



Salem, Mass

MARKET REPORT

2021

Quarter I

January - March

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OVERALL TRENDS

1. The median price of Single Family Homes (SFH) sold in Q1 2021 increased 14.4% to \$527,410, only the second time a Quarterly price has exceeded \$500,000.
2. The median price of the Condos sold increased 11.7% to \$405,000, breaking \$400,000 for the first time, although the median price in the second half of 2020 was close - \$395,000.
3. Sales of SFH were sharply lower at 30 vs 42 and compared with a 5-year average of 37. Condo sales increased to 74 from 68, slightly above the 5-year average of 70.
4. 70% of both SFHs and Condos sold in Q1 2021 received an accepted offer in 15 days or less.
5. Despite the huge decline in inventory, sales in Essex County in Q1 2021 were quite steady, an indication of how quickly homes were selling. See slide 13.
6. Every one of the 34 cities and towns in Essex County saw Year-on-Year (YOY) increases in the median selling price; only 6 of the 34 cities and towns recorded a median SFH price under \$500,000.
7. The national average cost of a 30-year Fixed-Rate Mortgage (FRM) ended 2020 at 2.67%. Since early January, the yield on US Treasuries has risen sharply, and this in turn has moved the FRM to 3.13% - still extremely low by historical comparisons. See slide 14.

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES

SFH = Single Family Home

Q1 = January – March; Q2 April- June; Q3 July-September; Q4 October – December

YTD Q3 = Year to Date January- September

Median prices exclude **distressed sales** – foreclosures and short sales – because these are not normally arms-length transactions. **“Sales”** include everything.

The **median price** is the **price** in the very middle of a data set, with exactly half of the houses priced for less and half priced for more. **It is not the average price.**

Look at this list of numbers: 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,100,100. The median price – the middle one – is 11. The average is 24. **Median price removes the impact of outliers** – whether high or low.

If 50% of sales take place above \$100,000 and 50% below then the median will be \$100,000. When the percentage increases to 60% below \$100,000, that means that more sales are occurring at lower prices and so the median price declines.

DTO – Days to Offer: The number of days a property is listed before an accepted offer is received. A more reliable guide to activity than **DOM – Days on Market** – as a number of matters can affect the timing for the latter.

Months of Supply: If 60 properties have sold in the last 6 months that is a rate of 10 per month. If there are currently 20 properties for sale the supply is 20 divided by 10 = 2 months. Because properties sell more quickly in summer months, we use Year to Date numbers to even out those fluctuations.





30

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES SOLD IN Q1 2021

74

CONDO AND TOWNHOMES SOLD IN Q1 2021



MARKET ACTIVITY

AT A GLANCE

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

CONDO AND TOWNHOMES

Q1 2021 vs. Q1 2020

Q1 2021 vs. Q1 2020



+14.4%

MEDIAN SALES PRICE

The median price of the SFHs sold in Q1 2021 increased 14.4% from \$461,000 to \$527,410, only the second time a Quarterly price has exceeded \$500,000



-28.6%

UNITS SOLD

30 SFHs sold in Q1 2021, down from 42 in Q1 2020, and compared with the 5-year average of 37



+11.7%

MEDIAN SALES PRICE

The median price increased from \$362,500 to \$405,000, the first time a Quarterly price has exceeded \$400,000



+8.8%

UNITS SOLD

Sales increased from 68 in Q1 2020 to 74, compared with the 5-year average of 70

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

BY THE NUMBERS

	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	% Change 2021 VS. 2020
Median Price	\$444,500	\$461,000	\$527,410	+14.4%
Median Price per Square Foot	\$252	\$262	\$299	
Median Days on Market (DOM)	37	21	20.5	
Median Days to Offer (DTO)	16.5	8	7	
Highest Price	\$800,000	\$895,000	\$920,000	
Lowest Price	\$265,000	\$266,000	\$375,000	
Number of Properties Sold	36	42	30	-28.6%
% Sold Price to List Price	100%	102%	106%	
Total Dollar Volume	\$16.4 million	\$20.6 million	\$16.6 million	



