

U.S. Home Prices Rose 0.5% in October, Marking a Year of Consistent Growth

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SEATTLE--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- (NASDAQ: RDFN) — U.S. home prices grew 0.5% from a month earlier in October on a seasonally adjusted basis, matching September's increase, according to a new <u>report</u> from Redfin (<u>redfin.com</u>), the technology-powered real estate brokerage.

On a year-over-year basis, home prices rose 5.9%, the lowest annual increase since December. This is according to the Redfin Home Price Index (RHPI), which uses the repeat-sales pricing method to calculate seasonally adjusted changes in prices of single-family homes. The RHPI measures sale prices of homes that sold during a given period, and how those prices have changed since the last time those same homes sold.

Home prices maintained steady growth over the past year, with month-over-month gains ranging between 0.2% and 0.7% each month since November 2023—including seven months where growth was between 0.4% and 0.6%. That's consistent with the pace of growth between 2015-2020. The pandemic buying spree saw home prices spike up to nearly 2% month-over-month in June 2021, before falling all the way to -0.1% growth in August 2022.

Elevated mortgage rates have kept a lot of buyers on the <u>sidelines</u> in 2024, essentially putting a cap on how much prices could rise. But there is still a shortage of homes on the market, which means there is enough competition to keep prices ticking steadily higher.

"Many people—especially first-time buyers—were waiting until after the election to make a decision about buying a home," said Redfin Senior Economist Sheharyar Bokhari. "Now the election is over, we have started to <u>see signs</u> that homebuyer demand is coming back. That could lead to increased competition in coming months, possibly pushing prices higher unless we see a major spike in the number of homes being listed."

Metro-Level Summary: Redfin Home Price Index, October 2024

Eight of the 50 most populous U.S. metro areas recorded a seasonally adjusted drop in home prices in October, month over month.

The biggest decline in October was in San Antonio, TX (-2.9%), followed by Tampa, FL (-1%) and Miami (-0.6%). The highest month over month gains were recorded in San Francisco (2.3%), Detroit (1.5%) and Nassau County, NY (1.2%).

To view the full report, including a chart and additional metro-level data, please visit:

https://www.redfin.com/news/home-price-index-october-2024/

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