

HUNTSVILLE AREA REAL ESTATE ECONOMICS





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Executive Overview

1Q Insight Focus

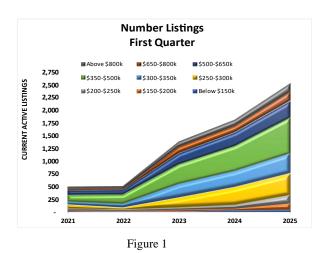
- **♣** *The average number of available homes rose across all price ranges.*
- \blacktriangle A total of 1556 units sold in 1Q 2025.
- ♣ Average Days on Market increased to 64 days.
- **♣** The median sales price was \$324,900.
- lacktriangle Months of supply for all homes was 4.7 months, over 30% more than 1Q 2024 value.
- lacktriangle Months of supply increased in every price range except for homes priced above \$800,000.
- lacktriangle The national average rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage was approximately 6.7% in March 2025.
- ♣ In March 2025, the inflation rate was 2.4%.

In the first quarter of 2025, 1,556 homes were sold, reflecting a 7% increase compared to the 1,459 units sold in 1Q 2024. Of these sales, 15% closed above the list price, while 45% sold below list price. New construction accounted for a significant portion of the market, with 581 homes sold, representing approximately 37% of total sales. While most price bands experienced an increase in sales year-over-year, there were declines in the \$250K-\$300K, \$300K-\$350K, and \$500K-\$650K ranges.

On the supply side, average inventory levels rose across all price categories in the first quarter. The most significant percentage increase occurred in the \$150K–\$200K price band, which saw a 141.7% increase compared to Q1 2024. The number of homes available for sale in March 2025 reached 2,530, reflecting a 40% increase from the 1,814 homes available in March 2024. Additionally, compared to March 2021 inventory has grown by more than five times, marking a significant increase. (Figure 2)

The Average Days on Market also increased notably, reaching 64 days in Q1 2025. This represents a 45% increase from 44 days in Q1 2024 and a 20% rise from the 54 days recorded in the previous quarter.

In March 2025, the U.S. inflation rate eased to 2.4%, contributing to an average quarterly inflation rate of 2.7%. This marks a continued trend of gradual moderation in price increases, bringing inflation closer to the Federal Reserve's 2% target.



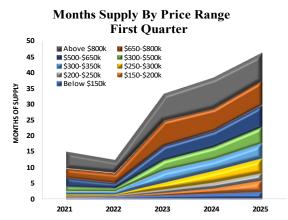


Figure 2



1Q 2025 Market Snapshot

- The average number of listings increased in all price ranges. Inventory at the end of March 2025 was up roughly 40% year-over-year, rising from 1,814 homes in March 2024 to 2,530.
- Total units sold increased in most price bands.
- Months of supply rose to 4.7 months.
- The median sales price in Q1 2025 was \$324,900, virtually unchanged from \$325,000 in Q1 2024.

Sales	1Q 2025				1Q 2024		
1Q 2025 Homes Sold rose to	1,556 6.6%			Compared	1,459		
1Q 2025 Pending Sales rose to	769 29.2%		to	595			
Number of Listings	March	2025		Compared	March 2024	4	
1Q 2025 Ending Level rose to		39.5%	P	to	1814		
Median Sales Price	10.2	0025		Compared	1Q 2024		
1Q 2025 fell to	1Q 2025 \$324,900 0.0%			to	\$325,000		
	1Q 2025		Ť				
Sales Price vs List Price					1Q 2024	70/	
Sales Price Above List Price	233	15% 45%		Compared		.7% .5%	
Sales Price Below List Price	704			to	031	-5%	
Days on Market	1Q 2025			Compared	1Q 2024		
1Q 2025 DoM rose to	64	64 days 📭		to	44 day		
Months of Supply	1Q 2025			Compared	1Q 2024		
1Q 2025 MoS rose to	4.7 mo. 👚		to	3.6 mo			
Sales by Price Band	1Q 2	2025			1Q 2024		
Less than \$150,000 rose to	71	61.4%	P		44		
\$150,000-\$200,000 rose to	98	5.4%	P		93		
\$200,000-\$250,000 rose to	198	43.5%	P		138		
\$250,000-\$300,000 fell to	281	-2.8%	ψ	Compared	289		
\$300,000-\$350,000 fell to	254	-10.6%	ψ	to	284		
\$350,000-\$500,000 rose to	395	8.5%	P		364		
\$500,000-\$650,000 fell to	137	137 -12.7% • 71 36.5% •			157		
\$650,000-\$800,000 rose to	71				52		
Greater than \$800,000 rose to	51	34.2%	P		38		
Listings by Price Band	1Q 2	2025			1Q 2024		
Less than \$150,000 rose to	49	104.2%	P		24		
\$150,000-\$200,000 rose to	116	141.7%	P		48		
\$200,000-\$250,000 rose to	165	98.8%	Ŷ		83		
\$250,000-\$300,000 rose to	402	21.1%	P	Compared	332	332	
\$300,000-\$350,000 rose to	395	22.3%	P	to	323		
\$350,000-\$500,000 rose to	680 43.5%			474			
\$500,000-\$650,000 rose to	298	19.2%	P		250		
\$650,000-\$800,000 rose to	168	41.2%	P		119		
Greater than \$800,000 rose to	146 24.8		P		117		

