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Harrisonburg & Rockingham County Real Estate Market Report



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HOME SALES REPORT

Harrisonburg & Rockingham County

February 2021

All Residential Sales	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change ('20 - '21)
January	63	65	100	100	0.00%
Year-To-Date (Jan)	63	65	100	100	0.00%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	1,256	1,308	1,359	1,493	9.86%

Median Sales Price	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change ('20 - '21)
January	\$220,000	\$212,500	\$213,700	\$250,620	17.28%
Year-To-Date (Jan)	\$220,000	\$212,500	\$213,700	\$250,620	17.28%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	\$199,894	\$211,750	\$222,500	\$246,500	10.79%

Median Days on Market	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change ('20 - '21)
Year-To-Date (Jan)	54	45	23	6	-73.91%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	33	25	18	8	-55.56%

We're now one month (plus a few weeks) into 2021 and so far the real estate market is starting off just as hot as it did last year. There were 100 closed home sales in January 2021, the same fast pace we saw in January 2020, after only 63 and 63 sales in January of 2018 and 2019. This strong month of sales in January contributed to a

continued strong trend in annual home sales where we have seen 10% more home sales in the past 12 months as compared to the previous 12 months. The median sales price has increased 11% over the past year to \$246,500 and the median "days on market" has decreased 56% to only eight days on the market!

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Detached Homes	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change ('20 - '21)
Year-To-Date (Jan)	46	47	82	73	-10.98%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	895	945	989	1,031	4.25%

Median Sales Price	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change ('20 - '21)
Year-To-Date (Jan)	\$229,950	\$228,000	\$232,900	\$269,900	15.89%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	\$225,000	\$228,000	\$240,000	\$270,000	12.50%

Attached Homes	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change ('20 - '21)
Year-To-Date (Jan)	17	18	18	27	50.00%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	361	363	370	462	24.86%

Median Sales Price	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change ('20 - '21)
Year-To-Date (Jan)	\$156,000	\$163,406	\$157,700	\$174,000	10.34%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	\$160,000	\$167,811	\$176,000	\$193,000	9.66%

The green charts above shows trends in detached home sales -- as compared to the orange charts which show attached home sales, comprised of duplexes, townhouses and condominiums. Over the past 12 months we have seen a 4.25% increase in the pace of detached home sales, and a 12.5% increase in their median sales price.

In contrast, there has been a much larger (25%) increase in the pace of attached home sales, but a slightly smaller (10%) increase in the median sales price of those attached homes. The median sales price of detached homes is now up to \$270,000 -- an increase of \$30,000 over the past year.

HOME SALES REPORT :: BY AREA

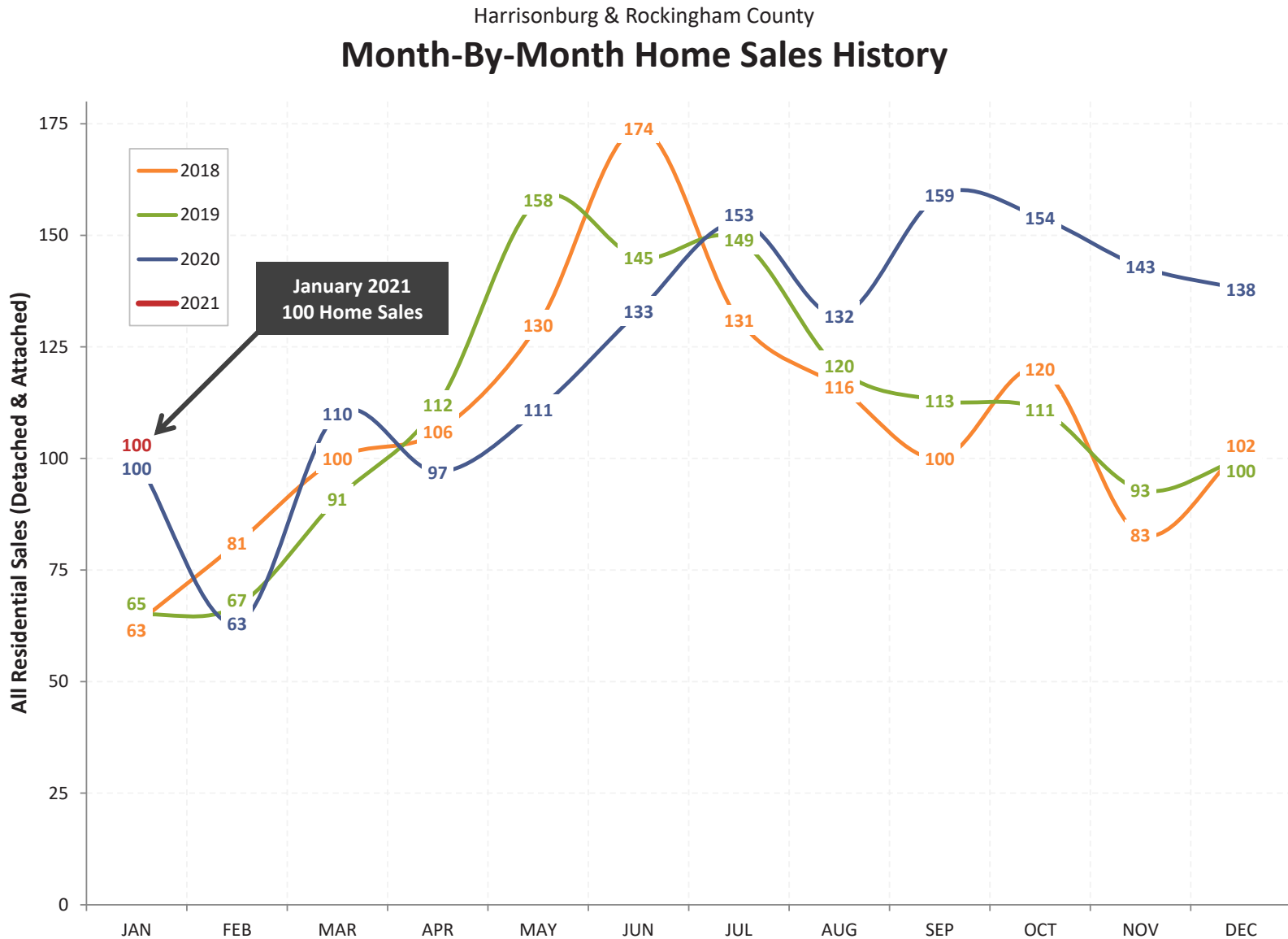
# Home Sales	City of Harrisonburg			Rockingham County		
	2020	2021	% Change	2020	2021	% Change
January	26	29	11.54%	74	71	-4.05%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	402	419	4.23%	957	1,074	12.23%

Median Sales Price	City of Harrisonburg			Rockingham County		
	2020	2021	% Change	2020	2021	% Change
January	\$194,750	\$185,000	-5.01%	\$224,650	\$259,900	15.69%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	\$199,700	\$219,000	9.66%	\$232,500	\$255,000	9.68%

Median Days on Market	City of Harrisonburg			Rockingham County		
	2020	2021	% Change	2020	2021	% Change
January	15	8	-46.67%	27	6	-77.78%
Last 12 Months (Feb - Jan)	9	6	-33.33%	21	9	-57.14%

Almost two and a half times more sell each year in Rockingham County as compared to the City of Harrisonburg. Over the past year we have seen a small increase in City home sales -- with 4% more sales -- as well as a much larger 10% increase in the median sales price of those homes. Meanwhile, in the County, there was a

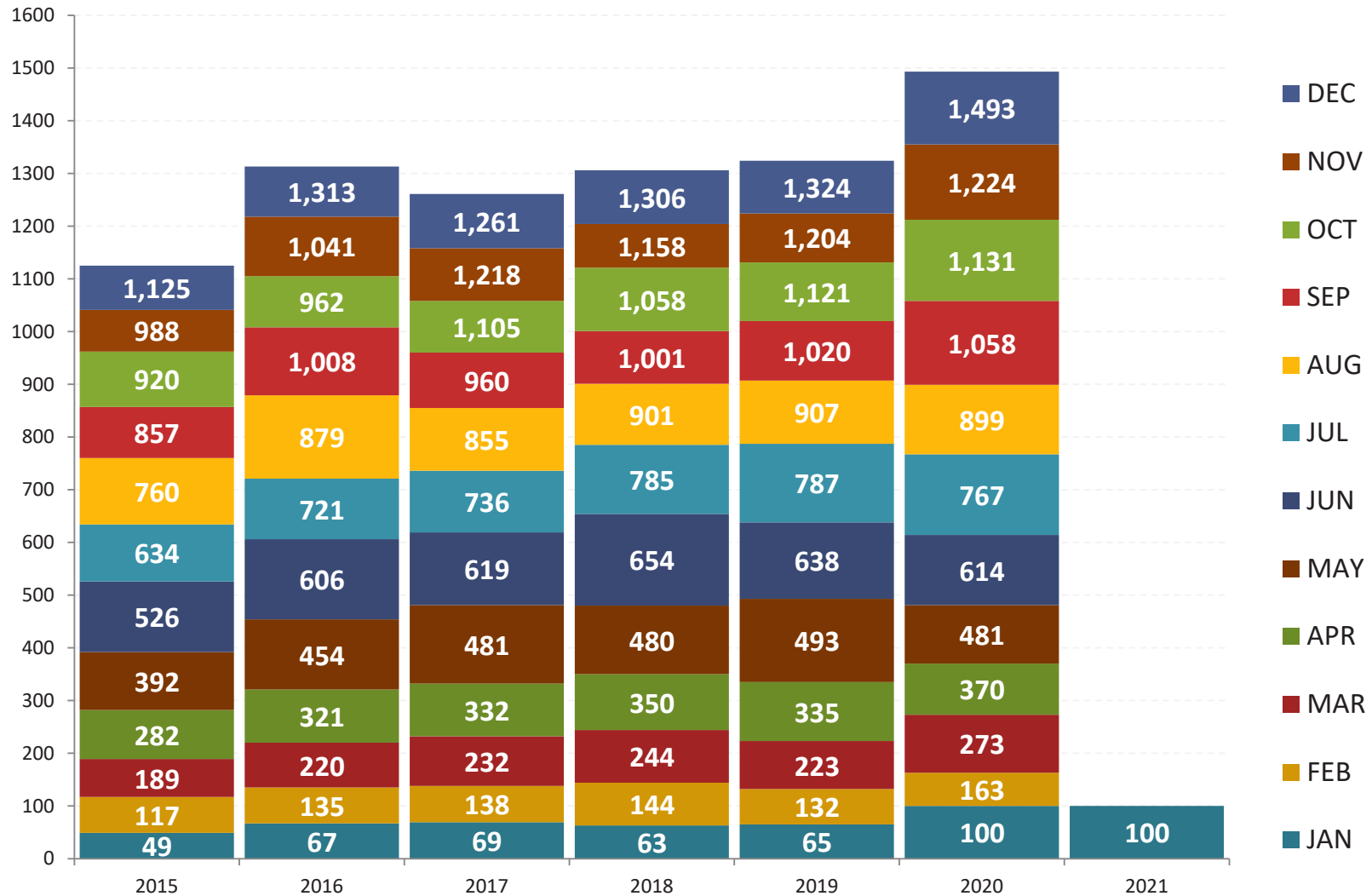
significantly larger, 12% increase in home sales over the past year, accompanied by the same 10% increase in the median sales price in the County. The median sales price in the County is a good bit higher (\$255,000) than the City (\$219,000) though likely because more (lower priced) attached homes are in the City than the County.



The final four months of 2020 were nothing like we could have expected when it came to the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County real estate market. Home sales during the final four months of the year usually hover between 80 and 120 sales per month -- but last year we saw anywhere from 138 to 159 home sales per month

during that timeframe. So far it doesn't seem that things will necessarily be slowing down in 2021, as we saw 100 home sales in January, putting us on par with last January which was well above and beyond what we typically see in a January.