CONDO AND TOWNHOMES

BY THE NUMBERS

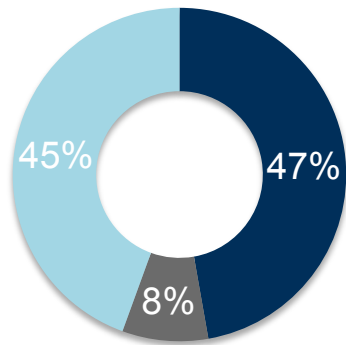
	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	% Change 2021 vs. 2020
Median Price	\$317,500	\$362,500	\$405,000	+11.7%
Median Price per Square Foot	\$298	\$319	\$348	
Median Days on Market (DOM)	23	28.5	20	
Median Days To Offer (DTO)	11	13.5	6	
Highest Price	\$595,000	\$535,000	\$725,000	
Lowest Price	\$197,724	\$176,000	\$209,000	
Number of Properties Sold	57	68	74	+8.8%
% Sold Price to List Price	100%	101%	102%	
Total Dollar Volume	\$19.5 million	\$24.7 million	\$30.1 million	



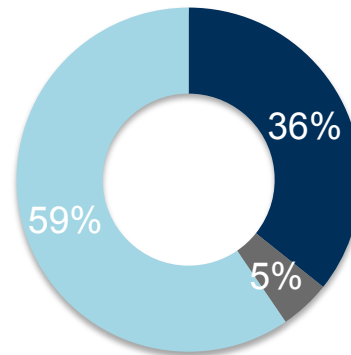
LIST PRICE VS. SALES PRICE

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

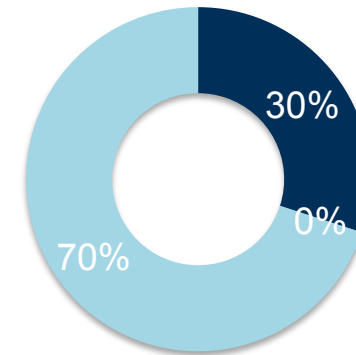
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Q1 2019



Q1 2020



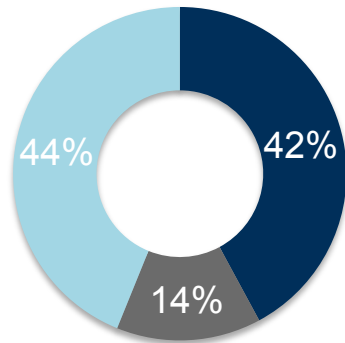
Q1 2021

The percentage of SFH sales above list price has increased year by year

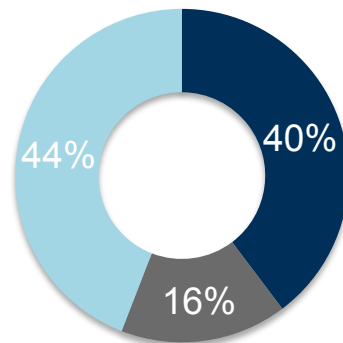
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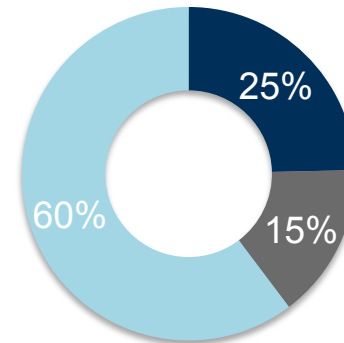
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Q1 2019



