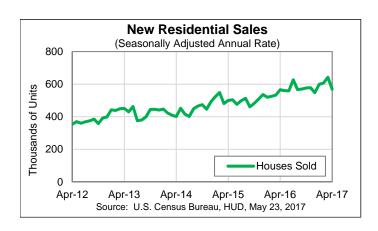
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MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL SALES, APRIL 2017

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May 23, 2017 - The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential sales statistics for April 2017:





New Home Sales

Sales of new single-family houses in April 2017 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 569,000, according to estimates released jointly today by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is 11.4 percent (± 10.5 percent) below the revised March rate of 642,000, but is 0.5 percent (± 11.3 percent)* above the April 2016 estimate of 566,000.

Sales Price

The median sales price of new houses sold in April 2017 was \$309,200. The average sales price was \$368,300.

For Sale Inventory and Months' Supply

The seasonally-adjusted estimate of new houses for sale at the end of April was 268,000. This represents a supply of 5.7 months at the current sales rate.

Seasonal Review (every April release)

Seasonally adjusted estimates of housing units sold, housing units for sale, and the months' supply of new housing for January 2015 through March 2017 have been revised.

The May report is scheduled for release on June 23, 2017. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room: <<u>www.census.gov/economic-indicators/</u>>. The full text and tables for this release can be found at <<u>www.census.gov/construction/nrs/</u>>.

Data Inquiries

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

These statistics are estimated from sample surveys. They are subject to sampling variability as well as nonsampling error including bias and variance from response, nonreporting, and undercoverage. Estimated average relative standard errors of the preliminary data are shown in the tables. Whenever a statement such as "2.5 percent ($\pm 3.2\%$) above" appears in the text, this indicates the range (-0.7 to +5.7 percent) in which the actual percent change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given for percent changes are 90-percent confidence intervals and account only for sampling variability. If a range does not contain zero, the change is statistically significant. If it does contain zero, the change is not statistically significant; that is, it is uncertain whether there was an increase or decrease. The same policies apply to the confidence intervals for percent changes shown in the tables. Changes in seasonally adjusted statistics often show irregular movement. It takes 6 months to establish a trend for new houses sold. Preliminary new home sales figures are subject to revision due to the survey methodology and definitions used. The survey is primarily based on a sample of houses selected from building permits. Since a "sale" is defined as a deposit taken or sales agreement signed, this can occur prior to a permit being issued. An estimate of these prior sales is included in the sales figure. On average, the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimate of total sales is revised about 3 percent. Changes in sales price data reflect changes in the distribution of houses by region, size, etc., as well as changes in the prices of houses with identical characteristics. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our website.

<www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how_the_data_are_collected/>

America's Economy Mobile App

The America's Economy app provides real-time updates for 19 key economic indicators released from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<www.census.gov/mobile/economy/>

API

The Census Bureau's application programming interface lets developers create custom apps to reach new users and makes key demographic, socio-economic and housing statistics more accessible than ever before. www.census.gov/developers/



* The 90 percent confidence interval includes zero. In such cases, there is insufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.

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New Privately-Owned Houses Sold and For Sale

