

# SMITH & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

TAMPA, FL 33618

- **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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Trend Key:

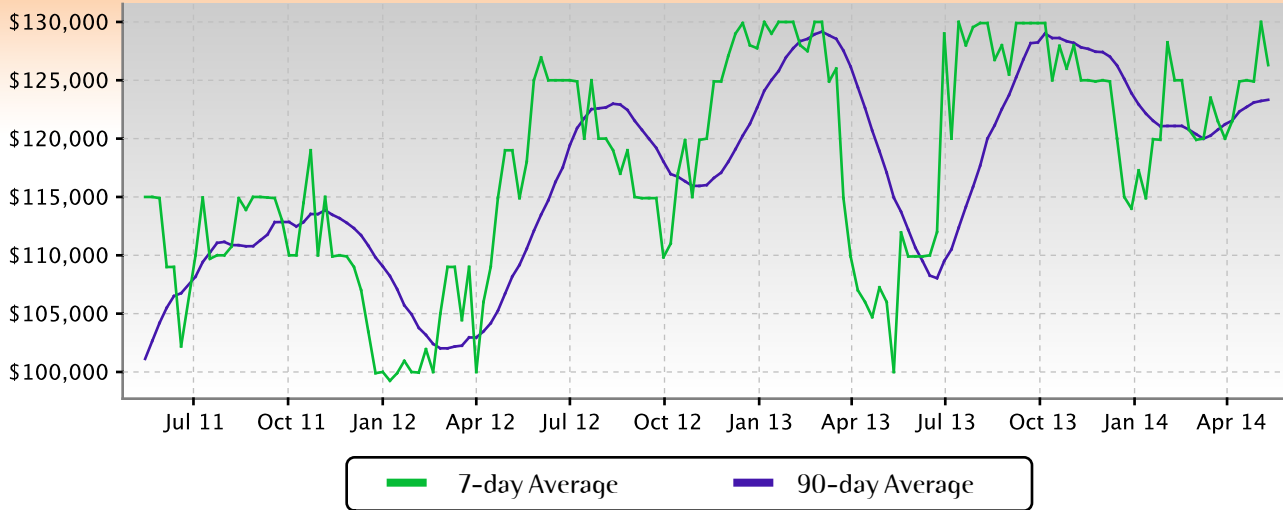
- ↔ No change
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### Characteristics per Quartile

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	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 180,400	1487	2.0	2.5	10	265	23	26	177	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 90,000	1200	2.0	2.0	19	265	27	27	163	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 47,000	949	2.0	1.5	31	266	27	28	168	Least expensive 25% of properties

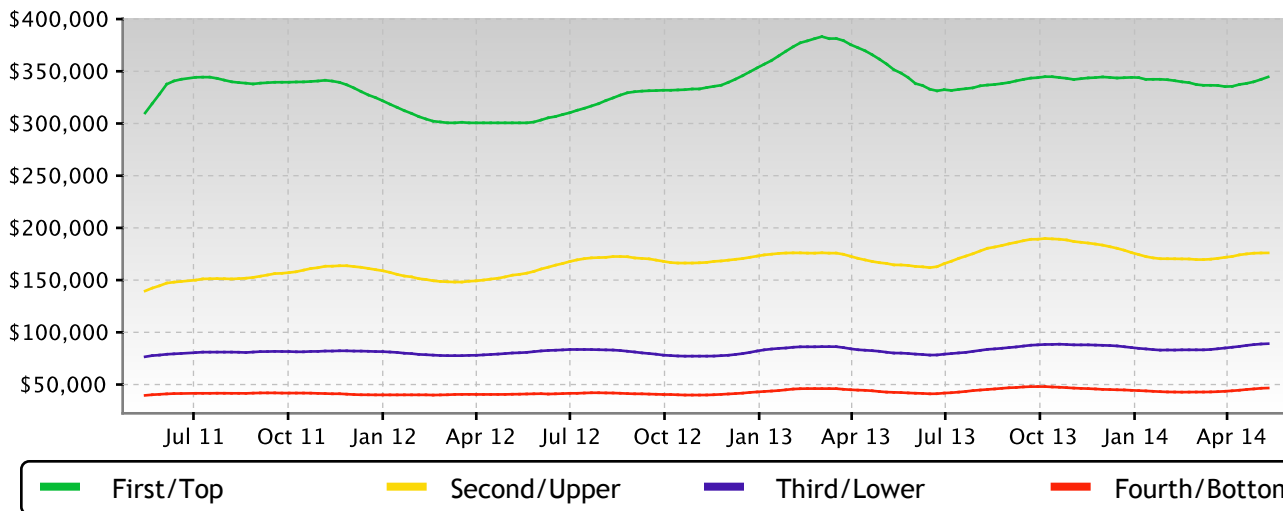
## Median Price

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.