Table 1

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1Q 2025 Key Metrics

• The total units sold during the quarter exceeded the three-year first quarter average (1,500). Both 2023 and 2024, experienced first quarter sales below the three-year average. (Table 2)

MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Quarter 1 2025

SALES												
Monthly Unit Sales	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
2023	383	452	651	618	665	651	606	630	622	519	499	
2024	378	545	536	586	723	685	703	644	623	564	545	
2025	420	528	608									
2023-2025 Avg	394	508	598									
Median Sales Price	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
2023	\$315,000	\$335,000	\$329,900		\$341,000	\$340,000	\$344,717	\$329,900		\$339,900	\$325,000	\$3
2024	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$320,495	\$336,430	\$340,000	\$339,900	\$349,900	\$325,745	\$338,312	\$330,000	\$319,000	\$3
2025	\$330,000	\$317,950	\$327,000									
Quarter Units Sold	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Total Quarter	1,271	1,410	1,524	1,567	1,801	1,970	1,886	1,486	1,459	1,556		
3-year Average	1,134	1,259	1,402	1,500	1,631	1,779	1,886	1,781	1,610	1,500		
	1,101		1,102	1,000	1,001	1,770	1,000	1,701	1,010	1,000		
Quarter Units Sales vs List Price		2025										
Units Sales Price ABOVE List		233										
Units Sales Price EQUAL List		619										
Units Sales Price BELOW List		704	45%									
Median Sales Price	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
First Quarter		\$179,154					\$322,218					
% Change YoY	6.7%	4.6%	6.9%	8.8%	12.2%	13.4%	21.6%	2.3%	-1.4%	0.0%		
% Change 3 yr Avg	1.4%	4.2%	6.1%	6.8%	9.4%	11.5%	16.1%	11.3%	6.8%	0.3%		
% Change 5 yr Avg	0.1%	2.2%	3.2%	5.8%	8.0%	9.5%	13.3%	11.1%	8.7%	6.2%		
Sales by Price Range	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
First Qtr Below \$150,000	509	510	461	349	331	196	97	77	44	71		
\$150,000-\$200,000	268	327	342	385	310	234	123	105	93	98		
\$200,000-\$250,000	174	182	239	272	366	401	198	149	138	198		
\$250,000-\$250,000 \$250,000-\$300,000k	122	159	180	194	263	430	341	254	289	281		
\$300,000-\$350,000	79	91	118	139	166	213	351	277	284	254		
\$350,000-\$500,00	89	116	141	184	263	347	529	376	364	395		
\$500,000-\$650,000	22	18	29	29	68	90	164	149	157	137		
\$650,000-\$800,000	4	4	8	8	20	31	47	62	52	71		
Above \$800,000	4	3	6	7	14	28	36	37	38	51		
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Change in Number of Sales	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Below \$150,000	3.0%	0.2%	-9.6%	-24.3%	-5.2%	-40.8%	-50.5%	-20.6%	-42.9%	61.4%		
\$150,000-\$200,000	28.2%	22.0%	4.6%	12.6%	-19.5%	-24.5%	-47.4%	-14.6%	-11.4%	5.4%		
\$200,000-\$250,000	16.8%	4.6%	31.3%	13.8%	34.6%	9.6%	-50.6%	-24.7%	-7.4%	43.5%		
\$250,000-\$300,000k	23.2%	30.3%	13.2%	7.8%	35.6%	63.5%	-20.7%	-25.5%	13.8%	-2.8%		
\$300,000-\$350,000	49.1%	15.2%	29.7%	17.8%	19.4%	28.3%	64.8%	-21.1%	2.5%	-10.6%		
\$350,000-\$500,000 \$500,000-\$650,000	34.8% 37.5%	30.3%	21.6%	30.5%	42.9%	31.9% 32.4%	52.4%	-28.9%	-3.2% 5.4%	8.5%		
\$650,000-\$650,000	-42.9%	-18.2% 0.0%	61.1% 100.0%	0.0%	134.5% 150.0%	55.0%	82.2% 51.6%	-9.1% 31.9%	5.4% -16.1%	-12.7% 36.5%		
Above \$800,000	0.0%	-25.0%	100.0%	16.7%	100.0%	100.0%	28.6%	2.8%	2.7%	34.2%		
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Pending Sales	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
End of Quarter	302	340	221	391	729	725	634	569	595	769		
Sales by Type of Financing	Cash	Conven-	FHA	FMHA	Other		USDA	VA Loan				
		tional				Financed	RD					
1Q 2025 Units Sold	281	673	282	0	10	4	39	267				
Average Price per Type	\$330,560	\$392,710	\$303,388	n/a	\$262,284	\$398,725	\$262,188	\$441,801				
Home Calca First Overter	2040	2047	2040	2040	2020	2024	2022	2022	2024	2025		
Home Sales First Quarter	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Existing Properties	986	1,043	1,151	1,140	1,249	1,349	1,280	1030	924	975		
New Construction	285	367	373	427	552	621	606	456	535	581		

