



Economic and Housing Market Update

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The U.S. Economy Shrank in 2020



BIGGEST ANNUAL GDP DECLINES

1946: -11.6% End of War Recession

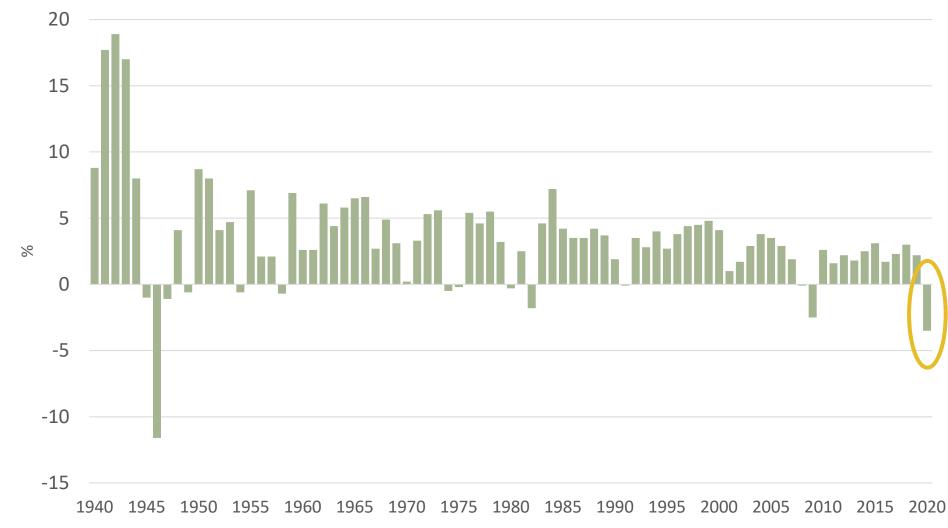
2020: -3.5% **COVID-19 Recession**

2009: -2.5% Great Recession

1982: -1.8%

Energy Crisis Recession

Real GDP, Annual Percent Change

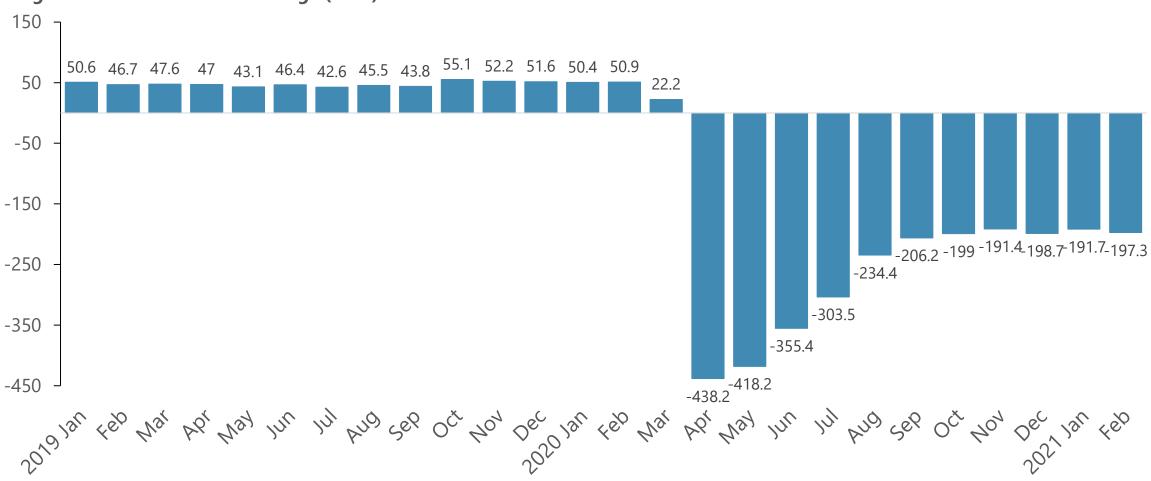


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Virginia Employment

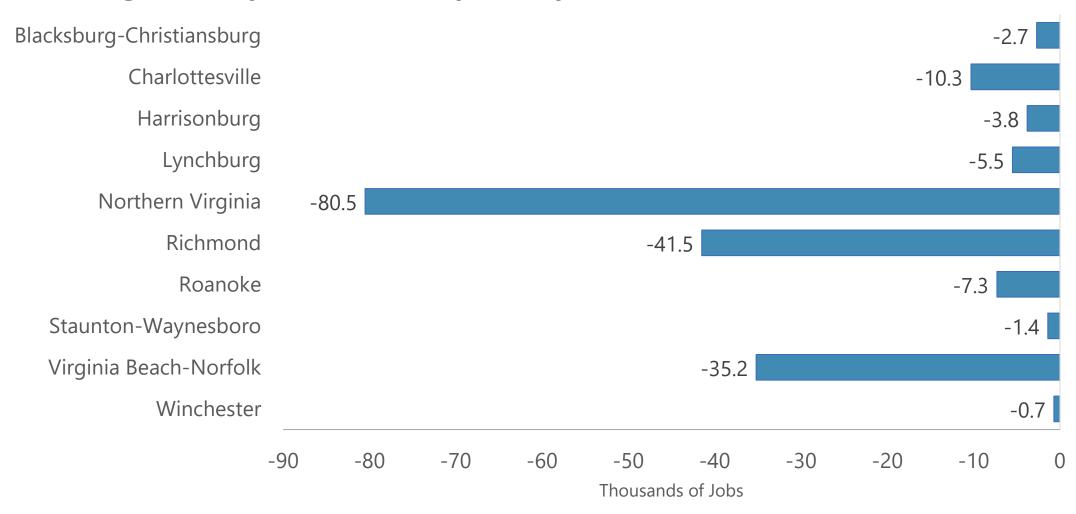
Virginia Year-Over-Year Job Change (000s)





