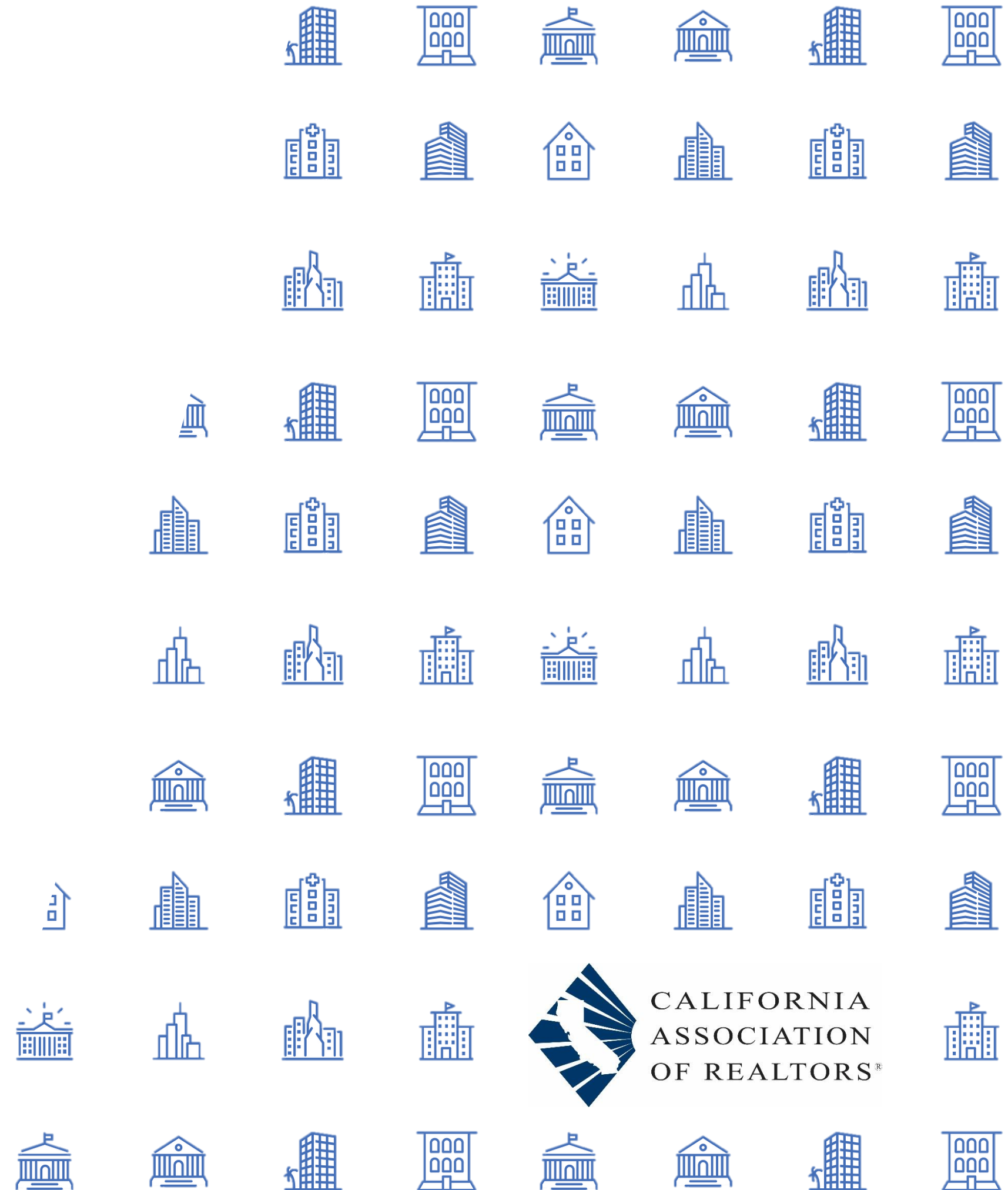


California Housing Market Outlook

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overview

01 Economy ok, for now:

- Mostly positive signs
- Some red flags

02 Housing still in doldrums:

- Why we need to have eyes wide open!
- Why we don't need to panic!

03 How YOU tilt the needle:

- Buyers lack knowledge they need?
- You can fill that gap for them!

04 Forecast slightly better:

- Smaller decline in sales
- More growth in prices



Fundamentals solid... for now



GDP **2.0%**

2019-Q2



Consumption **4.6%**

2019-Q2



Core CPI **2.4%**

August 2019



Unemployment **3.7%**

August 2019

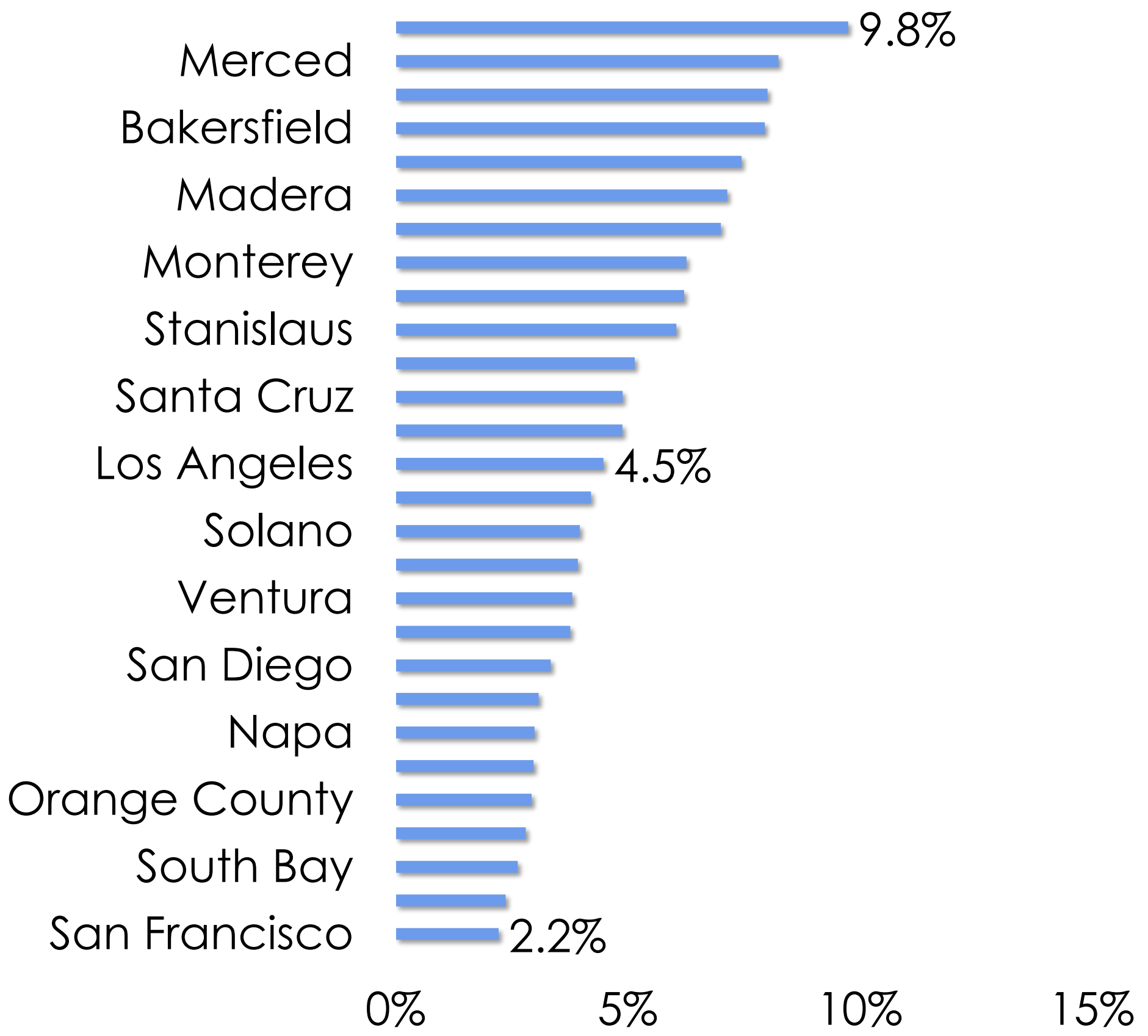
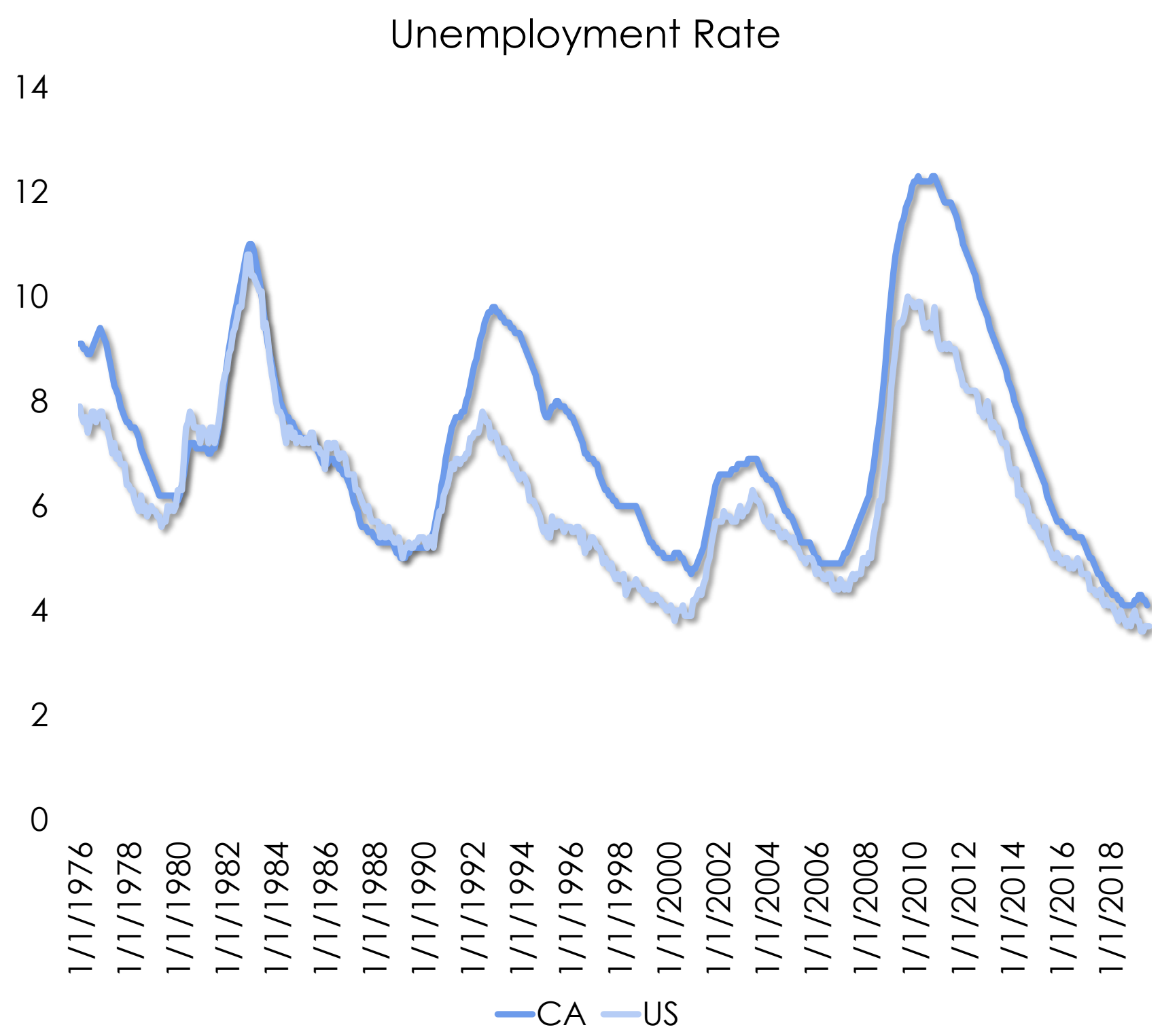


Job Growth **1.4%**

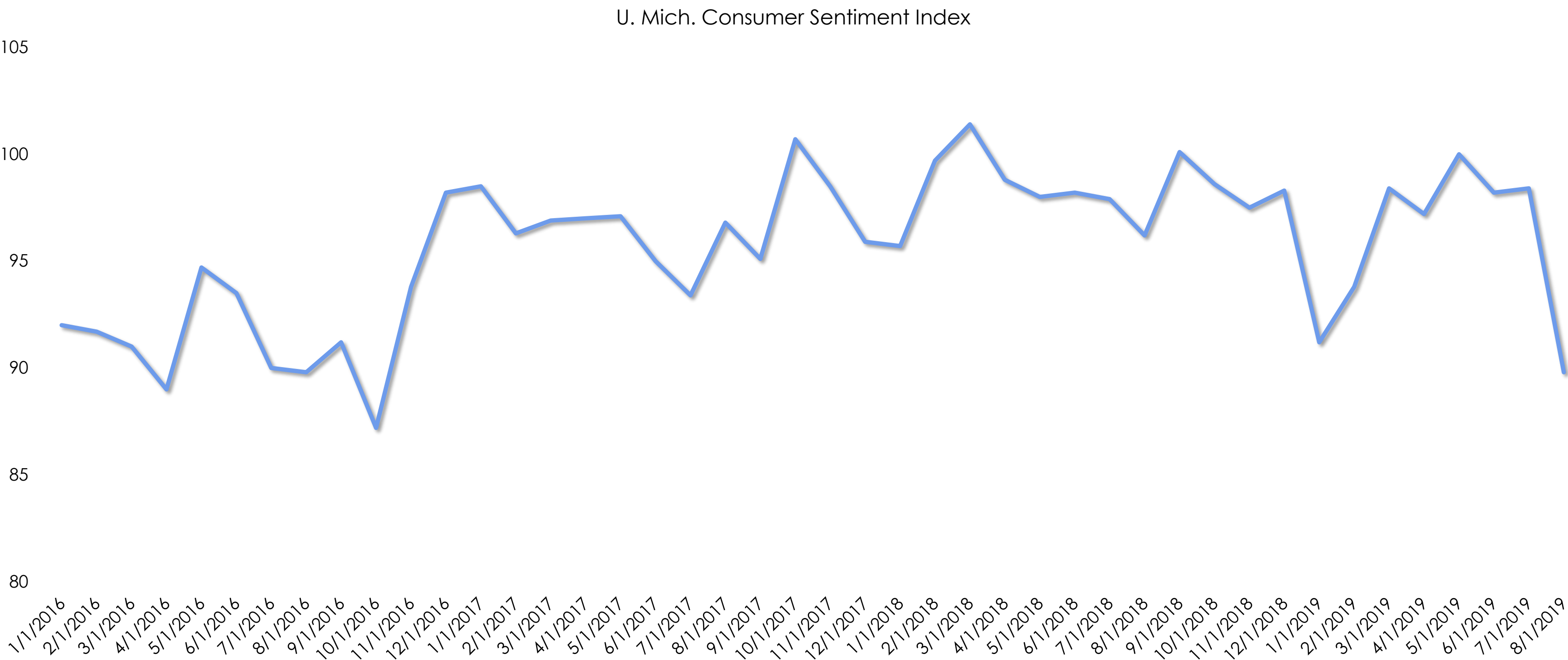
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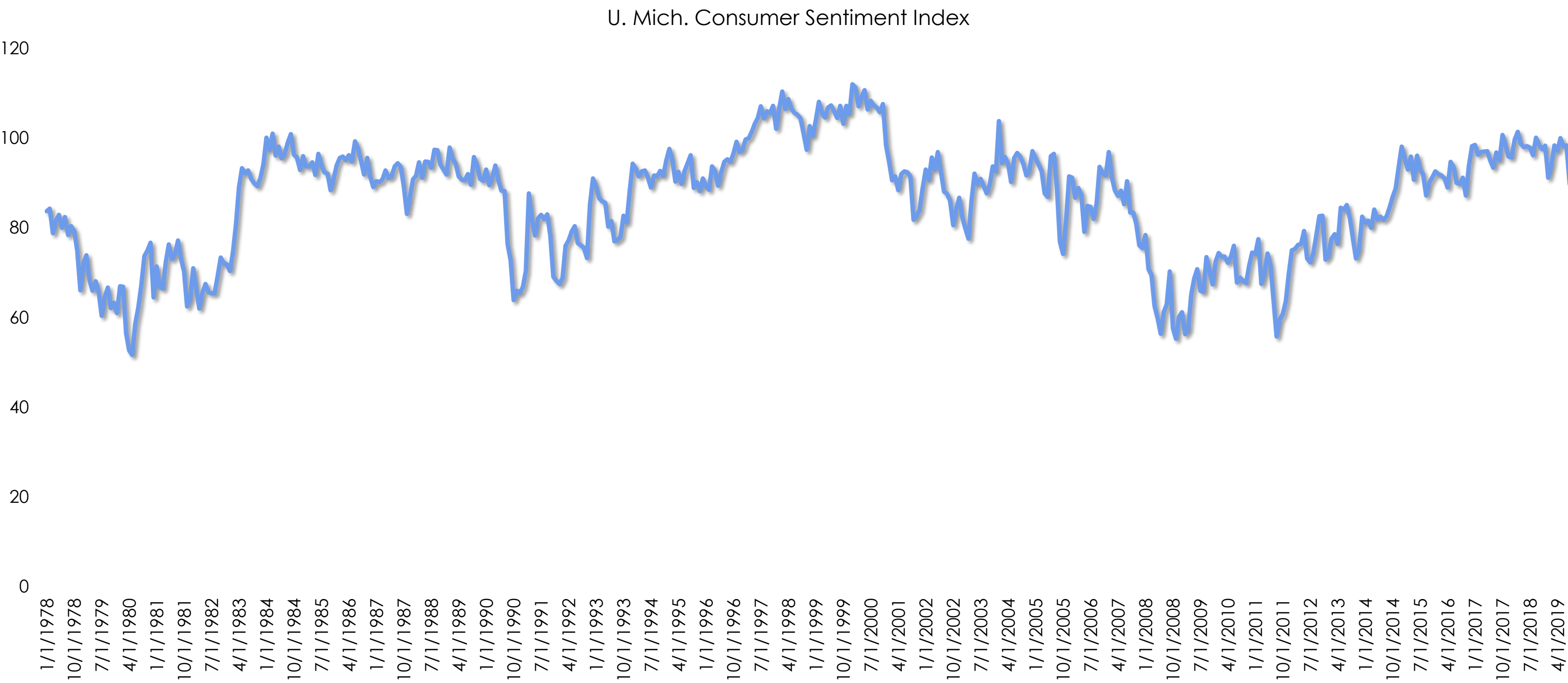
Unemployment at lowest rate in 50 years



Consumers confidence **stumbled lately**

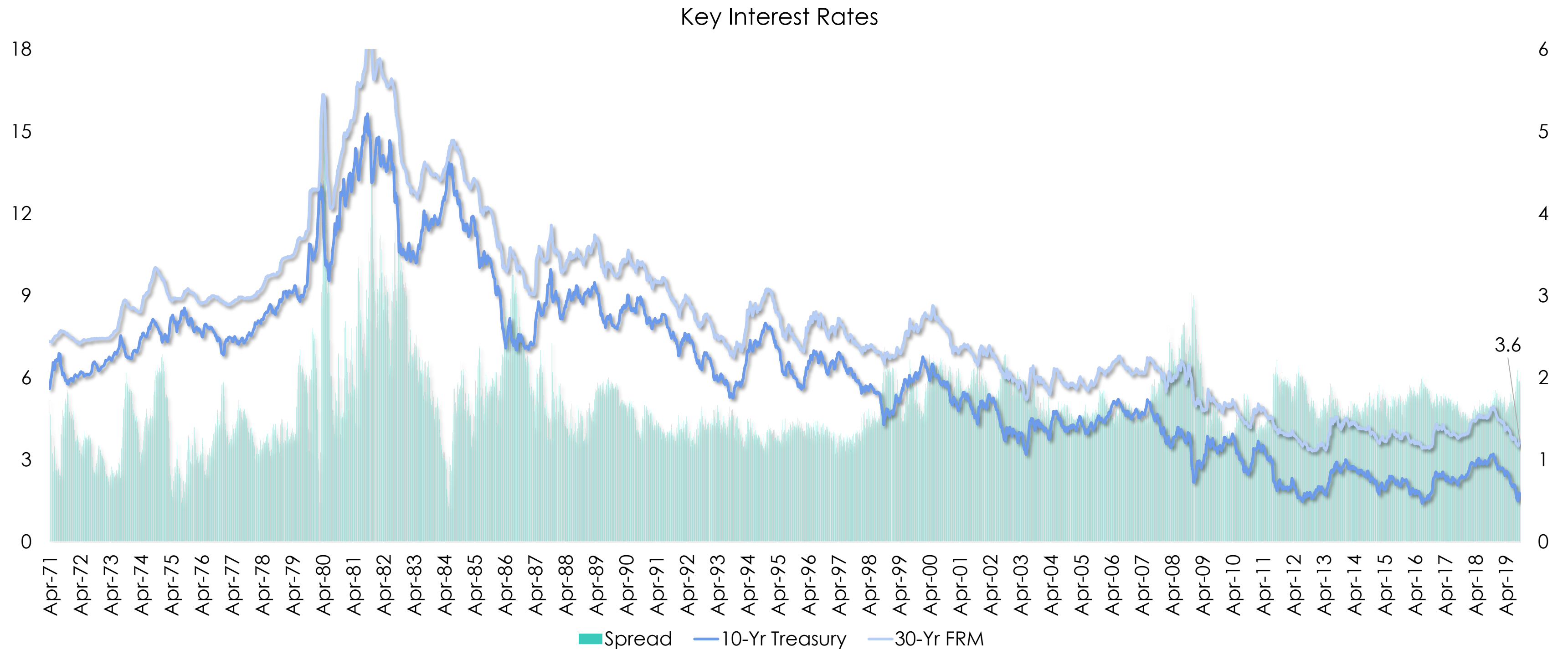


But remains near all-time high



SERIES: Consumer Confidence
SOURCE: The Conference Board
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Rates near historic lows



