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## MARKET IN A MINUTE

## A SUMMARY OF MARKET CONDITIONS FOR AUGUST 2019

#### **CONTRACTS**



Contract activity in August 2019 was **up 5.3%** from August 2018 and was up in five of the six price categories. Through the first eight months of the year, contract activity is down 2.1% The average number of days on the market for homes receiving contracts was just **31 days** in August 2019, down from 40 days in August of last year.

## **URGENCY INDEX**



The Urgency Index, simply the percentage of homes going under contract that were on the market 30 days or less, was up in August compared to last August. During the past 15 years, the Index has been as high as 95% (April 2004) and as low as 23% (November 2006). In August 2019, the Urgency Index was 70.9%, up from 61.0% in August 2018. And that is Northern Virginia's highest August Urgency Index since we started tracking this 15 years ago.

## **INVENTORY**



The number of homes on the market at the end of August was **down 32.8**% compared to the end of August 2018 and was lower in every price category. Inventory of homes priced less than \$500,000 is **down 55.9**%. The number of new listings coming on the market was **down 8.5**% compared to August of last year. The drop in inventory combined with the increase in contract activity lowered overall supply to just 1.5 months from 2.3 months at the end of August 2018. That's the lowest supply in the metro area.

## **INTEREST RATES**



30-year fixed mortgage interest rates at the end of August stood at 3.58%, almost a full percentage point lower than this time last year. The payment on a mortgage originated today is 12% lower than an identically-sized loan a year ago, a huge win for purchasers as home prices are rising.

## AFFORDABILITY



The payment on a no-money-down, 30-year fixed mortgage for a median-priced home is **14.7% higher** than it was a decade ago in August 2009, but the median price is up **38%**. However, the payment is **6.5% lower** than August of last year because of lower interest rates. The mortgage payment for a median priced home (\$2,449) was slightly **higher** in August than the median rented price (\$2,375).

#### DIRECTION OF THE MARKET



Inventory is the big story – it is low and getting lower every month. The shortage is particularly acute in Arlington County and the city of Alexandria – the epicenter of Amazon's HQ2 project. The count of available homes in Arlington is down 52% compared to this time last year, and it's off 60% in Alexandria. It is highly likely that this inventory shortage will continue for not just weeks and months, but for years. And that tight supply will keep absorption rates and the urgency index high, and days on market low.



## **MONTHLY SUMMARY AUGUST 2018 vs. AUGUST 2019**

NORTHERN VIRGINIA	August 2018	August 2019	% Change
Number of Sales	2,057	1,950	-5.2%
Fully Available Inventory on 8/31	3,877	2,605	-32.8%
Number of New Listings	2,352	2,153	-8.5%
Number of New Contracts	1,704	1,794	5.3%
Days on Market - New Contracts	40	31	-22.5%
Average Sales Price	\$588,743	\$609,852	3.6%
Average Seller Subsidy	\$2,939	\$2,348	-20.1%
Urgency Index	61.0%	70.9%	16.2%
Months' Supply	2.3	1.5	-36.2%
LOUDOUN COUNTY			
Number of Sales	619	639	3.2%
Fully Available Inventory on 8/31	1,236	968	-21.7%
Number of New Listings	807	706	-12.5%
Number of New Contracts	535	581	8.6%
Days on Market - New Contracts	36	35	-2.8%
Average Sales Price	\$525,454	\$550,204	4.7%
Average Seller Subsidy	\$3,240	\$2,814	-13.1%
Urgency Index	62.8%	66.4%	5.7%
Months' Supply	2.3	1.7	-27.9%
WASHINGTON, DC			
Number of Sales	862	782	-9.3%
Fully Available Inventory on 8/31	1,288	1,319	2.4%
Number of New Listings	832	872	4.8%
Number of New Contracts	704	703	-0.1%
Days on Market - New Contracts	38	42	10.5%
Average Sales Price	\$699,650	\$712,673	1.9%
Average Seller Subsidy	\$2,266	\$2,397	5.8%
Urgency Index	62.1%	58.3%	-6.1%
Months' Supply	1.8	1.9	2.6%
MONTGOMERY COUNTY			
Number of Sales	1,226	1,213	-1.1%
Fully Available Inventory on 8/31	2,381	2,105	-11.6%
Number of New Listings	1,356	1,268	-6.5%
Number of New Contracts	1,025	1,113	8.6%
Days on Market - New Contracts	44	47	6.8%
Average Sales Price	\$549,502	\$581,073	5.7%
Average Seller Subsidy	\$3,717	\$3,913	5.3%
Urgency Index	57.7%	55.6%	-3.6%
Months' Supply	2.3	1.9	-18.6%
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY			
Number of Sales	1,006	924	-8.2%
Fully Available Inventory on 8/31	2,099	1,728	-17.7%
Number of New Listings	1,435	1,347	-6.1%
Number of New Contracts	1,167	1,159	-0.7%
Days on Market - New Contracts	42	40	-4.8%
Average Sales Price	\$304,762	\$316,267	3.8%
Average Seller Subsidy	\$5,553	\$5,770	3.9%
Urgency Index	58.2%	63.3%	8.8%
Months' Supply	1.8	1.5	-17.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Percentages depicted in red indicate a negative market trend; black indicates a positive market trend

## YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARY 2018 vs. 2019

	Year-t		
	Jan-Aug	Jan-Aug	%
NORTHER <u>N VIRGINIA</u>	2018	2019	Change
Number of Closed Sales	15,517	14,952	-3.6%
Average Month-End Available Inventory	3,302	2,430	-26.49
Number of New Listings	21,853	20,003	-8.5%
Number of New Contracts	16,760	16,405	-2.1%
Days on Market - New Contracts	35	26	-25.5%
Average Sales Price	\$590,719	\$612,003	3.69
Average Seller Subsidy	\$2,516	\$2,154	-14.49
Average Urgency Index	71.5%	77.9%	8.9%
Average Months' Supply	1.6	1.2	-24.89
LOUDOUN COUNTY			
Number of Closed Sales	4,802	4,547	-5.3%
Average Month-End Available Inventory	1,104	919	-16.89
Number of New Listings	6,795	6,555	-3.5%
Number of New Contracts	5,171	5,133	-0.79
Days on Market - New Contracts	34	30	-10.59
Average Sales Price	\$520,373	\$539,693	3.79
Average Seller Subsidy	\$2,933	\$2,679	-8.79
Average Urgency Index	73.4%	74.5%	1.49
Average Months' Supply	1.7	1.4	-16.2
VASHINGTON, DC			
Number of Closed Sales	6,294	5,931	-5.8°
Average Month-End Available Inventory	1,263	1,365	8.0
Number of New Listings	8,944	8,909	-0.49
Number of New Contracts	6,727	6,850	1.89
Days on Market - New Contracts	35	37	5.89
Average Sales Price	\$696,443	\$713,697	2.59
Average Seller Subsidy	\$2,136	\$2,358	10.49
Average Urgency Index	69.4%	68.1%	-1.89
Average Orgency Index  Average Months' Supply	1.5	1.6	6.19
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  Number of Closed Sales	8,660	8,196	-5.49
Average Month-End Available Inventory	2,115	2,030	-4.0°
Number of New Listings	12,213	12,136	-0.6
Number of New Contracts	9,510	9,719	2.29
Days on Market - New Contracts	40	41	3.50
Average Sales Price	\$549,148	\$561,233	2.20
Average Seller Subsidy	\$3,359	\$3,507	4.40
Average Urgency Index	67.1%	65.3%	-2.79
Average Months' Supply	1.8	1.7	-6.1°
	1.0	1.7	-0.1
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  Number of Closed Sales	7,306	6,705	-8.2°
Average Month-End Available Inventory	1,763	1,639	-7.09
Number of New Listings	10,171	10,126	-7.0°
Number of New Contracts	9,137		1.7%
	9,137	9,295	
Days on Market - New Contracts		47 \$313.333	11.49
Average Sales Price	\$295,532 \$5,442	\$313,333 \$5,640	6.0%
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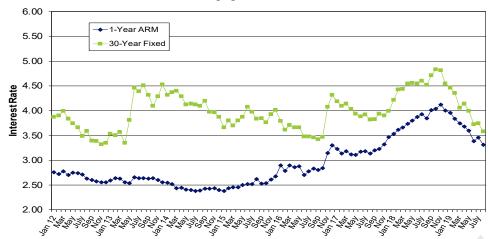
Average Months' Supply

