

Housing News Update

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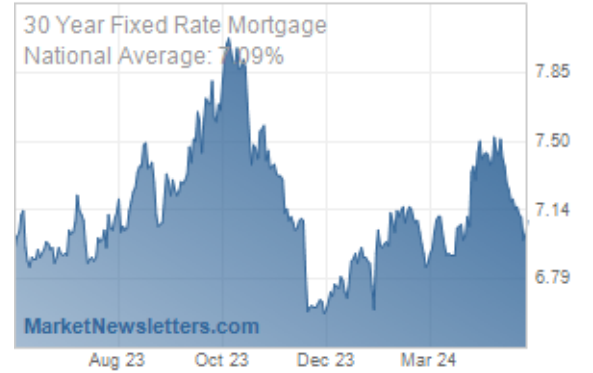
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New Home Sales Contract Sharply

- US APRIL SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES 0.569 MLN UNIT ANN. RATE, (CONS 0.610 MLN) VS MARCH 0.642 MLN UNIT RATE (PREV 0.621 MLN)
- US APRIL SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES -11.4 PCT VS MARCH +5.8 PCT (PREV +5.8 PCT)
- US APRIL HOME SALES NORTHEAST -7.5 PCT, MIDWEST -13.1 PCT, SOUTH -4.0 PCT, WEST -26.3 PCT
- US APRIL NEW HOME SUPPLY 5.7 MONTHS' WORTH AT CURRENT PACE VS MARCH 4.9 MONTHS
- US HOMES FOR SALE AT END OF APRIL 0.268 MLN UNITS VS MARCH 0.264 MLN UNITS

New Home Sales contracted sharply in April, falling to an annual rate of 569k from a positively revised rate of 642k in March. The median forecast was for a 610k annual rate.

National Average Mortgage Rates



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30 Yr. Fixed	7.09%	+0.07	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.56%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.62%	+0.07	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.35%	+0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.30%	+0.06	0.00

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

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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: 5/17


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%

Responsive service, experienced expertise

I've dedicated my 22 year mortgage career to client education, superior service, and honest answers. The lending landscape has changed dramatically the past few years, and continues to do so. My job is to ensure client partners' loans close quickly, without surprises, and I take that responsibility very seriously. Referrals are a responsibility I appreciate; they're a measure of trust, and that trust must be earned every day, on every referral.

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Builder Confidence	Mar 51	+6.25%