Monthly Indicators

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January 2011

A house. It's the single largest investment most families make. It's where we rest our heads every night. Houses represent the brick and mortar that comprise the very communities in which we live. They provide us with a sense of place to extend our roots downward. We raise our families under the safety and warmth of their rooftops. Our houses become homes. Let's analyze these structures that are so much more than that, and let's take a look at how our home market began 2011.

Pending Sales in the Western Upstate region decreased 24.0 percent since January 2010 to 158 agreements signed. New Listing activity decreased 25.5 percent, which means sellers placed 594 new homes on the market. At this rate, they should expect their properties to sell after approximately 155 days.

Prices slid a bit. Median Sales Price decreased 2.2 percent from last January to \$111,750. Negotiations moved toward buyers as Percent of List Price Received at Sale decreased to 91.1 percent. Months Supply of Inventory decreased 4.0 percent to 17.4 months.

Interest rates are expected to remain around 5.0 percent and prices are expected to rise gradually in many markets. Although the labor department reported that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 9.0 percent in January, expect joblessness to remain an issue. There's a steep, jagged rock face behind us; ahead lies a gently inclined grassy plain.

Quick Facts

+ 1.2%	- 2.2%	- 0.1%	
Change in Closed Sales	Change in Median Sales Price	Change in Inventory	_
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New Listings Pending Sales			3
Closed Sales			5
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Inventory of Homes for Sale

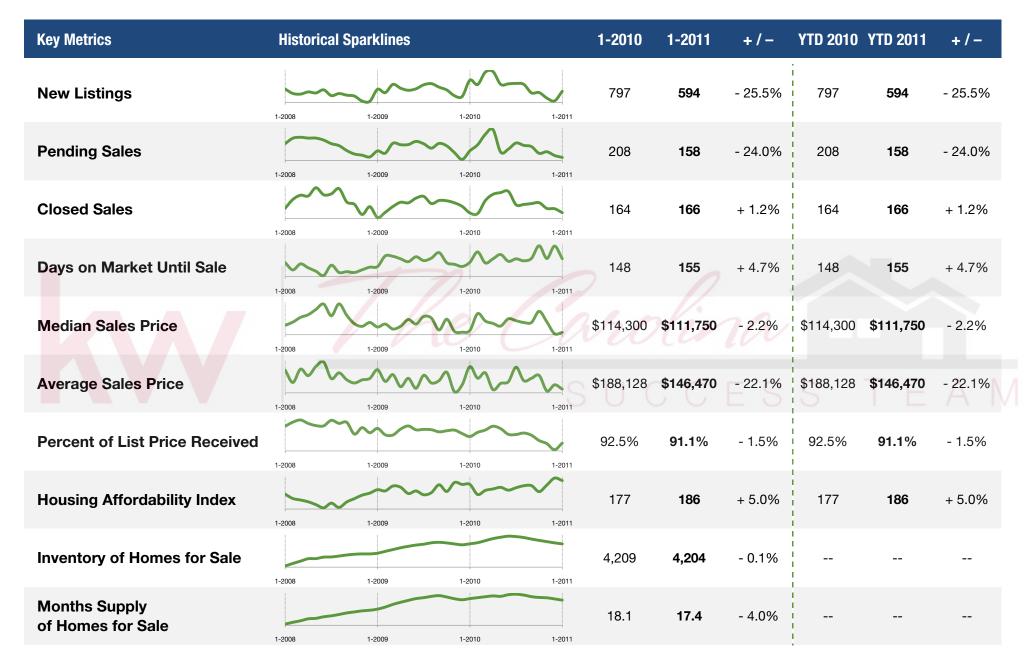
Months Supply of Inventory



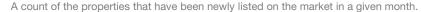
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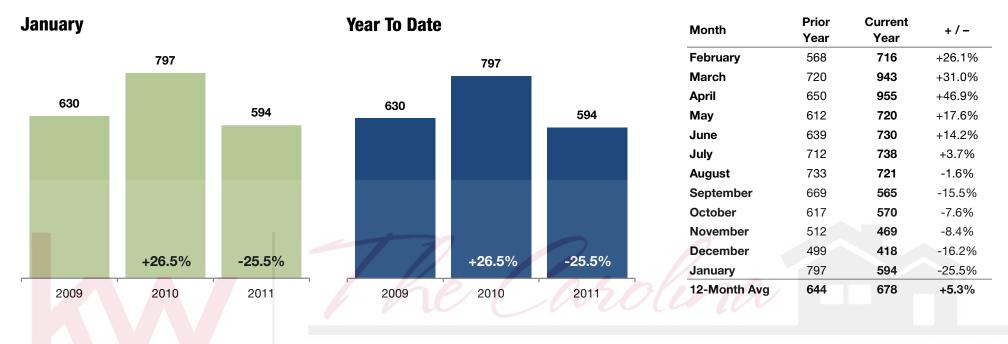




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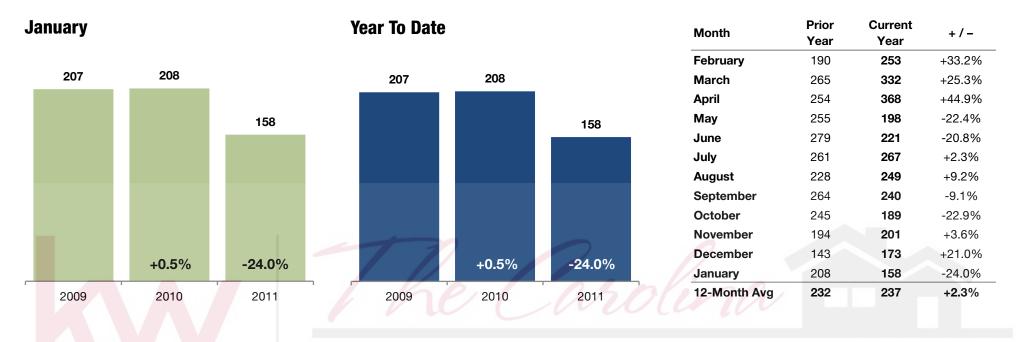
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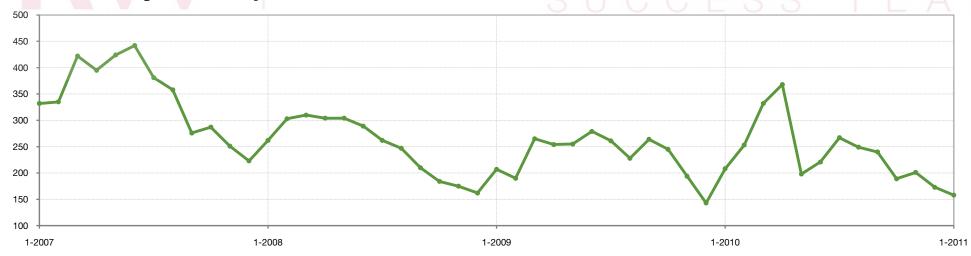
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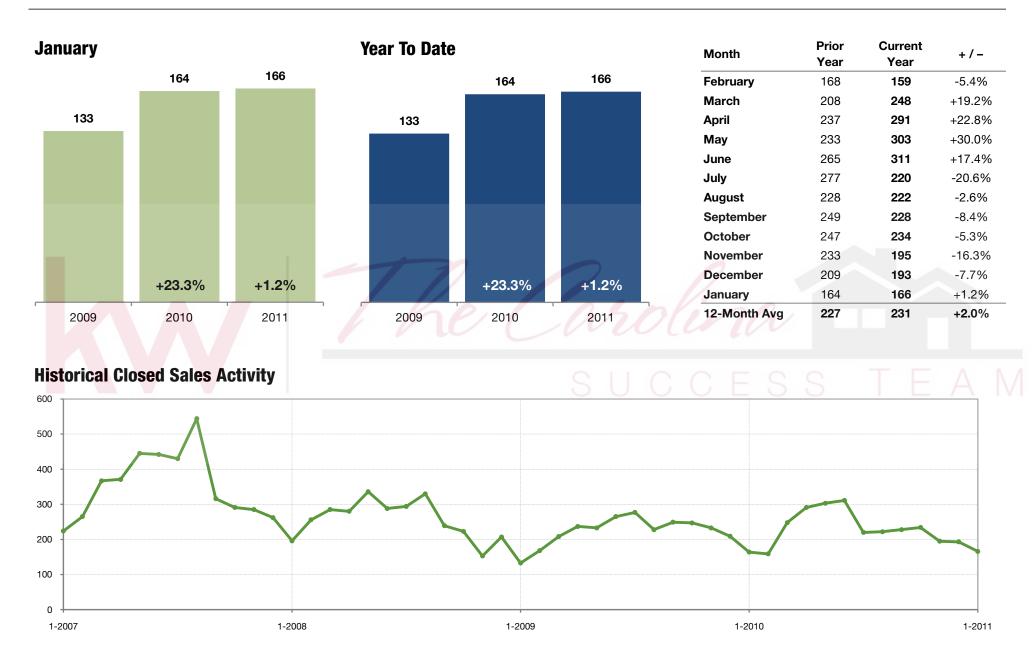
Historical Pending Sales Activity



Closed Sales



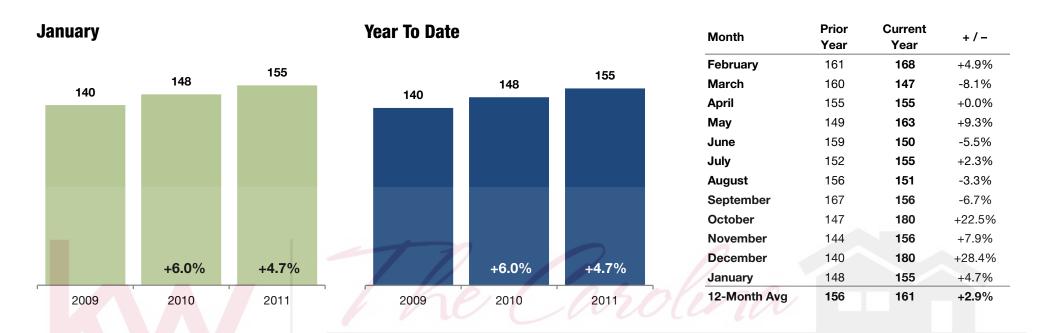




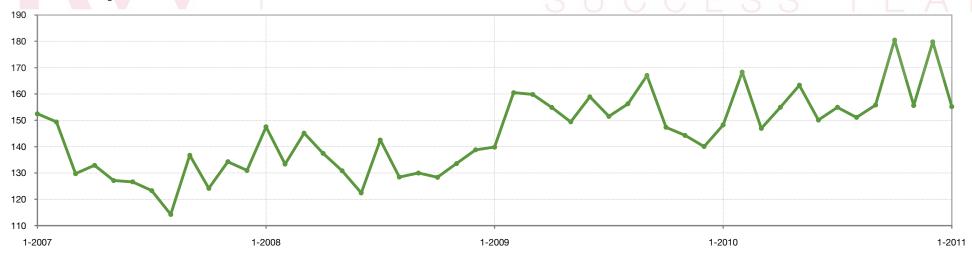
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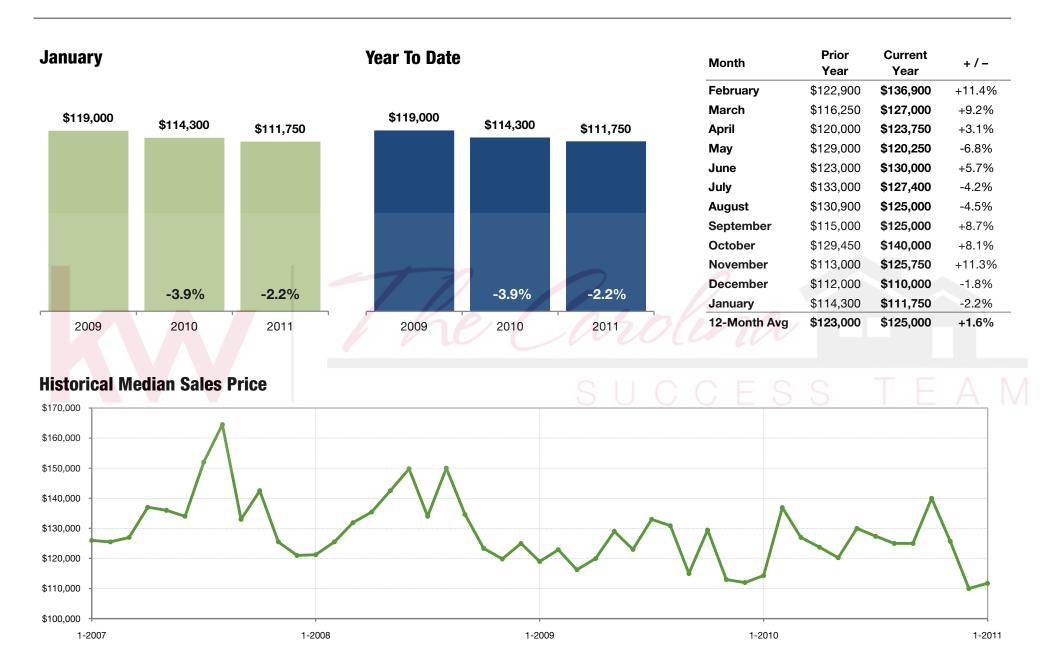
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Median Sales Price



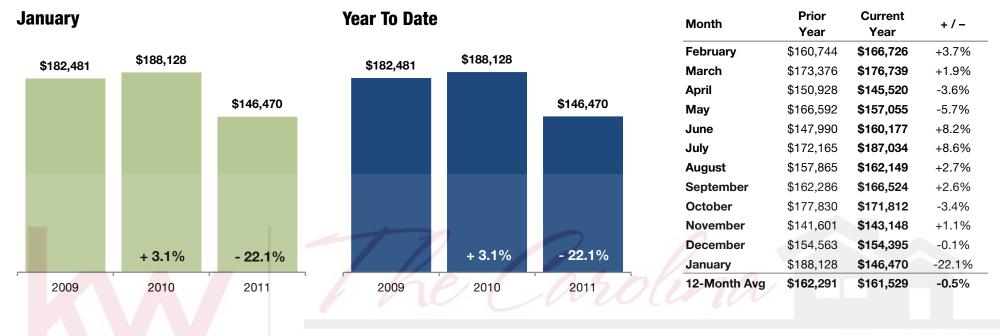
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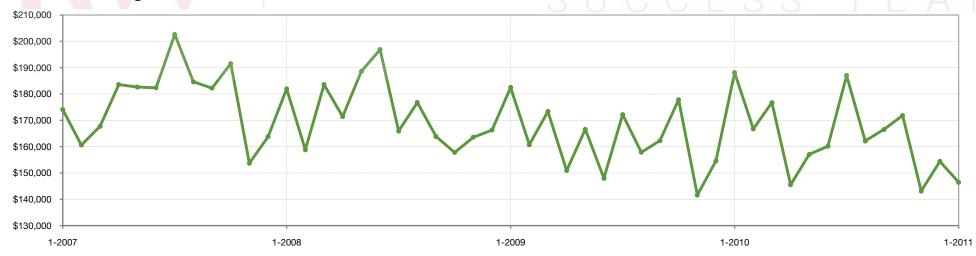
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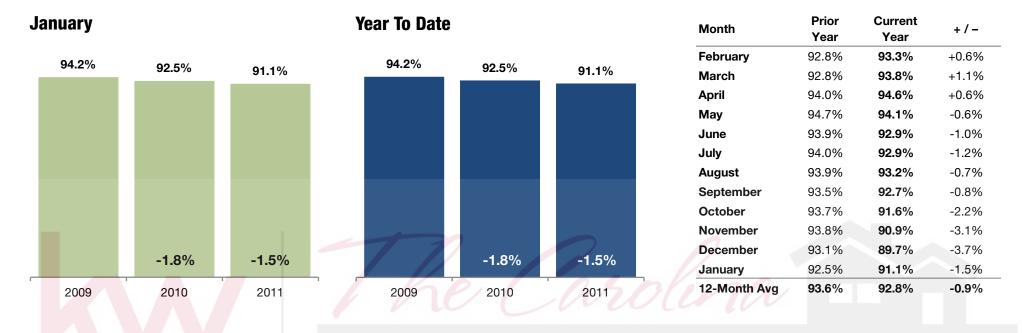
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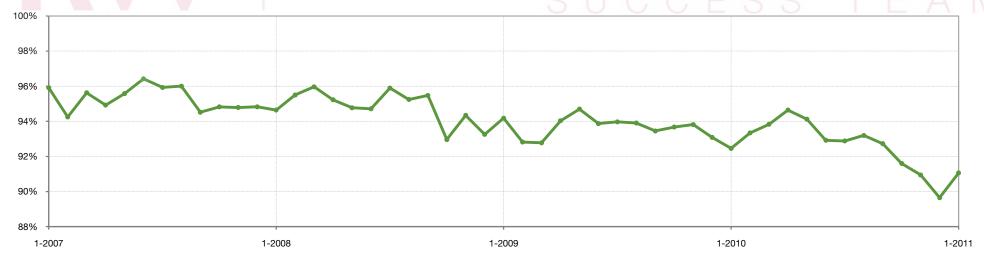
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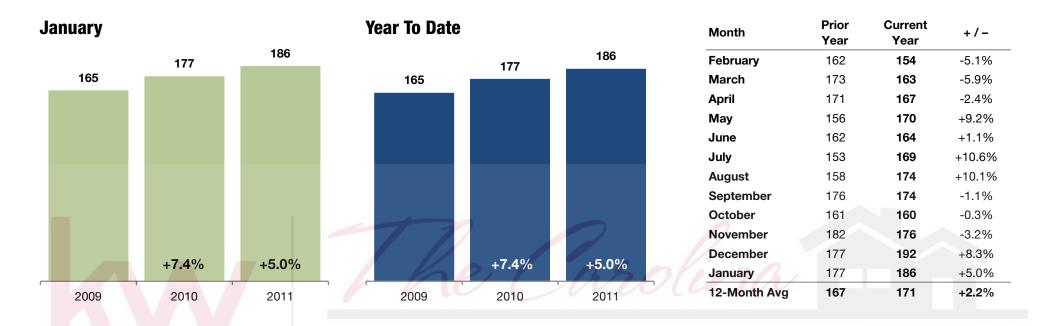
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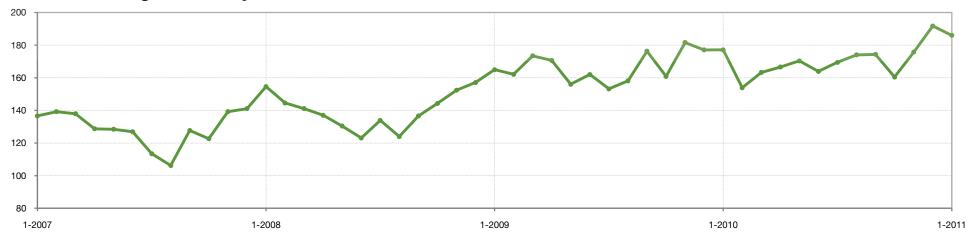
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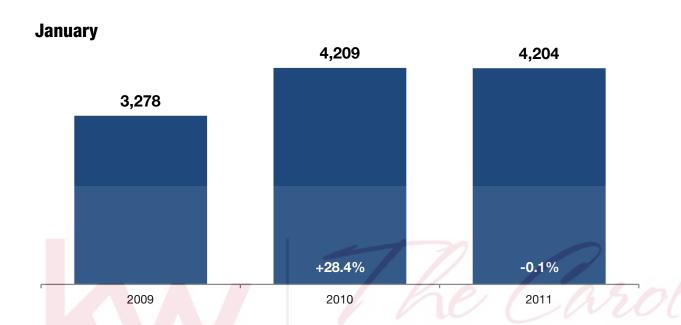
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Inventory of Homes for Sale

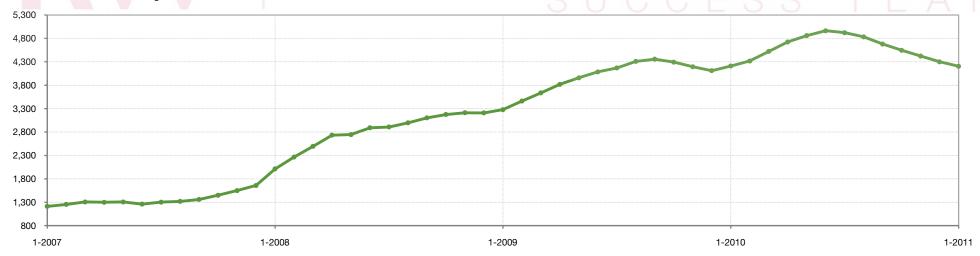






Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	3,462	4,318	+24.7%
March	3,636	4,520	+24.3%
April	3,818	4,724	+23.7%
May	3,959	4,859	+22.7%
June	4,085	4,964	+21.5%
July	4,168	4,922	+18.1%
August	4,308	4,833	+12.2%
September	4,357	4,679	+7.4%
October	4,293	4,546	+5.9%
November	4,195	4,423	+5.4%
December	4,111	4,301	+4.6%
January	4,209	4,204	-0.1%
12-Month Avg	4,050	4,608	+14.2%

Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale



Months Supply of Inventory

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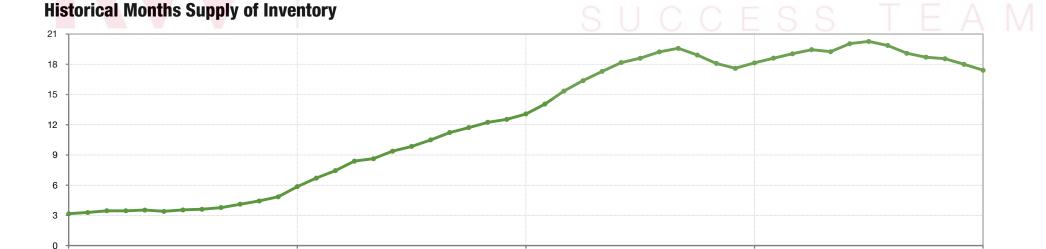


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1-2009

1-2010

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February 2011

Market activity may appear to be low in year-over-year comparisons due to the 2010 tax credit. We knew this was coming. Several other themes warrant attention before we dig into the numbers. First, we've had several months in a row of private job growth. Second, interest rates, in concert with food and energy costs, are rising. Third, the anticipation of rising rates often motivates buyers. A recovery looms. Now, let's take a look at those numbers.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 7.8 percent from last February to 661 new homes. Meanwhile, Pending Sales decreased 20.9 percent to arrive at 200 contracts written. This meant inventory levels decreased 1.5 percent from last year to reach 4,256 active listings.

Prices slid a bit – the February Median Sales Price of \$114,500 decreased 16.4 percent. Negotiations moved toward buyers as Percent of List Price Received at Sale decreased 1.5 percent to 91.9 percent. The absorption rate decreased 5.3 percent as Months Supply of Inventory checked in at 17.6 months.

The national average interest rate was 5.23 percent on a 30-year fixed. The U.S. government would like to play second fiddle to the private sector in the mortgage market. Shifting the risk burden makes fiscal sense but could threaten an already fragile recovery. The Center for Responsible Lending states that it would take 14 years for the typical American family to save enough money for a 20 percent downpayment, based on national average home prices.

Quick Facts

+ 17.6%	- 16.4%	- 1.5%
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Market Overviev	N	2
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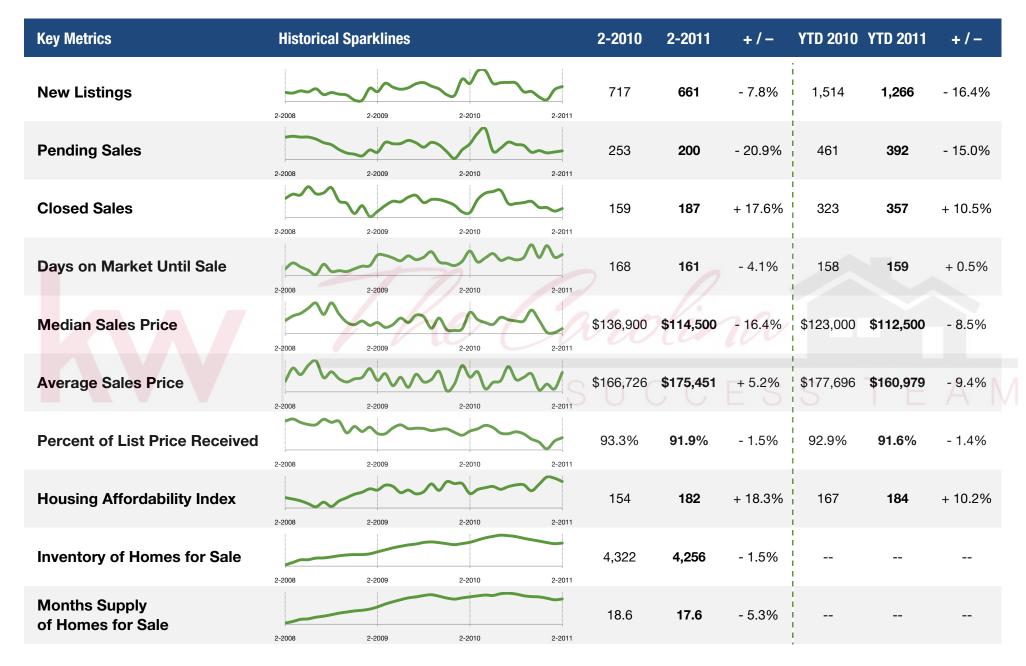
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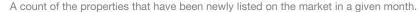






New Listings

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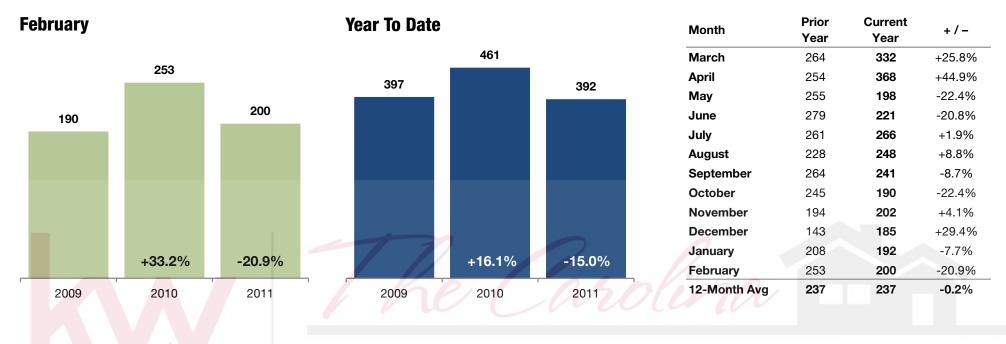
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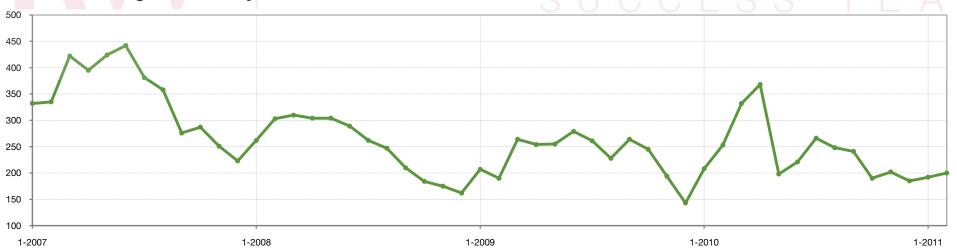
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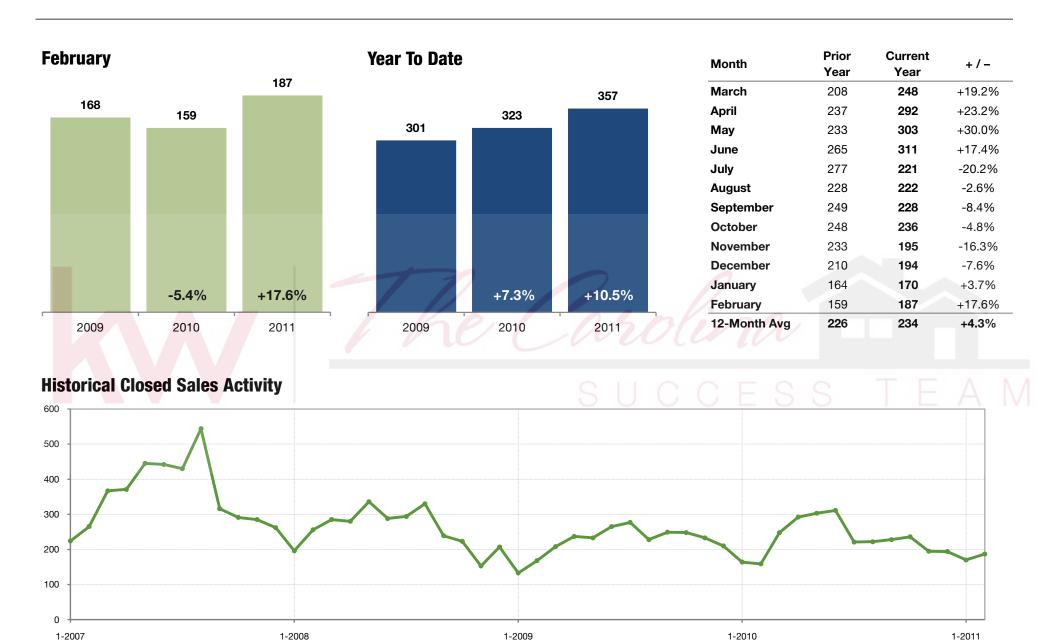
Historical Pending Sales Activity



