Report on Nevada’s Housing Market

This series of reports on Nevada’s Housing Market is co-presented by the Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the State of Nevada Department of Business & Industry. These reports provide monthly updates on housing market trends for stakeholders throughout Nevada.

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Nevada Statewide Trends

Population: **2,790,136** in 2013  
Housing Units: **1,186,879** in 2013

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts
Nevada Statewide Trends

- Nevada saw less than a one percent decrease in distress property sales this month as both short sales and REO sales decreased modestly. The share of homeowners underwater in Nevada is now at 25 percent – less than a one percent decrease from one quarter ago.

- Home prices in Nevada saw almost no change this month. Northern Nevada’s increase in new home prices were simply offset by Southern Nevada’s decrease in new home prices. Likewise, Southern Nevada’s increase in existing home prices were offset by a decrease in Northern Nevada’s existing home prices.

- Total residential construction starts are significantly higher than they were this time last year. This is due to large increases in multifamily start ups in Southern Nevada, as single-family start ups have been relatively similar to that of last year throughout all of Nevada.

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<td>568</td>
<td>+1.7%</td>
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<td>4550</td>
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<td>Single-Family</td>
<td>723</td>
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<td>Multifamily</td>
<td>427</td>
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<td>New</td>
<td>$321,343</td>
<td>-0.1%</td>
<td>+10.9%</td>
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<td>Existing</td>
<td>$213,556</td>
<td>-0.4%</td>
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<td>Distress</td>
<td>$162,866</td>
<td>+0.1%</td>
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Source: Lied Institute calculations using CoreLogic Data and the State of the Cities Data Systems by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

*Figures portray Three-Month Moving Weighted Averages
The Single-Family Home Prices figure above shows the three-month moving average price of existing homes and new homes. Existing homes are single family homes that were exchanged from one private owner to another. This includes homes sold by real estate agents, owners, and lenders. New homes are single family homes that were exchanged from a builder to a private owner. The other figure, Single-Family Homes Sales, illustrates the number of those transactions for both existing and new homes. A seasonal pattern is obvious in the Single-Family Home Sales graph, with, more home sales during the summer than during the winter.
The Housing Affordability figure shows the proportion of home sales that could have been bought by borrowers earning at least the local median income, with a conventional loan. This index was developed by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), to provide a benchmark of affordability. The other figure, Nevada Single-Family Homes for Sale, shows the number of homes available for sale at the end of the month. These numbers include new listings that are awaiting a purchasing contract, as well as homes that are under contract and about to sell.
Nevada Statewide Trends

Single-Family Distress Sales

Share of Distress Single-Family Home Sales

Single-Family Distress Sales is a figure that displays the monthly number of Real Estate Owned (REO) sales and short sales. REO sales are homes that have been repossessed by lenders through foreclosure and then sold in the market. Short sales, on the other hand, are homes that were sold for an amount below the owner’s outstanding mortgage balance. Both numbers are three-month weighted moving averages. The other figure, Share of Distress Single-Family Home Sales, tracks the proportion of home sales (including new home sales) that were REO sales or short sales. The long term decline in that share continues, even as the number of such sales remains roughly level, indicating an increasing number of “normal” sales.
The Foreclosure Trends figure includes two series: the 90+ Days Delinquent series and the Foreclosure Inventory series. The 90+ Days Delinquent series consists of the number of homes that are secured by a loan in default for 90 days or more. This includes homes that are in the process of being foreclosed. The Foreclosure Inventory series consists of homes that have begun the foreclosure process or are in some stage of foreclosure. The other figure depicts what proportion of homes secured by a mortgage have positive equity or negative equity. When a home has a market value at or above its outstanding mortgage balance, it is considered to have positive equity. Otherwise, the house has negative equity.
These two figures are based on numbers gathered from County records by RealtyTrac. The first figure shows the monthly number of Notices of Default and Repossessions. The Notice of Default (NOD) is the initial stage of foreclosure that starts at least 90 days after the homeowner’s mortgage default date. Not all homes that receive a NOD will necessarily be foreclosed. There exist other alternatives homeowners can invoke such as a loan modification, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, and short sale. The other figure, Residential Home Auctions, shows the monthly number of homes that received a Notice of Trustee Sale and underwent a public auction. It includes both the successful and unsuccessful auctions. Those that were unsuccessful revert back to the lender.
Nevada Statewide Trends

These figures rank Nevada nationally on the basis of data provided by The Mortgage Bankers Association’s National Delinquency Survey. The Top 20 States in Foreclosure Inventory uses the proportion of outstanding loans that are in the foreclosure inventory - that is, the number of home loans reported to be in some stage of foreclosure divided by the total number of home loans serviced. The Top 20 States in Foreclosure Starts is a ranking that uses mortgage foreclosure starts as a percent of stock. In other words, this is the number of initiated foreclosures divided by the total number of home loans serviced.
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Northern Trends

Population: 614,491 in 2013  
Housing Units: 267,161 in 2013

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

(Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe County)
Northern Trends

- The share of homes sold under distress decreased by over one percentage point this month. This was due to a 40 percent decrease in the number of REO sales in Northern Nevada this month. Short sales actually increased by one percent from last month in Northern Nevada.

- Northern Nevada typically experiences a decrease in residential construction starts in the month of October. Total residential construction starts for Northern Nevada were still higher this month than they were for most other months of 2014.

