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U.S. Monthly House Price Index Increases 0.4 Percent from July to August

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. house prices rose **0.4** percent on a seasonally adjusted basis from July to August, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency's monthly House Price Index. The previously reported 0.5 percent decline in July was revised to a 0.7 percent decline. For the 12 months ending in August, U.S. prices fell **2.4** percent. The U.S. index is **13.6** percent below its April 2007 peak.

The FHFA monthly index is calculated using purchase prices of houses backing mortgages that have been sold to or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. For the nine Census Divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from July to August ranged from -0.6 percent in the Mountain Division to +1.5 percent in the West South Central Division.

Monthly index values and appreciation rate estimates for recent periods are provided in the table and graphs on the following pages. Click here for complete historical data.

For detailed information concerning the monthly HPI, please see the <u>HPI Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)</u>. The next release will be on Nov. 24, 2010 and will include data for September and index estimates for the third quarter.

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The Federal Housing Finance Agency regulates Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks. These government-sponsored enterprises provide more than \$5.9 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.

States in Each Census Division

Pacific: Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California

Mountain: Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New

Mexico

West North Central: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas,

Missouri

West South Central: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana

East North Central Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio

East South Central: Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama

New England: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island,

Connecticut

Middle Atlantic: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania

South Atlantic: Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia,

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Table 1: Monthly Price Change Estimates for U.S. and Census Divisions

(Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted)

	U.S.	Pacific	Mountain	West North	West South	East North	East South	New	Middle	South
				Central	Central	Central	Central	England	Atlantic	Atlantic
Jul 10 - Aug 10	0.4%	-0.2%	-0.6%	1.2%	1.5%	1.2%	0.8%	0.2%	-0.3%	-0.2%
Jun 10 - Jul 10	-0.7%	0.4%	-1.1%	-1.5%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.3%	0.6%	-0.1%	-1.2%
(Previous Estimate)	-0.5%	1.1%	-1.5%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-0.8%	0.3%	-0.1%	0.2%	-1.6%
May 10 - Jun 10	-1.3%	-3.9%	-3.1%	-0.5%	-1.3%	-0.9%	-0.9%	0.7%	0.2%	-0.9%
(Previous Estimate)	-1.2%	-3.8%	-2.8%	-0.6%	-1.2%	-0.9%	-0.9%	0.7%	0.2%	-0.9%
Apr 10 - May 10	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	-0.3%	1.0%	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%
(Previous Estimate)	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	-0.2%	0.9%	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%
Mar 10 - Apr 10	0.8%	0.3%	1.6%	0.8%	1.8%	1.7%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.6%	0.7%
(Previous Estimate)	0.8%	0.3%	1.9%	0.8%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.5%	0.7%
Feb 10 - Mar 10	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	1.1%	-1.1%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	-1.0%	0.8%
(Previous Estimate)	0.1%	0.2%	-0.2%	1.2%	-1.1%	0.1%	1.5%	-0.3%	-0.9%	0.8%
12-Month Change:										
Aug 09 - Aug 10	-2.4%	-2.6%	-7.5%	-1.0%	0.8%	-2.4%	-1.5%	-0.1%	-1.2%	-4.9%

Monthly Index Values for Latest 18 Months: U.S. and Census Divisions

(Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted, January 1991 = 100)

	U.S.	Pacific	Mountain	West North Central	West South Central	East North Central	East South Central	New England	Middle Atlantic	South Atlantic
August-10	192.8	182.2	218.0	204.6	198.3	172.4	189.9	209.3	207.5	191.4
July-10	192.0	182.6	219.2	202.2	195.4	170.3	188.4	208.9	208.1	191.7
June-10	193.3	181.9	221.7	205.4	197.4	172.0	189.0	207.7	208.3	194.1
May-10	195.8	189.2	228.8	206.4	199.9	173.5	190.7	206.3	207.9	195.9
April-10	194.8	187.8	227.1	204.8	198.4	174.1	188.8	206.1	206.9	194.5
March-10	193.3	187.2	223.5	203.1	194.9	171.2	188.8	206.5	208.2	193.2
February-10	193.0	186.6	223.2	200.9	197.1	170.9	186.2	206.4	210.4	191.6
January-10	194.1	184.4	227.7	204.7	196.3	171.4	190.0	209.0	208.1	195.6
December-09	195.0	186.0	226.2	205.0	196.6	173.8	189.7	209.9	209.2	196.4
November-09	198.6	192.1	233.8	206.7	197.7	176.7	194.7	210.4	209.0	202.2
October-09	197.9	189.4	234.5	207.3	197.7	177.0	195.3	211.2	209.7	199.0
September-09	197.1	185.4	233.8	206.6	196.3	178.0	190.4	209.9	207.5	201.7
August-09	197.6	187.1	235.7	206.7	196.6	176.7	192.8	209.5	209.9	201.3
July-09	198.8	187.2	236.4	206.8	197.2	178.3	193.1	210.2	209.8	205.4
June-09	198.4	186.1	236.8	206.8	198.3	178.4	195.5	210.8	208.2	203.0
May-09	198.3	184.8	239.2	207.7	196.3	179.0	191.6	210.4	209.8	203.5
April-09	197.5	183.0	239.8	206.8	196.0	177.6	191.8	215.0	210.4	201.2
March-09	198.5	183.8	240.2	205.8	196.9	178.8	192.5	212.7	211.5	203.9

