

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (VIA ZOOM MEETING)

MARCH 8, 2021

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

*President John “Jack” R. Heath
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman April Jackson*

*Council Vice-President Muir Boda
Councilwoman Michele Gregory*

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

Mayor Jacob R. Day

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, members of the press and Public

CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. via a Zoom Meeting. Council President John R. Heath called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silent meditation.

PROCLAMATIONS

• **Women’s History Month**

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz presented the proclamation to declare March as “Women’s History Month.” Women’s contributions to history, culture, and society are celebrated and honored each March in the United States. Women’s History Month began in Santa Rosa, California when The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women celebrated “Women’s History Week” in 1978 during the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women’s Day. The National Women’s History Project lobbied for national recognition in 1980 and President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8, 1980 as National Women’s History Week. Congress expanded the week to a month in 1987 and has passed a resolution every year since. This year’s theme, “Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silences,” acknowledges the many women’s suffrage centennial celebrations originally scheduled for 2020 that were curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have been in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, have served in the military, and have made other contributions to our Nation in countless other ways.

• **Social Work Month**

Ms. Glanz presented the proclamation to proclaim March as “National Social Work Month,” in the City. The Social Work profession has been dedicated to improving human

well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Social Workers have always been present during crisis to help people overcome issues such as death and grief, and help people and communities recover from fires, hurricanes, and earthquakes. Social Workers advocate for equal rights for and work in all parts of society. This year's theme, "Social Workers Are Essential," embodies the heroic contributions of the Social Work profession, including their work to heal the Nation during the pandemic, racial unrest, economic uncertainty, and political divisiveness. Social Workers are crucial in the health care system and in the response to COVID-19.

Accepting the proclamation was Dr. Jennifer Jewell, Director of the School of Social Work at Salisbury University. Dr. Jewell was honored to accept the proclamation on International Women's Day during Women's History Month especially since Social Work was a female-dominated profession.

PRESENTATIONS

- **COVID-19 Update**

Lori Brewster, Wicomico County Health Officer, reported that one year ago Maryland had experienced the first cases of COVID-19. She provided the following points in her presentation on COVID-19 in Wicomico County:

- *Wicomico County has had 6,828 positive COVID-19 cases and 143 deaths.*
- *Over 50% of the population has been tested in the past year.*
- *The Positivity rate for Wicomico County was 3.58% on March 8, 2021. Maryland's Positivity rate was 3.36%.*
- *The highest positivity rate was in April 2020 at over 43%.*
- *Many of the people testing positive early in the pandemic worked in the poultry industry.*
- *Three vaccines were currently available: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson.*
- *As of March 8, 2021, at least 17.4 of the Wicomico County population received at least their first vaccine, representing 18,000 individuals. 11.8% have received the second dose, representing 12,235 individuals.*
- *Wicomico County Health Department has received about 700 doses per week.*
- *Because the Health Department has vaccinated so far 3,151 individuals of color and 13,438 Caucasians, they decided to go out into the community to identify underserved areas and provide vaccinations.*
- *Maryland has all three of the variants now- UK, South African, and Brazilian.*
- *The National Guard may be bringing a mobile unit into the area to do outreach in some of the vulnerable areas.*
- *The State was beginning a mass vaccination clinic at the Wicomico Civic Center on March 18, 2021, which was where the Health Department was vaccinating. The Health Department would be finding another location for vaccinations.*
- *The Health Department was also involved in contact tracing and enforcement of the Governor's orders.*

Ms. Blake asked if the County had the Vaccine Equity Officer worked with the Vulnerable Populations Task Force. Ms. Brewster replied that the information was received from the multiple Health Department members that sat on the committee. Ms. Blake asked when the Johnson & Johnson vaccine would be available in Salisbury. Ms. Brewster said the County received a very small allocation, reserved for those suited to getting one dose.

Ms. Glanz asked if the new location would be where people could walk to be vaccinated. Ms. Brewster said they would have a brick and mortar facility, but would also go out on the road. They received funding for transportation for individuals needing the service. Ms. Glanz asked if May was still the goal for having all of the groups available for vaccination. Ms. Brewster said that in May or June it should be opened up to everyone.

Ms. Jackson asked why only 3,151 individuals of color had been vaccinated- was it because of education and awareness. Ms. Brewster said there was a lot of community hesitancy and many health care workers had not received vaccinations. There was the inaccurate belief that the vaccine had fetal parts from aborted fetuses and other myths. The Vaccine Equity Officer and Outreach Officer would provide education to get people willing to be vaccinated. Ms. Glanz asked if there was a campaign to get people the correct information and Ms. Brewster said the State had to provide approval first.

Ms. Gregory asked when I-C would be achieved and Ms. Brewster said the next group would be continuity of government, and then critical infrastructure workers.

Deputy City Administrator asked if 250 people was still the mandated maximum outdoor group number, and Ms. Brewster said it was 250 outdoors or 50% capacity, whichever was the lesser. This would likely change in the near future because the high schools, universities and community colleges could not have graduation with that number.

- **2020 Housing Statistics**

Colin Zimmerman, Government Affairs Director of Coastal Association of REALTORS®, joined by Coastal Association of REALTORS® Treasurer Austin Whitehead, provided the attached PowerPoint presentation on 2020 Housing Statistics, which are made part of the minutes.

