

REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT  
**LANCASTER**



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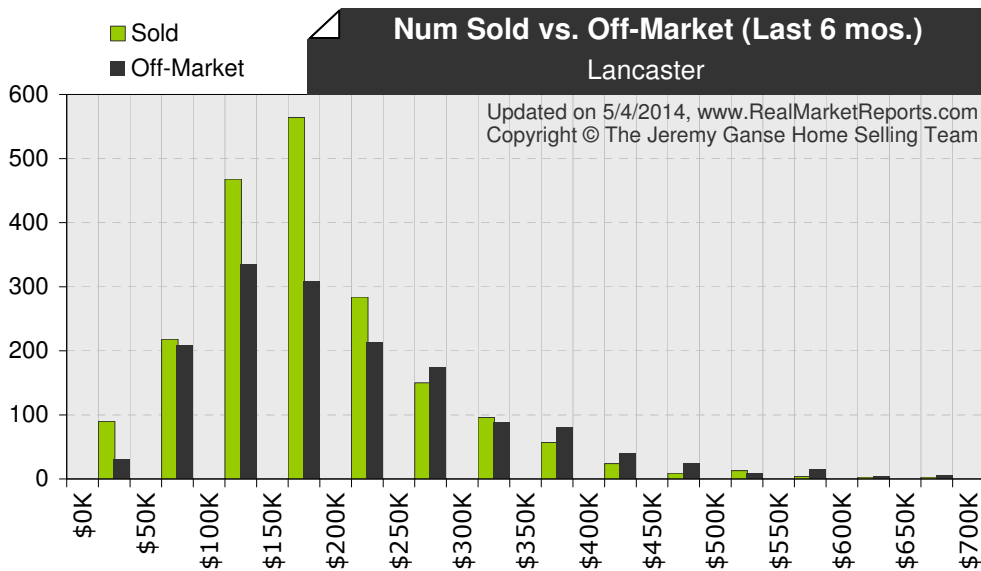
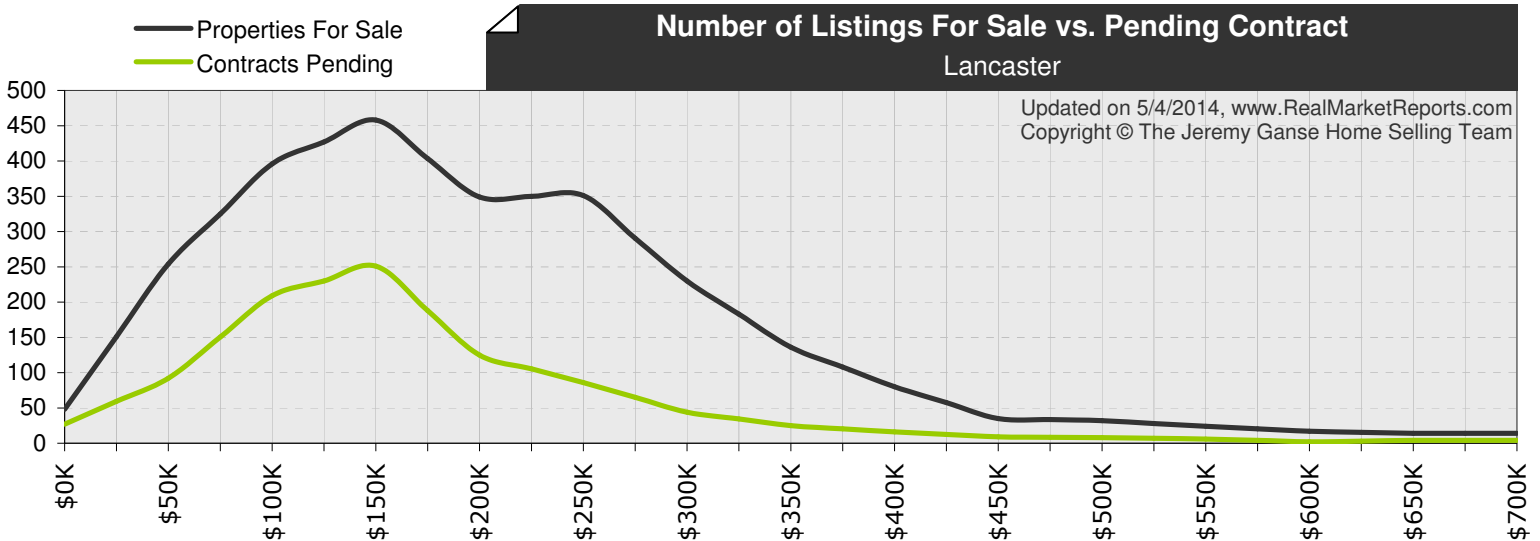
*Let's take a look* at the real estate market. Currently there are 913 sales pending in the market overall, leaving 2496 listings still for sale. The resulting pending ratio is 26.8% (913 divided by 3,409). So you might be asking yourself, that's great... but what exactly does it mean? I'm glad you asked!

