Headlines, Outlook and Confusion... What You Need To Know

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WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?







"New Report from analytics firm CoreLogic predicts that national home prices will experience a healthy rise from Jan 2015 to Jan 2016."

- National Mortgage News, 4/7/15



"Housing starts to see biggest collapse since January 2007. Housing clearly remains under pressure..."

-Housingwire, 3/17/15

"Nationwide said on Tuesday overall housing market is healthier than at any time since 2001...downturn unlikely."

-Mortgage News Daily, 3/31/15

TRANSACTIONS SALES PRICE 9.9% 8.5%

Days on Market
78

Months Supply
of Inventory
3.7

This Just In

- March home sale activity up 33.9% from February
- March sales 9.9% higher than March 2014
- Median sales price of \$204,000 in March also up 8.5% from one year ago



Existing home sales explode as spring homebuying season officially arrives

Surges to highest level in 18 months



"...A promising beginning to the spring homebuying season..." -National Association of Relators

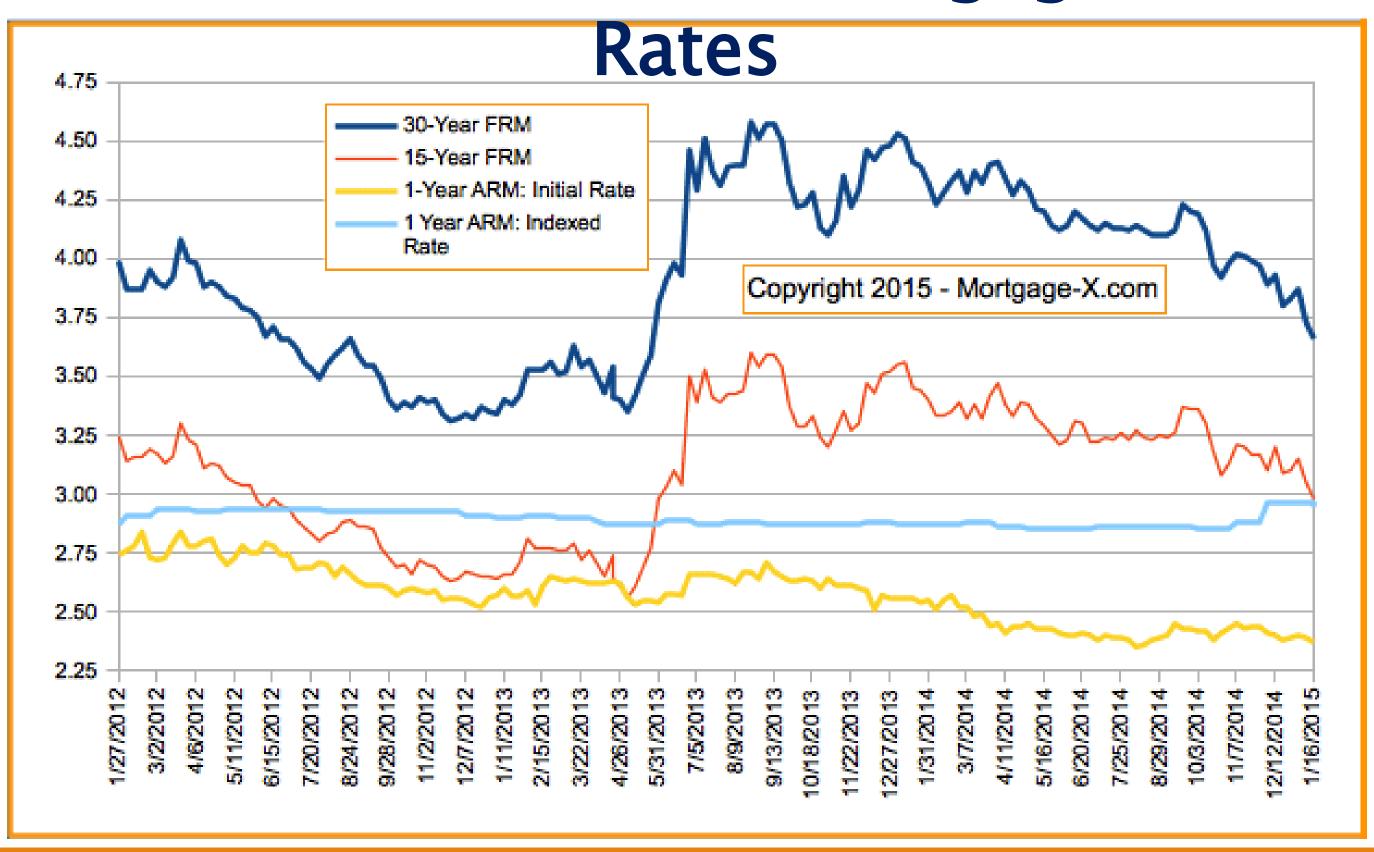
"After a quiet start to the year, sales activity picked up greatly throughout the country in March...The combination of low interest rates and the ongoing stability in the job market is improving buyer confidence..." -NAR Chief Economist, Lawrence Yun

