

# SMITH & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

TAMPA, FL 33602

- **Current Real Estate Market Conditions for Condos & Townhomes**
- **Trends in Pricing**
- **Current Levels of Supply and Demand**
- **Value Metrics**

- **Report for the week of  
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## This Week

- The median list price in TAMPA, FL this week is \$126,300. The 1061 properties have been on the market for an average of 201 days.

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

## Supply and Demand

- The market has shown some evidence of slowing recently. Both prices and inventory levels are relatively unchanged in recent weeks. Watch the Market Action Index for changes as it can be a leading indicator for price changes.

### Real-Time Market Profile

		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 126,300	↔
Average List Price	\$ 202,112	↔
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 96	↕
Average Days on Market (DoM)	201	↕
Inventory of Properties Listed	1061	↓
Most Expensive Listing	\$ 3,000,000	
Least Expensive Listing	\$ 8,000	
Average Age of Listing	22	
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	35 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	32 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	5 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	1275	
Median Number of Bedrooms	2.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	2.0	

### Value Statistics

Market Action Index	Buyer's Advantage	28.0	↔
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The Market Action Index answers the question "How's the Market?" by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies a seller's advantage. Below 30, conditions give the advantage to the buyer.

Trend Key:

↔	No change	↑↑	Strong upward trend	↓↓	Strong downward trend
↑	Slight upward trend	↓	Slight downward trend		

## Characteristics per Quartile

Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM
Top/First	\$ 369,000	1845	3.0	2.5	8	265	9	15	296
Upper/Second	\$ 180,400	1487	2.0	2.5	10	265	23	26	177
Lower/Third	\$ 90,000	1200	2.0	2.0	19	265	27	27	163
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 47,000	949	2.0	1.5	31	266	27	28	168