Closed Sales







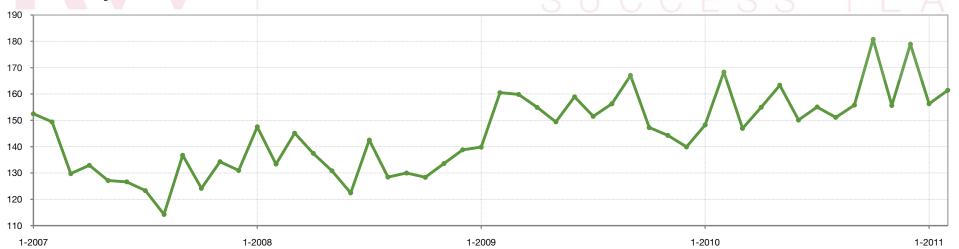
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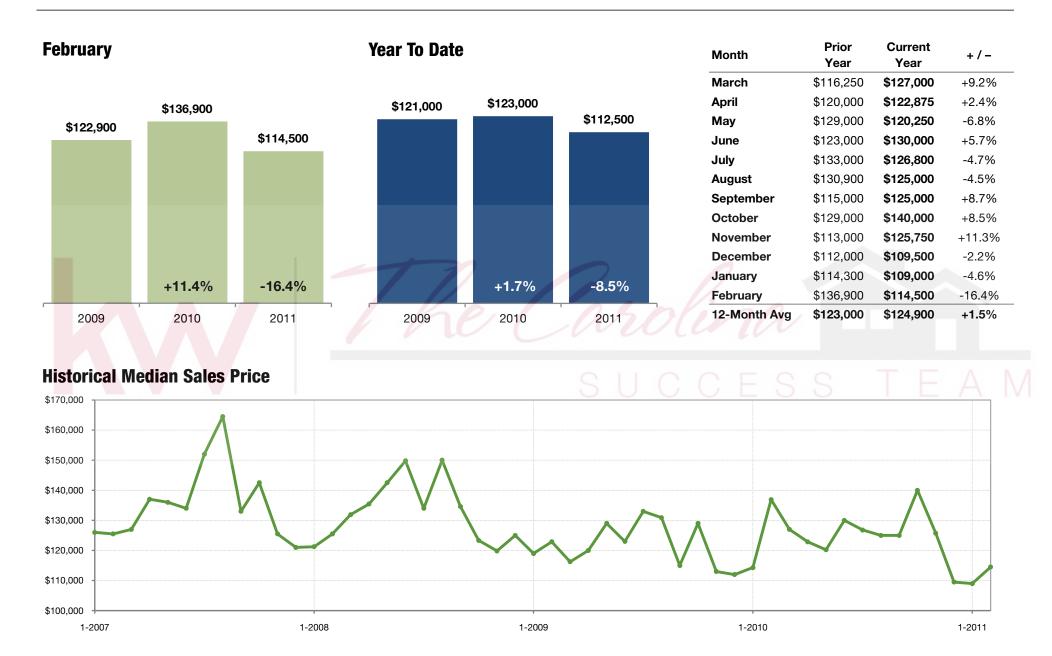
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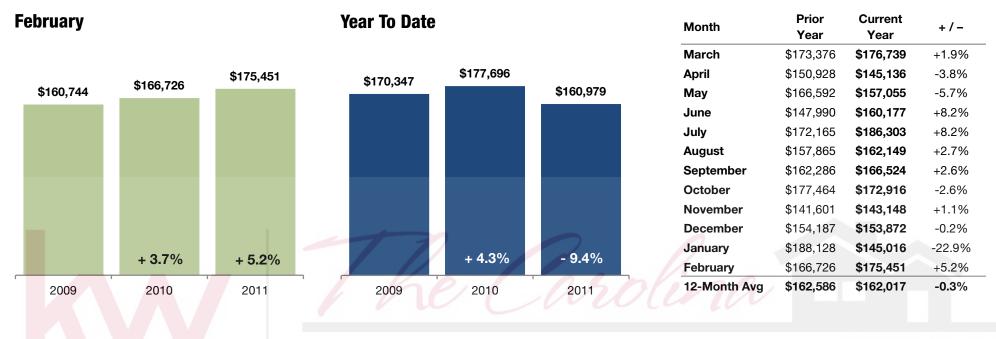
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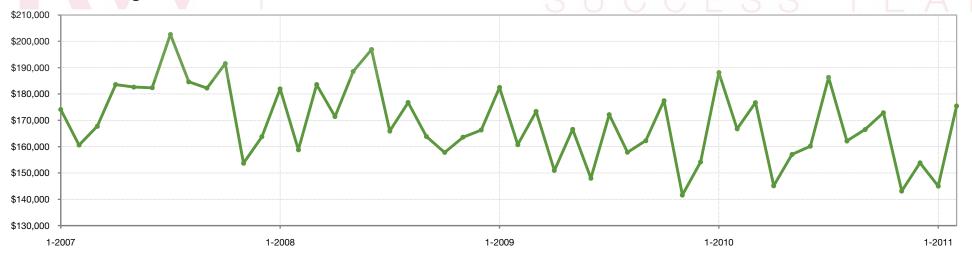
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Percent of List Price Received



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February	Year To Date		Year To Date			Year To Date		Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
00.00/	93.3%		93.4%	00.00/		March	92.8%	93.8%	+1.1%		
92.8%	93.3%	91.9%	93.4 //	92.9%	91.6%	April	94.0%	94.6%	+0.6%		
						May	94.7%	94.1%	-0.6%		
						June	93.9%	92.9%	-1.0%		
						July	94.0%	92.8%	-1.3%		
						August	93.9%	93.2%	-0.7%		
						September	93.5%	92.7%	-0.8%		
						October	93.7%	91.6%	-2.2%		
						November	93.8%	90.9%	-3.1%		
						December	93.1%	89.5%	-3.8%		
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	+0.6%	-1.5%		-0.6%	-1.4%	February	93.3%	91.9%	-1.5%		
2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	12-Month Avg	93.6%	92.6%	-1.1%		

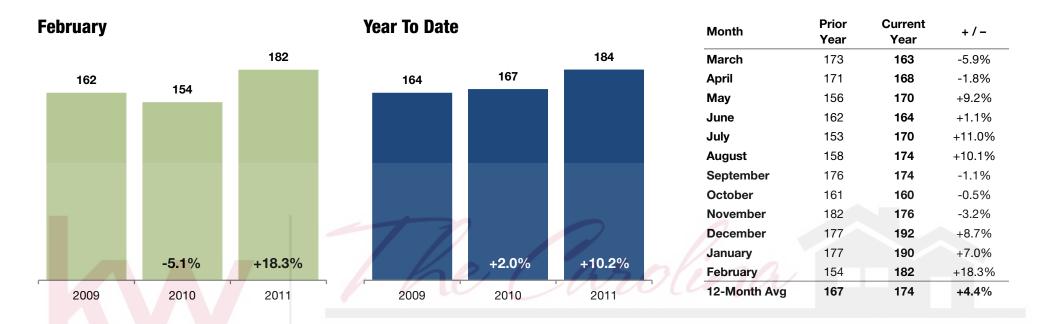
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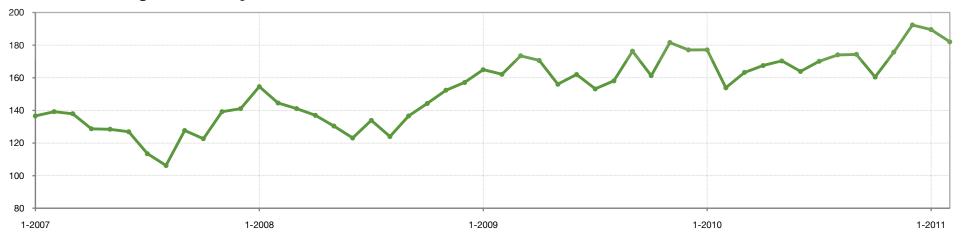
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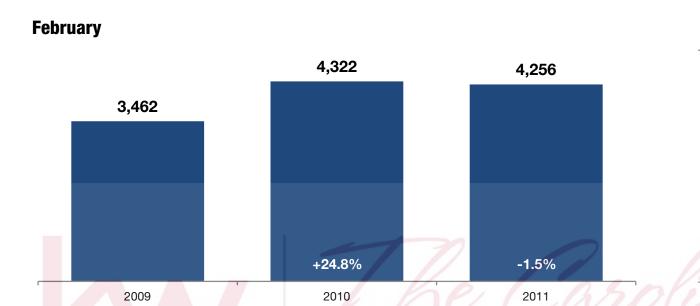
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Inventory of Homes for Sale

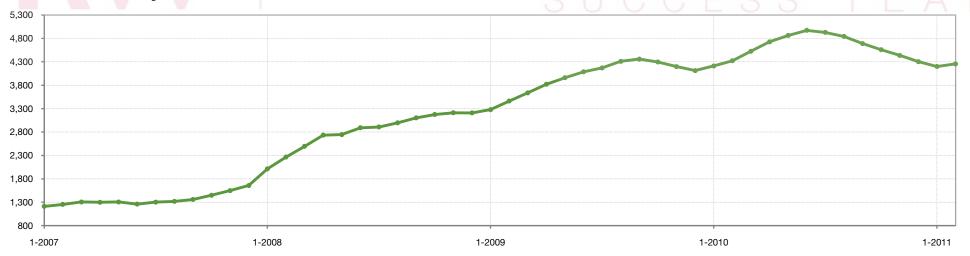






Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
March	3,638	4,526	+24.4%
April	3,820	4,728	+23.8%
May	3,961	4,863	+22.8%
June	4,087	4,971	+21.6%
July	4,170	4,928	+18.2%
August	4,310	4,842	+12.3%
September	4,359	4,689	+7.6%
October	4,295	4,558	+6.1%
November	4,197	4,437	+5.7%
December	4,113	4,304	+4.6%
January	4,212	4,199	-0.3%
February	4,322	4,256	-1.5%
12-Month Avg	4,124	4,608	+12.1%

Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale



Months Supply of Inventory

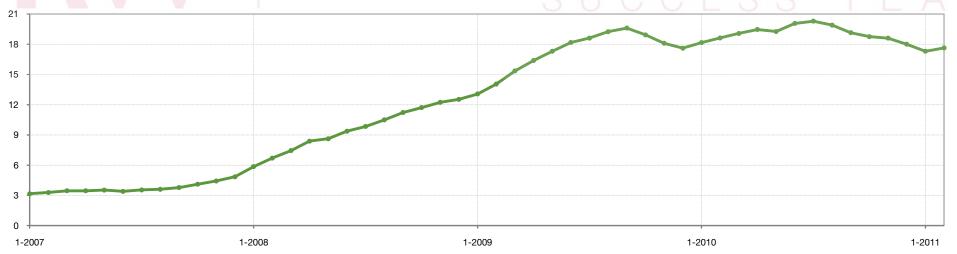


Compares the number of active listings available to the average monthly pending sales for the last 12 months.



Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
March	15.4	19.1	+24.2%
April	16.4	19.5	+18.8%
May	17.3	19.3	+11.3%
June	18.2	20.1	+10.4%
July	18.6	20.3	+9.0%
August	19.2	19.9	+3.4%
September	19.6	19.1	-2.3%
October	18.9	18.8	-0.9%
November	18.1	18.6	+2.8%
December	17.6	18.0	+2.2%
January	18.2	17.3	-4.7%
February	18.6	17.6	-5.3%
12-Month Avg	18.0	19.0	+5.3%

Historical Months Supply of Inventory



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March 2011

This month's numbers are stuck in the shadow of the spring 2010 incentive market. A number of factors hinder a full-scale housing recovery, yet there are positives that suggest improving consumer confidence. Slowing unemployment claims, strong corporate balance sheets and 13 months of private job growth are cause for long-dormant optimism. Let's see if our local glass is half empty or half full.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 15.2 percent from last March to 799 new homes. Pending Sales decreased 30.3 percent to land at 232 contracts written. As a result, inventory levels decreased 3.8 percent from last year to reach 4,355 active listings.

Prices lost some ground – the March Median Sales Price of \$108,000 decreased 15.0 percent. Negotiations moved toward buyers as Percent of List Price Received at Sale decreased 2.4 percent to 91.6 percent. The market moved toward balance as Months Supply of Inventory decreased to 18.1 months.

The national interest rate is 5.11 percent on a 30-year fixed; the national unemployment rate dropped to 8.8 percent in March. Several important changes to the mortgage industry are on the horizon. Ensuring access to adequate mortgage capital for qualified buyers is key to housing recovery. This will require substantial reforms to Fannie and Freddie.

Ouick Facts

- 2.0%	- 15.0%	- 3.8%		
Change in	Change in	Change in		
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory		

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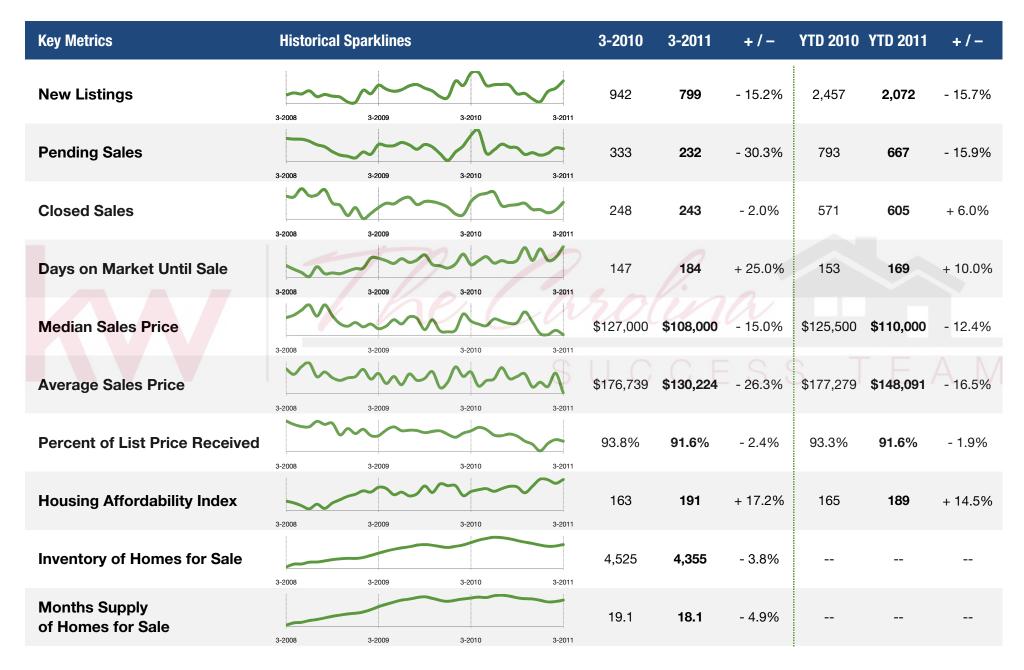
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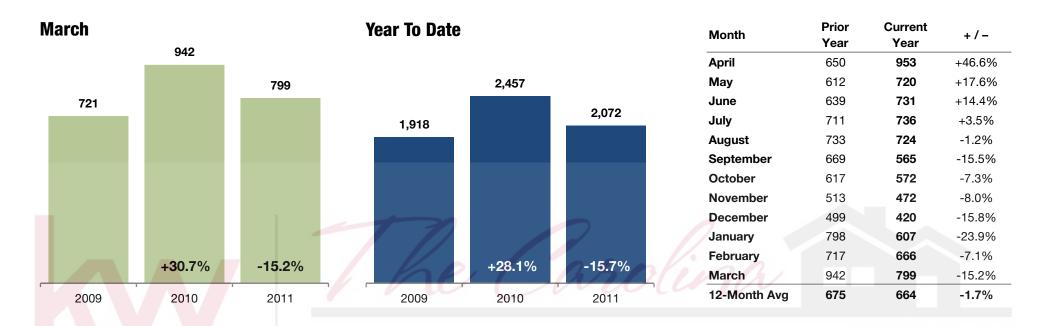




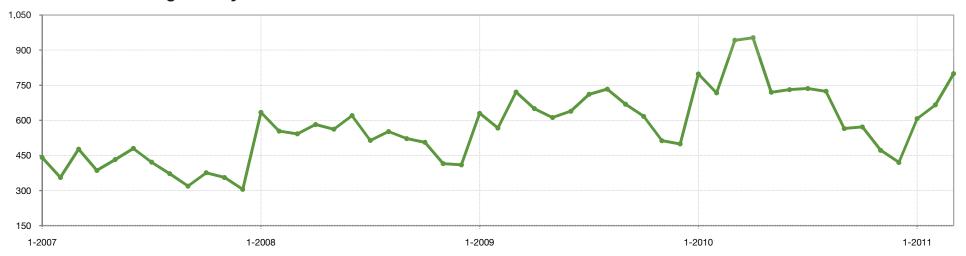
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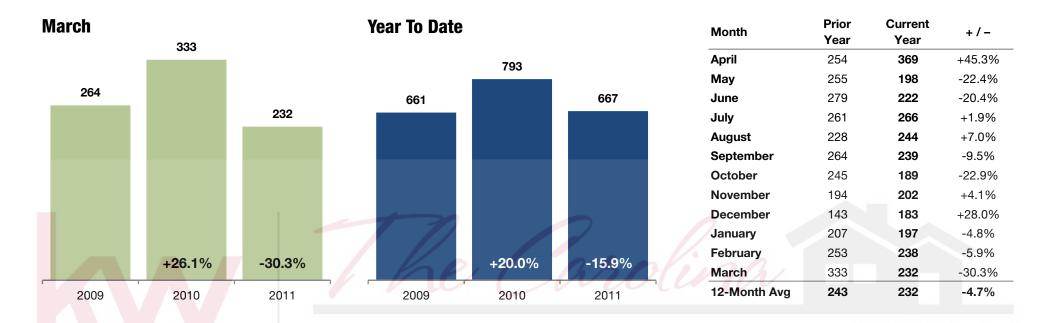
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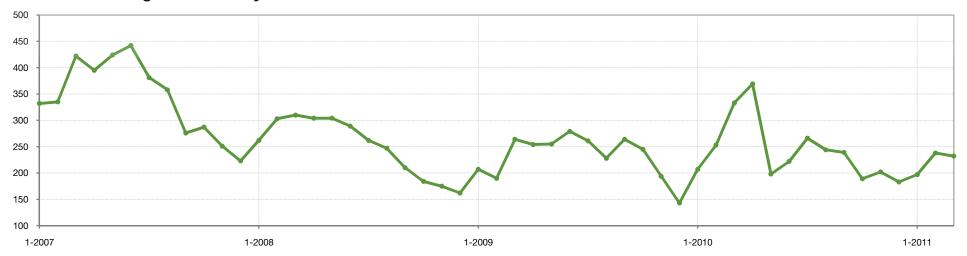
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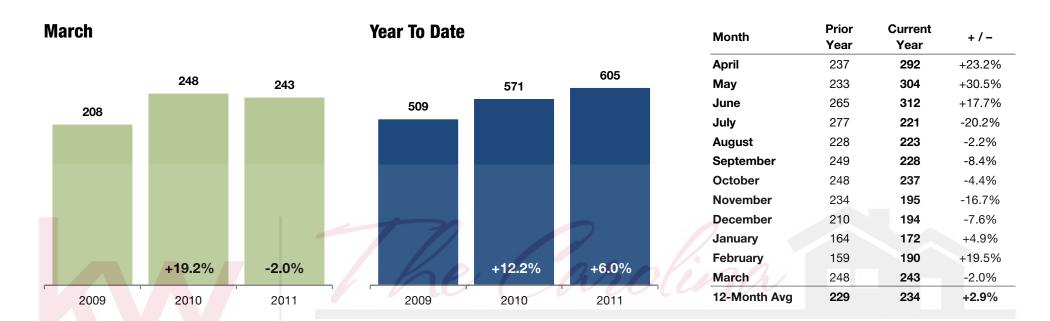
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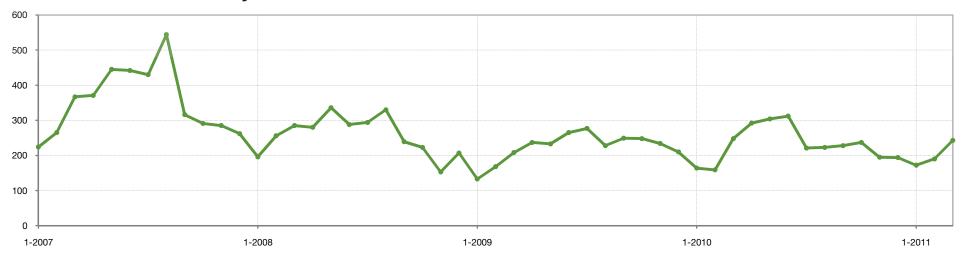
Closed Sales

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





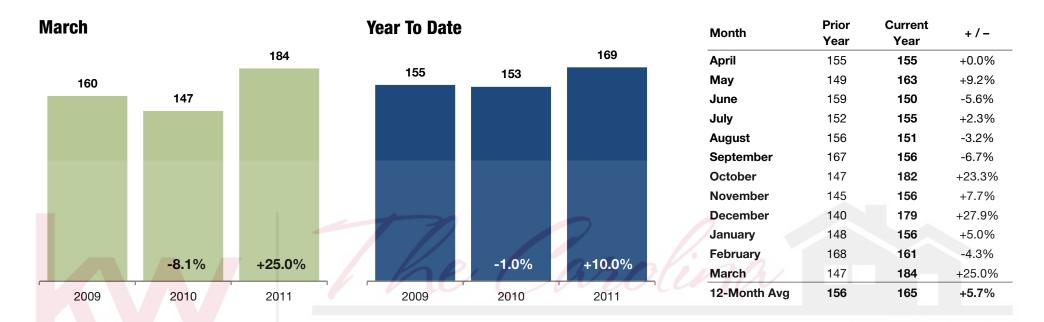
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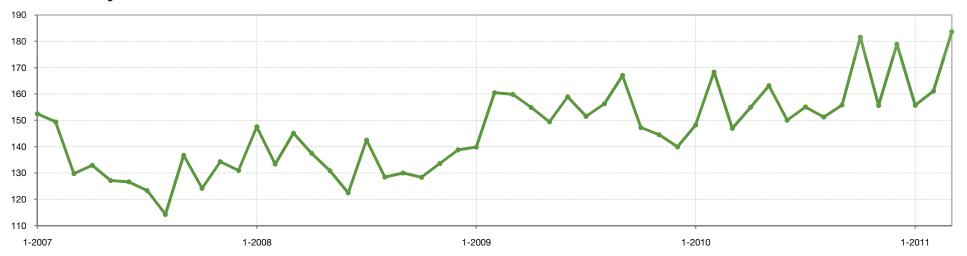
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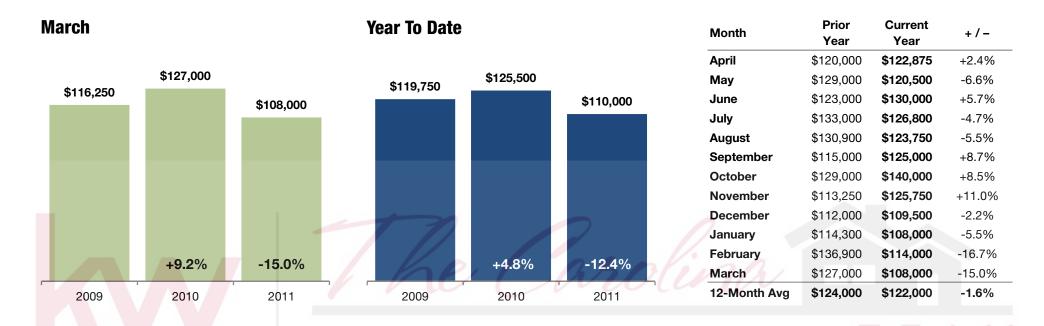
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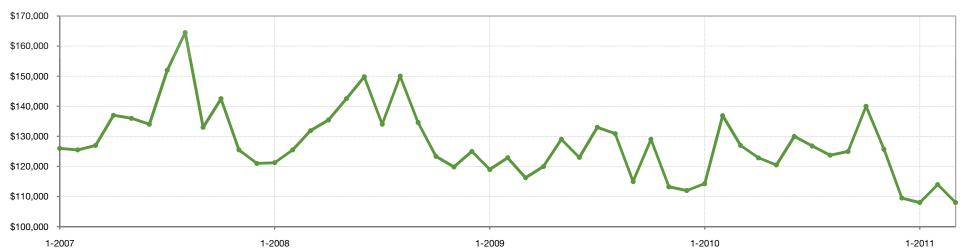
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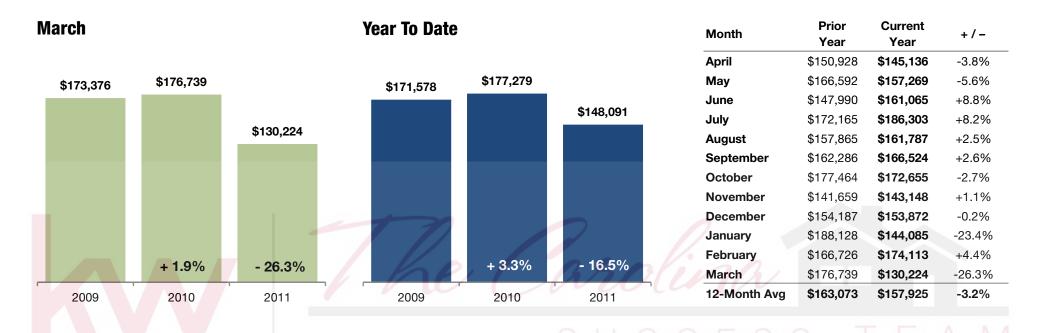
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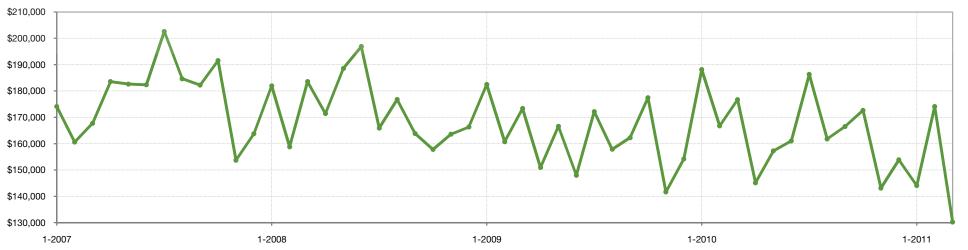
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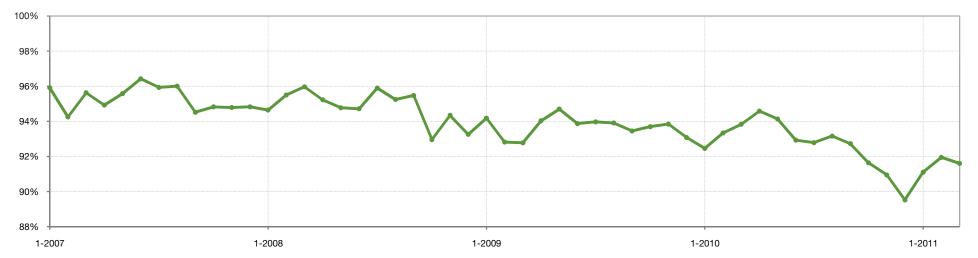
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							November	93.8%	90.9%	-3.1%
							December	93.1%	89.5%	-3.8%
				7/			January	92.5%	91.1%	-1.5%
		4 40/	0 40/		0.00/	1.00/	February	93.3%	91.9%	-1.5%
		+1.1%	-2.4%		+0.2%	-1.9%	March	93.8%	91.6%	-2.4%
20	09	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	12-Month Avg	93.7%	92.4%	-1.4%

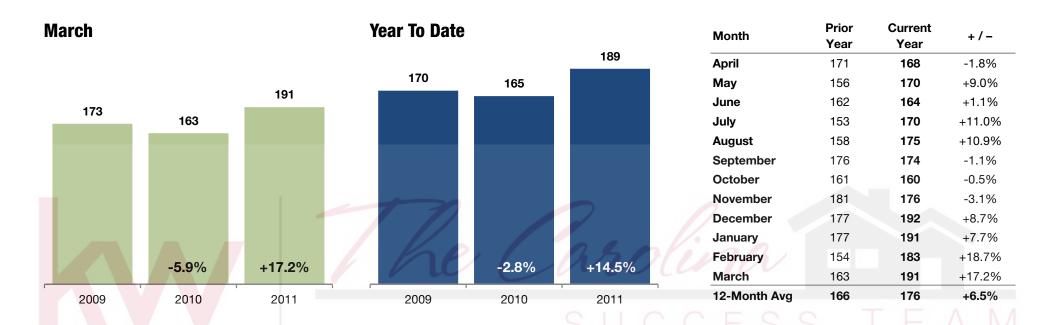
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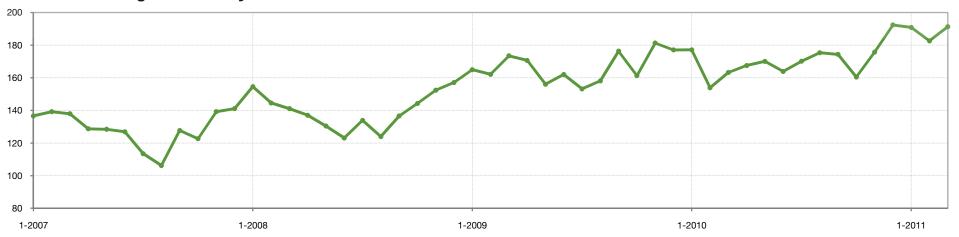
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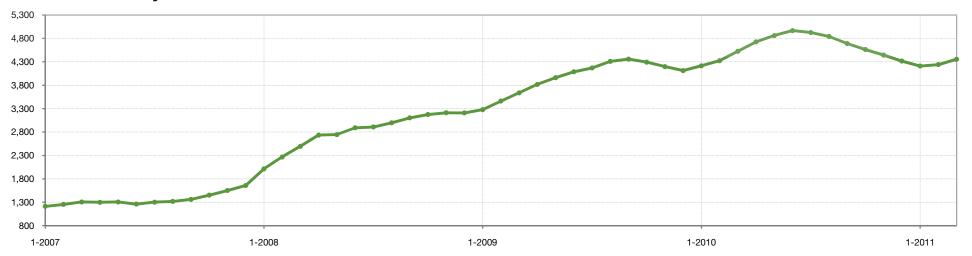
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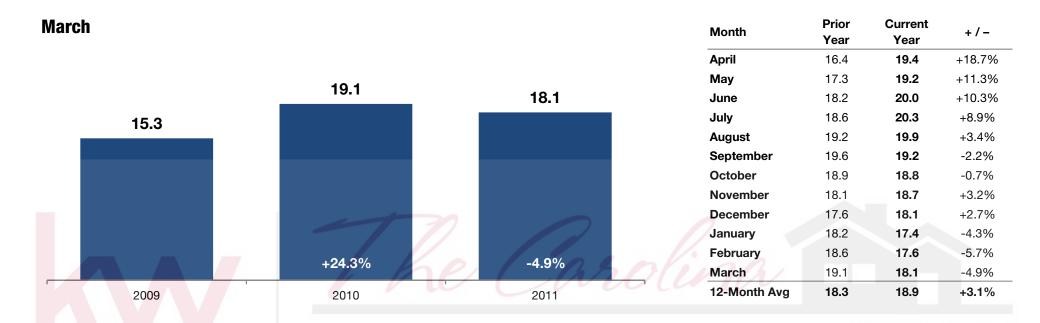
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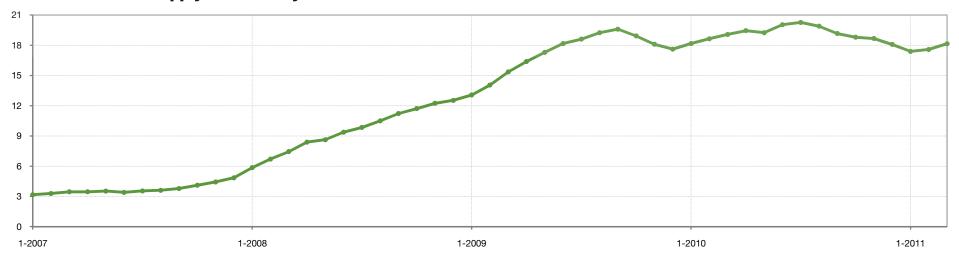
Months Supply of Inventory







Historical Months Supply of Inventory



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April 2011

The final month of year-over-year comparison to last year's tax incentive market is upon us. It bears repeating that April 2010 enjoyed uniquely strong activity due to the approaching credit deadline. Let's see how this pivotal month played out locally.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 34.8 percent to 621. Pending Sales were down 47.7 percent to 193. Inventory levels shrank 7.9 percent to 4,353 units – a positive trend that should preserve market balance.

