

Northern
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Region
First Quarter 2012











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The Everitt Real Estate Center (EREC), a membership organization based in the Department of Finance and Real Estate in the Colorado State University College of Business, aims to provide educational opportunities and applied research experience for students, and disseminate applied research that addresses the critical current and future real estate needs of the Colorado real estate community. The Everitt Real Estate Center serves not only as a bridge between the university and private business, but is also a catalyst within the university, working with students and faculty from various disciplines.

The EREC Market Statistics for the Northern Colorado Region details historical closing and inventory trends for both attached and detached residential product types from 1997 through the most recent quarter. The EREC Market Statistics report is free and available for download at <a href="http://biz.colostate.edu/EREC/Pages/research.aspx">http://biz.colostate.edu/EREC/Pages/research.aspx</a>.

In addition to the quarterly Market Statistics, the Center also produces the EREC House Price Indices (HPI), an in-depth study of residential property values. The EREC HPI is based on Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data collected by Information Real Estate Services, LLC (IRES, LLC) and calculated annually for 11 major market areas in Boulder, Larimer & Weld counties as well as individual census tracts in Northern Colorado.

### **Methodology and Approach**

The Everitt Real Center publishes Market Statistics for the Northern Colorado Region utilizing residential Multiple Listing Service data provided by Information Real Estate Services, LLC (IRES). The Northern Colorado Region includes Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties as well as 11 major market areas within these three counties.

The data, which includes more than 350,000 records from 1997 through the most recent quarter, is examined to ensure accurate classification of both attached (condominium, townhouse, and duplex) and detached product types. In addition, the data is extensively filtered to eliminate sales and listings of commercial properties, income producing properties (single-family detached properties containing two or more units), permanently affordable houses, land sales, and land leases.

The geographic boundaries for the counties and market areas are selected utilizing a map overlay rather than relying on the user inputs; therefore, the results will differ from IRES, LLC filters. Prior to selection

of the data by area, the street addresses of each property are standardized using a third party to conform to U.S. Postal Service standards. This process significantly improves the accuracy and success rate of determining the geographic coordinates and facilitates quality control.

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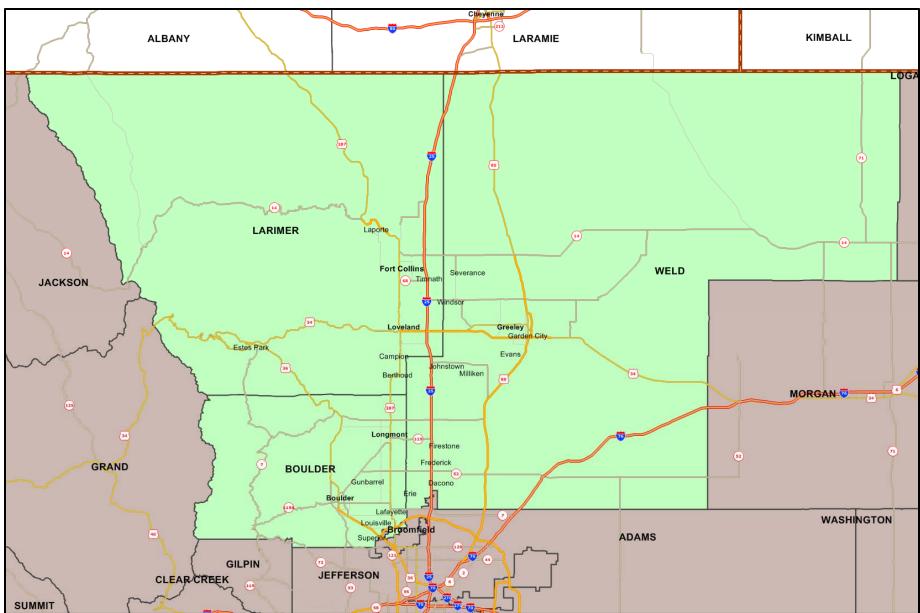
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### **Map of Northern Colorado Region**



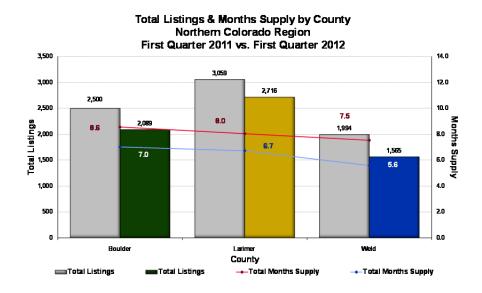
### Market Snapshot – First Quarter 2012

Home closings in Northern Colorado increased significantly in First Quarter 2012 as compared to the previous year, up 12 percent from 2,081 closings during First Quarter 2011 to 2,325 closings during First Quarter 2012.

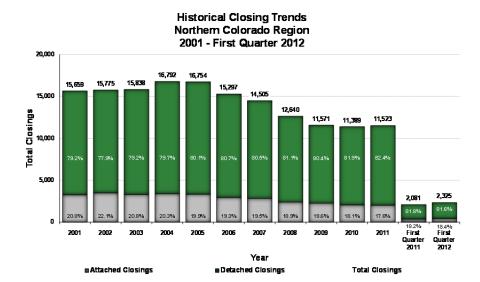
**Attached** closings (condo, townhome & duplex) increased 13 percent to 428 closings in First Quarter 2012, while the number of **detached** closings in Northern Colorado increased 11 percent from 1,703 to 1,897 closings.

