# NAR Membership as of February 2024 

Analysis done in March 2024

Lawrence Yun, Ph.D.<br>Chief Economist<br>National Association of REALTORS®

## Latest NAR Membership

* Data can be found at https://www.nar.realtor/membership/historic-report

1,800,000
1,600,000
1,400,000
1,200,000
1,000,000 800,000 600,000 400,000 200,000

0




- NAR Membership at the end of February was 1,496,707.
- From 12 months ago, it is lower by 29,048 or $1.9 \%$.
- 12 states/territories experienced a gain in membership over a 12-month period.
- 33 states/territories experienced a gain in membership from a month ago


## NAR Membership Dynamics ...

Around 10\% inflow and outflow of members even if the overall membership numbers minimally change

| New Members in 2023 | 136,374 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Exiting Members in 2023 | 162,741 |
| Annual Net Change in 2023 | Net Loss of 26,367 |

## Month-to-Month Changes Show Seasonality <br> Net loss of members from late autumn and net gain from mid-spring



- Every year, membership has seasonal patterns, with membership declines from Oct-Nov to Mar-Apr.
- February 2024 is lower by 19,130 or $1.3 \%$ from one month ago.
- The changes reflect net change. Over a 12-month cycle, more than 100,000 new members would have joined, and more than 100,000 previous members would have left.

| February 29, 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CURRENT | LAST | CHANGE | YEAR AGO | CHANGE | YEAR END |
|  |  | REPORT | 01/2024- | TO DATE | 02/2023- |  |
| Membership | 2/29/2024 | 1/31/2024 | 02/2024- | 2/28/2023 | 02/2024- | 12/31/2023 |
| Florida | 218,605 | 220,309 | -0.77 | 216,675 | 0.89 | 225,563 |
| California | 181,816 | 194,964 | -6.74 | 189,236 | -3.92 | 204,687 |
| Texas | 148,194 | 147,549 | 0.44 | 148,609 | -0.28 | 150,141 |
| New York | 60,435 | 61,323 | -1.45 | 63,005 | -4.08 | 61,799 |
| New Jersey | 56,588 | 58,472 | -3.22 | 58,699 | -3.60 | 59,593 |
| North Carolina | 53,268 | 52,571 | 1.33 | 53,337 | -0.13 | 54,655 |
| Arizona | 51,325 | 52,848 | -2.88 | 52,648 | -2.51 | 53,422 |
| Illinois | 48,845 | 48,812 | 0.07 | 50,147 | -2.60 | 49,137 |
| Georgia | 45,093 | 45,125 | -0.07 | 45,854 | -1.66 | 47,086 |
| Pennsylvania | 36,981 | 38,174 | -3.13 | 37,439 | -1.22 | 38,701 |
| Sub Total | 901,150 | 920,147 | -2.06 | 915,649 | -1.58 | 944,784 |
| Ohio | 35,720 | 35,755 | -0.10 | 35,960 | -0.67 | 37,035 |
| Tennessee | 34,913 | 34,714 | 0.57 | 34,311 | 1.75 | 35,661 |
| Michigan | 34,848 | 34,684 | 0.47 | 35,243 | -1.12 | 34,804 |
| Virginia | 34,361 | 34,228 | 0.39 | 36,001 | -4.56 | 34,607 |
| Colorado | 26,305 | 26,365 | -0.23 | 28,339 | -7.18 | 27,303 |
| Maryland | 25,652 | 25,355 | 1.17 | 26,961 | -4.86 | 27,195 |
| Missouri | 25,196 | 25,399 | -0.80 | 25,202 | -0.02 | 26,138 |
| South Carolina | 25,179 | 25,145 | 0.14 | 24,775 | 1.63 | 25,634 |
| Massachusetts | 24,257 | 24,637 | -1.54 | 26,133 | -7.18 | 25,056 |
| Minnesota | 21,641 | 21,473 | 0.78 | 22,112 | -2.13 | 21,809 |
| Sub Total | 288,072 | 287,755 | 0.11 | 295,037 | -2.36 | 295,242 |