Most expensive 25% of properties

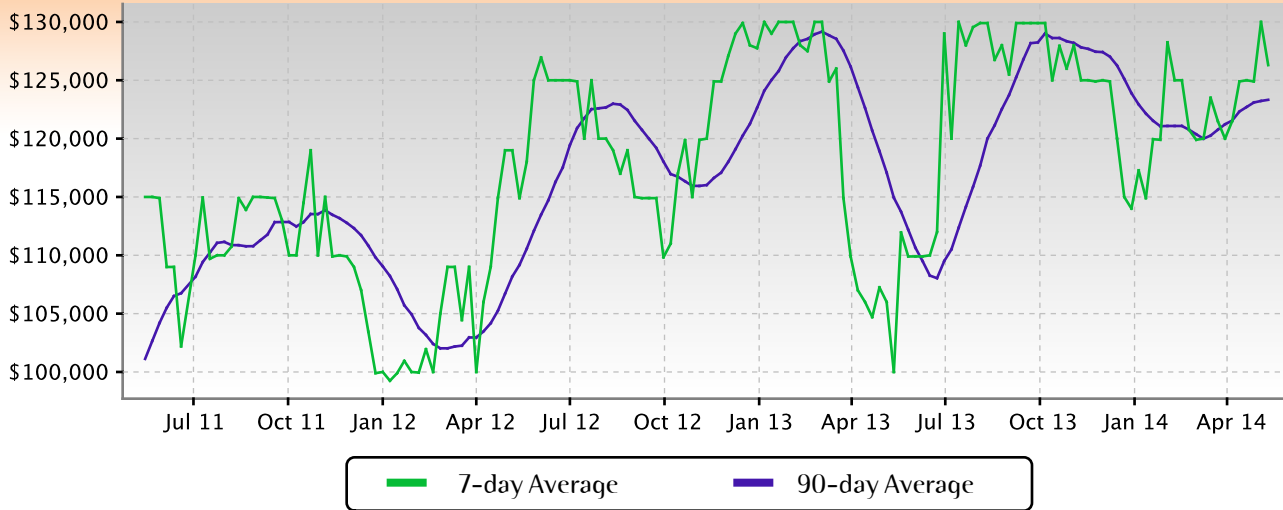
Upper-middle 25% of properties

Lower-middle 25% of properties

Least expensive 25% of properties

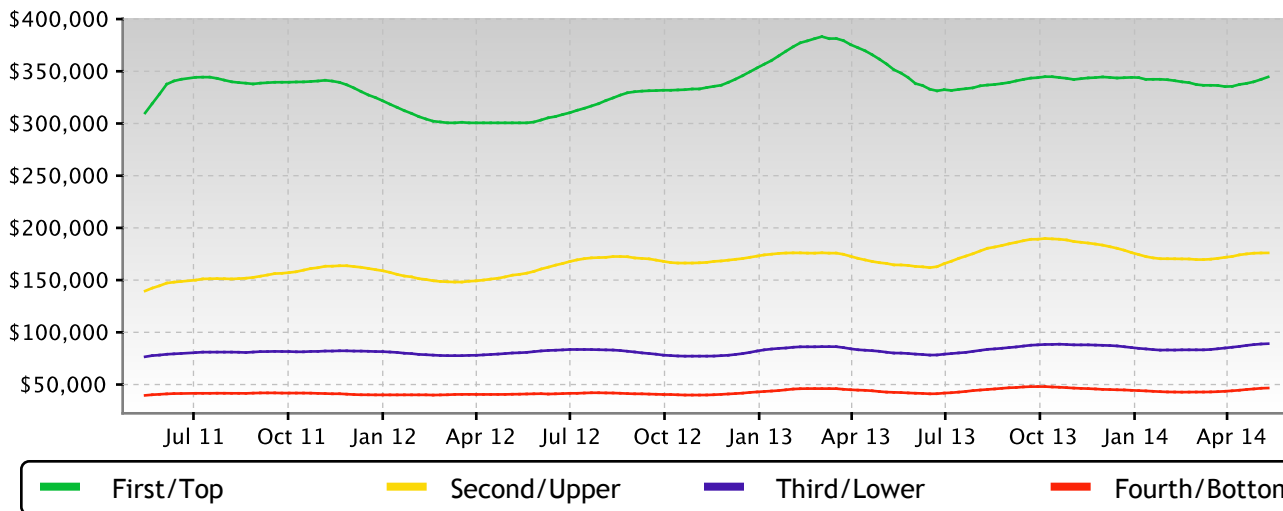
## Median Price

The market appears to be hovering around this plateau. This week prices eased down a bit. The Market Action Index is a good leading indicator for the durability of this shift.



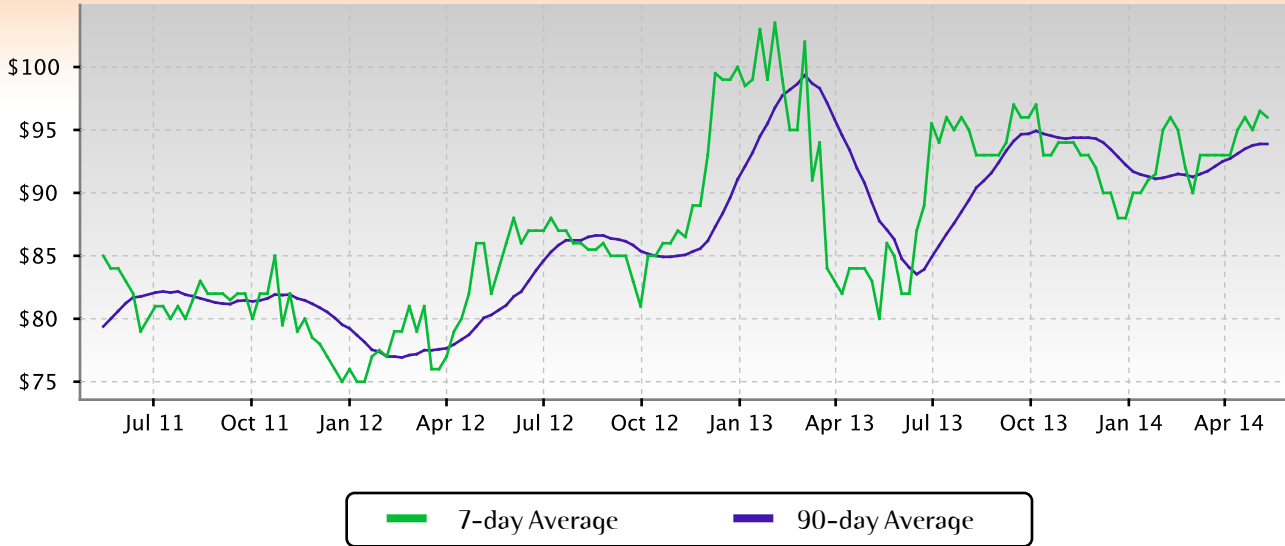
## Quartile Prices

Prices in most of the market have stabilized recently. Only Quartile 4 shows any price increases in the last few weeks. Often this condition happens in markets where demand has fallen (for example, due to micro-location variables) but supply is still relatively short. Buyers are focusing on the lowest price homes in the area.



