### **Housing News Update**



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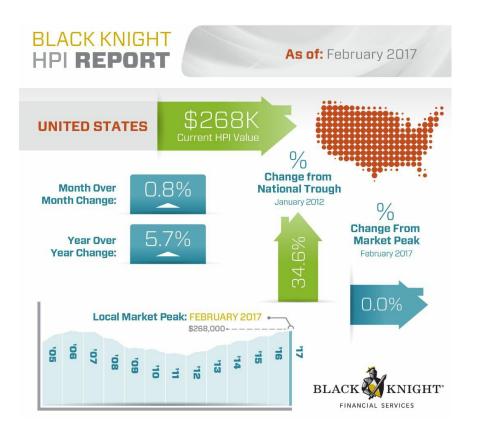
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# Home Prices Hit Post Crisis Peak -Black Knight

Home prices in February rose at their fastest pace since last June, up 0.8 percent on a month-over-month basis. Black Knight Financial Services said its national-level Home Price Index (HPI) hit \$268,000 during the month, a new post-crisis peak. Prices are now up 5.7 percent compared to March 2016 and have risen 1.0 percent since the first of this year.



Washington State had the largest monthly gain, up 2.2 percent. Colorado and Oregon followed with 1.6 percent and 1.5 percent growth respectively. Prices did not fall in even the worst performing of the states: West Virginia and Connecticut, were unchanged from January. They were followed by Rhode Island and Ohio with, each with 0.1 percent gains.

#### National Average Mortgage Rates



|                                  | Rate      | Change | Points |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Mortgage News I                  | Daily     |        |        |
| 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 Banke                   | rs 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   |
| <b>5/1 ARM</b> Rates as of: 8/30 | 5.98%     | -0.27  | 0.65   |

#### **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%  |
|                     |        |       |         |

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Value

Change

For the third month in a row Tuscaloosa was the poorest performing metropolitan area. Prices there declined 4.7 percent from January, more than eight times the 0.5 percent rate of decline in the second worst performing metro area, Atlantic City. Seattle saw 2.7 percent appreciation, the most of any metropolitan area, followed by San Jose, Denver, and Bellingham, each with monthly gains of 2 percent or more. Washington State accounted for **six of the 10 fastest** appreciating metro areas.

Home prices in six of the nation's 20 largest states and 14 of the 40 largest metros hit new peaks in February

## 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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