





Toronto Real Estate

Monthly Market Charts

Introduction

You read sales last month were up x% over last year. What does that really mean??

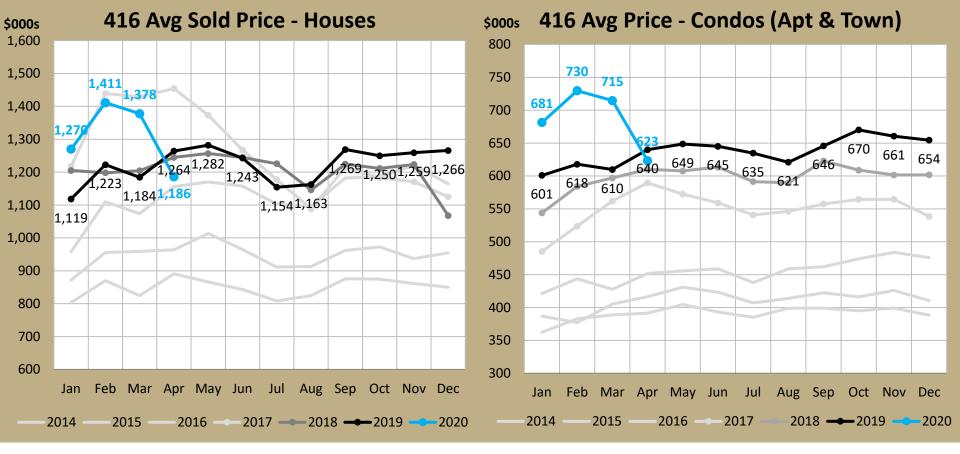
Was last year a down year, an average year, or a record year? Is that GTA number you're seeing driven by the 416 or the 905? Is there a clear trend? The charts that follow will add **context** and **perspective** to Toronto's monthly real estate statistics. My focus is the **416**, so I pull those numbers out of TREB's broader GTA-wide aggregate figures.

I also separate Toronto's **two distinct market segments**: houses (freeholds) and condos, because lumping them together obscures a lot of information, and you are probably more interested in one than the other. With segmentation and some historical context, I aim to give you a clearer vision of market movements and trends.



416 Average Sold Price

(dollar volume ÷ number of transactions in the month)



Detached \$1,250K / Semi \$1,096K / Row \$952K

Apr vs. '19: ◆ \$78K (6.2%) Apr vs. '15: ★ \$222K (23%) 5 year CAGR: ★ 4.2%

- Declines in the month: Detached -\$216K, Semis -59K, Row -153K, Overall -192K. March was +16.3% YoY
- Big fall-off after 11 of prior 12 months > 10% YoY

Condo Apt \$612K / Condo Townhouse \$698K

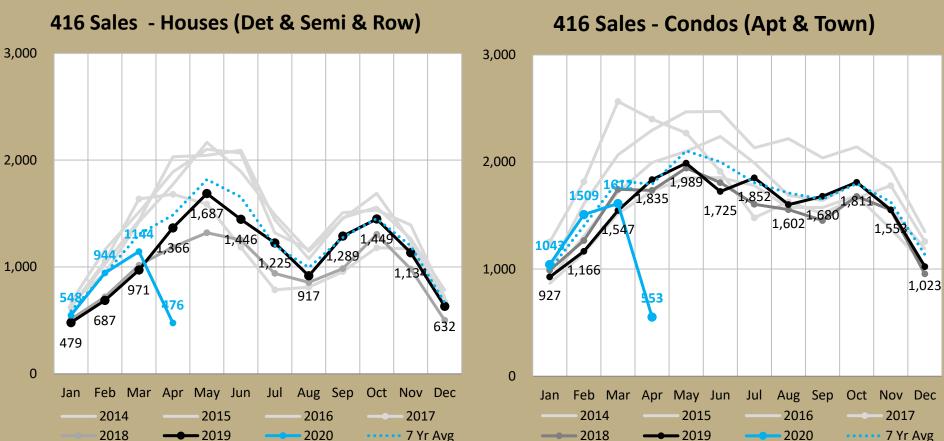
Apr vs. '19: **♦** \$17K (-2.6%) Apr vs. '15: **♠** \$207K (50%) 5 year CAGR: **♠** 8.4%