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#### **30-YEAR FIXED AND 1-YEAR ADJUSTABLE RATES**

Month-End Mortgage Rates - 2012-Current

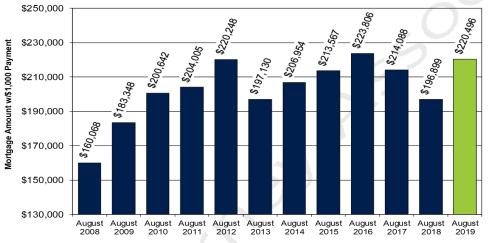


#### **MORTGAGE RATES**

- 30-year fixed interest rates at the end of August averaged
   3.58%, compared to 4.52% at the end of August 2018.
- One-year adjustable rate mortgages were 3.31% at the end of August 2019, which is down from 3.85% at the end of August 2018.

#### **BUYING POWER**

Mortgage Amount with \$1,000 Payment

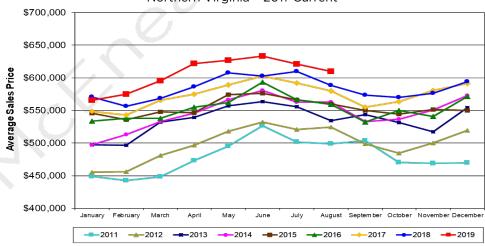


#### **BUYING POWER**

- A \$1,000 principal and interest payment supported a loan of \$220,496 at the end of August, which is \$23,597 more than August 2018, and \$60,428 more than August 2008.
- In August 2009, it would have taken a monthly PI payment of \$2,135 to purchase a median-priced home now it takes \$2,449 a 13.7% increase.
- Lower interest rates have helped offset the \$149,000 increase (up 38%) in the median price since August 2009.

## **AVERAGE SALES PRICE**

Northern Virginia - 2011-Current

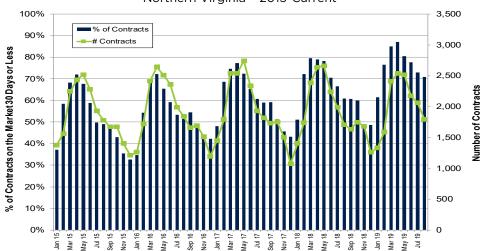


### **AVERAGE PRICES**

- The average sales price in August 2019 was \$609,852, up 3.6% from the August 2018 average price of \$588,743.
- The median sales price was \$540,000 in August 2019, up 4.9% from the median price in August 2018.
- Remember that these indicators are arithmetic computations based on all properties sold and do not indicate the appreciation or depreciation of any individual property.

