

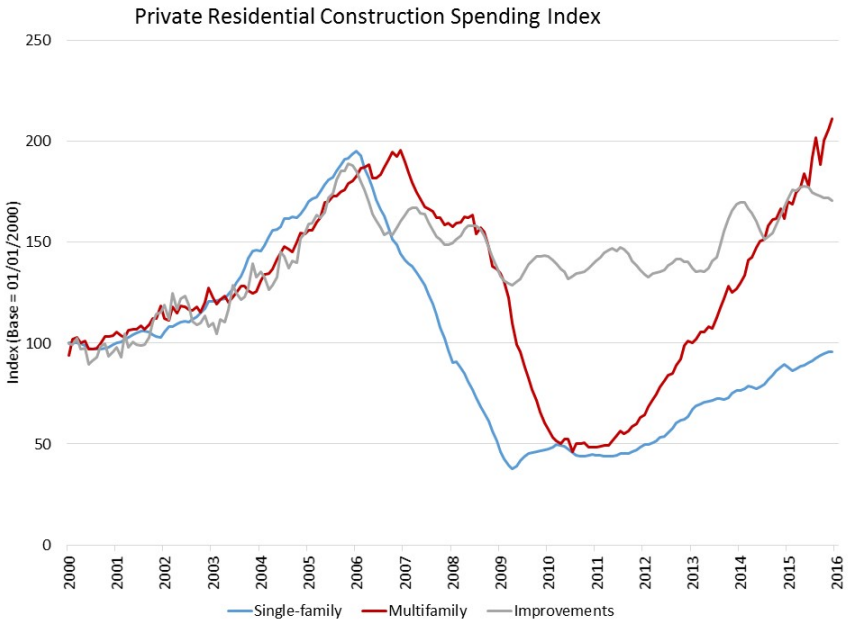
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Multi-Family Expenditures Hit Record Levels

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) took an in-depth look at one aspect of the Census Bureau's report on January construction expenditures which was released on Tuesday, multi-family construction. As we reported here, total private residential construction spending stood at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $433.2 billion in January, virtually unchanged from December's upwardly revised rate of $433.1 billion. It was up 7.7% from one year earlier and the **highest since November 2007**.

Within that figure, expenditures on single-family housing **declined by 0.2 percent** from December to a seasonally adjusted rate of $230,000 billion but NAHB notes that, in relative terms, multifamily construction fared better. As of January total multi-family spending was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $59.8 billion which Na Zhao, writing for the Association, says exceeds the peak readings registered during the housing boom years. It was also a 30 percent increase from a year earlier.



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	Rate	Change	Points
30YR Fixed	7.30%	+0.12	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.92%	+0.09	0.00
30YR FHA	6.89%	+0.07	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.40%	+0.03	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.80%	+0.31	0.00
30YR VA	6.90%	+0.07	0.00

Rates as of: 11/10

MBS and Treasury

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.43	-0.62
10 YR Treasury	4.9860	+0.0952
30 YR Treasury	5.3557	+0.0737

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Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Oct 28	192.6	-1.23%
Building Permits	Sep	1.4M	+0.43%
Housing Starts	Sep	1.22M	-4.24%
New Home Sales	Sep	676K	-1.17%
Pending Home Sales	Aug	71.2	0%
Existing Home Sales	Oct	3.99M	+0.25%
Builder Confidence	Oct	29	-9.38%

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Private sector spending on home improvements was also down slightly in January. At a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $143,000 billion it has increased 2 percent year-over-year. As the chart above shows, both multi-family construction and home improvement spending are far out-performing single family construction. Zhao said, however, that **NAHB anticipates accelerating growth** in single-family spending this year.

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