Sales have increased year-over-year for six consecutive months and are now 10.4% above a year ago, the highest annual increase since August 2013 (10.7%). March's sales increase was the largest monthly increase since December 2010 (6.2%).

What's Hopening

LOW MORTGAGE RATES

3 Year Look at Mortgage



Effective January 26, 2015
FHA reduces the Mortgage
Insurance Premium from 1.35%
to 0.85%,
a reduction of 50 basis points

Housing Market is Improving!!



Millennials

Millennials (also known as the Millennial Generation $\underline{}^{[1]}$ or Generation \underline{Y}) are the demographic $\underline{\text{cohort}}$ following $\underline{\text{Generation } X}$.

There are no precise dates when the generation starts and ends. Researchers and commentators use birth years ranging from 1980-1995 generally.

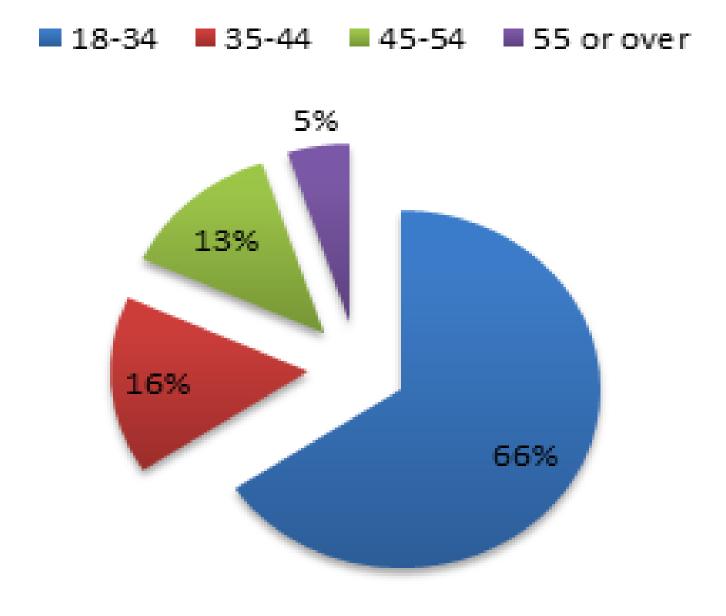
Millennials make up roughly 25% of the U.S population

Millennials

- o 2nd year in a row that millennials represent largest group of homebuyers in America (32% of market)
- Will have huge impact no matter what their behaviors trend to, due to demographics alone
- Want to live in city, be mobile, live close to work and in walkable neighborhoods (buying condos in city instead of mansions in suburbs)
- Different kind of homebuyer than were used to- later marriage and delayed home purchase after renting for a period of time (and home purchase comes before marriage)

