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Real Estate Sales Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 Berkshire County, Massachusetts

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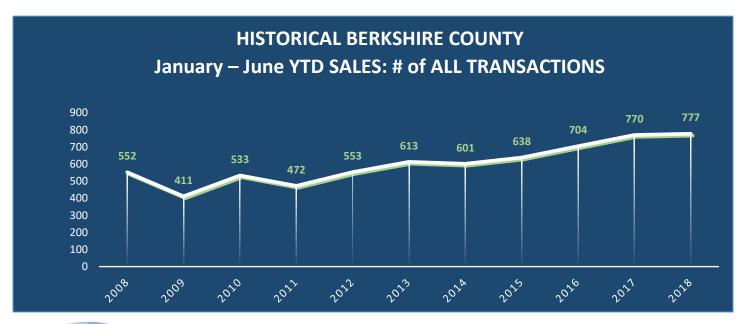
#### 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Market Watch January – June Sales Comparison

#### Strongest Residential Markets YTD

Stockbridge, Hinsdale, New Marlborough, Sandisfield, Lanesboro, Great Barrington, Williamstown, and North Adams

Real estate sales were robust in the first half of 2018 in Berkshire County, with dollar gains reflected in all property types over sales rates from the same period in 2017. Inventory in popular price points continues to be a challenge in the residential market countywide. Land, multifamily, condo and commercial sales are up in all parts of the county as well, with a slightly sluggish commercial market in northern Berkshire and robust commercial market in southern Berkshire.

Jan-Jun YTD	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Residential.	\$100,841,347	\$116,047,211	\$133,366,024	\$125,275,205	\$145,682,313	\$147,319,104	\$149,833,724 🔺
Condo	\$7,497,975	\$9,101,800	\$8,643,300	\$10,427,450	\$9,352,300	\$12,867,223	\$23,247,700 🔺
Commercial	\$4,377,743	\$6,442,000	\$4,166,688	\$5,105,900	\$6,719,250	\$6,566,400	\$14,676,000 🔺
Multi-Fam.	\$4,853,600	\$6,506,550	\$6,395,350	\$6,065,100	\$5,085,710	\$7,536,969	\$9,380,105 🔺
Land	\$2,729,900	\$8,643,000	\$3,674,800	\$4,413,975	\$5,894,950	\$5,330,500	\$7,459,050 🔺
Total	\$120,300,565	\$146,740,561	\$156,246,162	\$151,287,630	\$172,734,523	\$179,620,196	\$204,596,579 🔺





The overall real estate sales rose in all regions, yet residential sales fell slightly in southern Berkshire. Condo sales continue their strong rebound and commercial sales shot up in the first two quarters of the year. Land and multifamily sales showed double digit improvements over the same time last year.

#### **Dollar Volume:**

- Residential ▲ up 2%
- Condo ▲ up 81%
- Commercial ▲ up 123%
- Multifamily ▲ up 24%
- Land ▲ 40%

Residential	2017		2018	
Jan-June YTD	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold
North	\$15,154,265	101	\$21,354,045	111
Central	\$48,386,571	253	\$53,813,991	260
South	\$83,778,268	226	\$74,665,688	182
Grand Total	\$147,319,104	580	\$149,833,724	553



#### Hot Berkshire Residential Markets: YTD 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018

	2017		2018	
1st Quarter	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold
North	101	\$15,154,265	111	\$21,354,045
Adams	31	\$4,583,050	30	\$4,825,609
Clarksburg	5	\$671,000	5	\$862,900
Florida	1	\$120,000	1	\$110,500
▲ North Adams	42	\$4,295,400	47	\$6,892,061
▲ Savoy	2	\$287,000	4	\$830,100
, ▲ Williamstown	20	\$5,197,815	23	\$7,492,876
Central	253	\$48,386,571	260	\$53,813,991
Cheshire	11	\$2,383,400	8	\$1,614,100
Dalton	28	\$5,485,200	26	\$5,855,279
Hancock	5	\$1,569,600	3	\$1,247,000
▲ Hinsdale	8	\$1,549,152	11	\$2,313,066
▲ Lanesboro	16	\$3,449,800	20	\$4,833,700
▲ Peru	1	\$157,000	7	\$1,390,000
Pittsfield	172	\$30,062,419	172	\$30,221,096
Richmond	10	\$3,216,000	9	\$4,914,750
Windsor	2	\$514,000	1	\$575,000
South	226	\$83,778,268	182	\$74,665,688
Alford	3	\$1,550,000	3	\$1,589,000
Becket	25	\$6,030,400	21	\$5,165,250
Egremont	13	\$6,230,000	13	\$6,878,000
Gt Barrington	30	\$12,540,100	35	\$16,864,065
Lee	23	\$6,240,700	20	\$5,271,050
Lenox	30	\$12,698,500	6	\$2,738,000
Monterey	9	\$4,288,618	9	\$4,404,023
Mt Washington	1	\$115,000	1	\$550,000
New Marlborough	10	\$2,987,650	13	\$5,948,000
Otis	17	\$3,836,400	12	\$5,669,500
Sandisfield	7	\$1,804,000	9	\$2,101,700
Sheffield	32	\$11,580,500	16	\$7,119,700
Stockbridge	11	\$4,907,900	16	\$6,241,900
Tyringham	2	\$2,399,000	2	\$818,000
West Stockbridge	13	\$6,569,500	6	\$3,307,500
Grand Total	580	\$147,319,104	553	\$149,833,724

#### **Most Improved**

- North Adams
- Savoy
- Williamstown
- Hinsdale
- Lanesboro
- Peru
- Great Barrington
- New Marlboro
- Stockbridge

Honorable mention to Richmond

#### **Highlights**

Historically, Pittsfield residential sales represent 30% of the Berkshire market. Pittsfield started the year down almost 30% over sales rates in 2017, but have rallied quite significantly in the second quarter. Real estate residential sales overall this year in Pittsfield are now tracking a smidgen higher than last year, which boosted the county rates overall. Feeling inventory issues in south county (see page 3), we note that the number of sales fell, while the dollar volume continues to rise. This is due to higher selling prices and more inventory availability in the higher price ranges. In northern Berkshire, both economic engines in North Adams and Williamstown showed strong gains.