SERIES: 30Yr FRM, 10-Yr Treasury

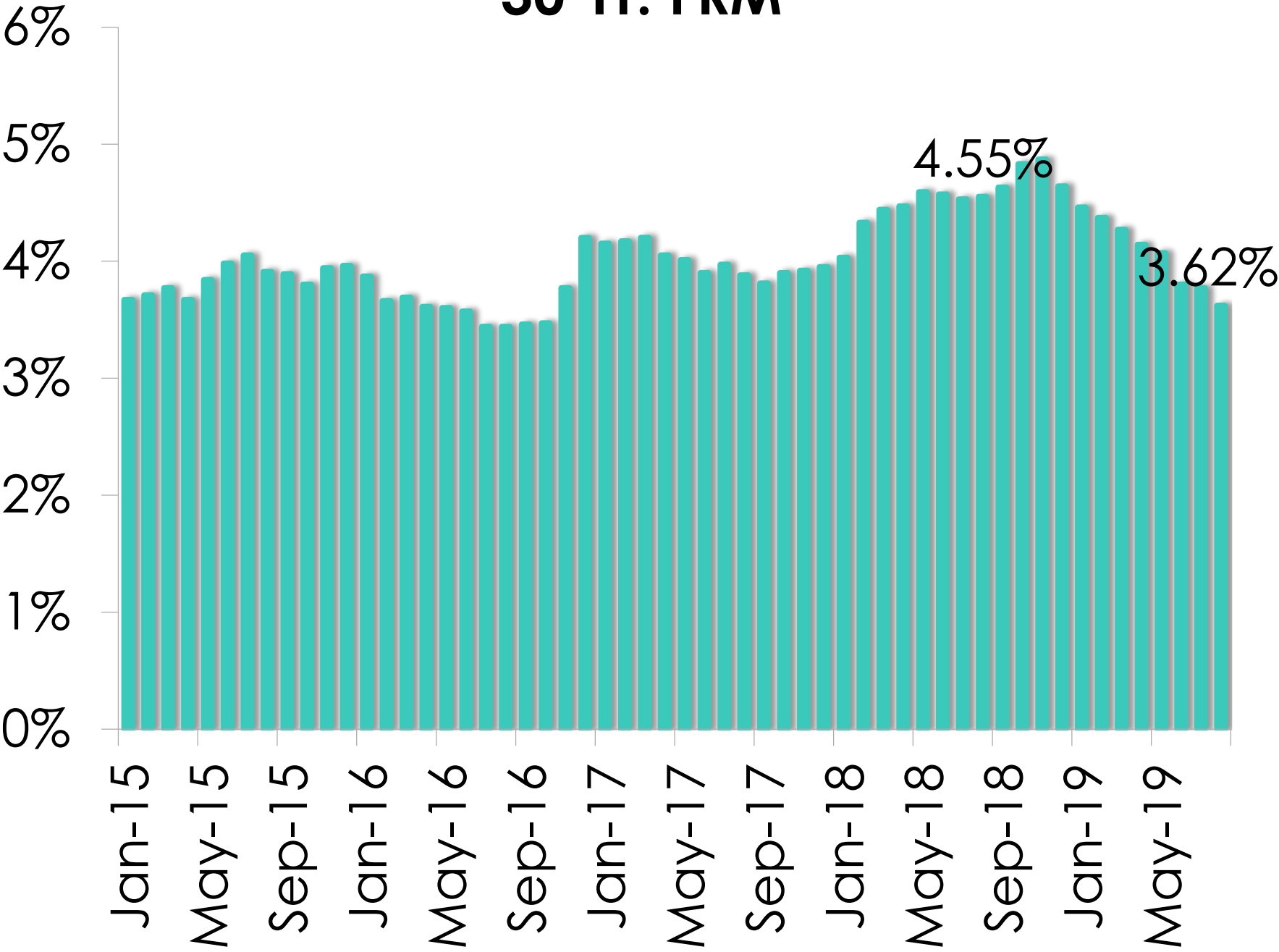
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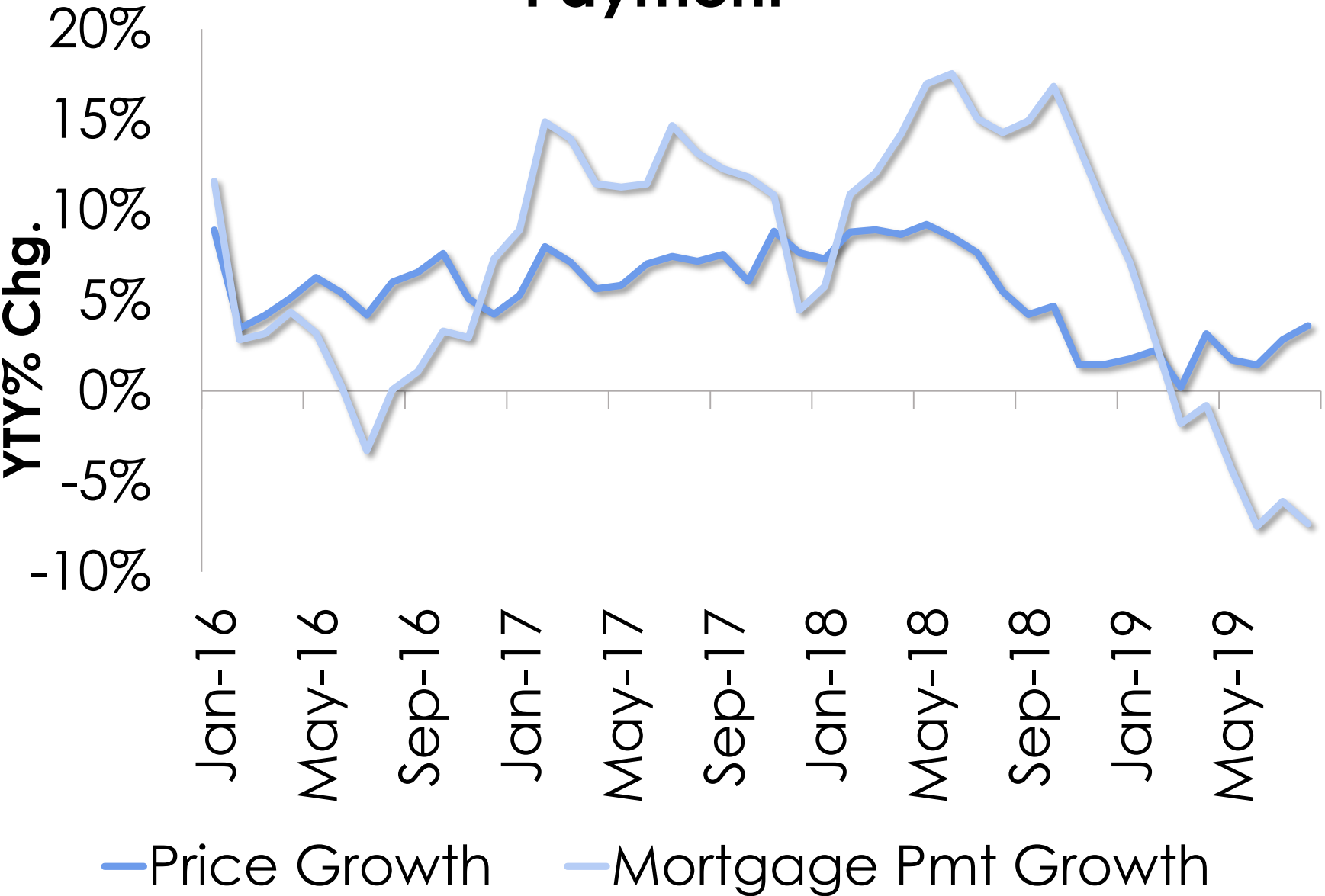
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Mortgage payment continued to drop

30 Yr. FRM

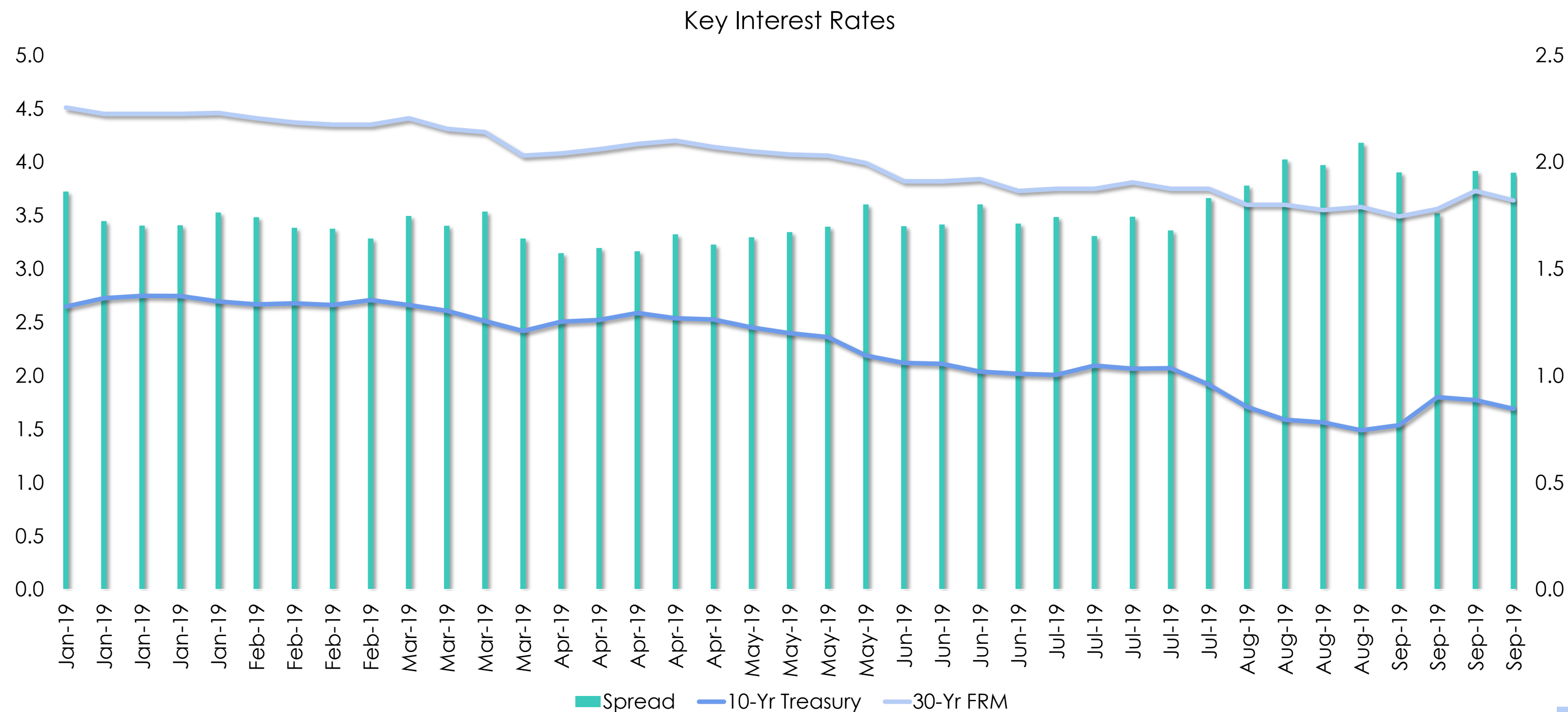


CA Median Price vs. Mortgage Payment



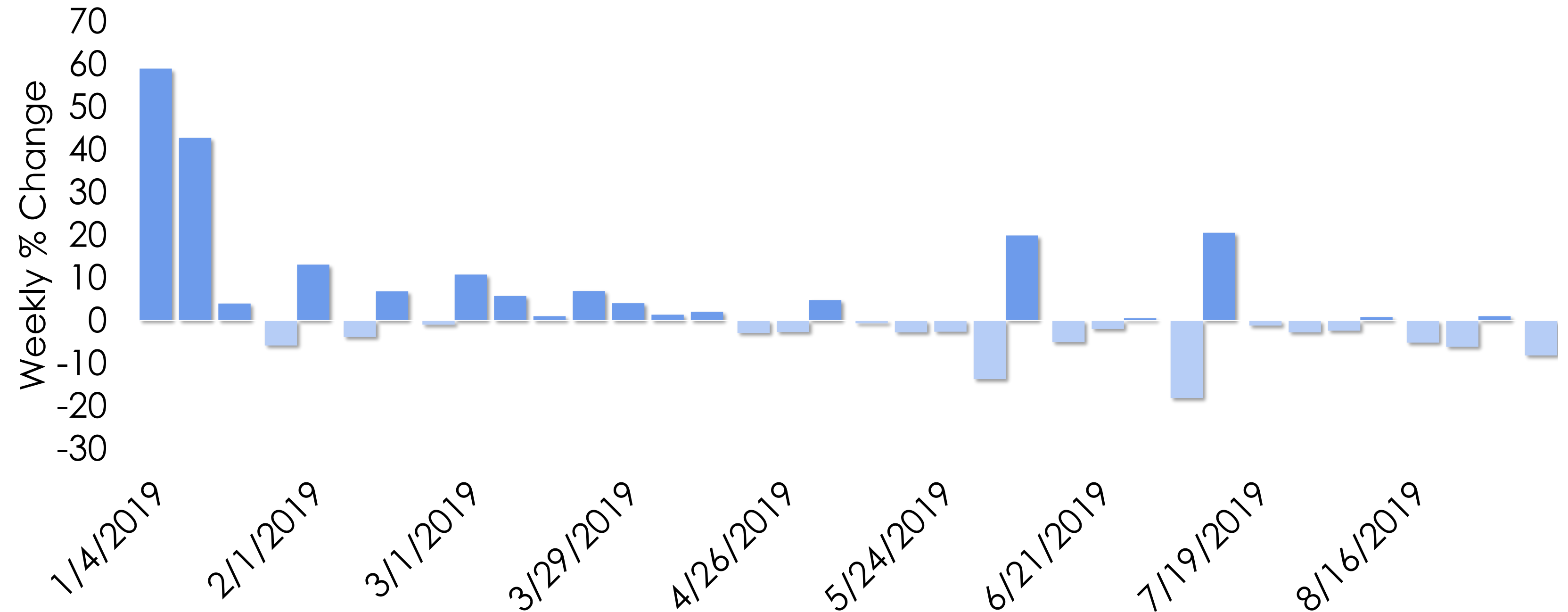
Why We Can't Celebrate

Rates look like they're bottoming out



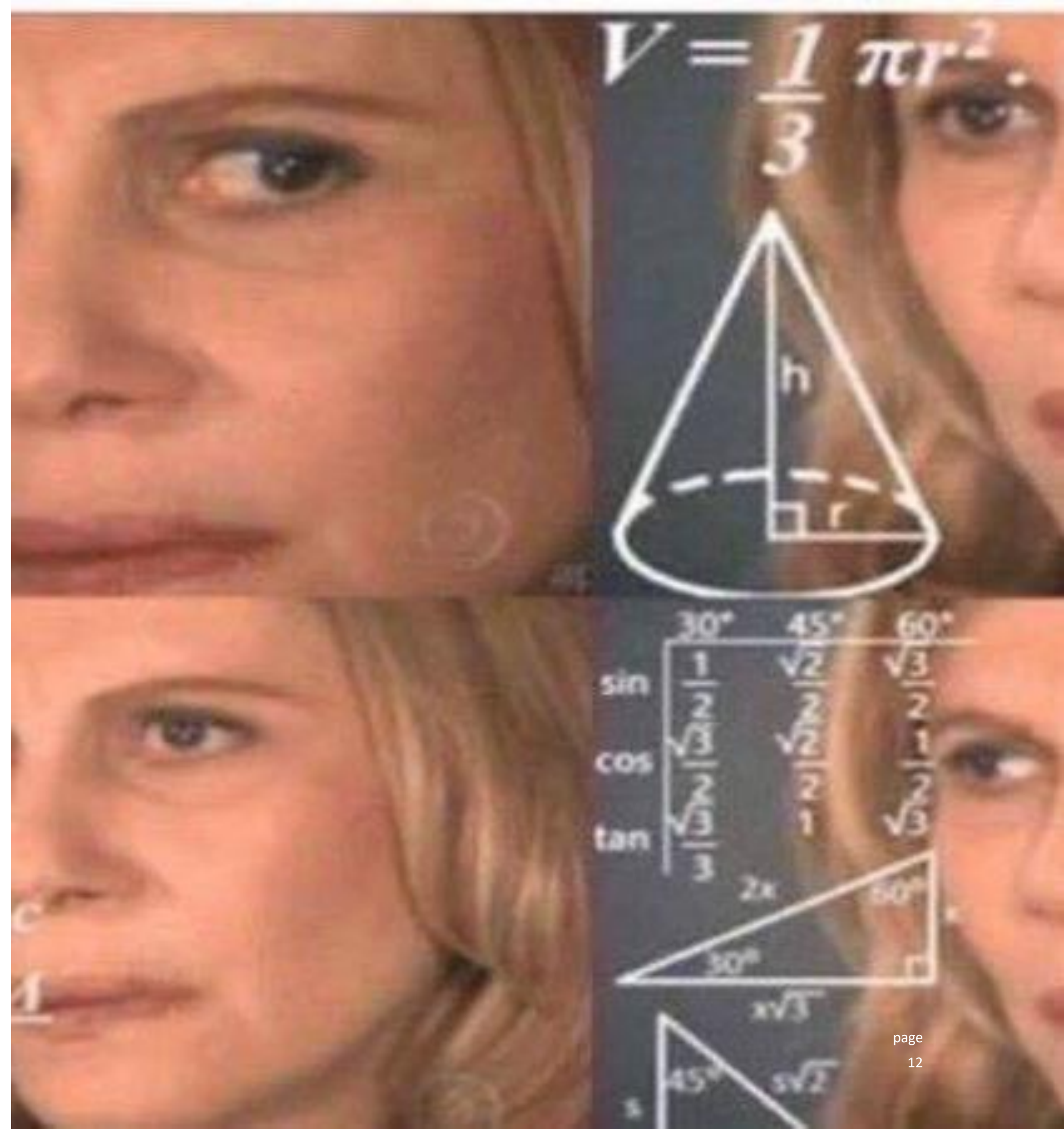
Buyers aren't responding...

Purchase Mortgage Applications



Why rates aren't spurring sales

- Tax reform: FTBs and Trade-ups
- Rates aren't everything
- Home prices at all time highs
- Big down payments
- Inventory is still constrained
- Market still competitive
- 1st time buyers have limited options





Other red flags

- Yield curve inversion
- Longest expansion in U.S. history
- Trade war escalating
- Business investment floundering
- Consumer debt pretty high
- Fed *lowering* rates
- Stock market overvalued
- Corporate profits falling
- New construction falling

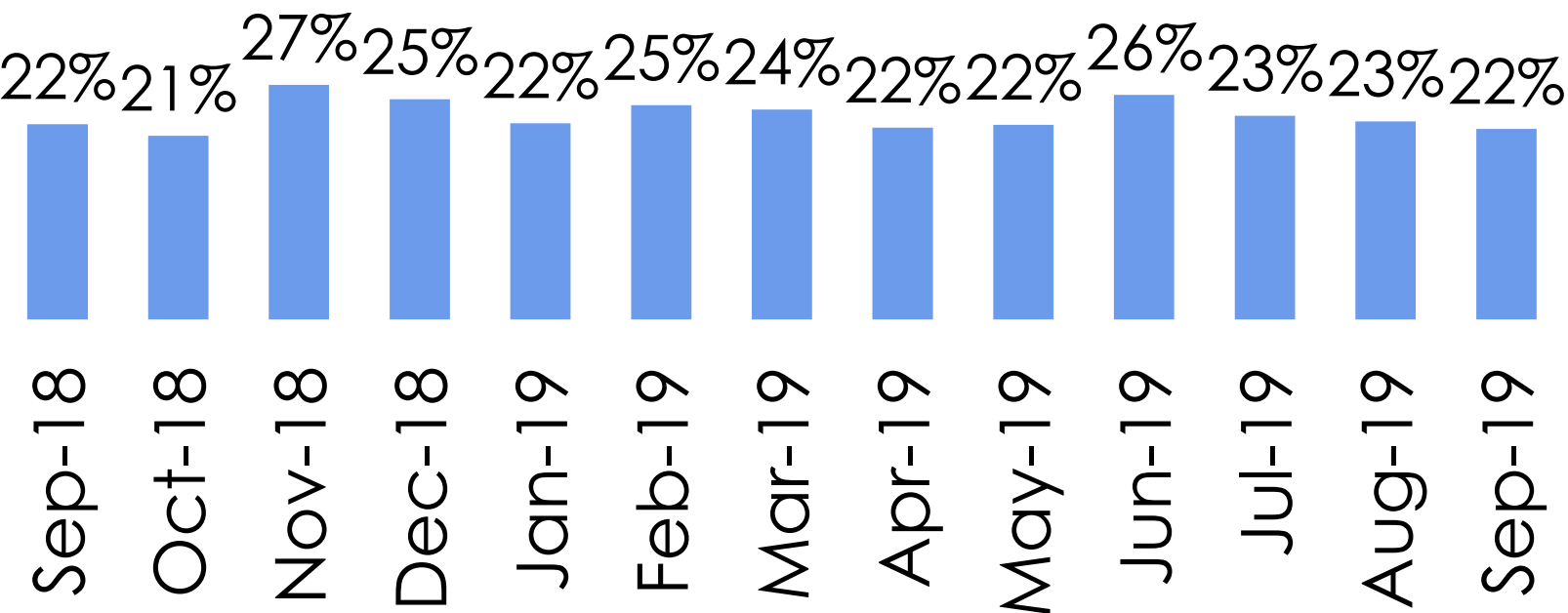




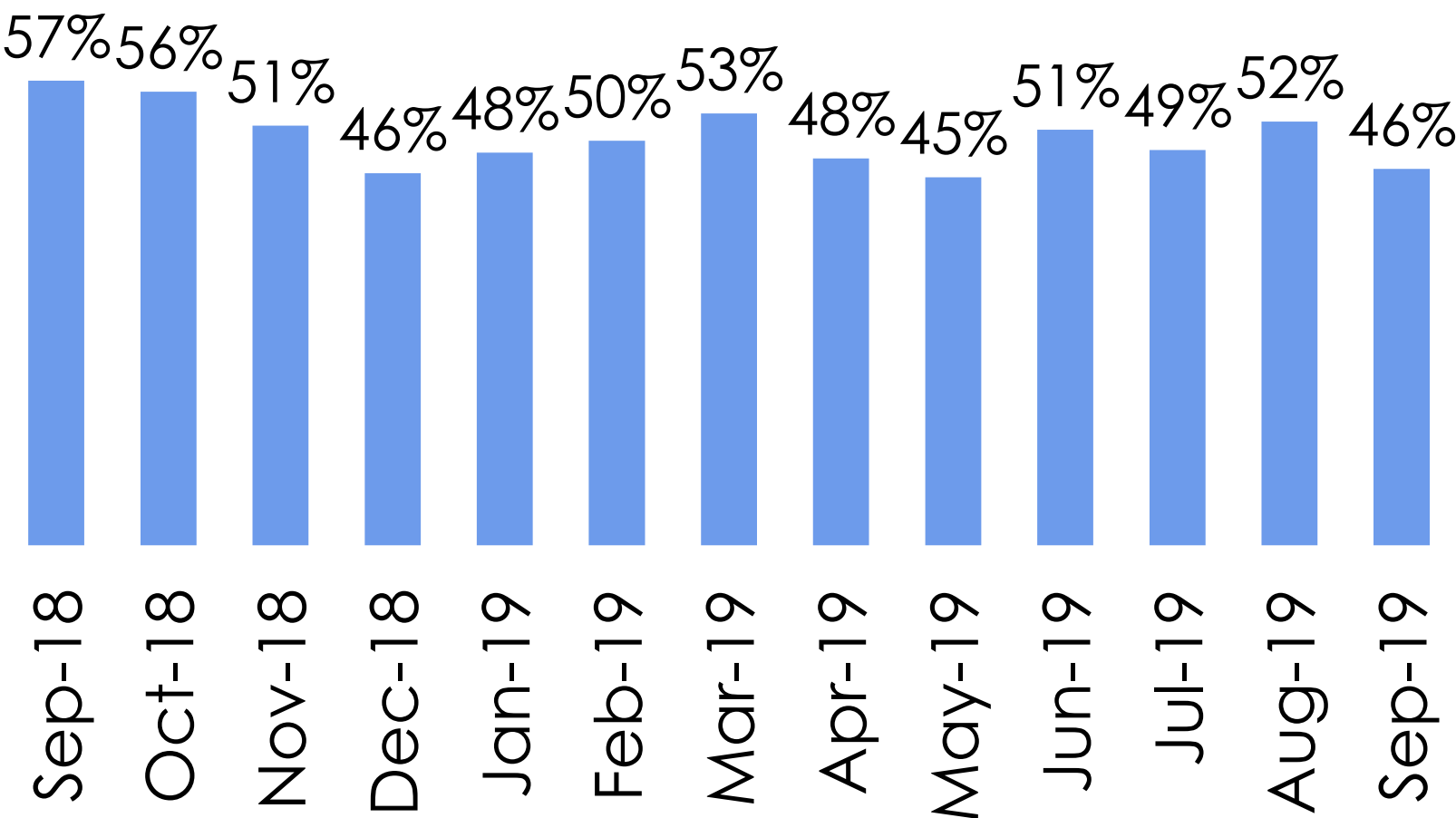
Let's Talk Housing

is it a good time to **buy** or **sell**?

