

# ALTOS RESEARCH

## market update

**SAN RAMON**

Current prices for homes on the market  
Trends in pricing  
Current levels of supply and demand  
Value metrics

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# City Overview

Real-Time Market Profile		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 800,000	← →
Average List Price	\$ 923,022	
Least Expensive Listing	\$ 415,000	
Most Expensive Listing	\$ 6,590,000	
Asking Price per Square Foot	\$ 326	↓ ↓
Average Days on Market	117	↑ ↑
Total Inventory	206	↓ ↓
Absorbed This Week*	13	
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	47 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	13 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	2 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	2,496	
Median Lot Size	6,501 - 8,000 sq ft	
Median Number of Bedrooms	4.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	3.0	
Median Age	14	

Altos Research Value Statistics		
Market Action Index	<b>Cold! Buyer's</b>	19 ← →

Altos Research calculates the Market Action Index which measures available supply relative to the current level of demand. Index value above 30 indicates conditions favor the seller. See the section below for full details.

Trend Key

Last Month's Trend  
 Last Quarter's  
 No Clear Monthly/Quarterly

\*Metric "Absorbed this Week" covers properties sold and those taken off the market for other reasons. Since sales sometimes take months to close, it is impossible to discern in real-time exactly which properties sold.

## Characteristics per Quartile

Quart	Median Price	Med. Sqft.	Med. Lot Size	Bed	Bath	Med. Age	Inven.	New	Ab-sorbed	Avg. DoM
1	\$ 1,299,000	4,193	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	4.0	6	51	4	2	138
2	\$ 865,000	2,804	6,501 - 8,000 sq ft	4.0	3.0	10	51	2	3	108
3	\$ 739,500	2,378	4,501 - 6500 sq ft	4.0	3.0	20	52	2	4	122
4	\$ 588,500	1,710	4,501 - 6500 sq ft	3.0	2.5	30	52	3	4	100

## SAN RAMON

### THIS WEEK

The median single family home price in SAN RAMON this week is \$799,999. The 206 homes have been on the market for an average of 117 days.

Inventory has been tightening and days-on-market increasing recently. The Market Action Index has been basically flat, not providing strong indication for market conditions.

### QUARTILES

To get a tightly targeted understanding of homes in the market, we break each locale into quartiles. Each quartile is 25% of the homes listed.