#### RESIDENTIAL PRICE RANGE REPORT

Absorption is the number of months it would take to exhaust all current inventory based on the sales rate in the first quarter. Inventory levels continue to drop from last year at the same time. Below 7 months of inventory traditionally shifts to a seller-favored market. Markets with less than 4 months of inventory are considered in critical inventory deficit.

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter		N	orth			Cer	ntral			So	uth	
Price Class	Sold YTD	Active	Pending	Months of Absorption	Sold YTD	Active	Pending	Months of Absorption	Sold YTD	Active	Pending	Months of Absorption
\$0-\$99K	21	30	14	9	29	22	6	5	7	9	3	8
\$100K -\$149K	27	31	12	7	66	26	22	2	12	15	4	8
\$150K -\$199K	23	14	11	4	64	30	30	3	23	21	6	5
\$200K -\$249K	13	7	7	3	36	34	19	6	20	22	4	7
\$250K -\$299K	9	6	2	4	28	27	10	6	22	59	8	16
\$300K -\$349K	9	3	2	2	8	19	4	14	18	36	6	12
\$350K -\$399K	2	10	1	30	11	21	2	11	15	54	9	22
\$400K -\$449K	4	4	0	6	4	7	5	11	15	23	6	9
\$450K -\$499K	0	1	3		4	22	2	33	12	23	5	12
\$500K -\$749K	2	5	3	15	8	26	4	20	22	97	12	26
\$750K -\$999K	1	11	1	66	2	7	2	21	8	66	2	50
\$1M -\$1.99M	0	10	1		0	6	0		6	70	5	70
\$2,M -\$2.99M	0	3	0		0	3	0		1	14	0	84
\$3M -\$4.99M	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	6	0	36
\$5M +	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	2	0	
2018 1st & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	111	135	57	7	260	250	106	6	182	517	70	17
2017 1st & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qt	101	153	45	9	251	284	122	7	225	553	80	15
2016 1st & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qt	104	198	44	11	249	336	129	8	203	651	62	19

<sup>\*\*</sup> Not enough sales to calculate Absorption Rate

	▲ Up 26%	▲ Up 3%	▲ up 7%
Sale Prices	North	Central	South
2018 Median	\$162,360	\$171,900	\$320,000
2017 Median	\$128,500	\$167,000	\$298,000

During the peak of the selling season, residential inventory levels continue to drop countywide each year. North county is the only region that has the most inventory in the same range as the most popular selling range. Central county has more inventory in the \$250K price range, whereas most sales occur under that mark. In southern Berkshire, there were 50 sales over \$450K, yet there are 301 residential listings for sale in that price range. Alternatively, there were 125 homes sold under \$450K.



High dollar volume and rising selling price, lower # sales.

#### RESIDENTIAL REPORT

Residential (single family) home sales dollar volume rose 2% countywide, with a 5% dip in the total number of sales transacted. The northern region of Berkshire County showed the strongest gains in the dollar volume transacted, up 41%, and central Berkshire sales rose a solid 11%. In northern Berkshire, while inventory was lower than years previous, the homes on the market were concentrated in the most popular selling ranges. Alternatively, you can see central Berkshire popular markets were slightly different than where the most Inventory of homes for sale could be found, adding pressure in those hot price ranges. In southern Berkshire market, where the far majority of the inventory is on the market for \$500,000+, the most sales activity and buyer interest are well below that mark, slowing sales.

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North						
# Sold	84	79	89	103	101	111
% Chg #	-2%	-6%	13%	16%	-2%	10%
\$ Sold	\$14,171,547	\$14,306,274	\$16,532,799	\$17,300,547	\$15,154,265	\$21,354,045
% Chg \$	-9%	1%	16%	5%	-12%	41%
Avg \$	\$168,709	\$181,092	\$185,762	\$167,966	\$150,042	\$192,379
% Chg Avg	-7%	7%	3%	-10%	-11%	28%
Central						
# Sold	214	207	234	248	253	260
% Chg #	10%	-3%	13%	6%	2%	3%
\$ Sold	\$38,137,864	\$41,620,500	\$42,279,687	\$49,541,124	\$48,386,571	\$53,813,991
% Chg \$	8%	9%	2%	17%	-2%	11%
Avg \$	\$178,214	\$201,065	\$180,682	\$199,763	\$191,251	\$206,977
% Chg Avg	-2%	13%	-10%	11%	-4%	8%
South						
# Sold	168	174	160	204	226	182
% Chg #	17%	4%	-8%	28%	11%	-19%
\$ Sold	\$63,737,800	\$77,439,250	\$66,462,719	\$78,840,642	\$83,778,268	\$74,665,688
% Chg \$	28%	21%	-14%	19%	6%	-11%
Avg \$	\$379,392	\$445,053	\$415,392	\$386,474	\$370,700	\$410,251
% Chg Avg	9%	17%	-7%	-7%	-4%	11%
Total # Sold	466	460	483	555	580	553
Total % Chg #	10%	-1%	5%	15%	5%	-5%
Total \$ Sold	\$116,047,211	\$133,366,024	\$125,275,205	\$145,682,313	\$147,319,104	\$149,833,724
Total % Chg \$	15%	15%	-6%	16%	1%	2%
Total Avg \$	\$249,028	\$289,926	\$259,369	\$262,491	\$253,998	\$270,947
Total % Chg Avg	4%	16%	-11%	1%	-3%	7%



### **CONDO REPORT**

Condo sales continue upward trend

After many sluggish years, it is great to see strong condo sales, especially in southern Berkshire, with a massive jump from last year. New developments and existing condo complexes are helping to fill the demands for residential homes where inventory is lacking. The attributes of condo living is also resonating with our second-home market and aging population.