- Declines in the month: Apt -\$100K, Town -30K, Overall -92K. March was +17.2% YoY
- First negative YoY since Feb 2015 (61 straight months)



416 Residential Sales Volume

(number of sold transactions in the month)



Apr vs. '19: 65% (vs. 7 Yr Avg: 68%)
YTD vs. '19: 11%

- YoY increase was 38% in Feb, down to 18% (from last half of month slowdown)
- YTD sales went from +23% in Mar to -11% in Apr
- Lowest April volume ever (last 25 years) by 60%
- Prior 12 months had been +10% or more over prior yr

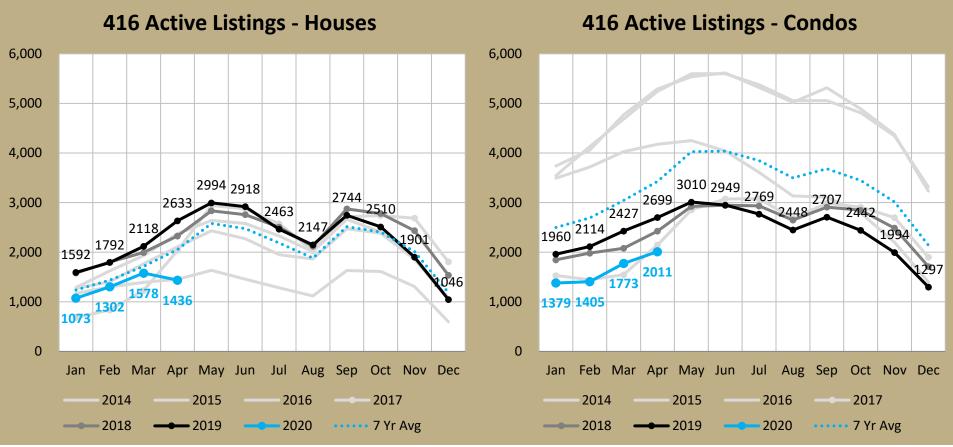
Apr vs. '19: 69.9% (vs. 7 Yr Avg: 69%)
YTD vs. '19: 14%

- Went from +14% YTD to -14% YTD in one month
- Ends streak of 9 months in a row of YoY sales increase
- Lowest April volume in at least 25 years by 23%



416 Active Listings

(snapshot of properties available for sale at end of each month)



- Lowest April ever. Last time close to this low was in 2016 b/c market hot and everything scooped up
- Active Listings about 600 less than Apr 7 Yr Avg
- Were trending down through the month, likely to remain low as people withhold during COVID-19

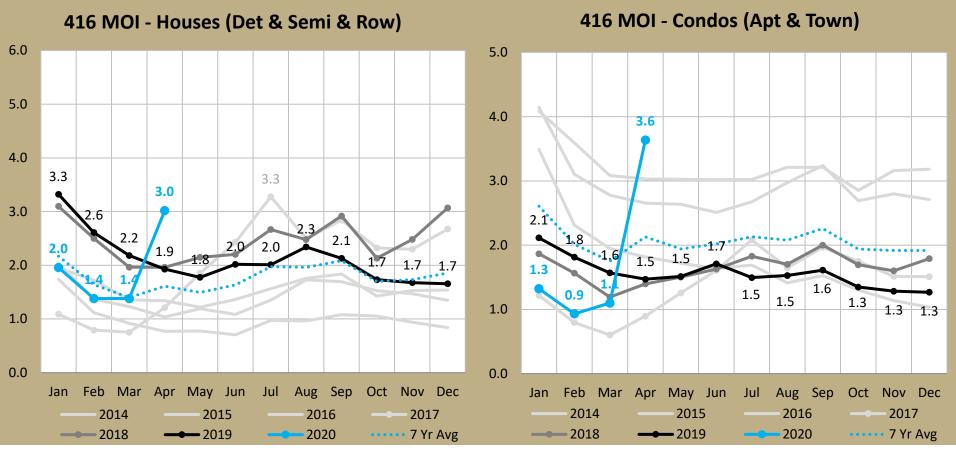
Apr vs. '19: 25.5% (vs. 7 Yr Avg: 41%) YTD vs. '19: 29%

- Active Listings around 1,700 less than Apr 7 Yr Avg
- Last time lower was Apr 2000 (lot less built back then)
- Were slowiy growing throughout the month.
 Anecdotally a lot of downtown listings in March came from former Airbnb units



