

The 3 Oceans Market Report

market update

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Current prices for homes on the market
Trends in pricing
Current levels of supply and demand
Value metrics

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City Overview

Real-Time Market Profile		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 982,000	↑ ↑
Average List Price	\$ 1,096,900	
Least Expensive Listing	\$ 562,500	
Most Expensive Listing	\$ 2,248,000	
Asking Price per Square Foot	\$ 598	↓ ↓
Average Days on Market	93	↑ ↑
Total Inventory	74	← →
Absorbed This Week*	5	
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	39 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	5 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	5 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	1,628	
Median Lot Size	4,501 - 6500 sq ft	
Median Number of Bedrooms	3.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	2.0	
Median Age	53	

Altos Research Value Statistics		
Market Action Index	Cool. Buyer's	20 ← →

Altos Research calculates the Market Action Index which measures available supply relative to the current level of demand. Index value above 30 indicates conditions favor the seller. See the section below for full details.

Trend Key

Last Month's Trend
 Last Quarter's
 No Clear Monthly/Quarterly

*Metric "Absorbed this Week" covers properties sold and those taken off the market for other reasons. Since sales sometimes take months to close, it is impossible to discern in real-time exactly which properties sold.

Characteristics per Quartile

Quart	Median Price	Med. Sqft.	Med. Lot Size	Bed	Bath	Med. Age	Inven.	New	Ab-sorbed	Avg. DoM
1	\$ 1,524,500	2,434	8,001 - 10,000 sq ft	4.0	2.5	45	18	2	0	71
2	\$ 1,123,500	2,041	6,501 - 8,000 sq ft	3.5	2.0	53	18	1	1	100
3	\$ 904,900	1,650	4,501 - 6500 sq ft	3.0	2.0	53	19	1	2	101
4	\$ 730,000	1,104	4,501 - 6500 sq ft	3.0	2.0	55	19	2	2	100

MOUNTAIN VIEW

THIS WEEK

The median single family home price in MOUNTAIN VIEW this week is \$982,000. The 74 homes have been on the market for an average of 93 days.

Days-on-market has been trending up recently but the Market Action Index and inventory levels are basically flat and not providing strong indications for the market.

QUARTILES

To get a tightly targeted understanding of homes in the market, we break each locale into quartiles. Each quartile is 25% of the homes listed.

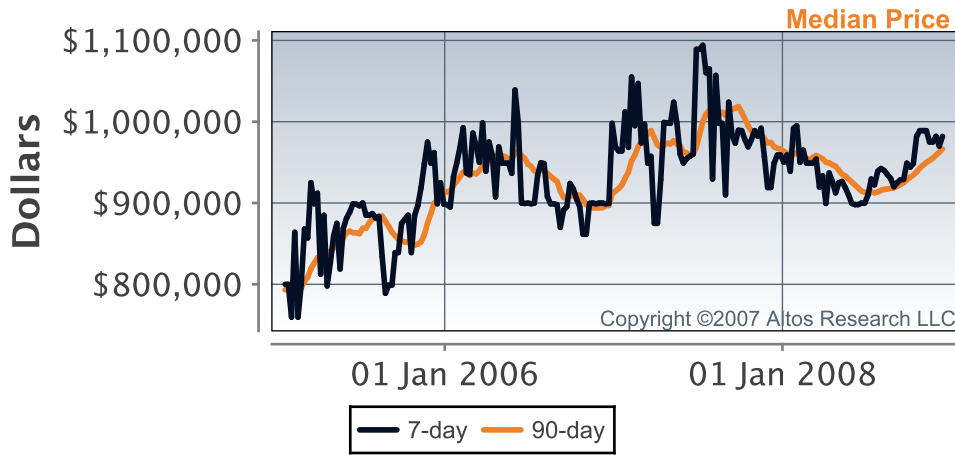
Most expensive 25% of homes

Upper-middle 25% of homes

Lower-middle 25% of homes

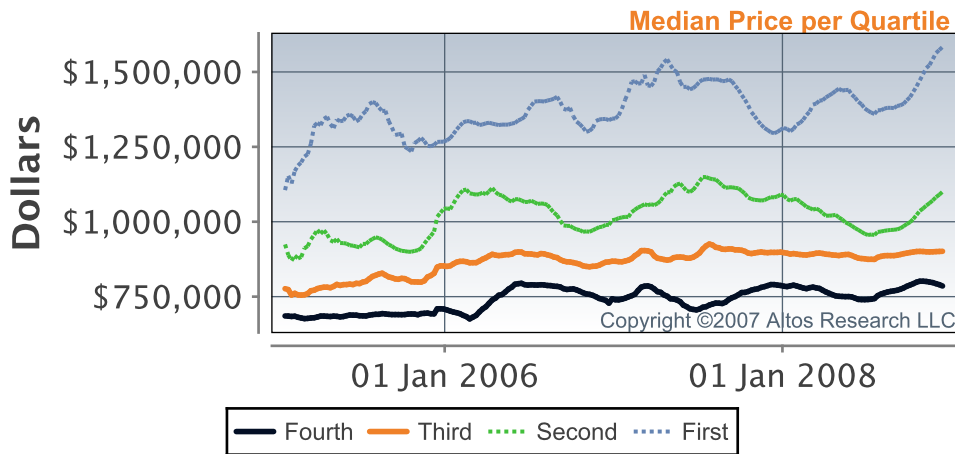
Least expensive 25% of homes

We'll refer to the quartiles in the trend graphs below.