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North						
# Sold	5	2	6	7	9	10
% Chg #	-17%	-60%	200%	17%	29%	11%
\$ Sold	\$916,000	\$414,000	\$1,196,400	\$1,132,900	\$1,360,900	\$1,889,400
% Chg \$	-2%	-55%	189%	-5%	20%	39%
Avg \$	\$183,200	\$207,000	\$199,400	\$161,843	\$151,211	\$188,940
% Chg Avg	18%	13%	-4%	-19%	-7%	25%
Central						
# Sold	15	12	19	14	23	21
% Chg #	36%	-20%	58%	-26%	64%	-9%
\$ Sold	\$4,373,400	\$2,785,100	\$3,604,400	\$2,846,900	\$4,755,848	\$6,067,550
% Chg \$	133%	-36%	29%	-21%	67%	28%
Avg \$	\$291,560	\$232,092	\$189,705	\$203,350	\$206,776	\$288,931
% Chg Avg	71%	-20%	-18%	7%	2%	40%
South						
# Sold	13	19	21	16	22	25
% Chg #	-19%	46%	11%	-24%	38%	14%
\$ Sold	\$3,812,400	\$5,444,200	\$5,626,650	\$5,372,500	\$6,750,475	\$15,290,750
% Chg \$	-19%	43%	3%	-5%	26%	127%
Avg\$	\$293,262	\$286,537	\$267,936	\$335,781	\$306,840	\$611,630
% Chg Avg	0%	-2%	-6%	25%	-9%	99%
Total # Sold	33	33	46	37	54	56
Total % Chg #	0%	0%	39%	-20%	46%	4%
Total \$ Sold	\$9,101,800	\$8,643,300	\$10,427,450	\$9,352,300	\$12,867,223	\$23,247,700
Total % Chg \$	21%	-5%	21%	-10%	38%	81%
Total Avg \$	\$275,812	\$261,918	\$226,684	\$252,765	\$238,282	\$415,138
Total % Chg Avg	21%	-5%	-13%	12%	-6%	74%









Multi-family sales continue to rise

#### **MULTIFAMILY REPORT**

Our multifamily market is an investor's dream, with a low barrier to entry and favorable capitalization. Overall, multifamily sales rates rose over previous years in double digit gains. Central Berkshire showed the most modest growth, while moderate gains were reported in north Berkshire and booming sales in southern Berkshire. Sales rose from \$7.5 million to \$9.4 (24%) and from 68 properties to 81 sold countywide (19%).

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North						
# Sold	25	27	18	19	26	29
% Chg #	79%	8%	-33%	6%	37%	12%
\$ Sold	\$2,902,000	\$3,106,850	\$1,732,900	\$1,271,100	\$2,256,650	\$2,647,605
% Chg \$	190%	7%	-44%	-27%	78%	17%
Avg \$	\$116,080	\$115,069	\$96,272	\$66,900	\$86,794	\$91,297
% Chg Avg	62%	-1%	-16%	-31%	30%	5%
Central						
# Sold	23	22	25	28	38	42
% Chg #	-32%	-4%	14%	12%	36%	11%
\$ Sold	\$2,968,050	\$2,636,000	\$3,137,200	\$2,983,210	\$4,390,875	\$4,468,000
% Chg \$	-11%	-11%	19%	-5%	47%	2%
Avg \$	\$129,046	\$119,818	\$125,488	\$106,543	\$115,549	\$106,381
% Chg Avg	31%	-7%	5%	-15%	8%	-8%
South						
# Sold	4	4	5	5	4	10
% Chg #	0%	0%	25%	0%	-20%	150%
\$ Sold	\$636,500	\$652,500	\$1,195,000	\$831,400	\$889,444	\$2,264,500
% Chg \$	23%	3%	83%	-30%	7%	155%
Avg \$	\$159,125	\$163,125	\$239,000	\$166,280	\$222,361	\$226,450
% Chg Avg	23%	3%	47%	-30%	34%	2%
Total # Sold	52	53	48	52	68	81
Total % Chg #	0%	2%	-9%	8%	31%	19%
Total \$ Sold	\$6,506,550	\$6,395,350	\$6,065,100	\$5,085,710	\$7,536,969	\$9,380,105
Total % Chg \$	34%	-2%	-5%	-16%	48%	24%
Total Avg \$	\$125,126	\$120,667	\$126,356	\$97,802	\$110,838	\$115,804
Total % Chg Avg	34%	-4%	5%	-23%	13%	4%











## LAND REPORT

A high number of sales since 2006, steady growth is reported countywide for the first half of 2018. Southern Berkshire shows the highest gains and the majority of sales, with \$4.2 million transacted in 34 parcel sales. With 59 sales countywide, overall sales activity is higher than the previous 12 years, but still less than half the sales recording during our peak in 2004, when there were 124 parcels sold in the first half of the year, valued at that time of over 14 million dollars.

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North						
# Sold	8	8	13	10	11	11
% Chg #	-11%	0%	63%	-23%	10%	0%
\$ Sold	\$687,000	\$414,900	\$778,400	\$443,050	\$938,900	\$2,510,100
% Chg \$	24%	-40%	88%	-43%	112%	167%
Avg \$	\$85,875	\$51,863	\$59,877	\$44,305	\$85,355	\$228,191
% Chg Avg	39%	-40%	15%	-26%	93%	167%
Central						
# Sold	11	10	14	7	11	14
% Chg #	10%	-9%	40%	-50%	57%	27%
\$ Sold	\$1,874,000	\$854,500	\$973,000	\$478,000	\$1,801,200	\$794,400
% Chg \$	227%	-54%	14%	-51%	277%	-56%
Avg \$	\$170,364	\$85,450	\$69,500	\$68,286	\$163,745	\$56,743
% Chg Avg	198%	-50%	-19%	-2%	140%	-65%
South						
# Sold	29	28	17	23	23	34
% Chg #	190%	-3%	-39%	35%	0%	48%
\$ Sold	\$6,082,000	\$2,405,400	\$2,662,575	\$4,973,900	\$2,590,400	\$4,154,550
% Chg \$	280%	-60%	11%	87%	-48%	60%
Avg \$	\$209,724	\$85,907	\$156,622	\$216,257	\$112,626	\$122,193
% Chg Avg	31%	-59%	82%	38%	-48%	8%
Total # Sold	48	46	44	40	45	59
Total % Chg #	66%	-4%	-4%	-9%	13%	31%
Total \$ Sold	\$8,643,000	\$3,674,800	\$4,413,975	\$5,894,950	\$5,330,500	\$7,459,050
Total % Chg \$	217%	-57%	20%	34%	-10%	40%
Total Avg \$	\$180,063	\$79,887	\$100,318	\$147,374	\$118,456	\$126,425
Total % Chg Avg	91%	-56%	26%	47%	-20%	7%









## **COMMERCIAL REPORT**

Commercial sales, while small in number, showed mixed improvements in the 1st half of the year in 2018 over past years. Central and southern Berkshire commercial transactions continue to push upward, with an overall jump of 124% in the dollar volume transacted, from 6.6 million to 14.7 million in this period. North county sales have lagged so far this year. Please note: Not all Berkshire REALTOR assisted commercial sales are included in the MLS database.

