Housing News Update



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Distressed Sales Share Cracks Into Single Digits

While sales of lender owned real estate (REO) and short sales continue to account for around one-fifth of all home sales in at least five states the share of distressed home sales is steadily returning to normal levels on a national basis. CoreLogic said today that REO sales accounted for **6 percent of all residential sales** in June, the lowest share since September 2007 when it was 5.2 percent. Short sales made up 3.4 percent of the total.

The combined distressed sales share, 9.4 percent, is down 2.4 percentage points from June 2014 and 0.9 point from May, bringing the share into single digit territory. CoreLogic says these sales typically dip in June due to seasonal factors but this month's share was the lowest for June since it hit 4.9 percent in 2007.

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
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30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Banker	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 8/30	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Aug 28	226.9	+0.49%
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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Source: CoreLogic June 2015

Distressed Sales as Percentage of Total Sales
35%
30% -
25% -
20% -
15% -
10% -
5% -
0%
2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
■ Short Sales Share ■ REO Sales Share

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Florida had the largest share of distressed sales of any state at 21 percent in June 2015, followed by Michigan (20.7 percent), Maryland (20.5 percent), Connecticut (19.3 percent) and Illinois (19.1 percent). Nevada had a 6.8 percentage point drop in its distressed sales share from a year earlier, the largest decline of any state. California has improved the most from a state-level peak, falling 58.3 percentages points since the January 2009 distressed sales share of 67.4 percent.

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Among the **25 largest** Core Based Statistical Areas based on loan count the highest share of distressed sales were in Orlando at 24.2 percent, followed by Miami (22.8 percent), Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater. (22.5 percent), Chicago (22 percent) and Baltimore (20.6 percent).

At the peak in January 2009, **32.3 percent of all home sales** nationally were distressed properties. REO sales alone accounted for 27.9 percent. The declining share of the latter are a driver of improving home prices as lender-owned properties typically sell at a greater discount from market value than do short sales.

The **pre-crisis share** of distressed sales was traditionally about 2 percent. CoreLogic says while There will always be some level of distress in the housing market, if the current year-over-year decrease in the distressed sales share continues, it would reach that "normal" 2-percent mark in mid-2018. Only North Dakota and the District of Columbia are even close to their pre-crisis numbers.

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After completing my degree in finance at the University of Connecticut, I started in the mortgage business right out of college in 2004. With 15+ years of experience and a primary objective of thoroughly explaining all available loan options to my clients with what is typically the largest investment in their lives, I strive to always make myself available. I constantly educate myself with respect to the mortgage industry and underwriting guidelines for FHA, VA, conventional and jumbo financing. I deliver on the expectations discussed up front and provide the service level my clients deserve from day one. I will remain in touch throughout the process and continue to follow up with you after closing. My goal is to wow you and turn you into clients for life. I want you to be so impressed that throughout and after the process you share my information with your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers who may value from my services.

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