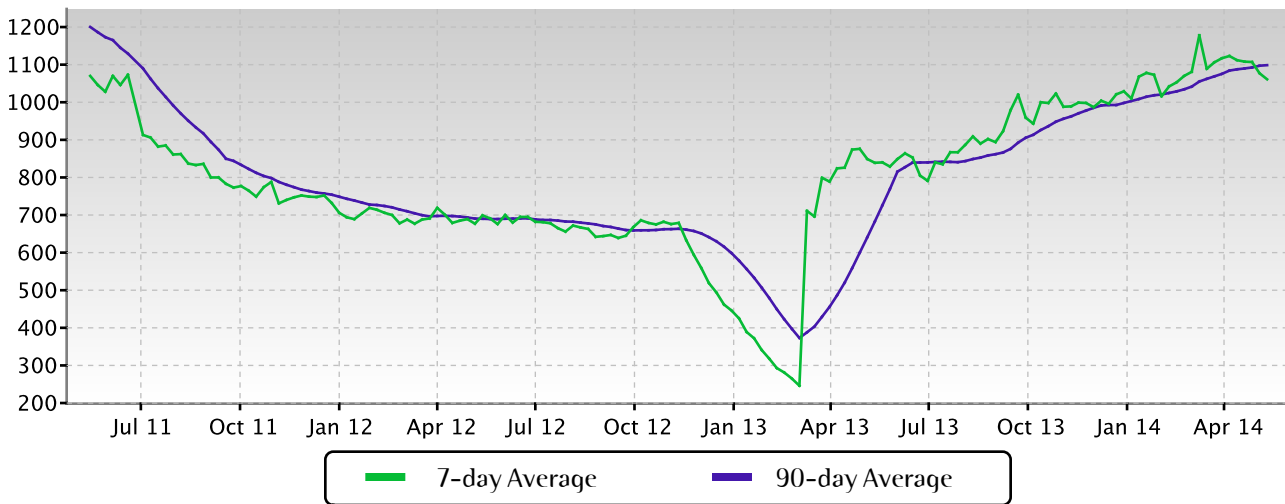
## Price per Square Foot

The market plateau is seen across the price and value. The price per square foot and median list price have both been reasonably stagnant. Watch the Market Action Index for persistent changes as a leading indicator before the market moves from these levels.



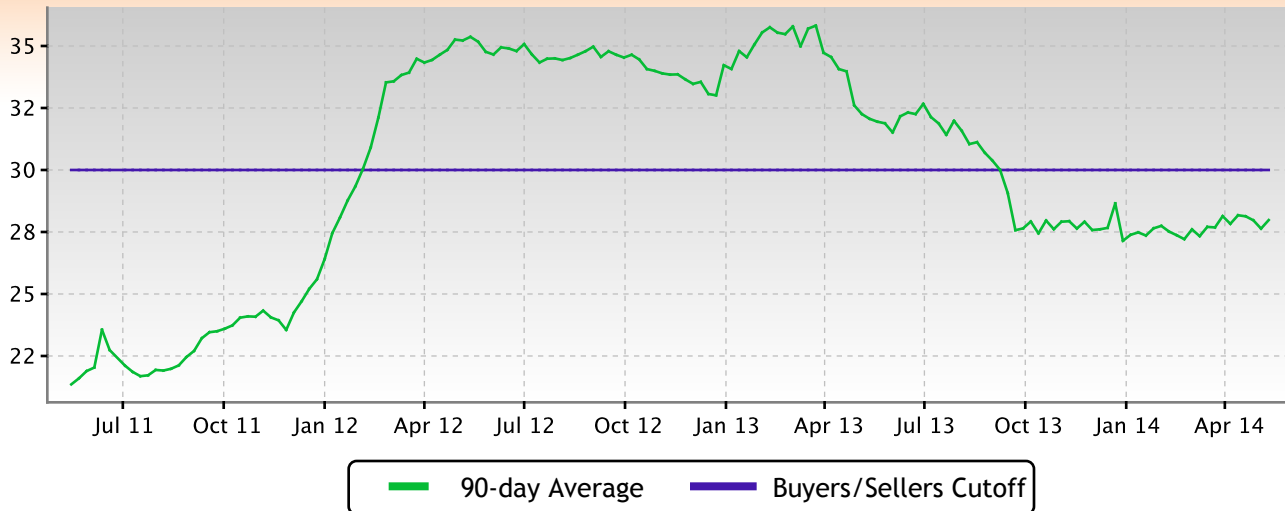
## Inventory of Properties Listed for Sale

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.