Commercial sales show steady growth since 2014

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North						
# Sold	3	2	6	3	4	3
% Chg #	-25%	-33%	200%	-50%	33%	-25%
\$ Sold	\$354,000	\$1,275,000	\$1,207,900	\$608,000	\$1,378,000	\$362,500
% Chg \$	-41%	260%	-5%	-50%	127%	-74%
Avg\$	\$118,000	\$637,500	\$201,317	\$202,667	\$344,500	\$120,833
% Chg Avg	-22%	440%	-68%	1%	70%	-65%
Central						
# Sold	4	1	5	9	11	12
% Chg #	0%	-75%	400%	80%	22%	9%
\$ Sold	\$946,000	\$170,000	\$972,500	\$1,993,750	\$2,879,900	\$5,025,000
% Chg \$	8%	-82%	472%	105%	44%	74%
Avg \$	\$236,500	\$170,000	\$194,500	\$221,528	\$261,809	\$418,750
% Chg Avg	8%	-28%	14%	14%	18%	60%
South						
# Sold	7	6	6	8	8	13
% Chg #	-13%	-14%	0%	33%	0%	63%
\$ Sold	\$5,142,000	\$2,721,688	\$2,925,500	\$4,117,500	\$2,308,500	\$9,288,500
% Chg \$	77%	-47%	7%	41%	-44%	302%
Avg \$	\$734,571	\$453,615	\$487,583	\$514,688	\$288,563	\$714,500
% Chg Avg	102%	-38%	7%	6%	-44%	148%
Total # Sold	14	9	17	20	23	28
Total % Chg #	-13%	-36%	89%	18%	15%	22%
Total \$ Sold	\$6,442,000	\$4,166,688	\$5,105,900	\$6,719,250	\$6,566,400	\$14,676,000
Total % Chg \$	47%	-35%	23%	32%	-2%	124%
Total Avg \$	\$460,143	\$462,965	\$300,347	\$335,963	\$285,496	\$524,143
Total % Chg Avg	68%	1%	-35%	12%	-15%	84%









#### 2018 NORTH BERKSHIRE SALES

Average Days on the Market

191

First half of 2018: Real Estate Sales in the First Two Quarters: Overall, sales in the northern Berkshire region exceeded sales in 2017 during the same period, with the exception of a decrease in commercial sales. Last year, northern Berkshire reported large gains in the Multifamily market, and that trend continued to surge upward to 29 units transacted worth \$2.6 million. The residential sales volume spiked up as well, with modest gains in the number of home sold, but a large jump of more than \$6 million dollars over 2017 rates. While there are inventory issues here as well, the offerings are more closely matched with demand.

164 sales

**Strong Gains!** 

89%
List-to-Sell Ratio from original list

\$29 M

sales up 14%

\$100-\$149 K
Sales
\$100-\$149 K

Inventory

Residential Sales Volume \$21.3M, up 41% Residential # Units Sold 111, up 10% from 101

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Multi-family Sales Volume: \$2.6M, up +17% Multi-family # Units Sold: 29, up from 26, 12%



Condo Sales Volume: \$1.9M up 39%
Condo # Units Sold: 10, up from 9 last year



Land Sales Volume: \$2.5M, up from \$939K

Land # Units Sold: 11, same as 2017



Commercial Volume: \$363K, down from \$1.3M Commercial # Units Sold: 3 down from 4

months' supply

135 Homes for Sale

4.57 %

↑ from 3.9% avg 30 yr Fixed MtgRate in '17 \$162,360 median sale price

\$149,900

median list price

**57** sales pending

59%

cooperation rates rose



2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total # Sold	125	118	132	142	151	164
Total \$ Sold	\$19,030,547	\$19,517,024	\$21,448,399	\$20,755,597	\$21,088,715	\$28,763,650



## 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER **NORTH** COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES OVERVIEW

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Residential						
# Sold	84	79	89	103	101	111
% Chg #	-2%	-6%	13%	16%	-2%	10%
\$ Sold	\$14,171,547	\$14,306,274	\$16,532,799	\$17,300,547	\$15,154,265	\$21,354,045
% Chg \$	-9%	1%	16%	5%	-12%	41%
Avg \$	\$168,709	\$181,092	\$185,762	\$167,966	\$150,042	\$192,379
% Chg Avg	-7%	7%	3%	-10%	-11%	28%
MultiFamily						
# Sold	25	27	18	19	26	29
% Chg #	79%	8%	-33%	6%	37%	12%
\$ Sold	\$2,902,000	\$3,106,850	\$1,732,900	\$1,271,100	\$2,256,650	\$2,647,605
% Chg \$	190%	7%	-44%	-27%	78%	17%
Avg \$	\$116,080	\$115,069	\$96,272	\$66,900	\$86,794	\$91,297
% Chg Avg	62%	-1%	-16%	-31%	30%	5%
Lots/Land						
# Sold	8	8	13	10	11	11
% Chg #	-11%	0%	63%	-23%	10%	0%
\$ Sold	\$687,000	\$414,900	\$778,400	\$443,050	\$938,900	\$2,510,100
% Chg \$	24%	-40%	88%	-43%	112%	167%
Avg \$	\$85,875	\$51,863	\$59,877	\$44,305	\$85,355	\$228,191
% Chg Avg	39%	-40%	15%	-26%	93%	167%
Condominium						
# Sold	5	2	6	7	9	10
% Chg #	-17%	-60%	200%	17%	29%	11%
\$ Sold	\$916,000	\$414,000	\$1,196,400	\$1,132,900	\$1,360,900	\$1,889,400
% Chg \$	-2%	-55%	189%	-5%	20%	39%
Avg \$	\$183,200	\$207,000	\$199,400	\$161,843	\$151,211	\$188,940
% Chg Avg	18%	13%	-4%	-19%	-7%	25%
Commercial						
# Sold	3	2	6	3	4	3
% Chg #	-25%	-33%	200%	-50%	33%	-25%
\$ Sold	\$354,000	\$1,275,000	\$1,207,900	\$608,000	\$1,378,000	\$362,500
% Chg \$	-41%	260%	-5%	-50%	127%	-74%
Avg \$	\$118,000	\$637,500	\$201,317	\$202,667	\$344,500	\$120,833
% Chg Avg	-22%	440%	-68%	1%	70%	-65%



