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**NEW RESIDENTIAL SALES IN AUGUST 2014**

Sales of new single-family houses in August 2014 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 504,000, according to estimates released jointly today by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is 18.0 percent ( $\pm 16.3\%$ ) above the revised July rate of 427,000 and is 33.0 percent ( $\pm 21.7\%$ ) above the August 2013 estimate of 379,000.

The median sales price of new houses sold in August 2014 was \$275,600; the average sales price was \$347,900. The seasonally adjusted estimate of new houses for sale at the end of August was 203,000. This represents a supply of 4.8 months at the current sales rate.

*New Residential Sales data for September 2014 will be released on Friday, October 24, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. EDT.*

*Our Internet site is: <http://www.census.gov/newhomesales>*

*The U.S. Census Bureau updated its application programming interface (API) with monthly and quarterly economic indicators. The API allows developers to combine Census Bureau statistics with other data sets to create tools for research on a variety of other topics. For more information, go to <http://www.census.gov/developers/>.*

*To receive the latest updates on the Nation's key economic indicators, download the America's Economy app for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets.*

**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 3 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 4 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 web site listed above.

\* 90% confidence interval includes zero. The Census Bureau does not have sufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.

**Table 1. New Houses Sold and For Sale**

[Thousands of houses. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.]

Period	Sold during period <sup>1</sup>					For sale at end of period					Months' Supply <sup>2</sup>	Median sales price (\$)	Average sales price (\$)
	United States	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	United States	North-east	Mid-west	South	West			
Seasonally adjusted													
2013: August	379	32	58	206	83	175					5.5		
September	399	25	60	220	94	183					5.5		
October	450	32	68	264	86	184					4.9		
November	445	33	57	243	112	185					5.0		
December	442	25	60	251	106	187					5.1		
2014: January	457	30	51	256	120	189					5.0		
February	432	23	56	259	94	186					5.2		
March	403	25	56	233	89	190					5.7		
April	413	21	65	234	93	191					5.5		
May (r)	458	37	75	237	109	192					5.0		
June (r)	419	26	54	236	103	196					5.6		
July (r)	427	24	58	243	102	201					5.6		
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>203</b>					<b>4.8</b>		
Average RSE (%) <sup>3</sup>	8	25	19	12	12	4					8		
<i>Percent Change:</i>													
<i>August 2014 from July 2014</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>29.2%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>7.8%</i>	<i>50.0%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>					<i>-14.3%</i>		
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>± 16.3</i>	<i>± 50.3</i>	<i>± 37.1</i>	<i>± 20.3</i>	<i>± 44.2</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>					<i>± 14.7</i>		
<i>August 2014 from August 2013</i>	<i>33.0%</i>	<i>-3.1%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>27.2%</i>	<i>84.3%</i>	<i>16.0%</i>					<i>-12.7%</i>		
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>± 21.7</i>	<i>± 40.6</i>	<i>± 50.1</i>	<i>± 28.1</i>	<i>± 56.8</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>					<i>± 14.8</i>		
Not seasonally adjusted													
2012:	368	29	47	195	97	148	14	24	79	31	(X)	245,200	292,200
2013:	429	31	61	233	105	186	16	29	100	40	(X)	268,900	324,500
RSE (%)	3	10	9	5	4	5	11	12	7	6	(X)	3	2
2013: Year to Date	300	22	42	158	77	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2014: Year to Date	306	19	42	169	76	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RSE (%)	4	9	10	6	4	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<i>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>-13.5%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 9.7</i>	<i>± 9.7</i>	<i>± 6.3</i>	<i>± 6.4</i>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2013: August	31	3	5	16	7	177	14	28	100	35	5.7	255,300	310,800
September	31	2	5	17	7	185	15	29	104	37	5.9	269,800	321,400
October	36	2	6	21	7	187	16	29	104	38	5.2	264,300	335,700
November	32	2	4	19	7	185	16	29	101	38	5.8	277,100	335,600
December	31	2	4	18	7	186	16	29	100	40	6.0	275,500	321,200
2014: January	33	3	3	19	8	188	16	29	102	41	5.7	269,800	337,300
February	35	2	4	21	8	185	16	28	100	41	5.4	268,400	325,900
March	39	2	5	23	9	187	16	28	102	42	4.9	282,300	331,500
April	39	2	7	21	9	188	16	27	102	43	4.9	274,500	325,100
May (r)	43	3	7	22	11	191	16	27	103	45	4.4	285,600	323,500
June (r)	39	2	5	22	10	196	17	28	106	46	5.0	283,100	334,100
July (r)	38	2	5	22	9	202	17	28	110	47	5.3	280,100	345,100
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>275,600</b>	<b>347,900</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>3</sup>	8	25	19	12	12	4	11	12	7	5	8	5	5