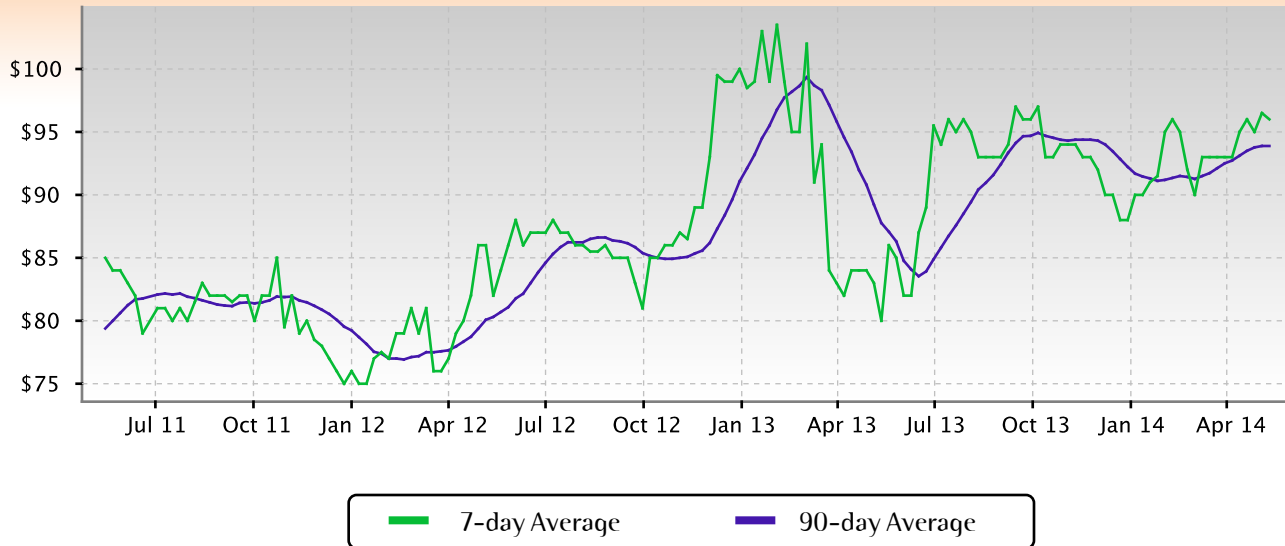
## Quartile Prices

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.



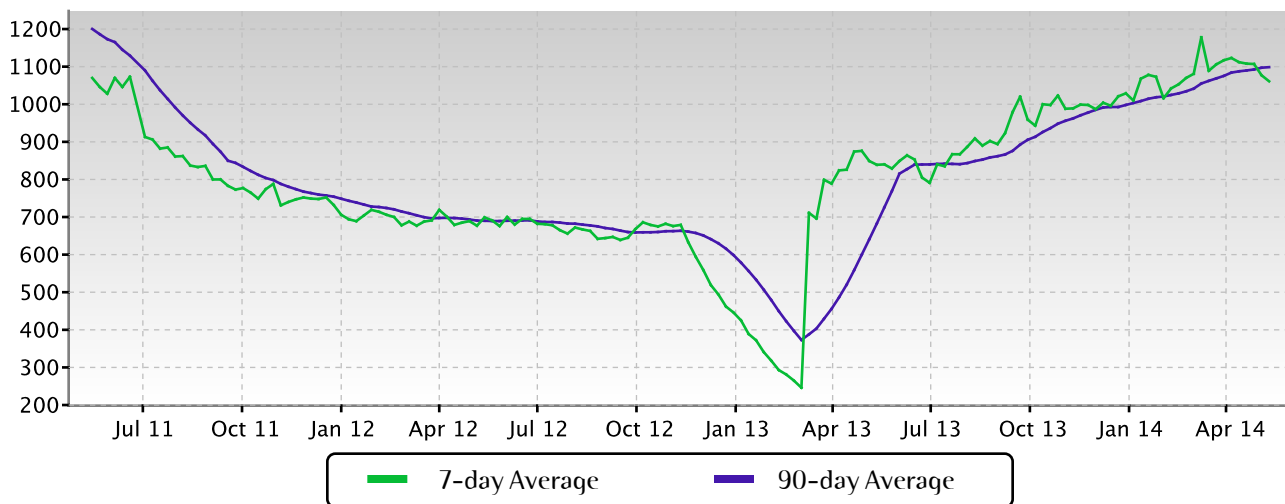
## Price per Square Foot

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.



