# **Market Heartbeat**

FOR RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY IN THE 10-COUNTY AREA



## **January 2019**

Despite a strong U.S. economy, historically low unemployment and steady wage growth, home sales began to slow across the nation late last year. Blame was given to a combination of high prices and a steady stream of interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve. This month, the Fed responded to the growing affordability conundrum. In a move described as a patient approach to further rate changes, the Fed did not increase rates during January 2019.

New Listings in the Central Mississippi area decreased 2.4 percent to 599. Pending Sales were up 34.1 percent to 495. Inventory levels fell 23.0 percent to 2,192 units.

Prices continued to gain traction. The Median Sales Price increased 9.3 percent to \$181,950. Days on Market was down 11.6 percent to 97 days. Sellers were encouraged as Months Supply of Inventory was down 28.1 percent to 4.0 months.

While the home affordability topic will continue to set the tone for the 2019 housing market, early signs point to an improving inventory situation, including in several markets that are beginning to show regular year-over-year percentage increases. As motivated sellers attempt to get a jump on annual goals, many new listings enter the market immediately after the turn of a calendar year. If home price appreciation falls more in line with wage growth, and rates can hold firm, consumer confidence and affordability are likely to improve.

### **Quick Facts**

- 11.6% + 9.3% - 23.0%

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Key market metrics for the current month and year-to-date.

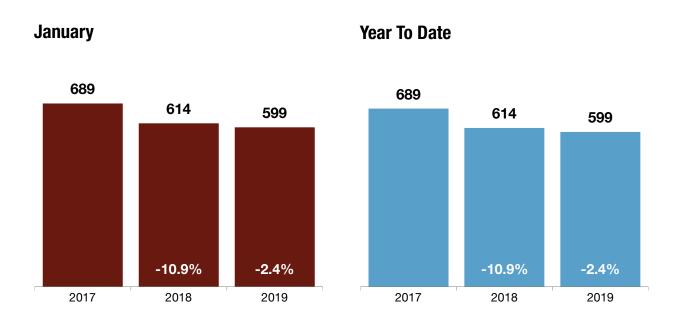


Key Metrics	Historical Sparklines	1-2018	1-2019	+/-	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	+/-
New Listings	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	614	599	- 2.4%	614	599	- 2.4%
Pending Sales	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	369	495	+ 34.1%	369	495	+ 34.1%
Closed Sales	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	344	304	- 11.6%	344	304	- 11.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	110	97	- 11.6%	110	97	- 11.6%
Median Sales Price	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	\$166,500	\$181,950	+ 9.3%	\$166,500	\$181,950	+ 9.3%
Average Sales Price	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	\$189,672	\$203,061	+ 7.1%	\$189,672	\$203,061	+ 7.1%
Percent of List Price Received	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	96.4%	95.4%	- 1.1%	96.4%	95.4%	- 1.1%
Housing Affordability Index	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	156	142	- 9.5%	156	142	- 9.5%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	2,845	2,192	- 23.0%			
Months Supply of Inventory	1-2016 1-2017 1-2018 1-2019	5.6	4.0	- 28.1%			

# **New Listings**

A count of the properties that have been newly listed on the market in a given month.





Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	711	661	-7.0%
March	849	837	-1.4%
April	790	810	+2.5%
May	865	917	+6.0%
June	850	857	+0.8%
July	750	792	+5.6%
August	752	803	+6.8%
September	620	575	-7.3%
October	664	641	-3.5%
November	581	486	-16.4%
December	430	372	-13.5%
January	614	599	-2.4%
12-Month Avg	706	696	-1.5%

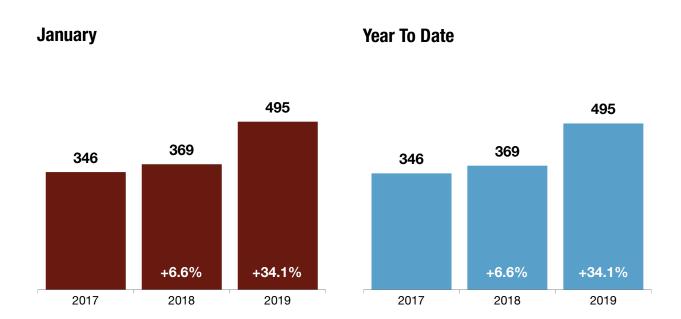
#### **Historical New Listing Activity**



# **Pending Sales**

A count of the properties on which contracts have been accepted in a given month.





Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	429	412	-4.0%
March	530	626	+18.1%
April	597	962	+61.1%
May	580	675	+16.4%
June	602	649	+7.8%
July	585	617	+5.5%
August	597	572	-4.2%
September	501	400	-20.2%
October	506	465	-8.1%
November	465	375	-19.4%
December	387	338	-12.7%
January	369	495	+34.1%
12-Month Avg	512	549	+7.1%

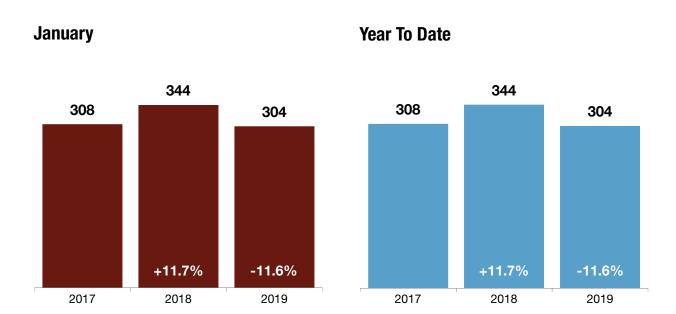
#### **Historical Pending Sales Activity**



## **Closed Sales**

A count of the actual sales that have closed in a given month.





Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	375	340	-9.3%
March	531	490	-7.7%
April	524	538	+2.7%
May	629	682	+8.4%
June	582	682	+17.2%
July	575	693	+20.5%
August	565	618	+9.4%
September	541	499	-7.8%
October	527	455	-13.7%
November	453	420	-7.3%
December	499	462	-7.4%
January	344	304	-11.6%
12-Month Avg	512	515	-0.6%

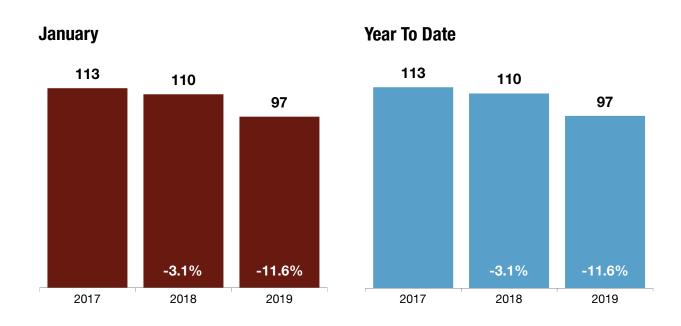
#### **Historical Closed Sales Activity**



# **Days on Market Until Sale**

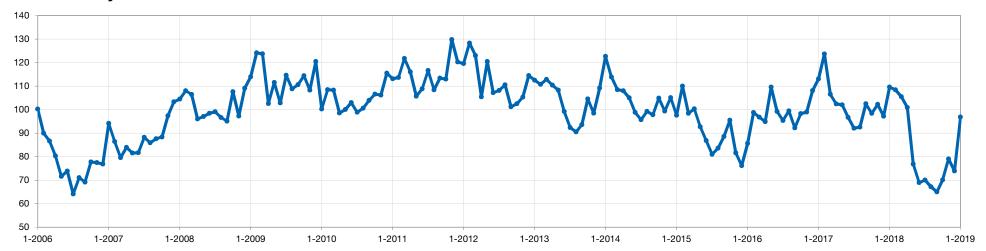






Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	124	108	-12.3%
March	106	106	-0.9%
April	102	101	-1.5%
May	102	77	-24.7%
June	97	69	-28.7%
July	92	70	-23.9%
August	93	67	-27.4%
September	103	65	-36.6%
October	98	70	-28.7%
November	102	79	-22.7%
December	97	74	-24.0%
January	110	97	-11.6%
12-Month Avg	101	80	-21.2%