Closing Cost Awareness

Percent of Respondents Unaware of Closing Costs by Age Demographic



Source: National Mortgage Professional

Regulatory changes continue

2010: RESPA

New Settlement Statement

Fee change restrictions

 Disclosure timeline requirements **2015: TRID**

New Settlement Statement & other key document transitions

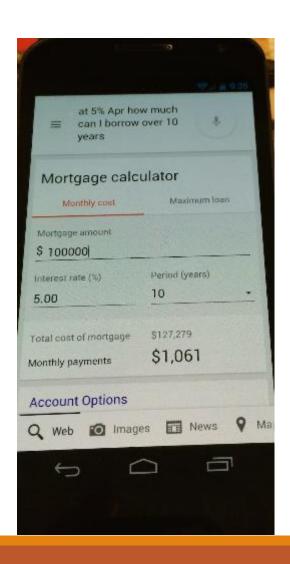
Disclosure timeline requirements

Categorized fees & restrictions

Technology

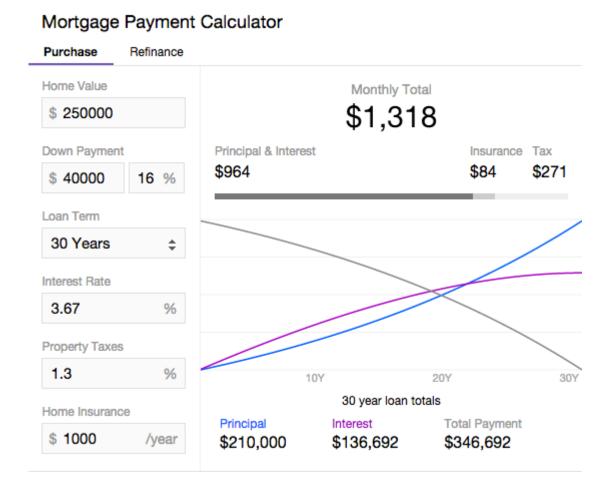
Google launches built-in mortgage calculator

Consumers will be able to calculate mortgage payments within Google searches



Yahoo launches feature-heavy mortgage calculator

Joins Google in developing native mortgage tool











MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast

March 20, 2015

| | | 201 | 4 | | | 201 | 5 | | | 201 | 6 | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Housing Measures | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing Starts (SAAR, Thous) | 925 | 985 | 1,030 | 1,065 | 1,010 | 1,100 | 1,120 | 1,150 | 1,170 | 1,200 | 1,250 | 1,290 | 1,001 | 1,095 | 1,228 |
| Single-Family | 602 | 625 | 652 | 706 | 660 | 720 | 740 | 760 | 790 | 820 | 860 | 900 | 646 | 720 | 843 |
| Two or More | 323 | 360 | 378 | 359 | 350 | 380 | 380 | 390 | 380 | 380 | 390 | 390 | 355 | 375 | 385 |
| Home Sales (SAAR, Thous) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Existing Homes | 4,677 | 4,887 | 5,057 | 5,060 | 4,769 | 5,132 | 5,204 | 5,267 | 5,307 | 5,351 | 5,465 | 5,541 | 4,920 | 5,093 | 5,416 |
| New Homes | 431 | 427 | 446 | 466 | 470 | 502 | 507 | 521 | 529 | 544 | 572 | 593 | 443 | 500 | 559 |
| FHFA US House Price Index (YOY % Change) | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| Median Price of Total Existing Homes (Thous \$) | 191.0 | 211.8 | 216.4 | 207.6 | 206.7 | 211.0 | 218.0 | 211.2 | 214.5 | 217.5 | 221.1 | 214.6 | 206.7 | 211.7 | 216.9 |
| Median Price of New Homes (Thous \$) | 273.5 | 282.4 | 278.5 | 299.9 | 292.5 | 299.2 | 290.4 | 288.2 | 289.5 | 293.7 | 289.9 | 286.3 | 283.6 | 292.6 | 289.9 |
| Interest Rates | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage (%) | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 5.0 |
| 10-Year Treasury Yield (%) | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 3.1 |
| Mortgage Originations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total 1- to 4-Family (Bil \$) | 247 | 297 | 300 | 278 | 288 | 353 | 318 | 272 | 251 | 319 | 316 | 284 | 1,122 | 1,231 | 1,170 |
| Purchase | 124 | 179 | 185 | 150 | 138 | 208 | 210 | 174 | 153 | 223 | 221 | 193 | 638 | 730 | 791 |
| Refinance | 123 | 118 | 115 | 128 | 150 | 145 | 108 | 98 | 98 | 96 | 95 | 91 | 484 | 501 | 379 |
| Refinance Share (%) | 50 | 40 | 38 | 46 | 52 | 41 | 34 | 36 | 39 | 30 | 30 | 32 | 43 | 41 | 32 |
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COMFORT ZONE: FIXED RATE LOAN

SMART ZONE: ARM LOAN

ARM loans make more sense than you think

- 1. Most people don't stay in their houses more than 8-10 years on average anymore
- 2. If you do stay longer than 10 years, you're likely to refinance at least one time anyway.
- 3. Rates are higher on a fixed rate loan, because the lender is assuming you'll take the full 30 years to pay it back. (Give & Take--- you get security knowing your payment won't fluctuate and the lender gets security knowing they're covered for fluctuating costs in the market because they've got you locked in for 30 years)

If you took out a 30-year mortgage in January 2003 the average fixed rate was 5.92%, according to Freddie Mac.