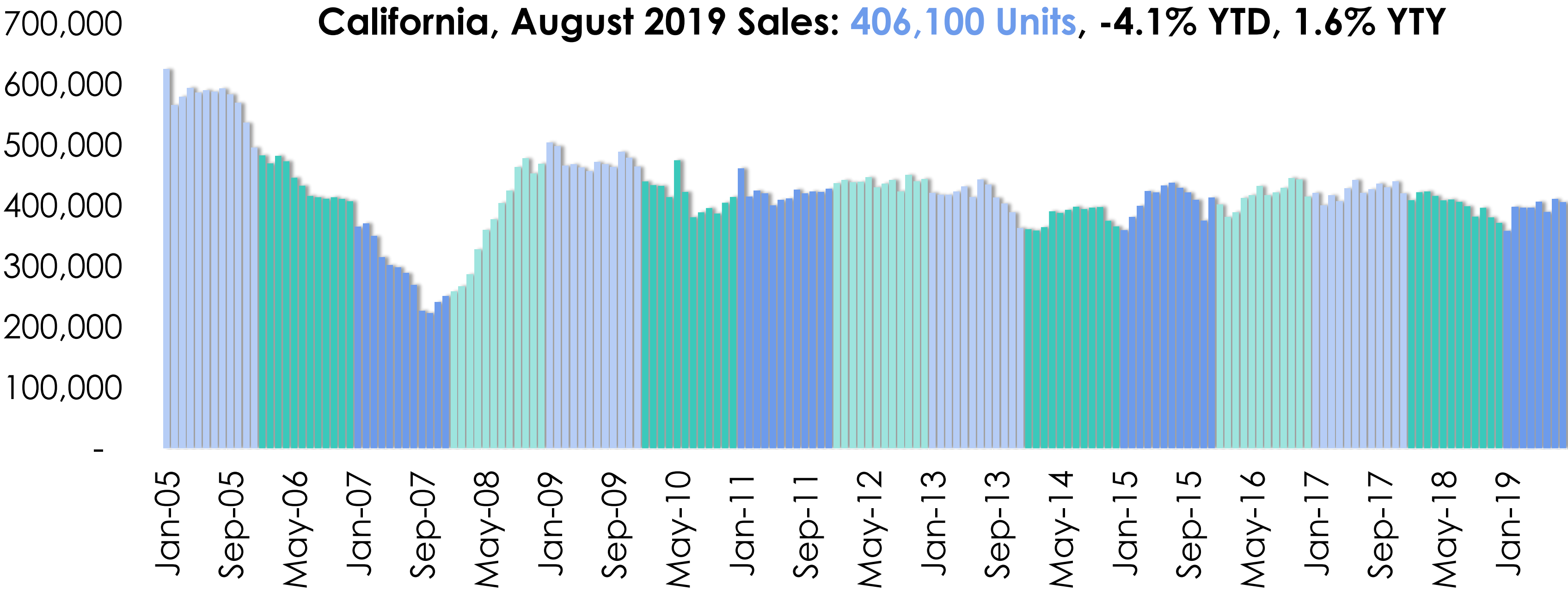
Do you think it's a good time to **buy** a home in California?
N=300



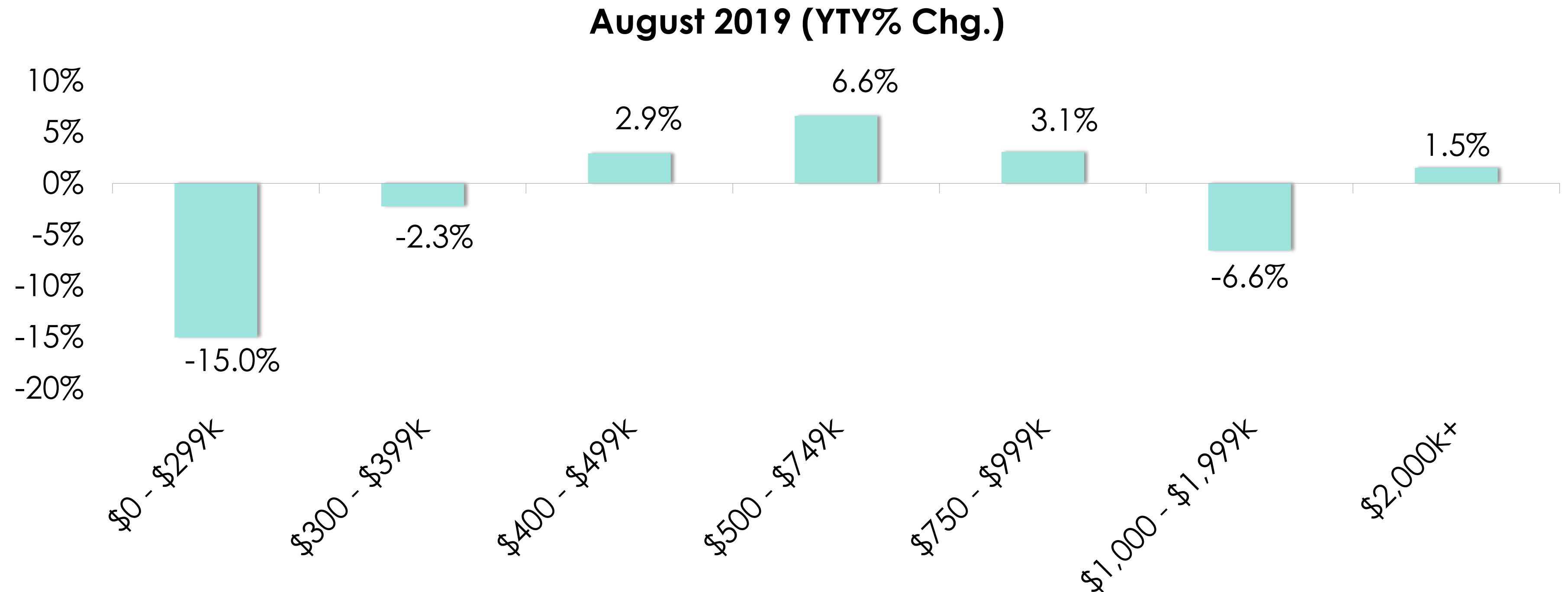
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Sales dip slightly from July, but remain above 400k



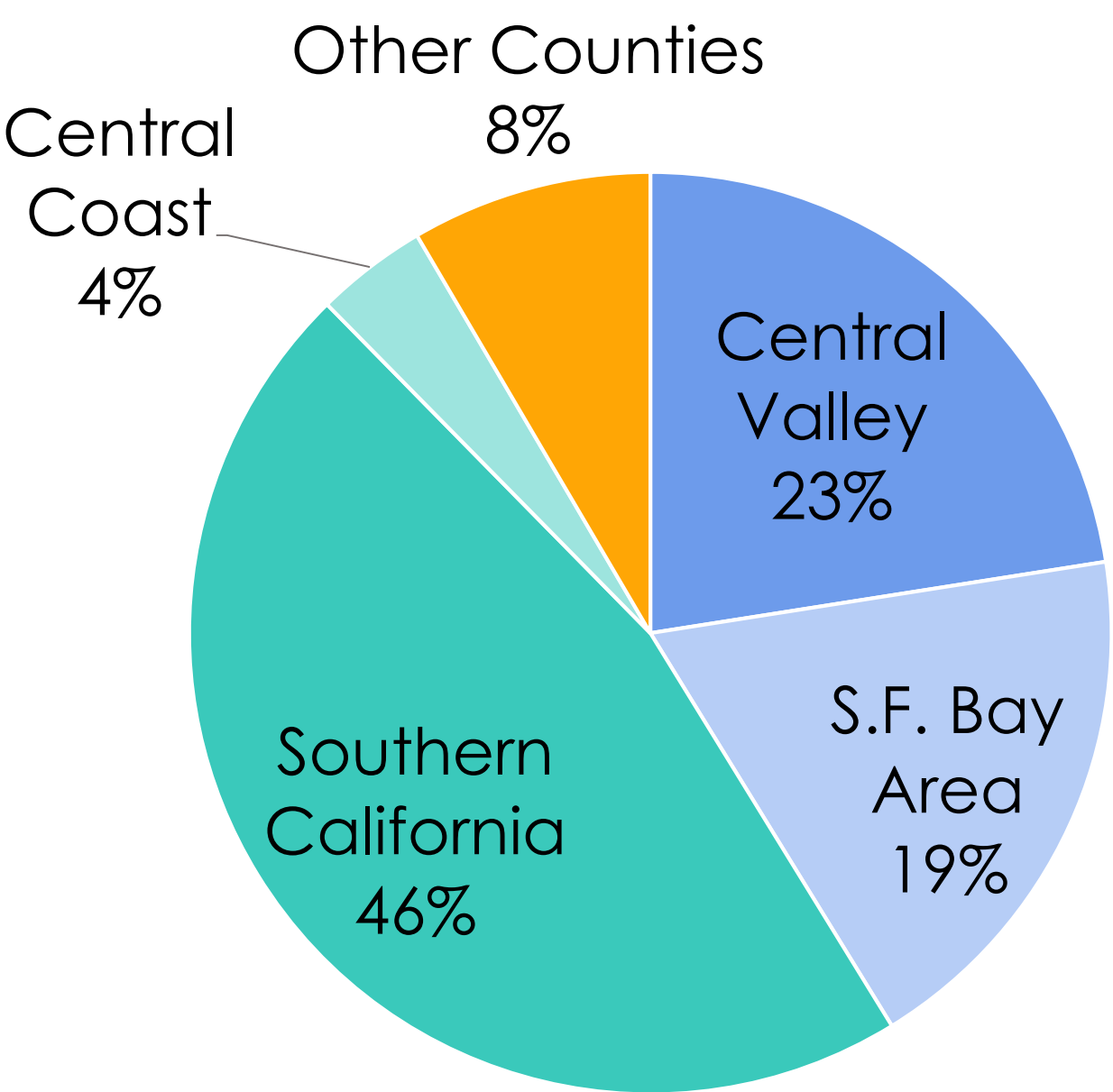
A tale of two markets



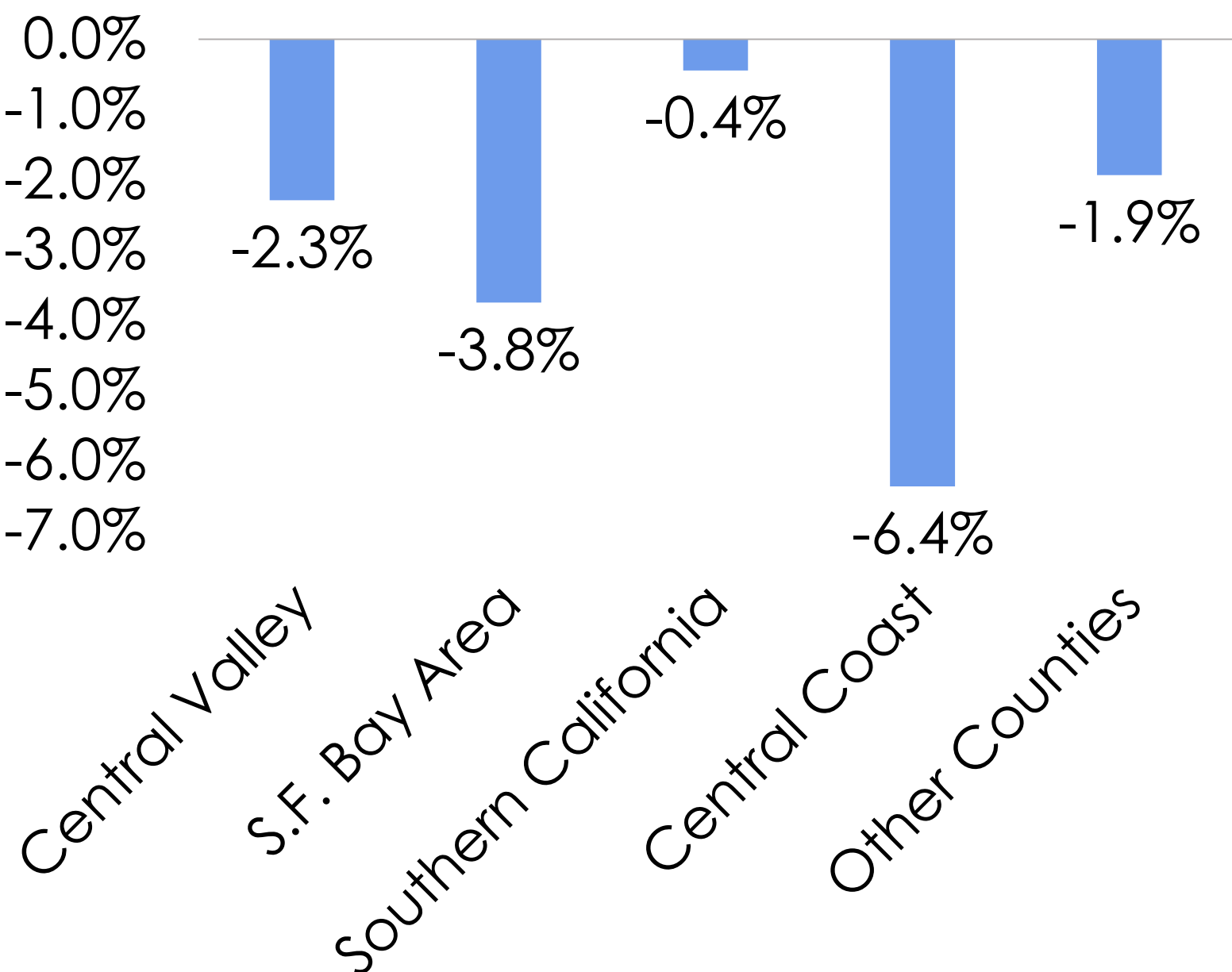
SERIES: Sales of Existing Detached Homes
SOURCE: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Every region declined last month

