

For Buyers:

Buyers continue to find themselves in a frenzy of competition for homes as March recorded the highest number of non-distressed sales through the MLS since September 2005. While supply has dropped a significant 12.7% overall compared to this time last year, it's dropped a whopping 22% in the Southeast Valley and 27% in Pinal County! Despite the extreme lack of supply under \$300K, 30% of closings in this price range are showing some form of seller-paid concession at close. Compare this to 27% in March of last year and it indicates that even as demand and prices are on the rise, a larger percentage of sellers are contributing financially to closing costs, home warranties and repairs in order to get top dollar for their home.

For Sellers:

March 2017 recorded the highest Listing Success Rate for normal listings since July 2005 at 81.8%, which means more homes are coming off the market because they successfully sold and not because they cancelled or expired. In a balanced market, the Listing Success Rate ranges between 60-65% for this time of year. To compare, the lowest Listing Success Rate was recorded in December 2008 at 21% and the highest was in May 2005 at 87%.

Normal listings between \$100K and \$200K currently have the highest success rate at 90%, followed closely by the \$200K-\$300K range at 87% and \$300K-\$500K at an impressive 79%. It's a good time to be a seller!

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