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# Who Are Today's Buyers and Sellers? Buyers Sellers

- Average age of 45
- Number of single female buyers has increased 3 years in a row
- New homes make up 15% of home purchases
- First time home buyers make up 34% of all home buyers
- 83% of buyers purchased a single-family home

- Average age of 55
- Most sellers in their current home an average of 10 years
- Median equity gain of \$47,000
- 52% of sellers traded up to a larger home
- Median time on market of 3 weeks

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CS Single Family Homes Appreciated 7.3% (38% above Nat'l Avg)

New Single Family Home Inventory Remains Low

## Current Market Factors

Low Inventory → Increased Prices

Low Inventory + Increased

Prices → Homeowners choosing

to remodel instead of buy up

Fannie/Freddie Mortgage Loan Amount Increased to \$453,100 effective January 1, 2018

### **Tax Reform**

- Last major tax bill was passed 31 years ago
- Current bill maintains tax incentives for home ownership
- Capital gains exclusion remains at \$250K for individuals, \$500K for married couples
- Households with home values of up to \$750K will still be able to deduct mortgage interest
- State and local property taxes remain deductible up to a combined limit of \$10,000

# "Only 6% of homeowners have mortgages exceeding \$750,000 and only 5% pay more than \$10,000 in property taxes"

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# **Good News for Colorado Springs**

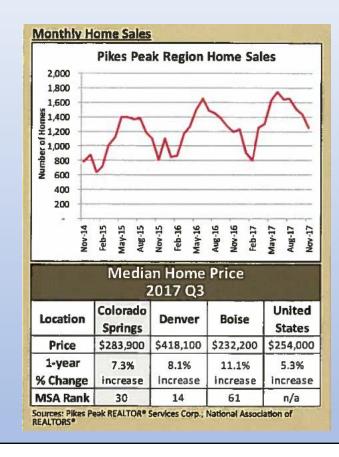
- Storm water passage
- Substantial initiative to resurface streets and roads
- Demand for resale and new home listings remains high

Single family home average sale price has increased 10.1%, median sale price has increased 9.1%

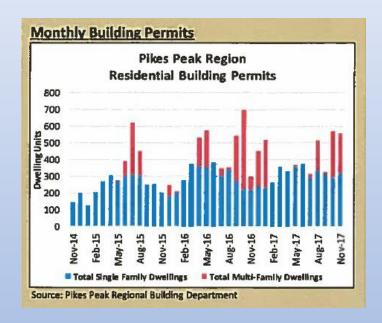
Condo/Townhome average sale price has increased 13%, median sale price has increased 12.6%

### Colorado Springs Real Estate Economic Update

UCCS Economic Forum – 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter



All data for home sales on the MLS



Number of New Construction Permits pulled

# Realtors® Know

- 74,833 Single Family Home Sales from January 2012 to November 2017
- Roughly 63.3% of those homes were located in the City of Colorado Springs
- In nearly 6 years local Realtors have served 65.1% of the city's Single Family Home Ownership (74,833 of 114,890 sales)

Having played an instrumental role in determining the wants and needs of these buyers, Realtors® have a pulse on what families want in their neighborhoods and a high level of insight into what people expect from the city, both past and future.

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