#### **Historical Days on Market Until Sale**



## **Median Sales Price**



2019



# Year To Date \$181,950 \$146,000 \$146,000 \$146,000 \$144,000 \$144,000 \$144,000 \$144,000 \$144,000 \$144,000 \$144,000 \$144,000

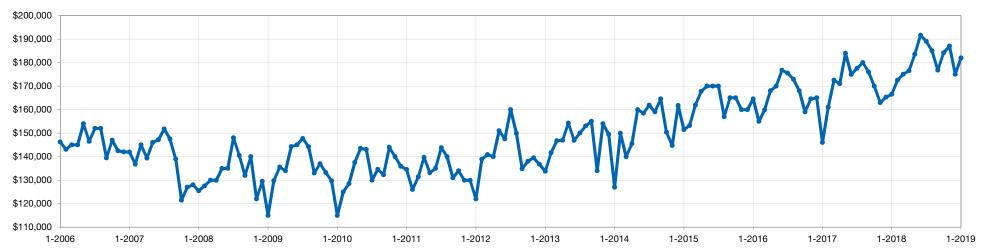
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Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	\$161,000	\$172,500	+7.1%
March	\$172,500	\$175,000	+1.4%
April	\$171,000	\$176,500	+3.2%
May	\$183,950	\$183,500	-0.2%
June	\$174,950	\$191,600	+9.5%
July	\$177,500	\$189,000	+6.5%
August	\$180,000	\$185,000	+2.8%
September	\$176,000	\$176,750	+0.4%
October	\$170,000	\$184,125	+8.3%
November	\$163,000	\$187,000	+14.7%
December	\$165,250	\$175,000	+5.9%
January	\$166,500	\$181,950	+9.3%
12-Month Med	\$198,301	\$208,535	+5.2%

#### **Historical Median Sales Price**

2018

2017



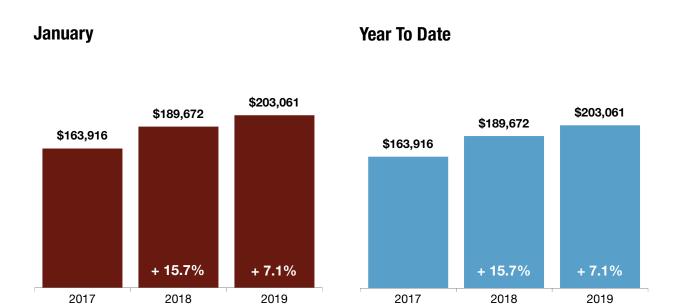
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# **Average Sales Price**

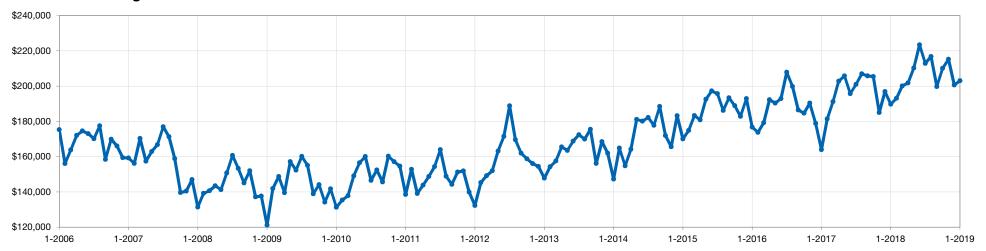
Average sales price for all closed sales, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month.





Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	\$181,410	\$193,088	+6.4%
March	\$191,152	\$200,040	+4.6%
April	\$202,775	\$201,763	-0.5%
May	\$205,791	\$210,252	+2.2%
June	\$195,720	\$223,390	+14.1%
July	\$200,965	\$212,839	+5.9%
August	\$206,920	\$216,711	+4.7%
September	\$205,780	\$199,693	-3.0%
October	\$205,431	\$210,012	+2.2%
November	\$184,988	\$215,175	+16.3%
December	\$196,849	\$200,573	+1.9%
January	\$189,672	\$203,061	+7.1%
12-Month Avg	\$173,000	\$182,500	+5.5%

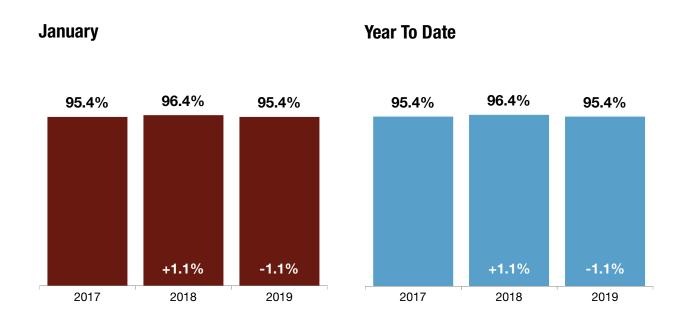
#### **Historical Average Sales Price**



## **Percent of List Price Received**

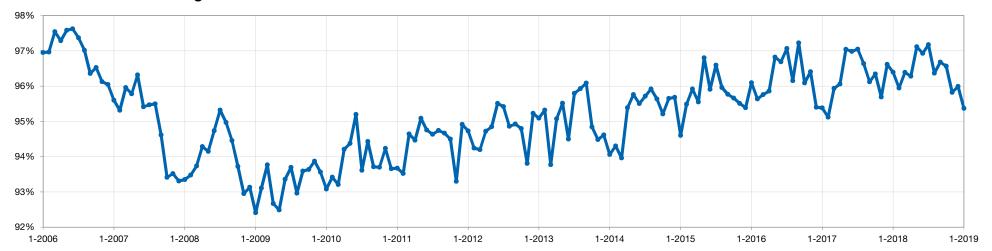


Percentage found when dividing a property's sales price by its list price, then taking the average for all properties sold in a given month, not accounting for seller concessions.



Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	95.1%	95.9%	+0.9%
March	95.9%	96.4%	+0.5%
April	96.1%	96.3%	+0.2%
May	97.0%	97.1%	+0.1%
June	97.0%	96.9%	-0.1%
July	97.0%	97.2%	+0.1%
August	96.6%	96.4%	-0.3%
September	96.1%	96.7%	+0.6%
October	96.3%	96.6%	+0.2%
November	95.7%	95.8%	+0.1%
December	96.6%	96.0%	-0.6%
January	96.4%	95.4%	-1.1%
12-Month Avg	96.4%	96.5%	+0.1%

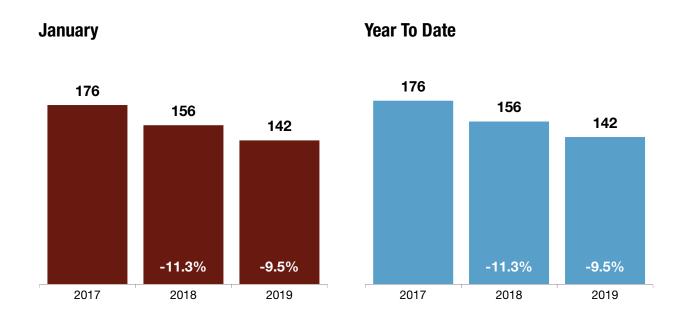
#### **Historical Percent of Original List Price Received**



