The quarter began just over a week after the COVID lockdown ended, and the number of closed sales edged up slightly from the previous quarter. The year over year rate of decline in closed sales was somewhat less than the previous quarter. The signed contracts during the lockdown comprised a large part of the quarterly closings. The number of sales fell 46.3% to 1,375 from the same period last year, the second most significant year over year decline in eleven years after the previous quarter decline of 54.1%. Over the past decade, third-quarter sales averaged 3,015 or roughly double the current quarter result. In a change from the prior quarter pattern, sales above the $5 million threshold fell less as a percentage than the number of sales below the same threshold. The number of sales above the threshold fell 23.2% year over year, and the sales below the threshold fell 47.4% year over year.