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TOP LOCAL STORY

Home prices surge as buyers navigate market

Area costs slightly outpace the state, signaling strong demand.

By Eric Schwartzberg
Staff Writer

Ohio home prices saw one of the biggest increases in the country in the first half of 2025 and

area prices slightly outpaced the state, signaling strong demand despite limited inventory.

The state recorded the second most substantial property value changes nationwide with home prices rising by 18% from \$249,950 in January to \$295,000 by June, according to Matin Real Estate.

This increase was 10 percentage points above the national average, the company said.

However, despite this rapid

growth, Ohio's home prices still remain 35% below the national benchmark, suggesting that the state continues to offer relatively affordable housing compared to other regions.

Matin Real Estate said the data shows that the first half of 2025 has brought "a remarkable rebalancing" in the American housing market.

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Kathryn Tolbert poses in front of her home in western Troy on Wednesday.
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CLOSER LOOK

FRIGHT TIME IS COMING



Brendan Kiser moves items around as he remodels his store, Nightmares and Video Games, on Aug. 27 in Springfield. JOSEPH COOKE/STAFF

CLOSER LOOK

‘Laughter is the best medicine’: Longtime area proctologist launches stand-up comedy act

By Brooke Spurlock
Staff Writer

A local board-certified proctologist, Dr. Darin Green, has been expanding his work into what some consider the best form of medicine – laughter.

Green, who has been practicing proctology in Springfield and Dayton for 25 years, held a comedy show earlier this summer at the Courtyard Marriott in downtown Springfield, which about 300 people attended.

“I love making people laugh, and as they say, laughter is the best medicine,” Green said.

Growing up inspired

Green became interested in medicine when he was young, around 10 or 12 years old, he said.

When his family would visit his relatives in Iowa, he would spend time with his uncle, Herb,

who was a family practitioner in a small town.

“He was the only family practitioner in the town at that time, and everyone loved him and knew him. ... I saw how he helped people tremendously and that’s what has stuck with me my entire life. I knew then that’s what I wanted to do,” Green said.

Green worked at Young’s Jersey Dairy for 16 years, starting in middle school through his

first year of medical school. He married a Young’s family member, Kelly, who works as Young’s CFO. They have three boys, who also worked at Young’s.

He attended Greenon High School, Wright State University and the Ohio University for medical school before doing his internship and proctology residency at Grandview Hospital in Day-

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DIGGING DEEPER

AI helps break housing market barriers

Custom tools serve unique needs of Hispanic buyers.

By Fernanda Figueroa
Associated Press

For many Hispanics, the road to homeownership is filled with obstacles, including loan officers who don’t speak Spanish or aren’t familiar with buyers who may not fit the boxes of a traditional mortgage applicant.

Some mortgage experts are turning to artificial intelligence to bridge the gap. They want AI to help loan officers find the best lender for a potential homeowner’s specific situation, while explaining the process clearly and navigating residency, visa or income requirements.

This new use of a bilingual AI has the potential to better serve homebuyers in Hispanic and other underrepresented communities. And it’s launching as federal housing agencies have begun to switch to English-only services, part of President Donald Trump’s push to make it the official language of the United States. His executive order in August called the change a way to “reinforce shared national values, and create a more cohesive and efficient society.”

The number of limited-English households tripled over the past four decades, according to the Urban Institute, a

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