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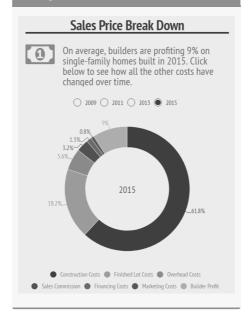
Key Definitions	
Start	Event at which time construction begins on a fully developed lot
Sale	Event in which home or lot goes "under contract" with a buyer, meaning the buyer has made a commitment to purchase the asset
Closing	Event preceding sale where title of the asset changes from the seller to buyer and consideration (cash) is received by the seller. This is the point that revenue is recognized.
HUD	Short for Dept of Housing and Urban Development Settlement Statement 1, this form is generated for every closing (lots and homes)
IRR	Short for internal rate of return, this metric is commonly seen in land deals to guarantee the seller a specific return based on cash flows
Escalator	Gradual increases in lot prices by a set percentage over time. Commonly seen in land deals and used by the seller to incent- ivize the buyer to purchase lots more quickly
Draw	Request for funding/ cash based on work performed. Seen in construction lending and mechanics lien jobs
EM	Earnest money or up-front deposits made by a buyer prior to a purchase which are typically credited at closing

Key Definitions (cont)

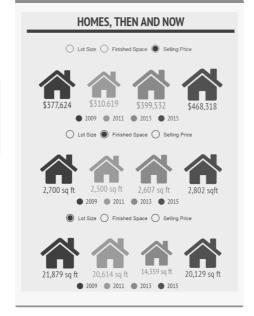
Contract guaranteeing a buyer's right to purchase property.
Homebuilders commonly supplement their lot inventory by optioning lots from third-party developers

Average Costs of a Home

Contract



Housing Trends



Construction Cycle

Acquis- ition	Raw undeveloped land is purchased by a developer.
Development	Process of clearing and grading the land so that construction can begin. Other tasks included in this stage include zoning changes, development of site plans, environmental impact studies, and construction of common area features (roads, green spaces, border walls, etc.). Time to complete this stage varies depending on the size of the property, but generally takes longer than one year. Large parcels of land are developed in phases.
Dooord	Cita plan for community or

Record-	Site plan for community or
ati-	specific phase is filed with the
on/Plat	city

Sale of Sale of Finished Lots Finished

Lots

Home Homebuilder builds home on lot

Construction elevations and model. Lead time

can take anywere from 6 - 12

months depending on the type

of home.

Sale/ Buyer commits to buying
Closing finished home. Generally after a
30-day window, home is closed
to the buyer.

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Margin Definitions

Gross Sales revenue less all cost of
Margin sales items except for commission, warranty, and interest

expenses

Direct Sales revenue less all cost of

Margin sales items except for warranty

and interest expenses

Contri- Sales revenue less all applicable bution cost of sales amounts

Margin

Market Cycle



Inventory Classifications (cont)

Backlog Cumulative value of all completed homes and homes under construction where a valid sales contract exists

QI Date Short for quality inspection, this final inspection of the home signifies that it is substantially complete (ie. no longer under construction)

Construction Lead Times



Inventory Classifications

Build-Job Home where buyer selects

floor plan and various interior and exterior details of the

Home where the buyer

home

Mechanic's Lien Job

purchases the lot prior to starting construction. The homebuilder then provides construction services at a "cost-plus" arrangement supported by regular draws or payments from the owner of

the lot.

Spec

Homes that are either finished or under construction where no valid sales contract exists

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