# **Housing Affordability Index**

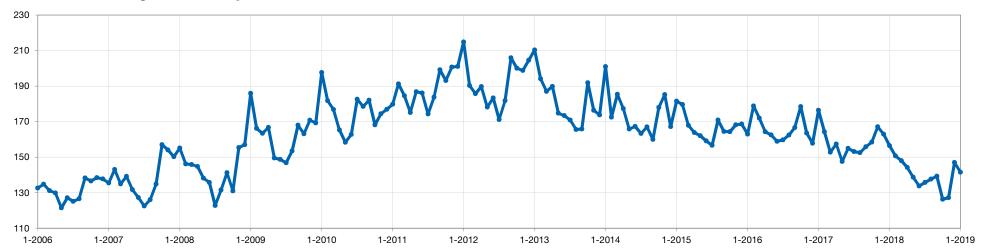


This index measures housing affordability for the region. For example, an index of 120 means the median household income was 120% of what is necessary to qualify for the median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. A higher number means greater affordability.



Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	164	151	-8.3%
March	153	148	-3.2%
April	157	144	-8.3%
May	148	139	-6.0%
June	155	134	-13.7%
July	153	136	-11.4%
August	152	138	-9.7%
September	156	139	-10.6%
October	158	126	-20.3%
November	167	127	-23.9%
December	163	147	-9.8%
January	156	142	-9.5%
12-Month Avg	157	139	-11.2%

#### **Historical Housing Affordability Index**

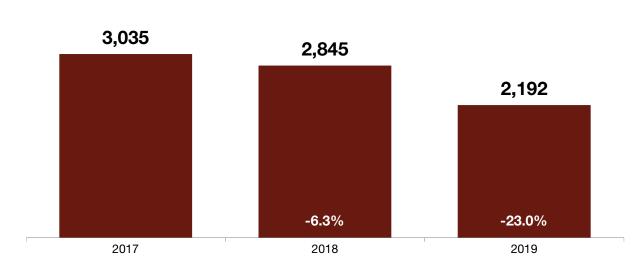


# **Inventory of Homes for Sale**



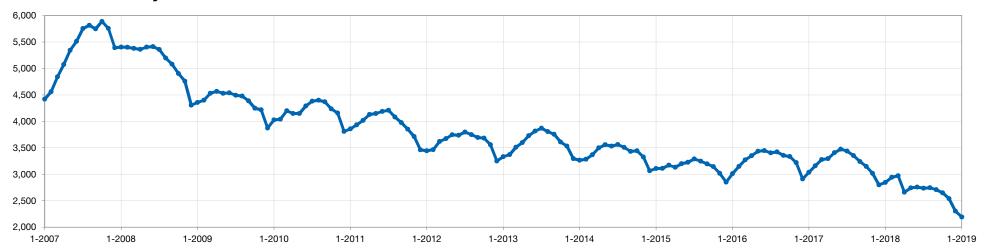


#### **January**



Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	3,160	2,941	-6.9%
March	3,279	2,973	-9.3%
April	3,297	2,660	-19.3%
May	3,409	2,743	-19.5%
June	3,474	2,757	-20.6%
July	3,438	2,736	-20.4%
August	3,353	2,746	-18.1%
September	3,241	2,708	-16.4%
October	3,146	2,650	-15.8%
November	3,017	2,540	-15.8%
December	2,800	2,304	-17.7%
January	2,845	2,192	-23.0%
12-Month Avg	3,205	2,663	-16.9%

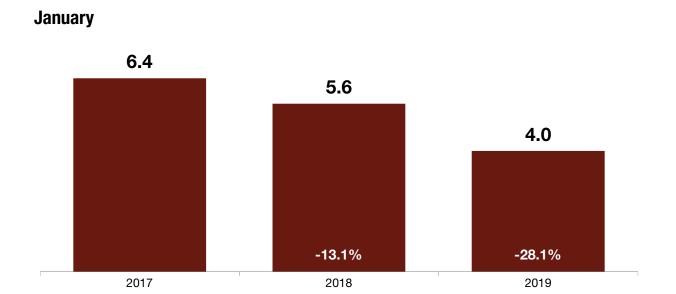
#### **Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale**



