Escrow.com Domain Investment Index: Q4, 2020

For the quarter ending December 31st 2020

Executive Summary

The Escrow.com Domain Investment Index for Q4 2020 provides insight into the domain name market compared to previous quarters.

The total transacted domain name amount continues to show signs of recovery from the impact of the pandemic - with a strong Q4 of $93.8 million compared to $77.5 million in Q3. Domain sales over $50,000 increased as Fortune 500 companies relaxed controls on capital expenditure.
Q4 Results

Figure 1.0
Total domain name transaction amount bounced back in the last two quarters after a slow Q2
Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 1.1
The majority of the increase in volume comes from the US where total transactions increased to from $58 million in Q3 to $77.9 million in Q4. China however has dropped from $9.2 million to $4.3 million.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 1.2
The median price return rate, while it remains positive, is slightly lower, decreasing from 20% in Q3 2020 to 16.67% in Q4 2020.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Similarly, compared to Q4 2019, the median price return rate was slightly lower at 16.67% in Q4 2020 compared to 20% in Q3.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
The median price of domain names with content increased from $5,000 in Q3 2020 to $6,500 in Q4 2020, while the median price of domain names without content increased from $2,750 in Q3 2020 to $3,296 in Q4 2020.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 1.5

The total transacted volume for domain names with content almost doubled from $12.3 million in Q3 to $22.8 million in Q4 2020, while domain names without content increased from $41.75 million in Q3 to nearly $50 million in Q4 2020. Both domain names with and without content had individual high value transactions boosting total value.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.

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Figure 2.1
Four character .com median price takes a slight dip at $4,215 from $5,400.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 2.2
Five character .com domain name median price increased from $2,100 back to $5,000 on par with the first 2 quarters of the year.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Fig. 2.3

Six character .com domain names increased to $5,000 after the median price was boosted by a handful of high value .com domain transactions.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 3.0
Moving onto two and three letter .com domain median price increased to $101.5k. This is due to the same large 2 letter .com domain transaction.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 3.1
Four letter .com domain median price dropped slightly from $5,400 to $4,000.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 3.2
Five letter .com domain median price bounced back from last quarter’s drop from $2,550 in Q3 2020 to $5,200 in Q4 2020.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 3.3
Two and three number .com domains dropped to $339.7k in Q4 2020 after a spike in Q3.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.
Figure 3.4
Four number .com domains dropped to $20k in Q4 2020 after a sharp increase in Q3. Overall, transaction medians and total value increased due to high value transactions throughout the quarter.

Source: Data acquired from Escrow.com.

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