



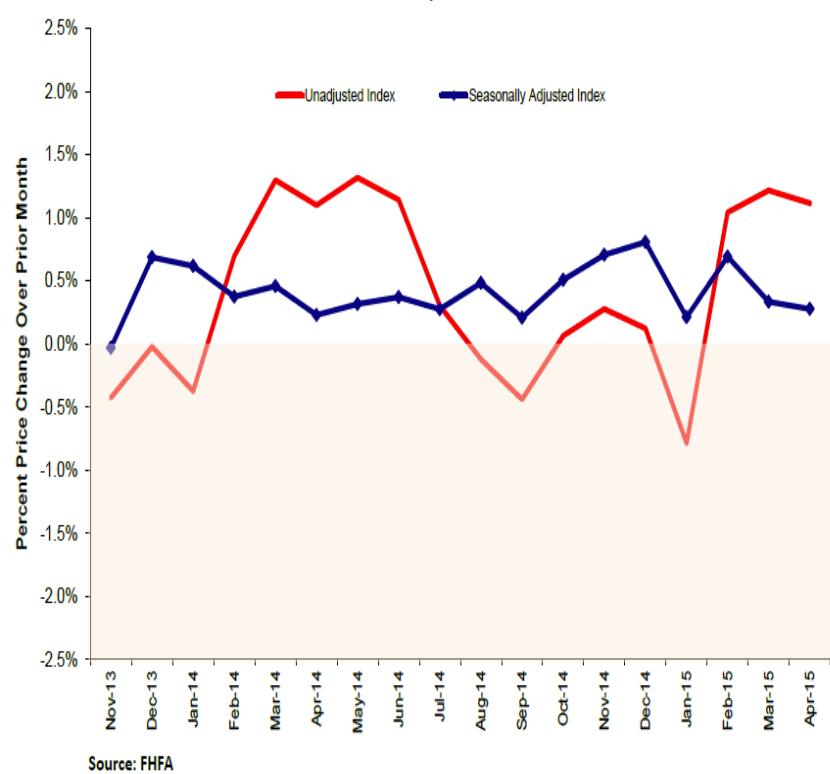
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FHFA Reports Respectable April Home Price Increases

Prices across the U.S. **rose** 0.3 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in April compared to March the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) said today. On an annual basis prices were up 5.3 percent. FHFA's House Price Index (HPI) is calculated using home sales price information from mortgages sold to or guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The increase reported earlier for March was **not revised**, remaining at 0.3 percent as well.

Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Monthly Appreciation Rates
Purchase-Only Index for U.S.



The U.S. HPI is currently 221.7 based on an index that was normalized to 100 in the first quarter of 1991. The U.S. index is **2.3 percent** below its March 2007 peak and is roughly the same as the February 2006 index level.

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.10%	+0.01	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.57%	+0.01	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.64%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.35%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.30%	0.00	0.00

Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.42	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.28%	-0.48	0.00

Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	-0.10	0.63
15 Yr. Fixed	6.61%	+0.01	0.65
30 Yr. FHA	6.89%	-0.03	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.22%	-0.09	0.58
5/1 ARM	6.56%	-0.04	0.66

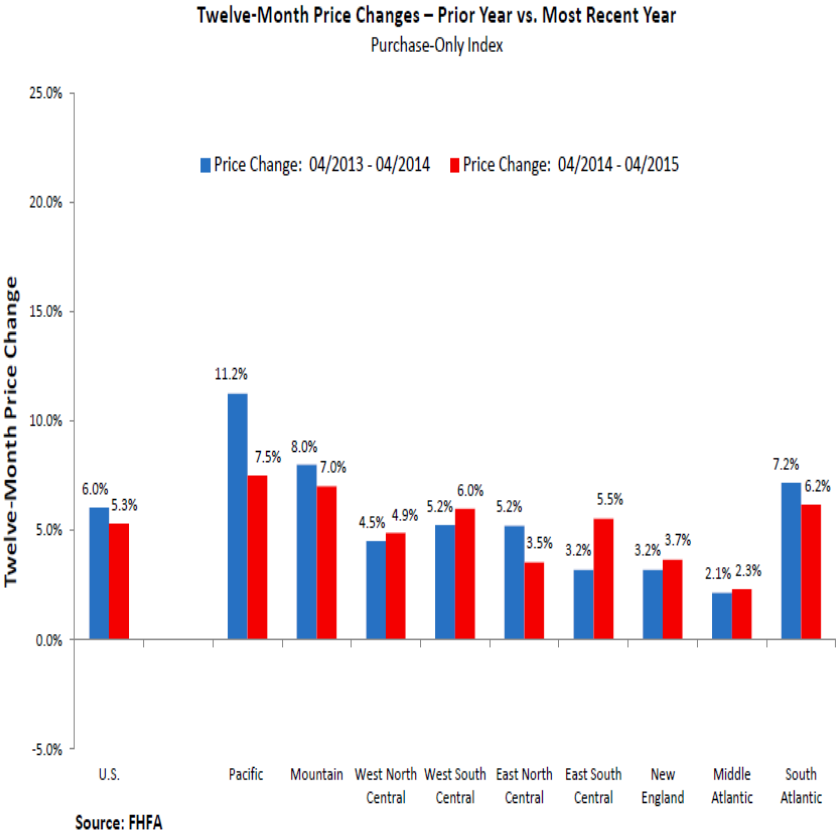
Rates as of: 5/20

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	May 15	198.1	+0.51%
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%

Prices increased in **six of the nine census divisions** during the month. The Mountain division was unchanged and the Middle Atlantic and East North Central divisions were down 0.3 and 0.8 percent respectively. Increases in the other divisions ranged from 0.2 percent in the West South Central division to 1.4 percent in the West North Central division.

	Value	Change
Builder Confidence	91	+6.25%
Mar		



Year-over-year changes in the divisions were **all positive**, ranging from 2.3 percent in the Middle Atlantic to 7.5 percent in the Pacific Division.

Like the Case-Shiller indices which will be out next week the FHFA report lags by two months and thus does not reflect recent strong activity in the housing sector. Bloomberg called the FHFA numbers respectable not unspectacular.