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PINAL COUNTY, ARIZ. LEADS EMBARGOED UNTIL TBD
NATION IN HOUSING

LENGTH(:45 SECONDS)

CURRENT DATE

ANNOUNCER:

ARIZONA'S PINAL (pi-NAL) COUNTY, WHICH IS NEAR PHOENIX, HAD THE HIGHEST GROWTH RATE OF HOUSING UNITS IN THE NATION, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS BUREAU. NEIGHBORING MARICOPA (mar-a-CO-pa) LED THE COUNTRY IN THE NUMBER OF HOMES ADDED BETWEEN 2005 AND 2006. THREE FLORIDA COUNTIES WERE ALSO BIG GAINERS, WITH SUMTER, FLAGLER, AND LEE RANKING IN THE TOP FIVE IN THE RATE OF HOUSING UNIT GROWTH. IN LOUISIANA, ORLEANS AND SAINT BERNARD PARISHES EACH LOST MORE THAN HALF OF THEIR HOUSING SUPPLY. BOTH PARISHES WERE HARD-HIT BY HURRICANE KATRINA. AT THE STATE LEVEL, NEVADA HAD THE FASTEST-GROWING HOUSING SUPPLY, WHILE FLORIDA ADDED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF HOMES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT W-W-W-DOT-CENSUS-DOT-GOV.

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