Prices were still soft. The Median Sales Price declined 11.3 percent to \$109,000. Days on Market increased 7.5 percent to 166 days. The supplydemand balance improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 5.3 percent to 18.4 months.

Nationally, the interest rate is 5.0 percent on a 30-year fixed conventional and the unemployment rate edged up to 9.0 percent in April, even as the economy added 244,000 jobs. Job seekers showed more confidence, a potential indicator of future housing demand. Moving forward, expect a different story to unfold in our market. We'll soon be comparing current activity to a post-credit slump that occurred during the summer and fall of 2010.

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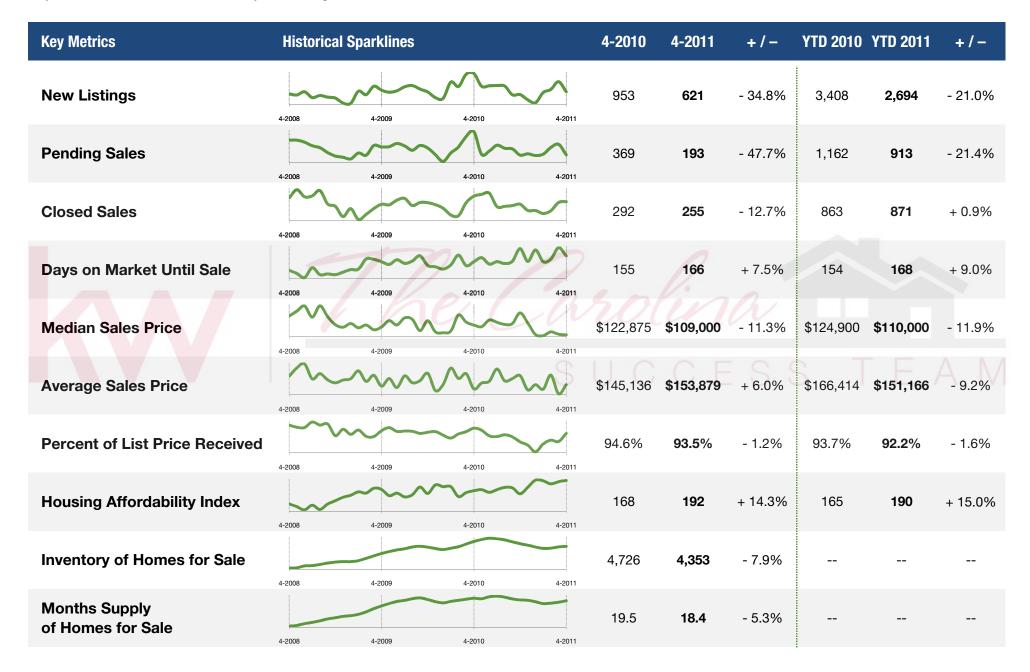
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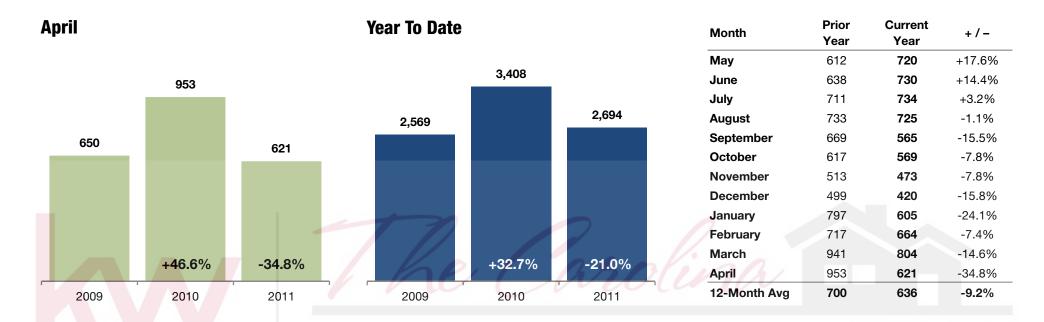




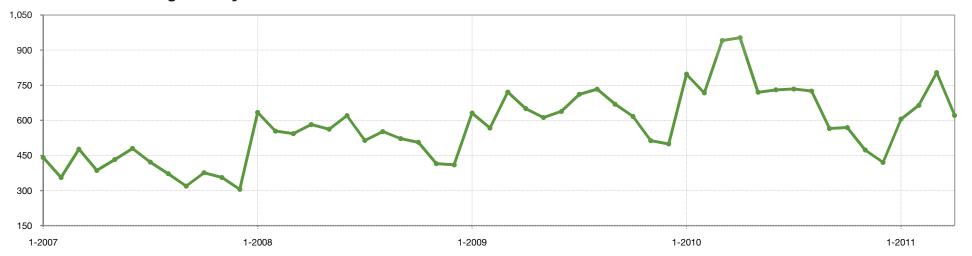
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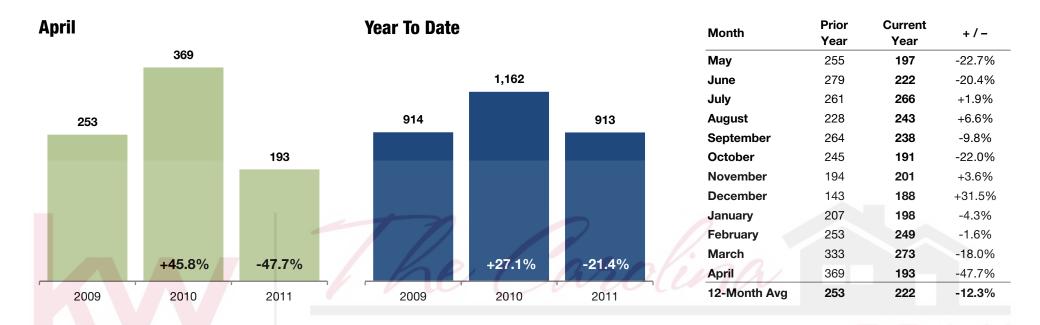
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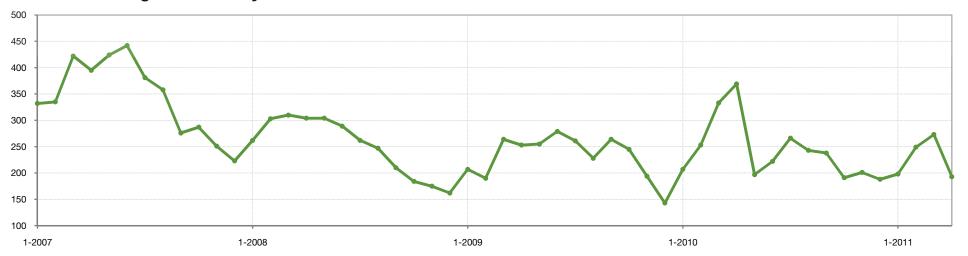
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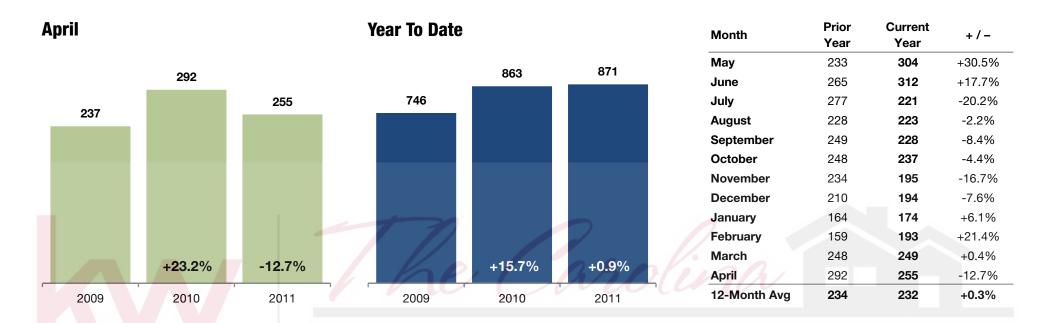
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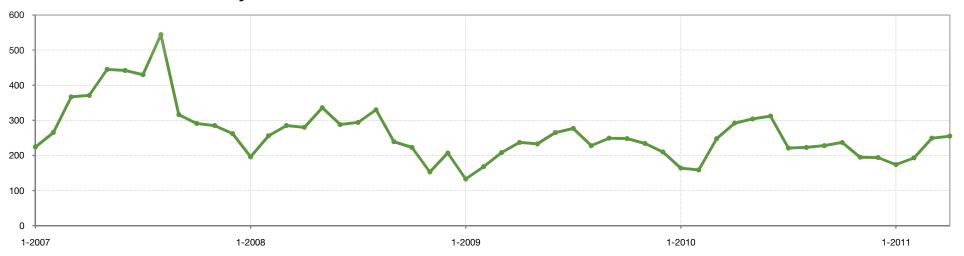
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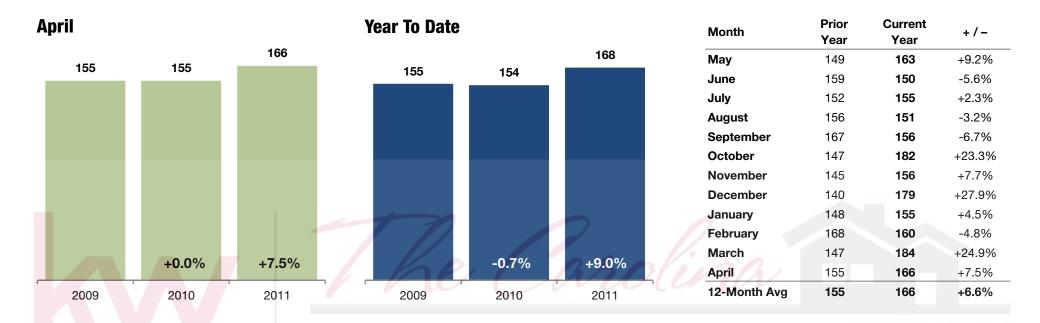
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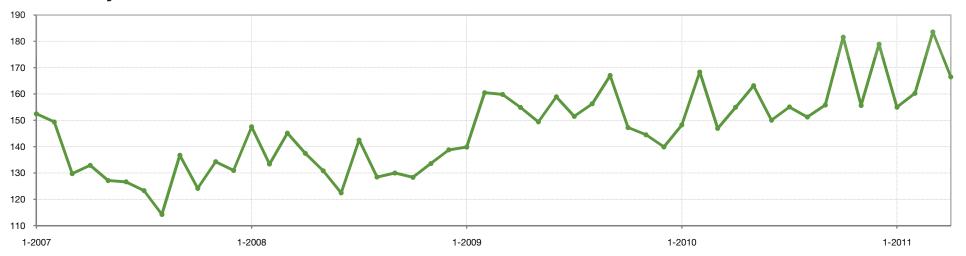
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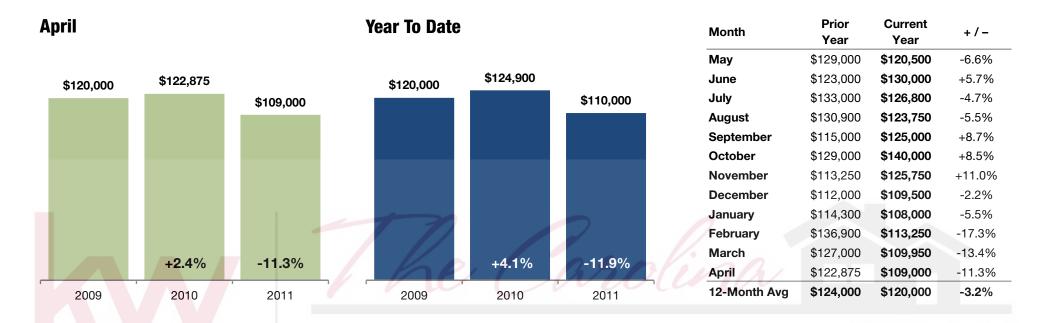
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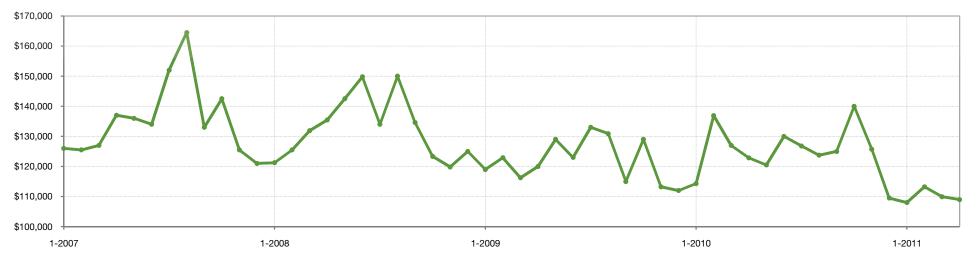
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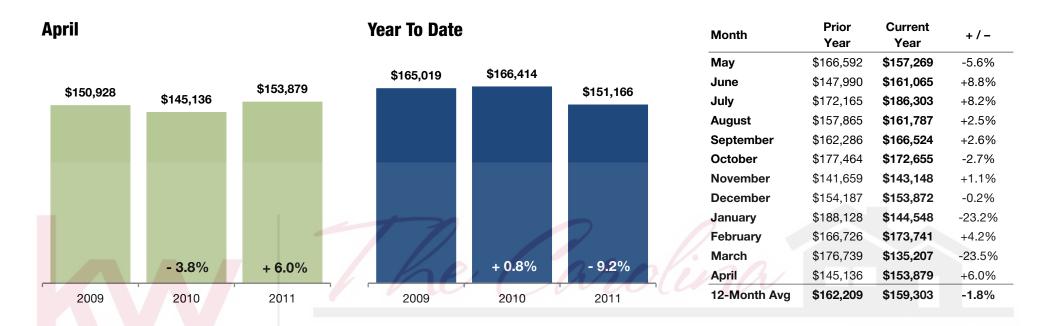
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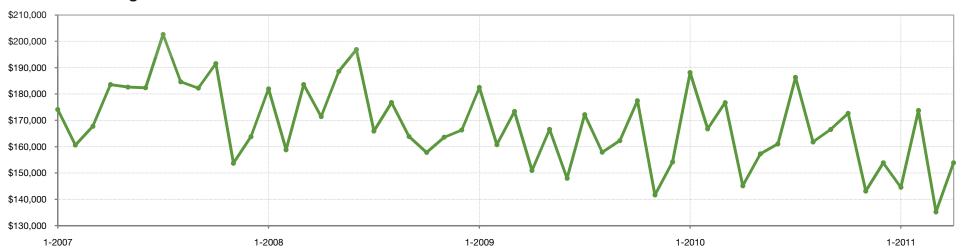
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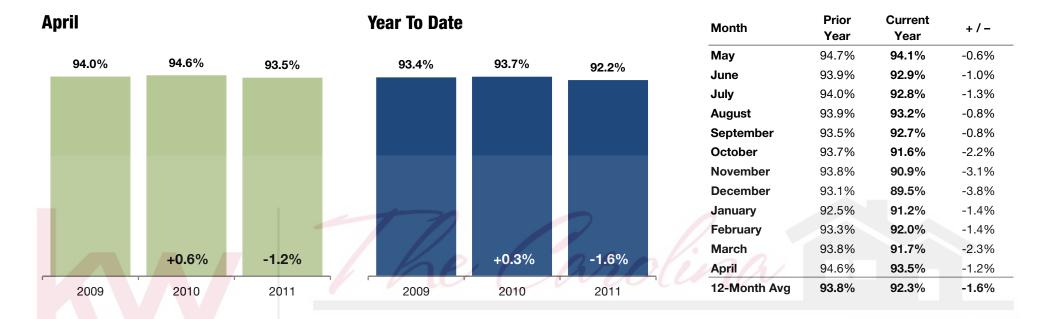
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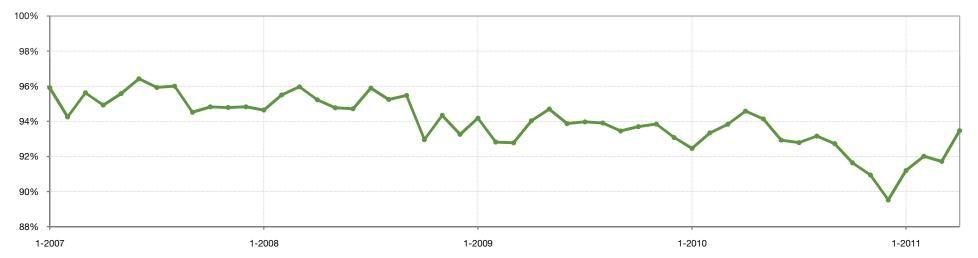
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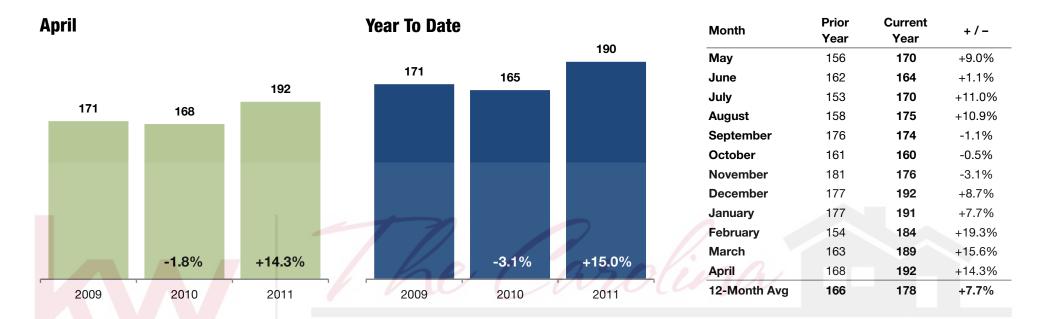
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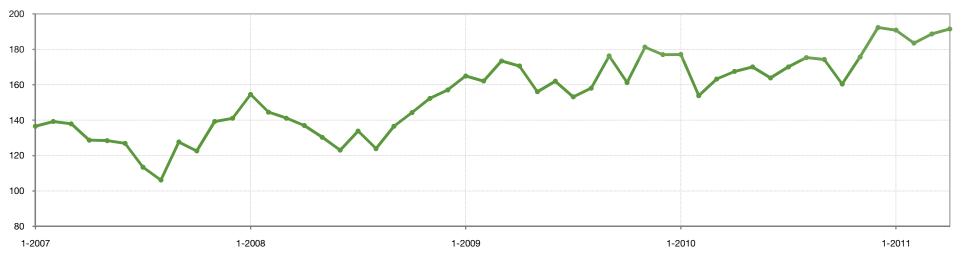
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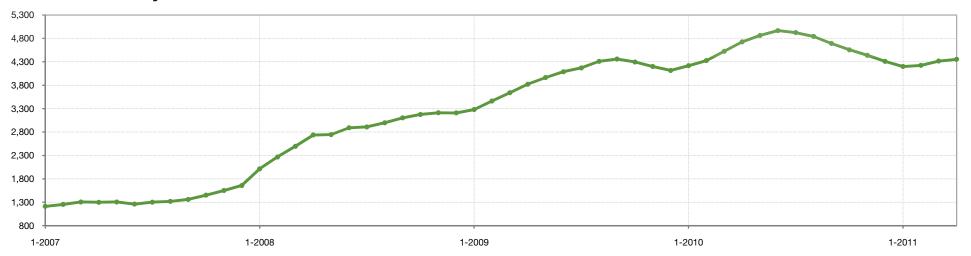
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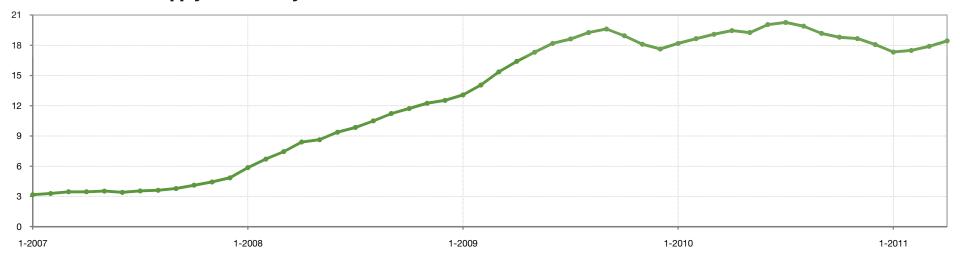
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Historical Months Supply of Inventory



Monthly Indicators

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May 2011

Homeownership is about painting a room fluorescent fuchsia without asking anyone's permission. The recent market challenges have forced some homeowners to become begrudging renters or unintentional landlords. For the nation as a whole, the National Association of REALTORS® reports that the homeownership rate has shifted from 69.0 percent in 2005 to 66.5 percent so far in 2011. While that's not a tectonic shift, let's see what other indicators reveal since that first fateful month after the 2010 tax credit.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 12.4 percent to 633.

Pending Sales were up 6.1 percent to 209. Inventory levels shrank 9.3 percent to 4,412 units, but there are still plenty of great choices out there.

Prices were more or less stable. The Median Sales Price increased 1.8 percent to \$122,700. Days on Market increased 1.2 percent to 165 days. The rate of inventory absorption slowed as Months Supply of Inventory was up 0.7 percent to 19.4 months. Affordability also improved.

Nationally, the interest rate dropped to 4.88 percent on a 30-year fixed conventional while the unemployment rate snuck up to 9.1 percent in May. The economy added 54,000 jobs, which was far less than April and insufficient to curb unemployment. As recovery goes, so goes positive trends. Several metrics should continue to show favorable movement, but stronger job growth is needed to fuel housing demand and reinforce consumer confidence.

Quick Facts

- 23.7%	+ 2.0%	- 9.5%	
Change in Closed Sales	Change in Median Sales Price	Change in Inventory	
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New Listings Pending Sales			3
Closed Sales			5
Days On Marke	t Until Sale		6
Median Sales P	rice		7
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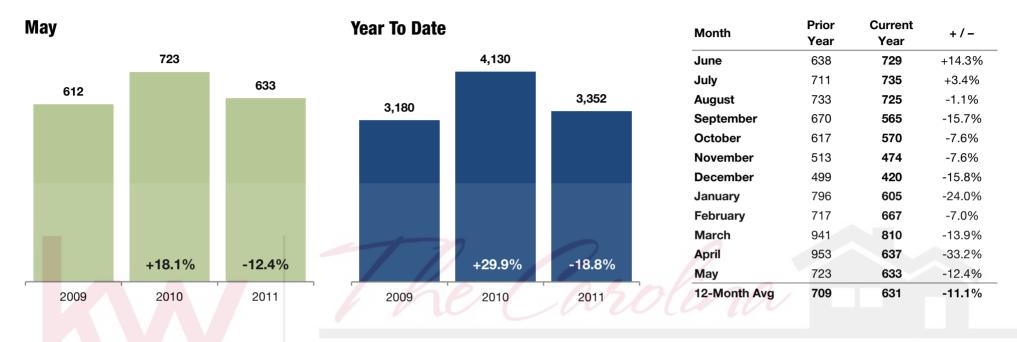




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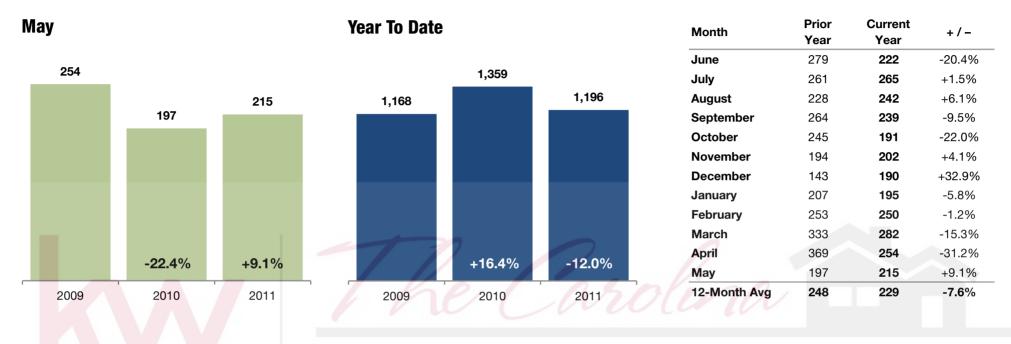
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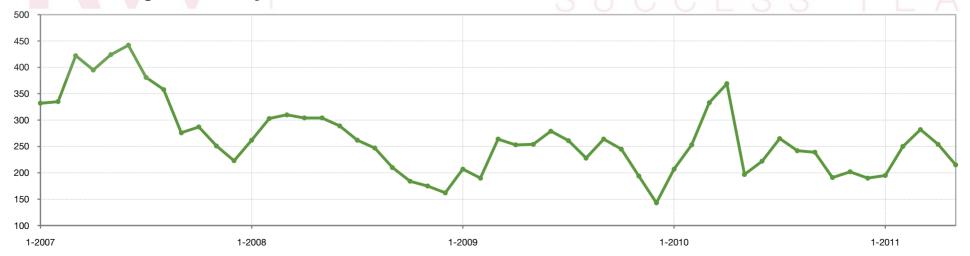
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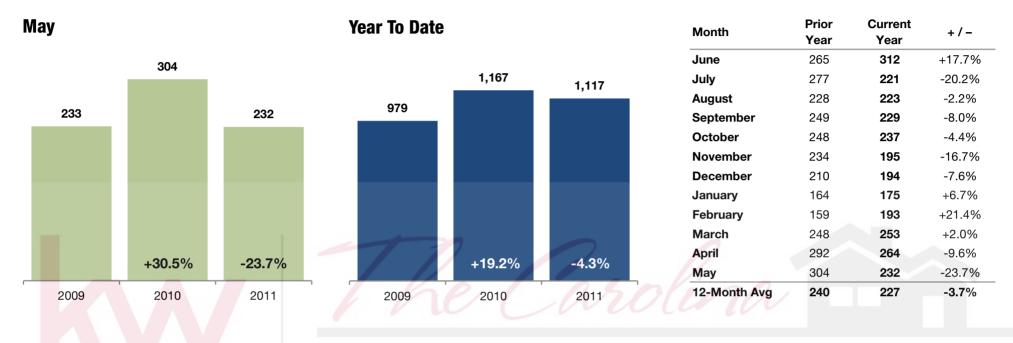
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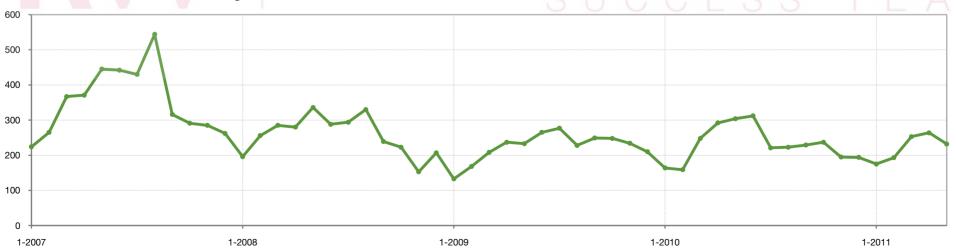
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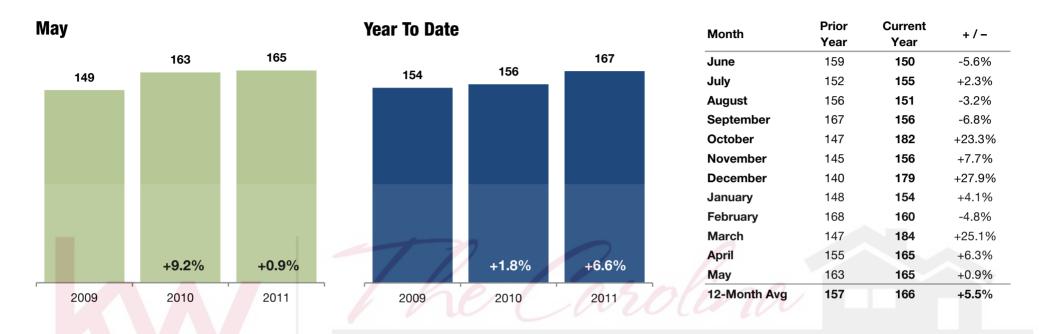
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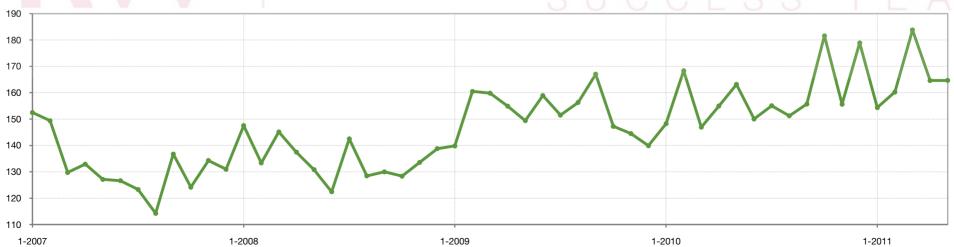
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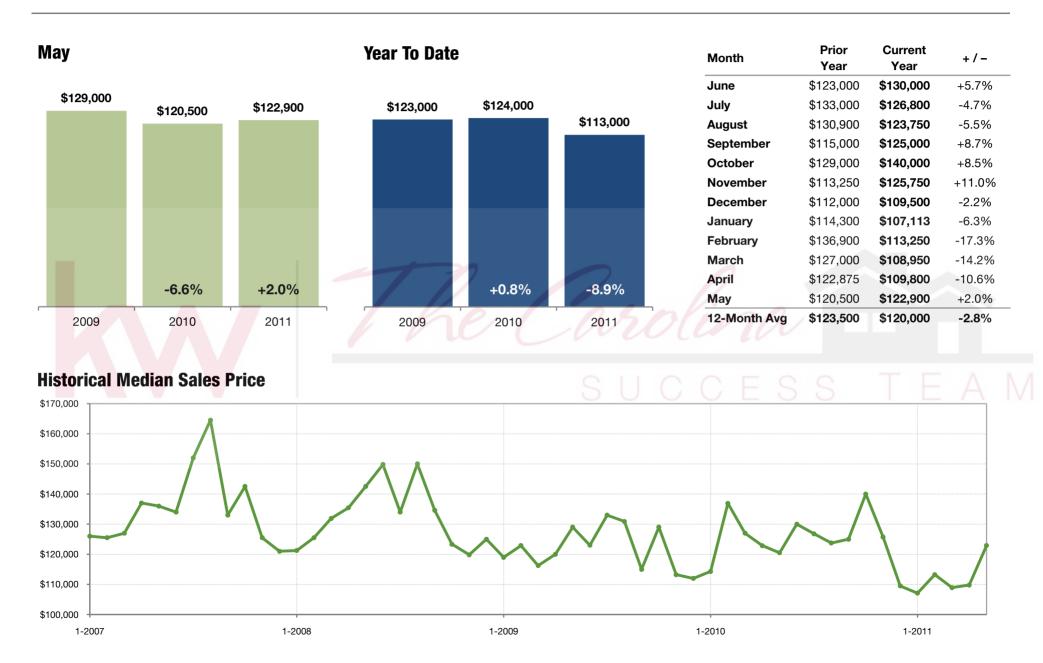
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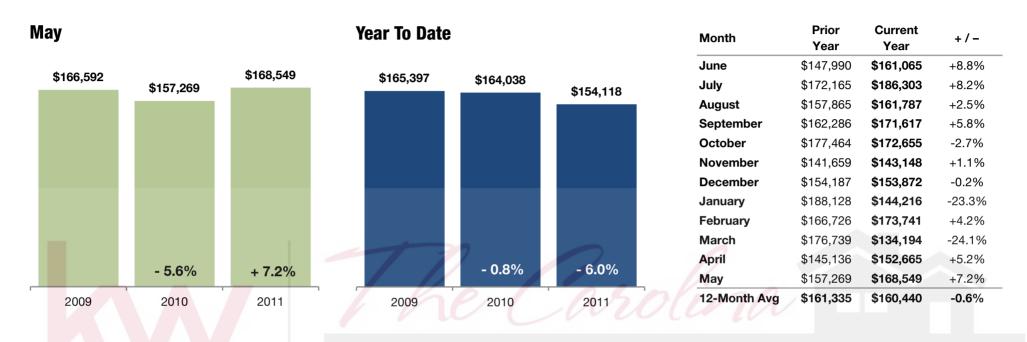
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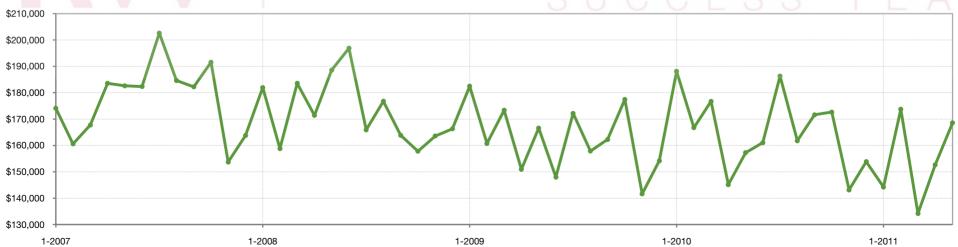
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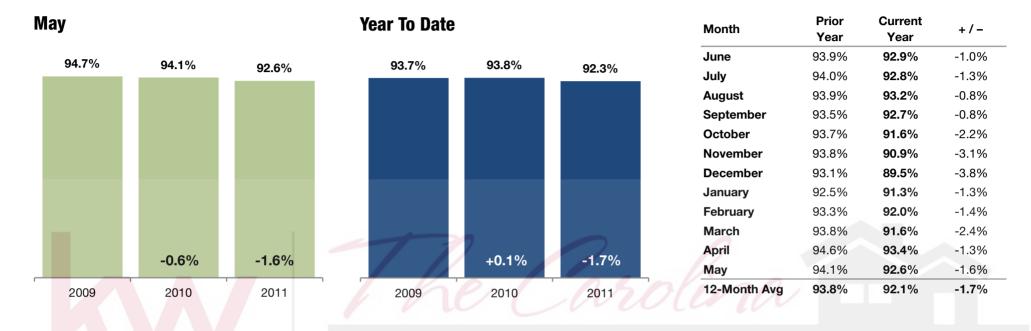