#### NORTH COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SALES: BY TOWN

(minimal sales in Florida, Savoy, New Ashford not shown in breakout)

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Adams						
# Sold	24	28	24	25	31	30
% Chg #	0%	17%	-14%	4%	24%	-3%
\$ Sold	\$2,838,830	\$3,376,849	\$3,395,000	\$3,698,204	\$4,583,050	\$4,825,609
% Chg \$	-13%	19%	1%	9%	24%	5%
Avg \$	\$118,285	\$120,602	\$141,458	\$147,928	\$147,840	\$160,854
% Chg Avg	-13%	2%	17%	5%	0%	9%
Clarksburg						
# Sold	4	5	3	15	5	5
% Chg #	-20%	25%	-40%	400%	-67%	0%
\$ Sold	\$496,000	\$592,400	\$421,500	\$1,996,900	\$671,000	\$862,900
% Chg \$	-3%	19%	-29%	374%	-66%	29%
Avg \$	\$124,000	\$118,480	\$140,500	\$133,127	\$134,200	\$172,580
% Chg Avg	21%	-4%	19%	-5%	1%	29%
North Adams						
# Sold	30	30	31	42	42	47
% Chg #	0%	0%	3%	35%	0%	12%
\$ Sold	\$3,660,400	\$3,883,200	\$3,407,700	\$4,716,001	\$4,295,400	\$6,892,061
% Chg \$	6%	6%	-12%	38%	-9%	60%
Avg \$	\$122,013	\$129,440	\$109,926	\$112,286	\$102,271	\$146,640
% Chg Avg	6%	6%	-15%	2%	-9%	43%
Williamstown						
# Sold	22	15	23	18	20	23
% Chg #	-4%	-32%	53%	-22%	11%	15%
\$ Sold	\$6,616,417	\$6,253,825	\$8,159,600	\$6,198,442	\$5,197,815	\$7,492,876
% Chg \$	-15%	-5%	30%	-24%	-16%	44%
Avg \$	\$300,746	\$416,922	\$354,765	\$344,358	\$259,891	\$325,777
% Chg Avg	-11%	39%	-15%	-3%	-25%	25%
Total # Sold	84	79	89	103	101	111
Total % Chg #	-2%	-6%	13%	16%	-2%	10%
Total \$ Sold	\$14,171,547	\$14,306,274	\$16,532,799	\$17,300,547	\$15,154,265	\$21,354,045
Total % Chg \$	-9%	1%	16%	5%	-12%	41%
Total Avg \$	\$168,709	\$181,092	\$185,762	\$167,966	\$150,042	\$192,379
Total % Chg Avg	-7%	7%	3%	-10%	-11%	28%



### 2018 CENTRAL BERKSHIRE SALES

Average Days on the Market

171

First half of 2018: Real Estate Sales in the First Two Quarters: Overall, central sales volume rose 13% compared to the sales rate in the first half of 2017, and the number of sales rose a modest 4%. As inventory has become an issue, the hill towns in central Berkshire reported improving sales rates over last year, but Pittsfield, the economic engine of our real estate market maintained a steady pace. Increasing condo and multi-family sales helped offset single family growth.

349 sales Up 4%

**Highest since 2006** 

90%

List-to-Sell Ratio: from the original listing price when \$70 M

sales ↑13%

**Largest Price Range** 

Inventory

Residential Sales Volume \$53.8M, up 11% Residential # Homes Sold 260, up 3%

Multi-family Sales Volume: \$4.4M, up 2% Multi-family # Units Sold: 42, up 11% from 38



Condo Sales Volume: \$6.1M, up 28%

Condo # Units Sold: 21, down from 23 last year



Land Sales Volume: \$794K, down 56% Land # Units Sold: 14, up 27% from 11



Commercial Sales Volume: \$5M, up 74% Commercial # Units Sold: 12, up from 11

6 supply

250 Homes for Sale

4.57 %

↑ from3.9% avg 30 yr Fixed MtgRate in '17

\$100 - \$199 K Sales \$200 - \$249K

> \$171,900 median sale price

\$212,940 median list price

106 sales pending

75% co-broke

25% in-house



2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total # Sold	267	252	297	306	336	349
Total \$ Sold	\$48,299,314	\$48,066,100	\$50,966,787	\$57,842,984	\$62,214,394	\$70,168,941



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2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Residential						
# Sold	214	207	234	248	253	260
% Chg #	10%	-3%	13%	6%	2%	3%
\$ Sold	\$38,137,864	\$41,620,500	\$42,279,687	\$49,541,124	\$48,386,571	\$53,813,991
% Chg \$	8%	9%	2%	17%	-2%	11%
Avg \$	\$178,214	\$201,065	\$180,682	\$199,763	\$191,251	\$206,977
% Chg Avg	-2%	13%	-10%	11%	-4%	8%
MultiFamily						
# Sold	23	22	25	28	38	42
% Chg #	-32%	-4%	14%	12%	36%	11%
\$ Sold	\$2,968,050	\$2,636,000	\$3,137,200	\$2,983,210	\$4,390,875	\$4,468,000
% Chg \$	-11%	-11%	19%	-5%	47%	2%
Avg \$	\$129,046	\$119,818	\$125,488	\$106,543	\$115,549	\$106,381
% Chg Avg	31%	-7%	5%	-15%	8%	-8%
Lots/Land						
# Sold	11	10	14	7	11	14
% Chg #	10%	-9%	40%	-50%	57%	27%
\$ Sold	\$1,874,000	\$854,500	\$973,000	\$478,000	\$1,801,200	\$794,400
% Chg \$	227%	-54%	14%	-51%	277%	-56%
Avg \$	\$170,364	\$85,450	\$69,500	\$68,286	\$163,745	\$56,743
% Chg Avg	198%	-50%	-19%	-2%	140%	-65%
Condominium						
# Sold	15	12	19	14	23	21
% Chg #	36%	-20%	58%	-26%	64%	-9%
\$ Sold	\$4,373,400	\$2,785,100	\$3,604,400	\$2,846,900	\$4,755,848	\$6,067,550
% Chg \$	133%	-36%	29%	-21%	67%	28%
Avg \$	\$291,560	\$232,092	\$189,705	\$203,350	\$206,776	\$288,931
% Chg Avg	71%	-20%	-18%	7%	2%	40%
Commercial						
# Sold	4	1	5	9	11	12
% Chg #	0%	-75%	400%	80%	22%	9%
\$ Sold	\$946,000	\$170,000	\$972,500	\$1,993,750	\$2,879,900	\$5,025,000
% Chg \$	8%	-82%	472%	105%	44%	74%
Avg \$	\$236,500	\$170,000	\$194,500	\$221,528	\$261,809	\$418,750
% Chg Avg	8%	-28%	14%	14%	18%	60%