Figure 1: Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Monthly Appreciation Rates

Purchase-Only Index--USA

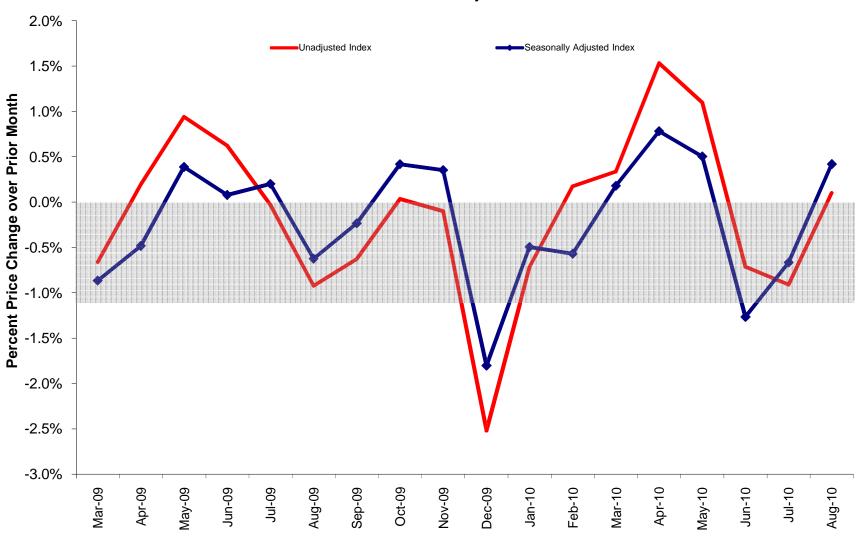


Figure 2: Monthly House Price Index for USA
Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Index, January 1991 - Present

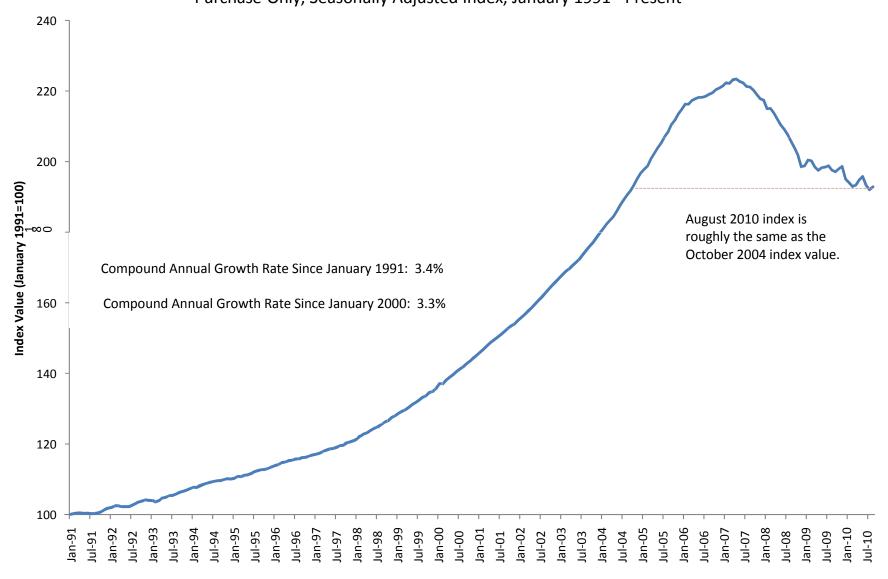


Figure 3: Cumulative Seasonally Adjusted Price Change Relative to Peak USA

(Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Peak was April 2007)

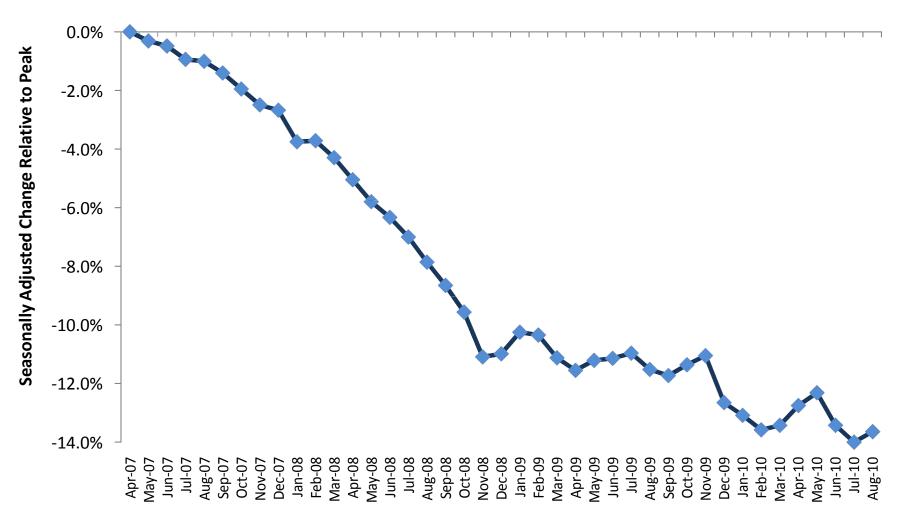


Figure 4: Twelve-Month Price Changes – Prior Year vs. Most Recent Year

