

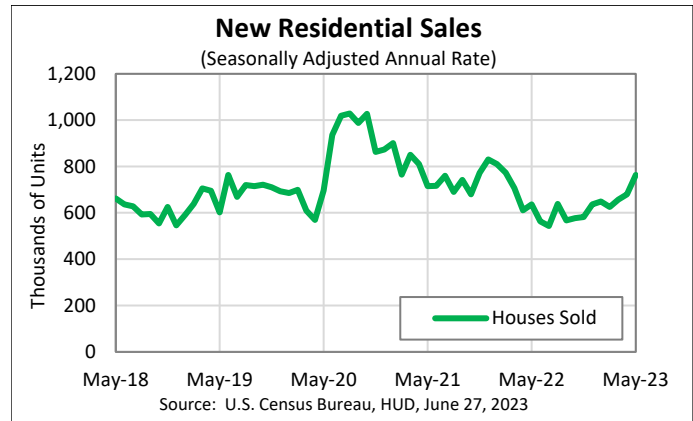
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## MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL SALES, MAY 2023

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**June 27, 2023** - The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential sales statistics for May 2023:

 <b>NEW RESIDENTIAL SALES</b> <b>MAY 2023</b>	
<b>New Houses Sold<sup>1</sup>:</b>	<b>763,000</b>
<b>New Houses For Sale<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<b>428,000</b>
<b>Median Sales Price:</b>	<b>\$416,300</b>
<b>Next Release: July 26, 2023</b>	
<sup>1</sup> Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)	
<sup>2</sup> Seasonally Adjusted	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, June 27, 2023	



### New Home Sales

Sales of new single-family houses in May 2023 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 763,000, according to estimates released jointly today by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is 12.2 percent ( $\pm 12.8$  percent)\* above the revised April rate of 680,000 and is 20.0 percent ( $\pm 15.5$  percent) above the May 2022 estimate of 636,000.

### Sales Price

The median sales price of new houses sold in May 2023 was \$416,300. The average sales price was \$487,300.

### For Sale Inventory and Months' Supply

The seasonally-adjusted estimate of new houses for sale at the end of May was 428,000. This represents a supply of 6.7 months at the current sales rate.

The June report is scheduled for release on July 26, 2023. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room: [www.census.gov/economic-indicators/](http://www.census.gov/economic-indicators/). The full text and tables for this release can be found at [www.census.gov/construction/nrs/](http://www.census.gov/construction/nrs/).

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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 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 4.2 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/soc/methodology.html](http://www.census.gov/construction/soc/methodology.html)

## 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/](http://www.census.gov/developers/)

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\* 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**

Period	Sold during period <sup>1</sup>					For sale at end of period					Months <sup>1</sup> 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			
<b>2022</b>													
May	636	19	55	386	176	441	X	X	X	X	8.3	X	X
June	563	17	61	379	106	448	X	X	X	X	9.5	X	X
July	543	23	53	354	113	459	X	X	X	X	10.1	X	X
August	638	27	62	422	127	460	X	X	X	X	8.7	X	X
September	567	30	64	351	122	460	X	X	X	X	9.7	X	X
October	577	39	47	369	122	466	X	X	X	X	9.7	X	X
November	582	29	46	368	139	455	X	X	X	X	9.4	X	X
December	636	34	67	404	131	451	X	X	X	X	8.5	X	X
<b>2023</b>													
January	649	41	73	414	121	439	X	X	X	X	8.1	X	X
February (r)	625	23	72	408	122	437	X	X	X	X	8.4	X	X
March (r)	657	60	68	376	153	431	X	X	X	X	7.9	X	X
April (r)	680	34	74	423	149	432	X	X	X	X	7.6	X	X
<b>May (p)</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>3</sup>	8	36	22	10	13	3	X	X	X	X	7	X	X
Percent Change <sup>4</sup>													
<b>May 2023 from Apr. 2023</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>5</sup>	± 12.8	± 58.9	± 23.6	± 17.4	± 24.6	± 1.7	X	X	X	X	± 9.3	X	X
<b>May 2023 from May 2022</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>110.5%</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>5</sup>	± 15.5	± 156.2	± 38.5	± 20.4	± 19.5	± 4.3	X	X	X	X	± 9.9	X	X