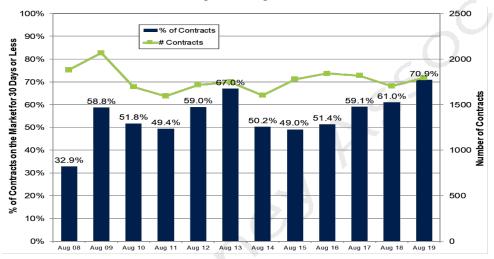
#### **URGENCY INDEX**

% of Contracts on the Market for 30 Days or Less Northern Virginia - 2015-Current



#### **URGENCY INDEX**

Northern Virginia - August 2008-2019



## URGENCY INDEX - 2015-Current

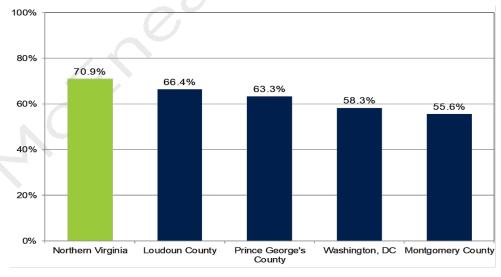
- This chart compares the number of contracts (green line) to the percent that were on the market 30 days or less (blue bars). At first glance, it might appear that the lower contract activity also means a lower percentage of homes that sell quickly but that's not always true.
- As an example, December is always the month with the lowest number of contracts. December 2011 (not on this chart) had a 35% index, but that jumped to 50% in 2012, an early indicator that the market was picking up heading into 2013.

## **URGENCY INDEX - August**

- During the past 12 years, the August Urgency Index has been as high as 70.9% and as low as 32.9%. And we're at that high mark now.
- The average August Urgency Index in Northern Virginia during the past 12 years is 55.0% – which is significantly lower than where we are today.
- Contract activity is up 5.3% from last August – and the Urgency Index increased from 61.0% to 70.9%.

#### **URGENCY INDEX**

DC Metro Area by Jurisdiction Comparison - August 2019

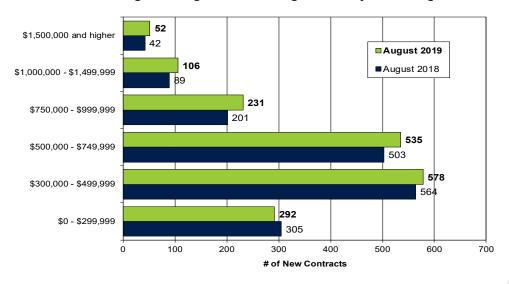


## URGENCY INDEX - DC Metro Area

- The average August Urgency Index during the past 12 years for all five of the jurisdictions we track is 52.5% – significantly lower than where we are today which is 63.9% for all five jurisdictions.
- Northern Virginia is in first place this month. As noted above, it is at its 12-year peak.

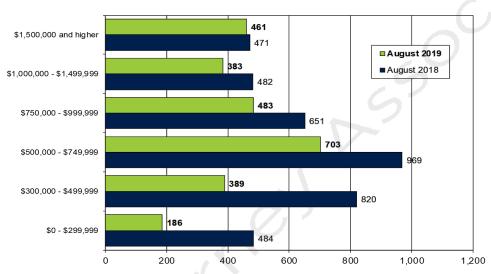
#### **NEW CONTRACT ACTIVITY**

Northern Virginia - August 2018 vs. August 2019 by Price Range



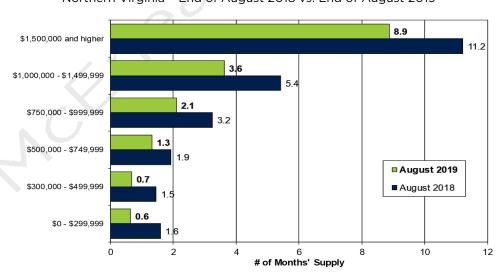
#### **FULLY AVAILABLE LISTINGS**

Northern Virginia - August 31, 2018 vs. August 31, 2019



### MONTHS' SUPPLY

Northern Virginia - End of August 2018 vs. End of August 2019



#### **NEW CONTRACT ACTIVITY**

- The number of new contracts ratified in August 2019 was up
   5.3% from the number of contracts ratified in August 2018 and was up for five price categories.
- As noted on page 3, contract activity year-to-date is down 2.1%.
- 23.0% of all homes going under contract in August 2019 had at least one price reduction before going under contract. Last August it was 32.2%.

