



RUIZ REPORT

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10 slides with ***everything***
you need to know about your
local residential real estate market.

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Understanding the local real estate market is one of the most important aspects of buying or selling a home. Whether you're debating how much to offer or if you should accept an offer you've received, market knowledge is power.

Making an informed decision involves staying current with both the "macro-market" as well as the "micro-market" for your unique situation. As top real estate agents one of the most important things we can do for our clients is to empower them with that same information.

With that in mind we have commissioned this month's Ruiz Report to make sure you're as up to date as possible with current local market conditions, using accurate data directly from the MLS. **Clicking any of the links on slide 4 will take you directly to properties on our website.**

We are always available to answer any questions. Feel free to call us at (828)210-3898 or send us an email at info@dwelavl.com.

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At A Glance: Activity (vs. last month) (vs. this month last year)

NEW LISTINGS

75  53%
 56%

UNDER CONTRACT

45  61%
 32%

HOMES SOLD

31  19%
 18%

McDowell added **30 more** new listings to the market than it took off (put under contract), **which increased the overall supply**. Home sales (*closings*) **increased** in April, just remember that many of those homes went under contract in a *previous* month.

Amount for month	+ / - Change	% Change vs. last month % Change vs. this month last year
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At A Glance: Velocity

(vs. last month)
(vs. this month last year)

MEDIAN DOM

26 ▲ 4%
▲ 73%

MO. ACTIVE LISTINGS

231 ▲ 22%
▲ 49%

MO. INVENTORY

5.6 ▲ 14%
▲ 77%

The *total* number of active listings **increased 22%** compared to March, 50% of homes went under contract in **26-days or less**, and at this rate there's about **5.6-months of supply** to go around.

April was a **neutral market**.

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At A Glance: Pricing

(vs. last month)
(vs. this month last year)

AVG. LIST / SALE	AVG. SALE PRICE	ORIG. LIST / SALE
95% ▼ 1% ▼ 1%	\$362k ▼ 6% ▲ 1%	91% ▼ 1% ▼ 2%

The average price of a home in McDowell County was **\$4k more** than it was this time last April. On average, properties sold for **95% of their list price** at the time the offer was made, and **91% of the price they originally listed for.**

Amount for month	+ / - Change	% Change vs. last month % Change vs. this month last year
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Click to see properties!

McDowell In April

Price Range	Active Listings	New Listings	Under Contract	Under Contract (%)	Pending Ratio	Homes Sold	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. List/Sale	Avg. DOM	Median DOM	Months of Inventory	Expired Listings	Listings Withdrawn
\$0 - \$99K	4	2	1	2%	20%	1	\$73,200	88%	96	96	4.36	N/A	N/A
\$100K - \$149K	10	4	3	7%	36%	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	25	5.25	N/A	N/A
\$150K - \$199K	18	4	4	9%	27%	7	\$165,529	94%	51	15	3.22	1	N/A
\$200K - \$232K	13	5	5	11%	36%	N/A	N/A	N/A	55	26	4.15	N/A	N/A
\$233K - \$265K	15	6	4	9%	33%	4	\$241,750	96%	27	25	3.79	1	N/A
\$266K - \$299K	16	6	2	4%	19%	4	\$257,500	92%	8	8	3.39	N/A	N/A
\$300K - \$332K	15	5	2	4%	14%	N/A	N/A	N/A	158	158	7.20	N/A	N/A
\$333K - \$365K	10	2	2	4%	33%	3	\$333,167	98%	10	10	2.48	1	N/A
\$366K - \$399K	10	5	3	7%	25%	3	\$378,267	100%	34	28	2.88	N/A	N/A
\$400K - \$449K	6	1	N/A	N/A	0%	2	\$437,450	99%	N/A	N/A	4.36	N/A	N/A
\$450K - \$499K	12	6	4	9%	45%	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	8	4.80	N/A	N/A
\$500K - \$599K	31	8	4	9%	17%	2	\$517,000	96%	117	109	8.82	N/A	N/A
\$600K - \$699K	10	3	5	11%	36%	4	\$613,250	92%	40	51	7.00	1	N/A
\$700K - \$999K	36	8	4	9%	13%	N/A	N/A	N/A	65	56	18.67	1	N/A
\$1M+	25	10	2	4%	16%	1	\$1,488,000	90%	9	9	12.00	N/A	N/A
County	231	75	45	--	23%	31	\$361,713	95%	70	26	5.61	5	N/A

Learn the lingo

Active Listings: This is the total number of listings that were for sale *at any given point during the month*.

Under Contract: This is the total **number** of listings that accepted an offer to purchase *during the month*.

Under Contract (%): This is the "Under Contract" column represented as a **percentage** of the county.