Mr. Boda said that since 2015 Salisbury was one of the fastest growing economies in the country, and homes just could not be built fast enough for the people who wanted to live here. Mr. Zimmerman said that the pandemic had made it clear that people could work remotely and move out of the major city and live in more rural areas.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the legislative agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA – presented by City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

The Consent Agenda consisting of the following items was unanimously approved on a motion

and seconded by Mr. Boda and Ms. Jackson, respectively:

- January 25, 2021 Closed Session Minutes (separate email)
- February 8, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
- February 16, 2021 Work Session Minutes
- February 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

AWARD OF BIDS- presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller

The Award of Bids, consisting of the following, was unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Gregory, respectively, and approved by unanimous vote in favor:

- Declaration of Surplus
 - Salisbury Police Department: Vehicles # 7, 22, 36, 1360, 1478, and 1486
 - City-owned parcels: 621 Short Street, 407. 501, 503, and 505 Anne Street

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comments.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Glanz thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens on International Women's Day.

Mr. Boda asked the public to continue supporting the local businesses, and many of them were owned by women.

Ms. Jackson thanked all of the women who made the world go around.

Ms. Blake reminded everyone to donate blood if they were healthy enough, and to shop local.

Ms. Gregory said there were great women leading the City. Please keep wearing masks even if you are vaccinated. Please sign up, if eligible, to get the vaccine, and reach out if you need help.

President Heath commended all of the women for all of the work they did. Please wear your masks.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND
CLOSED SESSION
MARCH 1, 2021

TIME & PLACE: 4:56 p.m., Zoom Meeting of City Council
PURPOSE: To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals
VOTE TO CLOSE: Unanimous (3-0)
CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1)
PRESENT: Council President John “Jack” R. Heath, Council Vice President Muir Boda, Councilwoman Michele Gregory, City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols
ABSENT: Mayor Jacob R. Day, Councilwoman April Jackson, Councilwoman Angela M. Blake

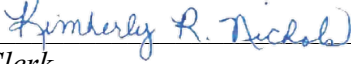
The City Council convened in Work Session via Zoom Meeting at 4:30 p.m. At 4:56 p.m., President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session as permitted under the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1). Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous (3-0) to convene in Closed Session.

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz provided information to Council regarding the performance of an individual. After discussion, Council reached unanimous consensus to take the direction suggested by Administration.

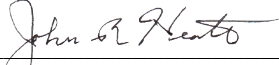
At 5:11 p.m., Ms. Gregory moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous (3-0) to adjourn the Closed Session.

Council convened in Open Session and President Heath reported that while in Closed Session Council had discussed a personnel matter

With no further business to discuss, the Open Session was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President

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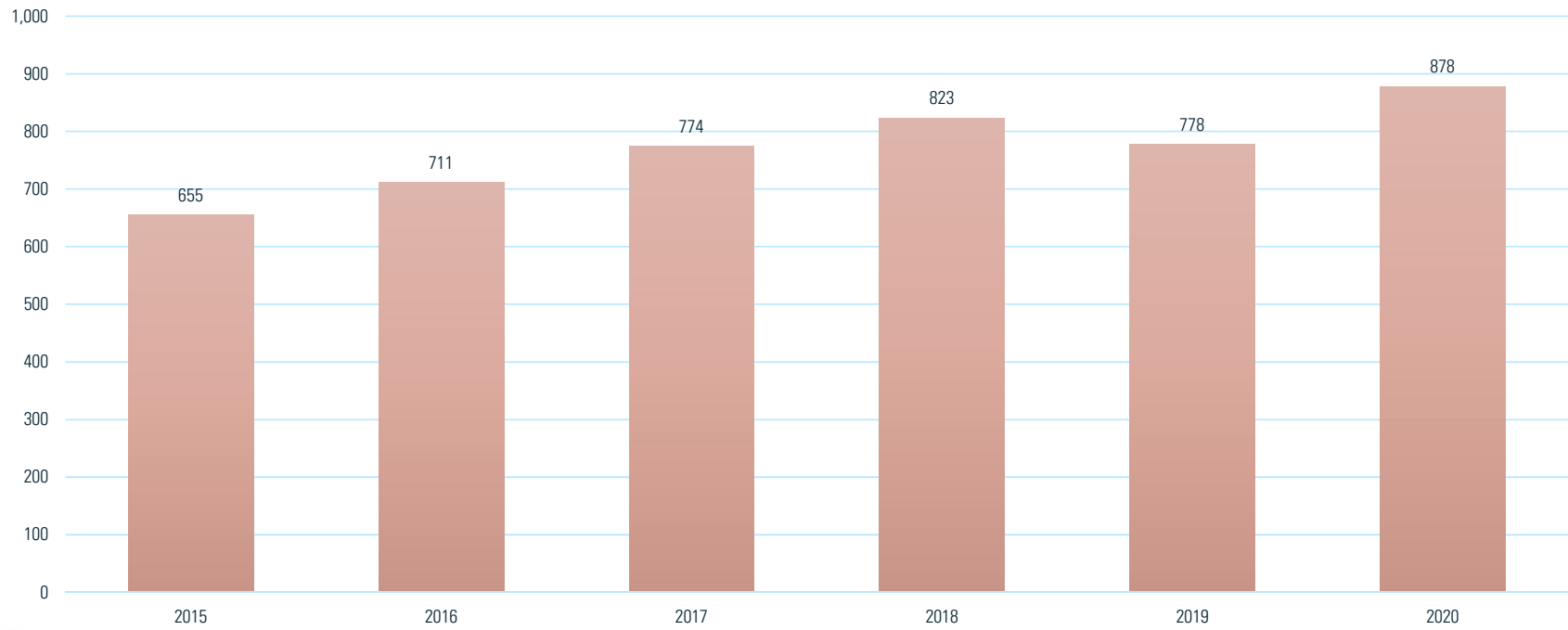