# **Months Supply of Inventory**

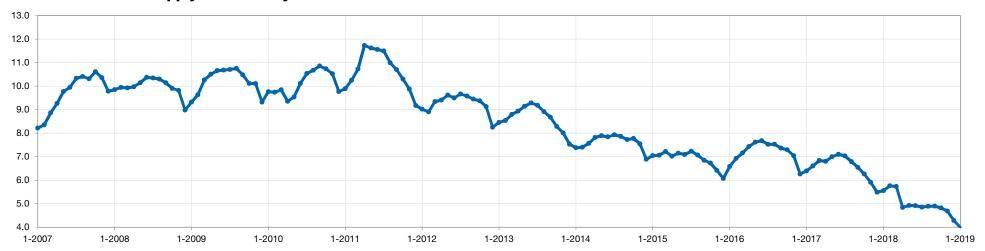


The inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months.



Month	Prior Year	Current Year	+/-
February	6.6	5.8	-12.8%
March	6.8	5.7	-16.2%
April	6.8	4.8	-28.8%
May	7.0	4.9	-29.6%
June	7.1	4.9	-30.8%
July	7.0	4.9	-31.0%
August	6.8	4.9	-27.9%
September	6.5	4.9	-25.2%
October	6.3	4.8	-23.0%
November	5.9	4.7	-20.7%
December	5.5	4.3	-22.0%
January	5.6	4.0	-28.1%
12-Month Avg	6.5	4.9	-24.8%

#### **Historical Months Supply of Inventory**



# **Area Overview by County**



New Listings, Closed Sales and Median Sales Price are based on year-to-date figures. Inventory and Months Supply are based on monthly figures.

	New Listings			Closed Sales			Median Sales Price			Inventory			Months Supply		
	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	+/-	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	+/-	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	+/-	1-2018	1-2019	+/-	1-2018	1-2019	+/-
<b>Hinds County</b>	184	216	+17.4%	105	90	-14.3%	\$119,150	\$119,500	+0.3%	940	817	-13.1%	6.0	5.0	-17.2%
Madison County	147	139	-5.4%	84	91	+8.3%	\$245,500	\$247,000	+0.6%	808	637	-21.2%	6.0	4.2	-30.5%
Rankin County	241	196	-18.7%	138	101	-26.8%	\$163,250	\$193,000	+18.2%	828	531	-35.9%	4.3	2.6	-39.5%
Simpson County	13	8	-38.5%	4	3	-25.0%	\$120,000	\$37,500	-68.8%	71	48	-32.4%	8.8	6.5	-25.5%
Scott County	6	11	+83.3%	1	5	+400.0%	\$76,900	\$50,000	-35.0%	28	19	-32.1%	7.2	4.9	-32.4%
Yazoo County	6	10	+66.7%	1	7	+600.0%	\$7,000	\$60,000	+757.1%	29	28	-3.4%	7.1	5.7	-19.8%
Copiah County	9	8	-11.1%	5	4	-20.0%	\$80,000	\$175,000	+118.8%	59	43	-27.1%	8.8	7.3	-17.1%
Leake County	5	7	+40.0%	6	1	-83.3%	\$92,375	\$104,000	+12.6%	47	43	-8.5%	9.0	9.7	+8.8%
Attala County	1	2	+100.0%	0	1		\$0	\$47,500		14	10	-28.6%	9.0	9.0	0.0%
Holmes County	2	2	0.0%	0	1		\$0	\$20,000		21	16	-23.8%	11.7	11.4	-2.0%
3-County Area*	572	551	-3.7%	327	282	-13.8%	\$170,500	\$191,750	+12.5%	2,576	1,985	-22.9%	5.3	3.8	-28.5%
10-County Area**	614	599	-2.4%	344	304	-11.6%	\$166,500	\$181,950	+9.3%	2,845	2,192	-23.0%	5.6	4.0	-28.1%

<sup>\* 3-</sup>County Area includes activity for Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties combined.

<sup>\*\* 10-</sup>County Area includes activity for Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Scott, Yazoo, Copiah, Leake, Attala and Holmes Counties combined.