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January 2020 Washington, DC Market Trends Report DC starts 2020 with continued record highs for median sales price; scarce supply continues to drive seller's market

Washington, DC – (February 11, 2020) – 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

January's median sales price was \$550,000, up 2.3 percent from last year's median of \$537,500 and ranks as the highest January level in the past 10 years. The 568 January sales represented a 10.7 percent increase versus last year and an 8.3 percent hike above the January five-year average of 525. Even with the median sales price at record highs, supply is still scarce with only 1.7 months of supply on hand. There was a 17.7 percent increase in contract activity compared to last January. Closed sales were up in all three housing segments compared to last January. Half the homes sold in January were on the market for 32 days or less.



Washington, DC

January home sales and median prices

Key Trends



- **Closed sales.** The 568 January sales represented a 10.7 percent increase versus last year and an 8.3 percent hike above the January five-year average of 525.
- **Contract activity.** There was a 17.7 percent increase in contract activity compared to last January. The 770 overall new pending sales showed a similar rise (+15.3%) compared to the five-year January average.
- Listing activity. The number of new listings increased 20.1 percent compared to last January. The 1,075 new listings are 21.8 percent above the five-year January average of 883.
- Inventory. The 1,278 active listings at month's end are 3.4 percent higher than at the same point last year (1,236).
- Months of Supply. Supply remains scarce relative to demand, continuing to drive a strong seller's market in the District. The 1,278 active listings represent just 1.7 months of supply.
- **Prices**. January's median sales price was \$550,000, up 2.3 percent from last year's median of \$537,500 and ranks as the highest January level in the past 10 years.
- Days on Market (DOM). Half the homes sold in January were on the market for 32 days or less prior to contract, five days less than in January 2019.
- Sales Price to Original List Price Ratios (SP to OLP). Half the sellers received 98.7 percent of original list price or less, up slightly from last January (98.5 percent).



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Single Family Detached



- The 90 detached homes sold in January increased 13.9 percent over January 2019. The 112 new pending sales entered during the month marked a year-over-year drop of 8.9 percent.
- As the 2020 market ended, new listing activity increased after dropping the three previous months. The 148 new listings added were 5.0 percent higher than the number added in January 2019. Active inventory at month's end (222) is just 4 listings higher than the five-year January average of 218 listings.
- The 222 active listings represent 1.9 months of supply based on the average sales pace of the last 12 months, dropping more toward the seller's favor than January 2019 (2.2 months).
- The average days-on-market (DOM) for detached properties sold in January was 51 days, 9 days slower than the average in January 2019 (42 days). Half of the detached homes sold were on the market for 46 days or less, a 13-day increase compared to last January (33 days).
- The average price per square foot for detached homes was \$381, a 5.0 percent increase from the \$363 average for detached sales last January.
- The median sales price for detached properties in January was \$805,000, a 4.8 percent increase over last January's mark of \$768,000. The average sale price of \$1,185,586 is higher than the 2019 average of \$973,940 by 21.7 percent.



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Single Family Attached (Townhouses)

New Listings		345		New Pendings		267		Closed Sales		212	
from	78.8% Dec 2019: 193	from Ja	3.2% an 2019: 19	from	32.2% Dec 2019: 202	from J	3.1% an 2019: 36	from	- <mark>23.5%</mark> Dec 2019: 277	from J	9.1% an 2019: 78
YTD	2020 345	2019 319	+/- 8.2%	YTD	2020 267	2019 236	+/- 13.1%	YTD	2020	2019 178	+/- 19.1%
	343	319	0.2%		207	230	13.1%		212	170	19.1%
5-year Jan average: 295				5-year Jan average: 242				5-year Jan average: 189			

- The 267 new pending sales of townhouses were 13.1 percent higher than last January. .
- There were 345 new listings added in January, an 8.2 percent increase from last year's new listings (319). . Active townhouse inventories at month's end increased by 18 listings from last year.
- The 360 active listings represent only 1.3 months of townhouse supply, continuing as the housing segment . with the strongest seller's market.
- The average days-on-market (DOM) for townhouses sold in January was 34 days, 2 days longer than at this • time last year. Half of the townhouses sold were on the market for 23 days or less, up from 17 days last January.
- The average sales price per square foot for District townhouses in January was \$395, representing an • depreciation of 6.2 percent versus the \$421 average last January.
- The median sales price for townhouses in January was \$610,000, a 21.2 percent decrease from last year's • January-level of \$774,500. The average sales price in January was \$735,021, a 15.1 percent decrease from last year's mark of \$866,159.



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By Home Type: Attached: TH

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Condos & Co-ops

New Listings		582		New Pendings		391		Closed Sales		265	
from I	114.8% Dec 2019: 271	from J	4.4% an 2019: 33	from	48.7% Dec 2019: 263	from J	3 3.0% an 2019: 94	-21.8% from Dec 2019: 339		4.7% from Jan 2019: 253	
YTD	2020 582	2019 433	+/- 34.4%	YTD	2020 391	2019 294	+/- 33.0%	YTD	2020 265	2019 253	+/- 4.7%
5-year Jan average: 457				5-year Jan average: 319				5-year Jan average: 249			

- There was an increase in purchase activity in the condo/co-op segment, with 391 new pending sales marking a 33.0 percent increase compared to the 294 contracts entered last January (+97 contracts).
- The 265 closed sales in January were 4.7 percent more than the 253 sales last year, and 6.4 percent higher than the five-year January average of 249 (+16 sales).
- The 582 new listings added in January increased 34.4 percent from last January and exceeded the five-year January average by 125 listings.
- The 696 active listings represent 1.9 months of supply based on the average sales pace of the last 12 months, up from 1.7 months last January, still reflecting an extremely tight seller's market.
- The average days-on-market (DOM) for condo/co-op units sold in January was 38 days, 6 days quicker than last year. Half of the condo/co-op units sold were on the market for 33 days or less, 1 day quicker than the 32-day median DOM of January 2019.
- The average price per square foot for condo/co-op units sold in January was \$562, a 1.6 percent increase from last January's average of \$553.
- The \$480,000 median sales price for condo/co-op units represents an 11.2 percent increase from last January's \$431,500 level and a 7.4 percent increase over the five-year average of \$446,800. The average sales price in January was \$570,997, a 15,8 percent increase from last January's average of \$492,993.

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Monthly Home Sales Index – Washington, DC - January 2020



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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 January 2020. The stats shown are for the Washington, DC real estate market.

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