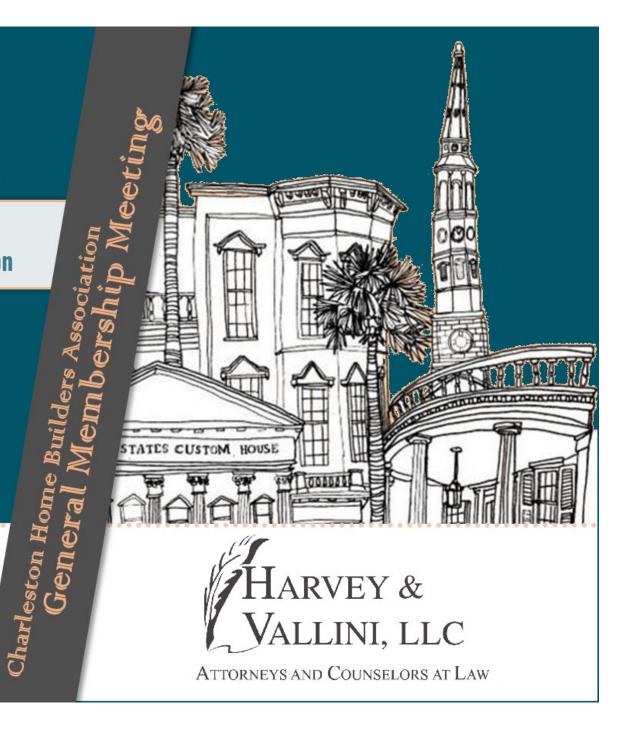
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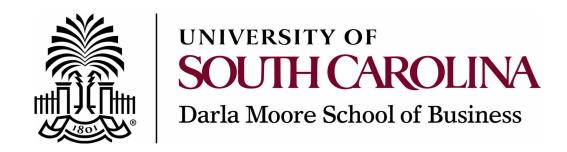
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an update of the economic impact and forecast for the home building industry in the fowcountry





## The 2021 Mid-Year Market Update South Carolina's Economic and Housing Outlook



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## How is South Carolina Doing?



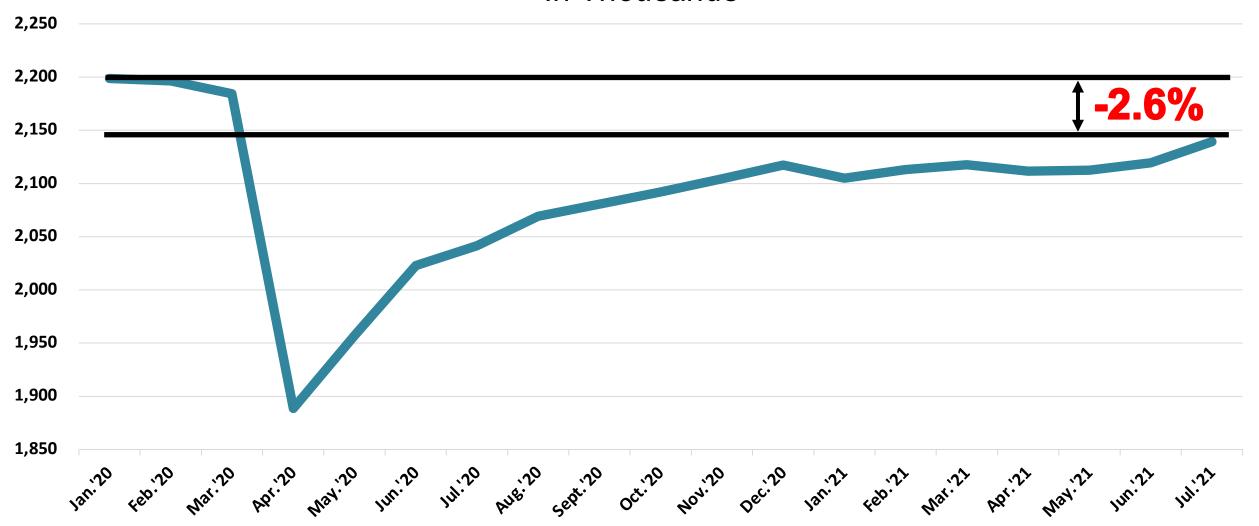
## Entering a Post-Stimulus Economy...

...but not a Post-COVID Economy

# An Economy that Must Increasingly Stand on its Own Feet!

#### Total South Carolina Employment

*In Thousands* 

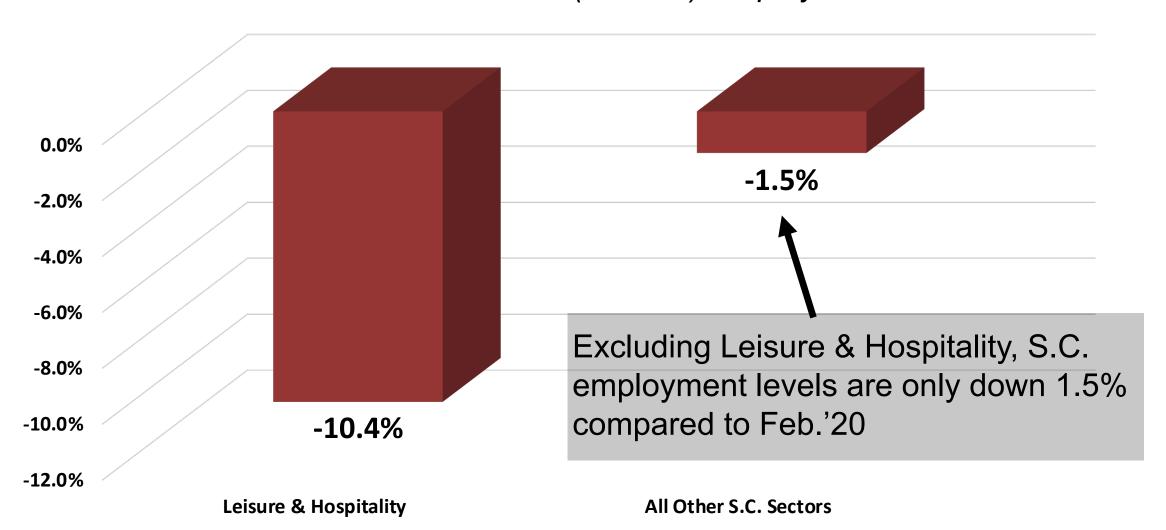


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#### South Carolina Employment Recovery

Current Pct. of Pre-Pandemic (Feb.'20) Employment Levels

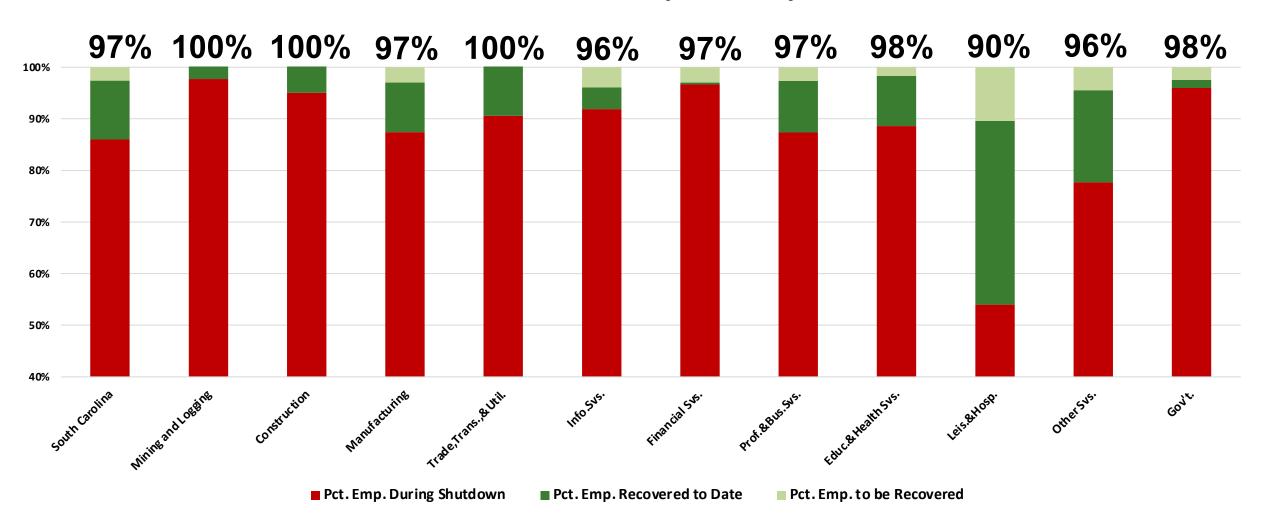


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#### South Carolina Employment Recovery