Q1 2020

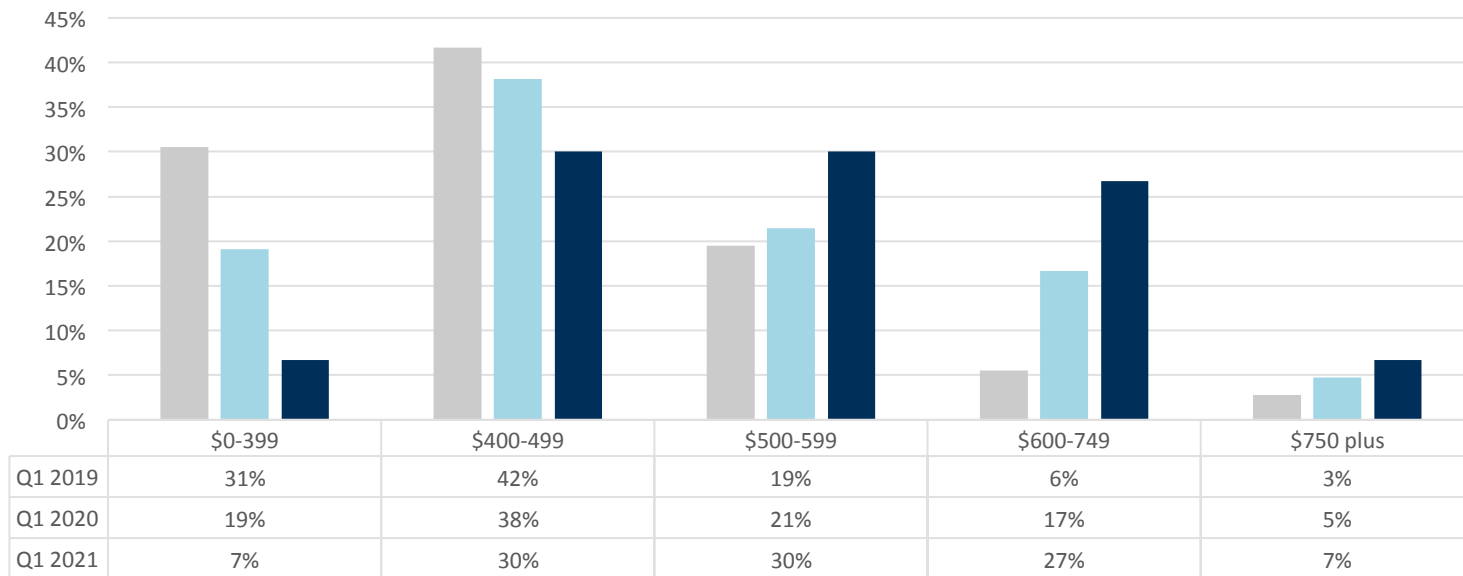


Q1 2021

2021 saw an increase in the percentage of Condos sold above list price

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SINGLE FAMILY HOMES



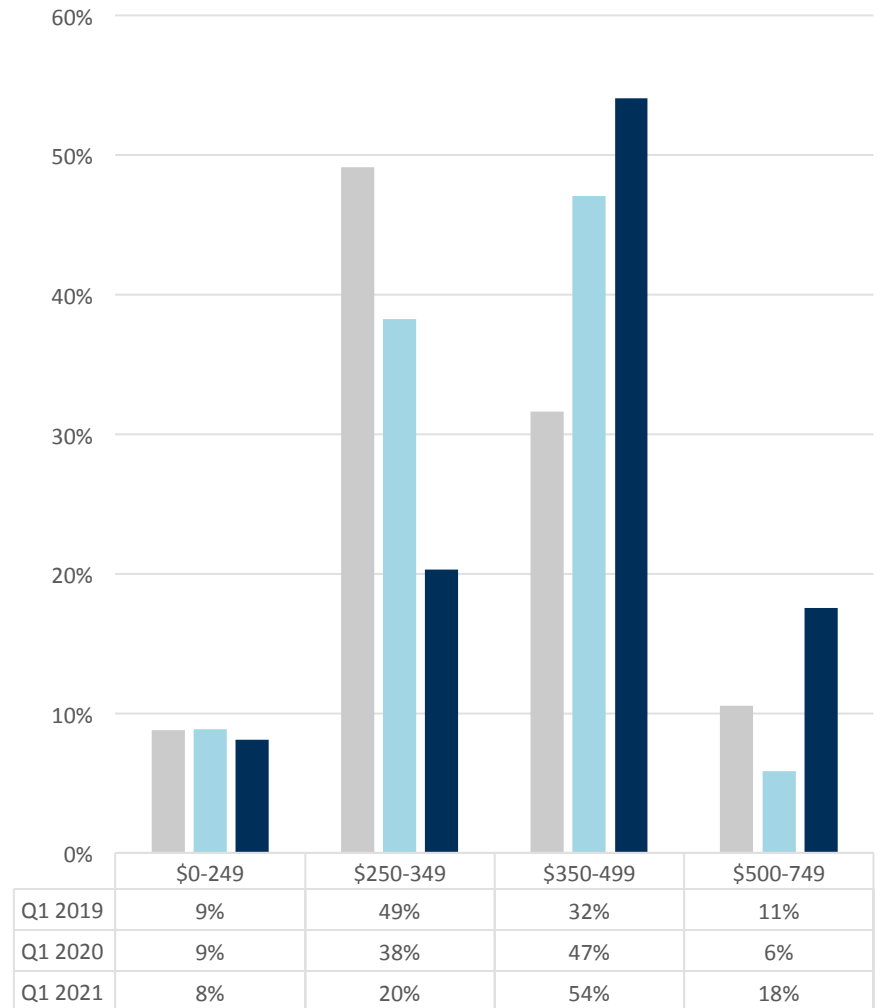
	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021
Median Price	\$444,500	\$461,000	\$527,410