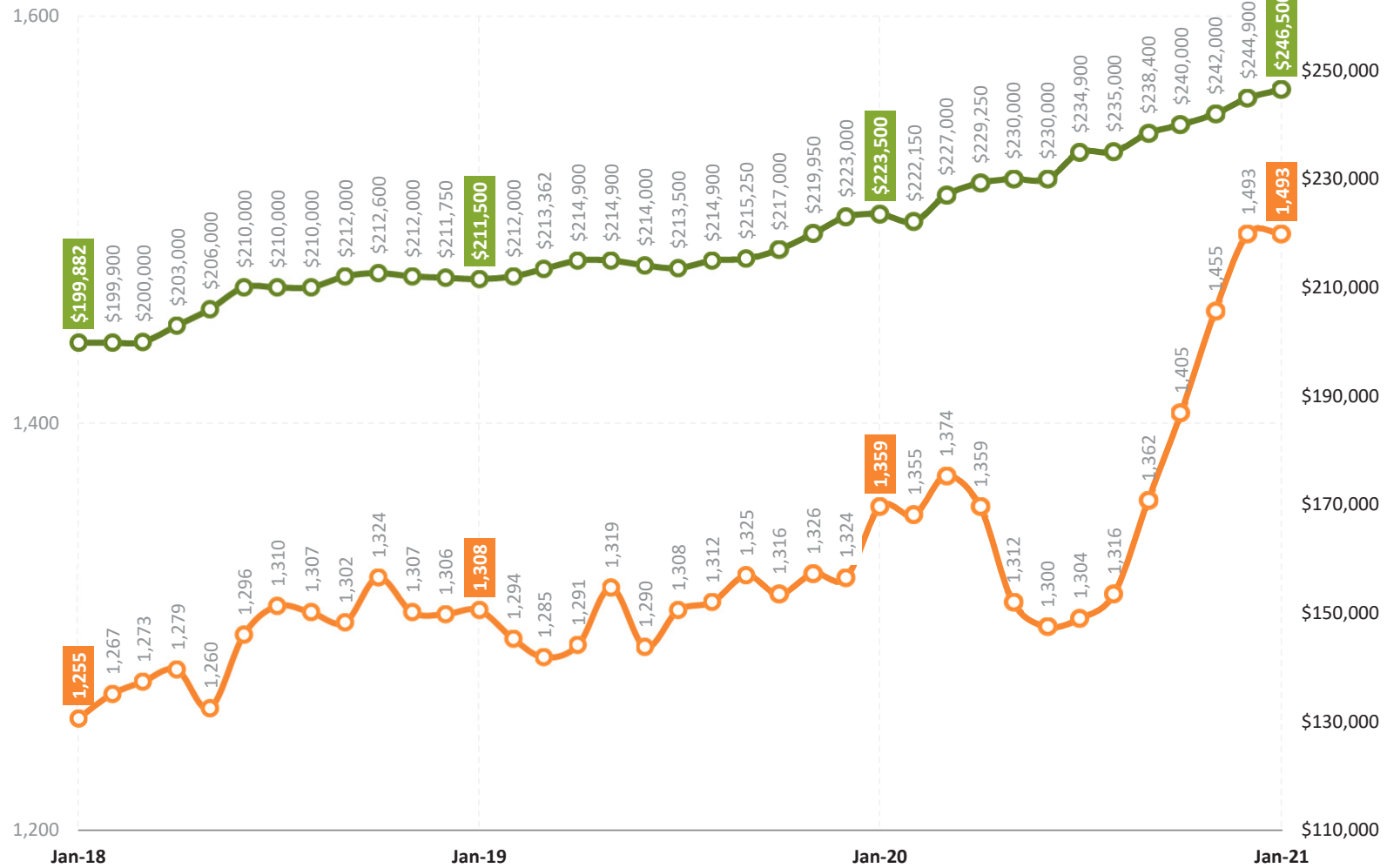
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Monthly Cumulative Residential Sales



This colorful graph offers another way to look at the overall sales trends for the past few years in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County housing market. Looking back, 2016 seemed like an exciting year with a 17% increase in sales compared to the prior year. Within that context, the 13% increase in home sales in 2020 doesn't

seem quite as extreme -- we have seen a larger increase in home sales in a single year in the past decade. But still, it was an unexpectedly strong year of home sales last year. It is too early to tell what we might expect this year in our local housing market, but thus far (one month in) 2021 is holding its own.

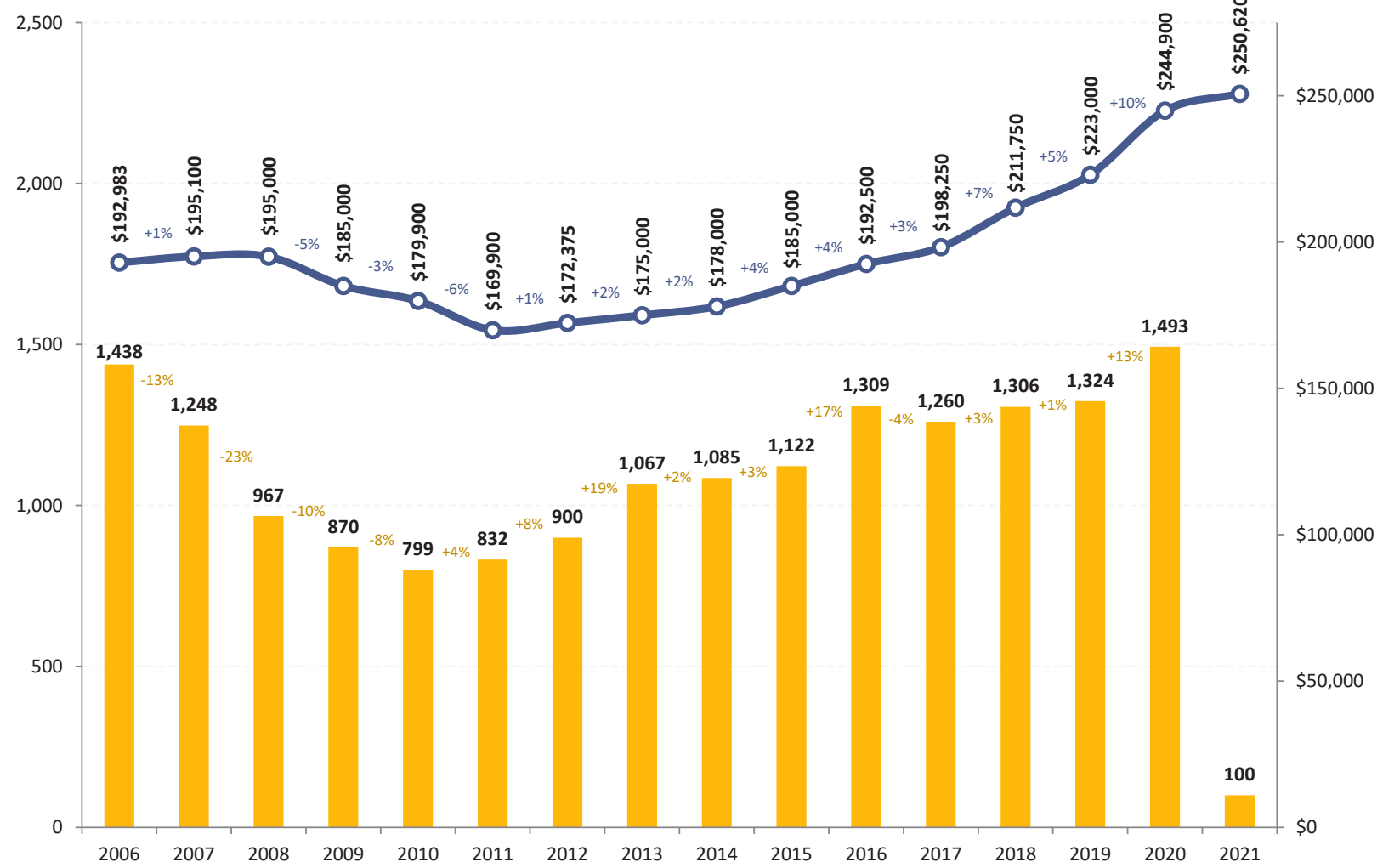
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Time-Adjusted Home Sales Trends :: All Residential Properties
 # Home Sales, Median Sales Price in each 12 Month Period



This graph shows a rolling 12 month trend line of the number of homes sold in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area, as well as the median price of the homes that sold during these time frames. Each data point shows one year’s worth of home sales, which eliminates the volatility of evaluating sales figures on a

monthly basis. The annual pace of home sales was trending slowly upwards through early 2020 and then dropped off suddenly due to COVID. Just a few months later, it started rising quite rapidly to almost 1,500 home sales per year. The median sales price has been consistently trending upwards to its current level of \$246,500.

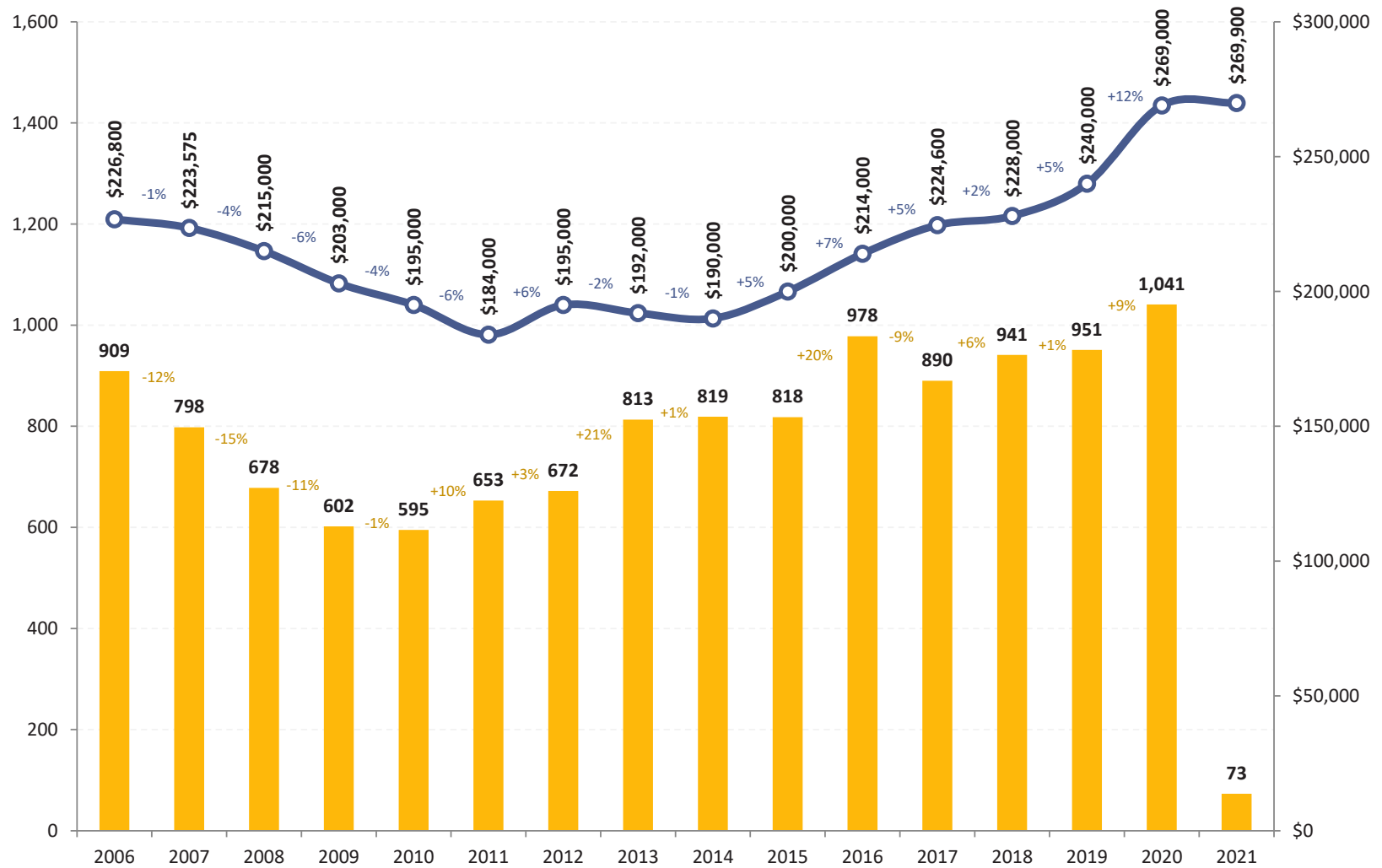
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Home Sales & Price Trends
 All Residential Sales (Attached & Detached)



This graph provides an overall indicator of the state of our housing market, showing both the number of homes being sold each year since 2006 (yellow bars) as well as changes in the median sales price during the same time period (blue line). Over the past 10 years we have seen relatively steady increases in the number of homes

sold each year in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County - with a larger than normal 13% increase in the pace of home sales last year taking us to 1,493 home sales. The median sales price has also been consistently increasing for nine years now, up to an all time high last year of \$244,900.