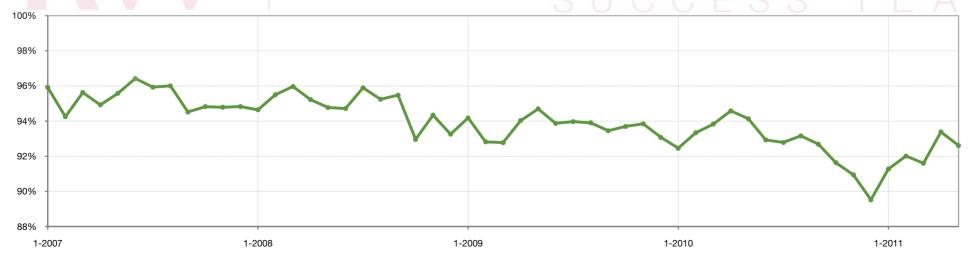
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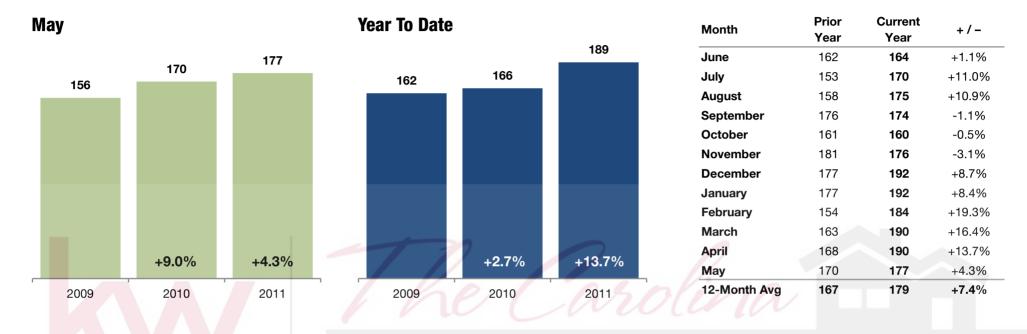
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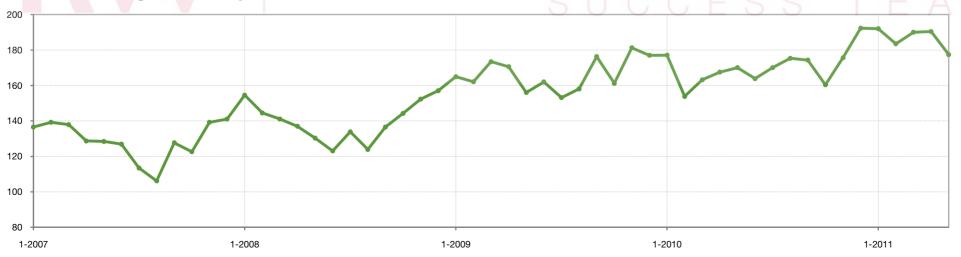
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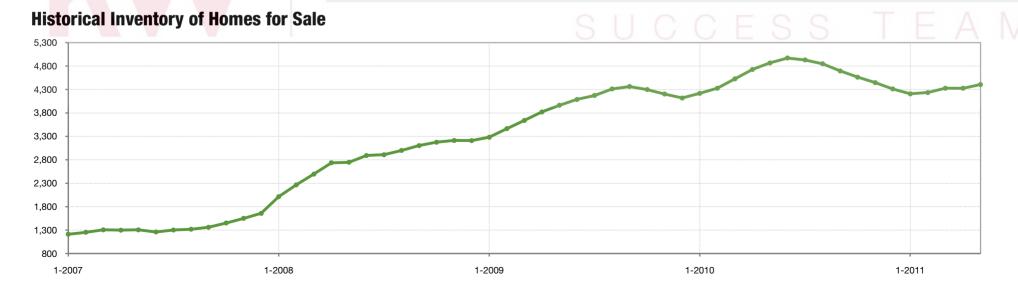


Inventory of Homes for Sale









Months Supply of Inventory



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



Historical Months Supply of Inventory 21 18 15 12 9 6 1-2007 1-2008 1-2009 1-2010 1-2011

Monthly Indicators

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June 2011

You may have noticed some "noise" lately about where the market is heading. Some accounts are optimistic while others, well, aren't. The good news is that local data provides a more reliable tone than national sound bites can offer. When it comes to hearing the market's true message, it may not necessarily be from the expected indicators, it may not be heard evenly across all segments and it may arrive in disjointed bursts. Let's listen.

Buyers in the Western Upstate region absorbed homes more quickly as Months Supply of Inventory was down 4.4 percent to 19.2 months. New Listings decreased 14.7 percent to 622. Pending Sales were down 23.0 percent to 171. Inventory levels shrank 9.7 percent to 4,490 units, but even choosy buyers can still find top-notch homes.

Prices showed signs of life. The Median Sales Price increased 15.4 percent to \$150,000. Days on Market increased 8.8 percent to 163 days.

On the national front, the interest rate dropped to 4.79 percent on a 30-year fixed conventional and 4.44 percent for FHA. The unemployment rate has been stable around 9.0 percent and initial unemployment claims have continued to fall. Wages and payroll jobs are also improving slowly. Debt ceiling negotiations and other background noises persist, while prolonged job growth is still the missing verse in the recovery song.

Quick Facts

- 12.2%	+ 15.4%	- 9.7%
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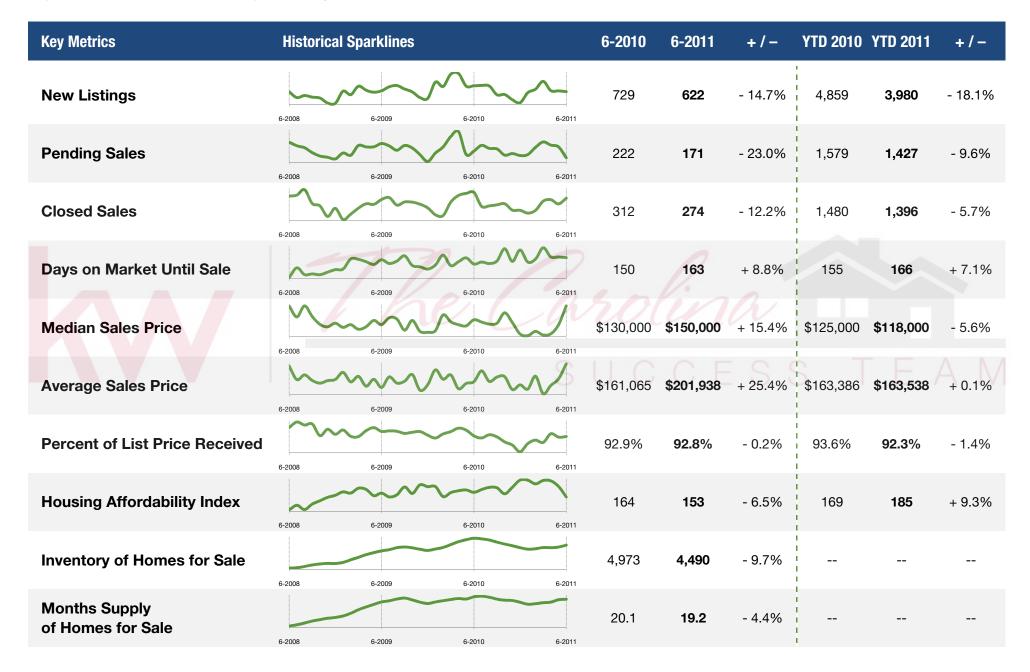
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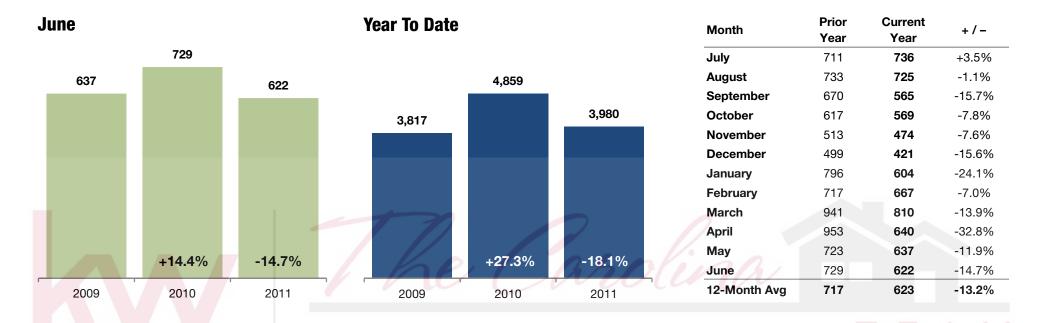




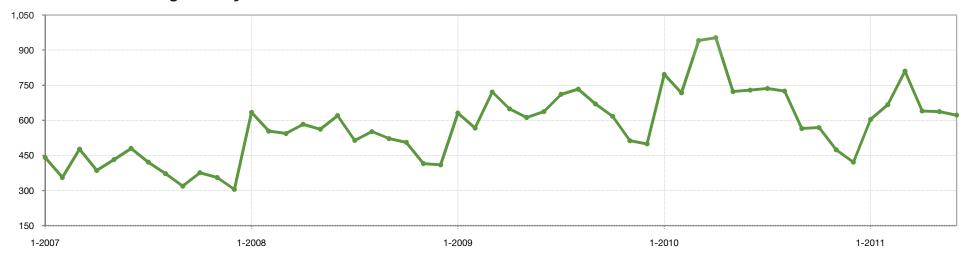
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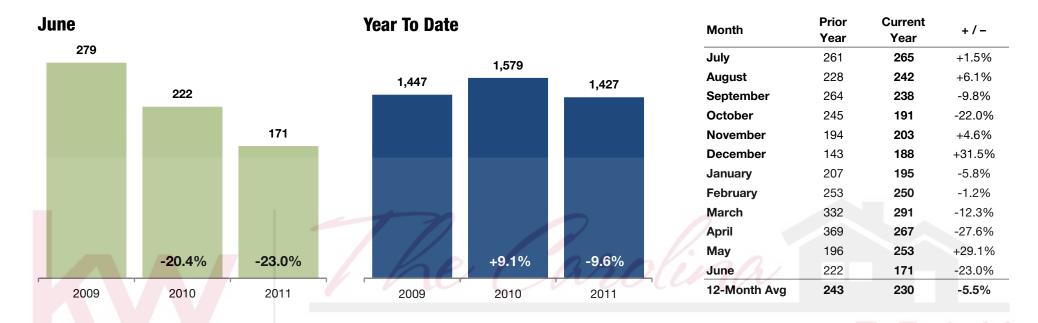
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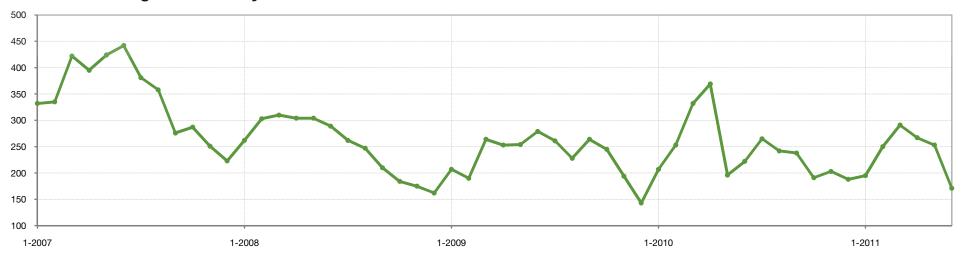
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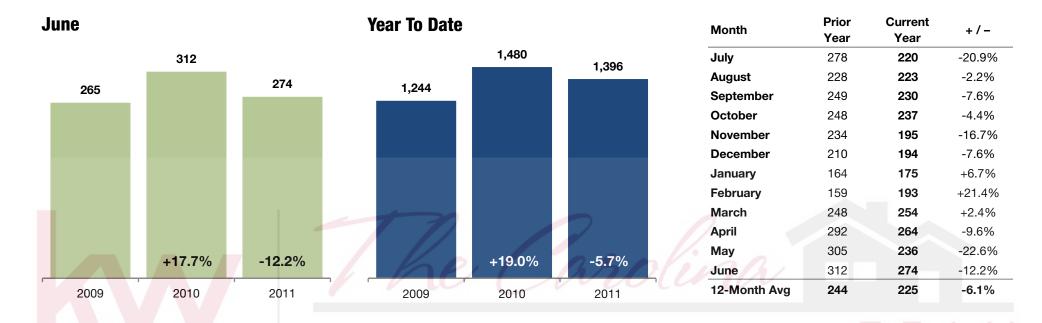
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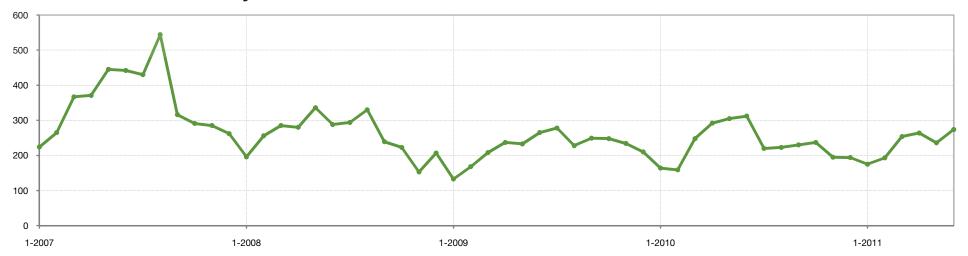
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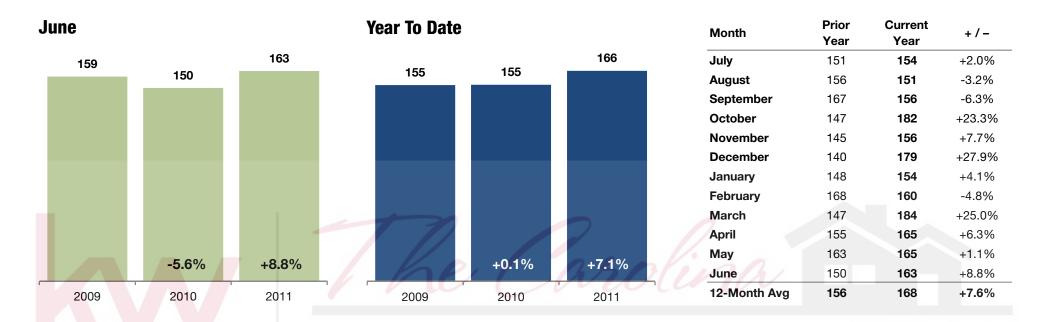
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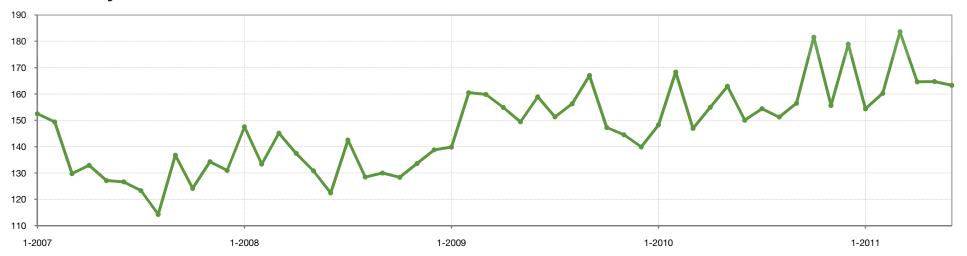
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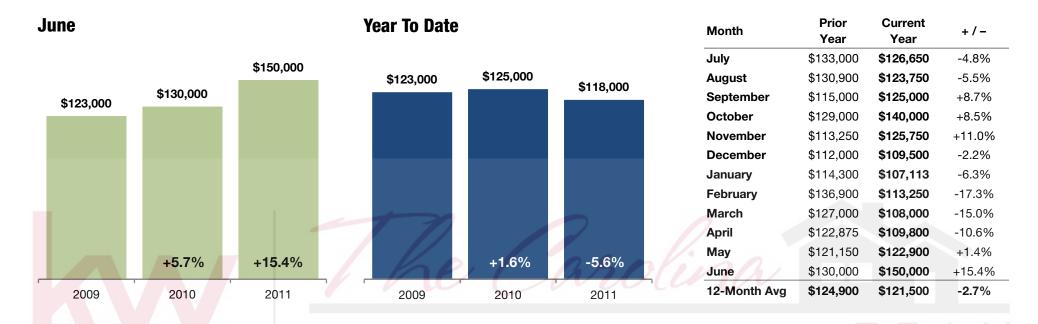
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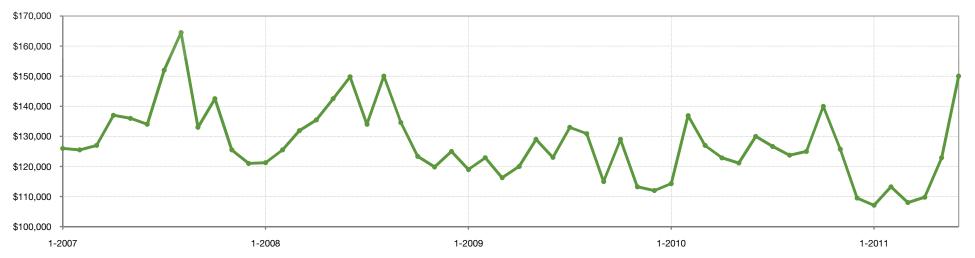
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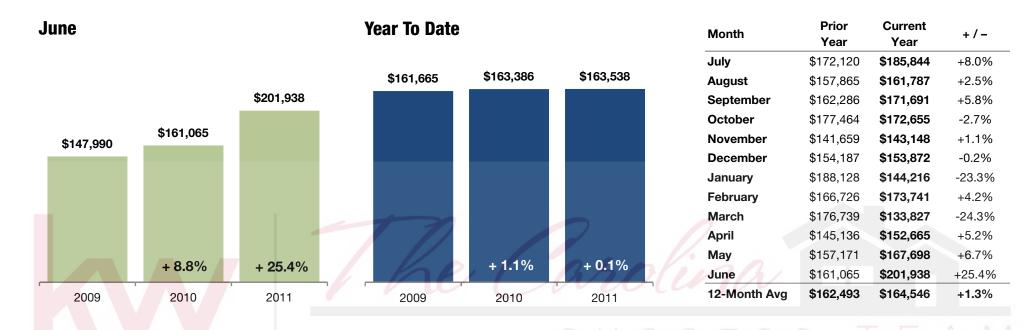
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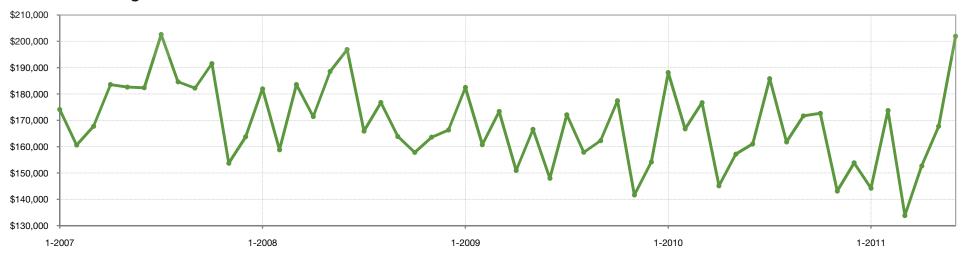
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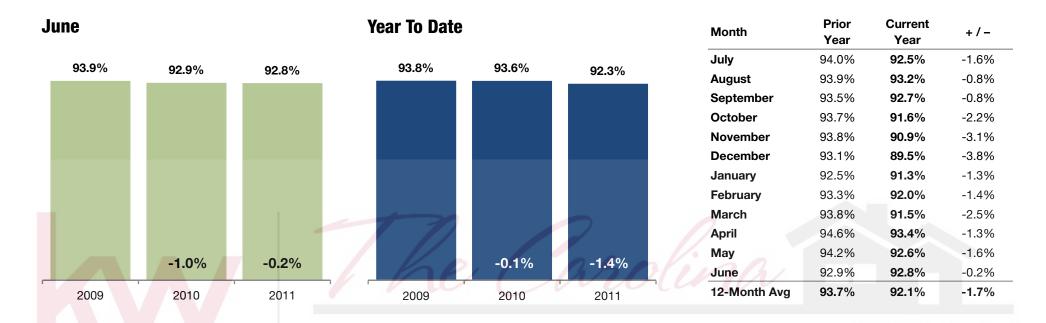
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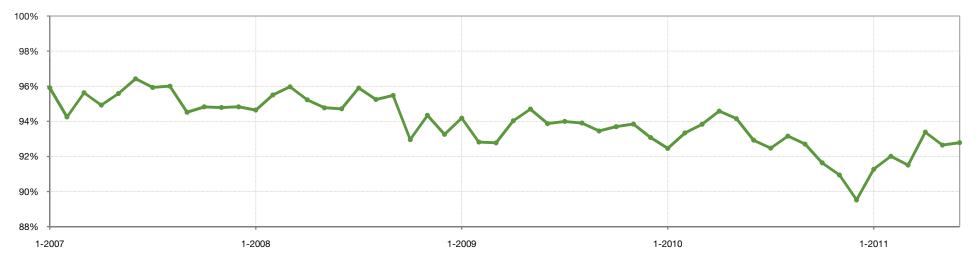
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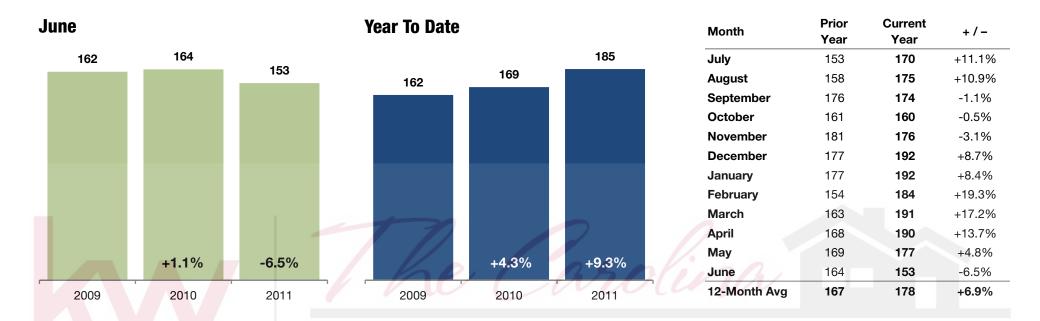
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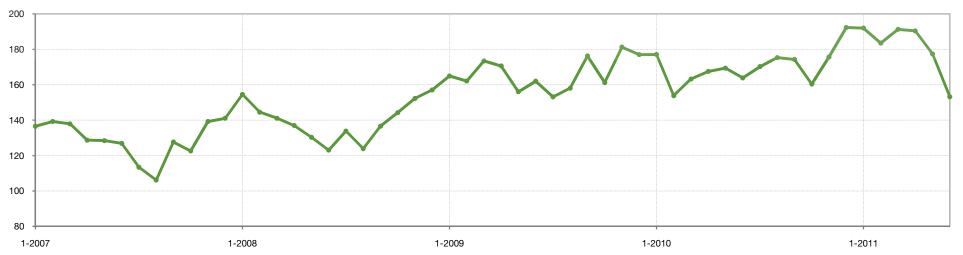
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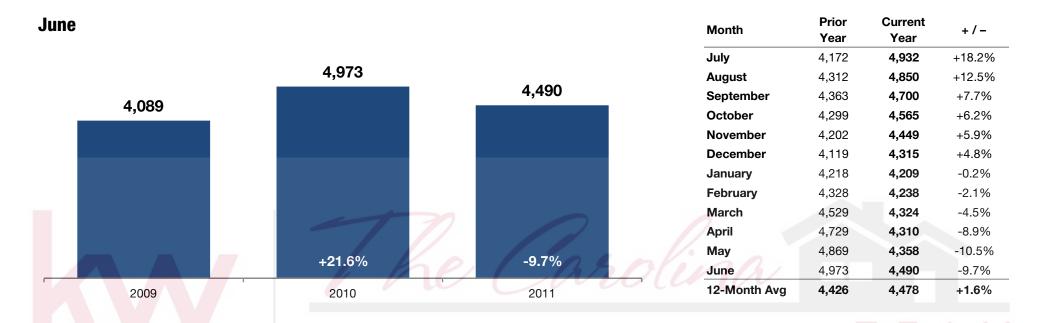
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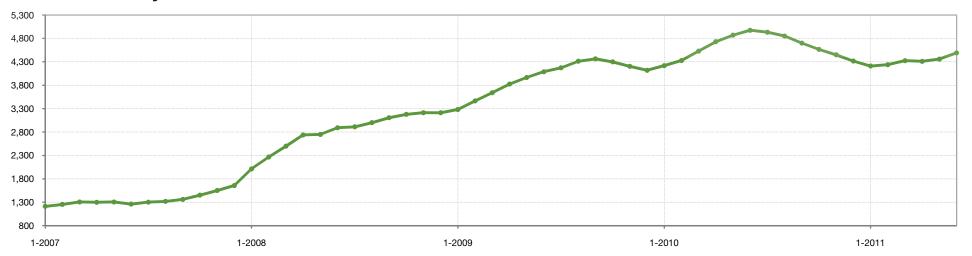
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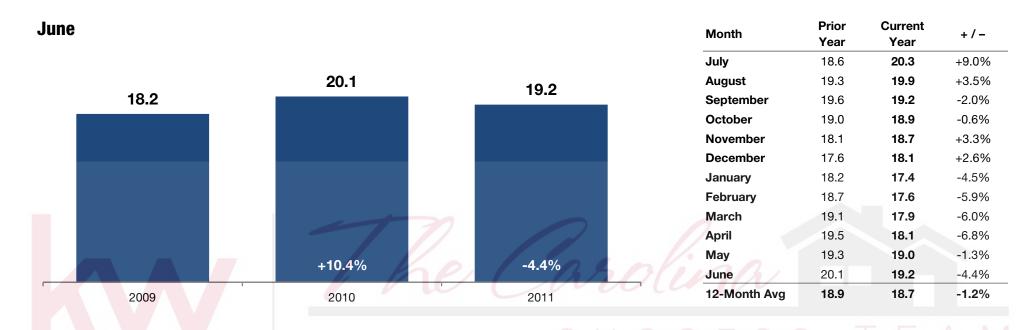
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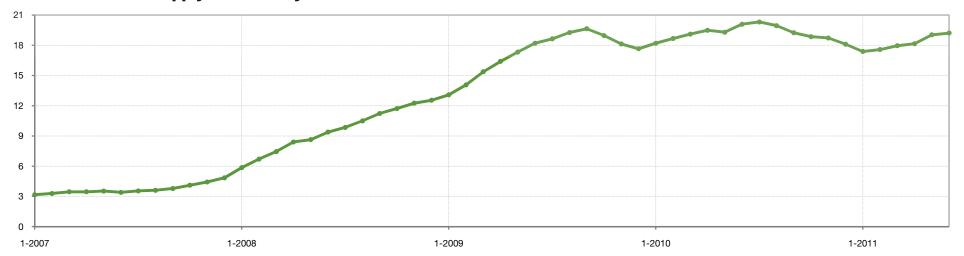
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Historical Months Supply of Inventory



Monthly Indicators

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July 2011

At the height of summer, we're finally beginning to move beyond comparisons to the 2010 incentive market. Even so, sudden changes in sales volumes are likely due to factors occurring at this time last year. Qualified buyers may find more attractive opportunities now than during either of the recent tax credits. Interest rates should hold their ground around five percent, though the shift in the federal credit rating could change that. Some indicators suggest improving conditions, but let's see just how we're faring locally.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 29.2 percent to 521. Pending Sales were down 26.4 percent to 195. Inventory levels shrank 10.9 percent to 4,396 units, but consumers are still finding terrific opportunities.