August 2019 Home Sales by Region

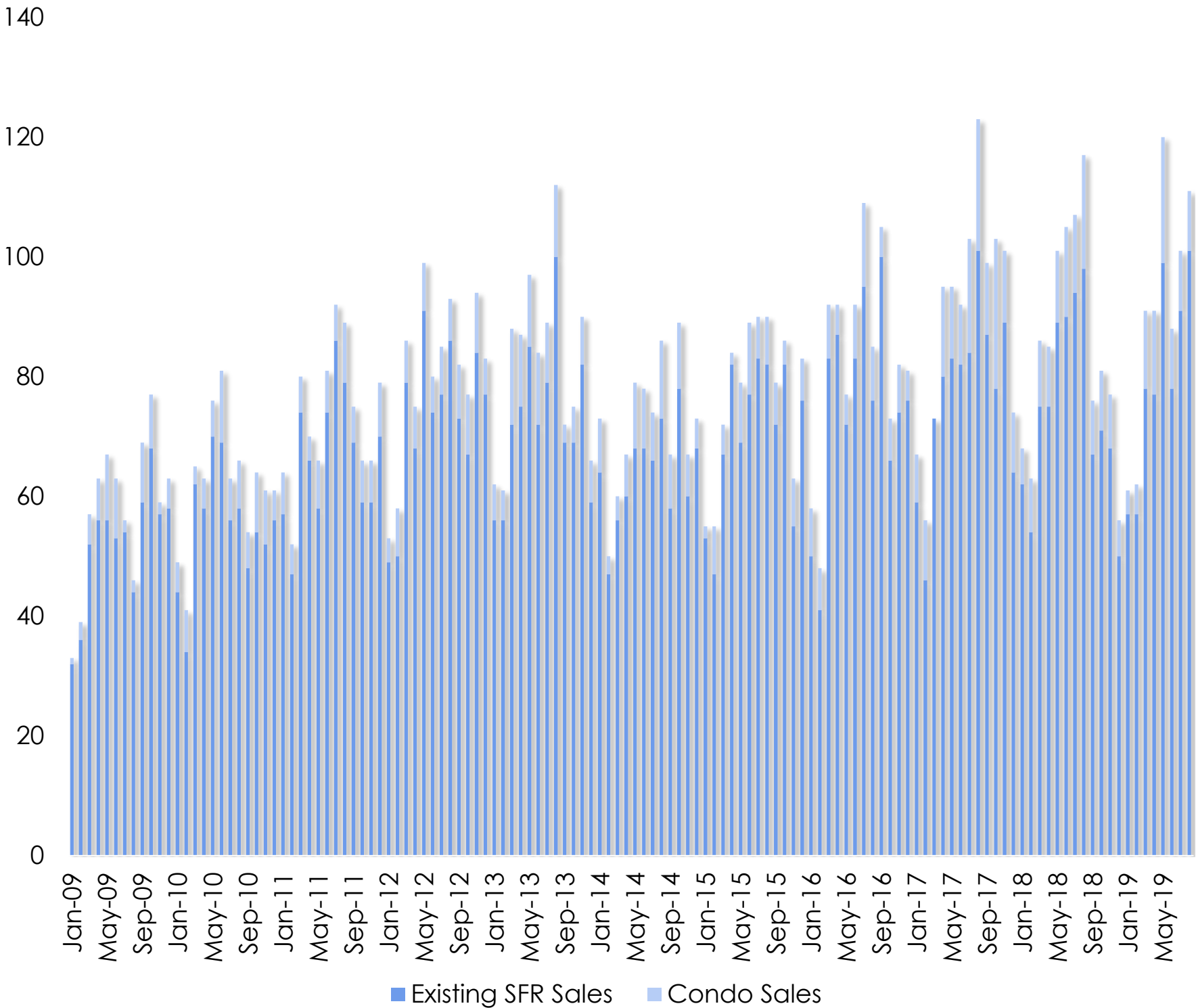


August 2019 Home Sales Growth by Region

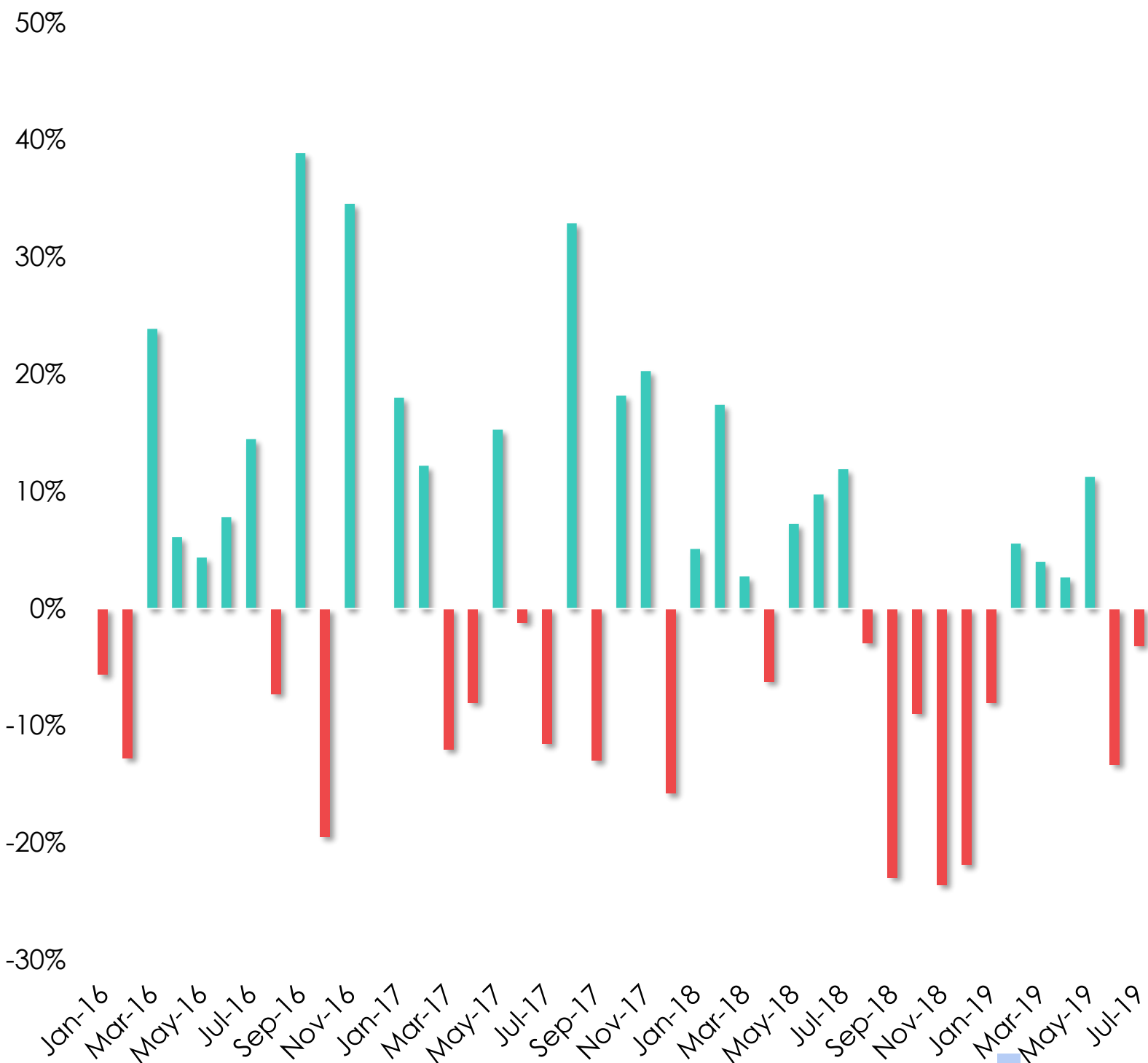


Better trend here, but slowing too

Pismo Coast Home Sales

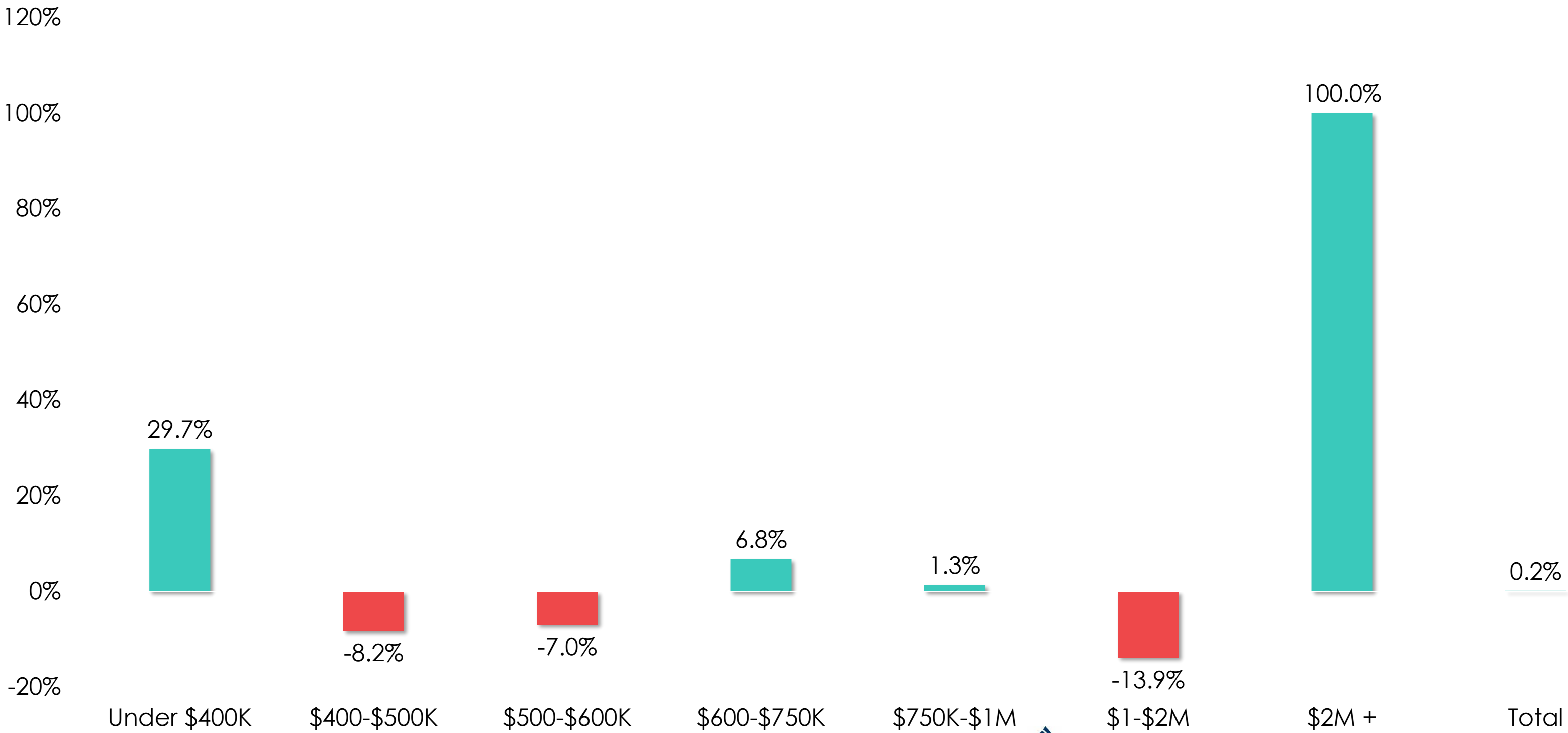


Pismo Coast Existing SFR Sales Growth



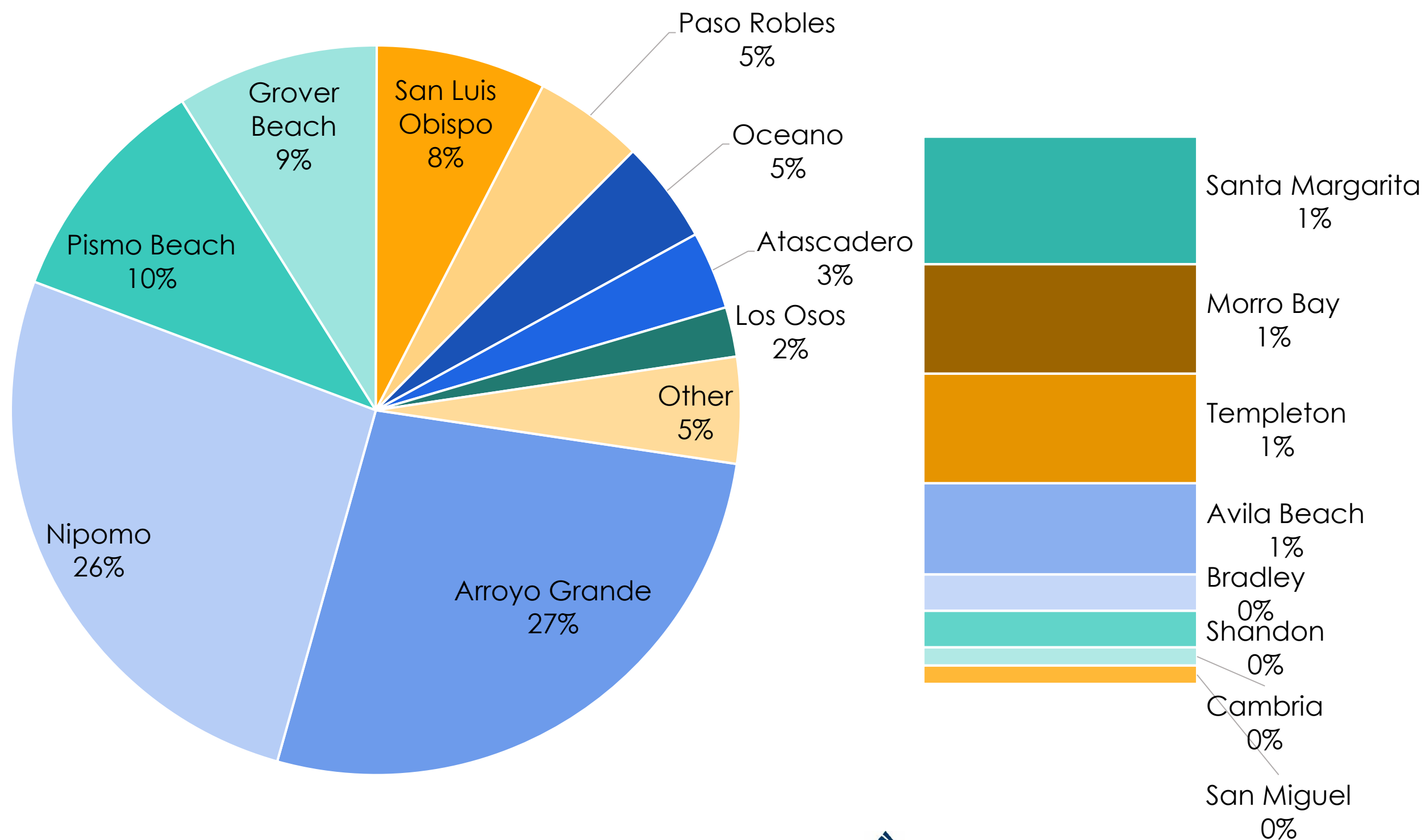
Similar story locally, except at bottom end

Pismo Coast 2019 Existing SFR Sales Growth

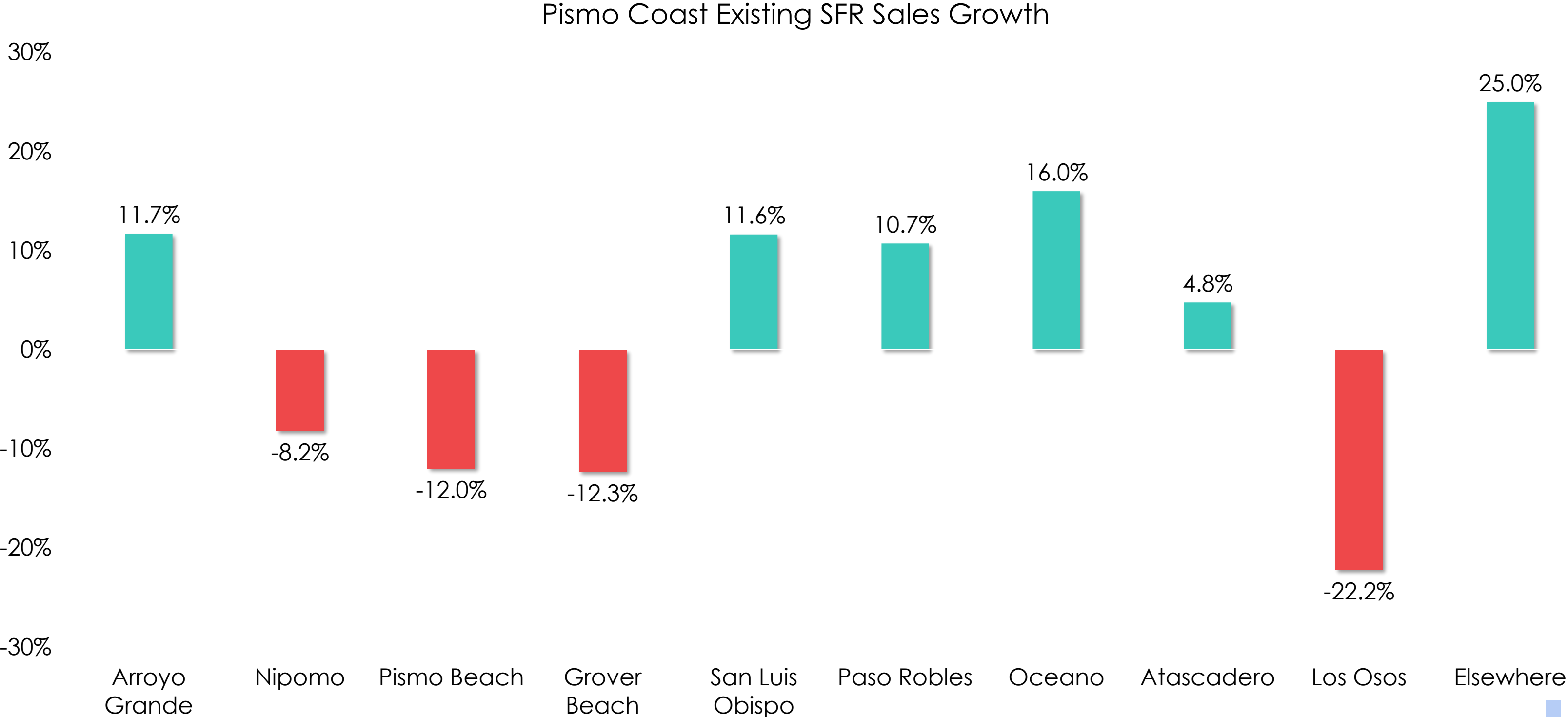


Branching out for transactions?

2019 Pismo Coast Existing SFR Sales



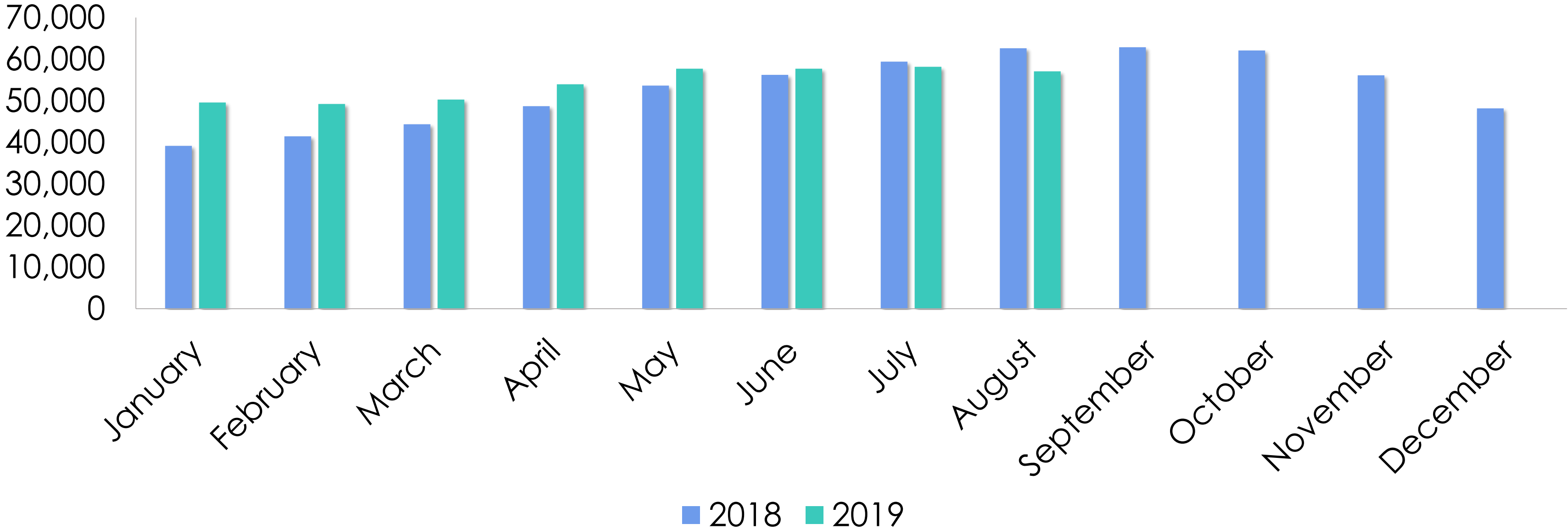
Evidence of a softer market?



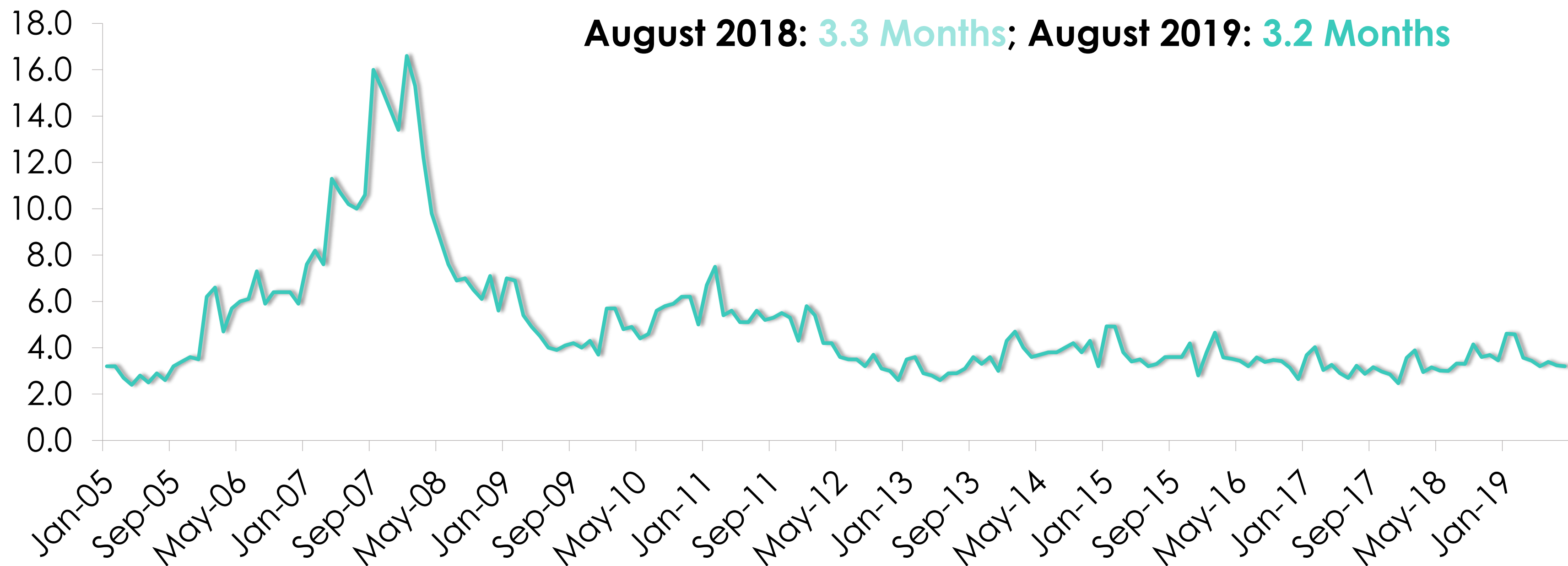
Buyers Have
More Choices Now

Active listings tightened up

California Active Listings by Month

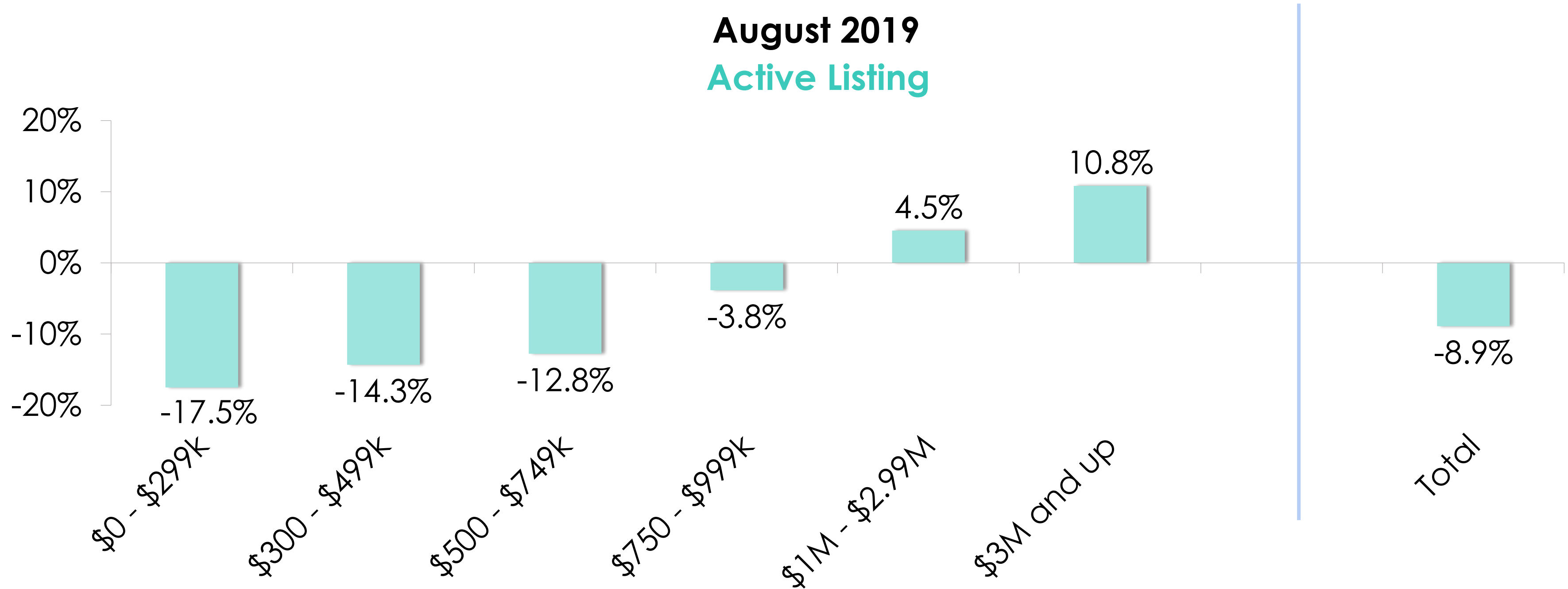


Market is still tight despite recent run



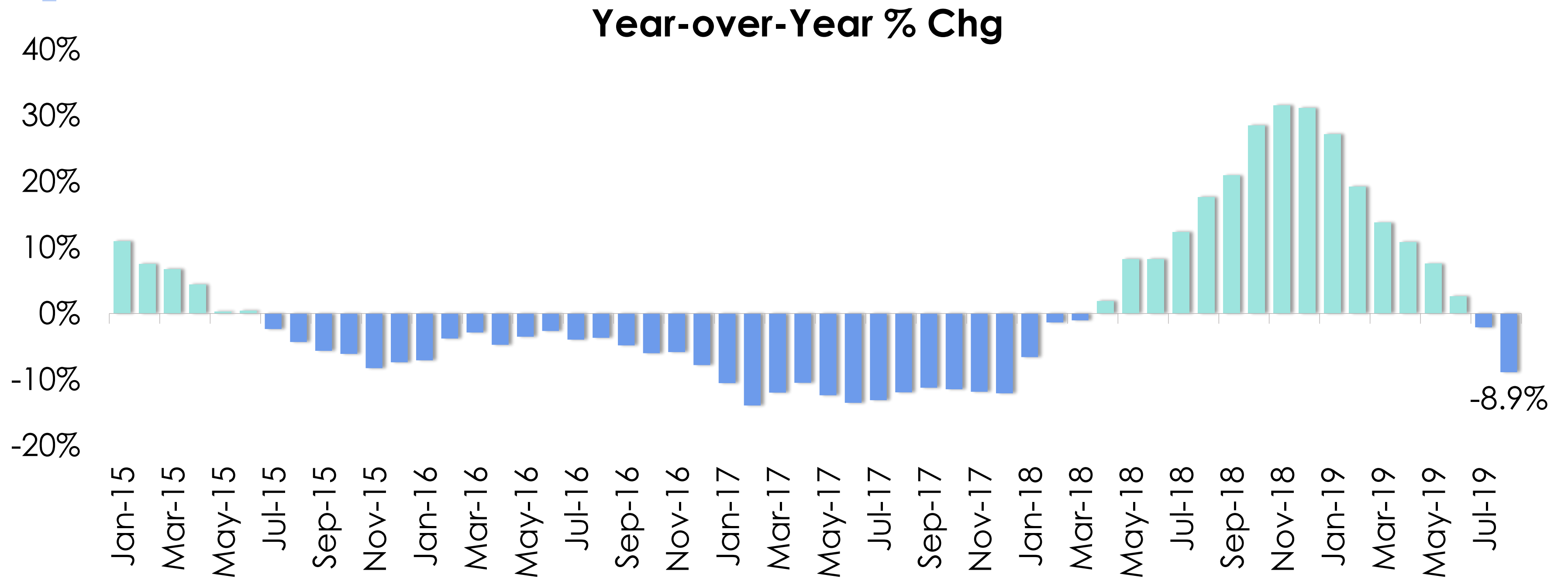
SERIES: Unsold Inventory Index of Existing Single Family Homes
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Supply improving at the upper end