| Indiana | 20,817 | 20,548 | 1.31 | 20,537 | 1.36 | 20,887 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Washington | 20,302 | 20,375 | -0.36 | 22,891 | -11.31 | 20,893 |
| Utah | 19,493 | 19,281 | 1.10 | 19,813 | -1.62 | 19,237 |
| Nevada | 18,944 | 18,902 | 0.22 | 19,665 | -3.67 | 19,451 |
| Alabama | 18,142 | 18,162 | -0.11 | 18,164 | -0.12 | 18,653 |
| Connecticut | 17,813 | 18,847 | -5.49 | 18,664 | -4.56 | 18,983 |
| Oregon | 17,168 | 17,524 | -2.03 | 18,215 | -5.75 | 18,001 |
| Wisconsin | 16,381 | 16,170 | 1.30 | 16,610 | -1.38 | 16,925 |
| Louisiana | 15,787 | 15,753 | 0.22 | 16,588 | -4.83 | 15,799 |
| Oklahoma | 13,510 | 13,407 | 0.77 | 13,748 | -1.73 | 13,962 |
| Sub Total | 178,357 | 178,969 | -0.34 | 184,895 | -3.54 | 182,791 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kentucky | 12,856 | 12,755 | 0.79 | 12,851 | 0.04 | 13,108 |
| Idaho | 11,385 | 11,292 | 0.82 | 11,562 | -1.53 | 11,619 |
| Arkansas | 10,680 | 11,003 | -2.94 | 10,640 | 0.38 | 11,251 |
| Kansas | 10,116 | 10,035 | 0.81 | 10,223 | -1.05 | 10,425 |
|  | 10,082 | 10,089 | -0.07 | 10,263 | -1.76 | 10,308 |
| Hawaii | 7,955 | 7,940 | 0.19 | 7,966 | -0.14 | 8,060 |
| lowa | 7,501 | 7,462 | 0.52 | 7,413 | 1.19 | 7,446 |
| Mississippi | 7,408 | 7,345 | 0.86 | 7,499 | -1.21 | 7,661 |
| New Mexico | 6,318 | 6,414 | -1.50 | 6,473 | -2.39 | 6,526 |
| New Hampshire | 5,645 | 5,607 | 0.68 | 5,606 | 0.70 | 5,629 |
| Maine | 89,946 | 89,942 | 0.00 | 90,496 | -0.61 | 92,033 |
| Sub Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |

NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
REALTORS ${ }^{\circledR}$

| Montana | 5,617 | 5,625 | -0.14 | 5,611 | 0.11 | 5,724 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Nebraska | 5,396 | 5,394 | 0.04 | 5,454 | -1.06 | 5,389 |
| Rhode Island | 5,291 | 5,263 | 0.53 | 5,482 | -3.48 | 5,210 |
| Delaware | 4,226 | 4,220 | 0.14 | 4,277 | -1.19 | 4,332 |
| West Virginia | 3,386 | 3,346 | 1.20 | 3,300 | 2.61 | 3,410 |
| Dist. Of Columbia | 2,621 | 2,584 | 1.43 | 2,794 | -6.19 | 2,838 |
| Wyoming | 2,576 | 2,550 | 1.02 | 2,589 | -0.50 | 2,633 |
| South Dakota | 2,201 | 2,216 | -0.68 | 2,251 | -2.22 | 2,262 |
| North Dakota | 2,024 | 2,008 | 0.80 | 2,098 | -3.53 | 2,051 |
| Alaska | 1,812 | 1,882 | -3.72 | 1,928 | -6.02 | 1,915 |
| Sub Total | 35,150 | 35,088 | 0.18 | 35,784 | -1.77 | 35,764 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vermont | 1,771 | 1,749 | 1.26 | 1,840 | -3.75 | 1,787 |
| Puerto Rico | 1,307 | 1,237 | 5.66 | 1,084 | 20.57 | 1,237 |
| Guam | 571 | 570 | 0.18 | 590 | -3.22 | 579 |
| Virgin Islands | 383 | 380 | 0.79 | 380 | 0.79 | 387 |
| Sub Total | 4,032 | 3,936 | 2.44 | 3,894 | 3.54 | 3,990 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | $1,496,707$ | $1,515,837$ | -1.26 | $1,525,755$ | -1.90 | $1,554,604$ |

NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
REALTORS ${ }^{\circledR}$

## Past Membership Cycles

- The net membership count generally rises when home sales increase
- The net membership count generally falls when home sales decline
- The above changes usually occur with a lag time of around 18 to 24 months
- In the past housing cycle downturn in 2008-2012, a net 400,000 exited the industry.
- In the current housing downturn in 2022-2023, home sales are lower than in the 2008-2012 cycle. Yet so far, a net of 104,179 members exited from the peak in October 2022 to February 2024.
- To date, the membership figures are holding on much better than the market dynamics suggest. Existing home sales fell to the lowest since 1995, nearly 30 years. The inventory of listings is at historic lows.
- Membership in February was the third-highest ever. However, further membership declines should be anticipated, given the reduction in business opportunities over the past two years. So far, the decline has been minimal and holding up much better than the $8 \%$ decline anticipated for 2024. Most state and local associations should anticipate further membership declines over the next 24 months based on the lag effects of past housing cycles. Assuming home sales recover in 2024, membership could rise from 2026.


# Annual Existing-Home Sales Worst Year Since 1995 ... Difficult Business Environment 

8,000,000 Seasonally adjusted annualized sale pace


Source: NAR

## Inventory of Homes for Sale Historic Lows ... Difficult Business Environment