Gains and Losses by Industry Sector

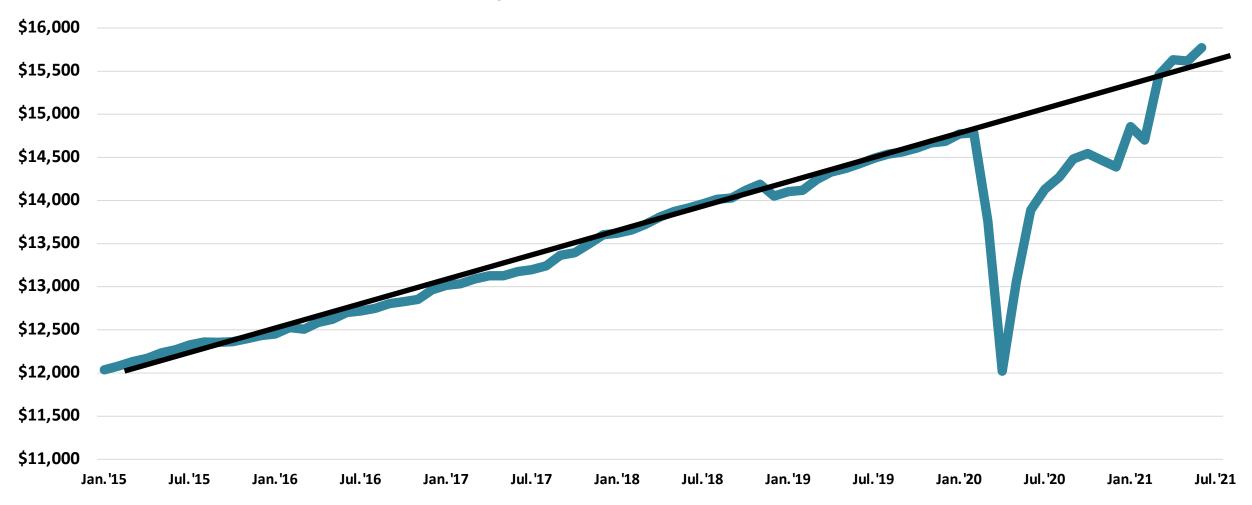


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#### Total U.S. Consumer Spending

Note: Values Represent Annualized Totals, in billions



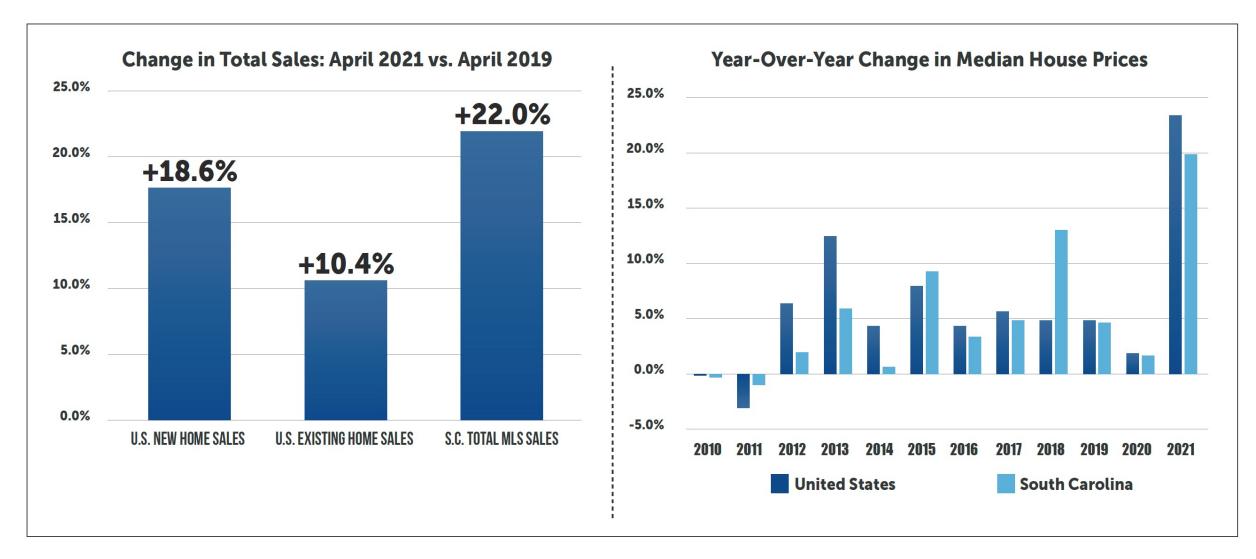
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## How Have Housing Markets Responded?



#### House Sales and Price Changes Relative to Pre-Pandemic Norms



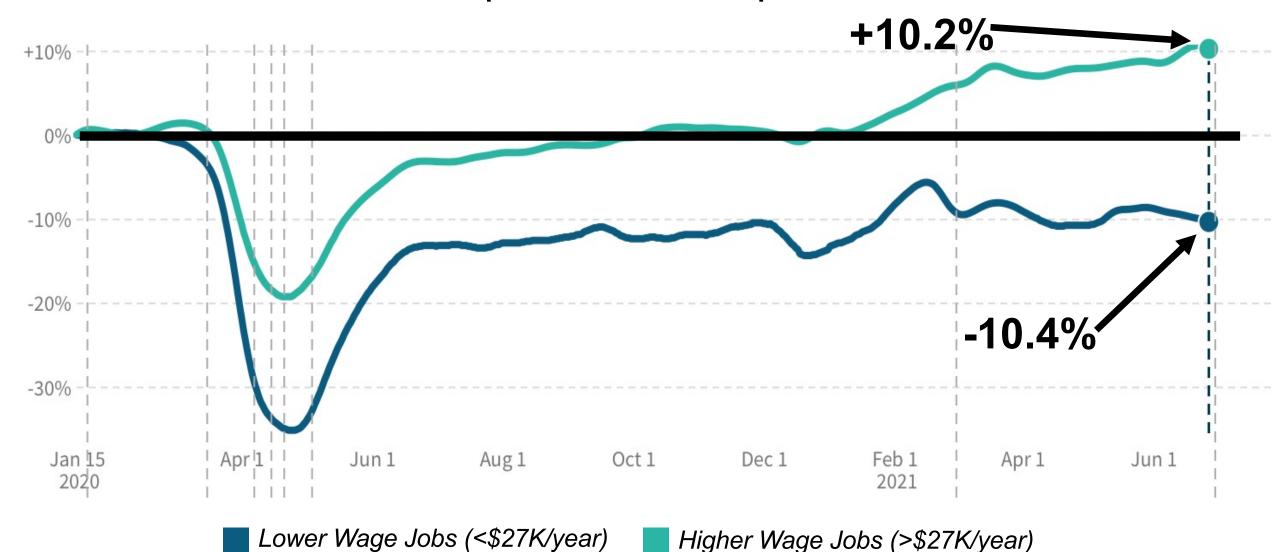
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## Why?



#### Current S.C. Emp. Levels Compared to Jan. 2020

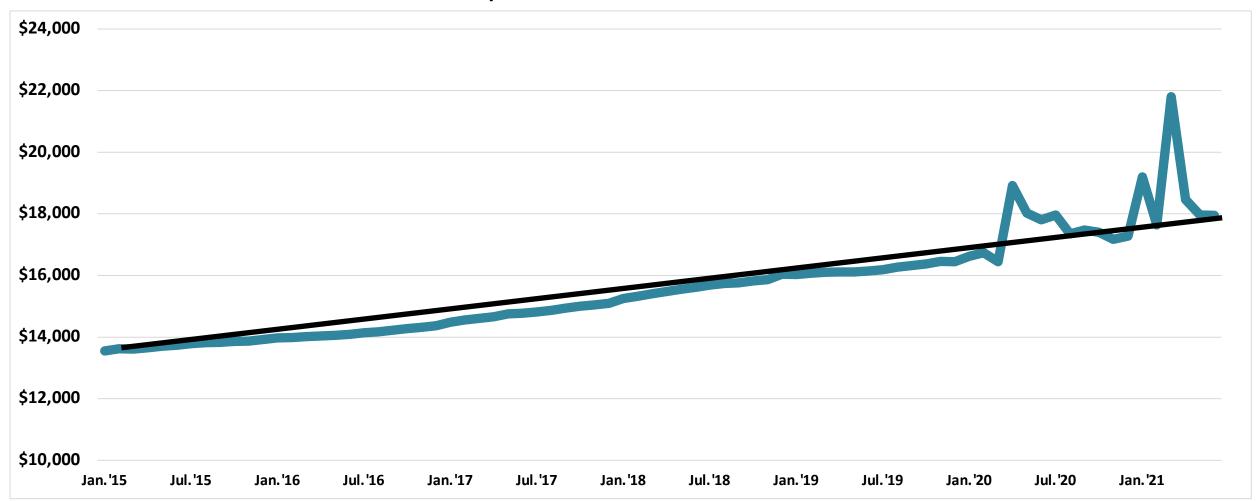


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#### U.S. Disposable Personal Income

