

# Summer Webinar Series: 2013 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey

Jessica Lautz August 6, 2013



#### Methodology

- Online panel
- Based on representative panel of U.S. households
- 2,326 households responded—represents 2,751 home purchases

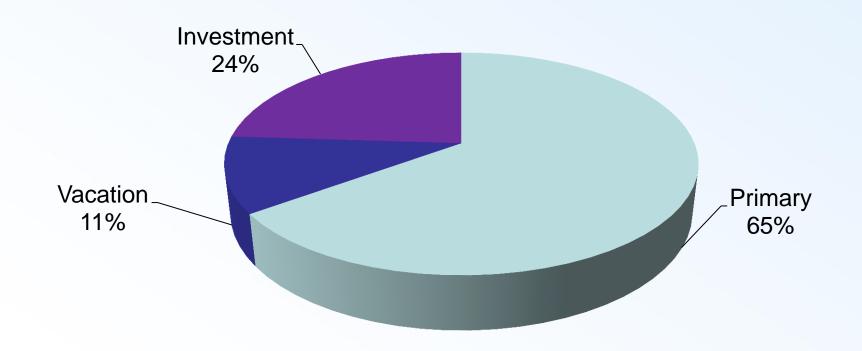


## **Share of Sales**



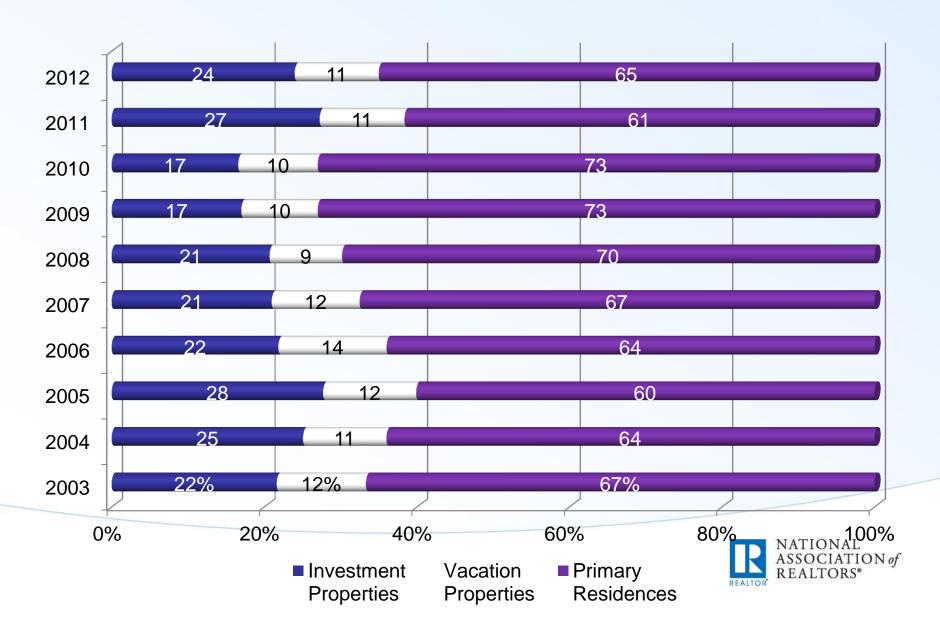


#### Share of Home Sales





#### Share of Sales 2012-2003





# Buyer Characteristics



## Buyer Demographics

	Primary Buyers	Vacation Buyers	Investment Buyers
Median Age	40	47	45
Median Household Income	\$76,600	\$92,100	\$85,700
Percent With 2 Income Earners	49%	48%	48%
Racial/Ethnic Background			
White/Caucasian	84%	78%	75%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	10	14
Black/African American	6	10	8
Hispanic/Latino	4	4	4



# Age Vacation and Investment Buyers 2005-2013





# Income Vacation and Investment Buyers 2005-2013



# **Property Characteristics**





## Property Differences

	Primary Buyers	Vacation Buyers	Investment Buyers
Median Distance to Primary	NA	435	21
Location			
Small town	18%	21%	25%
Rural area	18	17	20
Suburb/Subdivision	45	21	28
Urban area/Central City	18	21	20
Resort area	1	19	7
Type of Home			
Detached single-family	82%	60%	58%
Townhouse or row house	5	10	12
Condo/duplex	5	12	10