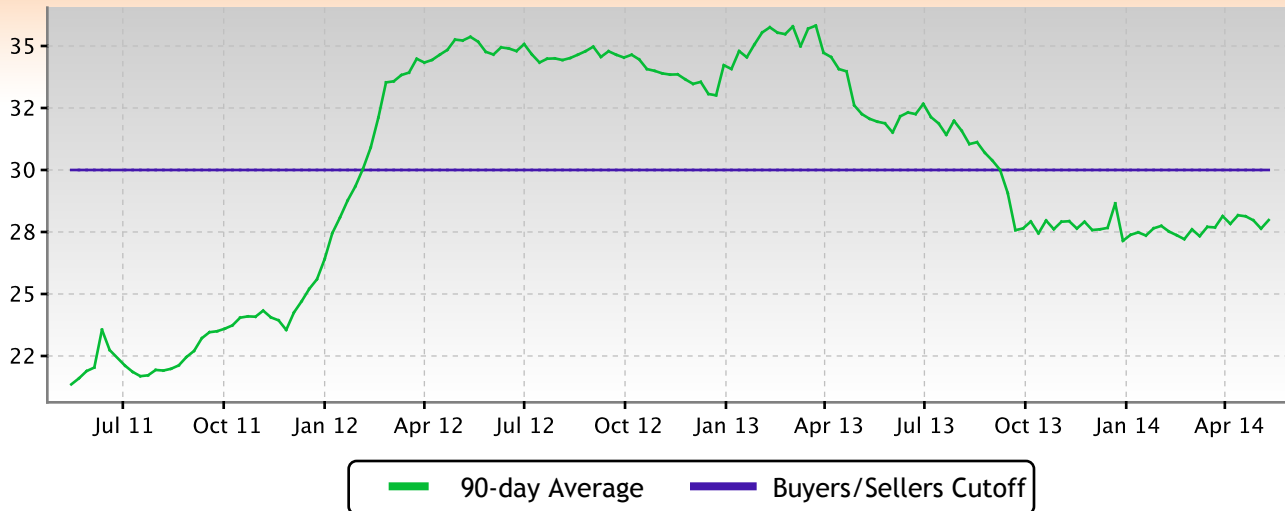
## Inventory of Properties Listed for Sale

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.