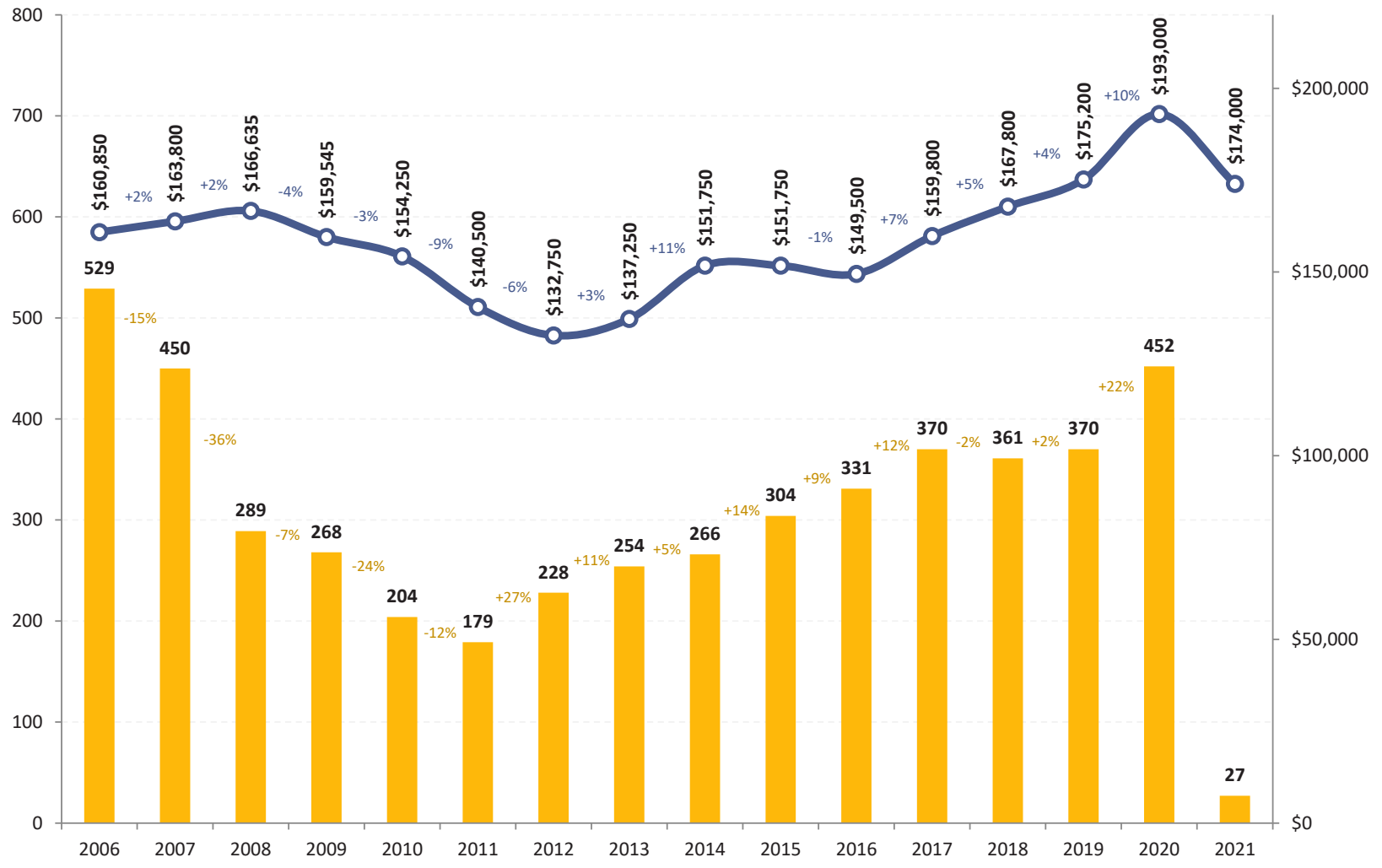
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Home Sales & Price Trends
 Detached Homes



The single family home market in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County has improved rather steadily over the past 10 years with increases almost every year in the number of homes sold. After having peaked in 2016 with 978 home sales, we finally broke through 1,000 sales per year with 1,041 home sales in 2020. The

median sales price has now been rising for six years straight, from \$190,000 back in 2014 to a new (all time) high of \$269,000 in 2020. The median sales price of detached homes rose 12% in 2020, the first double digit price increase we have seen in at least 15 years.

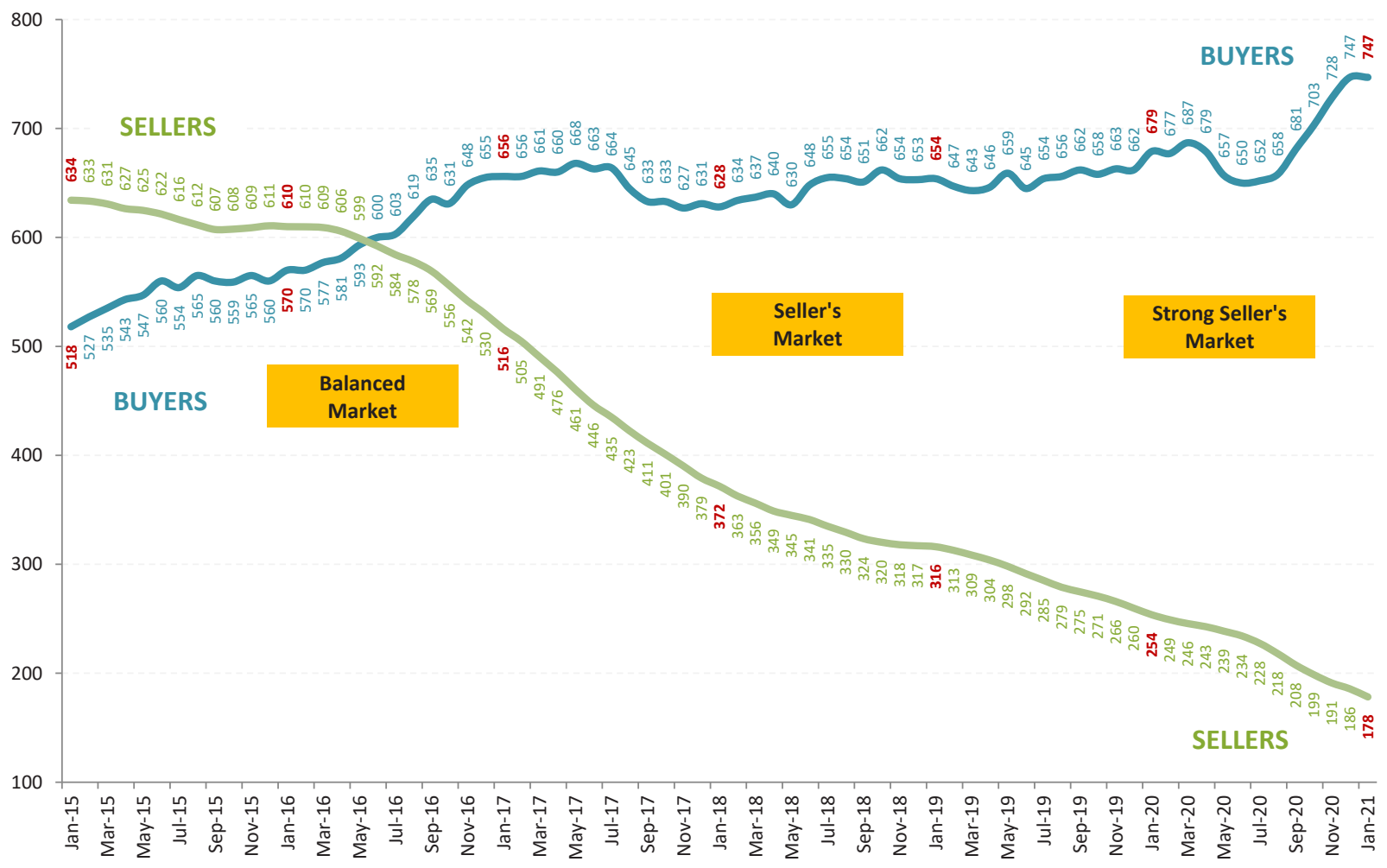
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Home Sales & Price Trends
 Attached Homes (Duplexes, Townhomes & Condos)



The pace of sales of attached homes (duplexes, townhouses and condos) rose steadily between 2011 and 2017 and then plateaued for a few years right around 370 home sales per year. But then, 2020. The sales of attached homes jumped significantly in 2020, showing a 22% year over year increase, with 452 home sales.

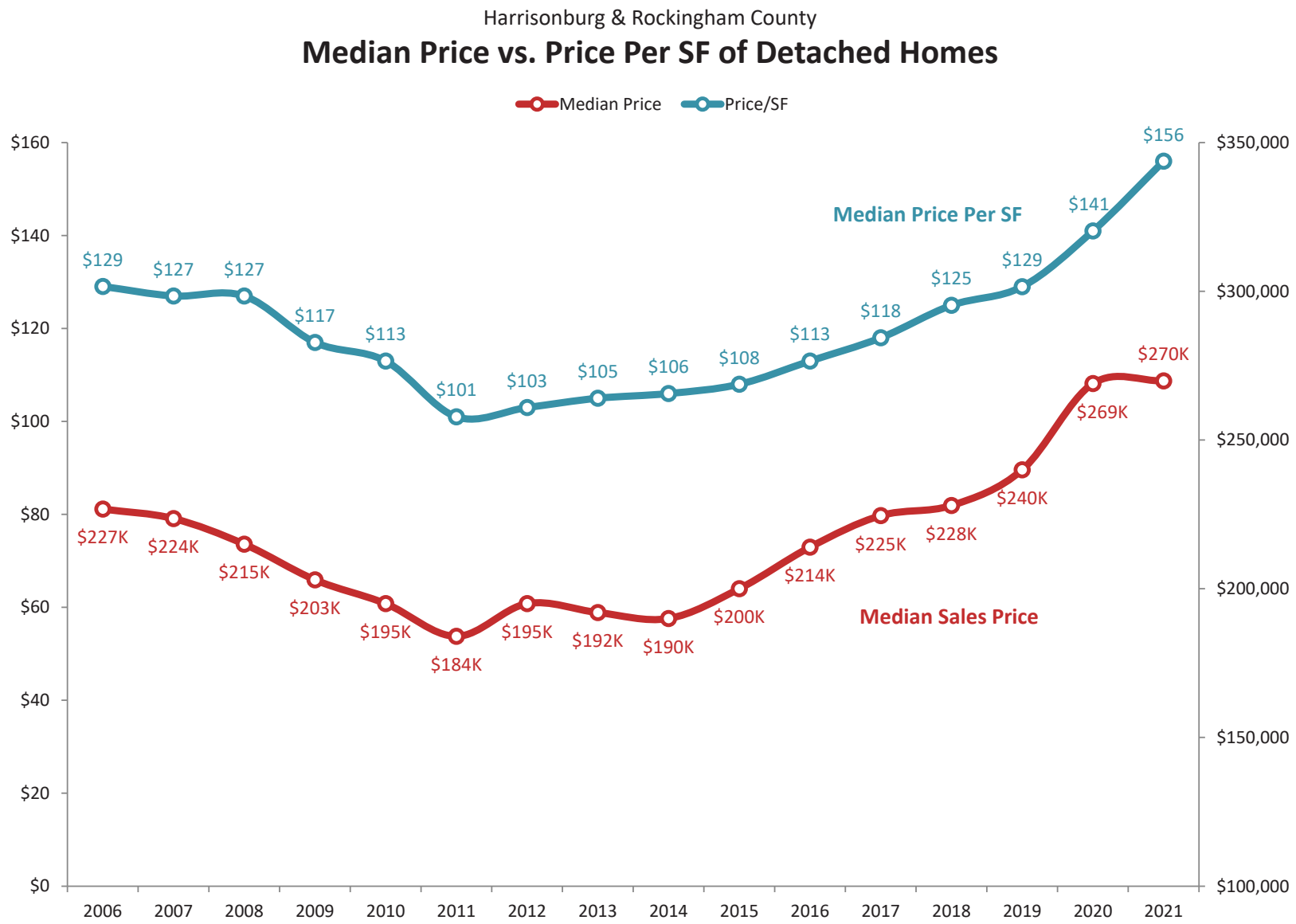
This takes us all the way back to the level of sales seen in 2007 -- though not to the much higher levels seen in 2005 and 2006. The median sales price of attached homes has been rising (for the most part) for eight years now and has hit a new (all time) high of \$193,000, up from less than \$150K only four years ago.

Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Market Balance between Buyers and Sellers
 Assuming Six Months of Housing Supply is a Balanced Market



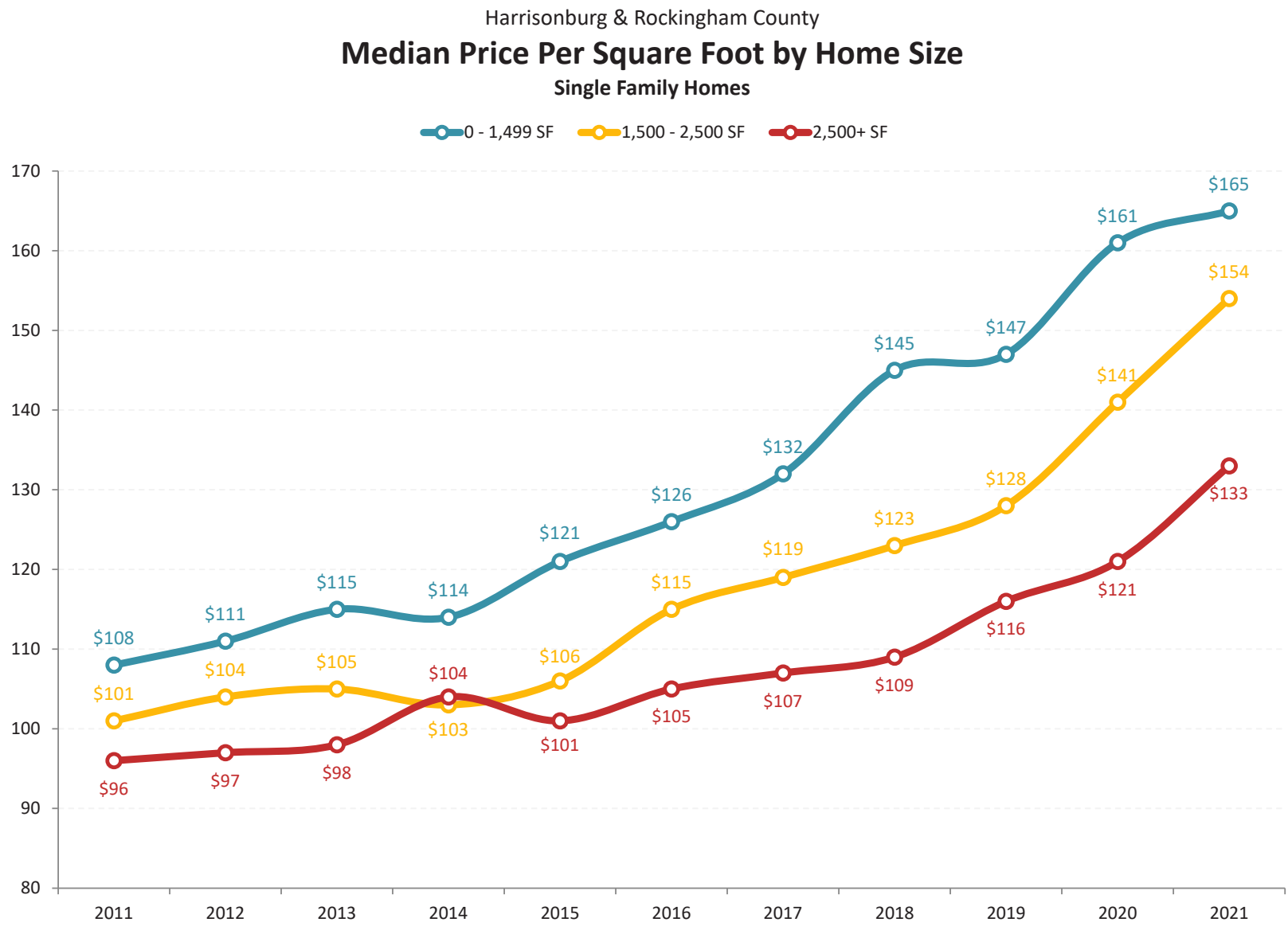
Most housing market analysts consider six months of inventory (active listings) to be an indicator of a balanced market (between buyers and sellers). The "BUYERS" trend line above is illustrating how many buyers are buying in a six month period. The "SELLERS" trend line above is illustrating how many sellers are in the market

