2024 Sault Ste. Marie Real Estate Market Analysis

1. Overview of the Market

- Average List Price: \$342,704
- Average Sold Price: \$337,081
- Sale-to-List Ratio: 98.36%
- **Expired Listings:** 19.03% (444 properties)
- The market remains balanced, with homes selling close to their asking prices. Competitive pricing and strong marketing are key for success.

| Beds | Avg List Price | Avg Sold Price | Sale Price/List Price Ratio | # Expired | % Expired |
|------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| All | \$342,704 | \$337,081 | 98.36% | 444 | 19.03% |
| 2 | \$266,344 | \$262,069 | 98.39% | 91 | 17.57% |
| 3 | \$338,612 | \$335,349 | 99.04% | 185 | 16.58% |
| 4 | \$403,929 | \$398,308 | 98.61% | 92 | 21.00% |
| 5+ | \$596,873 | \$564,058 | 94.50% | 38 | 26.76% |

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2. Trends by Bedroom Count

• 2-Bedroom Homes:

o Avg. List: \$266,344 | Avg. Sold: \$262,069 | 98.39% Sale-to-List

Insights: Affordable with strong demand, ideal for first-time buyers.

• 3-Bedroom Homes:

- o Avg. List: \$338,612 | Avg. Sold: \$335,349 | 99.04% Sale-to-List
- **Insights:** Most in-demand with the highest sale-to-list ratio.

• 4-Bedroom Homes:

- o Avg. List: \$403,929 | Avg. Sold: \$398,308 | 98.61% Sale-to-List
- **Insights:** Popular with families; competitive pricing is crucial.

• 5+ Bedroom Homes:

- o Avg. List: \$596,873 | Avg. Sold: \$564,058 | 94.50% Sale-to-List
- Insights: High-end market with the greatest room for negotiation.

| Beds | Total Listed | # Sold | % Sold | Avg DOM |
|------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|
| All | 2,333 | 1,557 | 66.74% | 31 |
| 2 | 518 | 339 | 65.44% | 32 |
| 3 | 1,116 | 804 | 72.04% | 29 |
| 4 | 438 | 275 | 62.79% | 29 |
| 5+ | 142 | 80 | 56.34% | 38 |

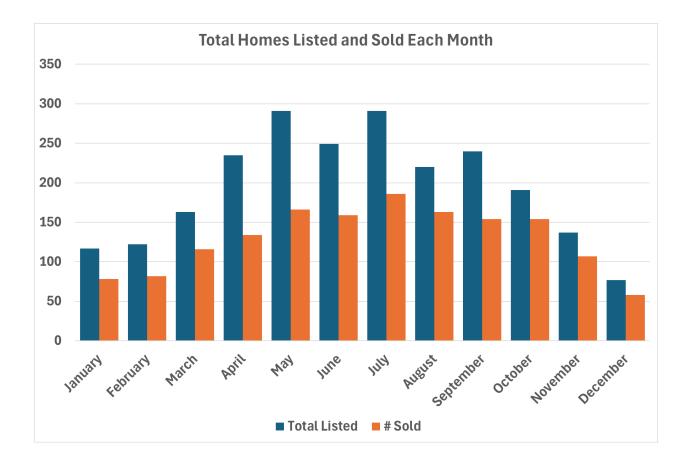
- 3. Year-Over-Year Trends (2020-2024)
 - **Prices Up:** 60.9% increase in average list prices over 5 years.
 - Sales Rate Decline: From 82.26% in 2020 to 66.74% in 2024.
 - **Market Time:** Days on market (DOM) dropped from 48 to 31, reflecting faster transactions.
 - **Key Insight for Sellers:** The market is stabilizing; pricing competitively is critical.

Year Total Listed # Sold % Sold Avg Sale Price Sold/List Price Ratio Avg DOM

| 2020 | 1,962 | 1,614 | 82.26% | \$209,464 | 96.76% | 48 |
|------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|----|
| 2021 | 2,382 | 1,907 | 80.06% | \$277,487 | 103.15% | 21 |
| 2022 | 2,258 | 1,543 | 68.33% | \$317,834 | 103.78% | 19 |
| 2023 | 2,076 | 1,370 | 65.99% | \$316,921 | 99.28% | 31 |
| 2024 | 2,333 | 1,557 | 66.74% | \$337,081 | 98.36% | 31 |

4. Monthly Market Trends (2024)

- **Peak Activity:** May and June saw the highest listings and sales, driven by spring demand.
- **Slowest Months:** November and December, offering buyers better negotiation opportunities.
- **Stable Periods:** July–September maintained steady activity, ideal for both buyers and sellers.



