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# **RE/MAX NATIONAL HOUSING REPORT FOR MARCH 2024**

Inventory Gains and a Surge of New Listings Highlight a March in Which Sales Climbed from February 2024 But Trailed March 2023

**DENVER** – Home sales in March increased 21.6% over February while trailing the March activity of a year ago. At the same time, a 20.9% surge in new listings during the month fueled a substantial 7.7% expansion in inventory.

The inventory gains helped expand the supply of homes for sale by 24.2% year over year, setting the stage for the customary peak homebuying season of May and June.

"As we move into what is normally the prime homebuying months, the increased inventory should give buyers more options and a better chance at securing a home that fits their needs," says Amy Lessinger, RE/MAX® President. "It's still a seller's market in many parts of the country, but having a greater volume of available listings is a good step toward a more balanced market."

Anthony Askowitz, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Advance Realty in Miami, FL, agrees that March's activity was a good sign for what could come. "March is always a hot time for the real estate market in Miami and this year was no different. Demand was strong, prices increased and, although homes took just a bit longer to sell, thankfully new construction added to the inventory to help meet the needs of new residents."

Up 5.1% year over year, the Median Sale Price increased 1.5% from February – the third monthly increase in a row – and returned to \$415,000, a figure it last reached last September.

### Other metrics of note:

- While March's 21.6% jump in sales was the largest monthly gain in a year, it lagged the 37.7% increase in March 2023 and 33.2% increase in March 2022.
- March home sales finished 9.4% below a year ago across the 50 metro areas surveyed.
   One factor in the comparison is that the Easter holiday weekend occurred in March this year, but in April last year.
- The March months' supply of inventory was 1.7, compared to 1.9 in February and 1.4 one year ago.

- Days on market dropped by 4 days from February to 40 days the same number as in March 2023.
- On average, March sellers received 99% of the listing price, the same as sellers in February and those one year ago.

Highlights and local market results for March include:

# **Closed Transactions**

In the 50 metro areas surveyed in March 2024, the overall number of home sales was up 21.6% compared to February 2024 and down 9.4% compared to March 2023. The markets with the biggest decrease in year-over-year sales percentage were Dover, DE at -25.9%, Honolulu, HI at -16.5%, and Miami, FL at -16.3%. The markets with the biggest increase in year-over-year sales percentage were Bozeman, MT at +10.7%, Burlington, VT at +10.2%, and Minneapolis, MN at +10.0%.

Closed Transactions: 5 Markets with the Biggest YoY Increase			
Market	Mar 2024 Transactions	Mar 2023 Transactions	Year-over-Year % Change
Bozeman, MT	135	122	+10.7%
Burlington, VT	130	118	+10.2%
Minneapolis, MN	3,548	3,225	+10.0%
Milwaukee, WI	1,054	1,021	+3.2%
Salt Lake City, UT	1,128	1,120	+0.7%

# Median Sales Price – Median of 50 metro area prices

In March 2024, the median of all 50 metro area sales prices was \$415,000, up 1.5% compared to February 2024, and up 5.1% from March 2023. The markets with the biggest year-over-year decrease in median sales price were San Antonio, TX at -4.4%, Burlington, VT at -4.3%, and Fayetteville, AR at -2.9%. The markets with the biggest year-over-year increase in median sales price were Manchester, NH at +14.5%, New York, NY at +14.0%, and Hartford, CT at +13.5%.

