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## New Home Sales Nearly Match Post-Crisis High

New home sales jumped higher in March, posting their third consecutive gain. Sales of newly constructed single-family homes were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 621,000 units, an increase of 5.8 percent from February's downwardly revised annual rate of 587,000 units.

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development said this puts sales up by 15.6 percent compared to the March 2016 estimate of 537,000 units.

Median home prices had dipped in January when compared to a year earlier, however in February the median of \$315,100 was up by about \$4,000 from the previous year.

More to follow...

## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
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
<b>Freddie Mac</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
<b>Mortgage Bankers Assoc.</b>			
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	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

Rates as of: 8/30

## 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%

## Celebrating my 21st year and specializing in lending in Wisconsin, NW Florida coast and Hwy 30a

Value Change

3.10% to 3.15% 51 +6.25%

You're in the right place. Helping people with home loans is all I have done for almost 21 years. Clear explanations, patience and expert advice are what my clients can expect. Information and education make the difference and to help people understand the loan process. Spending my day helping my clients is what I love to do!

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