416 Months Of Inventory

(active listings at month end ÷ sales for month)



Apr vs. '19: **1**.1 months (57%) Apr vs. 7 Yr Avg: **1**.4 months (87%)

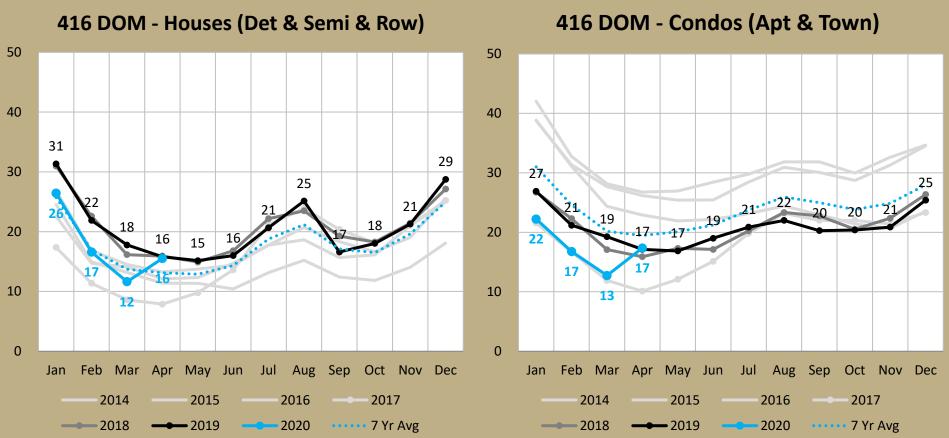
- Prior 12 months were lower than year before
- Very sharp rise for 1 month (1.6). 2017 rise of 2.5 months was over 4 months.

- Ended record 36 months in row condos < houses. In 254 months before March 2017, this only happened 19 times in total.
- Very sharp rise for 1 month (2.5). 2017 rise was 1.5 in 4.
- Had been below 2.000 47 of last 49 months



416 Average Days On Market

(days from listed to sold, for those properties sold during the month)



Apr vs. '19: **♣** 0.3 days (-2%) Apr vs. 7 Yr Avg: **↑** 2.4 days (18%)

- Could be distorted by terminations that are re-listed
- This uses LDOM (listing days on market), tracking the MLS#, not the property (new separate PDOM stat for that)

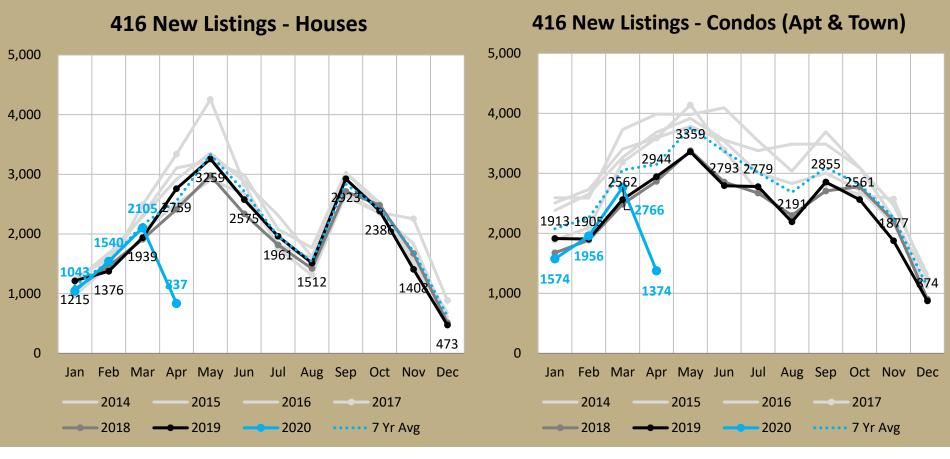
Apr vs. '19: **↑** 0.2 days (1%) Apr vs. 7 Yr Avg: **↓** 2.1 days (-11%)

- Though is highest since 2016, that still puts it 4th lowest ever (last 25 years), hair back of 2019
- Diverged lower from averages in spring 2016 and has stayed low since



416 New Listings

(number of new MLS #s during the month – unfortunately includes re-listed properties)



