Housing News Update



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Foreclosure Inventory Finally Breaks 10-Year Low

It is hard to believe that it has taken **more than a decade**, but Black Knight Financial Services says the foreclosure inventory, after a 12,000-property decline in July, has **finally** fallen below 400,000. The last time the number of homes in some process of foreclosure was lower was in February 2007. The July decrease is part of a 150,000-home reduction in the inventory in the last 12 months, a **-28 percent change**.

Other measures of housing distress continue to fall as well. The national **foreclosure rate** is also the lowest it has been in more than 12 years at 0.78 percent of all active mortgages, and the 53,300 foreclosure starts filed in July were the second fewest in a given month since 2005.

Black Knight, in its "first look" at July mortgage performance data, did note a **slight uptick** in early-stage mortgage **delinquencies** during the month, the rate for loans 30 or more days past due but not in foreclosure rose from 2.8 percent in June to 3.9 percent, a change the company calls "seasonal." The delinquency rate has fallen by 13.5 percent since July 2016. Later stage delinquencies remained flat, and the total 90+ day delinquent inventory is down 140,000 from last year. Two oil patch states, Alaska and North Dakota, were the only ones to have seen total non-current inventories (everything 30 or more days past due or in foreclosure) grow over the past six months.

New York, the state with the highest foreclosure inventory at 58,000 units, is also one that has historically had one of the longest mortgage timelines, accompanied by enormous foreclosure backlogs. That it also has the highest foreclosure rate at 2.4 percent may be an indication that the courts are finally resolving some of these very old cases.

Nationally the number of properties that are non-current, that is 30 or more days past due or in foreclosure, totals **2.384 million**. This is down by 42,000 from the previous month and 452,000 year-over-year. The highest rate of non-current loans is in Mississippi at 10.45 percent, followed by Louisiana (8.77 percent) and Alabama (7.23 percent).

Following monthly gains in May and June, **prepayment activity fell** by nearly 10% in July. The rate, an indicator of refinancing activity, is down nearly 20 percent year-over-year.

Black Knight will provide a more in-depth review of this data in its monthly Mortgage Monitor report which will be published by September 11.

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points	
Mortgage News Daily				
30 Yr. Fixed	7.07%	+0.02	0.00	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.45%	0.00	0.00	
30 Yr. FHA	6.51%	+0.02	0.00	
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.26%	0.00	0.00	
5/1 ARM	7.02%	-0.01	0.00	
Freddie Mac				
30 Yr. Fixed	6.86%	-0.01	0.00	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.16%	+0.03	0.00	
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.				
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.05	0.65	
15 Yr. Fixed	6.60%	-0.15	0.55	
30 Yr. FHA	6.87%	0.00	0.92	
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.18%	-0.03	0.54	
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 6/28	6.45%	+0.08	0.81	

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Jun 12	208.5	+15.58%
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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About Rohan

Builder Confidence

Mar 51 +6.25%

Named Austin Business Journal's 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Top 25 Mortgage Producer

Buying a home is an important milestone in everyone's life. My objective is to be your trusted advisor when you and your family decide to take this step. Having worked for over a decade in several areas including Financial Representative and Branch Manager, I have helped hundreds of members realize their financial dreams. With over 15yrs of extensive financial knowledge and real estate experience, I can help you reach your financial goals of owning a home or refinancing your existing home. I am committed to providing the level of service that our members deserve and I will guide you through the entire Home Loan process. On a personal level, I love spending my free time outdoors with my wife, Natalie and two young kids, Ezra and Lincoln.

Here is what some of my members have said about me and my service:

"Rohan and Tammy, No one knows more than you, how big hassle house buying is. But you both made it this process as smooth as possible. We both thank you from bottom of our heart for helping us in buying our first house and making the process as smooth as possible. Thank you very much for your support. One of the best customer support we had ever got."

"Rohan was awesome, very professional, and responsive."

"Rohan and Jeff were extremely helpful and made our mortgage process easy."

"We were very happy with the entire process. Rohan was an absolute pleasure to deal with!

"He was always available. We appreciated the attention given. We would recommend Rohan and UFCU to anyone!"

"I was worried about meeting the closing date due to underwriting but Rohan was very reassuring and everything went smoothly. Very impressed with my first mortgage experience."

"Rohan put us at great ease through the whole process. He was always available and answered all of our questions patiently. He is simply the best and I strongly recommend to anyone looking for a home loan."

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