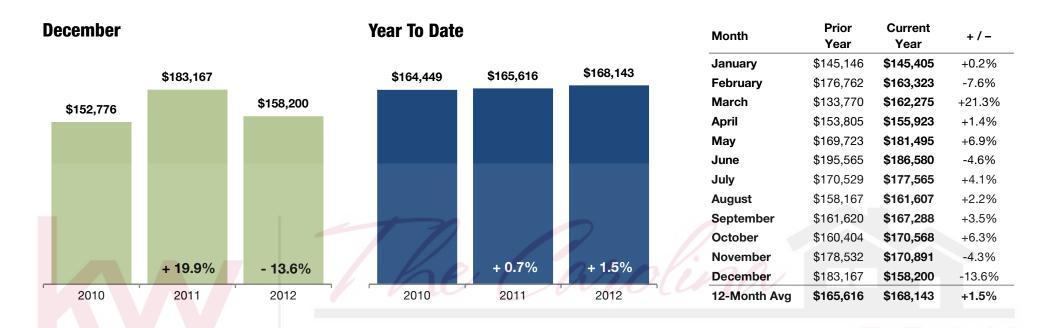
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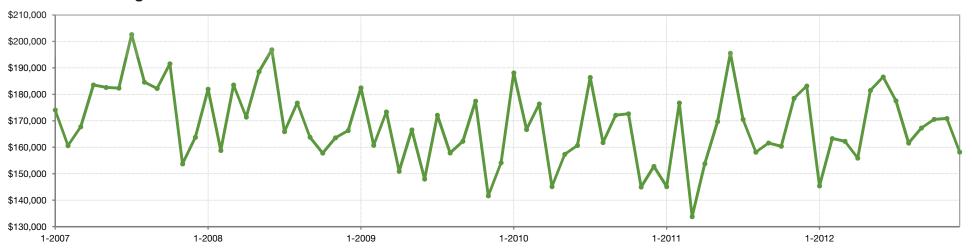
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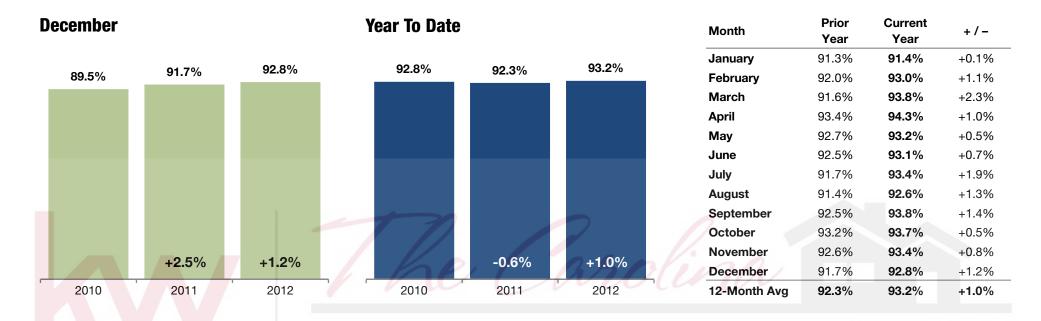
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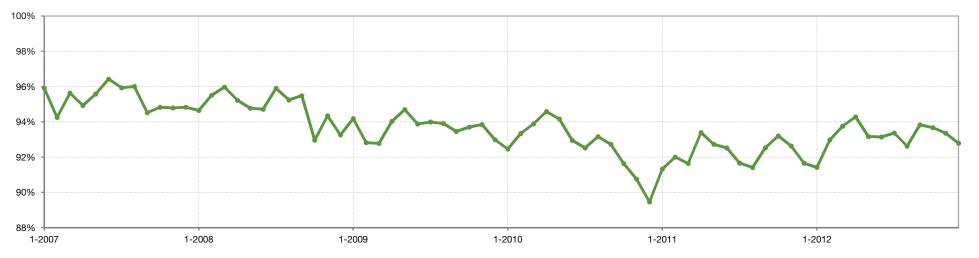
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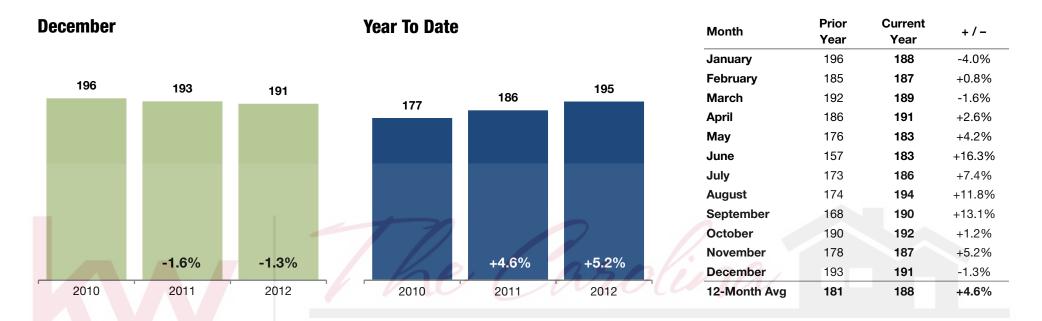
