# **Housing News Update**



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# **Existing Home Sales Highest Since 2007**

Sales of existing homes surged in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.71 million, rising 4.4 percent from an unexpected decline in February, and reaching the highest level in nearly ten years. The National Association of Realtors said the gains were shared by both single-family and condo sales. Tight inventories meant shortened marketing times. Three of the four regions had higher sales with only the West posting a slight decrease.

#### Newswires from Thomson Reuters:

- U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES 5.71 MLN UNIT RATE (CONSENSUS 5.60 MLN), VS FEB 5.47 MLN (PREV 5.48 MLN)-NAR
- U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES +4.4 PCT VS FEB -3.9 PCT (PREV -3.7 PCT)-NAR
- U.S. MARCH INVENTORY OF HOMES FOR SALE 1.83 MLN UNITS, 3.8 MONTHS' WORTH
- U.S. MARCH NATIONAL MEDIAN HOME PRICE FOR EXISTING HOMES \$236,400, +6.8 PCT FROM MARCH 2016
- U.S. NAR SAYS 6 PCT OF U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES WERE DISTRESSED VERSUS 7 PCT IN FEB, 8 PCT IN MARCH 2016
- U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES RATE HIGHEST SINCE FEB 2007-NAR

More details to follow...

### National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News I	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Banker	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 8/30	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

## **Recent Housing Data**

	Value	Change
Aug 28	226.9	+0.49%
Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
Mar	693K	+4.68%
Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Feb	3.97M	-0.75%
	Mar Mar Mar Feb	Aug 28 226.9 Mar 1.46M Mar 1.32M Mar 693K

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		Value	Change
Builder Confidence	Mar	51	+6 25%

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