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U.S. MONTHLY HOUSE PRICE INDEX ESTIMATES 0.1 PERCENT PRICE DECLINE FROM MARCH TO APRIL

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. home prices fell **0.1** percent on a seasonally-adjusted basis from March to April, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency's monthly House Price Index. The previously reported 1.1 percent decline in March was revised to a 1.4 percent decline. For the 12 months ending in April, U.S. prices fell **6.8** percent. The U.S. index is **11.2** percent below its April 2007 peak.

The FHFA monthly index is calculated using purchase prices of houses backing mortgages sold to or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. For the nine Census Divisions, seasonally-adjusted monthly price changes from March to April ranged from -0.7 percent in the West South Central Division to +1.3 percent in the Mountain Division.

"Although monthly data are volatile, we may be starting to see signs of stabilization in prices for houses funded by conventional conforming loans, as the HPI is only down 0.3 percent for the first four months of the year," said FHFA Director James B. Lockhart.

Monthly index values and appreciation rate estimates are provided in the table and graphs on the following pages. As with FHFA's quarterly HPI, the estimates will be revised as new data become available. Quarterly HPI reports include updated monthly data presented in the same format as the attached table.

For detailed information concerning the monthly HPI, please see the [HPI Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#). The next release of monthly index data will be on July 22, 2009 and will include data for May. The next release of quarterly data will be on August 25, 2009 and will include results for the second quarter of 2009.

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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 \$6.3 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.

States in Each Census Division

Pacific Census Division:	Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California
Mountain Census Division:	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 Central	West South Central	East North Central	East South Central	New England	Middle Atlantic	South Atlantic
Mar 09 - Apr 09	-0.1%	-0.3%	1.3%	0.6%	-0.7%	-0.2%	0.7%	0.9%	-0.1%	-0.6%
Feb 09 - Mar 09	-1.4%	-1.7%	-3.0%	-2.0%	0.2%	-1.4%	-0.9%	-2.7%	-0.8%	-1.6%
<i>(Previous Estimate)</i>	-1.1%	-0.6%	-2.7%	-1.8%	-0.3%	-1.2%	-0.7%	-2.3%	-0.6%	-1.3%
Jan 09 - Feb 09	0.2%	2.2%	-0.7%	1.1%	1.2%	-1.2%	-0.5%	2.0%	0.6%	-1.0%
<i>(Previous Estimate)</i>	0.2%	2.2%	-0.4%	1.0%	1.2%	-1.2%	-0.4%	2.0%	0.6%	-1.0%
Dec 08 - Jan 09	0.9%	-2.4%	-0.5%	0.1%	-0.8%	2.9%	0.6%	1.5%	0.7%	3.6%
<i>(Previous Estimate)</i>	1.0%	-2.5%	-0.5%	0.0%	-0.7%	3.2%	0.6%	1.4%	0.5%	3.7%
Nov 08 - Dec 08	-0.2%	-1.3%	-0.3%	1.9%	1.1%	0.5%	0.7%	-0.2%	-1.5%	-1.5%
<i>(Previous Estimate)</i>	-0.2%	-1.3%	-0.3%	1.9%	1.1%	0.4%	0.7%	-0.1%	-1.5%	-1.3%
Oct 08 - Nov 08	-2.0%	-2.5%	-2.2%	-2.8%	-1.8%	-1.9%	-1.7%	-1.1%	-0.6%	-2.4%
<i>(Previous Estimate)</i>	-2.0%	-2.6%	-2.2%	-2.9%	-1.9%	-1.9%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-0.5%	-2.7%
12-Month Change:										
Apr 08 - Apr 09	-6.8%	-17.1%	-10.2%	-2.9%	-1.3%	-4.5%	-3.0%	-2.1%	-3.3%	-9.8%

