

HUD Code Manufactured Housing Production Decline Worsens In January 2023, per Manufactured Housing Association

Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) reports HUD Code manufactured home industry production declined year-over-year in January 2023

WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES, March 6, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) reports that according to official statistics compiled on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HUD Code manufactured housing industry year-over-year production declined once again in January 2023. Just-released statistics indicate that HUD Code manufacturers produced 6,951 homes in January 2023, a 23.6% decrease from the 9,110 new HUD Code homes produced in January 2022.



January 2023 official data reveals that HUD Code Manufactured Housing Production Decline Worsens In Jan 2023, per Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR).

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Mark Weiss, J.D., President and CEO of MHARR.

With this report, MHARR is updating and slightly revising the format of its monthly top-ten shipment state data. Previous reports in this series included cumulative shipment statistics dating back to the beginning of the industry production rebound in August 2011. Beginning with this report, and with more than a decade having now passed since that watershed point, MHARR will re-start the cumulative shipment data to better reflect current and continuing trends in 2023 and beyond. Accordingly, a further analysis of the official industry statistics shows that the top ten shipment states from January 2023 — with monthly, cumulative, current year (2023) and prior year

(2022) shipments per category as indicated — are: (see top ten graphic).

With monthly year-over-year production declines having been recorded during all three months of the Fourth Quarter of 2022, this latest data now confirms four consecutive months of progressively worsening year-over-year production/shipment declines, at a time when the need for affordable housing and homeownership stands at record levels. As MHARR's February 23, 2023 Memorandum, entitled "Latest Wake-Up Calls for the Industry on Consumer Financing and Discriminatory Zoning" indicates, the industry, and especially its supposed national post-production representation, cannot continue to pursue what amounts to a passive, ineffective stance when these two major elements continue to needlessly and drastically suppress industry growth and progress.

The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform is a Washington, D.C.- based national trade association representing the views and interests of independent producers of federally-regulated manufactured housing. ##

MHARR's post on the topic above is found at this link here. Manufactured Housing Industry Production Totals for 2022, referenced above, are found in the MHARR report linked below.

<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/hud-code-manufactured-housing-production-declines-sharply-in-december-2022-year-end-totals-for-manufactured-homes-revealed/>

The MHARR memo mentioned in the news release above is found at this link below.



Rank	State	Current Month (Jan. 2023)	Cumulative	2023	2022
1.	Texas	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,655
2.	Florida	690	690	690	727
3.	N.C.	428	428	428	520
4.	Michigan	356	356	356	433
5.	Alabama	350	350	350	465
6.	California	317	317	317	279
7.	S.C.	282	282	282	482
8.	Georgia	273	273	273	394
9.	Arizona	237	237	237	177
10.	Tennessee	216	216	216	303

Revised MHARR Top Ten Manufactured Housing States by Shipment Totals in January 2023.
Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) report analysis.

"With respect to zoning discrimination Congress, in the 2000 reform law, strengthened and enhanced federal preemption in order allow for the invalidation of state or local requirements," such as discriminatory zoning mandates, that have the effect of excluding mainstream manufactured homes."

- Mark Weiss, J.D.,
President and CEO
Manufactured Housing Association for
Regulatory Reform (MHARR),
Washington, D.C. On 2.9.2021



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MHARR has asked Congressional leaders to hold hearings on the failure to properly and fully implement the "Enhanced Preemption" provision of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000. There were similar hearings held in 2011 and 2012.

<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/latest-wake-up-calls-for-the-manufactured-home-industry-on-consumer-financing-and-discriminatory-zoning/>

MHARR recently reported on "[Two Manufactured Housing Associations filed Case No. 23-cv-00174](#)" in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas re: DOE's pending MH energy rule." The two associations in question are the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) and the Texas Manufactured Housing Association (TMHA). MHARR's statement on that topic is reported in the item linked below.

<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/legal-action-filed-on-does-manufactured-housing-energy-rule/>

About MHARR


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Among other things, MHARR called for (and offered to assist with) a court action under the federal Administrative Procedure Act, based on DOE's failure to fully and properly calculate, account for, and consider all of the anticipated costs of the rule. This included and encompassed DOE's failure to propose and estimate the costs of testing, compliance and enforcement of the final standards, its use of artificially low inflation indices for the wholly-deficient cost "analysis" that it did perform, and its failure to consider other related factors that would result in costs substantially exceeding anticipated benefits.

MHARR also urged litigation based on DOE's failure to fully and properly consult with HUD and the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) as envisaged by the rule's authorizing legislation – the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 – and, just as importantly, DOE's thoroughly corrupted "negotiated rulemaking" process, which irretrievably tainted the final rule from step-one (and against which MHARR cast the only "no" vote at every step).

As set out by MHARR, the objective of such a court action was to invalidate the DOE final rule – and the entirety of the rulemaking process which led to that rule, beginning in 2008 – and to compel DOE to go back to "square one" with respect to manufactured housing energy standards in full and proper consultation with both HUD and the MHCC, from the start, as expected and

MHARR's Mark Weiss, J.D., on Key Manufactured Housing Issues




Freddie Mac's analysis concludes that the "main driver" of the entry-level housing supply/demand gap, is a "long-term decline in the ... supply of entry-level single-family homes, or 'starter homes'" (emphasis added).

"The analysis thus notes that in the 1970s, 'the construction of new entry-level homes averaged 418,000 units per year.' During the 1980s, however, that figure fell to an average of 214,000 units per year. The trend of reduced supply continued through the 1990s, with an average of 207,000 entry-level units, and in the 2000s, an average of 150,000 units per year. Subsequently, during the 2010s, average entry-level housing supply according to Freddie Mac, declined even further, to an average of 55,000 units per year."


"In the space of five decades," then, the report concludes, "entry-level home construction fell from 418,000 units per year in the late 1970s to 55,000 in 2020."

— Mark Weiss, J.D., President and CEO, MHARR in "Freddie Mac Unmistakably Proves Its Own Failure" May 4, 2021.




"Thirteen years after the enactment of the DTS mandate, however, the vast bulk of the mainstream manufactured home consumer lending market represented by personal property (or 'chattel') loans remains completely unserved under DTS."

— Mark Weiss, J.D., CEO MHARR FHFA Listening Session Comments as prepared 3.25.2021.



"And lest there be any doubt about what this enhanced preemption means and what it was designed to do, leading members of Congress in a November 2003 letter to HUD made it quite clear, stating that the 2000 changes to the federal manufactured housing law give HUD 'the legal authority to preempt local requirements or restrictions which discriminate against the siting of manufactured homes (compared to other single-family housing) simply because they are HUD Code homes.'"

— Mark Weiss, J.D., President and CEO Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR), Washington, D.C. On 2.9.2021.



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Act of 2000 (MHIA or 2000 Reform Law) and its "enhanced preemption" provisions are found at the link below

<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/exclusive-insights-on-controversies-interview-with-25-year-industry-leader-mark-weiss-president-ceo-of-the-manufactured-housing-association-for-regulatory-reform-mharr/>

MHARR Accomplishments

<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/major-and-continuing-mharr-accomplishments-for-the-hud-code-manufactured-housing-industry-and-consumers-of-affordable-housing/>

A summary of MHARR's History and Objectives are found at this link here. ###

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