**Table 1b - Not seasonally adjusted**

Period	Sold during period					For sale at end of period					Months <sup>1</sup> supply	Median sales price (\$)	Average sales price (\$)
	United States	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	United States	North-east	Mid-west	South	West			
2021 Annual	771	36	86	453	196	391	30	41	227	93	X	397,100	464,200
2022 Annual	641	33	66	392	150	455	33	45	271	106	X	457,800	540,000
RSE (%)	3	12	9	3	8	4	19	16	6	4	X	5	3
2022 Year to date	323	17	34	188	84	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2023 Year to date	308	17	33	191	66	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RSE (%)	4	24	16	5	8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Year to date percent change<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>-4.7%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-20.7%</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>5</sup>	± 6.1	± 35.5	± 16.3	± 9.7	± 8.4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>2022</b>													
May	58	2	5	36	15	437	24	47	263	103	7.6	450,700	521,500
June	48	1	6	31	9	452	25	48	271	108	9.5	432,700	472,000
July	44	2	4	29	9	461	26	48	276	112	10.4	478,200	564,900
August	51	2	5	33	10	467	26	49	279	113	9.2	440,300	530,800
September	44	2	5	27	9	471	29	47	282	113	10.7	477,700	530,100
October	43	3	4	27	9	472	29	48	282	113	10.9	496,800	543,300
November	41	2	3	26	10	463	29	47	279	108	11.4	462,300	527,400
December	47	2	4	30	10	455	33	45	271	106	9.7	479,500	568,700
<b>2023</b>													
January	55	3	5	36	11	438	32	43	260	103	7.9	432,100	495,600
February (r)	56	2	6	38	11	428	33	41	250	104	7.6	433,300	499,100
March (r)	63	5	7	36	15	427	32	41	250	104	6.7	441,900	516,000
April (r)	60	3	7	36	13	421	31	41	245	103	7.1	402,400	495,600
<b>May (p)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>416,300</b>	<b>487,300</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>3</sup>	8	36	22	10	13	3	21	16	6	5	7	7	6

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r Revised

S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards

X Not applicable

<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 relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

<sup>4</sup> Computed using unrounded data

<sup>5</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90 percent confidence intervals

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Residential Sales, June 27, 2023.

Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at <[www.census.gov/construction/soc/methodology.html](http://www.census.gov/construction/soc/methodology.html)>.

# New Privately-Owned Houses Sold, by Sales Price

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

**Table 2a - Number of Houses<sup>1</sup>**

Period	Total	Price Ranges						
		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 \$749,000	\$750,000 and over
2021 Annual . . . . .	771	3	12	165	210	154	158	68
2022 Annual . . . . .	641	1	3	59	178	131	182	87
RSE (%) . . . . .	3	57	34	16	15	7	11	13
<b>2022</b>								
May . . . . .	58	(Z)	(Z)	5	17	13	14	9
June . . . . .	48	(Z)	1	5	15	10	14	3
July . . . . .	44	(Z)	(Z)	3	11	9	14	6
August . . . . .	51	(Z)	(Z)	5	14	11	12	8
September . . . . .	44	(Z)	(Z)	3	11	10	13	6
October . . . . .	43	(Z)	(Z)	5	9	8	15	6
November . . . . .	41	(Z)	(Z)	2	13	10	10	6
December . . . . .	47	(Z)	(Z)	4	13	7	14	8
<b>2023</b>								
January . . . . .	55	(Z)	1	6	19	11	13	7
February (r) . . . . .	56	(Z)	(Z)	6	17	11	17	6
March (r) . . . . .	63	(Z)	(Z)	9	18	12	17	7
April (r) . . . . .	60	(Z)	(Z)	9	20	12	11	8
May (p) . . . . .	<b>73</b>	<b>(Z)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	8	(A)	89	32	23	19	20	21