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
April-09	198.6	183.5	243.7	207.3	196.7	178.7	194.1	216.4	212.1	201.5
March-09	198.7	184.0	240.5	206.1	198.0	179.1	192.8	214.5	212.4	202.8
February-09	201.5	187.1	247.9	210.4	197.6	181.6	194.5	220.4	214.1	206.0
January-09	201.1	183.1	249.6	208.2	195.3	183.8	195.4	216.1	212.8	208.1
December-08	199.3	187.7	250.8	208.1	196.8	178.6	194.2	213.0	211.5	200.8
November-08	199.7	190.2	251.5	204.3	194.7	177.8	193.0	213.5	214.8	203.8
October-08	203.8	195.2	257.3	210.2	198.3	181.2	196.3	215.9	216.0	208.8
September-08	205.8	200.1	259.2	210.5	199.1	182.5	197.0	215.9	219.1	211.3
August-08	207.6	204.3	263.6	211.4	197.5	185.2	197.6	216.8	217.1	215.5
July-08	209.7	209.4	267.0	212.6	199.1	185.2	199.3	217.4	218.5	218.6
June-08	211.2	213.7	270.0	214.1	200.0	186.3	199.6	219.6	219.0	219.6
May-08	212.1	218.4	270.1	213.2	197.5	187.9	200.3	219.7	221.0	220.1
April-08	213.1	221.3	271.5	213.5	199.2	187.0	200.0	221.1	219.3	223.3
March-08	214.9	226.8	273.8	214.3	197.9	189.0	199.6	225.1	222.0	224.6
February-08	216.5	234.6	276.0	215.1	197.9	189.3	200.6	227.9	223.3	224.6
January-08	215.8	235.1	276.5	212.8	197.4	187.6	198.5	223.0	223.0	225.9
December-07	218.3	241.5	277.3	216.5	197.9	188.7	201.6	227.8	224.4	228.1
November-07	219.3	245.0	277.5	216.7	197.7	190.7	201.0	226.1	223.9	230.4

* - A listing of the states that comprise each Census Division is included in the house price index release materials.