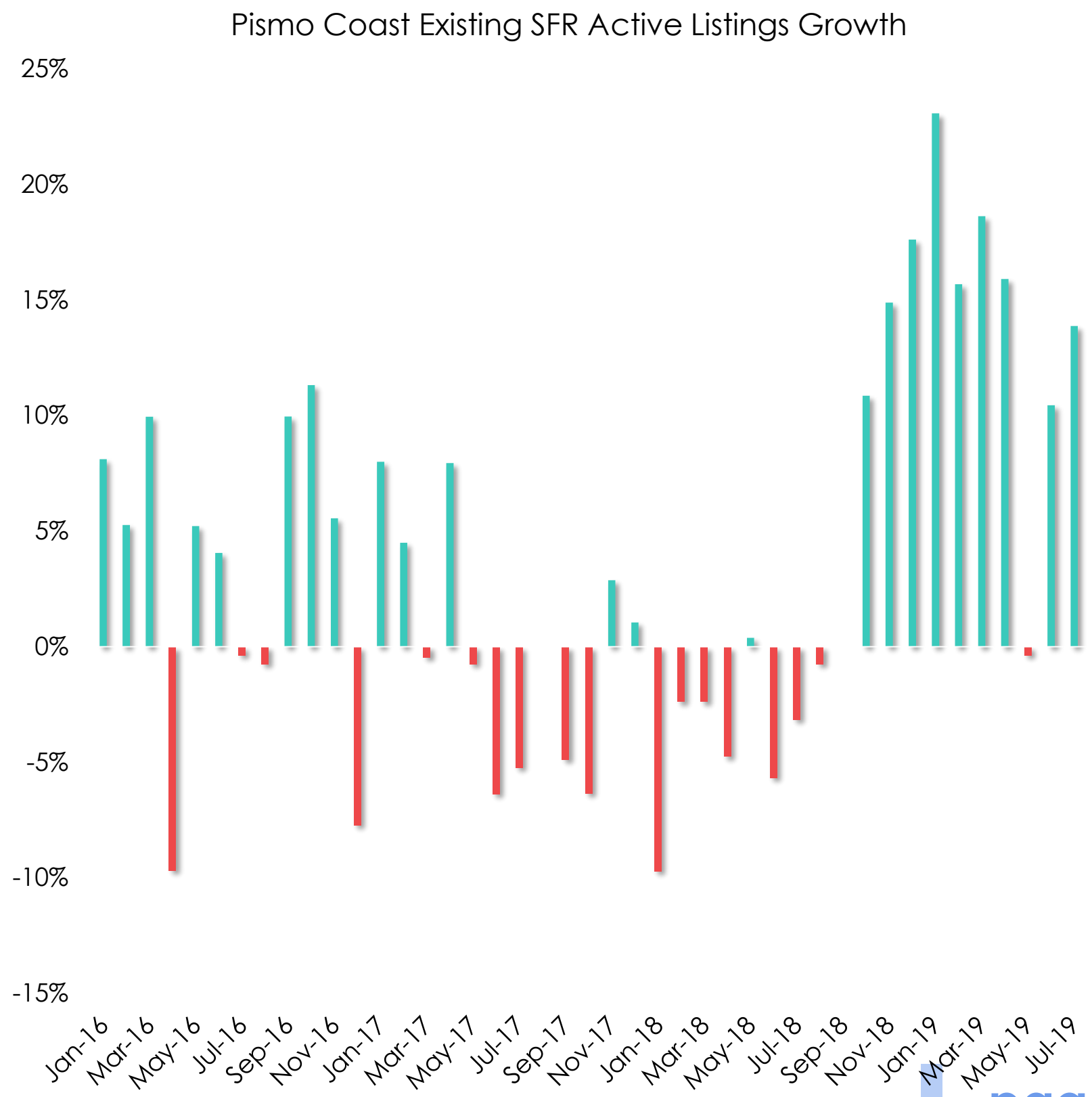
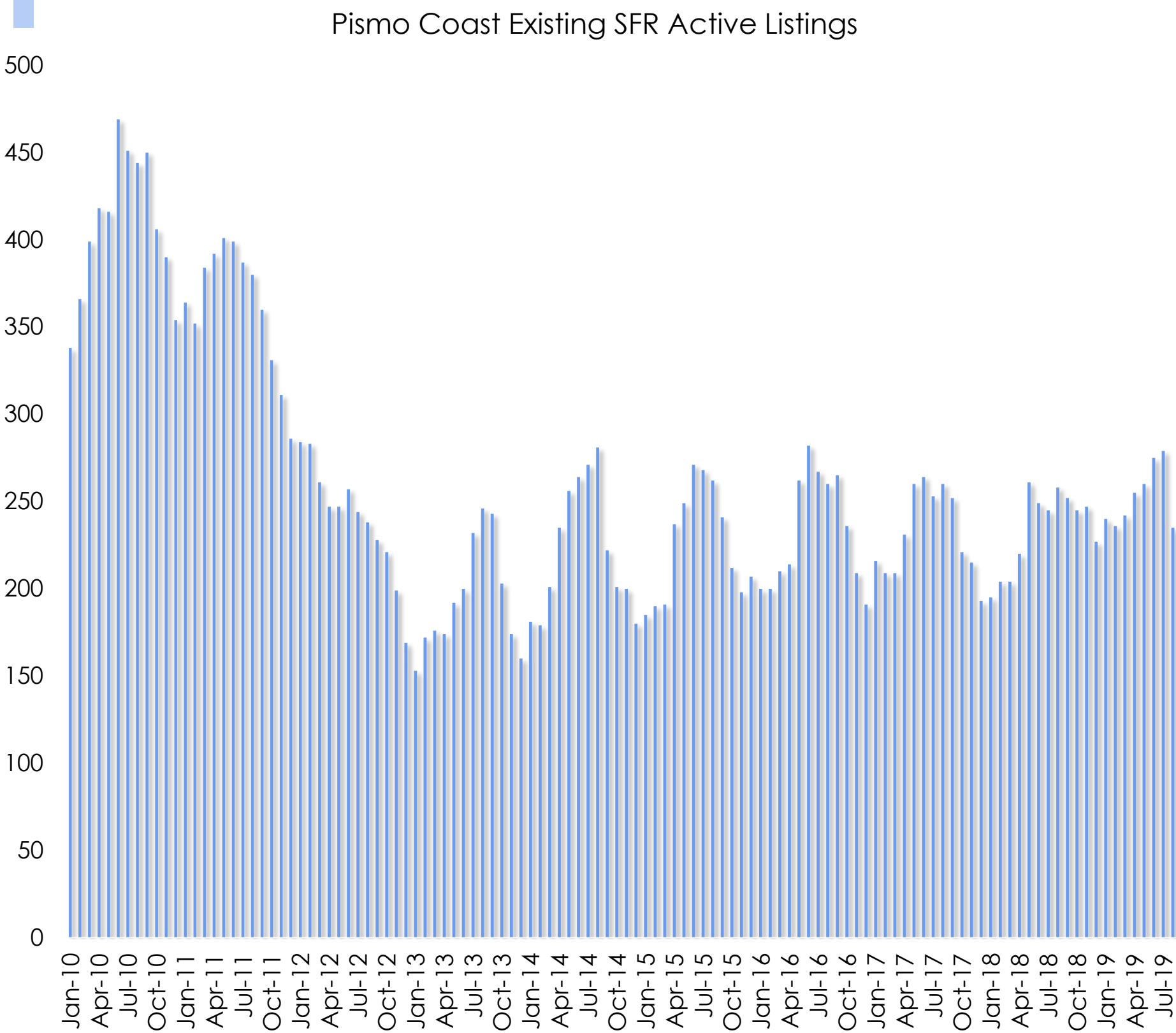


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Rebalancing, not exodus

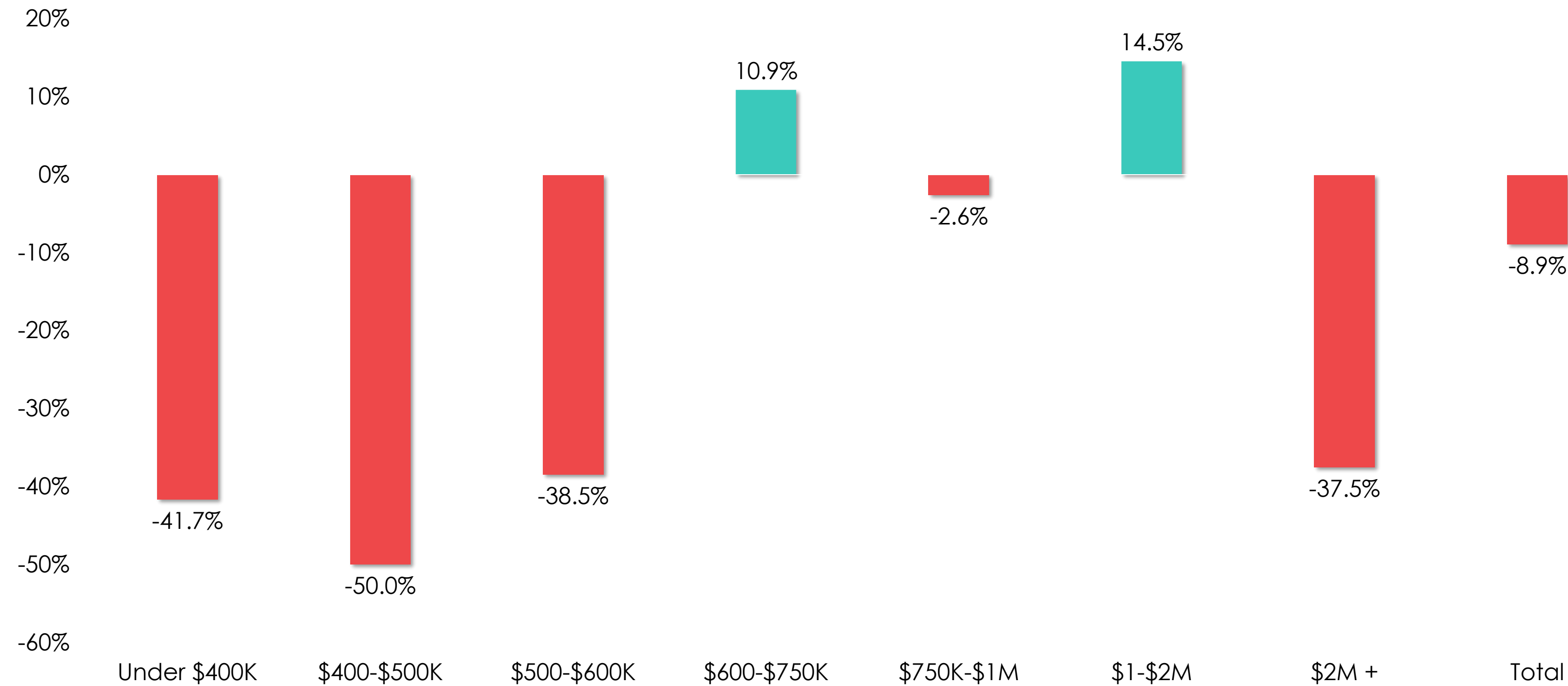


Still rising here, but similar trend

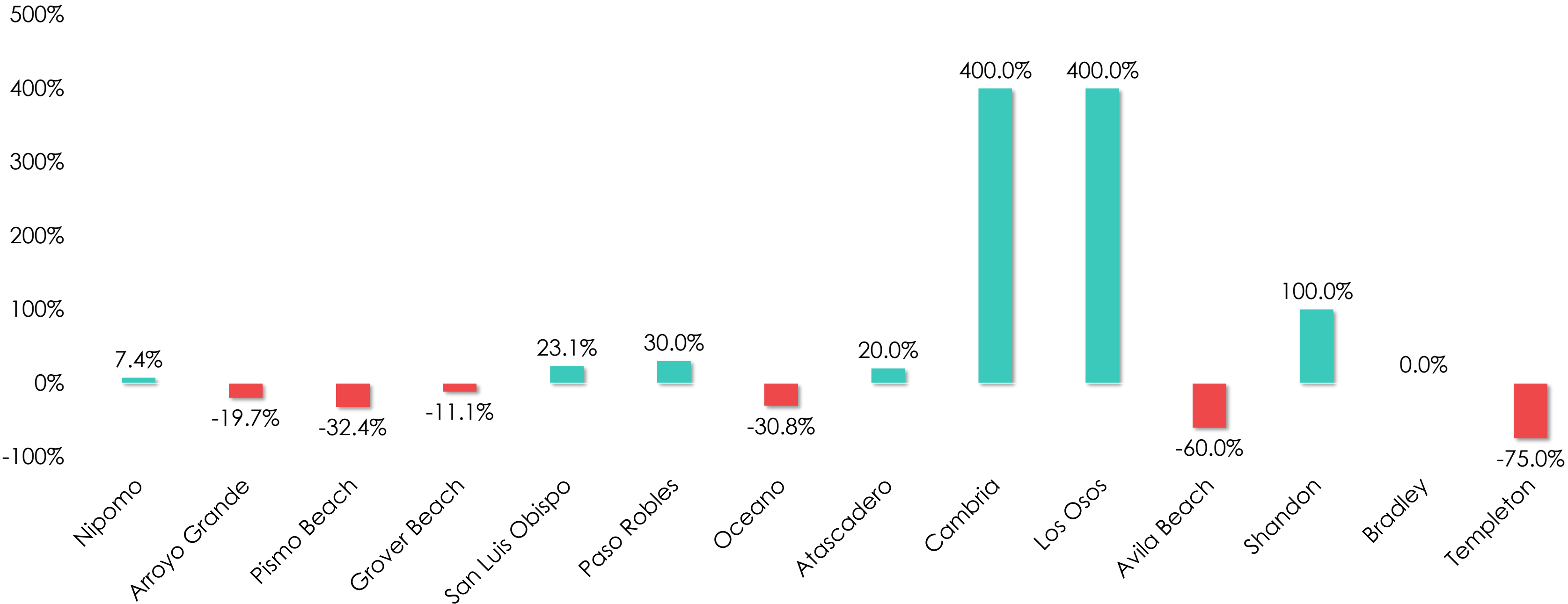


Still growing at top end: cashing in?

Pismo Coast 2019 Existing SFR Listings Growth

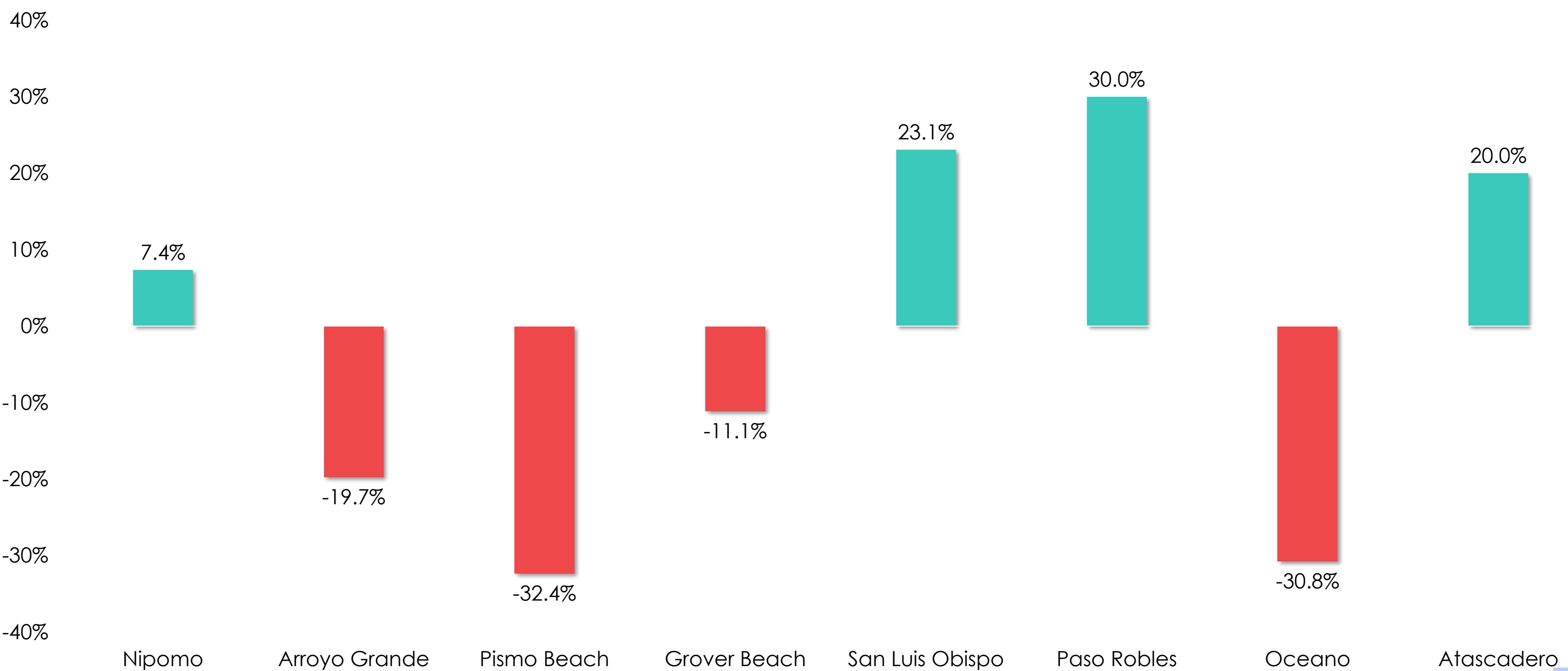


Pismo Coast 2019 Active Listings Growth



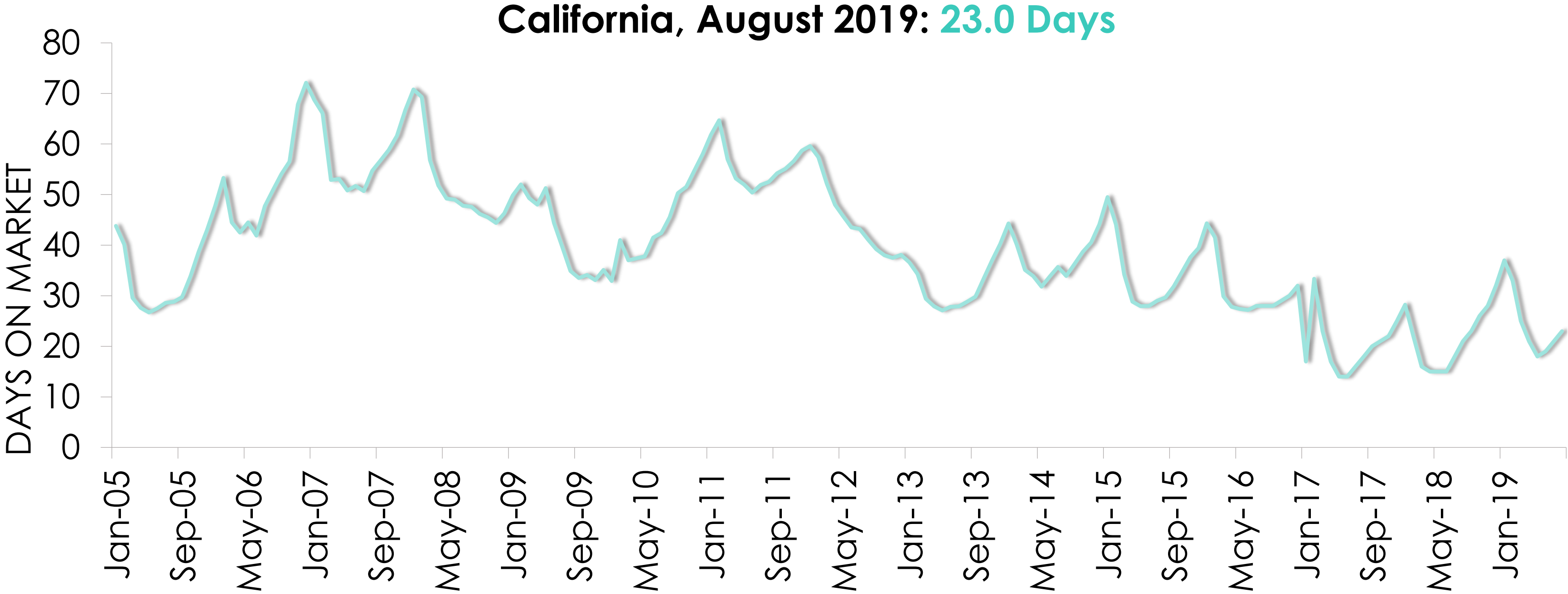
Seeking more listings farther afield?

