Maryland Eastern Shore

May 2024 Housing Market Report

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Data as of June 6, 2024

Key Market Statistics	May 2024	May 2023	Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change
Closed Sales	359	323	+11.1%	1,446	1,356	+6.6%
Median Sold Price	\$393,000	\$375,000	+4.8%	\$365,000	\$349,990	+4.3%
Median Days on Market	15 days	12 days	+3 days	16 days	14 days	+2 days
New Pending Sales	364	377	-3.4%	1,615	1,553	+4.0%
New Listings	427	400	+6.8%	2,132	1,904	+12.0%
Active Listings	904	679	+33.1%	904	679	+33.1%
Months of Supply	2.99	2.08	+0.91 mos.	2.99	2.08	+0.91 mos.
Showings	4,487	4,708	-4.7%	20,052	21,365	-6.1%

Housing Market Trends

Higher transactions and more listings on the Eastern Shore in May. There was a total of 359 closed sales last month, an 11.1% increase compared to May 2023. All counties except Queen Anne's have had more closed sales in 2024 year-to-date.

Buyers this year have had more options as more new listings come onto the market. Every month this year had higher new listings than 2023 and year-to-date there have been 12.0% more new listings than a year ago. The number of new pending contracts is also up year-todate, though listing activity has outpaced contract activity leading to more inventory.

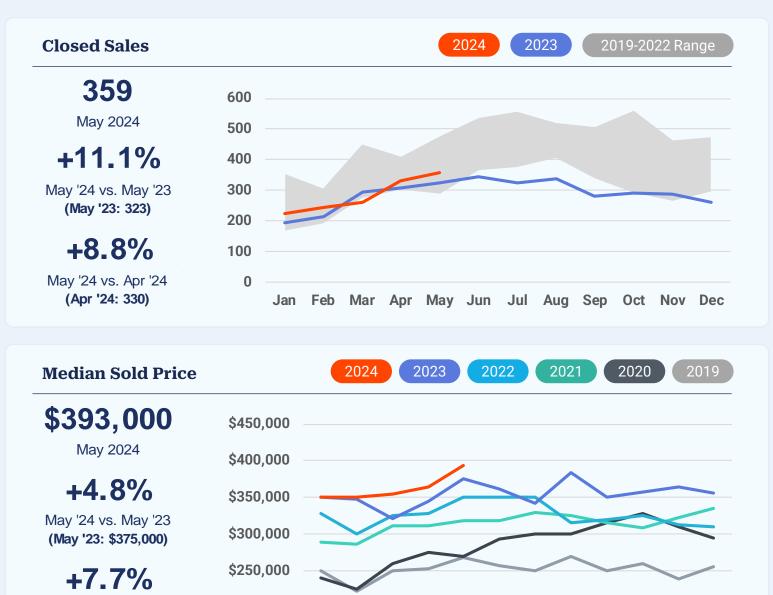
Although more supply is helpful for buyers, rising home prices, which hit a new record of \$393,000 in May, have increased affordability challenges for some buyers. New pending sales in May were down compared to last year, the first year-over-year decline in 2024, signaling that some buyers may have hit a breaking point due to price and elevated mortgage rates.

Market Outlook

Inventory continues to increase on the Maryland Eastern Shore. At the same time, high home prices likely will dampen demand which means that price growth will moderate in the second half of 2024. The pace of the market has already started to ease compared to last year and buyers will find that they have more leverage in the market.