Median Sales Price: 5 Markets with the Biggest YoY Increase			
Market	Mar 2024 Median Sales Price	Mar 2023 Median Sales Price	Year-over-Year % Change
Manchester, NH	\$479,900	\$419,000	+14.5%
New York, NY	\$570,000	\$499,900	+14.0%
Hartford, CT	\$334,950	\$295,000	+13.5%
Miami, FL	\$510,000	\$450,000	+13.3%
Trenton, NJ	\$382,500	\$340,000	+12.5%

# Close-to-List Price Ratio – Average of 50 metro area prices

In March 2024, the average close-to-list price ratio of all 50 metro areas in the report was 99%, flat compared to both February 2024 and March 2023. The close-to-list price ratio is calculated by the average value of the sales price divided by the list price for each transaction. When the number is above 100%, the home closed for more than the list price. If it's less than 100%, the home sold for less than the list price. The metro areas with the lowest close-to-list price ratio were Miami, FL at 94% and Bozeman, MT at 95%. The metro areas with the highest close-to-list price ratios were San Francisco, CA at 105% and Hartford, CT at 104%.

Close-to-List Price Ratio: 5 Markets with the Biggest YoY Increase			
Market	Mar 2024 Close-to-List Price Ratio	Mar 2023 Close-to-List Price Ratio	Year-over-Year Difference*
San Francisco, CA	105.0%	102.5%	+2.6 pp
Seattle, WA	101.5%	99.6%	+1.9 pp
Los Angeles, CA	99.8%	98.1%	+1.7 pp
Cleveland, OH	99.4%	97.7%	+1.7 pp
Hartford, CT	103.5%	101.9%	+1.6 pp

# Days on Market – Average of 50 metro areas

The average days on market for homes sold in March 2024 was 40, down four days compared to the average in February 2024, and flat compared to March 2023. The metro areas with the lowest days on market were Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC, tied at 13, followed by a three-way tie between Dover, DE, Philadelphia, PA, and Trenton, NJ at 18. The highest days on market averages were in Fayetteville, AR at 79, San Antonio, TX at 76, and Bozeman, MT at 66. Days on market is the number of days between when a home is first listed in an MLS and a sales contract is signed.

Days on Market: 5 Markets with the Biggest YoY Decrease			
Market	Mar 2024 Days on Market	Mar 2023 Days on Market	Year-over-Year % Change
Las Vegas, NV	39	52	-25.4%
Seattle, WA	44	56	-21.6%
Baltimore, MD	13	16	-21.4%
Cleveland, OH	29	37	-19.8%
Detroit, MI	26	31	-18.3%

# Months' Supply of Inventory – Average of 50 metro areas

The number of homes for sale in March 2024 was up 7.7% from February 2024 and up 24.2% from March 2023. Based on the rate of home sales in March 2024, the months' supply of inventory was 1.7, down from 1.9 in February 2024, and up from 1.4 in March 2023. In March 2024, the markets with the lowest months' supply of inventory were Seattle, WA at 0.6, followed by a tie between

Manchester, NH and Milwaukee, WI at 0.7. The markets with the highest months' supply of inventory were Miami, FL at 4.1, San Antonio, TX at 4.0, and Bozeman, MT at 3.3.

Months' Supply of Inventory: 5 Markets with the Biggest YoY Increase			
Market	Mar 2024 Months' Supply of Inventory	Mar 2023 Months' Supply of Inventory	Year-over-Year % Change
Tampa, FL	2.7	1.5	+80.3%
Miami, FL	4.1	2.3	+78.8%
Dover, DE	1.3	0.8	+74.5%
San Antonio, TX	4.0	2.3	+71.4%
Birmingham, AL	2.6	1.6	+65.7%

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#### **Definitions**

Closed Transactions are the total number of closed residential transactions during the given month. Months Supply of Inventory is the total number of residential properties listed for sale at the end of the month (current inventory) divided by the number of sales contracts signed (pending listings) during the month. Where "pending" data is unavailable, an inferred pending status is calculated using closed transactions. Days on Market is the average number of days that pass from the time a property is listed until the property goes under contract. Median Sales Price for a metro area is the median sales price for closed transactions in that metro area. The nationwide Median Sales Price is calculated at the nationwide aggregate level using all sale prices from the included metro areas. The Close-to-List Price Ratio is the average value of the sales price divided by the list price for each closed transaction.

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