(active listings) at any given time. Over the past several years we have seen a steady increase in buyers and a declining number of sellers. In June 2016, these two trajectories crossed, and there are now many (many!) more buyers buying in a six month period than there are homes for sale at any given time.



In addition to monitoring home values by overall median sales prices in our market, it can be insightful to examine the median price per square foot of homes that are selling. The graph above shows the median price per square foot of all single family homes sold over the past 15 years. The value trend captured by this graph is quite

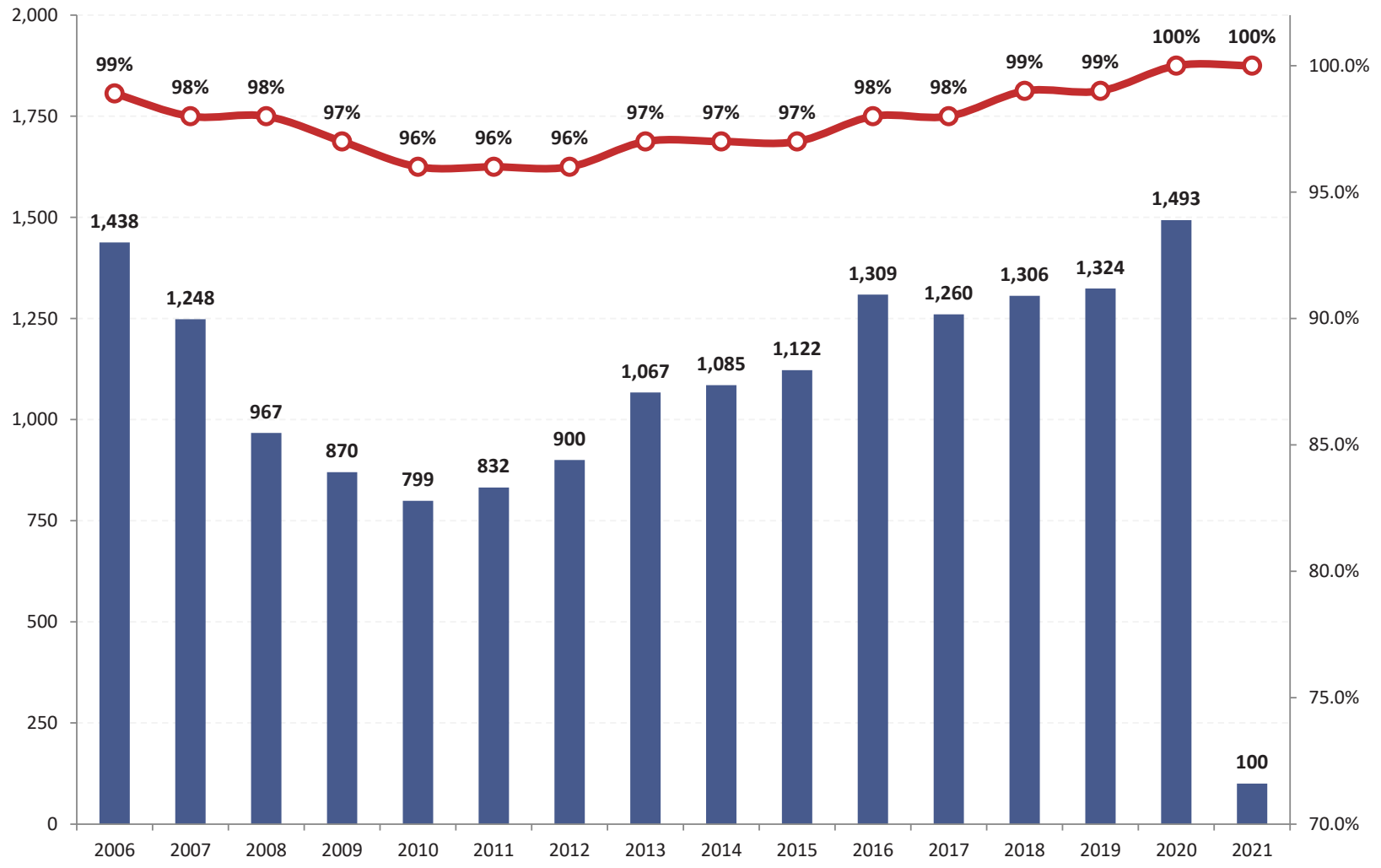
similar to the trend shown in the single family home median sales price during the same time, which validates that assumed set of changes in home values. Over the past several years (2015 through 2020) we have seen increases in the median sales price as well as the median price per square foot of single family homes.



Price per square foot of single family homes certainly varies for many reasons, including the age, location, lot size and structural characteristics of each home sold. However, there are some similarities in homes of similar sizes. Looking at 2020 figures, this graph illustrates that the median price per square foot of larger homes

(2500+ SF) was a good bit lower (\$121/SF) than that of homes with less than 1500 SF (\$161/SF) during 2020. These values cannot be used as an absolute standard against which the value of any home can be measured, but they can provide some helpful guidance when trying to determine the value of a home.

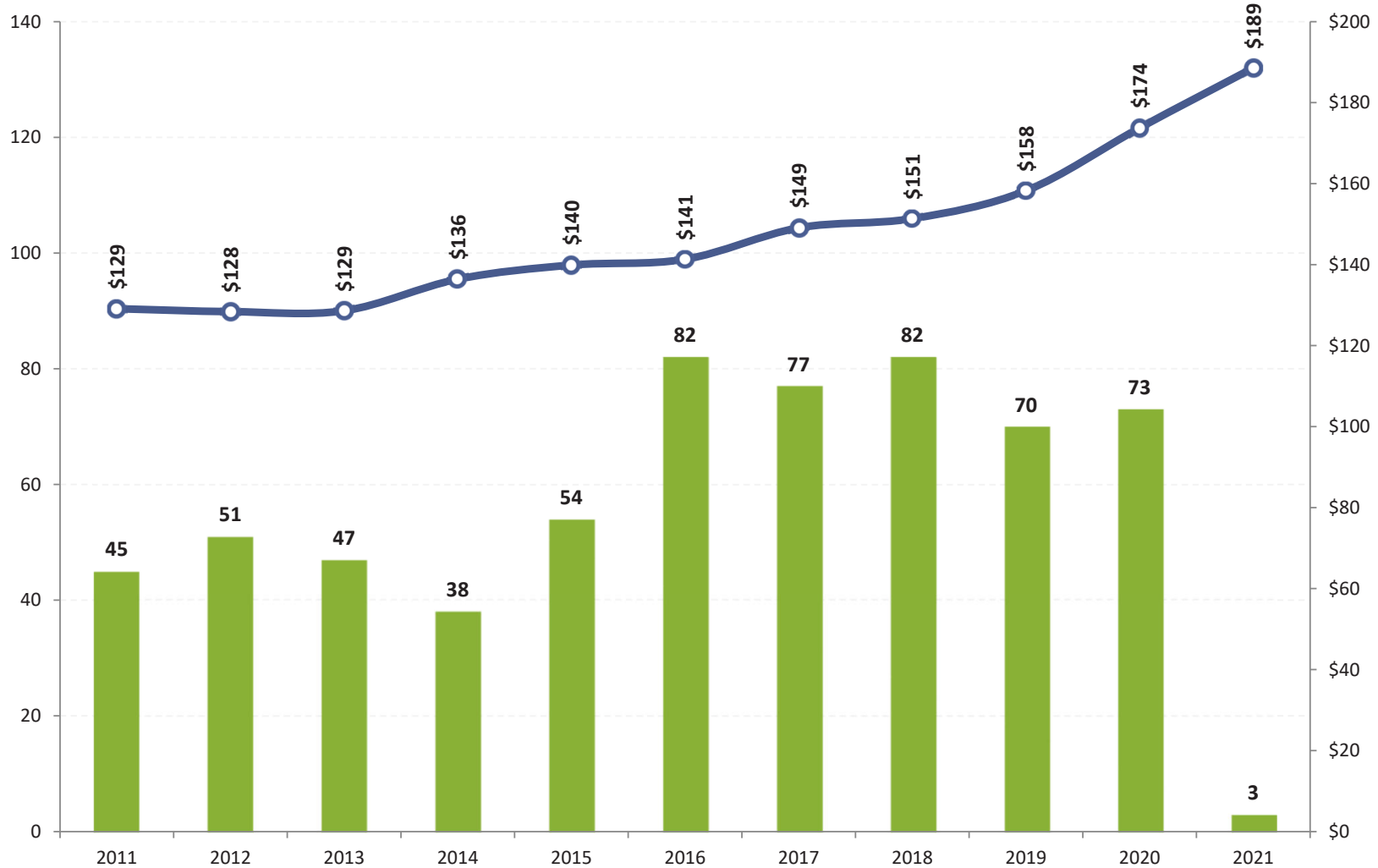
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Median List Price to Sales Price Ratio
 within the context of Home Sales Pace



This graph shows the average list price to sales price ratio (red line) over the past 15 years as compared to the overall pace of home sales. At the peak of the housing boom (2004-2006) sellers were able to obtain a median of 99% of their asking price. Then, when the pace of home sales slowed (through 2010) this metric dropped

to 96%, where it stayed for three years. Sellers started selling for slightly more in 2013-2015 when they could obtain 97% of their list price. This increased to 98% in 2016 (remained there in 2017), and has been holding at 99% since 2018, but has now popped up to a median of 100% in 2020 which will likely stay there in 2021.

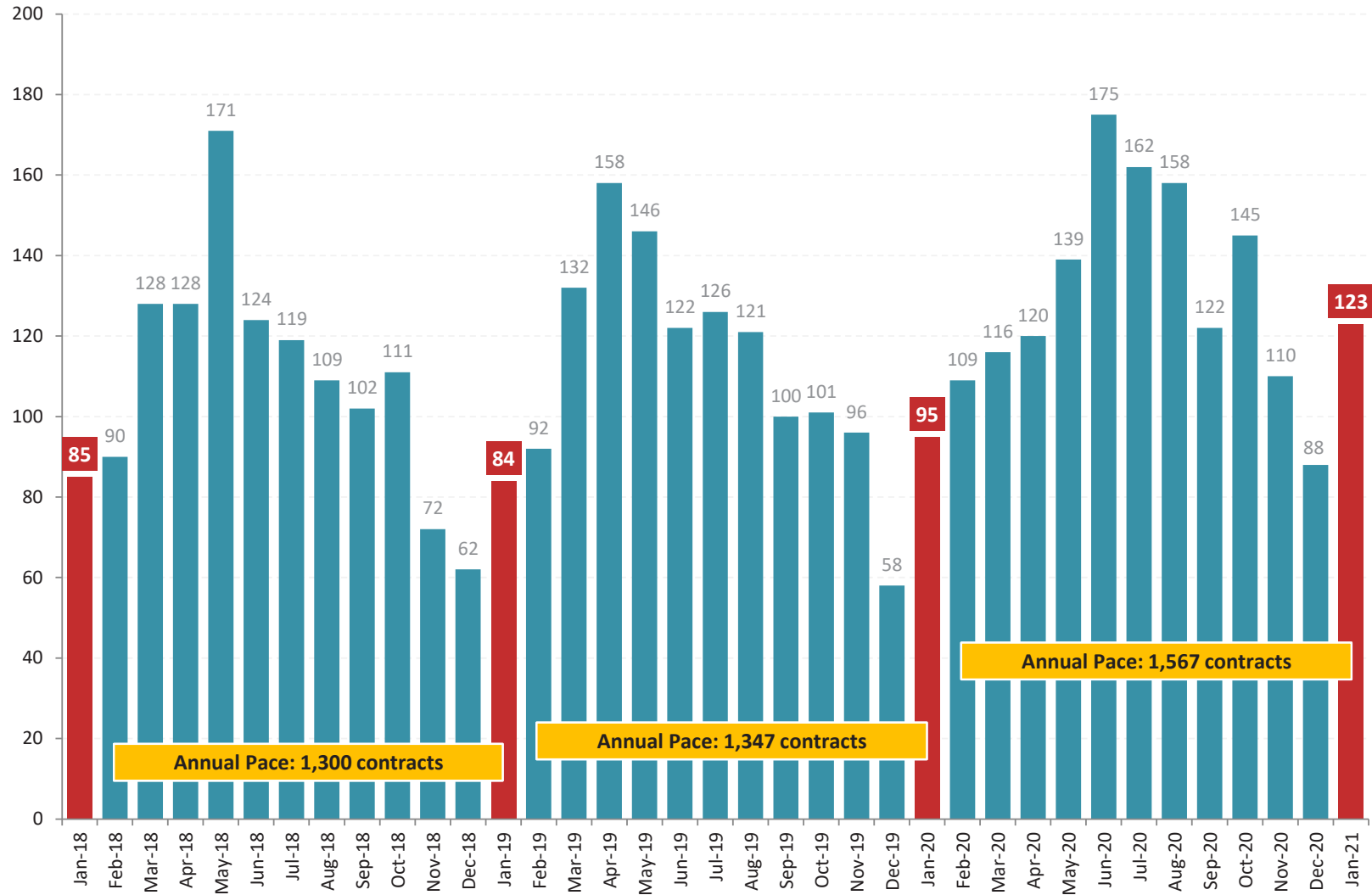
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County New Construction Detached Home Sales Trends Number of Sales, Median Price Per Square Foot