Larimer County registered the greatest increase in total closings during First Quarter 2012, up 16 percent from 829 to 961 closings, followed by a 12 percent increase in Boulder County, up from 618 closings to 692 closings. As compared to First Quarter 2011, home closings increased 6 percent in Weld County, up from 634 to 672 closings in First Quarter 2012.

The total number of inventory homes in Northern Colorado fell 16 percent from 7,553 listings at the end of First Quarter 2011 to 6,370 listings at the end of First Quarter 2012. Based on the average monthly sales absorption during the previous 12 months, the supply of available homes declined significantly, down 20 percent from an 8.1 to a 6.5 months supply.



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As compared to First Quarter 2011, the total number of listings dropped 16 percent in Boulder County and 11 percent in Larimer County. Weld County registered the greatest decline in the total number of listings, down 22 percent from 1,994 to 1,565 listings at the end of First Quarter 2012.

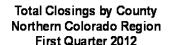
The number of **attached** (condo, townhome & duplex) listings fell 24 percent in Northern Colorado, down from 1,448 listings to 1,104 listings at the end of First Quarter 2012. Based on the average monthly sales absorption during the previous 12 months, the supply of **attached** homes fell 26 percent from an 8.6 to 6.4 months supply.

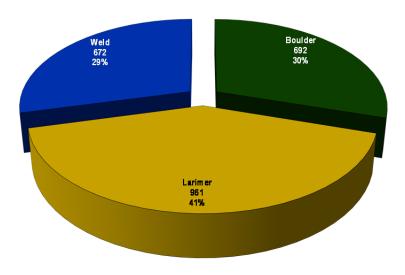
As compared to First Quarter 2011, the number of **detached** listings in Northern Colorado fell 14 percent from 6,105 to 5,226 listings. The supply of available **detached** homes dropped 19 percent from an 8.0 months supply to a 6.5 months supply at the end of First Quarter 2012.

In Boulder County, the supply of homes fell 19 percent compared to First Quarter 2011, down from an 8.6 to 7.0 months supply. The total supply of available homes fell 16 percent in Larimer County to a 6.7 months supply. Weld County had the lowest total months supply of available homes at the end of First Quarter 2012, down 25 percent to a 5.6 month supply.

### **Market Statistics by County**

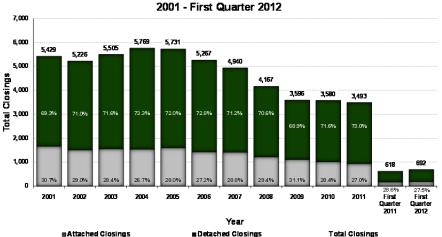
### **Boulder County**





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### **Historical Closing Trends Boulder County** 2001 - First Quarter 2012



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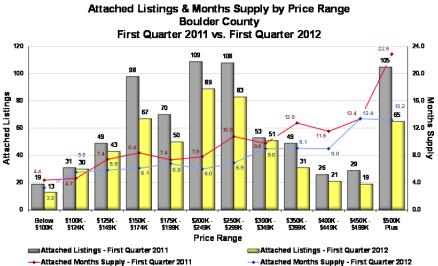
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Detached Listings & Months Supply by Price Range

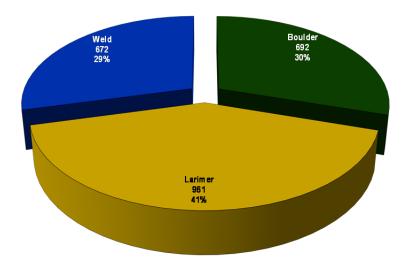
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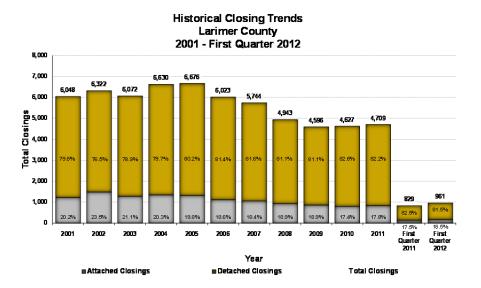
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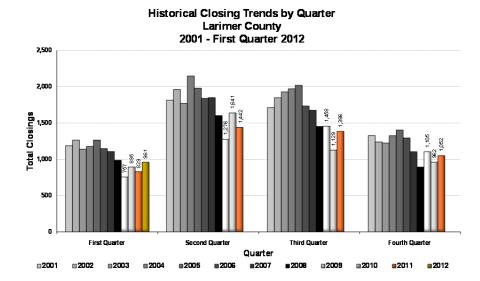
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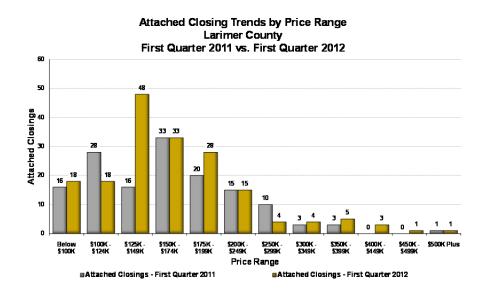


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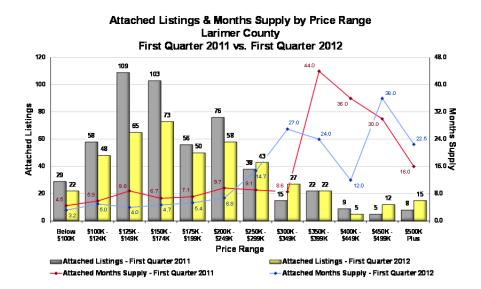