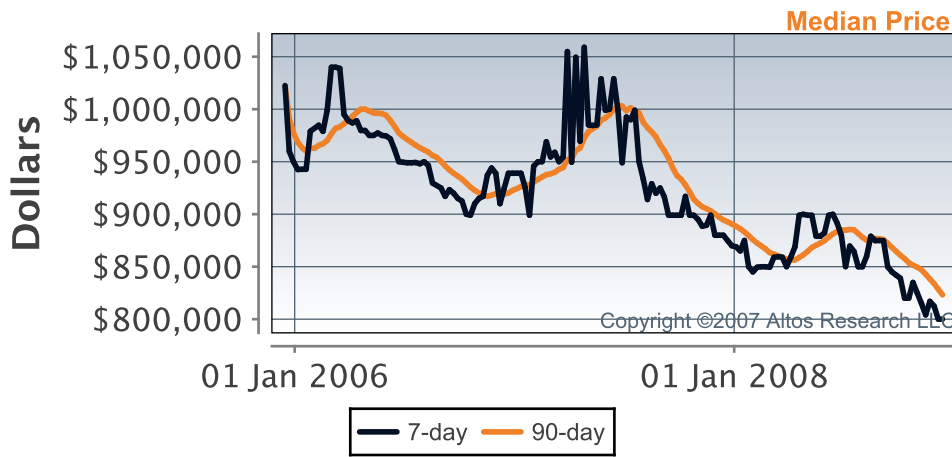
Most expensive 25% of homes

Upper-middle 25% of homes

Lower-middle 25% of homes

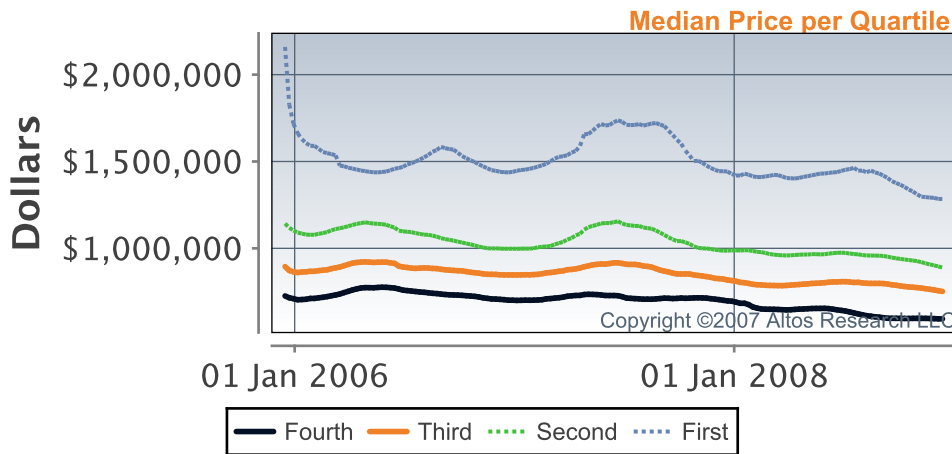
Least expensive 25% of homes

We'll refer to the quartiles in the trend graphs below.



### PRICE

The market seems to have paused around this plateau. The Market Action Index is a good leading indicator for the durability of this trend.



### QUARTILE PRICES

Often, we find insights by watching pricing trends within the quartile segments. Pricing is on a slightly negative trend lately. Prices in Quartile 4 and 1 have been mixed recently, while the rest of the market is trending downward. Look to a strong, persistent up shift in the Market Action Index as a leading indicator of the trough in the market.

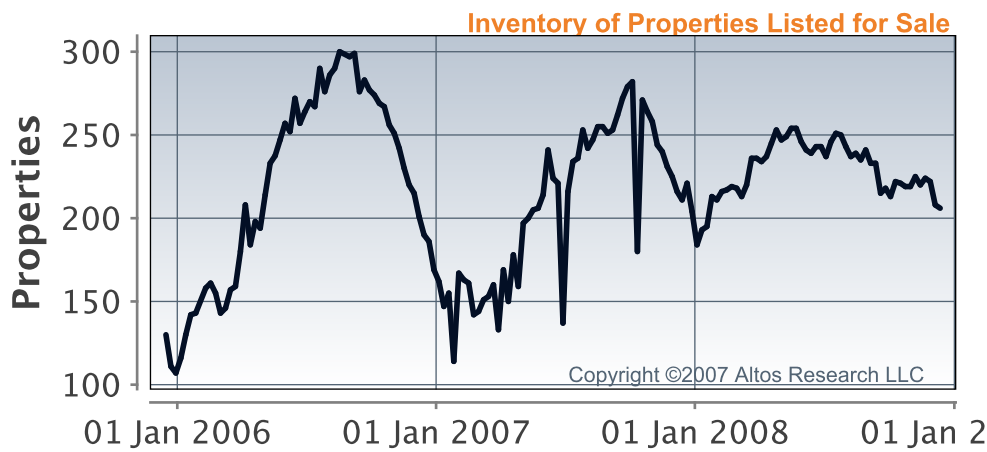
### PRICE AND VALUE

The market's downward trends are shared across both price and value. People are recently placing less value on homes (you can see the recent declines in price per square foot as evidence.) Look for significant changes in the Market Action Index as a precursor to price and value changes, possibly as inflection points for good investment opportunities.

