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## Buyers Increasingly Worried by Competition

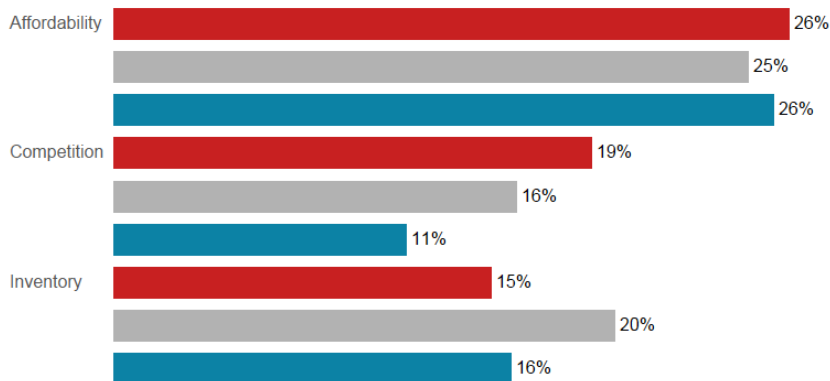
What do buyers worry about as they shop for a home? It turns out one growing concern is **other buyers** like them.

A Redfin survey of nearly 1,000 buyers found that, while 26 percent cited affordability as their major worry, virtually unchanged from the last two quarterly surveys, 19 percent said their **biggest fear was competition**. This was an 8 percentage point increase from the fourth quarter of 2015 and 3 points more than in the first survey this year.

The third major concern, **tight inventories** of available homes, declined slightly in the recent survey. But those inventories are the main driver of competition and when the two are combined, competition becomes a more important issue than affordability.

### What concerns you most about buying? (Top 4 Answers)

2016-Q2 2016-Q1 2015-Q4



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Redfin said the buyer concerns are **justified**. Sixty percent of buyers represented by the firm faced competition for their offers submitted in May and the firm notes that, with prices up nearly 5 percent, "the thought of a bidding war would be particularly worrying for a cost-conscious buyer."

## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00

### Freddie Mac

30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00

### Mortgage Bankers Assoc.

30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

Rates as of: 8/30

## Recent Housing Data

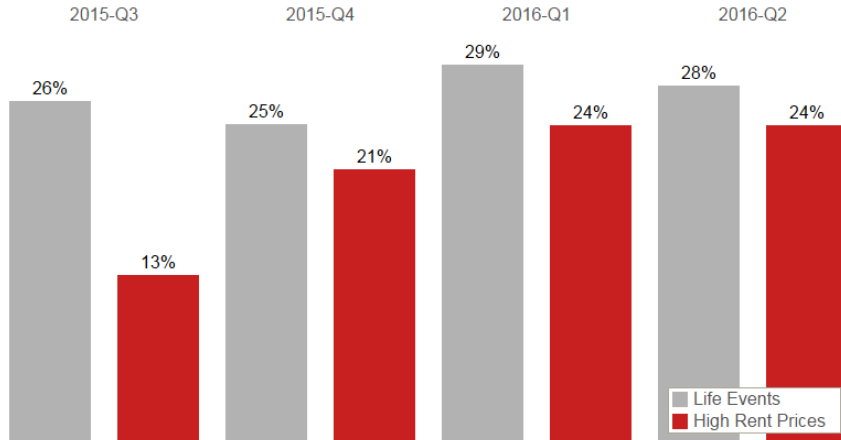
		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Aug 28	226.9	+0.49%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

**High rents** appear to be driving many buyers toward homeownership. About one in four of survey respondents said this was their primary reason for house hunting, up 11 points since last August. This sentiment is strongest among first-time buyers, over half of them said high rents were driving their decision, double the August numbers. Despite the increases in the high rent category, life events such as the birth of a child remained the number one impetus given and Redfin said no other choices exceeded a 10 percent response.

Builder Confidence	Mar	Value	Change
		31	+6.25%

## What most influenced your recent decision to buy?

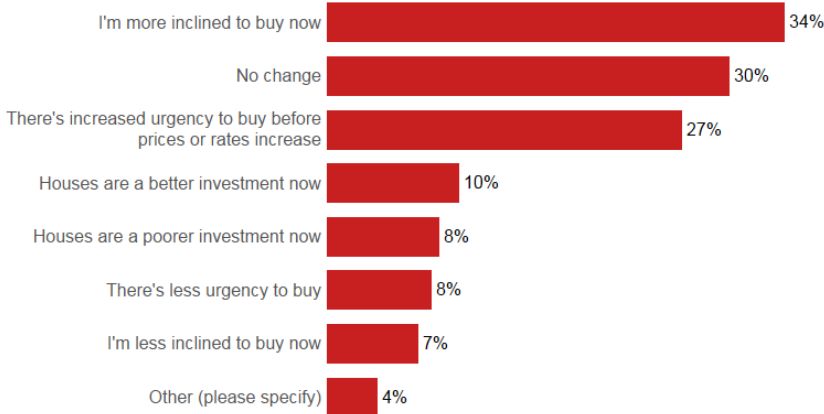
(Top 2 Choices)



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More than a third of respondents said they were **more inclined to buy** now than they were a year ago but only 27 percent said that inclination was driven by urgency about rising prices and interest rates.

## How has your perspective on buying changed in the past year?



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"Though enticed by high rents and low mortgage rates to begin a home search, first-time buyers face a number of obstacles in today's competitive market," said Redfin chief economist Nela Richardson. "In many cities, starter homes have seen the **largest price increases** because the supply of affordable homes on the market is so low and the demand for these homes is so high."

Redfin's survey was conducted between May 17 and May 23, and includes responses from 975 homebuyers in 36 states and Washington, D.C.

## Service oriented, responsive, competitive rates and an in depth knowledge of todays mortgage market

After completing my degree in finance at the University of Connecticut, I started in the mortgage business right out of college in 2004. With 15+ years of experience and a primary objective of thoroughly explaining all available loan options to my clients with what is typically the largest investment in their lives, I strive to always make myself available. I constantly educate myself with respect to the mortgage industry and underwriting guidelines for FHA, VA, conventional and jumbo financing. I deliver on the expectations discussed up front and provide the service level my clients deserve from day one. I will remain in touch throughout the process and continue to follow up with you after closing. My goal is to wow you and turn you into clients for life. I want you to be so impressed that throughout and after the process you share my information with your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers who may value from my services.

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