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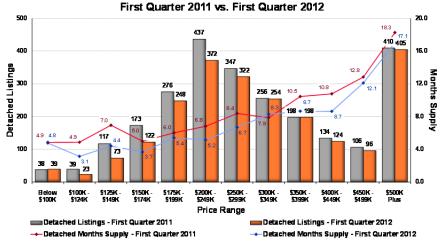
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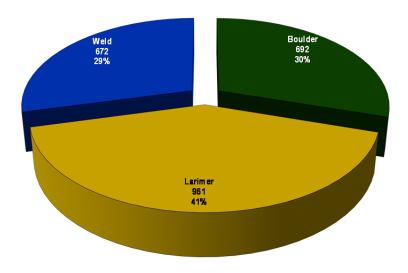
Detached Listings & Months Supply by Price Range Larimer County

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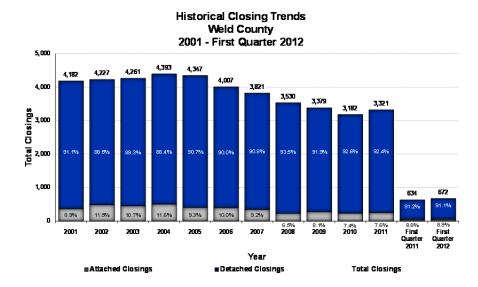


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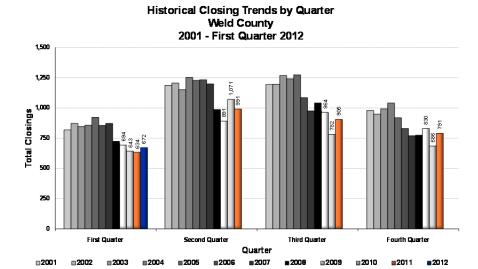
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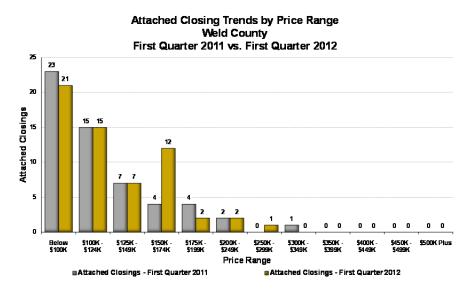


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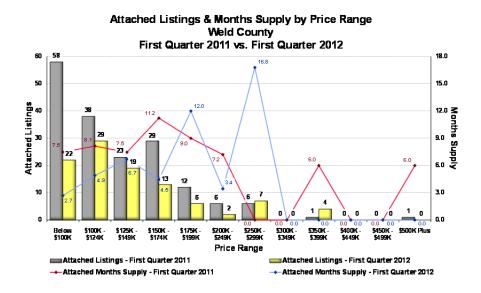


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Detached Months Supply - First Quarter 2011



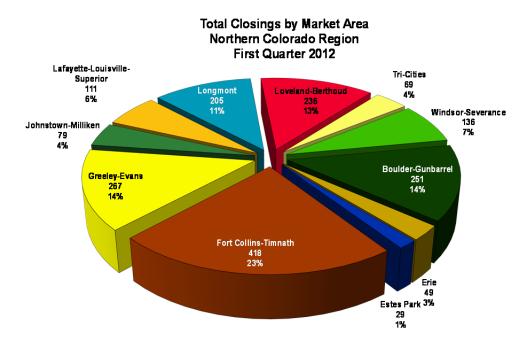
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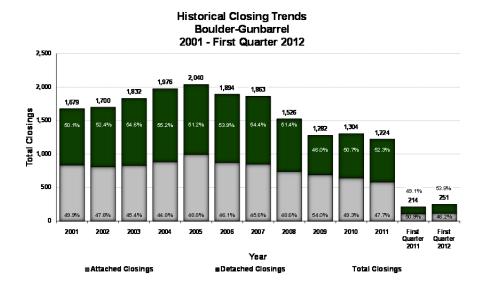
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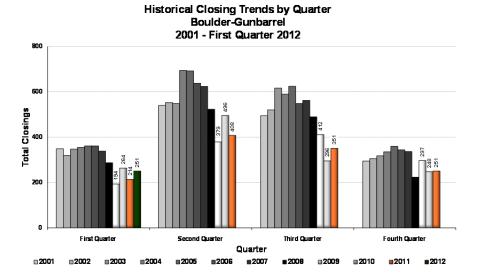
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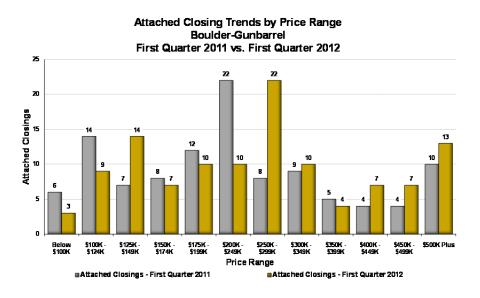


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Detached Closing Trends by Price Range
Boulder-Gunbarrel
First Quarter 2011 vs. First Quarter 2012

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Detached Closings - First Quarter 2011

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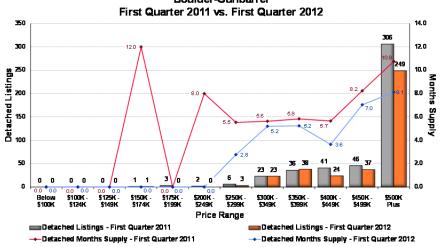
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Price Range