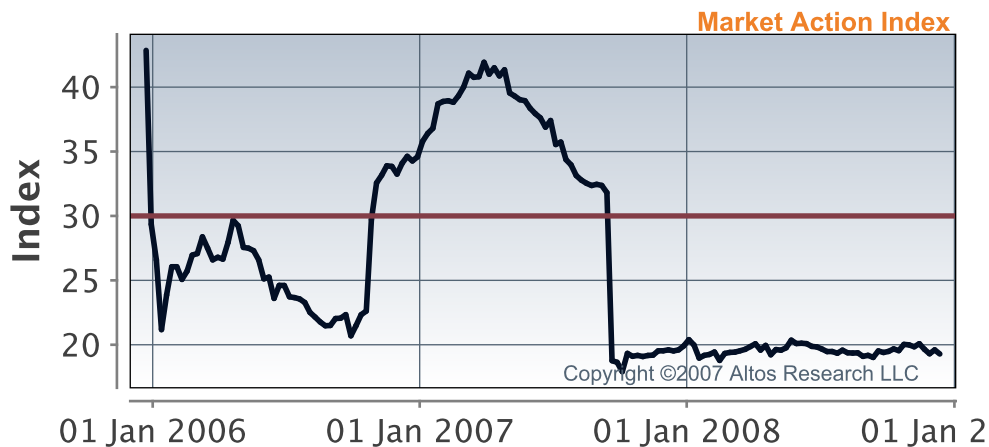


### INVENTORY

Inventory has been falling in recent weeks. Note that declining inventory alone does not signal a strengthening market. Look to the Market Action Index and Days on Market trends to gauge whether buyer interest is changing with the available supply.



Residential house prices are a function of supply and demand, and market conditions can be characterized by analyzing those factors. Watch this index for sustained changes: if the index falls into the Buyer's Market zone for a long period, prices are likely in for a downward correction.



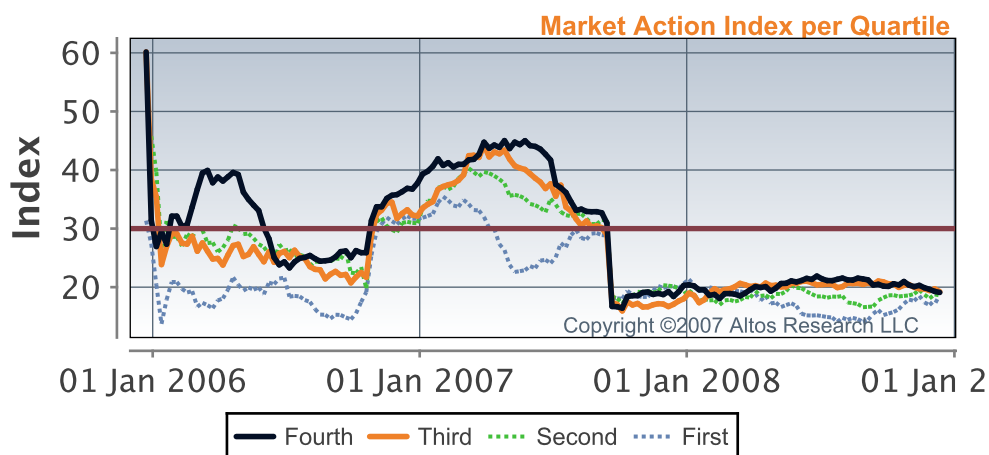
The Market Action Index (MAI) illustrates the balance between supply and demand using a statistical function of the current rate of sale versus current inventory.

An MAI value greater than 30 typically indicates a "Seller's Market" (a.k.a. "Hot Market") because demand is high enough to quickly gobble up available supply. A hot market will typically cause prices to rise. MAI values below 30 indicate a "Buyer's Market" (a.k.a. "Cold Market") where the inventory of already-listed homes is sufficient to last several months at the current rate of sales. A cold market will typically cause prices to fall.

### MARKET ACTION INDEX

The SAN RAMON market is currently quite strongly in the Buyer's Market zone (below 30). The 90-day Market Action Index stands at 19. With several months of inventory available at the current sales rate, buyers should find ample choice.

