# **INDUSTRY**

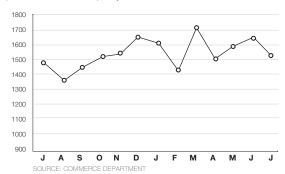


## Residential Construction/Sales

13 months of housing starts and existing-home sales

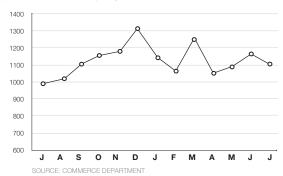
#### **Total starts**

(in thousands, SAAR) July: 1,534,000



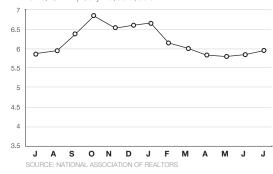
## **Single-family starts**

(in thousands, SAAR) July: 1,111,000



### **Existing-home sales**

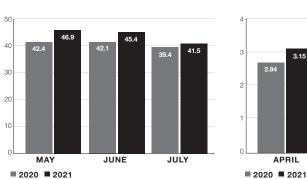
(in millions, SAAR) July: 5,990,000

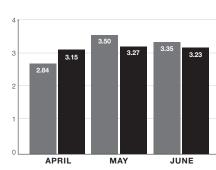


## Monthly Retail Sales, not adjusted

home centers and pro dealers (NAICS 444) and hardware stores (NAICS 44413)

NAICS 444 (sales in \$ billions)



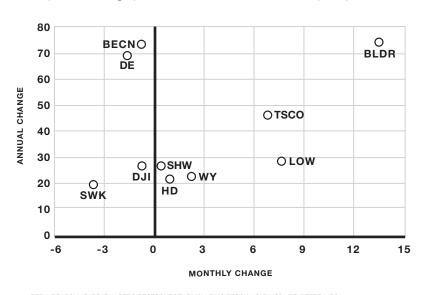


NAICS 44413 (sales in \$ billions)

SOURCE: MONTHLY RETAIL TRADE REPORT FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

## HBSDealer Stock Roundup

the percent-change performance of stocks based on Sept. 9 prices

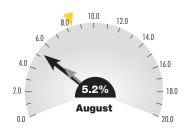


BECN (BEACON); BLDR (BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE); BMCH (BMC STOCK HOLDINGS); DE (DEERE & CO.);
HD (HOME DEPOT); LOW (LOWE'S); SHW (SHERWIN-WILLIAMS); SWK (STANLEY); TSCO (TRACTOR SUPPLY);
WY (WEYERHAEUSER); DJIA (DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE)

## Consumer Watch

#### **Unemployment rate**

for the entire United States



## **Consumer confidence**

indexed to a value of 100 in 1985



#### Gas prices

average price per gallon (regular)





SOURCES: LABOR DEPARTMENT, THE CONFERENCE BOARD, AAA