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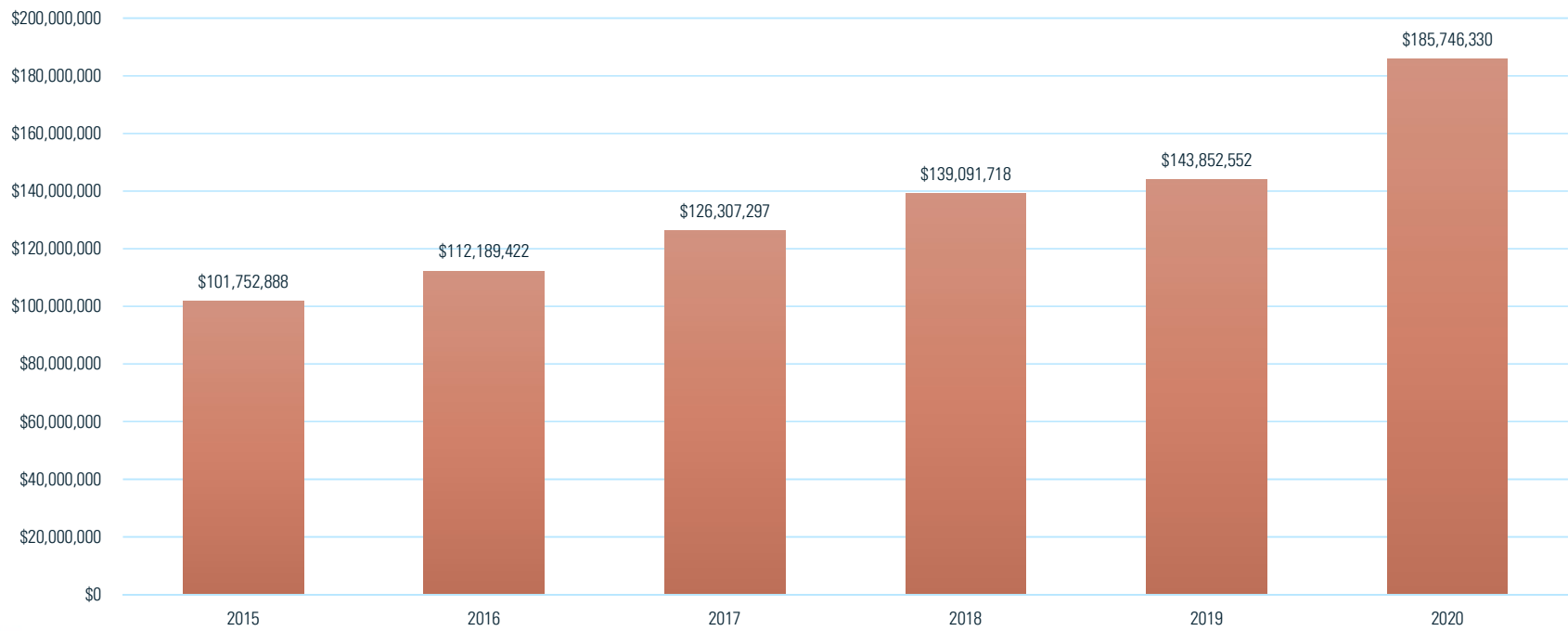
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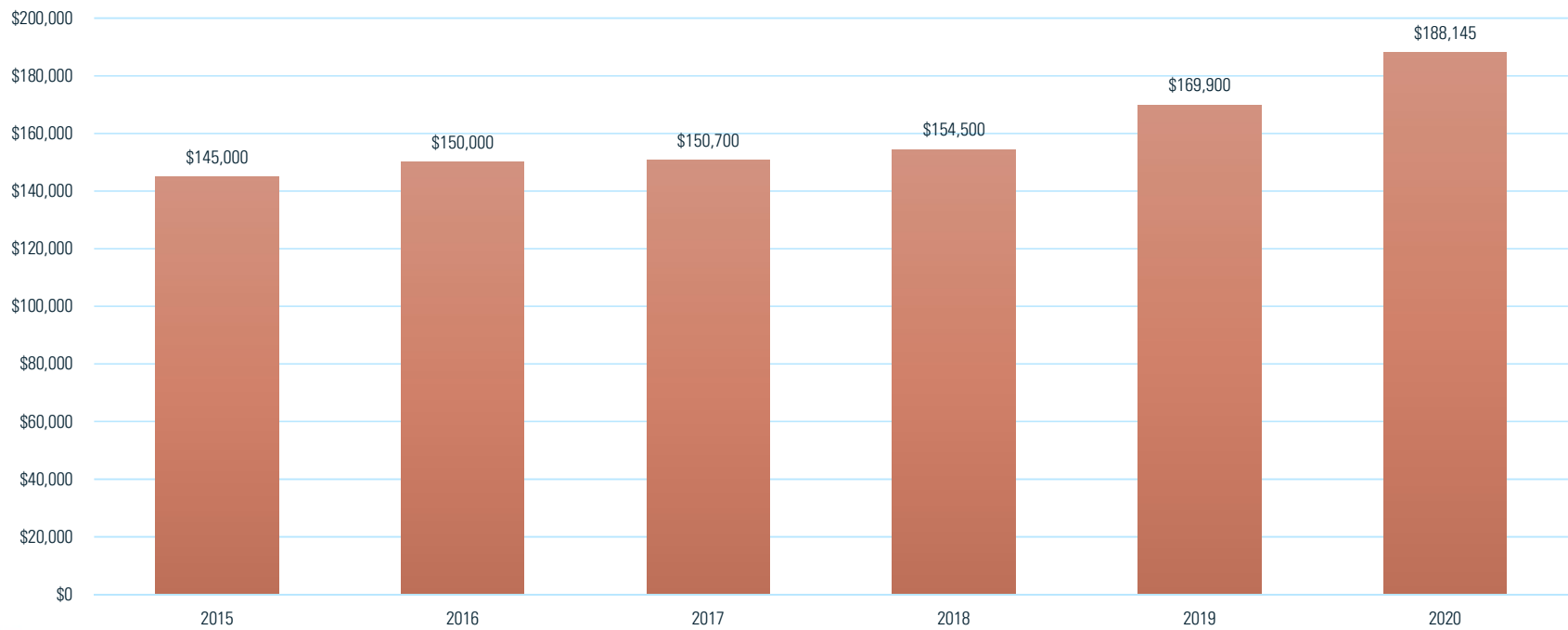
