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Home Buyers Find MLS Listings Sites Best Source for Local Real Estate by [Corwin Smith](#)

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According to the 2011 National Association of Realtors® Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, mls listings sites are the number one source of real estate and homes for sale for today's internet savvy home buyers. The MLS or Multiple Listing Service is the real estate database used by Realtors and includes just about every home for sale in any real estate market.

Years ago when people wanted to shop for a home about the only way you could see what was available was to drive around and look for "for sale" signs in front yards. The other way was to call a local real estate agent and ask them to help you find a home in a certain area or city as they had access to most of the homes for sale through the exclusive data base of all mls listings. At the time it was about the only way to shop for real estate and while it worked, it tended to take a long time and the home buyer had little control over the process.

Times have seriously changed and today, thanks to the Internet, consumers can access most of the homes for sale and mls listings anywhere in the US from the same database used by local real estate agents. Commonly referred to as the MLS or Multiple Listing Service, this is the database that Realtors use to manage the local inventory of homes for sale and research homes for sale for their clients. Today homebuyers can access the local database of mls listings and search for homes for sale using criteria like, price, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, size, style and other characteristics.

Now when you call a Realtor to help you buy a home, you can give them the list of homes you have already found and researched on the mls and simply ask them to make appointments to show you those houses.

MLS Maps has created a national directory of local mls listing sites to make it even easier to find the home you are looking for in your own backyard or anywhere else in the U.S. When you visit [Mlsmaps.com](#) you are just 3 clicks away from almost every mls listing and home for sale in the US and it's fast, easy and free to use.

MLS Maps also provides home buyers with an easy way to research local schools and find links to almost every city and county website in the US. With interest rates at historic lows and home prices at the lowest levels in almost 10 years, now may be a good time to see what homes are for sale in your local market.

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