Prices enjoyed a boost. The Median Sales Price increased 8.0 percent to \$136,801. Days on Market increased 11.1 percent to 172 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 7.9 percent to 18.7 months.

Second quarter GDP growth was just 1.3 percent after a meager 0.4 percent gain in the first quarter. We added 117,000 new jobs in July, a stronger gain than expected after an embarrassing June. Even though a budget deal has been reached, several challenges persist. Changes to Fannie, Freddie and the mortgage interest deduction are still in play. As consumers absorb distressed inventory and labor market conditions improve, the wheels of recovery grind on.

Quick Facts

- 10.0%	+ 8.0%	- 10.9%
Change in Closed Sales	Change in Median Sales Price	Change in Inventory
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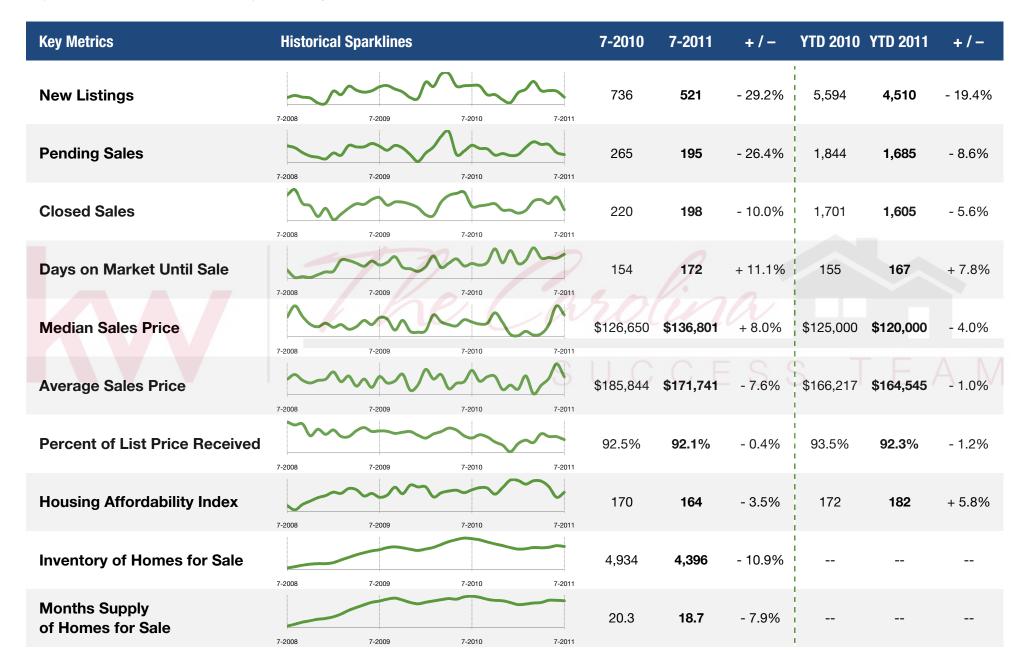
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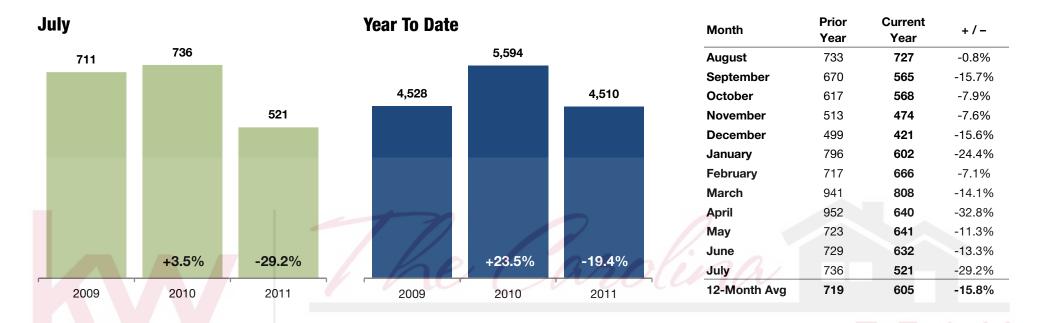




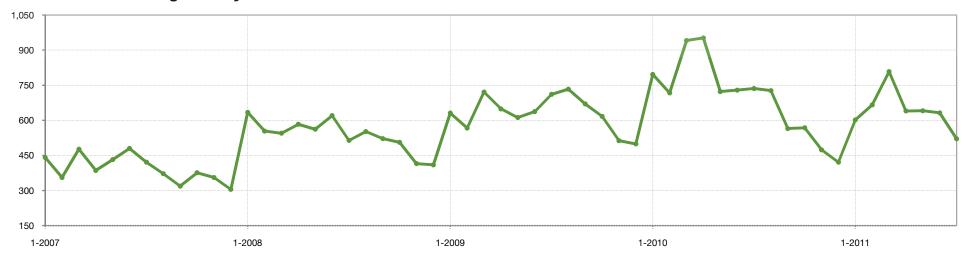
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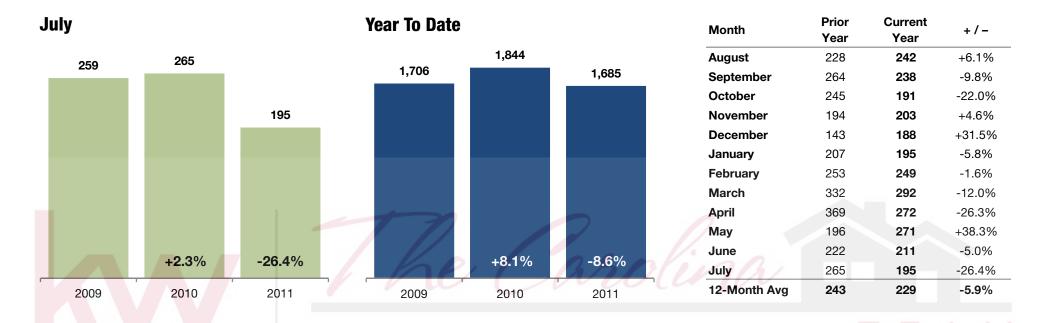
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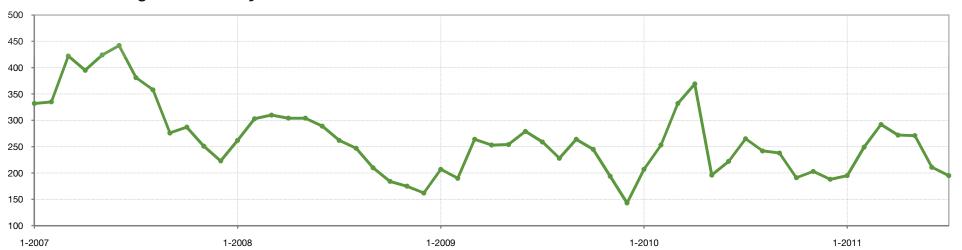
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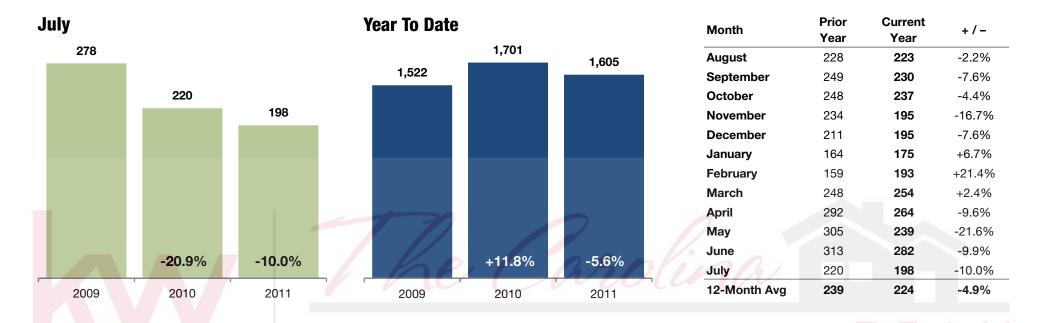
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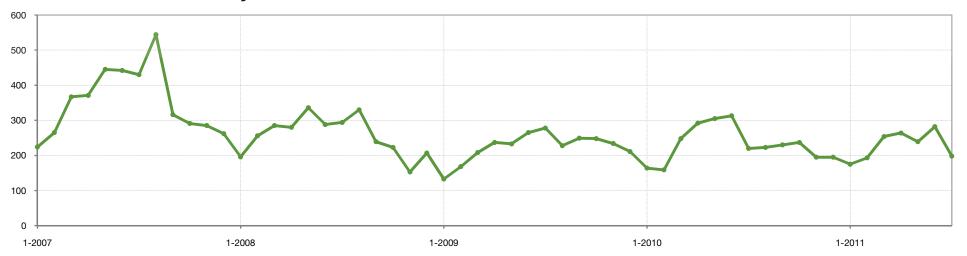
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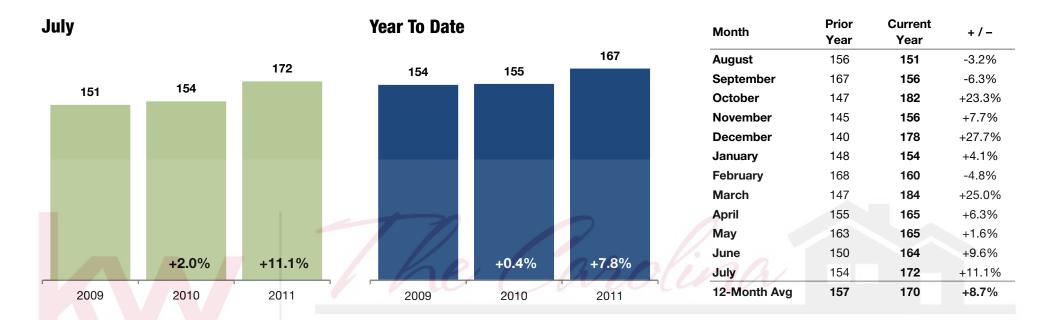
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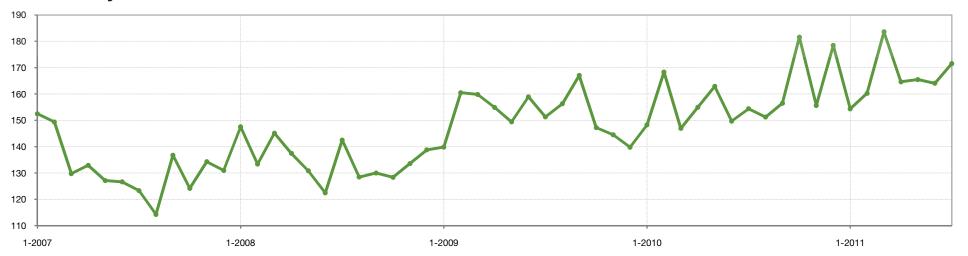
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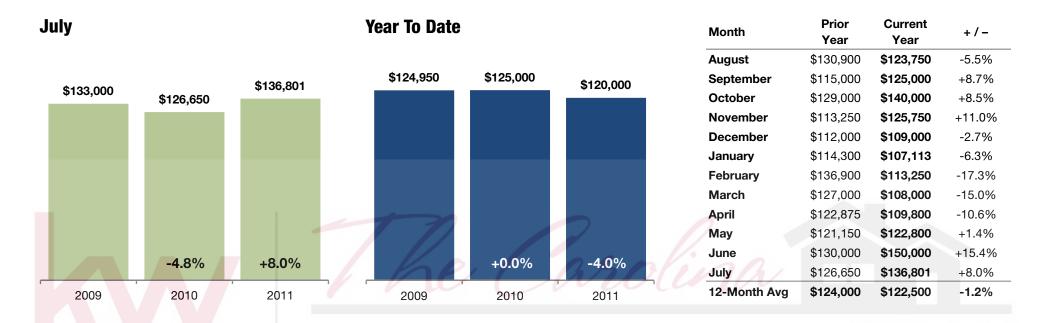
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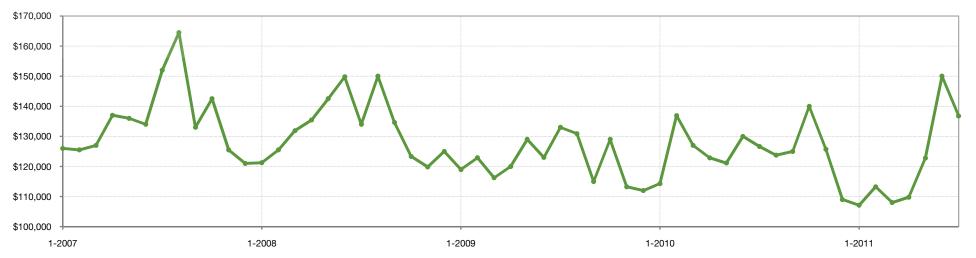
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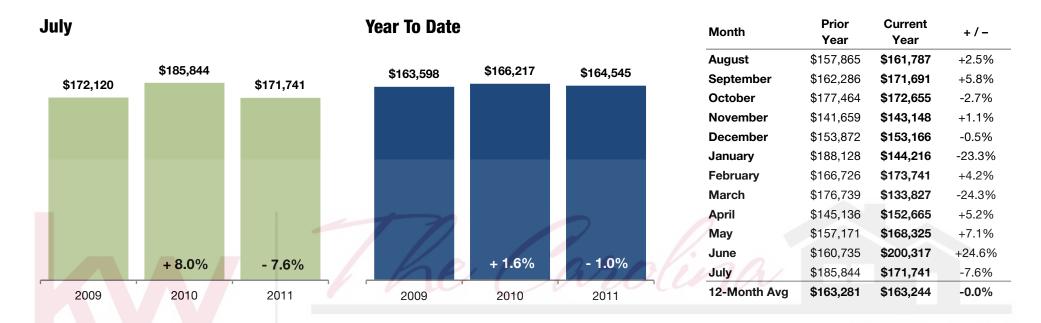
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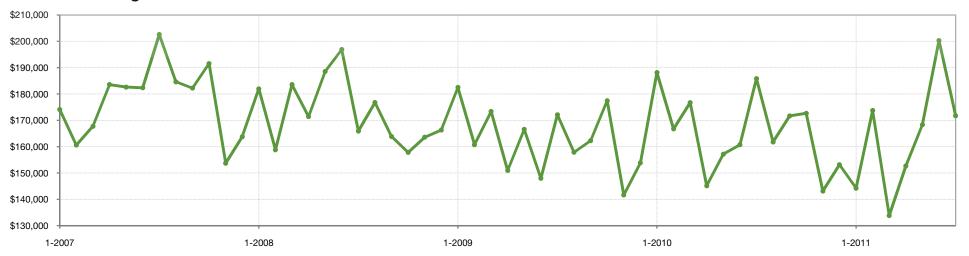
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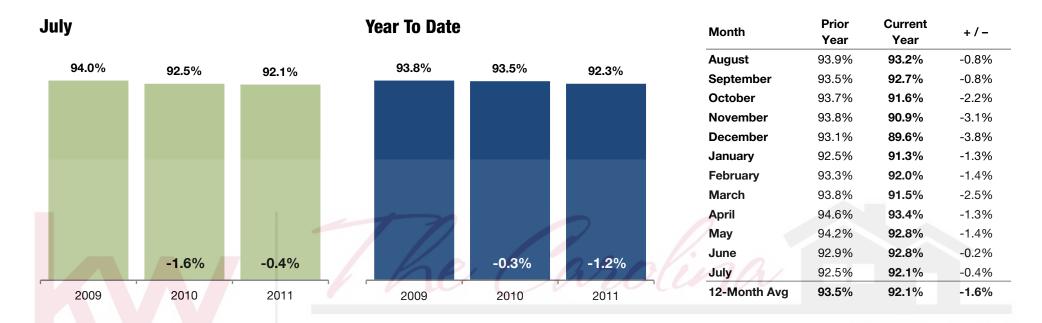
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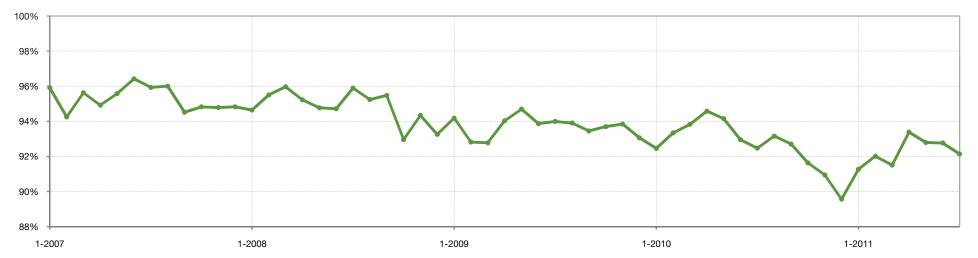
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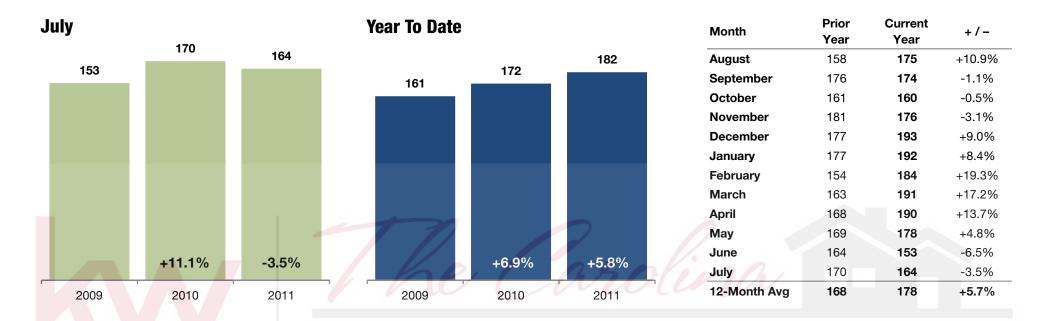
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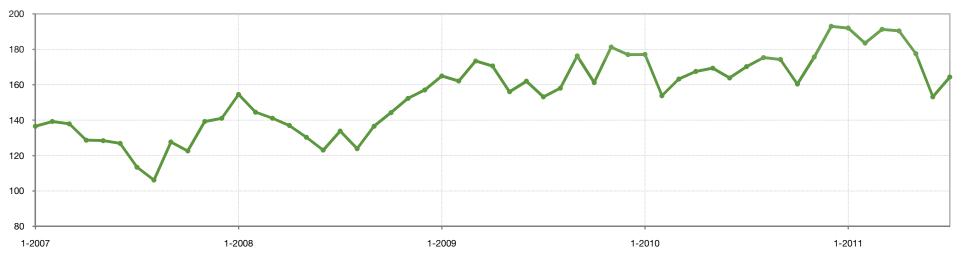
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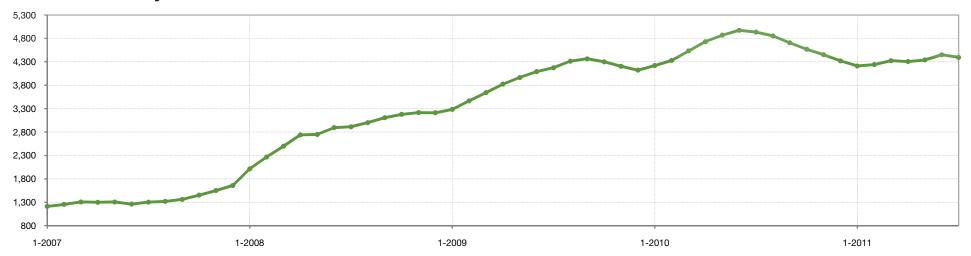
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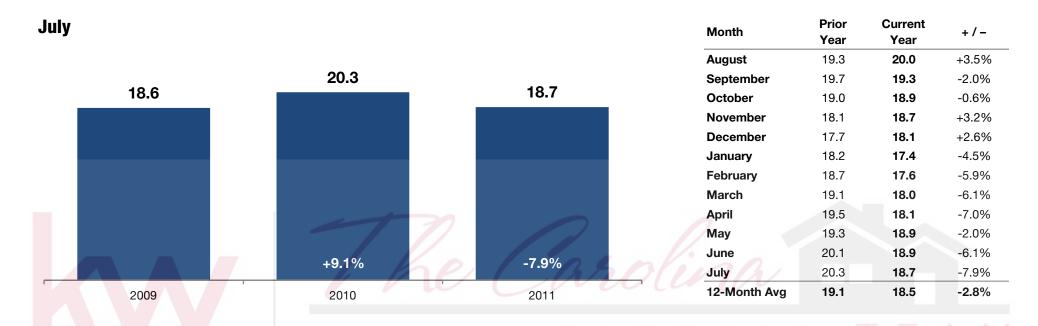
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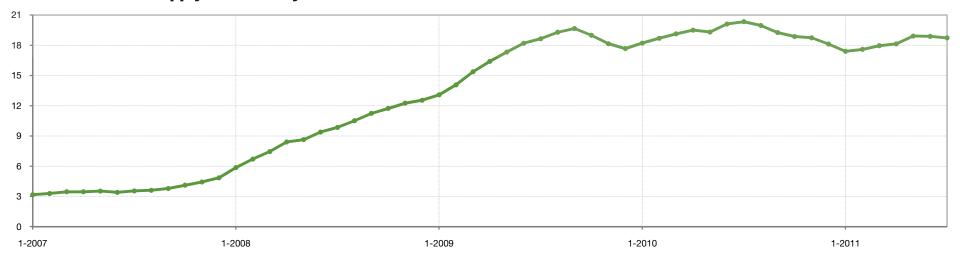
Months Supply of Inventory



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Historical Months Supply of Inventory



Monthly Indicators

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August 2011

Despite some choppy waters in August, there have been noteworthy shifts on both sides of the closing table. Buyer activity is moving back in line with historical trends while sellers are making fewer concessions in order to sell their homes. Falling supply and improving absorption rates in many regions also suggest that market balance is realigning towards neutral. Locally, a few indicators posted positive movement over August 2010, but do the rest of the numbers provide reason for optimism?

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 22.1 percent to 566. Pending Sales were down 25.1 percent to 182. Inventory levels shrank 11.7 percent to 4,287 units, a positive supply-side improvement.

Prices moved higher. The Median Sales Price increased 7.1 percent to \$132,500. Days on Market increased 5.1 percent to 159 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 7.6 percent to 18.5 months.

The economy bobbed along just this side of positive in August. Consumer confidence, which often affects housing demand, showed some slack even as personal income and spending both increased modestly. Low interest rates, declining supply and stabilizing prices are beacons of hope in the harbor, but the recovery still needs wind in its sails.

Quick Facts

	+ 2.7%	+ 7.1%	- 11.7%
	Change in Closed Sales	Change in Median Sales Price	Change in Inventory
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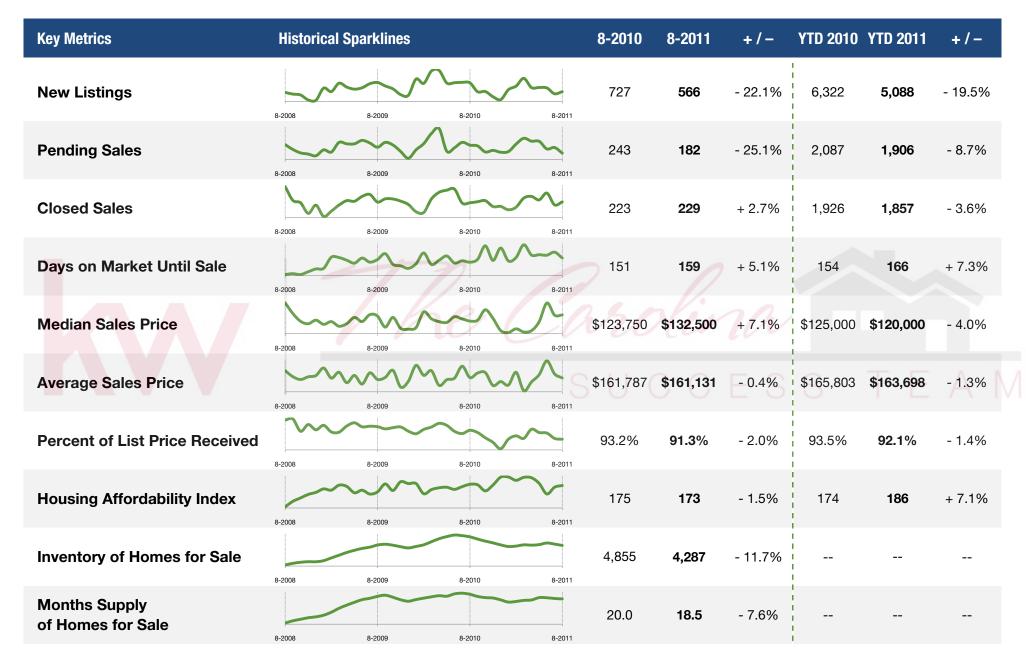
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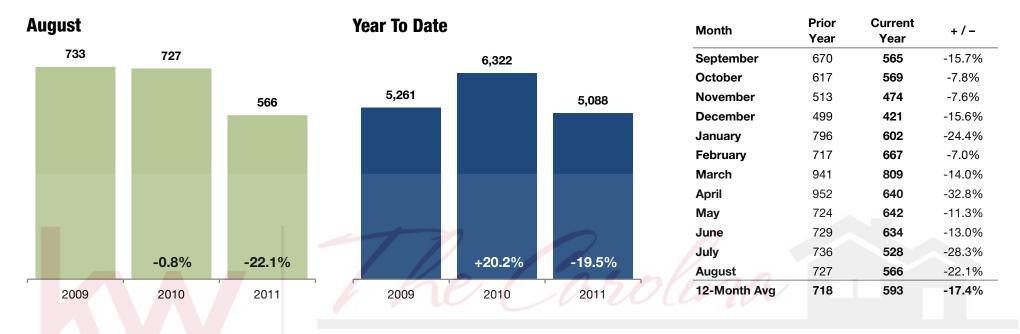




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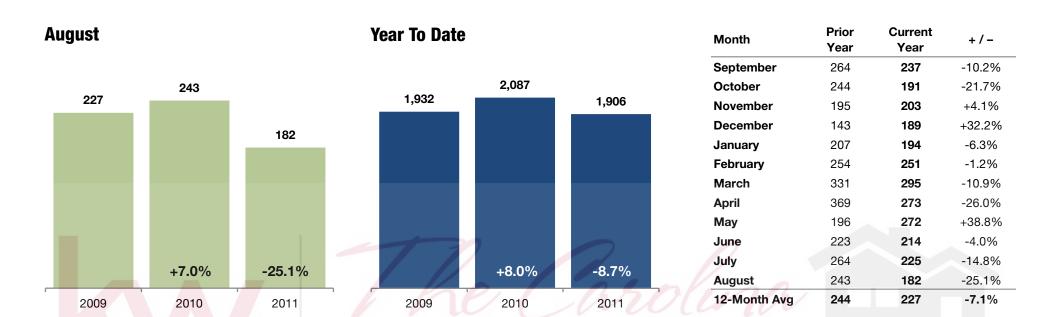
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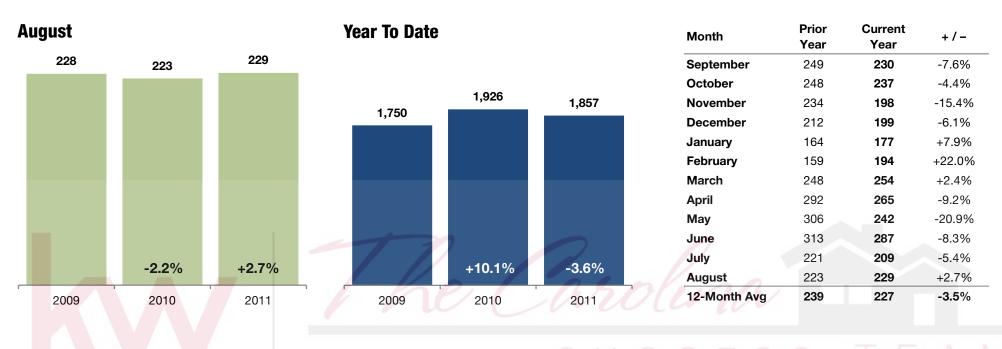
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Closed Sales







