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Even More Americans Now Say Real Estate is the Best Investment

Winning.....For the 8th year in a row, Gallup is reporting that more Americans prefer real estate over other long-term investment vehicles for growing wealth. [Click here to read more.](#)

Existing Home Sales See Third Straight Month

of Declines

The National Association of Realtors is reporting that existing home sales were down 2.7% in April to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 5.851 million (up 33.9% from one year ago). Total housing inventory at the end of April was 1.16 million units, down 20.5% from one year ago. [Click here to read more.](#)

New Home Sales Down 5.9% from March

The U.S. Government is reporting that sales of new single-family houses in April, 2021 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 863k, which is 5.9% lower than March's revised rate and is 48.3% higher than one year ago. [Click here to read more.](#)

Black Knight Says Forbearance Volume Up Slightly in May

Black Knight says forbearance volumes rose by 16k (+0.74%), in May, which they say is only the second increase over the past 12 weeks. As of mid-May there were 2.18 million (4.1% of homeowners) mortgages remaining in COVID-19-related forbearance plans. [Click here to read more.](#)

AAA Says 37 Million Americans Will Travel Over Memorial Day

Last year, due to the pandemic, AAA declined to issue their annual Memorial Day travel forecast for the first time in decades. Now, fast-forward one year, the pandemic is winding down (hopefully) and AAA is back with their prediction that over 37 million Americans will travel this Memorial Day Weekend. [Click here to read more.](#)

S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Index Up 13.2%

According to the latest S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Indices, covering all nine U.S. census divisions, the rate of home price increases reported a 13.2% annual gain in March, 2021. [Click here to read more.](#)

Home Prices Increase in 75% of Opportunity Zones During Q1 2021

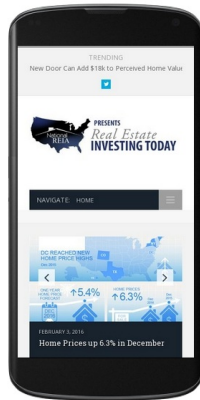
A new report from ATTOM Data Solutions says that median home prices increased from Q1 2020 to the first Q1 2021 in 75% of Opportunity Zones and rose by at least 10% in nearly to two-thirds of them. [Click here to read more.](#)

5¢ Cucumbers

CCIA's Jane Garvey says Cucumbers are just too expensive! We have a right to cucumbers! We need more affordable cucumbers! We find a legislator that agrees with us. They write a bill legislating that cucumbers can't be sold for more than 5¢. [Click here to read more.](#)

Happy Memorial Day!

Infographic: Monday, May 31st is Memorial Day. For most Americans the three-day weekend will mark the unofficial start of summer. However, the solemn significance of the day is often forgotten. [Click here to read more.](#)



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