**Table 2b - Percent Distribution**

Period	Total	Price Ranges						
		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 \$749,000	\$750,000 and over
2021 Annual . . . . .	100	(Z)	2	21	27	20	21	9
2022 Annual . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	9	28	20	28	14
SE (%) . . . . .	X	(A)	(A)	2	4	1	3	2
<b>2022</b>								
May . . . . .	100	(Z)	(Z)	9	30	22	24	15
June . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	11	31	20	30	6
July . . . . .	100	(Z)	(Z)	7	26	21	31	15
August . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	10	28	22	24	15
September . . . . .	100	(Z)	(Z)	7	25	22	30	14
October . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	12	20	18	35	14
November . . . . .	100	(Z)	(Z)	6	31	23	24	15
December . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	9	28	16	30	17
<b>2023</b>								
January . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	10	34	19	24	12
February (r) . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	11	30	19	29	10
March (r) . . . . .	100	(Z)	1	15	28	19	27	11
April (r) . . . . .	100	(Z)	(Z)	15	34	20	19	13
May (p) . . . . .	<b>100</b>	<b>(Z)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>
SE (%) . . . . .	X	(A)	1	4	4	3	3	2

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A Represents an RSE or SE that is greater or equal to 100 percent or could not be computed

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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 relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Residential Sales, June 27, 2023. Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at [www.census.gov/construction/soc/methodology.html](http://www.census.gov/construction/soc/methodology.html).

## 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**

Period	Sold during period <sup>1</sup>				For sale at end of period				Median months for sale <sup>2</sup>
	Total	Not started	Under construction	Completed	Total	Not started	Under construction	Completed	
<b>2022</b>									
May .....	636	108	340	188	441	97	308	36	X
June .....	563	111	267	185	448	94	316	38	X
July .....	543	130	246	167	459	98	318	43	X
August .....	638	103	286	249	460	98	315	47	X
September .....	567	75	287	205	460	96	310	54	X
October .....	577	85	263	229	466	102	306	58	X
November .....	582	89	257	236	455	97	296	62	X
December .....	636	83	287	266	451	92	293	66	X
<b>2023</b>									
January .....	649	101	276	272	439	86	286	67	X
February (r) .....	625	98	269	258	437	90	278	69	X
March (r) .....	657	107	283	267	431	90	272	69	X
April (r) .....	680	109	280	291	432	96	266	70	X
<b>May (p)</b> .....	<b>763</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>X</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>3</sup> .....	8	8	10	10	3	7	4	8	X

**Table 3b - Not seasonally adjusted**

Period	Sold during period				For sale at end of period				Median months for sale <sup>2</sup>
	Total	Not started	Under construction	Completed	Total	Not started	Under construction	Completed	
2021 Annual .....	771	222	352	196	391	91	266	35	3.2
2022 Annual .....	641	125	314	202	455	88	294	72	1.9
RSE (%) .....	3	11	6	8	4	8	4	7	13
<b>2022</b>									
May .....	58	10	32	16	437	99	304	34	2.8
June .....	48	9	24	15	452	99	318	35	2.9
July .....	44	10	21	13	461	96	325	40	2.4
August .....	51	8	24	19	467	99	324	44	1.9
September .....	44	5	22	16	471	98	320	53	1.5
October .....	43	6	20	18	472	100	313	60	1.5
November .....	41	6	17	18	463	94	303	66	1.7
December .....	47	6	18	23	455	88	294	72	1.9
<b>2023</b>									
January .....	55	9	23	24	438	85	282	72	2.4
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March (r) .....	63	11	27	25	427	95	262	69	2.8
April (r) .....	60	10	25	24	421	95	258	68	2.7
<b>May (p)</b> .....	<b>73</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>3</sup> .....	8	8	10	10	3	7	4	8	9

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X Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally-adjusted houses sold are published at annual rates

<sup>2</sup> Median number of months for sale since completion

<sup>3</sup> Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

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