Historical Closed Sales Activity



Days on Market Until Sale



2011



Year

156

182

155

177

154

160

184

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164

170

159

172

157

12-Month Avg

+/-

-6.3%

+23.3%

+6.9%

+27.0%

+3.6%

-5.0%

+25.0%

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Median Sales Price



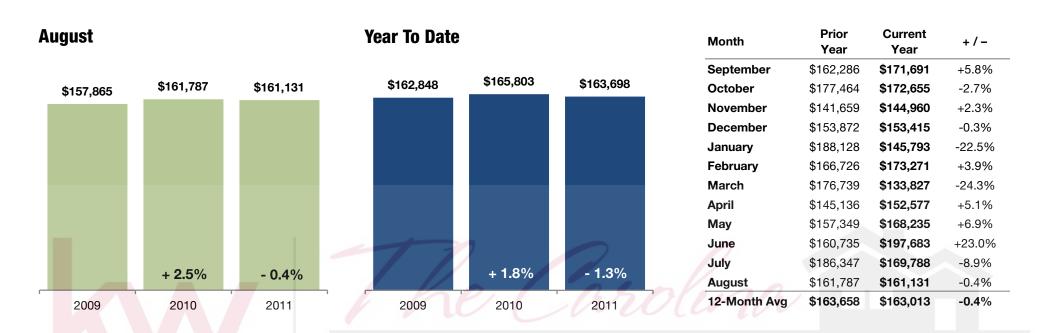
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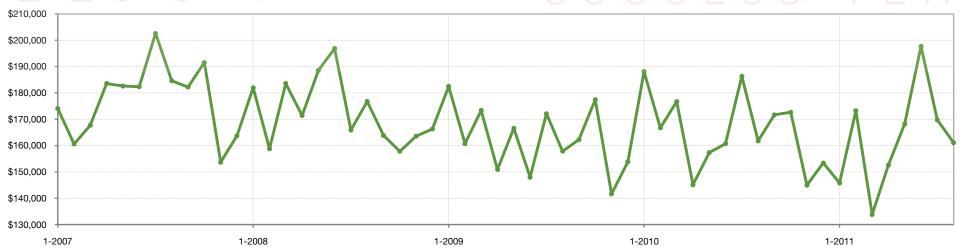
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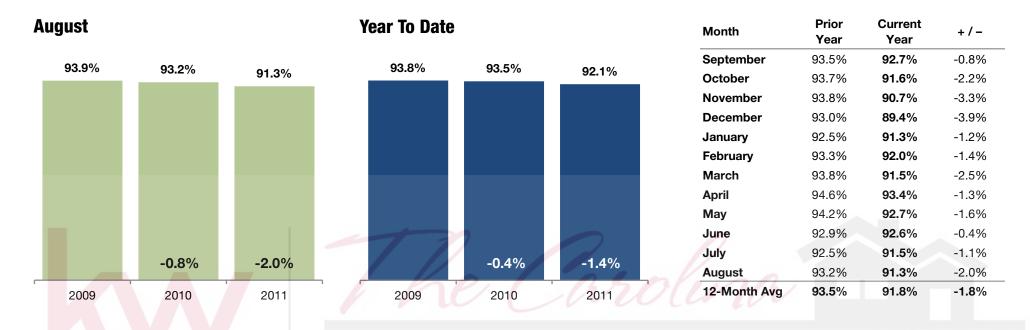




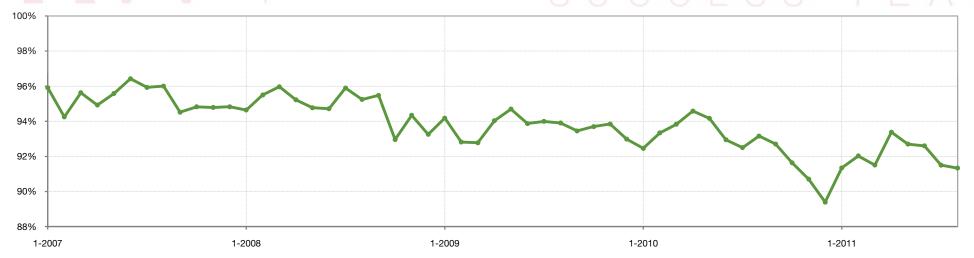
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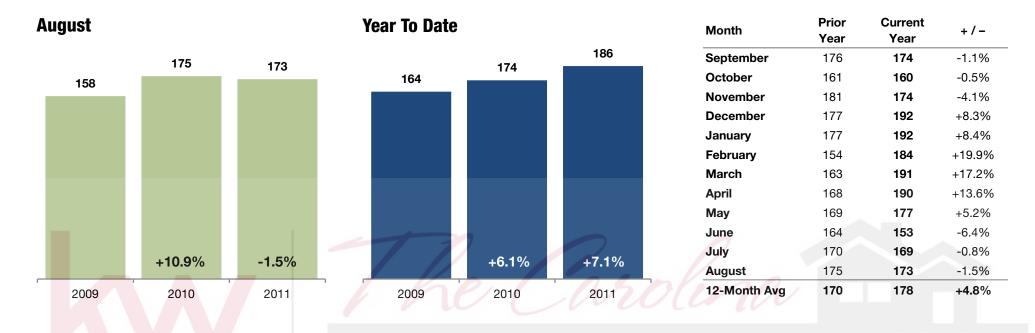
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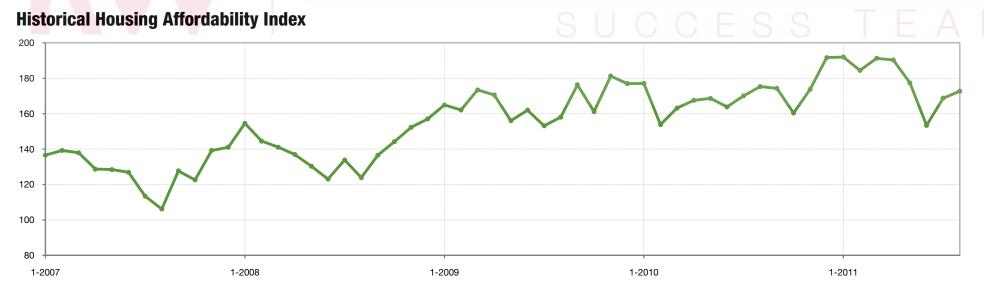


Housing Affordability Index



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Inventory of Homes for Sale



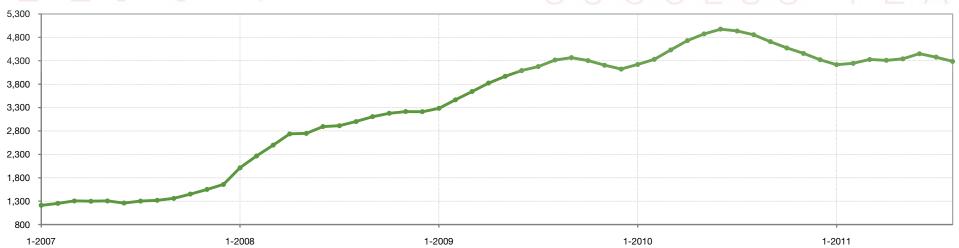






Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
September	4,366	4,708	+7.8%
October	4,303	4,573	+6.3%
November	4,205	4,457	+6.0%
December	4,122	4,323	+4.9%
January	4,221	4,217	-0.1%
February	4,330	4,246	-1.9%
March	4,532	4,328	-4.5%
April	4,731	4,308	-8.9%
May	4,872	4,342	-10.9%
June	4,975	4,450	-10.6%
July	4,936	4,377	-11.3%
August	4,855	4,287	-11.7%
12-Month Avg	4,537	4,385	-2.9%

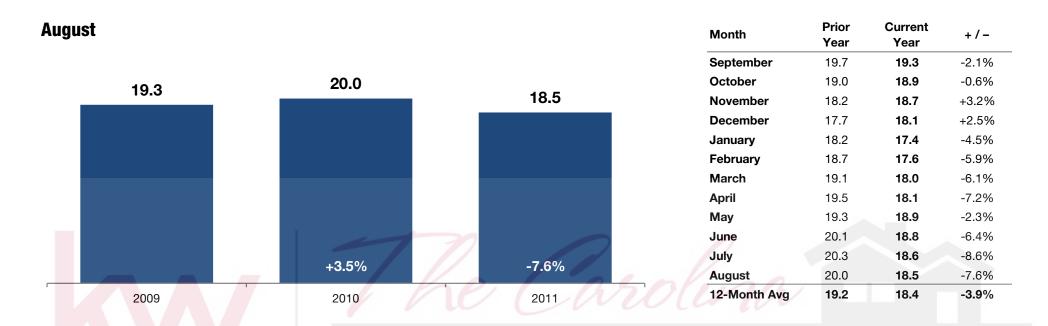
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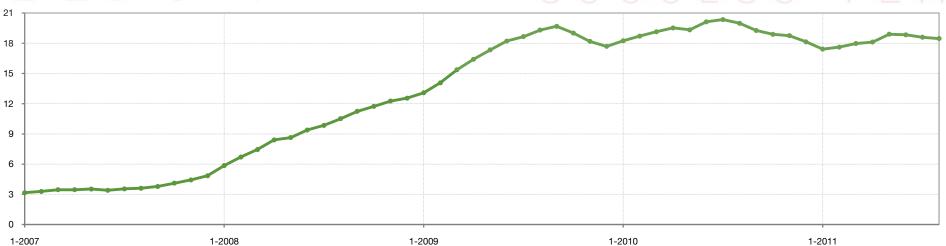
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Historical Months Supply of Inventory



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September 2011

People talk about the national housing market like it's some static thing, like a toaster. The thing is, there is no national housing market. Just like there is no national weather forecast. That doesn't mean national averages don't have their place, but you don't grab a raincoat and an umbrella in Miami based on the weather in Seattle. Like the weather, all real estate is local. As we embark on the fourth and final guarter of 2011, let's take a look at our local forecast.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 6.9 percent to 525. Pending Sales were down 38.2 percent to 147. Inventory levels shrank 11.2 percent to 4,180 units, a positive supply-side trend that should bring additional stability.

Prices firmed up nicely. The Median Sales Price increased 10.0 percent to \$137,500. Days on Market increased 13.4 percent to 177 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 8.1 percent to 17.7 months.

A dash of uplifting economic news was overshadowed by debt clouds from the ongoing turmoil in Greece and the threat of bank contagion. Manufacturing activity, construction spending and overall job growth all picked up in September, temporarily calming fears of the dreaded double-dip storm. As for the lending climate, the Fed's recent "Operation Twist" helped push mortgage rates to record lows – under 4.0 percent for the first time ever. Despite the cheap money, "Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!" should still be the battle cry.

Quick Facts

+ 0.4%	+ 10.0%	- 11.2%
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Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory
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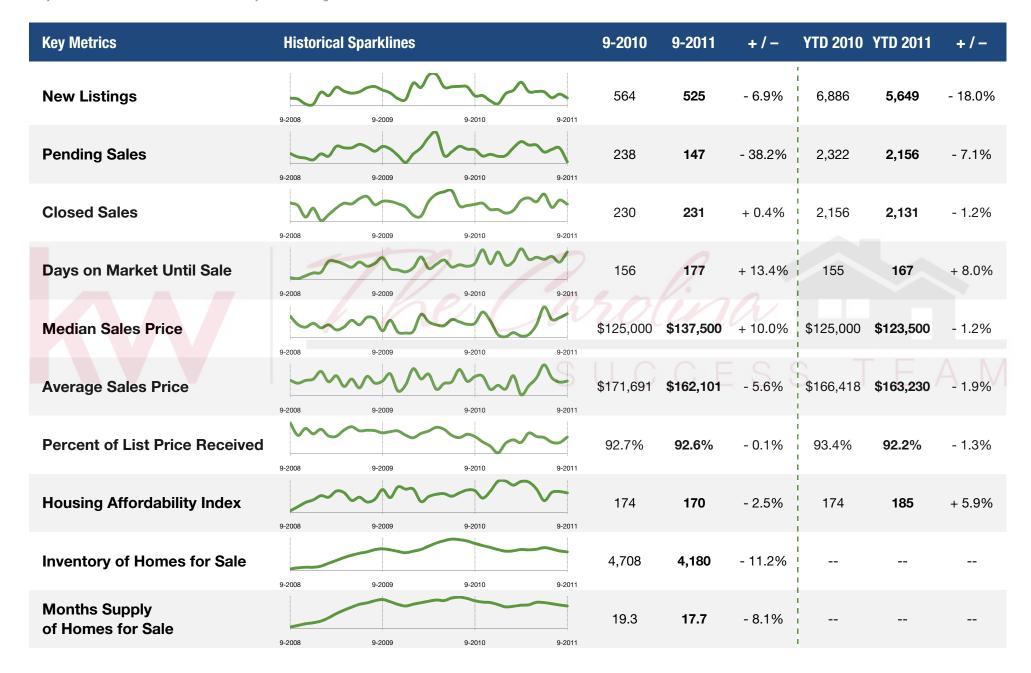
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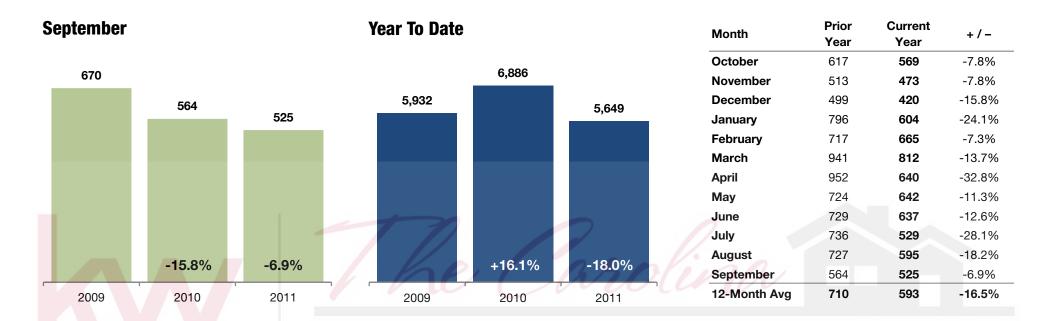




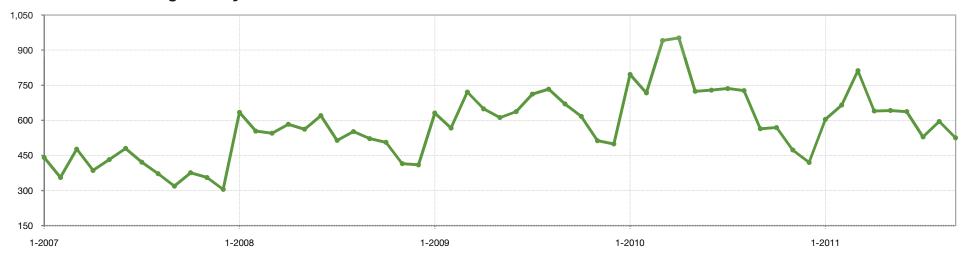
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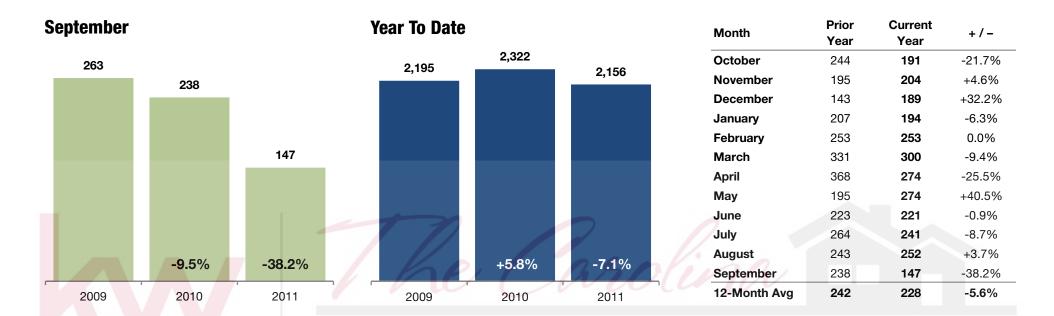
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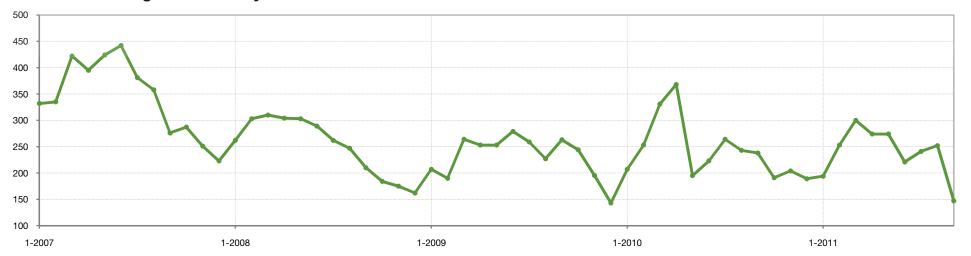
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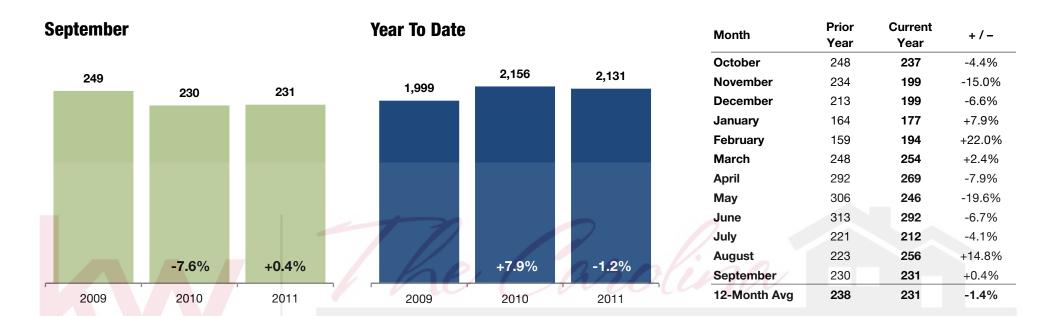
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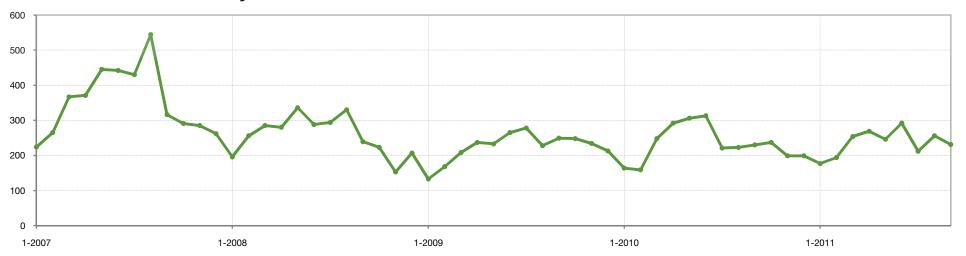
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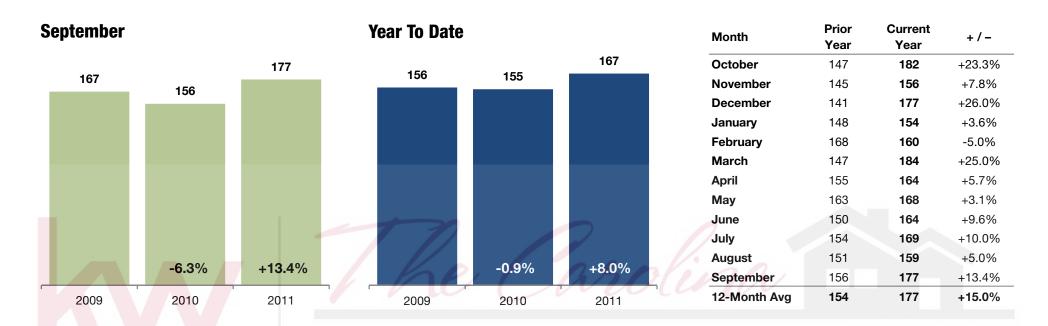
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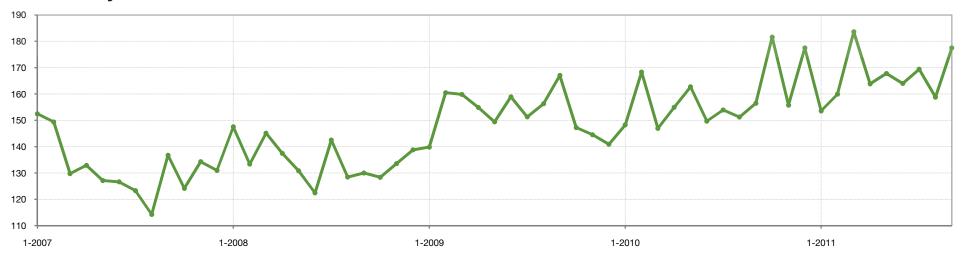
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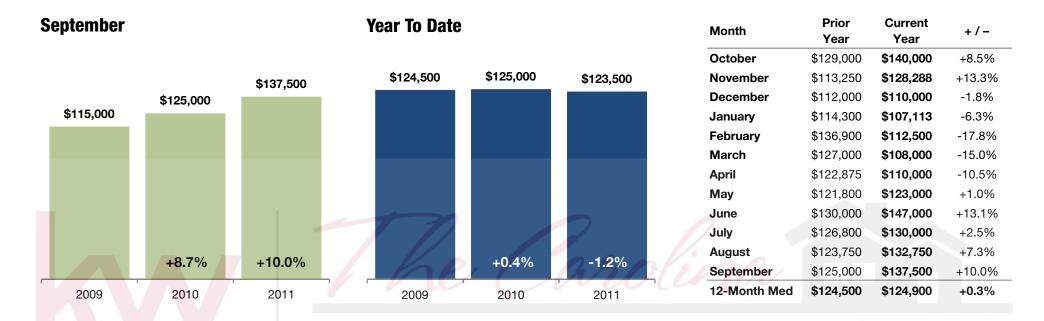
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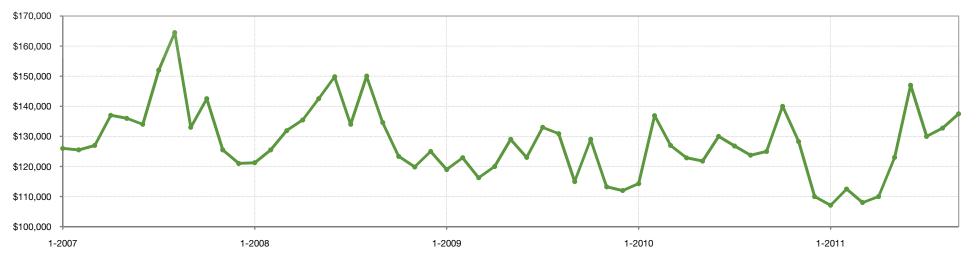
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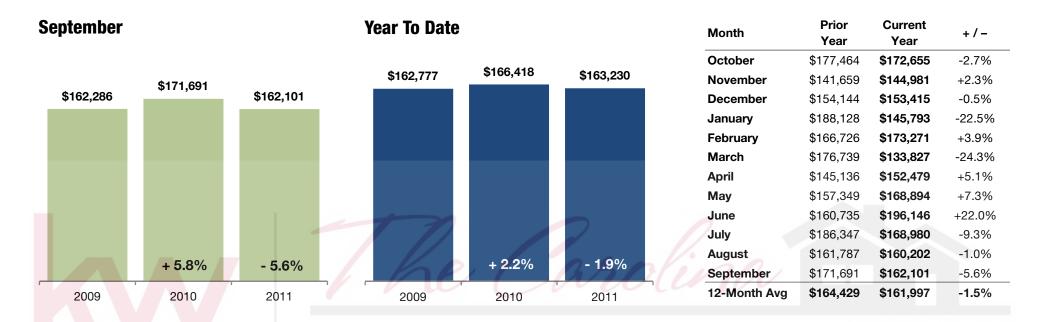
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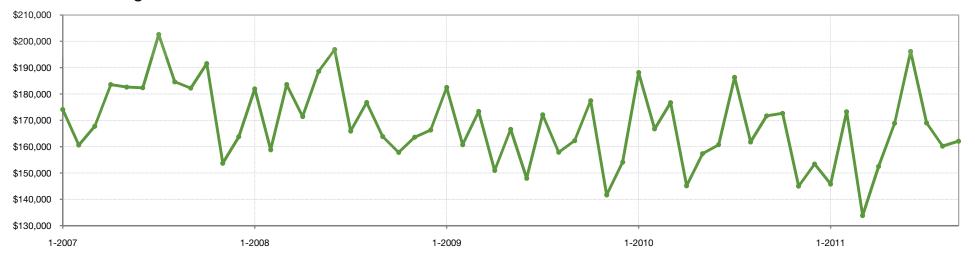
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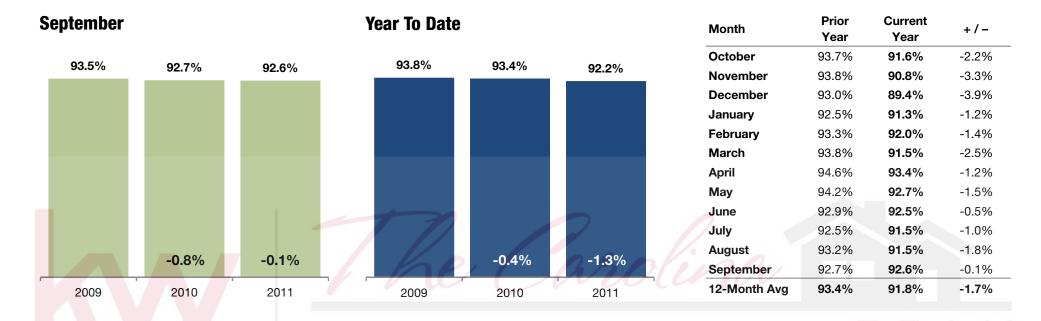
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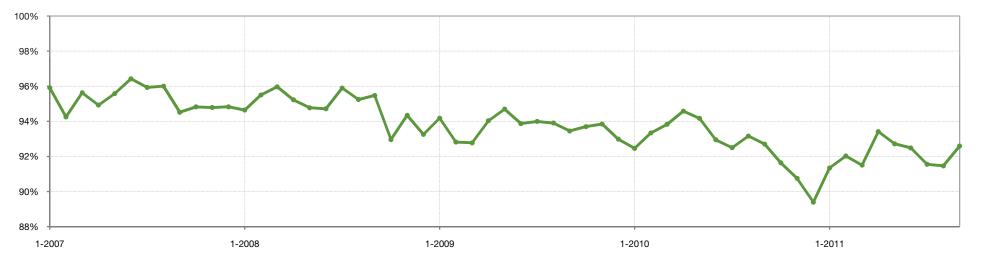
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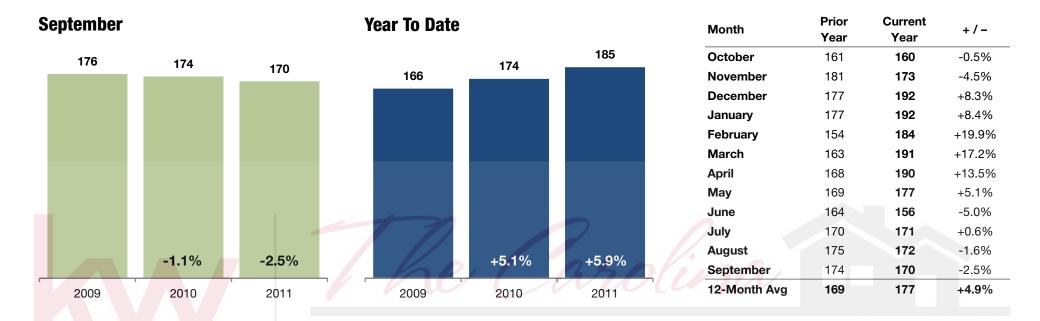
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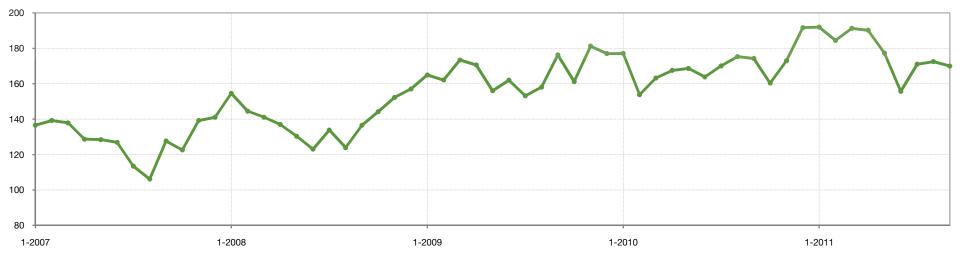
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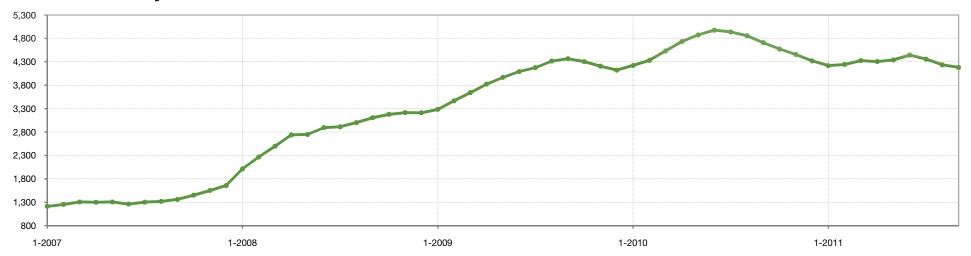
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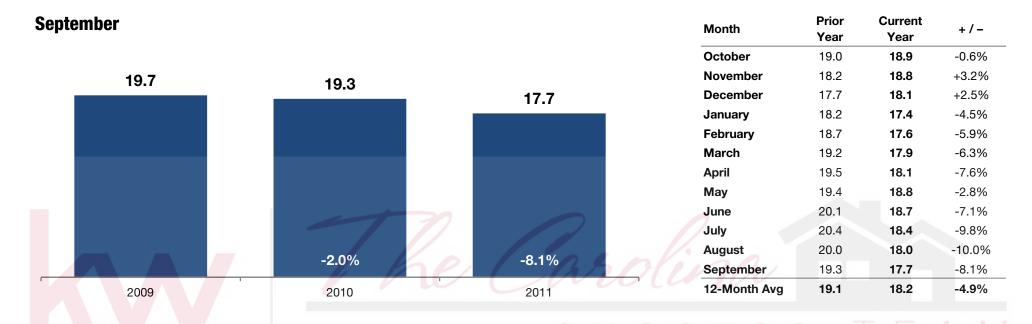
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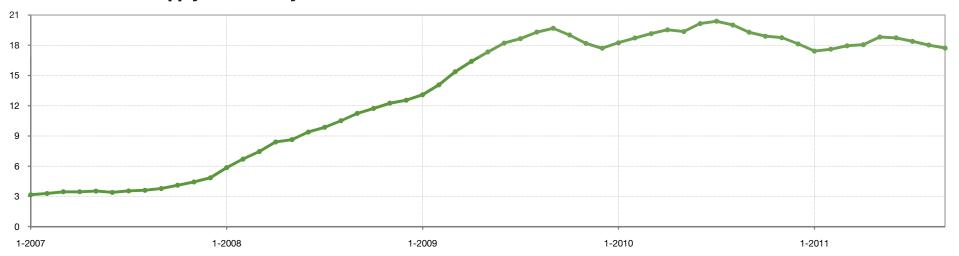
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Monthly Indicators

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October 2011

There's the numbers, then there's the story behind them. For months, declining inventory has been the national tale to tell. This suggests a changing narrative with different voices. A buyer might tell you that record low mortgage rates and affordable prices made homeownership more attractive than renting. A seller may say that less competition allowed them to receive more of their asking price. The moral of the story? Real estate is local both in terms of geography and personal circumstance.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 19.3 percent to 459. Pending Sales were down 25.7 percent to 142. Inventory levels shrank 11.0 percent to 4,077 units, a trend that could indicate a changing landscape.