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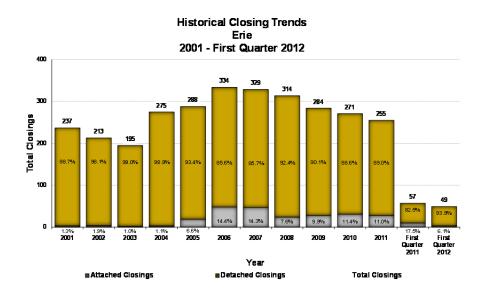


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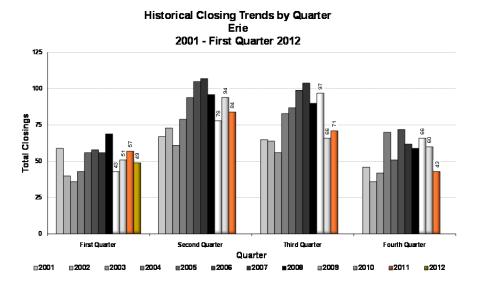
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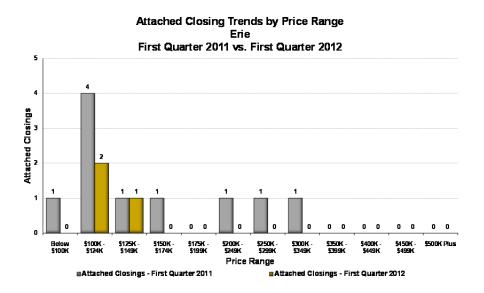


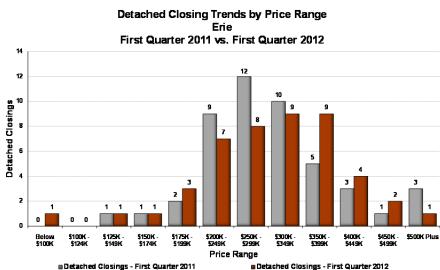
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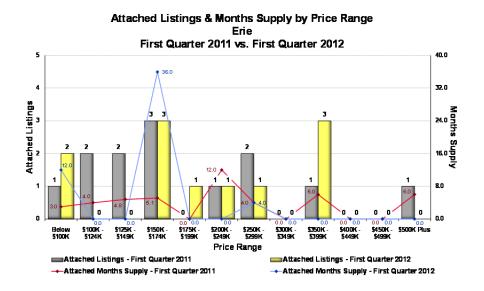






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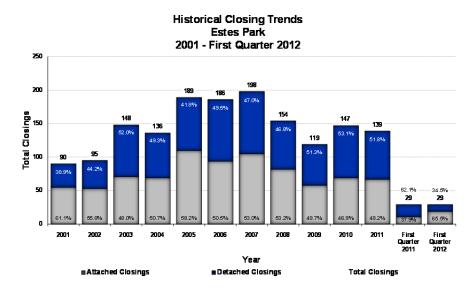


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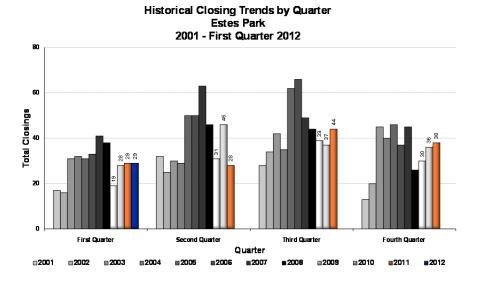
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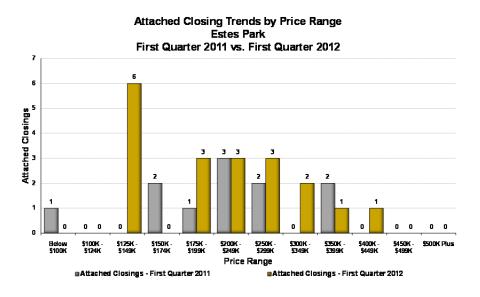


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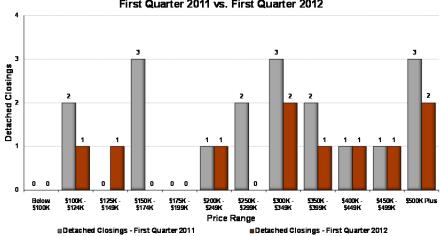


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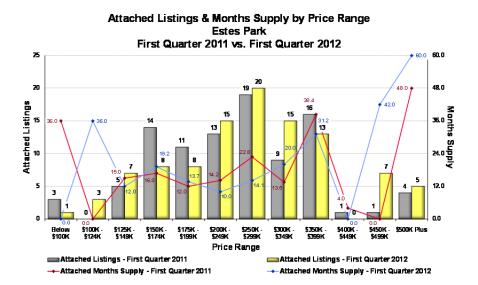