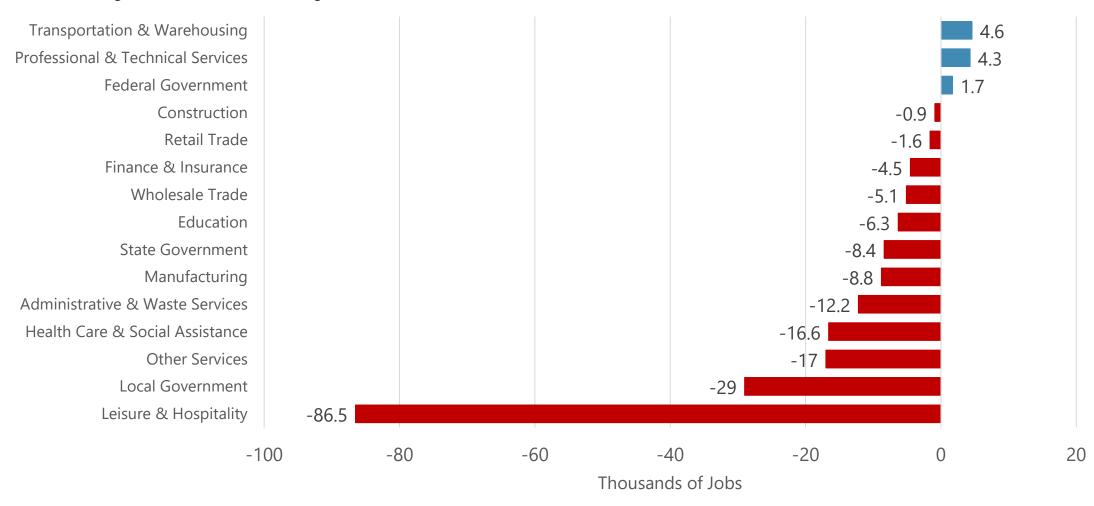
Regional Employment

Job Change February 2020 to February 2021 by Metro Area



Virginia Employment Change by Sector

February 2020 to February 2021 (thousands)