New home builders have been building more homes over the past five years (70 - 82 per year) than seen during the preceding five years. These figures, of course, only represent new homes being marketed through the MLS. Plenty of additional new homes are built by local home builders on lots already owned by the person who

will live in the home - and thus they do not show up in the new home sales metrics above. When looking just at these new home sales, we see a steady increase in the price per square foot of homes being built and sold over the past ten years, with the largest increase in that value taking place in 2020.

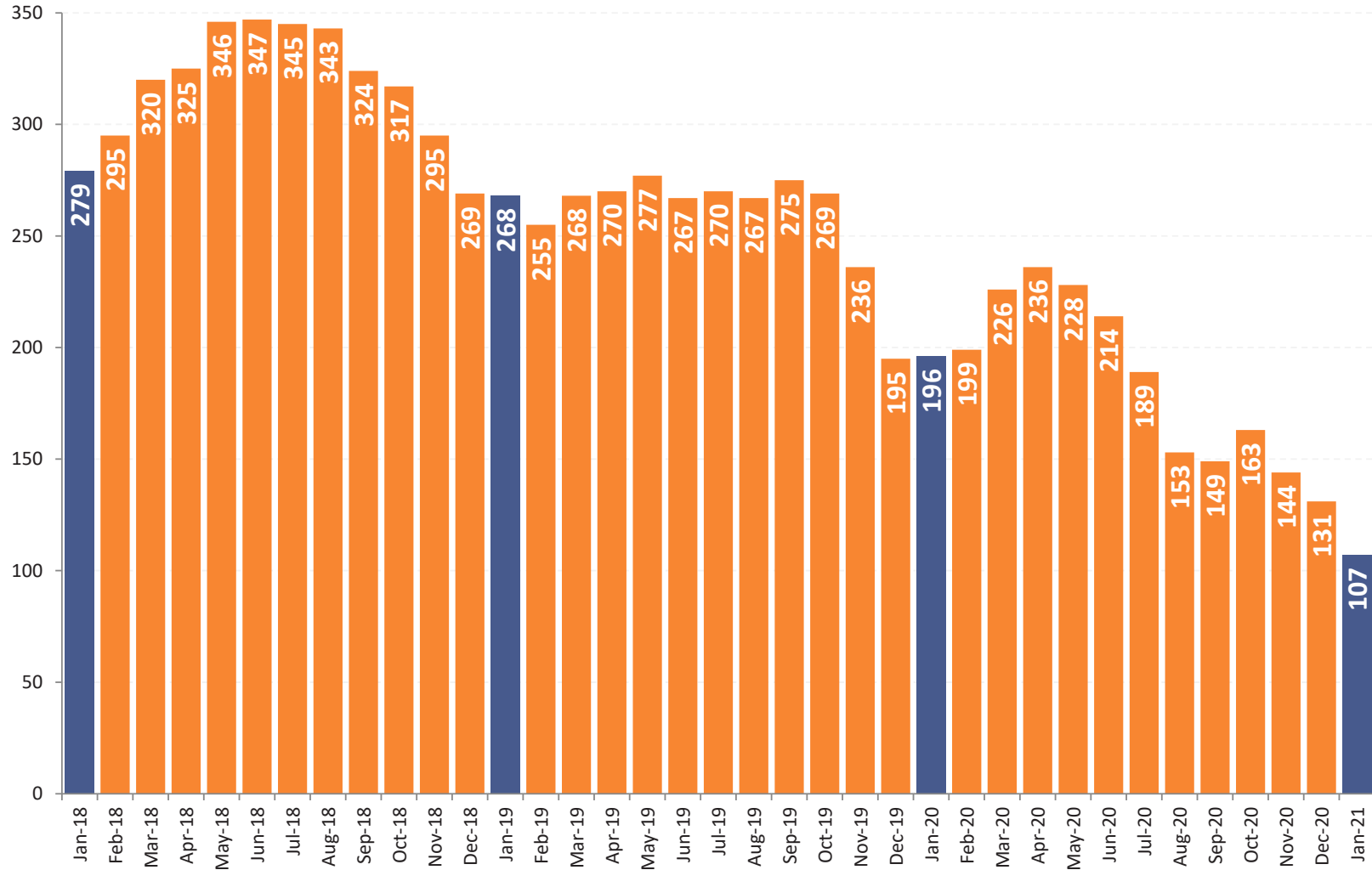
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Buyers Per Month Committing to Buy Properties



For each of the past six months, we have seen far more buyers (and sellers) signing contracts to buy (and sell) homes in 2020 as compared to the same month in 2019. While contract activity usually slows down quite a bit in the fall and winter, we didn't see as much of a slow down in 2020. In fact, with 123 contracts signed in

January 2021, it seems we are likely to see strong months of home sales continue into February and March of 2021. The pace of home sales last year was highly unpredictable and perhaps the only consistency we will see in 2021 is that things continue to be hard to predict!

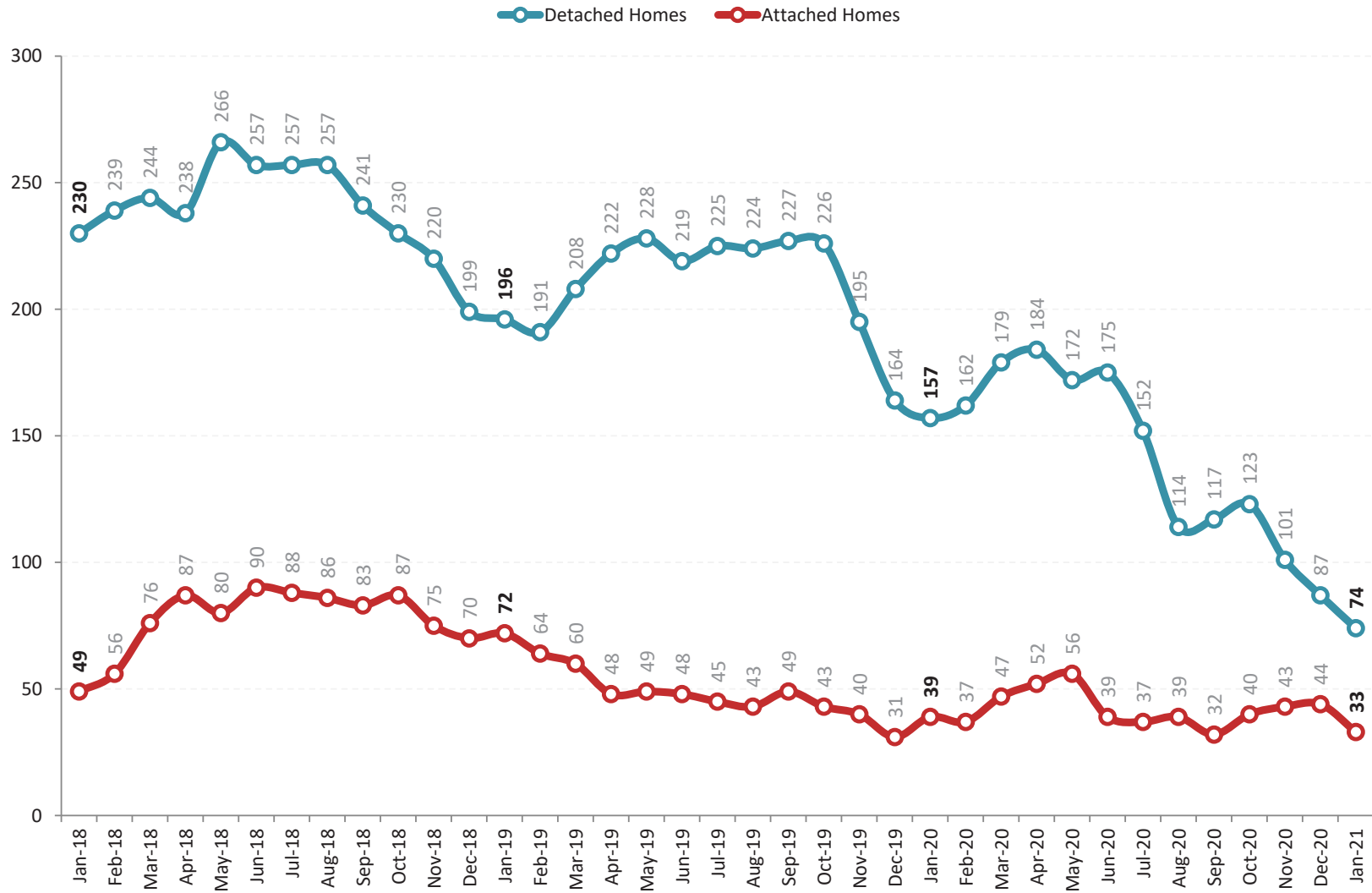
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Inventory Levels
 (end of month)



Over the past several years, inventory levels have dipped lower and lower and lower. This has not, though, been accompanied by a decline in the pace of home sales. So -- if just as many (or more) buyers are buying, how are they doing it if inventory levels are so low? They're doing it with speed. The pace of home sales

can increase, with inventory levels declining if the median "days on market" is also declining, which is definitely the case in our local market. So, plenty (maybe, maybe not) homes are being listed for sale, but they are then going under contract quickly, which keeps inventory levels low but the pace of home sales high.

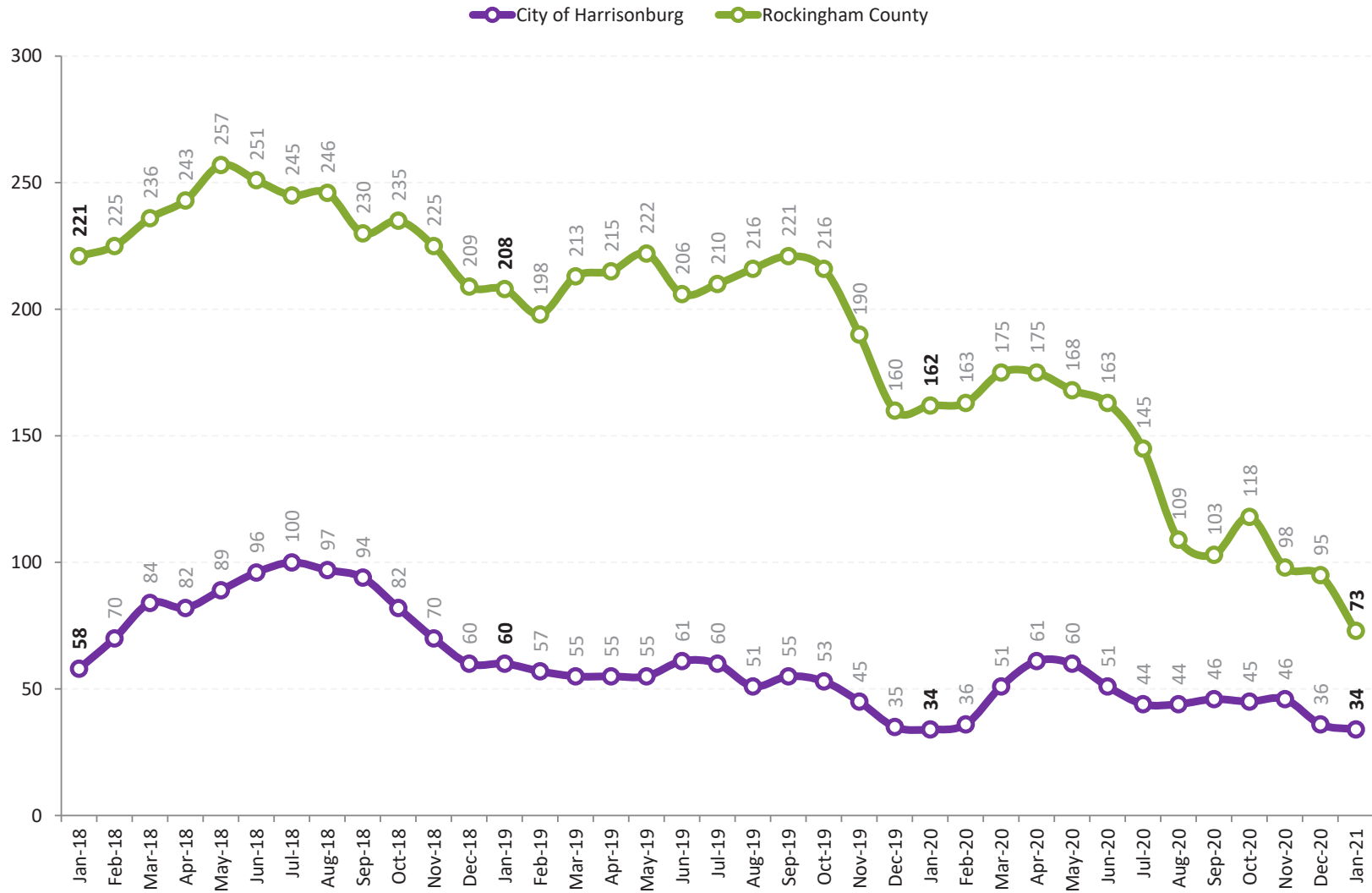
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County Inventory Levels by Property Type