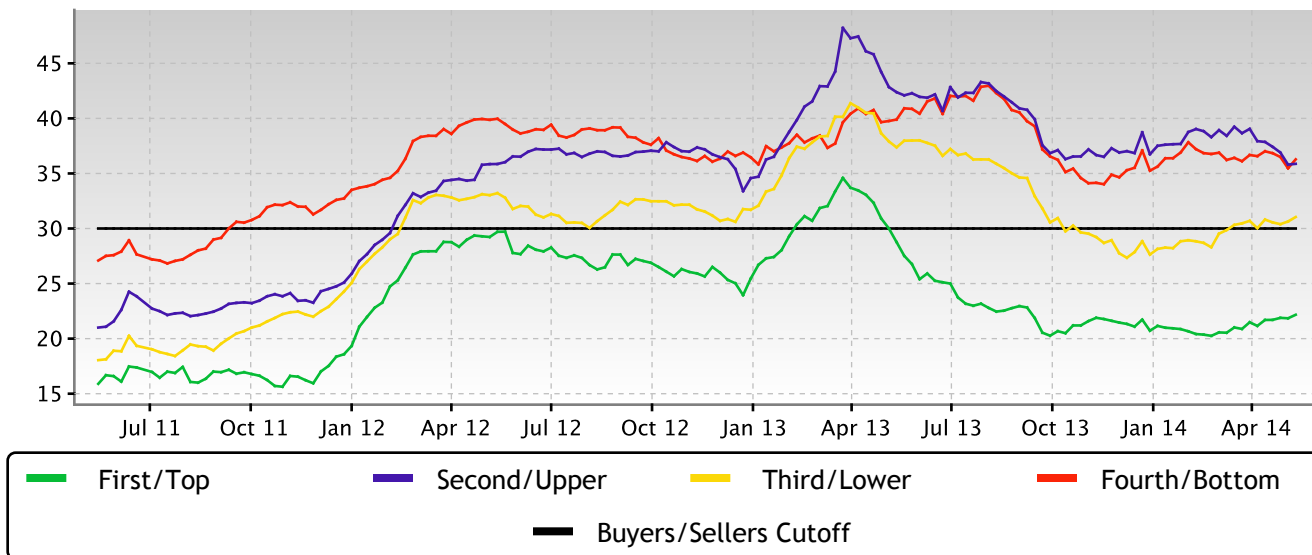
## Market Action Index

The TAMPA market is currently in the Buyer's Advantage zone (below 30), though not strongly so. The 90-day Market Action Index stands this week at 27.98 so buyers should expect to find reasonable levels of selection.



## Market Action Index per Quartile

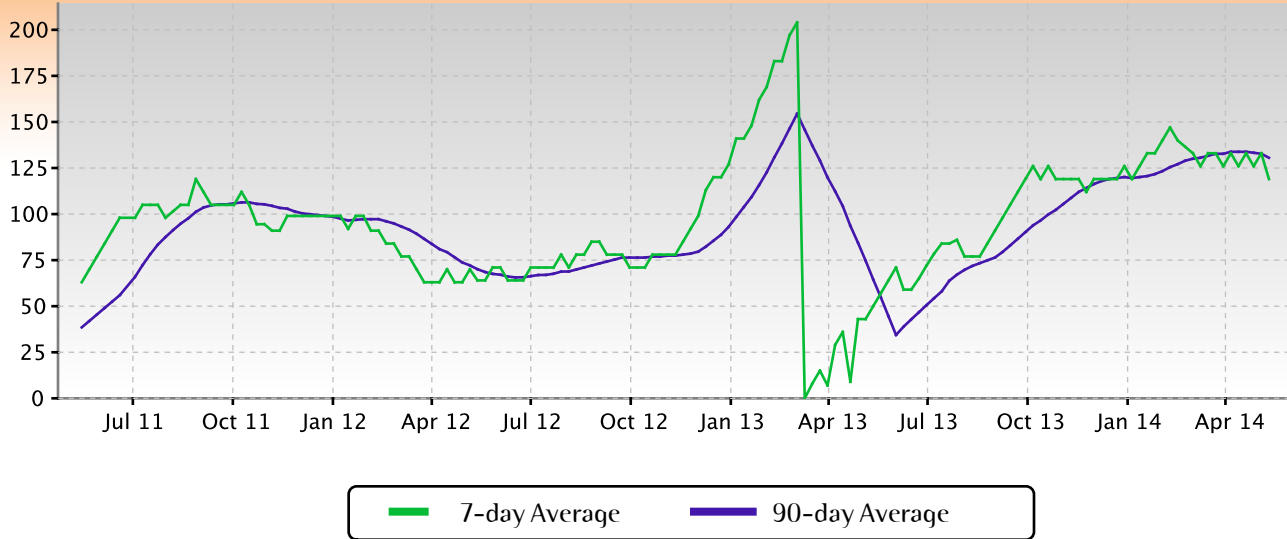
Three of the four quartiles of the market are in the Seller's Market zone with relatively low amounts of inventory given the current rate of demand for homes in the quartile. Notice that Quartile 1 (the highest-end price group) is showing weaker demand than the others. It's not uncommon that the premium segment of the market takes longer to sell than the rest of the group.



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 Advantage zone (below 30) for a long period, prices are likely in for a downward correction.