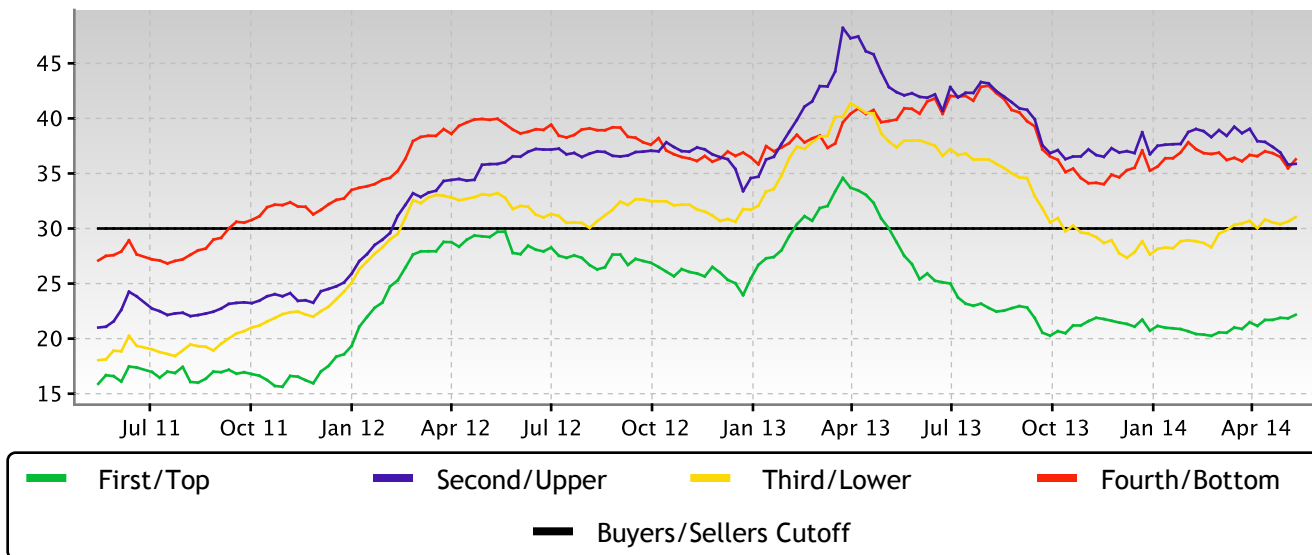
## Market Action Index

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

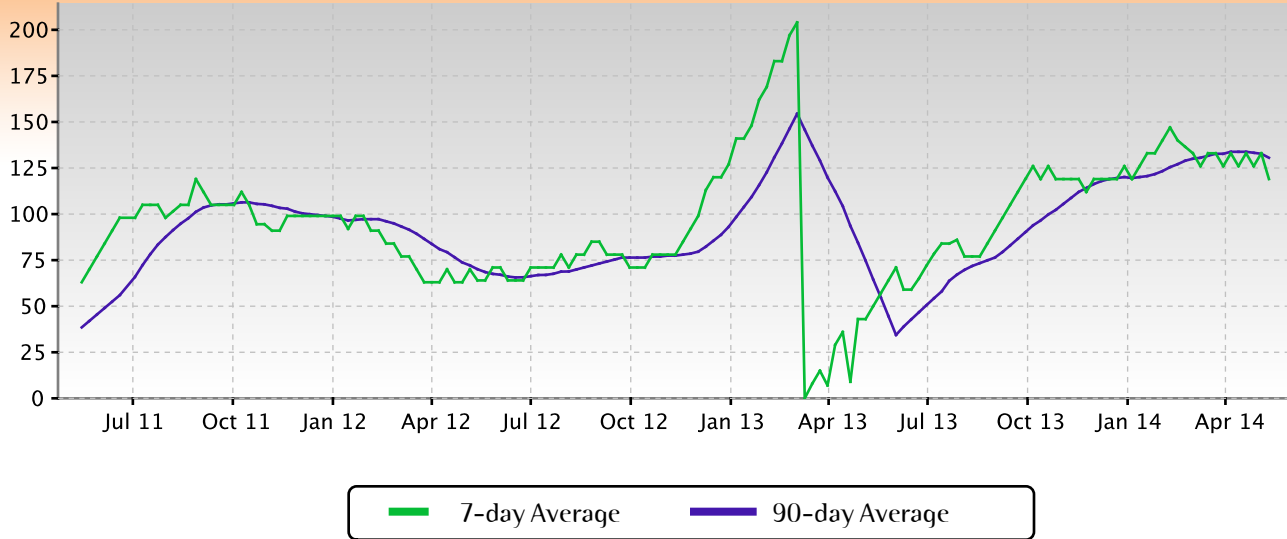
Three of the four quartiles of the market are in the Seller's Market zone with relatively low amounts of inventory given the current rate of demand for homes in the quartile. Notice that Quartile 1 (the highest-end price group) is showing weaker demand than the others. It's not uncommon that the premium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

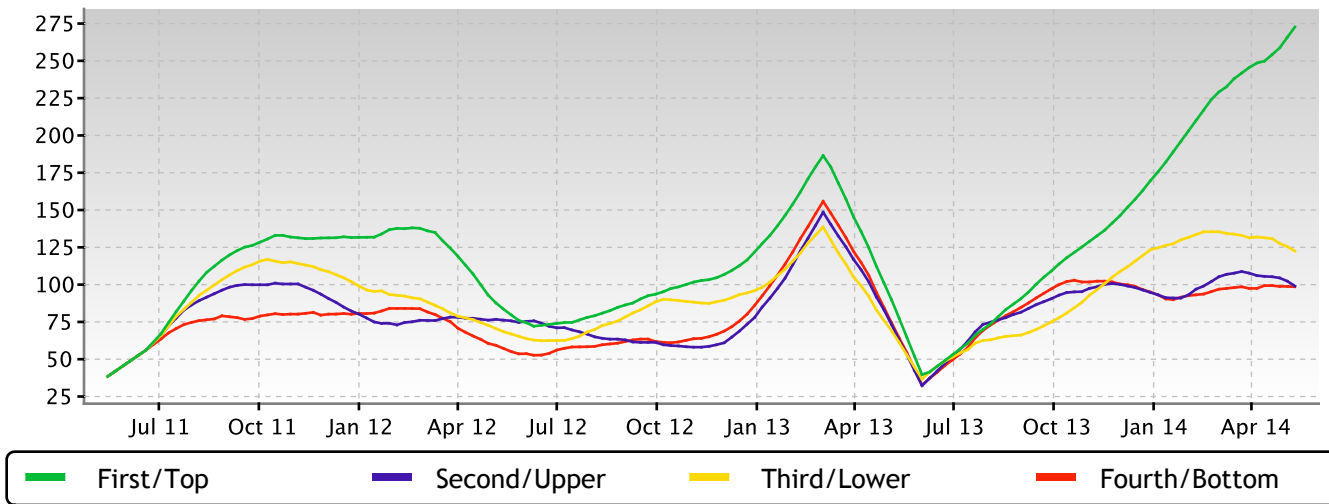
## Days on Market

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 33618 this week is \$153,200. The 46 properties have been on the market for an average of 74 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

- While the Market Action Index shows some strengthening in the last few weeks, prices have settled in a bit of a plateau. We currently in a Seller's market so prices will likely resume their climb should this trend persist.