Figure 1: Seasonally-Adjusted and Unadjusted Monthly Appreciation Rates

Purchase-Only Index--USA

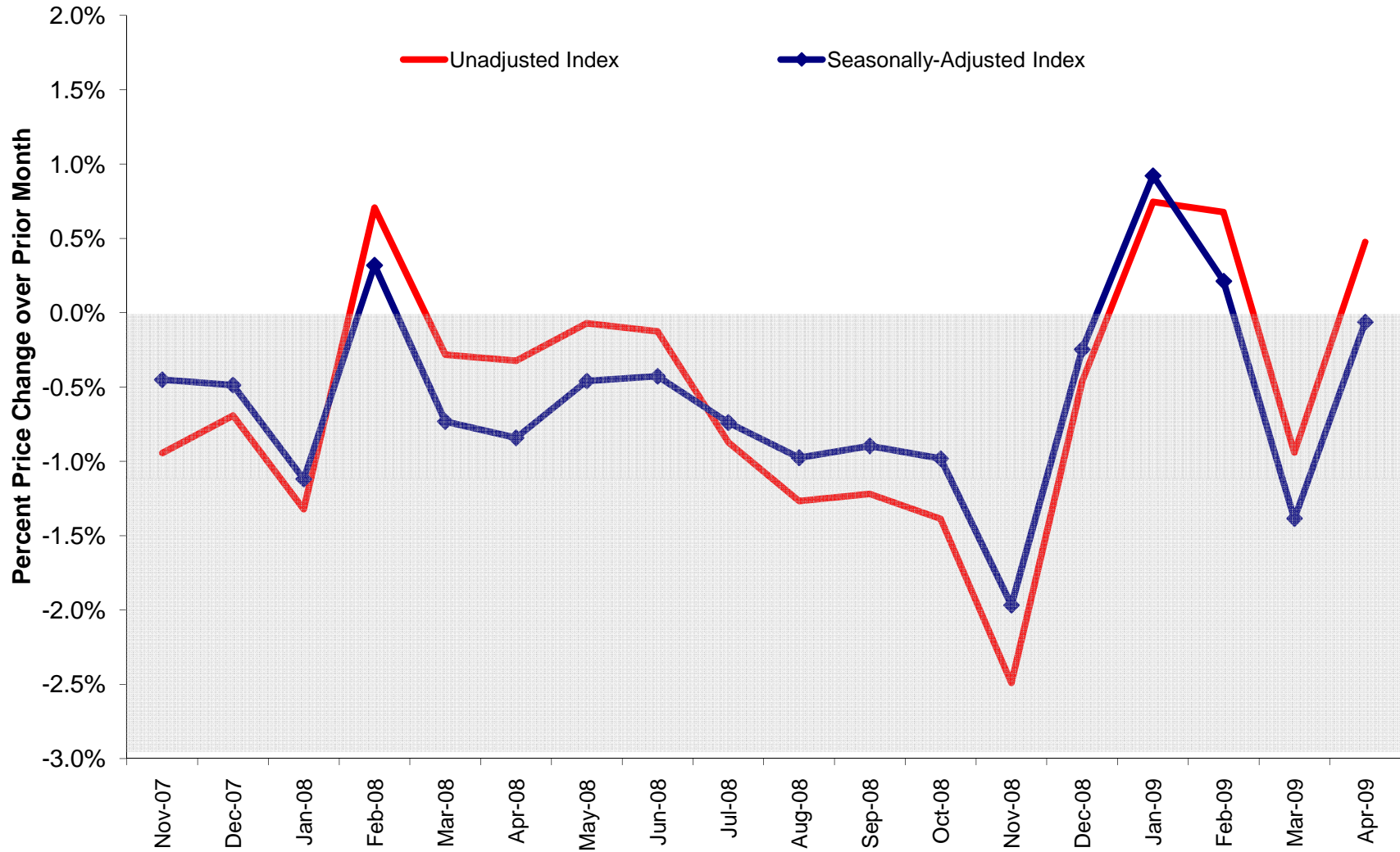
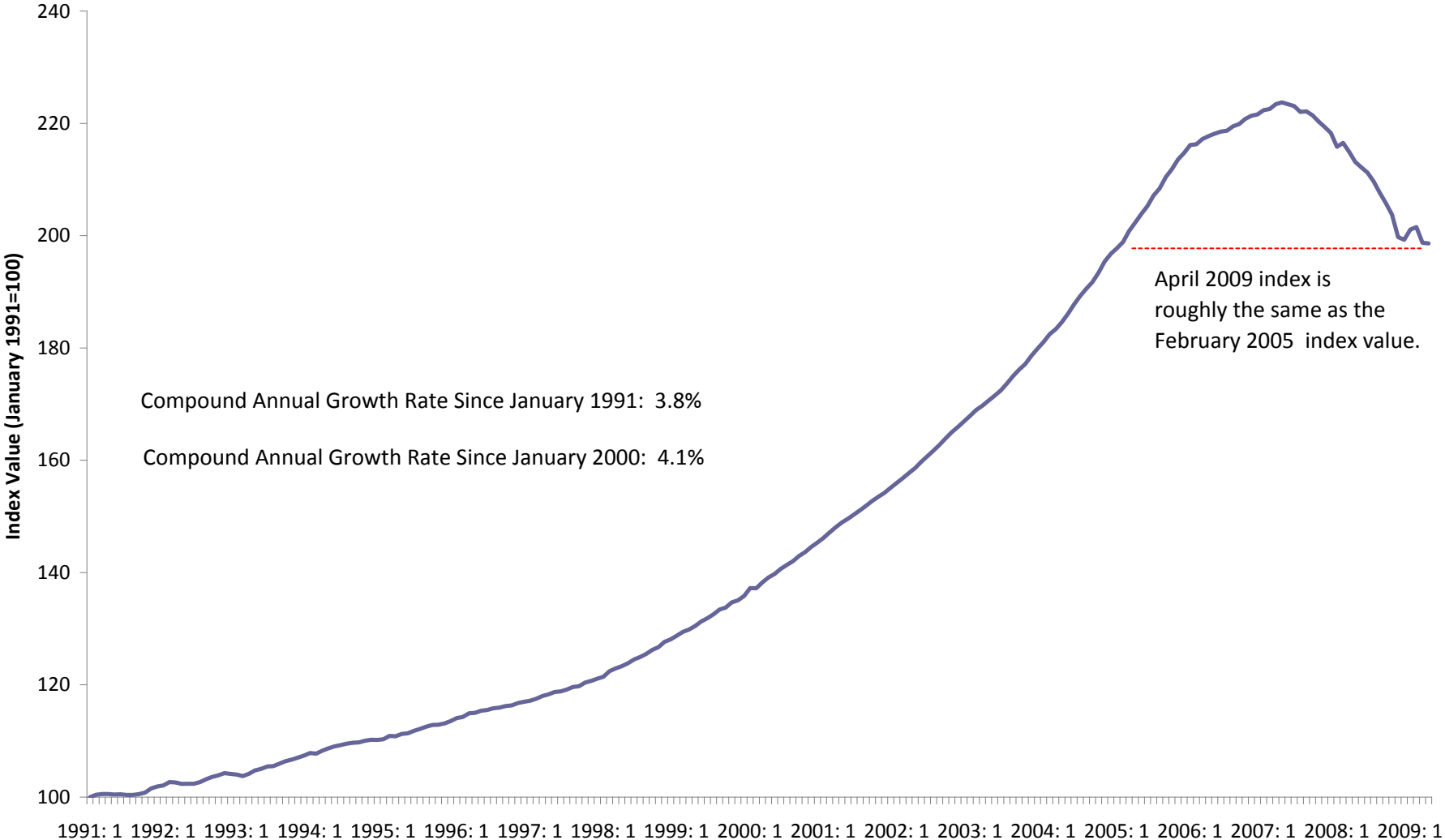


