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## Metro Detroit home sales inch up in Oct.

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Metro Detroit home sales increased slightly in October over the same month last year, inching up 0.4 percent to 4,452 closings, according to figures released today by Realcomp, the Farmington Hills-based multiple listings service.

The uptick for the region was due to strong gains in Wayne County and specifically the city of Detroit. The county saw a 12.5 percent increase last month over October 2006, to 1,703 sales, while the city's sales increased 26.1 percent to 792 sales.

Those gains outpaced sales in Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties, which all saw declines in October from the same month in 2006.

- Oakland: Sales dropped to 1,062 sales from 1,093, a 2.8 percent decline.
- Macomb: Sales dropped to 594 sales from 605, a 1.8 percent decline.
- Livingston: Sales dropped to 158 sales from 170, a 7.1 percent decline.

Although October sales in the three suburban counties were down from a year ago, the month proved to be a more active than September. All four counties saw increases in sales month over month.

And pending sales -- on Metro Detroit homes for which offers have been made and accepted -- were up 8.6 percent from October 2006, according to Realcomp.

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