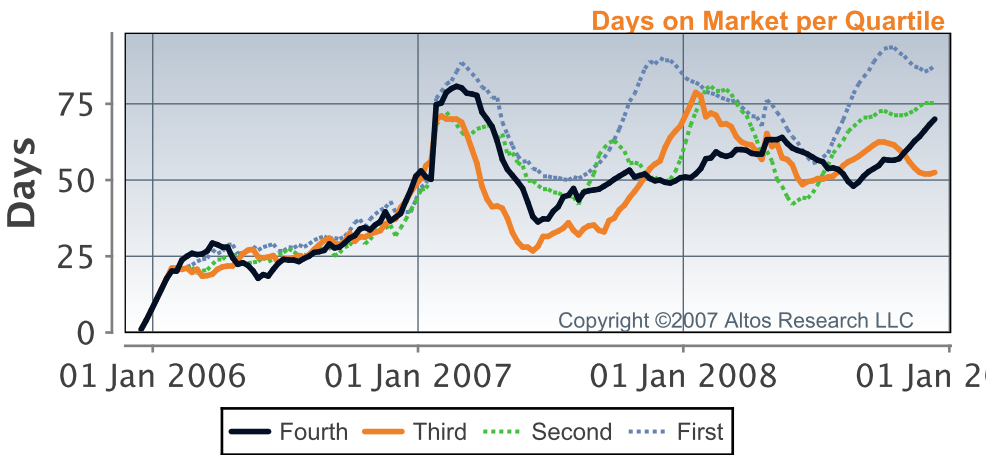
The market has settled in at a relative stasis in inventory and sales conditions. It's a Buyer's market that has seen prices trend lower. Expect that consistent up trends in demand will be required before price trends change significantly.



The quartiles can help you answer the question, "How hot is the market for homes in my price range?"

### MARKET ACTION

Not surprisingly given the overall Market Action Index, all quartiles are in the Buyer's Market zone with several months of inventory given the current rate of demand for homes in the quartile. Watch the quartile for changes before the overall market shifts. Often one end of the market (e.g. the low end) will improve and signal a strengthening market before the whole group changes.



### DAYS ON MARKET (DOM)

The properties have been on the market for an average of 117 days. Half of the listings have come newly on the market in the past 87 or so days.

### DOM PER QUARTILE

It is not uncommon for the higher priced homes in an area to take longer to sell than those in the lower quartiles.

# Neighborhood Detail

SAN RAMON  
94583

Real-Time Market Profile		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 725,000	↑ ↑
Average List Price	\$ 896,691	
Least Expensive Listing	\$ 415,000	
Most Expensive Listing	\$ 6,590,000	
Asking Price per Square Foot	\$ 336	
Average Days on Market	120	↑ ↑
Total Inventory	107	
Absorbed This Week	4	
Median House Size (sq ft)	2,145	
Median Lot Size	6,501 - 8,000 sq ft	
Median Number of Bedrooms	4.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	2.7	
Median Age	29	
Altos Research Value Statistics		
Market Action Index	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">Cold! Buyer's</span>	16 ↓ ↓

## THIS WEEK

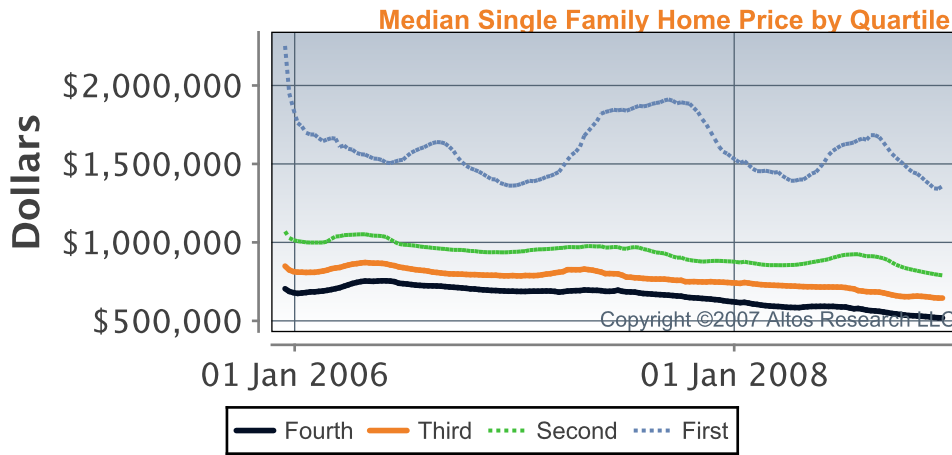
The median single family home price in SAN RAMON 94583 this week is \$725,000.