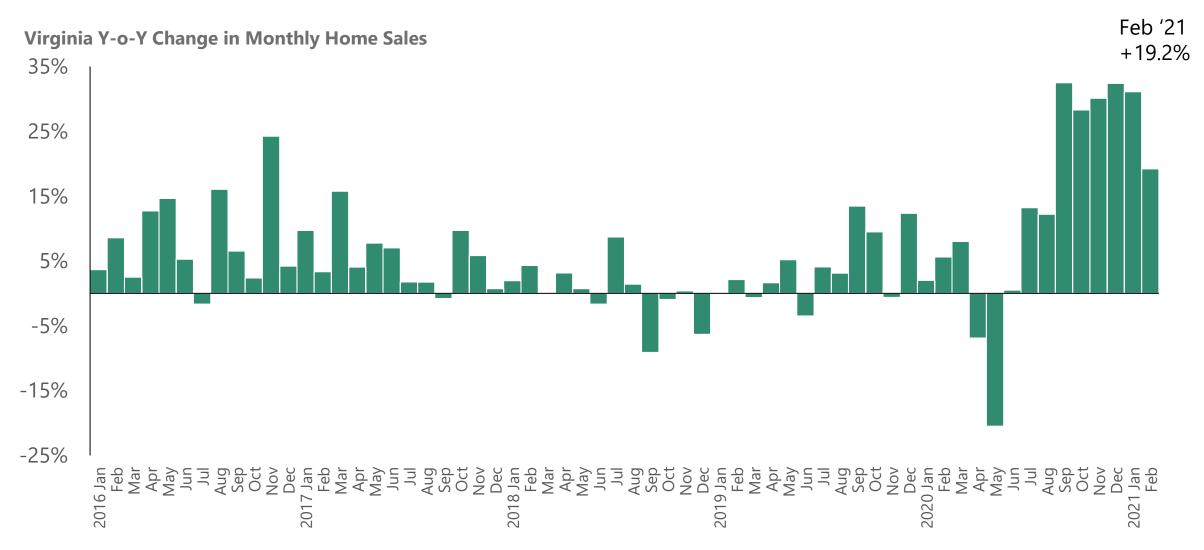


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted



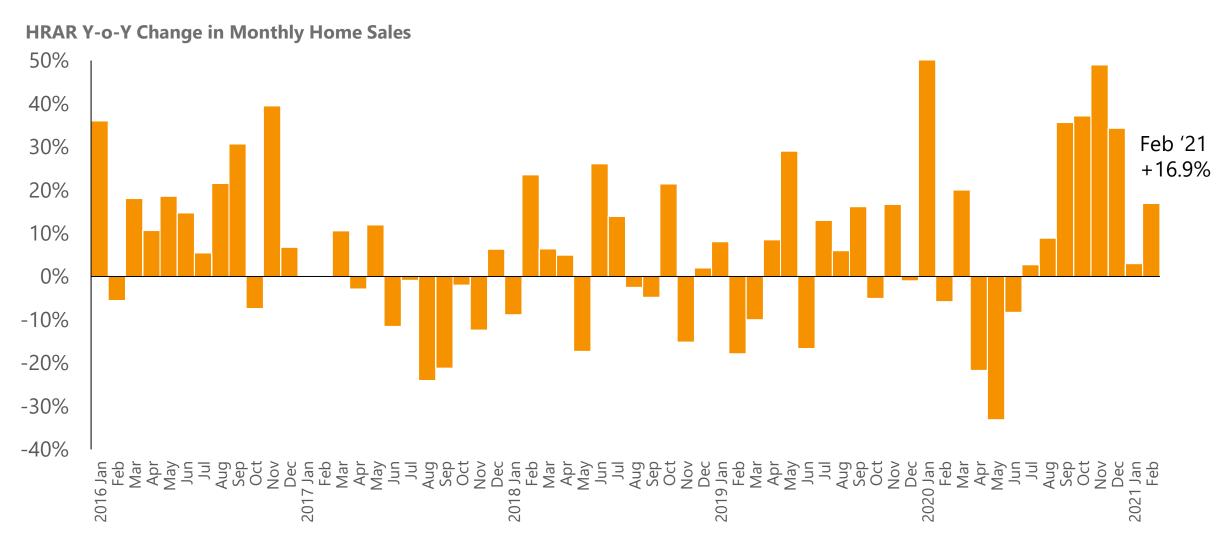


Home Sales





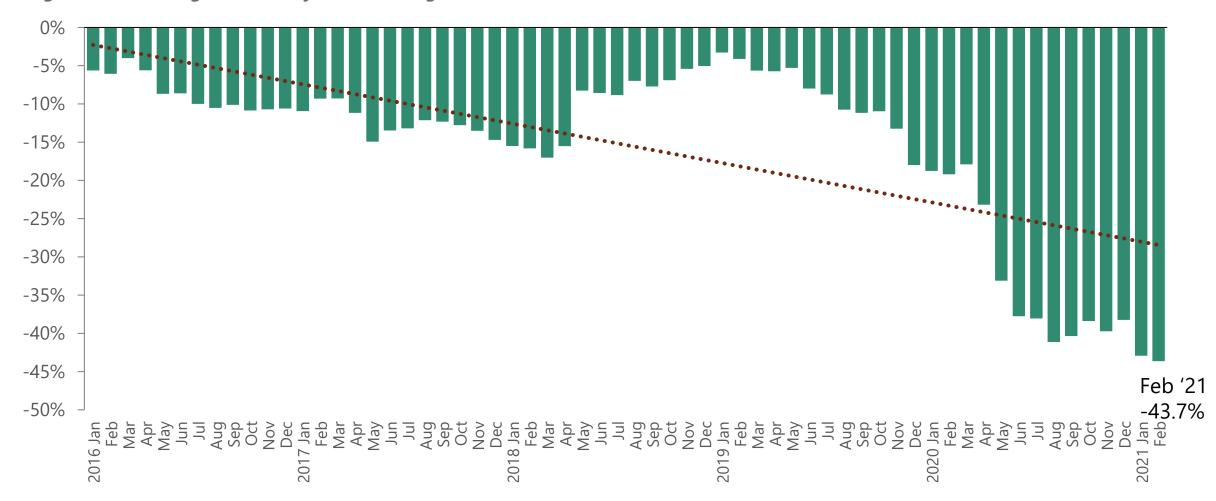
HRAR Home Sales



Inventory



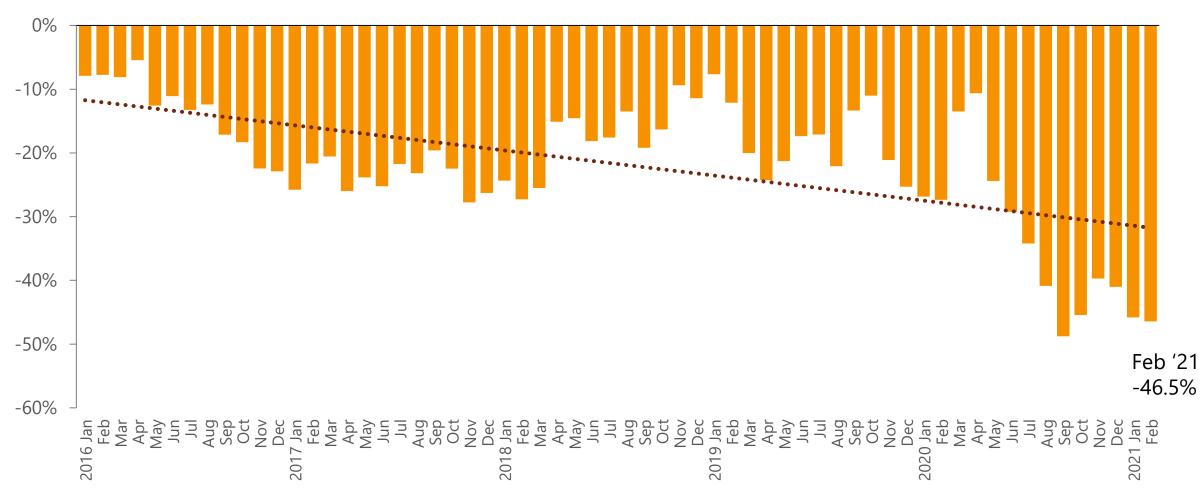
Virginia Y-o-Y Change in Monthly Active Listings



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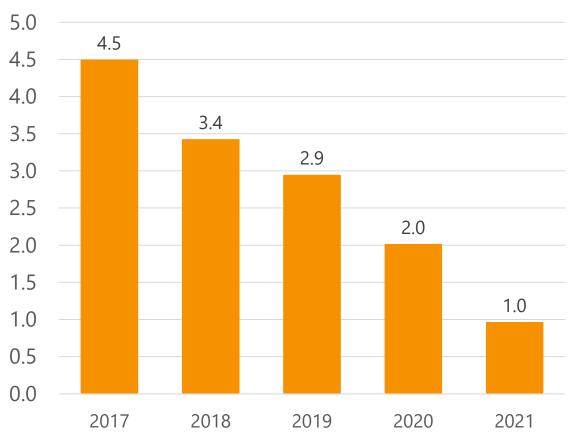
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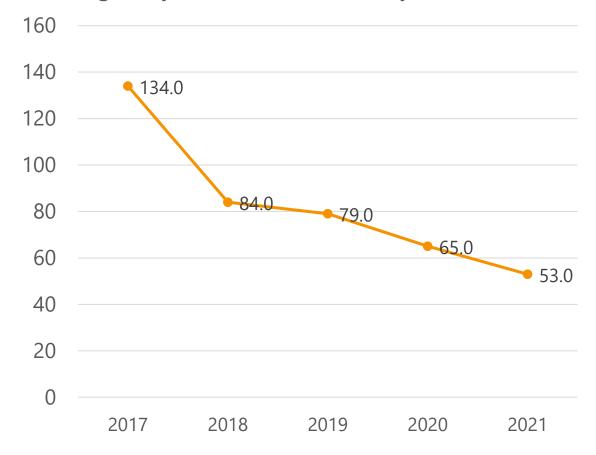
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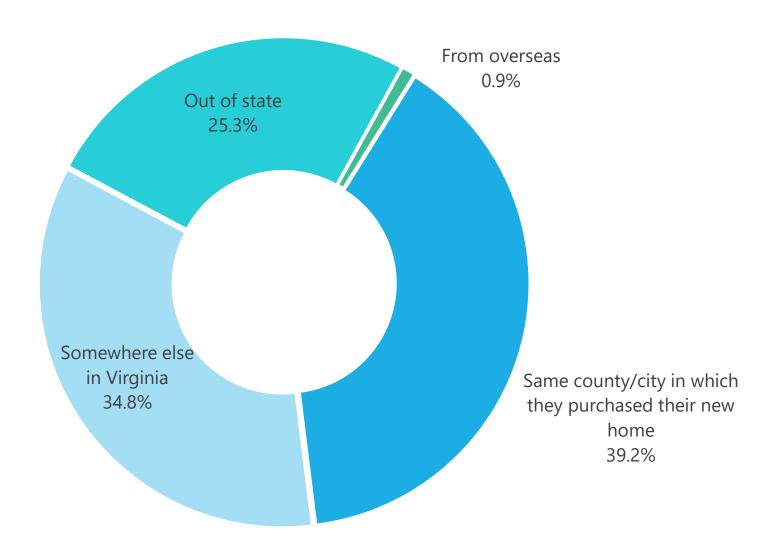


Average Days on Market, February



Where Are Buyers Moving From?