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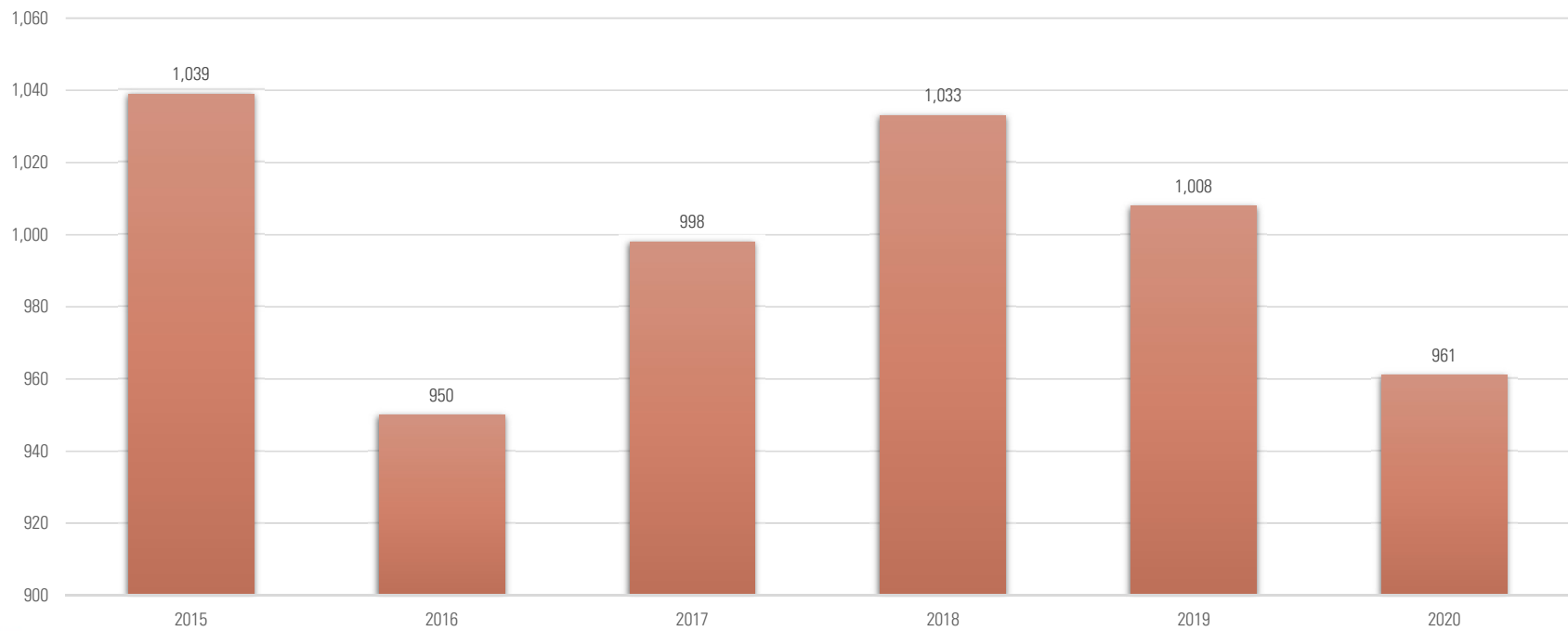
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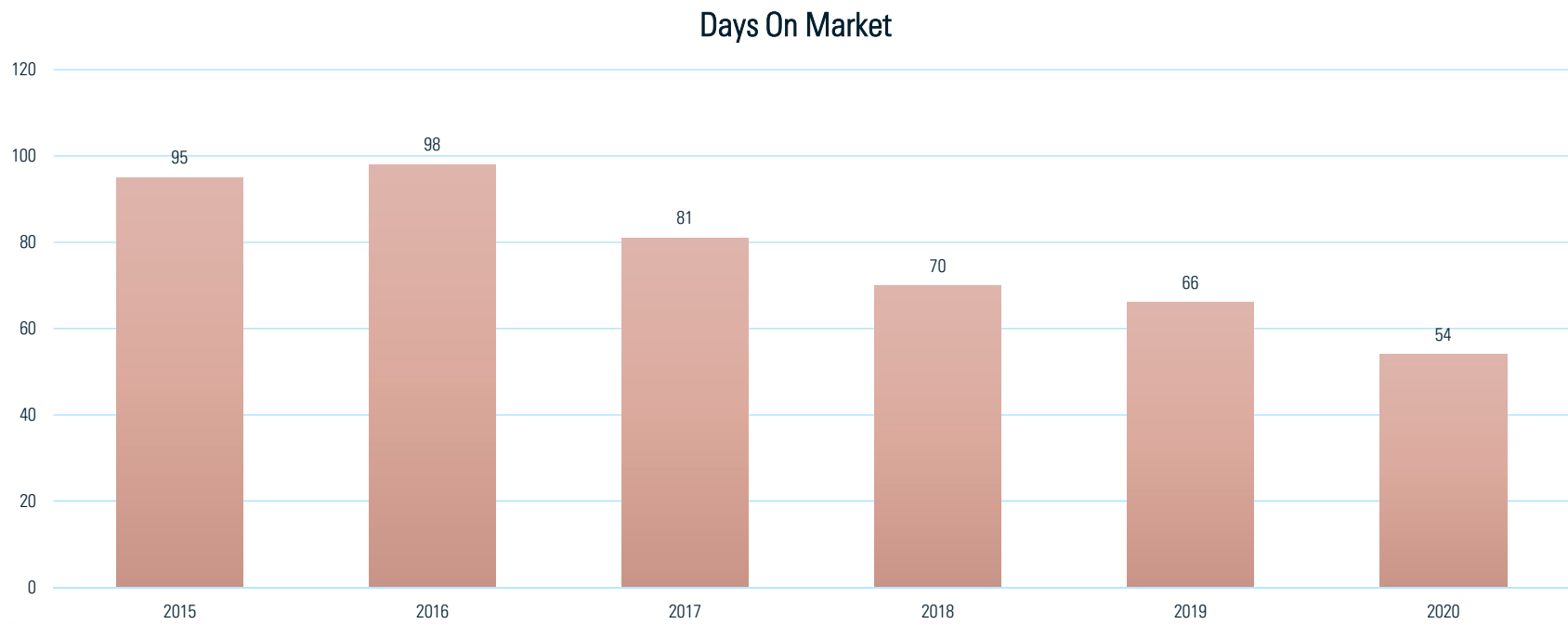