Pismo Coast 2019 Active Listings Growth



Market Less
Competitive

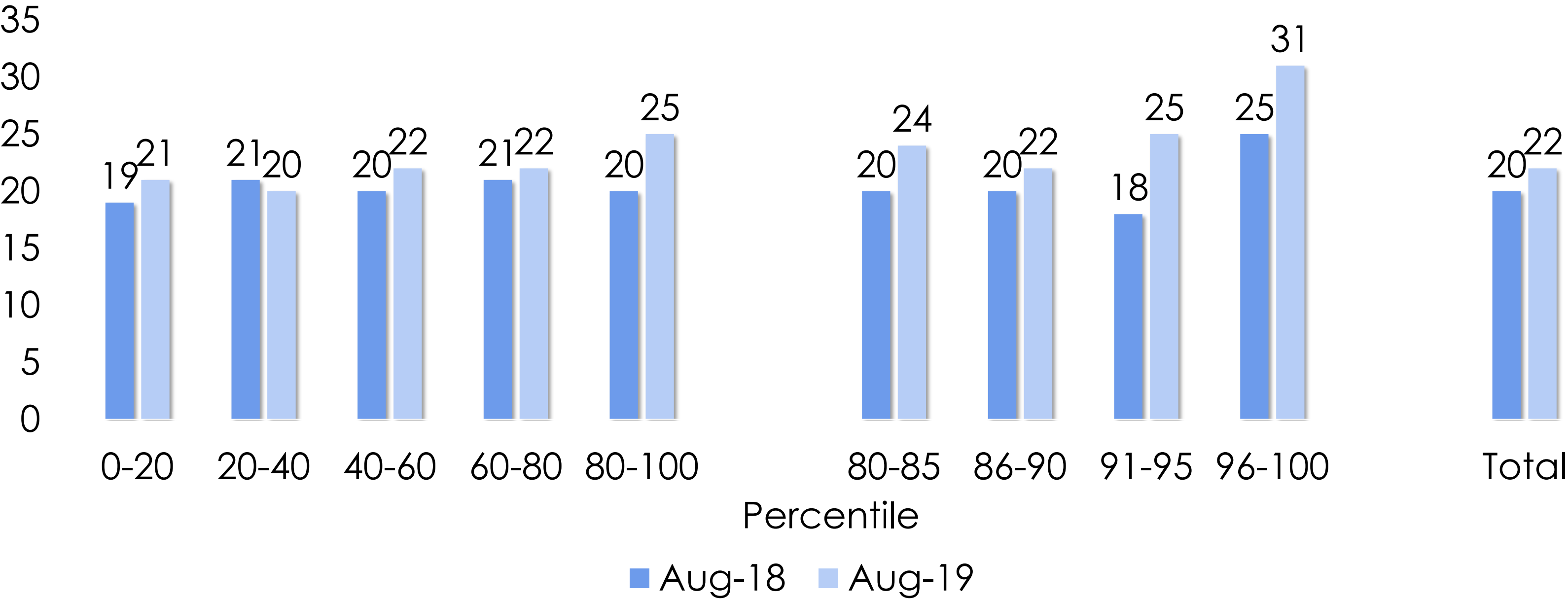
Time on market rising



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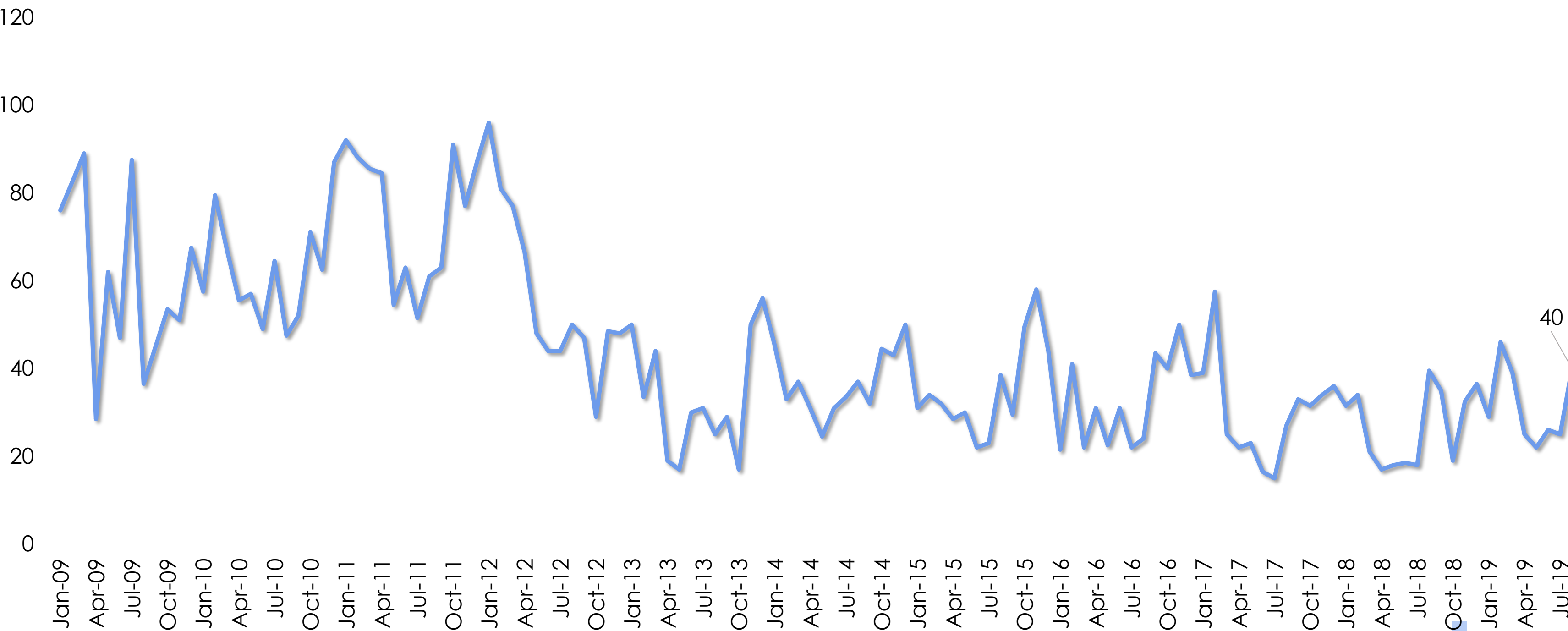
Up in most percentiles

California Median Time on Market by Quintile



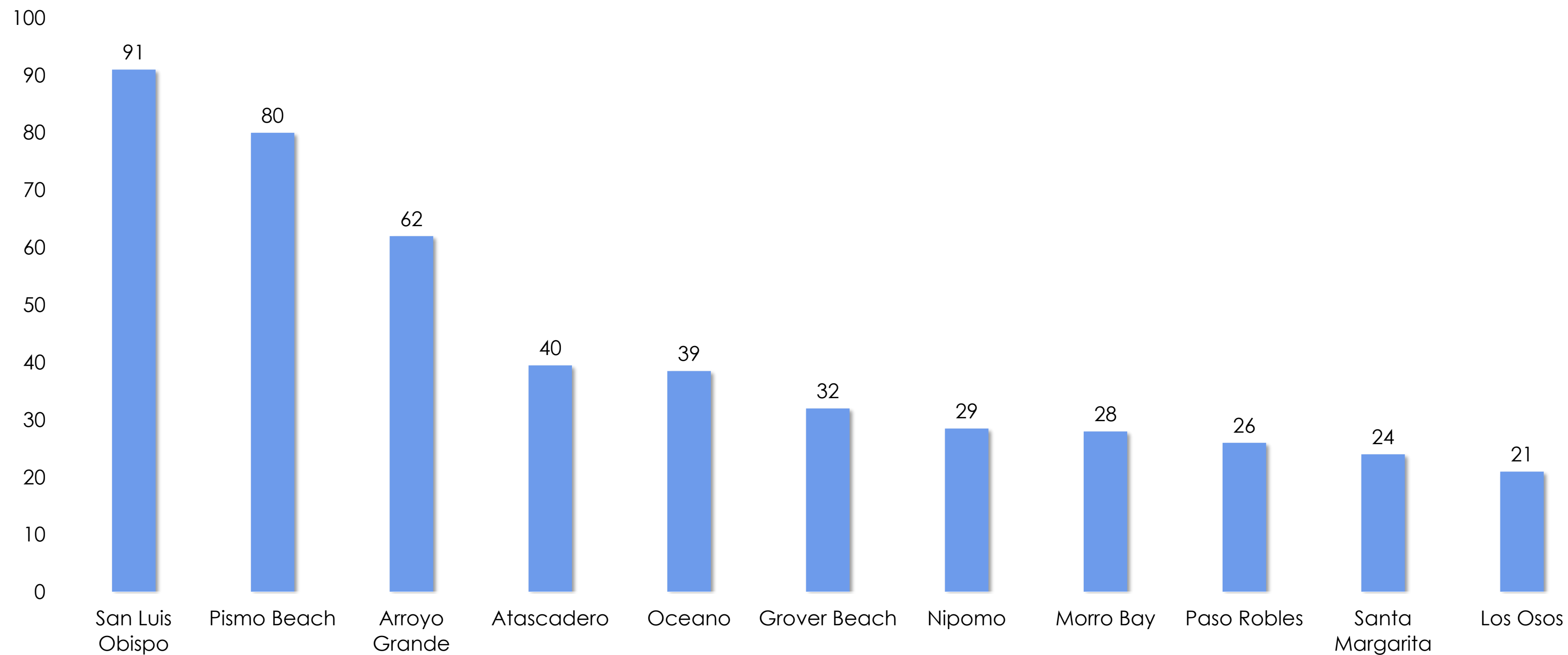
Holding up relatively well here

Pismo Coast Median Time on Market



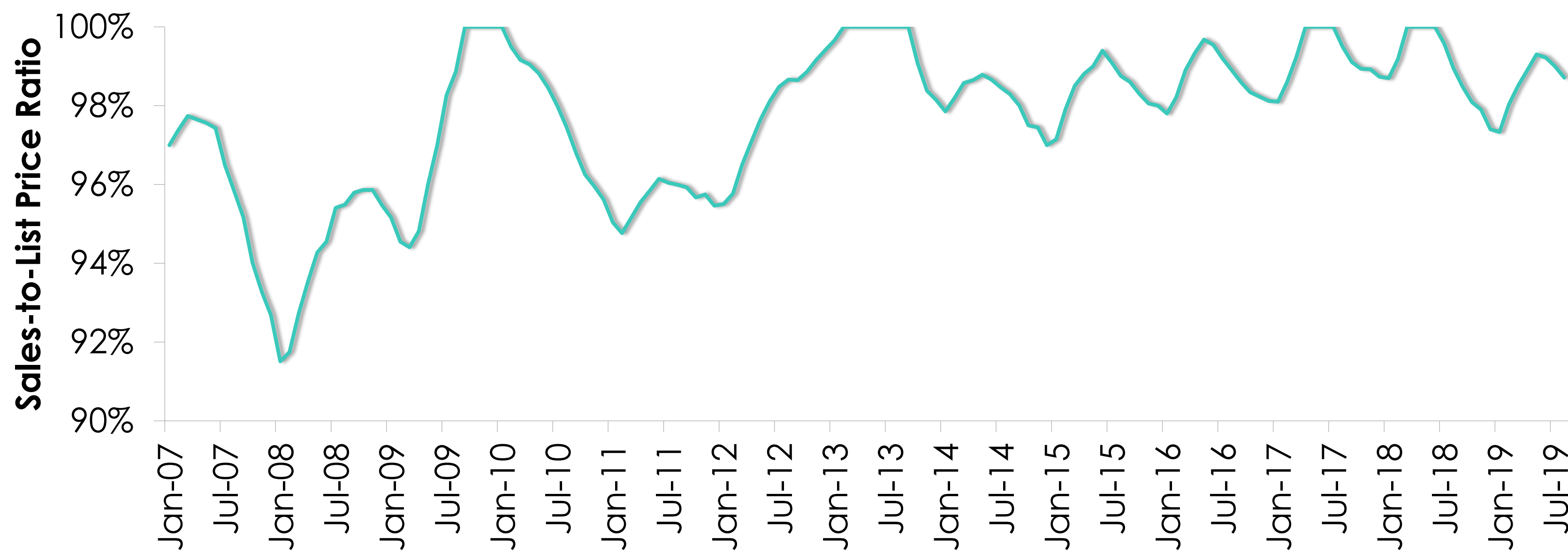
Varies wildly across the region

Pismo Coast Median Time on Market



Sales price-to-list Price ratio dipped slightly as market ended its peak season

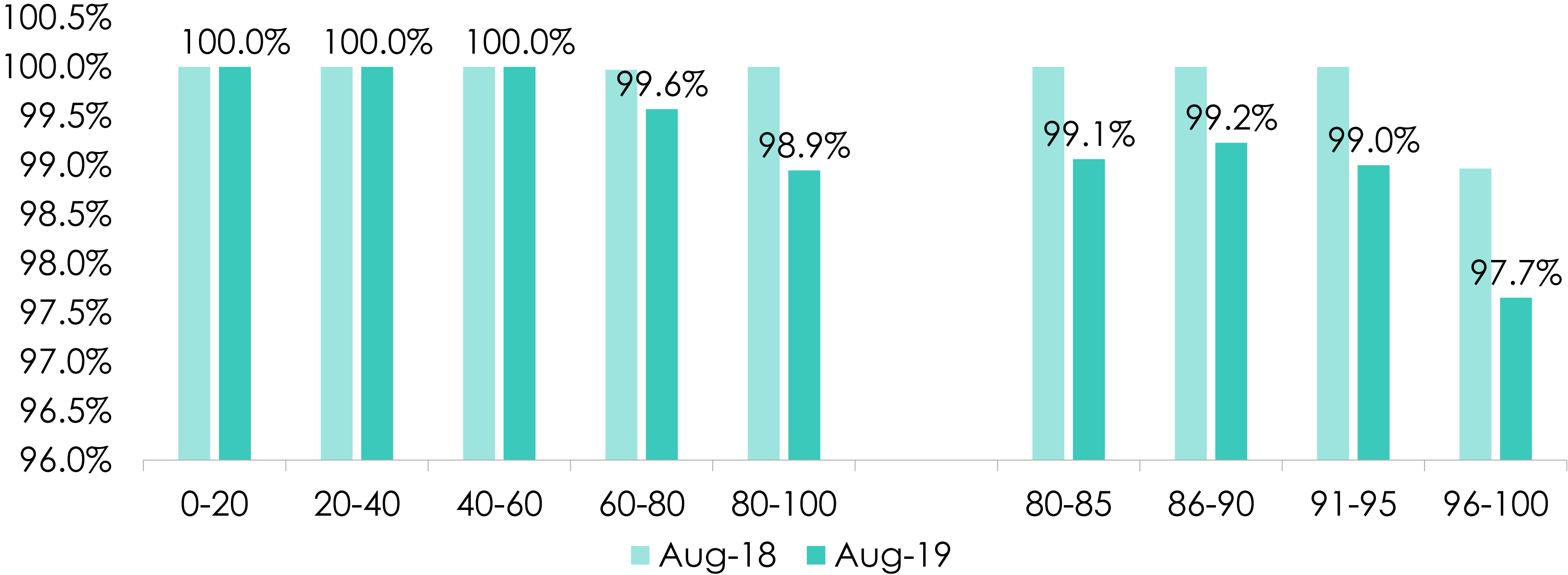
August 2019: **98.7%**, -0.3% MTM, -0.2% YTY



SERIES: Sales to List Ratio of Existing Single Family Homes
SOURCE: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

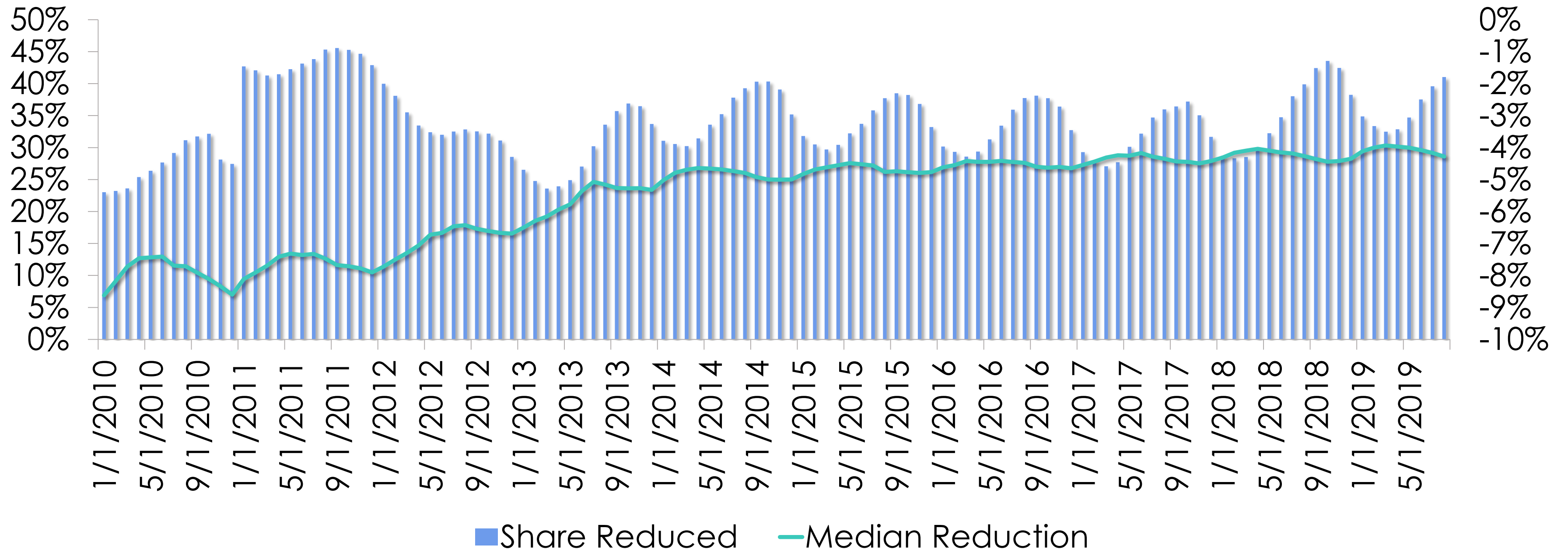
Sales-to-list price ratio down at top percentile

California Sales-to-List Price Ratio by Quintile



Reduced-Price Listings

Share of Listings with a Reduced Price: **41.0%**; Median Reduction Amount: **-4.3%**

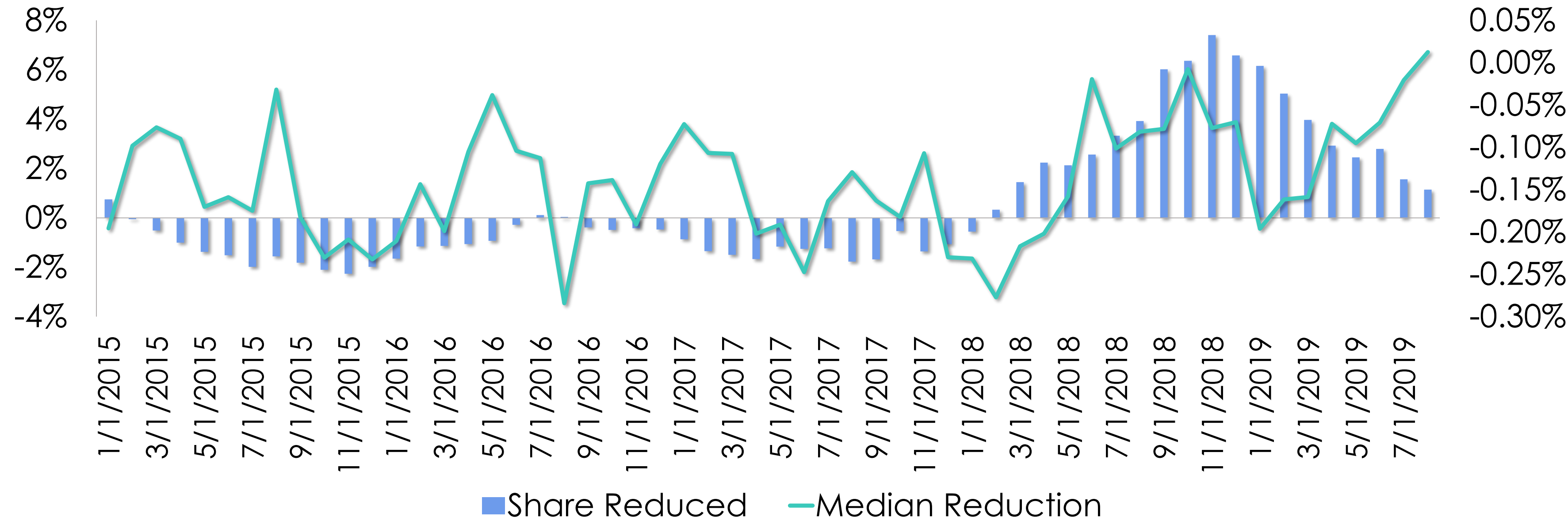


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Growth in Reduced-Price Listings

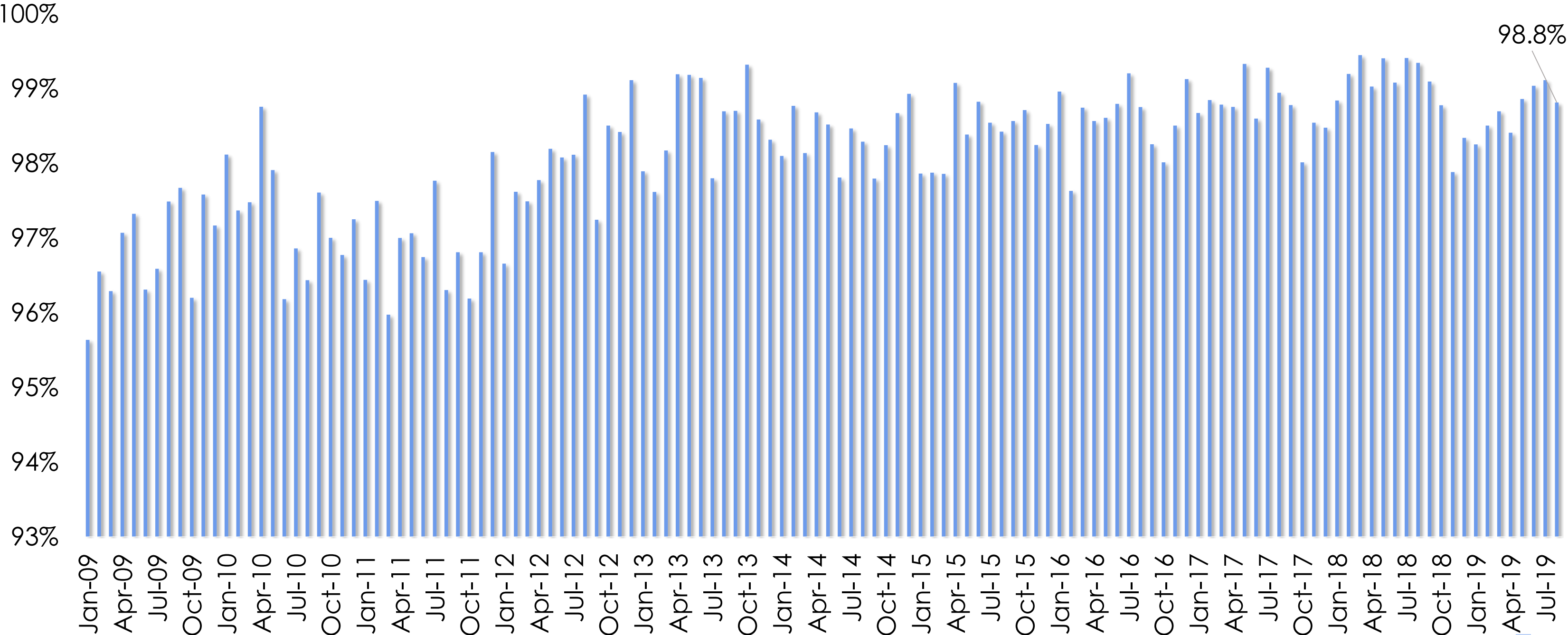
Growth in Share of Listings with a Reduced Price: +1.1%

Growth in Median Reduction Amount: 0.0%



Starting to see some discounting here

Pismo Coast Median Sales/List Price Ratio

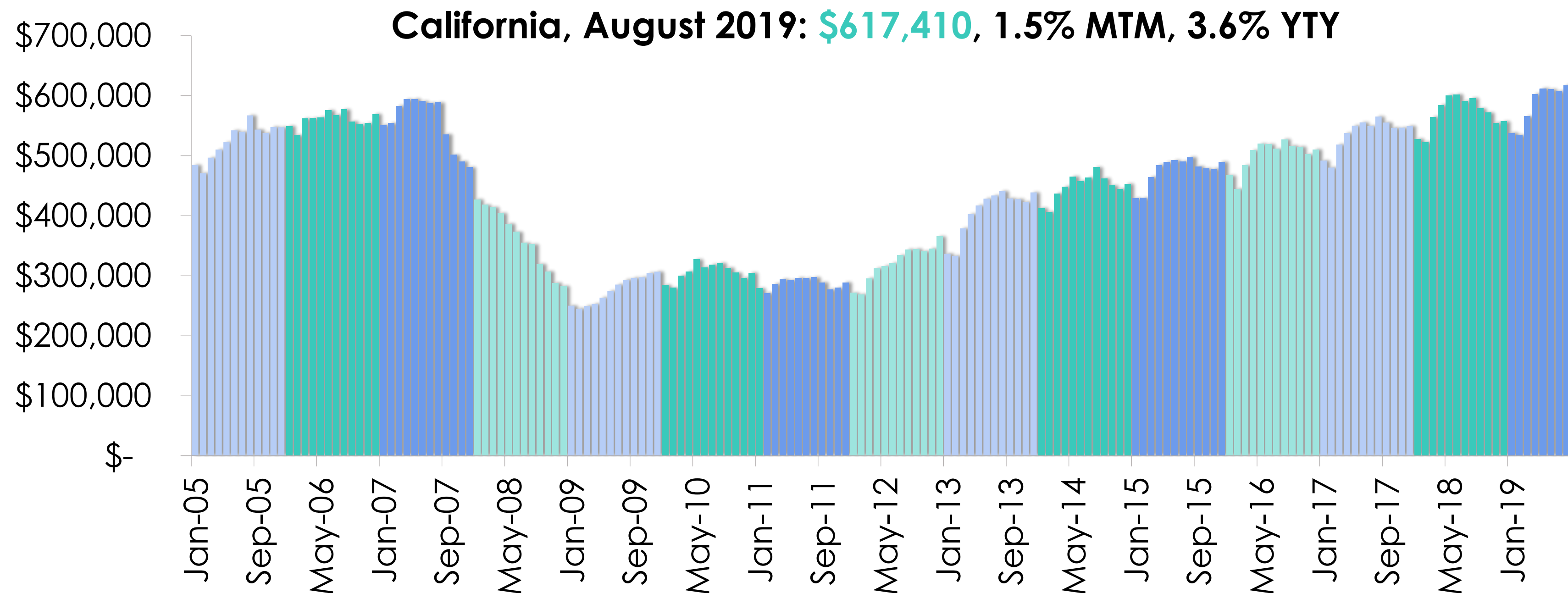


Top end actually cutting!



