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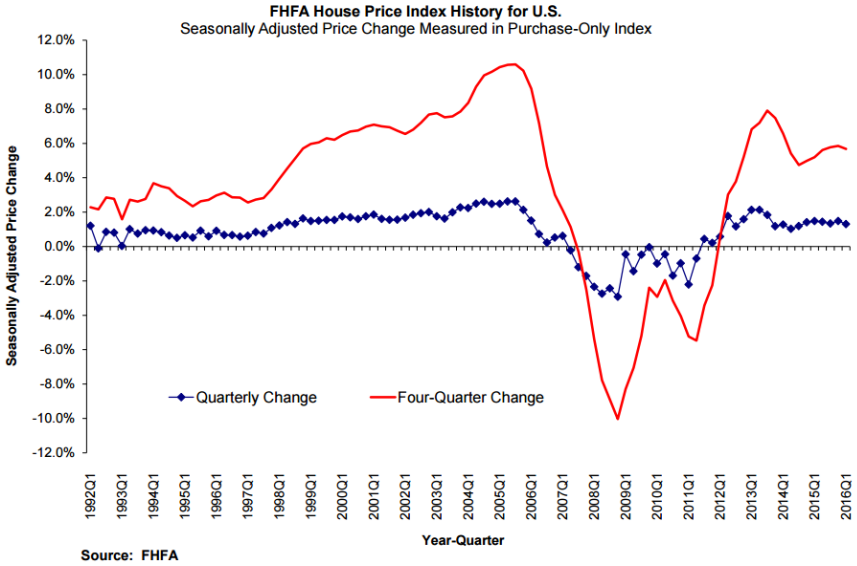
Home Price Gains Top 6% Year-Over-Year

Home prices appreciated in the first quarter of 2016 by 1.3 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2015. The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) said this was the **19th straight quarter** its Housing Price Index (HPI) had posted a gain. The quarterly index was 5.7 percent higher than that for the first quarter of 2015, and FHFA noted that prices of other goods and services were virtually unchanged over that same period, making the inflation adjusted annual price increase 5.6 percent.



The month over month change in the HPI was 0.7 percent (February to March), 0.2 percentage points higher than the analysts' consensus estimate gathered by Econoday. On an annual basis prices were **up a strong 6.1 percent** over the 12-month period.

FHFA's home price estimates are calculated using sales information from p**urchase only mortgages** sold to or guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the government sponsored enterprises (GSEs).

Home prices rose in **every state** between the first quarter of 2015 and the first quarter of 2016. The top five states in annual appreciation were: Oregon at 11.8 percent, Florida 11.2 percent, Washington 10.9 percent, Nevada 9.4 percent and Colorado 9.0 percent.

National Average Mortgage Rates



Mortgage News Daily	Rate	Change	Points
30YR Fixed	7.29%	+0.03	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.93%	+0.11	0.00
30YR FHA	6.97%	+0.02	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.40%	0.00	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.68%	+0.08	0.00
30YR VA	6.99%	+0.03	0.00

Rates as of: 11/27

MBS and Treasury

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.65	-0.24
10 YR Treasury	4.9345	+0.0755
30 YR Treasury	5.3271	+0.0792

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Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Nov 18	212	+6.11%
Building Permits	Oct	1.3M	-7.5%
Housing Starts	Oct	1.31M	+7.21%
New Home Sales	Oct	701K	+3.7%
Pending Home Sales	Oct	63	-4.69%
Existing Home Sales	Oct	3.99M	+0.25%
Builder Confidence	Nov	25	-13.79%

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Of the nine census divisions, the **Pacific** division experienced the strongest increase in the first quarter, posting a 1.9 percent quarterly increase and an 8.1 percent increase since the first quarter of last year. House price appreciation was weakest in the Middle Atlantic division, where prices rose 0.6 percent from the last quarter.

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