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 1a - Seasonally adjusted

Tuble Iu Scusonariy uujusteu		Sold	during pe	riod ¹		For sale at end of period						Median	Average
Period	United	North-	Mid-			United	North-	Mid-			Months'	sales price	sales price
	States	east	west	South	West	States	east	west	South	West	supply ²	(\$)	(\$)
2015 (r)													
January	523	14	65	293	151	207	Х	Х	Х	Х	4.7	Х	х
February	549	28	55	331	135	204	X	X	Х	X	4.5	X	X
March	481	20	57	267	137	205	X	X	Х	Х	5.1	X	x
April	500	12	67	297	124	206	X	Х	Х	X	4.9	X	x
May	504	26	59	283	136	210	X	Х	Х	Х	5.0	X	x
June	476	27	59	267	123	216	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.4	Х	х
July	498	28	61	285	124	216	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.2	Х	х
August	513	32	59	300	122	217	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.1	Х	х
September	461	20	57	272	112	223	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.8	Х	Х
October	482	33	58	276	115	225	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.6	Х	Х
November	508	28	65	277	138	229	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.4	Х	Х
December	536	31	71	287	147	234	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.2	Х	Х
2016 (r)													
January	520	34	68	287	131	237	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.5	Х	Х
February	525	29	59	290	147	240	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.5	Х	Х
March	533	31	67	303	132	243	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.5	Х	Х
April	566	39	61	320	146	241	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.1	Х	Х
May	560	33	72	313	142	241	Х	X	Х	Х	5.2	Х	Х
June	559	29	75	320	135	243	Х	X	X	Х	5.2	Х	Х
July	627	37	79	369	142	237	Х	Х	Х	Х	4.5	Х	Х
August	567	23	66	338	140	241	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.1	Х	Х
September	570	31	75	329	135	242	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.1	Х	Х
October	577	34	68	336	139	248	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.2	Х	Х
November	579	30	77	314	158	248	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.1	Х	Х
December	548	37	65	286	160	256	Х	Х	Х	Х	5.6	Х	Х
2017													
January (r)	599	43	73	338	145	261	Х	х	Х	х	5.2	х	х
February (r)	607	35	88	331	153	263	X	X	X	X	5.2	X	X
March (r)	642	40	84	347	171	264	X	X	X	X	4.9	X	X
April (p)	569	37	73	333	126	268	X	X	X	x	5.7	X	X
Average RSE (%) ³	8	25	19	11	11	5	X	X	X	X	7	X	X
Percent Change ⁴						3		^			,		
Apr. 2017 from Mar. 2017	-11.4%	-7.5%	-13.1%	-4.0%	-26.3%	1.5%	x	v	v	х	16.3%	v	х
90 percent confidence interval 5								X	X			X	
Apr. 2017 from Apr. 2016	± 10.5 0.5%	± 43.2 -5.1%	± 31.4 19.7%	± 15.6 4.1%	± 14.2 -13.7 %	± 1.6 11.2%	<i>X</i> X	<i>X</i> X	<i>X</i> X	<i>X</i> X	± 14.5 11.8%	<i>X X</i>	<i>X</i> X
90 percent confidence interval 5	± 11.3	- 5.1% ± 40.1	± 30.4	4.1% ± 17.2	± 15.2	± 5.6	X	X	X	X	± 15.2	X	X
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New Privately-Owned Houses Sold and For Sale

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 1b - Not seasonally adjusted

Table 1b - Not seasonary adjusted	Sold during period						For sale at end of period					Median	Average
Period	United	North-	Mid-			United	North-	Mid-	periou		Months'	sales price	sales price
	States	east	west	South	West	States	east	west	South	West		(\$)	(\$)
2015 Appual	501	24	C1	286	130	235	24	32	124	55	X	296,400	360,600
2015 Annual	561	32	61 69	318	142	255 257	24 27	33	124 133	64	×	316,200	372,500
RSE (%)	301	10	11	5	4	5	13	10	6	7	X	310,200	372,300
		-		-									
2016 Year to date	189	11	21	108	49	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2017 Year to date	210	13	26	119	53	X	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	Х
RSE (%)	4	14	11	5	5	X	Х	Х	Χ	X	Х	X	Х
Year to date percent change⁴	11.3%	14.8%	25.6%	10.1%	7.0%	Х	х	Х	X	Х	х	Х	Х
90 percent confidence interval 5	± 6.7	± 30.5	± 16.7	± 9.3	± 9.6	Χ	Х	X	Χ	X	Х	X	X
2015													
January	39	1	4	23	11	206	18	28	113	47	5.2	292,000	356,000
February	45	2	4	28	12	201	18	27	111	45	4.4	293,900	355,900
March	46	2	5	26	13	202	19	28	110	45	4.4	293,400	352,700
April	48	1	7	28	12	205	20	28	110	47	4.2	292,700	334,700
May	47	2	6	26	13	207	21	28	111	47	4.4	287,400	340,800
June	44	2	6	24	11	216	21	30	115	50	4.9	289,200	329,300
July	43	2	5	24	10	219	22	31	115	52	5.1	296,000	341,900
August	41	3	5	23	10	220	22	31	114	52	5.3	300,200	348,800
September	35	2	5	20	8	227	23	32	119	53	6.5	307,600	367,800
October	39	3	5	22	9	228	22	32	119	55	5.8	298,700	366,900
November	36 38	2 2	4 5	20 21	9 10	232 235	22 24	32 32	121 124	56 55	6.5 6.2	317,000 299,000	376,800 358,100
December	36		5	21	10	255	24	32	124	33	0.2	299,000	336,100
2016													
January	39	3	4	22	10	235	24	31	125	55	6.1	291,100	365,600
February	45	2	4	26	13	236	24	31	126	55	5.3	311,300	349,400
March	50	3	6	29	13	240	24	32	127	57	4.8	311,400	367,700
April	55	4	6	31	14	239	25	32	126	56	4.3	321,300	380,000
May	53	3	7	29	14	238	24	31	127	56	4.5	296,000	350,000
June	50	3	7	28	12	243	26	32	128	58	4.8	321,600	364,300
July	54	3	7	32	12	236	25	31	122	58	4.4	295,000	355,000
August	46	2	6	26	12	242	26	32	125	59	5.3	302,400	364,700
September	44	3	6	25	10	248	27	32	129	60	5.6	323,700	372,800
October	46	3	6	27	11	250	27	32	130	61	5.5	302,000	340,600
November	40	2	5 4	22	11	252	27	33	131	62	6.3	318,300	364,600
December	39	3	4	21	11	257	27	33	133	64	6.5	332,700	390,100
2017													
January (r)	45	3	5	26	11	259	27	33	135	64	5.8	317,400	361,800
February (r)	50	2	6	28	13	258	26	33	137	62	5.2	299,200	372,800
March (r)	61	3	7	34	16	261	25	34	141	61	4.3	318,700	385,400
April (p)	54	4	7	31	12	264	25	35	141	63	4.8	309,200	368,300
Average RSE (%) ³	8	25	19	11	11	5	12	10	6	7	7	4	5