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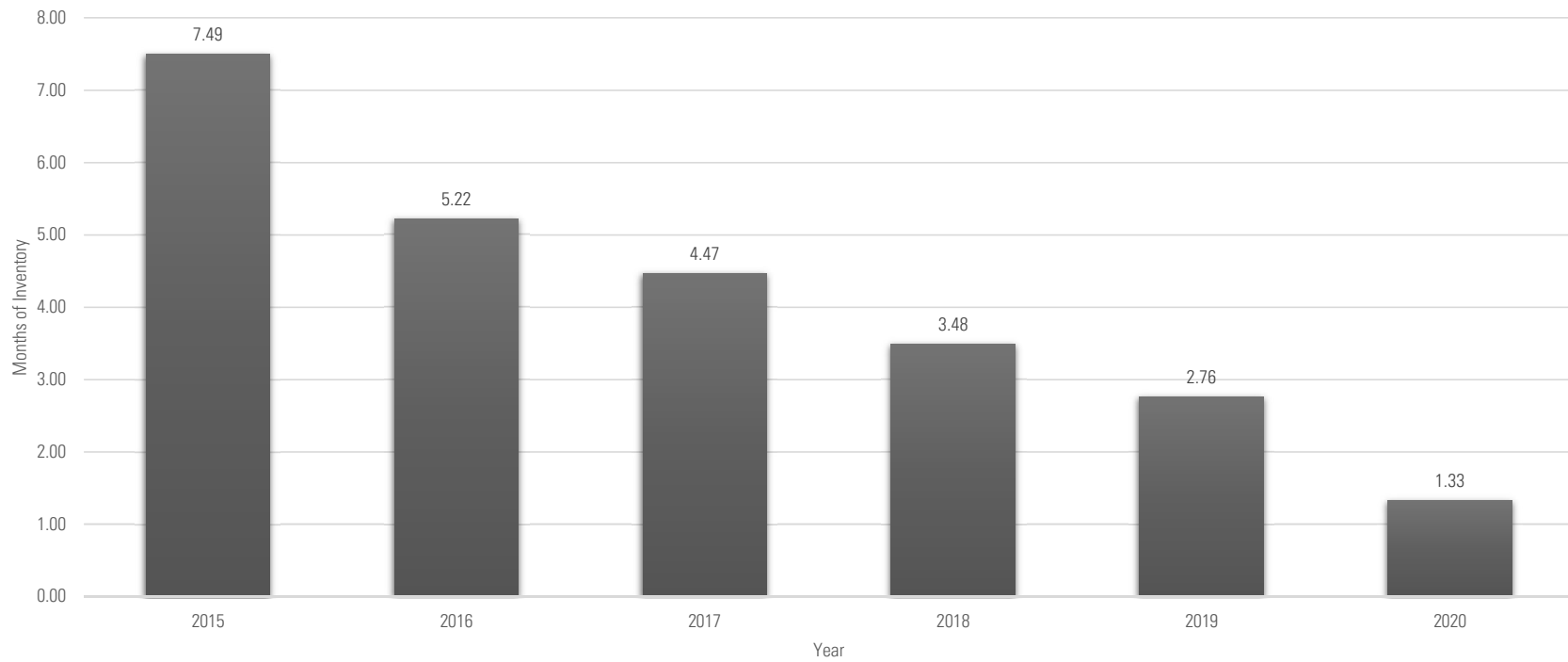
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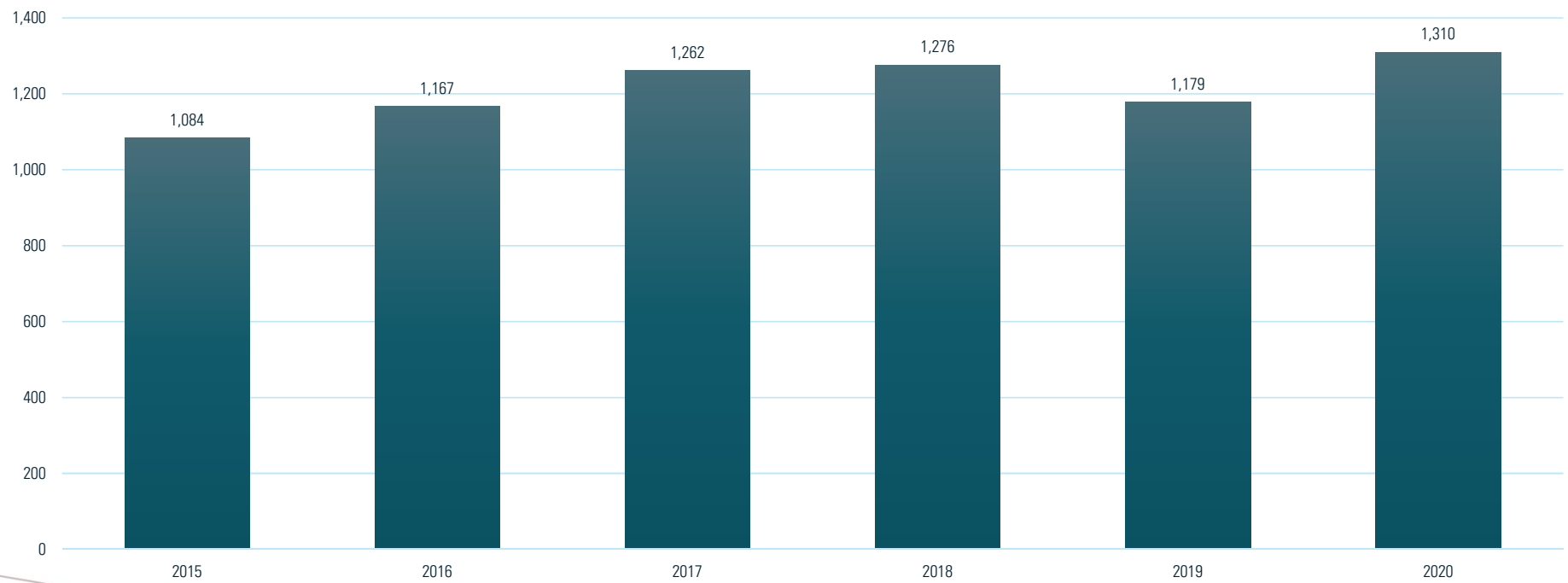
