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## **May 2014 Metro-East Housing Statistics Released**

(Belleville, Ill.) The REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois (RASI) released its May 2014 housing statistics today. St. Clair, Monroe, Clinton, and Randolph Counties all reported an increase in home sales compared to April 2014.

REALTORS® in St. Clair County sold 29.27 percent more homes in May 2014 than in the previous month. This County recorded more homes sold in May 2014 than in any other month since last May. Monroe County recorded a 21.21 percent increase in home sales compared to May 2013. Compared to April 2014, REALTORS® in Monroe County sold 60 percent more homes in May 2014. Randolph and Clinton Counties also reported an increase in home sales compared to April 2014.

**“The real estate industry is such an important part of the economy,”** remarks Tricia Tialdo, President of the REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois. **“It plays a pivotal role in many aspects of the economy. For example, according to realtor.org, for every home sold, two jobs are created AND \$60,000 in ripple effects is made to the overall economy. Home buyers and sellers need to take advantage of the unique opportunities in today’s market by talking to a local REALTOR® today.**

Keeping up with the statewide trend, St. Clair, Monroe, and Clinton Counties recorded an increase in median home price compared to May of last year. According to the Illinois Association of REALTORS®, May marks 21 consecutive months of statewide price gains. St. Clair County recorded a 1.51 percent increase, Monroe County recorded a 2.81 percent increase, and Clinton County recorded an 82.64 percent increase in median home price compared to May 2013.

**“A REALTORS® can help guide the consumer through the buying and selling process. All real estate is local, and national trends do not always reflect local market conditions.** Your best course of action when thinking about buying or selling is to consult with a REALTOR®, a knowledgeable real estate professional, who knows the local market conditions. REALTORS® work through the real estate transaction process daily and understand how to position a home for sale, negotiate contract terms, manage inspections and ensure a smooth settlement,” stated Tialdo.

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Residential Units May 2014							Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
County	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013
Monroe	40	33	38	23	28	25	25	22	18	19	34	33
St. Clair	265	268	186	185	270	204	205	168	137	139	191	184
Randolph	9	14	11	12	16	12	7	10	8	7	8	11
Clinton	34	37	19	23	28	25	30	11	14	16	22	22
Year-to-Date Home Sales (Jan. 1 - Jan. 31, 2014)												
Monroe	124	143	125	108	146	108						
St. Clair	915	1008	810	823	992	825						
Randolph	42	62	50	41	61	48						
Clinton	117	105	83	89	124	88						
Median Home Prices												
Monroe	181200	176250	162458	165000	181200	185000						
St. Clair	118000	116250	115000	118000	127350	124500						
Randolph	77500	100000	67500	70900	81500	73450						
Clinton	118716	65000	148500	117000	131250	113000						

Statistics are provided by the SIR/MLS, Inc. and the Illinois Association of REALTORS®.

Empowering REALTORS® to succeed through education, advocacy, services, and programs. The REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois is a voluntary trade association located in Belleville whose over 800 members are engaged in all facets of the real estate industry. The REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois works to protect the rights of private property owners by recommending and promoting legislation that safeguards and advances the interest of real property ownership.

RASI primarily serves the Illinois Metro-East market area, including St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph and Clinton Counties, except for the easternmost townships of Irishtown, Clement, Lake, East Fork, Meridian and Brookside.

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