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New Privately-Owned Houses Sold, by Sales Price

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 2a - Number of Houses¹

Tubic 2d Maniber of Houses				Price Ranges								
Period		Under	\$150,000	\$200,000		\$400,000	\$500,000	\$750,000				
	Total	\$150,000	to \$199,999	to \$299,999	to \$399,999	to \$499,999	to \$749,000	and over				
2015 Annual	501	27	69	159	102	63	54	28				
2016 Annual	561	24	73	158	132	79	66	30				
RSE (%)	3	20	17	6	8	8	9	12				
2015												
January	39	2	6	13	8	5	3	2				
February	45	2	6	16	9	5	5	2				
March	46	1	7	15	9	6	5	3				
April	48	2	7	16	10	6	5	1				
May	47	3	7	15	10	5	5	2				
June	44	1	6	16	10	6	4	1				
July	43	3	6	13	9	6	4	2				
August	41	2	6	12	10	5	4	2				
September	35	2	5	10	7	7	3	1				
October	39	2	4	13	8	5	5	2				
November	36	1	3	12	8	6	3	2				
December	38	2	5	12	7	5	4	2				
2016												
January	39	1	8	12	8	5	4	2				
February	45	3	4	13	12	8	4	1				
March	50	2	5	17	12	7	6	2				
April	55	2	8	14	15	7	7	3				
May	53	2	9	16	13	6	5	2				
June	50	1	6	15	12	9	5	1				
July	54	2	8	17	13	7	4	3				
August	46	2	5	15	11	6	5	2				
September	44	1	6	13	11	6	6	2				
October	46	1	7	14	11	7	4	1				
November	40	1	4	13	9	6	5	1				
December	39	1	4	10	11	6	5	2				
2017												
January (r)	45	2	4	14	12	5	7	2				
February (r)	50	2	7	17	8	9	5	2				
March (r)	61	3	6	18	15	8	8	3				
April (p)	54	1	5	21	11	9	4	2				
Average RSE (%) ²	8	40	27	12	16	19	20	26				

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 $^{^{\}rm 2}\,$ Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

New Privately-Owned Houses Sold, by Sales Price

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 2b - Percent Distribution

Tuble 25 Terecht Distribution					Price Ranges			
Period		Under	\$150,000	\$200,000		\$400,000	\$500,000	\$750,000
	Total	\$150,000	to \$199,999	to \$299,999	to \$399,999	to \$499,999	to \$749,000	and over
2015 Annual	100	5	14	32	20	13	11	5
2016 Annual	100	4	13	28	23	14	12	5
SE (%)	Х	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
2015								
January	100	4	15	34	21	13	8	5
February	100	4	14	35	20	12	11	4
March	100	3	15	34	20	12	11	6
April	100	4	15	34	21	12	11	3
May	100	7	15	32	21	11	10	4
June	100	3	14	37	22	13	8	3
July	100	6	15	31	22	13	9	4
August	100	5	16	29	25	11	9	5
September	100	5	13	30	21	19	8	4
October	100	6	11	34	20	12	12	5
November	100	3	9	34	21	17	10	6
December	100	6	13	32	18	14	11	5
2016								
January	100	3	20	30	21	12	10	5
February	100	6	9	29	26	17	10	2
March	100	4	10	34	23	13	12	4
April	100	3	14	26	26	12	13	5
May	100	4	17	30	24	11	9	5
June	100	2	12	30	23	18	11	3
July	100	3	15	31	24	14	8	5
August	100	5	11	32	24	12	11	5
September	100	3	13	28	25	13	13	4
October	100	3	16	30	24	15	9	3
November	100	3	10	32	23	15	13	4
December	100	2	10	26	28	15	13	6
2017								
January (r)	100	4	9	31	27	11	15	4
February (r)	100	3	13	35	16	17	11	5
March (r)	100	5	10	29	24	14	13	5
April (p)	100	2	10	39	20	17	8	4
SE (%)	X	1	3	3	3	2	1	1