Ten years of interest and principal payments on a \$200,000 mortgage would have cost you \$142,660.

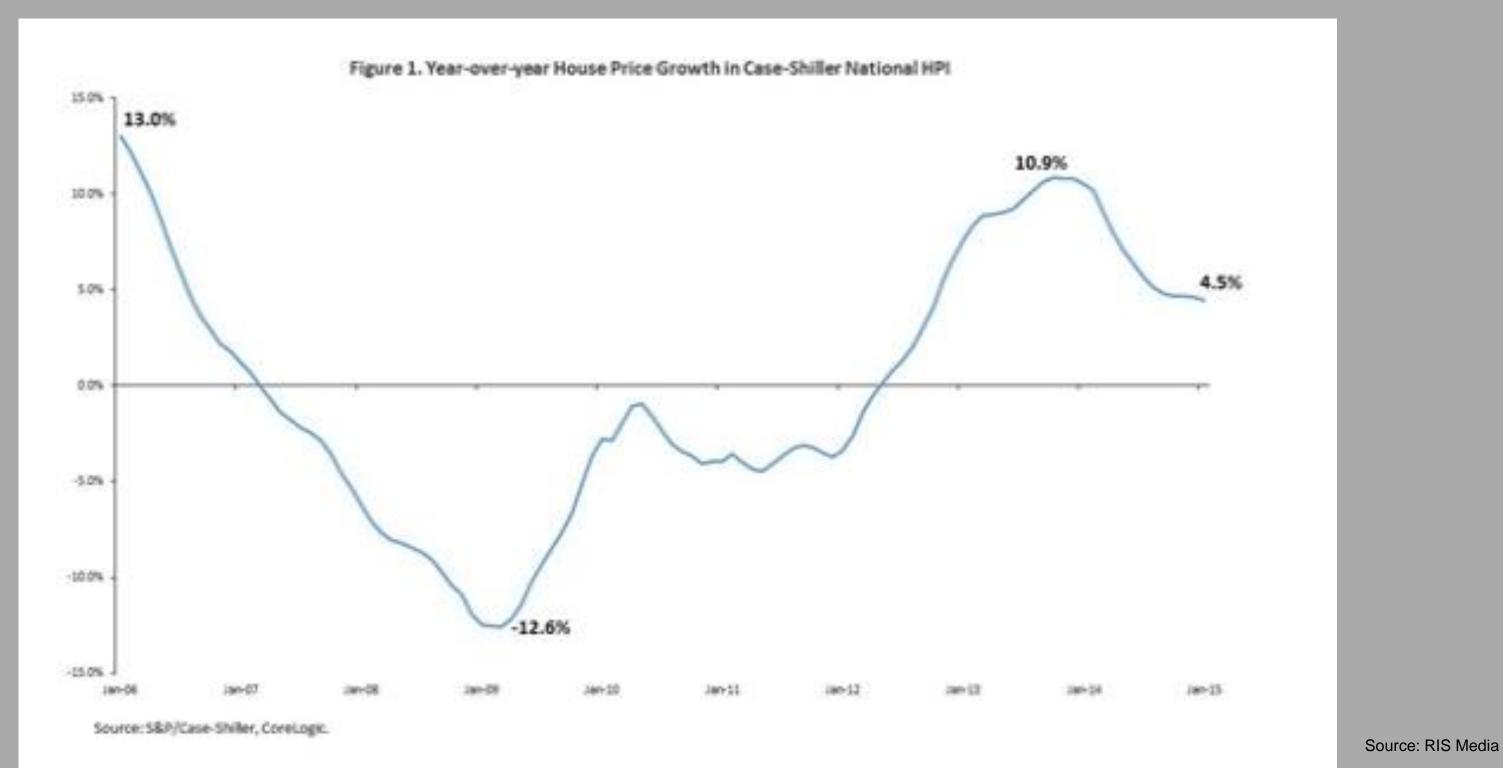
But if you went with a one-year ARM, which kicked off at 3.99%, according to Freddie Mac, after resetting each year the total cost would have been \$119,181.

