

## Orange County HOUSING REPORT

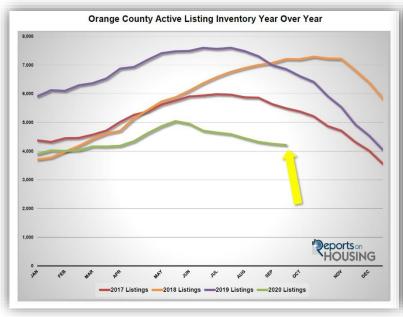


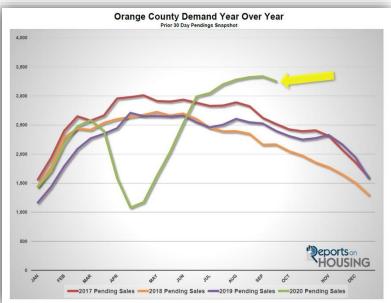
**Orange County Housing Report: Dangers of Overpricing** 

**September 21, 2020** 

In coming on the market, sellers who don't accurately price their homes will likely net less at the closing table.

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| Reduction    | % of Sales           | Price Ratio   | Price Ratio            | Sales Price | Avg DOM  |
| 5% or more   | 9%                   | 94.7%         | 85.3%                  | \$995,000   | 125 Days |
| 1% to 4%     | 15%                  | 97.8%         | 95.4%                  | \$785,000   | 65 Days  |
| No Reduction | 76%                  | 99.6%         | 99.6%                  | \$775,000   | 19 Days  |





|                     | Expected<br>Market Time | Share of Housing<br>Inventory | Share of<br>Current Demand | Last Year |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| O.C. \$0-\$750k     | 27 Days                 | 33%                           | 48%                        | 57 Days   |
| O.C. \$750k-\$1m    | 28 Days                 | 18%                           | 25%                        | 72 Days   |
| O.C. \$1m-\$1.25m   | 44 Days                 | 10%                           | 9%                         | 108 Days  |
| O.C. \$1.25m-\$1.5m | 47 Days                 | 8%                            | 7%                         | 136 Days  |
| O.C. \$1.5m-\$2m    | 63 Days                 | 8%                            | 5%                         | 155 Days  |
| O.C. \$2m-\$4m      | 106 Days                | 14%                           | 5%                         | 278 Days  |
| O.C. \$4m+          | 234 Days                | 8%                            | 1%                         | 555 Days  |



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## **Orange County Housing Summary**

- The active listing inventory decreased by 39 homes in the past 2 weeks, down 1%, now totaling 4,213, its lowest level for September since tracking began in 2004. COVID-19 is not suppressing the inventory and in the past four-weeks, there were 20% more homes that came on the market compared to last year. This could be the beginning of a new trend. Last year, there were 6,860 homes on the market, 2,647 additional homes, or 63% more.
- Demand, the number of pending sales over the prior month, decreased by 84 pending sales in the past two-weeks, down 3%, and now totals 3,256. It appears as if demand peaked two weeks ago. COVID-19 currently has no effect on demand. Last year, there were 2,401 pending sales, 26% fewer than today.
- The Expected Market Time for all of Orange County increased from 38 days to 39, a Hot Seller's Market (less than 60 days). It was at 86 days last year, **much slower than today**.
- For homes priced below \$750,000, the market is a hot Seller's Market (less than 60 days) with an expected market time of 27 days. This range represents 33% of the active inventory and 48% of demand.
- For homes priced between \$750,000 and \$1 million, the expected market time is 28 days, a hot Seller's Market. This range represents 18% of the active inventory and 25% of demand.
- For homes priced between \$1 million to \$1.25 million, the expected market time is 44 days, a hot Seller's Market.
- For luxury homes priced between \$1.25 million and \$1.5 million, in the past two weeks, the Expected Market Time decreased from 49 to 47 days. For homes priced between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, the Expected Market Time increased from 58 to 63 days. For luxury homes priced between \$2 million and \$4 million, the Expected Market Time increased from 97 to 106 days. For luxury homes priced above \$4 million, the Expected Market Time increased from 222 to 234 days.
- The luxury end, all homes above \$1.25 million, accounts for 38% of the inventory and only 18% of demand.
- Distressed homes, both short sales and foreclosures combined, made up only 0.3% of all listings and 0.5% of demand. There are only 5 foreclosures and 9 short sales available to purchase today in all of Orange County, 14 total distressed homes on the active market, up 1 from two-weeks ago. Last year there were 53 total distressed homes on the market, more than today.
- There were 3,153 closed residential resales in August, 12% more than August 2019's 2,823 closed sales. August
  marked a 5% increase compared to July 2020. The sales to list price ratio was 98.8% for all of Orange County.
  Foreclosures accounted for just 0.2% of all closed sales, and short sales accounted for 0.2%. That means that
  99.6% of all sales were good of fashioned sellers with equity.