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² Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

New Houses Sold and For Sale by Stage of Construction and Median Number of Months on Sales Market

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 3a - Seasonally adjusted

Table 3a - Seasonally adjusted		Sold during period For sale at end of period							Median
Period			Under				Under		months for
	Total	Not started	construction	Completed	Total	Not started	construction	Completed	sale ²
2015 (r)									
January	523	143	181	199	207	36	117	54	X
February	549	178	188	183	204	37	113	54	X
March	481	150	161	170	205	38	116	51	X
April	500	160	164	176	206	37	119	50	X
May	504	166	178	160	210	37	122	51	X
June	476	163	155	158	216	39	127	50	X
July	498	172	163	163	216	36	131	49	X
August	513	166	173	174	217	36	133	48	X
September	461	153	160	148	223	36	136	51	X
October	482	149	186	147	225	39	134	52	X
November	508	175	183	150	229	38	138	53	X
December	536	153	223	160	234	39	140	55	Х
2016 (r)									
January	520	163	192	165	237	37	144	56	Х
February	525	151	195	179	240	37	147	56	Х
March	533	166	197	170	243	37	149	57	Х
April	566	155	226	185	241	36	147	58	Х
May	560	199	179	182	241	37	145	59	Х
June	559	158	206	195	243	38	148	57	Х
July	627	172	259	196	237	38	140	59	X
August	567	184	202	181	241	40	140	61	X
September	570	180	203	187	242	40	142	60	X
October	577	191	185	201	248	37	152	59	X
November	579	156	221	202	248	37	152	59	X
December	548	166	200	182	256	42	154	60	Х
2017									
January (r)	599	181	220	198	261	46	155	60	Х
February (r)	607	166	225	216	263	48	156	59	Х
March (r)	642	181	227	234	264	49	156	59	X
April (p)	569	188	204	177	268	52	157	59	х
Average RSE (%) ³	8	8	10	10	5	7	5	6	X

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² Median number of months for sale since completion

 $^{^{\}rm 3}\,$ Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

New Houses Sold and For Sale by Stage of Construction and Median Number of Months on Sales Market

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 3b - Not seasonally adjusted

Table 50 - Not seasonarry adjusted		Sold duri	ng period			Median			
Period			Under				Under		months for
	Total	Not started	construction	Completed	Total	Not started	construction	Completed	sale ²
2015 Annual	501	161	175	166	235	39	138	59	2.9
2016 Annual	561	170	206	185	257	42	151	64	3.3
RSE (%)	3	10	5	6	5	8	5	6	8
2015									
January	39	12	13	15	206	36	113	58	3.2
February	45	16	15	15	201	36	107	58	3.3
March	46	15	15	16	202	38	111	52	3.8
April	48	16	16	16	205	37	118	50	4.0
May	47	15	17	15	207	37	122	49	3.9
June	44	15	15	14	216	39	129	47	4.0
July	43	14	15	14	219	38	136	45	3.5
August	41	13	15	14	220	36	138	46	3.5
September	35	11	13	11	227	36	142	50	3.2
October	39	11	16	12	228	40	135	52	2.9
November	36	12	12	11	232	36	140	55	3.0
December	38	11	14	13	235	39	138	59	2.9
2016									
January	39	13	14	12	235	36	139	60	3.3
February	45	14	16	15	236	36	140	60	3.7
March	50	17	18	15	240	38	143	58	4.0
April	55	16	22	17	239	36	145	58	4.1
May	53	19	17	17	238	37	144	57	3.8
June	50	14	19	17	243	39	150	53	4.0
July	54	14	23	17	236	37	145	54	3.6
August	46	14	17	14	242	40	144	58	3.2
September	44	13	17	14	248	42	148	59	3.0
October	46	14	15	17	250	37	153	59	3.1
November	40	10	15	15	252	37	154	61	3.2
December	39	12	13	14	257	42	151	64	3.3
2017									
January (r)	45	15	15	15	259	45	150	64	3.2
February (r)	50	15	18	18	258	47	149	62	3.4
March (r)	61	19	21	21	261	51	151	60	3.6
April (p)	54	19	20	16	264	51	154	59	3.7
Average RSE (%) ³	8	8	10	10	5	7	5	6	8

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