The pending ratio indicates the supply & demand of the market. Specifically, a high ratio means that listings are in demand and quickly going to contract. Alternatively, a low ratio means there are not enough qualified buyers for the existing supply.

*"Current inventory is described as mildly active."*

Taking a closer look, we notice that the \$150K - \$200K price range has a relatively large number of contracts pending sale.

We also notice that the \$150K - \$200K price range has a relatively large inventory of properties for sale at 458 listings. The average list price (or asking price) for all properties in this market is \$253,741.



A total of 1990 contracts have closed in the last 6 months with an average sold price of \$184,592. Breaking it down, we notice that the \$150K - \$200K price range contains the highest number of sold listings.

Alternatively, a total of 1579 listings have failed to sell in that same period of time. Listings may fail to sell for many reasons such as being priced too high, having been inadequately marketed, the property was in poor condition, or perhaps the owner had second thoughts about selling at this particular time. The \$100K - \$150K price range has the highest number of off-market listings at 335 properties.

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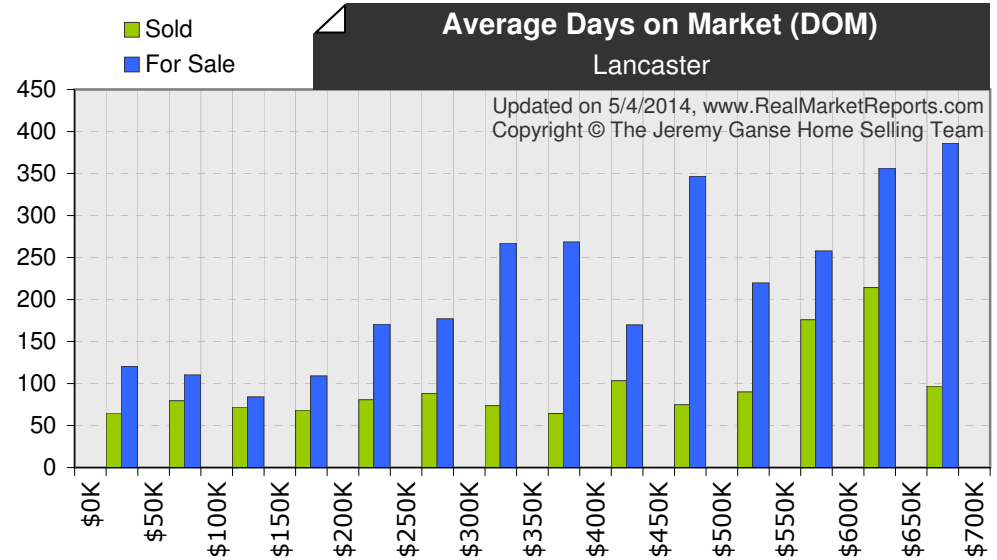
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Looking at the chart to the right, you might be wondering why average days on market (DOM) is important. This is a useful measurement because it can help us to determine whether we are in a buyer's market (indicated by high DOM), or a seller's market (indicated by low DOM). Active listings (properties for sale) have been on the market for an average of 161 days.