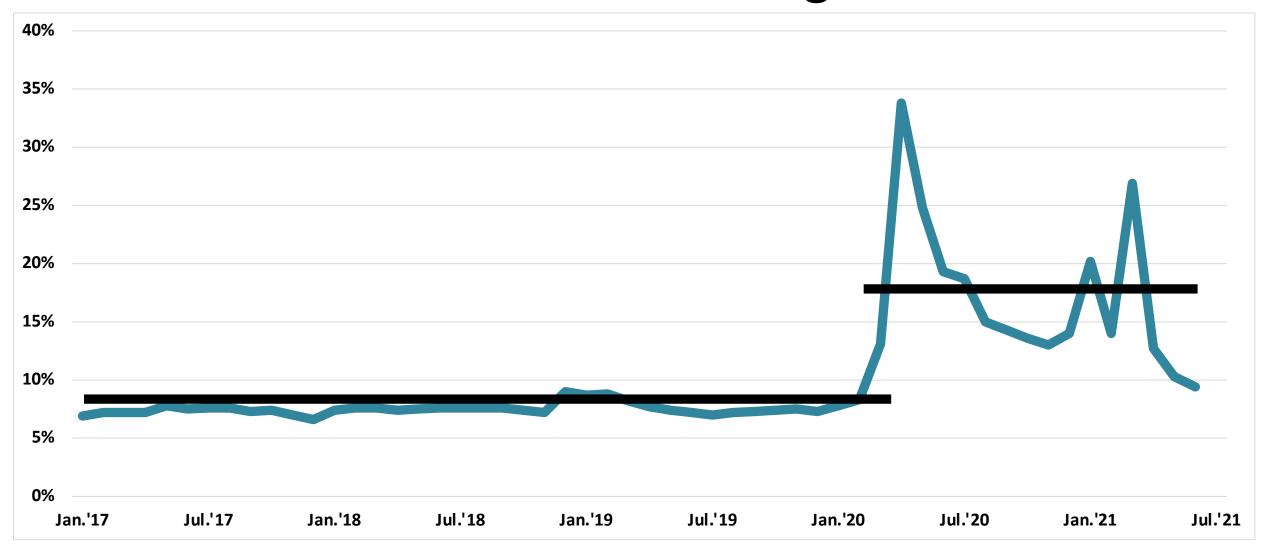
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#### U.S. Personal Savings Rates

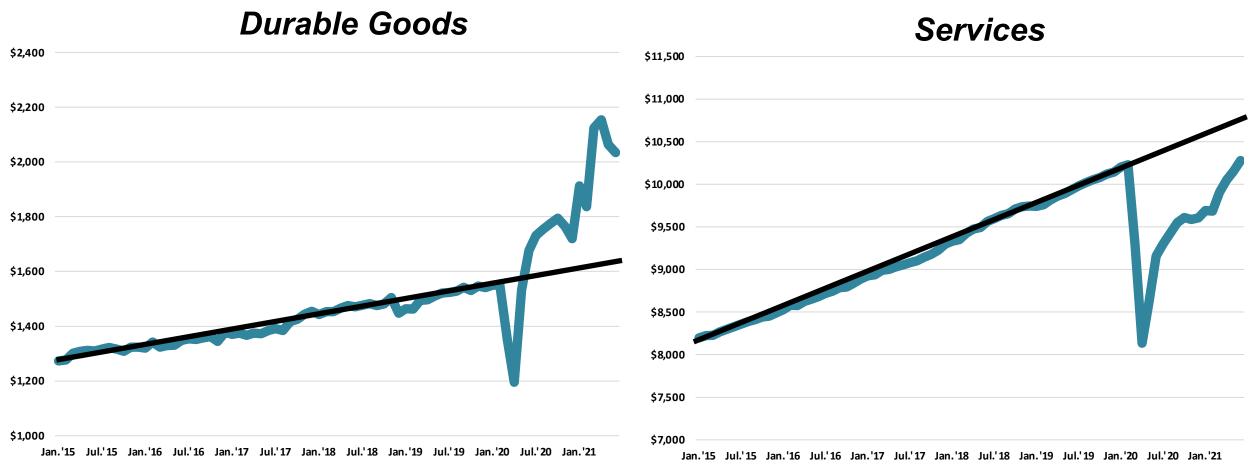


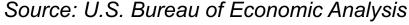
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### An Economic Tug-of-War

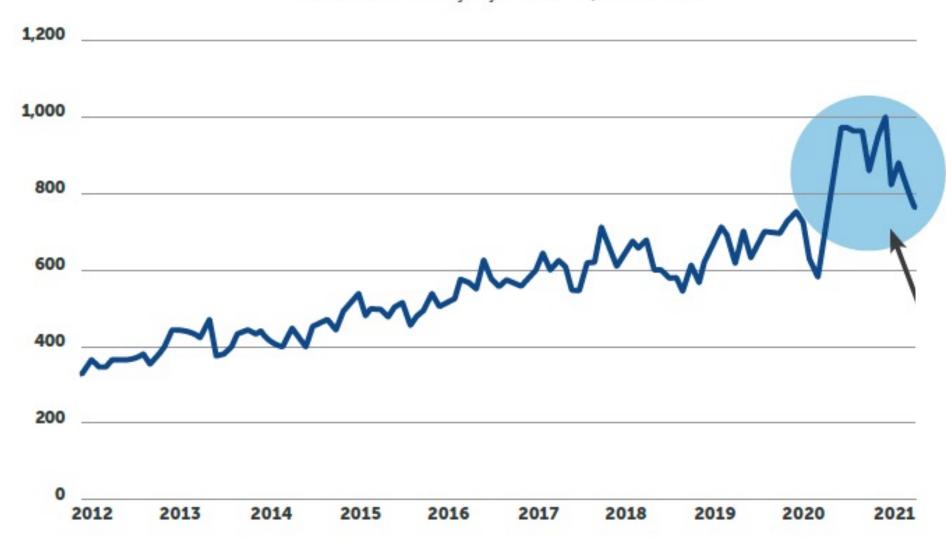


More consumers are now substituting towards spending on consumer services and away from spending on consumer goods, like housing



#### U.S. New Single-Family Home Sales

Annualized seasonally adjusted values, in thousands

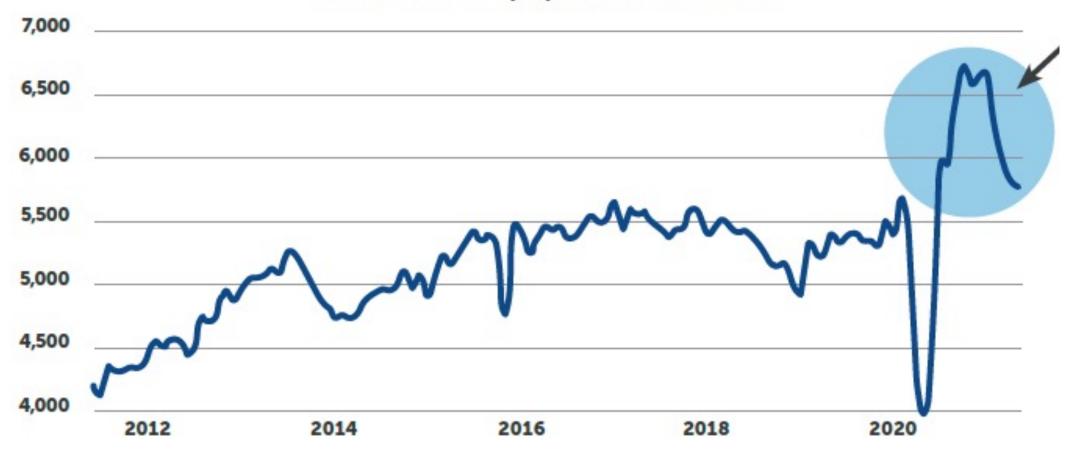


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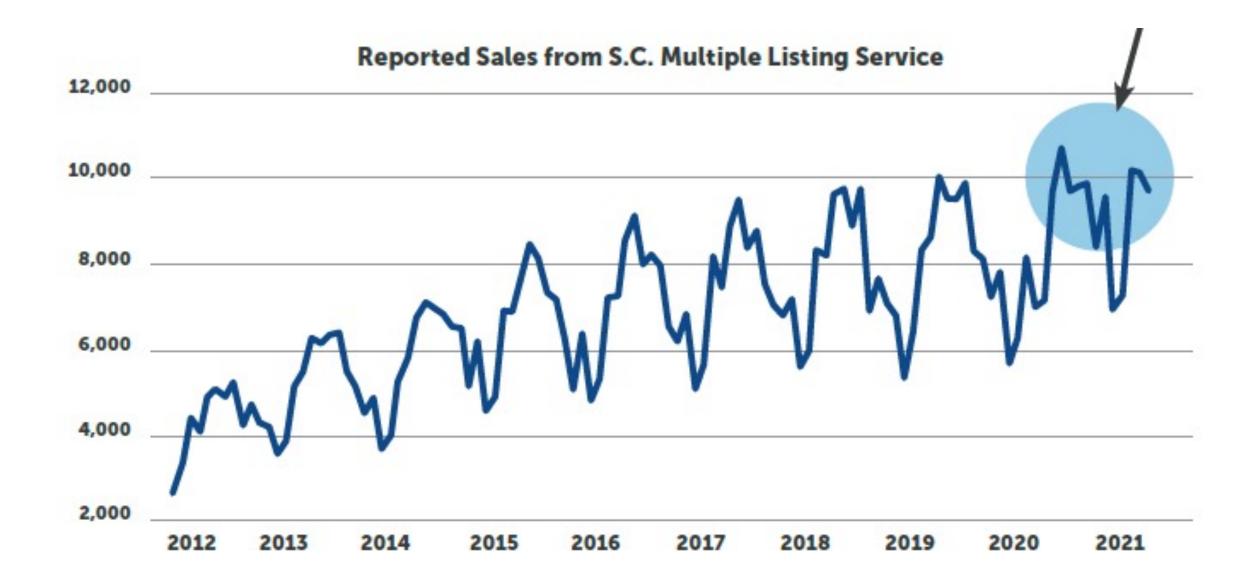
#### U.S. Existing Single-Family Home Sales

