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 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 Banke	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
Mortgage Apps	Aug 28	226.9	+0.49%
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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Source: FHFA

Twelve-Month Price Changes - Prior Year vs. Most Recent Year Purchase-Only Index 20.0% ■ Price Change: 04/2014 - 04/2015 ■ Price Change: 04/2015 - 04/2016 15.0% **Iwelve-Month Price Change** 5.0% -5.0%

> Mountain West North West South East North East South Central

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Value Change **Builder Confidence** 51 Mar +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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