Analysis of sold properties for the last six months reveals an average sold price of \$184,592 and 75 days on market. Notice that properties in the \$350K - \$400K price range have sold quickest over the last six months.

The recent history of sales can be seen in the two charts below. The average sold price for the last 30 days was \$183,191 with an average DOM of 80 days.

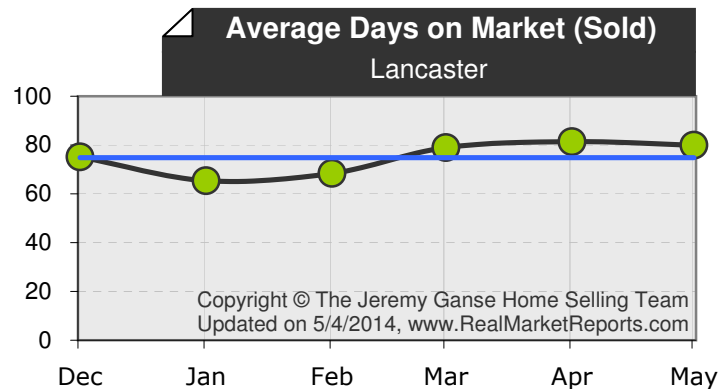
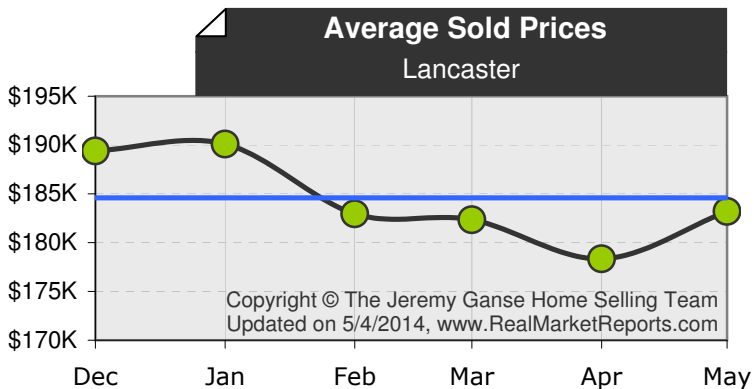
Since the recent DOM is greater than the average DOM for the last 6 months, it is a negative indicator for demand. It is always important to realize that real estate markets can fluctuate due to many factors, including shifting interest rates, the economy, or seasonal changes.



**"The average list-to-sales ratio for this area is 97.3%."**

Ratios are simple ways to express the difference between two values such as list price and sold price. In our case, we typically use the list-to-sale ratio to determine the percentage of the final list price that the buyer ultimately paid. It is a very common method to help buyers decide how much to offer on a property.

Analysis of the absorption rate indicates an inventory of 7.5 months based on the last 6 months of sales. This estimate is often used to determine how long it would take to sell off the current inventory of properties if all conditions remained the same. It is significant to mention that this estimate does not take into consideration any additional properties that will come onto the market in the future.



