

Richmond's Housing Market: Current Trends and a Post-Pandemic Outlook

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The U.S. Economy Shrank in 2020



BIGGEST ANNUAL GDP DECLINES

1946: -11.6% End of War Recession

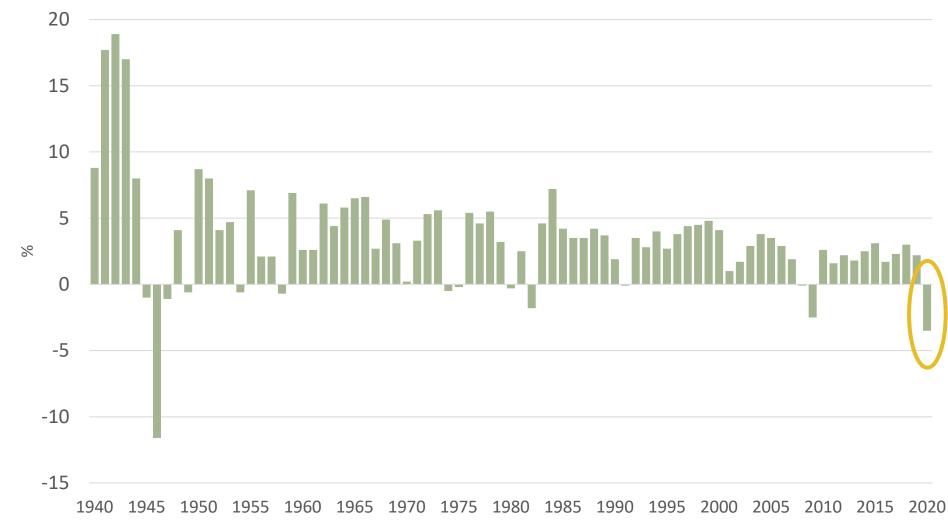
2020: -3.5% **COVID-19 Recession**

2009: -2.5% Great Recession

1982: -1.8%

Energy Crisis Recession

Real GDP, Annual Percent Change

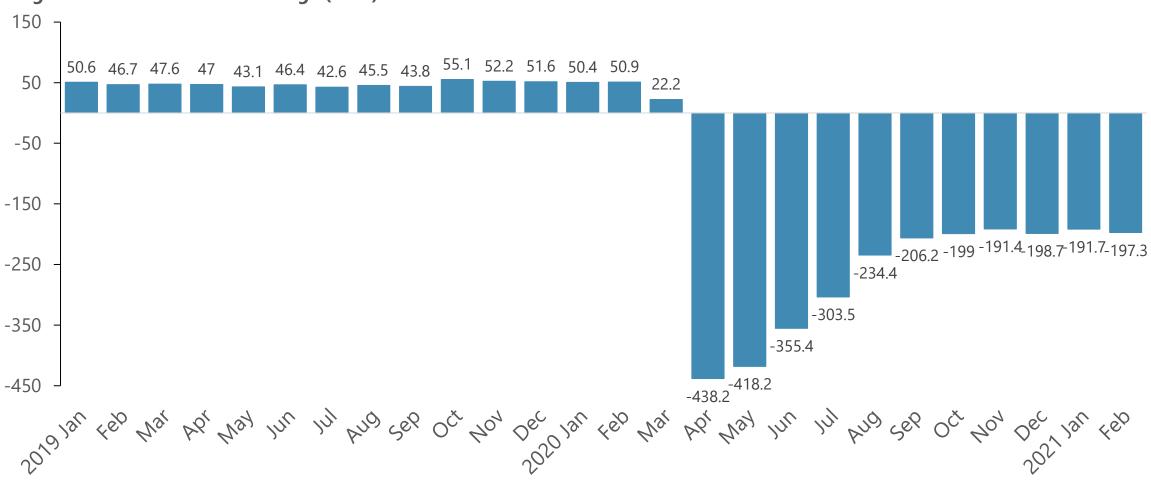


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Virginia Employment

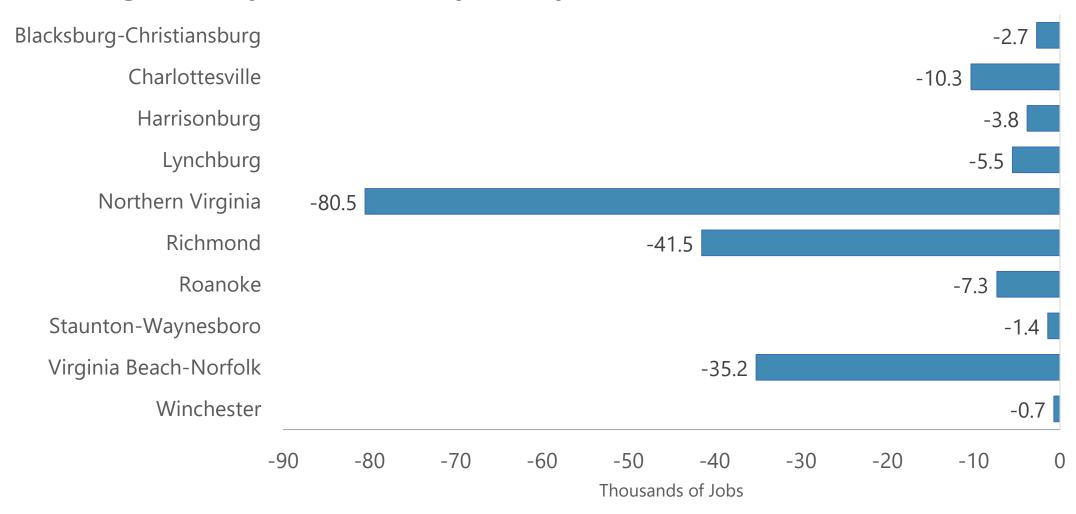
Virginia Year-Over-Year Job Change (000s)





Regional Employment

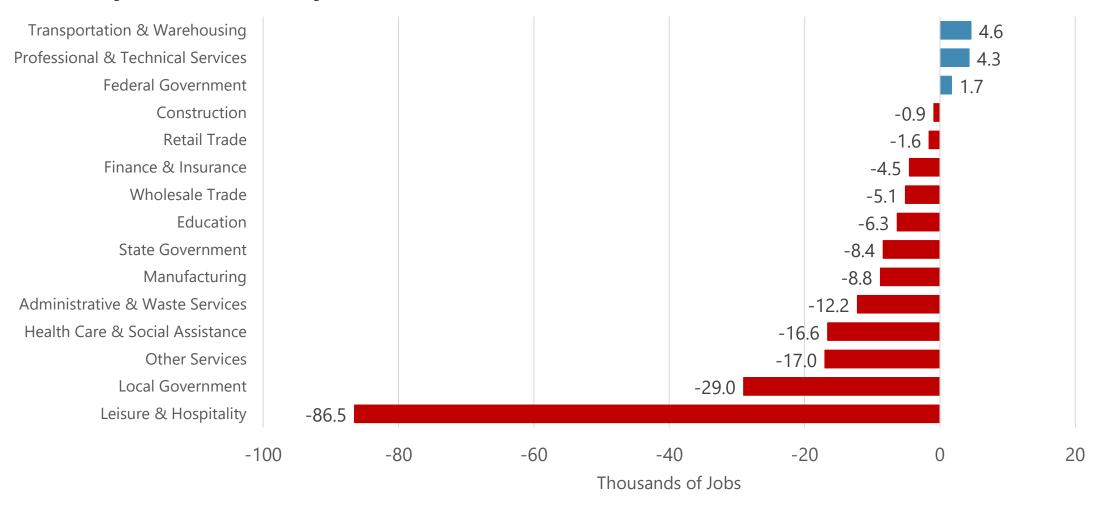
Job Change February 2020 to February 2021 by Metro Area





