## Property Tax Overview

Lane County Budget Committee

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- The Lane County Assessor collects property tax on behalf of 83 separate taxing districts including cities, schools, education service districts, water districts, rural fire districts, urban renewal districts; and park and recreation, library and ambulance districts
- Lane County's January 1, 2013 total real market value increased to \$45.6 billion from \$44.8 billion the previous year
- This is an overall increase of 1.8 percent from January 1, 2012

- Property values for tax purposes are set only once a year at the time of certification
- Oregon does not reset property values at the time of sale as in California, nor does it reset property values for tax purposes at the time of a refinanced loan
- An individual property's market value change varies due to many factors including the general real estate market, property location, and changes made to the property such as new additions, remodels, or demolition

- The change in tax an individual property owner will see depends on where the property is located, and if there are any new bonds or levies, etc. In Lane County, we are seeing some increases in real market value from the previous year and expect the real estate market to continue to improve during the next few years
- The total property tax certified to collect for all tax levies combined in 2013 was \$440.3 million
- This is approximately eight percent more than in 2012
- The amount of taxes billed changes each year as a result of new, expired or renewed local option and bond levies approved by voters; the three percent statutory increase in maximum assessed values; the addition of new properties to the tax roll; the number of exemptions granted; and the number of properties being taxed on their lower market values instead of their Measure 50 maximum assessed values

- Oregon's constitution limits the increase in maximum assessed value of each property to three percent per year, unless there have been changes made to the property
- The most common reasons for a property's assessed value to grow more than three percent are new construction or additions, new partitions or subdivisions, removal from special assessment or exemption programs, or changes in zoning and use of the property

- Seventy-seven percent of residential properties in Lane County still have a Measure 50 maximum assessed value lower than their real market value
- Those properties will continue to see the three percent statutory increase in their maximum assessed value
- On average, residential property owners will pay tax on 88 percent of their home's real market value in 2013.

- The total taxable value for all properties located in Lane County increased by 2.6 percent over last year, from \$27.2 billion in 2012 to \$27.9 billion in 2013
- This change reflects a six percent increase in new construction activity (\$285 million for 2012 over \$268.5 million in the previous year)

## Measure 50

- Most residential & commercial properties will have 3% increase in Maximum Assessed Value and will still have a taxable value lower than their market value on the 2014 tax statement
- During the "boom real estate market", Measure 50 protected property owners from spikes in taxes
- During the slowdown of the real estate market, Measure 50 provides general stability to district revenues

#### All Lane County Property

## Real Market Values compared to Measure 50 Values 2013 Combined "Gap" = 36.6%

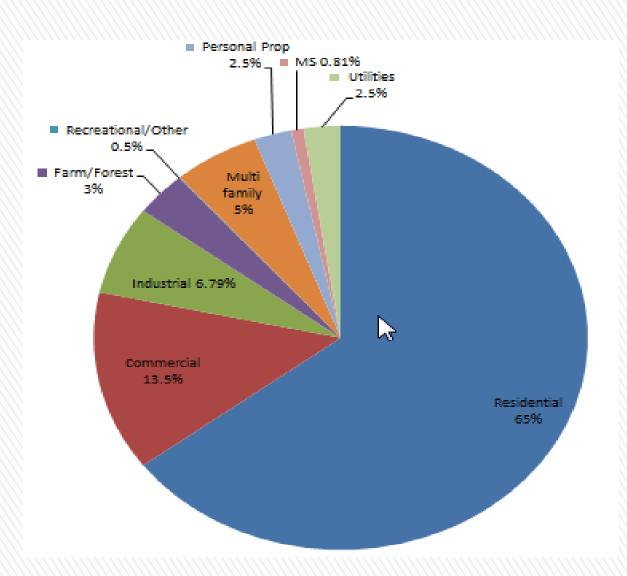




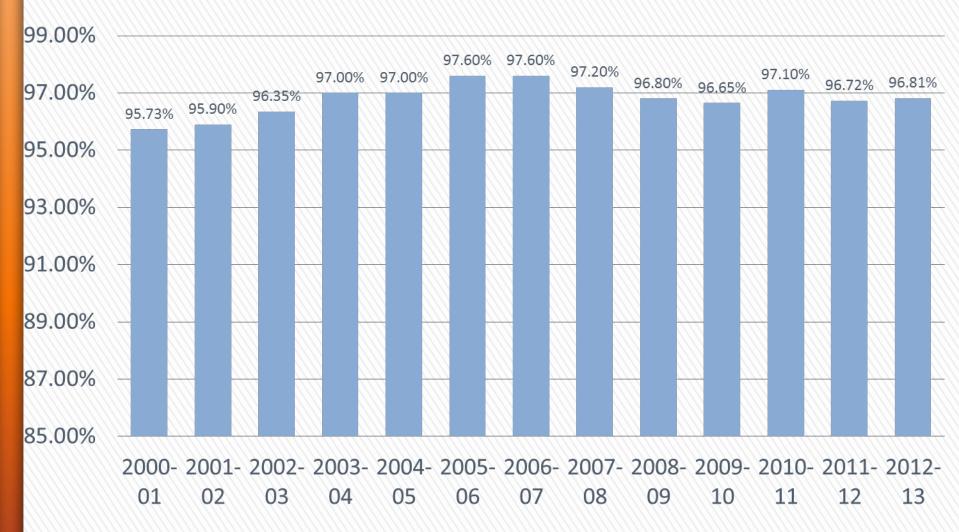
## Assessed Value as % of Real Market Value by property type



