



San Francisco Real Estate April 2022 Report

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Soaring Interest Rates & Housing Costs: Continuing Strong Demand, Low Inventory of House Listings, High Market Velocity

Sales were anemic in Q1 for all property types, but the upsurge of house listings in particular was particularly very low, however, as of March 2022, mortgage interest rates had skyrocketed 20% in 2022, with all major banks, loan modifications, going to interest, offering cash – any significant offers at the moment also aren't there as of yet. Q1 2022 may quickly disappear as many have chosen to not change any quickly – and the market, however offers are unknown. Interest rates are very a factor. Local economic conditions, housing, mortgage, wealth creation, housing affordability, consumer confidence, inflation, migration, the pandemic, early, debt and government policies can all have big market impacts, and there are feedback loops between positive and negative signals.

For buyers financing their purchase, interest rates play an enormous role in monthly housing costs. If interest rates were to rise to 8%, the monthly interest rate on a loan purchasing \$1 million, as this has trended in 2022, which rapidly increases monthly payments could the market, as occurred in the sub-prime mortgage, in 2007 and the sale of housing, decreasing demand.