**Detached Closing Trends by Price Range** Estes Park First Quarter 2011 vs. First Quarter 2012

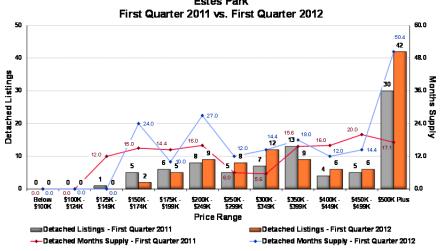


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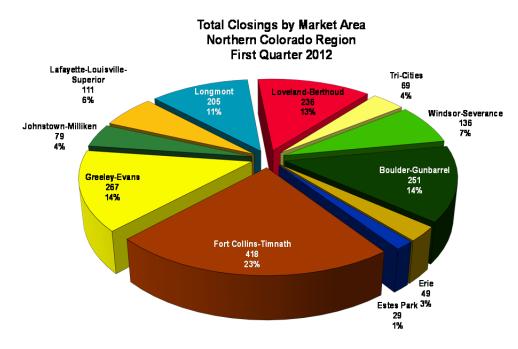


Detached Listings & Months Supply by Price Range Estes Park

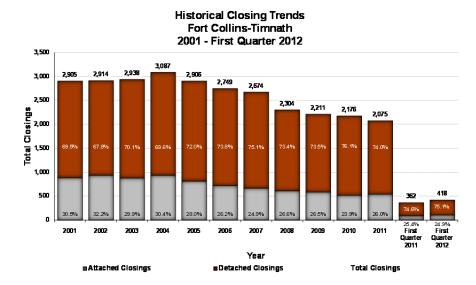


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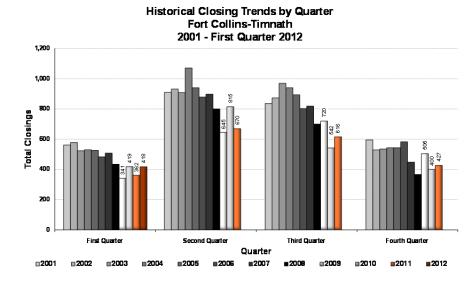
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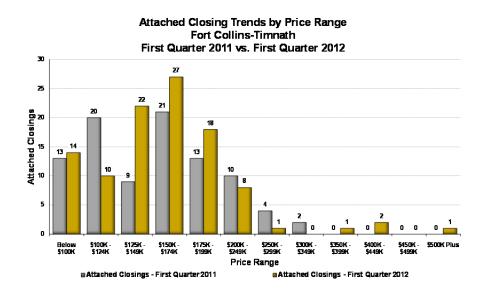


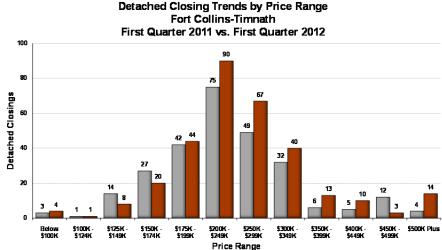
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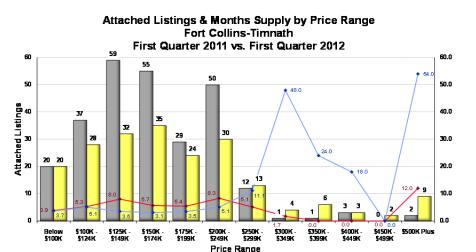






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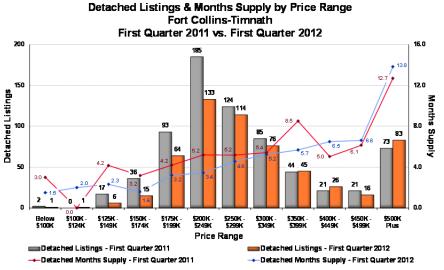


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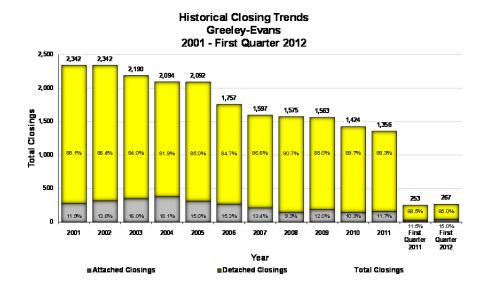
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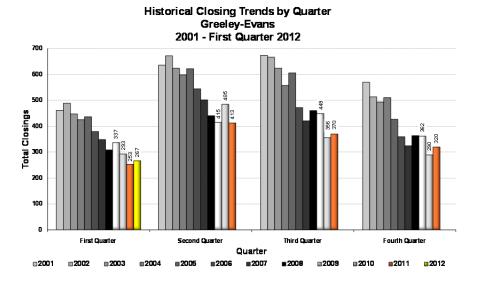
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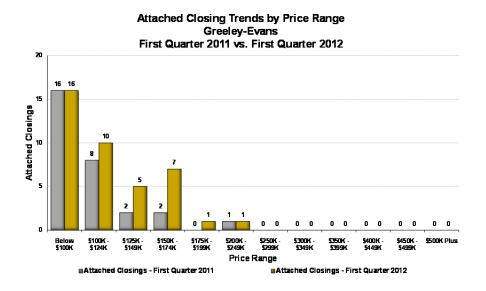


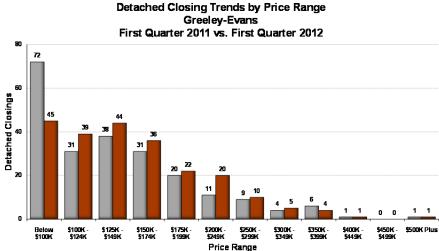
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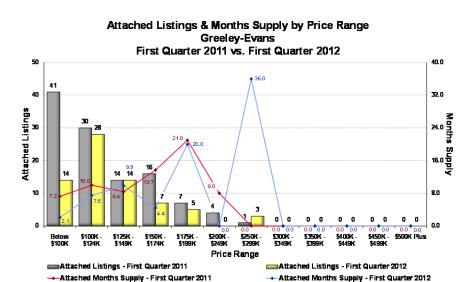






