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2018 THIRD QUARTER RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE SALES REPORT Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange Counties, New York

Third quarter real estate sales in the lower Hudson Valley remained robust although slightly lower than third quarter 2017 sales. While unit sales were generally lower in the Hudson region that is served by the Hudson Gateway Multiple Listing Service, sale prices remained strong. With the exception of Westchester county, which experienced a one tenth of 1% drop in median sales price, all other counties in the region saw the median price of a single-family residential unit increase by more than 5%.



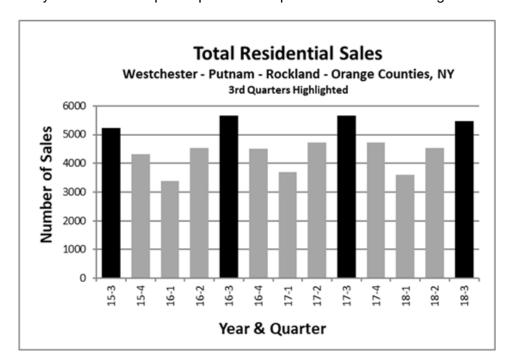
Westchester, which is the most populous of the counties, had a median sale price for a single-family home of \$679,000 which was fractionally lower than third quarter 2017. The median sale price in Putnam was \$360,000, up 5.9% from third quarter 2017; median sale price in Rockland was \$475,000, up 6.7%; the Orange county median was \$275,000, up 7.8% and in Sullivan County, the newest area to join HGMLS, the median was up 12.7% from the third quarter of last year.

Cooperatives (co-ops), which play a significant role in the Westchester market, although not for the rest of the region, experienced a 3% increase in median price to \$170,000. Co-op sales in the third quarter were down 7.8% as compared to a year earlier.

Condominium sales in Rockland County totaled 170 units for the quarter, a nearly 20% increase from third quarter of 2017 and in Orange County condominium sales increased 10.9% in the third quarter of 2018 as compared to the same period a year earlier, for a total of 143 units. Condominium sales in Westchester County were down 1.2% and totaled 401 units in the third quarter.



As the sales season begins its fall wind down inventory appears to be stabilizing, albeit at the lowest levels we've experienced in many years. For example, residential inventory in Putnam county has dropped 42% in the last three years while Orange has seen a drop of 33% and Westchester and Rockland 27% and 28% respectively. The figure for Sullivan was not available. This lack of Inventory invariably contributes to upward pressure on prices and lower sales figures.



As of the third quarter, it does not appear that the tax reform law passed earlier in the year has had a material effect on sales, nor have gradually rising mortgage interest rates. While both could manifest an influence at a later date, the housing market in the lower Hudson Valley currently remains strong.

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*The median sale price is the mid-point of all reported sales, i.e., half of the properties sold for more than the median price and half for less. The median is relatively unaffected by unusually high or low sales prices. The mean sale price is the arithmetic average, i.e., the sum of all sales prices divided by the number of sales. The mean does reflect the influence of sales at unusually low or high prices.



Four tables follow with detailed market data for each county.

	WESTCHESTER COUNTY						
WEST	CHESTER	- Third Qu	arters 2015	2018	% Change		
Property Type	2015 Q3	2016 Q3	2017 Q3	2018 Q3	2017-2018		
NUMBER OF SALES, 3RD QUARTER							
Single Family Houses	2,067	2,112	1,998	1,913	-4.3%		
Condominiums	403	404	406	401	-1.2%		
Cooperatives	548	535	590	544	-7.8%		
2-4 Family	143	160	195	164	-15.9%		
Total	3,161	3,211	3,189	3,022	-5.2%		
NUMBER OF SALES - YEAR TO DATE (9/30)							
Single Family Houses	4,332	4,787	4,723	4,512	-4.5%		
Condominiums	959	1,065	1,027	997	-2.9%		
Cooperatives	1,318	1,407	1,563	1,469	-6.0%		
2-4 Family	382	439	474	471	-0.6%		
Total	6,991	7,698	7,787	7,449	-4.3%		
	M	IEDIAN SAL	E PRICE				
Single Family Houses	676,500	668,500	680,000	679,000	-0.1%		
Condominiums	373,000	369,000	385,250	392,000	1.8%		
Cooperatives	162,500	159,000	165,000	170,000	3.0%		
2-4 Family	465,000	418,500	470,000	517,500	10.1%		
MEAN SALE PRICE							
Single Family Houses	893,700	867,139	873,589	879,644	0.7%		
Condominiums	439,289	418,820	434,006	456,310	5.1%		
Cooperatives	192,926	195,847	197,373	205,931	4.3%		
2-4 Family	459,191	448,404	477,093	528,901	10.9%		
END OF QUARTER INVENTORY (9/30)							
Single Family Houses	3,614	2,956	2,764	2,982	7.9%		
Condominiums	554	428	410	397	-3.2%		
Cooperatives	1,056	872	740	552	-25.4%		
2-4 Family	433	268	221	244	10.4%		
Total	5,657	4,524	4,135	4,175	1.0%		