Prices gave back some ground. The Median Sales Price decreased 15.0 percent to \$119,000. Days on Market decreased 2.7 percent to 177 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 8.1 percent to 17.4 months.

Recent reports from the broader economy have dispelled the story of a double-dip recession. An early reading of gross domestic product (GDP) showed 2.5 percent growth. Meanwhile, national job growth, a major driver of housing demand and price support, has recently strengthened. An increasingly impatient White House has rolled out phase two of the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) for Fannie- and Freddie-backed mortgages. This should help a number of consumers as they write the next chapter.

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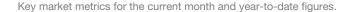
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Change in	Change in	Change in				
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory				

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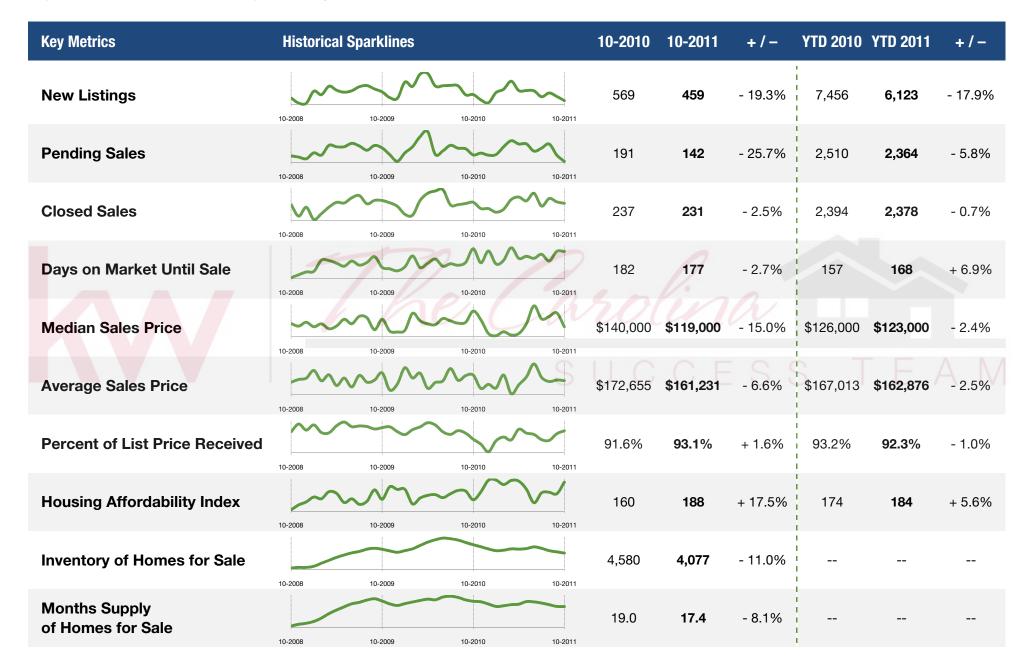
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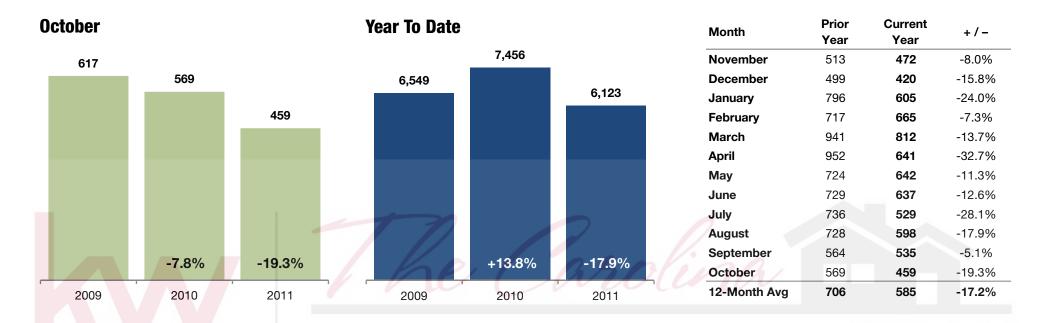




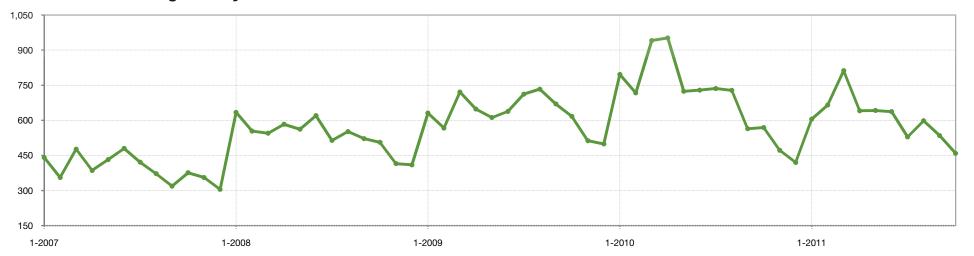
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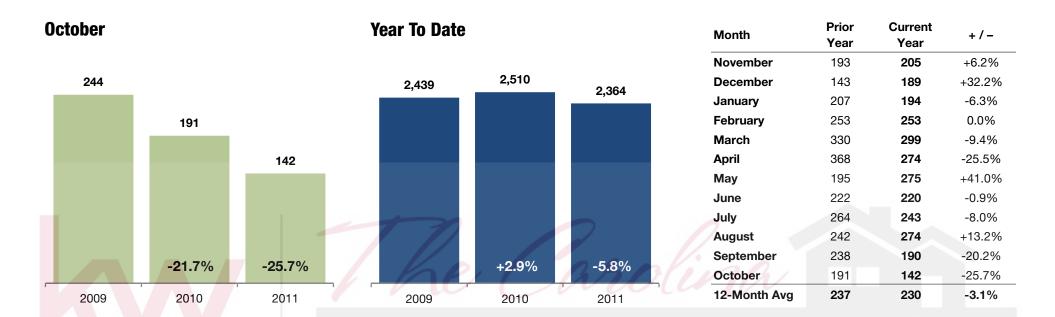
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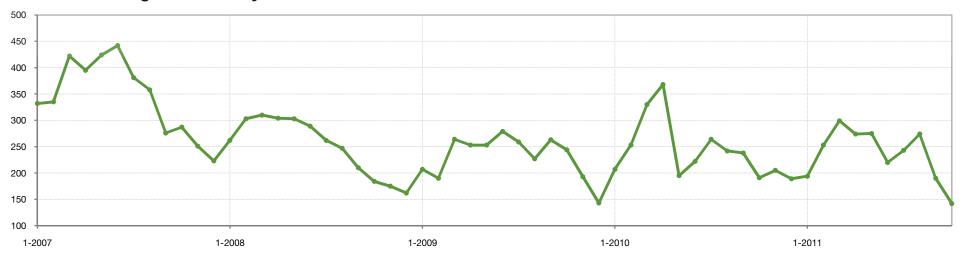
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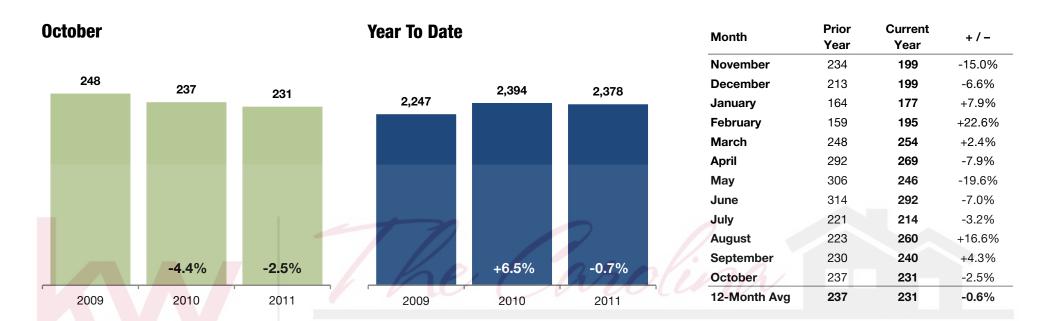
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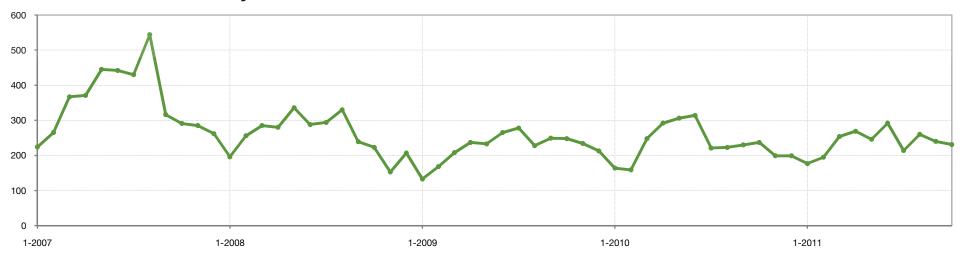
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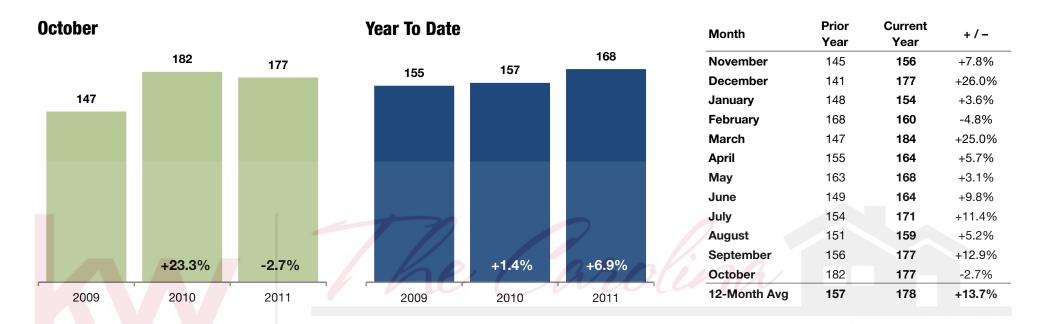
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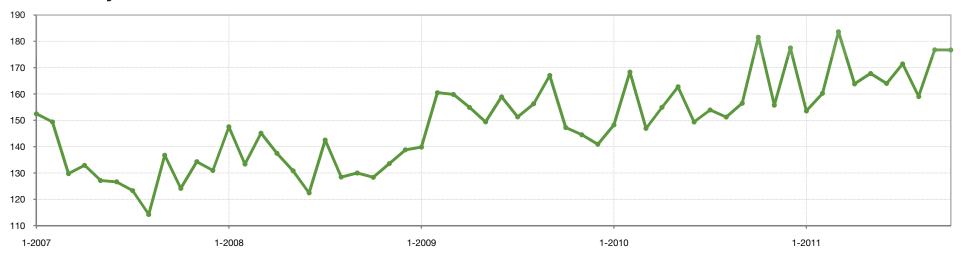
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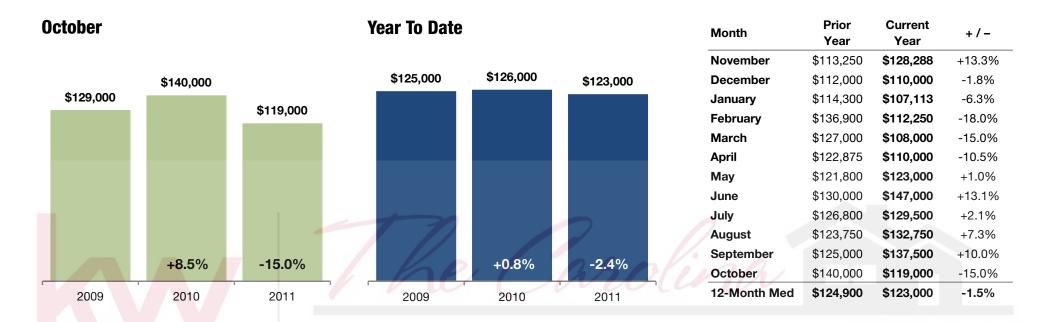
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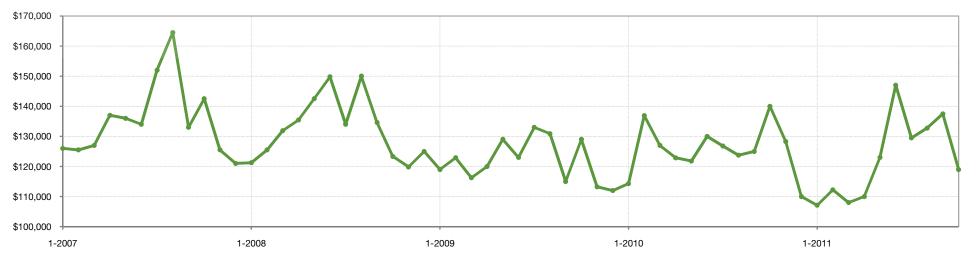
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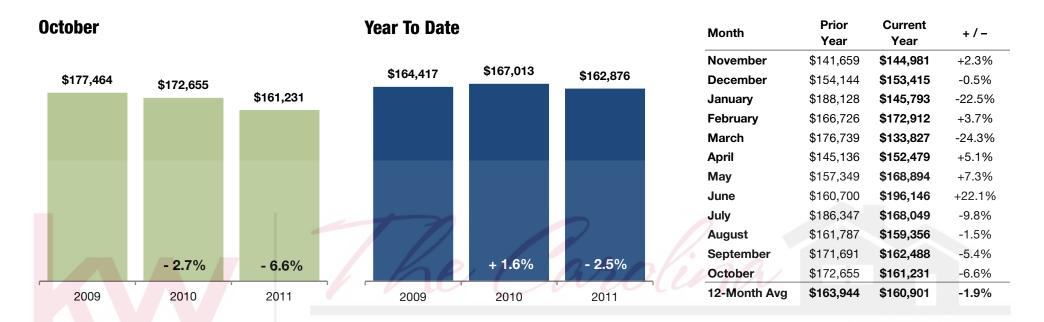
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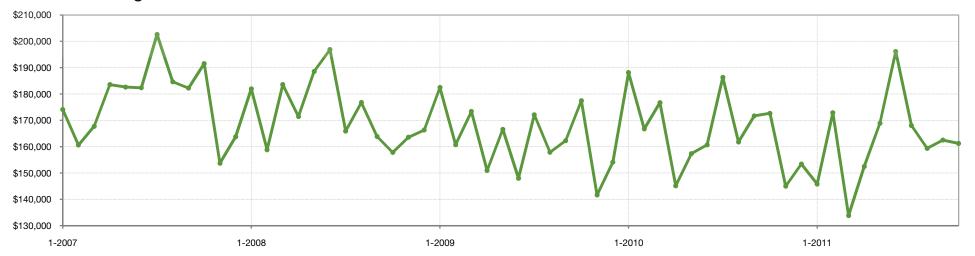
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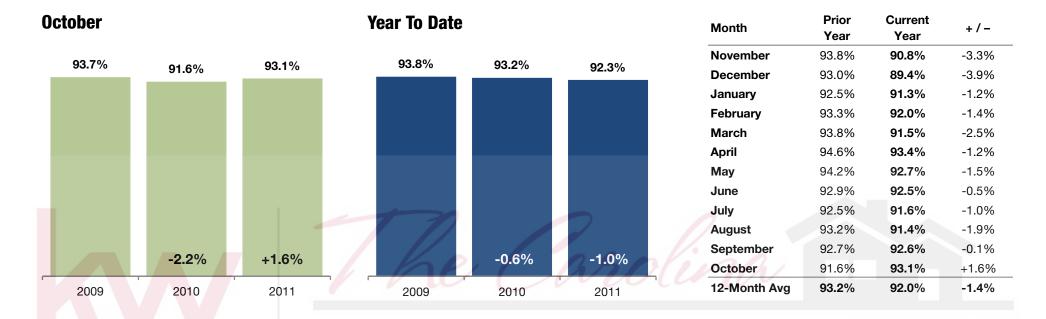
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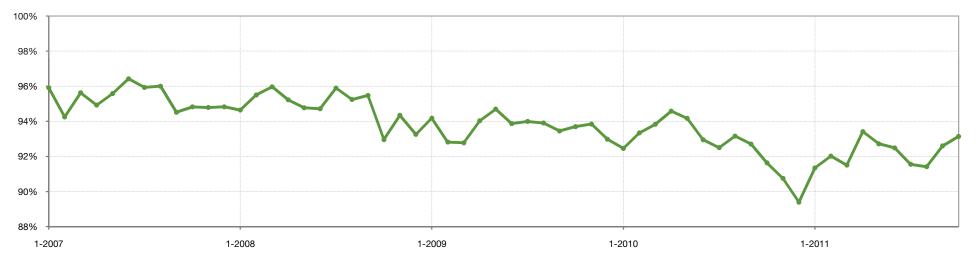
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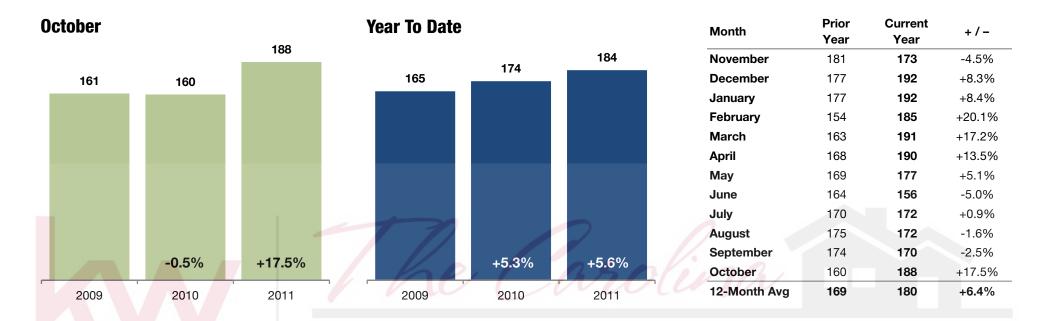
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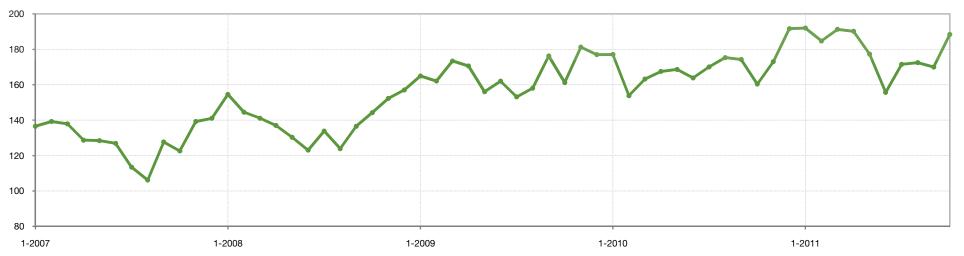
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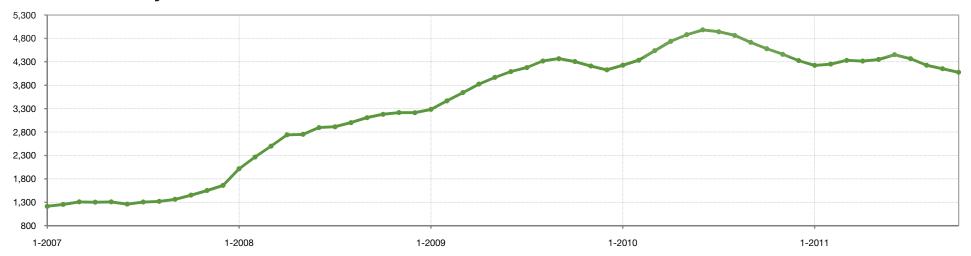
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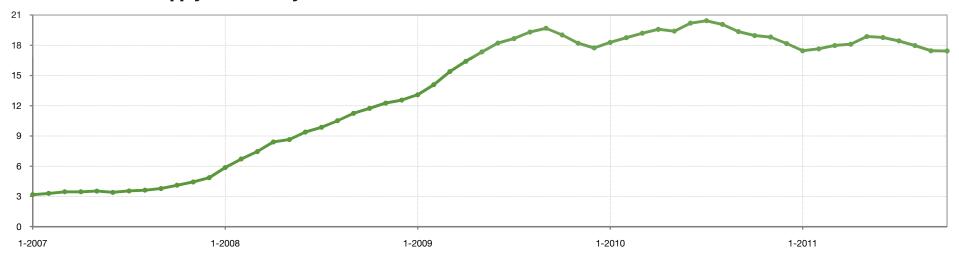
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Monthly Indicators

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November 2011

Home prices are one of the most popular barometers of market vitality, yet they only tell part of the story. Soft prices may accompany improvements in other indicators such as purchase demand, absorption rates, seller concessions or market times. Regional, market-wide prices fall short by not recognizing the mix of homes that close each month, be it weighted toward single-family, lender-mediated or new construction. In addition, price movements often lag changes elsewhere in the marketplace. Let's see what the preferred market yardstick has measured for November 2011.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 8.2 percent to 434. Pending Sales were down 33.8 percent to 135. Inventory levels shrank 9.9 percent to 4,020 units, a common trend across the country.

Prices held onto gains. The Median Sales Price increased 1.3 percent to \$130,000. Days on Market increased 3.5 percent to 161 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 8.6 percent to 17.2 months.

Not only do forces beyond supply and demand affect home prices, but other factors outside of housing serve as inputs into the equation. New job growth and consumer confidence drive household formations which in turn fuels purchase demand and pressures prices. Similarly, when real incomes rise, families can afford more house and move-up buyers become increasingly motivated. To that end, the jobless rate fell from 9.0 percent to 8.6 percent in November – the lowest in 2.5 years.

Quick Facts

- 16.6%	+ 1.3%	- 9.9%
Change in	Change in	Change in
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory
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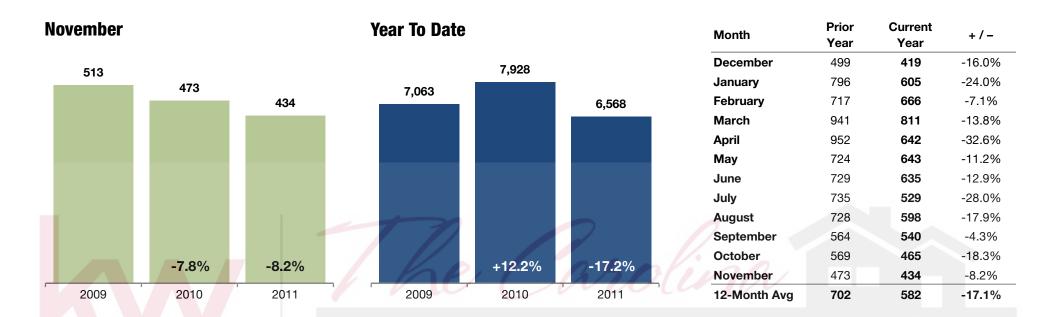


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	11-2010	11-2011	+/-	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	+/-
New Listings	11-2008 11-2019 11-2010 11-2011	473	434	- 8.2%	7,928	6,568	- 17.2%
Pending Sales	11-2008 11-2019 11-2010 11-2011	204	135	- 33.8%	2,715	2,548	- 6.2%
Closed Sales	11-2008 11-2019 11-2010 11-2011	199	166	- 16.6%	2,593	2,557	- 1.4%
Days on Market Until Sale	11-2008 11-2019 11-2010 11-2011	156	161	+ 3.5%	157	168	+ 6.8%
Median Sales Price	11-2008 11-2019 11-2010 11-2011	\$128,288	\$130,000	+ 1.3%	¦ ¦ \$126,000	\$123,000	- 2.4%
Average Sales Price	11-2009 11-2010 11-2011	\$144,981	\$180,415	+ 24.4%	\$165,344	\$163,750	- 1.0%
Percent of List Price Received	11-2008 11-2019 11-2010 11-2011	90.8%	92.7%	+ 2.2%	93.0%	92.3%	- 0.8%
Housing Affordability Index		173	178	+ 2.6%	¦ ¦ 175	185	+ 5.6%
Inventory of Homes for Sale		4,461	4,020	- 9.9%	 		
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	11-2008 11-2010 11-2011 11-2008 11-2009 11-2010 11-2011	18.8	17.2	- 8.6%			