Savings of \$23,479



THE AMERICAN DREAM

House Prices Record Annual Gains, Expected to Rise in the Future



In our neck of the woods...

- New survey from Realtor.com predicts Metro-Detroit area will be most affordable and San Francisco least affordable this year. Source: Realtor.com
- Including distressed sales, the 5 states with the highest home price appreciation were: Colorado (+9.8%),
 South Carolina (+9.3%), Michigan (+8.5%), Texas (+8.5%), and Wyoming (+8.4%).
- Metro-Detroit area considered one of 20 hottest housing markets to watch this spring source: Housingwire
- "The spring has finally sprung. I think the affordability factor is key- with mortgage rates...and jumbo mortgage rates still so very low."
 -Detroit Free Press article featuring Kendra McConnell Hurd, Birmingham Realtor with Coldwell Banker Weir Manual 4/12/15
- With mortgage rates back to rock-bottom lows and a larger selection of houses finally available, metro Detroit's housing market is set to turn a corner this spring and become hotter for buyers and sellers."

| Top 10 Markets with the Highest Gains Since Hitting their Housing Bottom | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Metro Area | 15-Feb | Bottom Price | Bottom Date | Pct Change from Bottom | | | | | |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI | \$119,000 | \$46,898 | May-09 | 154% | | | | | |
| Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI | \$119,900 | \$55,000 | Jun-09 | 118% | | | | | |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA | \$599,000 | \$279,000 | Mar-09 | 115% | | | | | |
| Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL | \$151,500 | \$74,900 | Nov-10 | 102% | | | | | |
| San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA | \$699,000 | \$368,537 | Mar-09 | 90% | | | | | |
| Modesto, CA | \$219,000 | \$127,000 | Mar-12 | 72% | | | | | |

Promising, not spectacular

How to win a bidding war in today's outrageous housing market

The spring home buying season is in full effect. But there is just one problem: The majority of America is reporting a tight supply of residential real estate in most price points of the market.

And no matter how much the demand is there and how much lenders are willing lend, it means little if there are no houses to buy.

As a result, the few houses left and fought over in bidding wars, leaving many borrowers without a house.

Inventory Shortage Could Affect 2015 Home

Lending standards have tightened severely

Average Credit Score in 2006: 706

Average Credit Score in 2015: 752



3% down is back

Not all will qualify...

Great credit & documentation



Buyers

What will they do to the market??

More conflicting information!

Few Who Lost Homes in U.S. Will Buy Again Soon: Study

Only about one in four former homeowners who lost property during the housing crash will soon become buyers again as tight credit keeps many out of the U.S. real estate market, according to a National Association of Realtors study.

"They won't be a significant factor to the housing market going forward," Lawrence Yun, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors, said in a telephone interview. "The majority of the 9.3 million won't be coming back."

The U.S. homeownership rate fell to 64 percent at the end of last year, a two-decade low and down from a high of 69.2 percent in 2004, according to Census Bureau data. The ownership rate will drop to 63.5 percent by 2016 and plateau for years, according to report last week by Goldman Sachs Group Inc. analysts led by Hui Shan.

Source: Bloomberg,

Return Buyers Expected to Re-Enter and Restore Market, **Study Shows**

4/21/15

Nearly 1 million of the 9.3 million homeowners that underwent a foreclosure, received a deed-in-lieu, or short sold between 2006 and 2014 have likely already purchased a home again, and an additional 1.5 million are likely to become eligible and purchase over the next 5

Recap

- Market overall is improving and we should see a good spring season ahead of us
- Industry regulations are tightening but also balanced with new options like 3% down
- Confusing headlines- don't get caught up in them. The market around you tells the story. Are homes selling fast or sticking around for a long time?
- Millennials are changing the trends we're used to, but they're still buying!
- Low rates are projected to stick around throughout the remainder of 2015
- ARMs might be a good choice to consider next time you purchase or refinance!