Housing News Update



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Existing Home Sales Decline Slightly

- U.S. APRIL EXISTING HOME SALES 5.57 MLN UNIT RATE (CONSENSUS 5.65 MLN), VS MARCH 5.70 MLN (PREV 5.71 MLN)-NAR
- U.S. APRIL EXISTING HOME SALES -2.3 PCT VS MARCH +4.2 PCT (PREV +4.4 PCT)-NAR
- U.S. APRIL INVENTORY OF HOMES FOR SALE 1.93 MLN UNITS, 4.2 MONTHS' WORTH
- U.S. APRIL NATIONAL MEDIAN HOME PRICE FOR EXISTING HOMES \$244,800, +6.0 PCT FROM APRIL 2016
- NAR SAYS 5 PCT OF U.S. APRIL EXISTING HOME SALES WERE DISTRESSED VERSUS 6 PCT IN MARCH, 7 PCT IN APRIL 2016

Existing home sales fell to an annual pace of 5.57 million units in April, falling just short of the 5.65 million unit median forecast.

More to follow...

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
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30 Yr. Fixed	7.07%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.45%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.51%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.26%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.02%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.86%	-0.01	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.16%	+0.03	0.00
Mortgage Banker	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.05	0.65
15 Yr. Fixed	6.60%	-0.15	0.55
30 Yr. FHA	6.87%	0.00	0.92
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.18%	-0.03	0.54
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 6/28	6.45%	+0.08	0.81

Recent Housing Data

	Value	Change
Jun 12	208.5	+15.58%
Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
Mar	693K	+4.68%
Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Feb	3.97M	-0.75%
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Real Talk

Value Change

Builder Confidence Mar 51 +6.25%

At The Rate Shop, we're not your average mortgage banker. We specialize in bringing you ridiculously low interest rates that will make you wonder what the other guys are doing. In fact the ONLY objection we ever hear is "your rates sound too good to be true". Well they're not, and here is why...

After 15 years in the retail banking world I was frustrated with the high interest rates that came from that business model. As I looked around at all the bloated layers of management and their expensive salaries and the overhead of running a larger company (think rent costs, employee health and benefit costs, payroll taxes, and on and on) it dawned on me that I was a part of the problem, and the solution, for me at least, was so easy to see.

Start my own mortgage brokerage shop. No expensive executive salaries, no expensive building to pay rent at, no unnecessary employees and all the costs that are associated with that. What happens when you cut out all the fat? You can provide lower rates and lower closing costs. It's simple. Now here is the best part, you still get great service from a local Kansas City Lender. My mission is to let everyone know that low rates and great customer service are NOT mutually exclusive.

Thanks for coming along on this journey where Low Rates meet Great Service. The two do NOT have to be mutually exclusive. It's just a lie that the big box mortgage companies have been telling you for years. Don't believe me? Give me a call or shoot me a text on my personal cell phone today and compare my rates and costs up against any other lender in the country, and be prepared to be blown away.

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