### **Housing News Update**



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# **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.

### National Average Mortgage Rates



### Recent Housing Data

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		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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## Responsive service, experienced expertise

I've dedicated my 22 year mortgage career to client education, superior service, and honest answers. The lending landscape has changed dramatically the past few years, and continues to do so. My job is to ensure client partners' loans close quickly, without surprises, and I take that responsibility very seriously. Referrals are a responsibility I appreciate; they're a measure of trust, and that trust must be earned every day, on every referral.



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