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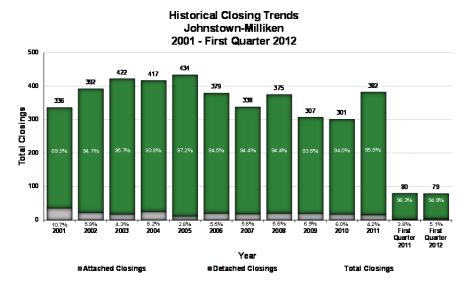
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Detached Listings & Months Supply by Price Range

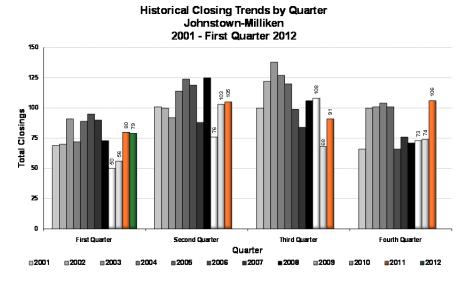
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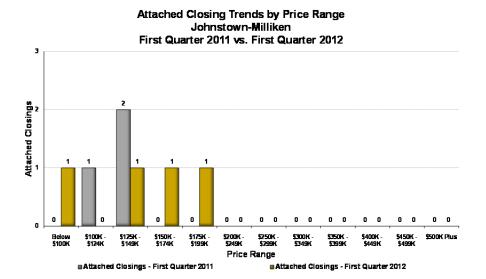


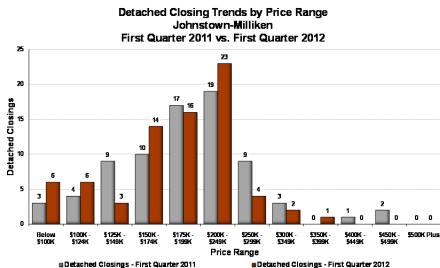
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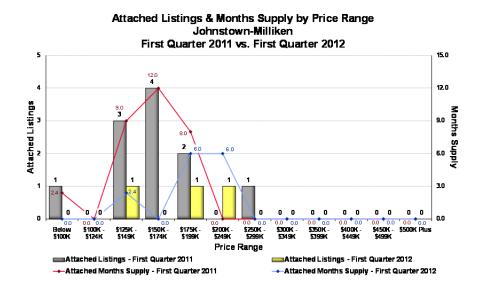






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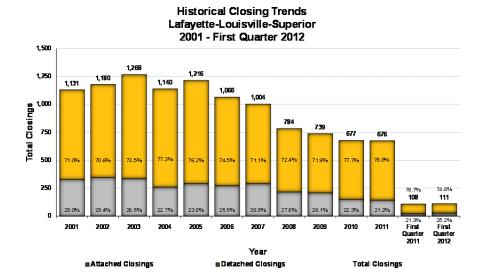


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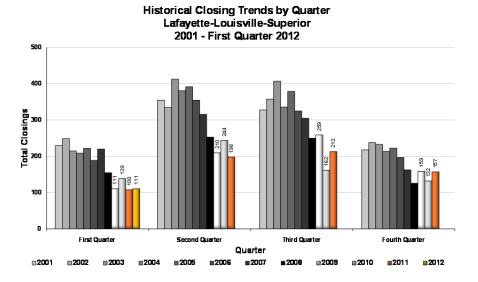
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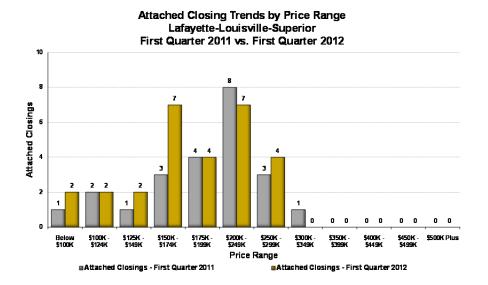
#### Total Closings by Market Area Northern Colorado Region First Quarter 2012 Lafayette-Louisville-Tri-Cities Superior 111 Longmont Loveland-Berthoud 4% 6% 205 11% 236 Windsor-Severance Johnstown-Milliken 7% 4% Boulder-Gunbarrel Greeley-Evans 251 14% 14% Fort Collins-Timnath 418 23% Estes Park 3% 29 1%

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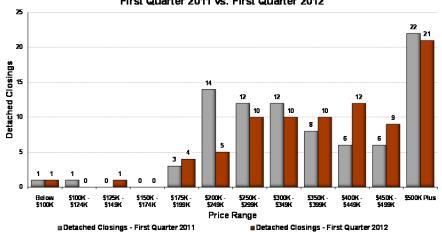


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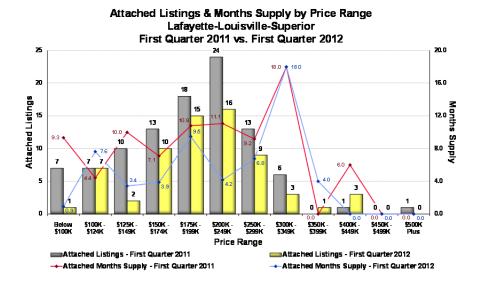


Detached Closing Trends by Price Range Lafayette-Louisville-Superior First Quarter 2011 vs. First Quarter 2012