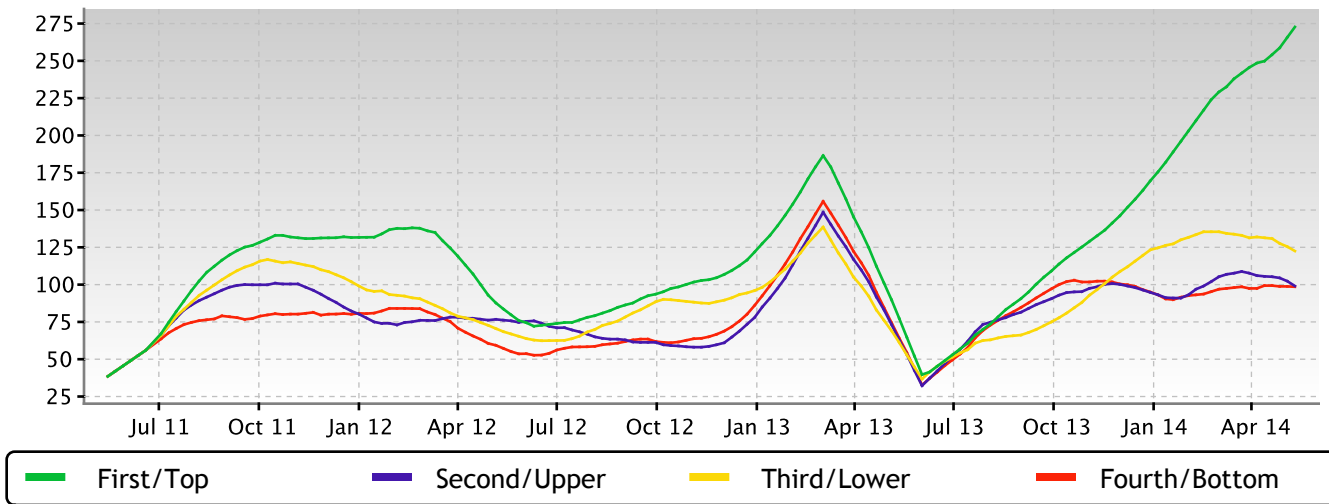
## Days on Market

The properties have been on the market for an average of 201 days. Half of the listings have come newly on the market in the past 119 or so days.



## Days on Market 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.



## This Week

- The median list price in TAMPA, FL 33602 this week is \$332,340. The 143 properties have been on the market for an average of 409 days.

Inventory has been lightening lately and the Market Action Index has been trending up. Though days-on-market is increasing, these are mildly positive indications for the market.

## Supply and Demand

- Home sales have been exceeding new inventory for several weeks. While still a Buyer's market, prices seem to have responded by moving upward. If the demand trends continue, expect prices to keep marching upward, especially once we see a Seller's Market.

### Real-Time Market Profile

		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 332,340	↔
Average List Price	\$ 480,643	
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 250	↑↑
Average Days on Market (DoM)	409	↑↑
Inventory of Properties Listed	143	↓↓
Most Expensive Listing	\$ 3,000,000	
Least Expensive Listing	\$ 57,000	
Average Age of Listing	11	
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	26 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	79 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	15 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	1312	
Median Number of Bedrooms	2.0	
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Top/First	\$ 749,000	2435	3.0	2.5	7	35	1	2	373
Upper/Second	\$ 400,000	1320	2.0	2.0	7	36	0	3	456
Lower/Third	\$ 257,500	1234	2.0	2.0	9	36	1	0	447
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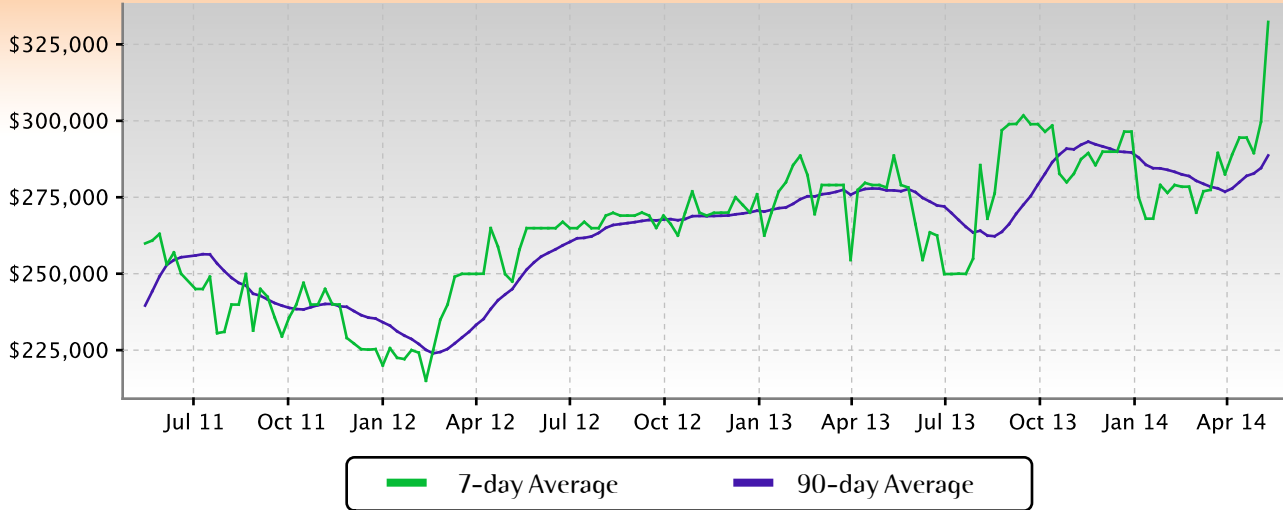
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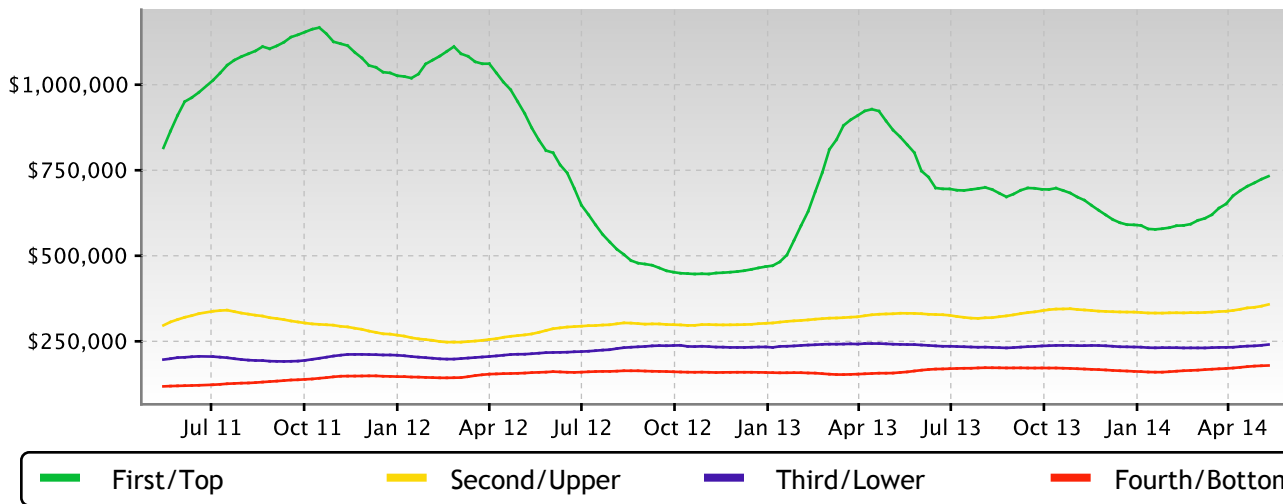
## Median Price