# Purchasing and Financing



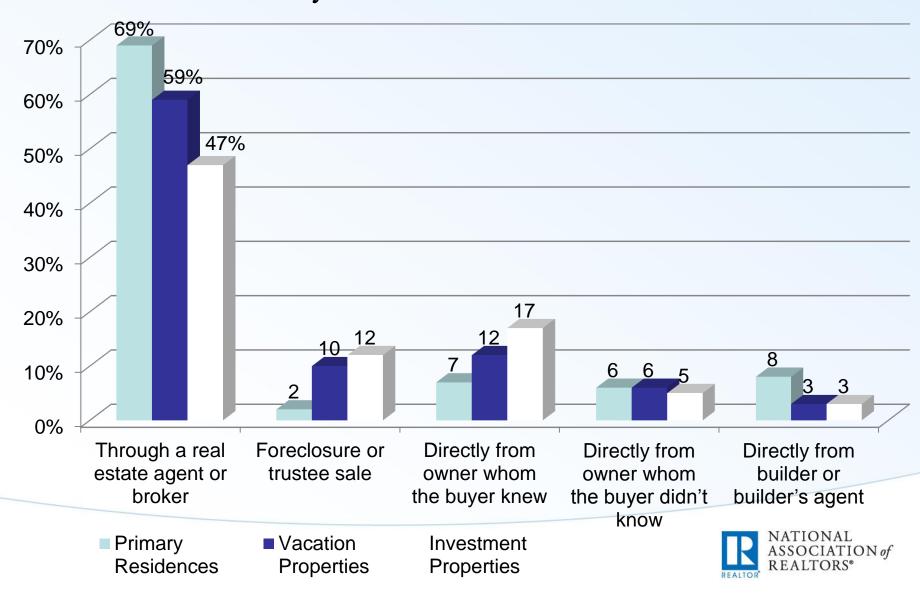


## First Step in the Home Search

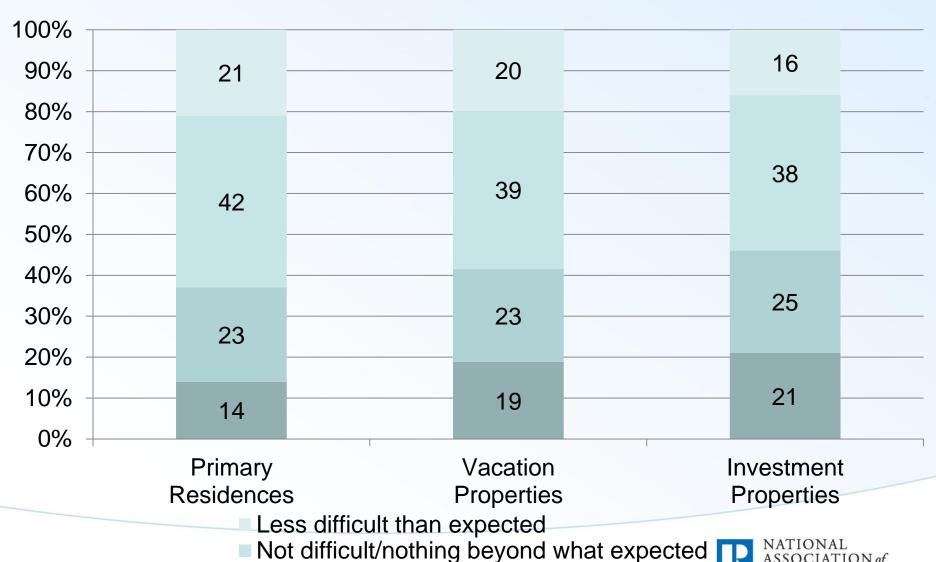
	Primary Buyers	Vacation Buyers	Investment Buyers
Looked online for properties for sale	30%	26%	21%
Looked online for information about the home buying process	14	18	10
Contacted a real estate agent	13	15	15
Talked with a friend or relative about the home buying process	8	7	13
Drove-by homes/neighborhoods	7	6	10
Visited open houses	6	8	7