### Real-Time Market Profile

		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 153,200	↔
Average List Price	\$ 172,448	
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 105	↑↑
Average Days on Market (DoM)	74	↑
Inventory of Properties Listed	46	↓
Most Expensive Listing	\$ 399,900	
Least Expensive Listing	\$ 41,000	
Average Age of Listing	29	
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	37 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	9 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	2 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	1475	
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### Value Statistics

Market Action Index      Seller's Advantage      35.1      ↑

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Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM
Top/First	\$ 289,900	2403	3.0	2.5	29	11	1	1	105
Upper/Second	\$ 179,900	1500	3.0	2.0	29	11	1	2	79
Lower/Third	\$ 140,400	1405	2.0	2.2	26	12	1	1	47
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 86,700	1169	2.0	2.0	32	12	2	5	69

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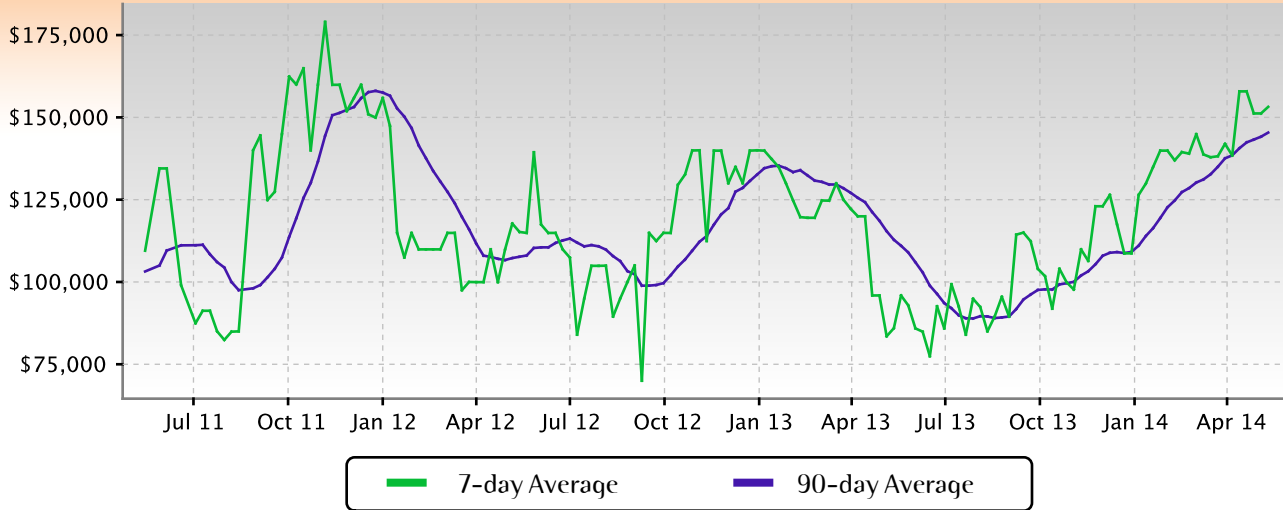
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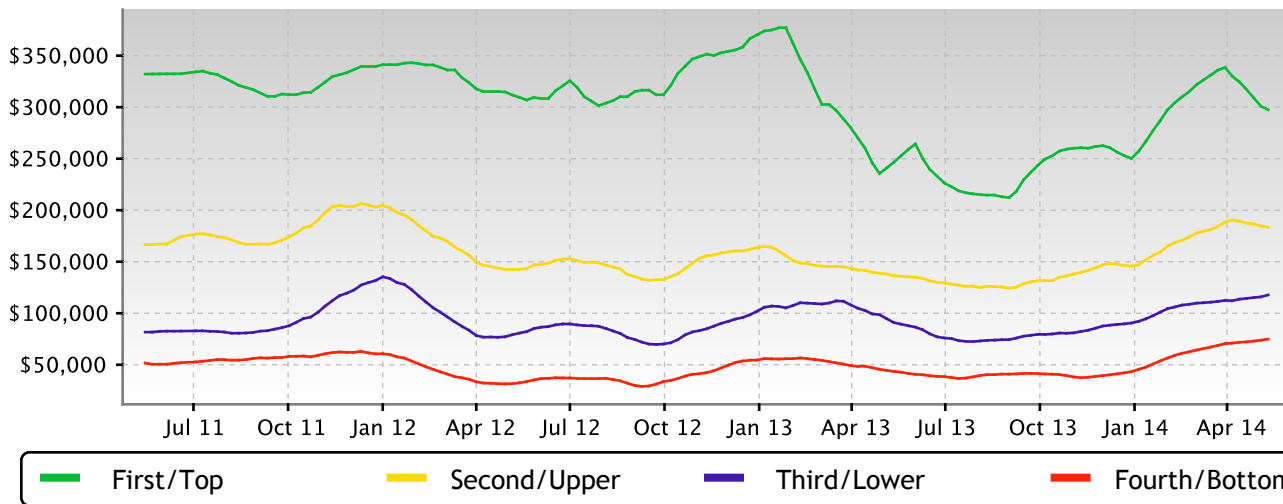
## Median Price

