

U.S. HOUSING MARKET CONDITIONS & CRASH RISK MONITOR



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NATIONAL BASELINE CLASSIFICATION - JULY 30, 2026

RESET - NOT A NATIONAL HOUSING CRASH

The evidence described severe affordability and transaction pressure, real purchasing-power erosion, builder inventory pressure and localized price declines. The national forced-sale transmission that defined 2008-2010 was not active.

01 / NATIONAL PULSE

+2.2%

FHFA home prices YoY [1]

+4.2%

Consumer prices YoY [1]

4.09M

Existing sales SAAR [2]

~6.4%

30-year mortgage [2]

Plain language: Prices rose nationally but trailed inflation. Affordability and turnover remained deeply strained.

02 / THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS NOT YOUR MARKET

65 of 100

Top metros appreciated [3]

35 of 100

Top metros declined [3]

-6.9%

Austin annual change [3]

+10.8%

Elgin, IL annual change [3]

Plain language: National averages hid two markets. Local inventory, concessions, jobs, taxes and insurance mattered more than one headline.

03 / BUILDER PRESSURE - BUYER OPPORTUNITY

9.3 months

New-home supply [4]

4.6 months

Existing-home supply [2]

485,000

New homes available [4]

628,000

New-home sales SAAR [4]

Plain language: More builder inventory can create competition through rate buydowns, closing costs, upgrades or price changes. Compare total cost and monthly payment.

04 / FORCED-SALE TRANSMISSION CHECK

1.0%

Loans 90+ days past due [5]

0.2%

Foreclosure/bankruptcy/DIL [5]

45.1%

Average mark-to-market LTV [5]

74.3%

Loans at or below 60% LTV [5]

2008-2010 reference: FHFA series peaks were 4.6% serious delinquency and 3.5% adverse process. July 2026 did not show a comparable national forced-sale cascade.

THREE REFERENCE POINTS - DIFFERENT MECHANISMS

2008-2010

Weak underwriting, negative equity, rising delinquency and forced sales reinforced one another nationally.

COVID ERA / 2019-2021

A payment shock met large-scale forbearance, policy intervention, very low rates and severe supply distortion.

JULY 2026

Affordability, low turnover, builder pressure and local corrections were active; national forced-sale transmission was not.

MAKE THE NATIONAL DATA LOCAL

BUYERS & SELLERS

Compare payment, supply, concessions, taxes, insurance, price band and property type.

REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

Verify current builder incentives and local absorption; explain options and let the client decide.

INVESTORS

Underwrite cash flow, holding cost, financing, rent durability and exit liquidity - not headlines.

CORE SOURCES

[1] FHFA May HPI and BLS May CPI. [2] Reuters reporting underlying NAR June transaction/inventory data; Federal Reserve July MPR. [3] FHFA 2026 Q1 HPI. [4] Census/HUD New Residential Sales. [5] FHFA NMDB; BLS Employment; Census Housing Vacancy Survey. Figures are rounded. Full methodology, limitations and source ledger are provided in the underlying report.

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