

Weekly Market Update

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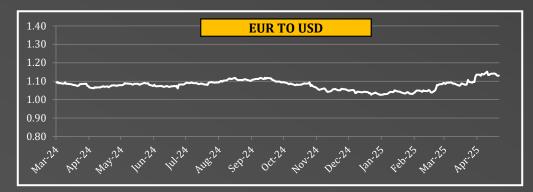






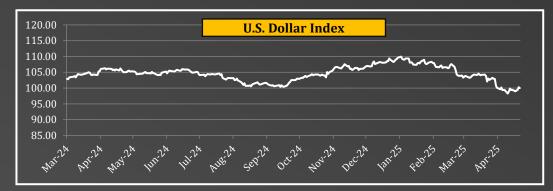
CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

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Currency	2022	2023	2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	Change in +/- %	High	Low
US Dollar Index	103.99	103.43	104.20	102.67	105.43	106.76	107.32	104.17	100.60	99.38	99.47	100.00	0.53%	114.11	70.70
EUR To USD	1.054	1.082	1.082	1.098	1.067	1.053	1.042	1.082	1.123	1.137	1.141	1.130	-0.89%	1.604	0.959
GBP To USD	1.237	1.244	1.278	1.300	1.281	1.260	1.255	1.292	1.315	1.327	1.331	1.327	-0.31%	2.040	1.070
USD To JPY	131.55	140.52	151.48	149.24	152.43	152.51	151.51	149.08	144.25	142.40	143.68	144.90	0.85%	161.59	75.58





- The US Dollar Index rose by 0.53% last week.
- USD rose against EUR by 0.89%



Currency Cross Rates

	USD	EUR	JPY	GBP	CHF	CAD	AUD	HKD
USD	-	1.132	0.007	1.328	1.211	0.724	0.648	0.129
EUR	0.883	-	0.006	1.173	1.070	0.640	0.572	0.114
JPY	144.170	163.215	-	191.458	174.625	104.380	93.365	18.603
GBP	0.753	0.853	0.005	-	0.912	0.545	0.488	0.097
CHF	0.826	0.935	0.006	1.096	-	0.598	0.535	0.107
CAD	1.381	1.564	0.010	1.834	1.673	-	0.895	0.178
AUD	1.544	1.748	0.011	2.051	1.870	1.118	-	0.199
HKD	7.750	8.774	0.054	10.292	9.387	5.611	5.019	-