Figure 2: Monthly House Price Index for USA

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)

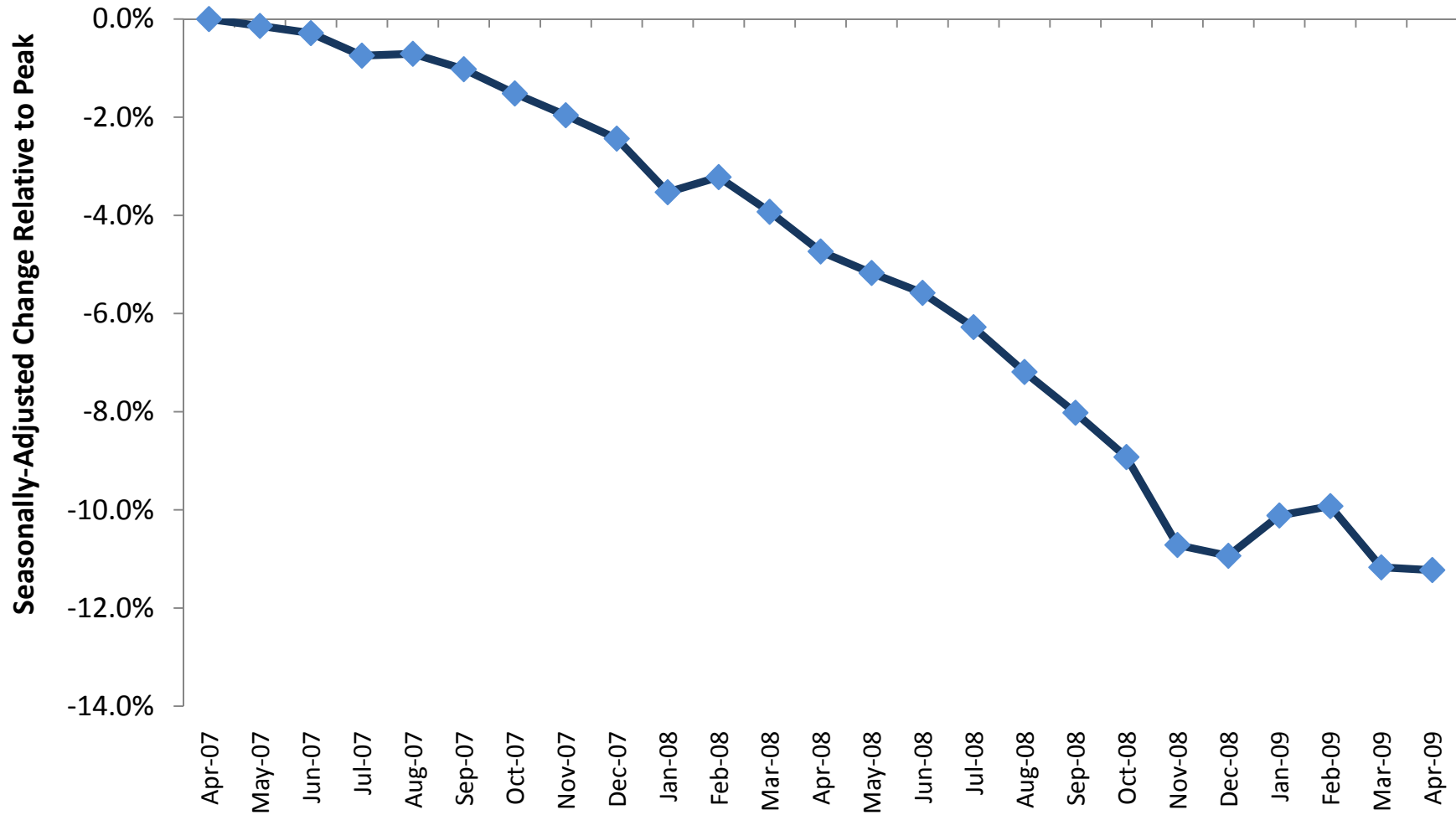


Figure 4: Twelve-Month Price Changes--Most Recent Year vs. Prior Year