Prices Slower
As A Result

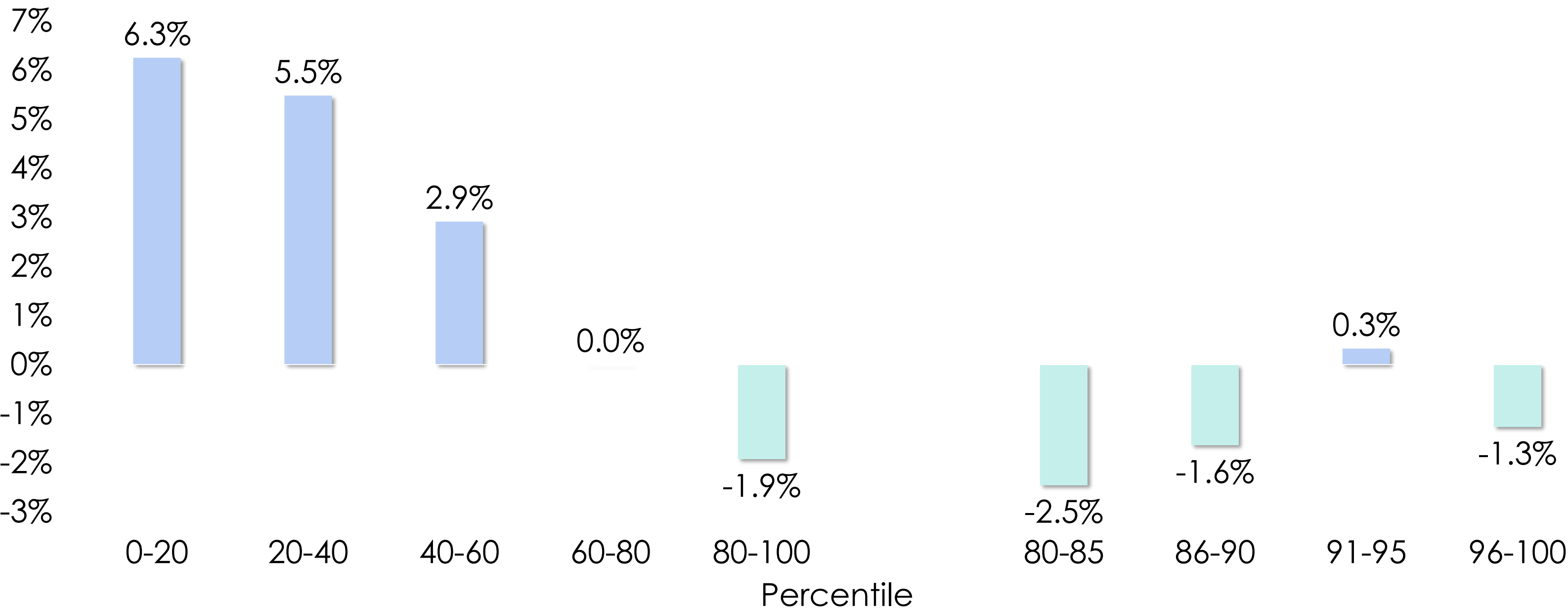
California reached an all-time high



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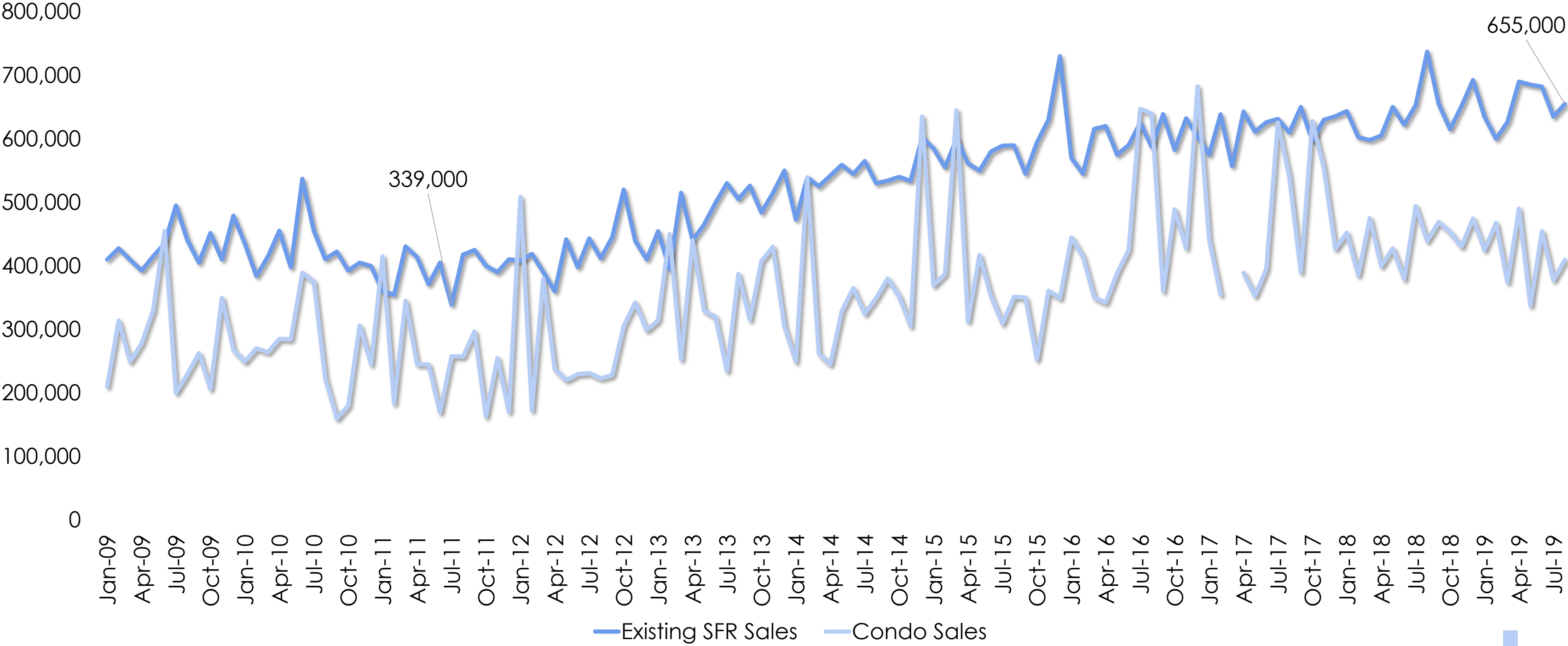
But prices falling at the top end

California Year-over-Year Price Growth by Quintile (August 2019)



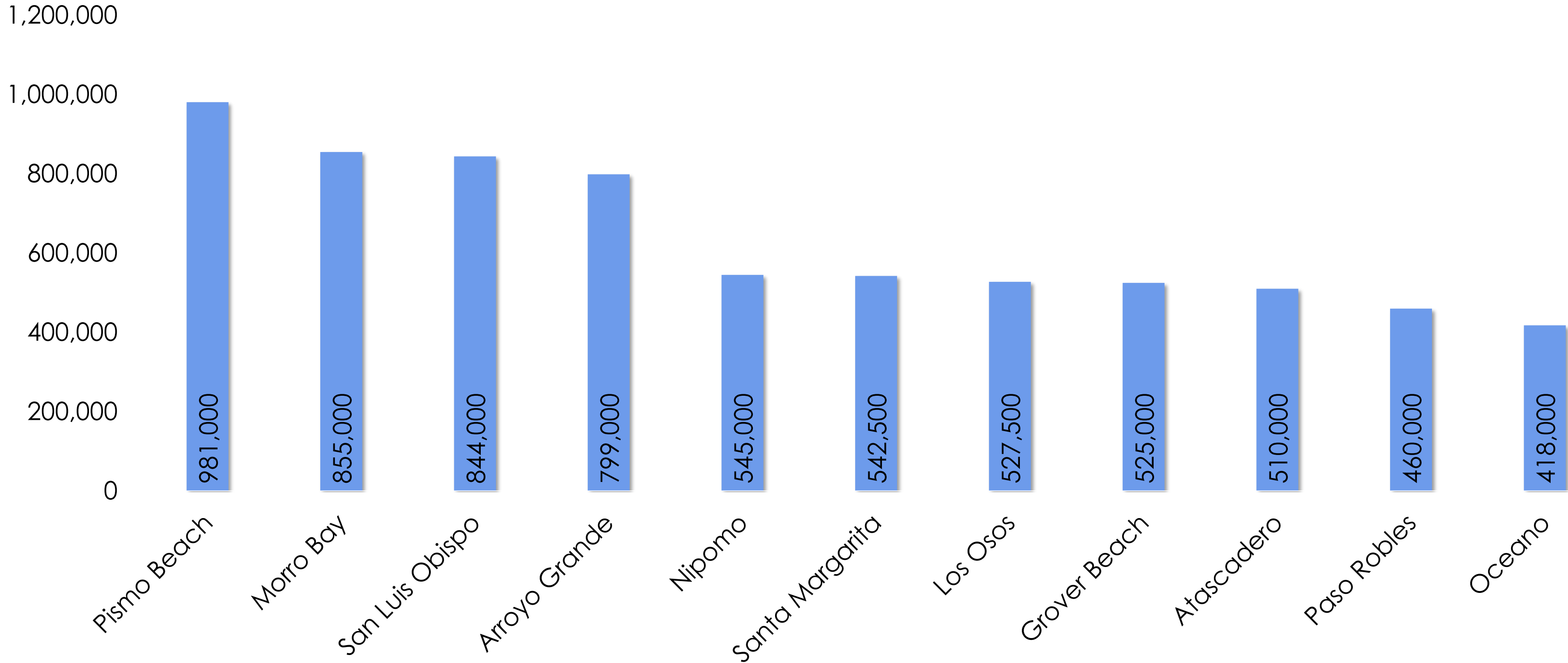
Moment of silence for ourselves?

Pismo Coast Home Prices



Snapshot of local prices

August 2019 Existing SFR Median Prices



Prices have started to come down locally

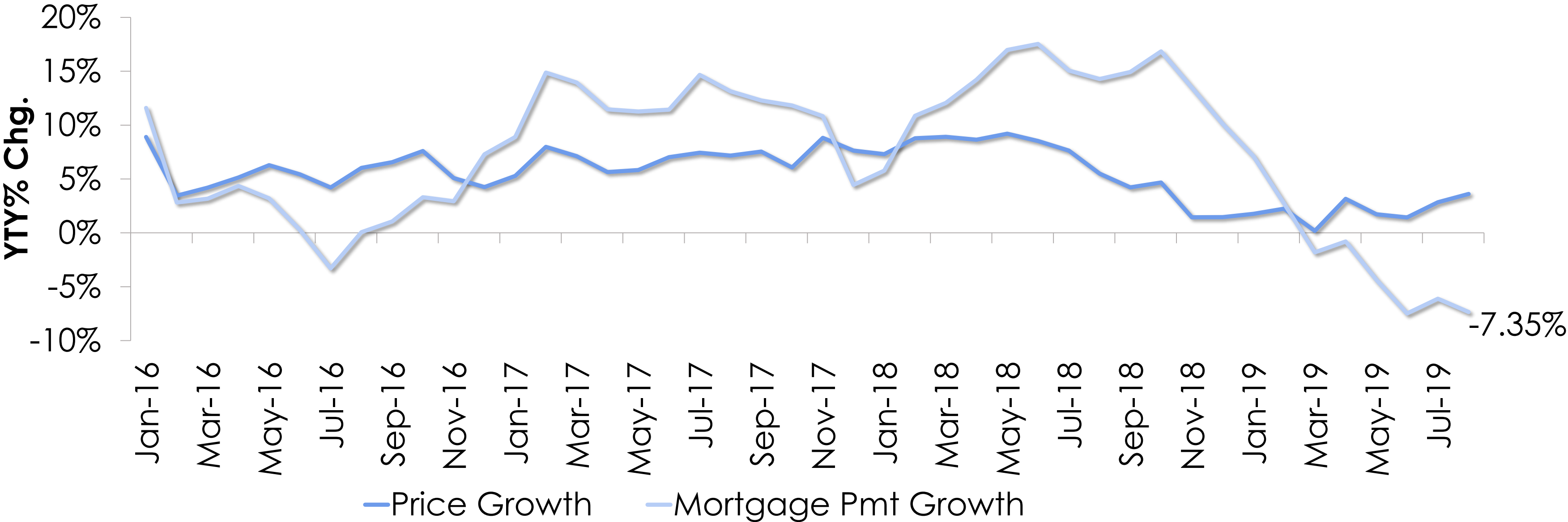
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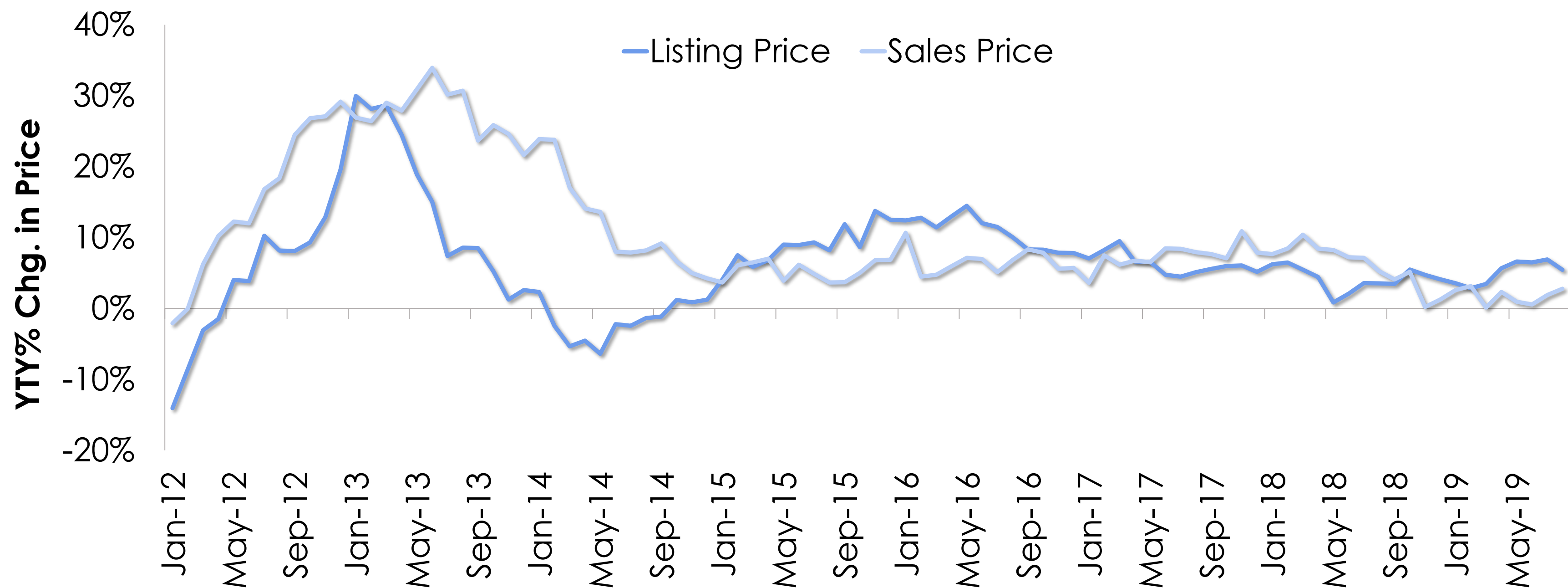
Don't
Panic

Mortgage payment continued to drop

California Median Price vs. Mortgage Payment

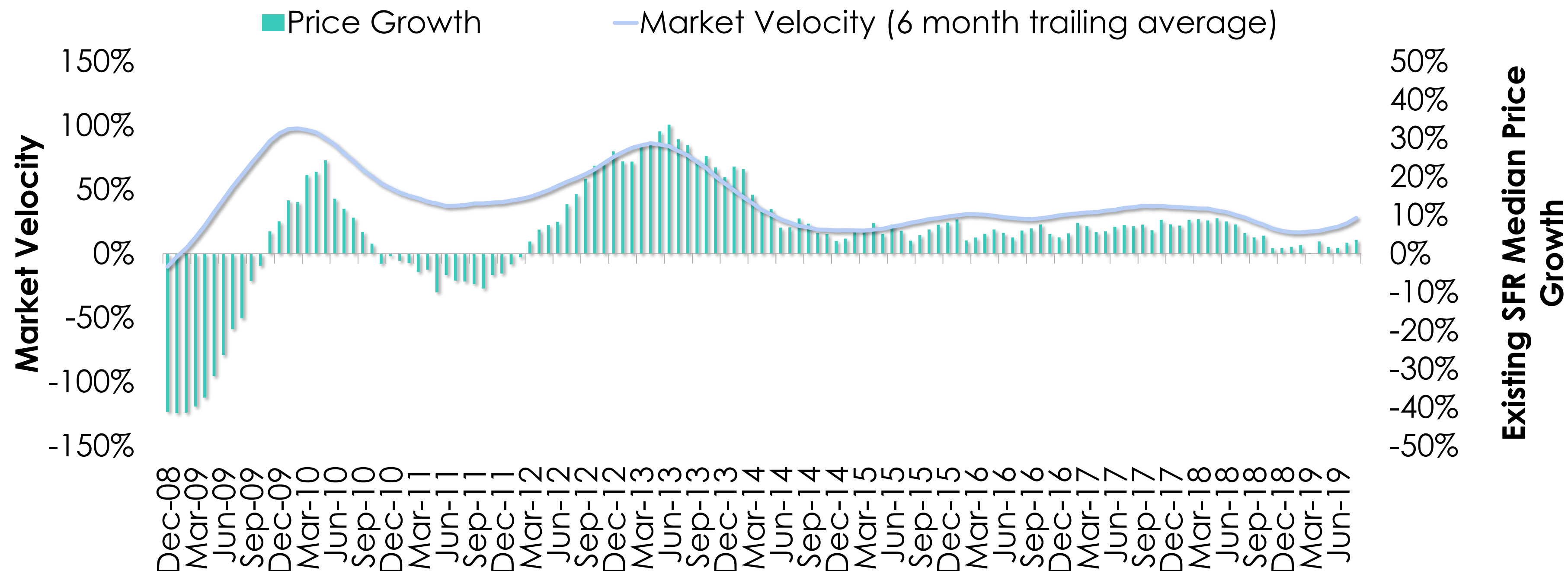


Listings prices suggest softening, not dropping



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California market velocity suggests more growth



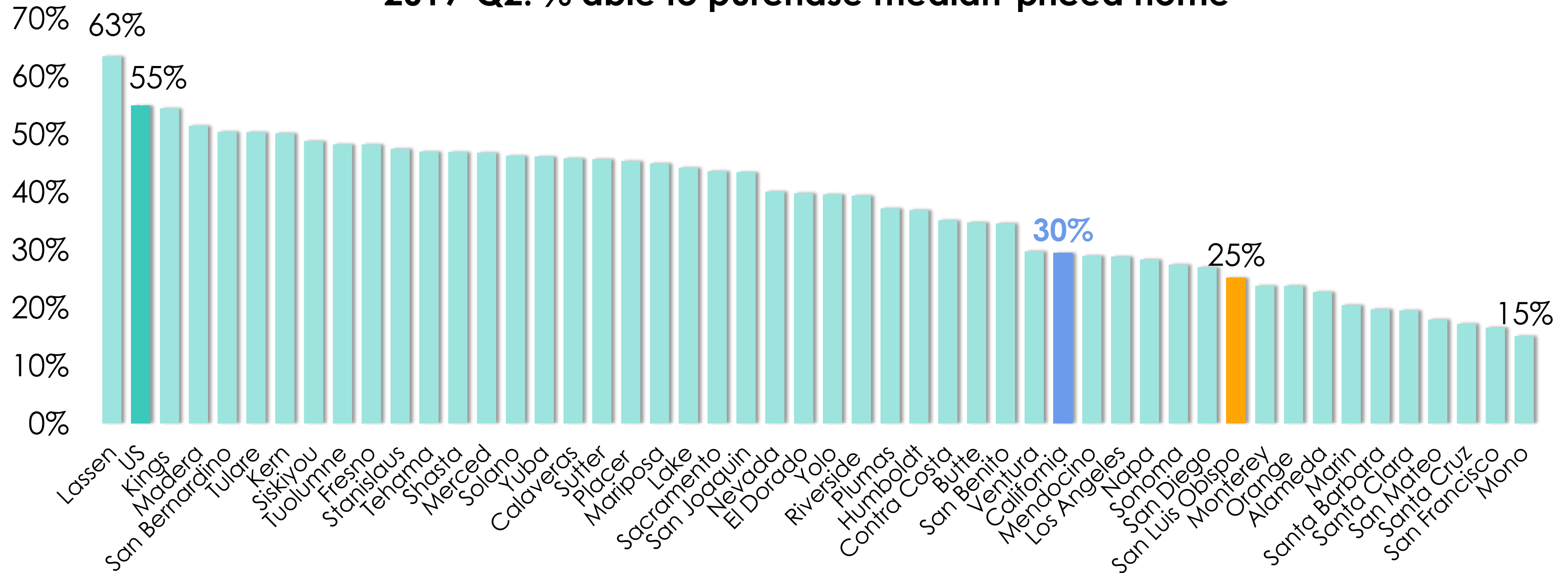
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**Why You Can't
Celebrate either**

