## **Housing News Update**



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## **Existing Home Sales Highest Since 2007**

Sales of existing homes surged in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.71 million, rising 4.4 percent from an unexpected decline in February, and reaching the highest level in nearly ten years. The National Association of Realtors said the gains were shared by both single-family and condo sales. Tight inventories meant shortened marketing times. Three of the four regions had higher sales with only the West posting a slight decrease.

#### Newswires from Thomson Reuters:

- U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES 5.71 MLN UNIT RATE (CONSENSUS 5.60 MLN), VS FEB 5.47 MLN (PREV 5.48 MLN)-NAR
- U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES +4.4 PCT VS FEB -3.9 PCT (PREV -3.7 PCT)-NAR
- U.S. MARCH INVENTORY OF HOMES FOR SALE 1.83 MLN UNITS, 3.8 MONTHS' WORTH
- U.S. MARCH NATIONAL MEDIAN HOME PRICE FOR EXISTING HOMES \$236,400, +6.8 PCT FROM MARCH 2016
- U.S. NAR SAYS 6 PCT OF U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES WERE DISTRESSED VERSUS 7 PCT IN FEB, 8 PCT IN MARCH 2016
- U.S. MARCH EXISTING HOME SALES RATE HIGHEST SINCE FEB 2007-NAR

More details to follow...

#### National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points	
Mortgage News Daily				
30 Yr. Fixed	6.87%	-0.02	0.00	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.32%	-0.01	0.00	
30 Yr. FHA	6.33%	0.00	0.00	
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.05%	0.00	0.00	
5/1 ARM	6.59%	+0.01	0.00	
Freddie Mac				
30 Yr. Fixed	6.77%	-0.09	0.00	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.05%	-0.11	0.00	
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.				
30 Yr. Fixed	7.00%	-0.03	0.60	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.63%	+0.07	0.61	
30 Yr. FHA	6.87%	-0.03	0.92	
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.13%	+0.02	0.38	
5/1 ARM	6.22%	-0.16	0.60	
Rates as of: 7/23				

#### **Recent Housing Data**

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Jul 10	206.1	-0.19%
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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# Expert advice, exceptional customer service Builder Confidence Mar 51 +6.25%

I am a seasoned Mortgage Broker with over 20 years of experience and a proven track record of closing loans in a timely manner. My goal is to provide clients throughout California with the best possible financing solutions by leveraging my experience and extensive network of lending partners. My professional background includes managerial positions at EarthLink and Mattel.

Previously I was a professional musician in Los Angeles having worked on numerous studio sessions and with Doc Severinsen and The Tonight Show Band. I have an MBA from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor's Degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

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