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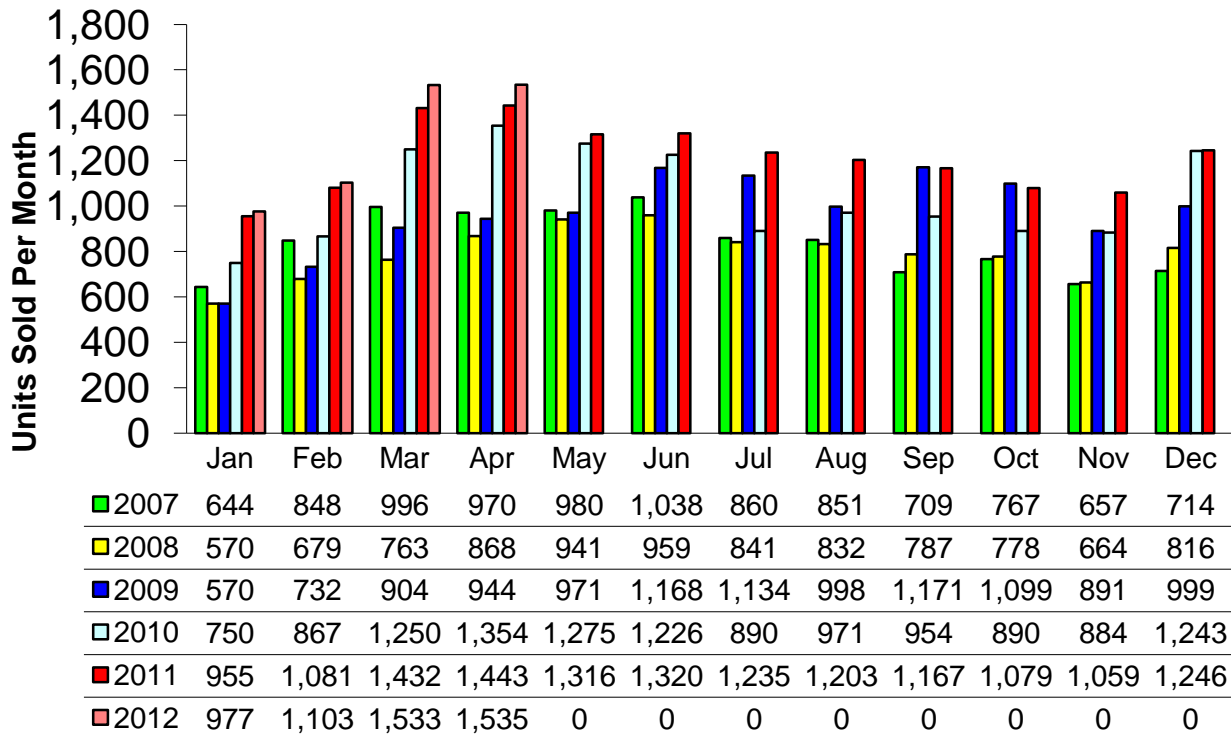
Pinellas County Real Estate Statistics for April 2012

Pinellas County has less than one home per buyer for the second month in a row. New residential listings are down almost 4% from last year with an overall 30% decrease in inventory from 2011. Residential sales are up 6% from last April with a slight increase in median price. Average price, however, is up by 5%, representing the fourth jump this year. Homes are taking 160 days on average to sell, up nearly 43% from a year ago. At \$123 per square foot, properties are fetching almost 10% more than they were at this time last year. Affordability is at a record high and interest rates are low. All that is missing is ready access to credit for homebuyers and the market could see significant improvements in the months ahead

Distressed homes made up 68% of sales for the month of April. Foreclosures are down 34% from last year and short sales remained relatively constant at 17% of total sales. Median price for non-distressed properties showed a 7% increase year over year while short sale median dipped 33%. For the month of April 62% of sales were cash, 23% were conventional and FHA accounted for 11%, suggesting financing is still scarce among lenders. Last month 12% of new listings were bank owned while 68% were non-distressed. Shadow inventory still looms although some speculate a release into the market in the near future.

Watch the May and June real estate statistics as there may be a quick increase in sales as buyers try and close on properties prior to the national flood insurance program expiring at the end of May. If this happens expect a drop in both closings and pending sales in May.

2007 - 2012 Residential Unit Sales



Pinellas - YTD 2012 Residential Financing

