Housing News Update



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One Price Index Shows Long-Expected Price Slowdown

Black Knight Financial Services released its Home Price Index (HPI) report for July on Monday and, unlike reports from CoreLogic and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) reports for the month (the fourth report, the CoreLogic Case-Shiller indices is due out on Tuesday) it shows a **distinct slowing in the pace of price appreciation** over the past few months.

Black Knight reports its national index for July was \$266,000. This is 0.4 percent higher than its index for June and up 5.3 percent compared to August 2015. The month over month increase in May was 1.1 percent, **declining** to 0.8 percent in June. FHFA showed a pickup in the appreciation rate month-over-month and annually in both June and July while CoreLogic showed a 0.3 increase in the annual appreciation rate in July.



National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points	
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30 Yr. Fixed	6.86%	-0.05	0.00	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.31%	-0.02	0.00	
30 Yr. FHA	6.32%	-0.06	0.00	
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.04%	-0.03	0.00	
5/1 ARM	6.53%	-0.02	0.00	
Freddie Mac				
30 Yr. Fixed	6.78%	-0.08	0.00	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.07%	-0.09	0.00	
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.				
30 Yr. Fixed	7.00%	-0.03	0.60	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.63%	+0.07	0.61	
30 Yr. FHA	6.87%	-0.03	0.92	
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.13%	+0.02	0.38	
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 7/26	6.22%	-0.16	0.60	

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Jul 10	206.1	-0.19%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

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The national HPI is now less than 1 percent off of the peak of \$268,000 reached in June 2006. Prices have increased by $_{51}^{32.1}_{+6.25\%}$ percent since they tumbled to a low of \$200,0000 in January 2012.

Among the states, prices increased the most from June to July in **New York** at 1.1 percent and **Minnesota** at 1.0 percent. The HPI for Utah grew by 0.9 percent while Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and Idaho all posted 0.8 percent gains.

Black Knight's HPI **declined** in only one state, Missouri, which was down 0.1 percent. Nebraska, Virginia, North Carolina, and Maine rounded out the bottom five states for appreciation, each rising 0.1 percent.

Black Knight's index covers nearly 90 percent of U.S. residential properties at ZIP Code level and uses repeat sales data from its public records data set and its loan-level performance data to capture home price information.

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