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#### Current Threats to Our Recovery



Persistent High Inflation



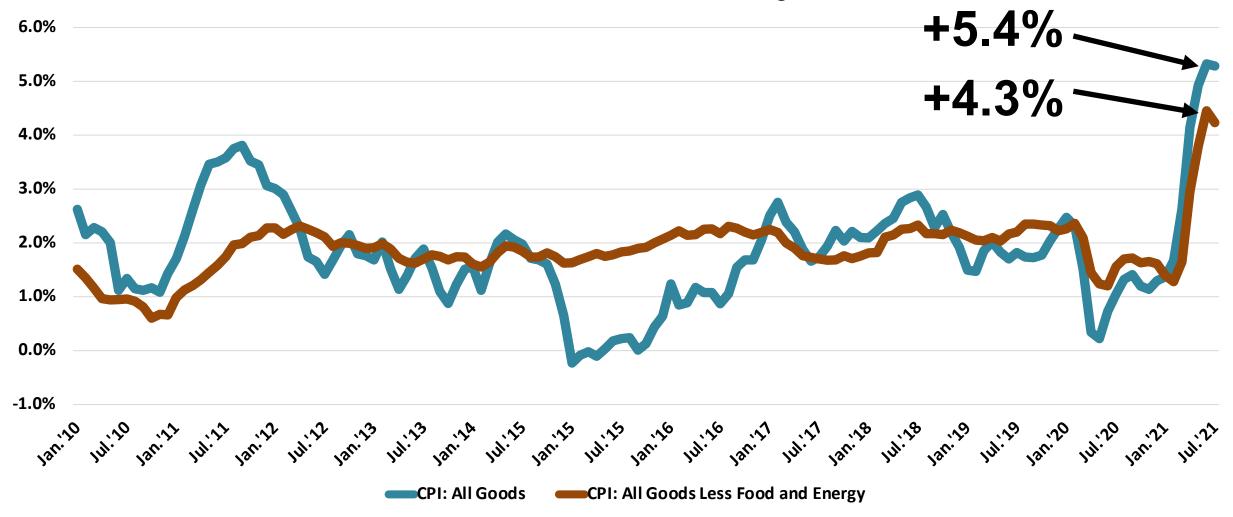
A Persistent Labor Shortage



? The Delta Variant

#### U.S. Inflation Measures

Year/Year Pct. Change

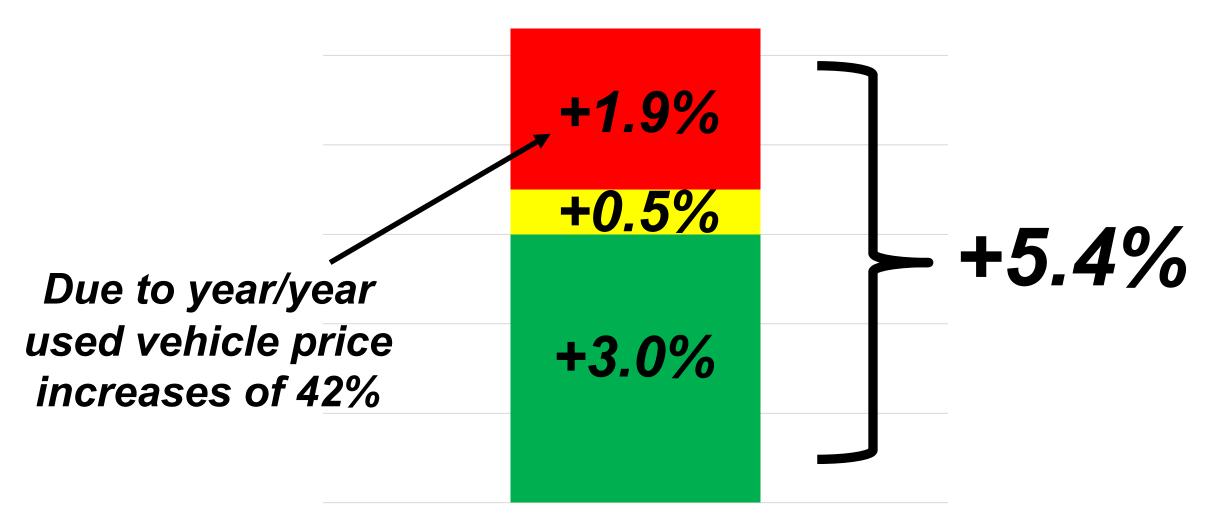


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#### U.S. Inflation Rate (CPI - All Goods)

Jul.'21 vs. Jul.'20



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics





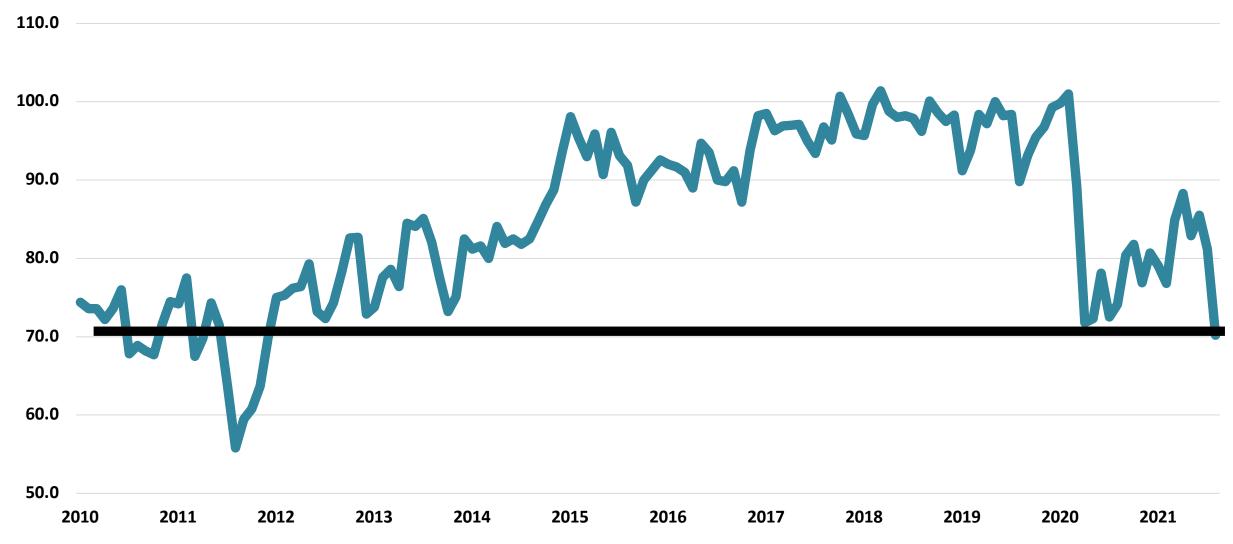
Wage growth resulting from labor shortages is inflationary



- Baby boomer retirements & quick stock market recovery
- Caring for family members
- Higher disposable income and savings rates

## Measuring the Potential Threat of the Delta Variant

#### U.S. Consumer Confidence Index



Source: University of Michigan, Consumer Sentiment Index, Aug.'21



#### The Bottom Line

- South Carolina's economy has experienced a strong rebound, with most major sectors now approaching pre-recession employment levels
- The primary exception to this statewide recovery trend has been the Leisure &
  Hospitality industry, but South Carolina is now seeing significant increased consumer
  spending in the services sector
- The income and substitution effects in consumer spending will drive the shape of the state's recovery throughout the second half of 2021
- South Carolina is already experiencing a moderate tapering in housing demand due to changes in consumer spending habits and the substitution effect; however, low inventory levels will likely keep prices relatively high during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year
- Long-run inflation is the biggest potential <u>economic</u> threat to our recovery in 2021; persistent "core inflation" greater than 3.0 percent will likely cause the Federal Reserve to act sooner rather than later with respect to interest rates

