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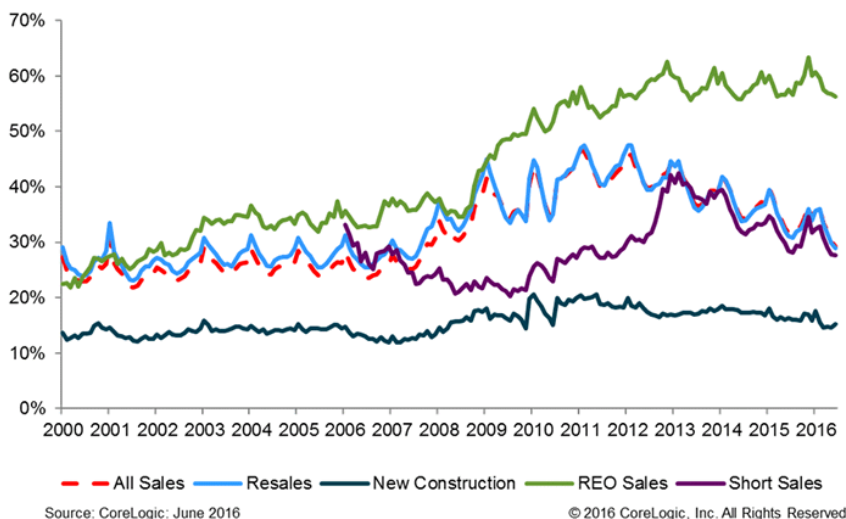
## Cash Sales Lowest Since 2007

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**  
 Cash Sales Percent



## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.89%	0.00	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.33%	+0.01	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.33%	+0.01	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.05%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.58%	0.00	0.00
<b>Freddie Mac</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.77%	-0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.05%	-0.11	0.00
<b>Mortgage Bankers Assoc.</b>			
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: 7/22

## Recent Housing Data

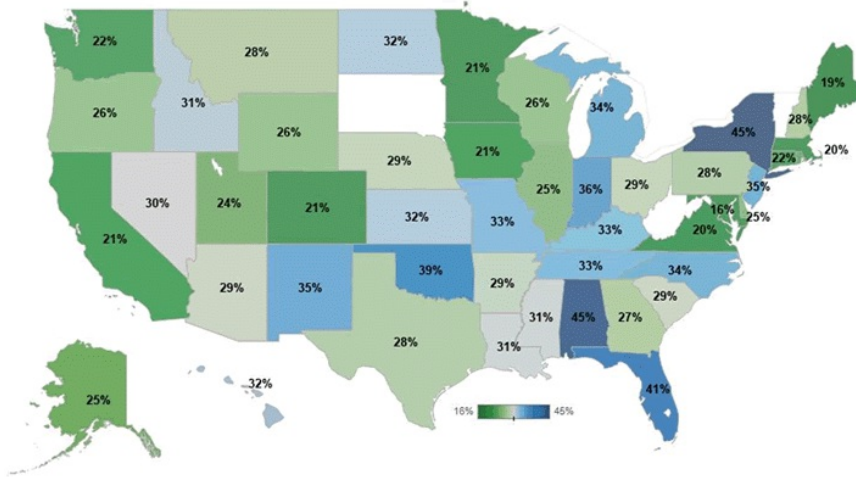
		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Jul 10	206.1	-0.19%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

# Housing News Update

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), **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).

Figure 2: Cash Sales Share of Total Sales



Source: CoreLogic June 2016

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## Update: Buyer Broker Agreement

After requests from real estate companies, a nonprofit consumer watchdog group the Consumer Federation of America has developed a list of factors to consider when creating a buyer contract in preparation for upcoming practice changes in the industry.

CFA released its "Proposed Criteria for Evaluating Home Buyer Contract Forms" on Tuesday. The 15 criteria focus on the contracts' form – whether the documents are readable and understandable – and content – whether they are fair to homebuyers.

- the document's expiration date (CFA recommends buyers asks for a three-month contract and never sign one longer than six months)
- the right to terminate the contract
- the disclosure that compensation is negotiable
- the broker's compensation clearly stated and that the buyer broker can't receive additional compensation for facilitating a sale
- that any additional fees, such as for showing a home, will be deducted from the broker's commission if there is a successful sale
- that the commission is due only if there is a successful closing
- that buyers have an obligation – for no longer than 60 days, CFA recommends – to pay a broker who earlier showed them a home they purchased after the contract ended
- seller concessions paid directly to buyers
- dual agency not pre-approved by the contract
- an explanation of how a broker treats different buyer clients interested in the same property
- that buyers should not be required to first go through mediation or arbitration if they have a complaint

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