Apr vs. '19: ₹ 70% (vs. 7 Yr Avg: ₹ 67%) YTD vs. '19: ₹ 24%

- YTD March was +3%, now swung to -24%
- COVID-19 has slowed down new listings because nobody wants strangers walking through their houses
- Terminations and re-listings distort this stat

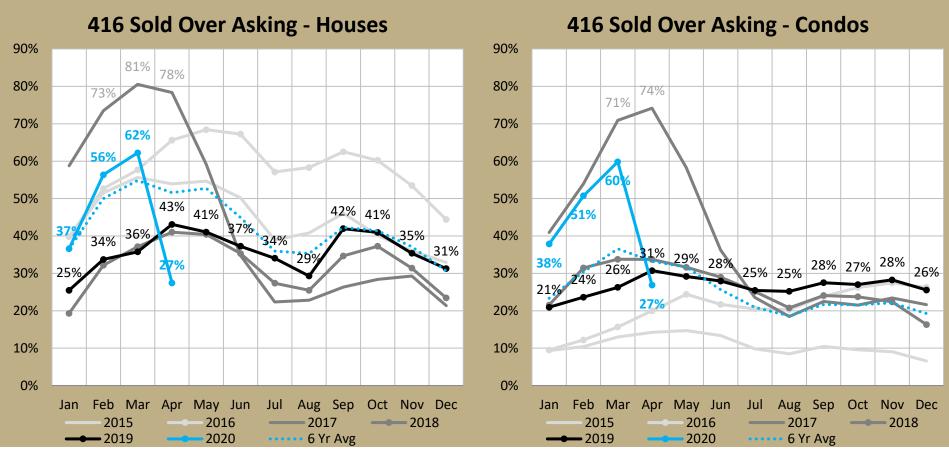
Apr vs. '19: 53% (vs. 7 Yr Avg: 56%)
YTD vs. '19: 18%

- Historically rises from Mar to Apr but these are weird times. Going same direction as sales but not quite as deep.
- Still low historically leading to very low active listings



416 Sold Over Asking

(properties that sold at ≥101% of list price, as percent of total monthly sales)



101% or more of asking Apr vs. '19: **↓** 16 pp Month-over-month: **↓** 35 pp

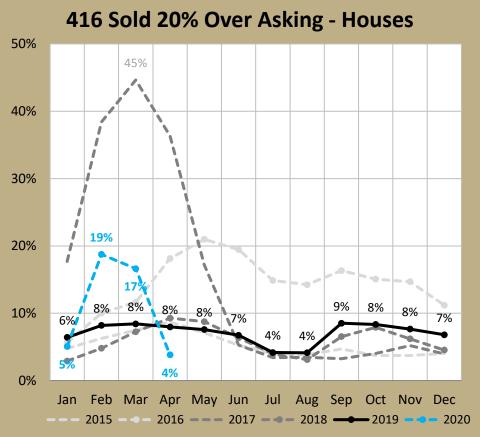
- Went from 2nd highest March to worst April
- Largest monthly drop, beating 24 pp May to Jun 2017
- 20 of last 21 months had been higher than prior year
- Full year numbers: 2015 47% 2016 60% 2017 49% 2018 34% 2019 37%

- From 2nd highest Mar ever to below 6 year average
- 33 pp drop beats 22 pp from May to Jun 2017
- Condo SOA solely for unique properties (11% for all 2015 sales) seem to be gone (2016 21% 2017 42% 2018 27% 2019 27%)



416 Sold 20% Over Asking

(properties that sold at ≥120% of list price, as percent of total monthly sales)





- Way underlisting is pretty dead for now. Is gauche to try to attract that much traffic in pandemic
- Only 18 sales of 20%-plus in April, lowest in 64 months of tracking

