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# **State Of The Market**

Home prices continue rising, but the supply of homes is starting to improve, suggesting some relief is in sight for would-be buyers.

Unlike 2005-2007, when the market was driven by speculation and loans were given to people who could not afford them, today's market holds two certainties: Home prices are heading up and interest rates are soon

to follow. This market is needs-driven, based on an improving job market in King County as well as simple supply and demand. Even though we cannot predict the future, if interest rates



and inventory levels remain low, a bubble is unlikely. We might even be moving toward a balanced market.

Many brokers expect current market conditions will continue at least into the summer of 2017, and the best opportunity for homebuyers to find a home will be in the next three months.

For investors, there are great opportunities in the surrounding areas, particularly south of Seattle, that will acheive a 10 percent capitalization rate.

## **By The Numbers**

### **Median Home Sale Price**

July	2015	2016
King County	492k	550k
Seattle	560k	630k
Central Seattle	697k	835k
Beacon Hill	485k	510k
West Seattle	450k	501k
North Seattle	575k	692k
QueenAnne-Mag	780k	799k
Ballard-Green Lk	600k	676k
SouthEast Seattle	475k	530k



### **Supply And Demand**

Inventory vs. Buyers in Seattle



There are **30 days** of inventory at the current rate of home sales, making it a seller's market.