### **FULLY AVAILABLE LISTINGS**

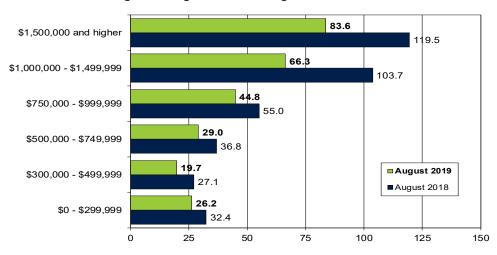
- As noted on page 2, the monthend inventory decreased 32.8% for August 2019 compared to August 2018 and the number of homes coming on the market decreased 8.5%.
- Inventory is down for all price categories and is down 55.9% for homes priced less than \$500,000.
- 35.6% of all homes on the market have had at least one price reduction since coming on the market. Last August 41.2% of all homes on the market had at least one price reduction.

### **MONTHS' SUPPLY**

- The overall supply of homes on the market at the end of August was just 1.5 months, which was a decrease of 36.2% compared to the end of August 2018.
   Northern Virginia has the lowest supply in the region.
- Price category supply ranges from a low of 0.7 months for homes priced less than \$500,000 and a high of 8.9 months for homes priced \$1,500,000 and higher.

#### AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS ON MARKET

Northern Virginia - August 2018 vs. August 2019 - New Contracts

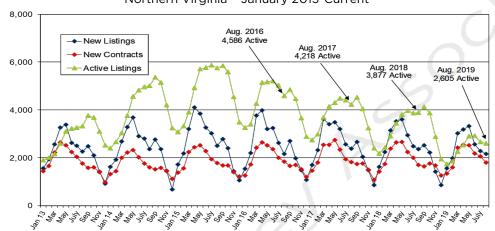


## **AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS** ON THE MARKET - NEW **CONTRACTS**

- The average number of days on the market for homes receiving contracts in August was down for all price categories.
- Overall, the average number of days on the market for homes receiving contracts in August 2019 was just 31, down 22.5% from 40 days in August 2018.

## NUMBER OF NEW LISTINGS AND CONTRACTS; **ACTIVE LISTINGS**

Northern Virginia - January 2013-Current

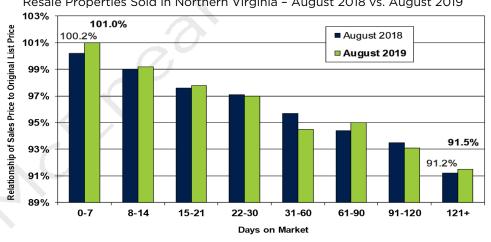


## NUMBER OF NEW LISTINGS, **CONTRACTS AND ACTIVE** LISTINGS

- There were 2,153 new listings that came on the market in August 2019, down 8.5% from the 2,352 in August 2018.
- The lines representing active listings (green), new listings (blue) and new contracts (red) have narrowed since the middle of last year.

## RELATIONSHIP OF SALES PRICE TO ORIGINAL LIST PRICE vs. DAYS ON MARKET

Resale Properties Sold in Northern Virginia - August 2018 vs. August 2019



## **RELATIONSHIP OF SALES PRICE** TO ORIGINAL PRICE vs. DAYS ON **MARKET**

- As we have noted in this space for years, initial pricing strategy is critical to sellers' success.
- Homes settling in August 2019 that received contracts their first week on the market sold, on average, 1.0% above original list price. Those that took 4 months or longer to sell sold for 8.5% below original list price.