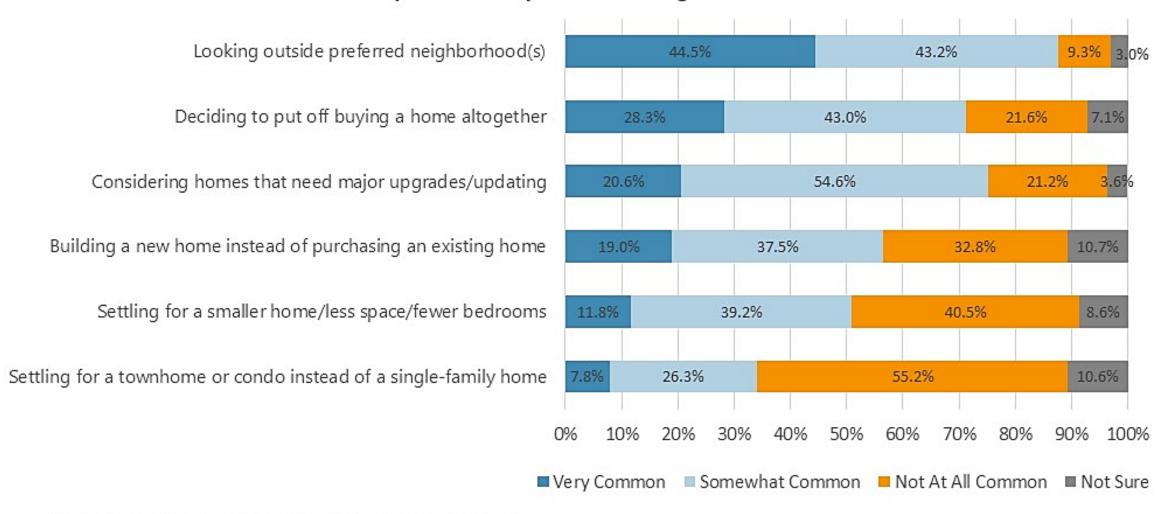


Source: Virginia REALTORS® Flash Survey, February 25-28, 2021

Home Buyer Compromises and Concessions



What are the most common compromises buyers are making in their home search?

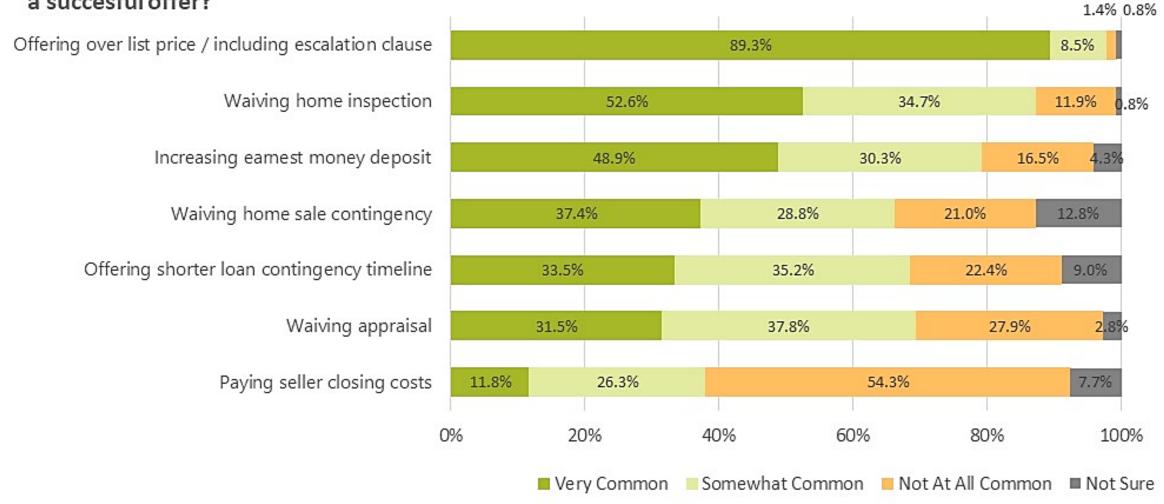


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What are the most common concessions buyers are making to improve their chances of a succesful offer?