Inventory has been decreasing lately but the Market Action Index is falling also. With days-on-market climbing, these are relatively negative implications for the market.

## PRICE

In this zip code this week saw relatively little price change from last week. However, we continue to demonstrate a nice up trend in general over the last several weeks.





## PRICE PER QUARTILE

In the quartile market segments, we see the market's price weakness evident across the board. All four quartiles have been in price decline in recent weeks. Look to the Market Action Index as a leading indicator of the bottom of the market.

## Characteristics per Quartile

Quart	Median Price	Med. Sqft	Med. Lot Size	Bed	Bath	Med. Age	Inven.	New	Ab-sorbed	Avg. DoM
1	\$ 1,562,000	3,504	0.25 - 0.50 acre	5.0	4.5	8	26	3	0	131
2	\$ 799,000	2,368	8,001 - 10,000 sq ft	4.0	3.0	29	27	1	0	130
3	\$ 649,900	1,996	6,501 - 8,000 sq ft	4.0	2.5	31	27	1	0	102
4	\$ 525,000	1,532	6,501 - 8,000 sq ft	3.0	2.0	38	27	2	4	117

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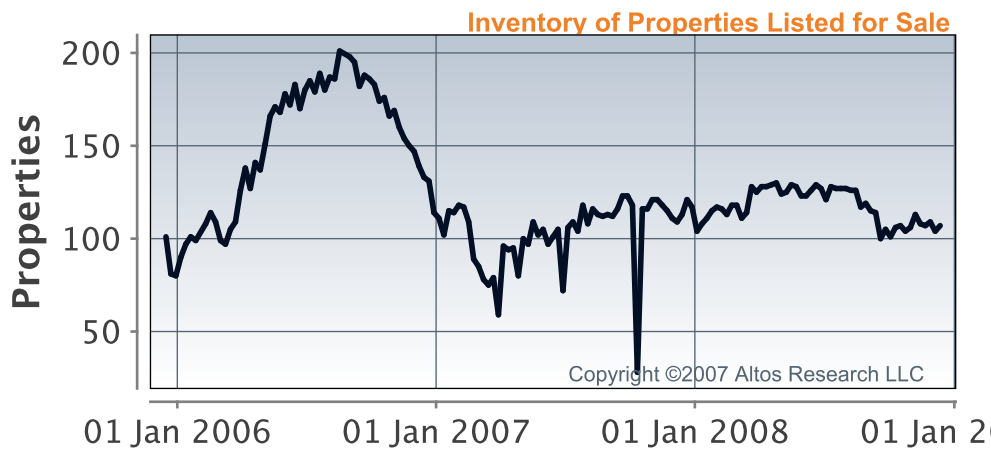


## PRICE AND VALUE

In a market where prices are rising fairly consistently, price per square foot is essentially flat. This often implies that new homes coming on the market are pricier, and also larger than older homes. As a result the value one can buy stays the same.

### INVENTORY

Inventory has been climbing lately with 107 properties available this week. Note that rising inventory alone does not signal a weakening market. Look to the Market Action Index to gauge whether buyer interest is keeping up with available supply.



