

# **Residential Growth Report** 4th Quarter 2007

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# **Current DFW Market Conditions**

- Builders report that Fall credit crunch disrupts sales
- Direct fallout due to finance issues; harder to qualify
- Media makes buyer nervous; steady diet of negative news
- Signs of improved traffic in January
- Builders remain disciplined on new construction
- Annual starts lowest level since 2000
- Annual rate approaches 30K units
- Since peak in 2Q06 at 51K units, starts have fallen 20,300 units(-40%)

- Closings decline 18% from peak in 3Q06 to 38K units.
- Outpacing starts by 7,500 units annually
- Over-supply of finished houses to decline
- 9,588 units represent 3.0 month supply
- Lowest level of U/C in over 10 years
- Most new specs are result of cancelled build jobs
- Consumer needs to understand that once the inventory is worked down, deep discounts are gone
- Lot supply will begin to get worked down in 2008



# DFW Housing Vital Signs 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2007 – 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2007

	<u>Dallas</u>	Ft. Worth	<u>DFW</u>
\$ Vol. Starts (Billions)	\$5.45	\$2.57	\$8.02
Median Home Price	\$223K	\$179K	\$203K
Annual Starts	19,633	10,973	30,606
Annual Closings	23,972	14,177	38,149
U/C Home Inventory	5,092	2,729	7,821
Month Supply	2.55	2.31	2.46
FV Home Inventory	6,391	3,197	9,588
Month Supply (1)	3.12	2.71	3.02
Vacant Lots	62,678	35,897	98,575
Month Supply (2)	38.3	39.3	38.6
Lots Under Development	13,609	6,728	20,337

(1) 2.5 mos. is considered equilibrium (2) 24 mos. is considered equilibrium



#### **DFW**

#### **Annual Starts, Closings & Lot Deliveries**



Year-Over-Year Growth Annual Starts -36.4% Annual Closings -17.4% Annual Lot Deliveries -32.0% Year-Over-Year Change In Annual Starts By Price Point

<\$150K 4Q06 11,183 4Q07 6,068 Change -5,726 % Change -45.7%

\$151-200K 4Q06 15,830 4Q07 9,066 Change -6,764 % Change -42.7%

\$201-300K 4Q06 12,113 4Q07 7,820 Change -4,293 % Change -35.4%

\$301K+
4Q06 9,002
4Q07 7,652
Change -1,350
% Change -15.0%



## **DFW Forecast - Market Considerations**

#### **Forecast**

Annual Starts

2006	48,128
2007	30,606
2008E	34,350

Annual Closings

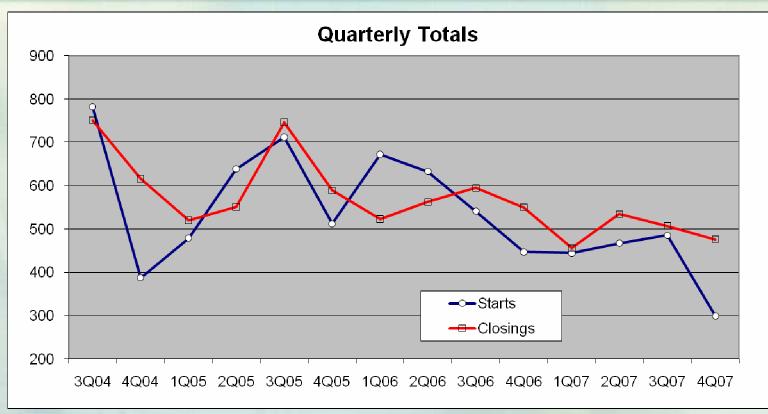
	2006	46,207
	2007E	38,149
Н	2008F	35 500

- Starts bottom out in 2Q08 below 30,000, pick back up in Second Half
- Closings find bottom in 3Q08
- Finished Housing Inventory
  - Should return to more normal levels after Spring market
- Lot Supply
  - Reduced by 10,000 units in 2008
- Job Growth
  - 60-70,000 would help immensely
  - Handicapping impact of a recession

- Foreclosures likely peak in 1Q08 (ARM rests crested in 4Q07)
- Resale Market
  - Listing inventory peaks in Spring '08, begins to improve as foreclosures lessen
  - Mopping up excess listings will help builders raise prices
- Custom Markets
  - Interim lenders become more restrictive in spec construction to small builders
- Road to Recover
  - Working down housing inventory
  - Working down lot inventory
  - Becoming profitable in a market with low yields per neighborhood