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Price Range		For Sale <sup>[1]</sup>					Contracts Pending <sup>[2]</sup>		Off-Market in the Last 6 Months <sup>[3]</sup>					Absorption Rate	
Min.	Max.	Total Num	Avg DOM	Avg List Price	Total Num	Pending Ratio	Total Num	Total Num	Avg DOM	Avg Orig List Price	Avg List Price	Avg Sold Price	List to Sales	Mos.	
\$0	\$49,999	48	121	\$ 41,314	27	36.0%	30	90	65	-	\$ 40,263	\$ 36,373	90.3%	3.2	
\$50,000	\$99,999	254	110	\$ 79,406	92	26.6%	209	218	80	-	\$ 84,188	\$ 78,307	93.0%	7.0	
\$100,000	\$149,999	396	84	\$ 128,912	209	34.5%	335	468	72	-	\$ 131,507	\$ 127,796	97.2%	5.1	
\$150,000	\$199,999	458	109	\$ 177,375	251	35.4%	308	564	68	-	\$ 176,083	\$ 172,362	97.9%	4.9	
\$200,000	\$249,999	349	171	\$ 227,185	125	26.4%	213	284	81	-	\$ 226,553	\$ 222,005	98.0%	7.4	
\$250,000	\$299,999	351	177	\$ 275,968	86	19.7%	174	150	88	-	\$ 280,307	\$ 274,421	97.9%	14.0	
\$300,000	\$349,999	230	267	\$ 327,894	44	16.1%	89	96	74	-	\$ 328,606	\$ 322,309	98.1%	14.4	
\$350,000	\$399,999	136	268	\$ 375,557	25	15.5%	81	57	64	-	\$ 376,749	\$ 369,471	98.1%	14.3	
\$400,000	\$449,999	80	170	\$ 428,127	16	16.7%	40	24	103	-	\$ 431,725	\$ 419,254	97.1%	20.0	
\$450,000	\$499,999	35	347	\$ 479,689	9	20.5%	25	9	75	-	\$ 474,251	\$ 467,273	98.5%	23.3	
\$500,000	\$549,999	32	220	\$ 525,426	8	20.0%	8	13	90	-	\$ 557,465	\$ 527,762	94.7%	14.8	
\$550,000	\$599,999	24	258	\$ 582,807	6	20.0%	15	4	176	-	\$ 591,950	\$ 574,625	97.1%	36.0	
\$600,000	\$649,999	17	357	\$ 633,129	2	10.5%	4	3	214	-	\$ 643,100	\$ 618,300	96.1%	34.0	
\$650,000	\$699,999	14	386	\$ 684,750	4	22.2%	5	3	97	-	\$ 676,667	\$ 658,333	97.3%	28.0	
\$700,000	+	72	210	\$1,028,668	9	11.1%	43	7	76	-	\$1,018,353	\$ 928,799	91.2%	61.7	
<b>Market Summary &gt;&gt;&gt;</b>		2,496	161	\$ 253,741	913	26.8%	1,579	1,990	75	-	\$ 189,735	\$ 184,592	97.3%	7.5	

Date Range = 11/03/2013 to 05/04/2014

Status = [1] A; [2] P; [3] E, L, W; [4] C

County = Lancaster

Property Type = Residential/Farm

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## 1. PROPERTIES FOR SALE

- a. **Number Active:** The number of listings for sale which are currently being marketed but do not yet have a purchase agreement.
- b. **Average Days on Market (DOM):** The average marketing period of currently active listings. This does not account for some listings which have had a previous listing period, but were re-entered as a new listing.
- c. **Average List Price:** The average price that a seller is currently asking.

## 2. CONTRACTS PENDING

- a. **Number Pending:** The number of current listings for which a contract has been signed but has not yet closed.
- b. **Pending Ratio:** Sometimes called a "list-to-pending ratio". This is a measure of how fast properties are going under contract vs. how fast they are being listed.

$$\text{Pending Ratio} = \frac{P \text{ (Number of Pending Listings)}}{A+P \text{ (Number of Active + Pending)}}$$

(P) represents properties that buyers have chosen

(A+P) represents the entire pool from which they have chosen

## 3. OFF-MARKET

- a. **Number Off-Market:** The number of listing agreements that have failed to close in the last 6 months. Some owners may choose to reoffer their property for sale.

## 4. PROPERTIES SOLD

- a. **Number Sold:** The number of properties that have gone to a closing in the last 6 months.
- b. **Average Days on Market (DOM):** The average marketing time it has taken properties to sell in the last 6 months.
- c. **Average Original List Price:** The average price at which a sold property was originally marketed.
- d. **Average List Price:** The average price at which a sold property was marketed just prior to selling.
- e. **Average Sold Price:** The average price for which a property sold.
- f. **List to Sales Ratio:** The percentage of the list price that the buyer ultimately paid for the property.

$$\text{List to Sales Ratio} = \frac{\text{Average Sold Price}}{\text{Average List Price}}$$

## 5. OTHER

- a. **Absorption Rate / Months of Inventory:** An estimate of how fast listings are currently selling measured in months. For example, if 100 properties sell per month and there are 800 properties for sale - there is an 8 month supply of inventory before counting the additional properties that will come on the market.