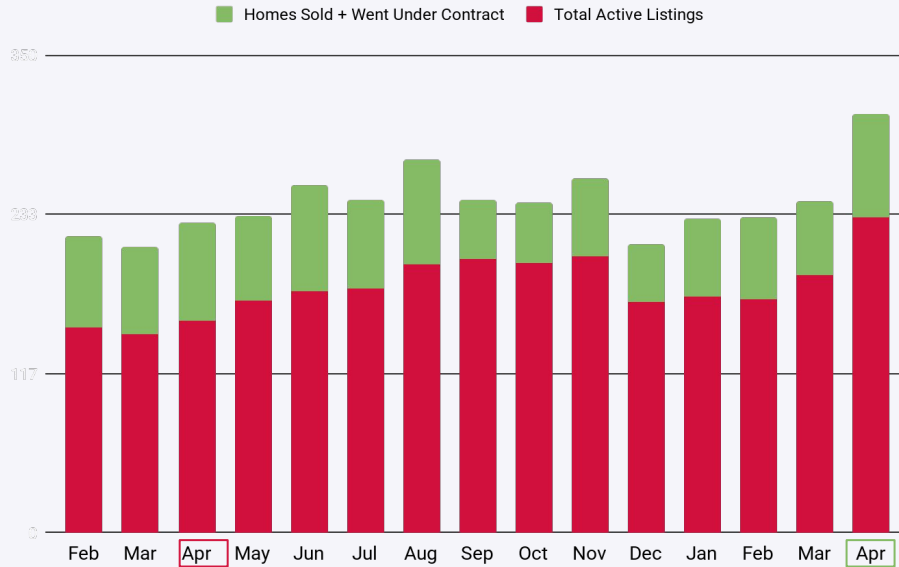
Pending Ratio: This ratio is calculated using a **snapshot** taken at 11:59pm on the last day of the month. It used to show a price range's competitiveness by comparing the number of listings under contract to the total number of listings on the market at the time the snapshot was taken (active + under contract).

Months of inventory represents how long it would take to deplete the current inventory assuming no new homes are put on the market. It's commonly used to determine the health of a particular market.

Between 0-4 months of inventory is considered a seller's market because supply is relatively low, which means that sellers have more control to set terms or raise prices. **5-7 months signals a balanced market** - there is a healthy mix of buyers and sellers. **8 or more months of inventory indicates a buyer's market**, which means buyers have more negotiating power.

