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an annual report on single family residential real estate activity



NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOT

community	# sold		avg. \$ per sq ft		avg. days to sell		median sale price		five-year price trend
Northend	49	1 8.9%	\$686	15.7%	36	() -32.1%	\$1,780,000	() -7.5%	1 42.4%
First Hill	17	() -48.5%	\$620	13.6%	30	() -21.7%	\$1,550,000	9.8%	1 64.9%
East Seattle	6	() -14.3%	\$584	() -16.2%	27	() -64.0%	\$1,644,300	37.0%	76.8%
Westside	40	() -2.4%	\$632	6.6%	61	() -37.2%	\$1,970,000	() -10.5%	1 41.2%
Mercerdale	19	() -5.0%	\$582	10.6%	21	() -48.7%	\$1,405,000	19.3%	1 99.1%
Mercerwood	13	() -38.1%	\$510	12.5%	15	1 39.0%	\$1,350,000	11.9%	1 39.1%
Mid-Island	62	1 24.0%	\$594	1 25.5%	33	1 37.7%	\$1,540,750	12.4%	1 55.0%
Eastside	24	() -42.9%	\$586	7.9%	70	0.5%	\$1,790,000	10.5%	66.5%
MI Estates	5	0.0%	\$578	1 34.8%	8	() -54.9%	\$1,437,000	6 5.7%	1 48.5%
The Lakes	3	() -50.0%	\$621	6.7%	14	1 241.7%	\$2,010,000	10.0%	1 50.8%
Southend	47	U -21.7%	\$539	0.0%	24	() -38.1%	\$1,620,000	U -1.1%	1 52.5%
ALL ISLAND	285	() -13.6%	\$606	11.3%	37	() -23.6%	\$1,700,000	10.0%	6 56.7%

FIVE YEAR TREND

year	# sold		avg. \$ per sqft		avg.	days to sell	median sale price		average sale price	
2018	285	U -13.6%	\$606	11.3%	37	() -23.6%	\$1,700,000	10.0%	\$2,059,996	10.5%
2017	330	14.2 %	\$544	1 9.5%	48	1 24.5%	\$1,546,000	17.1%	\$1,865,041	13.5 %
2016	289	() -12.2%	\$497	10.1%	38	() -17.5%	\$1,320,000	10.0%	\$1,643,232	1 8.2%
2015	329	() -2.7%	\$451	1 8.5%	47	() -32.5%	\$1,199,500	10.6%	\$1,518,164	() 8.4%
2014	338	U -4.2%	\$416	10.3%	69	6.0%	\$1,084,750	12.4%	\$1,401,028	14.7%

HISTORIC INTEREST RATES

 $30 ext{-}year fixed ext{-}rate mortgage$



2018

mercer island home values rose 10%

TO A MEDIAN OF \$1,700,000

ON AVERAGE, HOUSES SOLD IN

37 DAYS

THERE WERE

14%

more homes

for sale



2018 year in review

The Island, much like the region surrounding it, saw a shift from an ultra-competitive seller's market to a more balanced market as the number of homes for sale increased markedly following a strong spring market. Home values have softened since the peak market of 2018, but still ended the year with a hefty increase over 2017 values.

The number of home sales were down in 2018: 285, as compared to 330 in 2017. Modern, turn-key homes and highly desirable settings were most sought after while those lacking essential attributes were often passed over, ending the year unsold.

Uniquely situated near both the Seattle and Eastside metro areas, the Island has always tended to fare better than most in a transitioning market. Mercer Island's Median Sale Price was up 10.0% to \$1,700,000, while its Average Sale Price was up 10.5% to \$2,059,996. The higher average sale price reflects the impact of luxury home prices at the upper end of the market. The Average price Per Square Foot increased 11.3% to \$606.



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