## Thank You!



**CHARLESTON NEW HOMES MARKET UPDATE** 

Will Jenkinson

#### August 23, 2021

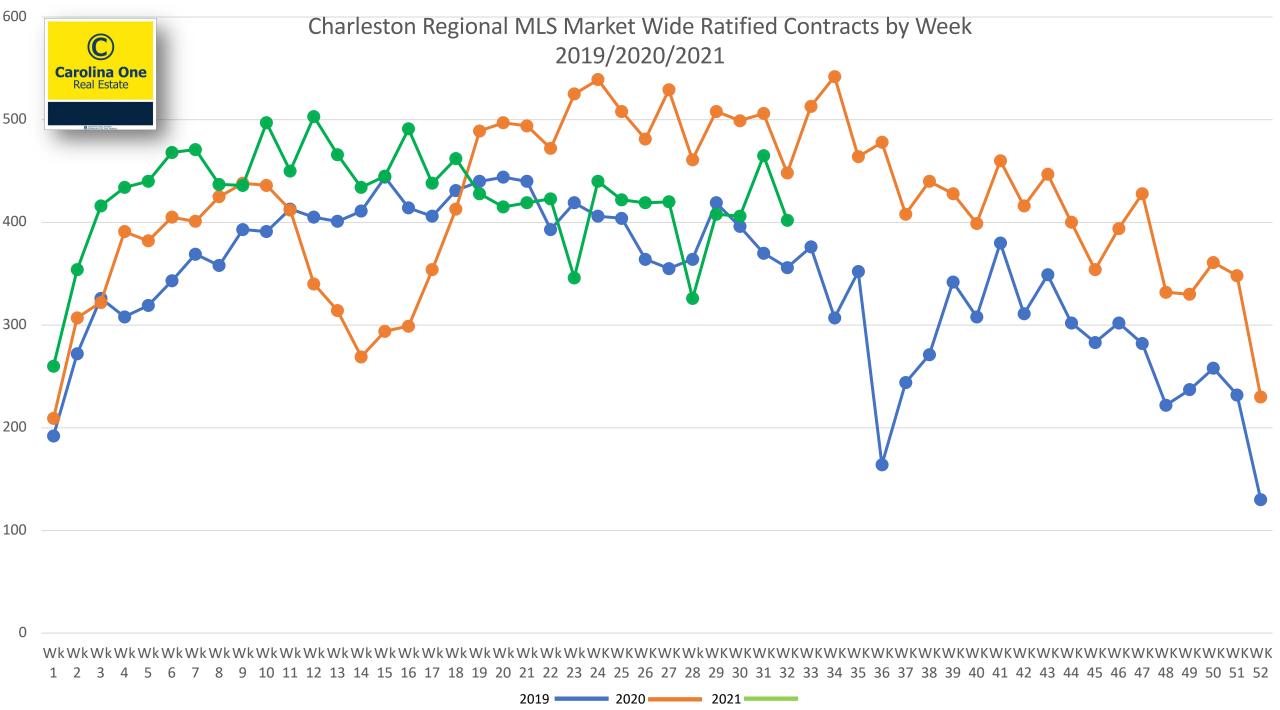
#### **Overall Charleston Real Estate Market (MLS):**

Currently **1963** Active Homes in MLS

**1445** Resales & **518** New - **26%** are NEW

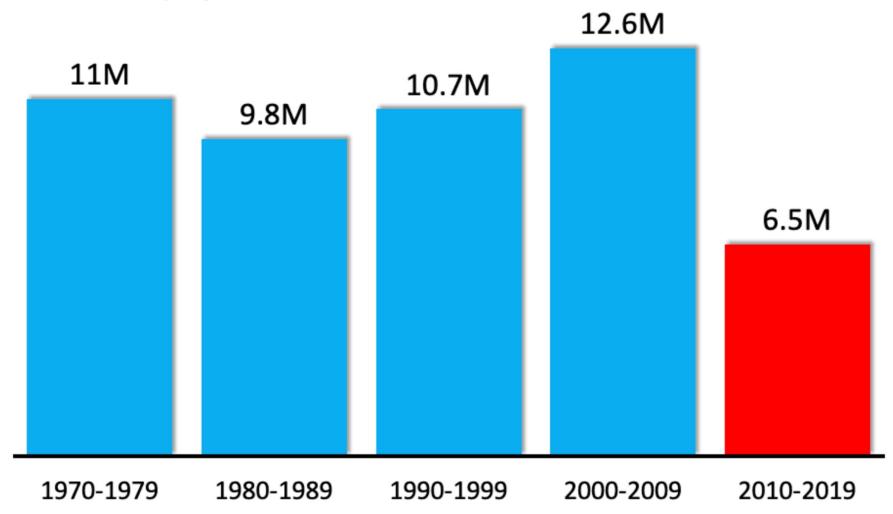
Pending Sales are at 3835 in MLS – 1,872 more pending than active!!