Virginia Employment Change by Sector

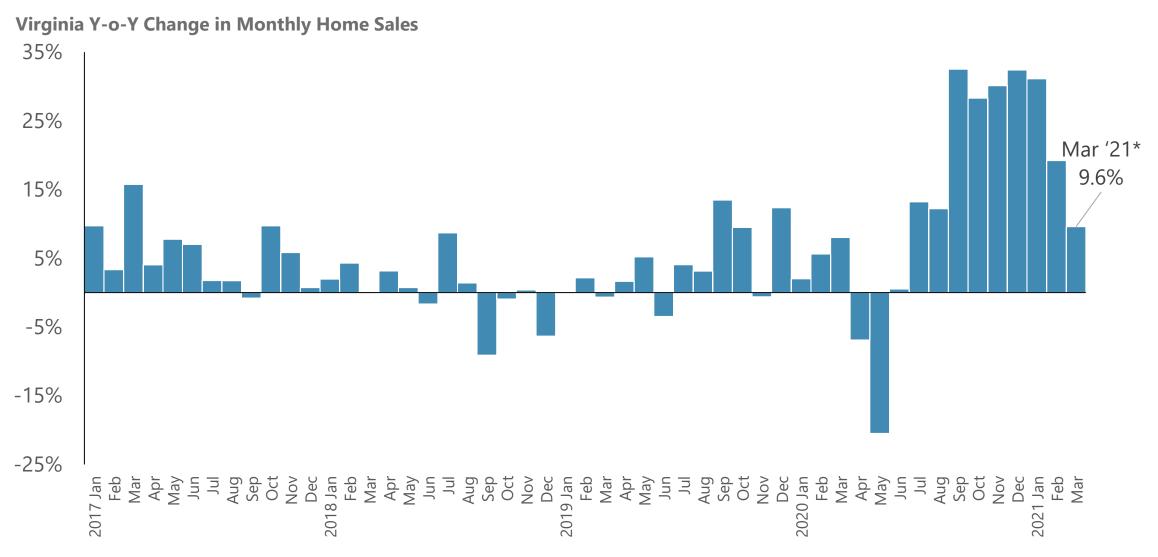
February 2020 to February 2021 (thousands)





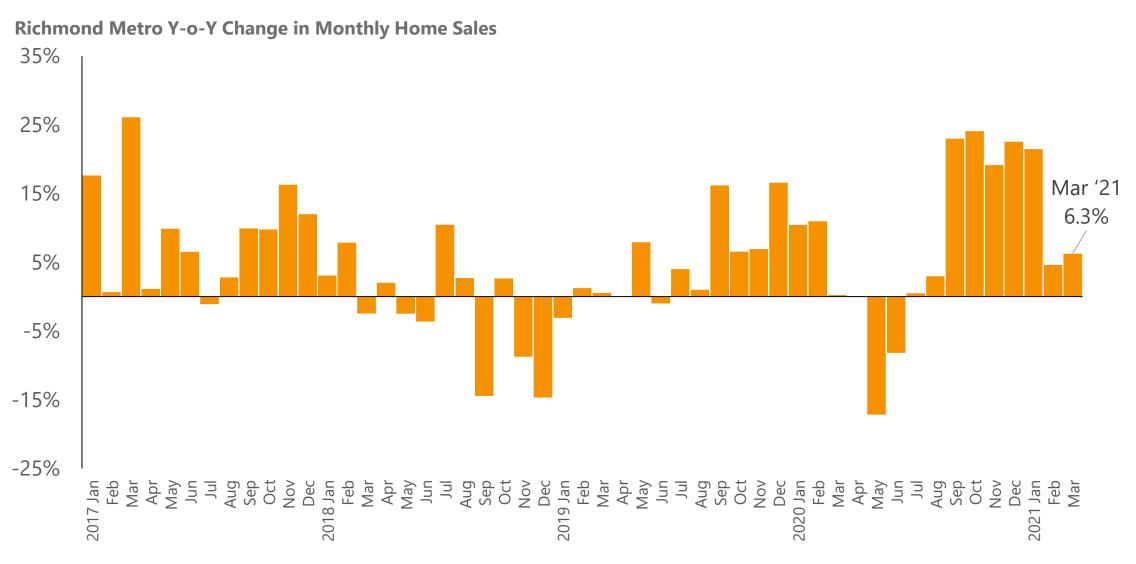


Virginia Home Sales





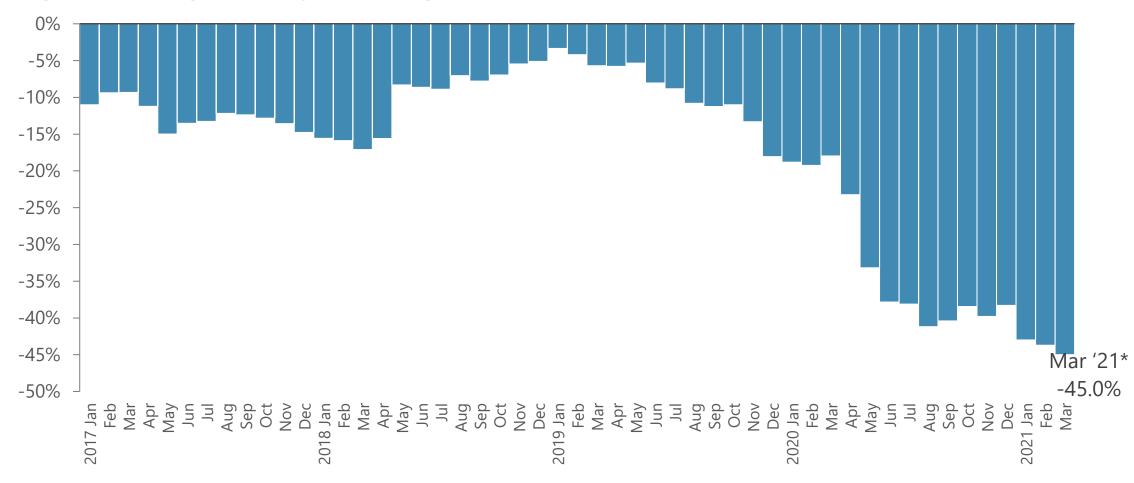
Richmond Metro Home Sales





Virginia Inventory

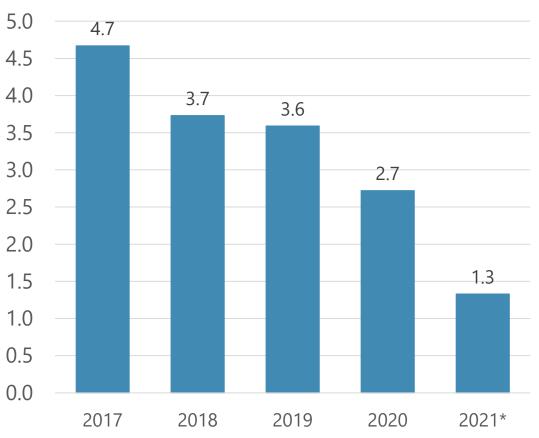
Virginia Y-o-Y Change in Monthly Active Listings