As sales under \$500,000 moved from 73% of the total in Q1 2019 to 57% in 2020 and to just 37% in 2021, so the median price rose from under \$500,000 to well over \$500,000

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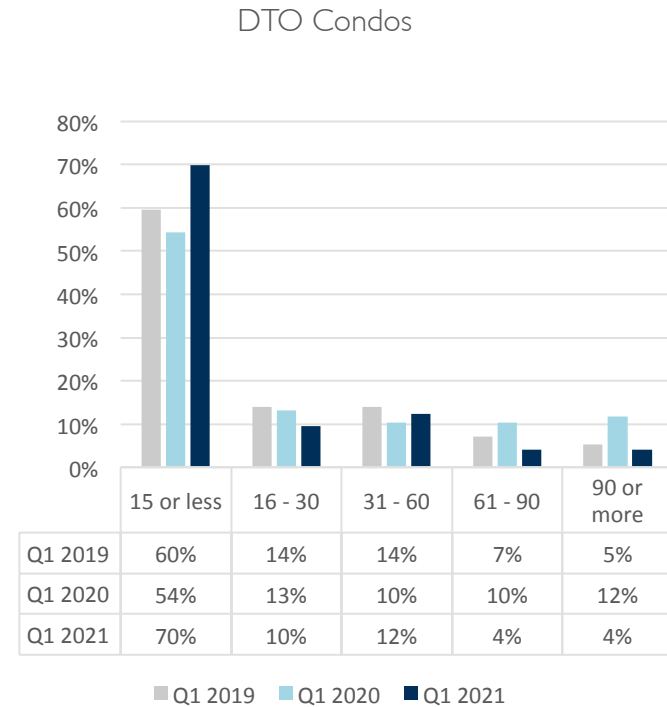
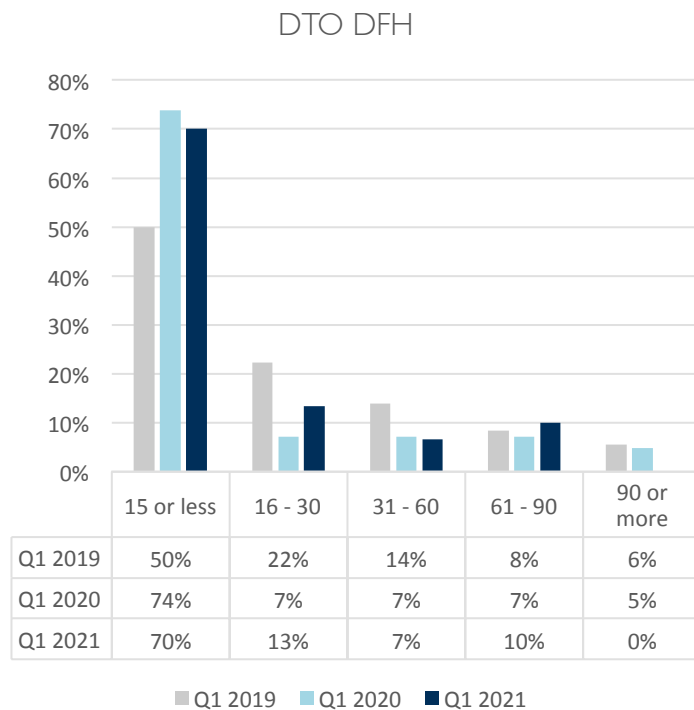
CONDOS

The percentage of sales under \$350,000 dropped from 58% in 2019 to 47% in 2020 and to just 28% in 2021, driving the median price well over \$350,000.



