



## Your weekly news & updates

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### Housing Starts Up 11.8% in November

The U.S. government is reporting that privately-owned housing starts in November were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,679,000, which is 11.8% higher than October's revised number and 8.3% higher than one year ago. [Click here to read more.](#)

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### Yardi Says Multifamily Outlook Strong Despite Rent Deceleration

According to the latest Yardi Matrix Multifamily Report, the average U.S. multifamily rents in October increased \$4 to \$1,590 (13.5% year-over-year). [Click here to read more.](#)

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### It's More Expensive to Own a Home than Rent in Most Metro Areas

We have seen stories like this before; is it cheaper to rent or own your home? A recent report from the National Association of Realtors says that in 101 out of 178 metro areas (56%), it is indeed more expensive to own a single-family

existing home than to rent. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Foreclosure Activity Up 94% from One Year Ago**

According to ATTOM Data's November U.S. Foreclosure Market Report, there were 19,479 properties in the U.S. with foreclosure filings. This figure is down 5% from the previous month, but it is up 94% from a year ago. In addition, November marks the 7th consecutive month of annual increases. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Gross Domestic Product by County for 2020**

How do America's counties stack up by gross domestic product (GDP)? A recent report from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis says real GDP increased in 864 counties, decreased in 2,234 counties, and was unchanged in 14 counties in 2020. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Selling a Smoker's House: Tips to Remove Smoke Residue and Get It Sold**

Kim Tucker says; Ok, it's time to sell your home, either your home or maybe you have inherited a home or you are helping a loved one downsize. The only problem, someone smoked in the house and now the walls are covered with yellow nicotine stains, and let's face it, it just plain STINKS! So how do you remove Smoke Residue when selling a smoker's house? [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **The Juiciest Highlights from Tarek, Christina, Chip, and Jo's Past Year**

Realtor.com (who else?) reminds us that in 2021 Chip and Joanna Gaines, Tarek El Moussa, Christina Haack, and the rest of reality TV royalty were busier than ever this year on screen flipping houses, unveiling new decor trends, rehabbing, loving or listing it, etc. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **The Impact of Student Debt on Life's Decisions**

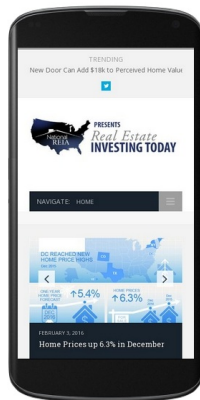
Infographic: Today's infographic illustrates the impact of student loan debt of life's decisions. Interestingly it points out that of those with student loans, 46% delayed moving out of a family member's home after college and 51% have delayed purchasing a home. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Have you made a positive difference to our communities and society at large?**

National REIA is proud of our association's and their member's contributions to their communities. We promote a spirit of "giving back" throughout our industry. Real Estate Investing has enhanced our lives and given us success so our mission to positively impact our communities is at the core of what we do. If you have a great story of how you have made an impact in your community or you have a member that has done amazing work to contribute, please take a moment to submit the story to [Caleb@nationalreia.org](mailto:Caleb@nationalreia.org) for inclusion in our publications, social media, and our website. We are excited to hear how our industry and those of us in it have made a positive difference to our communities and society at large!

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