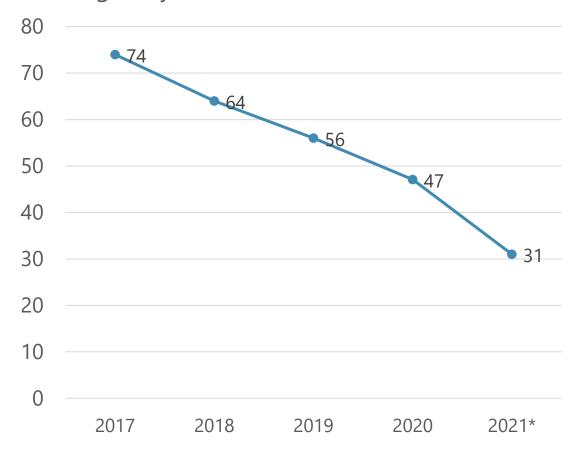


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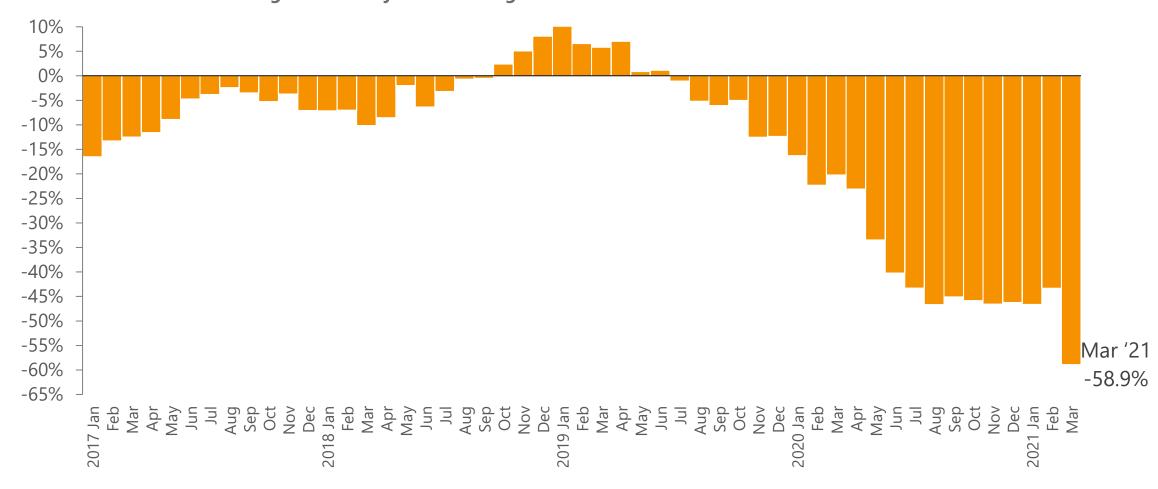
Average Days on Market, March





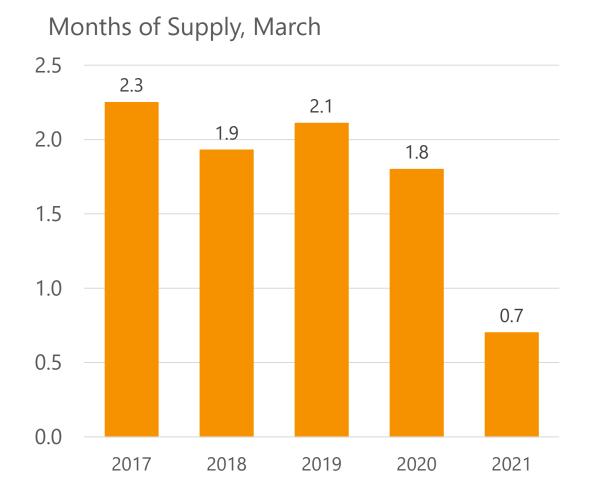
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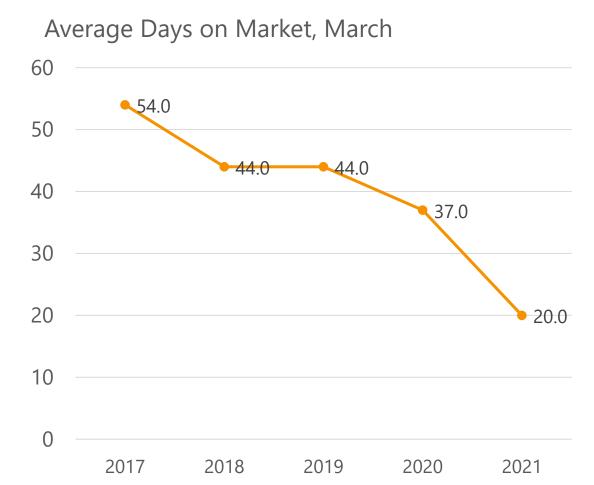
Richmond Metro Y-o-Y Change in Monthly Active Listings