	PUTNAM COUNTY							
PU	TNAM - T	hird Quarte	ers 2015-20	18	% Change			
Property Type	2015Q3	2016 Q3	2017 Q3	2018 Q3	2017-2018			
N	NUMBER OF SALES, 3RD QUARTER							
Single Family Houses	276	330	298	296	-0.7%			
Condominiums	41	48	40	41	2.5%			
Cooperatives	2	1	0	2				
2-4 Family	4	3	9	9	0.0%			
Total	323	382	347	348	0.3%			
NUMBER OF SALES - YEAR TO DATE (9/30)								
Single Family Houses	633	800	748	755	0.9%			
Condominiums	102	120	109	107	-1.8%			
Cooperatives	6	4	3	4	33.3%			
2-4 Family	12	18	19	24	26.3%			
Total	753	942	879	890	1.3%			
	ME	DIAN SALE	PRICE					
Single Family Houses	335,000	340,000	340,000	360,000	5.9%			
Condominiums	265,000	200,500	215,000	237,500	10.5%			
Cooperatives	156,500	92,500	0	125,000				
2-4 Family	271,000	500,000	330,000	345,000	4.5%			
MEAN SALE PRICE								
Single Family Houses	380,737	376,580	365,968	406,970	11.2%			
Condominiums	279,828	225,055	240,592	270,613	12.5%			
Cooperatives	156,500	92,500		125,000				
2-4 Family	253,475	455,000	311,786	376,244	20.7%			
END OF QUARTER (9/30) INVENTORY								
Single Family Houses	918	648	546	559	2.4%			
Condominiums	100	67	46	40	-13.0%			
Cooperatives	6	6	-	1				
2-4 Family	36	27	32	<u>16</u>	-50.0%			
Total	1,060	748	624	616	-1.3%			



ROCKLAND COUNTY						
RO	CKLAND -	Third Quart	ters 2015-2	018	% Change	
Property Type	2015 Q3	2016 Q3	2017 Q3	2018 Q3	2017-2018	
NUMBER OF SALES, 3RD QUARTER						
Single Family Houses	603	680	635	594	-6.5%	
Condom iniums	105	143	142	170	19.7%	
Cooperatives	17	21	27	20	-25.9%	
2-4 Family	21	21	17	27	58.8%	
Total	746	865	821	811	-1.2%	
	NUMBER (OF SALES -	YEAR TO	DATE (9/3	0)	
Single Family Houses	1,300	1,536	1,597	1,425	-10.8%	
Condom iniums	286	339	410	430	4.9%	
Cooperatives	56	51	66	47	-28.8%	
2-4 Family	50	50	64	68	6.3%	
Total	1,692	1,976	2,137	1,970	-7.8%	
		MEDIA	N SALE PR	RICE		
Single Family Houses	425,000	429,000	445,000	475,000	6.7%	
Condom iniums	252,000	230,000	236,250	230,050	-2.6%	
Cooperatives	95,000	72,000	70,000	70,000	0.0%	
2-4 Family	325,000	370,000	350,000	345,000	-1.4%	
MEAN SALE PRICE						
Single Family Houses	466,235	454,705	479,454	505,126	5.4%	
Condominiums	265,775	267,472	259,240	251,835	-2.9%	
Cooperatives	125,918	106,714	81,109	105,120	29.6%	
2-4 Family	352,081	401,960	339,868	374,302	10.1%	
END OF QUARTER INVENTORY (9/30)						
Single Family Houses	1,289	1,087	946	1,006	6.3%	
Condominiums	367	264	203	183	-9.9%	
Cooperatives	54	55	49	48	-2.0%	
2-4 Family	75	59	46	52	13.0%	
Total	1,785	1,465	1,244	1,289	3.6%	



	ORANGE (COUNTY					
0	RANGE - T	hird Quarte	rs 2015-201	8	% Change		
Property Type	2015 Q3	2016 Q3	2017 Q3	2018 Q3	2017-2018		
NUMBER OF SALES, 3RD QUARTER							
Single Family Houses	857	1,034	1,114	1,072	-3.8%		
Condominiums	112	110	129	143	10.9%		
Cooperatives	3	1	3	9	200.0%		
2-4 Family	40	62	61	60	-1.6%		
Total	1,012	1,207	1,307	1,284	-1.8%		
NUMBER OF SALES - YEAR TO DATE (9/30)							
Single Family Houses	1,988	2,570	2,809	2,799	-0.4%		
Condominiums	259	285	341	349	2.3%		
Cooperatives	8	5	13	12	-7.7%		
2-4 Family	126	153	178	178	0.0%		
Total	2,381	3,013	3,341	3,338	-0.1%		
MEDIAN SALE PRICE							
Single Family Houses	239,175	244,500	255,000	275,000	7.8%		
Condominiums	153,000	154,800	163,500	185,000	13.1%		
Cooperatives	63,500	36,000	35,000	49,900	42.6%		
2-4 Family	85,000	106,500	110,000	167,500	52.3%		
	MEAN SALE PRICE						
Single Family Houses	253,168	263,304	264,323	303,221	14.7%		
Condominiums	164,207	164,274	164,180	194,049	18.2%		
Cooperatives	56,000	36,000	47,167	64,869	37.5%		
2-4 Family	134,866	123,053	145,176	180,857	24.6%		
END OF QUARTER INVENTORY (9/30)							
Single Family Houses	2,783	2,268	1,901	1,853	-2.5%		
Condominiums	225	187	157	157	0.0%		
Cooperatives	12	6	2	4	100.0%		
2-4 Family	212	189	156	164	5.1%		
Total	3,232	2,650	2,216	2,178	-1.7%		