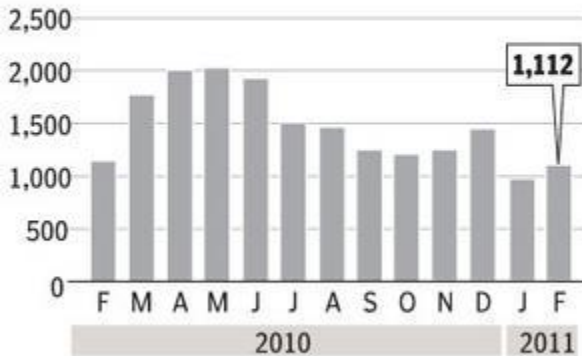


Austin-area existing home sales

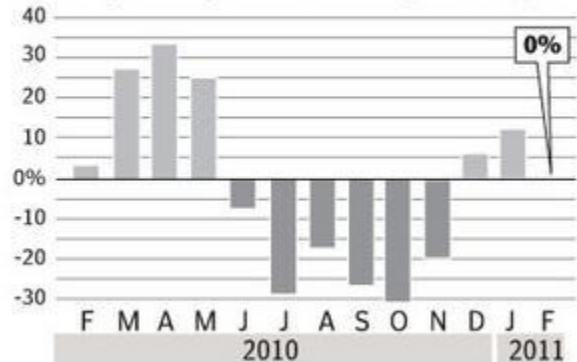
February sales were flat from a year ago, compared with a 2.8 percent drop nationally.

Monthly sales



Source: Austin Board of Realtors

Percentage change in sales from previous year



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Austin home sales steady in February, down nationwide

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Austin-area home sales held steady in February compared with a year ago, but the median price rose 2 percent to \$193,000.

The Austin Board of Realtors said 1,112 single-family homes sold last month, three less than a year earlier.

Eldon Rude, a local housing market expert, noted that last year's sales were boosted by a federal homebuyer tax credit.

"The fact that February sales approximated last year is an encouraging sign for our market," said Rude, Austin market director for the Metrostudy research firm.

However, sales in the pipeline to close this month were down 11 percent, and it took an average of 98 days — 27 percent more than a year ago — to sell a house.

Nationally, February home sales were down 2.8 percent from a year earlier, the National Association of Realtors reported. The national median price fell 5.2 percent to \$156,100.

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