## Taxes by Property Type

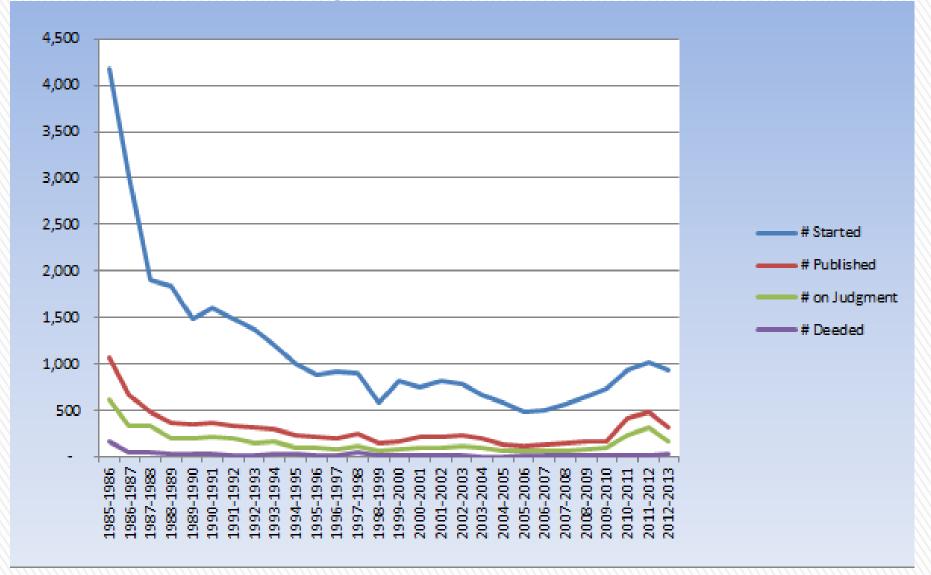


#### **Lane Co Tax Collection Rates**





#### **Property Tax Foreclosures**



#### **Lane County Operating Levy**



## Residential Market Activity



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Residential Review: Lane County, Oregon

December 2013 Reporting Period

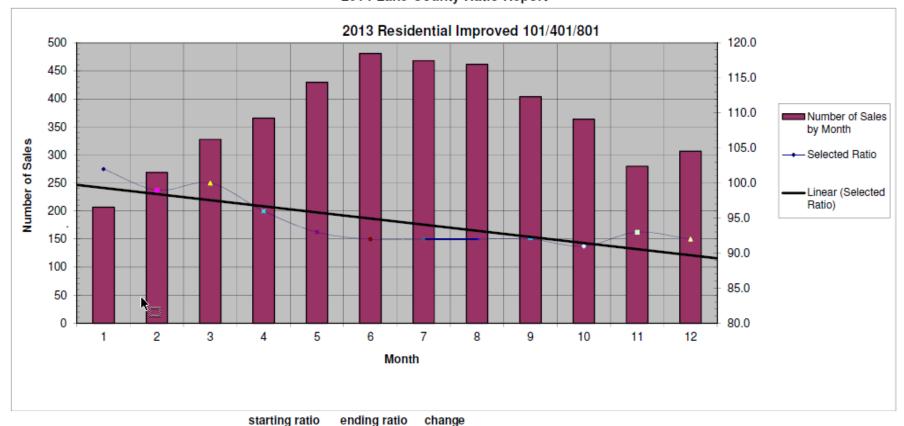
#### Average and Median Sale Prices

The average price through December is \$224,900, up 11.9% from this time in 2012, when the average was \$200,900. In the same comparison, the median price increased 12.4% from \$178,000 last year to \$200,000 this year.