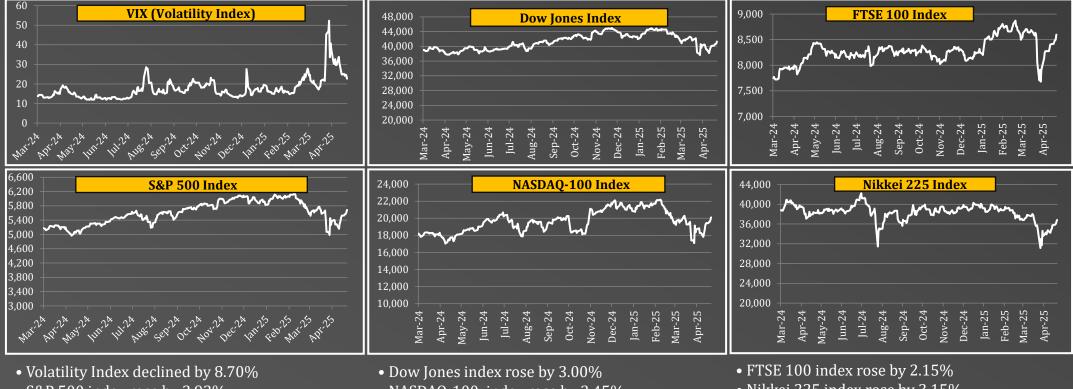
• USD rose against GBP by 0.31%

• USD rose against JPY by 0.85%



GLOBAL MARKET INDEXES

	Yearly	Averages	Price	Quarter	<mark>ly Averag</mark>	es Price	Month	ly Average	s Price	Week	dy Closing	Price	Last Week	2008-2	2025
Index	2022	2023	2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	Change in +/- %	High	Low
CBOE Volatility Index	25.6	16.8	15.5	16.9	17.3	18.5	17.0	21.8	31.9	29.7	24.8	22.7	-8.70%	82.7	9.1
S&P 500 Index	4,098	4,284	5,427	5,547	5,910	5,900	6,042	5,684	5,366	5,283	5,525	5,687	2.92%	6,144	752
Dow Jones	32,902	34,128	40,317	40,597	43,280	43,242	44,226	42,092	39,843	39,142	40,114	41,317	3.00%	45,014	6,547
NASDAQ-100	12,748	14,188	19,096	19,454	20,794	20,915	21,612	19,819	18,637	18,258	19,433	20,103	3.45%	22,176	1,269
FTSE 100	7,362	7,617	8,077	8,238	8,220	8,583	8,712	8,662	8,244	8,276	8,415	8,596	2.15%	8,871	3,830
Nikkei 225	27,265	30,659	38,315	38,121	38,930	38,505	38,741	37,333	34,411	34,730	35,706	36,831	3.15%	42,224	7,055



• S&P 500 index rose by 2.92%

• NASDAQ-100 index rose by 3.45%

• Nikkei 225 index rose by 3.15%



US TREASURY BOND RATES

	Yearly	Averages	Price	Quarter	rly Averag	es Price	Month	ly Average	s Price	Week	dy Closing	Price	Last Week	2008-2	2025
U.S. Treasury Bond	2022	2023	2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	Change in +/- %	High	Low
US 3-MO Yield in %	2.076	5.207	5.114	5.134	4.509	4.316	4.319	4.319	4.313	4.328	4.305	4.320	0.35%	5.520	(0.04)
US 2-YR Yield in %	2.994	4.598	4.382	4.062	4.156	4.157	4.217	3.971	3.790	3.800	3.762	3.840	2.07%	5.220	0.113
US 5-YR Yield in %	3.007	4.059	4.149	3.809	4.127	4.257	4.284	4.042	3.919	3.942	3.885	3.932	1.21%	4.960	0.200
US 10-YR Yield in %	2.955	3.956	4.207	3.958	4.277	4.458	4.450	4.280	4.276	4.330	4.266	4.322	1.31%	4.990	0.498
US 30-YR Yield in %	3.114	4.091	4.407	4.229	4.496	4.716	4.681	4.598	4.721	4.809	4.738	4.795	1.20%	5.100	0.938





