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## New Home Sales Fall Victim to Rates, Construction Woes

Applications for new home purchase mortgages **slowed significantly** in April when compared to March the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) said on Thursday. Its Builder Applications Survey (BAS) data shows the volume of applications declined 5 percent month-over-month, but remained 7.5 percent higher than during the previous April. The reported changes do not include any adjustments for typical seasonal patterns.

Based on the BAS report of applications, assumptions regarding market coverage, and other factors, the MBA estimates new single-family home sales were running at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of **656,000** units in April. This estimate represents a **decrease of 3.8 percent** from the March pace of 682,000 units. On an unadjusted basis, the MBA estimates that there were 63,000 new home sales in April 2018, down by 3.1 percent from the estimated 65,000 units in March.

Joel Kan, Associate Vice President of Economic and Industry Forecasting said, "Despite a strong economy and job market, the decrease in April was likely due to a combination of **rising mortgage rates** and **slow new construction** activity, as builders still face a **shortage of skilled labor** and increasing materials costs, among other challenges."

**Conventional** loans composed 71.6 percent of loan applications, **FHA** loans had a 15.1 percent, VA loans 12.1 percent and RHS/USDA loans 1.2 percent. The average loan size of new homes decreased from \$337,597 in March to \$336,870 in April.

MBA's Builder Applications Survey tracks application volume from mortgage subsidiaries of home builders across the country. Utilizing this data, as well as data from other sources, MBA provides an early estimate of new home sales volumes at the national, state, and metro level. Official new home sales estimates are conducted monthly by the Census Bureau. In that data, new home sales are recorded at contract signing, which is typically coincident with the mortgage application. The Census Bureau's report on new home sales in April will be released on May 23.

## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.09%	+0.07	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.56%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.62%	+0.07	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.35%	+0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.30%	+0.06	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.42	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.28%	-0.48	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	-0.10	0.63
15 Yr. Fixed	6.61%	+0.01	0.65
30 Yr. FHA	6.89%	-0.03	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.22%	-0.09	0.58
5/1 ARM	6.56%	-0.04	0.66

Rates as of: 5/17

## Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	May 15	198.1	+0.51%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

# Who is Mid Valley Financial?

Mid Valley Financial, located in Fresno, CA, is the Central Valley’s premier destination for a wide range of residential and commercial real estate loans. Our commitment to excellence has made us a trusted partner for property buyers and investors seeking tailored financial solutions.

**\*\*Why Choose Us:\*\***

With a track record spanning back to our inception in 1985, we have established ourselves as a reliable and innovative lender. We proudly serve properties exclusively within California, having funded loans in all 58 counties of the state. Our deep-rooted experience enables us to navigate complex loan scenarios with expertise and efficiency.

**\*\*Our Approach:\*\***

At Mid Valley Financial, we prioritize your financial goals. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer, envisioning your dream property, refinancing an existing mortgage, or looking to tap into your property's equity, our seasoned loan officers offer a wealth of knowledge and over 300 years of collective experience. We ensure that your funds are prepared when you need them, providing a smooth and swift loan process.


**\*\*Unlocking Possibilities:\*\***

As one of California’s leading direct lenders, we've streamlined the loan process, minimizing obstacles that often deter borrowers. Many of our clients receive approvals within an hour, showcasing our dedication to quick and hassle-free solutions.

**\*\*Your Journey with Us:\*\***

Contact the MVF team today and let us put your journey to property ownership on cruise control. Our mission is to empower borrowers while fostering enduring and meaningful relationships. With highly competitive rates, a commitment to transparency, and a dedication to your financial success, Mid Valley Financial is your partner in realizing your real estate aspirations.

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	Value	Change
Builder Confidence	Mar 51	+6.25%