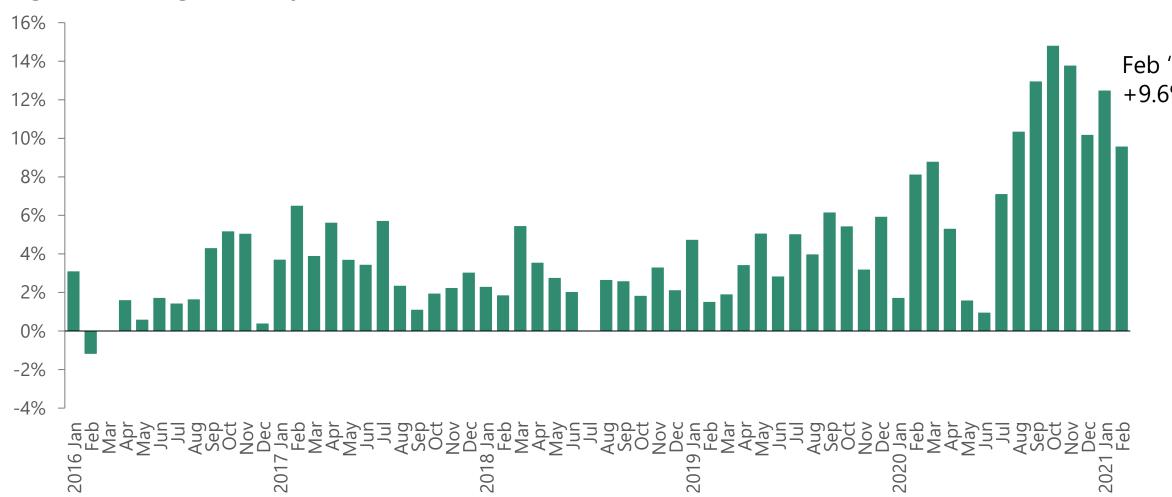


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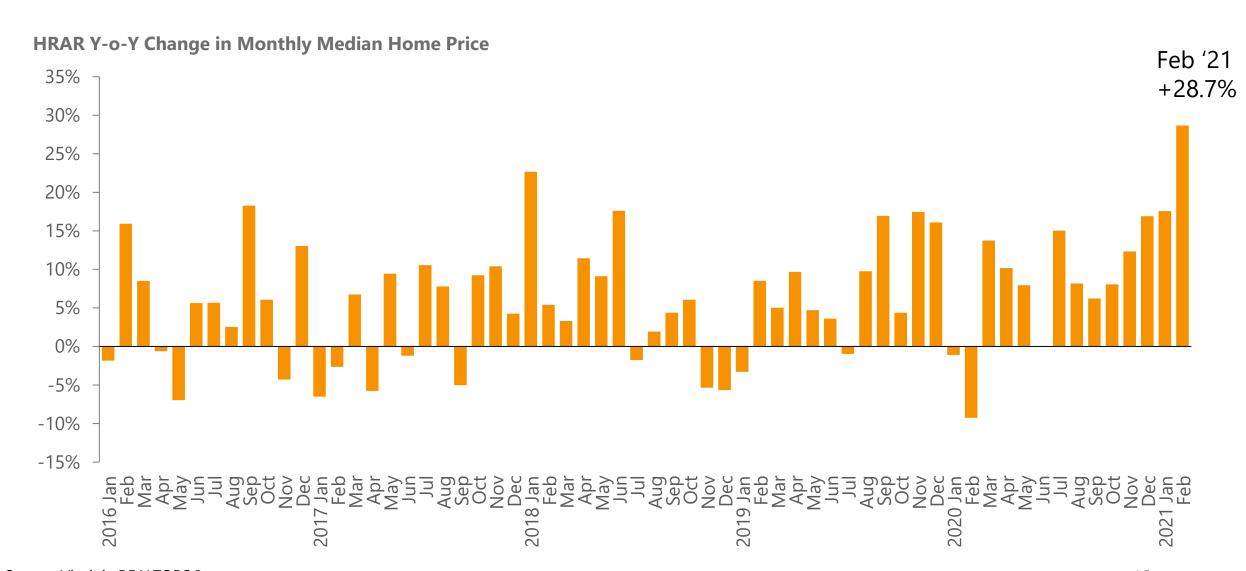
Home Prices

Virginia Y-o-Y Change in Monthly Median Home Price





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Some Ways COVID-19 Has Changed the Housing Market

Residential real estate has become the driver of the economy

Mortgage rates fell to historically low levels

Home equity has surged

The seasonality of the housing market has been upended

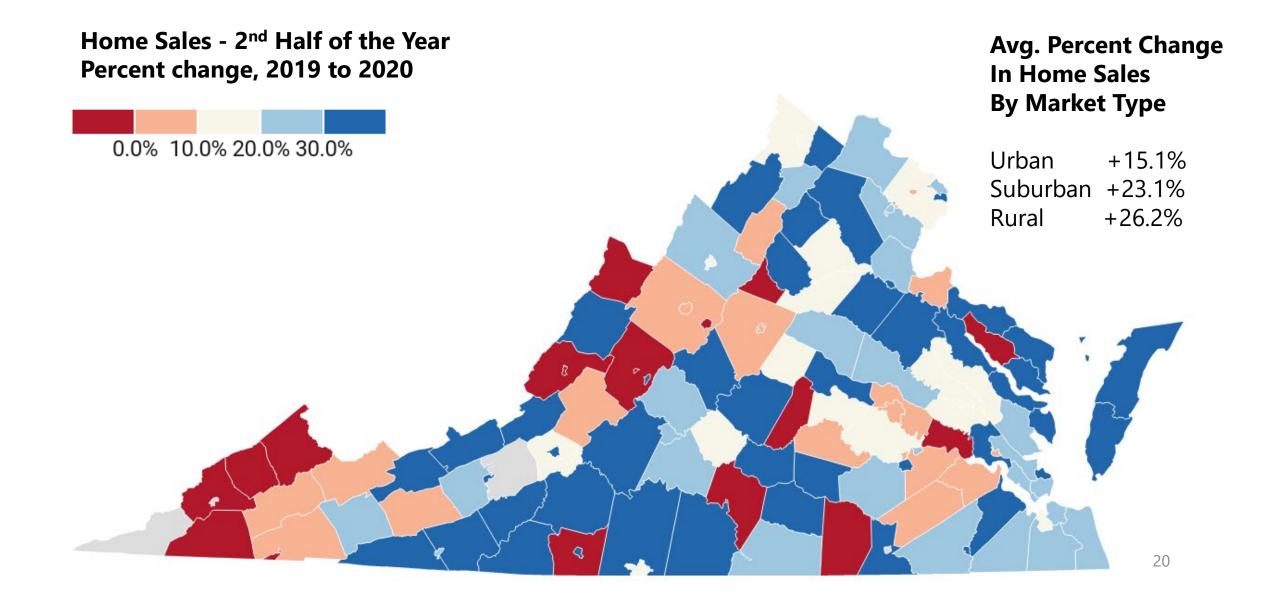
Home buyers are re-evaluating their preferences

There is an epic housing shortage



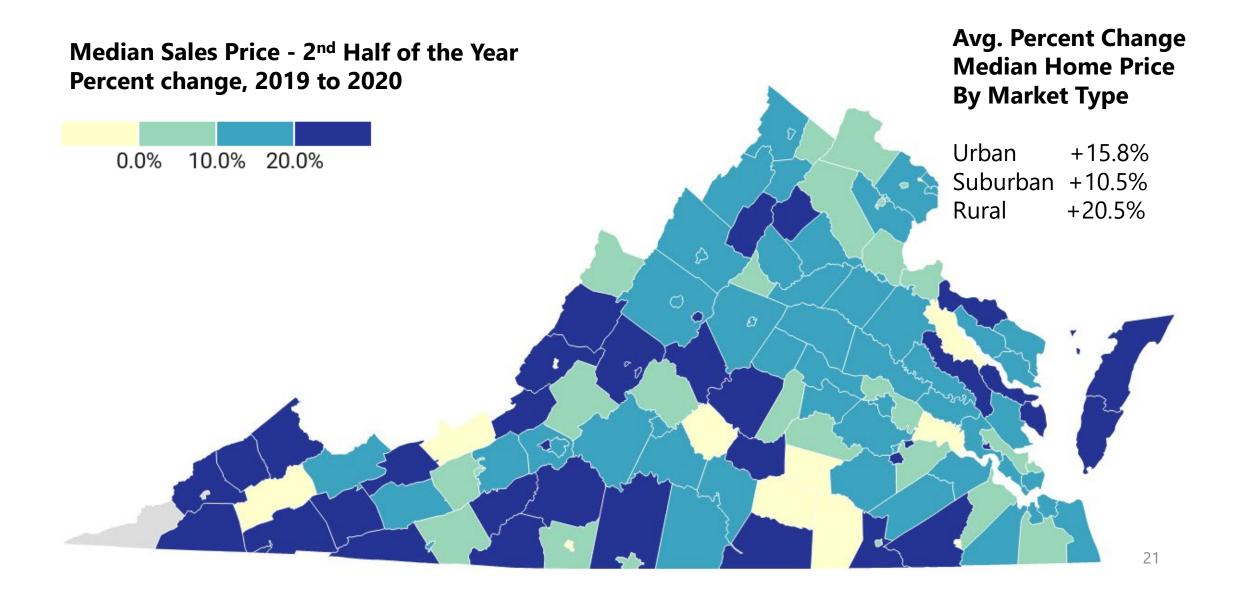
Increase in Home Sales in Some Rural Markets, But Demand Was Widespread Across the State