COMMODITY PRICE SUMMARY

	Yearly	Averages	Price	Quarter	ly Averag	es Price	Month	ly Average	s Price	Week	ly Closing	Price	Last Week	2008-	2025		Avg
Commodity	2022	2023	2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	Change in +/- %	High	Low	Unit	Production Cost In U\$
Thermal Coal	358	175	136	140	139	108	105	101	96	95	95	98	2.78%	458	49	\$/t	55/t
Coking Coal Aus	358	293	247	214	216	190	193	178	183	184	186	187	0.54%	672	72	\$/t	100/t
Crude oil, Brent	99.02	82.07	79.74	78.59	73.93	74.84	74.86	71.36	66.34	67.96	65.80	61.29	-6.85%	145.60	19.30	\$/bbl	
Crude oil, WTI	94.38	77.53	75.68	75.23	70.23	71.45	71.20	67.90	62.92	64.00	63.02	58.29	-7.51%	145.30	(37.60)	\$/bbl	
Copper	8,817	8,479	9,145	9,207	9,184	9,334	9,340	9,731	9,183	9,103	9,364	9,375	0.12%	10,857	2,790	\$/t	4674/t
Iron ore	122	120	110	101	105	103	107	102	101	100	100	98	-1.73%	220	37	\$/t	55/t
Manganese Ore	4.85	4.44	4.50	4.61	4.12	4.09	4.14	4.17	4.25	4.28	4.22	4.23	0.22%	7.45	2.81	\$/dmtu	1.41/dmtu
Lithium	73,234	36,657	12,535	11,051	10,524	10,445	10,515	10,295	9,775	9,789	9,577	9,343	-2.44%	84,427	5,721	\$/t	3,565/t
Gold	1,802	1,943	2,389	2,477	2,661	2,858	2,897	2,986	3,229	3,326	3,320	3,239	-2.43%	3,435	713	\$/oz	1,276 /oz
Silver	21.80	23.40	28.26	29.46	31.30	31.85	32.14	33.24	32.25	32.50	33.06	32.01	-3.19%	48.50	9.00	\$/oz	10.88/oz
Palladium	2,103	1,335	983	970	1,010	960	972	958	943	951	943	954	1.17%	3,000	404	\$/oz	\$814/oz
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Panamax Index	2,298	1,440	1,561	1,547	1,159	1,064	1,042	1,268	1,323	1,273	1,392	1,368	-1.72%	9,999	282	Index	
Supramax Index	2,006	1,030	1,238	1,320	1,084	821	774	941	959	950	977	955	-2.25%	6,918	243	Index	
Panamax Price	20,679	12,967	14,046	13,915	10,431	9,580	9,375	11,411	11,906	11,460	12,528	12,310	-1.74%			\$/day	
Supramax Price	22,062	11,328	13,769	14,519	12,533	10,369	9,773	11,890	12,106	11,999	12,340	12,062	-2.25%			\$/day	

Please see below price changes last week compared to the week before,

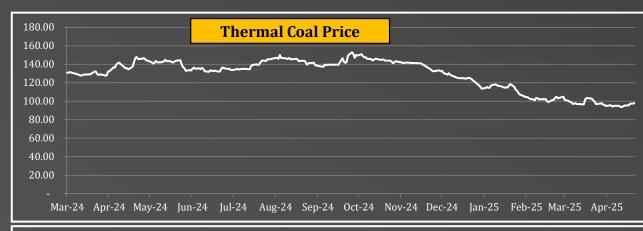
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- Coking Coal Australia price rose by 0.54%
- Crude Oil Brent price declined by 6.85%
- Crude Oil WTI declined by 7.51%
- Copper price rose by 0.12%
- Iron Ore price declined by 1.73%

- Manganese Ore price rose by 0.22%
- Lithium price declined by 2.44%
- Gold price declined by 2.43%
- Silver price declined by 3.19%
- Palladium price rose by 1.17%
- Steel scrap price rose by 3.64%
- Panamax shipping rates declined by 1.72%
- Supramax shipping rates declined by 2.25% last week



COMMODITY PRICE - COAL

	Yearly	Averages	Price	Quarter	rly Averag	es Price	Month	y Average	s Price	Week	dy Closing	Price	Last Week	2008-	2025		Avg
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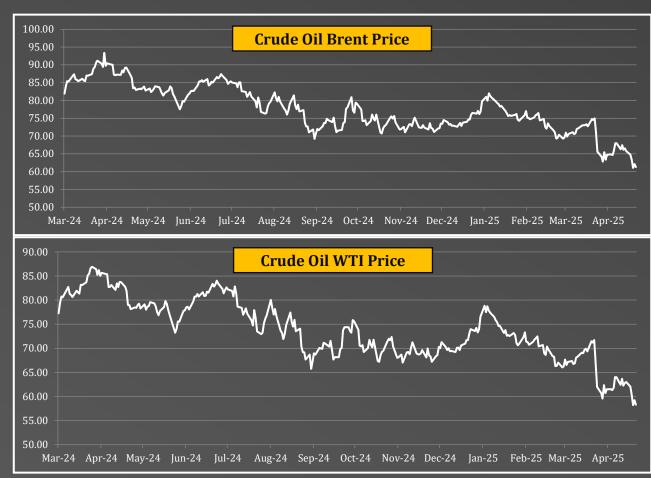
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Thermal coal price rose to \$98 per tonne, rebounding from the four-year low of \$93.7 from April 23rd as risks of lower supply from Australia momentarily offset the bearish pressure from ample Asian output and poor demand. Key producer Whitehaven noted that adverse weather in the March quarter hampered export activity later in April, halting the slide in Australian thermal coal. Still, futures remained over 20% down year-to-date. A warmer winter in China limited powerhungry heating demand and thermal coal exports. This magnified the 1.3% annual drop in output by Chinese fossilfuel power plants in the first two months of the year. Additionally, Indonesian production hit a record 836 million tonnes last year, exceeding its initial target by 18% even though growing investments in alternative power sources capped the demand for thermal coal. Further, China plans to boost output by 1.5% to 4.82 billion tons this year after the record amount of output in 2024.



