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OVERVIEW

As 2018 came to a close, the Omaha Metro began to see the effects of the national economic slowdown. Since last quarter, the amount of homes for sale has decreased 35%, while days-on-market has increased by 24%. Though still historically low, interest rates have crept up in Q3 & Q4, leaving many potential buyers with feelings of "sticker shock". This mindset has contributed to a decline in signed contracts and subsequently, closed sales in the final months of 2018.

Despite a minor 4th quarter decline in average sale price, our local market continues to grow at an annual rate of 8%. A recent survey polling one hundred of real estate's leading economic analysists indicates an overwhelming sense of anticipation that, nationally, average sale prices will appreciate perpetually by 4.5%

I expect that home sales growth will pick up again over the course of the next year even with somewhat higher mortgage rates... but the pace of home price growth will likely slow. I think this is a welcome change, and in line with our forecast.

Chief Economist, MBA

Omaha Area	Q4 '18	Q4 '17	% Chg (yr)	Q3 '18	% Chg (qtr)
Overview					
Closed Sales	3,062	3,231	-5%	3,876	-21%
Contracts Signed	2,583	2,787	-7%	3,583	-28%
Inventory	3,570	3,558	0%	5,483	-35%
Avg. Days on Mkt.	24	25	-5%	19	+24%
Average Price	\$231,127	\$213,027	+8%	\$234,239	-1%
Average Price By Bedroom					
2 or Less	\$143,057	\$129,862	+10%	\$142,066	+1%
3 Bedroom	\$188,293	\$177,070	+6%	\$190,273	-1%
4+ Bedroom	\$314,600	\$308,340	+2%	\$330,487	-5%

Data courtesy of Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®





