Table 2

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10 Metrics Details

- The largest number of listed homes remained within the \$350,000 to \$500,000 price range. (Table 3)
- The number of homes sold in January and March exceeded the sales figures of 2024, while the sales in February 2024 were slightly lower compared to the same month in 2024. (Figure 3)
- The median sales price change, as represented by the green columns in Figure 4, has experienced a year-over-year decline in the first quarter since 2023. (Figure 4)

MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Quarter 1 2025

INVENT	ORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Units	Below \$150,000	700	492	268	130	67	20	14	17	30	47
	\$150,000-\$200,000	537	432	285	155	58	28	17	35	46	125
	\$200,000-\$250,000	382	357	254	185	148	36	27	51	71	172
	\$250,000-\$300,000k	344	324	289	170	149	68	36	181	343	415
	\$300,000-\$350,000	216	174	183	121	83	59	78	269	323	400
	\$350,000-\$500,000	339	312	293	220	198	137	179	395	493	702
	\$500,000-\$650,000	105	88	98	84	87	85	85	214	263	320
	\$650,000-\$800,000	50	44	43	50	38	29	26	125	122	191
	Above \$800,000	38	54	54	42	49	42	51	106	123	158
Months of S	Supply	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Below \$150,000	4.3	3.1	2.0	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.6	2.1
	\$150,000-\$200,000	6.1	4.1	2.6	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.9	1.6	3.6
	\$200,000-\$250,000	6.7	6.2	3.5	2.2	1.2	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.9	2.5
	\$250,000-\$300,000k	8.8	6.4	4.9	3.1	1.6	0.6	0.3	2.2	3.7	4.5
	\$300,000-\$350,000	8.1	6.3	5.0	3.0	1.8	0.8	0.9	3.7	3.6	4.8
	\$350,000-\$500,000	11.2	7.8	6.4	3.8	2.2	1.5	1.0	3.4	4.0	5.3
	\$500,000-\$650,000	12.9	15.0	9.1	9.5	3.6	2.9	1.7	4.5	5.1	6.8
	\$650,000-\$800,000	34.0	34.2	10.8	20.5	6.2	3.0	3.2	7.9	7.0	7.8
	Above \$800,000	25.8	37.0	28.7	18.2	19.8	5.2	4.1	8.5	9.8	8.8
	All Homes	5.9	4.8	3.5	2.4	2.0	1.3	0.9	2.9	3.6	4.7
ECONO	MIC INDICATORS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Mad	dison County Population	356,312	361,046	366,519	372,909	388,153	395,211	403,605	412,600	423,355	n/a
	Workforce	173,529	175,153	178,551	184,491	187,247	192,204	196,908	208,078	n/a	n/a
	Household Units	154,710	161,760	164,272	166,516	169,204	171,542	179,337	182,179	n/a	n/a
Me	edian Household Income	\$60,150	\$61,318	\$63,417	\$64,130	\$66,887	\$68,166	\$80,123	\$83,528	n/a	n/a
Mad	lison County GDP (\$mil)	\$20,798	\$21,371	\$22,704	\$23,768	\$26,578	\$27,898	\$29,190	\$30,906	n/a	n/a
Annua	lized Inflation Rate (CPI)	1.3%	2.1%	2.4%	1.8%	1.2%	4.7%	8.0%	4.1%	2.9%	2.4%
National	30yr Mortgage Rate Mar	3.7%	4.2%	4.4%	4.3%	3.5%	3.1%	4.2%	6.5%	6.8%	6.7%