#### CENTRAL COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SALES: TOWN

(minimal sales in Washington and Windsor not shown in breakout)

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cheshire						
# Sold	10	6	9	7	11	8
% Chg #	233%	-40%	50%	-22%	57%	-27%
\$ Sold	\$1,401,400	\$1,155,500	\$1,186,400	\$1,347,000	\$2,383,400	\$1,614,100
% Chg \$	173%	-18%	3%	14%	77%	-32%
Avg \$	\$140,140	\$192,583	\$131,822	\$192,429	\$216,673	\$201,763
% Chg Avg	-18%	37%	-32%	46%	13%	-7%
Dalton						
# Sold	21	29	24	33	28	26
% Chg #	-34%	38%	-17%	38%	-15%	-7%
\$ Sold	\$3,844,850	\$6,032,705	\$3,606,092	\$6,473,700	\$5,485,200	\$5,855,279
% Chg \$	-43%	57%	-40%	80%	-15%	7%
Avg \$	\$183,088	\$208,024	\$150,254	\$196,173	\$195,900	\$225,203
% Chg Avg	-14%	14%	-28%	31%	0%	15%
Hancock						
# Sold	1	2	2	2	5	3
% Chg #	-50%	100%	0%	0%	150%	-40%
\$ Sold	\$765,000	\$815,000	\$454,000	\$534,000	\$1,569,600	\$1,247,000
% Chg \$	160%	7%	-44%	18%	194%	-21%
Avg \$	\$765,000	\$407,500	\$227,000	\$267,000	\$313,920	\$415,667
% Chg Avg	420%	-47%	-44%	18%	18%	32%
Hinsdale						
# Sold	6	5	4	10	8	11
% Chg #	100%	-17%	-20%	150%	-20%	38%
\$ Sold	\$1,297,500	\$1,109,000	\$623,800	\$2,263,800	\$1,549,152	\$2,313,066
% Chg \$	133%	-15%	-44%	263%	-32%	49%
Avg \$	\$216,250	\$221,800	\$155,950	\$226,380	\$193,644	\$210,279
% Chg Avg	16%	3%	-30%	45%	-14%	9%
Lanesboro						
# Sold	13	16	15	13	16	20
% Chg #	30%	23%	-6%	-13%	23%	25%
\$ Sold	\$2,445,600	\$3,366,400	\$3,551,700	\$2,183,800	\$3,449,800	\$4,833,700
% Chg \$	36%	38%	6%	-39%	58%	40%
Avg \$	\$188,123	\$210,400	\$236,780	\$167,985	\$215,613	\$241,685
% Chg Avg	4%	12%	13%	-29%	28%	12%



### CENTRAL COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SALES: TOWN

Peru						
# Sold	3	3	2	2	1	7
% Chg #	-25%	0%	-33%	0%	-50%	600%
\$ Sold	\$356,500	\$580,500	\$325,500	\$474,000	\$157,000	\$1,390,000
% Chg \$	-23%	63%	-44%	46%	-67%	785%
Avg \$	\$118,833	\$193,500	\$162,750	\$237,000	\$157,000	\$198,571
% Chg Avg	2%	63%	-16%	46%	-34%	26%
Pittsfield						
# Sold	150	135	165	160	172	172
% Chg #	15%	-10%	22%	-3%	8%	0%
\$ Sold	\$24,039,114	\$23,656,695	\$27,966,195	\$29,518,574	\$30,062,419	\$30,221,096
% Chg \$	13%	-2%	18%	6%	2%	1%
Avg \$	\$160,261	\$175,235	\$169,492	\$184,491	\$174,782	\$175,704
% Chg Avg	-1%	9%	-3%	9%	-5%	1%
Richmond						
# Sold	8	7	9	12	10	9
% Chg #	33%	-13%	29%	33%	-17%	-10%
\$ Sold	\$3,495,000	\$4,025,200	\$3,456,000	\$4,728,900	\$3,216,000	\$4,914,750
% Chg \$	24%	15%	-14%	37%	-32%	53%
Avg \$	\$436,875	\$575,029	\$384,000	\$394,075	\$321,600	\$546,083
% Chg Avg	-7%	32%	-33%	3%	-18%	70%
Total # Sold	214	207	234	248	253	260
Total % Chg #	10%	-3%	13%	6%	2%	3%
Total \$ Sold	\$38,137,864	\$41,620,500	\$42,279,687	\$49,541,124	\$48,386,571	\$53,813,991
Total % Chg \$	8%	9%	2%	17%	-2%	11%
Total Avg \$	\$178,214	\$201,065	\$180,682	\$199,763	\$191,251	\$206,977
Total % Chg Avg	-2%	13%	-10%	11%	-4%	8%



#### 2018 SOUTH BERKSHIRE SALES

Average Days on the Market

281

First half of 2018: Real Estate Sales in the First Two Quarters: While south county boasts the highest (17 months) of absorption, the inventory doesn't currently exist where sales are most robust. The multifamily and condo market have filled some demand in homes where the market gaps existed. Land sales are on the rise, and continue to be a hopeful sign that some development will be coming in the future to meet buyer demand. Single family residential sales slowed overall. Lenox, Sheffield and West Stockbridge residential sales slowed the greatest, while Great Barrington and Stockbridge reporting gains.