#### SOME DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS TO AID YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DATA

- All data describing "Northern Virginia" include the counties of Arlington and Fairfax, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church, and the towns of Vienna, Herndon & Clifton
- The data shown here are collected, in whole or in part, from the Metropolitan Regional Information System, Inc, and are believed to be reliable but are not guaranteed
- "Sales" are transactions that settled during the statistical period; "Under Contracts" are contracts negotiated during the statistical period, but not yet settled
- "Available Listings" reflects single-family homes, town homes, new homes and condos on the market at the end of the period in question
- "Months' Supply" is simply the number of "Fully Available Listings" on the market at the end of the month divided by the number of "Contracts" ratified that month.

## Analysis by Property Type - Condo/Co-op

#### **LISTINGS**

Condo/Co-op	Ne	w This Mo	nth	•	Total Activ	е
Listings	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	383	284	-25.8%	470	182	-61.3%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	258	222	-14.0%	344	153	-55.5%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	79	72	-8.9%	142	78	-45.1%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	17	10	-41.2%	57	22	-61.4%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	5	10	100.0%	24	23	-4.2%
\$1,500,000 & higher	2	3	50.0%	17	21	23.5%
Grand Total:	744	601	-19.2%	1054	479	-54.6%

## CONDO/CO-OP - LISTINGS

- The number of new listings for condos and co-ops coming on the market was down 19.2% compared to August 2018.
- The fully available inventory of condos as of August 31, 2019 was 54.6% less than the same time in 2018.

## **CONTRACTS**

Condo/Co-op	Ne	w This Mo	nth	١	ate	
Contracts	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	292	285	-2.4%	2552	2340	-8.3%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	195	217	11.3%	1757	1802	2.6%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	48	47	-2.1%	447	491	9.8%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	5	14	180.0%	107	130	21.5%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	4	5	25.0%	36	31	-13.9%
\$1,500,000 & higher	3	2	-33.3%	21	18	-14.3%
Grand Total:	547	570	4.2%	4920	4812	-2.2%

## **CONDO/CO-OP - CONTRACTS**

- The number of condos and co-ops receiving ratified contracts **increased 4.2**% in August 2019 compared to August 2018.
- Year-to-date, contract activity is **down 2.2**% compared to 2018.

#### **SETTLEMENTS**

Condo/Co-op	Ne	w This Mo	nth	١	ear-To-Da	te
Settlements	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	325	275	-15.4%	2315	2038	-12.0%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	212	238	12.3%	1636	1704	4.2%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	56	53	-5.4%	443	454	2.5%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	9	16	77.8%	101	104	3.0%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	5	2	-60.0%	37	34	-8.1%
\$1,500,000 & higher	2	1	-50.0%	20	10	-50.0%
Grand Total:	609	585	-3.9%	4552	4344	-4.6%

Average Sales Price:	Aug 2018	Aug 2019	% Change	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	% Change
Condo/Co-op	\$336,820	\$340,991	1.2%	\$342,006	\$351,552	2.8%

## CONDO/CO-OP -SETTLEMENTS AND AVERAGE PRICE

- The number of condos and co-ops settling in August 2019 decreased 3.9% compared to August 2018. Year-to-date, the number of settlements is down 4.6%.
- The average price was **up 1.2**% compared to August 2018.
- Year-to-date, the average price is **up 2.8%.**

## **Analysis by Property Type - Fee Simple Attached**

#### **LISTINGS**

Fee Simple Attached	Ne	w This Mo	nth	•	е	
Listings	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	18	5	-72.2%	11	2	-81.8%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	342	304	-11.1%	321	175	-45.5%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	205	181	-11.7%	252	198	-21.4%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	54	35	-35.2%	87	63	-27.6%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	16	11	-31.3%	41	18	-56.1%
\$1,500,000 & higher	3	3	0.0%	18	16	-11.1%
Grand Total:	638	539	-15.5%	730	472	-35.3%

#### **ATTACHED HOMES - LISTINGS**

- The number of new listings coming on the market in August 2019 for fee simple attached homes decreased 15.5% from August 2018.
- Fully active inventory at the end of August was down 35.3% compared to the available inventory at the end of August 2018.