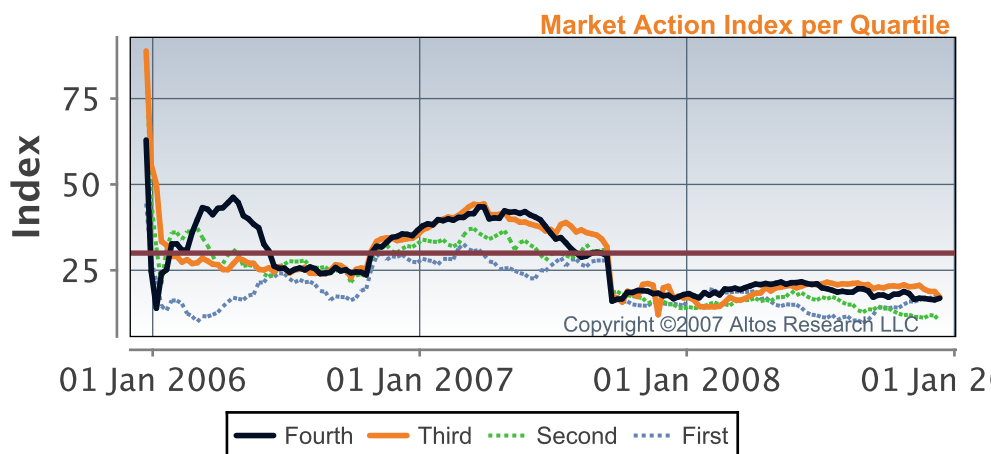
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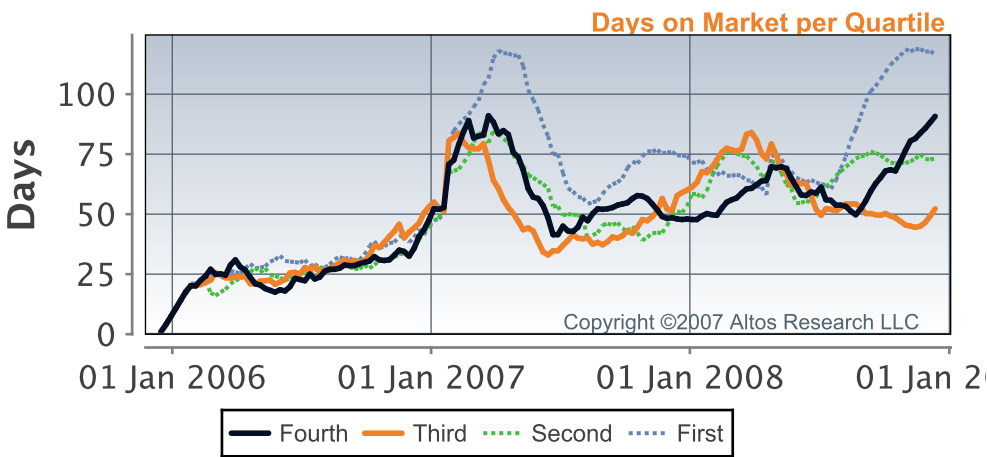
The SAN RAMON 94583 is quite strongly in the Buyer's Market zone. The 90-day Market Action Index stands at 16. With several months of inventory available at the current sales rate, buyers should find ample choice.



### MARKET ACTION

Not surprisingly, all quartiles are in the Buyer's Market zone with several months of inventory given the current levels of demand. Watch the quartiles for changes before the overall market shifts.





### DAYS ON MARKET

The properties have been on the market for an average of 120 days. Half of the listings have come newly on the market in the past 91 or so days. Watch the 90-day DOM trend for signals of a changing market.

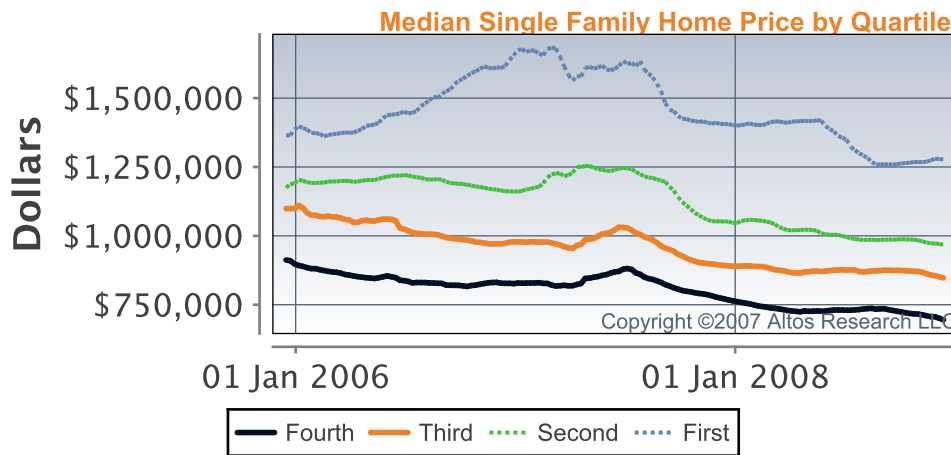
### DAYS ON MARKET

It is not uncommon for the higher priced homes in an area (Quartiles 1 and 2) to take longer to sell than those in the lower quartiles.