Prices in this zip code hit another all time high this week. You can see that prices continue to march higher. Look for a persistent downtrend in the Market Action Index into the Buyer's zone as a leading indicator of the price strength finally abating.



## Quartile Prices

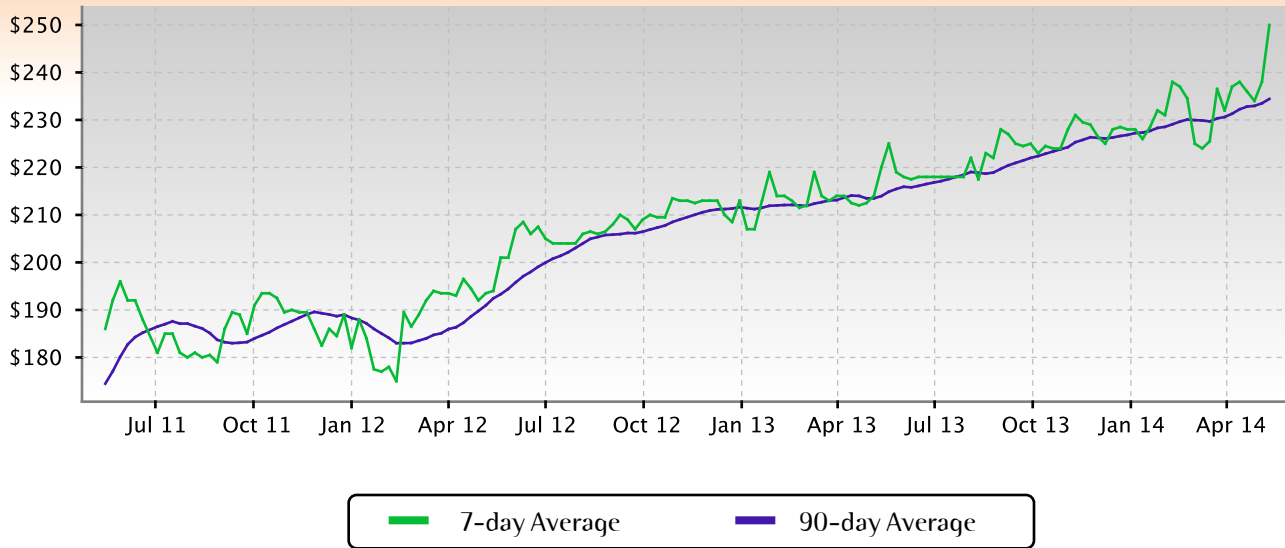
In the quartile market segments, we see the upper end of the market in this zip code showing signs of strength. While this strength hasn't percolated through to Quartiles 3 and 4 yet, expect the low end of the market to follow up, should the upper-end strength continue.