Table 3



Figure 3

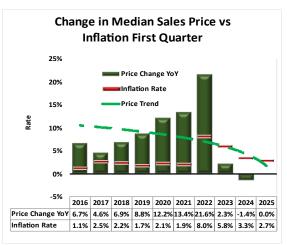


Figure 4



1Q Metrics Details, continued

- Figure 5 illustrates the total number of residential units sold in the first quarter over the past 10 years. Sales were lowest in 2016 and peaked in 2021. A total of 1,556 residential units were sold in Q1 2025, representing a 10.1% decrease from the previous quarter (1,731 units in Q4 2024), a 6.6% increase from Q1 2024 (1,459 units), and a 6.9% decline compared to the five-year first-quarter average of 1,671 units. (Figure 5)
- The median sales price for residential properties in the first quarter of 2025 was \$324,900, virtually unchanged from the first quarter of 2024, which recorded a median of \$325,000. This minimal year-over-year difference suggests a stable pricing environment overall. However, changes for the three-year and five-year first-quarter averages are positive for the last ten years, indicating a sustained upward trend in prices over time despite short-term fluctuations. (Figure 6)
- In March 2025, the median sales price increased to \$327,000, up from \$320,495 in March 2024, reflecting a positive year-over-year gain. On the other hand, February 2025 showed a decline, with a median price of \$317,950 compared to \$330,000 in February 2024. (Figure 7)

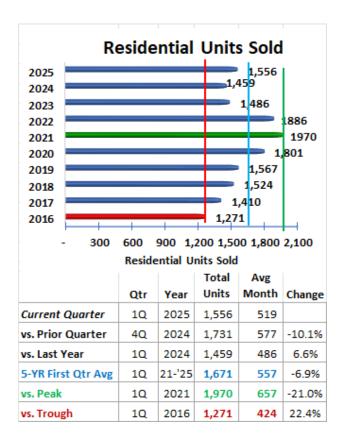


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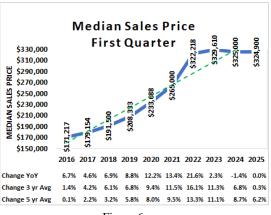


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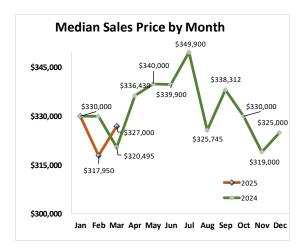