**PRICE PER QUARTILE**

In the quartile market segments, we see while the lower-half of the market has seen negative price pressures lately, prices in the upper-half of the market have been mixed. Quartiles 3 and 4 have been in price decline in recent weeks, with Quartiles 1 and 2 remaining basically flat. Look to the Market Action Index as a leading indicator of the bottom of the market.



**Characteristics per Quartile**

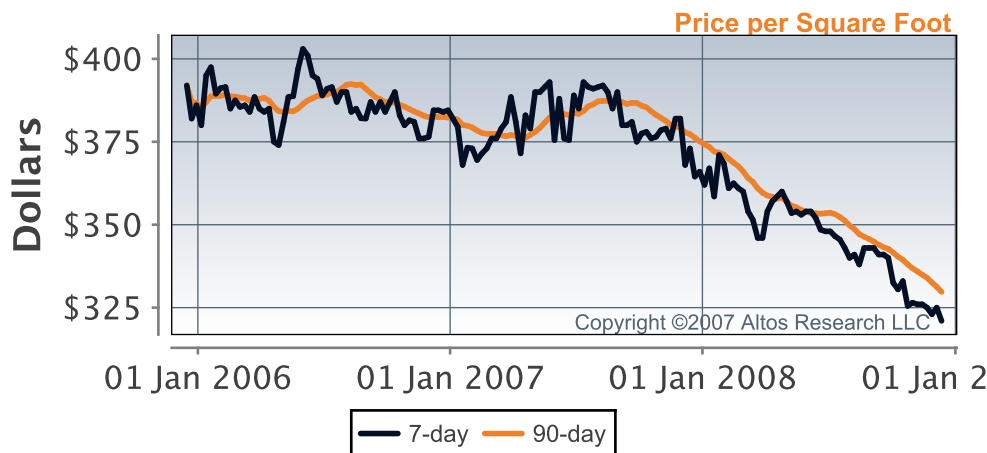
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1	\$ 1,286,950	4,237	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	3.5	5	24	1	2	135
2	\$ 960,000	3,021	6,501 - 8,000 sq ft	4.0	3.5	5	25	1	3	110
3	\$ 832,009	2,569	4,501 - 6500 sq ft	4.0	3.0	7	25	1	2	106
4	\$ 650,000	1,896	Less than 4,500 sq ft	4.0	3.0	5	25	1	2	105

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**PRICE AND VALUE**

While prices have been basically flat, the price per square foot has been heading downward. While not a sign of broad strength in a market, larger homes are coming more available and buyers are tending to get more home for their money.