PRICE

Price trends continued their recent uptrend this week. While still below the market's price high-point, we've seen a nice run recently.



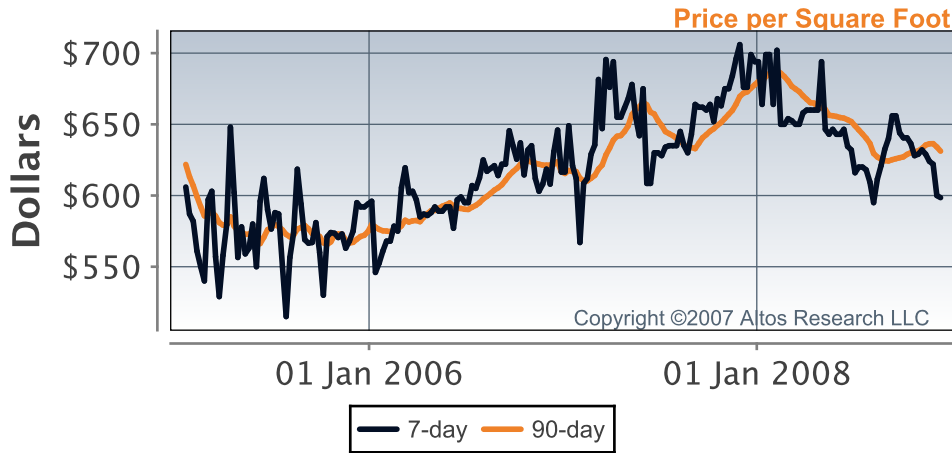
QUARTILE PRICES

Often, we find insights by watching pricing trends within the quartile segments.

Prices in most of the market have been showing strength. Only Quartile 4 at the low end of the market is in a price decline. Watch the Market Action Index to determine whether demand in Quartile 4 will begin to reverse the trend and push prices higher here too.

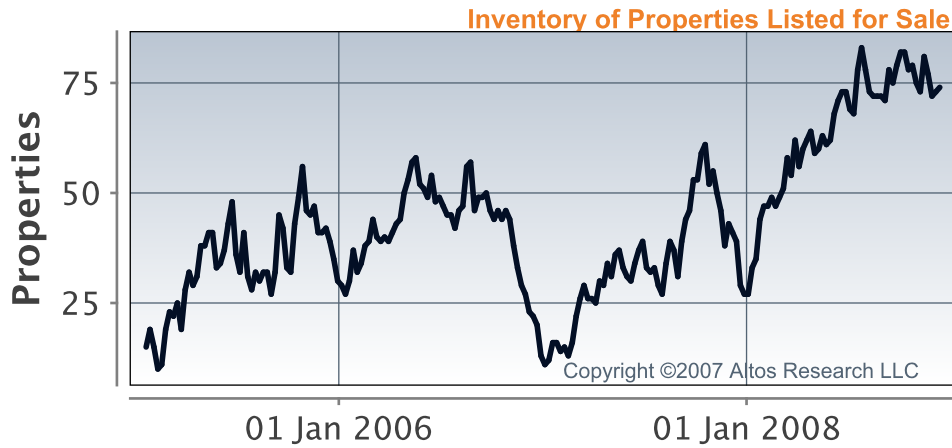
PRICE AND VALUE

This is a market where watching the value metrics (like price per square foot) can provide insight that you don't get at first glance. Despite the fact that home prices are rising fairly consistently, the price per square foot of homes listed is declining. Often this can be attributed to new and remodeled homes on the market. Buyers in the area are paying more but also getting more for their money.



INVENTORY

Inventory has been relatively steady around these levels in recent weeks.



Residential house prices are a function of supply and demand, and market conditions can be characterized by analyzing those factors. Watch this index for sustained changes: if the index falls into the Buyer's Market zone for a long period, prices are likely in for a downward correction.



The Market Action Index (MAI) illustrates the balance between supply and demand using a statistical function of the current rate of sale versus current inventory.