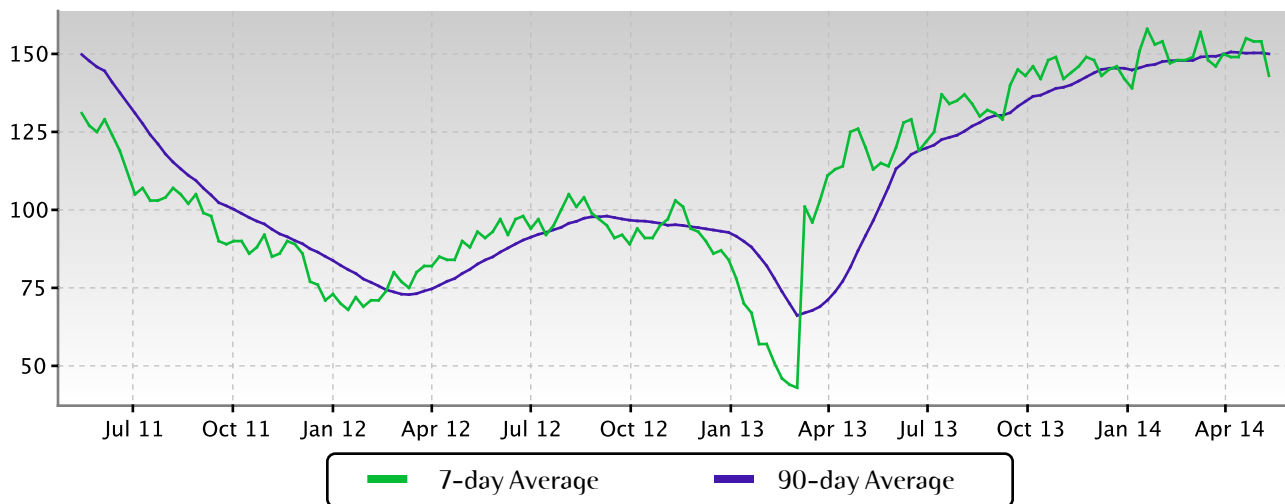
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The market appears to be placing an increasing premium on homes. When list prices and price per square foot consistently increase in tandem, as they're doing now, you can often find short-term investment opportunities. Watch the Market Action Index for persistent changes as a leading indicator for these trends to flatten or drop.