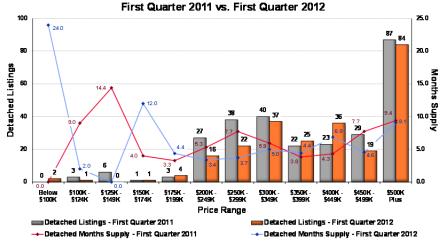


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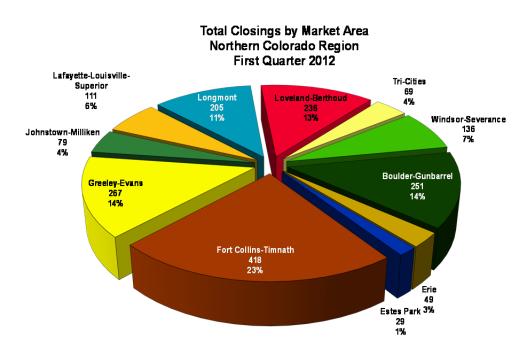
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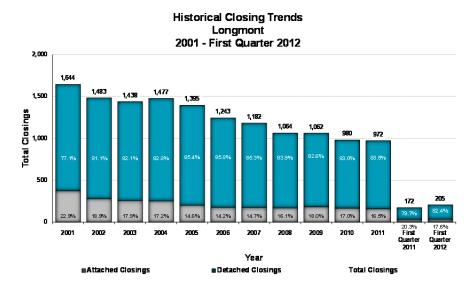
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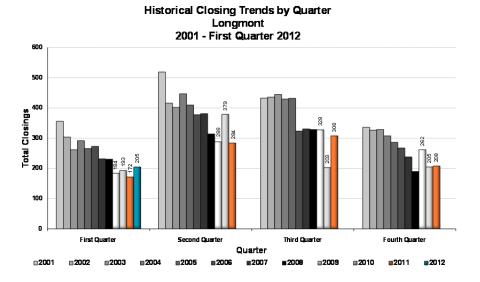
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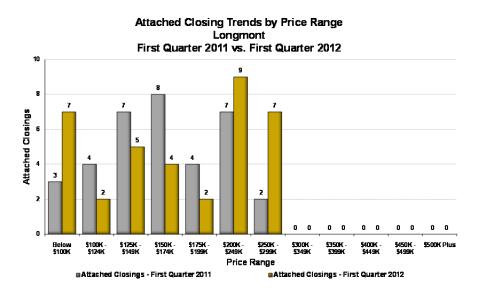


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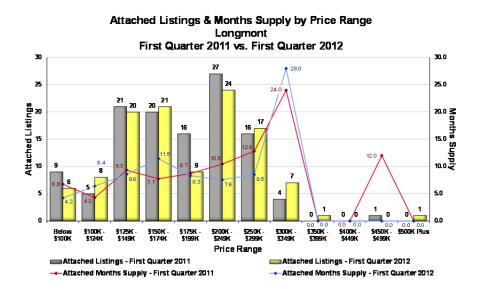






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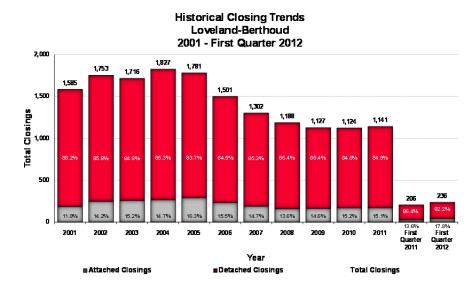
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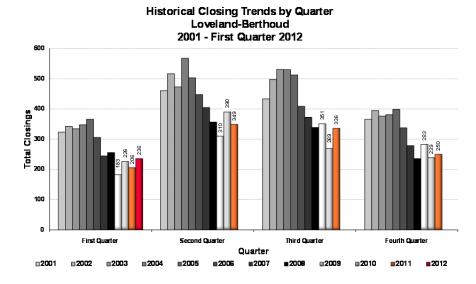
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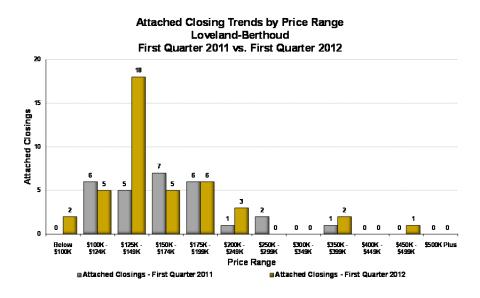


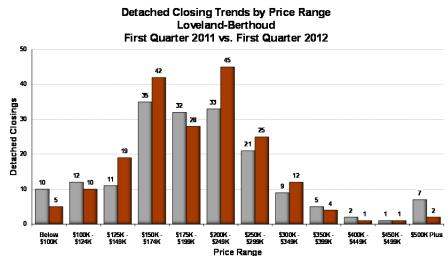
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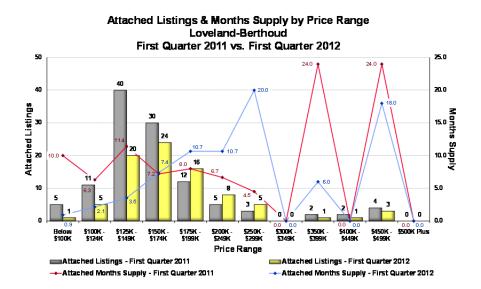