This graph examines the differences in inventory levels over time when examining only single family homes as compared to attached dwellings (townhouses, duplexes, condos). The number of detached homes for sale has decreased by 53% over the past year, while the number of attached homes (townhouses, duplexes and condos)

for sale has only decreased 15% over the past year, though the inventory levels of attached homes started (and ended) much lower! We usually see an increase in inventory levels in the spring, so hopefully we will see more options for buyers as we pass through the next few months.

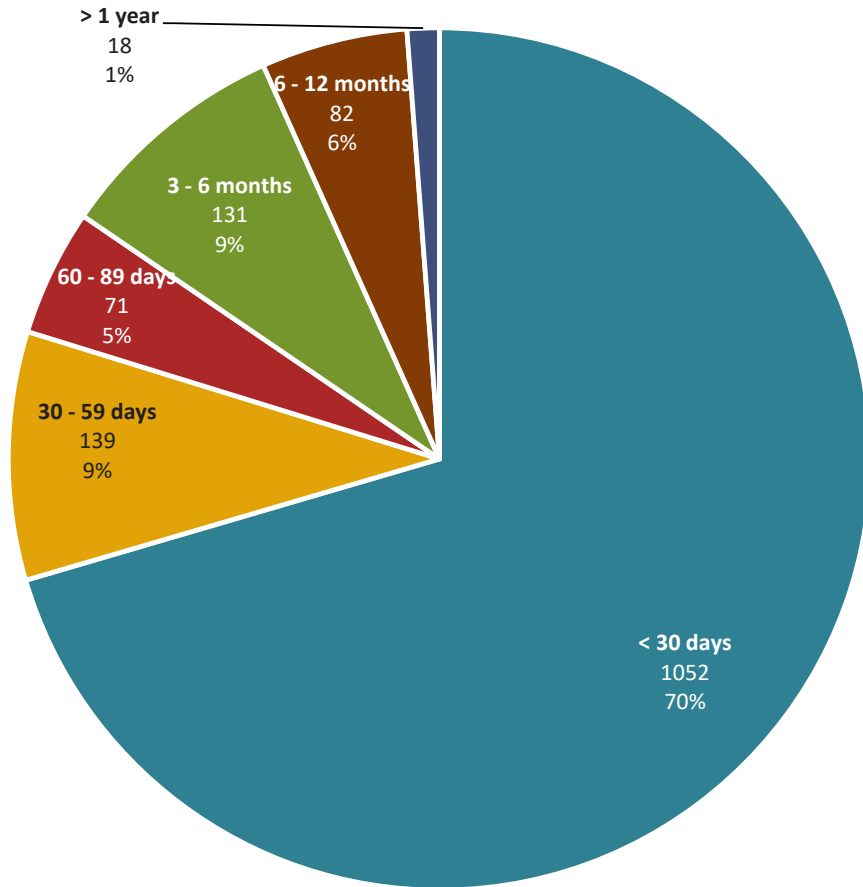
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Inventory Levels by Property Location



Inventory levels have fallen 55% in Rockingham County over the past year while City inventory levels remained unchanged (at very low levels) during the same timeframe. Of note -- there are more than twice as many home sales and homes for sale in the County as compared to the City. Low inventory levels are much

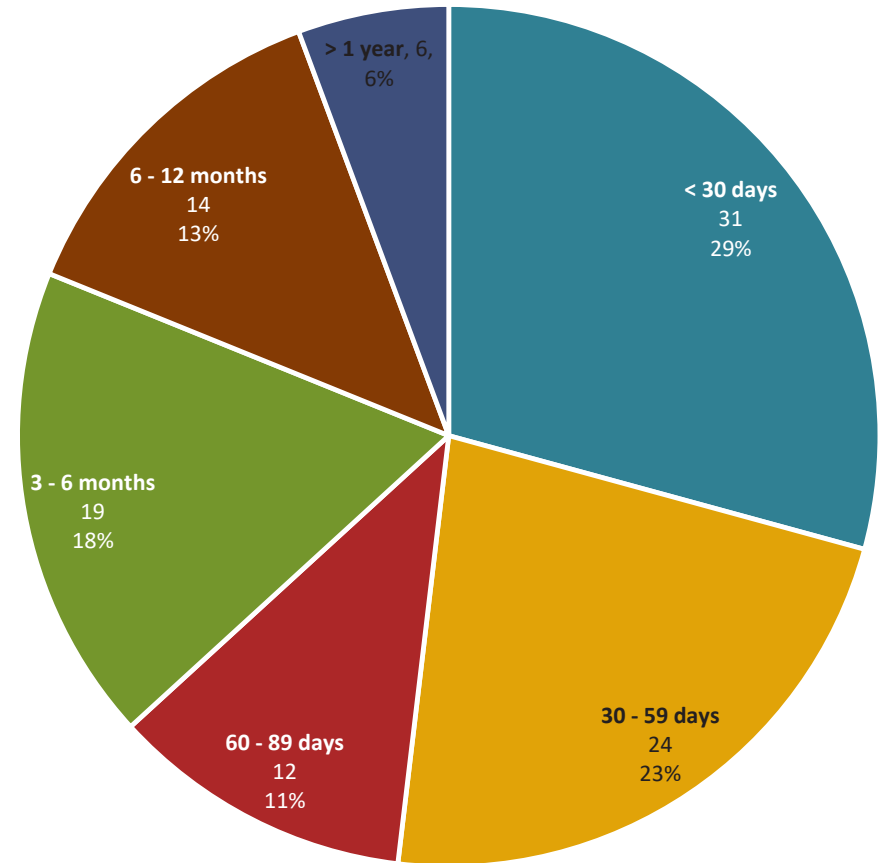
more of an issue in the City right now if we look at both sellers (supply) and buyers (demand). This is likely leading to the faster increases in median sales price in the City, and the lower median days on market in the City as compared to the same metrics in the County.

Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Days on Market Analysis of Sold Properties
 Residential Listings Sold in the Past 12 Months



Median Days On Market: 8

Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Days on Market Analysis of Active Listings
 Active Residential Listings

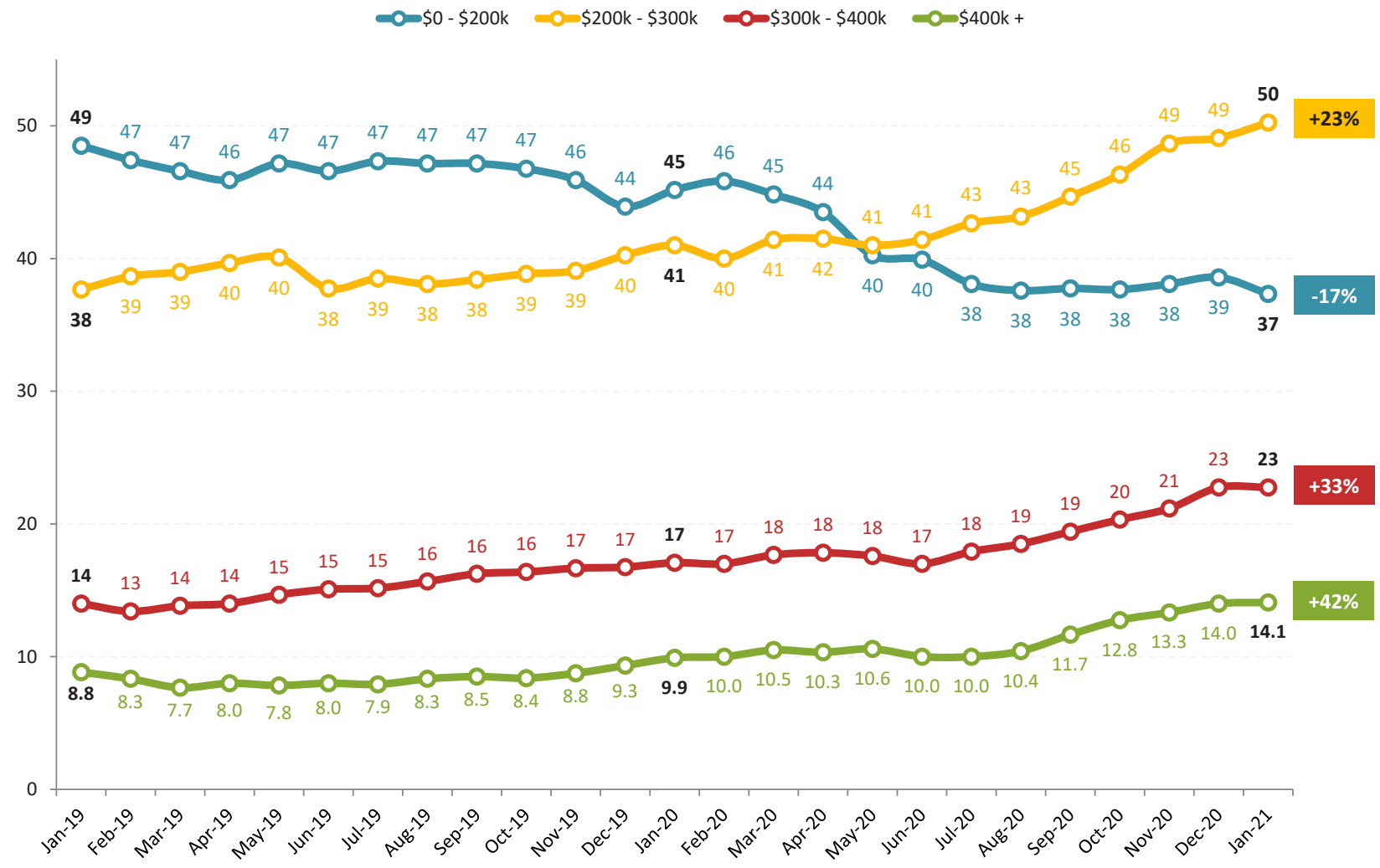


Median Days On Market: 56

Declining inventory levels are contributing to an overall decline in the time it takes to sell a home in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. The current median “Days on Market” is 8 days for homes that have sold in the past year. Remarkably, 70% of homes that have sold in the past year have gone under contract within 30 days of

having hit the market. Combine that with those that went under contract during the second month on the market, and you’ll find that 79% of homes that sell go under contract within 60 days. The graph to the right, above, shows the length of time that each active listing has been on the market for sale.