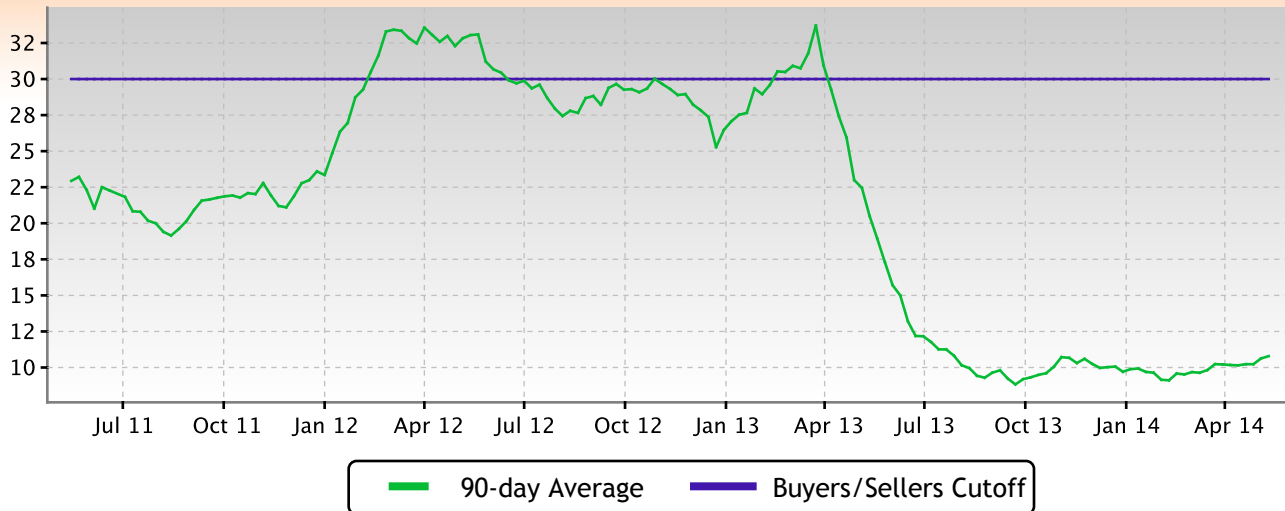
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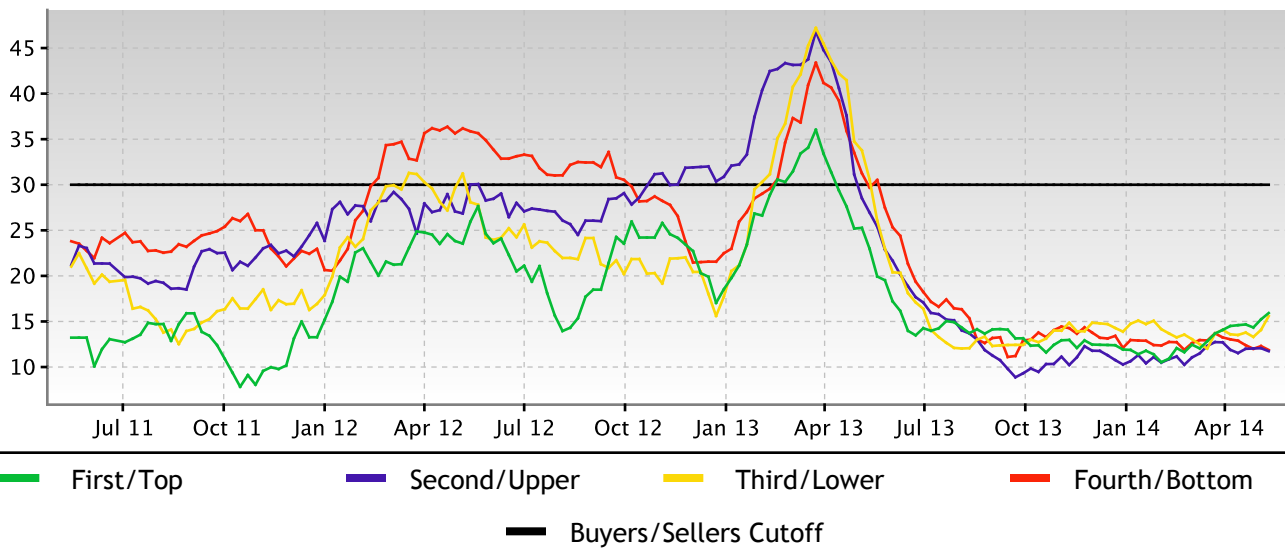
## Market Action Index

The TAMPA, 33602 market is currently quite strongly in the Buyer's Advantage zone (below 30). The 90-day Market Action Index stands at 10.79. With several months of inventory available at the current sales rate, buyers should find ample choice.



## Market Action Index per Quartile

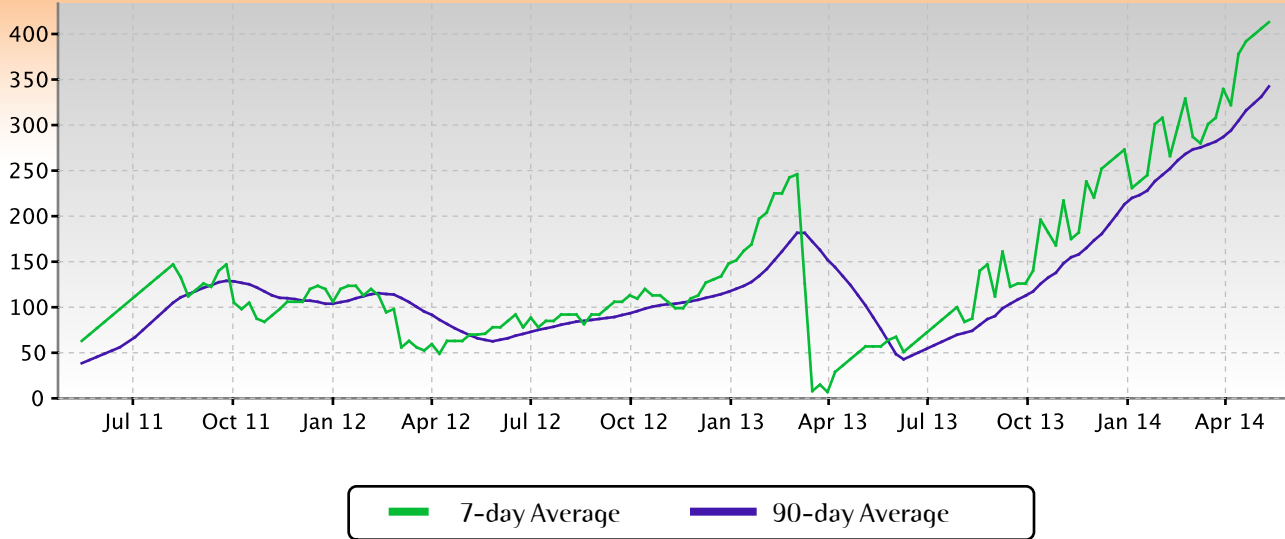
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