## **Denton ISD New Housing Activity**



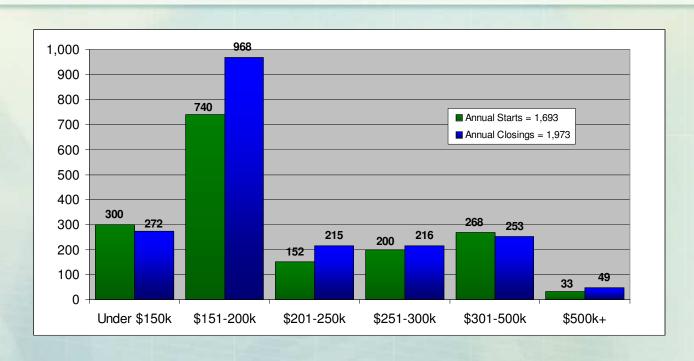
Starts	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1Q	404	609	479	672	444
2Q 3Q	648	805	639	633	467
3Q	572	782	712	541	485
4Q	680	387	512	447	299
Total	2,304	2,583	2,342	2,293	1,695

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
356	510	520	523	456
497	639	551	562	534
589	751	746	595	507
580	616	589	550	476
2,022	2,516	2,406	2,230	1,973
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### **Price Range Analysis & Lot Supply**



- Annual Average Start Price
- Annual Median Start Price
- 4Q07 Average Start Price
- Vacant Lot Supply
- Future Lot Supply

\$228,808

\$187,187

\$223,010

5,163 lots (36.6 months)

4,118 lots (29.2 months)





# **Top Performing Subdivisions**

			Starts		
		Annual Closings	1-year Forecast	2-year Forecast	
1.	Paloma Creek South (US-380)	240	74	160	
2.	Wheeler Ridge (Denton/Corinth)	198	34	0	
3.	Robson Ranch (Argyle)	153	92	92	
4.	Cross Oak Ranch (US-380)	130	111	140	
5.	Sea Pines Village at Savannah (U	S-380) 129	23	70	



## **Country Lakes - Argyle**

- 355 occupied homes in Denton ISD sections
- 950 lots remaining to close
- 53 starts expected in 2008





#### **Azalea at Lantana**

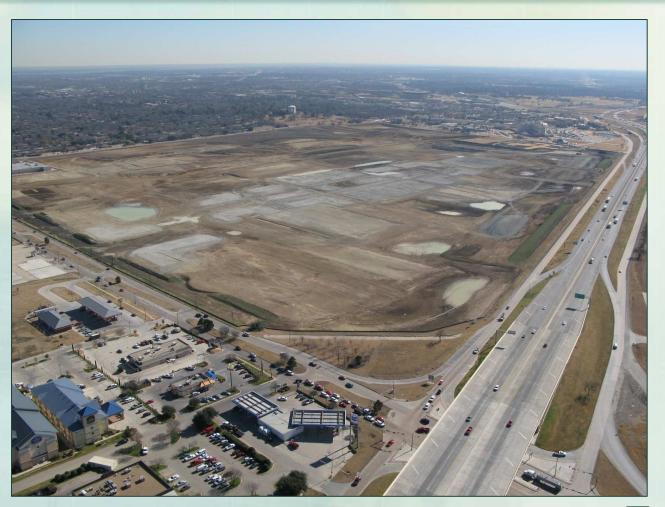
- 18 occupied homes
- 55 lots remaining to close
- 23 starts projected for the next 12 months





# **Rayzor Ranch**

- Future subdivision
- 1,029 total lots
- First lots expected to be delivered in mid 2008.





#### **Denton ISD – 4Qtr 2007 Summary**

- Annual starts are down 26.1% to 1,693 units (vs. 2,292 in 4Qtr 06)
- Annual closings decline 11.5% to 1,973 units (vs. 2,230 in 4Qtr 06)
- Finished vacant inventory decreases from 2.4 months 2.2 months
- 564 new lots delivered
  - Lakes of Cross Oak Ranch (69); Paloma Creek So. (417); Belle Cote (17); Audra Oaks (20); TH at Pecan Creek (14); Carlisle Addition (27)
- 5,163 vacant developed lots on the ground (up 5.4%)
- 4,118 future lots under development (down 11.9%)
- 17,213 preliminary lots planned (up 0.4%)
- New home forecast for 1Qtr 08 4Qtr 08 = 1,673 starts
- Student Growth = 1,100 1,200 + students