Richmond Metro Inventory



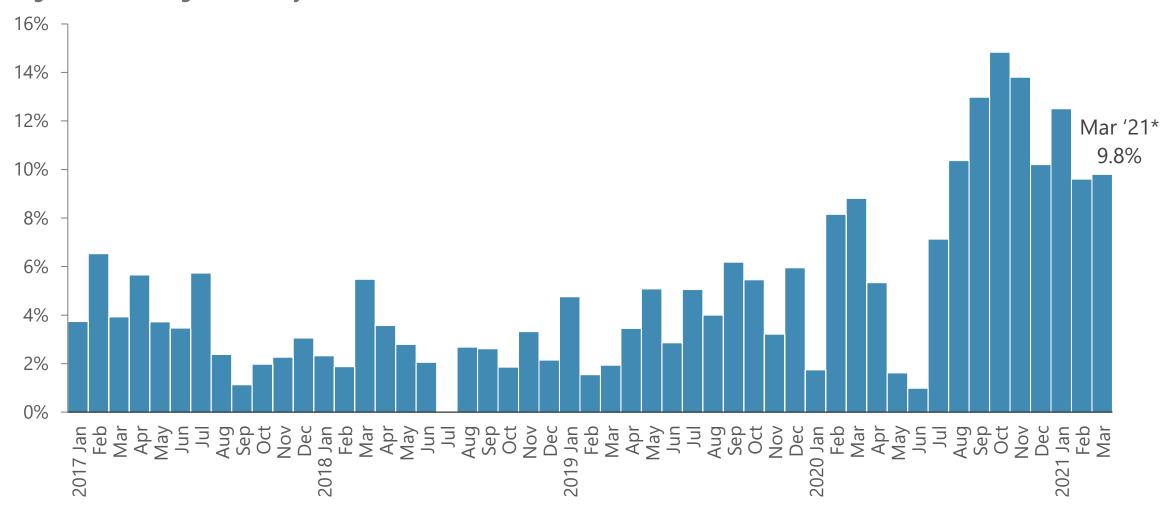


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Virginia Home Prices

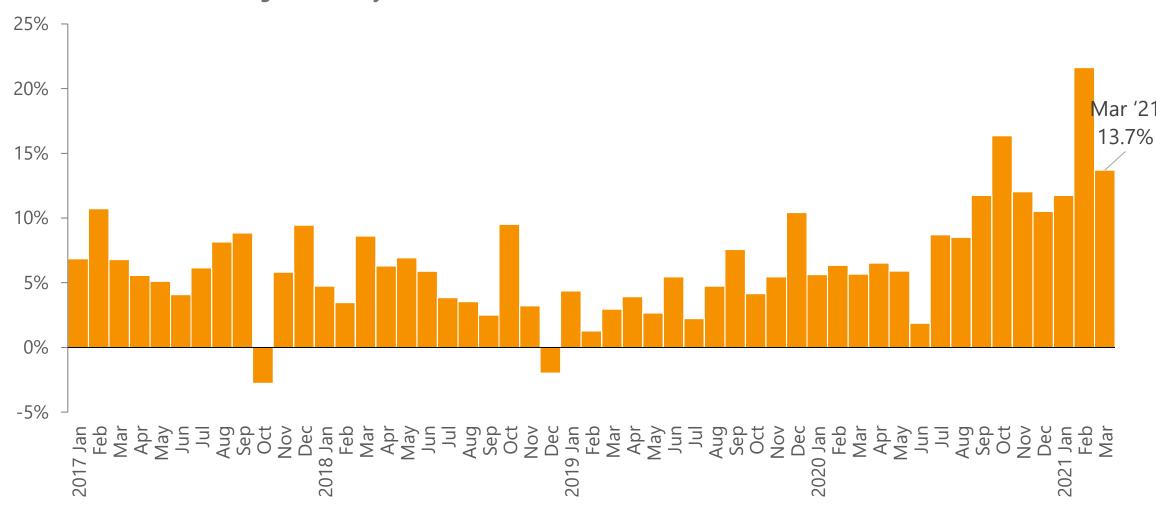
Virginia Y-o-Y Change in Monthly Median Home Price





Richmond Metro Home Prices

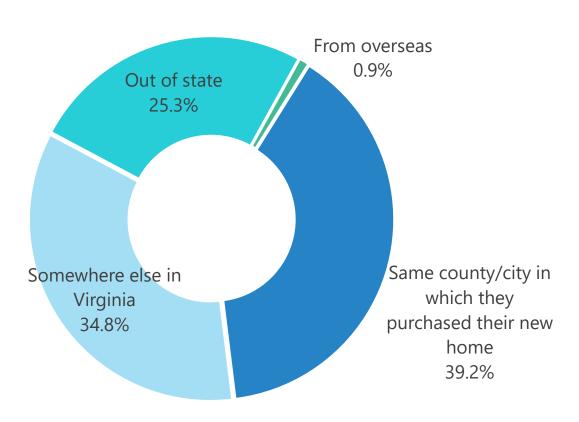
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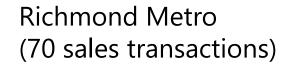


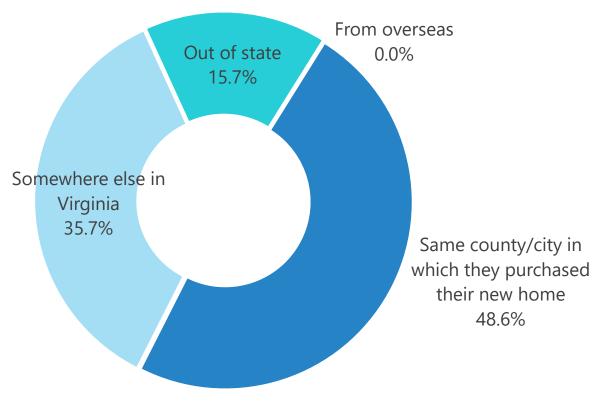
Where Are Buyers Moving From?



Virginia (596 sales transactions)