Inventory in Months*				
	2011	2012	2013	
January	12.4	7.8	6.8	
February	11.9	8.8	5.7	
March	8.6	6.3	4.6	
April	8.0	6.9	4.5	
May	7.6	5.8	4.2	
June	7.0	6.7	4.3	
July	8.6	5.9	4.7	
August	7.7	5.1	4.3	
September	7.7	5.7	4.7	
October	7.6	5.5	5.2	
November	8.2	6.0	6.0	
December	6.4	5.2	4.4	

\*Inventory in Months is calculated by dividing the Active Listings at the end of the month in question by the number of closed sales for that month. This number includes proposed and under construction homes.

#### 2014 Lane County Ratio Report



y9.75 89.25 10.50 (Ratio rising = Values Dropping)

Months (Ratio dropping = Values Increasing)

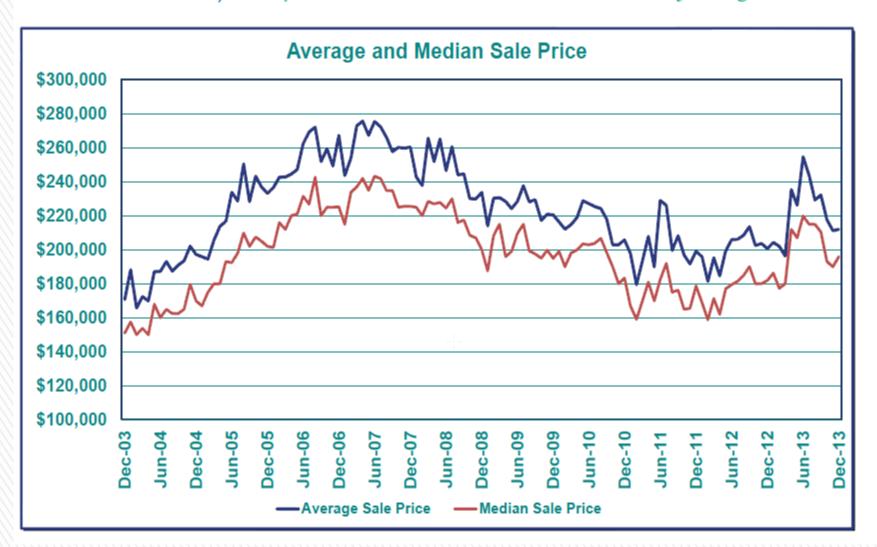
January 1st 2013 to December 31st 2013

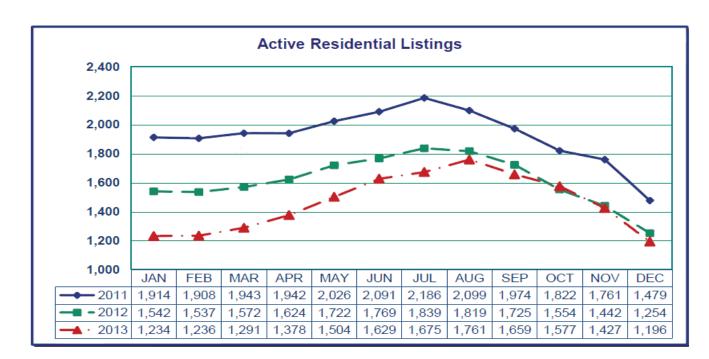
Monthly Adjustment 0.88



SALE PRICE
LANE COUNTY, OR

This graph represents the average and median sale price for all homes sold in Greater Lane County, Oregon.





#### ACTIVE RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS

#### LANE COUNTY, OR

This graph shows the active residential listings over the past three calendar years in Lane County, Oregon.

#### NEW LISTINGS LANE COUNTY, OR

This graph shows the new residential listings over the past three calendar years in Lane County, Oregon.

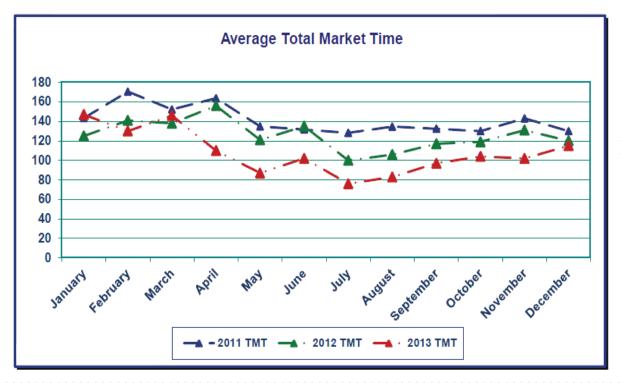


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#### CLOSED SALES LANE COUNTY, OR

This graph shows the closed sales over the past five calendar years in Lane County, Oregon.





## LANE COUNTY, OR

This graph shows the average market time for sales in Lane County,

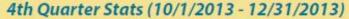
Oregon over the past three calendar years.