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. RSE Relative standard error. (X) Not applicable. (Z) Less than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Seasonally adjusted houses sold are published at annual rates. <sup>2</sup>Ratio of houses for sale to houses sold. <sup>3</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>4</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals. <sup>5</sup>Computed using unrounded data.

Note: The sales price includes the land.

**Table 2. New Houses Sold, by Sales Price**

[Thousands of houses. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.]

Period	Total	Under \$150,000	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 to \$299,999	\$300,000 to \$399,999	\$400,000 to \$499,999	\$500,000 to \$749,999	\$750,000 and over
Number of houses <sup>1</sup>								
2012:	368	46	74	120	63	33	23	9
2013:	429	35	79	139	85	40	36	16
RSE (%)	3	12	9	4	7	8	11	13
2013: August	31	4	6	10	6	3	1	1
September	31	2	7	10	7	2	2	1
October	36	2	7	12	7	3	2	2
November	32	2	6	10	6	4	2	1
December	31	2	6	10	6	3	3	1
2014: January	33	3	5	10	7	4	2	2
February	35	2	6	12	7	4	2	1
March	39	2	7	12	9	4	3	2
April	39	2	6	13	9	4	3	2
May (r)	43	3	8	13	9	5	4	1
June (r)	39	2	6	14	7	4	5	1
July (r)	38	2	7	13	7	4	3	2
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>2</sup>	8	28	21	13	16	24	24	37
Percent distribution								
2012:	100	13	20	33	17	9	6	3
2013:	100	8	18	32	20	9	8	4
RSE (%)	(X)	12	8	3	6	7	10	13
2013: August	100	13	18	32	19	10	5	3
September	100	6	22	31	21	8	8	5
October	100	7	21	33	20	8	7	5
November	100	6	19	31	20	12	8	4
December	100	8	20	31	20	10	9	3
2014: January	100	10	15	31	20	11	7	6
February	100	5	18	36	20	10	7	4
March	100	6	18	30	22	11	8	4
April	100	6	17	34	22	10	7	4
May (r)	100	6	18	30	22	12	9	2
June (r)	100	5	15	36	18	11	13	3
July (r)	100	6	18	33	19	10	9	5
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>2</sup>	(X)	26	18	11	15	22	23	36

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. RSE Relative standard error. (X) Not applicable. (Z) Less than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Houses for which sales price was not reported have been distributed proportionally to those for which sales price was reported

<sup>2</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

Note: The sales price includes the land.

**Table 3. New Houses Sold and For Sale by Stage of Construction and Median Number of Months on Sales Market**

[Thousands of houses. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.]

Period	Sold during period				For sale at end of period				Median months for sale <sup>1</sup>
	Total	Not started	Under construction	Completed	Total	Not started	Under construction	Completed	
2012:	368	112	125	131	148	22	83	43	3.2
2013:	429	137	156	136	186	30	111	44	3.2
RSE (%)	3	6	4	4	3	6	4	4	8
2013: August	31	8	13	10	177	32	106	39	2.9
September	31	10	11	10	185	36	109	40	3.0
October	36	10	15	12	187	38	108	41	2.9
November	32	9	11	11	185	33	110	42	3.1
December	31	10	11	10	186	30	111	44	3.2
2014: January	33	11	12	10	188	31	110	47	3.2
February	35	11	12	12	185	30	109	45	3.4
March	39	14	14	11	187	31	108	48	3.3
April	39	12	15	12	188	29	112	48	3.2
May (r)	43	14	16	14	191	30	115	47	3.4
June (r)	39	12 (r)	14	13	196	33	117	46	3.4
July (r)	38	12	14	12	202	34	121	47	3.4
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>2</sup>	8	9	10	9	4	7	6	6	8

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. RSE Relative standard error. (X) Not applicable. (Z) Less than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Median number of months for sale since completion.

<sup>2</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.