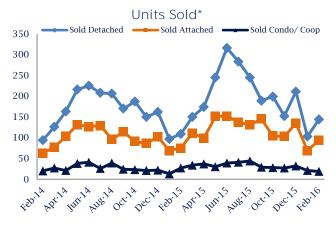




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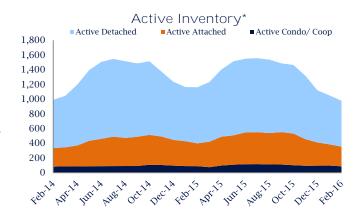
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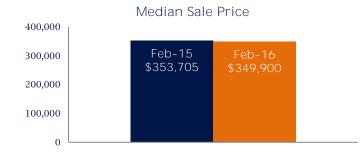
Units Sold

There was an increase in total units sold in February, with 257 sold this month in Howard County versus 193 last month, an increase of 33%. This month's total units sold was higher than at this time last year, an increase of 22% versus February 2015.



Active Inventory

Versus last year, the total number of homes available this month is lower by 183 units or 16%. The total number of active inventory this February was 978 compared to 1,161 in February 2015. This month's total of 978 is lower than the previous month's total supply of available inventory of 1,050, a decrease of 7%.



Median Sale Price

Last February, the median sale price for Howard County Homes was \$353,705. This February, the median sale price was \$349,900, a decrease of 1% or \$3,805 compared to last year. The current median sold price is 3% higher than in January.

Median sale price is the middle sale price in a given month. The same number of properties are above & below the median.

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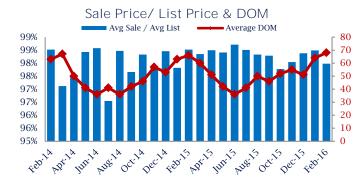
In February, there was 3.8 months of supply available in Howard County, compared to 5.5 in February 2015. That is a decrease of 31% versus a year ago.

Months of supply is calculated by dividing current inventory by current sales. It indicates how many months would be needed to sell all of the inventory available at the current rate of demand.



New Listings & Current Contracts

This month there were 400 homes newly listed for sale in Howard County compared to 415 in February 2015, a decrease of 4%. There were 344 current contracts pending sale this February compared to 283 a year ago. The number of current contracts is 22% higher than last February.



Sale Price to List Price Ratio

In February, the average sale price in Howard County was 98.0% of the average list price, which is 0.5% lower than at this time last year.

Days On Market

This month, the average number of days on market was 68, higher than the average last year, which was 66, an increase of 3%.

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