

# U.S. Home Purchase Loans Fall to 12-Year Low as Affordability Challenges Continue

*High Mortgage Rates and Elevated Home Prices Keep Many Buyers on the Sidelines*

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, June 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Home purchase lending in the United States has fallen to its lowest level in 12 years, highlighting the ongoing affordability challenges facing prospective homebuyers nationwide.

According to recently released housing market data, approximately 581,000 home purchase loans were originated during the first quarter of 2026, marking the lowest quarterly total since 2014. The decline reflects a housing market that continues to face pressure from elevated mortgage rates and home prices that remain near record highs.

Despite a growing supply of homes available for sale in many markets, affordability remains a significant obstacle for first-time buyers and middle-income households. Mortgage rates have remained above historical averages, increasing monthly payments and reducing purchasing power.

"The housing market is showing signs of a transition," said Elias DaSilva, real estate market analyst and founder of ForeclosureListings.com. "Inventory levels are improving in many parts of the country, giving buyers more choices. However, affordability remains the biggest challenge. Many potential buyers are waiting for either lower mortgage rates or further price adjustments before entering the market."

Housing economists note that while buyer demand remains below historical norms, the increase in available inventory is beginning to shift negotiating power away from sellers and toward buyers. This trend could help moderate home price growth throughout the remainder of 2026.



Several major metropolitan areas have already reported slower price appreciation, longer listing periods, and an increase in seller concessions compared to previous years. Industry observers believe these developments may represent the early stages of a more balanced housing market after several years of limited inventory and intense competition.

“Buyers today have more options than they did a year ago,” DaSilva added. “We’re seeing a healthier market emerge, where consumers can take more time to evaluate properties and negotiate terms rather than feeling pressured into immediate decisions.”

While housing affordability remains a concern, many analysts believe the combination of rising inventory and stabilizing prices could create opportunities for buyers who have been waiting on the sidelines.

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