Housing News Update



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Price Gains Pull Back on FHFA Index

The pace of home price increases, at least for purchases financed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, slowed in April, falling below **even the most modest** of analysts' projections. The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) reports that prices rose 0.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis from the previous month. In March the increase was 0.8 percent, revised upward today from an originally reported 0.7 percent.

Analysts survey by Econoday had anticipated a month-over-month increase for April of 0.6 percent. The range of estimates was 0.5 to 0.8.

On an annual basis the index appreciated 5.9 percent, down from an annual gain of 6.1 percent in March. Since October 2015, the national house price index level has surpassed the prior peak level from March 2007.





For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from March 2016 to April 2016 ranged from -0.7 percent in the Middle Atlantic division to +1.4 percent in the New England division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from +1.7 percent in the Middle Atlantic division to +8.6 percent in the Pacific division.

National Average Mortgage Rates



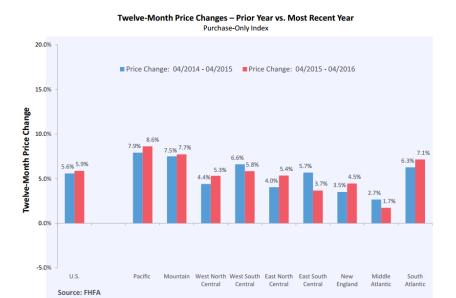
	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.28%	-0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	-0.07	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.70%	-0.12	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.48%	-0.07	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.35%	-0.07	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.22%	-0.22	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.47%	-0.29	0.00
Mortgage Banke	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.24%	+0.11	0.66
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	+0.11	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	7.01%	+0.11	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.45%	+0.05	0.56
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 5/3	6.64%	+0.12	0.87

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change	
Mortgage Apps	Apr 24	196.7	-2.67%	
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%	
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%	
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%	
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%	
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%	

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ValueChangeBuilder ConfidenceMar51+6.25%

FHFA's HPI is calculated using home sale price information from mortgages sold to or guaranteed by the government sponsored enterprises (GSEs). The index was benchmarked to 100 in January 1991 and currently stands at 238.8 for the U.S. as a whole.

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Whether you're a first-time homebuyer hoping to navigate the process of buying a home so that it is a fun and anxiety-free process or a homeowner looking for refinance options that deliver more freedom and flexibility, I can help you analyze your current situation and find money saving options. With expertise in all areas of mortgage and financing, my hope is that once I become your mortgage partner, I'll stay your mortgage partner. With clients from A to Z, files never leave my hands or my desk. From start to finish, every step of the way, my goal is to keep the lines of communication open, provide complete and attentive service, and ensure the most seamless and satisfactory process possible.

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