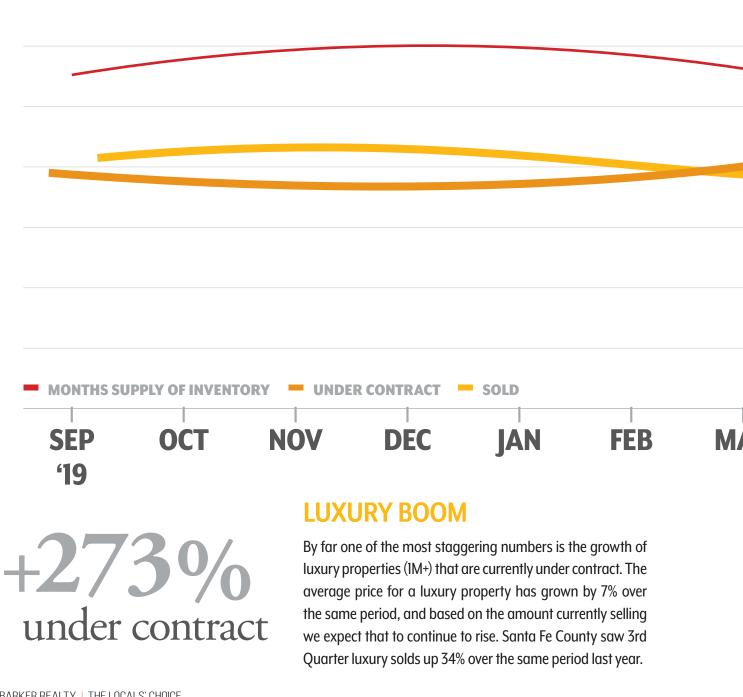


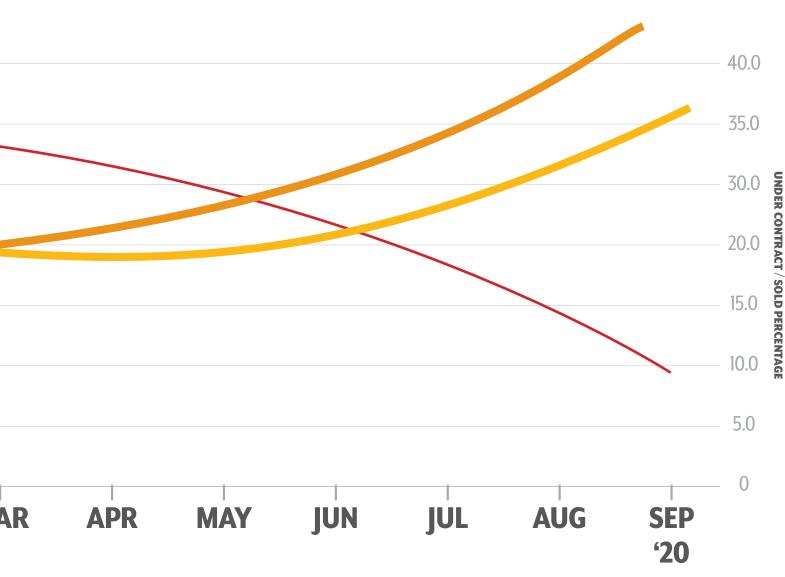
## WARNING SIGNS

Following the shock of stay at home orders and lockdowns in March throughout the country, we saw a virtual freeze (albeit short term) in offers, showing requests and listings coming to market. Curiously, our web traffic started rebounding rapidly in April and suddenly we **doubled** our annual traffic by May. What we did not know we were witnessing was the sudden rise of 'Zoomtowns', where more affordable and quality of life focused markets would be in high demand by the recently untethered remote worker.



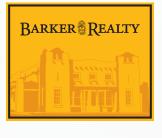
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## the big picture



## DEMAND

Overall, the story of the Santa Fe real estate market for 2020 is of unprecedented demand: inventory is at an all-time low and buyers are in constant bidding wars. We are currently seeing more properties under contract than available for purchase, a trend that is pushing prices higher resulting in a historic high median price above \$500k for a home in Santa Fe.



## the upshot

2020 has proven to be the year of the unexpected and our real estate market is no exception. Where we feared a crash due to the pandemic, the opposite has proven true: sellers are enjoying competing offers and record-high prices, while buyers are needing to make quick decisions while also being patient. Typically the election would also play a factor by slowing the market down, but this is an atypical year and we do not expect these market conditions to change anytime soon.



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