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September 2019 Washington, DC Market Trends Report Median sales price highest September level in the past 10 years

Washington, DC – (October 11, 2019) – The following analysis of the Washington, DC housing market has been prepared for the Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS[®] based on analysis of Bright MLS multiple listing data by MarketStats by ShowingTime.

Overview

September's median sales price was \$575,000, up 9.5 percent from last year's median and ranks as the highest September level in the past 10 years. The year-to-date median sales price of \$579,450 rose 2.6 percent over last year's cumulative price of \$565,000. The 595 September sales represented a 1.2 percent increase versus last year and a 5.6 percent decrease from last September's five-year average of 631. The 6,968 cumulative year-to-date sales are .9 percent more than the number sold through September of last year. There was a 5.6 percent increase in contract activity compared to last September. The 854 overall new pending sales topped the five-year September average by 3.9 percent. Closed sales were down in the townhouse segment, but up in the detached and condo segments compared to last September. Half the sellers received 99.3 percent of original list price or less, down slightly from last September (100.0 percent).

Washington, DC September home sales and median prices



Key Trends



- **Closed sales.** The 595 September sales represented a 1.2 percent increase versus last year and a 5.6 percent decrease from last September's five-year average of 631. The 6,968 cumulative year-to-date sales are .9 percent more than the number sold through September of last year.
- **Contract activity.** There was a 5.6 percent increase in contract activity compared to last September. The 854 overall new pending sales topped the five-year September average by 3.9 percent.
- Listing activity. The number of new listings increased 10.0 percent compared to last September. The 1,585 new listings are 14.9 percent above the five-year September average of 1,379.
- Inventory. The 1,718 active listings at month's end are 4.6 percent more than at the same point last year.
- Months of Supply. Supply remains scarce relative to demand, continuing to drive a strong seller's market in the District. The 1,718 active listings represent just 2.4 months of supply.
- **Prices**. September's median sales price was \$575,000, up 9.5 percent from last year's median and ranks as the highest September level in the past 10 years. The year-to-date median sales price of \$579,450 rose 2.6 percent over last year's cumulative price of \$565,000.
- Sales Price to Original List Price Ratios (SP to OLP). Half the sellers received 99.3 percent of original list price or less, down slightly from last September (100.0 percent).



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Analysis by Housing Segment

Single Family Detached

New Listings		265		New Pendings		130		Closed Sales		104	
▲ 81.5% from Aug 2019: 146		17.3% from Sep 2018: 226		+-0.8% from Aug 2019: 131		+-1.5% from Sep 2018: 132		+-28.8% from Aug 2019: 146		← 28.4% from Sep 2018: 81	
YTD	2019 1,833	2018 1,566	+/- 17.0%	YTD	2019 1,354	2018 1,227	+/- 10.4%	YTD	2019 1,168	2018 1,054	+/- 10.8%
5-year Sep average: 223				5-year Sep average: 131				5-year Sep average: 99			

- The 104 detached homes sold in September increased 28.4 percent over September 2018. The 130 new pending sales entered during the month marked a year-over-year dip of 1.5 percent.
- As the third quarter ended, new listing activity increased. The 265 new listings added were 17.3 percent more than the number added in September 2018. Active inventory at month's end (340) is 47 listings less than the five-year September average of 293.
- The 340 active listings represent 2.9 months of supply based on the average sales pace of the last 12 months. Still a seller's market, but more towards the buyer's favor than the 2.4 months of September 2018.
- The median sales price for detached properties in September was \$775,000, a 6.2 percent increase over last September's mark of \$730,000. The year-to-date median of \$775,000 matches the September median but is 8.8 percent lower than the 2018 YTD median (\$850,000).



Single Family Attached (Townhouses)



- The 332 new pending sales of townhouses were 12.2 percent higher than last September.
- Closed townhouse sales dropped 11.1 percent to 201 in September from last year (-25 sales).
- There were 554 new listings added in September, a 15.2 percent increase from last year's new listings (481). Active townhouse inventories at month's end were up 84 listings from last year.
- The 564 active listings represent 2.3 months of townhouse supply, making it the segment with the strongest seller's market.
- The median sales price for townhouses in September was \$680,000, an 8.8 percent increase from last year's September-level of \$625,250. The year-to-date median of \$725,000 is up 7.4 percent (\$50,000) versus \$675,000 from 2018. The average sales price in September was \$788,560, a 6.3 percent increase from last year's mark of \$742,067.



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Condos & Co-ops

New Listings		762		New Pendings			386		Closed Sales		287	
		4.5% from Sep 2018: 729		19.5% from Aug 2019: 323		1.6% from Sep 2018: 380		-24.3% from Aug 2019: 379		2.5% from Sep 2018: 280		
YTD	2019 5,135	2018 5,223	+/- -1.7%	YTD	2019 3,687	2018 3,701	+/- -0.4%	YTD	2019 3,321	2018 3,324	+/- -0.1%	
5-year Sep average: 676				5-year Sep average: 370				5-year Sep average: 305				

- There was a slight increase in purchase activity in the condo/co-op segment, with 386 new pending sales marking a 1.6 percent increase compared to the 380 contracts (+6) entered last September.
- The 287 closed sales in September were 2.5 percent more than the 280 sales (+7) last year and were lower than the five-year September average of 305 by 18 sales.
- The 762 new listings added in September represented a 4.5 percent increase from last September. It exceeded the five-year September average by 86 listings.
- The 801 active listings represent only 2.4 months of supply based on the average sales pace of the last 12 months, down from last September (2.5 months), still reflecting a tight seller's market.
- The \$490,000 median sales price for condo/co-op units represents a 15.6 percent increase from last September's \$423,700 level and the year-to-date median of \$475,000 is \$10,000 higher than the \$465,000 (+2.2 percent) level last year. The average sales price in September was \$564,043, a 14.5 percent increase from last September's average of \$492,666.



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Monthly Home Sales Index – Washington, DC - September 2019



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The Monthly Home Sales Index is a two-year moving window on the housing market depicting closed sales and their median sales price against a backdrop of pending sales activity. It provides unique insight into the state of the current housing market by measuring the number of sales and new pending contracts for each month through the most recent month. The results include sales and pending contracts through and including September 2019. The stats shown are for the Washington, DC real estate market.

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