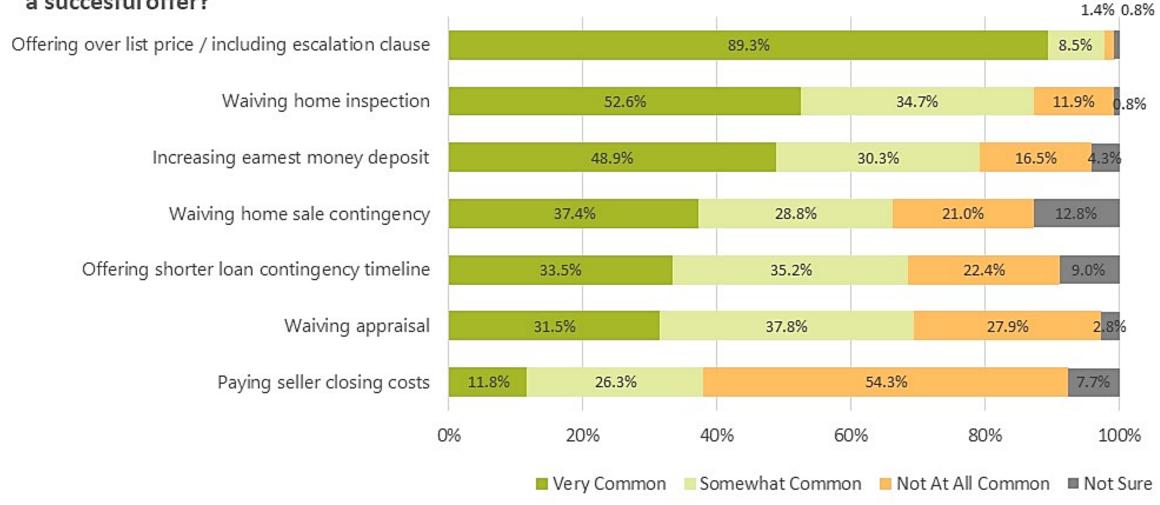




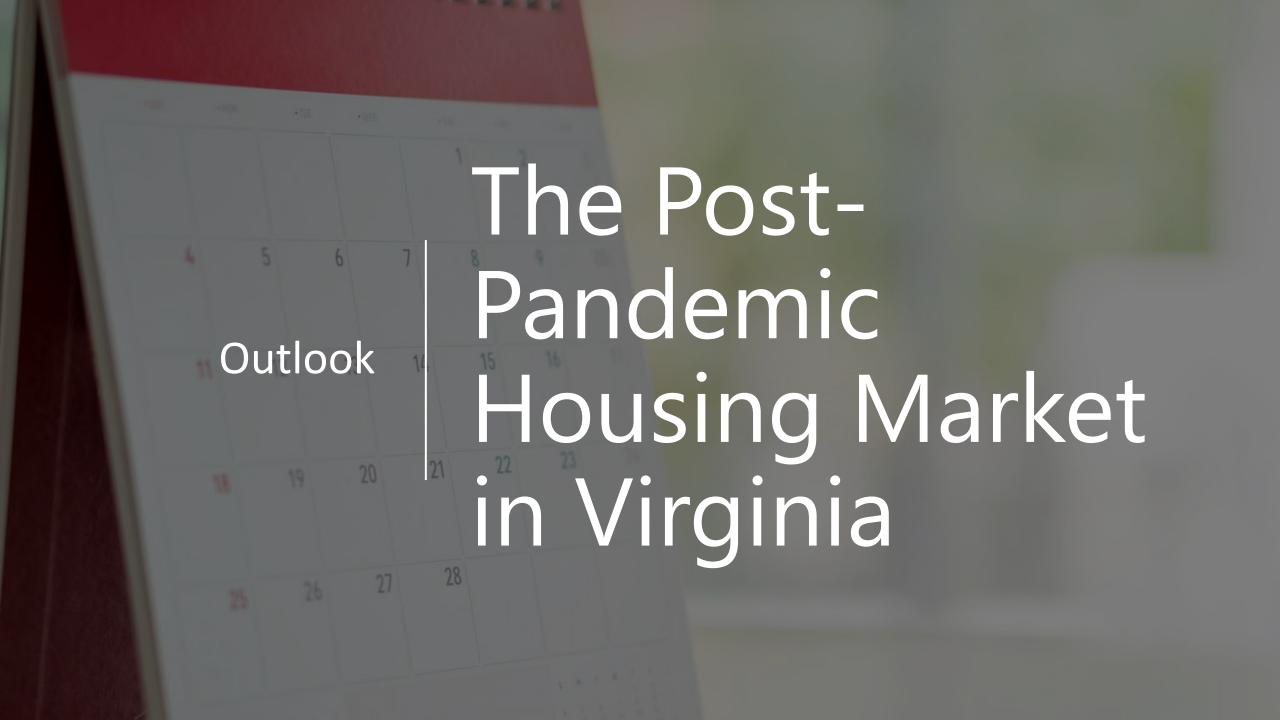
Home Buyer Compromises and Concessions



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



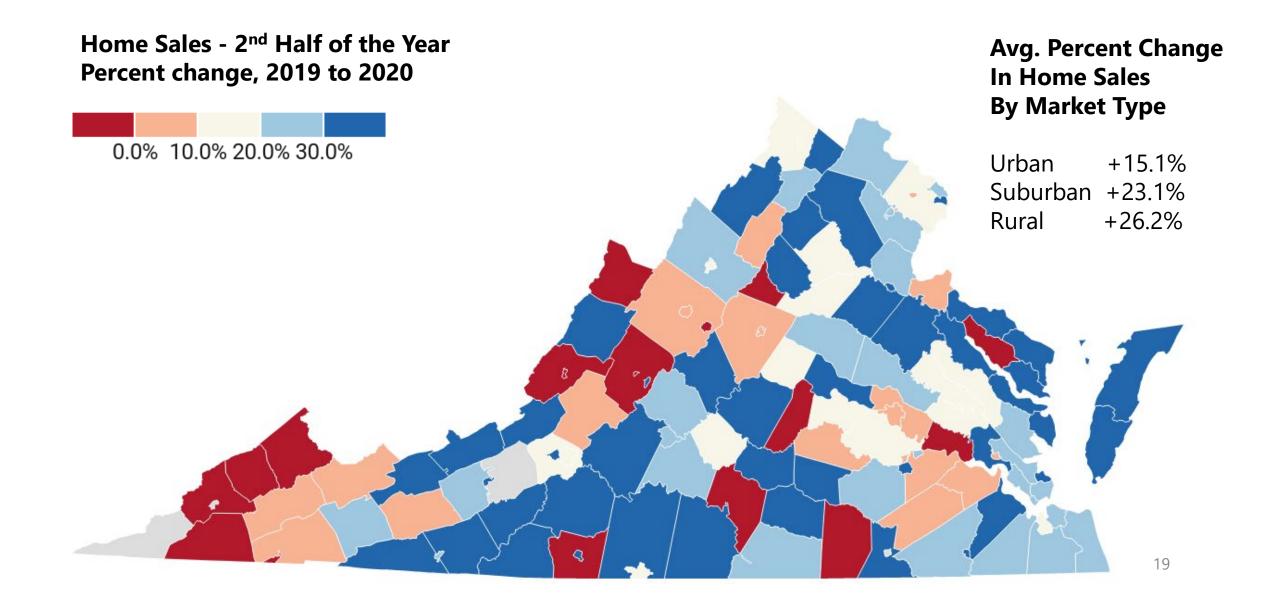
Source: Virginia REALTORS® Flash Survey, March 25-28 2021





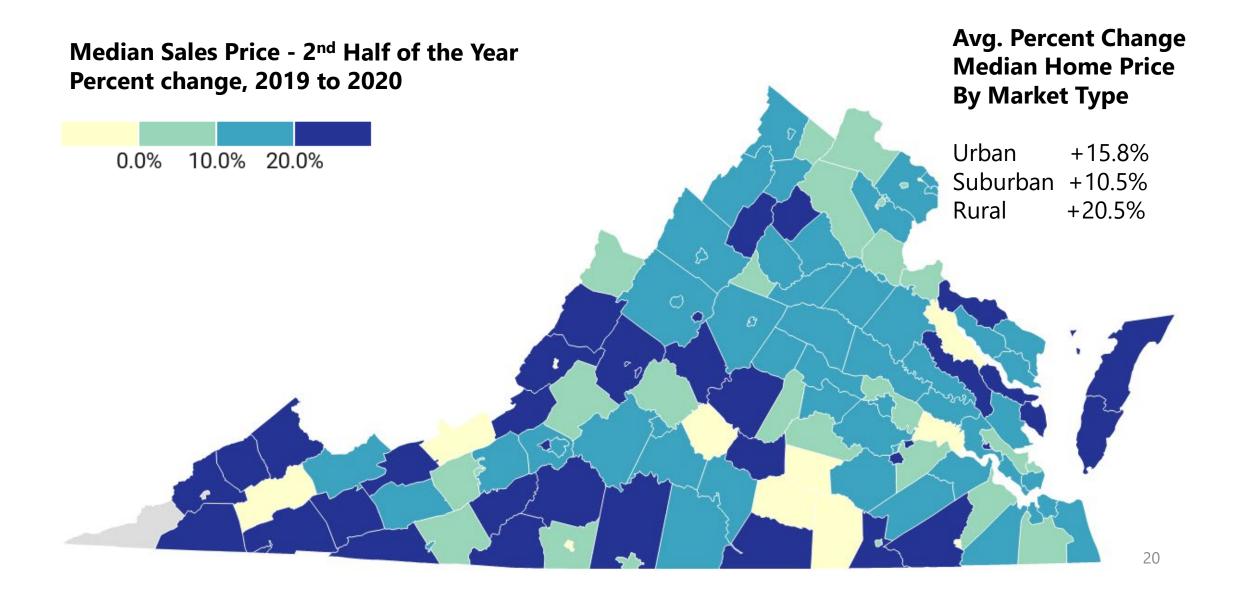
Increase in Home Sales in Some Rural Markets, But Demand Was Widespread Across the State