Seller's Market Buyer's Market

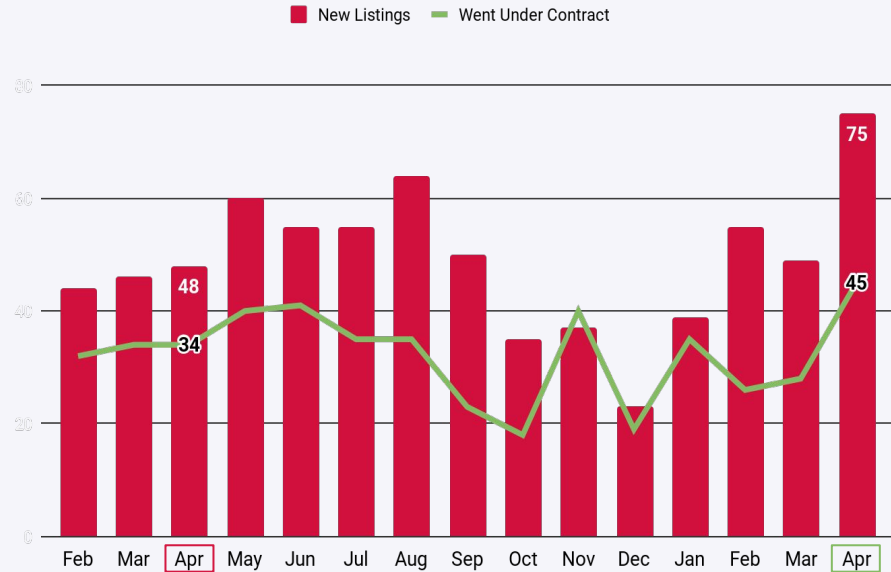
Volume & Activity



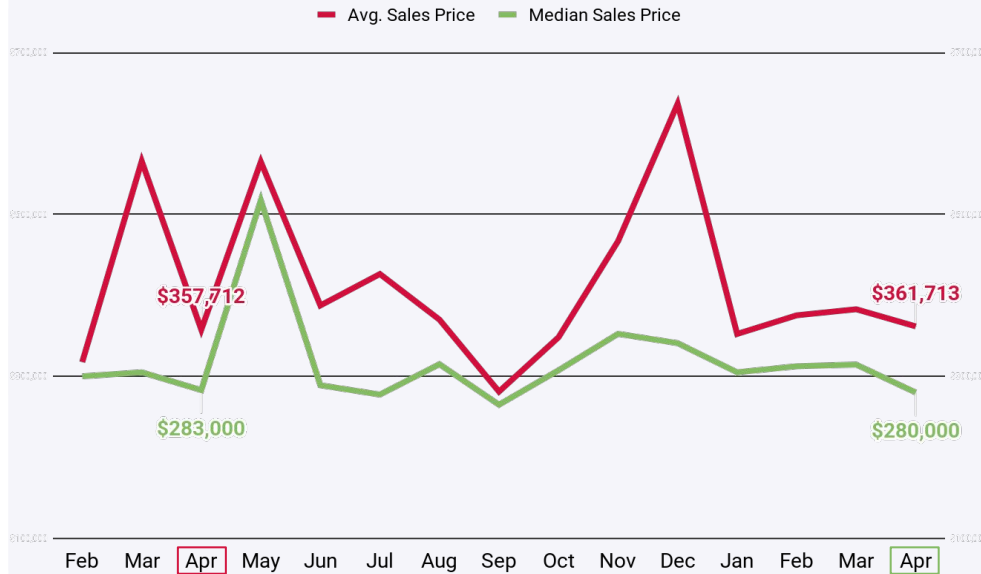
- The number of active listings *increased* by 22% in April. **Total Active listings, the number of properties listed for sale at any point during the month, was up 49% compared to last year.**
- Total homes under contract increased 61% from last month, and **McDowell had 32% more homes under contract in April than it did this time last year.**
- Overall volume was up 20% from last month and up 35% from this time last year.

Listings & Pendings

- **New listings increased 53% from last month**, and were up 56% from last April's numbers.
- **61% more homes went under contract**, and McDowell had more homes going under contract than this month last year, up 32%.
- **Pro Tip:** keeping an eye on the difference between homes added to the market (new listings) and those taken off (by going under contract) is the best way to gauge supply & demand!



Home Prices

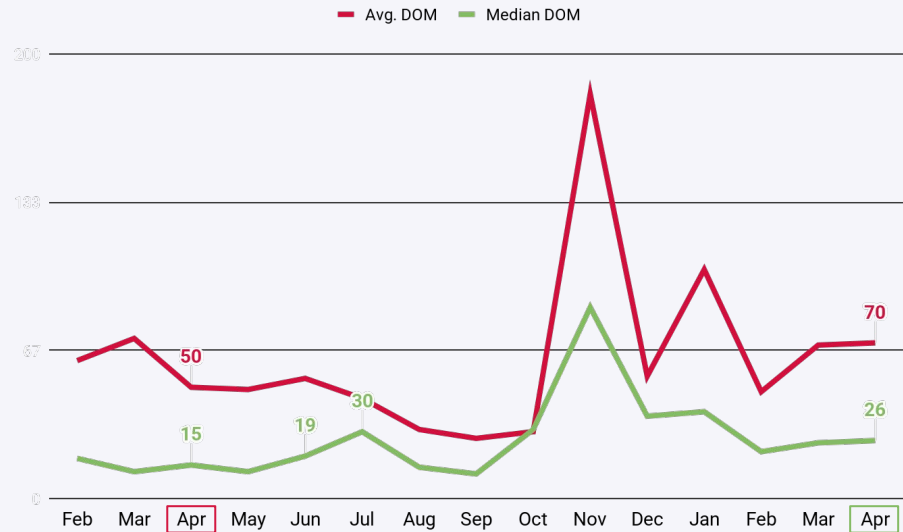


The **median price** is the “middle price,” meaning half of the homes sold during the month were cheaper and half were more expensive than the median. The **average price** is the total sales divided by number of sales.

- The average home price in McDowell County decreased 6%, but homes were valued 1% higher compared to last April.
- The positive home value appreciation trend seems to be holding despite interest rates.
Pro Tip: monthly price fluctuations are less indicative than annual trends for understanding market shifts!
- The consistently higher average vs. median home price tells us that **McDowell’s high-end market is strong**, with higher priced sales increasing the overall market average.