# Residential Distressed Property

#### Distressed Residential Properties Lane County

RMLS™ 1st Quarter Stats (1/1/2014 - 3/31/2014)







Sales - 850

Source: RMLS™ Regional Multiple Listing Service, Portland, OR / RMLScentral.com

2013 Lane County Di	stressed Reside	ntial Properties-	-New Listings	

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2013 Total
<b>Short Sales</b>	167 (12.9%)	103 (5.6%)	72 (4.5%)	57 (6.9%)	399 (7.2%)
Bank Owned/REO	64 (4.9%)	45 (2.4%)	35 (2.2%)	37 (4.5%)	181 (3.2%)
Non-Distressed	1,066 (82.2%)	1,695 (92.0%)	1,501 (93.3%)	728 (88.6%)	4,990 (89.6%)

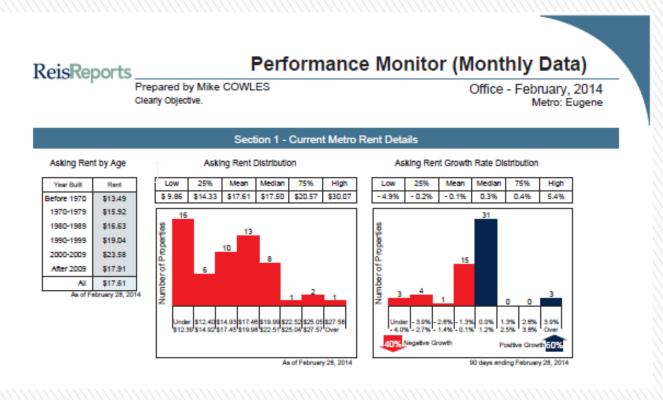
2013 Lane County Distressed Residential Properties—Sold

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2013 Total
<b>Short Sales</b>	82 (11.5%)	83 (7.6%)	76 (6.4%)	66 (7.8%)	307 (8.0%)
Bank Owned/REO	96 (13.5%)	58 (5.3%)	39 (3.3%)	26 (3.0%)	219 (5.7%)
Non-Distressed	533 (75.0%)	955 (87.1%)	1,065 (90.3%)	758 (89.2%)	3,311 (86.3%)

Source: RMLS™ Regional Multiple Listing Service, Portland, OR / RMLScentral.com

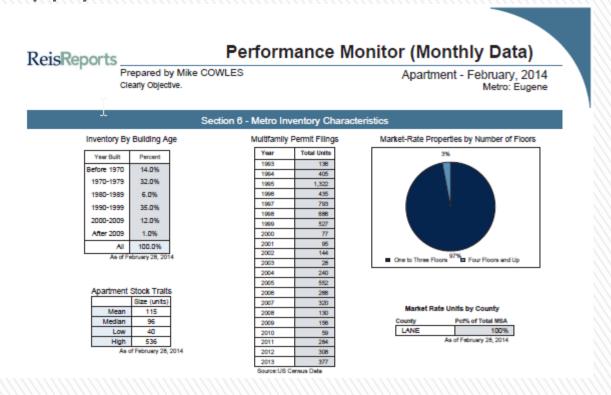
- Comparing 2012 to 2013, distressed sales as a percentage of closed sales decreased from 28.6% to 15.1%
- Short sales comprised 6.4% of new listings and 8.1% of sold listings in 2013, down 4.9% and 4.0% from 2012 respectively as a percentage of the market
- Bank owned/REO properties comprised 4.5% of new listings and 7.0% of sales in 2013, decreasing slightly from 10.3% and 16.5% respectively in 2012

- Commercial properties are showing a flat to slight increase in values
- Overall values are expected to increase 0% to 5% (depending on market area) for the 2014 tax year





- Multifamily properties are showing a slight increase in values. Overall values are expected to increase 1% to 6% (depending on market area) for the 2014 tax year
- Oversupply is a concern





» Large Industrial accounts values are holding steady and small industrial accounts experienced an uptick (1%-6%) in values for the 2014 tax year



## Preliminary look at 2014 tax roll

- Residential values are rebounding, but inventory is tight and property owners are still hesitant to put their homes on the market
- Many properties will still hit the Measure 5 maximum of \$15 per 1,000 RMV as many market values are still below assessed. Compression will affect schools most
- 2013 & 2014 new building permit activity still low volume but increasing
- Segregations and partitions are starting to increase
- Comcast will defer payment of their taxes again (still waiting for Oregon Supreme Court decision)
- Property tax revenues for most districts will be an increase but still below 3%



- Property tax revenues are maximized under the current law absent an aggressive reappraisal effort to find property that is not on the tax roll
- Prior year reductions in assessor staff makes any significant enhanced effort to increase tax revenues very difficult
- The focus is on getting the current tax roll finished by state deadline and statements mailed out on time
- Property tax will continue to provide relatively stable funding base to the General Fund

# Conclusion for Lane County