COMMODITY PRICE – CRUDE OIL

	Yearly	Averages	Price	Quarter	rly Averag	es Price	Month	ly Average	s Price	Week	dy Closing	Price	Last Week	2008-2	2025	
Commodity	2022	2023	2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	Change in +/- %	High	Low	Unit
Crude oil, Brent	99.02	82.07	79.74	78.59	73.93	74.84	74.86	71.36	66.34	67.96	65.80	61.29	-6.85%	145.60	19.30	\$/bbl
Crude oil, WTI	94.38	77.53	75.68	75.23	70.23	71.45	71.20	67.90	62.92	64.00	63.02	58.29	-7.51%	145.30	(37.60)	\$/bbl



• Crude Oil Brent price declined by 6.85%

• Crude Oil WTI declined by 7.51%

Crude Oil price fell nearly 7% on lastweek as OPEC+ agreed to ramp up production, fueling fears about a global supply glut. OPEC+ will accelerate oil output hikes for a second consecutive month, raising output in June by 411,000 bpd. This could bring back as much as 2.2 million bpd to the market by November as the group's leader Saudi Arabia seeks to punish some fellow members that have exceeded their quotas. These supply concerns overshadowed earlier news about China weighing talks with the U.S. that could ease trade tensions between the two economic giants. On the geopolitical front, tensions in the Middle East increased after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to retaliate against the Houthis and to act against "their patron" Iran after a missile fired by the group landed near Israel's main airport. In response, Iran's Defense Minister Aziz Nasirzadeh warned on Sunday that Tehran would strike back if attacked by the U.S. or Israel.

COMMODITY PRICE – COPPER & IRON ORE





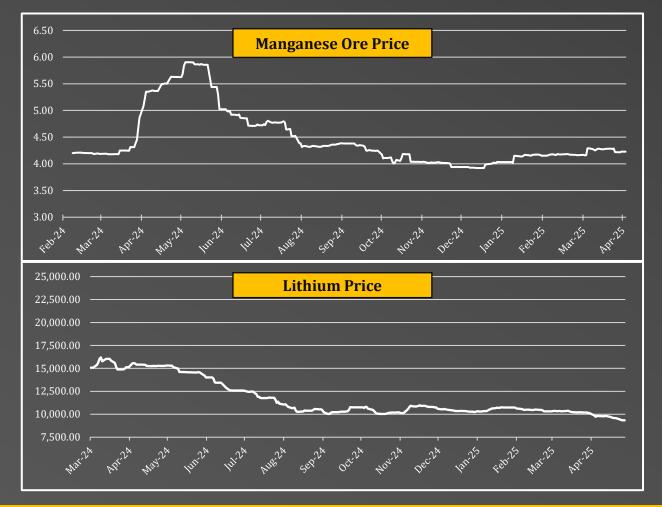
• Copper price rose by 0.12%

• Iron Ore price declined by 1.73%

Copper prices rose slightly on lastweek, as the dollar weakened on lingering uncertainty about US-China trade relations. President Donald Trump stated he has no plans to speak with his Chinese counterpart this week, though he signaled a willingness to reduce tariffs on Chinese imports to encourage trade. China indicated last week it may consider starting trade negotiations but stressed that Washington must first remove all unilateral tariffs to demonstrate sincerity. Investors are also awaiting further developments on potential US trade agreements with India, Japan, and South Korea, which could influence broader market sentiment. Adding to copper's upward momentum, a stronger-than-expected US jobs report for April helped ease fears of a tariff-induced slowdown, reinforcing demand expectations for industrial metals.