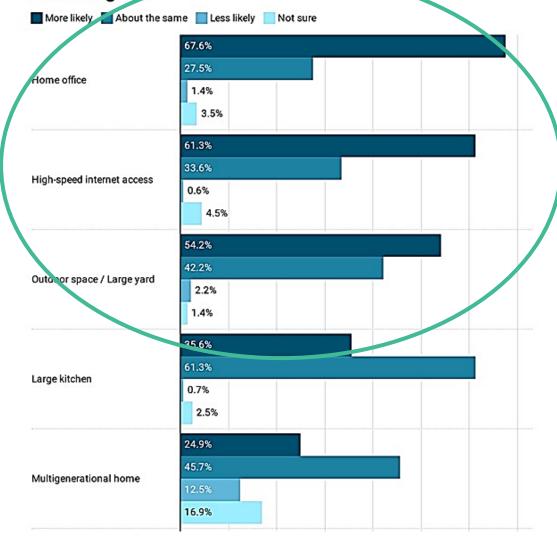
Median Home Prices Rising Faster in Rural Markets

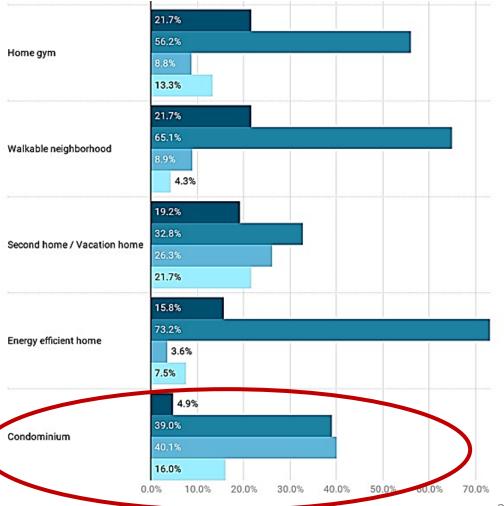


What Buyers are Looking for in 2021?

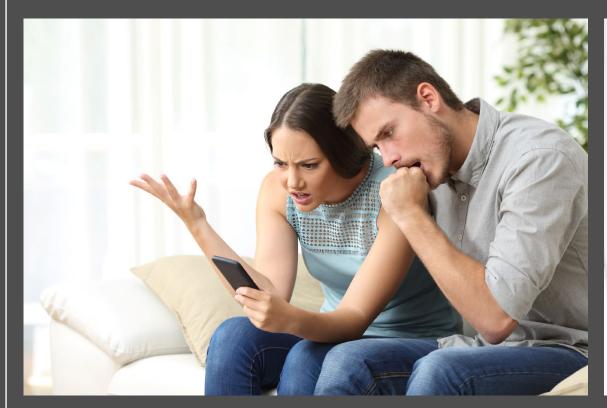


Compared to this same time last year (i.e. January 2020), which home features are your buyer(s) more or less likely to be looking for?