Figure 7



1Q Metrics Details, continued

- Sales of homes priced above \$800,000 continued to increase in 1Q 2025 compared to 1Q 2024, 1Q 2023 levels. (Figure 8)
- The largest percentage change in the number of homes sold is observed in the below \$150,000 price range, where sales increased by 61% compared to the first quarter of 2024. (Figure 9)
- The number of available homes increased across all price ranges, with the total number of available homes in March 2025 reaching 2530; an increase of around 40% compared to the 1814 homes available in March 2024. (Figure 10)
- When comparing the average number of homes listed in the current quarter with the prior quarter, it is evident that first-quarter inventory has decreased each year. (Figure 11)





Figure 8 Figure 9



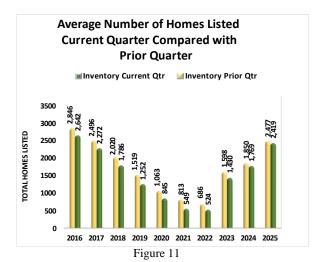


Figure 10



1Q Metrics Details, continued

- Average Days on Market increased to 64 days. That is 45% more than the 44 days in 1Q 2024 (Figure 12)
- The number of units pending at the end of the first quarter of 2025 increased to 769 homes. Additionally, the end inventory for the quarter has continued to rise since 2021. Compared to March 2021, when inventory stood at 504 homes, it grew by more than five times, reaching 2,530 homes in March 2025, a significant increase. (Figure 13)
- Months of supply increased across all price ranges, except for homes priced above \$800,000 (Figure 14)
- Based on the past five years' sales and inventory levels, total sales could go up to 1735 in 2Q 2025 while the ending inventory of listed homes may go up to around 2730. (Figure 15)

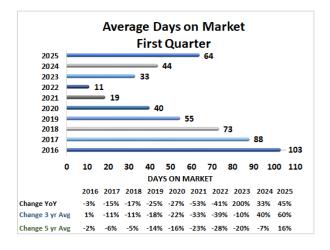


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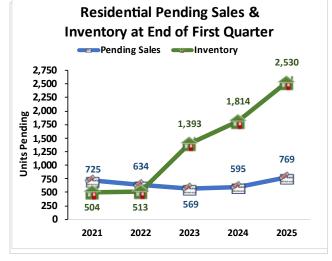


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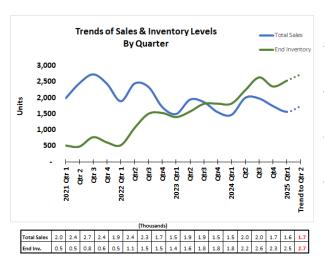
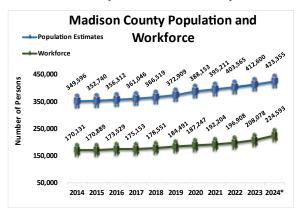


Figure 15



Madison County Economic Indicators

- Madison County's population grew to an estimated 423,355 as of July 2024 according to Census Bureau QuickFacts. Workforce estimates (224,593) prepared by the Alabama Department of Workforce in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. (Figure 16)
- Median Household Income continued to rise reaching an estimated \$83,523 in 2023 dollars. (Figure 17)
- The number of household units grew to an estimated 182,179 in 2023 according to Census Bureau QuickFacts. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or if vacant, is intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters. (Figure 18)
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by county is the final goods and services produced by the county's economy less the value of goods and services used up in production. The 2020-2023 gross domestic product data (thousands of chained (2017) dollars) are real gross domestic product from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Madison County's GDP rose to \$30.9 billion in 2023. (Figure 19)

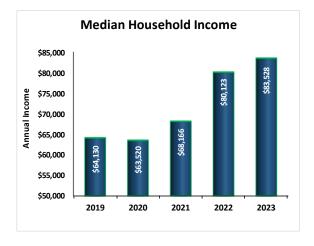


Household Units

185,000
180,000
175,000
170,000
165,000
155,000
150,000
145,000
2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Figure 16





Madison Co. Gross Domestic Product in SBillions \$32.5 \$30.9 \$30.0 \$29.2 \$27.9 \$27.5 \$26.6 \$22.5 \$20.0 2020 2021 2022 2023

Figure 17

Figure 19

Data Sources:

- Alabama Department of Labor
- Huntsville Area Association of Realtors Monthly Housing Statistics Reports
- U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
- · U.S. Census Bureau
- Valley MLS System

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