While the median price in this zip code hasn't moved much in the last few weeks, we are relatively close to the market's high-water mark. Watch for persistent downward shift in the Market Action Index into the Buyer's zone as a leading indicator of the price strength subsiding.



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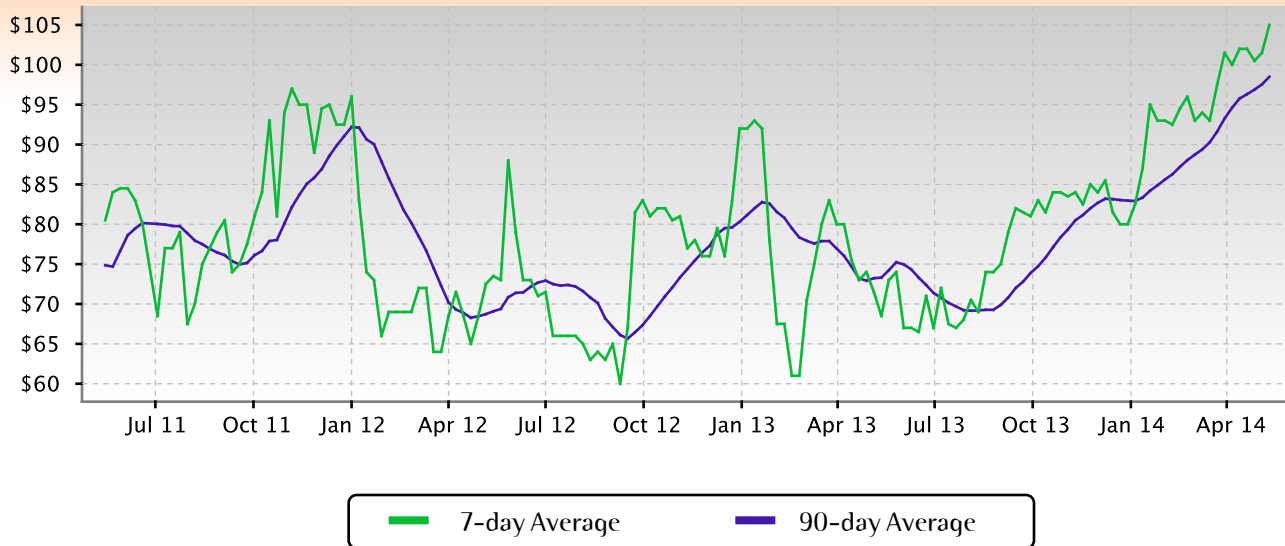
In the quartile market segments, we see this zip code showing mild price weakness lately. Quartiles 2 and 3 are basically flat while Quartile 1 is down in recent weeks. Notice however, that Quartile 4 at the low-end of the market is still on an up-trend. Often this condition happens in markets where demand has fallen (due to economic pressures perhaps) but supply is still relatively short. Buyers are focusing on the lowest price homes in the area.