WHAT'S OUT Frustrated Buyers



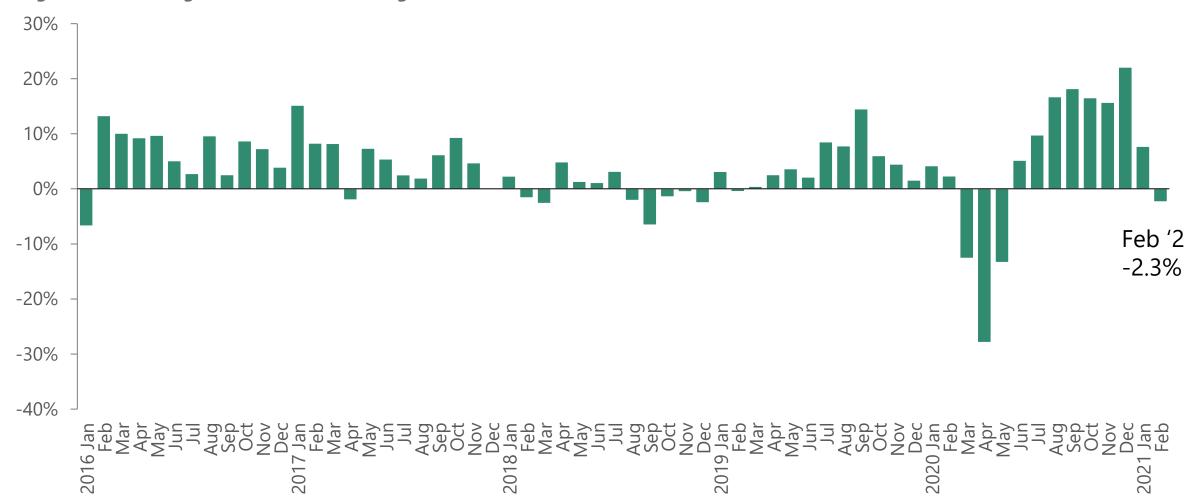


WHAT'S IN Resigned Renters



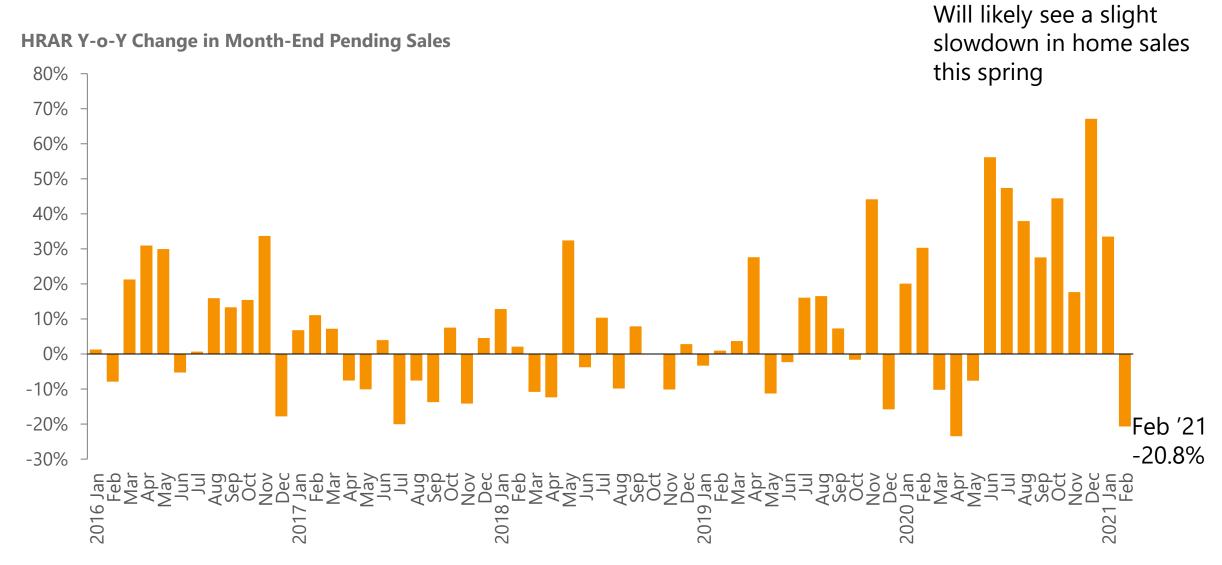
Pending Sales

Virginia Y-o-Y Change in Month-End Pending Sales





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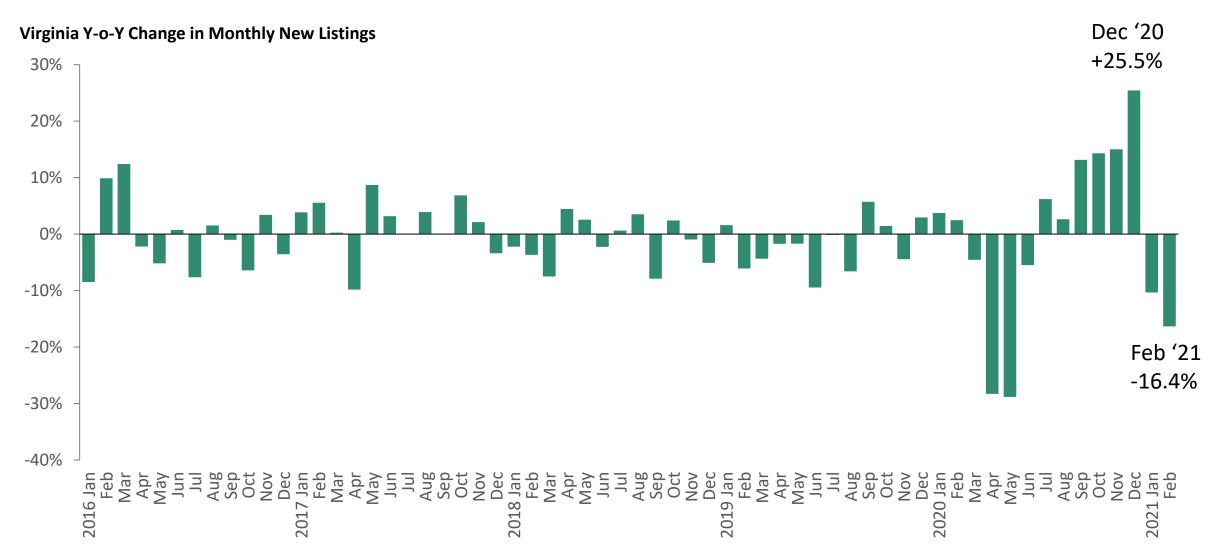
WHAT'S OUT Extremely Low Inventory