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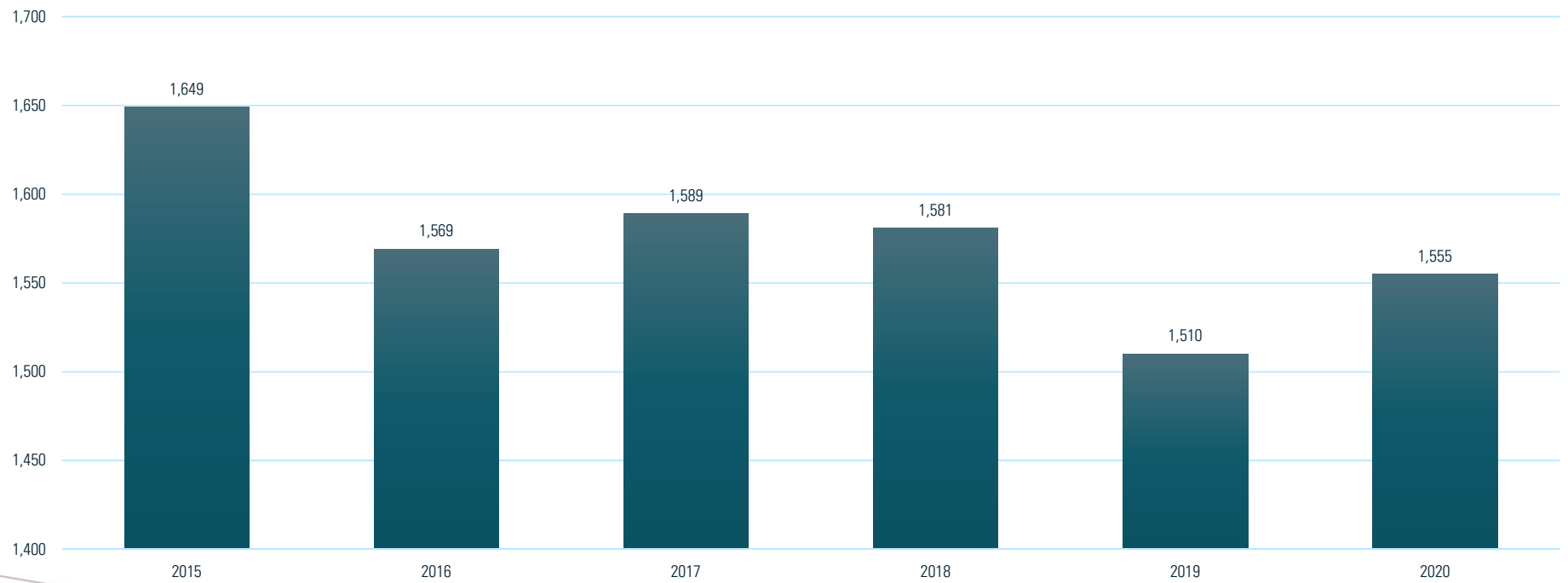
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