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PLYMOUTH COUNTY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2014

## SALES VOLUME AND REFINANCE ACTIVITY REMAIN SOLID

The Registry of Deeds recorded 956 deeds in July, bringing the 2014 sales total to 4,879, slightly ahead of last year's pace. Register John R. Buckley, Jr. noted that this gradual improvement has now continued for the past couple of years. "Last year at this time, we had recorded 4,787 deeds, and at this time in 2012, we had recorded 4,641 deeds," said Buckley. The improvement in the market clearly has shown some staying power.

Prices in Plymouth County have also continued their upward trend, as they have across the country. According to Altos Research, a company that studies national trends in the real estate market, national sales for July, 2014 are up 9% over July, 2013. The year-to-date average sales price in Plymouth County was reported at \$351,490, up 8% from the average of \$326,715, reported at the seven-month mark in 2013. It has also been reported that the demand across the country remains high and transactions happen very quickly. Altos sees this as a positive sign for the overall U. S. economy. Plymouth County numbers corroborate the national trend. "The sales have continued their upward trend and the market has more than held its own here in Plymouth County," Buckley noted.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 1,749 mortgages in July, bringing the year-to-date total to 9,208. This represents the highest total of mortgages recorded since October, 2013. During the same seven-month period in 2013, Plymouth County had recorded 15,801 mortgages. "The number differential is still significant, but for the past five (5) months the numbers have continued to improve," Buckley noted. "The drop in re-financing was so dramatic that we still have a ways to go, but at least our numbers continue in the right direction", added Buckley.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 25 foreclosure deeds in July, comparable to the 22 foreclosure deeds in June. Through the first seven months of the year, Plymouth County recorded 200 foreclosure deeds, representing a 21% decrease over the 254 that were recorded at the seven-month mark in 2013. "The long term downward trend in foreclosures is surely a good sign for the local economy," Buckley observed.

Plymouth County also recorded 86 notices initiating new foreclosures in July, bringing the total for the year to 500. "These numbers continue to provide good news for our region as they have been down all year long," noted Buckley. That figure (500) represents a 29% decrease from the 709 notices recorded during the same period in 2013. Buckley again points to a positive trend over the past year.

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#### REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY THROUGH JULY 2014 COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2013

All figures are based on sales or mortgages between \$25,000.00 and \$3,000,000.

2014 sales volume: 4,879

2013 sales volume: 4,787

(2% increase)

2014 total sales value: \$1,714,920,207

2013 total sales value: \$1,563,982,620

(10% increase)

2014 average sales price: \$351,490

2013 average sales price: \$326,715

(8% increase)

2014 mortgage volume: 9,208

2013 mortgage volume: 15,801

(42% decrease)

2014 average mortgage amount: \$249,431

2013 average mortgage amount: \$251,268

(1% decrease)

2014 foreclosure deeds: 200

2013 foreclosure deeds: 254

(21% decrease)

2014 foreclosure notices: 500

2013 foreclosure notices: 709

(29% decrease)

# Foreclosures and Orders of Notice

## July 2014

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<b>Town</b>	<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	<b>Orders of Notice</b>
ABINGTON	0	2
BRIDGEWATER	0	4
BROCKTON	6	19
CARVER	0	1
DUXBURY	0	1
EAST BRIDGEWATER	0	1
HALIFAX	0	1
HANOVER	0	1
HANSON	2	2
HINGHAM	0	0
HULL	0	1
KINGSTON	1	2
LAKEVILLE	1	4
MARION	0	0
MARSHFIELD	3	2
MATTAPOISETT	0	1
MIDDLEBORO	1	7
NORWELL	0	2
PEMBROKE	2	8
PLYMOUTH	4	17
PLYMPTON	0	0
ROCHESTER	0	0
ROCKLAND	1	2
SCITUATE	1	1
WAREHAM	1	5
WEST BRIDGEWATER	1	0
WHITMAN	0	2