



2-Month Glut of Data Brings New Home Sales Back to Center of The Range

New home sales moved higher in March and February. Both months were reported on a single day this week as the Census Bureau continues catching up from the government shutdown.

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After dropping to 587k in January, sales rose to 635k in February and 682k in March. This represents a solid bounce back into the center of the broadly sideways range that's been intact for the past 2 years.



For-sale inventory edged slightly lower to **481,000**, down 0.4% from February and **4.6%** below year-ago levels. At the current sales pace, months' supply fell to **8.5 months**, down from 9.1 months in February and 9.2 months one year ago. The decline reflects a combination of stronger sales and modestly tighter inventory.

Prices moved lower on both a monthly and annual basis. The median sales price declined to **\$387,400** (-5.3% MoM; -6.2% YoY), while the average price slipped to **\$503,100** (-3.4% MoM; -1.2% YoY). The continued softness in pricing suggests a shift in the mix of homes sold and ongoing pressure on affordability.

- **Sales (MoM):** +7.4%
- **Sales (YoY):** +3.3%
- **Inventory (YoY):** -4.6%
- **Months' Supply:** 8.5 (down from 9.1 prior month; 9.2 YoY)