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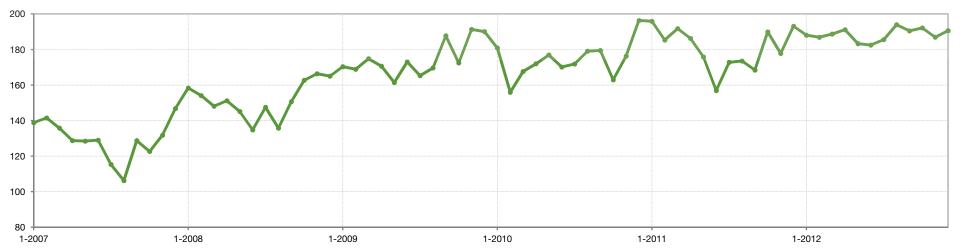
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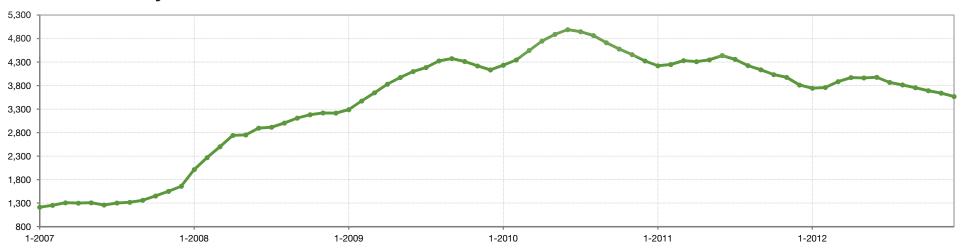
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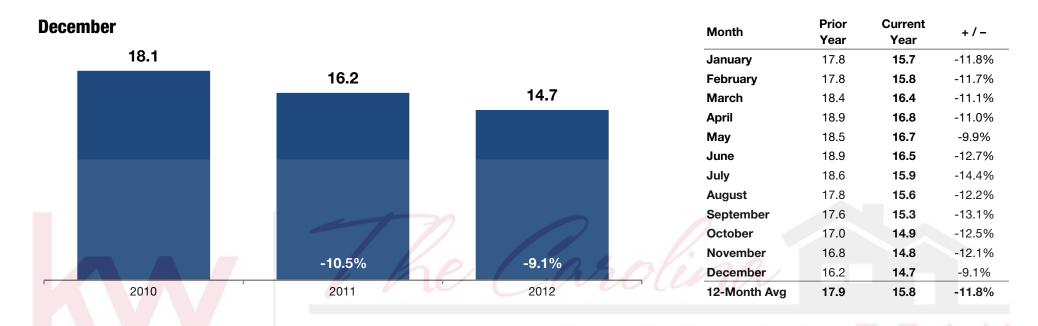
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