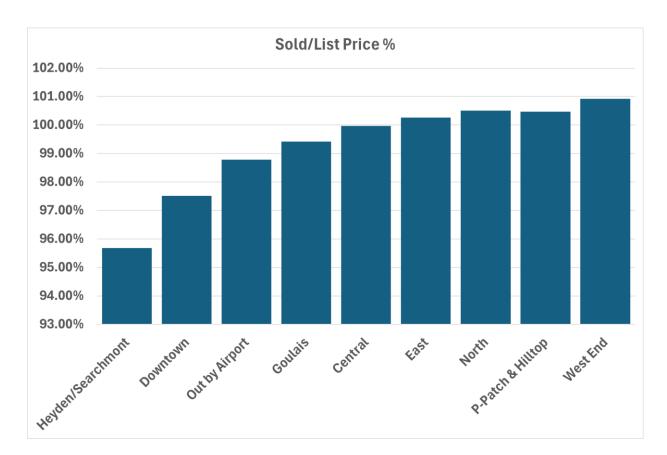
5. Neighborhood Insights

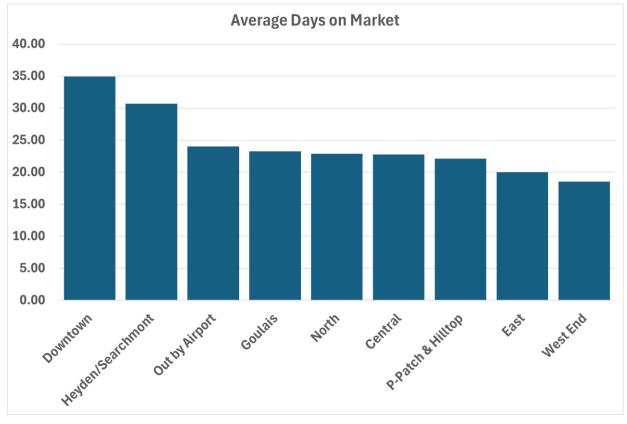
- Affordable Neighborhoods:
 - Downtown: Avg. List \$260,000 | Heyden/Searchmont: Avg. List ~\$275,000
 - **Insights:** Best for budget-conscious buyers or investors.
- Mid-Range Neighborhoods:
 - Central, West End, P-Patch & Hilltop and East End: Avg. List \$280,000–\$400,000
 - Insights: Balanced options with modern features and family appeal.

- High-End Neighborhoods:
 - Goulais and North: Avg. List \$450,000+
 - Insights: Premium properties with larger spaces and modern amenities.

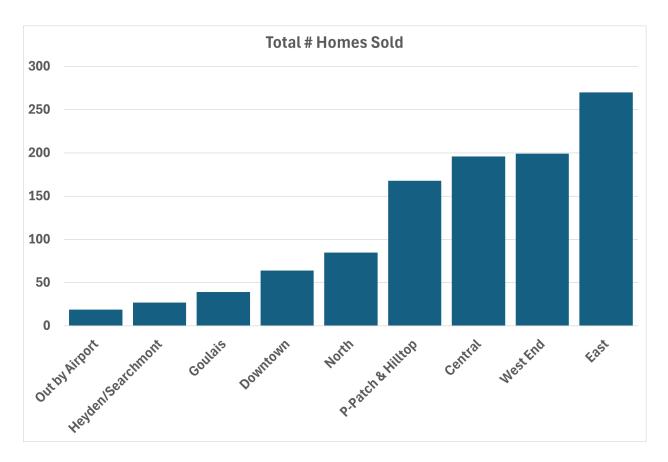
The figures below compare each neighbourhood with average list price, average days on the market, sold/list price %, and total number of homes sold. This provides valuable information on buying or selling a home in each neighbourhood.







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6. Key Takeaways for Buyers

- Best Times to Buy: December and January for better negotiation opportunities.
- Act Quickly: In spring (March–June), competition is highest, and homes sell close to or above asking price.
- Focus Areas: 2- and 3-bedroom homes offer the best value and minimal price negotiation.

7. Key Takeaways for Sellers

• List in Spring: May and June provide the best exposure and competition for higher offers.

- **Price Competitively:** Especially for 4+ bedroom homes, where demand is slightly lower.
- **Highlight Unique Features:** Stand out in high-demand areas like East, West End, and P-Patch & Hilltop.

8. Long-Term Market Outlook

- **Growth in Value:** Homes in Sault Ste. Marie have appreciated significantly, providing strong ROI for sellers.
- **Balanced Conditions:** The market is no longer the extreme seller's market of recent years, offering more opportunities for buyers.

9. Current Active Inventory

• Median List Price: \$324,950

Average DOM: 70 days

10. Summary

The Sault Ste. Marie real estate market offers balanced opportunities for both buyers and sellers.

- For Buyers: Plan ahead for a competitive spring market and explore negotiation opportunities in late fall and winter.
- For Sellers: Focus on pricing competitively and timing listings strategically to maximize results.