COMMODITY PRICE – MANGANESE & LITHIUM

	Yearly	Averages	Price	Quarter	rly Average	es Price	Month	y Average	s Price	Weeł	ly Closing	Price	Last Week	2008-2	2025		Avg
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Manganese Ore	4.85	4.44	4.50	4.61	4.12	4.09	4.14	4.17	4.25	4.28	4.22	4.23	0.22%	7.45	2.81	\$/dmtu	1.41/dmtu
Lithium	73,234	36,657	12,535	11,051	10,524	10,445	10,515	10,295	9,775	9,789	9,577	9,343	-2.44%	84,427	5,721	\$/t	3,565/t



- Manganese Ore price rose by 0.22%
- Lithium price declined by 2.44%

COMMODITY PRICE – GOLD & SILVER

	Yearly	Averages	Price	Quarter	ly Averag	es Price	Month	ly Average	s Price	Weeł	dy Closing	Price	Last Week	2008-	2025		Avg
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Gold	1,802	1,943	2,389	2,477	2,661	2,858	2,897	2,986	3,229	3,326	3,320	3,239	-2.43%	3,435	713	\$/oz	1,276 /oz
Silver	21.80	23.40	28.26	29.46	31.30	31.85	32.14	33.24	32.25	32.50	33.06	32.01	-3.19%	48.50	9.00	\$/oz	10.88/oz



• Gold price declined by 2.43%.

• Silver price declined by 3.19%

Gold price dropped more than 2% on lastweek, as the U.S. dollar softened amid persistent concerns over US-China trade relations. President Donald Trump said he has no plans to speak with his Chinese counterpart this week but signaled a willingness to lower tariffs on Chinese imports to boost trade. Last week, China indicated it may consider starting trade talks with the US, though it emphasized that Washington must first remove all unilateral tariffs to demonstrate sincerity. Investors are also turning their attention to this week's Federal Reserve policy meeting, where the central bank is widely expected to keep interest rates unchanged. Persistent trade-related uncertainty is likely to weigh on the Fed's outlook. The combination of a weaker dollar and geopolitical uncertainty has lent support to safe-haven assets like silver.

COMMODITY PRICE – STEEL SCRAP & PALLADIUM

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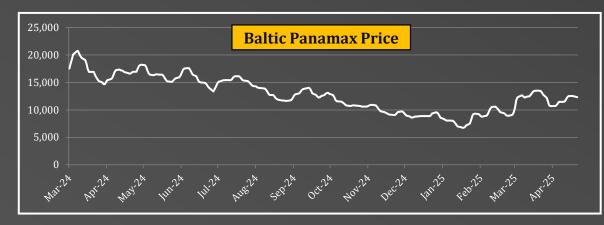
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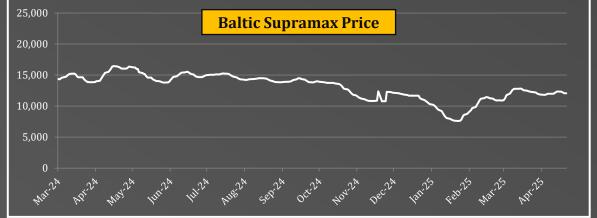


BALTIC SHIPPING RATES



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• Panamax price rose by 1.72% last week