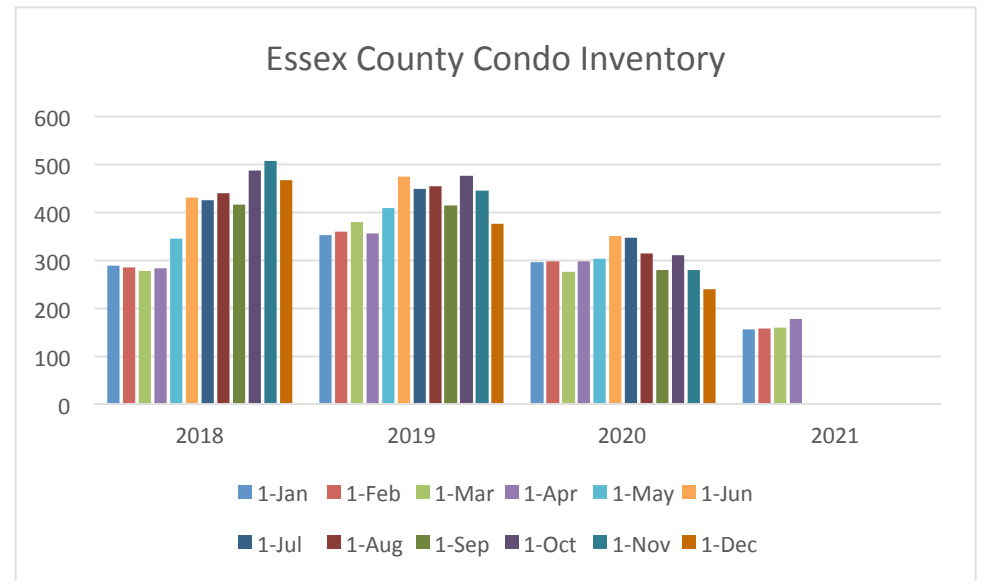
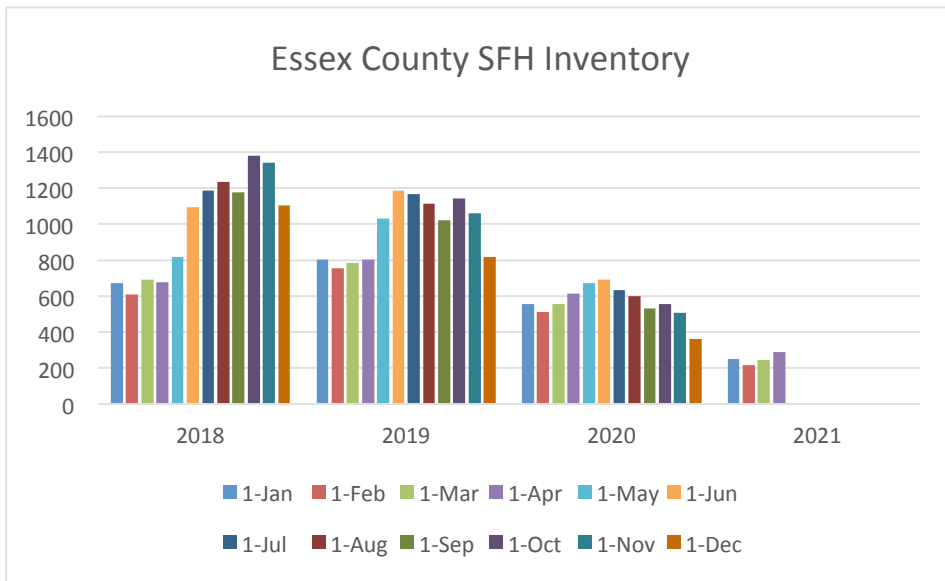
	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021
Median Price	\$317,500	\$365,000	\$405,000

DAYS TO ACCEPTED OFFER (DTO)



70% of both SFH and Condos sold in Q1 2021 received offers in 15 days or less

HOUSING INVENTORY DECLINE ACCELERATES IN ESSEX COUNTY BUT SALES HOLD QUITE STEADY



Essex County Sales							
	2020	2021		2020	2021		
SFH				Condos			
Jan	348	349		Jan	154	190	
Feb	271	281		Feb	154	159	
Mar	363	304		Mar	192	194	
	982	934	-5%		500	543	9%

MORTGAGE RATES HAVE INCREASED IN 2021 - STILL EXCEPTIONALLY LOW BY HISTORIC STANDARDS

U.S. weekly averages as of 04/08/2021

30-Yr FRM
3.13% | ▼0.05 1-Wk
▼0.20 1-Yr
0.7 Fees/Points

15-Yr FRM
2.42% | ▼0.03 1-Wk
▼0.35 1-Yr
0.6 Fees/Points

5/1-Yr ARM
2.92% | ▲0.08 1-Wk
▼0.48 1-Yr
0.1 Fees/Points

Zoom 1Y 3Y 5Y **10Y** All

04/08/2011 - 04/08/2021



Source: Freddie Mac

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