#### How Buyer Purchased the Home



#### Difficulty of Financing

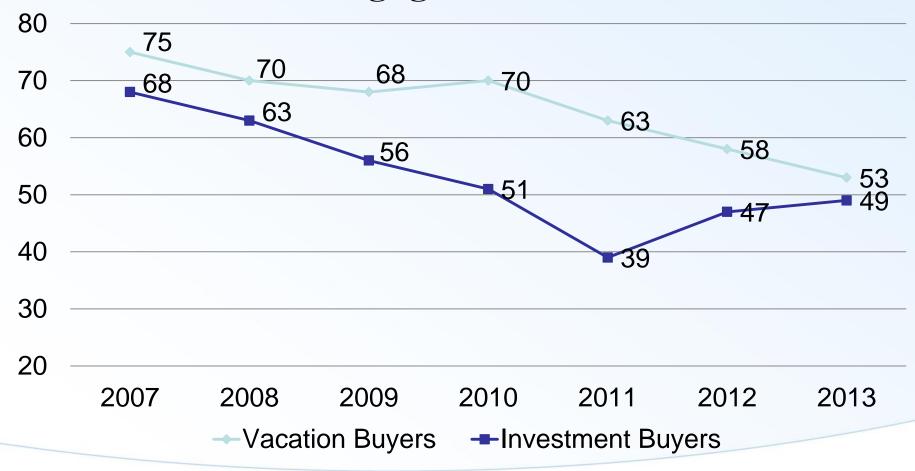


Somewhat more difficult than expected

ASSOCIATION of REALTORS\*

■ Much more difficult than expected

# Investment and Vacation Buyers Used a Mortgage 2007-2013





#### Percent of Home Financed

	Vacation Buyers	Investment Buyers
Logo than 700/	·	·
Less than 70%	44	43
70% to 79%	23	24
80% to 89%	19	18
90% to 94%	7	3
95% to 99%	3	5
100% – Financed the entire purchase price with a mortgage	5	8



# Motivation and Expectations



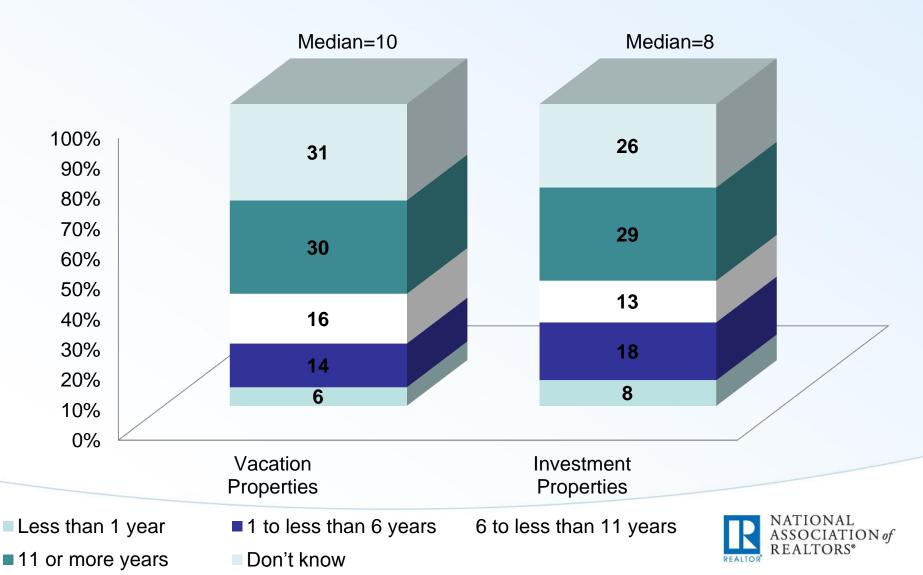


## Reasons for Purchasing Home

	Vacation Properties	Investment Properties
To use for vacations or as a family retreat	80%	20%
To use as principal residence in the future	27	8
To rent to others	23	55
To diversify investments/Good investment opportunity	23	30
For a family member, friend or relative	11	16
Because the buyer had extra money to spend	11	7
For the tax benefits	10	15



#### Length of Time Plan on Owning



#### Outlook of Buyers

- 47% of investment buyers and 37% of vacation buyers are likely to buy an investment property again in the next 2 years
- 31% of investment buyers and 29% of vacation buyers are likely to buy a vacation property again in the next 2 years
- 78% of vacation buyers and 78% of investment buyers think it's a good time to purchase real estate





#### Where to find NAR Research

- Jessica Lautz: <u>ilautz@realtors.org</u>, 202-383-1155
- NAR Research <u>www.realtor.org/research-and-statistics</u>
- Economists' Outlook Blog:
   economistsoutlook.blogs.realtor.org
- FaceBook: <u>facebook.com/narresearchgroup</u>
- Twitter: twitter.com/NAR\_Research