- New home prices saw an unusually large increase while existing home prices saw an unusually large decrease this month in Northern Nevada. The average price gap between a new home and an existing home in Northern Nevada is now over $90,000.

### Single-Family Home Sales*

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<td>109</td>
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<td>Existing</td>
<td>1047</td>
<td>-2.4%</td>
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<td>Distress Share</td>
<td>12.2%</td>
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### Residential Construction

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<td>165</td>
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<td>56</td>
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### Average Single-Family Sales Price*

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<td>New</td>
<td>$343,954</td>
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<td>Existing</td>
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<td>Distress</td>
<td>$195,488</td>
<td>+0.7%</td>
<td>+16.1%</td>
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*Figures portray Three-Month Moving Weighted Averages
Northern Trends

Single-Family Home Prices

Date (January 2000 - October 2014)

Source: CoreLogic
Note: Series are 3-month weighted moving averages.

Single-Family Home Sales

Date (January 2000 - October 2014)

Source: CoreLogic
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Single-Family Distress Sales

Date (January 2000 - October 2014)

Source: CoreLogic
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Share of Distress Single-Family Home Sales

Date (January 2000 - October 2014)

Source: CoreLogic
Note: Series are 3-month weighted moving averages.
Northern Trends

Foreclosure Trends

- 90+ Days Delinquent
- Foreclosure Inventory

Source: CoreLogic

Equity Measures as of Quarter 3, 2014
(Home Value - Mortgage Balance)

- Positive Equity
- Negative Equity

Source: CoreLogic

Notices of Default and Repossessions

Source: RealtyTrac

Residential Home Auctions

Source: RealtyTrac
Nevada’s Housing Market | October 2014

Southern Trends

Population: 2,027,868 in 2013

Housing Units: 854,089 in 2013

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts (Clark County)
Southern Trends

- The share of homes sold under distress increased slightly this month in Southern Nevada. However, the total number of distressed property sales decreased just as the total number of homes sold decreased this month. Notably, the total number of REO sales in Southern Nevada decreased 8 percent from last month.

- Multifamily construction is now consistently making up a large share of total residential construction starts in Southern Nevada. October marks the fourth consecutive month of over 300 multifamily residential construction starts in Southern Nevada.

- New home prices saw a small decrease while existing home prices saw a small increase this month in Southern Nevada. The average price gap between a new home and an existing home in Southern Nevada is still over $110,000.

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<td>3324</td>
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<td>18.8%</td>
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<td>Total Starts</td>
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<td>532</td>
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<td>Multifamily</td>
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Southern Trends

**Single-Family Home Prices**

- **Date (January 2000 - October 2014)**
- **Source**: CoreLogic
- **Note**: Series are 3-month weighted moving averages.

**Single-Family Home Sales**

- **Date (January 2000 - October 2014)**
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**Single-Family Distress Sales**

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**Share of Distress Single-Family Home Sales**

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Southern Trends

Foreclosure Trends

- 90+ Days Delinquent
- Foreclosure Inventory

Source: CoreLogic

Equity Measures as of Quarter 3, 2014

(Home Value - Mortgage Balance)

Source: CoreLogic

Residential Home Auctions

Source: RealtyTrac

Notices of Default and Repossessions

Source: RealtyTrac
Nevada’s Housing Market | October 2014

Rural Trends

Population: **147,777** in 2013

Housing Units: **65,629** in 2012

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts (Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, and White Pine County)
Rural Trends

- New home sales were unchanged this month in Rural Nevada and remain considerably lower than they have been for the rest of 2014. Rural Nevada was the only region in Nevada to see an increase in existing home sales this month.

- The share of homes sold under distress continues to fluctuate each month in Rural Nevada. This month Rural Nevada saw a decreases in both REO sales and short sales. There were only two short sales that took place this month in Rural Nevada, the lowest amount of 2014.

- Existing home prices increased 8.8 percent this month in Rural Nevada, this was the largest monthly increase in existing home prices for Rural Nevada since 2005. Existing home prices in Rural Nevada are now the highest they have been since 2008.

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### Average Single-Family Sales Price*

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<td>+5.8%</td>
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Rural Trends

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Single-Family Home Sales

Source: CoreLogic
Note: Series are 3-month weighted moving averages.

Single-Family Distress Sales

Source: CoreLogic
Note: Series are 3-month weighted moving averages.

Share of Distress Single-Family Home Sales

Source: CoreLogic
Note: Series are 3-month weighted moving averages.
Rural Trends

Foreclosure Trends

- Count in Thousands
- Date (January 2000 - October 2014)
- Source: CoreLogic

Notices of Default and Repossessions

- Monthly Frequency
- Date (April 2005 - October 2014)
- Source: RealtyTrac

Equity Measures as of Quarter 3, 2014

- (Home Value - Mortgage Balance)
- Source: CoreLogic

Residential Home Auctions

- Monthly Frequency
- Date (April 2005 - October 2014)
- Source: RealtyTrac
About the Lied Institute

The Lied Institute was established in 1989 by the Lee Business School at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to foster excellence in real estate education and research. Through partnerships with business and community leaders, the Lied Institute strives to improve the real estate business and effective public policy practices in Southern Nevada. The institute produces relevant and timely real estate research, supports educational programs in real estate economics and finance for students and professionals, and provides community outreach and continuing education.

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