#### **Housing News Update**



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## New Home Sales Relatively Strong, Despite Downward Revision

New home sales resumed their upward march in September, rising above August sales which had retreated significantly from a near decade-long high of 629,000 units set in July. The Census Bureau and Department of Housing and Urban Development said newly constructed homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 593,000 in September, up 3.1 percent from August. The number was an improvement however only because the sales rate for August was revised down from the original report of 609,000 units to 575,000. September sales were **29.8 percent higher** than a year earlier when the estimate was 457,000

The September results were in the middle of the range of analysts' expectations. According to Econoday, predictions varied between 570,000 and 635,000 with a consensus of 601,000.

On a **non-seasonally adjusted** basis there were 46,000 homes sold compared to 47,000 in August.

Sales in the **Northeast** were up 33.3 percent from August and were 60.0 percent higher than in September 2015. The **Midwest** saw an increase of 8.6 percent for the month and 33.3 percent year-over-year. Sales in the **South** rose 3.4 percent and 25.7 percent from the two earlier periods while in the **West** there was a decline of 4.5 percent from August while sales remained 32.4 percent higher than a year earlier.

The **median price** of a homes sold in September was \$313,500 compared to 307,600 in September 2015. The average price was \$377,700, up from \$367,800.

At the end of September there were an estimated 243,000 new homes available for sale, a **4.8-month supply**. A year ago the inventory of available homes was estimated at 5.8-month supply at the then current sales rate. Of homes currently for sale 141,000 are under construction and 57,000 are complete.

#### National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News I	Daily		
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
<b>5/1 ARM</b> 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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### Value Change

# Service oriented, responsive, competitive rates and name in depth knowledge of todays mortgage market

51 +6.25%

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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