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# We Make Home Happen.™

Our goal is simple:

To help every family we serve get to "Yes."

Yes to the loan that unlocks the joy of home ownership.

Yes to the lending solution that meets every client's unique needs and wants.

That's why we dedicate our every resource to serve as your personal guide through the lending process, solving problems, building confidence. Aslan has access to every lending option leading to the purchase or refinance of a residential home loan.

This is more than work for us. It is our unique joy in this life to share our collective skill, creativity, and care to bring you and your family right to where you belong.

Let's make home happen. CONTACT ME TODAY

## Pending Home Sales Set a New Record, but not in a Good Way

Home sale numbers continue to retreat and in July the National Association of Realtors'® (NAR) **Pending Home Sales Index (PHSI) fell to its lowest level.... Ever!** 



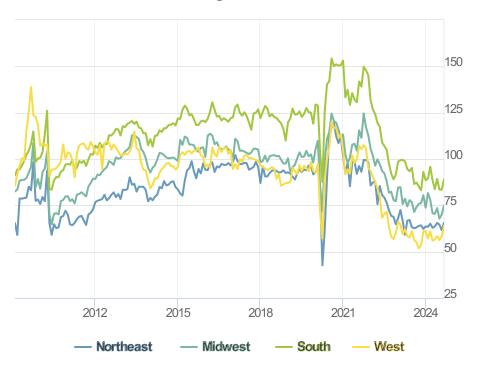
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Based on signed sales contracts for existing single-family houses, townhomes, condos, and cooperative apartments, **the PHSI** was down 5.5 percent from June to 70.2. This is 8.5 percent lower than the index for July 2023.



**Pending Home Sales** 

The PBHSI is considered a leading indicator of home sales over the next one to two months. NAR cautions, however, that the amount of time between pending contracts and completed sales is not identical for all home sales. Variations in the length of the process from pending contract to closed sale can be caused by issues such as buyer difficulties with obtaining mortgage financing, home inspection problems, or appraisal issues. The index was benchmarked at 100 in 2001, a year in which contract activity was considered average.

**"A sales recovery did not occur in midsummer,"** said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "The positive impact of job growth and higher inventory could not overcome affordability challenges and some degree of wait-and-see related to the upcoming U.S. presidential election."

The index fell month-over-month in all four major regions. The Northeast slid 1.4 percent to 64.6 but did pull off a 2.4 percent gain from the previous July.

In terms of home sales and prices, **the New England region has performed relatively better than other regions in recent months**," added Yun. "Current lower, falling mortgage rates will no doubt bring buyers into market."

The Midwest index retracted 7.8 percent to 67.8 which was down 11.4 percent from one year ago.

The **PHSI in the South was 83.5**, a **6.5 percent loss** in a month and 11.5 percent lower than in July 3023. **The West's index shrunk 3.8 percent and 6.0 percent from the two earlier period**s, registering 56.2.

NAR will release existing home sales numbers for August on September 19.