Housing News Update



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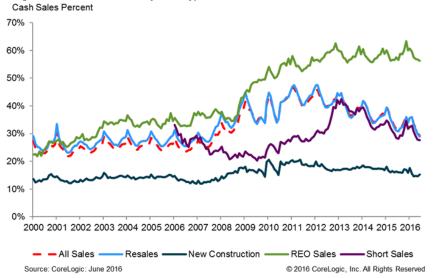
Cash Sales Lowest Since 2007

The all-cash share of residential sales **dipped below 30 percent** in June, the **first time** this has happened since 2007. CoreLogic said on Tuesday that cash accounted for 29.3 percent of home sales during the month, a decrease of 2.5 percentage points since June of last year. On a monthly basis those sales were 0.9 percentage points lower than in June.

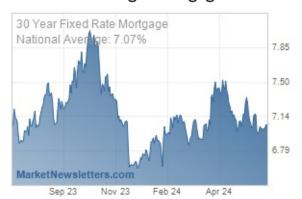
Cash sales, which prior to the housing crisis averaged about 25 percent per month, **peaked in January 2011** at 46.6 percent. At the current rate of decline CoreLogic estimates cash sales should return to "normal" levels by mid-2018.

Sales of lender-owned real estate (REO) had the largest all-cash share at 56.2 percent however, as those sales now represent only 4.9 percent of all transactions, their all-cash transactions have little impact on the overall statistics. The cash share of resales, which account for 84 percent of the residential market, was 28.9 percent had the largest impact. Short sales and newly constructed homes bought without mortgages at rates of 27.7 percent and 15.2 percent respectively.

Figure 1: Cash Sales Share by Sale Type



National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News I	Daily		
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
Mortgage Apps	Jun 12	208.5	+15.58%
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%

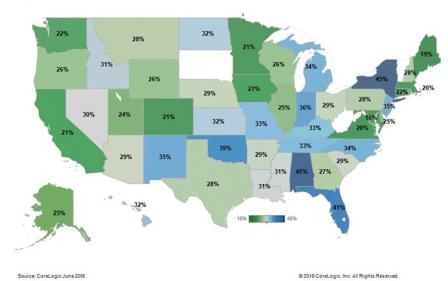
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Value Change

New York had the largest share of cash sales at 45.3 percent, followed by Alabama (44.6 percent). Florida (40.6 percent) 1 +6.25% Oklahoma (38.6 percent) and Indiana (35.7 percent). Of the nation's largest 100 Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) measured by population, Detroit had the highest cash sales share at 56.5 percent, followed by five Florida metros, West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (49.3 percent), Miami (47.9 percent), Sarasota-Bradenton, (47.7 percent) and Cape Coral-Fort Myers (46.1 percent).





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Real Talk

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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