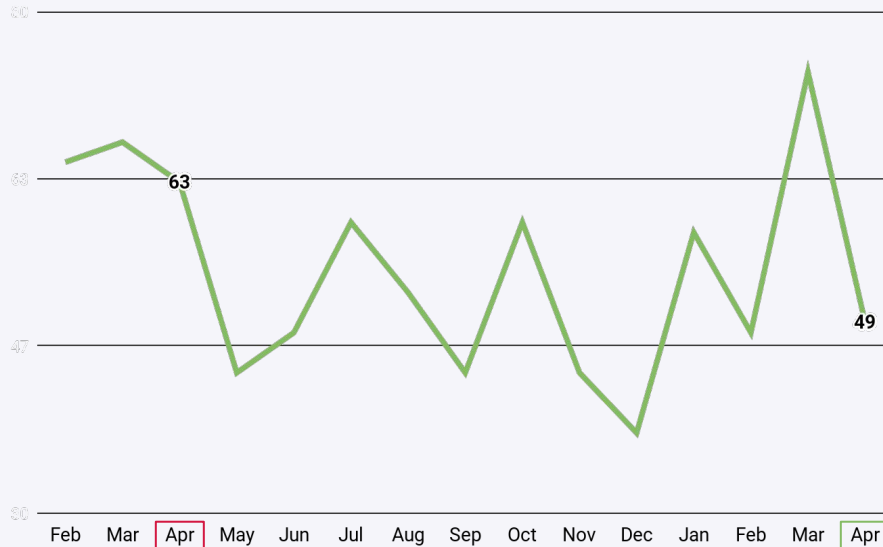
Days On Market

- On average, homes took 1-days longer to go under contract than they did in March, and the *median* days it took to sign a purchase contract was **26-days (!!!)**.
- Homes between \$266-299k sold fastest in April, with a *median* 8-days on the market, followed by homes at or above \$1M, which took a *median* of 8-days.
- Homes in McDowell are selling quickly due to a combination of extremely low inventory and high demand for homes.



The **median DOM** is the “middle DOM,” meaning half of the homes during the month went UC faster and half took longer than the median. The **average DOM** is the total DOM divided by number of sales.

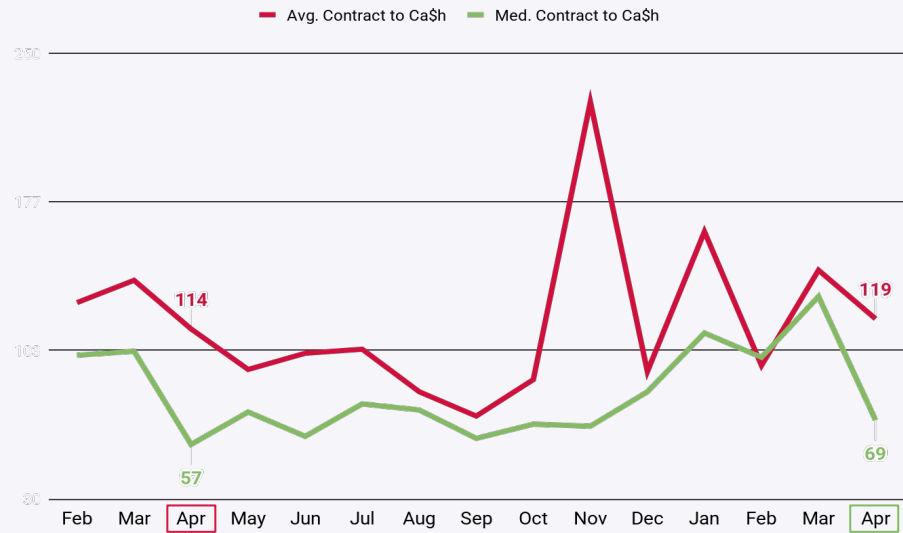
Contract To Close



- **Contract to close time took an average of 25-days less compared to last month, which was 14-days faster compared to last April.**
- **Homes valued between \$333k-365k took among the longest to close.** April closings data put that segment at around 83-days, on average.
- **Homes valued between \$266k-299k closed fastest,** closing in ~29-days, on average.

Contract To Ca\$h

- Sellers got paid an average of 24-days **faster** after listing their homes according to April sales data, but **5-days slower than Apr., 2023**.
- This increase was mostly due to an increase in time spent on the market (DOM) since the time spent during the contract to close process came down.
- Homes valued **valued between \$266k-299k sold fastest**, averaging 33-days, **followed by the valued between \$400k-449k price range** which took 37-days, on average.



The **median Contract to Ca\$h** is the "middle number," meaning half of the homes that closed during the month got paid faster and half took longer than the median. The **average Contract to Ca\$h** is the total time it took across all price ranges divided by number of sales.

Methodology

Data for this report was pulled from Canopy MLS for Single Family and Condo/Townhouse properties on May 3rd, 2025. Realtors are required to update their transactions on the MLS within 48hrs, so while most records for the month should have been accounted for, any updates that occurred after the report was pulled will not have made the cut. This should not have a material effect on the data given the overall volume of transactions.

Please send me an [e-mail](#) if you have any comments, questions, requests, or corrections.

See below for some relevant formulas.

$$\text{Months Inventory} = \frac{\text{Active Listings This Month}}{12\text{-Month Pending Homes Average}} \quad \text{Pending} = \frac{\text{Under Contract End Of Month}}{\text{Active End Of Month}}$$