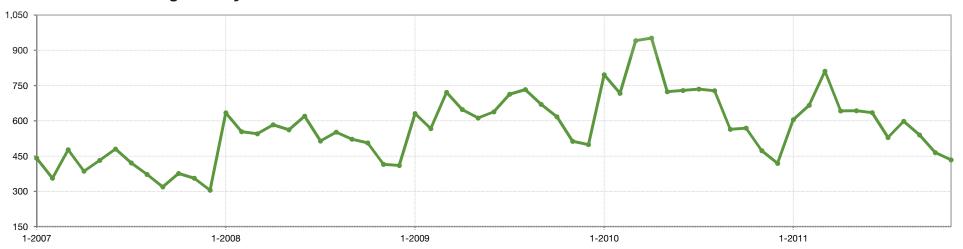
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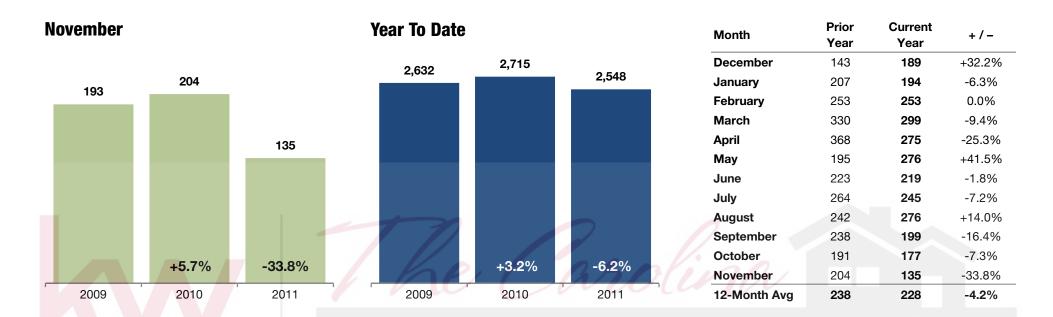
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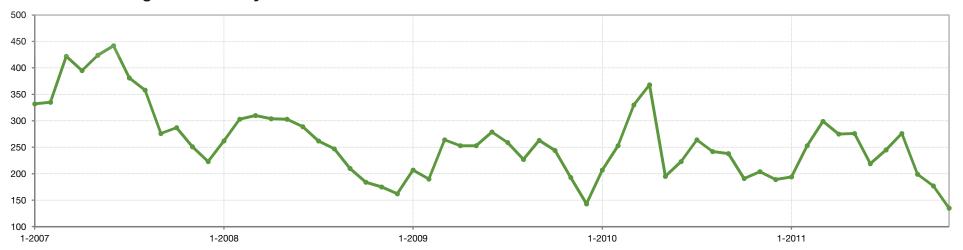
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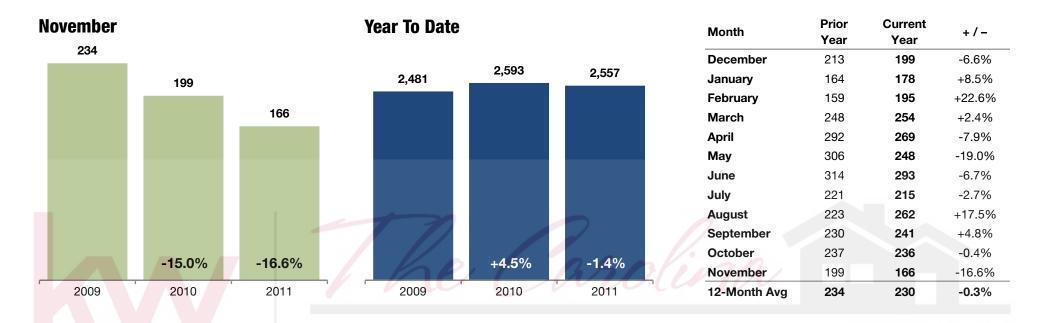
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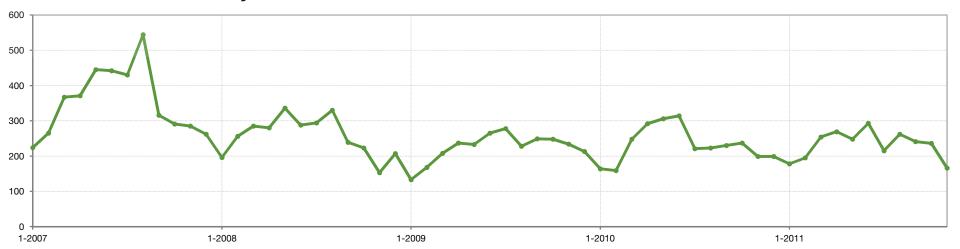
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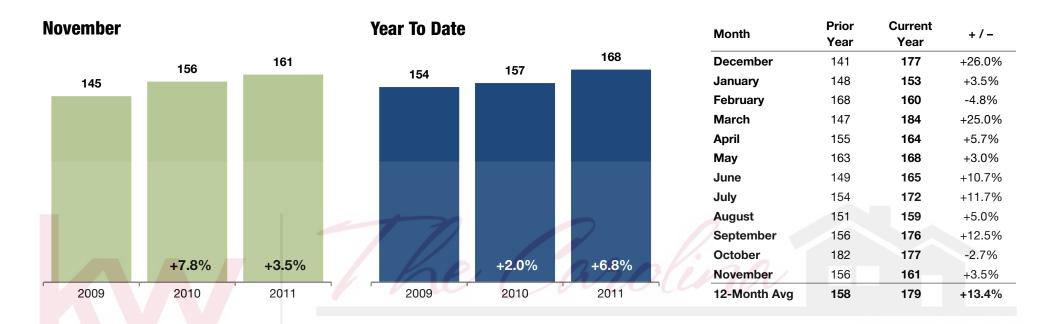
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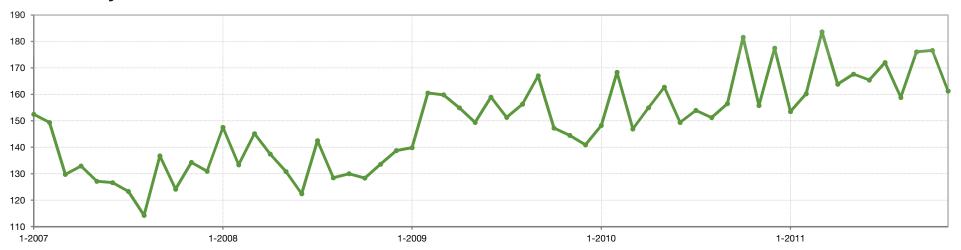
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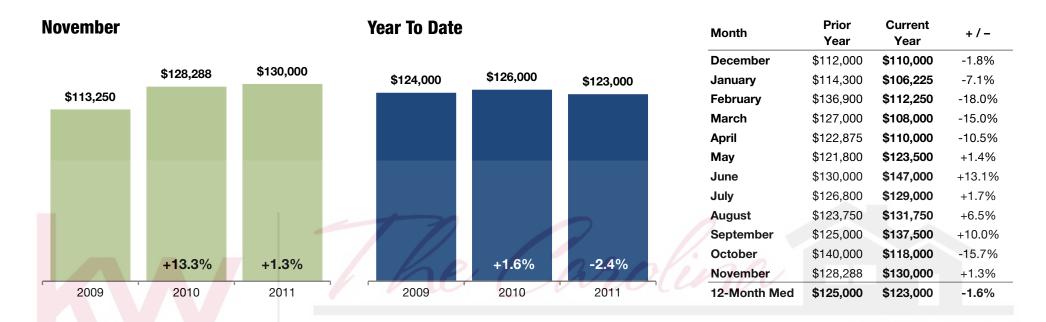
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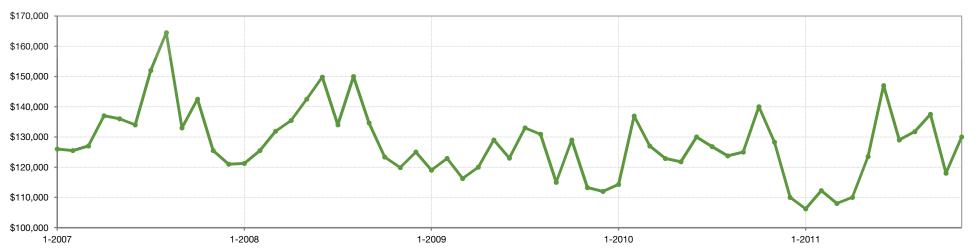
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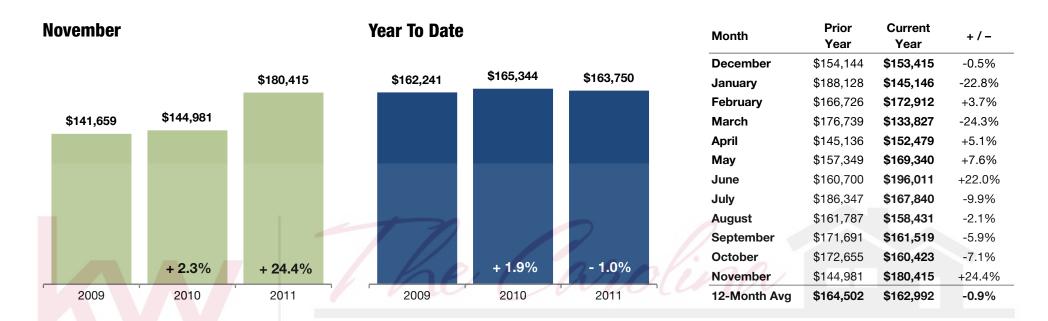
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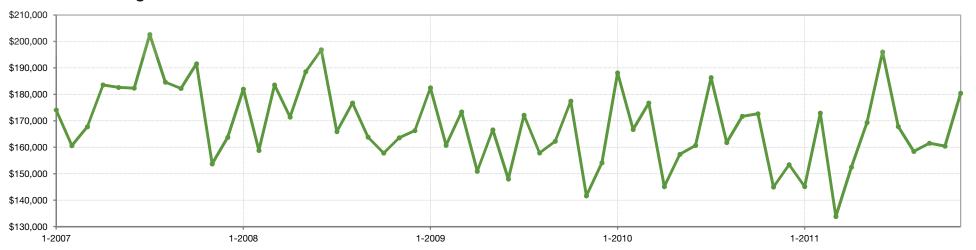
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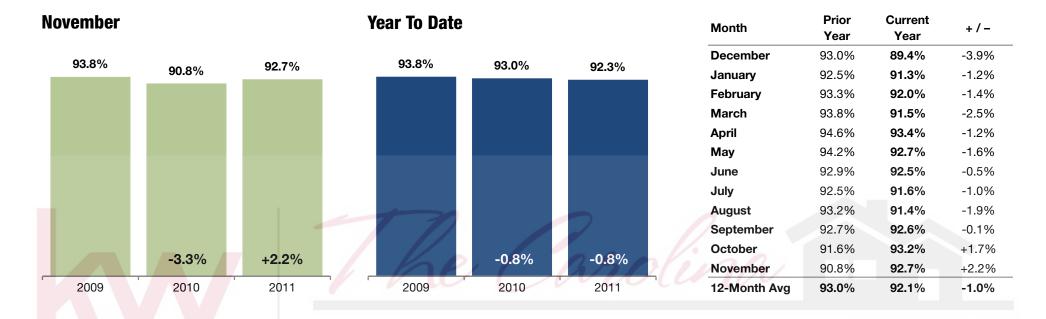
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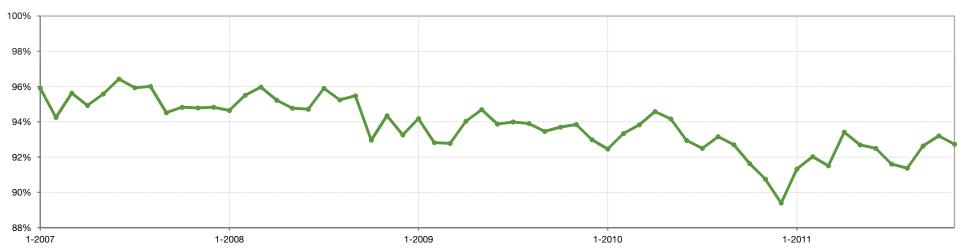
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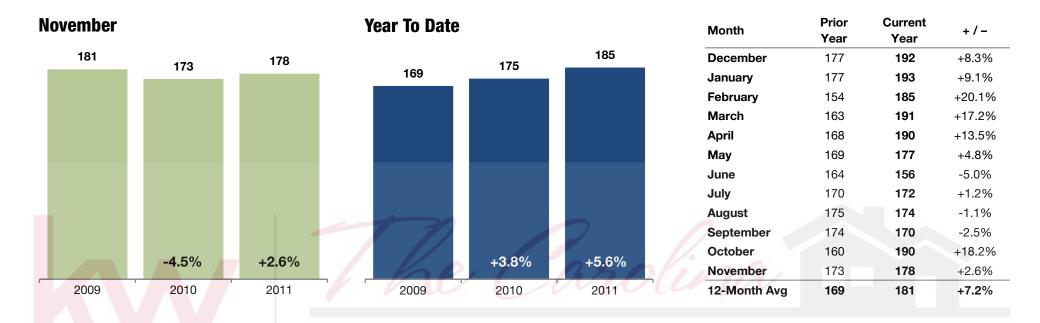
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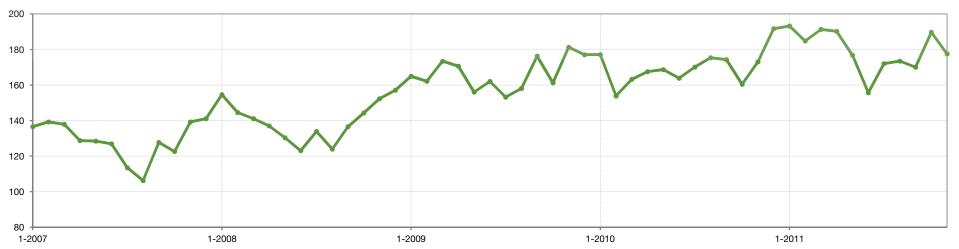
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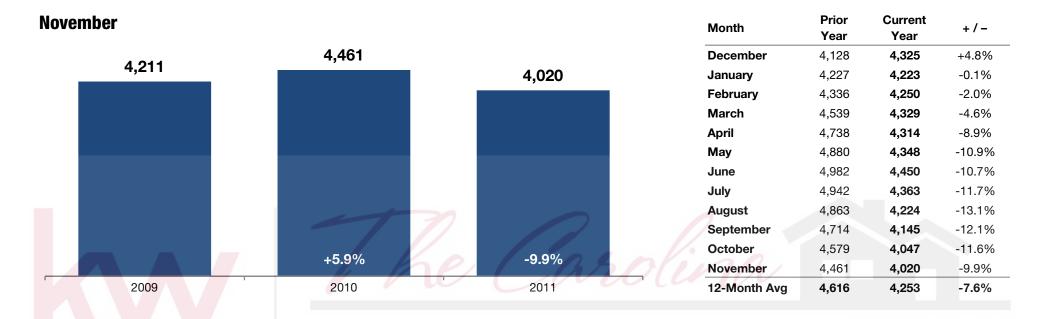
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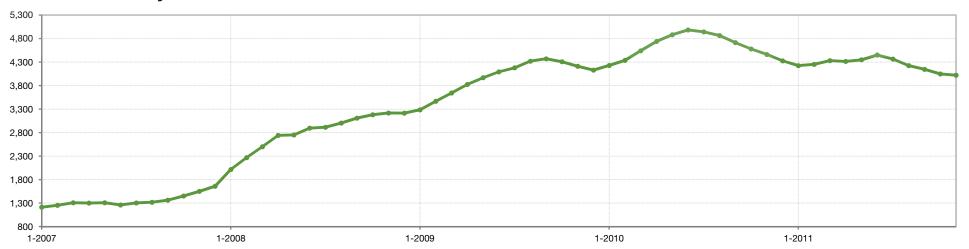
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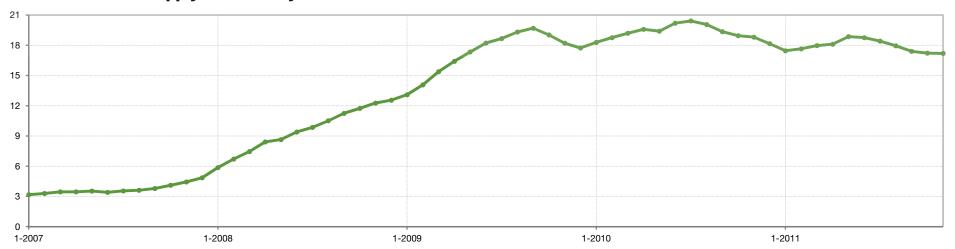
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Monthly Indicators

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December 2011

There's no way to be certain what 2012 will bring. However, a few things do seem clear enough to make some assessments. First, 2011 was not the recovery year it was expected to be. It was yet another "transition year" for most. Second, multi-decade low mortgage rates and suppressed home prices coalesced to form an attractive purchase environment. And buyers did just what their name implies. This has driven down inventory levels in many locales, which—thirdly—nudged the market balance toward equilibrium. Here's how the final month of 2011 concluded the year.

New Listings in the Western Upstate region decreased 16.5 percent to 350. Pending Sales were down 33.3 percent to 126. Inventory levels shrank 11.1 percent to 3,847 units, extending the signature trend of 2011.

Home prices finished the year on an up note. The Median Sales Price increased 6.2 percent to \$116,777. Days on Market remained flat at 177 days. Absorption rates improved as Months Supply of Inventory was down 5.7 percent to 16.9 months.

Ultimately, the upcoming spring market should be a major tell about the future direction of housing. Sellers are seeing multiple-offer situations; buyers are seeing sub-4.0 percent loans; supply-demand trends are more balanced. When it gets down to it, that's a stable foundation and a far cry from 2009. While the fundamentals are better, the foreclosure situation and political unknowns remain wildcards. For now, enjoy the fresh canvas.

Quick Facts

- 8.5%	+ 6.2%	- 11.1%
Change in	Change in	Change in
Closed Sales	Median Sales Price	Inventory

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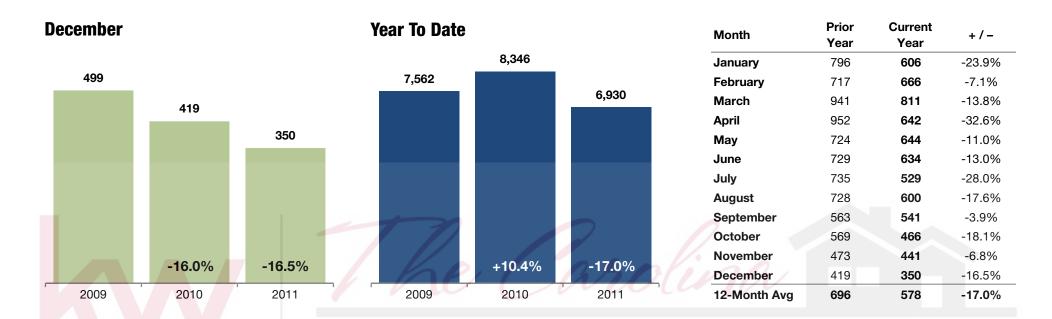


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	12-2010	12-2011	+/-	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	+/-
New Listings	$\sim\sim$	419	350	- 16.5%	8,346	6,930	- 17.0%
Pending Sales	12-2008 12-2010 12-2011	189	126	- 33.3%	2,905	2,739	- 5.7%
Closed Sales	12-2008 12-2019 12-2010 12-2011	199	182	- 8.5%	2,792	2,753	- 1.4%
Days on Market Until Sale	12-2008 12-2019 12-2010 12-2011	177	177	- 0.0%	159	169	+ 6.5%
Median Sales Price	12-2008 12-2019 12-2010 12-2011	\$110,000	\$116,777	+ 6.2%	¦ ¦ \$125,500	\$123,000	- 2.0%
Average Sales Price	12-2008 12-2019 12-2010 12-2011	\$153,415	\$184,691	+ 20.4%	\$164,492	\$165,008	+ 0.3%
Percent of List Price Received	12-2008 12-2019 12-2010 12-2011	89.4%	92.2%	+ 3.1%	92.8%	92.3%	- 0.5%
Housing Affordability Index	12-2008 12-2019 12-2010 12-2011	192	193	+ 0.5%	¦ ¦ 173	185	+ 6.9%
Inventory of Homes for Sale		4,325	3,847	- 11.1%	 		
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	12-2008 12-2010 12-2011 12-2010 12-2011 12-2008 12-2009 12-2010 12-2011	17.9	16.9	- 5.7%			

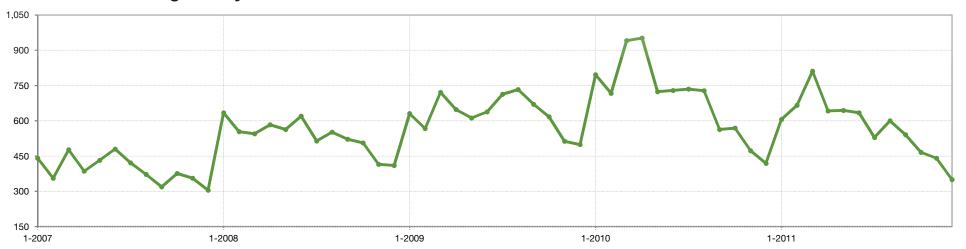
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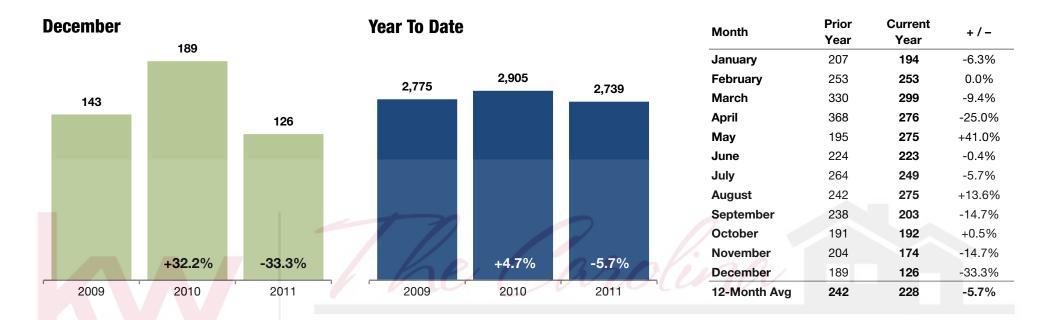
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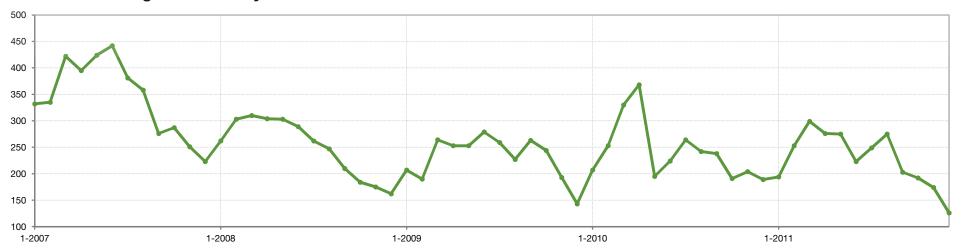
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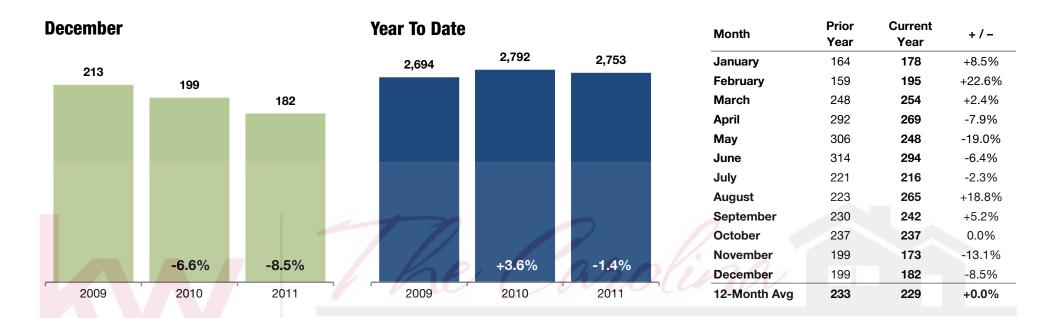
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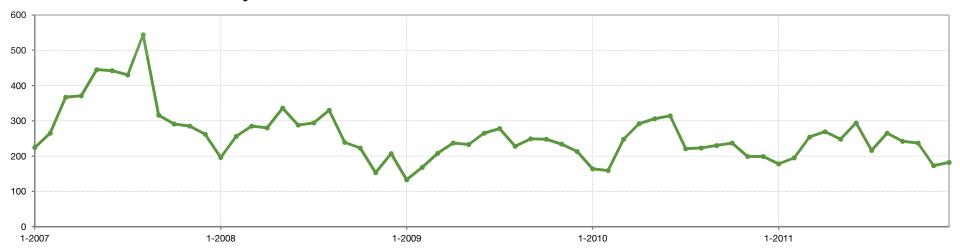
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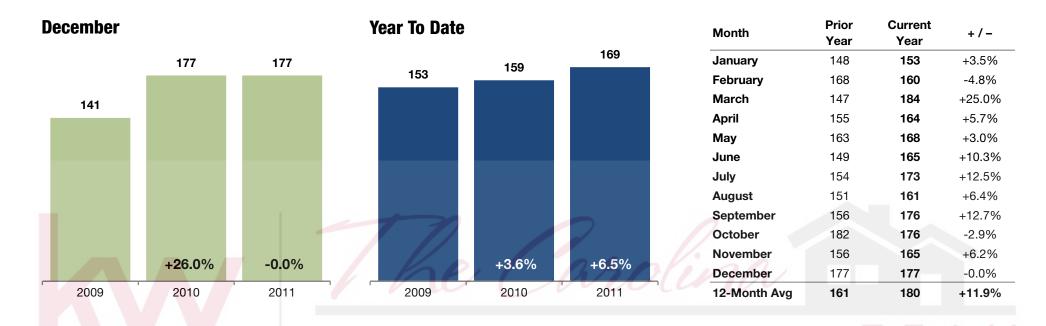
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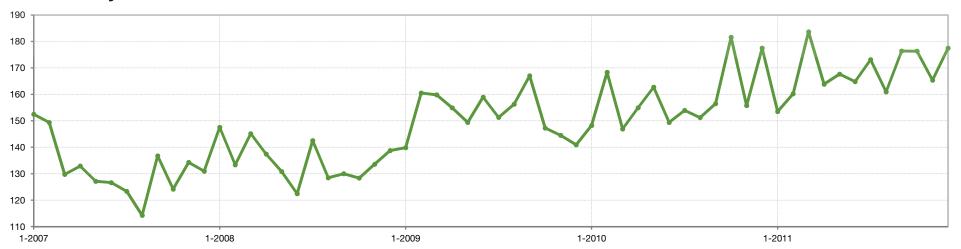
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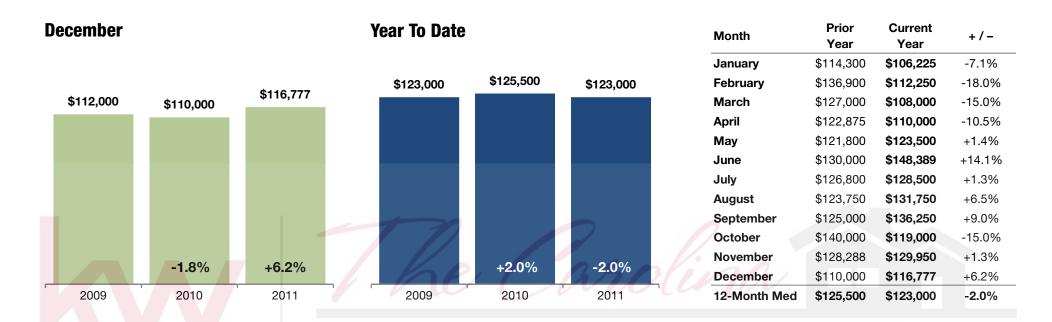
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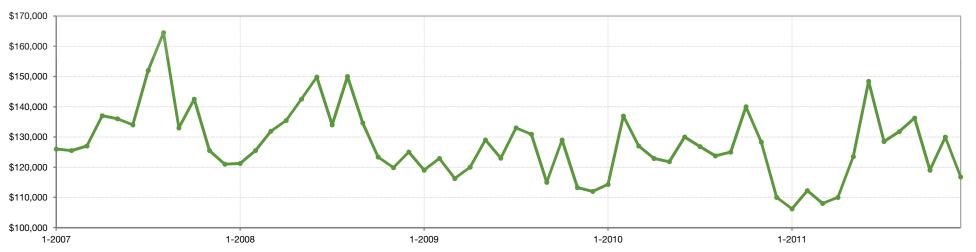
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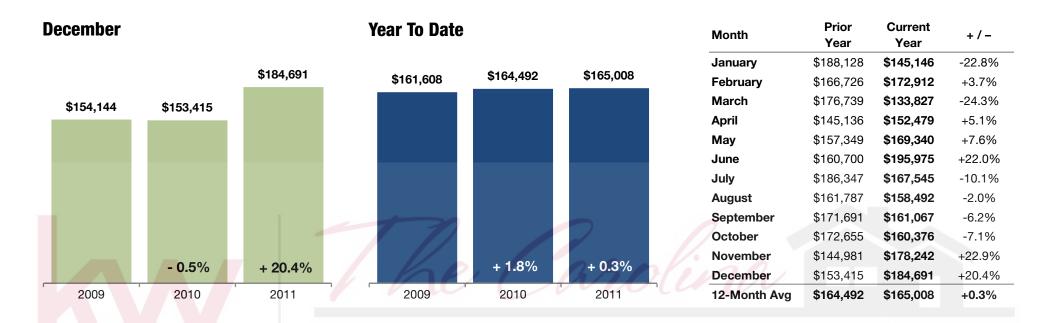
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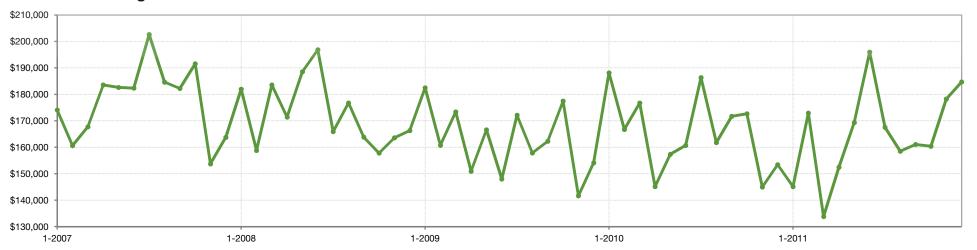
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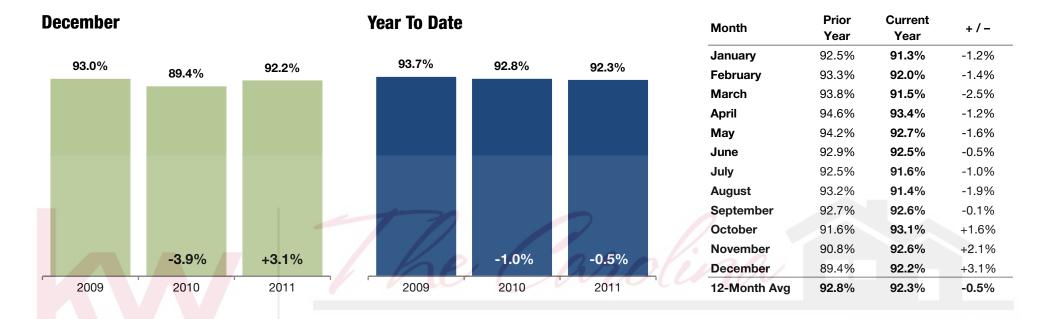
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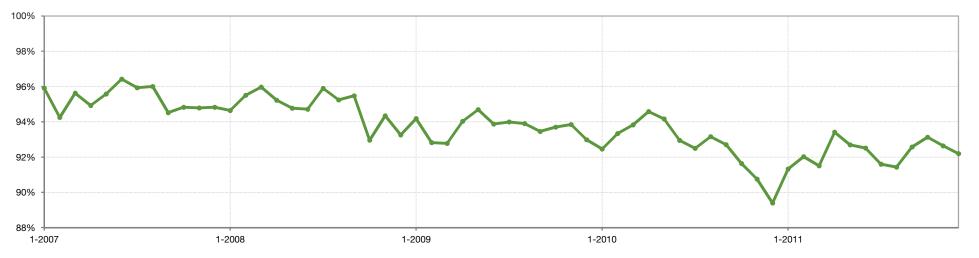
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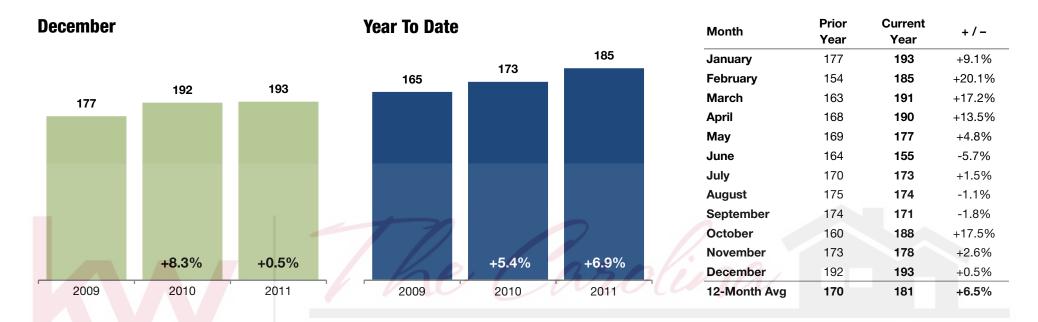
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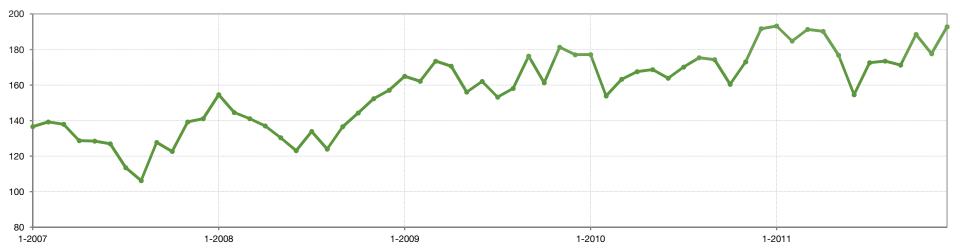
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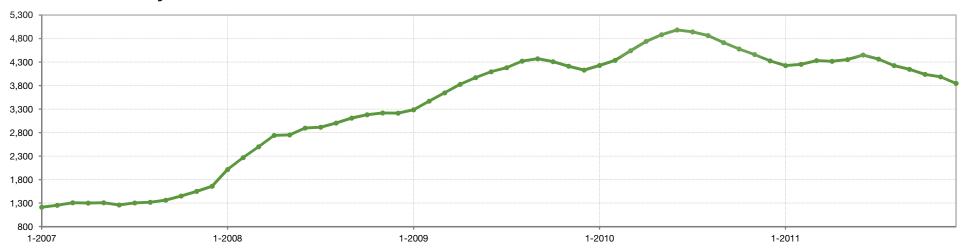
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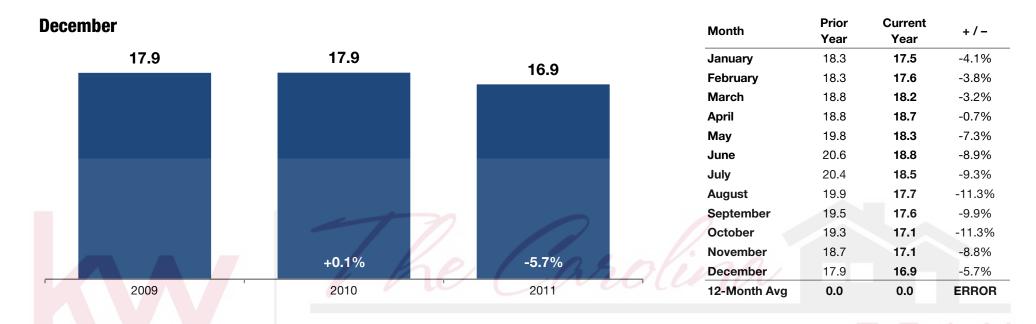
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