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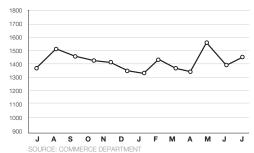


Residential Construction/Sales

13 months of housing starts and existing-home sales

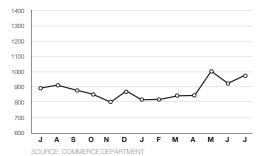
Total starts

(in thousands, SAAR) July: 1,452,000



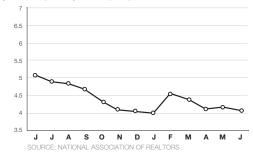
Single-family starts

(in thousands, SAAR) July: 983,000



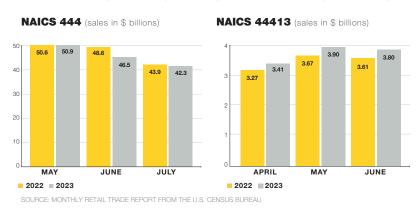
Existing-home sales

(in millions, SAAR) June: 4,160,000



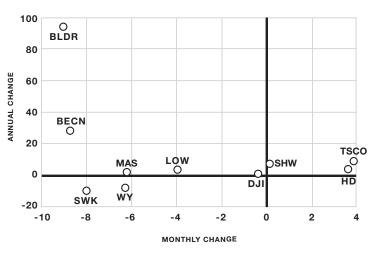
Monthly Retail Sales, not adjusted

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



HBSDealer Stock Roundup

the percent-change performance of stocks based on Aug. 17 prices



BECN (BEACON); BLDR (BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE); BMCH (BMC STOCK HOLDINGS); MAS (MASCO CORP.); 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)



Current Prior month Prior year

SOURCES: LABOR DEPARTMENT, THE CONFERENCE BOARD, AAA