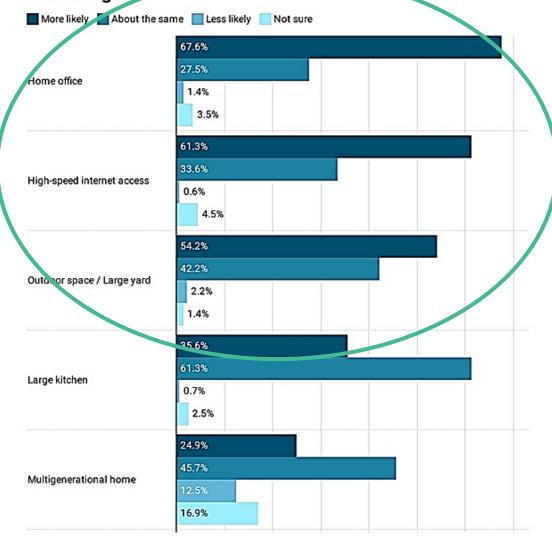
Median Home Prices Rising Faster in Rural Markets

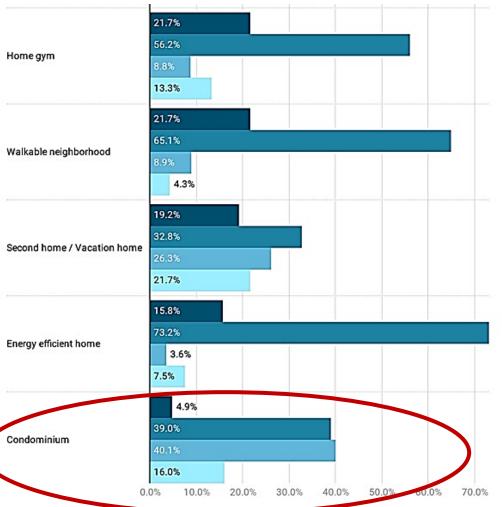


What Buyers are Looking for in 2021?



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?

