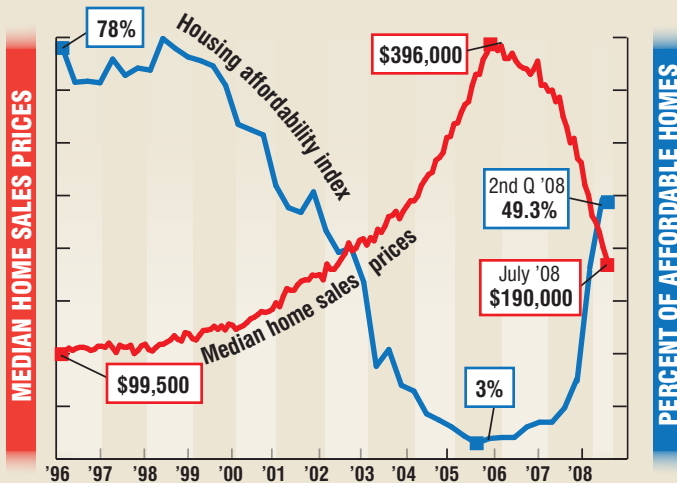


GOOD NEWS FOR BUYERS

From 1996 through 2005, Stanislaus County's median home sales prices (in red) soared, but they've been falling since. The percentage of homes affordable to median-income families (in blue) declined dramatically from 1996 through 2005, but it's been climbing since.



Sources: National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index and DataQuick Information Systems.