

September another strong month for real estate

- London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS[®] (LSTAR) announced 861 homes were sold last month, marking the second best September for home resales, since the Association began tracking data in 1978. In September, home resales across the region were up 11.8%, compared to the same month last year. With three months left in the year, almost 8,000 homes have exchanged hands, which is up 3.6%, compared to this period in 2018. Meanwhile, inventory remains low, with active listings at 1,841, up 8.8%, compared to September 2018. This number is well below the 10-year average. For comparison, this is down 22.6% compared to three years ago and down 49.6% compared to five years ago.
- London North: Average sale price in August: \$485,102, down 2.2%, as compared to the previous year.
- London South: (which also includes data from the west side of London) \$406,388 an increase of 5.4% over September 2018.
- London East: Average price was \$343,404, up 13.7% from last September.
- What we're experiencing with low inventory has had an impact on the average home sales price. Each of the five major areas in LSTAR's jurisdiction saw an increase last month. It was up 20.4% in Elgin County, up 6.6% in Middlesex and up 6.5% in Strathroy. London and St. Thomas also saw gains, up 5.1% and 4.3% respectively. Overall, the average home price was \$412,208. It represents an increase of 6.8% from September 2018 but is almost on par with the average sales price of \$413,010 from August.

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	September 2019 Average Sale Price
Elgin County	\$426,992
London	\$410,930
Middlesex County	\$504,172
St. Thomas	\$335,374
Strathroy	\$406,426



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