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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
West Seattle	1,461 🔱 -17.0%	\$390 12.0%	23 18.8%	\$675,000 12.7%	68.8%
South Seattle	1,025 🔱 -17.5%	\$370 • 9.5%	25 1 2.5%	\$650,000 📦 8.3%	73.3%
Madison Park & Capitol Hill	812 () -12.5%	\$561 13.9%	25 1 2.8%	\$950,000 📦 8.6%	1 40.7%
Queen Anne & Magnolia	619 🔱 -19.7%	\$511	31 1 35.5%	\$1,060,000 12.2%	1 50.8%
Ballard & Green Lake	1,820 🕕 -14.1%	\$459	17 19.4%	\$802,000 🕠 6.9%	1 55.1%
North Seattle	1,054 🔱 -10.9%	\$448	19 19.6%	\$825,000 📦 6.5%	1 59.1%
Richmond Beach & Shoreline	353 🔱 -17.9%	\$357 11.6%	30 1 24.6%	\$660,000 • 9.5%	73.2%
Lake Forest Park & Kenmore	483 🔱 -7.8%	\$327	20 🔱 -7.6%	\$665,000 14.4%	73.9%
ALL SEATTLE	7,627 () 14.9%	\$437	22 13.9%	\$769,950 () 8.8%	1 48.3%

FIVE YEAR TREND

year	#	sold	avg. \$	per sq ft	avg.	days to sell	median sa	le price	average sa	le price
2018	7,627	() -14.9%	\$437	9.7%	22	1 3.9%	\$769,950	1 8.8%	\$883,590	10.4%
2017	8,958	1 2.2%	\$398	1 2.9%	19	() -8.8%	\$707,590	14.1%	\$800,362	1 3.5%
2016	8,766	1 2.1%	\$353	13.4%	21	() -14.7%	\$620,000	12.7%	\$705,220	11.5%
2015	8,588	1 3.9%	\$311	11.3%	25	() -26.3%	\$550,000	14.7%	\$632,349	11.1%
2014	8,262	1 2.4%	\$280	11.8%	34	() -0.2%	\$479,575	7.5%	\$569,201	() 8.3%

HISTORIC INTEREST RATES

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



2018

seattle home values rose 8.8%

\$769,950

ON AVERAGE, HOUSES SOLD IN

22 DAYS

THERE WERE

66%

more homes

for sale



2018 year in review

2018 was a year of transition from an ultracompetitive seller's market to a more balanced market. The first four months of the year saw dramatic price acceleration—arguably far beyond the comfort of Seattle area home buyers—as home values skyrocketed each month through the spring market. Around the beginning of May, home buying activity slowed as the number of homes for sale increased and buyers had more choices for the first time in years. Home prices have declined since that peak in most neighborhoods, but still ended the year up comfortably over 2017 values.

Seattle's overall Median Sale Price was up 8.8% to \$769,950, while its Average Sale Price was up 10.4% to \$883,590. The Average Price Per Square Foot increased 9.7% to \$437, with Lake Forest Park/Kenmore the most affordable region at \$327/sq. ft. and Madison Park/Capitol Hill the most spendy at \$561/sq. ft.

Three Seattle neighborhoods had double-digit median price growth in 2018: Lake Forest Park/Kenmore at 14.4%, West Seattle at 12.7%, and Queen Anne/Magnolia at 12.2%.



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