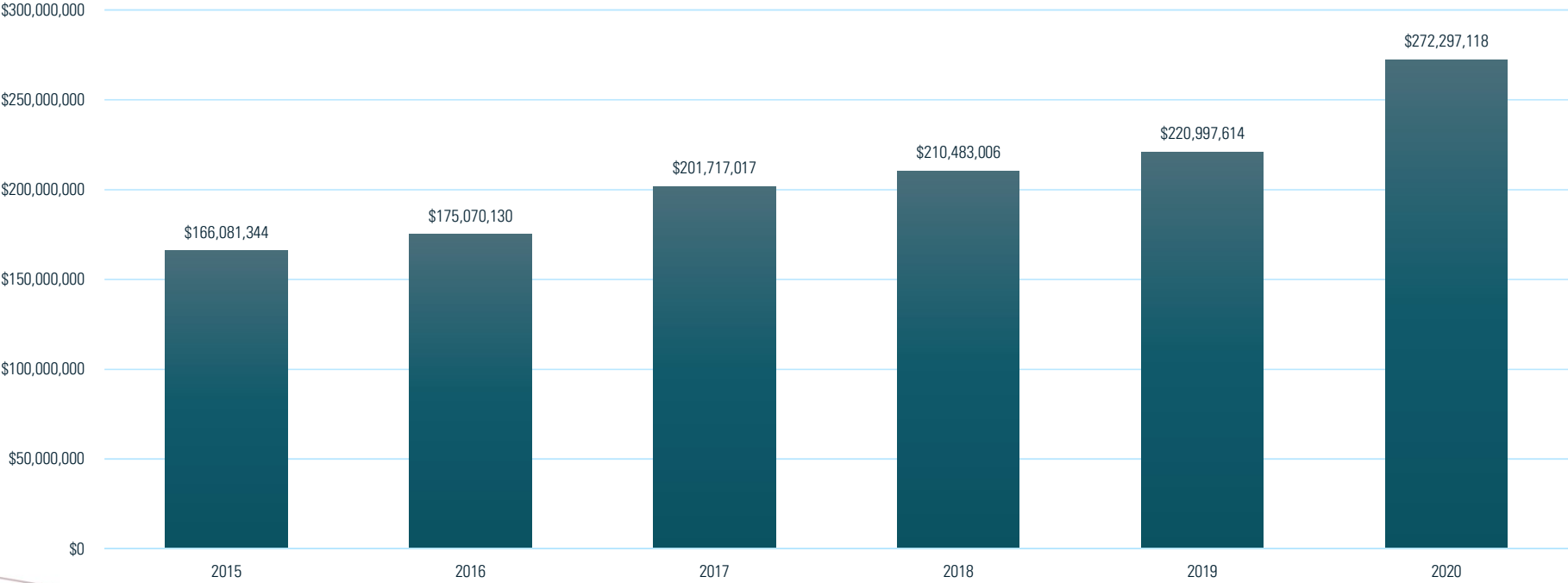
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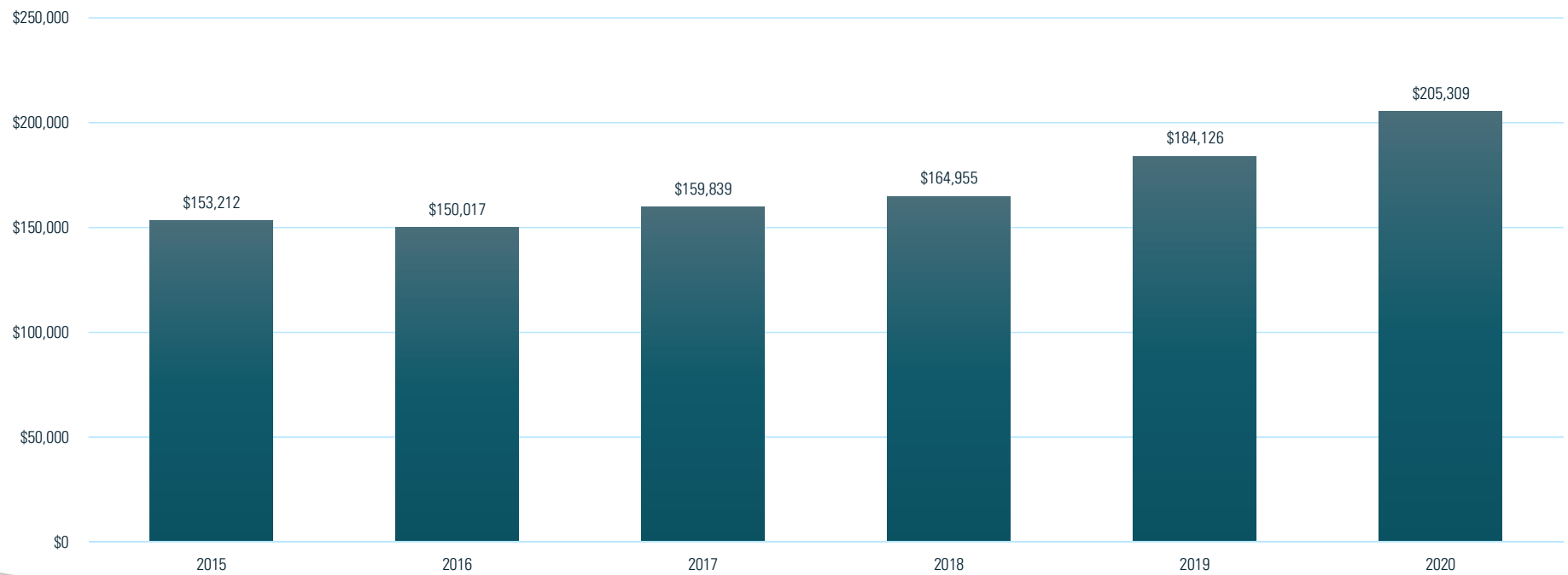
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