



# VeroFORECAST Signals Slower Home Price Growth in 2026

Key Insights from the VeroFORECAST Q4 2025

THE .....  
**OVERALL**  
METRO MARKET  
**TREND**

DEC. 1, 2025 - DEC. 1, 2026  
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VeroFORECAST Predicts An  
Average Nationwide Home Price Growth Of

**1.3%**

Over the Next 12 Months in  
100 of the Most Populated Metro Areas

<b>326</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>17,800</b>	<b>82%</b>
MARKETS COVERED	COUNTIES COVERED	ZIP CODES COVERED	POPULATION COVERED

**Key Takeaway:**

Home price growth in 2026 is expected to slow, with nationwide appreciation projected at just 1.3% as affordability challenges persist. While supply and sales may improve slightly, elevated mortgage rates and rising ownership costs will continue to limit demand and keep homeownership difficult for many.

## TOP 10 METRO MARKETS

The Midwest and Northeast are projected to have the strongest housing markets next year due to:

- **Lower Home Prices:** More affordable than other regions.
- **Job Market Access:** Close proximity to major employment centers maintains steady demand.

1. ROCKFORD, IL ..... +4.9%	6. BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD-DANBURY, CT ... +3.8%
2. BUFFALO-CHEEKTOWAGA, NY..... +4.4%	7. ROCHESTER, NY ..... +3.6%
3. NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WILLIMANTIC, CT ... +4.4%	8. SPRINGFIELD, MA ..... +3.5%
4. EAST AND WEST HARTFORD, CT..... +4.1%	9. MANCHESTER-NASHUA, NH ..... +3.5%
5. NEW HAVEN, CT ..... +3.8%	10. GREEN BAY, WI ..... +3.5%



## BOTTOM 10 METRO MARKETS

Housing markets in Florida, Texas, and Louisiana have weakened as buyer interest drops. Homeownership costs, driven by insurance, taxes, and homeowners' association fees, have increased, while new construction boosts inventory. These factors are driving prices down, according to the forecast.

1. CAPE CORAL-FORT MYERS, FL ..... -2.7%	6. NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND, FL ..... -2.6%
2. AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK-SAN MARCOS, TX ..... -2.6%	7. NORTH PORT-BRADENTON-SARASOTA, FL ... -2.1%
3. SHERMAN-DENISON, TX ..... -1.8%	8. PANAMA CITY-PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL ..... -1.1%
4. LAKELAND-WINTER HAVEN, FL ..... -2.1%	9. PUNTA GORDA, FL ..... -2.3%
5. CRESTVIEW-FORT WALTON BEACH- DESTIN, FL ..... -1.8%	10. LAKE CHARLES, LA ..... -1.1%