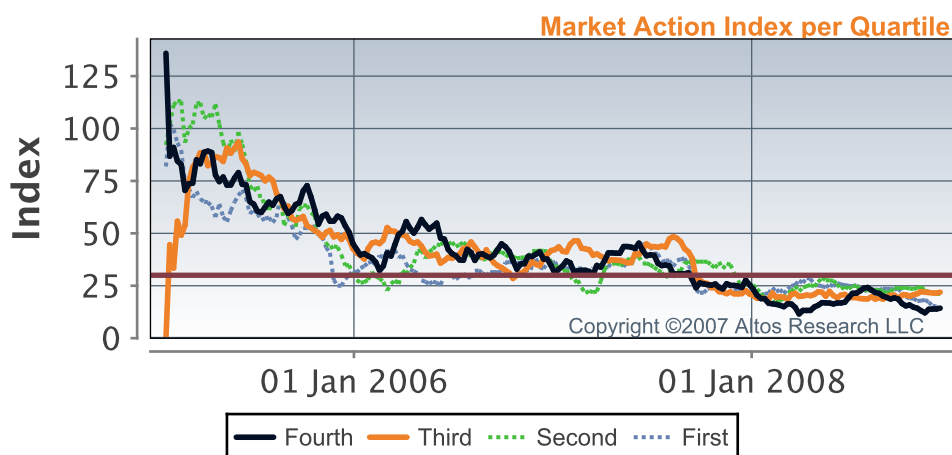
An MAI value greater than 30 typically indicates a "Seller's Market" (a.k.a. "Hot Market") because demand is high enough to quickly gobble up available supply. A hot market will typically cause prices to rise. MAI values below 30 indicate a "Buyer's Market" (a.k.a. "Cold Market") where the inventory of already-listed homes is sufficient to last several months at the current rate of sales. A cold market will typically cause prices to fall.

MARKET ACTION INDEX

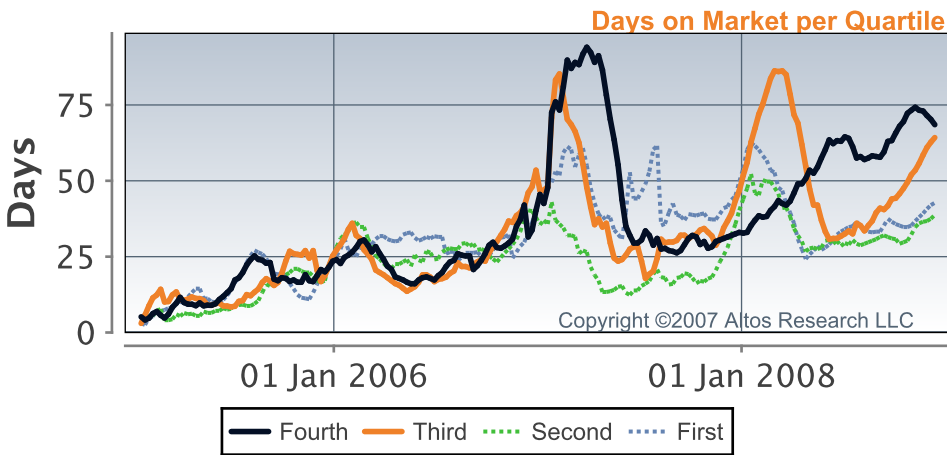
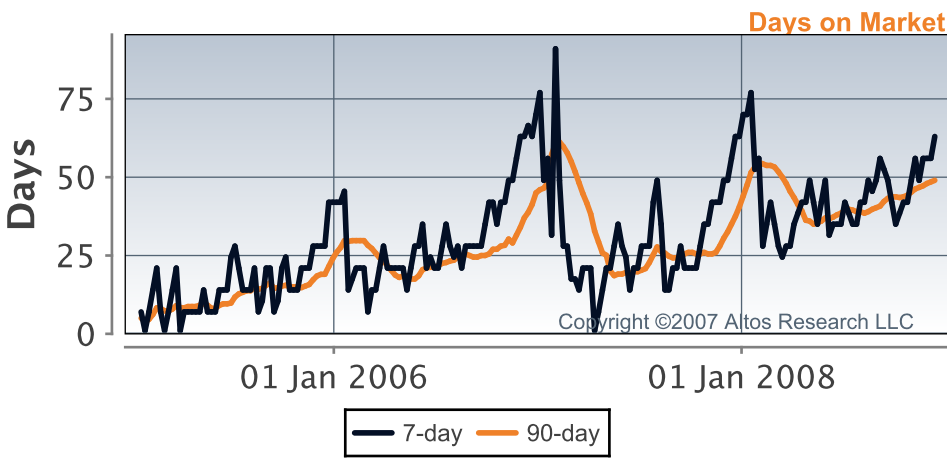
Inventory levels have been relatively consistent relative to sales. Despite the fact that there is a relatively high amount of available inventory, this Buyer's market is still seeing prices move higher. Given inventory levels, these price conditions are relatively fragile. If the market cools off further, the price trend is likely to reverse.

MARKET ACTION

Not surprisingly given the overall Market Action Index, all quartiles are in the Buyer's Market zone with several months of inventory given the current rate of demand for homes in the quartile. Watch the quartile for changes before the overall market shifts. Often one end of the market (e.g. the low end) will improve and signal a strengthening market before the whole group changes.



The quartiles can help you answer the question, "How hot is the market for homes in my price range?"



DAYS ON MARKET (DOM)

The properties have been on the market for an average of 93 days. Half of the listings have come newly on the market in the past 63 or so days.

DOM PER QUARTILE

It is not uncommon for the higher priced homes in an area to take longer to sell than those in the lower quartiles.

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