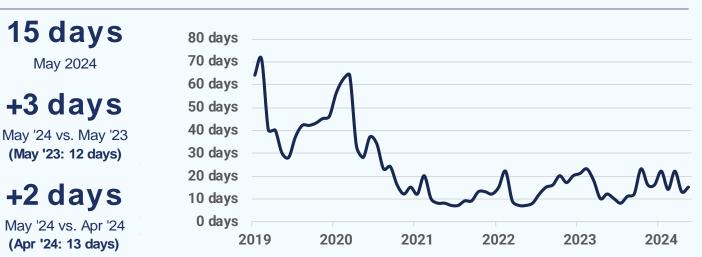
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May '24 vs. Apr '24 (Apr '24: \$365,000)



\$200,000



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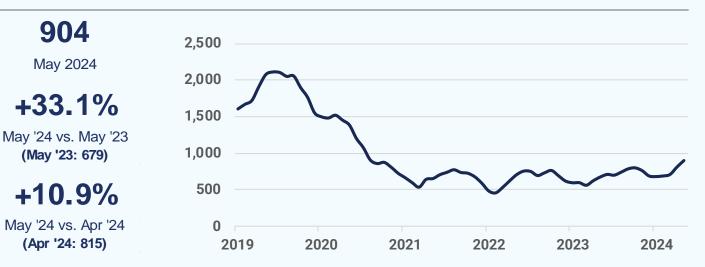






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Active Listings



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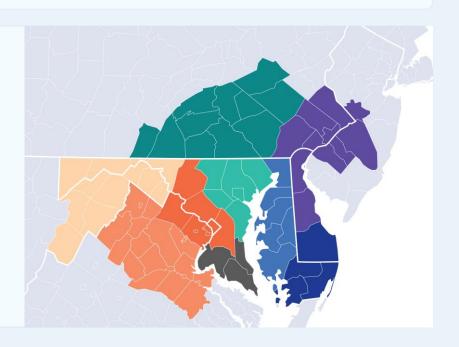
	Closed Sales		Median Sales Price		Median Days on Market	
Local Markets	May '24	vs. May '23	May '24	vs. May '23	May '24	vs. May '23
MD Eastern Shore	359	+11.1%	\$393,000	+4.8%	15 days	+3 days
Caroline County, MD	34	+54.5%	\$292,000	-4.1%	24 days	+0 days
Cecil County, MD	93	+14.8%	\$372,000	+0.5%	10 days	+4 days
Dorchester County, MD	57	-6.6%	\$273,475	-5.5%	40 days	+25 days
Kent County, MD	32	+68.4%	\$400,000	+29.0%	17 days	+0 days
Queen Anne's County, MD	86	-5.5%	\$530,000	+11.6%	14 days	+5 days
Talbot County, MD	57	+16.3%	\$530,000	+10.4%	9 days	-3 days

	New Pending Sales		New Listings		Showings	
Local Markets	May '24	vs. May '23	May '24	vs. May '23	May '24	vs. May '23
MD Eastern Shore	364	-3.4%	427	+6.8%	4,487	-4.7%
Caroline County, MD	31	+40.9%	35	-7.9%	308	+3.0%
Cecil County, MD	94	-18.3%	125	-3.1%	1,620	-11.8%
Dorchester County, MD	53	-14.5%	68	+7.9%	558	+1.1%
Kent County, MD	32	+0.0%	30	-14.3%	392	-0.3%
Queen Anne's County, MD	99	+12.5%	92	+15.0%	870	-2.1%
Talbot County, MD	55	-5.2%	77	+40.0%	739	+0.1%

	Active	Listings	Months of Supply		
Local Markets	May '24	vs. May '23	May '24	vs. May '23	
MD Eastern Shore	904	+33.1%	2.99	+0.91 months	
Caroline County, MD	83	+45.6%	3.07	+1.1 months	
Cecil County, MD	226	+10.8%	2.43	+0.49 months	
Dorchester County, MD	176	+43.1%	3.91	+1.35 months	
Kent County, MD	64	-16.9%	2.29	-0.92 months	
Queen Anne's County, MD	180	+45.2%	2.77	+1 months	
Talbot County, MD	175	+86.2%	4.17	+2.21 months	

Local Market Map

MD/WV Panhandle North Central Virginia Washington D.C., Metro Central Pennsylvania Baltimore Metro Southern Maryland Maryland Eastern Shore Philadelphia Metro Del/Mar Coastal



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