WHAT'S IN Very Low Inventory

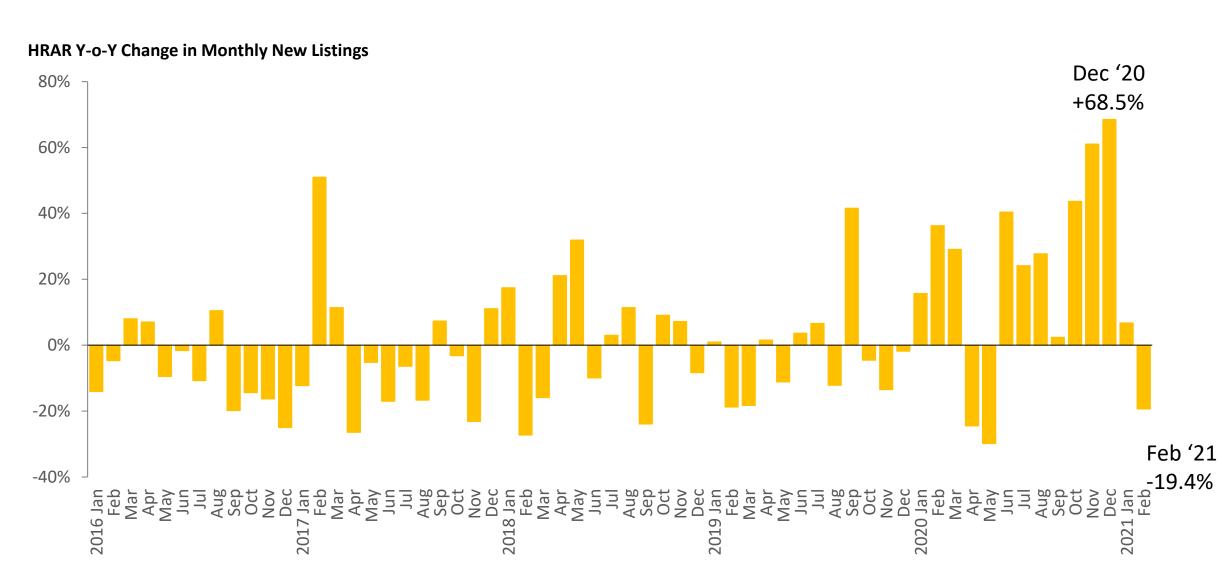


New Listings





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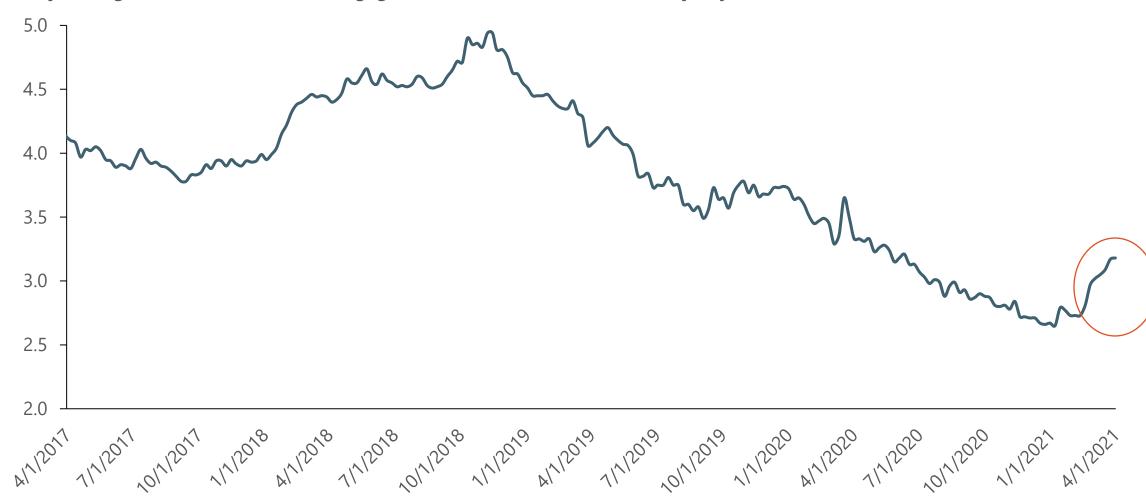




Mortgage Rates



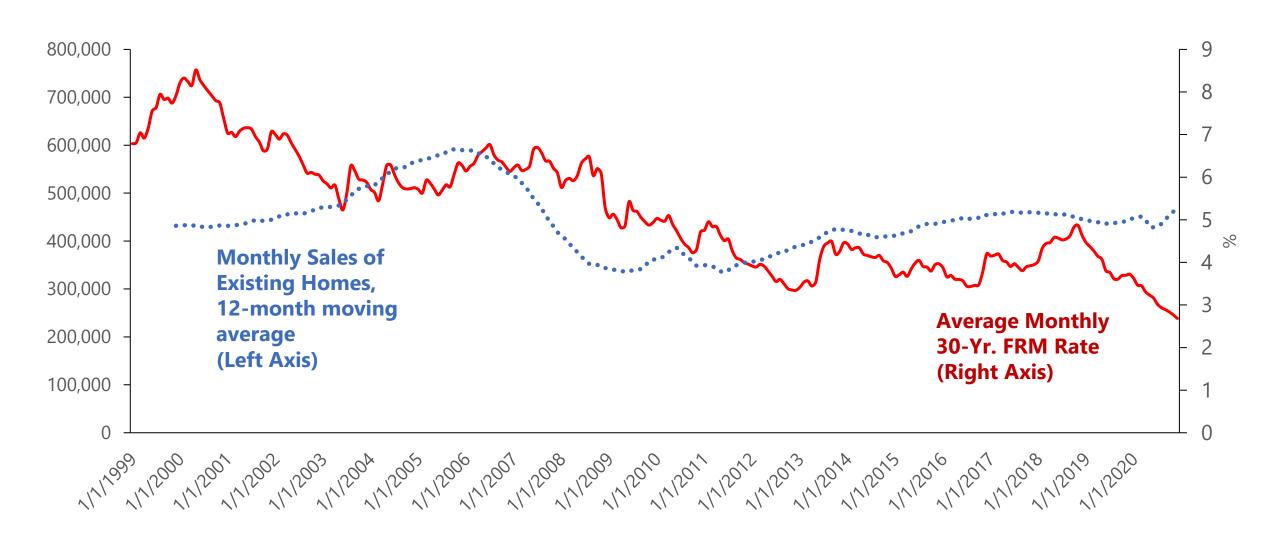
Weekly Average 30-Year Fixed-Rate Mortgage Interest Rate (%), Not Seasonally Adjusted



Source: Freddie Mac

Mortgage Rates and Home Sales Activity (National)

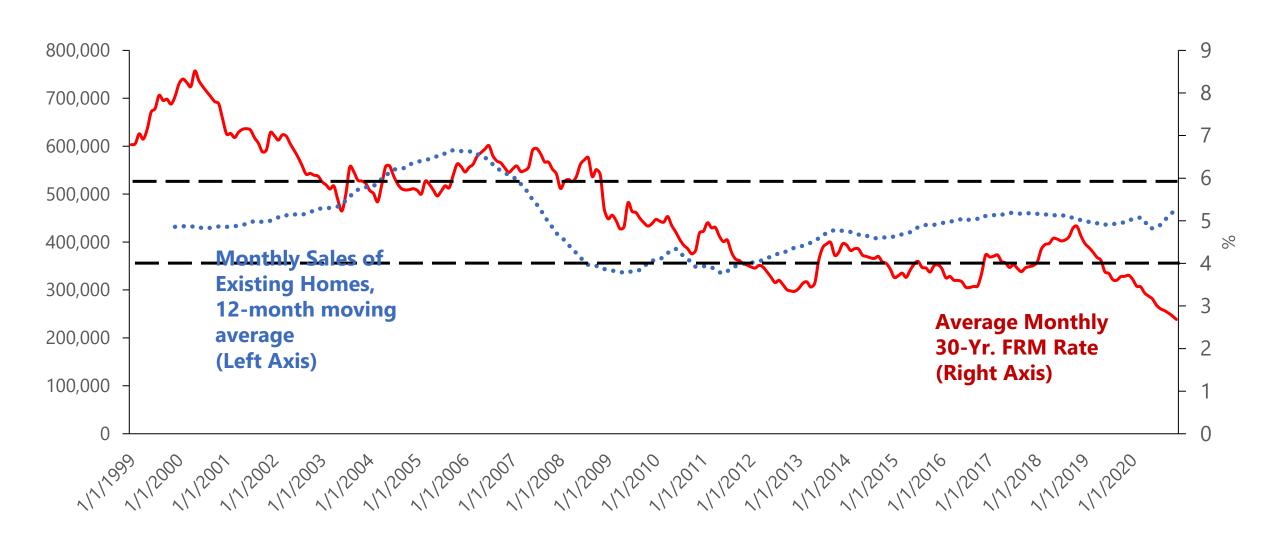




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