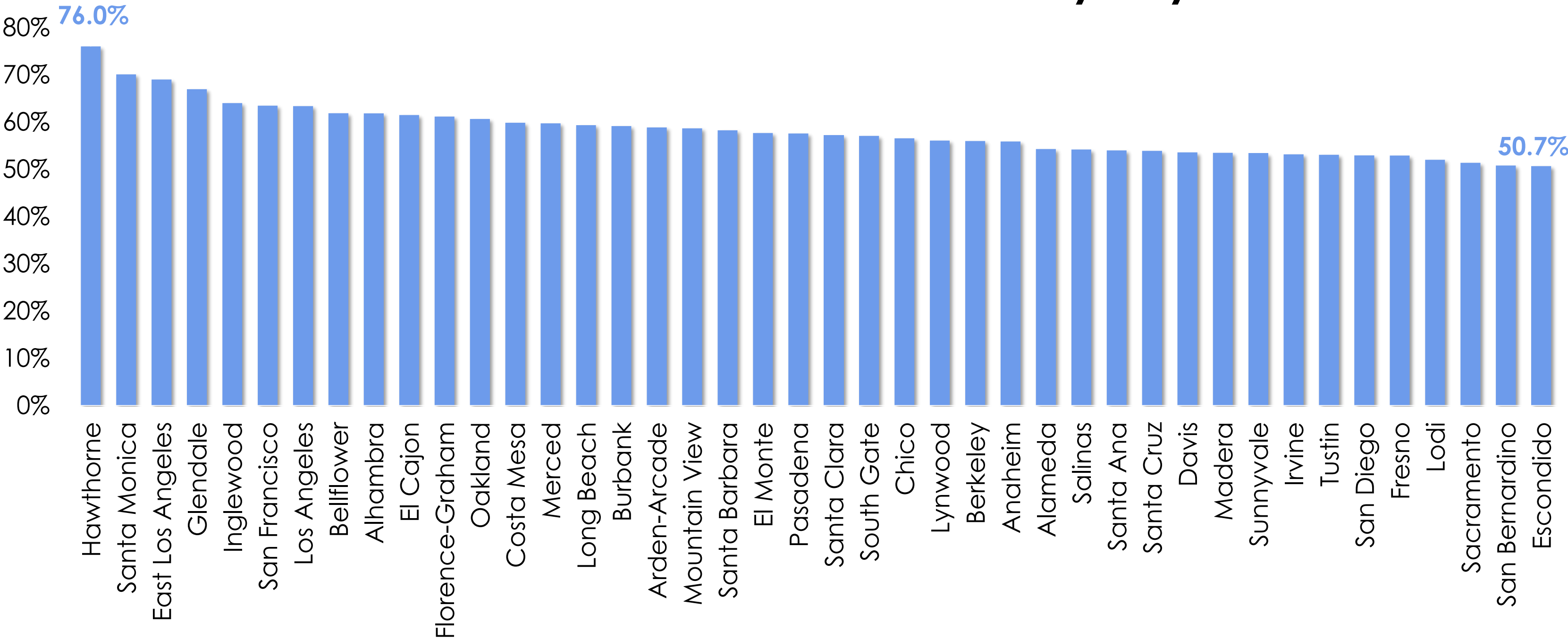
Many simply can't afford to buy

2019-Q2: % able to purchase median-priced home

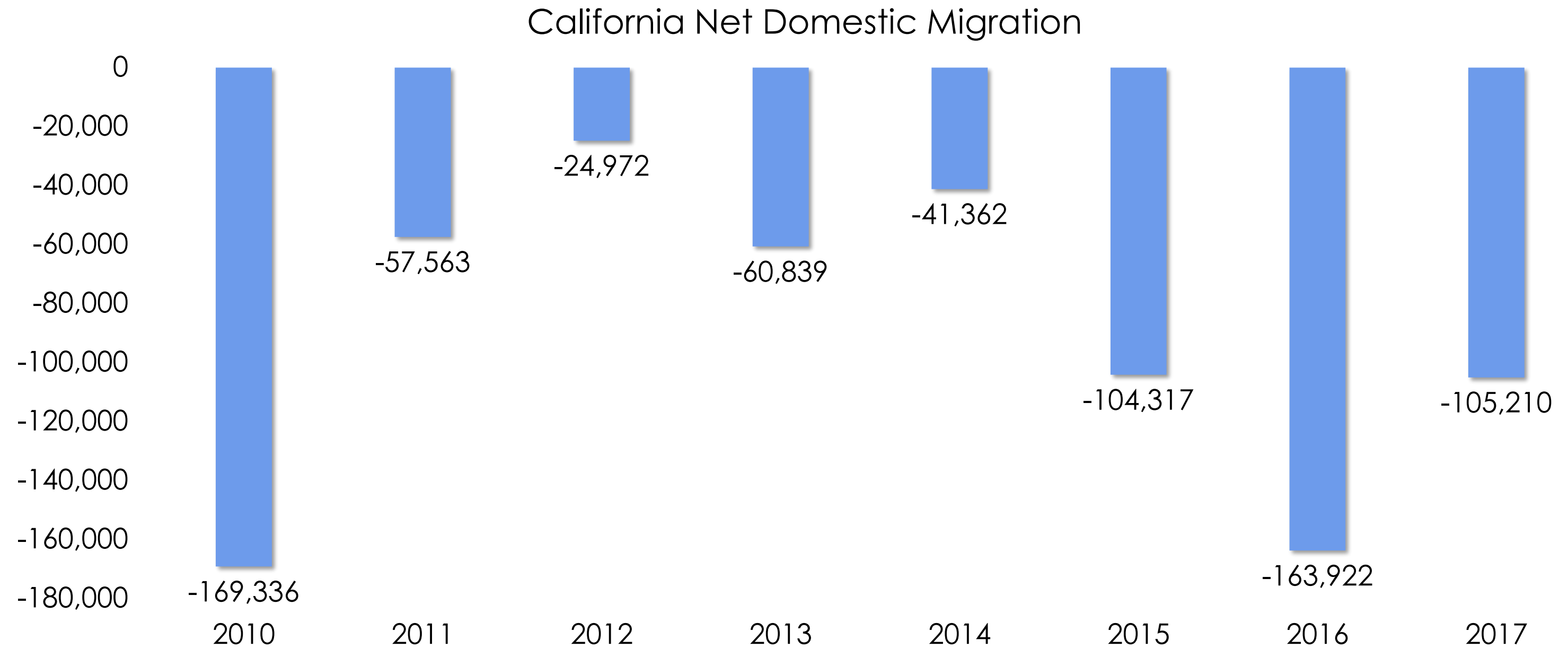


Majority renter cities will surprise you

2017 California Renter Rate by City



~750k people have left since 2010





**YOU Can Move
the Needle!!**

Homeownership? Aspirational v. Attainable

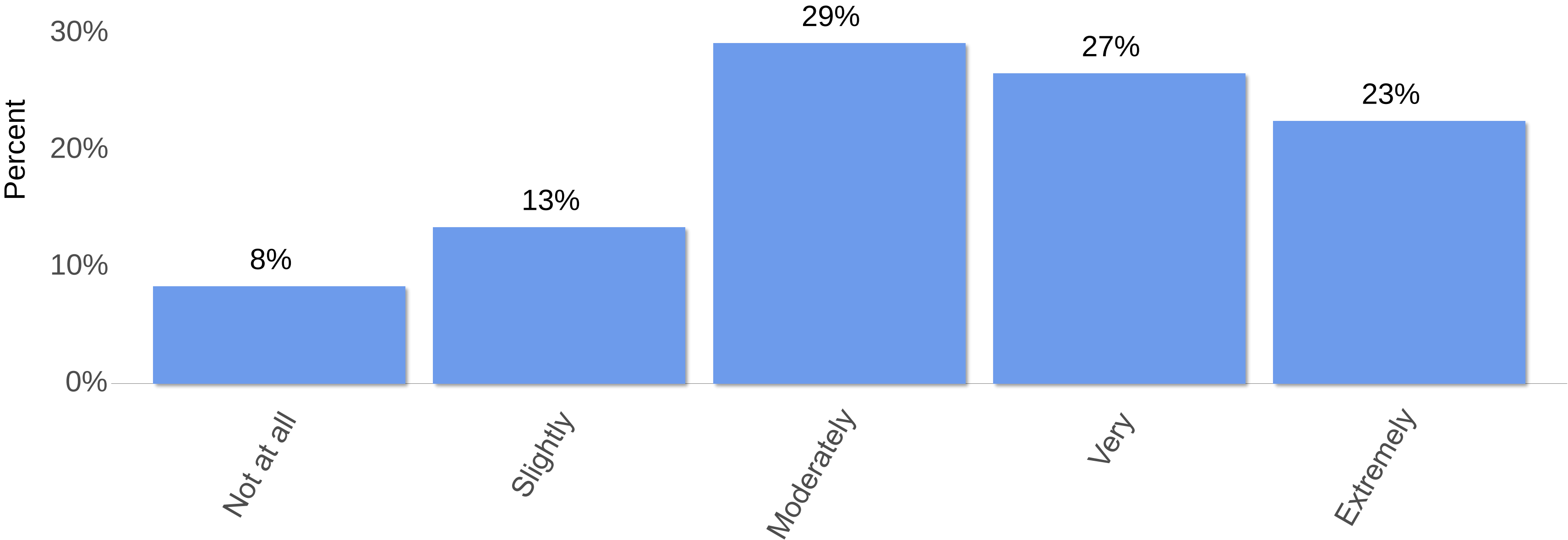
- The desire for homeownership remains strong
- First-time buyers face often insurmountable obstacles
- Government policies do not support housing as in the past
- More Millennials are making the difficult choice to leave
- Their ability to build wealth over time is compromised
- Where will our children live?



Homeownership still aspirational

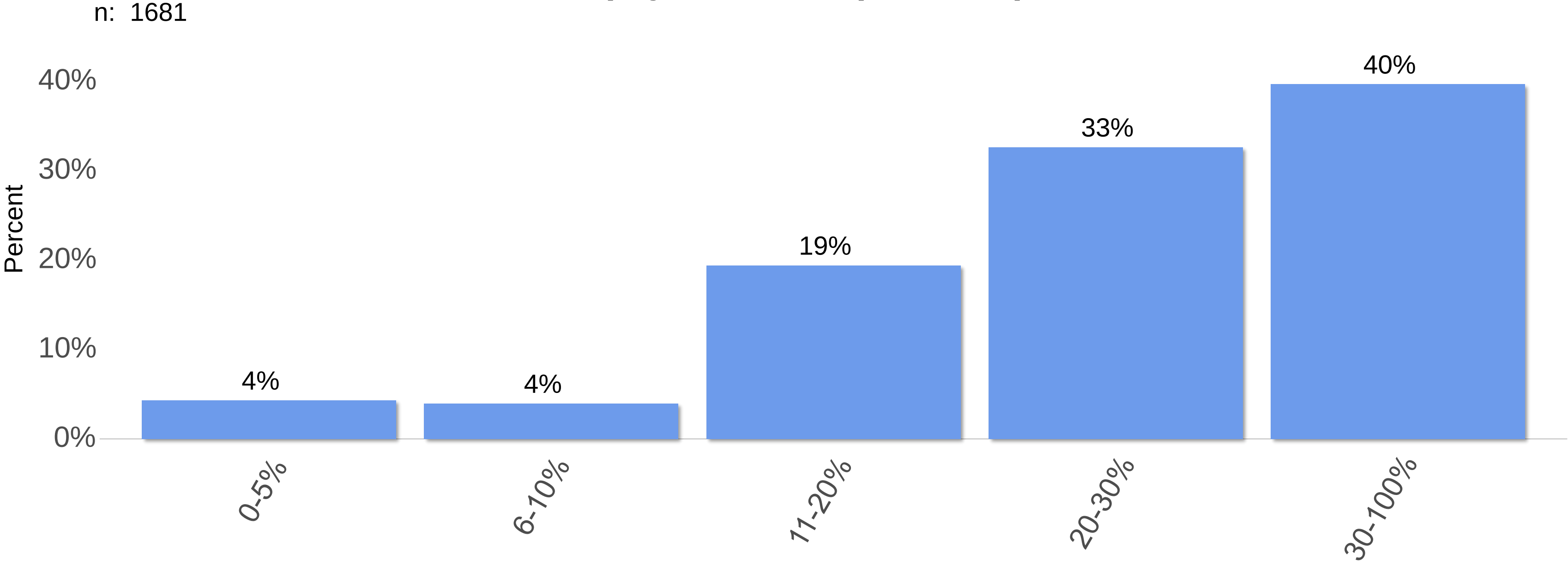
How important is homeownership to you?

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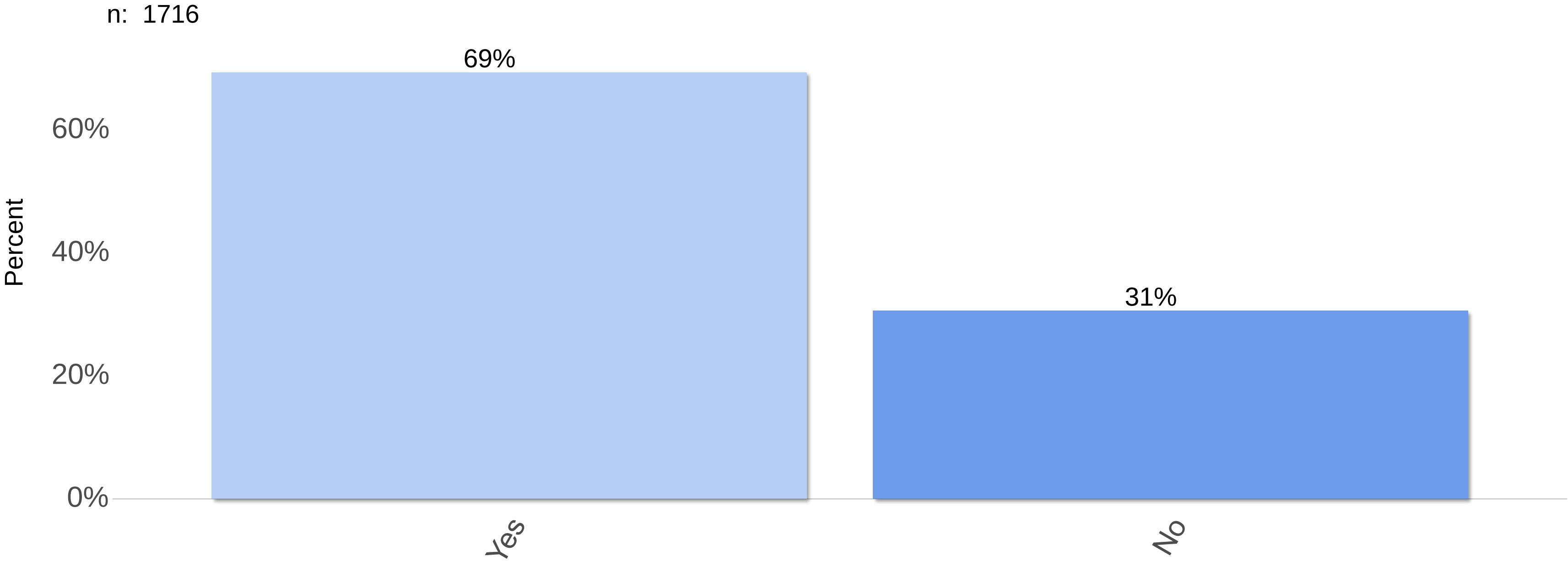
But vastly over-estimate downpayment

How much downpayment is required to purchase a home?



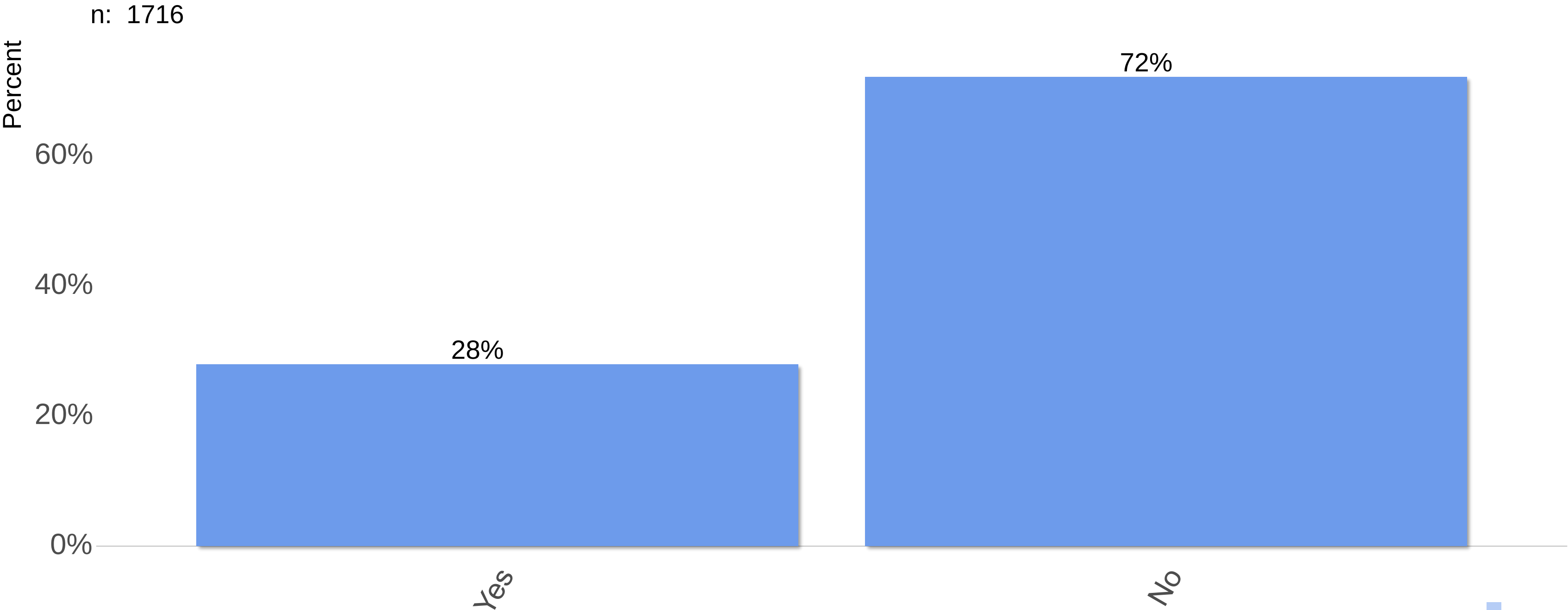
Most renters would buy with little down

If you could qualify for a mortgage with a much lower down-payment would you buy?

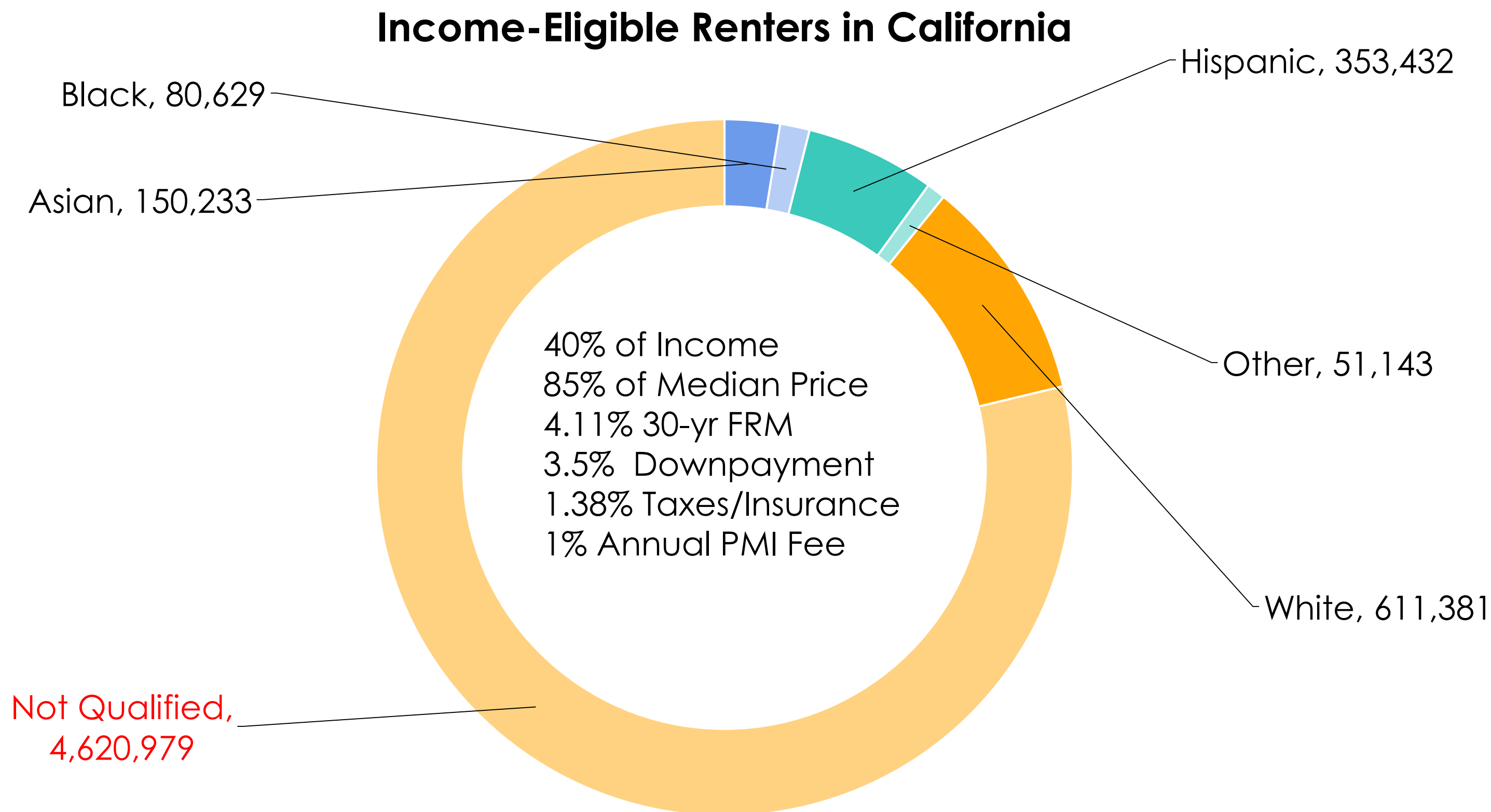


Only 30% know of low-down loans

Are you aware of (FHA) backed loans that require only a 3.5% downpayment



Lots of potentially eligible renters



Not just in “affordable” areas

Region	Income-Eligible Renters
SoCal	669,509
Central Valley	299,780
Bay Area	161,278
Other	71,475
Central Coast	44,776
Grand Total	1,246,818





The Forecast

U.S. economic outlook

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019p	2020f
US GDP	2.6%	1.6%	2.3%	2.9%	2.2%	1.6%
Nonfarm Job Growth	2.1%	1.8%	1.4%	1.6%	1.3%	0.8%
Unemployment	5.3%	4.9%	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%
CPI	0.1%	1.4%	2.0%	2.4%	2.0%	2.0%
Real Disposable Income, % Change	3.4%	2.7%	2.1%	2.9%	2.8%	2.5%



California housing market outlook

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019p	2020f
SFH Resales (000s)	409.4	417.7	424.9	402.8	390.2	393.5
% Change	7.0%	2.0%	1.7%	-5.2%	-3.1%	0.8%
Median Price (\$000s)	\$476.3	\$502.3	\$537.9	\$570.0	\$593.2	\$607.9
% Change	6.6%	5.4%	7.1%	6.0%	4.1%	2.5%
Housing Affordability Index	31%	31%	29%	28%	32%	32%
30-Yr FRM	3.9%	3.6%	4.0%	4.5%	3.9%	3.7%



Key takeaways

- Low rates help sales but is the momentum is sustainable
- Price set new high but growth will remain soft to modest
- More possible rate cuts in H219
- Many want to buy but affordability remains an issue
- Market competitive, productivity/earnings to decline
- 2020 will be more difficult than 2019, but not impossible



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