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A message from Nickolas Inhelder:

We Make Home Happen.™

Our goal is simple:

To help every family we serve get to “Yes.”

Yes to the loan that unlocks the joy of home ownership.

Yes to the lending solution that meets every client’s unique needs and wants.

That’s why we dedicate our every resource to serve as your personal guide through the lending process, solving problems, building confidence. Aslan has access to every lending option leading to the purchase or refinance of a residential home loan.

This is more than work for us. It is our unique joy in this life to share our collective skill, creativity, and care to bring you and your family right to where you belong.

Let’s make home happen.

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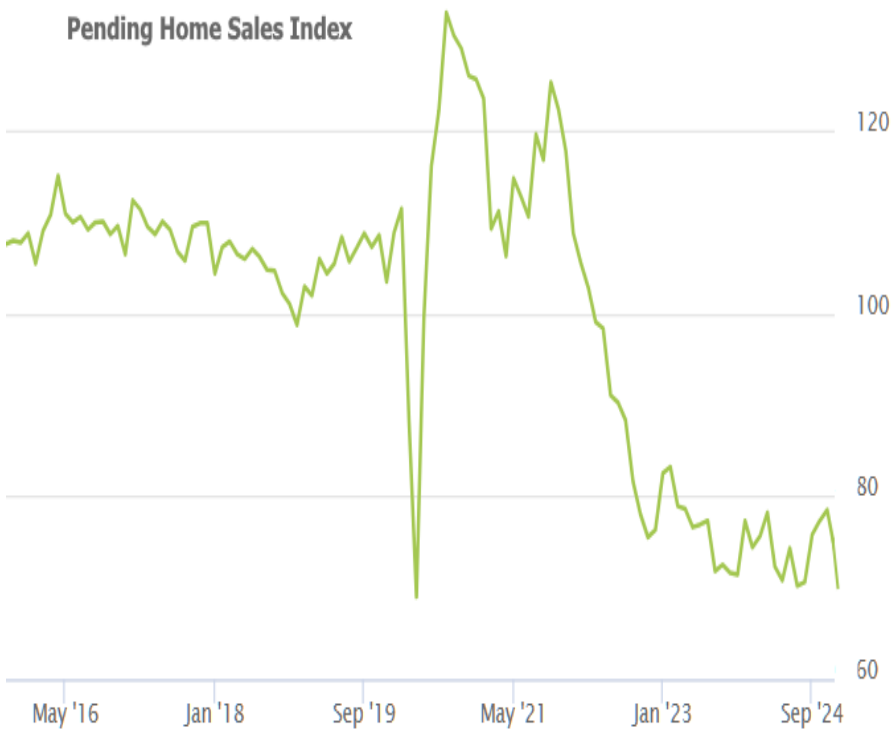


Pending Home Sales Hit Lowest Level Since Records Began in 2001

The National Association of Realtors released its Pending Home Sales Index (PHSI) today, which measures home purchase contracts that have been signed, but not yet closed. The index typically correlates with existing home sales in the following month.

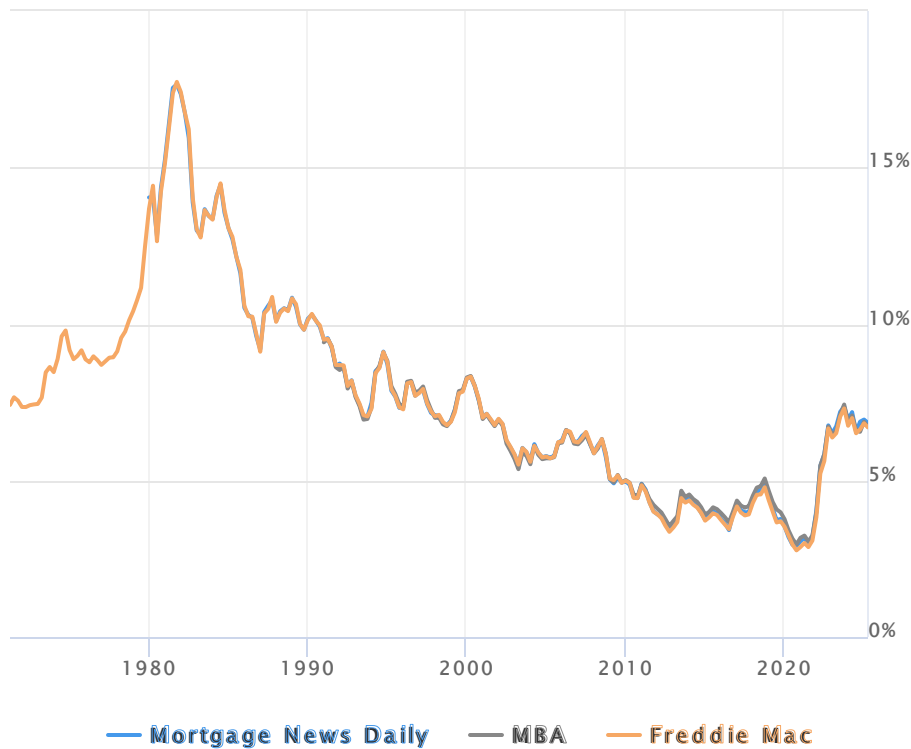
While January's contract signings were only down 4.6% versus December, that was enough for the index to inch down to the lowest levels since data-keeping began in 2001.

Pending Home Sales Index



“It is unclear if the coldest January in 25 years contributed to fewer buyers in the market, and if so, expect greater sales activity in upcoming months,” said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. “However, it’s evident that elevated home prices and higher mortgage rates strained affordability.”

To be sure, mortgage rates hit their highest recent levels in January but fell short of the levels seen in early 2024. At the time, Pending sales had fallen nearly as low as today's report, thus adding some evidence for the negative impact from higher rates.



The following bullet points show how each region changed from the previous month (and from the previous year).

- Northeast
 - +0.3 (-0.5)
- Midwest
 - -2.0 (-2.7)
- South
 - -9.2 (-8.8)
- West
 - -1.2 (-4.5)

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