## **CONTRACTS**

Fee Simple Attached	Ne	w This Mo	nth	Y	ite	
Contracts	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	12	6	-50.0%	142	83	-41.5%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	273	271	-0.7%	2477	2307	-6.9%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	138	142	2.9%	1362	1290	-5.3%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	35	25	-28.6%	360	282	-21.7%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	8	9	12.5%	88	114	29.5%
\$1,500,000 & higher	2	3	50.0%	25	28	12.0%
Grand Total:	468	456	-2.6%	4454	4104	-7.9%

# ATTACHED HOMES - CONTRACTS

- Contract activity for attached homes **decreased 2.6**% in August 2019 compared to August 2018.
- Year-to-date, contract activity is down 7.9%.

#### **SETTLEMENTS**

Fee Simple Attached	New This Month			Year-To-Date		
Settlements	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	8	9	12.5%	116	65	-44.0%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	320	274	-14.4%	2274	1991	-12.4%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	188	160	-14.9%	1303	1263	-3.1%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	39	35	-10.3%	340	289	-15.0%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	16	8	-50.0%	89	110	23.6%
\$1,500,000 & higher	4	0	-100.0%	20	22	10.0%
Grand Total:	575	486	-15.5%	4142	3740	-9.7%

Average Sales Price:	Aug 2018	Aug 2019	% Change	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	% Change
Fee Simple Attached	\$530,232	\$520,025	-1.9%	\$522,912	\$539,154	3.1%

## ATTACHED HOMES -SETTLEMENTS AND AVERAGE PRICE

- The number of settlements decreased 15.5% in August 2019 compared to August 2018. Yearto-date, the number of settlements decreased 9.7%.
- The average sales price decreased 1.9% in August 2019 compared to August 2018.
- The average sales price year-to-date is **up 3.1%**.

## **Analysis by Property Type - Fee Simple Detached**

#### **LISTINGS**

Fee Simple Detached	New This Month			Total Active		
Listings	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	1	2	100.0%	3	2	-33.3%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	110	90	-18.2%	155	61	-60.6%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	394	424	7.6%	575	427	-25.7%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	262	261	-0.4%	507	398	-21.5%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	127	134	5.5%	417	342	-18.0%
\$1,500,000 & higher	76	102	34.2%	436	424	-2.8%
Grand Total:	970	1013	4.4%	2093	1654	-21.0%

# **DETACHED HOMES - LISTINGS**

- The number of new listings for fee simple detached homes increased 4.4% in August 2019 compared to August 2018.
- The number of detached homes on the market on August 31, 2019 was **down 21.0%** compared to August 31, 2018.

## **CONTRACTS**

Fee Simple Detached	Ne	w This Mo	onth	Y	ite	
Contracts	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
\$299,999 and under	1	1	0.0%	4	5	25.0%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	96	90	-6.3%	956	805	-15.8%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	317	346	9.1%	3384	3370	-0.4%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	161	192	19.3%	1778	1923	8.2%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	77	92	19.5%	887	947	6.8%
\$1,500,000 & higher	37	47	27.0%	377	439	16.4%
Grand Total:	689	768	11.5%	7386	7489	1.4%

# DETACHED HOMES - CONTRACTS

- There was an increase of 11.5% in the number of contracts on detached homes in August 2019 compared to August 2018.
- There is basically no inventory for would-be purchasers looking to buy for less than \$300,000.
- Year-to-date, contract activity is up 1.4%.