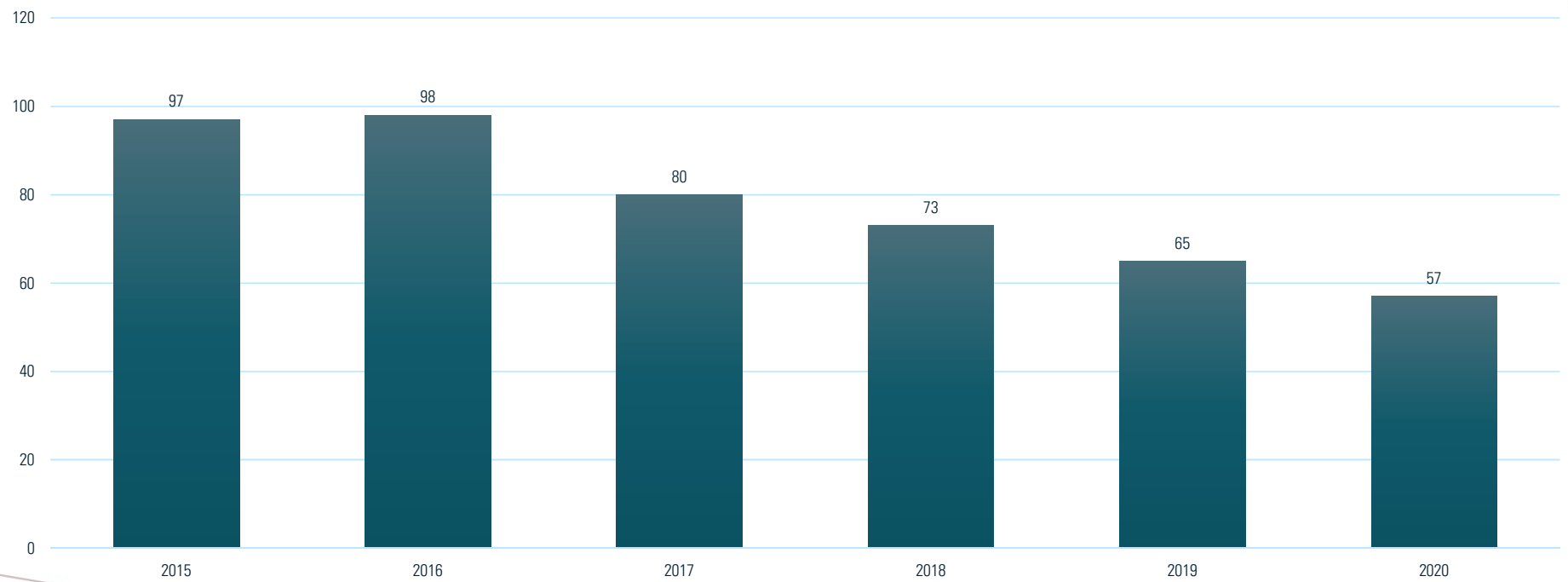
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AVERAGE SALE PRICE - WICOMICO



DAYS ON MARKET - WICOMICO



MONTHS OF INVENTORY - WICOMICO