264 sales

Condo & Multifamily strong

87%

List-to-Sell Ratio from original list price to sale price \$106M

sales ↑10%

\$150-199 K
Sales

\$500 -749K

Inventory

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Residential Sales Volume \$74.7M, down 11% Residential # Homes Sold 182, down 19%

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Multi-family Sales Volume: \$2.3M, up 155% Multi-family # Units Sold: 10, up from 4



Condo Sales Volume: \$15.3M up 127%
Condo # Units Sold: 25, up from 22 last year



Land Sales Volume: \$4.2M, up 60% Land # Units Sold: 34, up from 23, 48%



Commercial Sales Volume: \$9.3M, up 302% Commercial # Units Sold: 13, up from 8, 63% **17** months' supply

517 Homes for Sale

4.59 %

↑ from 3.9% avg 30 yr Fixed MtgRate in '17

\$302,000

median sale price

\$475,000

median list price

**70** sales pending

68% co-broke

32% in-house



2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total # Sold	221	231	209	256	283	264
Total \$ Sold	\$79,410,700	\$88,663,038	\$78,872,444	\$94,135,942	\$96,317,087	\$105,663,988



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2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Residential						
# Sold	168	174	160	204	226	182
% Chg #	17%	4%	-8%	28%	11%	-19%
\$ Sold	\$63,737,800	\$77,439,250	\$66,462,719	\$78,840,642	\$83,778,268	\$74,665,688
% Chg \$	28%	21%	-14%	19%	6%	-11%
Avg \$	\$379,392	\$445,053	\$415,392	\$386,474	\$370,700	\$410,251
% Chg Avg	9%	17%	-7%	-7%	-4%	11%
MultiFamily						
# Sold	4	4	5	5	4	10
% Chg #	0%	0%	25%	0%	-20%	150%
\$ Sold	\$636,500	\$652,500	\$1,195,000	\$831,400	\$889,444	\$2,264,500
% Chg \$	23%	3%	83%	-30%	7%	155%
Avg \$	\$159,125	\$163,125	\$239,000	\$166,280	\$222,361	\$226,450
% Chg Avg	23%	3%	47%	-30%	34%	2%
Lots/Land						
# Sold	29	28	17	23	23	34
% Chg #	190%	-3%	-39%	35%	0%	48%
\$ Sold	\$6,082,000	\$2,405,400	\$2,662,575	\$4,973,900	\$2,590,400	\$4,154,550
% Chg \$	280%	-60%	11%	87%	-48%	60%
Avg \$	\$209,724	\$85,907	\$156,622	\$216,257	\$112,626	\$122,193
% Chg Avg	31%	-59%	82%	38%	-48%	8%
Condominium						
# Sold	13	19	21	16	22	25
% Chg #	-19%	46%	11%	-24%	38%	14%
\$ Sold	\$3,812,400	\$5,444,200	\$5,626,650	\$5,372,500	\$6,750,475	\$15,290,750
% Chg \$	-19%	43%	3%	-5%	26%	127%
Avg \$	\$293,262	\$286,537	\$267,936	\$335,781	\$306,840	\$611,630
% Chg Avg	0%	-2%	-6%	25%	-9%	99%
Commercial						
# Sold	7	6	6	8	8	13
% Chg #	-13%	-14%	0%	33%	0%	63%
\$ Sold	\$5,142,000	\$2,721,688	\$2,925,500	\$4,117,500	\$2,308,500	\$9,288,500
% Chg \$	77%	-47%	7%	41%	-44%	302%
Avg \$	\$734,571	\$453,615	\$487,583	\$514,688	\$288,563	\$714,500
% Chg Avg	102%	-38%	7%	6%	-44%	148%



#### SOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SALES: TOWN

(minimal sales in Mount Washington and Tyringham not shown in breakout)

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Alford						
# Sold	5	5	5	4	3	3
% Chg #	400%	0%	0%	-20%	-25%	0%
\$ Sold	\$4,322,500	\$6,330,800	\$7,657,500	\$2,972,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,589,000
% Chg \$	1135%	46%	21%	-61%	-48%	3%
Avg \$	\$864,500	\$1,266,160	\$1,531,500	\$743,000	\$516,667	\$529,667
% Chg Avg	147%	46%	21%	-51%	-30%	3%
Becket						
# Sold	16	17	16	25	25	21
% Chg #	7%	6%	-6%	56%	0%	-16%
\$ Sold	\$2,419,950	\$4,230,800	\$3,464,100	\$6,407,509	\$6,030,400	\$5,165,250
% Chg \$	21%	75%	-18%	85%	-6%	-14%
Avg \$	\$151,247	\$248,871	\$216,506	\$256,300	\$241,216	\$245,964
% Chg Avg	13%	65%	-13%	18%	-6%	2%
Egremont						
# Sold	9	13	11	15	13	13
% Chg #	29%	44%	-15%	36%	-13%	0%
\$ Sold	\$3,002,750	\$7,633,000	\$6,087,000	\$6,230,404	\$6,230,000	\$6,878,000
% Chg \$	53%	154%	-20%	2%	0%	10%
Avg \$	\$333,639	\$587,154	\$553,364	\$415,360	\$479,231	\$529,077
% Chg Avg	19%	76%	-6%	-25%	15%	10%
Great Barrington						
# Sold	34	26	28	39	30	35
% Chg #	26%	-24%	8%	39%	-23%	17%
\$ Sold	\$12,422,400	\$8,729,000	\$12,155,550	\$14,546,425	\$12,540,100	\$16,864,065
% Chg \$	13%	-30%	39%	20%	-14%	34%
Avg \$	\$365,365	\$335,731	\$434,127	\$372,985	\$418,003	\$481,830
% Chg Avg	-10%	-8%	29%	-14%	12%	15%
Lee						
# Sold	16	21	14	18	23	20
% Chg #	14%	31%	-33%	29%	28%	-13%
\$ Sold	\$4,767,000	\$5,265,900	\$3,229,794	\$4,108,800	\$6,240,700	\$5,271,050
% Chg \$	54%	10%	-39%	27%	52%	-16%
Avg \$	\$297,938	\$250,757	\$230,700	\$228,267	\$271,335	\$263,553
% Chg Avg	35%	-16%	-8%	-1%	19%	-3%



#### SOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SALES: TOWN

(minimal sales in Mount Washington and Tyringham not shown in breakout)

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Lenox						
# Sold	12	17	22	17	30	6
% Chg #	-25%	42%	29%	-23%	76%	-80%
\$ Sold	\$3,436,500	\$8,484,000	\$8,014,075	\$7,100,750	\$12,698,500	\$2,738,000
% Chg \$	-37%	147%	-6%	-11%	79%	-78%
Avg \$	\$286,375	\$499,059	\$364,276	\$417,691	\$423,283	\$456,333
% Chg Avg	-17%	74%	-27%	15%	1%	8%
Monterey						
# Sold	7	8	5	10	9	9
% Chg #	133%	14%	-38%	100%	-10%	0%
\$ Sold	\$4,306,500	\$4,607,500	\$2,564,500	\$5,544,500	\$4,288,618	\$4,404,023
% Chg \$	285%	7%	-44%	116%	-23%	3%
Avg \$	\$615,214	\$575,938	\$512,900	\$554,450	\$476,513	\$489,336
% Chg Avg	65%	-6%	-11%	8%	-14%	3%
New Marlborough						
# Sold	11	7	12	12	10	13
% Chg #	10%	-36%	71%	0%	-17%	30%
\$ Sold	\$8,469,500	\$4,264,150	\$3,908,500	\$3,589,400	\$2,987,650	\$5,948,000
% Chg \$	66%	-50%	-8%	-8%	-17%	99%
Avg \$	\$769,955	\$609,164	\$325,708	\$299,117	\$298,765	\$457,538
% Chg Avg	51%	-21%	-47%	-8%	0%	53%
Otis						
# Sold	7	14	8	9	17	12
% Chg #	-50%	100%	-43%	13%	89%	-29%
\$ Sold	\$2,176,500	\$4,097,600	\$2,569,000	\$2,998,000	\$3,836,400	\$5,669,500
% Chg \$	-71%	88%	-37%	17%	28%	48%
Avg \$	\$310,929	\$292,686	\$321,125	\$333,111	\$225,671	\$472,458
% Chg Avg	-41%	-6%	10%	4%	-32%	109%
Sandisfield						
# Sold	5	5	7	9	7	9
% Chg #	25%	0%	40%	29%	-22%	29%
\$ Sold	\$860,000	\$4,307,000	\$2,253,200	\$3,730,500	\$1,804,000	\$2,101,700
% Chg \$	32%	401%	-48%	66%	-52%	17%
Avg \$	\$172,000	\$861,400	\$321,886	\$414,500	\$257,714	\$233,522
% Chg Avg	5%	401%	-63%	29%	-38%	-9%



#### SOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SALES: TOWN

(minimal sales in Mount Washington and Tyringham not shown in breakout)

2nd Qtr YTD	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Sheffield						
# Sold	11	17	11	17	32	16
% Chg #	38%	55%	-35%	55%	88%	-50%
\$ Sold	\$3,283,500	\$6,013,000	\$5,020,000	\$5,457,654	\$11,580,500	\$7,119,700
% Chg \$	50%	83%	-17%	9%	112%	-39%
Avg \$	\$298,500	\$353,706	\$456,364	\$321,038	\$361,891	\$444,981
% Chg Avg	9%	18%	29%	-30%	13%	23%
Stockbridge						
# Sold	27	18	14	18	11	16
% Chg #	80%	-33%	-22%	29%	-39%	45%
\$ Sold	\$11,680,200	\$10,307,000	\$6,824,500	\$12,134,200	\$4,907,900	\$6,241,900
% Chg \$	85%	-12%	-34%	78%	-60%	27%
Avg \$	\$432,600	\$572,611	\$487,464	\$674,122	\$446,173	\$390,119
% Chg Avg	3%	32%	-15%	38%	-34%	-13%
West Stockbridge						
# Sold	7	6	5	6	13	6
% Chg #	17%	-14%	-17%	20%	117%	-54%
\$ Sold	\$2,165,500	\$3,169,500	\$2,052,000	\$2,313,000	\$6,569,500	\$3,307,500
% Chg \$	-4%	46%	-35%	13%	184%	-50%
Avg \$	\$309,357	\$528,250	\$410,400	\$385,500	\$505,346	\$551,250
% Chg Avg	-18%	71%	-22%	-6%	31%	9%
Total # Sold	168	174	160	204	226	182
Total % Chg #	17%	4%	-8%	28%	11%	-19%
Total \$ Sold	\$63,737,800	\$77,439,250	\$66,462,719	\$78,840,642	\$83,778,268	\$74,665,688
Total % Chg \$	28%	21%	-14%	19%	6%	-11%
Total Avg \$	\$379,392	\$445,053	\$415,392	\$386,474	\$370,700	\$410,251
Total % Chg Avg	9%	17%	-7%	-7%	-4%	11%



#### **2018 MARKET INDICATORS**

According to NAR's second quarter Housing Opportunities and Market report, NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun says affordability and low inventory are starting to shift buyers away from the market. Buyer optimism that 'now is a good time to buy' remains the same as the 1st quarter of 2018; 39 percent strongly agree that now is a good time to buy, while 29 percent moderately agree. Among renters, however, those positive feelings have fallen from 55% in the first quarter to 49% this quarter.

NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun says, "Inventory remains the driving force in real estate, affecting everything for rising prices to household formation. Improving supply conditions is critical to improving buyer optimism and helping to remove some of the barriers holding back potential first-time buyers."

As home prices continue to climb across the country, the number of respondents who believe now is a good time to sell remains at an all-time high. "Hopefully this strong seller optimism will lead to an increase in inventory later on in the year," said Yun.

And homeowners interested in selling their home may want to consider putting it on the market now. With workforce housing inventory at low levels, home sale prices push upward and the days a home is on the market rapidly falling, it's a seller's market. Combine those trends with interest rates that continue to creep upward, sellers should be aware that affordability for buyers may become an issue and slow the demand we now show in the market.

## \$200,000 HOME LOAN 30 YEAR MORTGAGE WITH 20% DOWN OF \$40,000



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