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Chester County Housing Prices Increased 2.5 Percent in the First Nine Months of 2007; 8.5 Percent Decrease in the Number of Residential Homes Sold

East Coventry Township posted the largest percent increase in median sale price in Chester County, rising 37.3 percent

DEVON, PA – Chester County median home prices increased an average of 2.5 percent to \$312,500 in the first nine months of 2007, according to Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors'® HomExpert Market Report[®]. The median sale price during the same period in 2006 was \$305,000.

In the first nine months of 2007, the county saw 4,652 homes sold, a 8.5 percent decrease, compared to 5,086 homes sold in the first nine months of 2006. Additionally, monthly average inventory for the first nine months of 2007 was 1,081 compared to 1,080 in the first nine months of 2006. The average number of days a home remained on the market increased from 54 days in the first nine months of 2006 to 67 days in the same period in 2007.

East Coventry Township posted the largest percent increase in median sale price in Chester County, increasing 37.3 percent in the first nine months of 2007 to \$392,000, followed by Parkesburg Borough at 24.8 percent to \$211,500, East Whiteland Township at 19.9 percent to \$434,500, London Britain Township at 18.7 percent to \$435,000 and Tredyffrin Township at 18.3 percent to \$420,000.

Birmingham Township posted the highest median sale price at \$680,000, followed by Easttown Township at \$562,500, West Pikeland Township at \$555,000, Pocopson Township at \$517,500 and West Vincent Township at \$505,000.

Tredyffrin Township posted the highest number of homes sold in the first nine months of 2007 at 404, which was unchanged from 2006, followed by East Goshen Township (222, -7.9 percent), Uwchlan Township (207, 4.5 percent), Phoenixville Township (207, -13.8 percent) and West Whiteland Township (197, -20.2 percent).

Other first nine months HomExpert Market Report[®] findings:

- Chester County led the five-county region in median sale price in the first nine months of 2007 at \$312,500, followed by Bucks County at \$300,000, Montgomery County at \$275,000, Delaware County at \$220,000 and Philadelphia County at \$144,000.
- Delaware County led the five-county region with the largest increase in median sale price in the first nine months of 2007 at 7.3 percent, followed by Philadelphia County at 2.9 percent, Chester County at 2.5 percent, Montgomery County at 1.9 percent and Bucks County saw no change.
- Philadelphia County led the five-county region in the number of homes sold in the first nine months of 2007 at 13,545 (-10.6 percent), followed by Montgomery County at 8,082 (-9.3 percent), Delaware County at 5,963 (-6.3 percent), Bucks County at 5,520 (-3.1 percent) and Chester County at 4,652 (-8.5 percent).

First Nine Months of 2007 by Median Sale Price

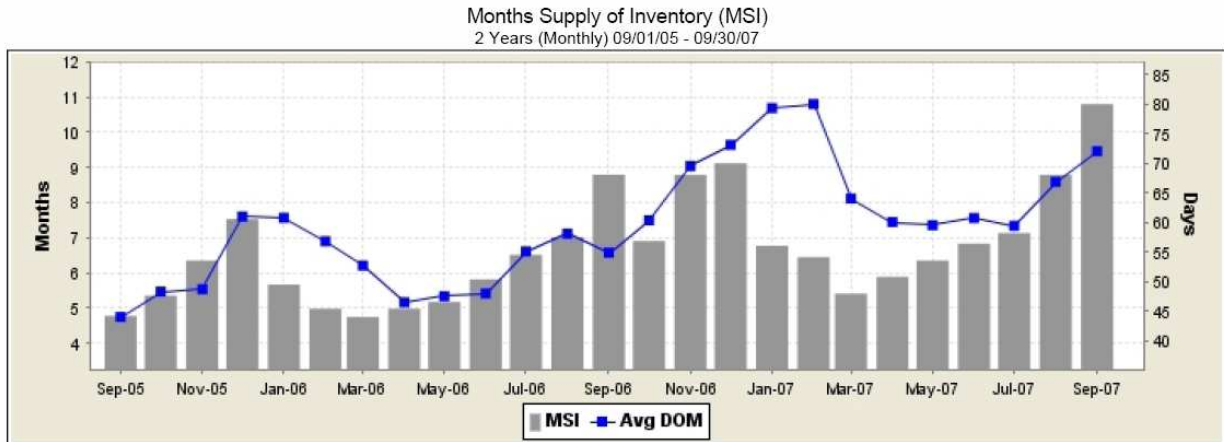
Municipality	2007	2006	% Change
Birmingham Township	\$680,000	\$595,000	14.3%
Easttown Township	\$562,500	\$750,000	-25.0%
West Pikeland Township	\$555,000	\$495,000	12.1%
Pocopson Township	\$517,500	\$763,750	-32.2%
West Vincent Township	\$505,000	\$605,000	-16.5%

*Editor’s Note: Additional charts and graphs available upon request. Top areas listed include 20 or more sales in the first nine months of 2007. Days on Market (DOM) data measures the number of days a property is listed from initial list date in the multiple listing service (MLS) until the property goes under contract.

Chester County Graphs



2 Year							
	Sep-05	Sep-07	Δ	% Δ	Min	Max	Avg
FS	3,856	4,828	972	25.21	3,445	5,138	4,459
UC	604	361	-243	-40.23	359	687	537
Sold	624	412	-212	-33.97	370	798	556



2 Year							
	Sep-05	Sep-07	Δ	% Δ	Min	Max	Avg
MSI	4.8	10.8	6.0	125.94	4.7	10.8	6.7
MSI-NAR	4.8	10.8	6.0	125.94	4.7	10.8	6.7
DOM	44	72	28	63.42	44	80	60

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