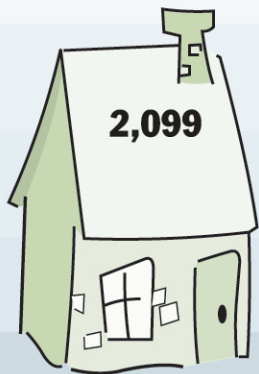


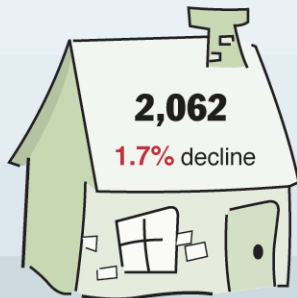
# Roaring back

Fargo-Moorhead home sales, after a slow start this year, have picked up strongly this fall, thanks in part to the first-time homebuyers tax credit. The recent upturn is reflected in sales that are pending, ones that haven't closed or been officially completed yet. Sales in the pending category will be reflected in the November statistics when they become available next month.

## Metro home sales, closed

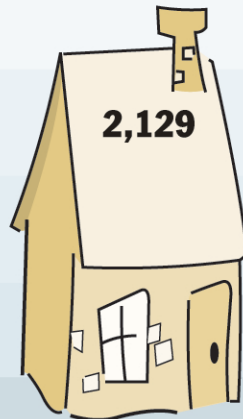


First 10 months of 2008

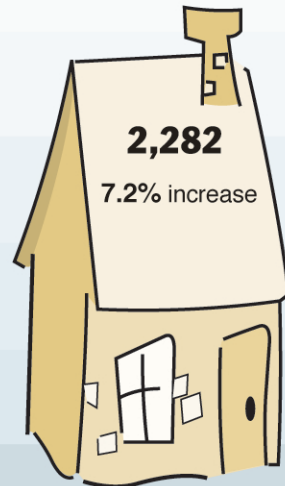


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## Metro home sales, closed and pending



First 10 months of 2008



First 10 months of 2009