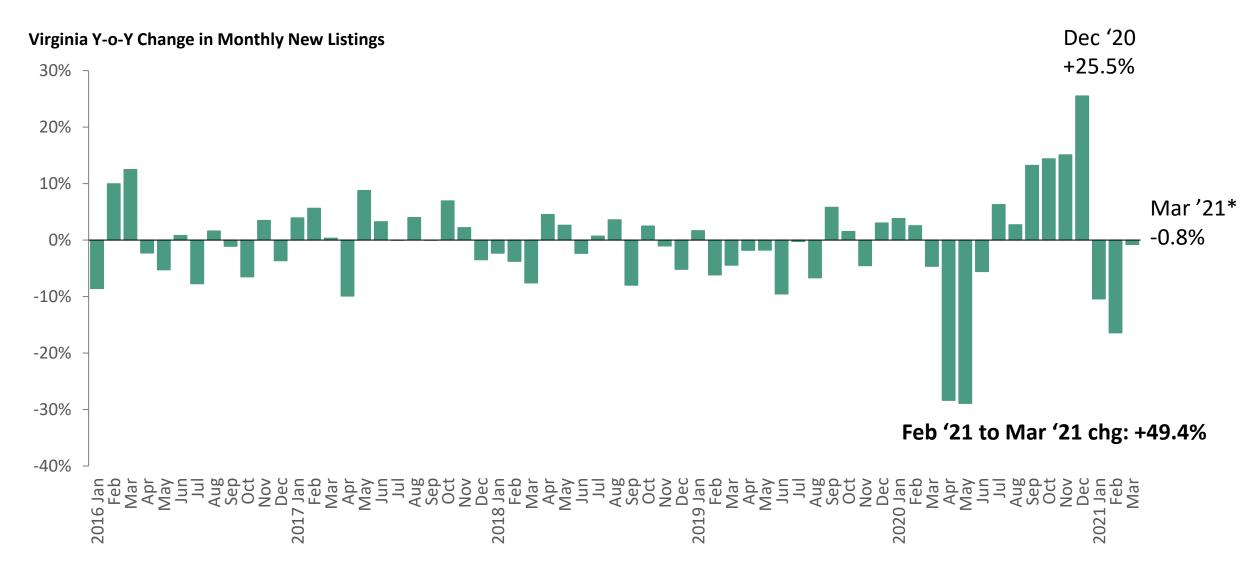






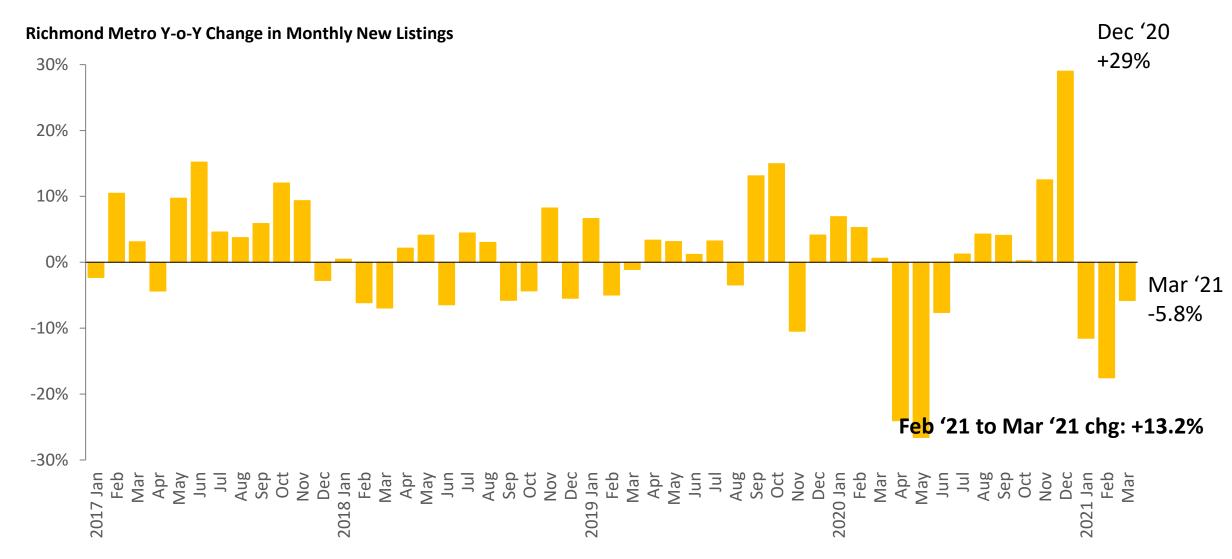


Virginia New Listings



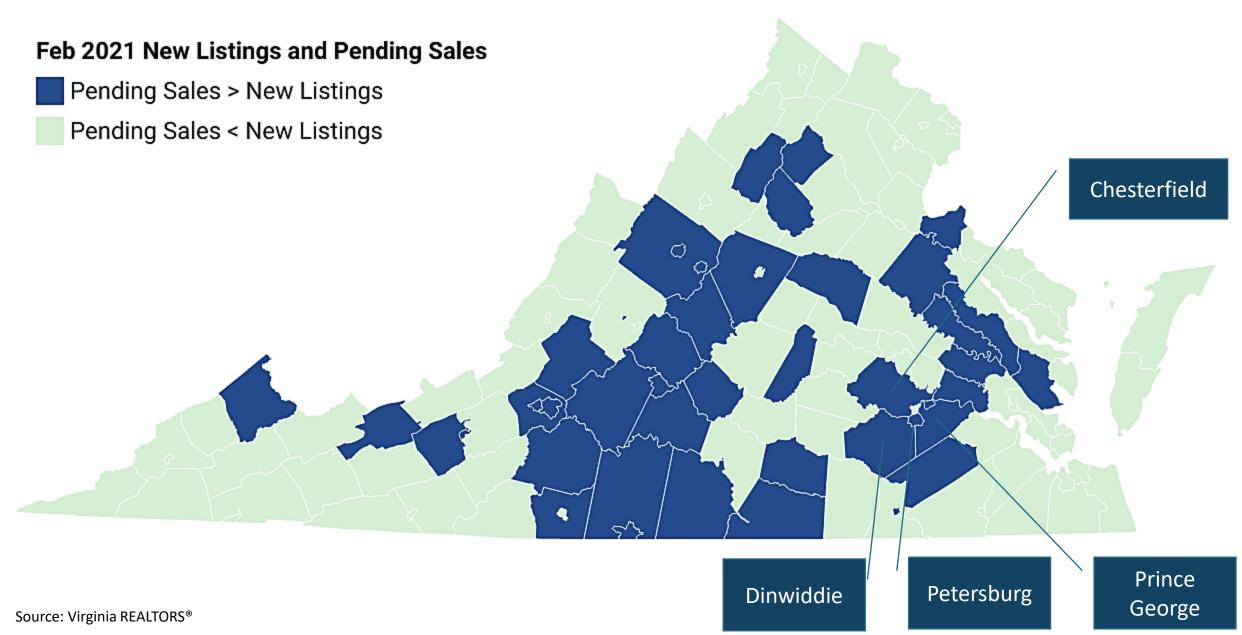


Richmond Metro New Listings



Source: Virginia REALTORS®, CVR MLS







Why Homeowners Are Not Selling



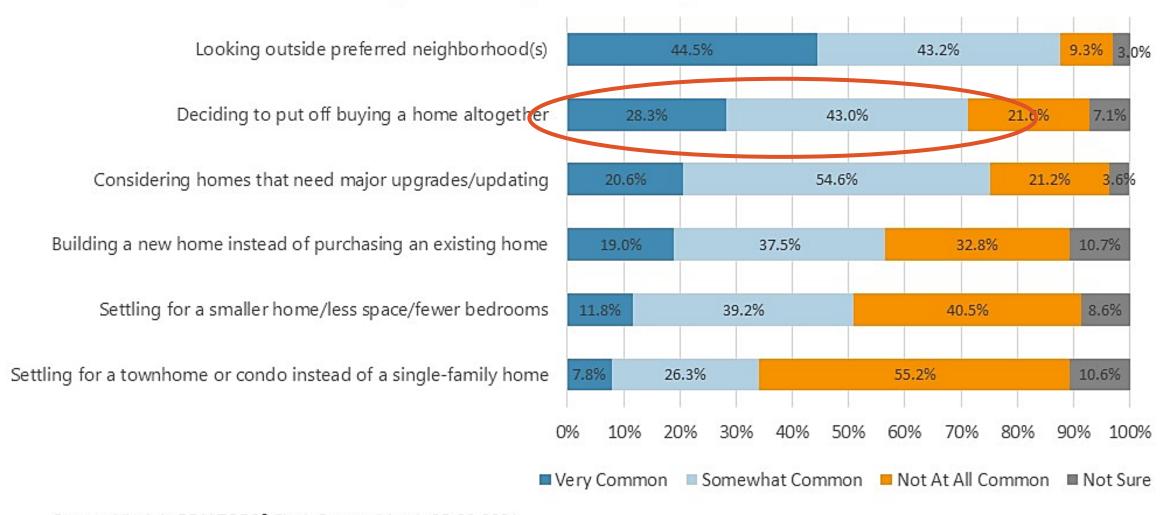
- Baby Boomers aging into their 60s and staying in their homes longer, sometimes living in homes that are "too big"
 - Room for adult children to move back home
 - Space for home office as people work longer
- Nowhere to move if they sell
 - New construction has not rebounded sufficiently
 - Prices are high
- Refinancing is very attractive
 - Refinancing into a sub-3% loan
 - Renovate/add on instead of move



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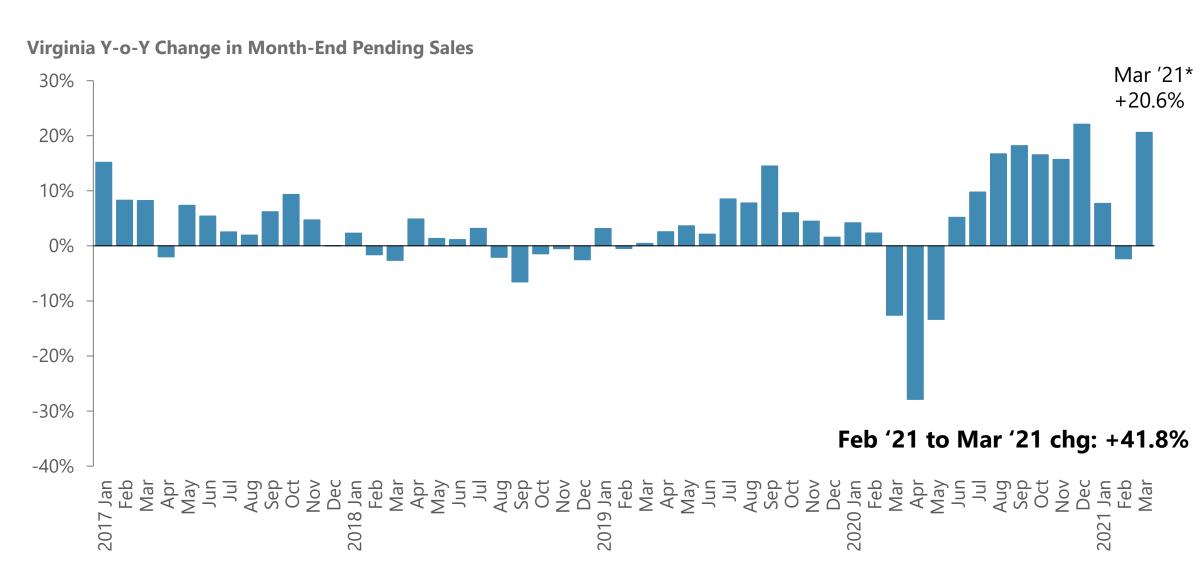
What are the most common compromises buyers are making in their home search?