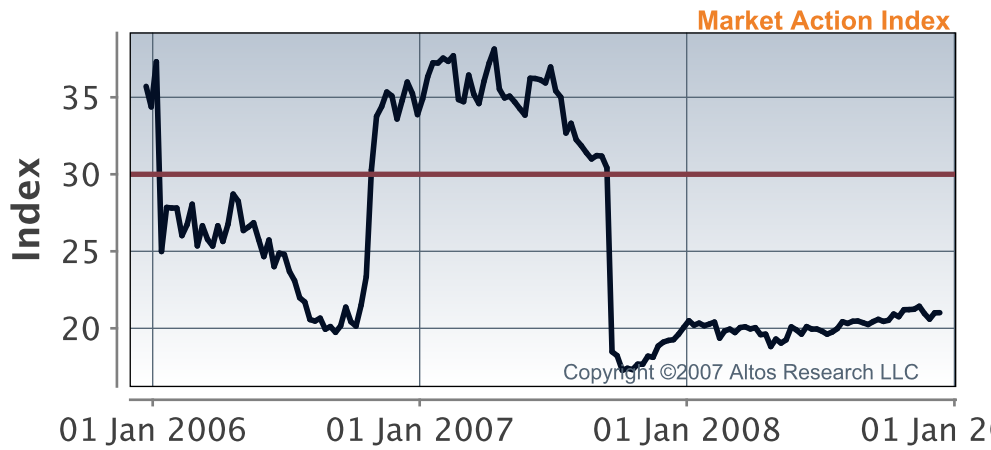
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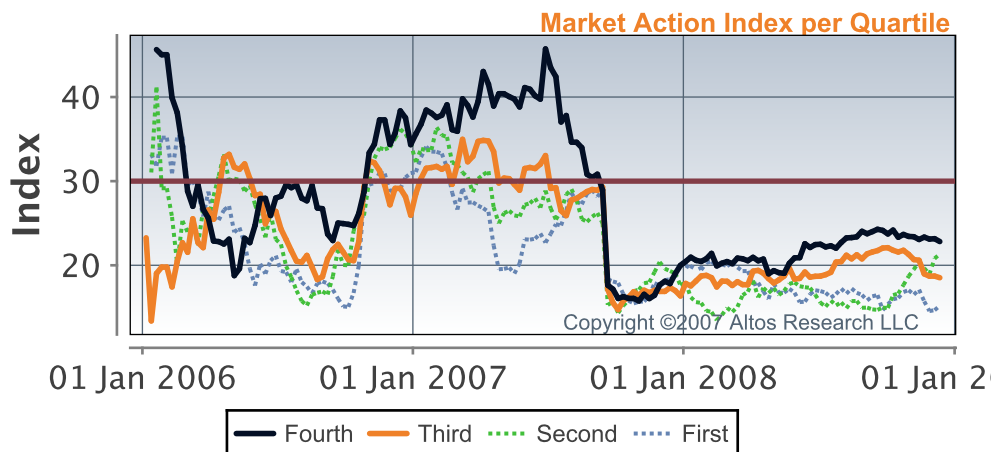
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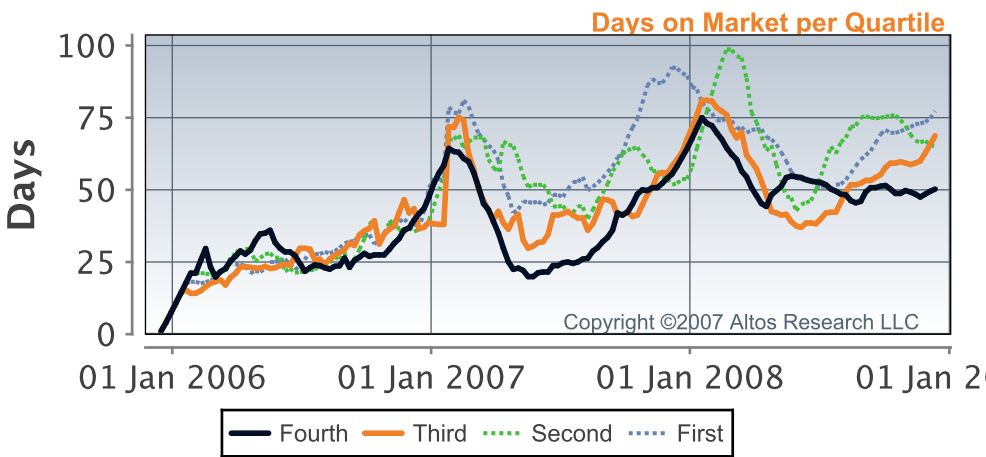
The SAN RAMON 94582 market is currently in the 'Buyer's Market' zone (below 30), though not strongly so. The 90-day Market Action Index stands this week at 21 so buyers should expect find reasonable levels of selection.



### MARKET ACTION

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### DAYS ON MARKET

The properties have been on the market for an average of 113 days. Half of the listings have come newly on the market in the past 84 or so days. Watch the 90-day DOM trend for signals of a changing market.

### DAYS ON MARKET

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