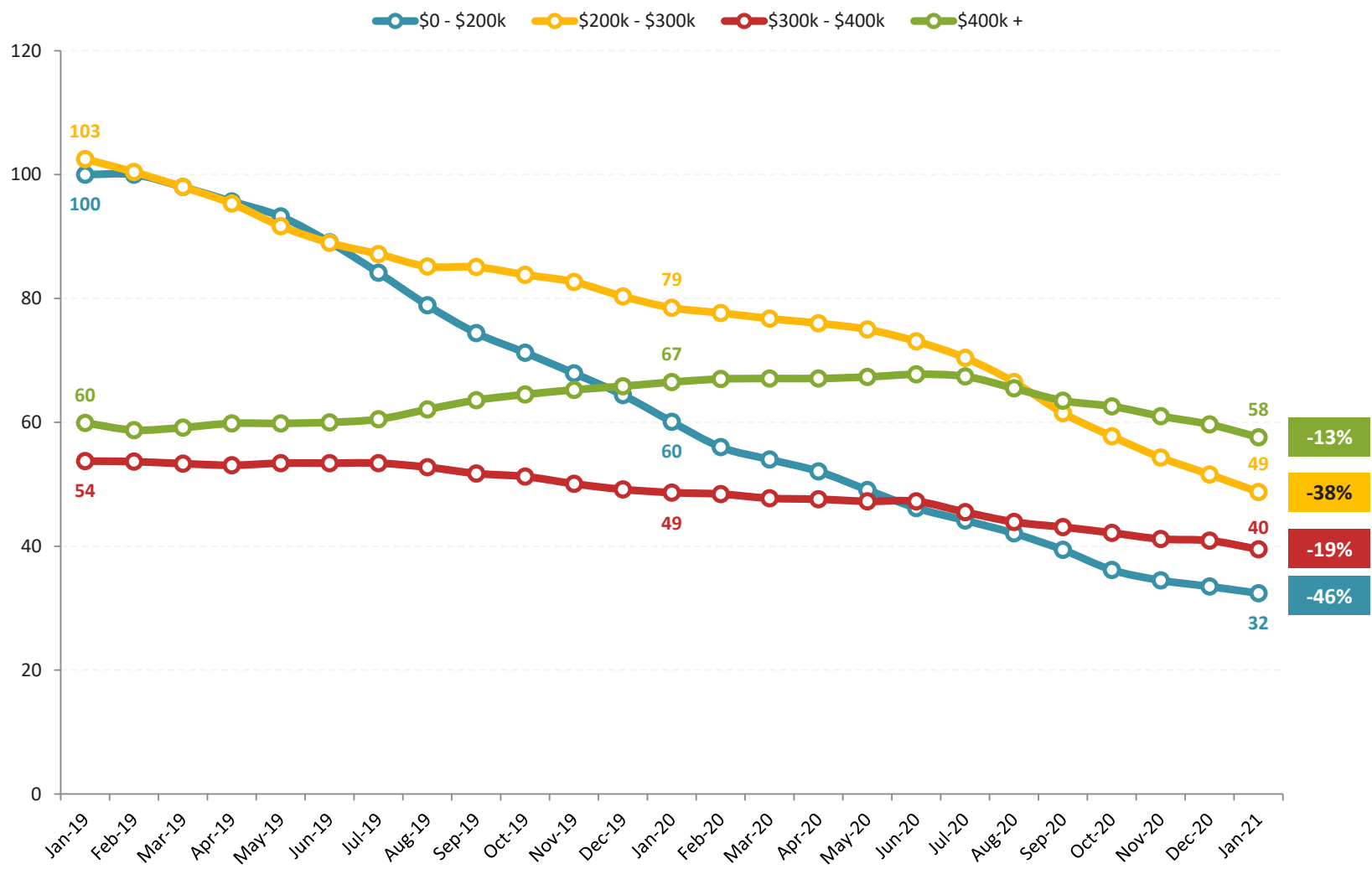
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Home Sales by Price Range
 (Average of Past 12 Months)



The pace of home sales in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County varies significantly based on price range. The graph above shows the average number of home sales per month (given a 12-month average) as we have passed through the past two years. Home sales have been declining over the past several years in the “under

\$200K” category -- though likely because of limited inventory, and fewer properties existing in this range based on increasing home values. We have seen year-over-year increases in all three of the other price ranges (\$200K-\$300K, \$300K-\$400K, \$400K+) over the past year.

Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Inventory Levels by Price Range
 (trailing 12 months)

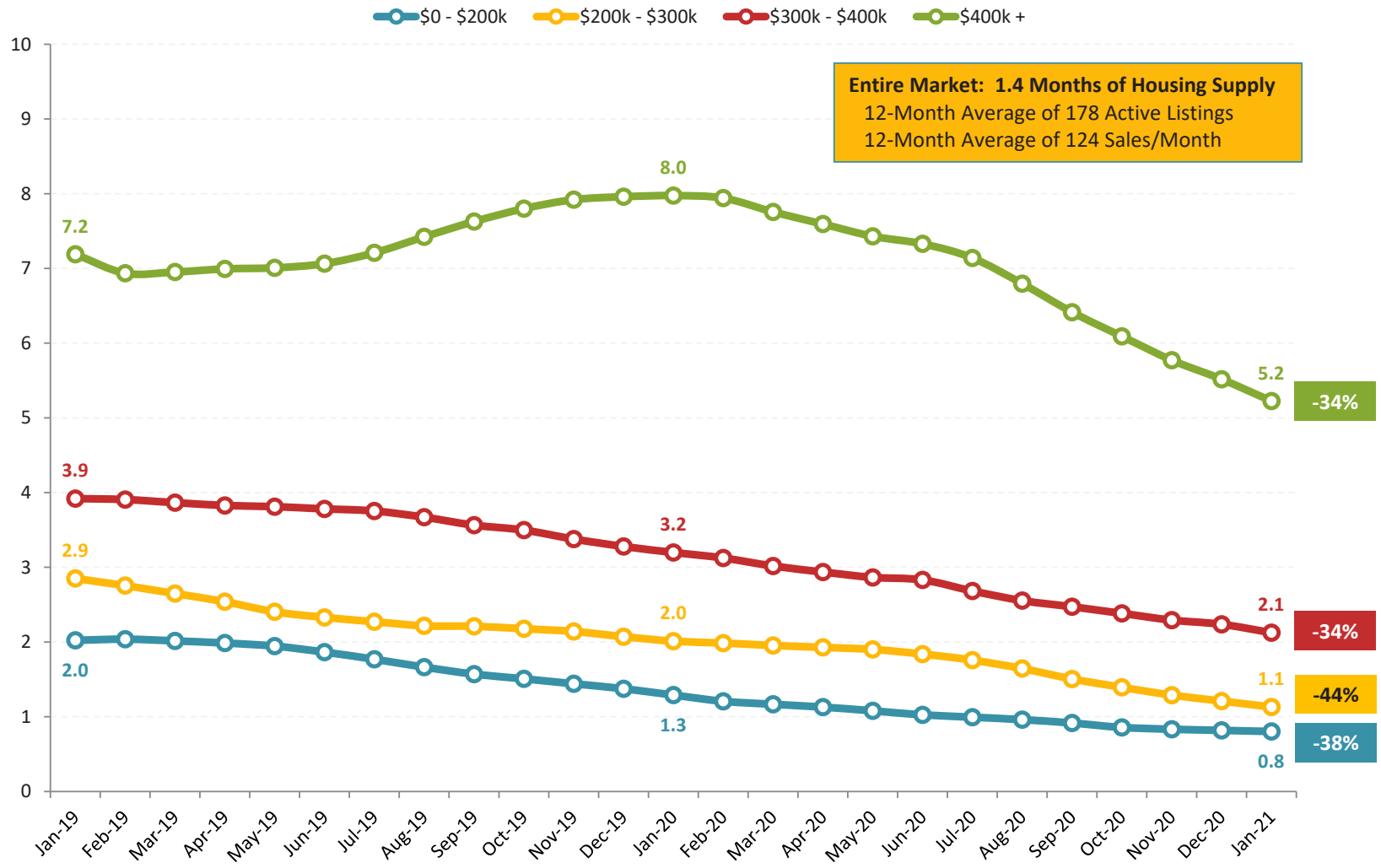


Inventory levels shift up and down seasonally, so this graph (now) looks at changes in average inventory over a 12 month period. We are seeing different trends in inventory levels by price range with the most notable change being the 46% decline in inventory levels under \$200K. We are seeing a decrease in average inventory

levels in every price range, though the smallest change has been in the over \$400K price range where it has only been a 13% decline. Some of these changes in inventory levels are due to changes in market value (increases) over the past few years, but that cannot account for all of the changes in inventory levels.

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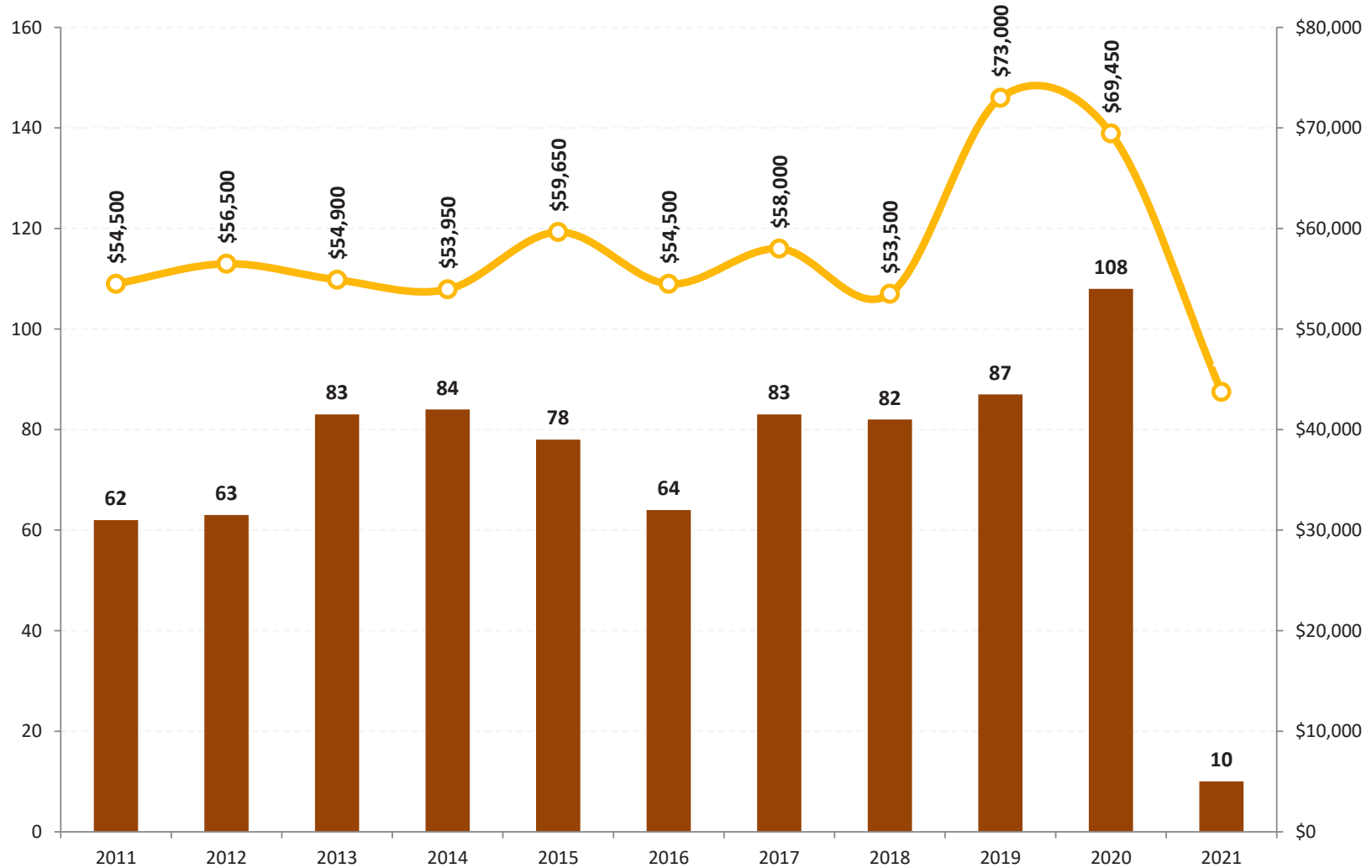
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Months of Housing Supply by Price Range
 (trailing 12 months)



With so many home sales (lots of buyers) and so few homes on the market (not so many sellers), there are low levels of supply in some price ranges in our local real estate market. The graph above illustrates that while it would take between five and six months to sell all of the homes currently for sale over \$400K if the same

number of buyers bought each month as have been buying (on average) over the past 12 months and if no new listings came on the market -- but it would take less than one month (!!) to go through the under \$200K inventory. Many consider a six month supply to be a balance between buyers and sellers.