2373 Resales & 1461 New - 38% are NEW



#### Single Family Housing Units Completed by Decade

not seasonally adjusted





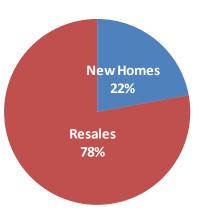


#### Actual Listing Inventory Versus the Inventory Needed for a Balanced Market (6 Months of Inventory)

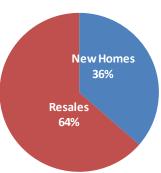


#### Resales v/s New Home Sales

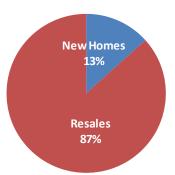
#### **TriCounty**



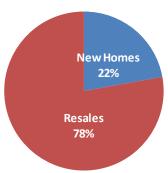




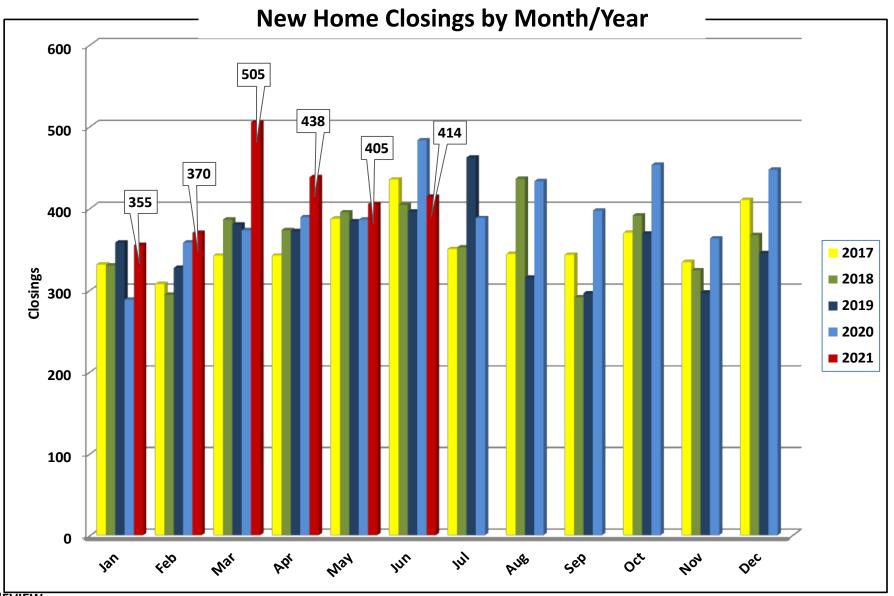
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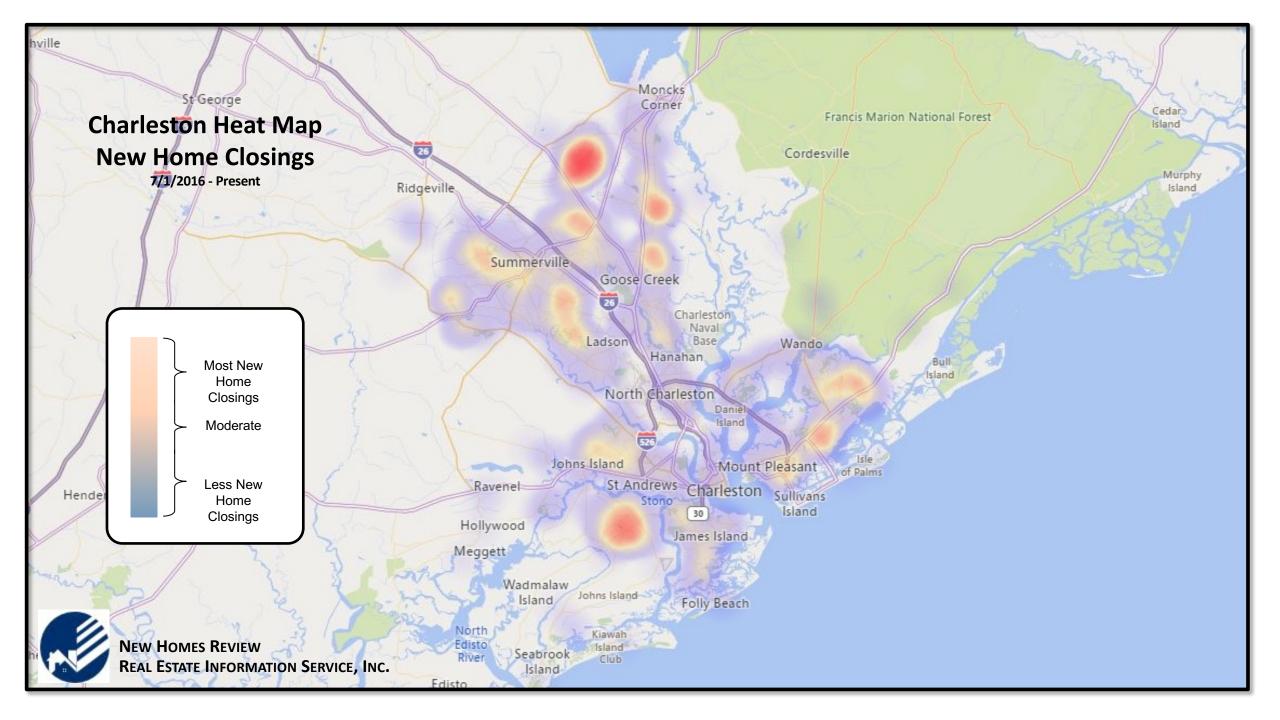
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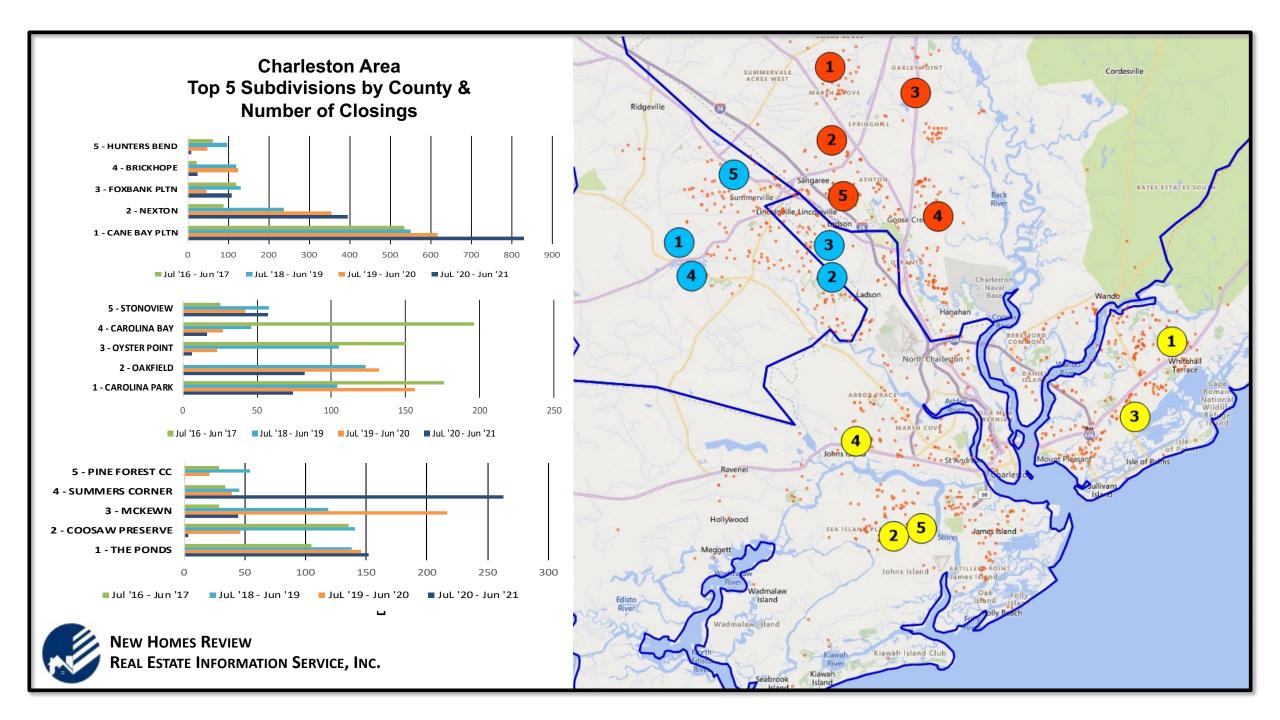