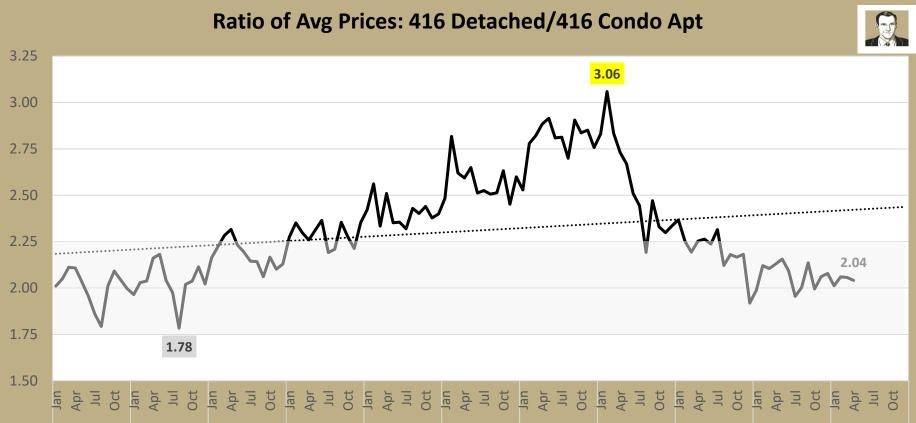
120% or more of asking Apr vs. '19: **↑** 6 pp Month-over-month: **↑** 2 pp

- Peaked at 10% in 2nd week of March but is done for now.
- Only 5 such transactions in April, lowest since Feb 2016



416 Detached/Condo price ratio

(average price for detached divided by average price of condo apartment)



2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Current ratio: 2.04

2010

Month-over-month: ◆ → -0.02

Average since Jan 1996 = 2.13

2011

2012

2013

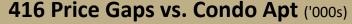
2014

- Median since Jan 1996 = 2.06
- Max = 3.06
- Min = 1.72

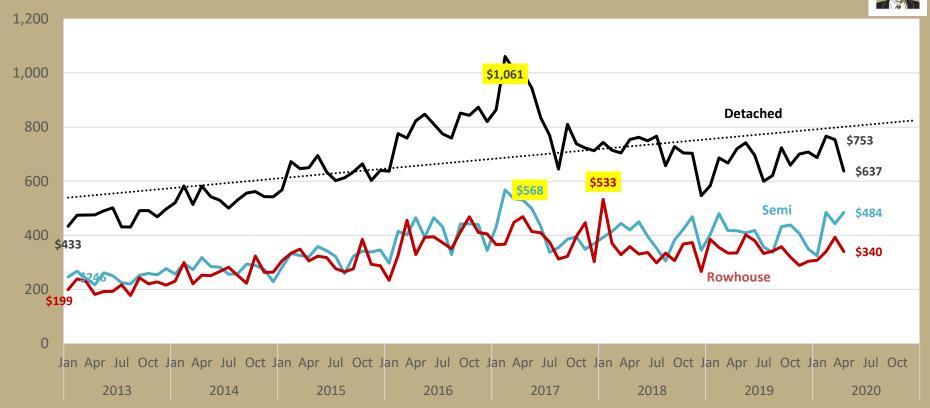


416 Price Gaps vs. Condo Apt

(average price for detached/semi/row minus average price of condo apartment)







Current **Detached** dollar gap: \$637K Prior month dollar gap: \$753K (\$\ \$116K)

Current Semi dollar gap: \$484K Prior mth dollar gap: \$443K (♠ \$41K) Current Rowhouse dollar gap: \$340K Prior month dollar gap: \$393K (♣ \$53K)

Prior year dollar gap: \$667K (♥ \$82K) 2 yrs prior dollar gap: \$704K (♥ \$117K)

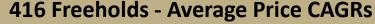
Prior year dollar gap: \$417K (♠ \$67K) 2 yrs prior dollar gap: \$420K (♠ \$64K)

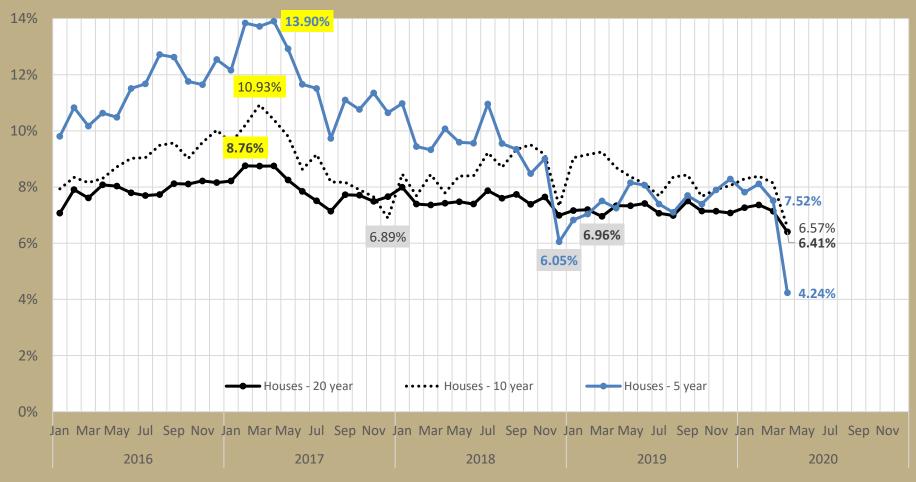
Prior year dollar gap: \$335K (♠ \$5K) 2 yrs prior dollar gap: \$359K (♣ \$19K)



