

## Home Sales Soar to New Heights in October

- London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> (LSTAR) residential sales activity hit a new record in October, with 928 homes exchanging hands in the Association's jurisdiction. This brings the total number of 2019 LSTAR home sales to 8,909, 3.4% higher than the October 2018 year-to-date figures. Once again, home sales soared to new heights, making last month the best October since 1978, when the Association began tracking sales. In addition, the year-to-date data suggests this year's home sales are poised to surpass last year's. Overall, the average home price was \$412,883. This represents an 8.7% increase over October 2018, but is slightly lower than the August average home price of \$413,000
- London North: Saw an increase of 2.2% over last October, with an average home sales price of \$486,584.
- London South: (which also includes data from the west side of London) \$425,631 up 7.4% over October 2018.
- London East: Average price was \$340,530, up 8.9 % from last October.
- The number of active listings saw a slight year-over-year uptick in October from 1,596 in 2018 to 1,716 in 2019, but stayed well below the 10-year average. The sales to new listings ratio for the entire Association's jurisdiction sat at 79.5% last month, 2.4% higher than in October 2018. This speaks to the brisk pace of the local real estate market, which clearly favours Sellers.

It's important to point out that the average sales price does include all housing types, including single detached homes, as well as high rise apartment condominiums.

It's a great time to contact me if you are considering buying or selling a property, or just have questions. Just call me at my office at 519-471-8888. I would love to hear from you anytime.

Area	October 2019 Average Sale Price
Elgin County	\$394,119
London	\$416,592
Middlesex County	\$482,569
St. Thomas	\$349,895
Strathroy	\$438,019



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