#### **SETTLEMENTS**

Fee Simple Detached	New This Month			Year-To-Date			
Settlements	2018	2019	% Change	2018	2019	% Change	
\$299,999 and under	0	0	-	7	15	114.3%	
\$300,000 - \$499,999	107	75	-29.9%	1016	661	-34.9%	
\$500,000 - \$749,999	391	414	5.9%	3031	3166	4.5%	
\$750,000 - \$999,999	209	207	-1.0%	1619	1735	7.2%	
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	113	125	10.6%	826	908	9.9%	
\$1,500,000 & higher	53	58	9.4%	324	383	18.2%	
Grand Total:	873	879	0.7%	6823	6868	0.7%	

Average Sales Price:	Aug 2018	Aug 2019	% Change	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	% Change
Fee Simple Detached	\$803,411	\$838,452	4.4%	\$797,357	\$816,408	2.4%

## DETACHED HOMES -SETTLEMENTS AND AVERAGE PRICE

- The number of settlements in August was up just 07% compared to last August. Yearto-date, the number of settlements has increased just 0.7%.
- The average sales price for detached homes increased 4.4% in August 2019 compared to August 2018.
- The average sales price year-to-date is **up 2.4**%.

## **Absorption Rate by Property Type**

The following tables track absorption rate by property type, comparing the rates in the just-completed month to the rates in the same month of the previous year. The absorption rate is a measure of the health of the market and tracks the percentage of homes that were on the market during the given month and in the given price range that went under contract. [The formula is # Contracts/(# Contracts + # Available).] An example: The absorption rate for detached homes priced \$500,000-\$749,999 in August 2019 was 44.8%. That compares to a rate of 35.5% in August 2018, and the increase means the market was better in 2019 for that type of home. If the absorption rate was less in 2019 than in 2018, we have put the 2018 rate in red. This month there was improvement for 16 of 18 individual price categories with activity.

Condo/Co-op	August 2018			August 2019			
Absorption Rates	Listings	Contracts	Rate	Listings	Contracts	Rate	
\$299,999 and under	470	292	38.3%	182	285	61.0%	
\$300,000 - \$499,999	344	195	36.2%	153	217	58.6%	
\$500,000 - \$749,999	142	48	25.3%	78	47	37.6%	
\$750,000 - \$999,999	57	5	8.1%	22	14	38.9%	
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	24	4	14.3%	23	5	17.9%	
\$1,500,000 & higher	17	3	15.0%	21	2	8.7%	
Grand Total:	1054	547	34.2%	479	570	54.3%	

# ABSORPTION RATES - CONDOS AND CO-OPS

• The overall absorption rate for condos and co-ops for August 2019 was 54.3%, a significant increase from the 34.2% rate in August 2018.

Fee Simple Attached	August 2018			August 2019			
Absorption Rates	Listings	Contracts	Rate	Listings	Contracts	Rate	
\$299,999 and under	11	12	52.2%	2	6	75.0%	
\$300,000 - \$499,999	321	273	46.0%	175	271	60.8%	
\$500,000 - \$749,999	252	138	35.4%	198	142	41.8%	
\$750,000 - \$999,999	87	35	28.7%	63	25	28.4%	
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	41	8	16.3%	18	9	33.3%	
\$1,500,000 & higher	18	2	10.0%	16	3	15.8%	
Grand Total:	730	468	39.1%	472	456	49.1%	

# ABSORPTION RATES - ATTACHED HOMES

 The overall absorption rate for attached homes in August 2019 was 49.1%, a significant increase from the 39.1% rate in August 2018.

Fee Simple Detached	August 2018			August 2019		
Absorption Rates	Listings	Contracts	Rate	Listings	Contracts	Rate
\$299,999 and under	3	1	25.0%	2	1	33.3%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	155	96	38.2%	61	90	59.6%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	575	317	35.5%	427	346	44.8%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	507	161	24.1%	398	192	32.5%
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	417	77	15.6%	342	92	21.2%
\$1,500,000 & higher	436	37	7.8%	424	47	10.0%
Grand Total:	2093	689	24.8%	1654	768	31.7%

# ABSORPTION RATES - DETACHED HOMES

- August 2019's absorption rate for detached homes was 31.7%, an increase from the 24.8% rate in August 2018.
- There were two homes priced less than \$300K on the market at the end of the month.