Housing News Update



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National Average Mortgage Rates

Black Knight Prices Short of other Indices

Black Knight Financial Services announced on Monday that its Home Price Index for January **rose 0.1 percent** from the month before and was **5.3 percent higher than in January 2015**. The reported increase was considerably lower than those announced previously by CoreLogic (1.3 percent month-over-month and 6.9 percent annually) and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (0.5 percent and 6.0 percent). The S&P Case-Shiller index will be released on Tuesday.

Black Knight says its HPI for January was \$253,000, still 5.5 percent of the June 2006 peak of \$267,000. The HPI has recovered by 26.7 percent since hitting the market bottom in the spring of 2012.

The **largest increase** among states was in **New York**, up 0.9 percent monthover-month followed by Pennsylvania with an 0.7 percent gain and West Virginia at 0.5. There were five states that had 0.4 percent increases, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, and Kansas. Prices declined by 0.4 percent in Illinois and 0.1 percent in Michigan.

Nine of the ten metro areas with the largest gains were in Florida or Pennsylvania led by Port St. Lucia, Naples, and Lebanon (PA) all at 9 percent. New York City and Punta Gorda were at 8 percent. Chicago's HPI declined 0.3 percent. Nine metros and two states (New York and Texas) established new price peaks during the month.

The Black Knight utilizes repeat sales data from the nation's largest public records data set and its own loan level data to produce its HPI.

30 Year Fixed Rate Mortgage National Average: 109% 7.85 7.50 7.14 6 7 9 MarketNewsletters.com Aug 23 Oct 23 Dec 23 Mar 24 Rate Points Change Mortgage News Daily 30 Yr. Fixed 7.09% +0.070.00 15 Yr. Fixed 6.56% +0.030.00 30 Yr. FHA 6.62% +0.070.00 30 Yr. Jumbo 7.35% +0.04 0.00 7.30% 0.00 5/1 ARM +0.06 **Freddie Mac** 30 Yr. Fixed 7.02% -0.420.00 15 Yr. Fixed 6.28% -0.48 0.00 Mortgage Bankers Assoc. 30 Yr. Fixed 7.08% -0.10 0.63 15 Yr. Fixed 6.61% +0.010.65 30 Yr. FHA 0.94 6.89% -0.03 30 Yr. Jumbo 7.22% -0.09 0.58 5/1 ARM 6.56% -0.04 0.66 Rates as of: 5/17

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	May 15	198.1	+0.51%
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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Whether you're a first-time homebuyer hoping to navigate the process of buying a home so that it is a fun and anxiety-free process or a homeowner looking for refinance options that deliver more freedom and flexibility, I can help you analyze your current situation and find money saving options. With expertise in all areas of mortgage and financing, my hope is that once I become your mortgage partner, I'll stay your mortgage partner. With clients from A to Z, files never leave my hands or my desk. From start to finish, every step of the way, my goal is to keep the lines of communication open, provide complete and attentive service, and ensure the most seamless and satisfactory process possible.

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