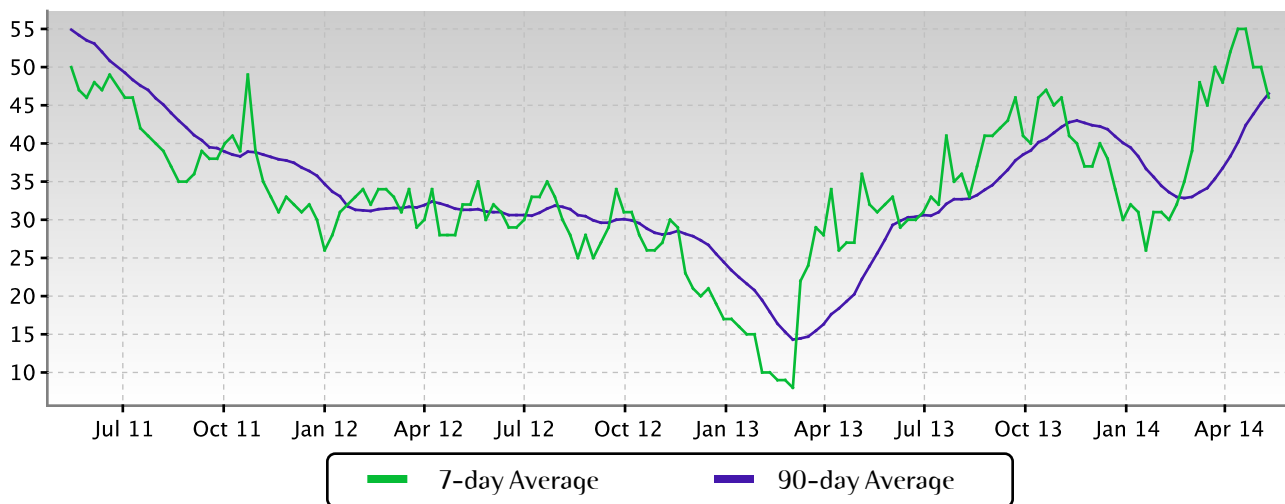
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The value placed on homes continues to increase, despite the fact that prices in general have been basically flat recently. These conditions can arise when inventory is light and more, smaller homes have more influence on overall prices.



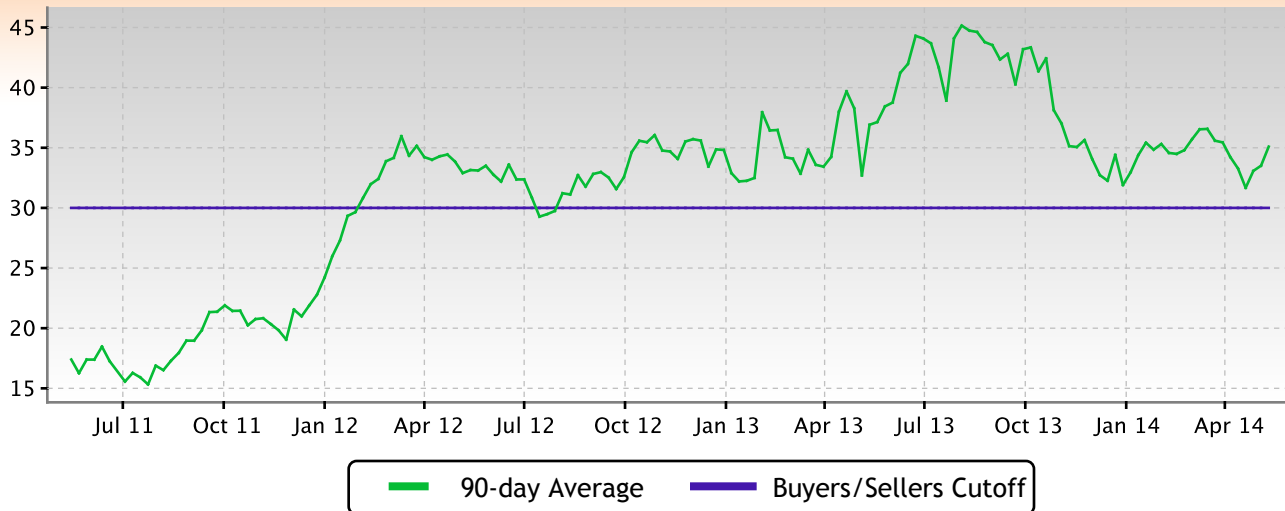
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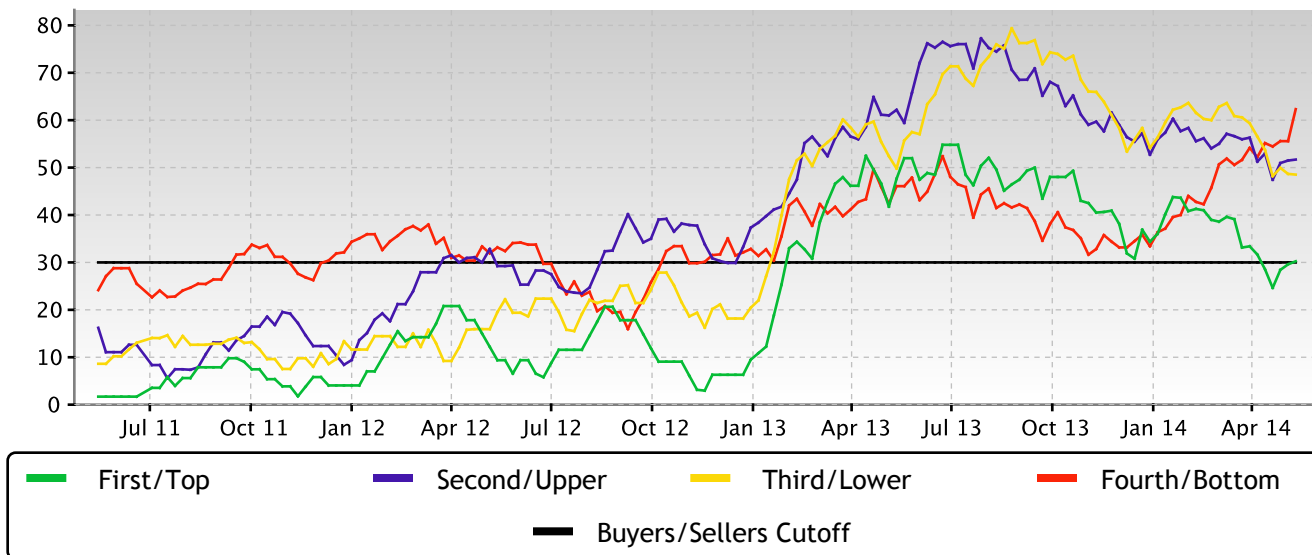
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The TAMPA, 33618 market is currently in the Seller's Advantage zone (greater than 30). The 90-day Market Action Index stands at 35.10 which indicates that demand is strong and available supply of homes gets snapped up relatively quickly.