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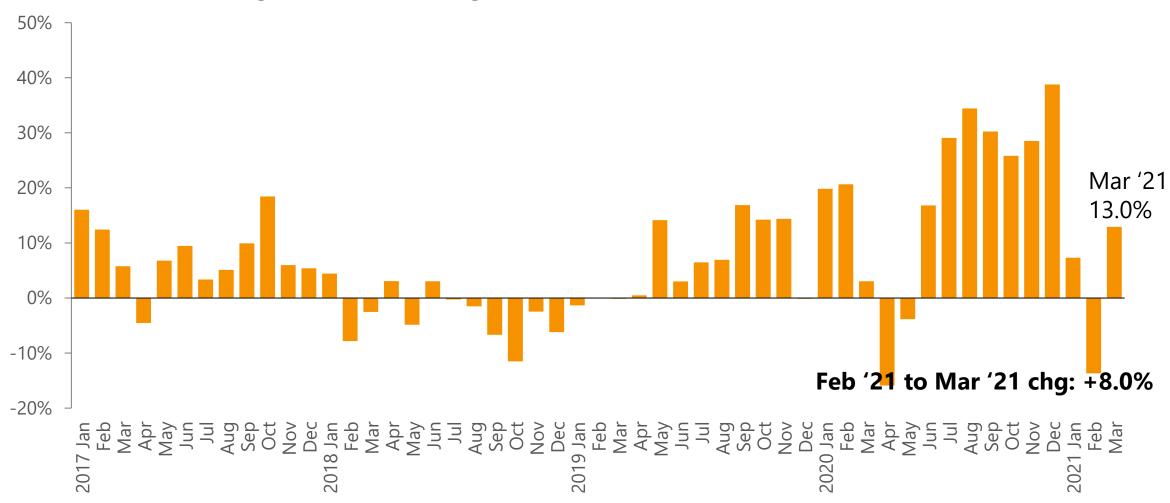
Virginia Pending Sales





Richmond Metro Pending Sales

Richmond Metro Y-o-Y Change in Month-End Pending Sales



Source: Virginia REALTORS®



Mortgage Rates



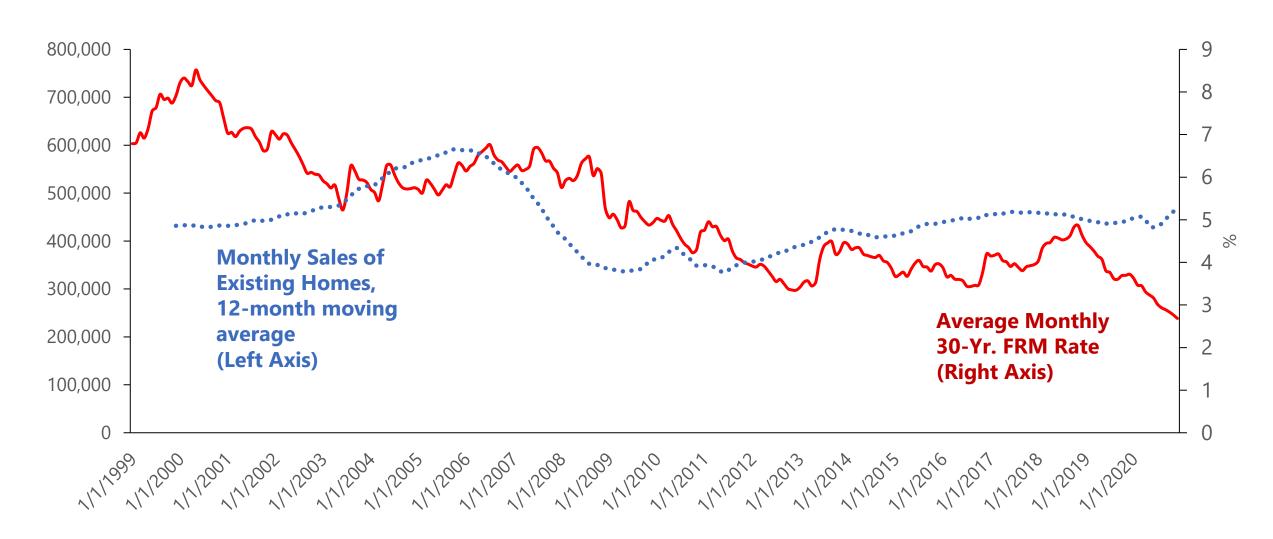
Weekly Average 30-Year Fixed-Rate Mortgage Interest Rate (%), Not Seasonally Adjusted



Source: Freddie Mac

Mortgage Rates and Home Sales Activity (National)

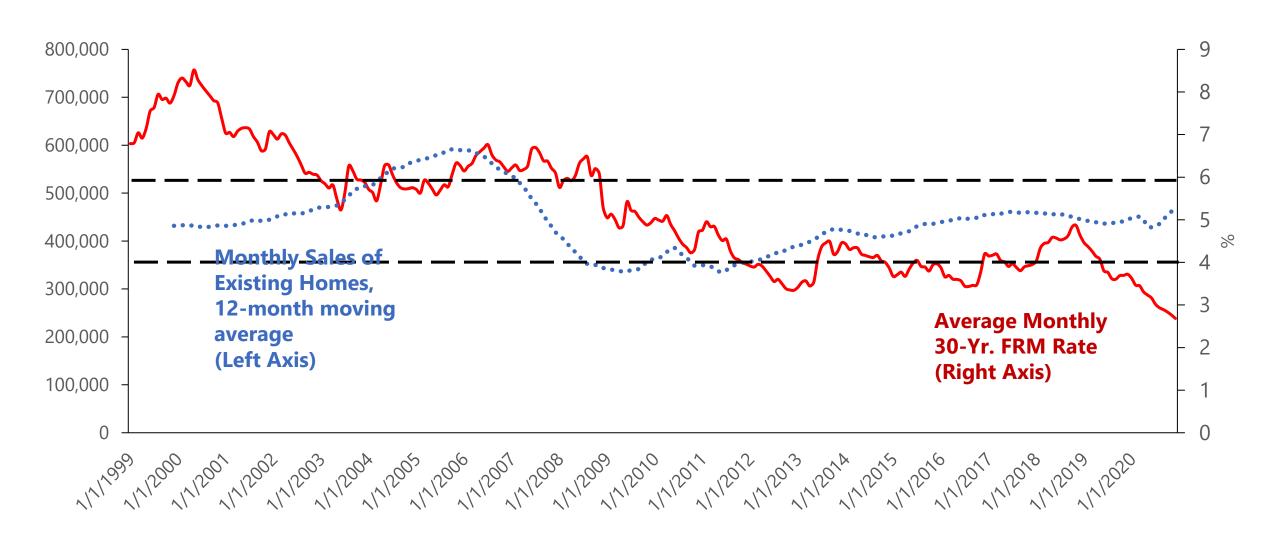




Source: Freddie Mac, NAR

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