This week was characterized by fragmented activity due to various holidays around the world. In the Atlantic basin, fresh demand was minimal, but with a modest tonnage count, rates remained steady for most of the limited trans-Atlantic and front haul fixtures. Notably, a scrubber-fitted 82,000-dwt vessel delivered in the Spanish Mediterranean secured a rate of \$17,750 for a trip via North Coast South America to the Far East. South America saw little change throughout the week, with rates starting to feel some pressure for end-May arrivals in Asia, and only a few fixtures emerging. Asia, also affected by holidays, lacked momentum despite increased coal demand from Indonesia and Australia. Indonesian round coal trips were the most active, starting the week around \$11,500 but dropping to approximately \$10,850 by week's end. With minimal support from the FFA market, there was limited period news. However, at the start of the week, an 82,000-dwt vessel delivered in China achieved a rate of \$12,000 for 8/10 month's period.

• Supramax price rose by 2.25% last week

With the shipping event in Geneva and the widespread May Day holiday it was a rather subdued week overall. The Atlantic lacked much fresh impetus especially from the US Gulf and Continent, although the South Atlantic remained rather positional. From the US Gulf a 55,000-dwt was heard fixed for a trip from Mississippi to NC South America at \$9,750. Whilst from South America, a 63,000-dwt was heard fixed delivery Recalada trip to SE Asia at \$13,750 plus \$375,000 ballast bonus. Sentiment remained poor from the Asian arena as demand waned from Indonesia. A 57,000 was heard fixed delivery Indonesia trip to China at \$9,250. From the north, a 63,000-dwt was heard fixed delivery WC Canada for a trip EC India-Bangladesh at \$13,250 plus \$370,000 ballast bonus. The Indian Ocean bubbled along, a 57,000 was heard fixed basis delivery Mormugao trip to China at \$10,000. Whilst a 63,000-dwt fixed delivery Fujairah trip redelivery Bangladesh at \$18,000.

CHINESE MAJOR DRY BULK IMPORT STATISTICS



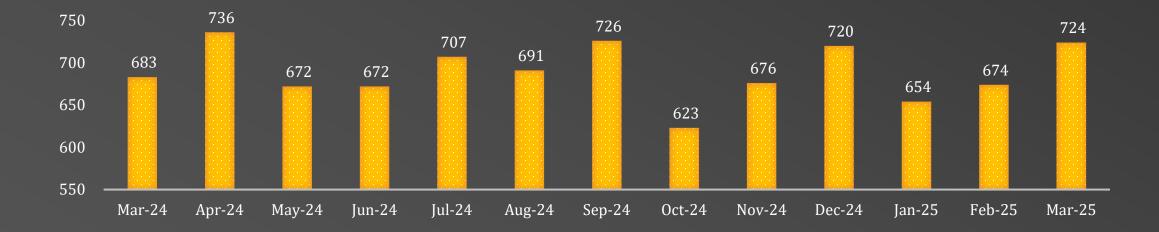
Commodity	Unit	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Coal and lignite	on es	33.75	41.38	45.25	43.82	44.60	46.21	45.84	47.59	46.25	54.98	52.35	38.06	38.06	38.73
Copper ore and concentrates	illion	2.20	2.33	2.35	2.26	2.31	2.17	2.57	2.44	2.31	2.24	2.52	2.36	2.36	2.39
Iron ore and concentrates	T ₀	97.51	100.72	101.82	102.03	97.61	102.81	101.39	104.13	103.84	101.86	112.49	95.68	95.68	93.97



In March 2025, China imported 38.73 million tonnes of coal and lignite, down 6.4% year-on-year. Copper imports rose 2.7% to 2.39 million tonnes, while iron ore and concentrate imports fell 6.7% to 93.97 million tonnes compared to March 2024.

US NEW HOME SALE DATA

Sales Data	Unit	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Change on Last Month in +/- %
New Home Sale in US	In 1000's	683	736	672	672	707	691	726	623	676	720	654	674	724	7.4%



Sales of new single-family houses in March 2025 were at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 724,000, according to estimates released jointly by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is 7.4 percent above the February 2025 rate of 674,000, and is 6.0 percent above the March 2024 rate of 683,000.

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