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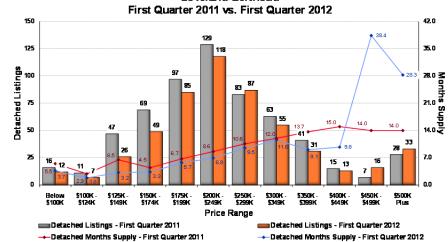
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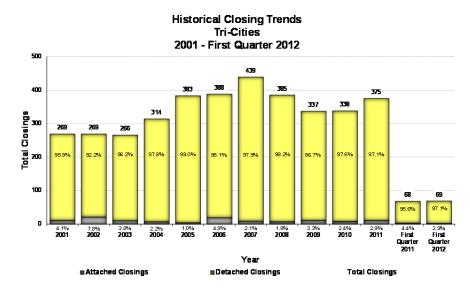
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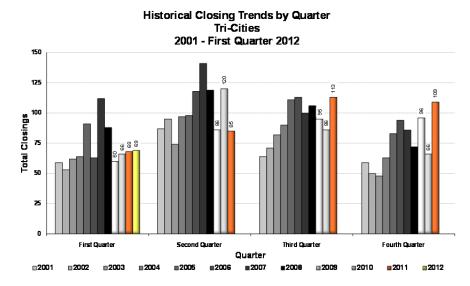
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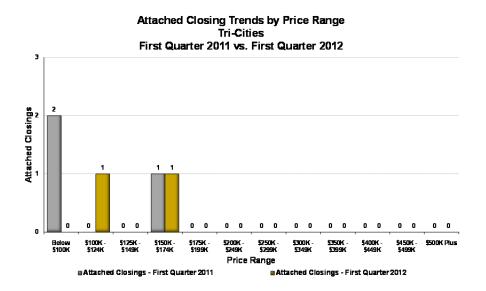


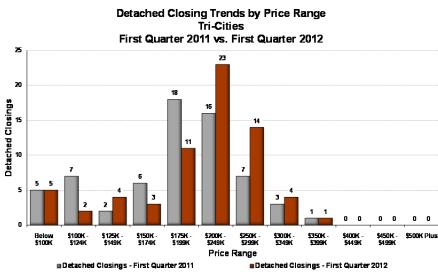
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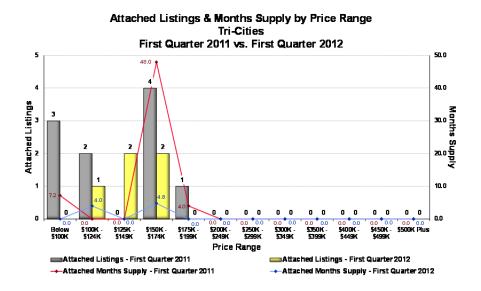






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Detached Listings & Months Supply by Price Range

Tri-Cities

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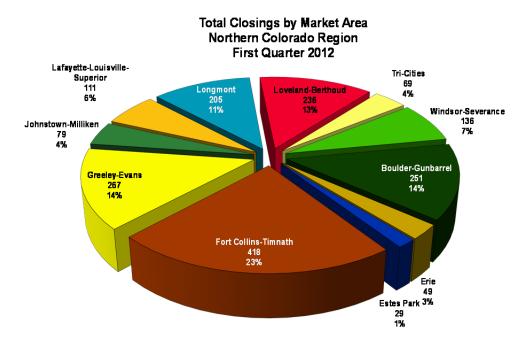
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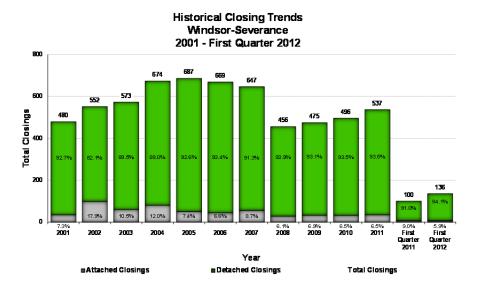
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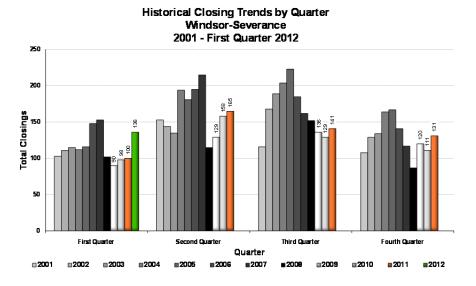
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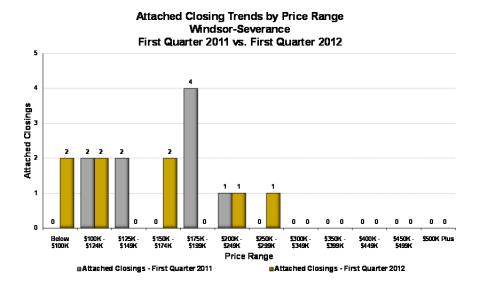


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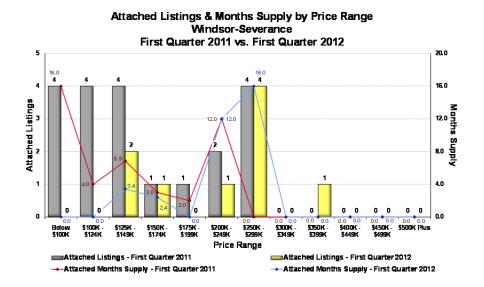
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\$150K -\$174K



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