416 Price CAGRs – Freehold

(Compound annual growth rate, current month vs. same month 5, 10, 20 years ago)





20 year **House** performance: 20 year CAGR (as at current month) is 6.41%; MoM change • 74 bps

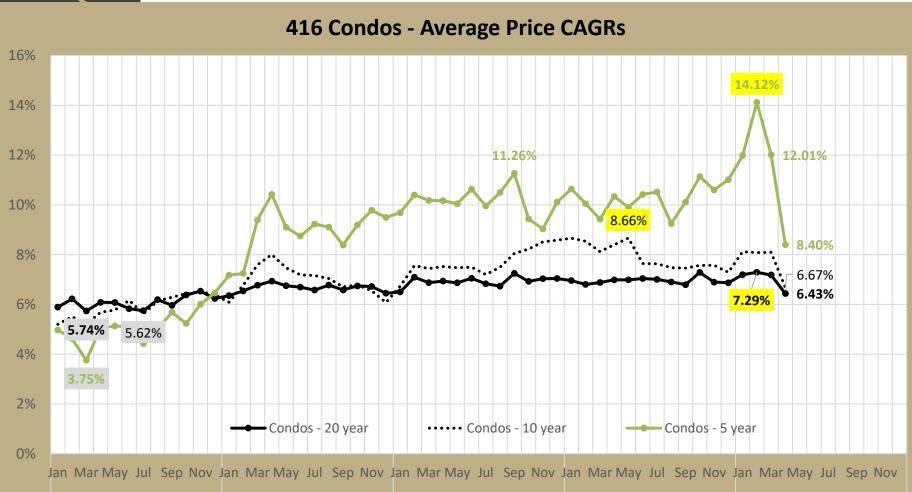
20 year Condo performance: 20 year CAGR (as at current month) is 6.43%; MoM change • 75 bps



2016

416 Price CAGRs - Condo

(Compound annual growth rate, current month vs. same month 5, 10, 20 years ago)



2018

2019

2020

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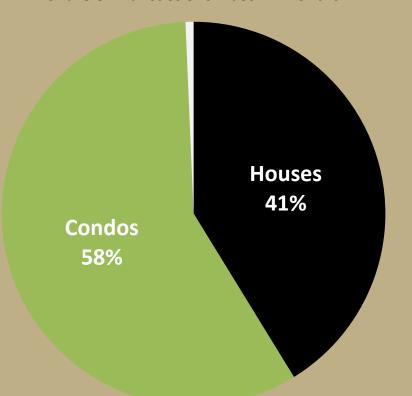
2017

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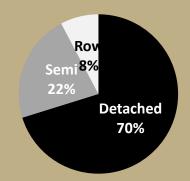


416 Market Breakdown

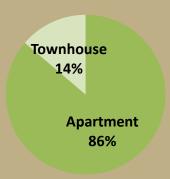
Share of Transactions - last 12 months



Share of House Transactions - last 12 months



Share of Condo Transactions - last 12 months



1 year ago: Condos 61% / Houses 39%

5 years ago: Condos 52% / Houses 47%

10 years ago: Condos 49% / Houses 50%

15 years ago: Condos 44% / Houses 55%

20 years ago: Condos 40% / Houses 58%

As the supply of houses is essentially fixed, and more new condos are completed, transaction share should keep **shifting towards condos**. Also, condos are often a "starter home" and not held onto as long on average as houses.

While **houses** were only 41% of 2019 sales transactions, they were **58% of dollar volume** (2018: 38% v. 55%, 2017: 38% v. 59%, 2016: 35% v. 64%).



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