### OREGON NO. 1 DESTINATION FOR MOVERS

Oregon retained its position as the country's top moving destination according to United Van Lines 39th annual national movers study, which tracks state-to-state migration patterns. New to the 2015 inbound list was Washington, which ranked No. 10 with 56 percent inbound moves.

Officials with the country's leading mover said this year's data reflect longer-term trends of people moving to the Pacific West. Michael Stoll, economist and professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, attributes part of the popularity for Portland and Seattle to their boom in the technology and creative marketing industries, along with a growing desire for outdoor activity and green space.

"The aging Boomer population is driving relocation from the Northeast and Midwest to the West and South, as more and more people retire to warmer regions," Stoll observed.

### TOP 10 INBOUND AND OUTBOUND STATES FOR 2015

## **Top Inbound States**

Oregon
South Carolina
Vermont
Idaho
North Carolina
Florida
Nevada

District of Columbia

Texas

Washington

### **Top Outbound States**

New Jersey
New York
Illinois
Connecticut
Ohio
Kansas
Massachusetts
West Virginia
Mississippi

Maryland

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# STEVE LAEVASTU'S MARKET UPDATE

House	# Address	Year Built	List/Sell \$	Beds	Baths	SF	Sold Date	
9201	35th Ave NE	1928	\$475,000	5	1.75	2,410	12/29/2015	
3210	NE 80th St	1941	\$495,000	2	1	1,640	12/26/2015	
8037	41st Ave NE	1950	\$682,000	3	3	2,210	01/08/2016	
7556	40th Ave NE	1978	\$699,000	4	2.5	2,160	01/09/2016	
2538	NE 94th St	2015	\$920,000	3	3.25	2,967	12/31/2015	
3814	NE 90th St	1948	\$935,000	3	2.75	2,232	12/29/2015	
3233	NE 88th St	2015	\$1,100,000	3	3.5	2,986	12/27/2015	

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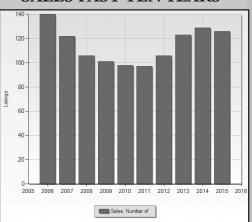
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# WEDGWOOD 2015 HOME SALES SUMMARY

- There were 126 homes that sold in Wedgwood in 2015
- The Average sales price was \$629,922
- The Median sales price was \$564,750
- The highest sales price in 2015 was \$1,250,000
- The lowest sales price in 2015 was 305,000

#### **SALES PAST TEN YEARS**



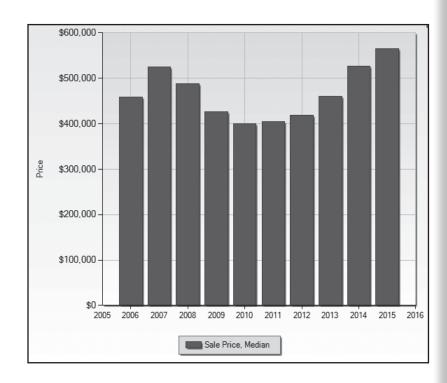
Primary Year	Sale Price, Median
2006	\$458,975
2007	\$525,000
2008	\$488,500
2009	\$427,000
2010	\$400,000
2011	\$405,000
2012	\$419,250
2013	\$460,000
2014	\$526,000
2015	\$564,750

# WEDGWOOD PRICE BRACKET BREAKDOWN

Sold		
Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$300,000 thru \$349,999	4	43
\$350,000 thru \$399,999	3	18
\$400,000 thru \$449,999	8	17
\$450,000 thru \$499,999	15	21
\$500,000 thru \$549,999	20	11
\$550,000 thru \$599,999	25	7
\$600,000 thru \$649,999	10	7
\$650,000 thru \$699,999	6	9
\$700,000 thru \$749,999	4	32
\$750,000 thru \$799,999	2	6
\$800,000 thru \$849,999	6	8
\$850,000 thru \$899,999	9	7
\$900,000 thru \$949,999	6	9
\$1,000,000 thru \$1,249,999	7	17
\$1,250,000 thru \$1,499,999	1	6
	126	13



### MEDIAN SALES PRICE LAST 10 YEARS



### NEWS IN BRIEF

Eight years after the housing crash, 10 percent of all Seattle-area homeowners with a mortgage owe more than their home is worth while 25 percent have less than 20 percent equity in their home and would have difficulty in selling and buying another, according to a new study by Zillow. Almost a million fewer U.S. homeowners were "under water" in the third quarter of 2015 compared to the same period last year. The improving rate means those people may be able to sell or refinance their homes before mortgage interest rates rise, as they are expected to do in the coming weeks. Las Vegas has had the highest negative equity rate in the country for the past four and a half years, and Kansas City and Cleveland, with 16.6 and 16.8 percent negative equity respectively, are not far behind. San Francisco and San Jose are the only large markets where less than five percent of homeowners are underwater.

- King County home sellers are seeing an average of a 48 percent profit since purchase, according to RealtyTrac's October 2015 U.S. Home Sales Report. King County was tied for seventh in the poll with Travis County, Texas; and Contra Costa County, California. Six of the top 10 spots were held by California markets. Seattle's median home prices rose 10 percent from a year ago in October, according to RealtyTrac. Here are RealtyTrac's top 10 counties where sellers, on average, sold for the largest percentage profit since purchase:
- 1. Alameda County, California: 75 percent gain
- 2. Santa Clara County, California: 61 percent gain
- 3. San Mateo County, California: 58 percent gain
- 4. San Bernardino County, California: 52 percent gain
- 5. Multnomah County, Oregon, in the Portland metro area: 51 percent gain
- 6. Denver County, Colorado: 49 percent gain
- 7. King County: 48 percent gain
- 8. Travis County, Texas, in the Austin metro area: 48 percent gain
- 9. Contra Costa County, California: 48 percent gain
- 10. Orange County, California: 46 percent gain