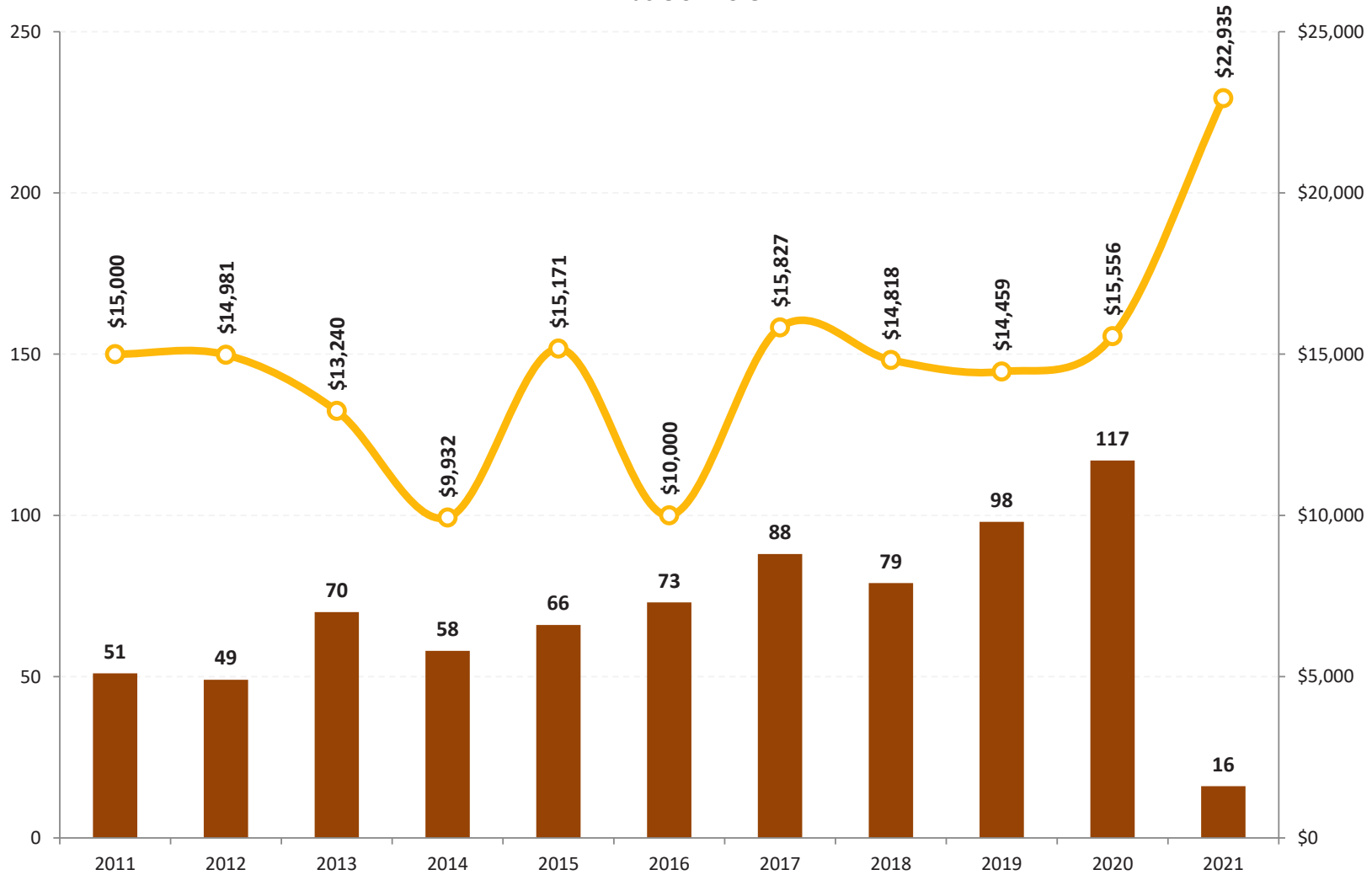
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Lot Sales & Median Prices
 less than 1 acre



For six of the past seven years we have seen right around 80 sales per year of lots of less than an acre in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. In 2020, that annual pace of sales increased a good bit to 108 sales of building lots. Despite that increase in the number of lot sales, the median sales price for those lots declined slightly to

\$69,450. That decline is likely a result of which particular lots sold, not necessarily an indication that all lots are selling at lower prices now than they were a year ago. It will be interesting to see if we can see another 100+ lot sales in 2021.

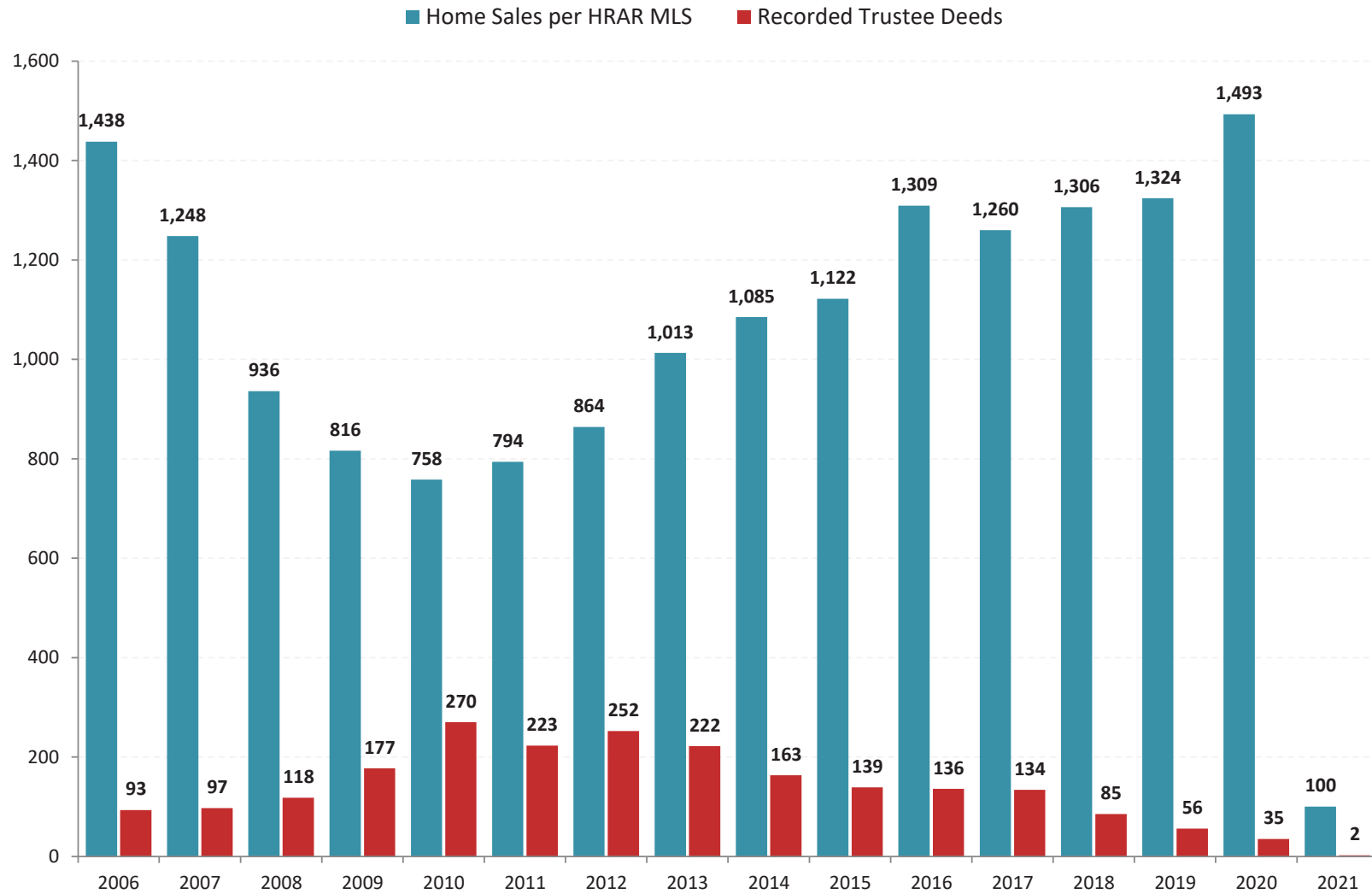
Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Land Sales & Median Price Per Acre
 1 acre or more



The pace of sales of parcels of land larger than one acre in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County has increased over the past ten years to 117 land sales in 2020 -- marking the highest year of sales in over 15 years. The median price per acre has remained right around \$15,000 per acre over the past four years. Of note -- some

aspects of this "median price per acre" calculation are affected by which parcels actually sell in a given year. The increase in buyer demand over the past 10 years has not seemed to have created any significant upward lifting pressure on values to date.

Harrisonburg & Rockingham County
Home Sales vs. Trustee Sales

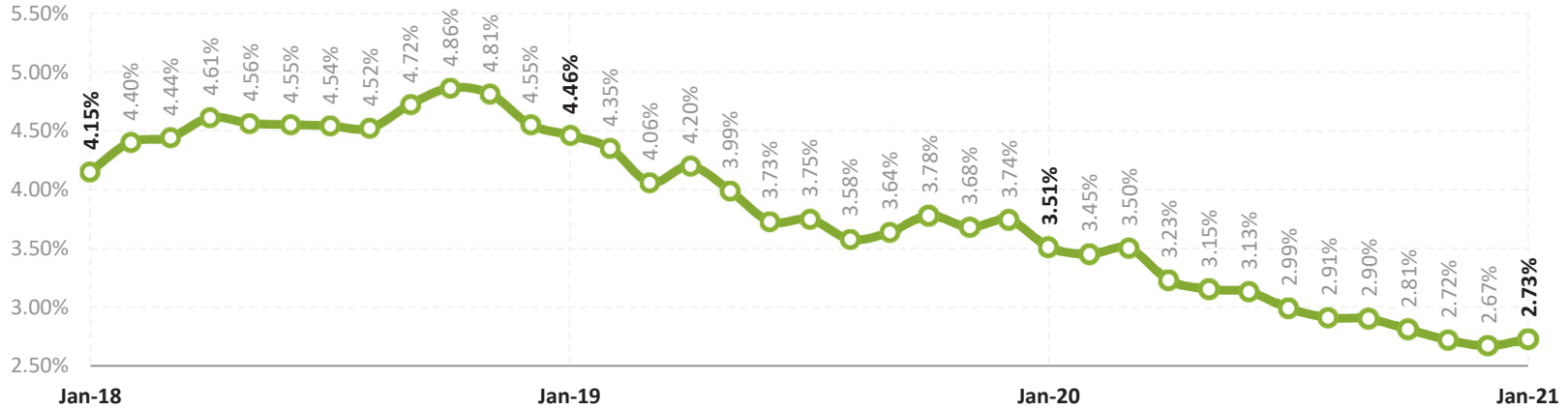


The graph above is a comparison of two imprecise measures -- but the comparison can still be helpful. The blue bars show the number of home sales recorded in the HRAR MLS -- this does not include private sales that did not involve a Realtor, nor new home sales directly from a builder. The red bars show the number of recorded

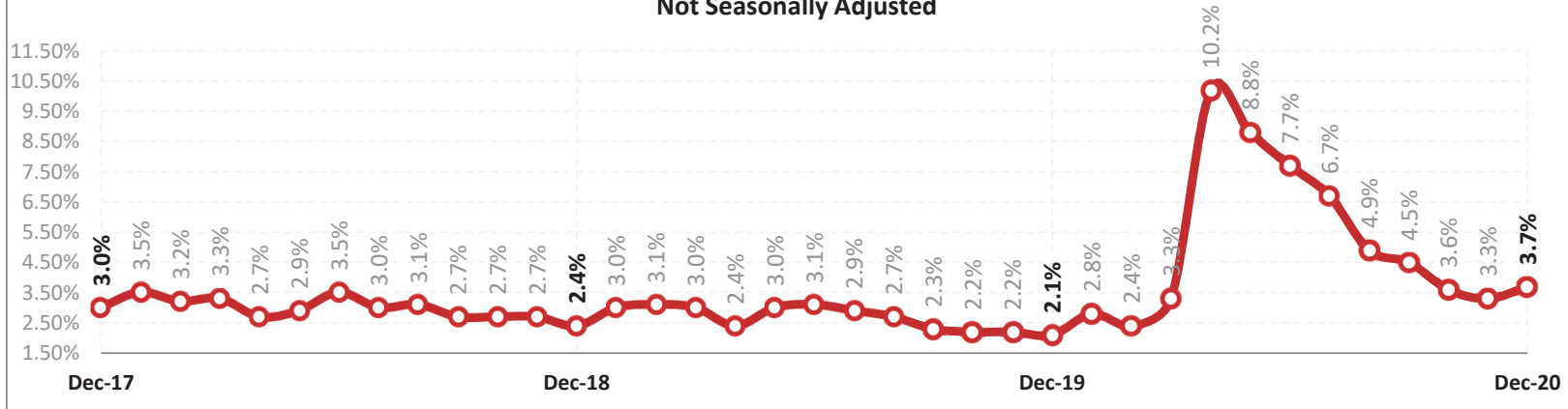
Trustee Deeds. Some foreclosed properties then show up again as REO properties. The foreclosure rate in our local market area has been trending downward over the past nine years and is now at the lowest level seen anytime in the past 15 years! The temporary moratorium on foreclosures likely kept that figure low in 2021.

Average 30-Year Fixed Mortgage Interest Rate

Source: Freddie Mac



Harrisonburg-Rockingham MSA Unemployment Rate Not Seasonally Adjusted



As shown in the top graph above, for most of the past three years, home buyers have seen tremendously low interest rates -- almost always under 4.5%. Over the past two years those interest rates have been steadily declining to the current historically low rate of 2.73%. Never have we seen rates this low. The second graph above

illustrates trends in the local unemployment rate -- which has trended downward over the past several years but which skyrocketed up to as high as 10.2% due to COVID-19 but has slowly dropped since then. A (usually) low local unemployment rate and low mortgage interest rates help our local housing market remain stable.

Scott P. Rogers, Associate Broker



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A native of Montgomery County, Maryland, Scott earned a B.A. (2000) and M.Ed. (2002) from James Madison University, providing him formal education in graphic design, management and counseling

-- all of which he leverages on a daily basis to the benefit of his clients. Scott's graphic design and web development background allows him to create and utilize high caliber technology and marketing solutions for his clients.

Scott incorporates many innovative tools and technologies to serve his clients including: professional photography equipment, a quadcopter (drone), property websites for each of his listings and 3D Walk Through technology. He leads the local market in the adoption of new marketing techniques - for example, check out WalkThroughThisHome.com.

In 2007, Scott began providing in-depth analysis and commentary on the local real estate market via his real estate blog, HarrisonburgHousingToday.com. Since that time, he created many other valuable online resources for the local community such as:

HarrisonburgHousingMarket.com, HarrisonburgInvestmentProperties.com,

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Scott and his wife, Shaena, live in Rockingham County with their two children, Luke and Emily. In his free time, Scott enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, coaching middle school volleyball and operating TakeThemAMEal.com and PerfectPotluck.com.

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