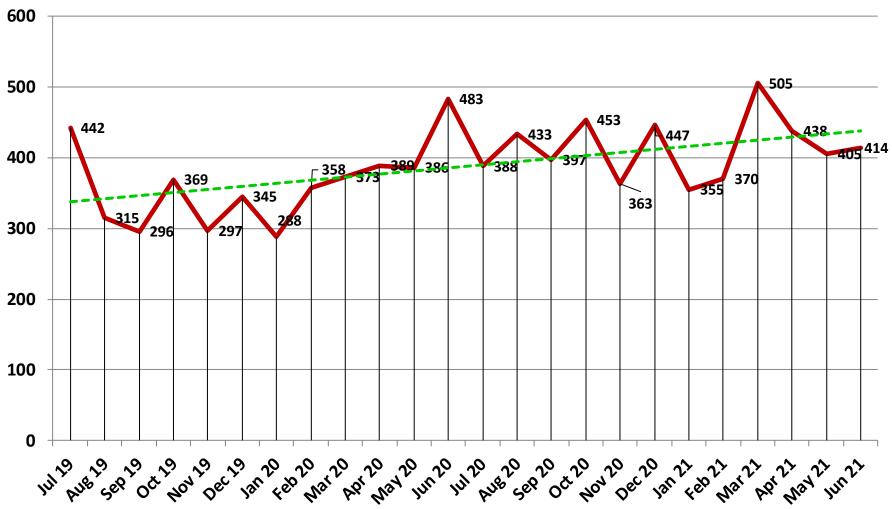






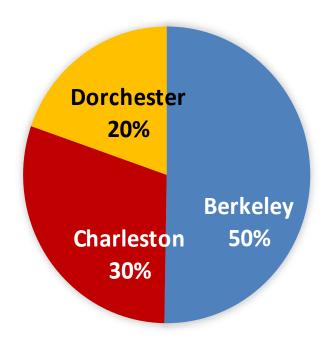


### 24 Month New Home Closing Trend



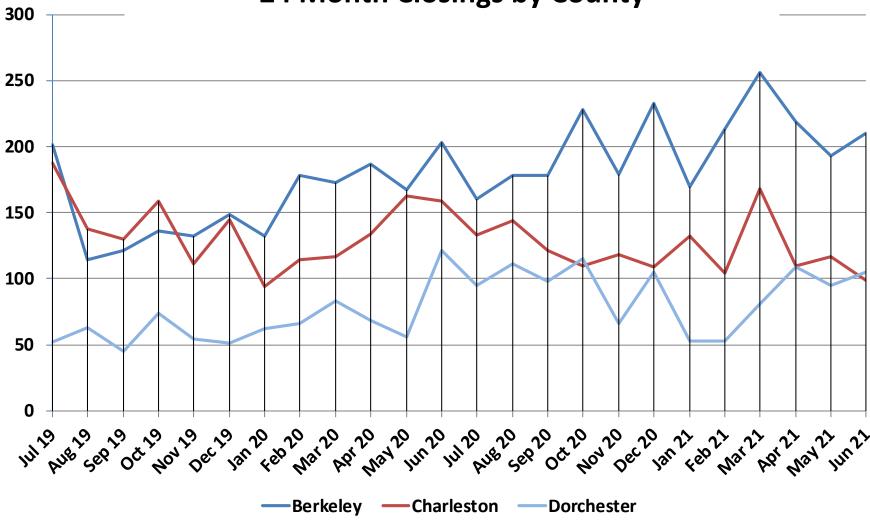


# **New Home Closings by County**

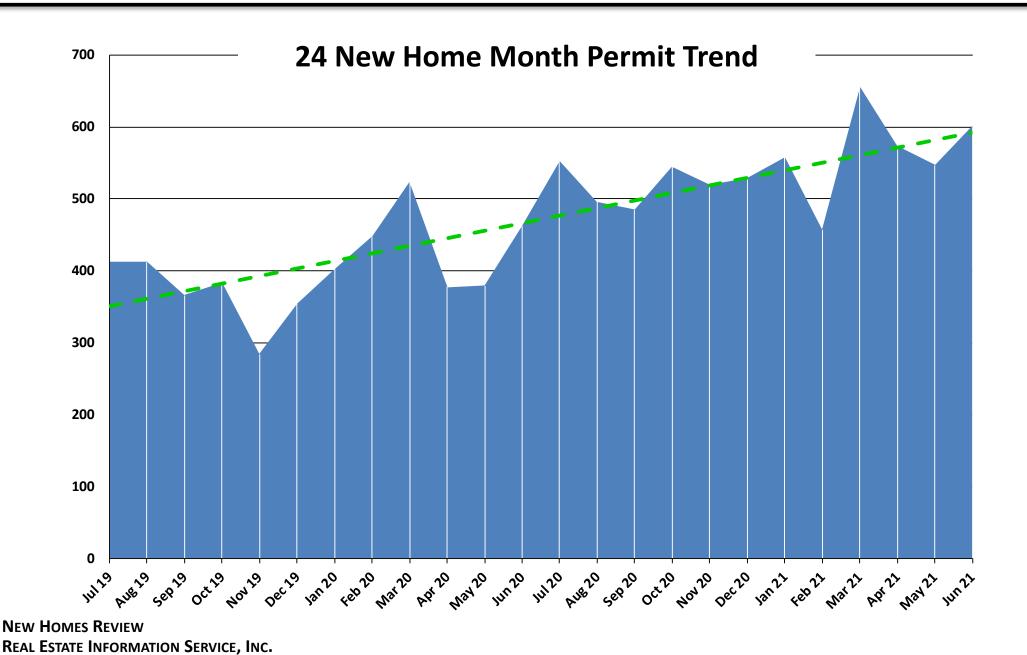


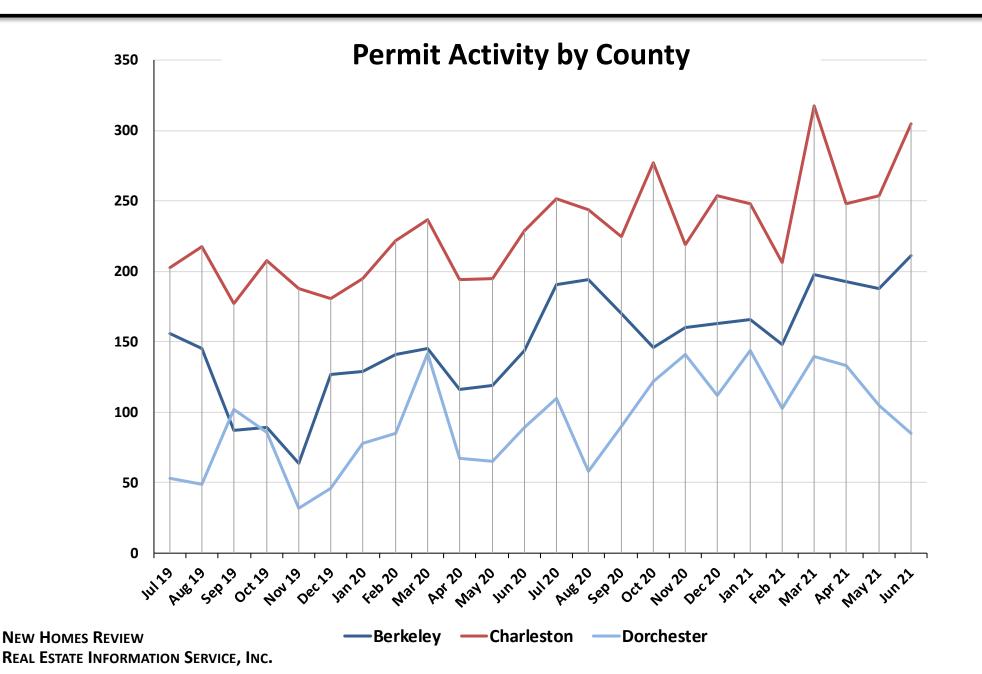




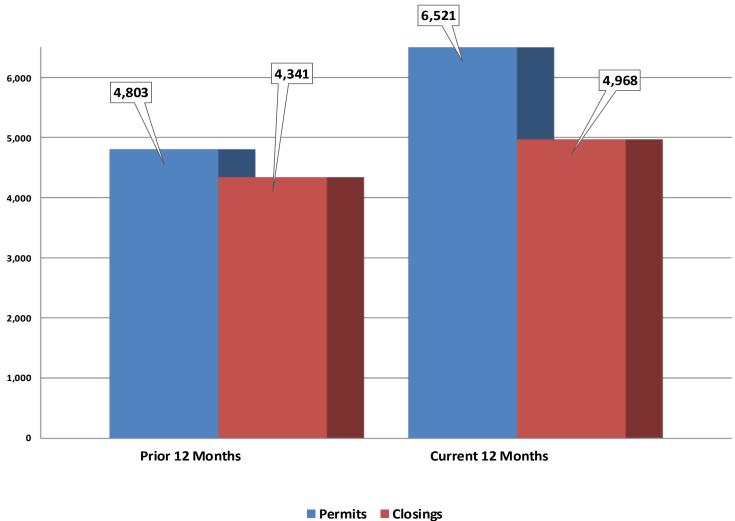






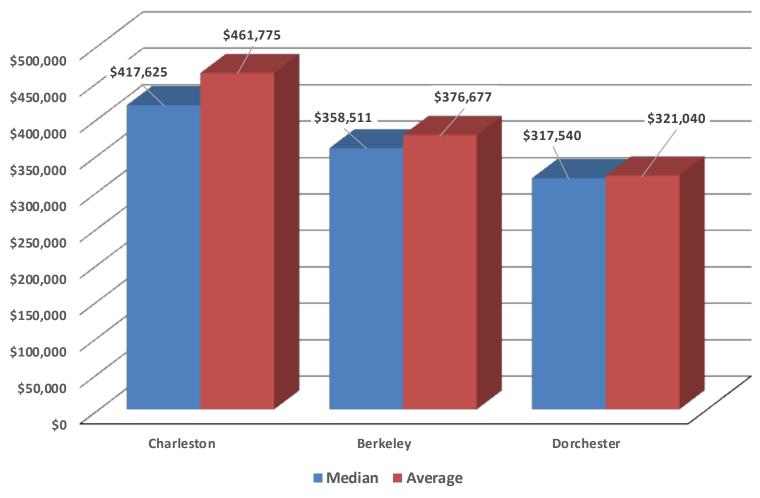


# **Permits and Closings**



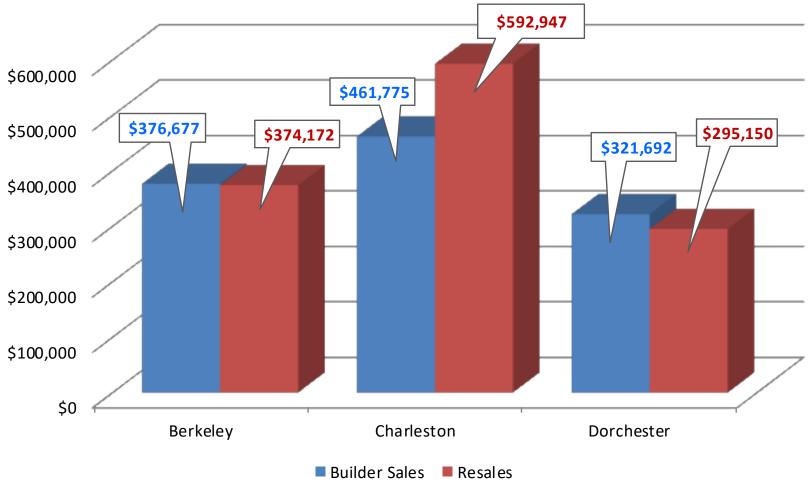


### **New Home Median & Average Closing Price**



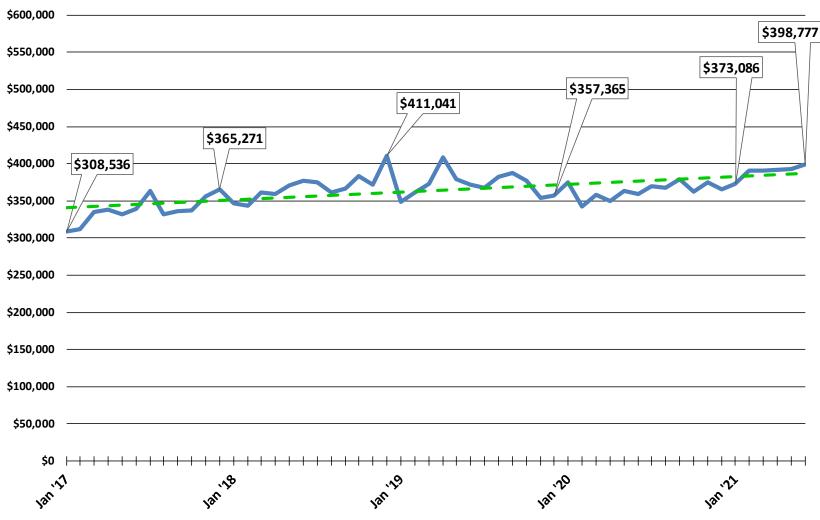