## Market Action Index per Quartile

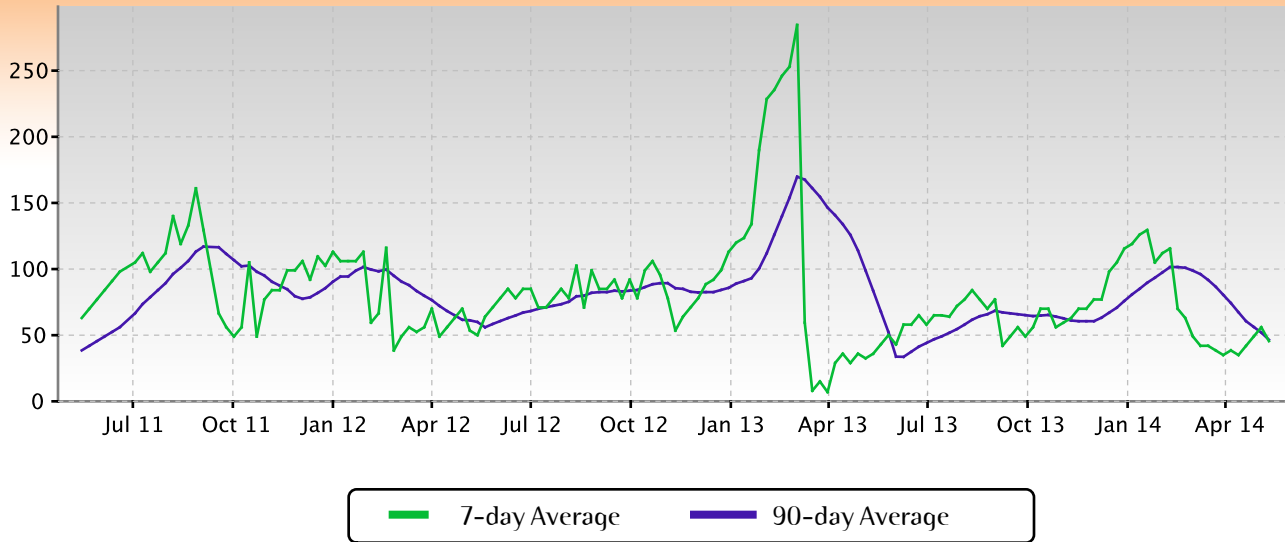
Not surprisingly, all segments in this zip code are showing high levels of demand. Watch the quartiles for changes before the whole market changes. Often one end of the market (e.g. the high-end) will weaken before the rest of the market and signal a slowdown for the whole group.



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