

Get the latest update from our own Jeff Bridges, Chief Economist at Enact. Check out some key economic observations from the **weeks of Nov. 18 – 29, 2024.** 

## **Key Points:**

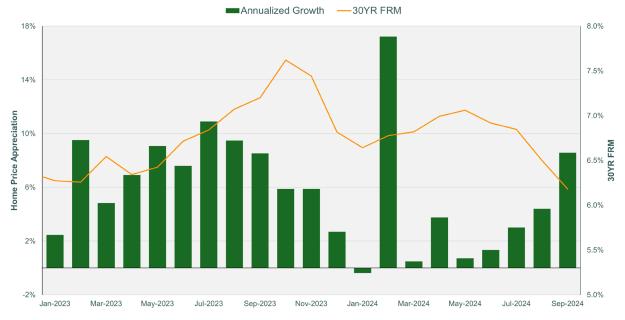
- The <u>pace of new single-family home sales</u> fell in October; sales are down by 9.4% year-over-year.
  - In the near-term, sales are supported by units in the construction pipeline
  - Single-family units under construction are down 22% from peak levels in 2022, though up 22% from 2019 average levels.



## **New Single Family Home Trends**

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Home prices rose at an 8.6% annualized rate in September according to the <u>FHFA</u> <u>Purchase-Only Index</u> – the fastest pace since February.
  - Home price appreciation accelerated over the third quarter as <u>mortgage rates</u> <u>fell</u>.



FHFA Purchase Index (Jan. 2023 - Present)



Sources: Federal Housing Finance Agency, Freddie Mac