## **Average Sales Price**



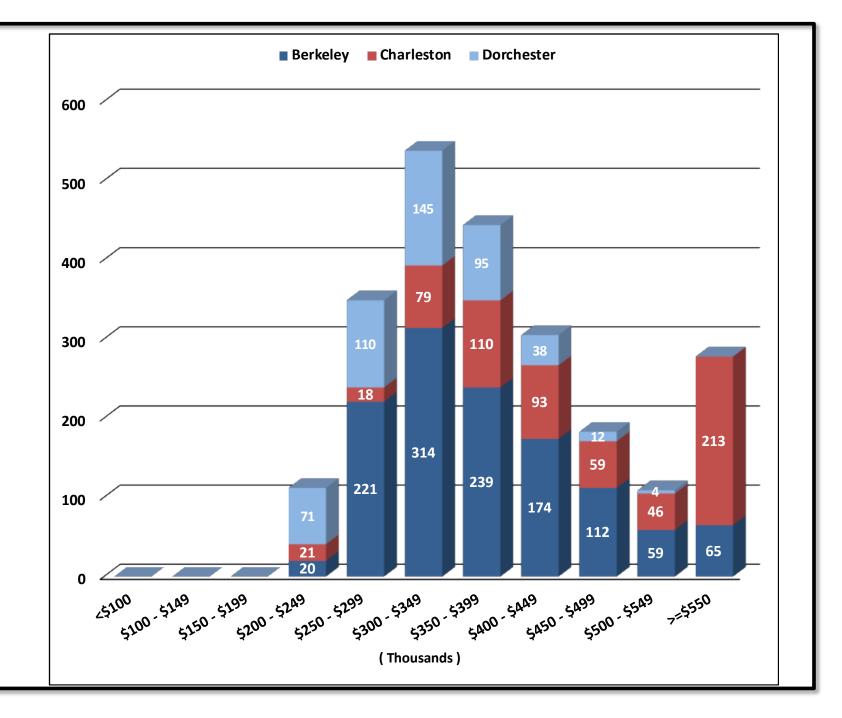


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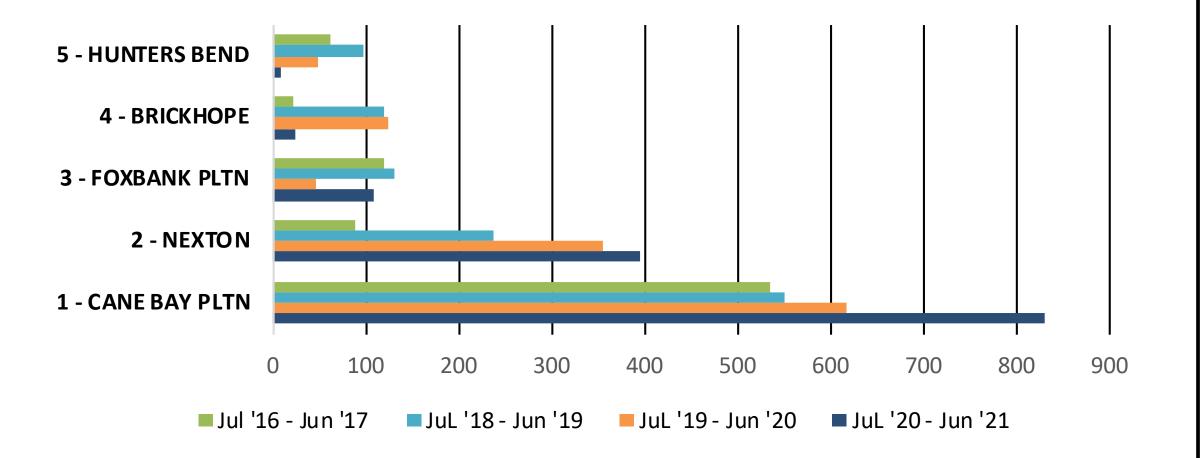


## New Home Closings by County & Price Range



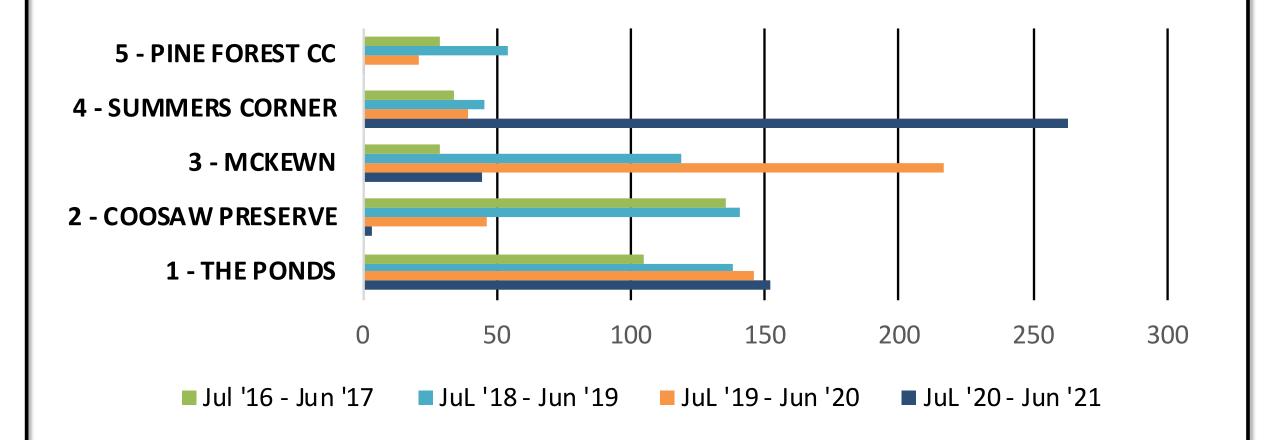


### **Berkeley County Top 5 Communities**



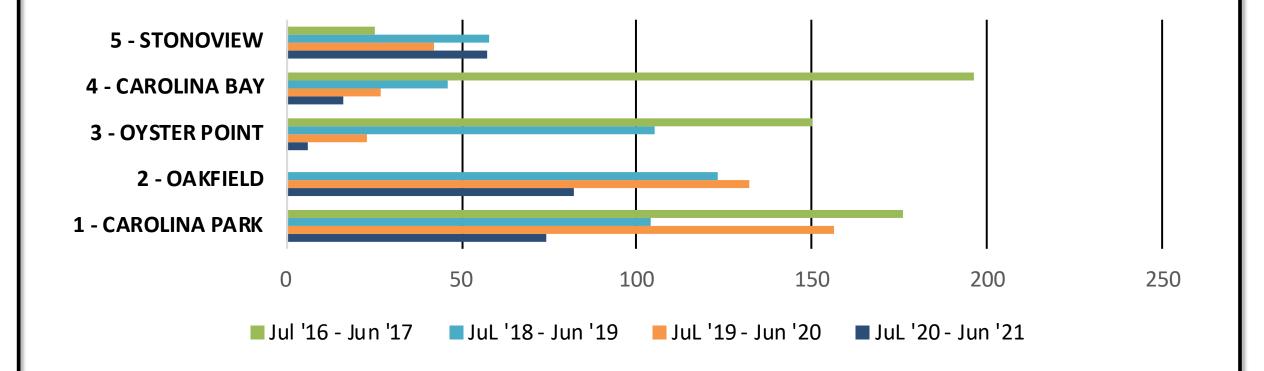


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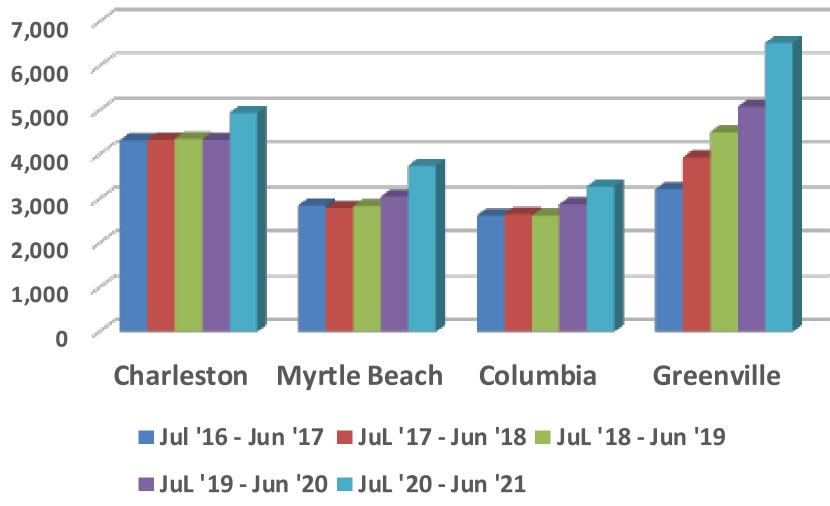


### **Charleston County Top 5 Communities**





## **New Home Closing SC Major Markets**







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