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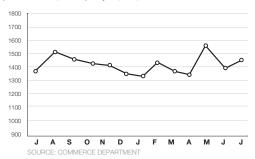


Residential Construction/Sales

13 months of housing starts and existing-home sales

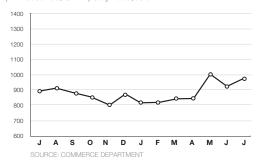
Total starts

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



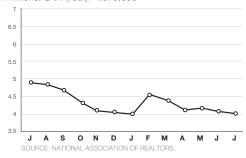
Single-family starts

(in thousands, SAAR) July: 983,000



Existing-home sales

(in millions, SAAR) July: 4,070,000

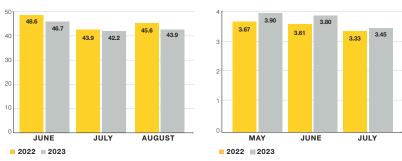


Monthly Retail Sales, not adjusted

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

NAICS 444 (sales in \$ billions)

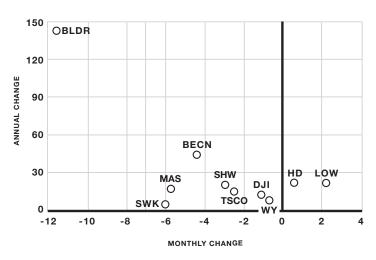




SOURCE: MONTHLY RETAIL TRADE REPORT FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

HBSDealer Stock Roundup

the percent-change performance of stocks based on Sept. 14 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



Consumer confidence



Gas prices



Current
Prior month
Prior year

SOURCES: LABOR DEPARTMENT, THE CONFERENCE BOARD, AAA