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

(Belleville, Ill.) The REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois (RASI) released its September 2014 housing statistics today. St. Clair, Monroe, and Randolph Counties all reported increases in median home prices compared to September 2013.

St. Clair County recorded a 14.8 percent increase in median home price this September compared to September 2013. Following suit, Monroe County reported a 4.1 percent increase in median home price, while Randolph County saw a 17.6 percent increase in median home price compared to September 2013. REALTORS® in Monroe County have sold 8.9 percent more homes this year so far compared to last year at this time. While Clinton County had consistently recorded a higher number of homes sold year-to-date throughout all of 2014 so far, a decrease was recorded this month compared to September 2013.

**“It’s important to realize now is still a great time to buy or sell your home,”** states Christopher Mitchell, President of the REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois. **“According to the University of Illinois Real Estate Forecast, median home prices are expected to increase. Affordability is still high, and mortgage rates continue to remain low.”**

A recent survey done by Fannie Mae (Fannie Mae’s September National Housing Survey) echoes that consumers also feel more positive about the housing market. The survey states that 68 percent of Americans say now is a good time to buy a home, which is a four percent jump compared to August.

**“A REALTOR® 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 Mitchell.

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Residential Units September 2014							Aug.	July	Jun.	May	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
County	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Monroe	36	25	22	17	23	24	49	39	42	40	25	22	18	19
St. Clair	223	236	173	165	169	212	255	277	273	265	205	168	137	139
Randolph	20	8	12	8	9	12	14	11	16	9	7	10	8	7
Clinton	11	31	28	14	33	27	23	29	22	34	30	11	14	16
Year-to-Date Home Sales (Jan. 1 - September 30, 2014)														
Monroe	291	267	253	220	258	224								
St. Clair	1944	2013	1673	1540	1795	1757								
Randolph	104	111	105	88	105	94								
Clinton	202	217	181	185	217	196								
Median Home Prices														
Monroe	182250	175000	191000	169500	173750	181575								
St. Clair	130000	113250	115000	126000	115000	125750								
Randolph	73500	62500	81000	101000	83900	79500								
Clinton	92500	141000	87250	115000	97000	95000								

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

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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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